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Preface

As authors/editors of this book, we wish to thank the people of the Coldwater community (village and rural) for the opportunity to do this book. The businesses and organizations whose stories are presented within must be thanked for making the book possible. The book simply would not exist without their support.

In many real senses, this book had its genesis in the 1978 *MERCER COUNTY HISTORY*, when the authors first worked together to research the history of this community. The preparation of this book started about three years ago, and about two years ago the Steering Committee of the Coldwater Sesquicentennial Committee gave us the opportunity to be "the book" for the celebration. Our heartfelt thanks to the Committee.

Many history books are written describing events long after they have happened, and the past events described in this book have been taken from accounts published at the time of the event. However, the focus of this book is on Coldwater, Ohio, in 1988. It is an attempt to show future generations how the people of Coldwater live and function at this time. Some history of the village, organizations, and families is necessary to understand how and why we do things, since all of us are products of our own past. It is our fervent hope that this book will increase its usefulness as time progresses, and that in 2038 when our home town celebrates its Bi-centennial, this book will allow the citizens of that time to understand how we lived back in 1988.

As in all books, thanks must be given to many people. Whenever this is done, someone is inadvertently missed, and our apologies if we do miss someone. First, our thanks to Dr. Emerita Schulte, for her help in editing and proofreading the family histories. Our thanks to Gary Lefeld for his photography. Our thanks to the citizens, businesses, and organizations for use of their photographs. Our thanks to Linus Hausfeld, Louise Hileman, Vera Speicher, Ray Feltz, and the Coldwater Schools for helping with addresses and mailings. Thanks to Jan Broering for typing some of the family histories.

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And, last but certainly not least, we must thank our respective spouses, Eileen Weber and Alvin Alig, for their gifts of time and support.

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April 20, 1988, the day they finished the book, *COLDWATER, OHIO AT 150* for Coldwater's Sesquicentennial Celebration 1838-1988.



Gary Lefeld photograph

Sesquicentennial Steering Committee

The Steering Committee for the 1988 Coldwater Sesquicentennial was formed almost three years ago after a discussion by the Coldwater Chamber of Commerce. Various groups and individuals were invited to form a committee, and from this group the steering committee was elected. In the first year, the committee met bi-monthly, but as the celebration grew nearer, their meetings became more frequent. All organizations in the Coldwater community were invited to participate, and the response has been overwhelming. The pride that Coldwater citizens have felt in their community for the past 150 years is still alive, and is evident in this book and in the celebration in August, 1988.

The Steering Committee has been the co-ordinating agency for the celebration, but it is the citizens and organizations of the village that have made the celebration a success — and also the community that we are all celebrating.



Steering Committee members, left to right:

Seated, Joyce Alig; Tom Knapke; Jerry Heyne, Co-Chairman; Paul Bettinger, Co-Chairman; Mauri Cron, Secretary; Jack Hartings, Treasurer; Janet Gels.

Standing, Romie Schwieterman; Mike Luken; Scott Halterman; Jerry Bertke; Donna Fiely; Gene Weber; Bob Beer; Bill Simons; and Paul Streacker.



Left to Right: Richard Boeckman, Robert Fisher, John Shier, Dave Bruns, Jeanette Billerman (Clerk-Treasurer), Maurice Cron (Mayor), Ray Kremer (Village Administrator), Walter Weigel, Eugene Weber, Paul Rutschilling
 Seated at left side: Brian Wilcox, Assistant Village Administrator

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 March 22, 1988

Village of Coldwater
 West Main Street
 Coldwater, Ohio

TO THE RESIDENTS OF COLDWATER:

We, recognize Coldwater as an outstanding Community of Mercer County, Ohio

The Board of County Commissioners of Mercer County, Ohio do hereby support the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Coldwater, Ohio for the years 1838 to 1988. We look forward to future accomplishments of the Village.



L to R: Ron Puthoff, Jerry Laffin, Herb Muhlenkamp

Sincerely yours,
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Coldwater

Coldwater, Butler Township, and all of Mercer County, were virgin timber land when acquired from the Indians by the new state of Ohio. There are no indications that there were ever any Indian villages in this area. As elsewhere, the first white settlers were squatters who simply lived on land they fancied without claim or title. It is not known for certain who was the first in this area, but it is believed to have been Joseph Shatto who located near what is now Coldwater in 1826. Other early arrivals in the neighborhood were J. C. Grey, 1835; John F. Hickman, Jerimiah Plummer, and Jacob Baker in 1836; and Peter Stevens in 1837.

The center of what is now Coldwater was divided by Federal surveyors as sections 27, 28, 33, and 34, Butler Township, Mercer County, Ohio. The four sections intersected at what is now the corner of Main St. and Second St., Coldwater. The northeast quarter of section 33 was sold by the U. S. Government to W. A. O. Munsel on March 20, 1837; the southeast quarter of section 28 to M. S. Franks on March 20, 1837; the southwest quarter of section 27 to M. S. Franks on March 20, 1837; and the northwest quarter of section 34 to Samuel Snider on February 5, 1836. These tracts were divided and sold to others.

In 1838 W. A. O. Munsel built a log cabin at what is now the intersection of First and South Streets, and this date is now accepted as the birth of Coldwater. Mr. Munsel, Mr. Franks, and Mr. Snider were not speculators, but industrious farmers who were interested in establishing permanent homes. Other early settlers were William Bunch and Joseph A. Smith.

Coldwater was the center of a vast and dense area of the finest virgin timber and much clearing was necessary. These huge trees; hickory, ash, oak, elm, walnut, etc., were a great deterrent to the establishment of homes and the raising of crops. These thousands of forest giants had no value and the easiest riddance of such hindrances to development were huge bonfires which darkened the sky with smoke for many miles.

The area stayed as farm land until the Original Plat was inscribed by W. A. O. Munsel on August 18, 1859. The original plat was 36 lots, bounded on the north by the present Main St., on the east by the present Second St., on the west by the present Mill St., and on the south by what is now the alley between Walnut St. and South St. The South Addition was inscribed by W. A. O. Munsel May 11, 1867, and added 10 more lots, extending the plat to the present South St. The Riggs and Geller Addition on the North extended the platted hamlet to what is now North St. and made it almost a perfect square. The hamlet, as with many others, was early known by several names. The first seems to have been "Buzzard's Glory", named for David Buzzard who was a highly respected citizen who established the first general store. It was also known as Franktown for the many families named Frank residing here. However, the post office (established in 1847) name was Coldwater, named after clear, cold running water of Coldwater Creek.

It was not until about 1870 that timber men from Great Lakes shipbuilding companies came into the area and began felling trees which were then cut into proper lengths for ship timber. The erection of sawmills followed as a matter of necessity and a new industry was born which added greatly to the prosperity and economic growth of the community.

The first sawmill was built on what is now the north side of West Main St., between Mill St. and Wilson St., by Peter Fox. Other sawmills followed; making such things as wheel spokes, cants, and bending timber which were sold to manufacturers who used them in making buggies, wagons, and other equipment.

Before the railroads extended their lines through Coldwater, all shipments of timber were hauled by ox and horse drawn wagons, mainly to Celina, where they were stacked in huge piles along the west embankment of the Reservoir (Grand Lake) at the foot of Main Street. There they were lashed into rafts and poled across the lake to the Miami and Erie Canal for similar shipment to Toledo. At that time, a large sound oak tree brought \$3 "on the stump" to the farmer and was the source of much of his cash income. Labor costs were about 75 cents to \$1 per day.

The first railroad, the L. E. & W., reached Coldwater in 1879. After several consolidations and name changes, this line is now the Norfolk and Western line. It was followed in a few years (1884) by the Cincinnati Northern. This line, on the eastern side of Coldwater, is now gone. The coming of the railroad brought an economic boom, making it much easier and cheaper to transport the timber products, and allowing the shipping of finished timber articles. The first factory using local timber was established by Clark & Co. on the east bank of Coldwater Creek. It made stove headings and handle squares, producing two car loads of finished products a day and the road was always lined with teams bringing in the timber or hauling the finished product to the railroad for shipment east.

By 1883 the village was growing, and, most importantly, had citizens of industry and foresight. Coldwater boasted two churches, a school system, two railroads, factories, mills, and stores. It was time for incorporation. The following citizens signed the petition for incorporation: Peter Haubert, J. J. Shellich, Joseph Perkins, Walter Balls, Perry Arbaugh, Anton Diebolt, J. Omlor, H. H. Houser, J. L. Weis, W. H. Finley, Henry Moeller, J. R. Brucken, Isaac Backhouse, John Baker, J. B. Hoyng, Lawrence Woeste, J. T. Omlor, Fred Karch, George Hierholzer, Charles H. Williams, Henry Wills, Charles Pitchford, J. A. Hartzell, A. W. Teagle, Cornelius C. Copey, Charles Fisher, John Martz, John Will, L. N. Wagner, H. C. Fox, John Cencenbaugh, John Powells, E. C. Smith, C. Worthington, William Quinton, John Williams, R. C. McMillian, W. S. Isenhardt, John Moore, C. F. Bohman, W. R. Wiggner, William Carts, and D. W. Frick. Peter Haubert acted as attorney for the petitioners. The petition was granted on July 14, 1883, by the County Commissioners.

The first election for a panel of governing officials was held in the same year with the following results: Mayor, Joseph L. Weis; Clerk, Walter J. Ball; Treasurer, Henry Houser; Marshall, Joseph Wagner; and Councilmen, Peter Haubert, J. B. Hoyng, John Martz, George Rosenbeck, Lawrence Woeste, and S. F. Johnson. The administration met, organized, set bonds for the various officials, and began passing ordinances for the governing of the growing village. The duties must have been heavy, since both Mayor Weis and Clerk Ball resigned within months. L. N. Waggoner was appointed Clerk, and D. W. Frick was elected the new mayor.

In September, 1883, the citizens of Coldwater asked that a village hall, housing a Council room as well as a jail and facilities for town meetings, be built. The next meeting of the Council decided that they join forces with the Butler Township Trustees and erect a Town and Township Hall. Plans for the proposed building progressed under Mayor Frick and a bid of \$1855.50 made by D. B. Shattuch was accepted. In July of 1884 a lot located at the corner of First St. and Walnut St. was purchased for \$100 and construction began on a two floor brick building which was to serve the community for the next 79 years.

The Old Town Hall saw duty for the community in many ways. The first High school classes in Coldwater were housed on the second floor of this building. That same second floor was the first location in Coldwater of the Buckeye Overall Co. The second floor was the scene of many community meetings, some quite controversial; was the home of the Catholic Knights of America and their community dances; and housed Coldwater's Library for over 20 years. The marshall's office and jail also was a busy place for many years. They even had a real western-style shootout about the turn of the century. According to legend, the gun fight was over a girl. The building also housed the fire department of the village.

The building was condemned in 1928, but it continued to be used until 1962, when it was completely abandoned. The building was sold to L. C. Werling for \$7000, and demolished in the spring of 1963.

In 1929 the decision was made that a new town hall was needed, but economic considerations held off the construction of a new building until February 4, 1935, when the land at the corner of Main and Market streets was purchased. The building was completed in 1935 and contained a gymnasium, since the high school at that time had no athletic facilities. After the high school acquired their own facilities, the space was used for dances, bingo, and other gatherings. Later, in 1960, a bond issue for renovation was passed, and the Coldwater Library was moved there from the old Town Hall in April of 1962. The fire department was housed in the 1935 building until April, 1972, when it was moved into its own new building at the corner of W. Main St. and Wilson St. The police department is still housed in the 1935 building, although jail facilities have not existed for many years.

The village also continued to grow by annexation: 80 acres south of Main St. and east of Second St.

in 1890; north of Main St., and east of Second St. in 1907; and other early additions. After World War II, beginning in 1947, a second expansion of the village began and has continued to this day. Almost every year sees another annexation to Coldwater.

The first street improvements were made in 1889, when gravel streets were built by Spriggs and Sons. They were followed in 1916 by asphalt paved streets and later in the 1960's by concrete streets and curbs. In the 1930's Mr. Harold Romer, then a Councilman, was influential in having the state of Ohio pave Second Street through the village. This was the first pavement by the state of Ohio through an incorporated village. Today, in 1988, Coldwater still boasts that it is one of few villages with all streets having curbs and gutters.

Soon after its incorporation, on April 12, 1887, the village of Coldwater granted a franchise to the South Western Ohio Gas and Petroleum Company to furnish the village with lighting, heating, and power. The gas light era had come to Coldwater. Later, the village operated its own gas works from about 1890 until 1895. Today the Western Ohio Gas Company has the village franchise.

In 1900 the Co-operative Telephone Company received a franchise for furnishing telephone service to the village. Today General Telephone, North, has this franchise.

In 1911 the Coldwater Lighting Company built a power plant in the village and started the process of electrification of the town. In 1914 the streets were lighted by electricity. Today the Dayton Power and Light Company has the franchise for the village. Other franchises granted by the village were for garbage disposal to Kenneth F. Moorman on June 3, 1946 (presently held by Elmer Klenke) and for cable television, granted to Tele-Media Company in August 27, 1973 (presently held by Heritage Cablevision).

1916 was the date the first village waterworks were completed and the village had a water storage system. That year also saw the village sewer system installed, but it was not mandatory for villagers to use the system at that time. In 1938 a modern sewage plant on North Second Street (then well out of town) was constructed, with an addition in 1968. The water plant on West Sycamore Street was constructed, with an addition in 1968. A second well field, at the southwestern corner of Sycamore and Cedar Streets, was purchased. A second water tower, northwest of the village, was constructed in 1970. In 1988, a new water treatment plant, utilizing the lagoon system, is under construction on the east side of Hardin Creek north of the village.

In 1976 the village government made another change, hiring for the first time a full-time village administrator. Mr. Ray Kremer became the first Coldwater Village Administrator. In 1988, Mr. Ray Kremer is a part-time village administrator, with Mr. Brian Wilcox being a full-time assistant.

As far as is known, a state record has been set as Mr. Walter Bernard served as village solicitor for 42 years, from 1934 to 1976. In 1988 Mr. David Wm. Bruns is the village solicitor.

The mayors of Coldwater have been: Weis, Joseph L., 1883-1883; Frick, D. W., 1883-1884; Beams, D. H., 1884-1885; Frick, D. W., 1885-1887; Schelick, J. J., 1887-1887; Henley, Wm. E., 1887-1888; Frick, D. W., 1888-1891; Brown, S. V., 1891-1893; Frick, D. W., 1893-1895; Rauh, C. J., 1895-1898; Franks, Frank A., 1898-1900; Schultz, John F., 1900-1902; Brown, S. V., 1902-1905; Franks, Frank A., 1905-1908; Schultz, John F., 1908-1910; Morvilius, Charles F., 1910-1911; Fox, Henry C., 1911-1915; Morvilius, Charles F., 1915-1916; Franks, Frank A., 1916-1918; Morvilius, Charles F., 1919-1920; Brown, S. V., 1920-1922; Foss, H. W., 1922-1923; Franks, Frank A., 1923-1924; Weamer, Dr. P. F., 1924-1930; Fisher, Charles, 1930-1932; Weamer, Dr. P. F., 1932-1932; Boeke, John H., 1932-1936; Schoch, Arnold T., 1936-1938; Dock, William P., 1938-1942; Heckman, August 1942-1946; Bernard, August H., 1946-1950; Moorman, Sylvester, 1950-1953; Briner, Ralph, 1953-1954; Egan, Edward, 1954-1956; Weigel, Otto, 1956-1962; Mueller, William P., 1962-1967; Fortener, Walter, 1968-1971; Cron, Maurice G., 1972-?

Many good dedicated citizens have served on the village Council since 1883. One of these men must be mentioned: Linus Hausfeld holds the record for the longest service to the village as Councilman, 16 years. In 1988 the members of Council are: Walter Weigel, Eugene Weber, Paul Rutschilling, John Shier, Robert Fisher, and Richard Boeckman. The Council of the village of Coldwater has for many years worked with a system of six committees, with each Council member being the chairman of one committee. The committees have changed over the years — in 1924 the standing committees were: Finance, Auditing, Ordinances and Resolutions, Streets and Sewers, Sidewalks and Lights, and Police and Privileges. In 1988 the standing committees are: Finance (some things never change), Safety, Transportation, Recreation, Research, and Environmental.

One of the present Council's committees is the Recreation Committee. The early pioneers would have difficulty recognizing recreation as a function of local government, but the Coldwater Memorial Park is regarded as one of the "bragging points" of Coldwater. In the early years, a playground existed at Waterworks Park, which was north of Sycamore Street, across from the New Idea plant, and east of the railroad. It was felt in the community for many years that a park for both young and old was needed, and in 1944 the Lions Club, along with other civic organizations, took the lead in soliciting funds. Bart Desch and Dick Smith, two local businessmen of that era, along with their wives, took the lead in soliciting funds — and matched some. They collected \$3000 in one week. In a short time \$6000 was collected, and the last remaining wooded area in the town was purchased. The 12 acres of land was purchased at a very reasonable price (\$200 to \$300 per acre) from Mrs. Selhorst, who did a great deal in many ways to make Coldwater a better place to live. In 1945 a baseball diamond was graded and the playground equipment was moved from the Waterworks Park. In 1947 a Carnival helped raise more money for the Park, and dugouts, a backstop, and lights were added to the baseball diamond. Also built about this time were a

shelter house and fireplaces. In the ensuing years, more equipment was added, along with lighted tennis courts. In 1954 money was raised for the construction of a swimming pool, and every able-bodied person who could handle a hammer, saw, or shovel, donated much time to the project. High school boys in particular donated much time. The oval shaped pool was opened in August 1954. The cost of this pool was \$30,000 — but it was valued at \$100,000, because of the donated labor. In 1958 more land was acquired; which led to more baseball diamonds, more shelter houses, and more picnic area. In 1961 Coldwater's unique organization, the Community Picnic Association, was formed, under the leadership of Bob Hibner and Don Luken. The association annually holds a two day carnival, with all proceeds going to the improvement of Memorial Park and the Coldwater Public Library. Over the years well over a million dollars has been raised. In 1974 four new tennis courts were constructed; and in 1988 four more courts are under construction. By 1974 the old swimming pool had been outgrown, and it was torn out in that fall. By the spring of 1975 the new pool was opened, at the same site and using the same bath house as the first pool. The cost of the 1975 pool was \$190,319. Since that time other developments, such as more lighted diamonds and the addition of soccer fields, have continued the growth and development of Memorial Park. It is one of the best, and most used, village parks in Ohio.

A newer playground, acquired in 1973, is for small children, and is situated between Hillcrest Avenue and Terrace Avenue on the east side of town.

Other recreations, not the responsibility of local governments, also exist. The early pioneers did not have time for much organized recreation, but they did make opportunities for socializing. Much of this was in the form of their "work parties." The earliest organized group in Coldwater seems to have been the "Alycon Society", formed in the 1880's as a literary, discussion, and musical society. Debates by students of the Normal School and of the high school were highlights of their meetings. Musical evenings also occurred frequently.

During the 1890's a Coldwater Band was formed. In one form or another this group continued into the 1930's, and provided much entertainment for the village. The village records show that during the 1920's band concerts were an item on every summer's budget.

After the beginning of the high school in 1898, the high school students gave many dramatic presentations. A Holy Trinity Dramatic Club also existed which provided another answer to the demand for entertainment.

With the coming of silent movies, Coldwater became the site for a theatre — an open air nickelodean, showing such classics as "the Great Train Robbery", and "The Perils of Pauline". The Rex Theatre, operated by Charles Jenkins, was located on West Main Street during the 20's and showed not only films, but the Coldwater Dramatic Club also used their tiny stage. Also during these years traveling medicine shows did their selling and presented their

shows in a ravine on West Main Street, now long gone.

In 1926 the Coldwater Council of the Knights of Columbus built a building at the corner of Second Street and Walnut Street. The building was intended to serve the recreational needs of the village. The "Columbia Theatre" was in this building, as was the first gymnasium in the village, and a dance hall. Prior to this time dances had been held on the second floor of the old town hall, and later in the Knights of St. John's Hall, which was on the second floor of the old People's Bank Building, on the corner of First and Main. The first basketball team, the Coldwater Athletic Club, played on the top floor of the K. of C. building. During the depressions, the K. of C. lost this building, and it was acquired by Holy Trinity Parish, which used the building as a welfare center. The Columbia Theatre continued operations until 1961, when television forced the closing. The theatre was also the scene of live dramatic presentations for many years. The building is today the property and home of the Coldwater Eagles Lodge.

Today the scene of most dances and social meetings are the American Legion Hall, on North Second St., and the VFW Hall, located south of town.

Another service, public safety, is also a primary responsibility of local government. One of the most visible of the safety forces is the police force. In the beginning, Coldwater, as most small towns, was served by a town marshal. In the first election in 1883, the town marshal was elected. The first Town Marshal was Joseph Waggoner. Later the Town

Marshal was appointed by the Village Council. Coldwater was not a Wild West town, where the marshal had to keep order with a gun. However, there were occasions when the marshal was needed.

Probably the largest crime in Coldwater annals occurred on August 25, 1932. At 12:30 p.m. a Buick stopped in front of People's Bank, then at the corner of First and Main Streets. Two men went inside, and ordered the people inside (Urban DeCurtains, Charmie Granger, and Joe Huelskamp) to stand still, and began scooping up money. John Schroeder, working at a gas station across the street, decided that a robbery was in progress and sounded the fire alarm. At the sound of the alarm, the robbers left the bank and opened fire in the street. Harold Romer, from his store across the corner, fired at the robbers, as did Edward Knapke, who was in Romer's Store. It is believed Romer hit one of the robbers as they sped away. No arrests were ever made, although the Buick, which had been stolen, was found abandoned a few miles west of town. The \$1500 stolen was never recovered. The Town Marshal at the time, Spain James, patrolled entirely on foot. The County Sheriff and the State Highway Patrol attempted to set up road blocks, but did not intercept the robbers.

Today Coldwater has a modern, well trained and well equipped police force consisting of five full-time officers and several part-timers, patrolling the village 24 hours every day.

Another safety force in the village is the fire department, which has its own article elsewhere.



Old Town Hall.



New Town Hall.



Gary Lefeld photographs



1899 Holy Trinity Churches (old and new).

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Downtown Coldwater — about 1900.



The Peoples Bank Company — 1918.
John Albers, Henrietta Albers (Mrs. G. Desch),
Mildred Plummer, Al Link.



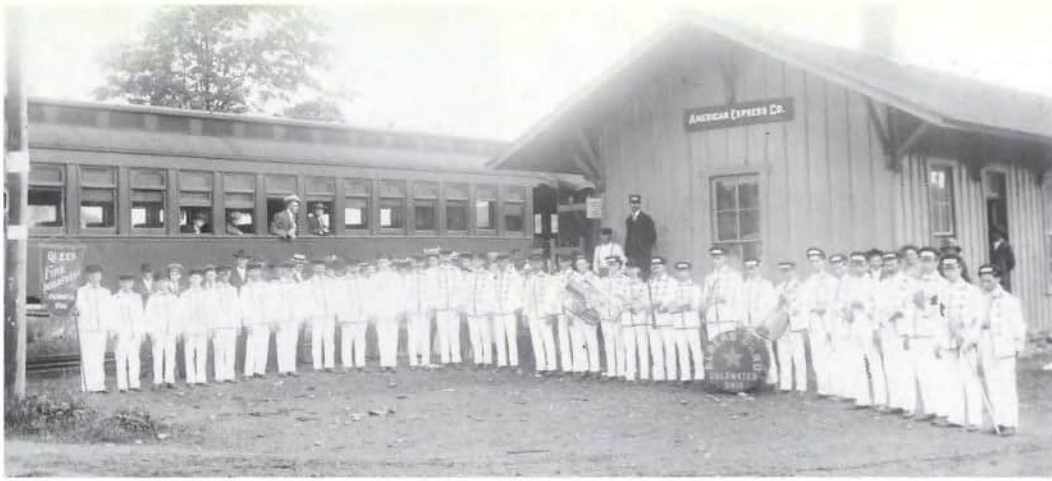
Old Post Office, on West Main, south side of street.
Henry H. Schroer; Jacob Kramer; Anna Fox, Post-
mistress; Clarence Bernard; Henry Carmack.



Hoyng Hardware.
Frank Hoyng, Roman Hoyng, Joseph F. Hoyng.
(White building at left was first gas station in Cold-
water.)



Knights of St. John (about 1908).
Katie Desch's Store, Sam Kahn's Mens Clothing
Store, Chas. Baker's House, Baker's Saloon to right
of house, where Sowar's Store is today (1988).



Coldwater Fire Department and Coldwater Band (John Albers) going to Firemen's Convention (about 1910).



American Legion, No. 470 in front of old high school (now site of Methodist Church).



Standing: Lavern Kunk, Herb Meyer, Ralph Schwartz, Don Reed, Fred Heyne. Seated: Bud Crouch, William Mueller.



Public School, now the site of Methodist Church.



Old L. E. & W. Station.



Labor Day Celebration — about 1907.



Haslinger Building (Present site — City Hall). Man on right, Finn Bone.



The Fox & Hess Company.



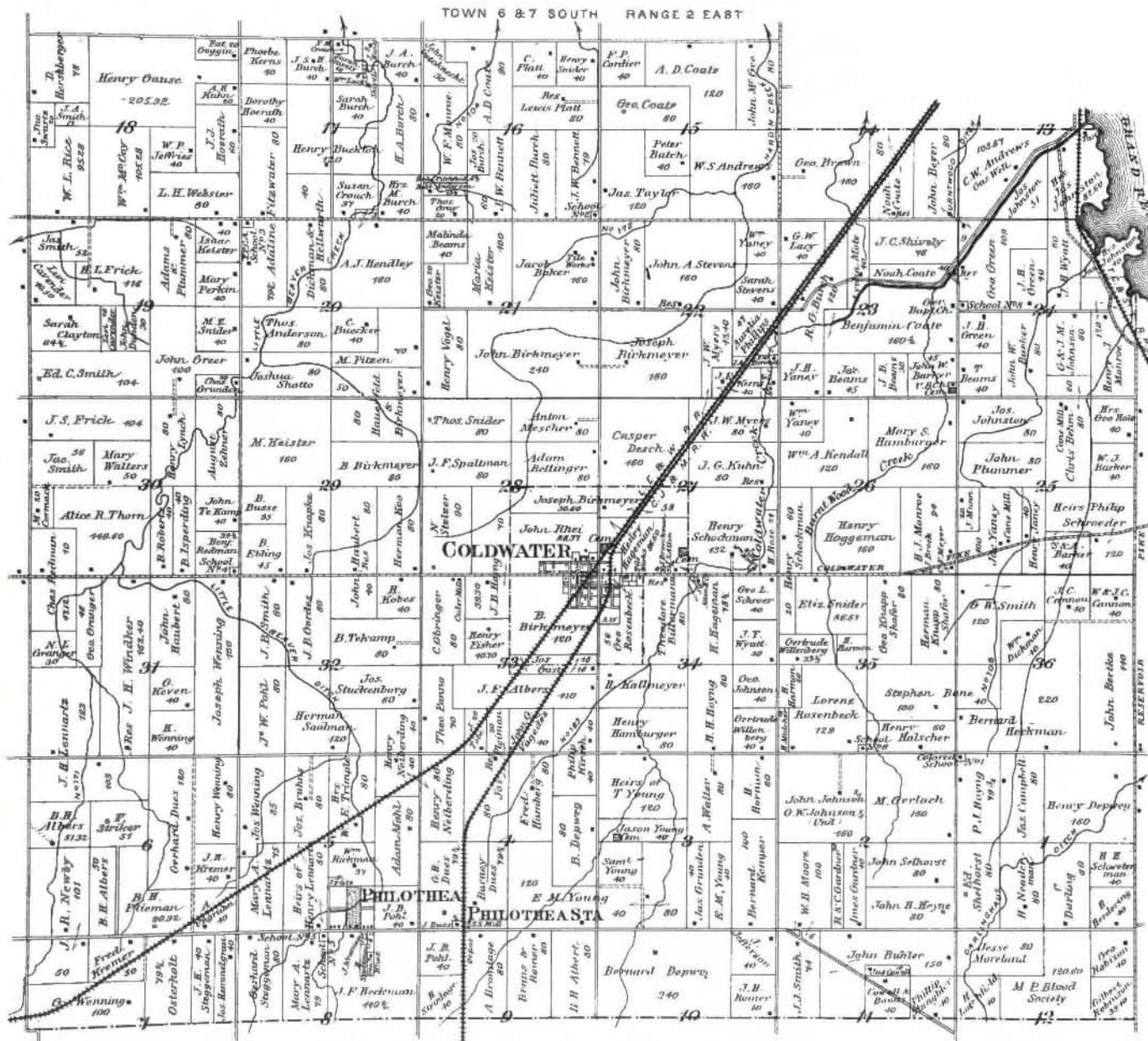
Henry Snider Home.



Main Street, Coldwater, Ohio 1909.

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Scale 1 1/4 Inches to the Mile.



1888 Plat Map of Coldwater.



"Old Photo"



Gary Lefeld photographs.

The Coldwater Schools

The first school built in the area to serve the children of Coldwater was opened on December 8, 1848. This one-room school was north of the village and the first teacher was Mr. D. Franks.

The first school built within the village was a frame building consisting of one large room and erected on the southwest corner of Second St. and North St. This building was erected during the summer of 1864.

On July 21, 1880, construction started on a two room brick school building on the corner of Market and North Streets (the present site of the United Methodist Church). The first teachers in this two room school were J. L. Weiser and H. C. Fox.

In 1882 Joseph L. Weis started construction of a privately owned Coldwater Normal School between South Street and College Street along First Street. Before the building was completed, he sold it to Ben Hoying, Peter Haubert, and Peter Wagner, who completed the building and opened it for instruction on the first Monday of September, 1883. The instructional staff consisted of Thomas O. Farrel, W. F. Mooney, P. Piovenac, L. N. Wagner, and H. C. Fox. The college continued for six years, then in 1889 was moved to Portland, Indiana, and incorporated into the Portland Normal School and Business College. The building in Coldwater was destroyed by fire in 1896.

In the 1890's the first high school classes were held on the second floor of the old town hall, on the corner of First Street and Walnut Street. This was unsatisfactory, so in 1898 the citizens made the decision to erect a High School building. This building was erected adjacent to the 1880 building. That building was expanded in 1921 and again expanded and modernized in 1933.

In 1913, after the great increase in the size of Coldwater due to the growth of New Idea, the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish decided to form their own school. Construction of their building started in 1913, but the school started operations before the building was built. Sisters of the Precious Blood from the Maria Stein convent provided the teachers, and rooms were rented from the Public School, and also in the Hall of the Knights of St. John. The first teachers were: Sister Innocentia, principal; Sr. Alodia, Sr. Adalinda, and Sr. Illuminata. In 1914 the school moved into their new building, which was located north of the Holy Trinity Church at the southeast corner of Second and North Streets. The building had six classrooms and an auditorium. Later the auditorium was converted into classrooms, as was the basement area. In 1935 the Holy Trinity school system closed operations, and the building was rented by the Public School as East School. The students became public school students.

In 1938, after a very close election decided by one vote over a 65% majority, the citizens of Coldwater began erection of a new high school, which was opened in 1939. The new school was built on North Second Street on the west side of the street and north of Elizabeth Street. The old high school on the site of the present United Methodist Church was razed.

In 1953 the members of Holy Trinity Parish built a new elementary school on First and Elizabeth Streets, which was rented to the Public School. An addition was constructed to this building in 1960.

Meanwhile, in 1955, an addition was built on the north side of the High School, also for elementary purposes, complete with multi-purpose room and cafeteria-kitchen. An addition was built on the south side of the High School in 1964, and another addition to the north side in 1967.

On March 31, 1983, the Coldwater school joined with the Celina and St. Marys schools to found the Tri-Star Career Compact. This program provides vocational courses for the students who so desire. Courses are offered at each of the participating schools, with students in each school being able to take vocational courses at the other. To enable the Coldwater Schools to offer the courses they offer under this program, an addition was constructed on the west side of the High School in 1985. At this time, seven other high schools have joined the Tri-Star Career Compact, with all courses being offered at Coldwater, Celina, and St. Marys.

In November, 1987, the voters of the Coldwater School District passed a levy to build an addition to the west side of the north part of the building, for elementary purposes (to replace the 1913 building), and also an addition to the south side of the High School. This will necessitate the closing of Elizabeth Street.

These additions were necessary not only because of the growth of the village, but also, under Ohio's changing laws, from 1930 on rural, one room schools were closing and students were being transported into Coldwater's schools. Other changes in the law made the vocational course offerings a necessity. Other changes were dictated by the changing of the way people live.

Soon after the implementation of a 1937 study on Mercer County school district reorganization, Butler Township, Dahlinghaus Special, and parts of Franzer-Uppenkamp and Oakland districts became parts of the Coldwater district. In 1946, part of Burntwood district became part of the Coldwater district, with the larger remainder going to Celina. In 1950, part of Washington Township district joined Coldwater, and in 1958 Philothea Local became part of Coldwater. In 1958, also, a corridor of land to the West was transferred out of the newly formed Southwest Local School District to Coldwater, which enabled St. Anthony (combined in 1937 with Loughridge) to join Coldwater in that same year.

The Coldwater School System became an Exempted Village School District on July 1, 1952, which made the system independent of the Mercer County School System.

Presently the Coldwater School district stretches west to the Indiana border. The 1913 building serves as East Primary (until the new building can be built), the buildings built by Holy Trinity in 1953 and 1960 serve as West Elementary, the north additions to the high school built in 1956 and 1967 serve grades 6, 7, and 8, and the high school consists of the 1938

building, the 1964 addition, and the 1985 Tri-Star vocational addition.

The superintendents of the Coldwater Schools have been: 1907-1916 August H. Bernard; 1916-1936 Hugo J. Antony; 1936-1953 Perry N. Noll; 1953-1963 Thomas M. Ryan; 1963-1975 Hugh D. Rossi; 1975-1977 Walter J. Schrof; 1977-? Wayne E. Miller.

Since 1920, 49 citizens have served as Board of Education members, and 2 more will commence their first term on January 1, 1988. Only 5 were appointed to serve out unexpired terms, due to death and/or resignations. Three of these were subsequently elected to a successive term and 2 chose not to run.

Of the elected Board members, Paul J. Froning served as an elected member 16 years from January 1926 through December 1941. He was appointed Clerk-Treasurer in January 1936 and served until his death in February, 1956. It was permissible at that time to be an elected Board member and clerk-treasurer; it is not at this time. Mr. Froning was associated with the Board for 30 years.

One present member of the Board of Education, Floyd C. Winner, can match the 16 years of Mr. Froning when he completes his present term on December 31, 1989.

Other long-time Board members were: John F. Hartings, 15½ years, from January, 1962 through April 22, 1977 (resigned); George R. Billerman, 12 years, from January, 1948 through December, 1959; Paul H. Hoyng, 12 years, from January, 1952 through December, 1963; and LaVern W. Stammen, who will complete 12 years at the end of his present term in December, 1989.

Present members of the Board are: Mr. Floyd C. Winner, Mr. LaVern W. Stammen, Robert Hoyng, D.D.S., Mrs. Mary Honigford, and Mrs. Marlene Fisher. Dr. Hoyng and Mrs. Honigford completed their terms on December 31, 1987, and will be replaced by Mr. Jerome Homan and Mr. Everett Hall.

Mr. Maurice E. Froning served as Clerk-Treasurer from 1956 until December, 1985. With his service as assistant clerk-treasurer before 1956, Mr. Froning was associated with the school district for 36 years.

Mr. Alfred C. Pax is the present clerk-treasurer, having succeeded Maurice Froning on January 1, 1986.

At the present time the school district lists 87 certificated employees and 30 non-certificated employees. The total enrollment is 1470.

Coldwater High School

The first graduation of Coldwater High School took place on April 26, 1900, at City Hall. The six graduates were: Opal Arbaugh, Marie Bennett, Martin Birkmeier, Maude Granger, Joseph Haubert, and Katherina Walter.

The largest graduation class was in 1978. There were 163 that year.

The first Coldwater High newspaper was printed at Coldwater High School when Hugo Antony was superintendent. Type was set and copy run by the high school students in the print shop from 1916

through 1936. The first name was the "Comet". Later the name was changed to "Cavalier" and is printed by the *Mercer County Chronicle*.

Coldwater's first annual, called *The Telescope*, was published in 1937. The next annual was in 1938. No further annuals were published until 1946. In 1948 the name of the annual was changed to *Cavalier*.

Music has always been important in Coldwater High School. In the early days singing was taught, and then in 1934 the Coldwater High School band was organized and in 1935 made its debut. In the days before World War II the band was active in various competitions. In 1938 the band took first place in class C in district competition in Springfield, then went to Columbus and received a superior plus in state competition, and then competed at Elkhart, Indiana, in the national regionals. They received a superior rating there. The following year the band stepped up to class B competition, they won the district contest. In 1940, in class B competition. They again won the district, took first place in the state in class B with a superior plus ranking, and then, in national regionals in Grand Rapids, Michigan, they placed first in Division 2, class B. These competitions were then ended by the War. Since that time the high school band has not been as active in competitions.

Since at least 1938 operettas and other musicals have been presented intermittently. At the present time the high school is presenting musicals and dramas in alternating years. Over the years the community has learned to expect top-notch performances from Coldwater students.

Another important part of the high school program has been the athletic program. Since at least 1910, Coldwater High School has annually fielded a baseball team. In December, 1926, the first Coldwater High School basketball team took the floor, playing on the top floor of the K of C building, today the Eagles building on the corner of Second Street and Walnut Street. Later they moved to the City building, playing in what is today Coldwater's public library. When the 1938 high school building was built, it included a gymnasium where the Coldwater basketball teams have played since. A new site for the basketball games is scheduled for the new building, and hopefully the 1989-1990 season will be played in the new facility.

The first high school football team was organized under William Oberholzer in 1936. The first season they played their games on a field on West Main Street across the road from the present Community Hospital. The next several seasons they played their games on a field on South Second Street owned by the Forsthoefel Dairy. The cows used the field all week, and before game time it was part of the field preparation to remove the reminders of their presence left by the cows. Necessarily, all games were played during daylight. In 1940, under the leadership of the Lions Club, funds were solicited and a new, lighted football field was constructed immediately west of the high school. This field was the home of the Cavalier (a name adopted in the early 40's after earlier being called the Yellowjackets) football teams until 1968, when a new stadium was erected on West

Butler Street. Cavalier Stadium was erected with much donated labor, under the leadership of the Coldwater Jaycees.

The new Cavalier Stadium also included a cinder track for the Coldwater track team. The boys track team was organized by Kent Darr in 1959, but all of their meets were away. There had been a track team for about two years in the late 40's. The track program has existed consistently since 1959, but has had home meets only since 1968. In 1985, under the leadership of the Coldwater Boosters Club, a new all-weather track was installed in Cavalier Stadium, giving the Cavalier thinclads one of the better facilities in western Ohio.

Since the early 60's Coldwater High School has annually fielded a golf team. The school wishes to thank the Mercer County Elks for the use of their facility for this team.

The fall of 1966 saw the first cross-country team for Coldwater High School, coached by Gene Weber.

1975-76 saw the first Cavalier wrestling team, coached by Bob Sielski.

The 1970's saw the addition of girls varsity sports in Coldwater, as in the rest of the nation. The first varsity girls team was the track team, coached by Barb Kremer, in the spring of 1974. It was quickly followed in the fall of 1974 by the first volleyball team, also coached by Mrs. Kremer. That winter, 1974-75, saw the first gymnastics team, coached by Jane Simons. The following year, 1975-76, saw the addition of girls basketball, whose first coach was Vickie Reitz. The fall of 1976 brought the first female cross-country runner, Joyce Kanney, who was coached by Hank Schwieterman.

The growth of the athletic program necessitated the position of athletic director, which was filled from 1959 to 1977 by Edward "Duke" Hammond; from 1977 to 1984 by Gene Weber; and since 1984 by

Nick LoBianco. The head coaches in 1987-88 are: football, Tim Hoyng; volleyball, Michelle Finke; golf, Charles Maier; cross-country (boys and girls), Gene Weber; Gymnastics, Jane Simons; wrestling, Randy Wright; boys basketball, Jim Niekamp; girls basketball, Charles Maier; girls track, Barb Kremer; boys track, Ted Cully; and baseball, Lou Brunswick.

In the 30's and earlier the Coldwater teams participated in the Mercer County League in basketball, and continued in that league until 1952, when the Coldwater school became an exempted village school. The Cavalier football team for some years participated in the Little Buckeye Conference, also until 1952. For several years the school teams played an independent schedule, then in 1957-58 became a member of the Western Buckeye League. However, the first football league schedule was played in 1959. In the fall of 1973, Coldwater became a member of the newly-organized Midwest Athletic Conference. Today Coldwater competes in the MAC in 9 varsity sports.

The various Coldwater athletic teams have been very successful over the years, winning many county and league championships. Several football teams have had undefeated seasons, two girls basketball teams have competed in the state tournament, a boys cross-country team has "gone to state", several boys basketball teams have been to the regional, and many track, gymnastics, wrestling, and cross-country athletes have competed at the state meet in their sport. However, the Coldwater baseball team is the only varsity team to win a state championship — and they did it three times! In 1983, 1984, and 1987 the Cavaliers, under the leadership of veteran coach Lou Brunswick, took home the big trophy. Several other baseball teams had also earned the trip to Columbus, but came up short there.

Gene Weber





St. Anthony School



Wenning School



Loughridge School



Philothea School



Crouch School



Philothea School



Aerial view of Coldwater Stadium



Coldwater Football Stadium



Coldwater High School



Coldwater North School



Coldwater West School



Coldwater East School

Methodist Church

Methodism is not new in Coldwater, Ohio. Prior to 1860 their first meeting house was erected on a half-acre of land on the South-east corner of Jacob Frank's 80 acres. This was at the corner of Vine and Second St. where the present High School now stands. This structure burned down about 1870 and the congregation met in numerous places until around 1879 when the railroad came to town. They then met in the Lake Erie and Western depot until Joseph Perkins led the congregation in the construction of a new church building at the corner of Elm and Main Streets.

The farmers of the congregation contributed the logs and erected the small, framed building at the new site. It was dedicated in 1881 and served its purpose until 1951. After sixty-one years of service, the old church building began to show signs of extensive wear and remodeling needs. In 1942 Rev. and Mrs. G.I. Meyers came to serve the Circuit and it wasn't long after they arrived that they caught a vision, undaunted by the heavy clouds of war, for the need of a new church.

It was two years later the vision manifested itself. At the December meeting of the Women's Society in 1944 the matter of starting a building fund was presented to the Women's Society by its president, Mrs. Ruth Carmack. Her suggestion met with hearty approval. There is an entry in the Treasurer's book in the amount of \$200 under dispersments, dated February 1, 1945, that marks the actual beginning of the Building Fund for the present church. A building committee was formed.

April 27, 1949, they negotiated with Avco New Idea for the purchasing of the land and the old High School building at the corner of W. North and Markets Streets for \$5,000.00. On May 3, 1949, a contract was signed with Kenneth Jackson in the amount of

\$600.00 to raze the building by Sept. 1949. In June 1950 contracts were let for general construction to Schultz Construction Co. of St. Marys, Ohio in the amount of \$72,000.00 The Architect was F.E. Freytag of Sidney, Ohio.

The cornerstone for the new church was laid Oct. 22, 1950. The Pastor was Rev. Elden Winget and Dist. Supt. was Dr. Carl Hickey. The building was completed for the first worship service on Sept. 23, 1951.

An offering on Sept. 18, 1960 was sufficient to pay off the mortgage. On Jan. 22, 1961 the Service of Dedication was held. Rev. John Petrie was pastor at the time.

In 1960 the bell tower was added as a memorial gift by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Adkins in the memory of Dr. Adkins' parents. It houses the original bell from the old church. Also recalling the past, the lights at the front door are from the old High School that once stood in the same location.

The story has been one of continual progress and change. Beginning as a Methodist Episcopal Church, on May 10, 1939 at Kansas City, Mo., she became the Methodist Church through merger with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church. On Tuesday, April 23, 1968, upon the Ceremony of Unification of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church we became The Coldwater United Methodist Church.

The church congregation looks back with pride and thankfulness and forward with hope and purpose. May she continue to minister to the needs of her congregation, her community and the world. In 1981 she celebrated her 100 years of organized ministry to her Lord, Jesus Christ. The minister at the present time is Michael Westbay.

Presented by Betty Dilworth



Holy Trinity Parish

Holy Trinity Parish has been a vital part of Coldwater and has grown with the village since the first church building was dedicated by The Most Reverend John Baptist Purcell D. D., Archbishop of Cincinnati in 1868. This building was erected where the present church now stands. The wooden building, measuring 30 by 60 feet, was designed by John DeCurtins, an architect from Carthagen, Ohio, and was built largely with volunteer labor by the six Catholic families of the area: Henry Kallmeyer, John Birkmeyer, Henry Fisher, Joseph Pohl, Henry Boese, and Henry Goettemoeller. The cost was \$1,900. The first pastor was Rev. Jacob Rengels C.P.P.S. who was also serving as pastor at Philothea, Ohio.

The Precious Blood Fathers who came to Mercer County in 1845 and established 19 parishes in the area including Holy Trinity, Coldwater, provided the first eleven pastors for the new parish from 1868 to 1906. Since 1906 to the present, seven archdiocesan priests have served as pastors of Holy Trinity Parish: Father John Schopp (1906-1915), Father Louis H. Yauss (1915-1957), Father Albert Metz (1957-1963), Father Lawrence Schmieder (1963-1966), Father Clarence Leibold (1966-1976), Father Glen Perin (1976-1987), and the present pastor, Father Kieth Albrecht.

In 1886 an addition to the original church was added to better serve the parish which had now grown to more than eighty families. Twelve years later in 1898 it was decided that a new building was needed. DeCurtins and Company of Lima were given a contract for \$17,000 to build the present building. This beautiful brick and stone church measured 45 feet by 145 feet and seated about 800.

By the time Reverend Clarence Leibold became pastor in 1966, the parish had grown to 850 families, more than doubling the 403 families in the parish in 1935. In 1967 the east and west wings were added to complete the structure as it now stands. The church now seats approximately 900 and serves 1441 families.

In 1913 shortly after New Idea located in Coldwater the parish began building East Elementary School north of the church. The building had eight rooms. Four Sisters of The Precious Blood from Maria Stein were hired to teach the children. School began in September 1913 with classes being held in three rooms rented from the public school and in the Knights of St. John Hall. In September 1914, East School opened with an additional Sister and 217 students in the five classrooms. The total cost of the building including a steam heating system was about \$21,000.

In May of 1935, the parochial school enrollment was 459 children. Due to the first State sales tax and Ohio's state support of local schools going from almost nothing to 50% of all costs, and due to the ever more diverse Coldwater population and to the increasing costs of maintaining two separate town school systems, it was decided in May 1935 to discontinue the parish school.

East elementary classrooms as well as a new West Elementary School Building built by the Parish in 1951 have since continually been rented to the Coldwater public school. The West School consists of a gym and fifteen classrooms. Religion classes are taught each morning in these classrooms prior to the beginning of the public school day.

Sister Ruth Kremer O.L.V.M., Sister Carolyn Isenmann O.L.V.M., Co-directors of Religious Education, Helen Vagades, their assistant, along with Father Kieth Albrecht, Pastor, and Father James Duell lead a staff of some eighty volunteer religion teachers instructing 1080 students ages four through eighteen including thirty-two from Philothea Parish and nine from Carthagen Parish.

Much information for this article came from "Souvenir of the Golden Jubilee of Holy Trinity Congregation Coldwater, Ohio" by Father Louis H. Yauss 1918 and from "Souvenir of The Centenary of The Founding of Holy Trinity Parish 1967" by Father Clarence Leibold.

Alfred C. Pax



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH — 1868



Holy Trinity Church — 1987

*Photo by
Nick Wenning*

Butler Township

Butler Township was constituted on June 4, 1838, by the county commissioners in accord with a request of 25 petitioners living in the area. This makes 1988 the sesquicentennial year for Butler Township. The first election was held on July 9, 1838, at the home of David Guy. Records do not indicate who was the first settler in the township, but Joseph Shatto who located near the present site of Coldwater in 1828 is generally accorded that honor. Other early arrivals were James Gray in 1835; John F. Hickman, Jeremiah Plummer, and Jacob Baker in 1836; Peter Stevens in 1837; and William Bunch, John Grunden, and David Gray in 1839. Other settlers before 1858 include Henry Lennarts in 1848, John Spoltman in 1849, Joseph H. Smith 1852, John Bennet and Herman Nieberding 1855, Joseph Birkmeyer 1857, and Henry Roether 1858.

The first church organized in Butler Township was St. Mary's Catholic at Philothea Sept. 6, 1851. The first building was a log cabin and the present building was built in 1871, and enlarged in 1922. A Methodist congregation was organized prior to 1860 and had a meeting house on what is now the southwest corner of Second Street and Vine Street in Coldwater. This congregation is now the Coldwater United Methodist Church. Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater was formed in 1869 and the first pastor was Rev. Henry Drees, C.P.P.S. Three other

early congregations organized in Butler Twp. were Spring Valley, Burntwood U. B., and Ash Grove German Baptist Brethren. In later years the Coldwater Nazarene Church existed from about 1952 until 1977, and the Coldwater Church of God existed for about 2 years in the late 1960's.

Early schools in the township were Burntwood No. 1 and No. 2, Ebbing School, Smith School, Franzer School, Crouch School, and the Philothea Special School, as well as the "town school" in Coldwater. Today the Coldwater Exempted Village School is the only school in the township.

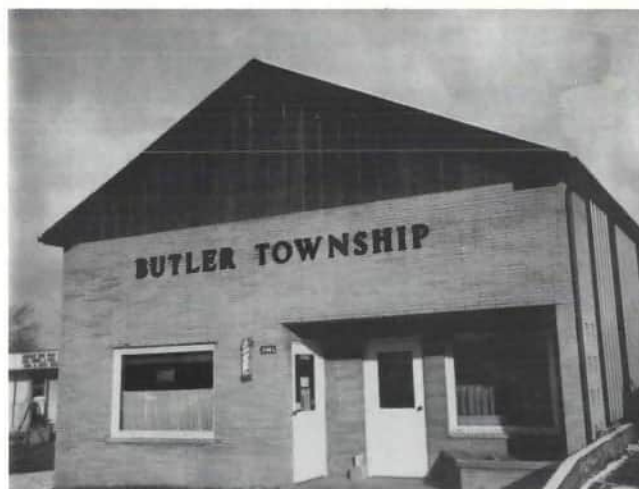
Old cemeteries not in use at the present include Burntwood and Young and are the responsibility of the township trustees.

The township census in 1840 was 340. In 1880, it was 1595 and in 1980 was 6049. A Township Hall and a Town Hall, jointly owned with the village of Coldwater, was erected in 1883 and used until 1963, when it was sold at public auction to Werling Motors for \$7000. The photograph is the new Township Hall on West Main St., which was built in 1963 for \$9100.

Present Trustees serving Butler Township are: Paul Bettinger, Edward Kahlig, and Stanley Ebbing. Leo Osterholt ended 18 years as Township Clerk at the end of 1987, and will be succeeded by Charles Dues. Donald Kunk, Road Superintendent, has worked with the township for 28 years.



In the photograph, left to right: Paul Bettinger, Donald Kunk, Edward Kahlig, Charles Dues, Stanley Ebbing, and Leo Osterholt.



St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's Church, Philothea, is located three miles south of Coldwater then 1¼ mile west on Philothea Road.

In February, 1851, nine pioneers purchased forty acres of land to build a church and a school for the sum of \$100.

The following summer every member of the community lent a hand to build the Church. A rustic log church, 30 by 40 feet, was dedicated under the title "Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary" on September 8, 1853, by Archbishop Purcell. The unusual name Philothea, was given to the settlement by the Archbishop, who said it lacked a name. He called it Philothea meaning ("God-Loving" from the Greek). On the same day Father Joseph Albrecht celebrated the first Mass.

In 1857, Rev. John Van den Broeck was appointed pastor of St. Mary. When he became pastor the number of families increased to 59, due to the fact many colored people were living in the community and joined the Church. During his first year Father John baptized 43, practically all of whom were negroes.

The first bell for the church was brought from Cincinnati on a canal boat. On April 7, 1858, it was blessed and mounted. In the beginning, Mass was celebrated once a month; later every two weeks or irregularly until January, 1862, when Father John had Mass every Sunday. Father Alphonse Laux succeeded Father John in that year. He was replaced two years later by Rev. Jacob Marte.

The original log church became too small, the parish increased to 65 families by 1868. A brick edifice, 45 by 85 feet and costing \$7,000.00 was erected. The cornerstone was laid on August 15, 1868, and the church was rededicated on June 11, 1871, by Archbishop Purcell, who established the parish 20 years before. The parishioners contributed to the expense of construction and donated the interior furnishings. Within a few years the church was presented with two side altars, another bell, a monstrance, a pulpit and a confessional. During the years in which Father Gaspar Schedler was pastor, other improvements were made. St. Mary's Church came to be one of the most beautiful churches in Mercer County.

In 1886, a house was erected to accommodate the teachers in the parochial school. Father Peter Kuhnmuensch became the first pastor, in 1887, to say two Masses on Sundays. During the decade of the nineties, Rev. Paulinus Trost painted a striking picture of Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary, on the ceiling. A marble baptistry, stained glass windows, and a new \$1,000 pipe organ was obtained while Father Gregory Jussel was pastor.

On September 8, 1901, the parish celebrated its Golden Jubilee. The parochial residence was erected in 1905, at the cost of \$4,500.00 while Rev. Ignatius Rauh was pastor. Until this time the pastors of Philothea made their home either at the convent at Himmelpark or at the seminary at Carthage. At times they lived at Holy Trinity parish in Coldwater, of which St. Mary's is the MOTHER-CHURCH:

Father Erhard Fritz (1906-1907); Father Anselm Schmidt (1907-1913); Father Albert Voag (1913-1914).

Father Jerome Uber is remembered for his ways as a pastor from 1914 to 1941 (27 years). Upon completion of remodeling, which added a tower and enlarged seating capacity to 200, another dedication was held August 15, 1922.

Father Evaristus Oberding (1941-1942) had a car so a garage had to be built.

Father Matthias Schmit, a lover of out-doors, came in 1943. Three men decided it would be nice to build a Grotto in honor of the men who served our country. It was decided that each family should contribute various sizes of stones (1945). This way everybody took part in it. Being a lover of children, Father Schmit held choir practice in the sacristy and taught them Latin hymns.

The School building, built in 1924, is now used for CCD education and parish functions. Elementary education was discontinued in 1959 when the Philothea School was consolidated with the Coldwater Exempted Village Schools.

Father Leo Hoying was appointed pastor in 1966, and immediately celebrated Mass in English. An altar facing the people was added, leaving the other altars intact.

In 1971, the original play-ground behind school was cemented; this area now serves as play-ground and parking area. As a community project the men donated their labor.

Father Jerome Wolf, pastor from 1973-1980, initiated the annual parish family reunion. The festivities always begin with a Mass celebrated in front of the Grotto. This is held on the second Sunday in September; near our Feast Day, September 8. In early 1980, the church interior was repainted, a new Way of the Cross Statues were installed as was new carpet.

Father Joseph Wehrle served as pastor and CCD co-ordinator for St. Henry Parish from 1980 to 1983. In both of these positions he inspired many young adults. His death on August 6, 1983, left a bereaved community. Archbishop Pilarczyk offered the Mass of Resurrection at St. Mary's on August 9, 1983.

The teacher's house was moved, in 1981, to an address on Wessel Road to enlarge the parking area.

Father John Spatt, as Fr. Wehrle's successor, ably and patiently guided the parishioners during this period of bereavement. He encourages individual participation as well as community participation. Brunches are hosted by the CYO, the Rosary-Altar Sodality, and the Holy Name Society, respectively, on the third Sunday of each month to socialize.

One of our parishioners, Larry Hemmelgarn, was ordained a Priest, June 9, 1984. Father Larry is being sent to Rome to further his education in February, 1988.

Grades 8 through 12 are being taught religion at the parish hall by lay persons. The other grades join the Coldwater children in their classes. Over the years some of our parishioners have given Coldwater a hand in their teaching. To play CYO girls or boys basketball, attending religion classes is a must.

May Crowning is held with the second grade, seventh grade, and eighth grade participating.

The First Communion class of 1987, consisted of Jill Braun, Danielle Doenges, Shannon Fullenkamp, Keith Gruss, Chris Homan, and David May.

Two fine young boys, Allen Hartings and Doug Broering were confirmed with the Coldwater children.

On Graduation Day a Mass is offered for the graduates. Following Mass a breakfast, hosted by the CYO, is served to them and their parents. The class of 1987 consisted of Jean Borger, Michael Borger, Denise Buschur, Nicholas Dues, Philip Homan, Rebecca

Jutte, Dale Kemper, Carol Laloge, Cheryl Laloge, Kevin Sanning, Kathleen Schaefer, Lynn Timmerman and Joyce Wenning.

Our Parish has been blessed with 67 Baptisms from 1983-1987 inclusive.

One-hundred-ten families are registered in the Parish of St. Mary's. Frank Bonifas is our present organist.

Our Parish Council, with Father Spatt as head, is Bill Boeckman, Don Broering, Jan Broering, Luella Homan, Connie Buschur, Leo Osterholt Jr., Susie Sanning, Jane Boeckman, Randy Gaerke, Ron Buschur, and Chuck Homan.



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Washington Township

Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio, is a township of 36 square miles bounded on the east by Butler Township and Jefferson Township, on the north by Liberty Township, on the south by Recovery Township, and on the west by the State of Indiana. Washington Township was organized March 5, 1838, and the first election was held on April 2, 1838, at which time the following officers were elected: Trustees, James Schoonover, David Trexler, and James Q. Grimes; Clerk, William Nichols; Constable, Peter Stevens; Overseers of the poor, John Dixon and George Armstead; Fence Viewers, Edward Dixon and Samuel Freeman, Jr.; Supervisor, Justin Stevens; and Treasurer, George Arbaugh. In 1838 Washington Township was almost entirely covered by trees, and efforts were made to sell the government land and bring in settlers. Almost all the land in the township was entered between 1836 and 1840, with large tracts being entered by speculators who never lived in the township. The settlers who intended to live on the land entered land in 40, 80, and 160 acre tracts. Among the first settlers in the township were: John Boley, John Betz, Samuel Arbaugh, David Harrod, E. A. Hillary, William Spriggs, W. Fishpaw, Peter McMillen, Joseph Loughridge, David Houston, William B. Wilson, Daniel Freeman, John Dixon, William Loughridge, Amos Dixon, H. Davidson, William Davidson, Joseph Davidson, George L. Adair, Henry Fortman, William C. Armstead, Samuel McDowell, Richard Scott, Thomas Clinton, and Adam Miller.

The early settlers felled trees and established farms and homes. In 1886 a survey established 8933 acres of arable land, 2577 acres of meadow land, and 11347 acres of woodland. Twenty years later, in 1906, a comparable survey showed 10364 acres of cultivated land, 6592 acres of pasture land, only 2793 acres of woodland, and 405 acres of waste land. The 1880 census population was 1384; the 1980 census population was 1265. Besides establishing homes and farms, the pioneers also started churches — the Bethel Corners Methodist Church (corner of State Route 219 and the Erastus-Durbin Road) in 1851; St. Anthony Catholic Church in 1853; a Presbyterian Church two and one-half miles west of Macedon in 1857; St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1861; the Wabash United Church of Christ in 1875; the Erastus Methodist Church in 1891, and the Macedon Congregational Christian Church in 1913. Along with churches, schools, as called for in the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, were established throughout the township. A Washington Township High School was built about 1900, on St. Anthony Road west of the St. Paul Lutheran Church. The high school was in existence until 1938. Today Washington Township is in the Coldwater, Celina, and Southwest School Districts. There are no school buildings in use in the Township today.

Four small hamlets developed in the township: Erastus, Macedon, Wabash, and Padua (St. Anthony). The township hall is in Macedon. Today the township is still almost entirely agricultural. The

township trustees today are: Cletus Muhlenkamp, Chairman; Jerry Powell, Vice Chairman; and Ted Muhlenkamp. Rose Mary Wenning is the Clerk. The township has 33 miles of road; is a member of the Southwest Fire District, and is one of the members of the Joint Township Community Hospital.

Erastus is a community in Washington Township, and located at the intersection of Erastus-Durbin and Saint Anthony Roads. The community was originally known as Murphysburg, so named because of a Mr. Murphy, operator of the mill. James C. Snyder had originally set up the saw mill in 1875, then leased the mill to Murphy until 1881, when Snyder returned to operate the mill. The planed lumber was hauled by horses and wagons to Willshire each day where it was placed on a train for Cincinnati, and other cities along the Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinaw Railroad. In addition to the mill, there were two stores, two tile mills, a carpenter shop, a blacksmith shop and a saloon. The church and the school were also an important part of the Erastus community. Today the Erastus United Methodist Church still serves this community.

Macedon is a community in Washington Township, and located on State Route 219, six miles west of Coldwater. This site has a history which is perhaps thousands of years old. A pre-historic Indian settlement existed at this site along the Wabash River, just as other pre-historic Indian sites were located in Mercer County. William Nichols and George Arbaugh platted Macedon September 28, 1838. An addition was made September 17, 1880 by Joseph Harper and John Huston. One early school was the Medical School, which may have been the first medical school in Ohio or the Northwest Territory. In the 1880's, the railroads were passing through Mercer County. The Lake Erie and Western crossed from Fort Recovery through Celina. The Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinaw crossed through Saint Henry, Coldwater, Celina, and Rockford. Macedon's 1880 census was 75 persons. Without the railroad going through Macedon, businesses could not choose to settle there, without access to the needed transportation to and from the market. This limited the population growth of Macedon. The Associate Presbyterian Church organized a congregation in 1857. The Macedon Congregational Christian Church began in 1913 and still serves the community today.

Saint Anthony is a community in Washington Township, and located at the intersection of Saint Anthony Road and State Route 49. The village was originally named Padua, in honor of Saint Anthony of Padua. This village was settled in the 1830's by German Immigrants. Lutheran neighbors helped the Catholic families to build a log church in 1853. The early settlers rest at the small cemetery, a quarter mile north of the center of town. Students attended school in Saint Anthony; the last school being built in the 1940's and closed in the spring of 1978. Students now attend school in Coldwater.

Wabash

Travelling west on State Route 29 from Celina, and just before coming to the Indiana State Line, travelers pass through a peaceful little "wide spot in the road" called *Wabash*.

Wabash sprang up because of a rumor that the railroad was going to come through this area. The owners of the railroad had other ideas. They opted to go by way of Celina, Coldwater, and Fort Recovery which helped those towns to grow and flourish.

At one time Wabash had a post office, shoe shop, blacksmith, hotel, church, and general store. Today it has 31 residences, Shirk's Body Shop, Wabash Mutual Telephone Company, Leiningers Auction House and Wabash United Church of Christ. Some of the families have lived in or around Wabash all their lives, such as the Shirks, Boleys, Schroyers, Leiningers, Fishbaughs, Brehms, and Behms. A few families have made Wabash their permanent residence in the last several years and then others come and go much like the seasons. The latest addition is the newlyweds, Bill and Karen (Schroeder) Miller.

Wabash is now a sleepy community where most drivers don't bother to slow down as they drive through, but the people who live there are as real as you can find living anywhere.

Sharon LaRue



Wabash United Church Of Christ

On July 11, 1875, the first gathering of the Sunday School of the Wabash United Church of Christ was held at the Spriggs School House. An election of officers resulted in the following officers: Superintendent Joe Doner; Assistant Superintendent R.C. McMillen; Secretary John Powell; Treasurer S.E. Smith; and Librarian Samuel Bastian. Rev. O.S. Green formally organized the church on March 4, 1880 with ten charter members: Joseph Doner, Emily Doner, William McCain, Rebecca McCain, Nathaniel Faught, Harriet Faught, Allen Wishon, Christiana Wishon, Polly Ammon, and Mary Ammon. At first, services were held on Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night once a month. Today, there are Sunday School and Church services every Sunday morning and special holidays.

Land was purchased on July 24, 1882 from Godfrey and Milligan and construction began. In 1890, Louis Spriggs was elected to raise money to purchase a Bible. In 1909, enough money was raised by selling Daily Standard subscriptions to purchase the first piano.

A circuit was formed with the Fort Recovery Christian Church in 1913 and the Wabash Christ Church adopted the by-laws of the Fort Recovery church. After being in existence for fifty years, in 1930, the Wabash Christian Church became the Wabash Congregational Christian Church. The Church severed its relations with the Eastern Indiana Conference in 1946 and was admitted to the Southeastern Association of the Ohio Conference in 1947. In 1957 the union of the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches came about. In 1961 the Constitution of the new denomination was approved and was called the United Churches of Christ. On September 12, 1962, the congregation voted their approval and joined the merger. The Church became known by its present day name, the United Church of Christ.

The church building has seen many improvements over the years. In 1916, the furnace room was excavated and a furnace was installed; stained glass windows were installed; the elevated floor was built and carpeted, and the entire Church was redecorated and painted. The lighting system was hooked to Dayton Power and Light Company in 1925. In 1941, the basement was completed under the entire church; a new roof and a heating system was installed. The parsonage was built in 1948. A combination piano organ was purchased in 1955 and was replaced by a new piano and organ in 1962.

The church was transferred from the Southwestern Association District to the Northwestern Association District in 1963.

The Church now has five Sunday School Classes and an active Women's Fellowship.

Sharon LaRue

St. Anthony Parish

The early history of St. Anthony Parish traces back to 1835 when the first Catholic families settled in this area. These families looked to St. Joseph Parish at Victoria for spiritual care.

By 1852 Masses were offered monthly in one of the parishioner's homes by Father Joseph Albrecht, C.P.P.S. At this time plans were made to build a church at St. Anthony. Each man in the parish pledged \$4 towards the church's construction. By autumn, 1853, the first St. Anthony Church, a simple log structure, stood in the northwest corner of a two-acre plot acquired from John Wickelman. It was one-quarter mile north of the present church. Fathers Mathias Kreuzsch and Willibald Willi were the first priests to serve the parish.

From 1855-1866 the parish was served by Fathers Ganther, Schuele and Ruf, C.P.P.S.

During the pastorate of Father Peter Wilhelmi, C.P.P.S., it became evident that the log church was inadequate. A two-acre site was thus donated by Gerhard Homan. Parishioners pledged \$4,000 and construction of a new church began. The new cornerstone laid in 1875, contained a penny, a two cent piece, a three cent piece, paper money, copy of the "Celina Daily Standard" and a copy of a German newspaper the "Folksfreund". The "official papers" were also enclosed.

In September, 1880, Father Henry Drees, C.P.P.S. officiated at the solemn blessing of the new church. That same day brought the announcement that Father Wilhelmi was to leave St. Anthony.

The years 1880-1889 found the parish under the guidance of Fathers Selb, Schneider, Buechel, Walser, Seeburger and Graf, C.P.P.S.

During the pastorate of Father Max Walz, C.P.P.S., the sacristies were added. A new roof was added and also new brick steeples in place of the false ones. Stained glass windows and a pipe organ were installed in addition to the other interior decorative work. The cemetery was also enlarged.

In 1905 a rectory was constructed and also a school.

From 1906-1916 the parish was served by Fathers Notheis and Becker, C.P.P.S.

Father T. Brackmann's long pastorate (1916-1940) saw the church redecorated, basement enlarged and a furnace installed. Many young men and women also entered the religious life during this time. Plans were also begun for a new school and carried out by Father Pax, C.P.P.S. who also supervised a complete renovation of the church.

Fathers Pottkoetter and Meyers, C.P.P.S. were pastors of St. Anthony from 1947-1953.

At this time Father Gerhardstein, C.P.P.S. became pastor. During his pastorate an electronic organ was installed and a classroom added to the school.

Replacing Father Gerhardstein was Father Lochtefeld, C.P.P.S. followed by Father Cavanaugh, C.P.P.S. Under his guidance, the sacristies and rectory were completely remodeled and redecorated. In 1978 the school was closed and the students attended Coldwater School. A new Allen Organ was installed. The annual Parish Supper and Parish Picnic were begun in 1978 and 1983 respectively.

In 1984 Father Gaertner served as an interim pastor until the arrival of Father Leo Herber, C.P.P.S. During his pastorate the interior of the church was painted and the first part-time secretary was employed.

During the winter of 1986, under the supervision of Father Milton Ballor, C.P.P.S., the front porch of the rectory was converted into an office for the secretary. New siding and shutters were also added to the rectory.

Now in 1988 the parish of St. Anthony is under the very capable guidance of Father Raymond Seifert, C.P.P.S.

Barbara Goffena



The Erastus United Methodist Church

The church bell rings every Sunday morning at the little brick church on the northwest corner of Erastus-Durbin and St. Anthony Roads in Section #14 of Washington Township. It calls to worship members and friends of the Erastus United Methodist Church.

The early Methodist congregation first began meeting in a building at the corner of State Route 219 and Erastus-Durbin Road known as Bethel Corners around 1851. We find there Christians, Quakers, Methodists, and Negroes from Carthage who took turns holding meetings in the Bethel School House.

Along about 1884 the Methodists of Bethel Corner erected a frame church on the southeast corner which was a portion of the Patton farm. That Methodist Church was a part of the Ft. Recovery Charge whose ministers served both the church at Ft. Recovery and at Bethel and later at Washington Chapel, located 2 miles west and ½ mile south of Wabash on the southwest corner of Schroeder Road and State Route 49. The Methodist Class at Bethel was made up of Florences, Millers, Bennets, Cormacks, Dixons, and Coles. Time passed — some members died, others moved and the church ceased to function. Some members affiliated with other churches or simply remained at home.

Meanwhile, 2 miles further north at Erastus some Methodist families, namely Evans, Cavender, Clayton, Plummer, Howell, Kelley, Rice, Kennard, Franks, together with some Christians of other denominations organized a Sunday school which was held in the schoolhouse. Methodist ministers from Ft. Recovery came out and held the Church Services. J.C. Snider, farmer and saw mill operator, donated land and money to which others contributed, and a hall was erected as a worship center and for other community meetings. Unfortunately, this did not prove to be a harmonious congregation and some withdrew from this work.

Soon those folks joined with those Methodists formerly from Bethel and it was agreed to move the old Bethel Church building to the southern edge of Erastus in 1891. The land was donated for this purpose by a "Billy" Cole. In a short time all animosities were cleared away and great crowds thronged to the church. In 1908, with a Rev. Butler in charge, a subscription list was begun and promoted largely by Mrs. Belle Howell. The necessary money was raised

and in 1909 the present brick structure was erected on land given by Mrs. Catherine Scott at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00.

About that time the Presbyterian Church 2 miles west of Macedon was discontinued. Families who joined the Erastus group were: McMillan, Miles, Leiningers, Swarts, Moores, Grier, and Pattons.

When the one room school system was disbanded in Washinton Township in 1939 the school building and grounds adjacent to the church were purchased at a cost of \$163.00 to be used as a Community and Recreation Hall.

In 1949 the church interior was extensively remodeled, the Community Hall improved, and grounds landscaped at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00. The exterior of the building has never been altered. Several years ago storm windows were installed to protect the beautiful stained glass windows, new furnace and chimney and roof installed, and the vestibule was remodeled. A new piano was given in memory of a former member. Most recently new carpet was installed in the church and extensive interior remodeling was done at the Community Hall.

The Church is presently a two point charge with Ft. Recovery United Methodist Church and pastored by Reverend W. Brent Sturm, a student at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Sturm, along with his wife, Meredith, and son, Steven, originally came from Huntington, West Virginia. The parsonage is located beside the church in Ft. Recovery.

Church officers are: Trustees: Harold Buckloh, Tom McMillan, Paul Brown, John Moore, Ruth Kittle, Mary Ann Kittle, Jim Johnson, Dick May; Organist: Mrs. Paul (Lois) Brown; Lay Leader: Tom McMillan.

Some of the yearly events are: Bible School, Soup Supper and Auction, Summer Volleyball Teams which compete with teams from other county Churches. The Church also supports an active Youth Fellowship who will be joining a gathering of 5,000 United Methodist Youth from around the world to be held this August in Illinois.

Families connected with the Church at this time are: Adams, Boley, Berkenstock, Brown, Buckloh, Florence, Kittle, Henkle, Johnson, Moore, McMillan, May, Toler, and Brandon.

Sharon McMillan





Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Washington Township traces its beginnings back to the year 1861. Early in that year, a number of Lutheran families began to conduct worship services in an old log cabin school house at the corner of Wabash and Schroeder Roads, where the present church cemetery now stands. The original constitution, adopted on February 4, 1861, still serves as a basis and backbone of the present one, pointing to the great faith of the people in God's Word and to their adherence to the confessional books of the Lutheran Church.

In 1931, a new church building was constructed at the present location of 1614 St. Anthony Road, on the banks of the Wabash River. St. Paul Lutheran Church has been blessed with a beautiful grove area just west of the church and God's presence in this place. In 1974, a new parsonage was built and dedicated across the road from the church. And in 1987, the congregation added an elevator to the church building to make the church accessible to all people.

Throughout its history, the St. Paul Lutheran congregation has been blessed by the ever-present Lord God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Without this spiritual guidance, we would not have been able to stand as a united congregation after 127 years of existence. As we celebrate our connection to the community of Coldwater, we hope and pray we continue to grow in faith, in service, and in love toward all of God's children everywhere. Congratulations, Coldwater!!

Macedon Congregational Christian Church

On Wednesday, January 29, 1913, a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the First Christian Church at Macedon. The building committee consisted of: Eli Denney, Fred Cline and Charles L. Reef, who donated the ground for the church building.

The erection of the church began on Tuesday, June 3, 1913 and was completed on September 5, 1913. Church dedication was on November 22, 1913. The

dedication sermon was given by Rev. G.H. Thornburg. Miss Zelma B. Johnson was the Pastor.

The present building has been moved farther north since the building of the church. Thanks was given to Trustee Bill Dillworth who was in charge of negotiations between the Church and the State.

There have been some improvements inside the building, such as paneling and a cross behind the pulpit; also the basement is now ready for use.

The people are thankful for the help received from the Bethel Church members in the starting of a new church at Macedon. The Bethel Church had been discontinued. The present Pastor at Macedon is Rev. Barbara L. Boggs.

Macedon Church is a member of the Midwest Congregational Christian Fellowship, having voted against the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Churches.

The present officers are as follows: Pastor, Barbara L. Boggs; Treasurers, Jack & Betty Jamieson; Clerk, Sarah Boggs; Usher, Kenneth VanTilburg; Chorister, Kenneth VanTilburg; Assistant Chorister, Margaret Roebuck; Deacons, Albert Hassan, Kenneth VanTilburg and Charles Ferner, ordained, deceased; Collection of Conference Dues, Mabel Denney; Trustees, Ida Mae VanTilburg, Charley Denney, Margaret Roebuck; Key Man, Charley Denney; Key Woman, Sarah Boggs; Delegates to Conference, Albert Hassan, Glea Ferner, Mabel Denney, Charley Denney.

The membership is thankful for the help received from the late Mr. William O. Denney from Celina, Ohio.

For more information, refer to 1978 Mercer County History Book.



History of Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital

The Beginning

In 1942, a group of concerned citizens began taking serious steps to establish a hospital in Coldwater, Ohio. Many details were finally coming into place.

It all began in 1945 in an empty storeroom where Hibner Jewelry is presently located. Joseph Oppenheim, part owner of New Idea, Inc., felt it essential the community have ready access to medical services. He invited all interested persons to attend a meeting in this small storeroom.

That meeting resulted in the establishment of a new corporation entitled the Coldwater Mercy Hospital Association. Mr. Oppenheim was appointed President of the nine member Board of Trustees. Other officers of this first board were Forest E. Ensign, Vice President; Anthony J. Birkmeyer, Secretary; and Norbert Smith, Treasurer. Other members included John W. Salm, Rudolph R. Mueller, Erwin C. Oppenheim, and Russell E. Reed. Later, Reed was succeeded by Zoyd M. Flaler who was then followed by Raymond K. Clark.

This group formed a corporation. They agreed to financially support the construction of a modern hospital. They also agreed that the facility would be organized as nonprofit.

Construction Plans

With the decision to build, the corporation immediately made plans for raising the funds and well-planned drives were started. The first sizeable donation came from several local families, the principal owners of New Idea, Inc.

All of the community gave its enthusiastic support. Surrounding parishes, businessmen, organizations, and citizens contributed generously. The land, consisting of approximately 10 acres and belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Selhorst, was donated by a few individuals. The deed was turned over to a Board of Trustees.

Operating the Facility

While the community financed the building of the hospital, the Sisters of Mercy Catholic Nursing Order, Cincinnati, had expressed an interest and willingness to operate the facility once it had been established. They also agreed to equip it with the latest modern equipment.

It was their desire to name the new institution Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, dedicated to the Patroness of the Sisters of Mercy.

On November 9, 1949, groundbreaking services were held with Rev. Louis H. Yauss, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater, officiating. The contract for the architecture and construction was awarded to Walter Butler Building Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, and the work began.

The Cornerstone was laid April 20, 1950, and dedication of a 48 bed facility was held on December 3, 1950. Our Lady of Mercy opened its doors on December 6. The first patient was Virginia Moeller of

Celina, on whom an Emergency Appendectomy was performed.

The first Administrator was Sister Mary Rae, R.S.M. Director of Nursing was Sister Mary Rebecca, R.S.M. President of the Board of Trustees was Joseph Oppenheim.

A Change in Ownership

For 21 years and four months, the Sisters of Mercy provided medical services to the surrounding community. However, in 1969 the Sisters advised the Board they could not continue operating the hospital.

Discussions were begun on what could be done to keep the hospital operating. On November 6, 1969, a committee consisting of Don Desch, (Temporary Chairman), Maurice Cron (Secretary), Walter Fortener, Ed Schwieterman, Art Pleiman, Bill Otte, Bill Oberholzer, and Denny Hein met to discuss and consider the possibility of a hospital remaining in Coldwater. Others present at this first meeting were Arnold Kramer, Rolly Braun, Harold Romer, Ralph Mueller, David Sowar, Bob Hibner, Tom Homan, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hall, and Dr. Donald Schwieterman.

Their discussions led to a public meeting held at the Coldwater City Hall. The meeting, called by Harold Romer, was attended by about 350 concerned citizens. It was held for the express purpose of maintaining the hospital in Coldwater as a general hospital.

One of the suggestions mentioned at this meeting was the possibility of ownership of the hospital by several townships. On December 9, 1969, Maurice Cron, Don Desch, Art Pleiman, Everett Hall, and Dr. Charles Dickman visited a Board of Governors meeting at St. Marys Hospital to acquire information and suggestions as to how to proceed with a Joint Township hospital organization.

Later that month, on December 29, Jerry Dull, Harold Romer, Arnold Schoch, Maurice Cron, and Attorney Lee Dabbelt met with Sister Mary Albert in Cincinnati to discuss financial arrangements in acquiring Our Lady of Mercy Hospital.

Details of financing the hospital were revealed at a meeting held January 27, 1970 attended by 17 of 21 township trustees plus 15 other interested persons. A letter from the Sisters explained the financial arrangements that would be expected if the hospital were purchased by the seven townships. The letter pointed out that 66.67% of the money would go to Coldwater and the surrounding community and 33.33% would go to the Sisters for their original investment in the hospital. Mr. Dabbelt was hired by Mr. Romer to handle any legal problems involved with the acquisition of the hospital.

Financing the Hospital

On June 18, 1970, all seven townships voted unanimously in favor of forming a hospital district. This came about as a result of two meetings held by

township trustees which were open to the public and held at the Coldwater American Legion Hall. The townships involved in the new hospital plans were Butler, Marion, Granville, Franklin, Washington, Gibson and Recovery. The action of the trustees came about after the new proposed county hospital was defeated in the November, 1969, general election.

The original Board of Trustees of the newly formed hospital were: Ed Ebbing, Ray Dues, Paul Hamberg — Butler; Ralph Dicke, Wilson Klosterman, Norbert Wilker — Franklin; John Griesinger, Art Hemmelgarn, Otto VonderHaar — Gibson; John Balster, Vic Boeke, Mark Kremer — Granville; Ray Bruggeman, Ralph Reichert, Albert Schoenlein — Marion; Roger Lochtefeld, Harold Willmann, Aloys Bachs — Recovery; and Otto Muhlenkamp, Merle Rabe, Glen Florence — Washington.

On June 23, 1970, a meeting was held at the home of Harold Romer to appoint a Board of Governors. The seven members appointed by the seven townships were Naomi McAfee (Washington), Ralph Jutte (Recovery), Ed Piekenbrock (Marion), Jim Gast (Granville), Cy Brockman (Gibson), Lee Gorman (Franklin), and Joan Braun (Butler). Judge Dull was contacted and the names suggested for the three persons qualified to sit on the Governing Board in addition to those appointed by the seven townships were Dr. John Helfrich, Walter Fortener, and Sophia Bomholt.

In the midst of the formulation of the Boards, another question loomed ahead. How were the seven townships going to purchase and operate the new organization? A petition seeking \$777,000 in bonds for the purchase and renovation of Our Lady of Mercy Hospital was filed in Mercer County Common Pleas Court.

The bond issue would be financed by a 1.48 mill ten year tax levy in the seven townships. The original proposal consisted of \$162,000 for the purchase of the present hospital, \$400,000 for remodeling and fire proof construction, and \$225,000 for new equipment.

The Joint Township District voters approved this bond issue in the November, 1970 election. However, at the same time they passed the purchase bond issued they rejected a .25 mill operating levy. In the May primary, 1971, this operating levy was approved.

A Period of Change

On March 18, 1971, a large newspaper ad appeared opposing the purchase of Our Lady of Mercy Hospital and requesting the citizens to build a new and larger hospital. This ad was sponsored by a group of physicians in the area including Dr. D.J. Schwieterman (Chief of Staff, Our Lady of Mercy Hospital), Dr. R.W. Albers (Secretary, Our Lady of Mercy), Dr. C.E. Pennington (Executive Committee, Our Lady of Mercy), Dr. E. Feliciano, Dr. C.P. Atkins, Dr. J. Crispin, Dr. D. Fox, Dr. R. Dobbins, Dr. L. Finklmeier, Dr. G. McIlroy, Dr. R. Riesz, and Dr. R.D. Bradrick.

On March 21, 1971, Dr. Robert Albers and Dr. Cecil Pennington, Coldwater and Dr. Donald Schwieterman, Maria Stein, filed a complaint with

Mercer County Common Pleas Court seeking to halt any further action in connection with the proposed sale of Our Lady of Mercy Hospital to the Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital District.

In a related action, they filed an answer to the bond validation petition brought by the hospital district, claiming the proceedings were illegal. The three doctors contended that "The sale and issuance of the bonds by the defendant of the proposed application of the proceeds were illegal." The judge ruled in favor of the Hospital District.

Following the court encounter, the necessary steps were taken to purchase the hospital property and the Joint Township Hospital District took possession and assumed operations of the facility on April 1, 1972. Also on this date, the hospital's first administrator, Charles Dale DeMott was hired.

Mr. Ed Ebbing served as the first President of the Board of Trustees. Ralph Dicke succeeded him as President and held that position through the planning stages of the building program. Due to Mr. Dicke's election to the position of Mercer County Commissioner, he was succeeded by Art Hemmelgarn who served as President of the Board of Trustees through the completion of the building program.

The first President of the Board of Governors was Joan Braun. She was succeeded by Walter Fortener who served that capacity during the years of continued planning. He resigned in August to accept the elected position of Treasurer of Mercer County. Mr. A.G. Pleiman assumed the Governor Board Presidency in August, 1977.

The First Construction

Amidst much controversy and differences of opinion, approval to construct and remodel the hospital was received from the Health Planning Agency, the State of Ohio, and HEW. It was mandated that the hospital be built to serve the entire county and its size was determined to be 93 beds plus the necessary ancillary services needed to support that size institution.

The original Hewitt and Royer construction estimate was \$2,524,000 for new construction and \$325,000 for remodeling of the original structure for a total estimate of \$2,849,000. On May 30, 1974, bids were opened and the bid cost was \$4,275,915 — about 30.5% higher than the original estimate. On June 10, 1974, contracts were signed for a total cost of \$4,486,277. This was \$1,700,000 more than originally estimated.

The problem of how to secure the additional funds was resolved by requesting an additional one million dollars in federal Hill-Burton Funds for a total of \$2,400,000 and increasing the amount of revenue bonds from \$2,400,000 to \$3,100,000. At the June 10, 1974, meeting of the Board of Trustees, action was taken to apply for the hospital for the additional funds and increase the bond issue to \$3,100,000.

Total cost of construction and remodeling and related site development and financing costs came to \$5,960,783. A fund drive for additional new equipment for the hospital was conducted and netted \$225,000. This brought the total amount for the project to \$6,185,783.

Under Mr. DeMott's direction, the hospital plans were finalized and in June, 1974, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new 6 million dollar construction and remodeling project.

On September 18, 1977, dedication and open house was held for the completed hospital facility. Dr. John Ackerman, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, was the speaker for the special occasion which was attended by over 2000 area residents.

The Early Years

With Mr. DeMott still at the head, Community Hospital began offering its new facility to the community. The first challenge to the fledgling hospital was meeting financial obligations. An immediate campaign was begun to put the hospital "in the black."

In November, 1977, Mr. DeMott resigned his position to accept a new position in another hospital. Lysle Schmidt, Controller at the hospital since 1973, was appointed Interim Administrator and on March 1, 1978, became the second administrator in the hospital's brief history.

The challenge of resolving Community Hospital's financial woes was undertaken by the new administrator. Through cutbacks and other austere measures, Community Hospital began to make ends meet.

In February, 1978, Community Hospital opened an Emergency Room staffed 24 hours a day. The recruitment of physicians intensified during 1978 to meet the needs of the community. Administrator Lysle Schmidt began an intense search for not only general practitioners but also specialists.

The efforts to contain costs while pursuing additional physicians to join the medical staff continued to help keep Community Hospital "in the black." In February, 1979, a 19 bed Pediatric Unit opened. By May of that year, it was felt among members of both Boards that Community Hospital had "turned the corner."

Years of Growth

During the late 70's and early 80's emphasis for treating patients began to be on outpatient services which meant shorter lengths of stay for inpatients. In June, 1979, the hospital added Ultrasound to their X-ray Department.

Recruitment of new physicians also became more obvious in 1979. In July, 1979, Community Hospital opened its first medical Physician's satellite office outside the seven township area. The new center was located in Rockford, Ohio. In November, 1979, a Specialty Clinic was opened in the Wagner Building located across the street from Community Hospital.

The trend towards outpatient services led Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Jim Gast to present to the Board of Governors a plan to expand those services within the hospital. First discussions of this new expansion was held in January, 1980. This was the start of a project which would take until November, 1984, to complete.

Meanwhile, Community Hospital continued to meet the needs of the community. In late, 1980, the hospital began a Nuclear Medicine Department. In

April, 1981, the second medical center was opened to house the specialists which had been recruited to the area. The Community Medical Center opened on U.S. 127 just south of Celina. Also in 1981, Community Hospital expanded its EKG Department to meet the growing need for outpatient services.

In July, 1981, a 3.8 million dollar expansion project was approved by the Board of Governors. The proposed expansion called for an expanded Surgery and Recovery Facility, centralized radiology, an enlarged physical therapy area, centralized switchboard and reception area, large multi-purpose rooms, expanded and renovated purchasing, central supply and loading dock area, and additional office space.

Ten Years Old

By the time April, 1982, came, Community Hospital was firmly established in the community. Although still barely making ends meet financially, the hospital continued to operate "in the black." The medical centers opened in Rockford and Celina were operating successfully, and the hospital was in the midst of what was now a 5 million dollar expansion project.

Locally, many area industry were in the midst of a recession. Nationally, the Federal Government was working out a new method to pay Medicare claims which would ultimately change the operation of Community Hospital.

In September, 1982, the 5 million dollar expansion had been granted final approval by the state and federal agencies and a financing plan which was done solely through the tax-exempt bonds was in place. In December of that year, the hospital began offering the services of a mobile CT Scanner for diagnostic purposes.

To The Present

In January, 1983, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the hospital's 5 million dollar expansion project. In November of that year, Community Hospital began offering a service to senior citizens who were confined to their homes called Lifeline.

1984 became a year of many new events for the hospital. In spite of the cutbacks and austerity measures implemented because of the government changes made in the Medicare reimbursement plan, Community Hospital continued to look toward the future.

In January, 1984, the Board of Governors announced plans to establish medical offices in Osgood and in Ft. Recovery. In April of that year, the Osgood Community Medical Center opened. The Ft. Recovery Community Medical Center opened in September, 1984.

By November, 1984, the new expansion project underway at the hospital since 1983 was completed and an Open House was held. With the renovations, Community Hospital took on a whole new look both internally and externally. The new hospital enhanced the basic hospital facility and services while providing the types of services needed to meet the demands of an ever changing health care environment.

Concern for the patient's financial welfare led to the introduction of Community Hospital's Medi-Free Hospital Care Plan in July, 1985. Under this plan, patients receiving Medicare benefits would not receive bills for any costs not covered by the government plan. This service was given to both inpatient and outpatients. The introduction of this program proved a real benefit not only to area residents but also to the hospital as the occupancy rate began a dramatic increase.

Because of the success of the "Medi-Free" plan, the hospital introduced their "Preferred Patient Plan" in October, 1985. This plan automatically discounted to the patient a specific amount of cash deductible.

At the same time the "Preferred Patient Plan" was introduced, Community Hospital administrator Lysle Schmidt announced two other financial saving programs. One program, The Emergency Care Plan, divided the type of treatment in the hospital's Emergency Department into four separate levels of care and four different fee structures for each level. The less amount of care received, the less the amount charged to the patient.

The other program offered a free night's stay in the hospital either the night before or after a surgical or diagnostic procedure. This plan was called the "Post/Pre-Op" Hospital Care Plan.

The hospital's commitment to outpatient services continued in 1985. An inhouse CT Scanner was offered to the public in April, 1985. Plans to install x-ray and lab facilities in the Community Medical Center, Celina, were announced in December, 1985, and opened in February, 1986.

Community Hospital continued its commitment to serve the entire county in 1987. In June of that year a new medical center equipped with outpatient lab and x-ray facilities was opened in Willshire, Ohio. During that same month, plans for building a new medical center in Mendon were announced.

In August, 1987, the hospital began its Oncology program. This Cancer Treatment Program was another example of how Community Hospital was expanding its services to meet the needs of the community.

In October of that year, the hospital assumed operation of the Mercer County Home Health Agency



The current members of Community Hospital's Board of Governors are (from left): (seated) Leroy J. Pohl, Secretary; Ken Wuebker, Vice President; Gertrude Jamieson, Treasurer; Ed Elking, Presi-

and renamed it Community Hospital Home Health.

The hospital's commitment to Ft. Recovery was enhanced in October, 1987, when a new medical center equipped with outpatient lab and x-ray facilities opened.

Into the Future

Since its beginning in 1972, Community Hospital has worked to service area residents with the very best in health care. In spite of its beginning financial struggle and the controversy surrounding its very existence, the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees have constantly worked with the Administrator to provide quality health care.

This commitment has led the hospital to embark on another modernization project which will ensure quality care into the next century.

The current Board of Governors are: Edwin Elking, President; Ken Wuebker, Vice President; Gertrude Jamieson, Treasurer; Leroy J. Pohl, Secretary; Don Desch, Stanley Kramer, Al Link, Jerry Reinhard, Tom Kremer, and Dr. Farouk Jaara.

Past Presidents — Board of Trustees

Term	Name
1972-1973	Ed Ebbing
1973-1975	Ralph Dicke
1975-1979	Art Hemmelgarn
1979-1985	Orville Dues
1985-Present	Edwin Kahlig

Past Presidents — Board of Governors

Term	Name
1971-1973	Joan Braun
1973-1977	Walter Fortener
1977-1979	Art Pleiman
1979-1982	Lucille Doenges
1982-1985	Richard Berkenstock
1985-1986	Kenneth Wuebker
1986-Present	Ed Elking



dent; and Hospital Administrator, Lysle Schmidt. Standing are (from left): Jerome Reinhard, Tom Kremer, Don Desch, Al Link, and Stanley Kremer. Not pictured is Farouk M. Jaara, M.D.

Buckeye Apparel, Inc.

Buckeye Apparel, Inc., one of the area's oldest industries was established in 1898 in Versailles, Ohio. The founders were Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Grilliot and was called The Buckeye Overall Company. As business increased, the Grilliots purchased in 1899 the Versailles Overall Co. The business was incorporated in 1917 as The Buckeye Overall Company.

In the year 1916, with the demand increasing for Buckeye-made working garments, it became necessary to expand the business. A group of Coldwater businessmen, headed by J. F. Hoyng, Jacob Wilhoff, and Joe Droesch, contacted Mr. Grilliot concerning the possibility of starting a sewing operation in Coldwater. Their endeavors were successful. In August, 1916 a group of fifteen young women volunteered to commute weekly to Versailles for a six weeks training period to learn production methods. This group included Elizabeth Mescher, Kathryn Mescher, Laura Theis, Erma Hoening, Selina Miehl, Alvina Walters, Helen Bettinger, Leona Birkmeyer, Edna Wagner, Clara Gengler, Burnadette Gengler, Auralia Hendrichs, Anna Kessen, Catherine Moorman and Flora Roessner. Transportation each Monday morning and Saturday evening was furnished by merchants of Coldwater.

Meantime during the period of training, machines and equipment were installed on the second floor of the old City Building on the corner of First and Walnut Streets. On November 4, 1916, the branch operation started.

By the spring of 1919, quarters on the second floor became too crowded so the company purchased the Hierholzer building on East Main Street. In 1938, a new building was constructed adjacent to the old building and it still houses the local operation.

The Coldwater operation was managed by Mr. Charles Fischer until his retirement in 1952, and then by his son, Wayne C. Fischer, until his retirement in 1974.

The company manufactured men's and boy's shirts and pants during these early years, supplying many of the national chain stores. They also manufactured under their own brand, Master Buck, which included playsuits for children.

During the depression years of 1930's, Buckeye played an important role in maintaining the economy of the village. As the years and fashions changed, the company found itself making more style garments.

In 1970, a major re-organization of the Company took place. The name was changed to Buckeye Apparel, Inc., to more adequately describe the wide range of leisure wear now manufactured.

The Coldwater facility currently manufacturers a wide range of men's, boys and childrens active sportswear and swimwear. These products include

surfers, volleys, walkshorts, pants, shirts and nylon jackets. The garments are manufactured under the house brands of "SUNDEK" and "HANG TEN" as well as J. C. Penney and other private labels. Their major markets are in California, Florida and Hawaii but the product lines are now being made available to all parts of the United States. The market has also expanded to several foreign countries with the Italian Riviera becoming a major consumer of Sundek and Hang Ten products.

The Company has enjoyed a steady growth in recent years. This has been accomplished by the development of a product line appealing to the more leisure minded American buying public. Using the latest technology in machinery and equipment along with the invaluable skill and dedication of our employees, Buckeye Apparel, Inc., produces a quality, style garment that has been successfully merchandised in a market increasingly threatened by imports.

Our current work force includes the following:

Virginia Kraft, John Pepiot, John Braun, Dale Wendel, Philip Boyer, Beverly Brown, Teresa Moorman, Ruth Burkhart, Janice James, Margaret Alig, Star Zizelman, Karen Koesters, Betty Baker, Connie Adams, Robert Moeller.

Mary Lou Baker, Barbara Bertke, Betty Black, Jacqueline Boatright, Betty Borger, Rita Borger, Joyce Brandewie, Mary Lou Broerman, Ruth Brunswick, Ann Burk, Ruth Christian, Joann Cochran, Delores Didier, Jean Dock, Nancy Felver, Rita Gehle, Marie Gengler, Rhonda Hyde, Susan Kunkler, Wanda Langenkamp, Mary Ann Lechleiter, June Leistenschneider, Susan Luttmner, Jeannie Manwell, Carol Miller, Kim Obringer, Scott Pepiot, Donna Petty, Darlene Pohlman, Cheryl Post, Rita Post, Marcia Schmidt, Dorothy Schmidt, Sarah Schnelle, Beverly Schoenherr, Lucille Schott, Treva Shimp, Velma Spangler, Juliann Stachler, Marcella Stahl, Judith Strobel, Tina Sturgis, Bessie Weaver, Denise Westgerdes, Connie Wynn.

These skilled sewers and support personnel are "Crafting with Pride" quality garments for an ever expanding U.S. and World Market.

Present officers and directors are:

Robert M. James, Jr., President and Treasurer
Roger M. James, III, Executive Vice President
Roberta M. James, Vice President and Secretary
Gregory A. James, Vice President of Manufacturing

Sharon A. James, Director

"Buckeye" extends very best wishes and congratulations to Coldwater on their Sesquicentennial. We are happy to have been a part in the growth of our community.



Back Row: Karen Koesters, Betty Baker, John Braun, Dale Wendel, Phil Boyer, Ruth Burkholt
 Middle Row: Greg James, Virginia Kraft, Roberta James, Roger James, Jr., Roger James, III
 Front Row: Beverly Brown, Margie Alig, Star Zizelman, Teresa Moorman, Connie Adams



Back Row: Denise Westgerdes, Barbara Homan, Jean Dock, Roberta Howell, Darlene Pohlman, Dorothy Schmitt
 Middle Row: Delores Didier, Jacqueline Boatright, Marcia Schmidt, Mary Lou Baker, Treva Shimp
 Front Row: Rita Post, Tina Sturgis, Rhonda Hyde, Marie Gengler



Back Row: Barbara Bertke, John Pepiot, Scott Pepiot, Juliann Stachler
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Coldwater Home Supply, Inc.

Coldwater Home Supply had its beginning in March 1948 when I, Arthur Pleiman, opened a commercial refrigeration service business in Coldwater. Later that year I purchased an interest in the Coldwater Car and Home Supplies. It as a Good Year Auto Supply Store that also sold household appliances. The store was located at 217 West Main Street, downtown Coldwater.

In 1956 a building was leased from Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hess located at 119 West Main Street and the store was moved to that location. At this time I discontinued the auto supplies and expanded the appliance department.

The year 1959 was a crucial year, our country was in the midst of a recession and I barely made a living. I almost took a job selling Nationwide Insurance, figuring I wouldn't have all my money tied up in inventory. In 1960 Salome, my wife, entered the business and she deserves a great deal of credit for its success.

In the beginning a service call in the customer's home was \$1.50. Due to our inflated economy over the years it now costs \$20.00. The Westinghouse automatic tumbler washer was on the scene when we started in business, however, the conventional washer with a wringer was used by most people.

In 1966 we leased a building at 106 South Market Street from Bartell and Ann Desch. This is when we added furniture and bedding to our operation. This store had about 3 times the floor space of the previous one.

My partner Dr. C.C. Feldhake was very instrumental in the success of this business from the very beginning. He is no longer a partner but remains a close friend.

A.G. Pleiman in 1978

In 1978 Arthur Pleiman purchased a building and 2 acres of land just 3 miles east of Coldwater at the intersection of St. Rt. 127 and St. Rt. 219. At that time the building was used as a warehouse, to house an ever increasing inventory.

In September of 1979, it was decided to build a new building at this intersection and move the entire operation once again. The move finally took place in March of 1980 to the new expanded facility. The new building at this time was approximately 12,500 total sq. ft. and was broken into 10,000 sq. ft. of showroom and 2,500 sq. ft. of warehouse.

Another Lot, adjacent to the present Lot, was purchased about a year later to be available if sales warranted further expansion.

In June of 1985 plans were finalized to build a new warehouse on the lot just purchased. The 6,000 sq. ft. warehouse was completed in September of 1985 and was built tall enough to use three tier racks for furniture storage and to stack laundry products four high with our Crown forklift. The portion of the old building allocated to warehouse space was converted to showroom in November of 1986.

The business has had increased sales every year since 1960 and though a little luck has helped, much



of the success can be credited to the hard work of dedicated employees.

Present employees include Carl Sutter, a veteran technician, who has now worked here for over 33 years. His son-in-law, Jeff Link, has now worked in almost every capacity here for 7 full years. Bill Graves works in delivery and warehousing. Ann Wenning is and has been in charge of bookkeeping for 19 years. Lorraine Schwartz has now worked in bookkeeping for 11 years and may move into other areas in the coming year.

I am Roy Pleiman, Art's son, and now President of the Corporation. I manage the operation and also work the salesfloor and fill in for Service when someone is ill. Jerry Heyne has now worked here for one full year as sale's counselor and Karen Speckman has just been added to our sales staff.

My father, Art, retired from the business in December of 1984 and my mother, Salome, retired in March of 1987. Another long-term employee Frederick John "Bud" Bruns died in 1986 and had worked here for 17 years.

Our sales presently consist of about 50% major appliances, 50% furniture and these two product areas work well together.

Future plans include the possibility of gallerizing our furniture display into individual room settings to make it easier for the customer to visualize what the furniture would look like in their home. This concept of retailing involves allocating a major portion of floor space to one company which in turn requires the company to lay out the merchandise and design the entire layout of the gallery. Galleries also require more space to show the same amount of products which may once again require expansion.

The success in this business started with my father's philosophy to sell only products which could be backed by Quality Service. Quality Service always has and always will require quality people to administer it.

This is *Truly* a people business!



Roy Pleiman, President



Carl Sutter, Technician



Ann Wenning, Bookkeeper

Dayton Power & Light Company

History of Electric Service
in the Coldwater Area

The Dayton Power & Light Company provides electric service to approximately 9,500 customers in their Coldwater service area. This operating area is made up of 21 townships in Mercer, Darke, Van Wert, and Auglaize counties, and covers approximately 700 square miles.

The evolution of electric service in Coldwater goes back to November 15, 1911, when the village of Coldwater granted a franchise to the Coldwater Lighting Company. The New Idea Spreader Works generated the power and sold it to the Coldwater Lighting Company, who in turn distributed and sold it to the village residents. That era might have been a simpler period of time, but it was not without its problems. In the fall of 1926, a conflict arose between the New Idea Spreader Works and the Coldwater Lighting Company, concerning a rate reduction that was not passed on to the consumers. A letter concerning that dispute is on this page for review.

Street lights were first installed in the village on approximately March 1, 1912 and according to the newspaper articles of that time, the "fluid" came from the New Idea Spreader Works. The Coldwater Lighting Company continued with various owners, until it was purchased by the Ohio Electric Power Company on June 17, 1927. The Ohio Electric Power Company was then purchased by the Marion Reserve Power Company. In 1945, the Dayton Power & Light Company purchased the Marion Reserve Power Company and remains to this day, the electric supplier to the Village of Coldwater.

The use and supply of electricity has come a long way since 1911, when electricity was provided only two days a week and only for a couple of hours on those days. We at D.P.&L. are proud of our current level of service and hope we never have to go back to "part time electric service."

"Why Were the Lights Out?"

The lights were turned off last night (Monday night) because the Coldwater Lighting Co. refused to give a reduction of 1½ cents per K.W. to the light consumers of Coldwater, which reduction was given to them by us for that purpose. The lights were turned off so people would have a chance to find out the true facts of the case. Current was turned on again upon the assurance of an official of The Ohio Utilities Commission that an investigator would be sent immediately to investigate the case.

You may have heard all kinds of rumors, but the act was done solely and only to protect the interests of the people of Coldwater. It is after all your interest as a citizen of this community that is at stake and it is up to you to guard your interest once you have been given the facts.

We have through all these years been doing the best to give service to the current consumers and you

have had uninterrupted current. If you have had dim lights in your home and on your streets it was not the Spreader Company's fault because we are not controlling the distributing lines through which the current flows. Our engineers maintain a constant voltage of 460 volts on the switch board in the evening. From there on the Lighting Company handles the current showing very plainly that the fault is not at our plant. The people that live close to our plant have excellent light and there are quite a few places in town where the lights are good. The only reason why the service is not universally good is on account of undersized _____ and transformers.

The Spreader Company has for a number of years been the sole source of current and the price has been as reasonable as it could be made, especially through the war period and the following inflation. As times have become more stabilized and the power needs of the town larger, proper reduction have been made by us to the Coldwater Lighting Co.

This spring we gave a power rate to the Coldwater Lighting Co. for power users using 5 H.P. or more, making possible a consumer rate starting with 4 cents and down to 3 cents per K.W., with a small monthly charge of 25 cents per H.P., of connected motor load. Mr. Power User have you been getting your power at this rate? If not, why not?

Early last summer we offered Frank Conrad, owner of Coldwater Lighting Co., a proposition whereby we were willing to give him a reduction in current rate for light if he would in turn be willing to pass this reduction on to the consumers. This fall a reduction of 1½ cents per K.W. for the winter months of November, December, January and February, was given to the Coldwater Lighting Co. on current for light, with the understanding that they pass this reduction on to the users of lighting current during these months, it paying us 3½ cents and the consumer paying 8½ cents — the summer rate to the consumer remaining 10 cents and the Lighting Company paying us 5 cents. This was done with the full knowledge of the Village Council and their consent. The Coldwater Lighting Co. refused this cheaper rate and chose to continue charging the consumer at the higher rate. For what reason? Was it because a higher consumer rate made the sale of the lighting and power franchise easier and more profitable?

The reason for reducing the current in winter is because more current is used and because in our present large plant we can use all the steam made for generating current over again for heating our plant, which is not the case in the summer. We consider this the most equitable way of reduction, it giving the lowest rate in winter when light bills are heavy, making a welcome saving to everybody.

The Spreader Company has never made a big thing out of this current sale and has not tried to; in fact, in the beginning and for some years afterwards

it was an unprofitable proposition to us. This, however, is not the question today. The question is that the consumers of light and electric power have not been given a reduction in the price of current they were supposed to have. Why was this reduction not passed on? It did not come out of the Lighting Company's profits.

The Spreader Company is not trying to force its service upon the people of Coldwater, neither is it trying to run your town. Its owners have the interest of Coldwater as much at heart as anyone else. They have never failed when it came to pushing an improvement or helping out over a new issue, although it would hit them harder in taxation than anyone else in town inasmuch as they are beyond doubt the largest tax payers in the town. Most people understand this and bear good feelings toward this institution, and we appreciate this good feeling there is for us in a general way.

We are not interested in whether we furnish current for Coldwater or not — that is merely a side issue with us. We shall be glad to furnish lighting current for 5 cents in summer and 3½ cents in winter to the Lighting Company if the people of Coldwater get the lighting current for not over 10 cents in summer and 8½ cents in winter. If anyone will guarantee to furnish light for that, or less, we are perfectly willing to step aside.

After we turned the current on last night, two men came to our office and introduced themselves as the future owners of the Coldwater Lighting plant and wanted to know when the current would be turned on. We told them it would be turned on just as soon as the Coldwater Lighting Company agreed to furnish it to its consumers in winter for 8½ cents per K.W., which they refused to do. So apparently your lighting plant is being sold or probably has been sold to outsiders. If this is the case, what chance have our citizens to ever own their own plant and what say so will you have in regard to the cost of this current in the future? *Remember the telephone deal?*

If the Coldwater Lighting Company's plant is for sale, why is it not offered for sale to the Municipality? If it has been sold, what rate will you be paying for current in a few year's time?

This is the fight we have started for the citizens of Coldwater. It is not our fight, it is yours. If you are interested enough in this, see that your interests are safeguarded. Coldwater should own its own light plant, like Celina, St. Marys and New Bremen — to control its own light plant and make its own rates. It could then buy its current wherever it can be secured cheapest, either from a high tension power company, or any other way found suitable, just so the citizens of Coldwater are in control of its property and have a voice in its current cost. If you want this, it is up to you to act. Advise your wishes in the matter to the Secretary of the Coldwater Industrial Club.

The New Idea Spreader Company



The Peoples Bank Co.

Banking had its beginning in Coldwater when in 1902, Henry C. Fox, Anthony Rathweg and H.F. Hoffman started a partnership and opened a bank under the name of the Peoples Bank. It was located at the corner of S. First & Main Streets. The building is still standing today.

As business grew, a corporation was formed in 1905 which took over the banking business formerly conducted by the partnership. The new corporation was chartered by the State of Ohio as a State Bank under the corporated name of The Peoples Bank Co. with a capital stock of \$25,000.

In 1951, in August, construction of the new building began at 112-114 W. Main Street. In November of 1952, an open house was held for the new bank.

The bank's Drive-In was built in 1965 with one lobby window and one drive up at the corner of Mill and North Streets. It was remodeled in 1972 with an extra lobby window and two drive up Kiosk Tel Air System Lanes. Another walk-in window and another exit door in the Drive-In were added and completed in 1978.

In 1975 the bank purchased the Schindler Building for the purpose of serving as the Loan Center and it began operations in June of 1976.

At the close of business December 31, 1977, total assets were \$38,294,000. The Peoples Bank Co. also celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1977. Thirty-eight full time and part time people were employed at that time.

The bank continued to prosper with many new customers from southern Mercer County and the need for a branch bank in Burkettsville, Ohio arose. Construction began in 1978 at the corner of Main and Washington Streets for a full service branch. The bank was open for business December 4, 1978 to serve people in that area.

As demand grew for the need of cash outside regular banking hours, an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) was installed at our North Street Drive-In Branch in October, 1984. "Tellerific" cards can be used in conjunction with the money station network anywhere.

Deposits and loan demand continued to grow and directors voted to purchase a former bank Drive-In building located at 309 West Logan Street, Celina, Ohio and remodeled it into a full service branch opening for business in September, 1986.

At the present time, the bank employs 36 full time employees and 18 part time employees.

The Peoples Bank Co. capital stock of \$25,000 originally invested in 1905 has since grown to total equity capital of \$7,503,258 and assets of \$92,967,626 as of December 31, 1986.

Members of the Board of Directors serving for the year 1987-1988 are: Jos. H. Nieberding, President; Jos. W. Jutte, Vice President; Bruce Slavik, Treasurer; Arnold Kramer, Paul Lefeld, Sr., Dennis L. Piper and James R. Werling. Rosevelyn Rutschilling, Secretary.

Some of the services offered by The Peoples Bank Co. are as follows:

All types of checking accounts, all types of savings accounts, all types of loans, all terms of Certificates of Deposit; IRA's and Self-Directed IRA's, Discount Brokerage, Rec-check; Tellerific Automatic Teller Machine, Visa and Mastercard Credit Cards.



The Peoples Bank Co.

Main Bank

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Bruce Slavik, Treasurer
Rosevelyn Rutschilling, Secretary
William Simons, Vice President
Jack A. Hartings, Vice President
Donald J. Luken, Vice President
Bruce J. Slavik, Controller
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Doris Cordier, Bookkeeping Administrator
Paul Grandlienard, Loan Adjuster

Connie Bensman
Esther Borger
Barbara Brockman
Kim Bruns
Donald Eckstein
Donna Gilmore
Kathleen Hartke
Linda Heyne
Susan Kremer
Mary Lynn Lochtefeld
Marilyn Osterholt
Shirley Pleiman
Mary Beth Poling
Paula Smith
Rebecca Sudhoff

Part Time:

Connie Boeke
Jean Dickman
Barbara Gaerke
Christine Lefeld
Deb Riethman
Rita Schmit



**The Peoples Bank Co.
Drive-In Branch**
 Marlene Fisher, Branch Manager
 Shirley Buffenbarger
 Alberta Everman
 Kathryn Hedrick
 Mary Hoyng
 Audrey Huelsman
 Alberta Nieberding
 Nancy Swain
 Nila Watts



**The Peoples Bank Co.
Burkettsville Branch**
 Donald L. Tangeman, Vice Pres. and Br. Mgr.
 Ruth Link
 Edna Kremer
 Debra Schwegman



**The Peoples Bank Co.
Celina Branch**
 Steven J. Schmidt, Asst. Vice Pres. and Br. Mgr.
 Mary Ann Badgett, Loan Officer
 Paula Hein, New Accounts
 Carol Forsthoefel
 Jane Obringer
 Kim Rhodes

Part Time:

Ruby Bollenbacher
 Marcella Eichenauer



Sitting: Left to right: Joe Nieberding, Joe Jutte, Paul Hoyng.
Standing: Rosevelyn Rutschilling, Arnold Kremer, Paul Lefeld, James Werling, Dennis Piper.

Pet Incorporated An IC Industries Company

This year, Pet Incorporated celebrates its 60th anniversary as a member of the Coldwater community. Headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, Pet manufactures and markets dozens of well-known consumer food products throughout the U.S. and internationally. Among the more popular brands marketed by Pet are Old El Paso Mexican foods, the number one selling brand of Mexican food in the United States, Progresso Italian foods, Underwood meat spreads, Pet-Ritz pie shells, Ac'cent flavor enhancer, and of course, Pet Evaporated Milk.

Pet's facility in Coldwater is an active and important part of the company's manufacturing operations. Today, with more than 130 employees, the plant produces a variety of Pet products, including Pet Evaporated Milk, Sego diet drink, Compliment cooking sauces, and Old El Paso Spanish Rice and Taco Shells.

The modern plant, located on East Vine at the north end of town, is a far cry from the small milk receiving station first built in 1928. At that time, Pet — then known as the Pet Milk Company — produced only one product: Pet Evaporated Milk. A dedicated group of Coldwater businessmen, believing the community could benefit substantially from such a business, initiated a campaign to attract the milk company to their town.

Upon visiting Coldwater, a representative from Pet was surprised to find more than 300 enthusiastic farmers from Mercer County gathered to meet him at city hall. Pet was so impressed by the earnest interest of the townspeople that soon after, the people of Coldwater received this message: "We are rushing plans for the building. Expect to have a builder in

Coldwater in about 10 days." True to their word, Pet constructed a milk receiving station with the capacity to process 25,000 pounds of milk a day for a nearby condensery.

In 1937, Pet expanded the milk receiving station to a full condensery capable of producing Pet Evaporated Milk. Today, the modern Coldwater facility produces evaporated milk in much the same way, using an elaborate system of tanks and pipes through which the milk is evaporated, homogenized, fortified with vitamin D, canned and finally sterilized.

The growth of the Coldwater plant closely parallels that of Pet Incorporated. In the beginning, the plant produced the company's only product — Pet Evaporated Milk. However, as Pet continued to expand its product lines, the Coldwater plant increased its capacity to manufacture more products as well. With new product developments and acquisitions throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Pet added significantly to the plant's menu of products.

As the partnership with Coldwater deepened, Pet took an increasingly active role in supporting the community. Pet Milk Foundation grants and corporate gifts throughout the years have helped Coldwater organizations like the YMCA, the Boy Scouts, the Center for Neurological Development and the Ohio 4-H Foundation provide valuable services for the community.

The 300 farmers and businessmen that originally brought Pet to Coldwater had an ambitious vision for their town, and Pet has been a partner in that dream for sixty years. And, as the town celebrates its Sesquicentennial Anniversary, we look forward to building on the satisfying and profitable partnership we've worked hard to establish.

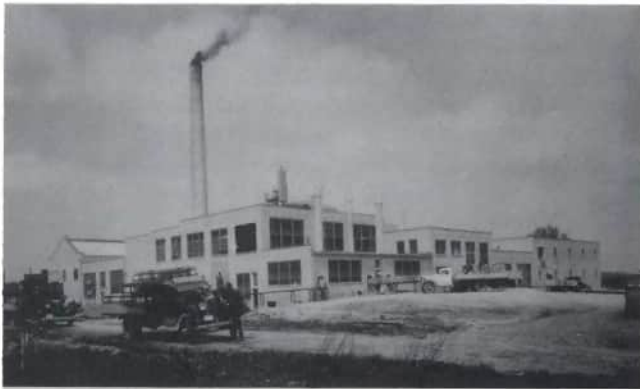


Since its expansion in 1937, the Coldwater plant has come a long way in production capacity, producing an estimated 250,000 pounds of evaporated milk daily — as well as a variety of other Pet Incorporated brands.

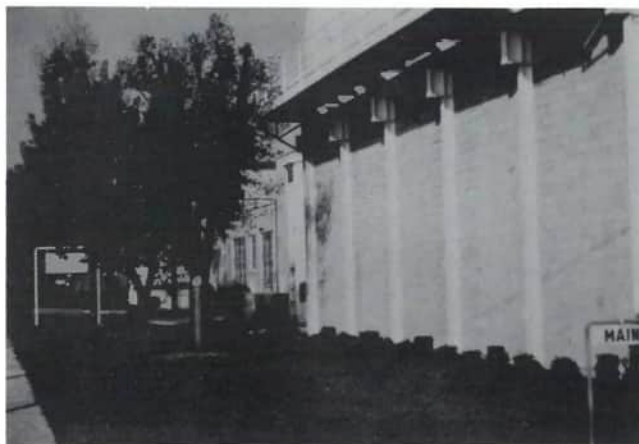
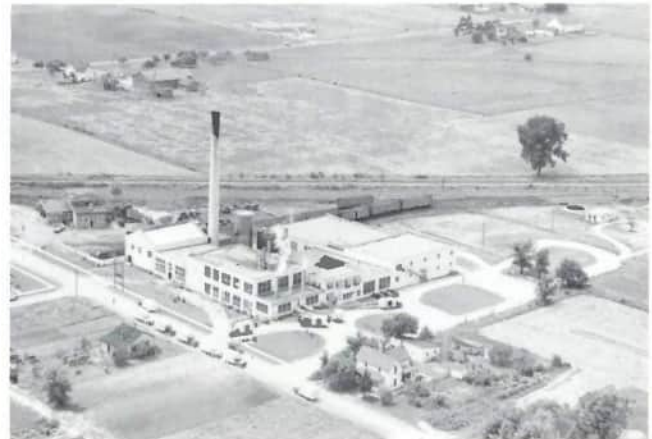
PET
An IC Industries Company



The original milk receiving station built by Pet in 1928. Farmers from as far away as 25 miles brought their milk to the plant to be processed for a nearby condensery in Delta, OH. When the plant first opened, it had the capacity to process 25,000 pounds of milk a day.



In 1937, the small milk receiving station was expanded to a full condensery capable of producing Pet Evaporated Milk.



Today, the modern Coldwater facility manufactures a variety of Pet products, including the company's first — Pet Evaporated Milk.

PET

An **IC Industries** Company

Matt Schwieterman, Inc.

Matt Schwieterman, Inc. began in 1946 and at that time was known simply as Matt Schwieterman. Excavation and grading were done with one bulldozer. One year later, a crane and dump truck were added. In 1948, the firm added a 2½ yard ready mix concrete batch plant and building supplies to their sales line. Four hundred cubic yards of concrete were delivered during that year. At that time, the firm employed five people.

The first building, a combination office and repair shop, was laid up out of block in 1948. That original 30' x 30' square structure has been added to continuously and is now practically surrounded by additions. In 1950, a 30' x 60' repair shop was added and in 1952 the initial office addition was built.

With the supply of ready mix concrete now local, Matt Schwieterman began installing concrete basements and other concrete structures, such as foundations, driveways and sidewalks.

In 1954, the firm incorporated under the name of Matt Schwieterman, Inc. Officers of the firm at that time were Matt Schwieterman, Sr. - President; Colletta Schwieterman - Vice-President; and Roman F. Wannemacher - Secretary-Treasurer. By this time, sewer and water line installation had become a major part of the company's business, and additional cable controlled bulldozers and cranes were operated.

Expansion was eminent, and in 1959 a concrete plant was installed on South Mill Street in Celina. Two years later, Matt Schwieterman, Sr. purchased the D.R. Smalley ready mix plant on the north end of Celina, which operated under the name of Matt's Redi-Mix, Inc. Thomas W. Smalley was the manager of the Celina plant.

As the company continued to grow, more building space was needed. In 1957, a paint shop was constructed; and in 1962, another office addition was built. A large, modern repair shop was added to the original in 1963. This repair shop was 60' x 135' with side walls being constructed using tilt-up concrete wall panels. These panels and their installation were handled by Matt Schwieterman, Inc. employees, and the finished shop building was one of the first of this type construction in this area. A Gomaco concrete paving machine was bought in 1968 and was the first of its kind in Northwest Ohio. This machine was used to install concrete streets up to 36 feet wide with integral curb.

Concrete sales continued to grow, and in 1975, a new ten cubic yard batch plant was erected. The plant had enclosed bins and conveyor feed belts and was a totally automatic punch card operation.

In the mid seventies Matt Schwieterman, Inc. continued to grow. The officers of the company were now: Matt Schwieterman, Sr., President; Coletta Schwieterman, Vice-President; Richard (Bud) Stahl, Vice-President; Bill Geise, Secretary; and Matt Schwieterman, Jr., Treasurer. The company employed sixty to seventy people, depending on the season. These employees made up two sewer and water line crews, one concrete street-paving crew, three general concrete installation crews, and various land clearing and excavation operators. Also, four full-time mechanics were needed to maintain the equipment.

Major changes occurred in 1981. The ready mix concrete division was sold. Locally, city and public work projects, private subdivision installation, residential concrete jobs and custom excavation were maintained. Commercial building activities and site development construction were centered in the cities of Eaton, Dayton, Lebanon and Springboro as the radius of operations for Matt Schwieterman, Inc. grew to approximately 100 miles.

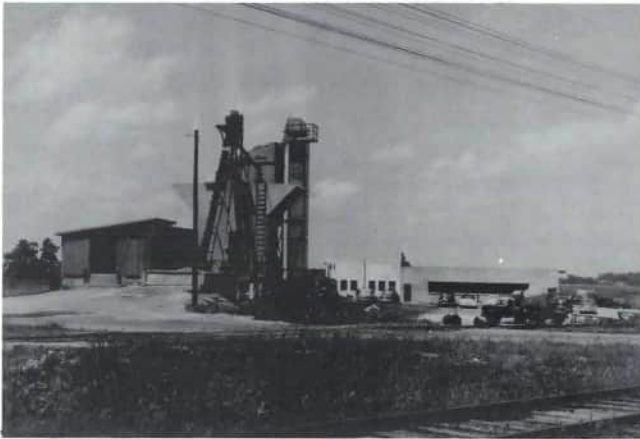
In September of the same year, Matt Schwieterman, Sr. passed away. His steadying influence and guidance and excellent knowledge of the construction field were lost, but his solidly based company and experienced personnel continue today as a force in west central Ohio construction.

The company today has 30 permanent and 10 - 15 part-time employees. One of these has been employed 41 years, eight (8) others for over 30 years, and another eight (8) for over 20 years. Our present equipment includes three bulldozers, three self-propelled pans, two track cranes, one truck crane, three hydraulic-track backhoes, four rubber-tired backhoes, four dump trucks, one grader, the same Gomaco slip form paver and 25 other support vehicles.

Matt Schwieterman, Inc. is still located at 200 East Vine Street in Coldwater. Present officers of the firm are: Matt Schwieterman, Jr., President; Colletta Schwieterman, Vice-President; Richard (Bud) Stahl, Vice-President; Bill Geise, Secretary; and Ralph Schwieterman, Treasurer.



Left to Right. First Row — Ron Stucke, Tom Smalley, Lester Huelskamp, Mark Droesch, Coletta Schwieterman, Bert Tobe, Art Bruns, Ralph Schwieterman, Matt Schwieterman. Second Row — Vern Muhlenkamp, Buck Stahl, Richard Stahl, Matt Schwieterman Jr., Bill Geise, Lester Bruggeman, Mark Post, Leon Homan. Third Row — Ken Reichert, Bill Dilworth, Chuck Adams, Paul Clune, Bob Borgert, Gerry Watercutter, Mike Bruggeman. Fourth Row — Linus Clune, Paul Wolters, Mark Schenking, Virgil Lange, Lonnie Enderud, Jim Karner, Joyce Homan, Mary Wendel, Joan Geise. Absent: Wilbur Boeckman, Jim Wenning, Mark Thobe, George Stammen, Gary Reichert, Kelly Heiser, Dave Pursley, Doug Bruns, Jeff Koesters, Dennis Brockman, Tim Homan, Paul Alexander, Dan Homan.



Brodbeck's Markets, Inc.

Brodbeck's Markets, Inc., now in its 60th year, was founded in 1927 by Ed and Lena Brodbeck. The original store was a grocery and meat market located in St. Marys, Ohio. Their son, Joe Brodbeck, took over after World War II. After moving and enlarging several times in the next 17 years, Brodbeck's crossed the county line and expanded its operations to Celina's Lakeview Market in 1963; and then in 1966 to Coldwater's Miller's Super Dollar Market in the new Coldwater Mall Shopping Center.

Ground was broken for the shopping center east of Coldwater on October 13, 1965, and construction began on November 15, 1965. The 7200 square feet supermarket was officially opened on March 3, 1966. Matt Schwieterman of Coldwater was the owner and developer of the shopping center.

Since then the store was completely remodeled and rearranged in June of 1971; its 12,320 square feet made it the largest of the three Brodbeck's Markets at that time. Then again in November of 1977 another expansion resulted in the present 16,230 square feet operation. Plans for the future are incomplete at this

time; however, proposed remodeling by 1988 should produce a 23,000 square feet facility.

Bob Adams began purchasing the stores in 1981 and is presently co-owner of Brodbeck's Markets. Since then, Joe Brodbeck has retired from the business and Adams is now in charge of the total operation. Officers of the firm in 1987 are Bob Adams (President, General Manager), Joe Brodbeck (Chairman of the Board), Mary Brodbeck (Treasurer), and Edward Stroebel (Secretary).

Brodbeck's Markets are supplied by Food Marketing Corporation in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They are a division of Super Valu, the largest wholesale company in the world. Present employees of Brodbeck's number approximately 200 between the three stores, all of which are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to better serve its customers. Brodbeck's Markets have always tried to bring its customers the finest quality foods at the lowest possible prices, along with friendly, courteous service by its employees. To all of our valued customers, we say "Thank You" for your patronage.



CW Service

CW Service originated in 1930 when William Dock purchased out lot sixteen from Sims Smith. Business was conducted under the name of Coldwater Oil Company. The primary products were White Rose gasoline and Enarco motor oils, supplied through Empire Oil Company of St. Henry, Ohio. William Dock operated the delivery truck and C.H. "Painter" Hoying managed "The Friendly Service Station," 301 East Main Street, where the company office is now located.

Edward Stuckenberg joined William Dock in 1934 and they purchased the old Standard Oil Company bulk plant on North Fourth Street from Henry Amstutz. Albert Rammel purchased the business from William Dock in 1942. In 1950 a 55,000 gallon bulk plant was built on North Second Street at Hardin Creek on land purchased from Elmer Schoepner.

Henry and Esther Schenking purchased Albert Rammel's half interest in 1952 and 1955 Shell Oil Company became the company's main supplier and continues so today. Edward Stuckenberg sold his interest in 1963 and Jack Schenking joined the company at that time. The business was incorporated in 1964 with the following officers: President, Henry Schenking; Vice-President, Jack Schenking and Secretary-Treasurer, Esther Schenking. In 1965 Jack Schenking became general manager upon the early retirement of Henry and Esther Schenking because of ill health.

In 1967 a new service station was built in Coldwater which Ralph "Bud" Griesdorn subsequently leased from 1973 to 1985. The bulk plant was relocated in 1974 on eight acres of land purchased from Mrs. Bernard Selhorst at the corner of S.R. 118 and Buschor Road. This increased the total storage capacity to 172,000 gallons. In 1966 the Celina station was purchased and in 1976 Wapakoneta Shell was added. The Adams Brothers Sheet Metal Shop be-

came a part of the company in 1974 and was relocated in 1978 to space adjacent to the company office.

In 1977 Birkmeyer Brothers Fuel Oil Company was purchased from Harold Lefeld who subsequently joined the company as service manager. In 1980 the Van Wert operation of C & Y Oil Company was purchased. This contains a service station and bulk plant from which consumer delivery service is provided. Due to extended geographical marketing locations, state application was made and approved in 1980 establishing the trade name CW Service.

In 1982 land was acquired from L & O Tire Company, Anna, Ohio for the purpose of constructing a fuel and related sales operation for a truck stop. Being located at exit 99 on Interstate 75, it was named Stop 99.

In 1984 the accounts and service equipment of Jenkins Union 76 was purchased from the estate of Rex Jenkins. In 1986 the assets and customer accounts were purchased from J.A. Monroe & Son, Van Wert. In 1987 the Coldwater station was relocated to land leased from Ken Schwieterman at 101 Terrace Ave. and operates as "Mall Shell". The location at 301 E. Main Street was remodeled for enlarged office and sales display area.

The company has sixty employees and the present officers are: President, Jack Schenking; Vice-President, Jerry Hemmelgarn; Secretary, Kathleen Schenking and Treasurer, Irene Woeste. In addition to service station and truck stop operations, the company maintains a full time heating and cooling division featuring Thermo Pride and Williamson furnaces, related energy equipment and sheet metal fabrication. Route deliveries of gasoline, diesel fuel and fuel oil are made throughout Mercer, Darke and Van Wert counties, as well as lubricants to farm, commercial and industrial clients.



The Coldwater Grain Co.

The familiar elevator at the corner of North Second St. and North St. seems to have been in Coldwater almost since the railroad came. The 1900 newspapers listed a Mr. H. B. Hoffman as the operator of the elevator. Fred Hehmeyer, his son Carl Hehmeyer, and Rudy Weinert bought the business on October 5, 1909. They operated the business under the name "Fred Hehmeyer and Son". They bought grain, hogs, and cattle and shipped by rail. The present block building which is used as an office, sales room and for storage was built by the Hehmeyers.

Fred Hehmeyer and Son sold out on November 29, 1920. The business was then operated under the name Coldwater Equity Exchange Co., until August 14, 1924, when it was again sold. The new owners named the business the Coldwater Grain and Coal Co.

On January 30, 1956, the corporation, then managed by Harold Colby, sold out to Ed Severt and his brother, Alvin (Jake) Severt. They renamed the business the Coldwater Grain Co. The Severts made some changes — a fertilizer warehouse, steel storage bins, and several different additions to the elevator were constructed. Some of this construction was finished yet in 1956. In 1962 they added eight bins inside and two outside for concentrate storage. New

equipment was also added in 1962. In 1965 the upstairs room was remodeled into a meeting room. In 1964 the Coldwater Grain Co. became an exclusive Purina dealer.

In 1962 Ralph Severt joined his brothers in the corporation. About 1970 Norman Hoying became a part owner of the corporation. Ed Severt sold his share in 1979, and since 1979 the corporation has been owned by Norman Hoying, Ralph Severt and Alvin Severt.

In October, 1985, a former fertilizer and grain business about 10 miles north of Coldwater was purchased. It was named Coldwater Grain North.

Employees of Coldwater Grain Co. are Norman Hoying, manager; Jerry Severt, Steve Tobe, Lavern Fiely, Dave Hoying, Charles Wenning, Jeff Hoying, Mike Franzer, Fred Severt, and Shirley Siefring. Also employed at Coldwater Grain North are John and Lorene Zuber, Mark Leininger, and Paul Weitz.

The Coldwater Grain Co. carries a full line of Purina products, a wide variety of livestock equipment, purchases grain from area farmers and provides a grain bank service for those who need that service. As in the past, the Coldwater Grain Co. will attempt to provide what is needed to the farmers it serves.



The Coldwater Machine Company

The Coldwater Machine Company, located at 104 East Vine Street, began in 1956 and was known as The Coldwater Machine and Tool Company. The company was founded by Zeno Schoenlein and Leo Rosenbeck, and originally was located in the old Amstutz Hatchery building on N. Second Street. Soon a building was constructed on East Vine Street, and Don Wellman joined the partnership. In 1976, the assets of the original company were purchased by Jerome F. Meyer, Robert E. Moorman, C.P.A., and Jerry Turner. In 1983, Jerry Turner sold his interest in the business to found the Hardin Creek Machine Company.

The company's present location started with the construction of a 2,800 square foot building. In 1968, a 4,000 square foot addition was added to the shop and 840 square feet of office space was also added. In 1978, a 1,560 square foot addition was added to the structure. In 1982, a 6,000 square foot addition was added and major renovations made to the original structure, which brought the plant to its present size of 15,000 square feet. The plant is fully air conditioned.

Although most of the company's customer base is within a 100 mile radius, many pieces of equipment and tooling have been shipped to various parts of the continental United States. The company produces dies, fixtures, gages, and special machines. Specialized services are offered in computer aided design, industrial panel building, cylindrical grinding, horizontal boring mills, turning, and precision jig boring, computer aided inspection, and C.N.C. machining.

The staff includes management, sales, purchasing, design, accounting, machinists, toolmakers, technical support and others. The company and its employees have built and maintained a favorable reputation over the years with their customers and a high degree of respect from competitors.



Jerry Meyer, Bob Moorman and their qualified staff feel that the genuine interest shown in every project has been the foundation on which they have built a successful business.



Coldwater Medical, Inc. 407 South Oak Street

Coldwater Medical, Inc., is a group of Family Practice Physicians. The practice was originally started in 1946 by Manning G. Harnick, M.D. Dr. Harnick, a native of Canada, had his first Coldwater office in the basement of his residence at 314 S. First Street. He had a successful practice at this site and was a well-respected member of the community.

In July, 1959, Dr. Harnick built a new office at the current location on the corner of Oak and Sycamore Streets. At the same time he was joined in practice by Cecil E. Pennington, M.D. Dr. Pennington is a native of Tennessee and received his medical training at the University of Louisville, and St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayton. As Dr. Harnick's health failed, Dr. Robert W. Albers, M.D., was recruited to join the practice. Dr. Albers, a former resident of Ft. Loramie, Ohio, received his training at the University of Cincinnati and Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton.

After Dr. Harnick's death in 1965, the practice was continued by Dr. Pennington and Dr. Albers. They incorporated as "Pennington and Albers, M.D., Inc." in 1972. The practice flourished, and at one point in the 1970s, they were two of only five physicians who regularly admitted patients to Coldwater Community Hospital.

In July, 1983, Dr. John Naveau, M.D., joined the group. Originally from Russia, Ohio, Dr. Naveau attended Medical School at Ohio State University and then completed a Family Practice Residency at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Dayton. A year later

the corporate name was changed to "Coldwater Medical, Inc."

The practice provides a full range of medical care from obstetrics to geriatrics. Drs. Albers and Naveau together deliver approximately 150 babies a year. Dr. Pennington, after delivering well over a thousand babies, retired from obstetrics in 1985. In addition to his office practice, Dr. Pennington provides anesthesia services at Community Hospital.

As the office sees between 300 and 400 patients each week from Coldwater and the surrounding communities, it relies heavily on excellent employees. Nursing personnel include: Mary Ann Mescher, RN; Betty Hoyng, LPN; Betty Nietfeld, LPN; June Moeller, RN; and Anita Hemmelgarn, RN. Lucille Tange-man, who has worked with all four doctors, is a medical assistant. The business office personnel are: Karen Behm and Beth Fair, receptionists; Jane Clune, bookkeeper; Ginny Homan, financial secretary; and Pat Naveau, office assistant. In addition, Jean Fortkamp cleans the office daily.

In November of 1987, a major expansion and remodeling of the office building was completed. This addition nearly doubled the size of the existing building, providing much-needed space for patients and employees as well as more off-street parking.

The doctors and staff of Coldwater Medical, Inc., extend a sincere "Thank you" to the Coldwater community for their confidence, trust and support. They hope to continue providing the best possible medical care to area families for many years to come.



Drs. J.J. Naveau, R.W. Albers, C.E. Pennington



Richard L. Dobbins, M.D.

Dr. Richard L. Dobbins is an Ohio native, born in Jackson and attending grammar school there. He graduated from St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, and then attended the University of Dayton, graduating with highest honors. He attended medical school at the University of Cincinnati, and then interned at Detroit Receiving Hospital in Michigan. His residency training was taken at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus where he was a recipient of the Mead Johnson Fellowship Award. After serving in the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon, he moved to Celina and joined the practice of Dr. Joseph A. Skaggs. Two years later, Dr. Skaggs left for further training, and Dr. Dobbins has been in solo practice since that time. Initially his office was adjacent to Gibbons Hospital in Celina. In 1979 he moved his office to Coldwater, across from the hospital, at 809 W. Main Street.

Dr. Dobbins is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice, having passed the charter examination in 1971 and the recertifying examina-

tions in 1977 and 1983. In 1977 his examination score was the highest in the nation.

In addition to family practice, Dr. Dobbins also performs anesthesia. He is on the medical staffs of Community Hospital in Coldwater, Joint Township Hospital in St. Marys, and Van Wert County Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Dobbins live in Celina. They have five children: Michael, Kimberly, Stephen, Kathryn and Antoinette. Mrs. Dobbins, a registered nurse, serves as the school nurse for Immaculate Conception Grade School.

Employed in Dr. Dobbins' office are three registered nurses and two secretaries. Mrs. Linda Poor and Mrs. Karen Heindel received their nurses training at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton. Mrs. Norma Shaffer received her nurses diploma from Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Mrs. Charlotte Lamm is a business college graduate from her native Germany. Miss Sue Hall holds a bachelors degree in communications from Wright State University.



Left to Right: Mrs. Linda Poor, Mrs. Karen Heindel, Mrs. Charlotte Lamm, Dr. Dobbins, Mrs. Norma Shaffer, Miss Sue Hall.

Dues Lumber Mill

Dues Lumber Mill is located a mile east of Philothea. It has been on this site for around one hundred years. In 1888, it was known as Philothea Station. Besides the mill, there was a store. The mill was owned by Barney Dues. It was, indeed, big business. There was plenty of prime timber. Many farmers were clearing land, preparing to farm. Much of their lumber was used for buildings. They also sawed many railroad ties. The logs were hauled into the mill by horsedrawn log wagons. In winter, when there was snow, logs were skidded in. The Cincinnati Northern railroad had a switch into the millyard, from which lumber was shipped. Barney also owned several threshmachines. He harvested grain in the area for the farmers. Barney had six sons. They learned to help at the mill at an early age. He also had several hired hands. They lived with the Dues family. August Fischer was one of his employees.

In later years, August Fischer purchased the mill and threshmachines from the Barney Dues family. He also owned a portable mill. If there were big buildings to saw, Fischer moved the mill into the woods. Norman Dues, Barney's grandson, began working for Fischer at sixteen. He learned the business from ground up. In 1939, August Fischer died from a sawmill accident.

The mill and threshmachines were sold by Mary Fischer to Norman Dues, Norbert and Lawrence Dues. The latter two were brothers. The transition

from the threshmachine to combine took place during this period. Most of their business was custom sawing.

Norman Dues obtained full ownership of the mill in 1948. Norman, like his grandfather, Barney, was very industrious. He built a new building and installed new mill equipment. He expanded the business to buying timber and selling lumber. Norman was married to Merilda Meiring in 1945. They had five children: Judy, Virginia, Kenneth, Bernard and Jerome. Judy married Larry Huelsman. They live in Phillipsburg. Judy is city manager of the Holiday Health Spa. They have two sons, Daniel and David. Virginia married Mark Rammel. They live in West Milton. They have one son, Douglas, and two daughters, Lisa and Stephanie. Kenneth married Peg Klenke. They live on Carthagen Road. They have a son, Kevin, and a daughter, Krista. Bernard married Viki Grieshop. They live on Philothea Road. They have four daughters, Michelle, Karla, Amanda, and Denise. Ken and Ben followed in their dad's footsteps. They are both in the sawmill business. Jerry married Janice Wenning. They live on St. Rt. 49, Celina. He is owner of Duesway, Inc. They have a daughter, Jennifer and three sons, Andy, Scott and Justin.

Norman died in June 1986.

Kenneth and Bernard now manage and operate the mill.



Hemmelgarn Egg Company

The start of Hemmelgarn Egg Company: I, Ed Hemmelgarn, started on my fathers farm. In 1928 my father gave me interest in 300 laying hens. Due to this I started buying eggs and some poultry. I got married in 1930 to Josephine Wenning and then we started to buy eggs from other farmers. We started with \$35.00 cash and graded the eggs in my father's basement. I had a model T Ford with a trailer and hauled the eggs to Cincinnati, Ohio. Three years later we moved to Philothea and by now we were able to buy a Model A Ford pick-up truck and ran the business out of a barn. We were up to about 100 cases per week along with some poultry. In 1936 we bought the Philothea dance hall and used it for a grading plant. In 1937 we bought the first 1½ ton Ford truck which held about 168 cases of eggs. We were handling about 300 to 400 cases per week at this time and had six employees. By this time we were going to a number of cities in the Ohio area on sales. The price of eggs when we started when the banks closed in the 1930's was as low as 6 to 8 cents per dozen. After the banks opened again the price raised to 13 to 18 cents per dozen. Each year we kept getting larger.

By 1945 we bought our first semi-tractor trailer. This was a Mack tractor and a Gramm trailer. We were now up to 600 to 700 cases per week, with twelve employees. In 1946 we got our first electric grading machine which graded the eggs. In 1950 disaster struck — the plant was destroyed by fire. In July 1950 we had a new plant built and had around eighteen employees handling 1000 cases per week. From year to year we kept growing. In 1959 we incorporated the business along with our two sons Floyd Hemmelgarn and Jerry Hemmelgarn and changed the name to Hemmelgarn & Sons, Inc. At this time our business expanded so that by 1959 we were up to 5000 cases per week and had 40 to 45 employees. We also were handling poultry for which we had a plant in Coldwater, Ohio, for dressing and live poultry. In 1963 the egg business got bigger so we discontinued the poultry and went completely to the egg business. By the close of 1977 we had handled 13,000,000 dollars worth of eggs for the year, or about 800,000 cases of eggs and we employed about 100 people. The square feet in our plant where the eggs are graded and candled is 23,700 square feet — 13,500 square feet of this is a cooler. A warehouse where material is stored is 13,500 square feet. We also have a 3,200 square foot garage where we do our own truck repair. To handle the business in transportation we have seven tractor trailers and seventeen smaller trucks. We cover five states in sales.

We have a warehouse in Kent, Ohio and Corry, Pa. and own part interest in a warehouse at Youngstown, Ohio and White Feather Farms in Muncie, IN. Along with the egg business our warehouses have added all kinds of cheese, butter, margarine and many other different items.

Our complete operation: The home plant at Coldwater gathers the eggs from the farms. The eggs are taken to the plant where they are graded, candled, and cartoned ready for the retail stores to sell. We are under U.S.D.A. supervision at all times. The eggs are then taken to our warehouse ready to be sold to

the stores. We also deliver out of Coldwater to many other warehouses and super markets.

This is how the company which started from nothing in the 1930's grew to 800,000 cases per year by 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hemmelgarn, Floyd, Jerome and Betty continue to support Mercer County in various community ventures.

In the last ten years we have grown to \$27,000,000.00 in sales or 1,600,000 cases of eggs per year. When the Avian flue hit the poultry industry, we peaked at \$34,000,000.00 total sales that year.

We have also sold all our warehouses leaving just the main plant in Philothea, Ohio. At the present time we have 108 employees. We currently have 15 tractors and 18 trailers and 4 straight trucks with 20 ft. boxes on them. The company has added a dry storage warehouse approximately 7,000 square feet and also a new cooler which is 6,000 square feet.

Since 1982 the company's general manager and president is Floyd Hemmelgarn, the oldest son of Ed Hemmelgarn. Ronald Gross is the secretary of the company and Rick Hemmelgarn, the youngest son of Floyd Hemmelgarn is the company's treasurer.



Hi-Tech Wire Division

Hi-Tech Wire Division is located within the Hardin Creek Machine & Tool Co. Building at 200 East Hardin Street in Coldwater's Industrial Park. The business was started in June of 1987 by Bill and Sue Hemmelgarn, of St. Henry.

The heart of Hi-Tech Wire Division is a computerized Wire Electrical Discharge Machine (Wire EDM). The company specializes in machining complex tooling components for the Tool and Die Industry. Along with the Wire EDM Service, Hi-Tech Wire designs dies and fixtures for its various in and out of state customers.

Bill is in charge of all-over operations, including; Sales, Purchasing, Computer Operations and Programming. His wife Sue is in charge of all Bookkeeping and Accounting operations.

The company is presently run and operated by Bill and Sue Hemmelgarn and a few part-time employees. In the near future, plans are made to expand Hi-Tech Wire Division's employees and capabilities to not only include the above stated services but also Computer Aided Design System, which will be added in 1988 to better serve our present and new customers.



Jutte's Foodliner

Jutte's Foodliner opened for business on May 5, 1950 in a new building at its present location, 404 West North Street, Coldwater, Ohio. The majority of the lumber and timbers used to build the new store were taken from the old high school building, which was being torn down at that time. The original Coldwater Mercy Hospital was dedicated in the fall of the same year, 1950. The present United Methodist Church was built on the old school site.

Dr. Charles P. Adkins, deceased, was the first customer. He purchased a pack of Camel cigarettes for which he paid about \$.25.

There were many smaller grocery stores in Coldwater at this time; most were located on Main Street. Namely, Mescher's where the car wash is now located; Romer's Grocery which is now Schoch's Paint Store; Eddie's Market was where People's Bank is now; Kroger's occupied the space that is now Hibner's Jewelry; East End Grocery where Bob's Auto Sales is, and the Busy Bee was where Dr. Dickman and Dr. Kettler's office presently is.

Jutte's was the first self-service grocery in Coldwater. We have a service meat department where the customer can get as much or as little as desired, and meats cut to their liking. We have home-made sausage and grits, and home-made dressing for the holidays. The farmers are producing better pork and beef (leaner and more tender) which is being offered in our meat department.

Business at the new store was slow at first, but with a good group of employees, a lot of hard work,

determination, and many long hours, business soon picked up.

In 1963, the business had grown and the decision was made to expand the building. Purchasing two more building lots the store was doubled in size, along with a larger parking area and new equipment being installed inside the store.

There have been noticeable changes in the grocery business in the past 37 years. At the time the store opened, a colored oleo license was needed and sales tax stamps were being used. There is more variety being offered, such as frozen foods, breakfast cereals, cake mixes, soaps, etc.

The store has been a member of the Independent Grocer's Alliance, Chicago, since its opening. Jutte's Foodliner is serviced from their warehouse in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Jutte's is open for business 85 hours a week, offering longer hours to our customers. We are open every holiday except New Year's, Easter, and Christmas.

We are thankful we chose Coldwater as the site for our new venture. The people of this area have supported Jutte's Foodliner over the years. Our thanks to all of our loyal customers.

The entire Jutte Family has worked at the store: Virginia (Chesser), Gloria Jo (Rogers), and Nick and his wife Debbie, who now manage the store.

By Joseph W. Jutte and Alfrieda M. Jutte.



Knap's Carry Out

Knap's Carry Out is located at 220 East Main Street in Coldwater, Ohio. It was the first drive-thru carry-out in Coldwater and is one of the finest beverage and pizza carry-out stores in Mercer County.

The carry-out was originally built in 1971 by Ivo and Helen Kremer, both natives of Coldwater. They had originally owned the successful Kremer's Restaurant in Coldwater and decided that a drive-thru carry-out would prosper in the growing town. The new store was opened in July of 1971 and was called Ivo's Carry Out. They carried beer, wine, soft drinks, ice, party and picnic supplies. They also carried hard liquor products at that time.

The relatively new business was only about one year old and going well when an unfortunate automobile accident claimed the life of Ivo Kremer. After his death, his wife Helen continued to run the store until 1973 when she sold the business to James and Jessie Gibson of St. Marys, Ohio.

Jim and Jessie had originally owned a carry-out store in St. Marys, so they were experienced in this type of business. Along with other changes, the name was changed to Gibson's Carry Out. Hard liquor beverages were no longer sold in the store, but a kitchen was added in the back section of the store for food preparation. This was the beginning of the pizza's, submarines, and sandwiches. The business did very well and continued to grow as the drive-thru convenience began to attract people from Coldwater and the surrounding community.

Jim Gibson kept the carry-out until March of 1975 when he sold the business to Mike Knapschaefer of Coldwater.

Having experience in retail sales while working for Brodbeck's Supermarket in Coldwater and Mercer Beverage in St. Henry, Mike had a good idea of managing the business. The name of the business was changed to Knap's Carry Out, a shortened version of Knapschaefer.

Many improvements were made at the existing store under the new management. A wider selection of products of all kinds were added to the existing inventory. With the help and hard work of family and many good employees, the business continued to grow rapidly.

It soon became apparent that the existing building was no longer large enough to serve the needs of the customer. In 1978 an addition was added which nearly doubled the size of Knap's. The addition included a completely remodeled kitchen, a walk-in ice freezer, a large walk-in cooler for beverages, and a storage room in the rear of the store.

The carry-out which started as a small business venture for Ivo Kremer has grown to become a thriving business for Mike and Rita Knapschaefer, thanks to all the good people of Coldwater and the surrounding communities.

Today, as in the past, Knap's continues to provide fast, courteous, and convenient service and the highest quality fast food in the area.



Lefeld Implement, Inc.

Lefeld Implement, Inc. is an agricultural and consumer product dealership for John Deere Company. Paul Lefeld started his farm equipment business in August 1947 as the only employee. In the spring of 1948 he built a cement block building located in Coldwater on North Second Street just south of Coldwater High School. Also at that time he added an employee, Carl Jackson an ex-marine buddy, to help with the servicing of the equipment. Today, Carl Jackson owns and operates Jackson Garage in Celina, Ohio.

After twenty years of a successful business of selling and servicing Case farm equipment, Paul Lefeld decided to relocate his business because they had outgrown the old facilities. In the summer of 1967, on the fourth of July, Lefeld Implement Company celebrated the grand opening of their new building located on State Route 118, 1 mile north of Coldwater.

In December of 1971, Case decided to discontinue manufacturing combines and all harvesting equipment. Combines and harvesting equipment consisted of over half of Lefeld Implement Company sales. In January of 1972, Paul signed a contract to sell and service equipment for John Deere Company. Paul's main reasons for signing with the John Deere Company were leadership in the farm equipment industry, sound dealer organization, complete line of high quality equipment, and no aggressive John Deere dealership in the area. Today, as in 1972, John Deere Company and Lefeld Implement Inc. mutually agree this contract has been good for Deere, Lefeld Implement, and the customers they serve.

Lefeld Implement was a sole proprietorship since it began in 1947 by Paul Lefeld until 1975 when it changed into a corporation. Today's corporation consists of nine stockholders who are: Paul Lefeld, Sr. and his wife Rose Mary, seven of their children: Steve, Paul Jr., Mike, Ken, and Dan Lefeld, Judy Marbaugh and Carol Feltz. As the Lefeld Implement Inc. progressed in the selling and servicing of John Deere farm equipment, their store in Coldwater became overloaded with work. To keep up with the demand of the farmers, the stockholders decided to build a Service Center at Willshire, Ohio, about 25 miles northwest of Coldwater. The new building was built in September of 1975.

Paul Lefeld started the business by himself in 1947, and progressed up to more than thirty employees. Paul is now seeing fourth generation of future farm lads in the store with their dads who are grandsons of some of the Lefeld Implement's first customers. Over the past 40 years Lefeld Implement Inc. has received many sales and service awards, and still maintains a conservative but progressive outlook for the future.



Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies, Inc.

Joseph H. Lefeld, the founder of Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies, Inc., was introduced to welding in the 1940's as manager of a Pure Oil Service Station. He began doing small welding repair at the corner of South Second and West Walnut St. in Coldwater.

In 1945, Joseph sold the Pure Oil Service Station. He joined partnership with the late Roman Dues forming the Dues and Lefeld Farm Implement Co. featuring John Deere farm equipment as one of the main product lines sold. Joseph also continued the tire and welding repair service there. This Implement Company was located at the corner of North Second and West North St. where the present Certified Oil stands today. In 1950, the Dues and Lefeld partnership was dissolved. Joseph Lefeld then started his own welding and tire business at its present location, 512 North Second St., calling it Lefeld Welding & Tire Service. At that time, this location was the site of a building formerly owned by Amstutz Hatchery and a new building was added to the side of the structure for the welding business. Another addition was built in the mid 1950's. The hatchery building was demolished and replaced with a new structure in 1961.

In 1954, the employment consisted of three full time people.

In 1968 a corporation was formed consisting of Joseph H. Lefeld, Stanley E. Lefeld, & Donald Lennartz under the name of Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies, Inc. Donald Lennartz left the corporation leaving two full time employees in 1969. In 1975, David Lefeld joined the corporation, and in 1977, Gary Lefeld joined the corporation.

In late 1969, the Leader Body Shop business was purchased from Elmer Schoeppner by the corporation. Also in 1970, they purchased the building and property which is located directly across the street.

Late 1969, a distributorship was obtained for industrial and medical compressed gases. A delivery route for the compressed gases was started at that time.

In 1978, the Jerry Dalk property, including a house and building, was purchased. An addition was completed attaching the "Dalk" building for the expanding welding, cutting, and safety supply business.

On December 1, 1983, the Howell Equipment and Rental Co. business of 1110 Dayton Rd., Greenville, Ohio was purchased.

At the Coldwater location, many of the traditional services of welding repair and general fabrication are still offered today. Besides these services they stock for resale a wide variety of steel, aluminum, stainless steel, pipe, tubing, plate, sheet metal, structural bar stock, and related hardware accessories. Another part of the company, Lefeld Welding Supplies & Rental markets a complete line of industrial and medical compressed gases, welding supplies, cutting, safety equipment, industrial supplies, industrial power tools, and small construction equipment. Rental service was added in the later years. Today, approximately a 40 mile radius from Coldwater is covered by salesmen, servicemen and scheduled delivery routes. Also, the main accounting office for all segments is located at Coldwater.

The Greenville operation also markets a complete line of industrial and medical compressed gases, welding supplies, cutting, safety equipment, industrial supplies, industrial power tools, and small construction equipment. It also maintained the rental business serving contractors, homeowners and industry which existed at the time of purchase. This business was placed under the current management of Gary Kremer and is doing business as Lefeld Supplies and Rental.

Founder Joseph H. Lefeld partially retired in 1975 and fully retired in 1980. Now the present officers and shareholders of Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies, Inc. are President, Stanley E. Lefeld; Vice-President, David Lefeld; and Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Lefeld. They are all actively involved in the operation and management of the business. It presently has 26 employees.



Mercer Savings Bank

Mercer Savings Bank received its charter to operate as a Financial Institution in the State of Ohio in March, 1888. Mercer Savings Bank has offices at 217 W. Market St., Celina, Ohio; 124 W. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio; 120 N. Wayne St., Ft. Recovery, Ohio; and 333 S. Broadway, Greenville, Ohio.

Mercer Savings Bank's newest addition, acquired on January 1, 1987 is located in Coldwater, Ohio and was formerly known as the Home Building and Loan Company. The Home Building and Loan Company received its charter to operate as a Financial Institution in the State of Ohio in April, 1888. The founders were L.N. Wagner, C.C. Weiser, John Martz, Charles Morovilius, P. Haubert and W. Hendley. The corporation was formed: "For the purpose of raising money to be loaned among its members for use in buying lots, or in building and repairing houses, or for other purposes under and in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code of Ohio, the acts amendatory thereto and Supplementary thereto, and other corporation laws of Ohio applicable to such a corporation."

In reviewing past corporate minutes the following Secretary/Treasurers (Managers) were identified: J.B. Haslingler, 1905 to 1915, F.A. Franks, 1915-1917, John H. Boeke, 1917 to 1959, Werner J.

Boeke, 1959 to 1984, Kathryn Lechleiter, 1984 to 1985, Charles M. Hartings, 1985-1986. In 1985 the Home Building and Loan Company acquired FSLIC Insurance, became a federally chartered company and the name was changed to Home Federal Savings and Loan Company of Coldwater. As mentioned earlier, on January 1, 1987, the Home Federal Savings and Loan Company merged with Mercer Savings Bank, Celina, Ohio. Mercer Savings Bank maintains a full service branch office at 124 W. Main St. in Coldwater, Ohio with Kathryn Lechleiter serving as Branch Manager.

The Home Building and Loan Company first had its office in the rear of the Old Bank Building (now the David W. Bruns office). During the next 48 years they moved to two or three locations along the south side of Main Street including the building which is now the Something Special Shoppe. In 1936 Mr. John H. Boeke, (Werner Boeke's father) built an office building at 117 S. Second St., (now Coldwater Auto Sales) where Home Building and Loan Company was located from 1936 to 1973. In 1973 Home Building and Loan Company moved to 121 W. Main St., Coldwater where they shared office space with Boeke Insurance agency and then in 1985 they moved to their present location at 124 W. Main St.



The Messenger Press

The Messenger Press is honored to serve Coldwater on its one hundred and fiftieth birthday by printing this book. The Messenger Press has supplied the printing needs of the people and businesses in the area since 1922. Our first customers for wedding invitations are now returning with requests to print their Golden Wedding Anniversary invitations. Today their children and grandchildren are also coming with their printing needs. The Messenger Press is proud to have been able to serve all three generations and is looking forward to serving future generations.

Historically the Press was moved from the Old Indian School on the grounds of St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana in 1922. After many years of operation in the South wing of St. Charles Seminary the present location was built in 1961. Located on the grounds of St. Charles, just east of the main building,

the Press is owned by the Society of the Precious Blood. Formerly the Press was operated by the Priests and Brothers of the Society but now ninety-five percent of the employees are men and women from the area. Besides taking care of the printing needs of the Society we gladly accept work from many of the businesses and brides-to-be of the area.

Over the years changes were made to accommodate modern printing methods. At the present time the Messenger Press meets the demands of its customers from all over the country with a complete line of business forms, computer forms, stationery, business cards, office supplies, wedding accessories and other printing needs. The Messenger Press is proud to be listed as one of the oldest printing establishments in Mercer County.

Our Congratulations to all the residents of Coldwater, Ohio! We laud their many achievements over the years.



Moorman, Harting & Co.

In May of 1955, Anthony F. Moorman started in business as Moorman's Accounting and Tax Service. His office was located in a room of his residence on State Route 219, two and one-half miles west of Coldwater. He provided accounting and tax services for a portion of the businessmen of Coldwater and the surrounding community.

Due to the growth of his business, he decided to move his office from his residence to a newly constructed building located on his property. For the next six years he continued to expand his practice and in the fall of 1963 he employed his first full-time employee.

In 1966, his son Samuel, a student at Miami University, began to assist him. In 1969, Samuel was drafted into the US Army, at which time, Robert, another son, joined his father.

In 1971, Robert and Samuel purchased the business from their father. They continued to use their father's office until the fall of 1975, when they moved into a new building located at 815 W. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio. At this time the name of the business was changed to Moorman & Moorman.

In November, 1977, the business of John Hartings and Associates was purchased. This purchase, along with continued growth required employment of additional employees and the need for additional office area. Therefore, in the summer of 1978, the building was expanded.

In 1984, two CPAs who were employees of the firm were admitted as partners to the firm. They were Patrick Moorman, a brother to Robert and Samuel and James Harting. It was at this time when the name of the firm was changed to its present name, Moorman, Harting & Co. The firm's growth continued and another addition to the office building was made in the fall of 1987.

The Certified Public Accounting firm now offers a wide variety of services for business, agriculture and individuals. Some of the services include income tax preparation, financial statement preparation, estate planning and advisory, payroll check preparation, along with a variety of other accounting services.

Currently the firm's staff, including the partners, consists of: Robert E. Moorman, CPA, Samuel J. Moorman, PA, Patrick H. Moorman, CPA, James W. Harting, CPA, Cynthia Goubeaux, Phyllis Moorman, Janet Bills, Rose Lochtefeld, Carla Post, Renee Muhlenkamp, Diana McCoy and Karen Rindler.



From left to right: Patrick Moorman, James Harting, Samuel Moorman and Robert Moorman.

White-New Idea Farm Equipment Company

Joseph Oppenheim, the school master of a small German community of Maria Stein, Ohio invented the first successful manure spreader. Concerned because many of the boys missed class to stay home to load manure in the Spring, Oppenheim invented a mechanical manure spreader that would help them do the job quicker and easier. He built the first model from a cigar box and ran it with a sewing machine motor. This "new idea" had such promise he resigned from his teaching position to open his own factory, the New Idea Spreader Works.

In late October of 1899, the first New Idea manure spreader rolled off the assembly line of the small factory. Only two were sold during the first year . . . but by the second year sales increased dramatically with fourteen spreaders sold. The new entrepreneur, however, enjoyed little of his success. In 1901, Joseph Oppenheim died after a bout with typhoid. His widow, Annie, determined not to let his new idea die continued the family business. In the years that followed the factory outside Maria Stein grew steadily to meet the increasing demand for the spreaders. By 1910, the company had grown so much, it moved to Coldwater, Ohio to improve distribution by rail.

Not only was New Idea the first to build a successful manure spreader, but also a pioneer in the development of other farm equipment as well including the first two row pull-type corn picker, trailing mower, columbian rake, elevator, transplanter and hayloader. New Idea challenged the entire farm equipment industry to think progressively and adapt to the changing needs of the American farmer. This attitude also brought many changes to New Idea.

In 1945, the family-owned business was sold to Avco Corporation to become Avco New Idea. During that same year, production of haytools increased with the development of the first tractor type mower with a mechanical lift. Mower conditioners and rectangular balers were added to the line later.

During the 50's, the company continued to expand and grow with the acquisition of Horn Manufacturing Company and its line of hydraulic loaders, wagon boxes, and stalk shredders. Later the acquisition of Ezee Flow Corporation, the world's largest

producer of fertilizer spreaders, marked another milestone for the growing company.

In 1963, New Idea introduced another concept to the farm equipment industry, the Uni-system, with the acquisition of self-propelled, interchangeable harvesting machines from Minneapolis-Moline. New Idea advanced the system with harvesting attachments to fit almost any operation.

In 1982, Avco New Idea purchased the International haytool line including all tooling and patents and now markets a complete line of haytools to both Case IH and New Idea dealers. The addition of a planter line in 1983 rounded out the company's product lines of spreaders, haytools and self-propelled harvesters.

In 1984, Avco New Idea became New Idea when the company was acquired by Allied Products Corporation. More recently, Allied announced New Idea would merge with another of its farm equipment divisions, White Farm Equipment, to form White-New Idea Farm Equipment Company. Originator of the first tractor under the Hart-Parr name, White itself has a rich heritage and currently markets a complete line of full size and utility tractors as well as tillage equipment.

The new company's headquarters remains in Coldwater and will be supported by four regional offices: Columbus, Ohio and Davenport, Iowa in the U.S. and Cambridge, Ontario and Regina, Saskatchewan in Canada. The combined White-New Idea dealer network numbers more than 1200 dealerships. Continued improvements at the main plant in Coldwater ensure not only high quality products, but also a more efficient manufacturing process which translates into a reduced list price for the end customer, the farmer. The plant covers over 67 acres with 34 acres under roof. Over 450 workers are employed in the plant with almost 250 support staff in administration, marketing and sales.

Agriculture has changed a great deal since Joseph Oppenheim first broke ground for the New Idea Spreader Works, but the company he founded, White-New Idea, has continued to fulfill his dream to produce a quality product at a competitive price that would help farmers do their work faster and easier.



Now's Clean Car Center

Hello,

My name is Ralph Now and I own the Robo Car Wash at 320 W. Main St. I also have three other locations, two in Celina and one in St. Mary's Ohio.

The Coldwater location was opened April 11, 1975. It has one pressure automatic and two self-service bays. There are also two high suction vacuums, a dollar bill changer, and various vending items relating to car care. All equipment is coin operated and available 24 hours a day, every day.

We are well aware of the problems of the water in Coldwater with its very high dissolved mineral content and hardness properties. From the beginning we had equipment to lessen the spotting on the surface of the vehicle, however, we were not completely satisfied with its performance. It was not dependable. In April 1986 a new Reverse Osmosis unit was installed with a much better final finish on the washed vehicle. The wash has softening capacity of 1,400,000 grains and 850,000 B.T.U. water heating capacity.

We have continued to upgrade the equipment as new technologies have developed. Part of those developments included foaming brushes in the self-service bays to better pumps and more accurate coin and timing devices.

We make every effort to keep our equipment operating to its peak performance and keep the premises clean. However, anything mechanical and electrical can malfunction anytime and it does occasionally. Our customers are aware if they let us know we gladly refund their money they may have lost due to equipment failure.

Our relationship and co-operation from city employees has been super. We have enjoyed the people of Coldwater and thank each and everyone for their support. We look forward to many more years of providing clean car service to the people of this fine area.

Thanks again,
Ralph Now



Pax Steel Products, Inc.

Pax Steel Products, Inc. was organized in 1945 to manufacture a new round metal 15 bushel hog feeder. Prior to this time all manufactured hog feeders were rectangular shaped. Mr. Pax, one of the founders, had secured several patents from the government, principally on an agitation system that was designed to reduce feed wastage by the animals when they ate.

Bill Pax came to Coldwater from Celina and solicited help from Dick Smith and Bart Desch, local businessmen. These three, together with Henry Knapke, a Celina attorney were the original incorporators of the company.

The original home of the company was a 25 ft. x 50 ft. cement block building leased from John Belna. The company then purchased this building and began to add additional facilities as needed.

In 1949 the company purchased the remainder of Out Lot 37 adjacent to the Penn Central Railroad, and in 1959 it purchased three lots along Vine Street. In 1962 it purchased 3 acres along Route 127, south of Route 219. In 1964 it purchased the stockyard land from the railroad and an additional parcel adjacent to it in 1966. Also, in 1966 it purchased lot 469 from Carl Wendel for parking facilities; in 1977 purchased 2.3 acres from Penn Central Railroad adjacent to their present property. In 1977 it purchased .75 acres from Jack Schenking for a site for a future office building along Main Street.

The immediate post-war years caused considerable difficulty in getting into production. Machinery had to be purchased, tools and dies designed and made, and production material purchased. Production began in earnest in 1948, although a few units were manufactured in late 1947.

Bill Pax designed the products and made the tools and dies necessary to fabricate the parts through production. Dick Smith ran the office, purchased the materials and was the first traveling salesman.

As demand for more floor space was evident, additions were added to the original structure. There were additions during each of the first six years in business. Also a warehouse was built along Vine Street in 1961, a metal building was built at the Route 127 location in 1962, a large addition was added in 1966, where the former stockyard were located, a loading dock was added at the north end of the building in 1968 and the warehouse along Vine Street was increased in size in 1969. Finally, a new office building was erected along Main Street in 1980.

Following the introduction of the 15 bushel feeder in 1947, an all weather fountain line was added in 1949. Larger feeders were added in 1950, turkey feeders were added in 1952 and turkey waterers in 1953. In 1955 the creep feeder and baby pig feeder were added to the line, cast iron bottom feeders were introduced in 1955, cast iron troughs were added in 1956 and a 14 door round feeder in 1958. In 1959 the company developed bins and auger systems and also added the steer and calf feeders. In 1961 and 1962 the cast iron pressure line was added. A rotary cast iron feeder was added to the line in 1963, wall feeders in

1964 and baby pig waterers in 1965. In 1968 a grain storage bin was developed. In 1971 a line of steel pressure waterers was added and also a calf creep feeder. Wood feeders were developed during 1976 and 1977 to facilitate the need for confined feeding. Flex auger systems have been in a continuous process of development and expansion during the past ten years.

In 1949 an assembly plant was opened in East Moline, Illinois, and the following year another assembly plant was opened in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In subsequent years, assembly plants were opened in Kansas City, Missouri; Wilson, North Carolina; Waycross, Georgia and Jackson, Tennessee. The company also has warehouses in thirty strategically located points to facilitate dealer pick up of Pax products at a minimum of cost.

In 1954 Bart Desch sold his interest to Arnold Kramer, who had been an employee of the company since 1948. In 1967 William Pax retired due to general health problems and sold his interest to Arnold Kramer. In 1971 Dick Smith retired and transferred his interest in the company to his children. Mr. Smith died April 8, 1971, while on vacation in Florida, from a heart attack. Henry Knapke retired in 1984 and transferred his interest in the company to his children.

The company maintains its own fleet of tractors and semi-trailers to transport fabricated parts from Coldwater to the assembly plants and the transfer warehouses.

Today, Pax employs approximately 125 people and has its own sales force that covers the cornbelt, plus the south and southeast United States. The products are sold through approximately 3,500 dealers.

Arnold Kramer was elected President of the company upon the retirement of William Pax in 1967 and has held the position since that date.



Ray's Refrigeration, Inc.

Ray's Refrigeration, Inc. is located at the north edge of Coldwater. The founder, Ray Wenning, started in refrigeration during 1946 after coming out of military service after World War II and completing refrigeration schooling. He then took a job with Arcraft Mfg. Co., Lima, testing refrigeration equipment. From there Ray went to work for Bob's Radio and Refrigeration in Celina, and later worked for Modern Appliance in Celina. In 1949, Ray started his own business in Celina, and built a new refrigeration store on West Fayette St. In 1956, he moved the business and his family to Coldwater, where he built a new store north of his home. The present structure was built for more showroom and work area in 1979.

This is truly a family business as indicated by their work force which includes six full-time employees: Ray, Ron, Dan, Mike, Mary and Marge Wenning along with Steve Wenning as a part-time employee. Another son, Jim, worked there 13 years prior to becoming engaged in a full-time farming operation.

Ray stated "they all got the feel for this business before they actually received the knowledge." It was noted that there is a company policy which requires all employees to complete a refrigeration course, regardless of position, for a basic understanding of the principles involved. He feels this has enabled him to better serve their customers over the years.

Ray's Refrigeration sells and services residential and commercial equipment, appliances such as air-conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, ice makers, microwave ovens, stoves, furnaces, cooling units, walk-in freezers, water coolers, ice machines, and some other store equipment. Some of the brands they carry include — for heating and air-conditioning equipment: Lennox "Pulse" and Bryant; for commercial coolers: Nor-Lake; for household appliances: Amana, Frigidaire, Gibson, Jenn-Air, and Kitchen Aid. Other speciality items are also sold that relate to the above products.



Ray's Dairyland



Ray's Dairyland is a small business located on North Second Street owned and operated by Ray and Mary Wenning. They purchased this business in 1967 from Rich and Irene Woeste. They are popular for their super thick milk shakes and fast food service.

Over the years the Wenning's seven daughters have worked in the business. Today they usually hire 4 or 5 high school girls to help during the summer. Since it is an ice cream and fast food center, they operate only during the summer. They are usually open from about April 1 through September 30, depending upon the weather.

Sanning Service Station

Located at 401 South Second Street in Coldwater is Sanning's Service Station. Richard and Susanna Sanning have owned the station since October 1957. Gas sold then for \$.32 a gallon compared to \$1.00 now. Candy bars were a nickel, now selling for \$.40.

The original land had a building which housed supplies for the village of Coldwater. At that time the land was owned by John and Nettie Schroeder. In July of 1939 Lawrence and Alma Schlater purchased the property and erected a service station with the help of Clem Hemmelgarn. One of Lawrence's first employee's was Louis Schoen. In the 1950's it was a common gathering place for the "Korean War" age fellows to socialize.

Albert Sanning worked with his son (Dick) until his death in 1964. The late Ray Speck worked with the Sanning's until his retirement in 1974. In 1972, Dick's eldest son, Duane, started working with his father learning to be a mechanic. Charles, another son, started working part-time in the business, following in his brothers footsteps in 1974. In the fall of 1975, after Duane's high school graduation, Dick left the business in Duane's hands. After Charles's graduation from Lincoln Tech, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 1978, he joined his brother full time. Duane furthered his education through evening courses at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Their third son, Kevin, started working part-time in 1984. Now in 1987, working full time until he furthers his education this fall at Northwestern Business College in Lima, Ohio, Kevin plans on returning to the family business. Taking care of the clerical and bookkeeping chores for the last 30 years has been Susanna Sanning.

With the change in the automotive industry, they out-grew the original structure. In the mid 70's remodeling was in order; a third bay added, aluminum siding graced the outside, another hoist, an electronic wheel alignment and rack, plus custom exhaust pipe bending equipment were added.

Their mechanical services features: electronic wheel alignment and balancing, air conditioning, transmission and engine overhaul, brake service, radiator repair, complete custom exhaust system, and complete automotive repair.

Sanning Service is happy to be a service to Coldwater and surrounding communities for 30 years.



Werling Motors

In 1951 Peanuts Werling, owner of Werling Motors, started buying cars and reselling them as a sideline while working at the Pet Milk Co. He also sold used cars part time for Rudy's Auto Sales in Celina. Eventually he started a used car lot called Midway Auto Sales located on State Route 118 between Coldwater and St. Henry. A year later his father, Carl J. Werling, joined Peanuts as a partner in the used car business. Dusty Bomholt, an implement dealer from Celina, financed and held an interest in the business until 1953 when Peanuts and Carl purchased his interest.

In July, 1954, the Werlings took over the Ford franchise known as Willett Motors in Coldwater and the Ford Garage building was sold to and is presently occupied by Dayton Power and Light Company. The Werlings then leased the former City Garage owned by Ed Stukenborg and remodeled it to become the new Ford Dealership. In 1956 the father and son team purchased the St. Marys, Ohio, Ford-Mercury dealership and Carl Werling managed that establishment. The St. Marys dealership was sold in 1957 and Peanuts purchased his father's interest in Coldwater in 1959. Peanuts Werling was the youngest dealer in the Detroit District at 28 years of age. In 1960 Peanuts purchased the building from Ed Stukenborg and in 1963 he purchased the old City Hall, immediately South. That building was torn down and

the present dealership built in its place, with the Stukenborg building to be used entirely as a Service Department. The new parts department and Showroom is the largest in the area holding 26 cars under roof, which attracts buyers during bad weather who are interested in purchasing a new car that hasn't been weatherbeaten.

The garage that was purchased from Ed Stukenborg was once the town's largest livery stable. The old City Hall was also used as jail and fire department; the upstairs was once used as the Buckeye Overall Company, skating rink, dance hall, Nazarene Church Services, and meeting hall. The last years the building was used as the Coldwater Public Library.

Peanuts has purchased the old Tile Company office and lot as well as the Sinclair Service Station on South Second Street which is now used as the Werling Motors Body Shop and used car operations.

Werling Motors has one single owner — the establishment is not incorporated with several owners. Peanuts Werling's son Bill Werling has been named as successor by the Ford Motor Company and will eventually take over as sole owner.

Bill Werling assumed the responsibilities as General Manager in 1985.

1987 marks the 34th year for Werling Motors.



Ace Radiator Shop

Ace Radiator Shop, St. Rt. 118 was started in the early 60's by James and Rita Birt at its present location of 607 North Second St. In 1973 Steve Sutter bought the business and continues to operate it. On December 19, 1979 fire gutted most of the building. The business consists in repairs, recoring and cleaning of cars, trucks and tractor cooling systems. We also deal in selling new cores completes and heater cores.



Sandy's Lawn Decor

Sandy's Lawn Decor, St. Rt. 118 was first started on April 3, 1983, retailing lawn ornaments. The first two years were strictly retailing. In 1985 we started manufacturing with the purchase of three of our own molds. We now are pouring 68 of our own molds as of 1987. We paint $\frac{3}{4}$ of the ornaments sold, along with repainting and repairing of used merchandise. We now wholesale along with retailing. We hope to continue purchasing new items and molds to expand our business throughout the many years to come.



American Budget Company

American Budget Company was incorporated under the laws of Ohio on October 8, 1928, and is not a subsidiary of any other corporation. Its Executive Offices are located at 16 South Washington Street, New Bremen, Ohio. Operating loan offices are located in Lima, Sidney, St. Marys, Versailles, Coldwater, Wapakoneta and New Bremen.

Mrs. Patricia Muhlenkamp is Assistant Secretary and Manager of the Coldwater office at 208 West Main Street, where the branch has been located since 1964.

The Company owns and controls 100% of American Budget Mortgage Company which makes loans in amounts greater than the \$5,000 small loan limit, securing same by a first or second mortgage on real estate and/or other collateral.

The Company also owns and controls 100% of New Bremen Life Insurance Company, an Arizona based insurance affiliate which functions as a reinsurer of credit life and accident and health insurance related to loan and retail accounts.

As a licensed lender in the state of Ohio, the Company makes installment loans to credit-worthy borrowers on signature only, chattel property and real estate collateral. These loans are made for consolidating outstanding bills, home improvements, college tuition, medical expenses and many other worthwhile purposes.

American Budget Company also purchases retail installment contracts from selected dealers and merchants selling services, automobiles, household goods, appliances and other items on a time payment basis, thus permitting the consumer to acquire chattel goods when needed and to pay for their purchases in monthly installments from future income.



Bedrock Inn

Bedrock Inn, the popular gathering spot on the corner of South Second Street and Walnut Street, has been operating under that name since September, 1986. The building was built about 1900 as a hotel, and over the years has been a hotel, a restaurant, and a draft house. It even was the Coldwater bus stop for a number of years.

The business was bought by Roger Brockman and Ed Steinbrunner in March, 1977. Roger Brockman and his wife Cindy bought out his partner in May, 1983. From 1977 until 1986 the business was operated under the name "S & S Draft House".

At the present time Bedrock Inn specializes in bands for the 21-30 age group, with draft beer and mixed drinks available. The business is under the management of Rob Rindler, with Gary Stammen, Doug Knapke, and Darrin Stelzer as full-time employees.



Benanzer Nursery, Inc.

Benanzer Nursery, Inc. is located at 3366 St. Rt. 118. Bill Benanzer's first experience with the landscaping occurred in April of 1946. He was employed at New Idea when the work force went on strike. To pay the bills, he began working for Bill Foss, owner and operator of Foss Nursery. After the strike ended, he returned to New Idea, but continued to work at the Foss Nursery in the evenings and during weekends.

Three years later, he took several correspondence courses in landscaping. With that knowledge, he began designing the landscape for both residential and commercial places.

After working part-time for Foss Nursery for thirteen years, he started his own business. As the business grew, he purchased a used pick-up truck and hired some part-time help. He remembers completing twenty-three jobs that first year. Four years later, he completed one hundred and six jobs in one year, and he began bidding on commercial jobs.

The business continued where three to five men would work during the day and fifteen to eighteen would work on Saturday.

As the business continued to expand, he began spraying and treating trees, evergreens and turf. Shortly thereafter, the Environmental Protection Agency required the Department of Agriculture to license and certify this activity. Currently there are three licensed operators and applicators.

Several years later, Benanzer expanded into the Maugey Feeding Process. This allows the applicator to treat small to very large trees by injecting insecticides, fungicides, or stimulants directly into the trees. This procedure required additional schooling and training for the applicators.

In 1986, the business was incorporated. Even though it has expanded greatly since 1946, it still remains a family business. The Benanzer Nursery, Inc. has opened a branch office in Minster, with their son-in-law and daughter, Fred and Nancy Riethman, as the operators.



Ben Franklin Store

John Halterman moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, in January of 1957 and opened a franchised variety store, which was called Ben Franklin. The store was opened in the White Oak Shopping Center, one of the first shopping centers in Cincinnati. In 1963 he suffered a heart attack. Dave Halterman, a son, who was attending the University of Cincinnati at the time, quit school to go to work at the Ben Franklin. In 1966 another son, J. Scott Halterman, joined the firm and the Ben Franklin store in Springboro was opened. In June of 1973 Halterman Inc. was formed. The first action of Halterman Inc. was to sell the Ben Franklin of Springboro. Then the Ben Franklin of Coldwater was opened in the Coldwater Mall in November 1973. Dave was made manager of the Coldwater store and Scott was moved to manage the store in Cincinnati. In the summer of 1978 the Cincinnati Ben Franklin was liquidated. Scott then moved to Coldwater and opened the Coldwater Coast to Coast Hardware store which at the time was affiliated with Ben Franklin. In the fall of 1982, the Ben Franklin in Minster was purchased by Halterman Inc. and is currently owned by the corporation.

The Ben Franklin has served the Coldwater community for over 13 years providing the community with a variety of quality merchandise at reasonable prices. Current employees are: Pat Romer, Teresa Dues, Jay Halterman, Roger Tangeman, Judy Fiely, Dorothy Bills, Elaine LoBianco, Karen Young, Jeremy Alt, Lisa Steinbrunner, Linda Braun, Mary Ann Hemmelgarn, Ruth Lennartz, Cathy Morrison, Joan Kessen, Doris Kelch, Vickie Frerichs, Joan Voskull, Krista Halterman, and Jackie Mueller.



John L. Halterman
1909-1978

Coast to Coast Total Hardware

Opened in Coldwater, October 4, 1978, at the Coldwater Mall Shopping Center, Coast to Coast Hardware is owned by Halterman, Inc. and is operated by Scott and Pat Halterman, with their son Jeff Halterman and eight other key employees.

Scott and Pat Halterman, along with sons Jay and Jeff, came to Coldwater in August, 1978, to operate their Coast to Coast Hardware. Jay is now on the staff of the Ben Franklin Store in Coldwater.

Coast to Coast Hardware features 8,000 square feet of hardware, housewares, automotive, paint, sporting goods, plumbing, electrical, electronics, home furnishings, building materials, lawn, farm and garden, and video rentals. Halterman, Inc., was founded by John L. Halterman (deceased) in June 1973.



Bettie's Restaurant

The familiar landmark on the corner of Main and Second Streets in downtown Coldwater known for many years as "Bettie's Corner" and famous for its pan-fried chicken, rabbit, and shrimp, was originally established in the late eighteen hundreds. The original proprietor was J. A. Giere, who called it "Corner Oak Saloon - Giere's Place". In the early nineteen hundred's, Alex and Edward Giere joined their father in the business.

In approximately 1935, Gus Bettinger bought the business and renamed it "Bettie's Restaurant". Through the years Gus became noted for his extra little seasonings on his entrees. Cot and Linie Schoen worked for Gus for many years and in 1966 bought the restaurant. Cot died in 1967 and thereafter Linie and his wife Pauline managed the business. Linie died in 1971 and Pauline ran the business alone until it was sold to Mel and Agnes Bertke in April, 1972, - the present owners.

Through the years many businesses have come and gone but the familiar landmark across from the Catholic Church remains - Bettie's Restaurant.



Bicycle Sales & Service

Bicycle Sales & Service was started in June 1970 by Albert Vagedes (after his retirement from New Idea) and Ray Kremer as a partnership. They purchased a building at 311 S. Third Street from Richard Miller. The building had been used by the previous owners as an ice cream factory. The bicycle business and inventory were purchased from Carl Osterholt, who had been operating the business part-time from his garage and basement. The inventory purchased consisted of 12 new bicycles plus accessories. The first year the new bike inventory for Bicycle Sales and Service ranged from 25 to 35, all Huffly bikes. Tricycles were added in November 1970 for the Christmas sales. The only styles offered that first year were Coaster Brake and Three Speed bikes in 20", 24" and 26".

The partnership was dissolved December 31, 1971, and Ray Kremer purchased all assets from Albert Vagedes. Albert Vagedes was then hired to operate the business, which he did on a part-time basis until June of 1984. The business continued to grow and the inventory kept increasing each year, both bikes and accessories. In 1973 the business started selling 10 speed bikes. The 10 speed bikes sharply increased sales in their shop, as well as throughout the country.

Members of Ray Kremer's family worked in the shop during their high school years, and he also hired various high school boys to repair bikes, set-up new bikes, and assist customers.

In 1975 the business added a new line of bikes, the "Concord", manufactured in Japan. Stationary exercise bikes were also added. In 1978 Concord Mopeds were added to the inventory. In 1982 a new steel building was constructed at 577 S. Second St. and the business was moved on June 15, 1982. This building offered 3 times the space and therefore the inventory was greatly expanded. In 1984 the Bridgestone Bike line was added. In 1985 Concord no longer manufactured mopeds, so the moped business was discontinued. In 1986 the Univega and Sterling bikes were added.

In 1984 Tom Huston started working in the business in July. As of January 1985 Tom became manager, and a partnership was formed by Thomas Huston and Ray Kremer.

In 1987 Bicycle Sales & Service has over 250 new and used bikes in stock. They offer Huffly, Raleigh, Univega, Concord and Bridgestone bikes, along with AMF Tricycles and a full line of accessories in their 3,800 sq. ft. building. They offer complete repair and overhaul service.

Boeckman's Union 76

Rich and Ralph Boeckman have been busy every day since they bought the Pure Oil station from Lee Schockman and Marvin Braun in late 1948. The station, on the corner of Second and Walnut Streets, had a two bay building when they went into business, but they added a third bay in 1951. At the time they started business, gasoline sold for 20 cents per gallon, or 5 gallons per dollar. Today, the tax on gasoline is 23.7 cents per gallon, and the price is hovering around the one dollar per gallon neighborhood.

From the two-man operation of 1948 the station is now a four-man operation, Terry and Rick Boeckman being the other two men now working there full time.

The Boeckmans state that the biggest change over the years came with the beginnings of self-serve gasoline — automobiles are just not taken care of as well as they were when the oil was checked regularly and the windshields cleaned, etc. The aspect of the station the brothers are the proudest of is that they still have some of the same customers that they had in 1948.



The Boeke Insurance Agency

In the year 1912, John H. Boeke, who had been teaching school for 13 years in the southern part of Mercer County decided to move to Coldwater. He formed a partnership with Aloys Link of Coldwater and they engaged in the Insurance and Real Estate business. They were known as the "Coldwater Insurance & Realty Company" and later as "Boeke and Link, Agents".

Their office was located in the rear of the Peoples Bank Building at the corner of Main and First Streets. They remained at this location until 1930 when they moved to the Charles Morovilius Building, which stood on the present site of Willhoff's Furniture Store. They occupied this location until 1934 when they dissolved partnership. In the same year John H. Boeke's son, Werner, became associated in the business of selling insurance.

In 1936 a plot of land located at 117 S. Second Street was purchased from Tony Streacker and a brick office building was erected. In 1959 John H. Boeke retired from the business at the age of 83 years. With the business growing at a rapid rate, the office building at 117 S. Second Street became too small. Consequently, in 1973 an office building at 121 W. Main Street was leased and renovated and is now the present location of the Boeke Insurance Agency. In 1974 John Boeke, son of Werner Boeke, became associated with his father in the business, making it a third generation Insurance Agency. They operate a general agency offering Auto, Home, Business, Bonding, Life and Health coverages. The Boeke Insurance Agency spans the years from 1912 to the present for a total of 76 years serving the insurance needs for Mercer County and the surrounding areas.



Briarwood Manor

Briarwood Manor, 830 West Main St., Coldwater, OH is a comprehensive health care setting offering both skilled and intermediate care. We are certified for Medicare and Medicaid. Originally built as a fifty bed home, Briarwood later added fifty additional beds, making this a one hundred bed home.

At Briarwood we care for the total person, his/her psychosocial and spiritual as well as his/her physical and medical needs. It is our belief that the satisfying of each of these needs is of equal importance in our residents recovery and well being.

Each day at Briarwood is a special day with many and varied activities and special programs. Each month's activities schedule is prominently displayed so that our residents and families can schedule their days so as to not miss their favorite events. Some of these events include exercises, bingo, wine and cheese parties, bowling, ceramics, church services and many others.

Our well trained staff provides care under the direct supervision of the resident's personal physician. In conjunction with our twenty-four hour nursing care, we provide seven day a week rehabilitation services for those who require a daily program.

The Dietician plans meals to meet the special dietary needs of each resident. However, the dietary staff is continually striving to provide the home cooked touch to each meal. Every effort is made to prepare a menu which appeals to our residents with consideration for each person's personal likes and dislikes.

Open visiting hours are provided so that loved ones can visit at their own convenience. Comfortable lounge areas are available for family gatherings.

Our care is tailored to meet each resident's individual needs through the cooperative efforts of our caring staff, providing input, so that every resident can reach his/her maximum potential. This may mean being able to return home or functioning at the highest possible level within the health care setting.



David William Bruns

David William Bruns, attorney-at-law and solicitor for the village of Coldwater, began his practice in Coldwater on January 4, 1977, when he purchased the old Bank building on the corner of Main and First Streets.

Mr. Bruns, a native of St. Marys, is the son of William U. Bruns (a native of Coldwater) and Rosemary Bruns. He graduated from Memorial High School, St. Marys, in 1965, and graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 1969. Mr. Bruns then spent two years in the United States Army, including fourteen months in Vietnam. He then went to the Law School of Ohio Northern University, graduating in June 1975, and passed the State Bar Exam in November, 1975.

He has been the solicitor of the Village of Coldwater since 1979, and was president of the Mercer County Bar Association in 1985-86.

Rosalie Lange has been the secretary for Mr. Bruns since 1980, and he is highly complimentary on her efficiency. Mr. Bruns says he is thoroughly blessed by her working for him.



CBS Automotive Supply, Inc.

CBS Automotive Supply, Inc. was established in March 1949 at the corner of Main and Logan streets in Celina, Ohio. Original stockholders included A. J. Schritz, Dale O. Baer and Otto Steinbrunner. Robert M. Schritz, the current president of CBS Automotive, began working for the company in 1949. Robert became a stockholder in May 1964 when he opened the Coldwater location.

The third generation of the Schritz family, Kirt R. Schritz, entered the auto parts business in June 1979. Following graduation from Ohio State University in August 1985, Kirt returned to CBS Automotive. In December 1986, Kirt became a co-owner with Robert and assumed the title of vice-president of CBS Automotive.

CBS Automotive has thirteen employees. Don Dixon is store manager of the Celina location and Steve Wourms operates the Coldwater store.

The Coldwater store, located on East Vine Street, has recently undergone an exterior facelift, changing the visible name and image to the NAPA Auto Parts pipeline store concept. This was accomplished to facilitate national name recognition as NAPA your pipeline of auto parts. The Celina store is scheduled for the pipeline concept in 1988.

Another recent change occurred in 1986, with the installation of computers for inventory and accounts receivable management. A highlight of the computer is the ability to search, in minutes, eight NAPA Distribution Centers for special customer orders, and receive overnight delivery.

CBS Automotive features a full line of quality NAPA products. These include domestic and import parts, automotive paints, custom made hydraulic hoses, and many home, shop and farm supplies. Economical NAPA Silverline is available for the price-conscious customer. CBS Automotive also offers a complete machine shop service for engine rebuilding.

Although progress has brought changes, CBS Automotive will continue to provide the excellent quality service it has in the past. Remember, "Service is our most important product."



Central Soft Water Service, Inc.

In 1959 the Central Plumbing and Heating Company changed its name and business to Central Soft Water. The soft water portion of the company grew rapidly. In 1961 a similar operation was purchased in Delphos, Ohio, which doubled the size of the operation. In 1962 another purchase was made in Van Wert, Ohio.

With these purchases, the company broadened its service area to seven Ohio counties and three counties in Indiana. The business expanded service to include not only softening and water conditioning equipment, but also special filters for iron, sulphur, taste and odor problems. At this time automatic treatment equipment was added to the line of portable exchange tanks. The principle supplier of automatic equipment was the Water King Company.

The owners of the corporation were William King and Seranus Seitz. In 1973 Robert King and Richard Wuebker joined the company. William King purchased Mr. Seitz's interest in the corporation. In 1978 a branch office was established in Greenville to better service customers in Darke and surrounding counties. This office is located at 142 W. Water Street and is managed by Ms. Mary Jefferies.

In 1984 another branch office was established at 446 S. Main Street in Lima, Ohio to service customers in the Northern counties. The manager of this office is Bob Beebe.

In October of 1975 Central Soft Water Inc. was appointed the exclusive dealer for Kinetico, Inc. in West Central Ohio and Eastern Indiana. Kinetico manufactures the most revolutionary water conditioning equipment in the industry. This line of equipment, which is non-electric, operates on demand and uses less salt, helped establish Central Soft Water as the leading water treatment company in the area.

The present officers of the company are: Bill King, President; Bob King, Vice-President; Dick Wuebker, Sec-Treas.; Les Quinter, who has been with the company since 1966, is General Manager. Marlene Frilling is the Office Manager. Other present employees are: Steve Weitzel, Sue Ahrens, Doug Koesters, Tom Schindler and Regan Brandon.



Rainbow & Vacuflo

Henry (Hank) Selhorst started the Rainbow business in 1958. He operated this business from his home for many years, until 1984. He now operates from an office at 105 East Fayette Street, Celina.

Rainbow started life as RexAir when the system was invented in Toledo, Ohio, in 1936. The system was originally built as an air purification machine for hospital operating rooms. Later the system was redesigned and attachments added so that today the Rainbow system is used for homes, industries, businesses, and hospitals. The system operates on the water principle and has no bags and no filters. It is a complete air purification system.

In 1984 he added to his line Vacuflo, which first came on the market in the 40's, and which is a central cleaning system. This system is designed to clean homes, offices, etc., by use of a central cleaner to which attachments are made by the use of wall outlets. The system uses no bags and no filters and exhausts to the outside. It is also an air purification system.

Hank Selhorst sells Vacuflo over midwest Ohio, and sells Rainbow in Mercer and surrounding counties. Hank today has one full time employee, his youngest son, Larry. Mike, his eldest son, is a full-time Rainbow service man. Since two sons are associated in the business they plan to perform sales and service for many more years.



The Hank Selhorst Band played 1955-1985. (See his Family History.)

Coldwater Animal Clinic

The Coldwater Animal Clinic was started in 1945 by Dr. N. R. Slavik. Its first location was on Main Street in Coldwater. Dr. Norman Slavik was joined by his brother, Dr. James Slavik in 1954. Norman's son, Dr. N. R. Slavik II (Rick) joined the business in June, 1973. Dr. Dan Hellwarth joined the firm in June, 1979.

Present owners of the business are: Dr. Rick Slavik and Dr. Dan Hellwarth. Their employees are Maryann Otte, Matt Slavik, Elaine Ebbing, Mary Buschur, Carol Laloge, Jan Broering and Greg Miller.

The Clinic provides small and large animal services, and is located at 201 East Vine Street.



Coldwater Auction Service

Coldwater Auction Service was formed in 1967 when Ernie Uhlenhake became a licensed auctioneer after graduating from Reppert School of Auctioneering. Ralph Harlamert and Ernie Uhlenhake are well known in the Coldwater and Mercer County area for their many auctions, including household, farm machinery, antiques and farms. Rick Uhlenhake (Ernie's son) joined his dad in the auction business in 1978. Ernie and Rick are also licensed salesmen working with Harlamert & Co. Real Estate Office on East Main Street in Coldwater.

The above Motor Home is used for clerking at their auctions. Ernie and Gladys Kuess and Dorothy Harlamert started clerking for the auctions in 1973. Marilyn Uhlenhake does the typing and also helps with clerking of auctions.

The past twenty years have been an interesting experience for the Auction Team. They have seen the price of land increase from \$500 per acre to \$4790 per acre in this time period. The value of farm machinery has increased drastically. In the 1960's, the pull-type combine sold for about twenty-five hundred; today, the self-propelled combines retail for fifty thousand dollars. Tractors and other machinery have done likewise.

The Coldwater Auction team have enjoyed working with the people of the community with appraisals, auctions, both large and small. They hope to continue to be of service to the area.



Pictured from left are: Rick Uhlenhake, Ernie Uhlenhake, Marilyn Uhlenhake, Dorothy Harlamert, Ralph Harlamert and Ernie Kuess.

Coldwater Auto Repair Service

In 1972, after seven years of working as Service Manager for Werling Motors and establishing his own reputation, Ralph "Bud" Griesdorn decided it was time to venture into the business world. He purchased Coldwater Shell Service, located on Main Street, from Jack Schenking. With the help and support of his wife and family he operated this two bay service station for the next 12 years.

In 1978 he purchased the old Coldwater Implement Storage building (originally the Giere ice house), located at 120 South Third Street. With the help again from his wife Millie, and sons Randy, Gary and Tim, they began to renovate the building to handle the increasing demands of the more major types of auto repairs. Through the years 1978 until 1985 they utilized both locations under the title of Coldwater Shell Service to handle these repairs. Personnel during these years consisted of Ralph "Bud", Millie and Gary at the Service Station, and Randy and Tim at the Third Street location.

Their next major move was to give up the lease to the Main Street building and move the entire business under one roof at the Third Street location. This move eliminated the interruptions of pumping gas and allowed Bud and his sons the time to concentrate more on the business of repairing their customers' cars. At this time, the name of the business was changed to Coldwater Auto Repair Service. In 1985 Tim left, and in 1986 Gary left to pursue other jobs.

The current personnel at Coldwater Auto Repair Service are: Ralph "Bud" and Randy, partners; Mildred, secretary/bookkeeper; Todd, full time mechanic; and Gary, part time mechanic. We all thank you, our valued customers, for the many years of past patronage, and we plan to be around many more years to serve your complete automotive needs.

Ralph "Bud"



Randy

COLDWATER AUTO REPAIR SERVICE

Millie

120 SOUTH THIRD STREET
COLDWATER, OHIO 45828
TELEPHONE: (419) 678-4949

Todd



Coldwater Auto Sales

In October, 1984, Dave Rolfes formed Rolfes, Inc. dba Coldwater Auto Sales. Dave had, at this time, seven years experience selling automobiles. He had started with Bruce Green in 1977, and was working for Jackson's Chrysler GMC at the time he formed his own business. He bought the lot at 111 South Second Street, Coldwater, from Mestemaker's and has been in business there since. In March, 1986, the business was expanded with the purchase of Select Motors in Celina.

Present full time employees, besides Dave Rolfes and his wife Jean Rolfes, are Don Hoyng, Don Fortkamp and Bryan Deitsch. They specialize in late model GM cars and trucks of all types. They also rent vans and cars for any occasion.



Coldwater Ice Co.

The Coldwater Ice Co. was a local ice manufacturing plant, owned and operated by John A. Giere and several of his sons. The first ice plant, started about 1910, was housed in the building on South Second Street which is now Downtown McSobers. The first ice delivered from that facility was hauled in a horse-drawn wagon. That plant manufactured 200-pound cakes of ice and soon was unable to keep up with the demand for ice. A second larger plant was subsequently built on the SE corner of the intersection of the alleys of the same block. This plant made 300-pound cakes of ice and had a daily capacity of 10 tons. The plant had its own well and generated its own electricity to run the ice-making machine which used compressed ammonia as a refrigerant. The ammonia was forced through pipes which coiled through a pit of brine (salt water) into which rectangular cans of water were suspended. Air was blown into the cans of water by means of "drop" pipes in order to agitate the water to speed the freezing procedure. Freezing time for the 300-pound blocks was approximately 24 hours. The plant used a three-tank filtration and settling system to treat the well water. The milky white appearance of the ice on the lower end of the block was due to the large amount of mineral content in the water in this area of extremely hard water.

The ice manufactured in this plant was trucked to every community in the county and was delivered house-to-house in many areas of the county. It was also used in large quantities to cool refrigerated train cars which transported milk products from the local Pet Milk Company.

After the death of John A. Giere in the mid-1930's, the business was purchased by his son, Robert H. Giere.

In the late 1940's, with the advent of more plentiful home electric refrigeration, the plant experienced less demand for ice and subsequently discontinued operation in 1952.

The building was sold in 1963 to the Coldwater Implement Company where it conducted business until it sold the building to Ralph Griesdorn who operates Coldwater Auto Repair Service.

Submitted by Betty Brookhart



The Coldwater Implement Company

The Coldwater Implement Company was incorporated on March 7, 1935, to buy out the John Long Implement Company, which had been in business in Coldwater since about 1920. The original stockholders of the Coldwater Implement Company were Henry Synck, Theodore H. Oppenheim, Harold Colby and Frank Mestemaker. On February 10, 1936, Joseph and Frank Mestemaker bought the entire stock from the other stockholders. Tom and Jack Mestemaker became co-owners in 1959. Tom retired in 1975 with 36 years of service. Jack Mestemaker and his son Mark, along with Bill Fox and Dick Sanning are the present stockholders.

The dealership became an Allis-Chalmers and New Idea dealer the first year. In 1951 they added the Sperry New Holland line to the selection of farm equipment available to their customers. To this day, they still sell the same lines of equipment except with name changes — Deutz-Allis, White New Idea and Ford New Holland.

The old dealership, located in the heart of Coldwater, served the area farmers until 1976. But with improvements came changes and a 4 acre site located north of Coldwater on Route 118 was purchased and a new 70 by 130 ft. building was erected.

The new store features a display area for lawn and garden equipment, several offices, parts department and a large shop area.



Coldwater Lumber Co.

Coldwater Lumber Co. has been in operation at the corner of North and Fourth Sts. since the 1800's. First it was called the Coldwater Lumber Co., then The Hixon Lumber Co. November 15, 1919, it became the Western Ohio Lumber Co. Roman Rauh was the President and Manager until his death on November 3, 1947. The name was then changed back to Coldwater Lumber Co. and Carl Hess served as President and Manager until his death February 20, 1972.

Tony Link, started as an apprentice in September 1940. He has spent his entire working life with the company except for the three years he spent serving as Sergeant Major of the Fourth Medical Battalion during World War II. After Carl's death, Tony Link was elected President; and to date, he is still serving as President and General Manager.

The business struggled through two fires. April, 1974, the main lumber shed (80 x 160, full of lumber) and all the mill equipment, three trucks, and a forklift, were destroyed. July 8, 1979 the entire office, showroom and warehouse (housed in a building 60 x 160), along with one warehouse 30 x 50, were destroyed. Both fires were arson connected; only the arsonists in the second fire were tried and convicted.

Coldwater Lumber has served the community for over 90 years, carrying a large supply of lumber and building materials. Up until 1972, they were also engaged in developing lots for building sites, known as the Coldwater Lot Development Co. and Restful Acres. Coldwater Lumber Co. has and will, continue to supply the building needs for Coldwater.



County Animal Clinic

County Animal Clinic was established when Ronald C. Anders, DVM bought the existing practice of Roman Meyer, DVM in March of 1985. We started our mainly large animal practice in a small building adjacent to Dr. Meyer's home at 603 East Main Street. During the fall of 1985, we started remodeling and new construction of a building at the present location at 609 North Second Street.

In February 1986, we moved into the new facility and have been growing ever since. We presently provide full service veterinary care for all species of animals (cattle, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, dogs, cats, birds, exotics, etc.) Our services include general surgery for large and small animals, dental care, preventative health care, radiology, grooming, boarding, feed evaluation, herd health consultation, and many other services too numerous to mention.

Our employees consist of Dr. Anders, originally from Darke County, a veterinarian who graduated from Ohio State University and practiced in New York State for 3 years before coming to Mercer County. Kelly Kaufman is a veterinary technician who graduated from Columbus Technical Institute (CTI) with an associate degree in Animal Health Technology. Kelly started building the practice with us in March of 1985, when the practice first began. We have hired numerous high school students from Coldwater to help in the practice after school, weekends and summers. We have supported the Tri-Star Agri-Business program for the second year. At the present time our part time employees include: Greg Moeller (when home from OSU), Kelly Hayes, Kris Heitkamp, Teresa Hoying, and Elaine Stiles (who helps out during the day while the students are in school).

Doc's wife, Beverly, acts as office manager and mans the phone and two-way radio after the office closes each night and on the weekends. They share their home in Coldwater with their son, Chris, and daughter, Jenny, both Coldwater Elementary students.



Nationwide Insurance Co.

In 1958 Nationwide Insurance Companies signed Maurice Cron as a part time insurance agent. In September of 1960 Maurice went full time with the company and moved to Coldwater, Ohio. He maintained his office in his home at 107 N. Cedar Street. In June of 1973 he moved his office to 217 South Second Street. This gave him the much needed office space to service his policyholders.

The agency continues to grow in policyholders with the casualty line making up the greatest portion of business. He is licensed to sell all lines of insurance including mutual funds. Over the years, he was awarded the President Club Award in Service, member of the President Club and the Challenger Club, company awards given to agents who meet the company's high standards.

Major changes seen in the operations of daily business went from all transactions done manually in triplicate to a computer automation system. With the computer, all paper work is suppressed.

Nationwide implemented a drive-up claims service which has proved to be very efficient in handling claims. One of the drive-up claims stations is serviced out of Maurice's office.

He has served the Company not only as an agent for 28 years, but also on their advisory boards which help to keep their motto "In-Service-With-People" a reality.

The insurance field is a constantly changing one and requires continuing educational programs. Maurice has successfully completed many courses and has the LUTC and CLU designations. He is an active member in both organizations.



Custom Body Shop

The Custom Body Shop was established by Tom Hoyng on March 1, 1961, on Butler Street — before there was a Butler Street. At that time it was a narrow one way road running just that far West.

Tom Hoyng had become an auto body repairman in January, 1955, when he returned from military service. After working for several area dealers, he started working for himself in rented space in 1958. In 1960 he bought a used wrecker and has been pulling autos in off the road since then. Then in 1961 came the big move to the new building on Butler Street.

Since then the business has prospered. In December, 1986, the present building, behind the former building, was purchased. The 1961 building is and will continue to be used for painting. At this time, besides Tom, there are two other full time employees — his sons Dan Hoyng and Dave Hoyng. There is also a part time employee, Jeff Adams. At this time the Custom Body Shop specializes in auto collision repair. They do all types of auto body repair, painting and restoration.



Darlene's House of Styles

"Darlene's House of Styles" opened its door on December 4, 1984. After working eleven years in St. Henry, Darlene (Sanning) Gruss opened her own hair salon in downtown Philothea, just west of Philothea School, at 3801 Philothea Road. (678-8134)

As a single operator, she offers services to the entire family of today's casual and carefree styles. Her services include roller sets, styling with blow dryers and curling irons, permanent waving, various hair coloring, facial waxing and hair cutting.

Since her graduation from "Ohio State Beauty Academy" of Lima, in December of 1973, Darlene has seen styles change considerably. In the early 70's, there was a heavy teasing and up does, where every curl was placed and pinned securely in. The late 80's now see a loose natural looking style.



Dr. Charles H. Dickman Dr. Wayne R. Kettler Optometrists

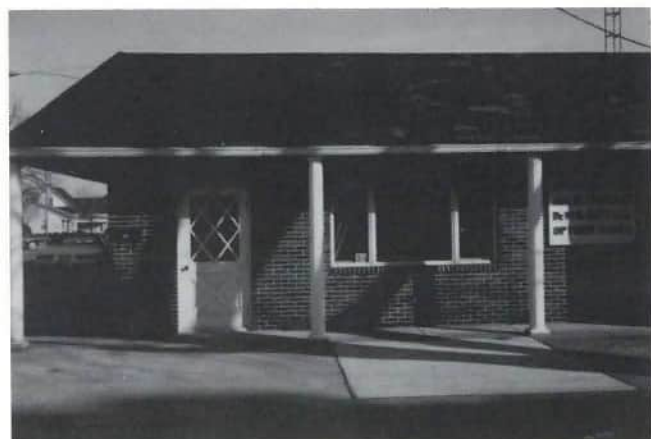
Dr. Charles H. Dickman began his practice of optometry in Coldwater on December 1, 1956. His office was located in the Synck Building at 103 S. Market St. In 1967 he moved to 209 W. North St., a building he had purchased and remodeled.

In 1971 Dr. Wayne R. Kettler joined him in the practice of optometry. Six years later, in 1977, they purchased the building at 201 S. Second St. After extensive remodeling the doctors moved into the larger, more modern office space in January 1978, just before the 'blizzard'. This is their present location.

Both Dr. Dickman and Dr. Kettler graduated from The Ohio State University College of Optometry in Columbus, Ohio.

Since 1978 Dr. Dickman has been a staff member at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. He serves as a clinical instructor each Friday during the school year.

Both Dr. Dickman and Dr. Kettler and their competent office staff strive to provide quality vision care and courteous service to their patients, utilizing the most modern methods and equipment available.



F & J Farm Service Inc.

F & J Farm Service is a stock corporation which is primarily owned by Floyd & Judy Winner of Coldwater. The business was started in February of 1972, by Floyd Winner, Fred Kremer, Joe Dues and Judy Dalk all of which participated in the actual construction of the original buildings.

F & J Farm Service began by selling fertilizer, seeds and farm chemicals to area farmers, but has grown to be more service oriented. Today's services include soil and tissue testing, equipment rental and delivery, and custom application services for all of today's herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides needed for the area's agriculture. Even more emphasis is being put on field planning, test plots, comparison and trial plots where customers can try various products or cultural practices under their own field conditions.

F & J currently has four full time employees, Steve Knapke, Linda Leugers, Mark Hess and Dave Robbins.



For Kids Only Preschool

For Kids Only is a preschool for four and five year old children. It was opened in March of 1986 by Mary Hart and Sue Schmiesing.

Mary and Sue, as co-teachers of the preschool classes, offer an enrichment experience for the children through a wide variety of activities in a carefully planned, child oriented environment. These activities include art, music, body management, science, stories, fingerplays, games, cooking, resource persons and field trips along with periods of free play both indoors and out.

It is the goal of the preschool to help the children grow in the areas of physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development.

There are eighteen children in each class. Classes meet in the mornings and afternoons for two and one half hour sessions.

Pictured are children, who were enrolled during For Kids Only Preschool's first school year, busy at various activities.



Froelich's Jewelry

Willard and Marilyn Froelich purchased Kettler's Jewelry Store in September, 1967, from Herbert and Geraldine Kettler. At that time the store name was changed to Froelich's Jewelry. It is located at 215 W. Main Street.

Before purchasing the store Willard and Marilyn were employed at Vogele's Jewelry store in Celina for ten years.

Willard graduated from Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, with a degree in Horology (the study of time). Also included in the schooling was the art of jewelry design, repair and engraving.

The store carries a full line of watches, diamonds, wedding bands, diamond remounting, gold jewelry, clocks, leaded glass and silver holloware. Class rings are also available to area schools.

The exterior of the building has been remodeled from mirrored black glass to a brick front. The back wall cases inside the store are of solid mahogany and have been kept in their original condition.

In addition to Willard and Marilyn owning and operating their business the store also employs Mary Ann Post, Jeanine Muhlenkamp, Lisa Sutter and Rebecca Kunk.

In the fall of 1987 the Froelichs celebrated twenty years in the Jewelry business.



Gross Floor Company

In 1956, Louie Gross, who had been refinishing and sanding wood floors while working out of his home, rented a space in what is now the Eagles Building to open the Gross Floor Company. Louie, who had previously been a partner in the Coldwater Home Supply, then added a line of Armstrong linoleum. By the next year he received an award from Armstrong for service.

In 1962 the business was moved to its present location at the corner of Sycamore and Second Streets, the former site of a tile yard. A line of carpets was added, and later furniture in 1968. In 1981 three children of Louie and Flora Jane Gross, Rob Gross, Tom Gross and Marge Kahlig, bought out the business. At the present time the three partners are the full time employees of the business. They continue to carry a full line of carpets, other floor coverings and furniture. Although they own the business, they say they still have Louie to answer to to maintain the quality of their service.



Happy Humpty Family Restaurant

The Happy Humpty Family Restaurant, owned by Terry and Suzanne Ballweg, was opened at 120 Terrace Avenue, Coldwater, on October 19, 1981. There is another restaurant in St. Marys which was built in 1963. The Coldwater establishment is managed by Sue Moyer and Joyce Ebright. They employ about 25 people.

The Coldwater store is a full service restaurant. It is waitress style inside and has a drive-thru system outside. The menu is very complete. They have dinners, luncheons, sandwiches, pies, ice cream, and salad bar. They have daily specials both at lunch-time and supper. They also serve breakfast any time of the day. The restaurant has a banquet room, which is available for special occasions. Also Happy Humpty can cater a wedding, family picnic, meetings, etc.

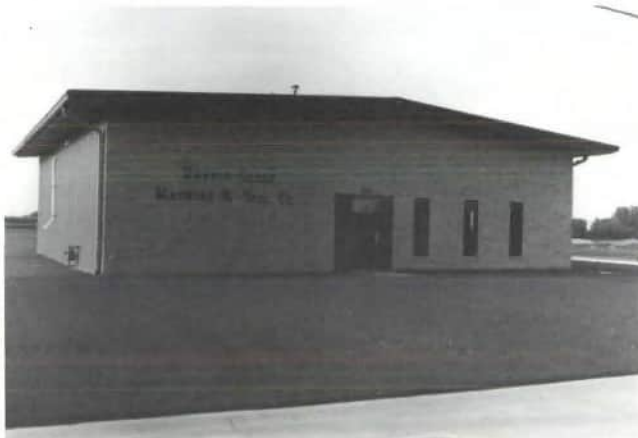


Hardin Creek Machine and Tool Co.

Hardin Creek Machine and Tool Co. located at 200 East Hardin St. was started in February of 1984 by Jerry Turner. They design and build a variety of different kinds of tools for local and out of state companies. These companies produce products such as bicycles, residential lighting products, rubber products, farm equipment, medical and hospital related equipment and furniture. They also repair parts for production machinery used by these various companies.

In 1987 a service was added called "Hi-Tech Wire Division" which specializes in machining precision tooling components with a computer controlled electrical discharge wire burning machine. It can produce parts with a .0002 inch tolerance.

The company presently employs six people and is planning an expansion in 1988 with an additional 3500 square foot building planned.



Hein Bridal Shop

Hein Bridal Shop opened in the basement of our home at 704 Marian Drive on April 10, 1960. Outgrowing our space we sold our home in the spring of 1961. We moved to our present home, 4898 State Route 219, the present location of Hein Bridal Shop August 30, 1961. For years while our children were small Sally Duwelling helped with some of the alterations. Sally then retired and now I do all the alterations myself. Sewing is a love of mine so I enjoy my work! Being able to cut and identically style miniature bride and bridesmaids without a pattern has always been an enjoyable task for me. Customers asking for minor changes in style make their gowns suit their individual tastes! Both Lester and I enjoy going to the major bridal markets in Chicago and New York City. Many salesmen travel to Coldwater to sell their lines of merchandise to us. We stock designer gowns as seen in "Modern Bride" and "Brides" magazines. Many leading manufacturers gowns have been available at Hein Bridal Shop for years. Not only can you buy designer gowns, but dyed satin shoes and elegant headpieces and veils, all undergarments and jewelry for your wedding are available. Since 1982 you also can have silk flower bouquets and corsages made to your liking. These are done by our eldest daughter Vicki Frericks, who also lives in Coldwater.

Hein Bridal Shop started small but has grown to a full time business. It has always been operated by appointment only to give the customers personal attention and adequate time to make a happy selection. We make each wedding a beautiful wedding.



Hibner Jewelers

Robert E. Hibner, formerly affiliated with Thoma Jewelers of Sidney and Piqua, Ohio, established his jewelry store in Coldwater on July 7, 1951. The store was first located on South Second Street, with an assortment of jewelry, and he specialized in watch and jewelry repairs.

After two years at that location the business was moved to the building which had been formerly occupied by the Peoples Bank Company, on the corner of Main and First Streets.

On April 28, 1956 he moved to a larger facility at 106-108 West Main Street, in the building he presently occupies. In the late 1960's a new store front and walk-in vault were added to the existing building.

In 1986 he celebrated his 35th year in business in Coldwater. Mr. Hibner has been associated in business with his wife Betty (Borchers) and they are the parents of five children.

Bob Jr. is a licensed Physical Therapist and is the director of that department at Community Hospital. He resides in Coldwater with his wife Sharon (Langenkamp) and their four children, Kimberly, Michael, Matthew and Mark.

John is a Mechanical Engineer with degrees from the University of Cincinnati and Purdue and is employed by General Motors in Indianapolis, where he now resides.

Maria is married to Greg Gaerke, a Staff Sgt. with the 82nd Airborne Div. of the US Army and they are living at Ft. Bragg, NC where he is presently stationed. She worked for a jeweler in Fayetteville, NC. They are scheduled to be transferred to Germany for duty there for three years.

Joe is married to Brianna (Baker) and they reside in Dayton where he is finishing his senior year at Wright State University. He is majoring in business marketing as he plans to return to Coldwater to work with his dad in the jewelry store. He has had specialized training and experience in the jewelry business.

Ann graduated from Coldwater High School in 1987 and had been a teacher for the first grade Religion program and also a class officer for three years. She is attending the branch of Wright State University, studying in the area of Social Work.



Hogenkamp Funeral Home

The Funeral Home in Coldwater was founded in 1900 by the late Joseph R. Desch. He sold the business in 1934 to his son, G.P. Desch, who operated it for 31 years. On January 10, 1965, the business on West Walnut Street was sold to N.J. Hogenkamp Sons.

N.J. Hogenkamp Sons, Inc. presently has homes in three locations, Minster, St. Henry and Coldwater. They are owned and operated by Nicholas A. and Bernard Jay Hogenkamp, with Nick and his son Nicholas C. managing the Minster Home, Jay the Coldwater Home and Larry Heitkamp the St. Henry Home.

The Hogenkamp business was established in 1874 at Minster. Joseph Knostman, maternal great grandfather of Nick and Jay and Bernard J. Hogenkamp, fraternal great grandfather were in business together at the turn of the century with Mr. Knostman making the caskets for Mr. Hogenkamp.

The burial boxes at that time, before embalming came in, were lined. The inside portion contained the body and the outside compartment was filled with ice. This section would have a hole in it and the water from the melted ice would drop into a bucket which would have to be emptied periodically. Bodies at that time would only be shown for a day, then buried.

In the early 1900's the business was taken over by Nicholas J. Hogenkamp, grandfather of Nick and Jay, and in 1938 their father Nicholas P. bought the business. After the death of Nicholas P. in 1967 the firm was purchased by Nicholas A. and B. Jay.

The firm is now going into the fifth generation of Hogenkamps as funeral directors, with Nicholas C., son of Nicholas A., working out of the Minster Home, and Brian, son of B. Jay, just graduating from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

The new funeral home on East Main Street in Coldwater, opened its doors on March 30, 1975.



Homan Real Estate

Tom Homan started in the real estate business in the year 1959 when he received his real estate salesman license. Tom worked real estate sales part time and also worked a full time job at the local New Idea plant.

In the Fall of 1962, Tom received his real estate Brokers license and started in full time real estate sales from his office located in his home at 609 West Vine Street.

As Coldwater and Tom's business grew, he purchased the old Methodist Church property from the Church of God in 1971 and built a new home with more office space at 516 West Main Street.

In the year 1974 Tom's oldest son, Dave, received his real estate salesman license. Dave worked real estate sales part time and was also employed by Huffy in Celina. After Dave received his real estate Brokers license in 1977, Dave and Tom formed a partnership that is today known as Homan Real Estate.

In 1978 Homan Real Estate purchased the Sunderhaus residence and former barber shop located at 120 and 124 West Main Street. After clearing the lot, their new office facility was completed in 1980.

Homan Real Estate is actively involved in residential, commercial, farm sales and also rental property management.



Home Bakery

Bill and Linda Donauer are the current owners of Home Bakery located at 109 W. Main St. The building is 127 years old. We believe that the business was established by Bachman's — but there are no records to verify this. On June 16, 1920, the Schenking brothers purchased the business. They maintained and operated the bakery until September 17, 1945. Joe Weiskittel purchased the business and owned it for 2½ years. On April 10, 1948, Bill Donauer purchased the business from Joe Weiskittel.

Bill retired and sold the bakery January 1, 1988, to Carl Robert Brunswick, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Brunswick, Coldwater. Carl is a graduate of Dunwoody Baking Institute of Minneapolis, MN. He has worked full time with Bill for the past 18 months.

Years ago, deliveries were made to the surrounding small grocery stores in the county. Years ago, sweet rolls were made from bun dough. Today they are made from a basic sweet roll dough. When Bill Donauer took over the business he thought that cream-filled breadsticks would be a new popular item, but they did not appeal to the public. Times have changed along with the variety of products and today cream-filled breadsticks are very popular. When Joe Weiskittel owned the business, donuts were available two days a week. Today, donuts are available every day. In 1965 Bill Donauer introduced the cinnamon twist. It has been a very popular item ever since.

In 1956 a loaf of white bread sold for 60 cents. Today white bread sells for \$1.09 a loaf.

Today the Home Bakery offers a various kind of breads, buns, donuts and sweet rolls. Also available is a large variety of cookies, special occasion cakes and wedding cakes.

The community of Coldwater has been fortunate to have a small bakery for so many years.



J. F. Hoyng Hardware Co.

In the year of 1891, Joseph Hoyng at age 14 started to work in the Kleinhenz Gardner Hardware Store in Coldwater. Kleinhenz sold his share to Gardner in 1894. In 1898 Gardner sold out to Andrew Rathweg and a year later Joseph Hoyng bought ½ interest in the hardware store. It was called Rathweg and Hoyng Hardware and Implement Co.

In 1900 Joseph F. Hoyng bought Rathweg out and took his brothers, Frank and Roman, as partners. It was then called Hoyng Hardware and Implement Co.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Hoyng had two sons, Ernest and LaMont. In 1923, Ernest started to work in the hardware store and in 1931 LaMont joined his father and brother in the store. LaMont carried on his trade as an armature winder and electrician. In 1931 LaMont Hoyng married Agnes Losche, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Losche. His wife was a sister to Ernest Hoyng's wife, Helen. To LaMont and his wife, a son was born on June 17, 1934, whom they named James Patrick Hoyng. After James finished high school, he went to St. Joseph College for one year. He served in the army two years. When he returned home, he traveled as a hardware salesman for Van Camp Hardware and Iron of Indianapolis, IN.

In 1962 Ernest J. Hoyng died and one hour and 20 minutes after his burial, Mr. Joseph Hoyng died. That left LaMont alone in the store. So, after the death of Ernest and Joseph Hoyng, James left Van Camp and joined his father in the business. In August of 1986, LaMont died, and today James is running the business with the help of Harry Hicks, Jr. In three generations, the Hoyng's have 190 years in the hardware business.



Joseph F. Hoyng



Ernest Hoyng



LaMont B. Hoyng



James P. Hoyng

Coldwater Dental Office

Dr. Karl Grossman & Dr. Robert M. Hoyng

The dental office of Dr. Karl Grossman and Dr. Robert M. Hoyng is located at 702 West Sycamore Street. The office provides a location for two separate dental practices operating under one roof.

In the middle sixties L.C. Werling submitted Karl Grossman's name to the Coldwater Jaycees organization, who, at the time, were looking for professionals to locate in Coldwater. The Grossman family had bought Fords from Werling Motors for many years. The Jaycees contacted Dr. Grossman during his junior year in dental school at Ohio State University. He and his wife, Marian, were invited to tour the town hosted by Rolland Braun and Edgar Schwieterman. The Grossmans were introduced to Dr. Karl Feldhake, who was a strong influencing factor in the Grossman's decision to come to Coldwater. In the Spring of 1965, the lot on West Sycamore Street was purchased and Wagner Construction was the general contractor. In early August 1965, the office was opened to its first dental patients.

In Dr. Robert Hoyng's junior year of dental school at Ohio State University, he began to search for a small community to begin his career. His uncle, Clarence Reigelsperger, encouraged him to visit Coldwater, birthplace of Dr. Hoyng's father, Lawrence. In the Fall of 1972 Dr. Hoyng and his wife, Nancie, toured the town and met Dr. Feldhake. Dr. Feldhake introduced him to Dr. Grossman. Dr. Hoyng expressed a strong interest in Coldwater. Dr. Grossman offered the availability of space in his building. Work was begun to remodel the building to accommodate an additional dentist. In September of 1973 Dr. Robert M. Hoyng opened his general dentistry practice.

In 1979 the dental office took on some changes with the addition of a dental hygiene room and adding a panoramic radiograph machine. The carport was enclosed to provide much needed space. Beginning in late 1987 the office is again being remodeled to be completed sometime in early 1988 by Steinbrunner Construction.

Dr. Karl Grossman's and Dr. Robert M. Hoyng's dental practices have served the Coldwater area for over twenty years. Both practices are looking forward to serving the dental needs of Mercer County residents well into the future.



Paul E. Howell Attorney at Law

Mr. Howell began his law practice on November 5, 1985. He established an office in St. Henry as an associate in Bruns & Associate, but in May of 1987 he established his own firm. Mr. Howell's new firm's main office is the former New Idea Administration Building at the corner of Sycamore and South First Street in Coldwater. The law offices occupy the first level, while the second has been remodeled into living quarters. Mr. Howell, his wife Joyce (formerly Kanney), and their son Matt live on the second level.

The law office building is a landmark of New Idea history. It was constructed in the early 1920s. It is a stately stone edifice with a large entrance stairway and pronounced roof-over-hangs. It was early characterized by large meeting rooms and smaller, accompanying offices. The offices were occupied by secretaries, accountants, sales managers, and even the president. Numerous interior alterations, both decorative and structural, have been made through the years. In the late 1930s, New Idea began to execute plans to add additional floors. A "temporary" one level, wood structure was added in the rear. This was to house employees while new construction continued, but with the coming of World War II and its demands, the new plans were thwarted. The wood structure became permanent and no new floors were added.

The building stood vacant for several years before Mr. Howell purchased it and began the remodeling.

Independent Coffee Services Inc. dba ICS Intercontinental

This business was originally started in 1967 in Versailles, Ohio and was purchased by Richard Dapore of Versailles in 1969. In 1970 Dale B. Droesch became sales manager for Richard Dapore. In 1972 Dale became co-owner and in December of 1972 he became sole owner. The company was then doing business in a seven county area. In 1973 he moved the business to Coldwater, headquartered at 319 East Walnut Street.

Dale and Dolores, his wife, ran the business with the help of their seven children: Dale Jr., Douglas, Denise, Doris, Darrin, Dean and Darla. In 1979 they purchased an office and warehouse at 606 North Second Street, their present location. They also added their first full time employee, Dennis Brunswick, as Route Salesman and Serviceman.

The nature of the business is complete coffee service for offices, factories, shops and restaurants. International Coffee Service furnishes the equipment and services at no extra charge for customers that buy their products; a full line of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cups, etc.

As of October of 1987, the company was incorporated. They now have four full time employees: Dale B. Droesch, General Operations Manager; Dolores E. Droesch, Office and Warehouse; Dennis J. Brunswick, Delivery Route Salesman and Serviceman; and Darrin D. Droesch, New Account Salesman, Delivery and Serviceman. The business now is servicing 20 counties in Ohio and Indiana.



Koester Electric

In April, 1986, Koester Electric, was originated in the former Quality Dry Cleaning building. It is located at the corner of Mill and North Street in Coldwater. The building was purchased by Charles and Aneta Koester. Jeff and Tom Koester, who both had experience as electricians for a number of years, started the business. They do Industrial, Commercial and Residential wiring. There is also a large selection of different style lighting fixtures that can be ordered through them. They are proud to be among the Business Community in Coldwater.



Kohn's Home For The Elderly

Carl and Mary Kohn purchased the former Albert Sutter property at the north end of Coldwater in the spring of 1983. In June of 1983 a home was designed and built with the elderly in mind, for those who are unable or do not desire to live alone.

It consists of eight bedrooms, nine baths, a large living room, dining room, kitchen, family room, and two laundry rooms.

November 1, 1983, the residents were moving into our home, each having their own private room and half bath.

Ralph (Mike) Felver was one of our first residents. He moved in Nov. 2, 1983, and is still residing with us, giving us the rewarding feeling of caring and sharing.

Each resident is encouraged to maintain as much independence as possible and to socialize with each other. There is never that alone feeling with around the clock care and assistance if needed.

Our present employees are Mary Alice Dahlinghaus, Alice Feltz, Betty Jutte, and Laura Wendel - also Carl and Mary Kohn and daughter Kris Kohn.



Wabash Garage, Inc.

Wabash Garage, Inc. came into existence literally by accident. Phil LaRue was involved in an accident which put him out of the work force for a while. During this time he decided to open his own business. It opened with Phil and one part-time mechanic doing repairs on cars, pick ups, and farm machinery. The garage was housed in the front half of the existing barn on the LaRue land west of Wabash on State Route 29. The work area has been increased to include a full scale body shop and mechanical repair shop and can accommodate twenty semi tractors at one time. A building project is underway now, to include a larger parts and storage room and a frame shop. The wrecker service has been phased out, but wrecked trucks come in from all over the United States and Canada to be repaired. Two parts routes have been added, one in Indiana and one in Ohio. Several employees have celebrated being employed by Wabash Garage, Inc. for ten years or more. These include Jim Brockman, Ken Schoenherr and Frank Dues.

Wabash Garage, Inc. employes 22 full and part-time employees and is still growing.



Coldwater Mall Association

The Coldwater Mall Association was formed in January of 1986, with Scott Halterman and Romie Schwieterman being the original "Co-Presidents." At that time, there were thirteen charter establishments: Society Bank, Roessner's Mall Service Center, Happy Humpty, Radio Shack, Coldwater Auto Parts, Brodbeck's, LaGrande Pizza, Ben Franklin, New Image Beauty Shop, McSports, Coast to Coast, and McSober's. In July of 1987, Mall Shell was added to the Mall "Family."

In 1983, the Mall Merchants initiated what would become an annual fireworks display, held on the Friday nights prior to the Coldwater Community Picnic as a Kick-Off to the local event. Since then, promotional additions have included, along with the ever popular sidewalk sales: Bands, a beer stand, attendance prizes, including trips to Las Vegas and Florida, weekend getaways to Cincinnati, and numerous cash prizes.

In December, 1986, the infamous "Santa Shack" was christened in the Mall. Since then, the "Ugly Duckling" of all Santa Claus Castles has rapidly become a popular yearly tradition.



McSober's Saloon

McSober's Saloon, formerly known as the "City Night Club" and originally located at 107 South Second Street, Coldwater was "born" July 1, 1979, when it was purchased by Joe Bidlack and Romie Schwieterman. The name originated from the two owners, along with a buddy, Kris Darr, temporarily running away from home, and adopting the new name of "McSober."

The tavern was previously owned by Ginny Scheer, who continued to work at McSober's until she retired in 1983. The other "chief cook and bottle-washer" was Katie Grieshop, who was employed in that same building for nearly 40 years. Had Katie received a dime for every egg she fried or for every tenderloin she breaded, she would without a doubt be a millionaire! She also played "Mom" for the infamous "Morning Coffee Club."

The "Old" McSober's soon became well known for its Saturday midnight shows which featured Romie and Joe beating wildly on whiskey bottles with soup spoons to music; and for some quite original shows, including such classics as "Crotch I" and "Crotch III," (spin-offs of the Rocky movies); Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom" with Marlin Perkins and Stan Brock, his noble assistant; the Chinese chefs; Richard Queen; the bartenders obstacle course; Aloetta; and many more. On three occasions, the shows made it to television with Art Brown's "Two Country" (twice), and Ron Hueston's 21-Alive, filming specials on location.

There were also 218 brave men (a few were women) who entered McSober's wearing ties but left without them, since ties weren't allowed in order to promote a more casual atmosphere. Donald Hoyng was the lucky gentleman who "donated" the very first tie.

Other employees at the old McSober's included Charlie Seitz, Doug Fisher, Doc Fortman, Jeff Muhlenkamp, Myron Stucke, Bill Klenke, and the "Hungry Hippos."

On March 21, 1985, Bidlack and Schwieterman opened a new McSober's on the "east coast" of Coldwater, located in the mall shopping center. The building, with 4800 square feet, was constructed mostly with the help of McSober's good customers, "the bar flies." These eight guys are the reasons that so many pictures, plaques, and paintings adorn the walls — to cover the various nail holes, thrown hammer marks, and an assortment of other mistakes.

The Saturday night shows are still in existence, although not nearly as often. However, there is live entertainment every weekend, with regular appearances by "E.Z. Rider," "Raspberry Jam," "Two Way Street," Rajun Cajun, The Swivel Rockers, Infinity, and McGuffey Lane.

The "Field General" in the kitchen is Vi Braun, and her cooking is second to none. Anyone not caring for Vi's Goodies would be wise to keep quiet, lest they risk getting a plate of the cook's famous "Johnny Marzetti" in their lap. Katie Grieshop is still in the line-up, whipping up some major league viddles at the tender young age of 75. And the cast of "Kitchen Aid" would not be complete without Rita Diller, the

ace waitress that always throws away silverware so she doesn't have to wash it.

The maintenance engineer is Harold "Brock" Brockman, who keeps the floor so clean, he can eat off it. Smudge one of Harold's clean windows and your name is mud! Other employees include Seitz, Fortman, Stucke, "Chops" May, Geri Post, Kris Darr (one day), Jeanine Muhlenkamp, Mindy Geise, Joe Koester, Cindy Bruns, Carol Holdheide, Kathy Prenger, and Mr. Mop Man, Little Matt Schwieterman. With help like this — well, you figure it out!!!



Co-owners Joe Bidlack and Romie Schwieterman.

McSports Amalgamated

McSports Amalgamated (We can't say it either), formerly known as Sport Shack, was opened April 21, 1982 by Joe Bidlack and Romie Schwieterman in the Coldwater Mall Shopping Center; west of Coast to Coast, east of the New Image, north of Coldwater creek, and south of Joe Weis' house!

Billed as "Coldwater's largest sporting goods store" (mainly because it is the only such store in town), McSports began as a limited sport shack franchise store.

In June of 1985, the store went independent and the name was changed to McSports to let people know the association with McSober's.

McSports in 1988 is a full line sporting goods store including all hard lines (balls, bats, gloves, etc.), all athletic shoes, apparel, embroidery, silk screening, heat transfers, trophies, and plaques. Most schools within a 45 mile radius are serviced to some extent by McSports.

One full-time employee was hired when the store first opened. Brenda Borger, from the nearby suburb of Philothea, brought shoe retailing experience to the store. Since then, McSports has added a secretary, a phone receptionist, a seamstress, a lettering expert, a buyer, and a cleaning lady, but Brenda is still the only employee. For these reasons, Brenda has garnered the store's prestigious "Employee of the Year" honors five consecutive years, and we're hoping the aforementioned comments will discourage Miss Borger from asking for a raise in the near future.



Home Service Station

In the early 1900's, the corner of First and Main Streets housed a movie theatre owned by Al Pontius. During the next decade the building was converted to a Standard Oil gas station. In the 1940's and 1950's, owner John Schroeder operating under the name "Home Service Station" was kept busy with a car washing business and servicing the Pet Milk Co.'s fleet of milk trucks. The thriving company had approximately 60 flat bed trucks which picked up the milk cans from area farmers.

After the death of John Schroeder in 1955, the business was sold to Wilbert Bruns and Eugene "Jim" Ontrop. The partners continued to sell Standard Oil products and also expanded the facility to accommodate the rapidly changing automobile industry. During this period services included gasoline sales, car washes and automobile maintenance. About 15 years later the business converted from Standard Oil to Texaco products.

In 1978 the untimely death of "Jim" Ontrop left carrying on the business to Wilbert and his two employees, Larry Hausfeld and Dan Brackman.

Texaco Oil discontinued their services in Ohio in 1980 and Home Service, Inc. converted to Marathon Oil. The business was sold to Larry and Dan in 1986 who continue to offer full service for auto repair and gasoline sales. Today's world has meant keeping up with the innovative computerized automotive systems.



Mercer County Awards

Mercer County Awards & Engraving was started by David Rolfes in 1975. Dave worked out of his parent's home until he married and moved to Coldwater with his wife, Jean Boeke. Jean and Dave ran the business out of their home until March, 1985, when the business was purchased by Jim and Pat Large. The Larges rented the building at 216 West Main Street and relocated the business in a downtown store setting. In October of 1987, the building was purchased by Jim and Pat from Red Carpet Inn.

The building at 216 West Main Street has formerly housed Schwieterman's Pharmacy, Neal Jenkins Kaiser-Frazer Car Dealership, Becker Sport Shop, Conrad Electrical and Appliances and others at different time intervals.

Mercer County Awards and Engraving specializes in manufacturing recognition awards for industries, schools, civic and charitable organizations, as well as, the private sector. They manufacture trophies, plaques, medals, ribbons, etc. The engraving is done on the premises. Mercer County Awards and Engraving is a family-owned and operated business that employs all four members of the Large family. No job is too large or too small for Larges. The area served by the business covers several counties in Ohio, with some clients located as far away as Florida and New Mexico. The Larges are also members of the national Trophy Dealers and Manufacturers Association.



Mercer County Chronicle

Serving Mercer County Since 1898

The Mercer County Chronicle has been printing on a weekly basis for over 100 years.

In 1884 when the town of Buzzard's Glory was changed to be known as Coldwater, the first newspaper was published. C.M. Smith and Frank Omior edited and owned the newspaper together for 18 years. At that time the newspaper was called the Coldwater Change.

George Phillips, then owner and editor of the Celina Advocate, purchased the paper in 1902. The name was then changed to the Coldwater Chronicle. The paper in those days was published every Thursday by the Chronicle Publishing Co., Coldwater, Ohio and entered at the Post Office on March 15, 1902 as second class matter under the act of Congress of March 3, 1879. The Coldwater Chronicle was printed in a small building behind what is now the Peoples Bank building, the same building in which the Coldwater Change was printed in 1884.

As the Chronicle grew, Mr. Phillips needed more space, so he rented a building that was originally the St. Lawrence Hotel, then later the St. James Hotel. The Chronicle still occupies this building today.

Henry Coates, who married Phillips's daughter, Blanche, then purchased the paper in 1920.

In 1934 the Chronicle was purchased by the Hoyng brothers, Paul, Sylvester and Arnold. In June of 1936 the name was changed again. This time to the Mercer County Chronicle and it covered news from the entire county. In 1944, Paul Hoyng became sole owner and publisher.

In June of 1971 the paper was again sold. This time to its current owners, The Delphos Herald, Inc. (Delphos, Ohio).

After purchasing the paper in 1971, the composition and printing of the paper was moved from Coldwater to Delphos and was changed to the offset method of printing.

When a fire damaged the printing facilities of the Fort Recovery Journal in January of 1973, owner Tom Hastings sold his subscription list to the Chronicle, increasing circulation of the paper by almost 1,000.

Mercer County Publications continue to maintain their offices at 223 W. Walnut St., Coldwater, Ohio. The gathering of news and advertising is handled there, as well as the subscription list that is maintained in Coldwater and mailed from the Coldwater Post Office. Currently the Chronicle is run by an all-female staff which includes: Bonnie J. VanDeMark, General Manager; Christina Kennedy, News Editor; Jeannette Wellman, Business Office Manager; and Liz Schlarman, Advertising Sales Representative.

Merchant's Row

Downtown Coldwater is where Jim and Mary Sowar wanted to locate a greeting card and gift shop in 1987. The former Pearces 5 and 10¢ store was available and an ideal location but was much larger than the needs of the gift shop. The Sowars saw the potential for opening the entire building to house other small shops. With financing support from a local bank, several businessmen, and the county C.I.C. agency, an extensive remodeling project was undertaken on the structure built in 1933 by N. J. Smith. New electrical, plumbing, and heating-air conditioning, along with a state required sprinkling system, were installed.

After five months of extensive renovation, the following shops were opened in May of 1987: The Card Cupboard, owned and operated by the Sowars and assisted by Julie Stammen and Martha Noll; Merle Norman Cosmetics Shop owned and operated by Joyce Schwieterman and assisted by Donna Eyink; (This shop was relocated from the Schwieterman residence where it was in operation for thirteen years.) The Kings Room hair styling salon owned by Judy Martin and managed by Alice Ahrens; and The Music Box record and tape store owned and operated by Tony Feijoo.



Mile-X Tire Grooving Company

Mile-X Tire Grooving Company, Inc. is owned and operated by Sharon and Ed Kingery. The business was purchased from Millard G. Love of St. Louis, Missouri in 1979. The business was moved to Coldwater in October of 1979 and was operated out of our home until January 1986. At that time it was moved into a new building in the Coldwater Industrial Park.

Mile-X Tire Grooving Company, Inc. manufactures tire regroovers for the transportation industry. We are also a manufacturers representative for several companies who manufacture shop equipment used to repair and maintain trucks and buses.

The regroover we manufacture is used through out the transportation industry to cut new grooves in worn tires. The machine is largely automatic and provides a number of cutters in a side by side relation. These cutters form a plurality of grooves in the tire.

After a tire has been run for a number of miles the tread will wear causing loss of traction. Such tires are quite safe from the structural point of view, but they are not safe from skidding on wet or icy roadways. These tires can be rendered safe against skidding by forming in their faces a number of grooves which will provide full gripping of the road surface. This also provides longer mileage from the original carcass.



Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was founded March 2, 1857, and has had career agents in the Coldwater area since the early 1900's. In January, 1983, Jack Knapschaefer was assigned as Special Agent to cover the Mercer County area, and in July, 1986, opened the office at 213 W. Main Street.

The office, built by Mike Luken Construction in September, 1985, stands on the location cleared by a fire which consumed the Koesters Bar and Schoch Paint Store in 1983.

The staff now includes District Agent Jack Knapschaefer, Special Agents Andy Piper and Steve Feltz, and Secretary Jean Siegrist.

Products offered include Life, Health, and Disability Income Insurance, and Annuities. Areas of service include personal and business insurance, estate planning, and pension design.



Olding-Gebele-George

Olding-Gebele-George Agency of Coldwater, Inc. was incorporated by David H. George in January, 1984. The corporation was formed to handle the Coldwater insureds that had been a part of the Olding-Gebele-George Agencies, Inc. with offices in Coldwater and Celina.

Olding-Gebele-George started business in Coldwater in 1969 when they purchased the General Insurance Agency from the A. J. Gebele estate. In April of 1974 upon the retirement of William Oberholzer, Olding-Gebele-George purchased the Oberholzer Insurance Agency and merged the businesses together at 217 W. Main St., Coldwater.

The Agency operates with a staff of four - Dave & Eileen George, Kathy Riethman and Roger Rindler.



Pla-Mor Lanes

In 1972 Joe Remaklus & Linus Hartings bought the 8 lane bowling center which was located on North 2nd St. Then in 1976 they built a new 16 lane center and restaurant located at 225 E. Hardin St. and the old center was torn down. Construction on the new place began in February and on July 27th it was open. Today it is a 16 lane center, Cavalier Lounge and restaurant, VCR tape rental, lottery machine & video games.

In 1982 Linus Hartings bought out Joe Remaklus & is now sole owner.

In July of 1987 automatic scoring was put in.

Pla-Mor Lanes has had fifteen 300 games bowled, three of which belong to Linus Hartings.

Employed at Pla-Mor Lanes are: Linus Hartings, Carol Hartings, Rick Hartings, Jim Large & Teresa Buening.

At the end of the 1986-87 bowling season Pla-Mor had 559 lady bowlers & 540 men bowlers.



Professional Floor Service

Professional Floor Service came into being in July 1977. The business came about through a desire to own and operate a business of my own.

The first operations were traveling around the northwest section of Ohio refinishing gym floors. Due to a desire to stay close to home a direction toward carpet cleaning and upholstery cleaning systems was developed. The same chemical company was of great help in making a smooth transition.

After about five years of cleaning carpets and upholstery a decision was made to add car and van interiors. Again the addition was smooth because we were able to use the same materials, solutions, and equipment.

During the first nine years the business was operated from the home. This caused problems especially during the winter months with storage, and the cleaning of cars and vans. Building plans were drawn and a building was built by August of 1986. The building, located in the industrial park, is used for storage and car and van cleaning. An open house was used as an introduction in October 1986 with operations beginning immediately afterwards.

During these ten years the business has maintained a high degree of success with the help of Mr. Nick Wenning, Mr. Myron Stucke, Mrs. Mildred Mendenhall and Mr. Bruce Mendenhall. Many other young high school students helped from time to time: Jeff Birkmeyer, Dan Schneider, Joe Schneider, Rick Muhlenkamp, Dale Clune and Rod Kremer.

Ron Mendenhall
Owner & Operator



The Red Carpet Inn

The building which today houses the Red Carpet Inn was built in the early 20's by Charles Jenkins, who attached the building to his hotel, which was immediately west of the building. When built, the ground floor housed the "Rex Theatre", and the upper floor housed hotel rooms. The frame hotel building to the west housed the hotel lobby and their restaurant. The Rex Theatre was Coldwater's earliest movie theatre, and also had a tiny stage upon which the Coldwater Drama Club performed. The Depression and other theatre competition forced the closing of the Rex Theatre in the early 30's, and then the building was rented by the United States Post Office. The site remained Coldwater's Post Office until 1940, when the present post office was built on the corner of Second and Main Streets.

The building was then rented to "Bud" Cabbage, who started a restaurant in the location. Mr. Cabbage was followed by Ivo Kremer, who renamed the restaurant as "Kremer's" and developed it into one of Coldwater's most popular eating spots. In the 70's, Ivo Kremer retired, and Ted Evers and Bill Mustard followed him, continuing the restaurant under the name "Kremer's".

In 1984 John Stammen and Dave Schoenlein acquired the business, completely remodeled the building, and named their place of business "The Red Carpet Inn". Since 1984 their business has grown, and they continue to provide their patrons with one of the better eating spots in Coldwater, specializing in a varied menu and all legal beverages.



Rish Plumbing & Heating

Rish Plumbing and Heating was founded by Bob Rish and Bob Doll in partnership in 1954 in the building occupied by the business today at 115 East Main Street, Coldwater. The building had been built to house an automobile dealership. After the end of the partnership, Bob Rish occupied a building on West Main Street for several years, then bought the present building in 1963. In January, 1964, Vince Gruss started working as a plumber in this business. Earlier, Vince had worked at several other occupations, including military service. Vince Gruss bought out Bob Rish in 1974, but retained the Rish name for the business. Since buying the business, it has prospered for Vince Gruss. He bought the building in 1980. Today the business includes the full line of plumbing and heating lines. Besides Vince, there are three other full time employees: his wife Mary Ann and his sons Mike Gruss and Mark Gruss. The family may be plumbing for a long time.



Roger's Flowers & Gifts

A flower shop was founded on West Main Street, Coldwater, on March 29, 1947, by Don & Kathleen Desch. They were in business 29 years. They had included a Hallmark Card Shop since 1957.

On April 1, 1976, the business was sold to Roger Schmit, who at that time had been an employee of Desch's for seven years. At this time (1987) Roger has been a floral designer for 25 years. The name of the business was changed to Roger's Flowers and Gifts in 1977. They are in business as full service florists, are members of both FTD and Teleflora, and also still operate the Hallmark Card Shop. Roger's also operate a county-wide delivery service.

At this time, besides Roger, their employees include Roger's wife, Diane, and Vickie Piper, Sue Beckman, Robin Kantner, Joan Kessen, Roberta Will and Sue Evers.



S & K Metal Products Co.

S & K has been located in Coldwater for 38 years. The business was originally started by Harold Sudhoff and Romie Kaup on a part-time basis in a garage, manufacturing metal-stamped parts for the furniture industry. The business soon moved to East Vine Street, where it presently occupies a building of 28,000 square feet. In 1980 it was purchased by a group of investors which formed a closely held corporation. The operation today is managed by Sherman Mackey, the largest stockholder in the corporation.

One of the many interesting products is made exclusively for the Reynolds & Reynolds Co. It is sold through Reynolds & Reynolds to car dealer service departments for the "Early Bird — Nite Owl" service program. This program allows a customer to drop off a vehicle during closed hours by putting the keys and service instructions in an envelope for that vehicle, then inserting the envelope in a safety mail slot which goes through a wall. S & K Products successfully re-designed this system for Reynolds & Reynolds to be reliable and safely used. They manufacture the weather protective metal box used for the storage of necessary material, with a writing surface that is self-closing and the mail slot for this program.

Another less expensive unit is manufactured for ABS plastic for the Reynolds & Reynolds marketing program.

Another product is also manufactured and marketed through Reynolds & Reynolds — a key cabinet used by car dealers.

A patent was obtained for their assembly design on one of the most recent products called "The Chairman". This patented table incorporates a rotary display pedestal which is used for displaying literature, information bulletins, and magazines. Its display capacity is comparable to a four foot wide by two foot high literature rack. The table top remains stationary while the display is rotated. "The Chairman" is a masterpiece of design excellence, workmanship, and innovation, having many uses in an office, office waiting room, lounge, or home. It is currently being test marketed by selling direct to the customer through advertising.

Metal book holders for church pews are another product that is being manufactured. A marketing plan is being developed for this product also.

The long-standing furniture hardware line is promoted nationally and currently is serving customers in approximately 27 states. The line includes corner brackets, braces, angles, and over 170 varieties of chair and table leg attachments, plus "KD" hardware. Engineering assistance is also offered in the development of special structural hardware to customers in the furniture business.

S & K is also in the process of compiling a product line from this furniture hardware line which eventually will be marketed through wholesale hardware distributors. This line will include components that can be used by the home owner or hobbyist when repairing or making their own furniture, and for general use by the end user.

S & K Products manufacture horse and bridle filler bits, which are purchased by the majority of the domestic bridle manufacturers. The filler bits are used on competitively priced bridles in their respective market areas, including the replacement filler bit market. S & K holds the major share of the United States market with this product competing against overseas firms. It is thought that S & K Products may be the only remaining high volume bridle filler bits manufacturer in the USA.

The company is extremely proud of the 15 employee work force at the plant, which have to make all the above products and more. Mackey stated that the employees are a very vital part of the company's success. They are: George N. Black, Harold J. Winhoven, Stanley J. Fiely, James C. Wagner, Jerry I. Garman, Robert L. Ebright Sr., James A. Beougher, and Thomas J. Romer. These are the long-time employees.



Coldwater Depot Interior, March 17, 1928. W.J. Baer, F.C. Ensign

Credit: Dale Baer photos.

Schoch Paint Store, Inc.

The Schoch brothers, Dan and Arnold, were two farm boys from St. Peter's Parish, which is near Fort Recovery, Ohio. In 1916 they arrived in Coldwater and began working in the painting trade. Because painting was considered seasonal work, they reverted to other jobs in the winter.

During the 1920's the Schoch Brothers were very fortunate. They were able to help decorate the Mercer County Court House, Celina, and the Saint Charles Major Seminary, Carthagenia. Also their first shop opened, and was located in John Alber's barn, which was across from the Western Ohio Lumber Co. One of the services provided here was the hand painting of Model T Ford cars, naturally in black.

Their establishment changed locations several times. From Alber's barn they moved to the Jenkins building on West Main Street. After a disastrous fire destroyed that building in 1934, they bought the former Rosenbeck and Fisher Grocery on the south side of West Main Street just west of the railroad, and converted it into a paint store. This store was the first full line paint store in Mercer County and the surrounding area. Later in the 1930's they incorporated floor covering and carpet into their paint business.

The store remained at this location until it was destroyed by fire in July, 1983. Schoch's Paint Store is currently located in the Romer Building, on the north side of West Main Street.

Schoch's have operated a flooring and decorating service to Coldwater and have worked on many prominent buildings and churches in the area. Although most of the members of the Schoch Brother's families have worked in the store at some time, presently the business is being operated by Dan's son, Louis "Bud" Schoch, and Arnold's son, Norman Schoch. This year marks sixty two years of service to four generations of Coldwater families.



Schwieterman's Pharmacy

Schwieterman's Pharmacy, Coldwater, is owned by Schwieterman Drug Stores, Inc. Schwieterman Drugs was founded in 1916 in New Bremen, Ohio, by Urban J. Schwieterman. The founder died in 1945. Schwieterman Drug Stores, Inc., now operates four retail pharmacy sites: New Bremen, Coldwater, Fort Loramie, and St. Marys. The corporation is now owned by David Schwieterman of New Bremen, Linie Zumberge of Coldwater, and Mark Dominik of St. Marys.

The Coldwater operation was first opened in 1974 on West Main St. at the present site of Mercer County Awards. The first manager was Jim Hay. The pharmacy moved to its present location on the east side of Coldwater in 1982. The manager since 1983 has been Linie Zumberge.

The operation at Coldwater became fully computerized on January 1, 1983. This computerization allows better record keeping, quicker prescription service, insurance and tax information printouts, printing of nursing home medication records, checking for allergies and drug interactions, and control of insurance billings.

Schwieterman's Pharmacy served as pharmaceutical consultants for Community Hospital from 1974 to 1983. They have served the area nursing homes for more than 10 years with medications, consultations and medical supplies.

In April, 1987, Schwieterman Drug Stores began providing durable medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, hospital beds, oxygen, etc.

Full time employees at Coldwater are: Emma Sudhoff, operations manager; Paula Forsthoeffel, nursing home technician; Chris Beckman, durable medical consultant; and Linie Zumberge, RPh, manager.

Manager Linie Zumberge states "As store manager, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff for their efficiency and dedication and to our patrons, who make Coldwater a pleasant place to live."



Seafood Island

March 5, 1983, became the first day of operation of Seafood Island when Jerry Meiring, then on layoff from his factory job, returned from Green Bay, Wisconsin, with a rented truck loaded with 1700 pounds of fish. These fish were soon sold, and another trip with a rented truck was made. Since then the business has grown to the point where Seafood Island has its own refrigerated truck to make deliveries, and semi-trucks deliver seafood from all around the world to the location on South Second Street, at the South edge of Coldwater.

Jerry credits the idea of bringing seafood to Coldwater to his grandfather, August (Gus) Wenning, and his father, Harold Meiring. During the early 60's, Gus Wenning ordered fish for Coldwater, to be shipped in by rail, which he then sold. Later, after the demise of a depot in Coldwater, he had fish shipped in by Greyhound. With the closing of their depot, the direct shipment of fish to Coldwater ended. However, when Jerry Meiring was on layoff, he was encouraged to try to bring fresh fish to Coldwater - and it worked.

In 1986, Jerry added an ice manufacturing business. Today he sells fresh seafood, wholesale and retail, and provides ice, wholesale and retail. The motto of the business is "If it swims, we can get it." Besides Jerry, four other people work in the business; his father, Harold Meiring, his mother, Bernie Meiring, his fiancée, Julie; and his grandmother, Francis Borgerding, in the retail store at the south edge of Coldwater on 118.

The business is growing, but Jerry remembers, that without his grandfather's ideas - no business.



The Seventh Street Carryout

The Seventh Street Carryout was purchased by Charles Ayers and his wife Rosamond (Rosie) in February, 1985. The building was originally built as a carryout at least 25 years previously and had been added to twice. The business has had several owners over this period of time. When the Ayers bought the business, a state liquor agency was immediately added. The following July, the business started selling state lottery tickets. At the present time they carry a complete line of carryout items. Their pizza business has doubled since their purchase of the business. They feature hot and cold subs, and intend to soon feature broasted chicken.

At the present time, full time employees are Judy Wilson and Judy Roessner, and they have many part time employees, including delivery workers.



Sowar's

In 1938, Mr. and Mrs. David Sowar, Sr., opened a clothing store, known as Sowar's Department Store, in Coldwater, Ohio. They rented a portion of the Hess building, located at the corner of Main and First Streets, at 121 West Main Street, in the building presently occupied by Boeke Insurance Co. In 1944, Mr. Sowar died at the age of fifty. Mrs. Sowar continued to operate the store and was joined by her eldest son, David Sowar, Jr., in 1945. Through their joint efforts they moved one block west to the southeast corner of Main and Market Streets, at the Store's present location. On February 28, 1952, they celebrated the grand opening of the new store.

With the growth in business, a corporation was formed in December 1962, with David Sowar serving as President and General Manager. The Shoe Store was added in December 1963; the Men's Store was opened for business in May 1967. David and Mildred continued to run the store until Mr. Sowar's death in 1970, at the age of fifty-one. Robert Beer, Mr. Sowar's son-in-law, came to the store at that time, filling the position of General Manager, a position he still holds. In 1978, Mildred Sowar passed away at the age of 85 years.

Today, the present controlling stockholders in the company are: David Sowar's wife, Thelma Link, President; Robert Beer, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mary Beer, David's daughter, Vice-President. Mary is Acting-Purchases and Manager of interior design, along with Dorothy Mader, Manager of the Ladies Department, and Carol Wermert, Manager of the Shoe Store. Sowar's pledges to the Community, a store filled with the latest fashions in clothing.

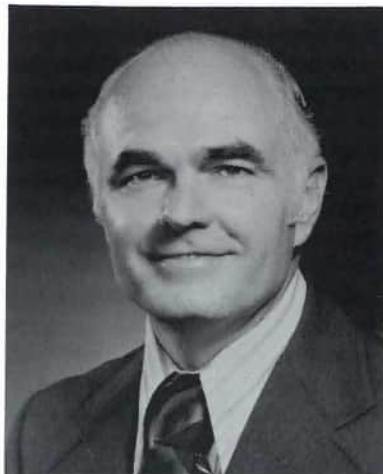


Ralph "Cappy" Stammen Insurance

Ralph Stammen started selling Life, Health, Annuities, and Group Insurance in November of 1955, with the primary insurance company being Columbus Mutual Life.

Since then, he has familiarized himself with the many phases and changes pertaining to the life insurance industry. He received the Chartered Life Underwriters Designation in 1973 and is currently a nine-year member of the Million Dollar Round Table.

His office is located in his home at 814 West Vine Street, Coldwater, Ohio.



Steinbrunner Construction

Steinbrunner Construction of 224 Eastview Dr., Coldwater, started in business in March of 1976, with the owner, Wally Steinbrunner, working with one full-time employee. Wally apprenticed 12 years under Herb Huwer, a very well-respected contractor, until he retired. When starting his own business, his experience enabled him to handle all lines of work.

Those first years of business were booming years for new-home construction. In the past 3-4 years not as many new homes have been built although in 1987, it has picked up considerably. When not building new homes, the crew have put on numerous additions, new roofs, siding, window and door replacement and many other misc. repairs. The business has expanded to Wally and two full-time employees plus his sons who work with him in the summer.

Wally, having been in construction for 25 years, enjoys his work and gets much satisfaction in seeing the new look brought about with home improvement.



Society Bank, N.A.

A tradition of sound, secure and progressive banking began when the First National Bank of Celina officially opened on July 31, 1900.

During the next 88 years new offices were constructed and others were acquired through mergers. In 1972, First National Bank received permission to build a facility in Coldwater, Ohio under the name of First National Bank of Mercer County which clearly indicated the Banks intention of providing county-wide service to their customers.

The Coldwater facility opened in December 1972 in a temporary mobile office. Two years later the permanent office, complete with a Community Room, opened at 730 East Main Street.

Today, as Society Bank, N.A., the Coldwater Office provides a full range of services for the community including a variety of Checking and Savings Accounts, Installment and Mortgage Loans, Travelers Checks, Money Orders, Safe Deposit, Trust and Brokerage Services.

Under the management of Clem Ebbing, Julie Bergman, Aneta Koester, Martha Prenger, Irene Seitz and Mary Ann Tremper offer a banking staff that is dedicated to the philosophy of "Building a Better Bank Around Their Community" both in their service as a banking center and in their personal commitment to involvement in community activities.



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Superior Harvestore Agri-Systems, Inc.

In 1962, the manufacturing of silo staves was begun in New Bremen, OH by the new company of Superior Silo, Inc. In the early winter of 1964, the new 15,000 square foot building was completed and Superior Silo moved to Coldwater, OH. Superior Silo continued to grow through the years by manufacturing stave silos and marketing, installing and servicing automated feeding equipment for livestock.

In 1974, Superior Silo began sales and construction of glass-lined structures, which were predominately used for the storage of haylage and high-moisture corn. In 1979, the manufacturing of stave silos was discontinued.

Superior Silo became a Harvestore dealer for western and southern Ohio and eastern Indiana in 1985. At this time, the name of the company was changed to Superior Harvestore Agri-Systems, Inc., so that it would be more reflective of what the company was currently doing.

Currently, Mark Abels is the General Manager and Wayne Abels is the Operations Manager. Superior covers an area whose boundaries consist of Columbus to the east, the Ohio River to the south, the Michigan line to the north, and Indianapolis to the west. The company has three outlying service branches.

Superior Harvestore Agri-Systems has 4 main areas that they market products for: forage and grain storage structures; feeding automation; milking systems; and manure management. Forage and grain structures consist of Harvestore structures. Feeding automation products consist of top unloaders, bottom unloaders, feeders, conveyors, mixers, computer feeders, roller and hammer grain mills. Milking systems consist of automatic take-offs, stalls, backflush and milk weighing systems. Manure management products consist of spreader and vacuum tanks, manure storage tanks, PTO-driven and electric pumps, and manure irrigation equipment.

Superior Harvestore Agri-Systems, Inc., is located at 212 W. Butler St., P.O. Box 109, Coldwater, OH 45828. Phone: 678-2316.



Superior Foods

In May, 1975, Jim and Gerry Schmackers decided to go into business for themselves and formed Superior Foods. They began distributing eggs. Within the next year they added cheese products and fresh poultry. In later years they have added portion controlled meats, primarily for restaurants. Today they also have fresh turkey in season (Thanksgiving and Christmas time), and processed turkey products during the entire year. They now have a complete line of restaurant products.

Superior Foods do both wholesale and retail business. They have fresh chicken available at all times — both for your home freezer and for any special occasion. From Philothea they distribute their products primarily to Dayton and Cincinnati. Superior Foods also have an egg processing plant in Farmland, Indiana, and distribute products in central Indiana from that plant.

As their business has grown, so has their staff of employees. Their son, Mike Schmackers, has been a full-time employee since 1978; son Dave Schmackers since 1980; and daughter Sandy Kaiser since 1984.

Superior Foods hopes to be able to continue to serve their friends and customers in west central Ohio and east central Indiana for many more years.

**Mall Service Center
True Value Hardware
Corner Auto Sales
Radio Shack
Coldwater Auto Parts**

The above group of businesses in the Coldwater Mall are owned by Kenneth and Marilyn Schwieterman.

The Mall Service Center was started by Kenneth Schwieterman in 1970 with a car wash. Today the car wash is gone, and the Mall Service Center does all types of auto repair work, specializing in exhaust and brake services. They can provide exhaust services for any type of automobile. The manager of the Mall Service Center is Roger Evers, and the mechanics are Tim Hein, Allen Koesters, and Ralph Ewry.

The True Value Hardware opened in 1972, with all types of hardware. The Radio Shack line of complete electronics was added in 1979. Marilyn and Kenneth Schwieterman operate the True Value Hardware/Radio Shack store.

The Corner Auto Sales has been in operation since 1972. They specialize in mostly older used cars.

Coldwater Auto Parts has been in business since 1982. They have been affiliated with CarQuest since 1985. CarQuest has a full line of quality parts, with overnight delivery on all items. The manager of Coldwater Auto Parts is Jim Ross.



Post Office

The post office of Coldwater, Ohio, was established on February 26, 1847, with Joshua H. Bye as the first postmaster. The early post office was usually in the business place of the postmaster or in his home. In the early years there was a very rapid turnover of postmasters, with a total of twenty postmasters from 1858, when the first postmaster left the office, until April 5, 1893, when the name was changed to Coldwater. The postmasters since then, with their date of appointment, were: Christopher F. Bohman, April 5, 1893; Perry E. Arbaugh, June 9, 1897; C.L. Morvilius, February 1, 1911; Henry C. Fox, February 13, 1915; Anna B. Fox, August 26, 1916; Charles E. Schindler, February 10, 1922; Henry D. Coate, May 16, 1934; Arnold T. Schoch, January 1, 1950; Clarence S. Braun, September 13, 1963; and Jimmie D. Fox, December 10, 1976.

In the early days the post office moved quite frequently, but as the village progressed and grew, the Rahe building on West Main St. housed the office for some years. In 1927 the office was moved to the Rex Theatre building on West Main, the present site of the Red Carpet Inn. In July 1936 the Federal Government announced the pending construction of a new Federal building for Coldwater, to be built under the direction of the Public Works Administration. The site of the building was to be on the southeast corner of Second and Main Streets. The cornerstone was laid on June 10, 1940, and the formal dedication took place in December 1940. A feature of the new building was (is) the mural on the west wall of the lobby painted by Joep Nicolas in 1942 under the Federal Arts Program.

Current employees of the Post Office, in addition to the postmaster, are: Walter Stammen, Kenneth Koesters, Judith Hayes, Richard Steinbrunner, Mary Welling, Deb Rutschilling, Wayne Tekamp, and David Stahl. They are the latest in a long line of employees dedicated to "the mail must go through."



Universal Guaranty Insurance Agent

Ernest Kuess was born and raised on a farm in Chickasaw, Ohio, and graduated from high school in Minster, Ohio in 1949.

After graduation, he went to Coldwater to work at Willhoff's Furniture & Hardware Store, and in February, 1952, he was drafted into the Army and later spent ten months in Korea, of which nine months were in combat.

Ernest Kuess was out of the service on December 10, 1953, and soon thereafter, he was hired at Mersman Furniture Factory in Celina, Ohio. He stayed an employee there for ten years.

On February 1965, he decided to become a life insurance agent in Coldwater. After taking a three month insurance course, he became licensed on May 10, 1965, and worked hard to support his wife Gladys and three children. In 1967, he was promoted to Division Manager and in October 1968, he set a new company record by being the first agent to write \$5,000,000 of life insurance.

From that time on, his sales have increased each year. The last few years, he has written in excess of \$15,000,000 of life insurance per year. He has been selling insurance for 23 years, with over 5,500 policyholders and carries a 96.4% persistency rate.

His final comment is to be honest, hard-working, go to the church of your choice, and pray for success in all your endeavors.



Wabash Mutual Telephone Co.



The Wabash Mutual Telephone Company has come a long way since its inception in 1905 when subscribers had to string their own wire along telephone poles, which they had cut from local woods. On December 5, 1911, the Wabash Mutual Telephone Company was incorporated under the laws of the state of Ohio. This was Wabash's tie to the big city of Celina, and a phone call to there was considered long distance and cost 10 cents. The monthly assessment per subscriber was 40 cents. On March 19, 1912, the Wabash Telephone Company purchased the property known as the Bobenmoyer property, which is where the office is located today. The Wabash Mutual Telephone Company expanded its service on March 5, 1924, by offering long distance service to Coldwater, Ft. Recovery, Celina, Bryant, and New Corydon, Indiana. On December 29, of the same year, the board purchased a new Kellogg switch board for \$483.78 to handle the new subscribers. A meeting with the Celina Telephone Company was held on December 17, 1927 concerning the purchase of the Wabash Telephone Company. On December 5, 1928, the Wabash Telephone Company subscribers took a vote on whether to sell the company to Celina. The subscribers opposed the sale 112 to 8. Due to an increase in the number of subscribers over the years, an operator and lineman were employed in 1933 to maintain the lines and provide 24 hour service, with the period from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. designated for emergency calls only. From 1934 to 1946, there were no records available for information to be published. In January 1951, a special meeting of the Wabash Telephone Company subscribers was held to discuss the rebuilding of lines that were deteriorating. A fee of \$13.00 was charged to each subscriber to help pay for the reconstruction. In March of 1960, the Wabash Telephone Company purchased a dial station so that subscribers could have the more modern rotary phones installed. These phones took the place of the outdated crank phones, which had been in use since the company's inception. By 1967, Wabash Telephone cable was installed half way to Celina to meet GTE's cable. This allowed Wabash Telephone to offer toll free service to Celina. On April 6, 1974, Wabash Telephone Company offered extended area service, which allowed Wabash subscribers to call Ft. Recovery and Coldwater without being charged a toll. From 1980 to 1985, underground cable was installed to provide one party service to the subscribers. In 1986, 32.5 miles of underground cable was installed by a contractor to complete the 81 square mile area served by the Wabash Mutual Telephone Company. In November of 1986, a new digital switching system was completed and put into service for 590 customers in western Mercer county and eastern Jay county in Indiana. Today, Wabash Mutual Telephone Company is able to compete with the larger companies because of the newly installed state of the art equipment, and under the company plans to keep up with all the technological advances in the telephone industry.

Wagner Construction

Wagner Construction was started in 1954 by Clarence (Bud) Wagner. He built his shop on North Second Street to store supplies and equipment. They do all types of cement work including basements, sidewalks, footers and driveways. They also do residential and commercial building. The clinic, pictured above, is one of the buildings they built and is rented to doctors and other services. They also built the Ambulance Building and Post Office at St. Henry, Ohio, Post Office at Minster, Ohio and three apartments in Coldwater, and three apartments outside of Coldwater on State Rt. 118.



Wellman Brothers, Inc.

Wellman Brothers, Inc. of 310 South Third Street, Coldwater, Ohio has a long and interesting history. The founder, William Wellman, Sr., started a construction business in 1921 when he took on the task to build the present St. Mary's Catholic Church in Philothesa, Ohio. After this project was completed, the founder moved his family to Coldwater in 1923, allowing him to be closer to the next construction project, the "K of C" building in Coldwater (now occupied by the Fraternal Order of Eagles).

Other noted buildings constructed by the founding father were Coldwater's City Hall, Pet Milk Co., (original building) and Otis Hospital, Celina, Ohio. Houses were also among some of earlier projects but the company was most noted for construction of barns during this period. Steeple work projects were also part of their early beginning throughout the surrounding area.

When William Wellman, Sr. retired, the two sons, Bernard and Bill, who had both started helping their father at an early age, continued the business as Wellman Bros., Inc.

The property at the present location was purchased after World War II and has been added to the structure "as needed" with the most recent addition being completed in 1986 to the rear of the building.

Today the company is known as "maintenance contractors" for churches and public buildings. The majority of their work is done from scaffolding which is assembled on the job site to reach the height required. The highest working was 230 feet at a church in Glandorf, Ohio (for comparison, Coldwater's Holy Trinity Church steeple is approximately 145 feet high). Wellman Brothers are widely known for "steeple work" and have built a trademark of quality workmanship throughout Ohio.

Wellman Brothers cited their work force as a very important element in their business. They presently have a "core" workforce consisting of eight people: Bernard Wellman, Bill Wellman, Dan Wellman, Roger Wellman, Joe Wenning, Rick Wagner, Dave Knoth and Glen Heyne. During the summer work season, additional personnel is hired, based on their work load.

Recent incorporation of the business includes Dan Wellman, son of Bernard and Roger Wellman, son of Bill as part owners and carry on this family tradition.



Robert Winner Sons, Inc.

On April 17, 1957, Robert Winner Sons Inc. of Osgood, Ohio bought 1½ acres of ground from Leo Osterholt of Philothea Ohio, 1¼ miles west of Philothea to build a new stockyard. Construction was started within 2 weeks with Leo Pohl from Burkettsville doing the construction work. The building was completed August 15, 1957 and the business opened for the purchase of livestock. An addition was built on to the building in 1963.

Robert Winner started the operation with Ivo Heitkamp as the manager. Robert Winner stayed 3 weeks to help and to train Ivo Heitkamp and he has been the manager for 31 years. Leo Wenning and Frank Kramer helped Ivo until they retired and then Ronald Spoltman started in 1962 and both are still working at the stockyard.

The stockyard buys hogs and feeder pigs as well as sells feeder pigs and feeder cattle to area farmers. The hogs are shipped to packers in Ohio, Michigan, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina. We were shipping hogs to New York and Pennsylvania but most packers in the east are not in business any more. Farmers also bring their butcher hogs and cattle to the yard for custom butchering and processing which is done at our Osgood plant.

Robert Winner started the business in Osgood in 1930 with a meat market and store with a small slaughter house west of town. In 1944, he built the locker plant. He built his meat packing plant east of Osgood in 1946 and started his first stockyard in Osgood in the year 1940. The five sons of Robert Winner operated the business from 1951 until 1986. Since then, two brothers have retired and now the three brothers and six of their sons operate the business.



Cub Scout Pack #96

Cub Scout Pack #96 of Coldwater, Ohio was first organized in 1951, through the efforts of Mr. Ray Dobbmeyer. Mr. Dobbmeyer was the first Cubmaster for the Pack. The original chartering institution was the American Legion Post #470 of Coldwater. Through the years the Charter passed to the Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Coldwater, where the Cub Scouts continue to meet as a "Pack" every fourth Monday of the month, except June, July and August when no Pack meetings are held. As of January 1988, Pack 96 has 39 Cub Scouts and 6 Tiger Cub Scouts and many proud parents and dedicated leaders to help mold and shape the young boys of Coldwater into responsible adults.

Charter Cub Scouts of Pack 96 — 1951

John Joseph Antony	Gregg Hilger
George Billerman, Jr.	Daniel A. Knapke
Thomas Braun	Donald Livingston
William Buschor	Aurel Ludwig
Ted Desch	Ronald Niekamp
Timothy Desch	Larry John Salm
Michael Dobbmeyer	John Schlater
Michael Goecke	Thomas Schwieterman
Ralph Grevenkamp	Robert Tangeman
Larry Harlamert	Gerald Westgerdes

Information from Raymond Dobbmeyer to Mark G. Gross, Cubmaster 1988.



Boy Scout Troop #96

Boy Scout Troop #96 is the oldest chartered troop in Mercer County. It is sponsored by the American Legion Post #470.

Since 1946 the Scoutmasters were: Herbert Becker, Frank Muskus, Merle Brookhart, Gail Grunden, Norbert Kunk, James Forsthoefel, Charles Umstead, and William Billerman

This troop has produced the following Eagle Scouts (the highest rank in scouting): Gregg Hilger, Charles DeBrosse, Charles Gross, Jeff Rudd, John DeBrosse, Norman Pennington, Lawrence Braun, Dave Albers, Greg Forsthoefel, Steve Schmidt, Jerome DeBrosse, Matt Forsthoefel, Norman Schoch, Jack Swartz, Karl Forsthoefel, Joe Hibner, Jim Stelzer, David Smith, and Rob Pohl

The Scouts make money for their trips and outings by raising and lowering the American flags displayed downtown on holidays, by cleaning up the football stadium after home football games, by collecting newspapers monthly for recycling and helping Presiding Judges with the ballot boxes.

Several of the Scouts are planning a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, this summer. They all enjoy camping and the annual Klondike Derby. One week every summer is spent at Camp Lakota in Defiance, Ohio. This gives the Scouts an opportunity to work on merit badges and meet Scouts from other troops.



Coldwater Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts in Coldwater have been serving the needs of girls ages five through adult for more than twenty-five years. Over those years the Coldwater Girl Scouts have evolved along with the national organization. Serving the girls' needs is the primary objective of girl scouting with developmental progressions as the girls mature in scouting. The girls are organized according to age level into various troops headed by one or more adult leaders. The various levels are: Daisy Scouts (kindergarten), Brownie Scouts (grades 1-3), Junior Scouts (grades 4-6), Cadette Scouts (grades 7-8), and Senior Scouts (grades 9-12).

The troops within a geographical area are organized into Neighborhoods. Coldwater is part of

Neighborhood #31 which also consists of troops within the communities of St. Henry, Ft. Recovery, and Maria Stein. The Neighborhood is part of the Appleseed Ridge Girl Scout Council located in Lima. The operation of council offices, staff, programming and camping facilities is generated from monies received each year from the United Way Fund or Combined Charities from the various communities within the Appleseed Ridge Girl Scout Council. 1988 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Appleseed Ridge Girl Scout Council. Neighborhood #31 was a charter member of the Council. Neighborhood #31 is organized under a Service Team structure of which Nancie Hoyng is Service Team Organizer; Donna Billerman is Secretary; and Sharon Thomas is Membership Chairman, QSP Chairman and Cookie Chairman.

Presently, there are over 100 girls in seven troops from the Daisy through Junior levels in Coldwater girl scouting. Besides traditional troop programming, the local organization also offers special interest areas for local youth. The Babysitting Clinic is one such interest area with just about forty boys & girls of the sixth grade level participating. The following are the 1988 Coldwater troops, leaders and age level:

Troop #638 — Linda McGee — Daisy (kindergarten), Troop #454 — Jodi Shinn and Jane Norton — Brownie (grade one), Troop #471 — Sandy Sutter — Brownie (grade two), Troop #532 — Donna Billerman — Brownie (grade three), Troop #565 — Elaine Stiles — Junior (grade four), Troop #473 — Sharon Thomas — Junior (grade five), Troop #630 — Nancie Hoyng — Junior (grade six).

Girl Scouting has been serving young girls of our community for many years. With the aide of volunteer leaders and organizers Girl Scouting will serve the needs of young women in Coldwater for years to come.



Coldwater Public Library

The Coldwater Public Library has been in existence since 1936, when a group of interested citizens, under the leadership of Mayor Arnold Schoch, decided that a library would be a vital part of the educational and recreational reading of the residents of Coldwater. Mr. Goode, editor of the Coldwater Chronicle, met with Mr. Schoch and his council, Norbert (Dick) Smith, Howard Colby, Roman Gast, Forest Ensign, Ralph Hess, and Mark King, and with City Solicitor Walter Bernard, to discuss ways and means by which Coldwater could secure a library.

Council met with the state librarian several times, and it was decided that Coldwater would establish a municipal library. The mayor appointed the first library board and the following members were chosen to serve: Mrs. R. J. Dreffer, Forest Ensign, Mrs. Carl Hess, Joseph McDevitt, Mrs. Oscar Moore and Cyril Schindler. The first meeting was held in the council room of the city hall, and the name "Coldwater Public Library" was chosen. The library began very modestly in one upstairs room of the present city hall building. Mr. Goode used the Chronicle to aid the Board in obtaining gifts of books, and the fire department helped collect the books. The entire book collection of the Buckeye Overall Company, Schindler's Rental Book Library, and a large donation of books from William Foss, helped to swell the collection. Mrs. Moore made several trips to Lima to Johnston's Gift Shop to buy books from the rental collection, and eventually there were approximately 500 books to be placed on the new shelves. Miss Rita Schmit was hired as the first librarian. The doors of the library were opened on June 17, 1936, and nineteen books were checked out that first day. At the end of the first year, there were 1050 books in the library, and they had been circulated a total of 2100 times.

After a short period, the old quarters were outgrown, and the Township Trustees donated to the library a room in the old town hall, now the site of Werling's garage. In 1938 the library was again overcrowded, and two additional rooms in the town hall were given to the library. It remained at that location for the next twenty years. In the 1950's the library was again overcrowded, and as a bond issue

for a new building was defeated, it was then decided to remodel the gymnasium at City Hall into a library. This time a bond issue for \$15,000 was passed, but it fell far short of paying for all the furnishings, so a drive was made for donations and the necessary capital was raised to complete the work.

In April, 1962, the library was moved to the present location at 305 West Main Street. It is still growing, with approximately 1700 new books added each year. There are now more than 66,000 books in the library, and the circulation has increased from the original 2100 per year to nearly 100,000 per year.

In addition to books, the library has available records, large-print books, art slides, a speed-reading machine, projector and screen, cassettes and cassette players, magazines, newspapers, summer story hour, tours, reference service including inter-library loan service, talking-book machines for the handicapped, encyclopedias, atlases, photocopy machine, microfilm reader-printer with the Mercer County census and the Mercer County Chronicle on microfilm, video cassettes and VCR's, Polaroid cameras, and a computer for use by the public.

In 1961 all of the organizations in town banded together to hold a Community Picnic, the proceeds of which were to benefit the library and the park. The Coldwater Public Library has been fortunate in being able to share in the profits of the annual picnic, which has purchased many items for the library, and today is one of the best-equipped small libraries in the state.

The current members of the Library Board of Trustees are Larry Wolf, President, Ralph Swartz, Vice-President, Roselyn Hartings, secretary, Thomas Benner, Marilyn Darr, and Mary Lee Thomas. Current employees are Pat DeBrosse, Librarian, Genevieve Vogt, Linda Haskett, Deborah Gross, Vivian Koesters, Mary Knapke, and Lynn Boeckman.

No history of the Coldwater Public Library would be complete without credit being given to Mildred Sutter, who was appointed librarian in 1939, and served as librarian for thirty years, until her death in 1969. Under her guidance a good foundation was established, enabling the present library to exist.



American Legion Patriotism Post 470

The American Legion was a new organization created by American soldiers in France for veterans. This organization was established with its aims and purposes, constitution and by-laws designed to be of assistance to veterans and/or their widows and orphans.

A small group of World War I veterans held a meeting in the mayors office to find out what this new organization called the American Legion was all about, what it stood for and how a local unit could be established.

The desire to organize a post was so strong that if it meant going out on the highways and by ways to round up enough eligible signers to obtain a charter this was to be done. The name of the post was to be Patriotism as this selection represented a letter of the name of each boy from this village and township who gave his all in the service of his country. The Post was issued a charter on August 11, 1920.

The first hurdle, organization, was fairly difficult. Financing the infant organization was more difficult. By such ventures as operating a movie house, pool hall, carnivals, and plays, they did survive.

On January 28, 1927 the Legion moved its quarters to the City Hall Building.

The Post was in danger of losing its charter in 1929 because there were only twenty members on the roster; however, a successful membership drive boosted the enrollment to forty-four. In 1931 the childrens Christmas parties were started. In 1932 Post 470 was one of the first Posts in the state to go over the top in membership.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 470 was founded in 1932. During the depression years the Legion and Legion Auxiliary provided services for the poor of the community by raising large sums of money to provide food, fuel, clothing and toys.

The annual Turkey Festival was started during this time which is now our Turkey Raffle. The Turkey Festival started with live poultry: turkey, ducks and chickens. How many people today would attempt the task of preparing a live bird?

In 1937 the Legion members rounded up boats from lake resort owners and loaned them to the Cincinnati flood victims during the Ohio River flood. Food and clothing were also trucked to Cincinnati.

Coldwaters first centennial celebration was organized by the Post in 1938.

In 1952 the Post was moved from the city building to the top floor of the Jenkins building on North Second Street. In 1952 the Post acquired a parcel of land north of Coldwater and started plans for a new home. By means of various and sundry money raising enterprises the mortgage was burnt at the 50th anniversary of the Post in 1970 by Post Commander Carl Hasenjager.

Although in the past great obstacles had to be overcome, the present is not without its attainments. In 1975 the Post representative, Don Feltz, became the Second District Commander, a first for Post 470.

Today the Post provides its facility to the Bloodmobile for collecting blood for the Blood bank, Senior Citizens meetings, the Legionettes Baton Corps, Pax Steel, Kiwanis Club, and the Athletic Booster Club.

In 1983 the Post built a Scout House for the local Boy Scout Troop 96 to be used for their meetings and storage.

Annual Pinochle and Euchre Tournaments are held in the Post.

In 1983 a Sons of the Legionaire Squadron was chartered on March 18th, with 82 charter members, through the efforts of Daniel (Skip) Tekamp. The Squadrons present membership is 146.

The Post is proud of its accomplishments and will strive to carry on this tradition as did the past members.

The Post's present membership is 544 members.

The American Legion Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 470 was formed in 1932. First meetings were held above Library. During the Depression years the Legion and Legion Auxiliary provided services for the poor of the community by raising money to provide food, fuel, clothing and toys.

The Auxiliary is noted for its Child Welfare, Community Service, Americanism and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation programs throughout the year. The Auxiliary helps with the Children's Christmas party, give gifts to shut-ins at Christmas, makes contributions to Veteran's Hospitals, Briarwood Manor Nursing Home, Ruth Lyons Fund at Community Hospital; also donates flags to public buildings in area. Twice a year Bloodmobile is held at the Legion. The Auxiliary provides meals for the nurses and workers.

Also many banquets are at the Legion during the year. The Auxiliary cooks and serves these banquets. Money collected from this is used for above many projects.

At our May meeting we have a banquet to honor our Gold Star Mothers.

On Memorial Day, Auxiliary along with Legion, have mass and memorial services in remembrance of the veterans who served our country.

Two girls are sent to Buckeye Girl's State for one week each year. The purpose of Girl's State is to educate our young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American Citizenship.

At present the Auxiliary has a membership of 262 members. The American Legion Auxiliary is proud of its 55 years of existence.

Knights of Columbus

Coldwater Council, No. 1991
Order Founded in New Haven, Connecticut 1882
Coldwater Council Founded 1919

The founder of the Knights of Columbus was a Catholic priest, Father Michael McGivney. In the midst of his daily labors, Father McGivney conceived a plan for an ideal organization for Catholic men. After 4 years of effort, marked by numerous meetings and conferences, the first session of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council was held on February 2, 1882. It was to be for practical Catholic men, founded on fraternal principles, to render mutual aid and assistance to the members and their families; to protect members' dependents; to have patriotic and religious teachings in its ceremonies, and to develop the spiritual, social, cultural and civic influence of Catholic men.

The Coldwater Council was chartered July 13, 1919. It was organized by 39 brother Knights who lived in the Coldwater area and who were members of Celina Council 1800. These men wanted a council established in Coldwater for the sake of convenience and for a more aggressive promotion of Columbianism in the parish. With the encouragement and approval of Father Louis H. Yauss, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, the Knights of Columbus became a reality in the community of Coldwater.

In the early 1920's the Council grew to about 250 members. Being a strong and active Council, numerous money-making activities built up a good sized fund, with the hope of building a K of C Home. The K of C athleduc building complex was planned, built and dedicated on October 17, 1926.

The Knights were very proud of this building for it served the community, Church and Council. The building consists of bowling alleys, kitchen, lunch-rooms, restrooms, dressing rooms, ladies beauty

shop and a furnace room in the basement. The first floor had a modern theater with sunken orchestra pit. On the mezzanine, there was a waiting room, a dentist's office, a projection room, pipe organ and console. The second floor had a combination lounge and library room, and a large K of C Hall which served as a gymnasium for the Council and high school physical education and basketball. The third floor had a balcony overlooking the large hall, and ladies and mens dressing rooms equipped with showers. This building was well used throughout the year.

The depression came and the K of C Council 1991 lost its home after many projects of hardwork to retain it. The building is now owned by the Eagles. To the old members, it will always know it as the K of C Hall. Even with the loss of the K of C Hall, the Knights of Columbus continued to retain its charter and to stay active in Church and community activities. The Council meetings are now conducted in the Holy Trinity Church basement and they have been for a number of years.

The Coldwater K of C Council 1991 has continued to grow in membership throughout the years. Membership in the sesquicentennial year of 1988 is now over 675. Membership is the lifeblood of every organization and K of C Council 1991 is very proud of all its members thru the years who have helped to make the Knights of Columbus what they are today.

The principles of the Knights of Columbus are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Through these principles we are able to serve God and country in a way so we can help make this a better country to live in.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME BUILT IN 1925

Eagles

Nisco Aerie #3025 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was organized in the fall of 1949, with Sidney Aerie as sponsor. These first organizational meetings were held in the upstairs hall of the old City Hall Building, which stood on the lot now occupied by the Werling Ford showroom.

One Hundred Charter Members were signed and the organization was instituted on January 29, 1950. John Hinkle was appointed President until elections were held in May, at which time Ralph Harlamert became the first elected President. The formal presentation of the Charter was made on June 22, 1950.

The first Clubrooms occupied by this new organization was at the corner of Main and 1st Streets, above Streakers Restaurant.

As its first major community project the Eagles bought and placed a statue on the grounds of the former Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. This statue now stands on the corner lot of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Being a growing organization and needing more room the Eagles moved to the basement of the Theater Building in the fall of 1953.

Seeing a need for cooperation with the wives and daughters, an Auxiliary was organized in the fall of 1957.

Continuing to grow, another move was needed. This time to the ground level of the Theater Building, on December 31, 1959. This finally led to the purchase of the Theater Building from Fred Braun in 1967.

As years passed and continued growth demanded more space, a 40 ft. by 80 ft. addition was built to the west of the Theater Building in 1977.

Through the years several of the members have advanced to serve in Zone, State, and International office. Eugene Huelsman is now serving as a North-west Ohio Zone Officer. Ralph Mescher and Ernest Buening have served as Ohio State Officers. Zane Mader advanced through the Ohio State Offices and became Ohio State President in 1977. Mader was

later appointed to International Office as East Central Regional President. This jurisdiction covered Ohio, Michigan, and lower Ontario.

Although not publicized the Eagles have donated many dollars to Eagle Charities through the International Organization. This has resulted in the awarding of grants to some of our local charities, namely \$8000.00 for the Cheryl Ann School and \$2000.00 for the Mercer County Senior Citizens.

This organization has also supported local charities such as the band Mothers, the After Prom Parties, Combined Charities, etc.

In conclusion, this organization is dedicated to "People helping People", and providing wholesome entertainment for its members and their families.

Membership in the local Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles is now in excess of 1000 members. There are 25 Charter Members that still belong. Of these 12 have held continuous membership since the organization was instituted.

The following members have served the local Aerie as Presidents.

Richard Woeste, Appointee Jr. Past W. Pres.; John Henkle, 1950, appointee; Ralph Harlamert, 1950-51, 1st elected; Urban Bruns, 1951-52; Lester Bruggeman, 1952-53; Andy Joyner, 1953-54; Clarence Bergman, 1954-55; Ralph Harlamert, 1955-56; Ernest Buening, 1956-57; Zane Mader, 1957-58; Joe H. Lefeld, 1958-59; Ed Gehle, 1959-60; Lee Osterholt, 1960-61; Delbert Huelsman, 1961-62; Ralph Mescher, 1962-63-64-65; Elmer Schoeppner, 1965-66; Jack Alt, 1966-67-68; Dane Brookhart, 1968-69; B. Jay Hogenkamp, 1969-70-71; Eugene Huelsman, 1971-72; Richard Balster, 1972-73-74; Vince Gruss, 1974-75; Eugene Huelsman, 1975-76; Edgar Heitkamp, 1976-77-78; Eugene Huelsman, 1978-79; Tim James, 1979-80; Victor Billerman, 1980-81-82; Richard Balster, 1982-83; Eugene Huelsman, 1983-84-85-86; Gene Pease, 1986-87; Kenneth Kessen, 1987-88.



Eagles Auxiliary

The Coldwater Eagles Auxiliary #3025 was organized by Martha Soloman from St. Marys, Ohio and instituted on November 17, 1957. Visiting State Officers were Madam State President Francis Vanis and Madam State Secretary Alice Kaylor. Fifty-one Charter Members were initiated by the Tipp City Auxiliary Ritual and Degree team.

The original officers for 1957-58 are pictured above as follows: seated are Marita Bertke — Conductress, Romilda Braun — Chaplain, Rose Ann Buschur — Secretary, A. Blanche Behm Gross — Madam President, Francis Vanis — Madam State President, Alice Kaylor — Madam State Secretary, Martha Soloman — Organizer, standing are Pauline Schoen Hess — Trustee, Leona Westgerdes — Treasurer, Dorothy Mader — Past Madam President, Marcella Lefeld — Madam Vice-President, Rosella Gast — Trustee, Natalia Osterholt — Inside Guard, Hilda Fisher — Outside Guard and Helen Kremer — Trustee.

From 1957 through 1988 twenty-three ladies served as president of the Coldwater Eagles Auxiliary and now hold the permanent office as one of the Past Madam Presidents. Barbara L. Buschur, after serving ten years as secretary, holds the same honored position in the Auxiliary. She served as secretary for seventeen years.

At the first meeting in May each year, one member is designated Auxiliary Mother of the year. She begins her reign at a dinner in her honor and wears her crown at each meeting throughout the year. This honor was started by our Auxiliary in 1970.

Over the years the Auxiliary has been involved in many projects. One of the biggest is making and presenting of Teddy Bears to any child up to the age of seven who is admitted as a patient at Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital. Mary Woeste's son Jimmy was the recipient of the first Teddy Bear given out in August of 1962.

Another project was begun in 1977 by Violet Clingman. The Auxiliary members make seven different flavor Easter Eggs. These go on sale in the club room every year about six weeks before Easter. The monies from the sale of eggs are used for many of the Auxiliary charitable projects.

The main charities supported each year by the Auxiliary are the Max Baer Heart Fund, Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, Jimmy Durantee Children's Fund, Golden Eagle Alzheimer's Fund, Diabetes and Kidney Fund, St. Peter's Neurological Center and the Cheryl Ann School for Mentally Retarded.

Over the last thirty-one years approximately 475 ladies from the area have held membership in the Coldwater Eagles Auxiliary. Presently the Auxiliary has approximately 250 members on its rolls.

The Auxiliary meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month except in November and December when we meet on the first and third Wednesday. The major objective of the Auxiliary is to be a helpmate to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and to carry out throughout their activities their motto, "For Home, For Country and For God."



The picture above shows Dorothy Hein — president, Susie Sanning — treasurer, Teen Schmackers — trustee, Barbara Buschur — representing the auxiliary members, Mary Woeste — project chairman presenting the 7000th stuffed animal to Amanda Homan with her mother, daughter of Roger and Mary Lou Homan, 5184 Carthagena Rd., St. Henry, Ohio. Mary Woeste took over chairmanship of this project in 1969 and still heads it.

Coldwater Emergency Squad

The Coldwater Branch of Mercer County Emergency Ambulance Service came into being because in 1979 the county commissioners and county EMS Advisory Board determined that there was a need to have an ambulance squad based in Coldwater.

A class was held to train Emergency Medical Technicians in the club room of City Hall beginning in November, 1980. After 100 hours of classroom training and 20 hours in the hospital Emergency Room, the following students passed the state exam and were certified in April, 1981: Pam Anthony, Eileen George, Nick Hess, Virginia Birkmeyer, Oliver Wendel, Butch Duerr, Tom Lamm, and George Anthony. Dave Selhorst, Tom Mescher, Dennis Giere, and Duane Sanning had received their EMT training as members of St. Henry's squad.

After a three month wait for radio equipment, these 12 charter members began service as Coldwater Squad 7 of Mercer County Emergency Ambulance Service on July 14, 1981 based in the Coldwater Fire Department. The squad provides 24-hour emergency medical services for a 72 square mile area of central Mercer County including St. Anthony, Coldwater, Montezuma and the south side of Grand Lake.

In 1983 two members were certified as Paramedics and two as advanced EMT's. This enabled the squad to start advanced Life Support Systems, such as IV's and heart monitoring.

When the Village of Coldwater completed their new city garage on South Wilson Street in December, 1981, the Squad moved into the northwest corner of that building, which is rented to Mercer County as a Squadhouse.

Thanks to the generosity of all the residents and organizations of our service area, we have a fully equipped ambulance to handle almost any medical emergency to which we may be dispatched.

In addition to the charter members, of which Tom Mescher, Dennis Giere, Ollie Wendel, and Duane Sanning remain active, the following volunteers have served on the Coldwater Squad which was dispatched for a total of 998 emergency runs in its first 6 years of service: Sylvia Wolters, Elaine Rosenbeck, Floyd Dillhoff, Kathy VonderHaar, Jim Large, Jim Fisher, John Ewry, Luke Klosterman, Bill Mueller, George Livingston, Vivian Budde, Cindy Post, Linda Jutte, Mark Merkle, Jon Klosterman, Will Uhlenhake, Teresa Livingston, Lois Stolzenberg, Deb Kremer, Jon Dorworth, Diane Muhlenkamp, Pauline Hess, Ann VanDenBosch, Kathy Stalder, Ron Schulze, Terry Jeffries, Gary Swain, Mike Stolzenberg, Bill Mescher, Eric Koesters, Gary VanDenBosch, Ken Livingston, Faye Wroblewski, Jim Dorsten, Dan Hartings, Mary Honigford, Judy Sloan, Carol Carsten, and Karl Giere.

Since all of these volunteers hold down full time jobs and most of them also have other community commitments, more volunteer squad members are always needed. Anyone interested in this vital community service is urged to contact one of our officers.

Our present officers are Gary Swain, president; Ann VanDenBosch, vice-president; Tom Mescher, secretary; Ollie Wendel, treasurer; Dennis Giere, squad chief; Terry Jeffries and Deb Kremer, members-at-large.



Coldwater Fire Department

In 1886 a group of civic-minded citizens formed the first fire fighters in Coldwater. These people signed a petition to the State Legislature to pass an act allowing the Council to purchase fire fighting equipment. The bill was passed in February of 1886 and the first fire engine with 500 feet of hose was purchased from Gleason and Bailey of Glen Falls, New Jersey. The hand propelled engine was named Fire Queen. The fire company took its name and remained the Queen Fire Company for 100 years. In 1986, when the department celebrated its 100 Anniversary, the name was changed to the Village of Coldwater Fire Department. The fire house was located in the South part of City Hall until April, 1972, when a new fire house was constructed at the corner of West Main and North Wilson Streets.

The Coldwater Fire Department now has three fire trucks and one grass fire truck. They also carry various other fire fighting equipment along with the newly purchased rescue tool and ram tool. The department averages 55 calls a year, with a respond time of under 3 minutes.

In 1937 the department hosted the 7th Annual Central Western Ohio Firemen's Association Convention. In 1963 they hosted the 33rd Annual Firemen's Convention.

The first fire chief of the department was John Martz, followed by Anthony Rothweg, Frank Rosenbeck, William Fetzer, Frank Hoyng, Charles Jenkins, Edward Stukenborg, Clarence (Pete) Tangeman, Ernie Adams, Ed Severt, Stanley Lefeld, Paul Streacker, and the present chief, John (Jack) Moorman.

The current roster for the department is Chief Jack Moorman, Assistant Fire Chief Jack Gilmore, Captain Robert Beckman, Lieutenant John Braun, Lieutenant Jerry Garman, Lieutenant Kraig Klosterman, Marvin (Pete) Bertke, Steve Sutter, Earl Giere, Edgar Moorman, James Bruns, Paul Streacker, James Rengers, Thomas Gross, Dave Bruns, Randy Griesdorn, Joe Hoyng, Mark Gruss, Jeff Wenning and Dennis Giere. The department, under its leaders, is one of the finest and most efficient departments to be found in any village in this part of Ohio.

Like all communities, Coldwater has had its share of large destructive fires. When the dreaded cry of "FIRE" rings through the community, this group of trained fire-fighters is always ready to answer any call to put out any fire and many times has assisted in putting out disastrous fires on farms or in nearby communities.



Bailey-Schockman Post 5135 Veterans of Foreign Wars

The post was instituted on December 16, 1945, with 82 members at a meeting held in the City Hall, Coldwater. In 1946 we moved into the Old Town Hall. The Auxiliary was started in August 1946, with 35 members. Marinus Romer was the first commander of the VFW post and Louise Wiedeman was the first Auxiliary president.

In 1949 six acres were purchased from Arthur Bettinger. Ground was broken for the new building in June 1950. The new Post Home was dedicated October 19, 1951. The Post held the burning of its mortgage on this Home on June 13, 1959. On May 4, 1963, the Post earned a perpetual charter when it had 25 life members.

Between 1964 and 1969 the Home was enlarged, and a shelter house was built. On October 25, 1970, a 25th anniversary dinner and dance was held at the Carousel Ball Room. In 1973-74 the building was enlarged and remodeled; both the basement and upstairs. In 1975 the quarter mile drive to the homesite was concrete paved and boulevard lighted. In 1983 the flat roof was replaced with an A frame roof. In 1984 new siding was put on the building. In 1985 John Kessen was named Bar Manager and the downstairs bar was remodeled.

Past Commanders of the Post are: Marinus Romer, Joseph McDevitt, Maurice Froning, Louis Heyne, Val Behm, Don Hay, Ralph Giere, Clarence Gross, Eugene Schilling, Linus Huelskamp, Leo Rosenbeck, Leroy Heyne, Wilfred Homan, Richard Luken, Dennis Heyne, Florian Stelzer, Ernest Stahl, Robert Gerlach, Al Kanney Jr., Lavern Bettinger, Melvin Dues, Arnold Kremer, Cy Gross, Clete Bettinger, Cy Delzeith, Robert Birkmeyer, Louis Geier, Ernest Kuess, Ernest Miller, Tom Homan, Joe Borgerding, Harold Brunswick, Robert Klenke, Gary Delzeith, Ralph Schmitz, Joe Barlage, Terry Linn and Paul Bettinger.



Coldwater VFW Auxiliary #5135

The Coldwater V.F.W. Auxiliary 5135 was instituted August 18, 1946 with 35 members. Meetings were held upstairs in the old library building on South First Street. Our present Membership is 154. The fourth Monday of each month is the meeting night, being held at the Post Home south of Coldwater.

The main goal of the Auxiliary is to give a helping hand to the needy Veterans and their families. The proceeds of our "Veteran made Poppies" sales, which is held around Memorial Day and Veterans Day, help to support our Veterans Hospitals, Health and Happiness, Leroy Schell fund, and other related Veteran projects.

Our Auxiliary sponsors the "Voice of Democracy" each year in our local and surrounding schools.

The Chicken BBQ is our contribution to the annual Community Picnic, which involves approximately 60 Auxiliary members serving 3600 dinners.

Another project is the Cancer Raffle, being held in December, with all proceeds staying in Mercer County to help our local Cancer patients.

Serving banquets is our main source of income; mainly class reunions and civic functions. With this we donate to local projects such as scholarships, band, drug abuse, dinners for local athletics and other youth projects.

Flags are presented to Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Schools, Churches, Youth organizations, and any other group in need of one.



Officers for 1987-88: Standing, Gladys Kuess — conductress, Marlene Bettinger — guard, Marie Eyink — patriotic instructor, Della Kanney — trustee, Alice Eyink — trustee, Nancy Gerlach — senior vice. Seated, Suzanna Sanning — junior vice, Alvera Schmitz — secretary, Elsie Gerlach — president, Dolores Cron — treasurer, Barbara Huelskamp — chaplain. Absent, Ruth Koesters — trustee.

Coldwater Columbian Squires

During the October 21, 1965 K of C meeting, Charles Umstead made the motion with a second by Paul Steinke to sponsor a Columbian Squires Circle in Holy Trinity Parish. The Squires is the official youth group of the Knights of Columbus. These young men, 12 - 18, received their permanent Charter from the Supreme Council during a Squires/Knights Breakfast held April 17, 1966. The group would be known as the John F. Kennedy Circle #1854. The Original Charter Members were: John Fella, Mike Feltz, Eric Fortener, Ronald R. Fortener, Luke G. Fullenkamp, Joe W. Harlamert, Linus Hausfeld, Robert Jackson, Michael Knapshaefer, Charles Lefeld, Steven Lefeld, Gary A. Luken, Mike K. Luken, Kenneth Pottkotter, Jerry Schilling, Bill Vondrell and Steve Wourms.

Over the years, the Squires have been an organization involved in both church and community affairs. They have four major areas which their members are active, Spiritual, Social, Athletic and Civic Cultural (service).

Spiritual activities include attending sporting events as a group, sponsoring Teen Dances and holding lots of Pizza parties. Traditionally, the Squires have a Father/Son Communion Breakfast. All past and present Squires and their fathers and former Counsellors are invited.

In athletic activities, the Circle participates in State wide athletic events, such as golf, bowling, basketball, softball, flag football and volleyball. The boys hold their own annual Super Star competition, compete with the Knights in a Bean Bag Tournament and with the local Methodist group in a Dart Ball Tournament.

Over the years, the Squires involvement in Community services have been many. They work well with the Knights on several projects, the Ohio Charities and the Measure-up Campaign. They help raise money for the Jerry Lewis Telethon, the

WOWO Penny Pitch and the PTO Carnival. The boys collect food and money for the Holy Trinity Food Pantry during the Christmas holidays and also collect toys for the local children and the children at McKee, Ky. The Squires are especially famous for their Waffles, which they make and sell during the K of C Parish Picnic and the annual Coldwater Community Picnic.

The John F. Kennedy Circle has taken many State and National honors. They achieved the #1 Circle of the Year in the State in 1978, 79, 80, and 81. The Corps d' Elite Award, given annually by the Supreme Council of the K of C's for Outstanding Circles in the Nation, has been received five times. In 1984-85, the Coldwater Circle received the Brother Barnabas Award given each year to the top 25 projects in the Nation.

Throughout their years of service, three members have earned the honor of "Squire of the Year" given during the State Convention; Tom Boeke, Greg Pohl and Ken Giere. Members that have been elected to State Offices over the years were Ron Kanney, Ron Steinbrunner, Eric Thomas, Jeff Hoying, Nick Fisher, and Rex Kremer.

The former Chief Squires are as follows: Eric Fortener, Steve Lefeld, Dave Hausfeld, John Gast, Jim Heyne, Tony Stammen, Don Heyne, Joe Hoyng, Jerry Kanney, Steve Alig, Dean Heyne, Tom Boeke, Dan Stelzer, Greg Pohl, Ken Giere, Eric Thomas, Ron Steinbrunner, Randy Giere, Joe Koesters, Nick Fisher, Greg Pax, Neal Giere, and at the present date, Scott Gels.

The Chief Counsellors have been: Charles Umstead, Ben Vonder Harr, Linus Hausfeld, Robert Stelzer, Tom Hoyng, Jerry Ruchty, Dick Alig, Norman Hoyng, Rob Fisher, and Ralph Gels.

The Coldwater Columbian Squires are proud of what they have accomplished.



Pictured are Officers and Counsellors of Circle #1854. Seated L to R: Rev. Keith Albrecht; Jason Hemmelgarn; Greg Eyink; Scott Gels, Chief Squire; Brian Rosenbeck, Deputy Chief Squire; Bob Powell; Rev. Jim Duell. Standing L to R: Earl Klosterman; Fred Sowar; Bill Gruss; Glen Steinbrunner; Rex Kremer, State Marshall; Joel Howe and Ralph Gels.

Kiwanis Club of Coldwater

The Kiwanis Club of Coldwater was chartered May 1, 1969 with 31 members. As a Service Organization, their motto is — Community Service — We Build.

The Coldwater Club was sponsored by the Lima and St. Marys Clubs.

Kiwanis was a men's organization until the International Convention in Washington, D.C. in July, 1987, when the delegates voted to admit women.

The Coldwater Club is in Division II of the Ohio District. Two members of this club have served as

Lt. Governor — Dean Schaller 1977-1978 and 1986-1987, Art Pleiman 1983-1984.

Service projects include the Academic Awards Banquet, Elementary Fun Day, All-Weather Track Fund, Cub Scouts, Hugh O'Brian Foundation, Scholastic Bowl Team, Food Pantry, Band Uniform Fund, and the '90s Committee, plus many more.

Joyce Schwieterman is the first woman to join the Club that now has 48 members.

Photo by Art Pleiman and Helen Vagedes.



First Row — Left to Right: Mark Gross, James Sowar, Steve Jackson, Ralph Benner, Ralph Mueller, James Hoyng, Bill Dilworth and Carmen Patriarca. Second Row: Dave Homan, Ernest Kuess, Bob Beer, Leroy Pohl, Dave George, Bob Klingshirn, Lysle Schmidt and Ron Anders. Third Row: Art Pleiman, Wayne Miller, Clem Ebbing, Ray Wenning, Alfred Pax, Dave Halterman, Bob Hoyng, Jack Hartings and Bob Willhoff. Fourth Row: Stan Lefeld, Bob King, Rev. Michael Westbay, Dean Schaller, Larry Fair, Jack Schenking, Maurice Cron, Paul Honigford, Wayne Kettler and Sherman Mackey. Absent from picture: Don Desch, Frank Herron, Roger James, Tom Knapke, Ray Kremer, Sam Moorman, Robert Piette, Jerry Rousch, Ralph Schmit, Leroy Shannon, Jerry Purdy, Joyce Schwieterman and Bill Simons.

History Of Labor Unions At New Idea

In 1946 the first International Union came to Coldwater to represent the New Idea factory workers. Before this time there had been Home Unions or no Union at all. The Upholsterer's Union of North America No. 603 remained here until 1948 when the Federal Labor Union No. 24395 came in to represent the workers.

On October 21, 1952, the United Steelworkers of America was certified to be the Bargaining Agent. Local 4839 was formed and chartered at that time and has represented the shop employees ever since. The United Steelworkers of America is a prominent Labor Union in Mercer County and the surrounding Counties. Local 4839 has operated out of various buildings here in Coldwater. It first occupied an office on the third floor above the theatre building which is now the Eagle's Lodge. Then the Union moved to a more spacious location above the Jenkin's Auto Sales on Market Street where it had office space and room to conduct Union meetings. In 1969 the Union bought the Gast Building on Main Street and a parking lot adjacent to it. The building housed a News Stand, a Pool Hall and a Plumbing business. In 1977, part of the old structure was demolished and a new meeting hall was built. We are still at this location and hope to remain for many more years.

Over the years eighteen Labor Agreements were negotiated between the Company and the various Unions. The United Steelworkers negotiated fifteen; thirteen with AVCO New Idea, and two with Allied Products New Idea. In 1953, the first contract negotiations between New Idea and the Steelworkers resulted in a strike which lasted from mid-April until May 26th. In 1957, there was another lengthy contract strike lasting from April 15 until August 9th. After these initial five years or so, the relationship between the Union and AVCO New Idea was relatively good.

Membership in the Union at one point climbed to eighteen hundred. Working conditions, Insurance coverage, Wages, Vacations, Holidays and Pension improved greatly. Then came the bad times . . .

In the April 1984 negotiations, concession bargaining was forced upon us because of the severe down turn in the farming industry. Farmers were going bankrupt; those who survived were making do with their old machinery, some bought used equipment at auction sales from their bankrupt neighbors. New Idea's business was way down and the inventory was stockpiling; they had lost forty eight million dollars in approximately three years and were determined to stop the financial bleeding. AVCO was either going to sell New Idea or close up the factory. Union membership fell to a low of about one hundred. To make the business saleable, we were forced to bargain away five plus dollars in wages and benefits, or take the chance of putting all the employees out of work permanently. The Union chose concession bargaining.

On July 20, 1984, New Idea was sold by AVCO to Allied Products Corporation. On October 1, 1984, after a one week strike, a new three year Labor Agreement was signed. On April 6, 1987, an early five year contract agreement was reached in hopes of the Company getting a bigger share of the Farm Machinery business and improving their OEM contracts. Wages and benefits were greatly improved in this agreement. After this agreement was signed many more workers were hired and employee membership began to rise rapidly, and is still climbing.

At the present time officers are: Virgil Muhlenkamp, president; Robert Zizelman, vice-president; Robert Gibson, recording secretary; Dennis Bertke, financial secretary; and Louis Overman, treasurer.



The Coldwater Band Boosters Association

The Coldwater Band Boosters Association was founded in 1936 under the name of "Band Mothers" to devise means to help raise money for band expenses. The first officers were President — Mrs. Harold Romer, Vice-President — Mrs. Theresa Kramer, Secretary — Mrs. Henry Schroer, Treasurer — Mrs. Agnes Mueller. The name "Band Mothers" was later changed to "Band Parents", and in 1987 the name was again changed to "Band Boosters."

The purposes of the organization are to supply uniforms for band members and directors, to promote and attend to the welfare of the band, and to cooperate with the director for the advancement of the band. All parents of band members from 5th through 12th grades are members of the Coldwater Band Boosters Association. Associate membership is available to all other interested persons of the school district.

Early fundraisers used to purchase uniforms and instruments included bingo parties, concerts, Tag Days (discontinued in 1986), candy sales, and cheese and sausage sales. In later years, football concessions and hot dog sales during the Community Picnic have been major sources of income for the boosters. In 1986 - 1987 the Boosters held a very successful uniform drive. Approximately 100 uniforms were purchased and completely paid for by donations.

1988 Officers: Janice Broering — President, Charlene Wenning — Vice-President, Joyce Muhlenkamp — Treasurer, Judy Wolf — Secretary.

Band Directors: 1934-1946 — Myron Pearce; 1946-1947 — Charles Bentley; 1947-1949 — John Socin; 1949-1951 — William Dowler; 1951-1955 — Milton Stewart; 1955-1957 — Richard Tracy; 1957-1962 — Don Bowen; 1962-1973 — Jack O'Neil; 1973-1984 — Walter Burckholter; 1984-1985 — Richard Rhodes; 1985-1987 — Jeff Dorsten; 1987 — Don Stewart.



Coldwater Athletic Booster Club

The exact beginnings of the Coldwater Athletic Booster Club are not known. However, during the years that followed its obscure inauguration, the Athletic Booster Club has left its frequent mark upon the community and schools of Coldwater.

The inception of the organization seems to have been in the late 1940's, about the time Paul Ponzuric became the football coach. At this time, the Club purchased a movie projector to record games which then could be used as a teaching tool and a record of the past.

Shortly thereafter, Booster Cards were sold to finance Athletic All Sports Banquets. Nationally known sports figures such as Moose Krause of Notre Dame, Paul Brown of the Cincinnati Bengals, Ara Parshegian, former football coach at Notre Dame, John Pont of Northwestern, Joe Morrison of the New York Giants, and Wait Hoyt of the New York Yankees were speakers. Wally Post, a famous Mercer Countian, also was a guest speaker. With the initiation of carry-in suppers, guest speakers were no longer used.

The Coldwater Booster Club also made a significant contribution towards new uniforms for the first game played in the new stadium.

In the late 1970's, the Booster Club once again became active and purchased Nautilus Body Building Equipment for the athletes. The second major project was the painting of the high school gym.

The by-laws of the Booster Club were changed in the early 80's to include couples rather than just men. Projects taken on by the club included painting the basement and football uniform hanger. Athletes who competed at the state level were also supported with expense money.

In 1983, the Booster Club's largest project, the All-Weather Track, was undertaken. Many fund-raisers were initiated which incorporated an innumerable amount of volunteer hours to make this project a reality.

Recent projects have included purchasing a new sound system for the gym, painting the gym at the Eagles where the gymnasts practice and compete, and arranging the purchase of scoreboards for the gym and football field.

The Coldwater Booster Club is always working for the betterment of all athletics in the Coldwater Schools.

Coldwater Community Hospital Auxiliary

Our Lady of Mercy Hospital was dedicated December 3, 1950 and in April 1951 the auxiliary was organized. The first officers were: Mrs. Josephine Werner, President; Mrs. Mary Hess Winkeljohn, Vice-President and Mrs. Agnes Mueller, Secretary-Treasurer. The purpose of the auxiliary is to promote good will between the Hospital and the public and to assist in such improvements as are deemed feasible by both the Hospital Administrator and the Auxiliary.

On April 12, 1956 the Ohio Hospital Association awarded a Certificate of Membership to the auxiliary and they are currently still affiliated.

Originally individual Guilds were formed to meet the hospital needs, including Sewing, Library, Favor (for patient trays), Flower and Entertainment. In later years these were abandoned and the ladies met as one auxiliary. However, "The Sewing Group" is still active and ladies from Coldwater and the surrounding communities sew for the hospital every Tuesday afternoon.

Over the years many projects have been undertaken including card parties, raffles, smorgasboard, bingo, ice-cream socials, street carnival and dances. The annual Charity Ball was begun in 1951 and is held each year during the Holiday Season. The auxiliary has donated well over \$150,000.00 in improvements to the hospital since organization.

Many of the auxiliary members volunteer their time in the Hospital Gift Shop and all proceeds from the shop are donated to the auxiliary treasury.

The auxiliary meets quarterly on the third Monday of January, April, July and October in the hospital meeting room at 8:00 P.M. Guests are welcome to attend.



Pictured above are the 1987-88 officers: Alberta Pohl, Secretary; Luetta Forsthoefel, President; Sandy Bergman, Vice-President and Irene Woeste, Treasurer.

Coldwater Lions Club

The Coldwater Lions Club was chartered on January 31, 1934, making it the oldest service club in Coldwater. The sponsoring club was the Celina Lions Club. The first president of the Coldwater Club was Mr. Carl Z. Hess. There were 25 charter members of the club. The last active charter member was Mr. Arnold Schoch, who was a member for 40 years, until his death in 1974.

During the past 54 years the Coldwater Lions Club has had many service activities. Some of their earlier activities included: leading the campaign to build the first lighted football field, which was behind the high school constructed in 1938; working to establish Memorial Park; working for the building of the first swimming pool in Coldwater; and taking the lead in the building of Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. They have always been active in the development and the betterment of the community, including working on all school projects and village projects.

Their main projects in 1988 include: organizing the Parade for the Community Picnic; sponsoring, with the American Legion, a boy to Boys State; sponsoring, with other organizations, the After Prom party; sponsoring an Invitational Cross-Country meet; sponsoring a Little League team; working with other Lions Clubs on Eye Research, International Relief, Blind Welfare, and CARE; and running fund-raisers to fund these yearly projects.

The 1987-88 officers are: John Moeder, President; Mike Luken, Tom Hoyng, and Jeff Wenning, Vice-Presidents; and Gene Weber, Secretary-Treasurer. Other members are: Charles Ayers, Sam Barhorst, Urban Bertke, Joe Bidlack, John Boeke, David Bruns, Dr. Charles Dickman, Tony Doll, Bill Donauer, Don Eichenauer, Charles Froning, Randy Griesdorn, Vince Gruss, Scott Halterman, Wallace Hart, Jim Harting, Ed Hemmelgarn, Paul Hoyng, Greg James, Ed Kingery, Jack Knapschaefer, Mike Knapschaefer, Dave List, Dennis Piper, Mike Noll, Dave Rolfes, Ralph Swartz, Romie Schwieterman, John Shier, David Romer, Don Tangeman, Bonnie Van De Mark, Van Van De Mark, and L.C. Werling.



Coldwater Teachers Organization

In the early days of the Coldwater Schools, as in the rest of Ohio and the nation, the school staff was a very small group. As the staff grew, an organization basically for social purposes and some educational purposes came into being. The Coldwater Education Association existed for these purposes from 1952, when the Coldwater schools left the county system, until about 1966.

In 1966, the Coldwater teachers, in common with the teachers in much of the nation, began to feel a need for an organization that could speak for them and work to improve their position, both as professionals in the classroom, and in the relationships with their employers. The Coldwater Teachers Organization was then formed and as soon as Ohio law was changed, was recognized by the Coldwater Board of Education as the representative of the teaching employees. By 1972 the CTO had affiliated with the Ohio Education Association and the National Education Association, which had by then become teacher advocacy groups.

The early contracts in the late '60s and early '70s were the result of informal agreements, ratified by the Board. In 1976 the first master contract between the CTO and the Board was signed. In 1977 there was an 11 day strike by the CTO. Since that time there have been annual contracts between the CTO and the Board of Education. In 1983 when the State Collective Bargaining Bill was passed, there were no problems in Coldwater, since the process had been going on here for some years. Besides collective bargaining efforts, the CTO also works to improve the educational skills of their members, with in-service programs, etc.

As the times since 1966 have changed, the membership of the CTO has grown. For some years now the membership has been 100% of the teaching employees of the Coldwater schools. The present officers (1987-88) of the CTO are: Mary Lehman, president; Rosemary Ewry, vice-president; Marilyn Severt, secretary; and Gene Weber, treasurer.



Coldwater Young Farmers Association

The purpose of the Coldwater YFA is to provide a means for which young farmers and individuals involved in agribusiness can improve themselves in their occupations. Educational sessions are conducted throughout the year on various topics of interest. The association also provides various social activities for members and their families. The YFA is in conjunction with the Agricultural Education Service of the Ohio Department of Education.

The Coldwater YFA was chartered in 1979 and has been an active organization in the agriculture community. The organization provides support for the Mercer County Fair and the area FFA chapters. An agricultural machinery consignment auction is conducted each February by the YFA. The auction provides a revenue of funds for the organization to operate.

Current officers for the 1988 year are: President, Bill Homan; Vice-President, Lester Evers; Secretary-Treasurer, Marvin Broering. Dennis Reithman, Coldwater H.S. agriculture instructor, serves as advisor for the organization.



Crowd gathered around some of the equipment being auctioned during the annual consignment auction held at F&J Farm Service in cooperation with the Coldwater Auction Service.



New Idea Credit Union, Inc.

The Credit Union was state-chartered on September 6, 1967. At the end of the first month, we had a membership of 225, a total savings deposits of \$2,582.72, and assets being \$2,737.61. The Credit Union was originally located in a two-room office in the present White New Idea building. Due to our fast growth, a new building was constructed in October, 1978. As of October, 1987, the Credit Union has 2201 members with assets of \$4,574,289.67.

The Credit Union is servicing seven select groups. They are the employees of: White New Idea, Community Hospital, Coldwater Exempted Village Schools, Village of Coldwater, Pet Inc., Stamco, and Pax Machine. The services offered are savings, checking and Christmas Club accounts, and loans (including real estate). The Credit Union is owned by its members and is operated by an elected Board of Directors. Two committees are appointed by the Board of Directors — the Credit Committee and the Audit Committee. The present employees are Pat Hoelscher, Janet Uhlenhake, and Cheryl Hoyng. Present office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Phi Beta Psi

'Sorority,' denotes a sisterhood and Phi Beta Psi is just that. It is not just another club, but rather a unified sisterhood, who cares, and shares in work and play. Our organization is a national non-academic sorority, incorporated not for profit. The purpose of the Sorority is to conduct or participate in charitable, benevolent, and civic projects, and promote fraternal relationships among its members.

The Iota Mu chapter of Phi Beta Psi Sorority in Coldwater, was organized and chartered on November 28, 1951. Starting with seven charter members, we have grown to thirty active members.

During our thirty-six years, we have worked tirelessly for Cancer Research as our main project. We have donated over \$16,000, for grants to doctors and institutes, such as the Hipple Research Center in Kettering, where they are researching a cure for cancer. Nationally, Phi Beta Psi donates over \$100,000 annually toward Cancer Research. Over \$5000 has been donated to our local Mercer County Cancer Unit. We help them by participating in their annual Daffodil days, and purchase loan equipment and supplies for local patients. The Mercer County Hospice program is another recipient of sorority donations.

We also conduct or participate in many other charitable and civic projects. Many children have benefited from our work. Our chapter was instrumental in starting the annual Mercer County Retarded Children's Christmas parties, sending Girl Scouts to camp, aided Kindergarten classes, Coldwater High School Band, High School Scholarship Funds, and the All-Weather Track.

Other organizations that have benefited by our many efforts are; St. Peter Neurological Center, Briarwood Nursing Home, Emergency Squad, Combined Charities, Coldwater Library, Community Hospital, Alcohol Drug and Abuse Center, and the Coldwater Community Picnic.

Money for our charitable works are derived through numerous projects such as raffle tickets, having card parties, Bowling-for-Cancer, selling pecans, and our largest money-maker is our annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale.

Iota Mu girls have worked many years and donated many hours toward our projects. Our continuing goal is to continue working for the betterment of our local community and county and finding the cause and cure for cancer.

St. Ann's Altar Rosary Sodality

St. Ann's Altar Rosary Sodality is the oldest society in Holy Trinity Parish, originally called St. Ann Altar Society. It was established January 1, 1868, a few months before the parish itself. Its object, as stated in its original constitution, is to work for the improvement of the interior of the church. Many an ornament in the church bears testimony of the zeal and sacrificing devotion of the members of St. Ann's Society.

The first officers on record were: Margaret Fisher, President; Bernadena Boese, Secretary; Mary Ann Kallmeyer, Treasurer. Men were also admitted to membership during the first years of the organization. Membership of St. Ann's in 1868 consisted of ten women and nine men. Today's enrollment includes 699 women.

Receipts and expenses in 1868, including donations to the Church treasury, were \$12.68.

Meetings were originally held on the organization's Communion Sunday each month. Presently there are five meetings each year held on Monday evenings.

In 1891, during the pastorate of Rev. Philip Hartman, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers was canonically erected and affiliated with the St. Ann Altar Society.

Today's St. Ann's members are involved in many activities throughout each year. These include embroidery of Baptismal Robes which are presented to each child baptised in the parish; cleaning the sacristies each Saturday morning; helping to pack the clothing received during the Thanksgiving Clothing Drive; holding a party for Senior Citizens; helping with the serving of food at the Appreciation Banquet for the CCD teachers, the Ecumenical Service each Thanksgiving, the Forty Hours Parish Carry-In Dinner and after the Memorial Day Mass; attending an Evening of Renewal for members held at the Maria Stein Center; operating the Variety Stand at the K of C Picnic and the Bratwurst Stand at the Community Picnic; providing honorary pallbearers and praying the rosary at funerals of members; and leading the rosary on Monday nights in October.

The Altar Sodality, as the name indicates, also takes care of the altars with flowers on special occasions. The upkeep of the kitchen in the church basement is also the responsibility of St. Ann's.

Present officers include: Mary Hart, President; Joann Pax, Vice-President; Jean Brackman, Secretary; and Bernice Koesters, Treasurer.

Holy Trinity School and Convent

In September 1913, in anticipation of the opening of the Holy Trinity Parochial School, four Sisters from Maria Stein were engaged to teach the Catholic children. The Sisters taught in three rooms rented from the Public schools. In these rooms the Sisters taught during 1913-1914 until the new school was completed.

The first teachers were: Sisters Innocencia, Alodia, Adelinda and Iluminata as Principal. The total enrollment was 217 children.

In the school yard about fifty feet east of the school was the temporary Sisters' House, a two story frame building erected in the summer of 1913.

The year 1935 was a change for Holy Trinity School into a Public School. This increase in enrollment called for more Sisters on the faculty. This resulted in building a new convent for the twelve teaching Sisters.

In 1953, a new convent was completed and Precious Blood Sisters continued to serve as teachers in the Public School. Sister Mary Alacoque Hartman served twenty-five years as Principal and Sister Virginia Huber followed her and was the last nun as Principal to give service to the school and community. Sister Mary Jane Thobe was the last Sister to serve on the faculty in the Primary Department.

Presently there are three Precious Blood Sisters: Sr. Emerita Koch, Sr. Jane Francis Hoffman and Sr. Winifred Donaldson and two Victory Noll Sisters: Sr. Carolyn Issenmann and Sr. Mary Ruth Kramer live in the convent fulfilling and living out their commitment of varying ministry duties.



Coldwater Community Picnic Association

In 1961 Coldwater's unique organization, the Community Picnic Association, was formed under the leadership of Bob Hibner and Don Luken. This Association annually holds a two day carnival, which has grown every year, with all proceeds going to the Memorial Park for capital improvements, and also to the Coldwater Library.

The Association consists of all the organizations in the village, each of which are headed by a captain and co-captain.

In 1973-74 four new tennis courts were constructed. In September of 1974 the old swimming pool which had been outgrown, was torn out, and by May of 1975 a new pool constructed on the same site and using the same bath house. The cost of the new pool was \$190,319.



The old Penn Central station located on East Main Street was moved to the northeast corner of Memorial Park in 1973, with the help of literally dozens of contractors, electricians and decorators, both amateur and professional. At present it is much in demand for various types of meetings and parties, and a real asset for the park, which has been recognized as one of the finest parks in Ohio.



There have been numerous items purchased for the Coldwater Public Library for permanent improvements including a computer, monitor, printer, filing cabinet, furnace, air conditioner, and carpeting, totaling over \$31,000.00 in the past years. It has also been recognized as one of the most complete libraries in the area.

The following is a list of the presidents for the past 27 years of the Community Picnic. 1961 — Bob Hibner, 1962 — Don Luken, 1963 — Don Diller, 1964 — Jack Schenking, 1965 — Edgar Schwieterman, 1966 — Zane Mader, 1967 — Bob Pleiman, 1968 — Ron Wannemacher (deceased) Linus Hausfeld, 1969 — Maurice Feltz, 1970 — Tom Stelzer, 1971 — Ken Schwieterman, 1972 — Denny Hein, 1973 — Larry Harlamert, 1974 — Don Tangeman, 1975 — Jim Noll, 1976 — Bob Stelzer, 1977 — Rick Slavik, 1978 — Jay Hogenkamp, 1979 — Harold Feltz, 1980 — Dave Homan, 1981 — Dan Braun, 1982 — Charlie Maier, 1983 — Jerry Heyne, 1984 — Jack Knapschaefer, 1985 — Dave List, 1986 — Mike Luken, and 1987 — Jerry Happy.

The total receipts of the combined Coldwater Community Picnics has grossed \$1,035,753.07 and netted \$460,200.87.

Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization comprised of business men and women. Their main focus is to strive to improve the quality of life in Coldwater and its surrounding area. In achieving this ambitious goal, members actively strive to improve economical opportunities in our area. This includes the non-member, as well as, the member businesses! The basis for the existence of our chamber is to unite the segments of our community and to keep them actively involved towards the completion of our common goal, the quality of life in our area. These segments are comprised of the following: community (private sector); school (educational opportunity); business (retail sector); and industry (economic development).

We are governed by a set of by-laws (amended 1987) to represent all of the segments mentioned above to the best of our ability. We must continuously ask ourselves the questions "Will it make a difference" and "How will it affect the community"? We must also realize that we cannot be all things to all people! Our goals must be specific and deadlines must be met so that our community can remain successful!

The chamber began in 1883 as a businessman's club. Shortly after that, the name of it was changed to the Commercial Club. Then, on July 1, 1966, the club became known as the Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce. The officers at the time of this significant change were: President, Joe Daffler; Vice-President, A.J. Gebele; Treasurer, Harry Watts; and Secretary, Ralph Harlamert.

The chamber has just completed its 22nd consecutive year of success in meeting the needs of Cold-

water and the surrounding area. The present officers and trustees are as follows: President, Richard Branch (Coldwater Community Hospital); Secretary-Treasurer, Sue Ahrens (Central Soft Water); Trustees: Larry Fair (Principal, Coldwater High School); Rob Gross (Gross Floor Covering); Scott Halterman (Owner, Coast to Coast); Dave Rolfes (Owner, Coldwater Auto Sales/Select Motors); Bill Simons (Vice-President, Young & Associates, Inc.); Brian Wilcox (Assistant Village Administrator); Roger Rindler (Olding-Gebele-George Insurance); and Tom Hedrick (White-New Idea Farm Equipment).

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce has participated and contributed to many projects in the Coldwater area over the past 22 years. Some of these are as follows: support of various school bond issues and levies that meant higher standards of education for the community; provided money to the village for Christmas decorations, trash containers and flags; support of the park and its many activities; the library; support of the different organizations with money or donated time by the trustees; sponsorship of many activities such as business courses for members and their employees, queen candidate for the local pageant, and candidates forum prior to the election of village officials and school board members; support for local vocational school programs; support of local hospital and improvements to update health care in our area; chaperoned and funded After-Prom parties for the local high school; donated money to local athletic teams for the purchase of uniforms; donated money to the high school band parents to purchase uniforms; support of combined charities; represented community on hospital board; purchased water fountain and welcome sign for the bike path; and created a business phone directory; we take an active part in the recruitment of physicians; we take an active roll in the Lake Improvement Corp; we are involved in the county's Community Improvement Corp; we are involved with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce; and the small business enterprise center at the local college, Wright State Lake Campus in Celina.

There have been many, many more contributions that are too numerous to mention! However, in closing it would be nice to recognize past presidents: Joe Daffler, Maurice Cron, Jack Schenking, Bob Baumeier, Bob Willhoff, Ed Thomas, Robert King, Ralph Swartz, Sam Moorman, Ray Kremer, Orval Homan, Dave Homan, Dennis Piper, Jack Knapschaefer, Stan Lefeld, Bill Simons and current President Richard Branch.

Anders Pandas 4-H Club

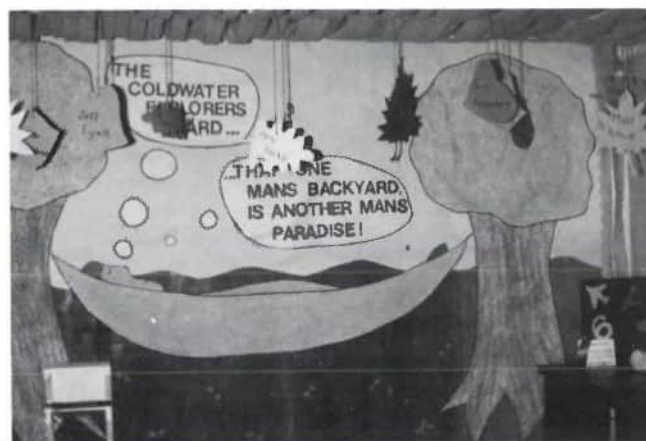
Anders Pandas 4-H Club is a relatively new club for Mercer County. Most of the members are from the Coldwater area, as are the advisors, Dr. Ron and Beverly Anders. What began three years ago as a veterinary science club for older 4-H members interested in medicine and animal diseases has grown into a club of all interests and ages and enrollment has increased 300%.



Pictured: Anders Pandas at 1987 Coldwater Community Picnic Parade.

Coldwater Explorers 4-H Club

The Coldwater Explorers as it is in 1988 was established in 1978 as a boys 4-H club. The advisors then were Norma Wolters and Elizabeth Heckler. They met in the Holy Trinity Church basement. The following year Mrs. Wolters resigned and so for the next seven years Mrs. Heckler held the meetings in her home with the help of her husband, Michael. In those years the club took various club projects and experienced different types of outing, such as going to Pine Lake, Americana Amusement Park, and several pizza parties. Some of the civic activities completed by the Explorers were cleaning up and raking the shrubs and bushes around the Coldwater West School building, and putting canisters around on the Coldwater area businesses to help save the Statue of Liberty. They also work at the Coldwater Community picnic every year. In 1986 the Explorers expanded and admitted girls to their club. The advisors in 1988 are Elizabeth and Michael Heckler and Joyce Puthoff. The officers are President Jeff Schmeising; Vice-President Terry Muhlenkamp; Treasurer Darren Hart; Secretary Sandra Heckler. The Explorers usually meet the first Monday of the month at the Holy Trinity Church basement in Coldwater.



Booth at the Mercer County Fair in 1987.

Coldwater Happy Hearts 4-H Club

Every two weeks fifteen third graders would ascend to 701 West Main, the home of Ann Gross, for 4-H project work. Ever since this small beginning on November 4, 1975, The Happy Hearts 4-H Club has helped many members gain much worthwhile experiences.

Being a girls club, we have many food, clothing and special interest projects. We have even ventured into the livestock arena. The Happy Hearts Club has done very well at the Mercer County Fair over the past twelve years as many Happy Hearts girls have represented Mercer County at The Ohio State Fair.

Our club supports the community whenever we can. We clean tables at the PTO Carnival and K of C Picnic. We participate in the Community Picnic Parade, work in the Fun Tent at the Community Picnic, and set up a 4-H display in our public library.

Currently our meetings are the third Monday of each month and are held in the Society Bank Basement.

The advisors are: Ann Gross, 13 years; JoAnn Bergman, 9 years; Nancy Hoying, 7 years; Nancy Penno, 5 years; Marilyn Braun, 4 years; Janet Gross and Diane Heuing, 3 years.



Members: first row — Lori Hoying, Tonia Voisinet, Deanna Cully, Suzie Wenning, Jolene Cully. 2nd Row — Becky Robb, Shelly Robb, Jenny Wermert, Michelle Braun, Caryn Ontrop, Denise Winner. 3rd row — Linda Penno, Mandy Cully, Kelly Moorman, Krista Muhlenkamp, Stacy Moorman. Top row — Marilyn Heuing, Brenda Moorman, Teresa Hoying. Absent — Jennifer Gordon, Linda Thompson.

Philothea Hustlers 4-H Club

Fifteen years ago Virgil Dues and Joe Rose decided to begin a 4-H Club due to the dissolution of the Friendly Beavers 4-H Club.

The name Philothea Hustlers was given after a suggestion by Luke Will, one of the fathers and also a very helpful dairy man.

Parents contribute so much by backing the club and their children. A successful club is working together and sharing ideals and helping in every way possible.

There were 50 members in 1987 including: Gayle Beckman; Kathy, Kelly and Kris Bricker; Jason Deleith; Karen Dues; Ed, Jenny, Melissa and Michelle Ebbing; Chris and Jenny Fiely; Brian Gaerke; Roger Hueing; Greg, Marie, Tony Homan; Becky Hunt; Matt and Sarah Jutte; Lynn and Tony Langenkamp; Jenny, Michelle and Stephanie Leugers; Brian and Craig Moorman; Julie and Nichole Mustard; Eric Niekamp; Chris Ontrop; Dave Penno; Doug and Sheri Rentz; Don and Joe Rose; Diane and Julie Schmitmeyer; Eric, Craig and Daryl Siefiring; John Shisler; Todd Siegrist; Beth Slavik; Amy, Denise and Doug Weitzel; Bob and Rick Zahn.

Donna Rose and Irene Dues are in their thirteenth year as advisors and Clem and Elaine Ebbing are beginning their second year as advisors.

Philothea Hustlers have had many Grand and Reserve Champions in Beef, Dairy, Hogs, and Rabbits. They are also proud to have 5 Pilot Puppies leading the blind and one more training.

The club has received many county, state and national awards and have hosted LABO AND IFYE Students. This year, Melissa Ebbing will be going to Japan as a LABO Exchange. Karen Dues was the first Mercer County Delegate to Japan in 1982.



Safety speech by Stephanie Leugers.

The Philothes 4-H Club

The Philothes was started in 1971 by Mrs. Jerome Homan and Joyce (Dues) Ontrop. It was started with 15 members and over the years has grown to hold at around 20 members. The club sells Christmas candy as a money maker and the community look forward to their good service and prices each year. This year the club sold over 5,000 pounds.

Dorothy Siefiring and sister-in-law, Eileen, took over the club leadership for a few years. Connie Buschur, Diana Siefiring, and Eileen Siefiring served for many years and now it is led by Eileen and Connie. Vicki Dues and Luella Homan also became advisors in 1987. The members donate extra money to the

CYO of Philothea Parish and to the St. Peter's Neurological Center.

The members take their mothers out to dinner at a special restaurant in appreciation each year.

Officers for 1988: President, Michelle Sieftring; Past President, Judy Homan; Vice President, Kelly Buschur; Secretary, Kathy Sieftring; Treasurer, Jamie Bernard; Health & Safety, Brenda Kunk and Jenny Broering; Reporter, Judy Homan; Recreation Leaders, Michelle Dues, Carla Dues, Cathy Dues, and Jody Bernard.



In 1987 the club won the litter poster contest. The administrator, Janet Gels of the Mercer County of Litter Prevention and Recycling treated the club to a pizza party at the fair; compliments of Domino's Pizza and Brodbeck's markets.

The club meetings are held in the Philothea School.

Coldwater Post Office Site

Photographs from Paul Hoyng's Office

Band Director: Myron Pierce; Henry Coates, with sleeves rolled up; Father Yauss and Coldwater Mayor William Dock, bent over, with chin in hand.



Rainbow Connectors 4-H Club

The Rainbow Connectors 4-H Club was begun in Coldwater, Ohio in 1981. It met once a month in the Holy Trinity Church basement. Its first advisors were Norma "Skeet" Wolters and Lois Hogenkamp. The following year Kathy Schenking joined them as an advisor. The club began with 10 members and its charter officers were: President, Beth Schwieterman; Vice President, Nikki Kettler; Secretary, Pam Braun; Treasurer, Becky Jenkins; Reporter, Molly Piper.

The club currently has 18 members and meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall. Liz Homan and Rita Schmitmeyer add needed leadership and advice, especially during "hectic" fair time.



The officers for 1987 are: President, Cindy Miller; Vice President, Lynn Hogenkamp; Secretary, Becki Moorman; Treasurer, Jennie Rosenbeck; Reporter, Lara Homan.

Other club members are: Julie and Diane Schmitmeyer, Shannon Schmit, Angie and Jodie Ebbing, Carrie Fullenkamp, Valerie Wuebker, Vickie Hogan, Tanya Homan, Beth Schwieterman, and Karen Schenking.



Charles E. Schindler

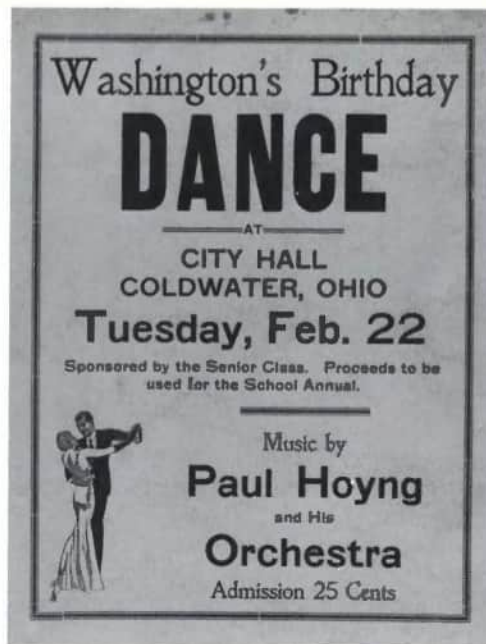
Charles E. Schindler graduated from Ohio Northern in Pharmacy in 1893. In 1895 he opened a drug store in Coldwater. The first few years the store was located at what is now Hoyng's Hardware corner. Then he built a store across the street on ground purchased from H.C. Fox next to Mr. Fox's General Store. The town's population then was about 400. Dirt streets and hitching racks for many years. Main street was paved about 1918. Not many cars but in summer there were some pretty fancy horse-drawn R.V.'s when the gypsies came to town.

It was pretty tough going financially in those early years. No prescriptions; the doctor carried his own medicines in his little black bag. Most people had their own favorite recipes for various ailments which the druggist was able to fill. Also there was available a wide assortment of "Patent Medicines" highly advertised and some having real medicinal value. The druggist also sold a large assortment of remedies for farm animals.

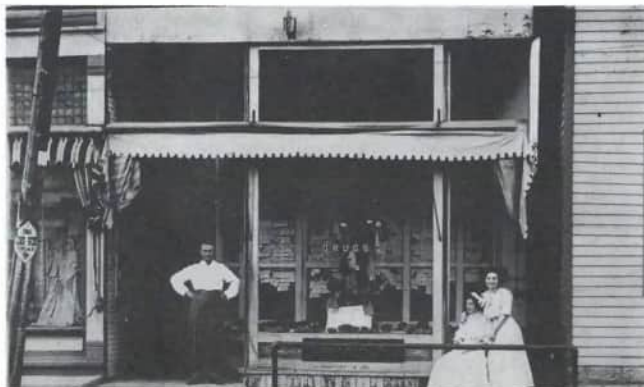
The drug store was the place to buy perfumes, face powder, creams and toothpaste. Botanic herbs and teas were helpful. Diamond and Putnam Dyes for clothes were staple sellers. Candy was a good selling item selling for 10¢ a pound on up to 40¢ a pound for the best hand-dipped chocolates. Chewing gum was popular; the best selling brand was Sweet Wheat. About 1910 a soda fountain was installed which did a brisk business from the start. Everything was a nickel except ice-cream sodas which were 10¢. It was a labor intensive department, the labor force being the young family lads brought in to fill the jobs from the playing fields of Coldwater. No electric refrigeration; ice-cream had to be iced down twice a day with chipped ice and rock salt.

Things have greatly changed over the years and now the drug store is a pharmacy largely specializing in filling prescriptions. Wonder drugs appeared on the scene starting with Aspirin in 1899, Insulin 1922, Sulfa Drugs in 1936, Penicillin 1941, Antibiotics, Streptomycin & Tetracycline began to appear in 1944.

Charles E. Schindler served as Postmaster of Coldwater for 12 years from 1921 to 1933, after which he returned to the store and with his sons operated the business until his death in 1949. The store continued on until 1978 when it was closed after 84 years.



The Methodist Episcopal Church — 1881



Ice Cream Parlor in Schindler's Drug Store about 1916.

— FAMILY HISTORIES —



Don and Jean Adams

Don and Jean Adams live at 802 Woodview Dr. Don is the son of Hugo and Hilda (Geier) Adams of Coldwater. Jean is the daughter of Vess and Dorothy (Studer) Wilker of Montezuma.

Don and Jean have lived in Coldwater since they married on September 10, 1966. They have one son, Jeff, who works at Crown Controls. He is 20 years old.

Don was appointed Chief of Police on July 1, 1987. Before that he was a patrolman on the police force for 20 years.

Jean is employed by the Coldwater School System in the Central Office. She has been employed there for 10 years.



Dr. Charles P. and Seressa Adkins

Mercer County has benefited greatly by the contributions of Dr. Charles Phillips Adkins. He was born in Albertville, Alabama, on April 3, 1905, the only son of Louis Conrad and Catherine (Phillips) Adkins. He had four sisters. In 1930 he graduated from Emory University of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1933 he married Seressa Odell Smith of Lyn-

chburg, Virginia, who was the daughter of Robert Glenn and Emma Edelaide (St. John) Smith. She graduated from Lynchburg Hospital and Cleveland University Hospital as an anesthetist. They had two sons, Charles Phillips, Jr. and William Conrad.

In 1934 while working as a surgeon in Hamilton, Ohio, Dr. Adkins was persuaded to come to Coldwater by a drug salesman. He told Doctor of the pressing need for a surgeon in southern Mercer County. Dr. Weamer had died and Dr. Brumm was very ill. Most surgery patients were sent to Lima. Poor road conditions made this arrangement hazardous and inconvenient.

Doctor moved his family to Coldwater for a three-month trial period. Fortunately for Mercer County, this trial stretched into a lifetime. He rented the former office of Dr. Weamer, and he and his family boarded with Mrs. Weamer. A year later he bought the home and office from Mrs. Weamer. Miss Cleo Muhlenkamp became a part of the Adkins' household in 1936 as the housekeeper and the caretaker of the children.

Doctor was able to perform most of his surgery at the office hospital of Dr. John Gibbons in Celina. Dr. Gibbons shared his office with a dentist, Dr. Guy Bryson. Two rooms in the back served as hospital and surgery ward for the doctors. Because Mercer County now had a surgeon, Dr. Gibbons was able to expand his facilities.

Doctor's daily routine started early in the morning and often lasted far into the night. Mornings were taken up either by surgery at Gibbons' in Celina or minor surgery in his office. With Mrs. Adkins as anesthetist, they could do as many as six tonsillectomies and drive the patients all home before preparing for afternoon office hours. Afternoon office hours lasted from one until six. This was followed by evening hours six days a week from seven until all patients were cared for by the doctor. After midnight he was often called out for an emergency surgery or a late-night birth. It has been estimated that Doctor Adkins delivered over 5000 babies.

The hard times of the 1930's were reflected in Doctor's practice. Many paid the \$15 he charged for deliveries in vegetables and meat. At times he found the homes that were without electricity too dim in which to work. With his usual resourcefulness, Doctor drove his car up to the house and delivered the babies by headlights!

When the Oppenheim and Synck family owners decided to sell their interest in New Idea, Doctor approached them about the need for a hospital in Coldwater. He convinced them to use part of the proceeds from the sale to build a hospital in Coldwater. He was very active in the fund raising for the rest of the cost of the hospital. In 1950 Our Lady of Mercy Hospital was dedicated.

Doctor Adkins somehow found time to pursue other interests. He was a major contributor to the Methodist Church in Coldwater. He owned a

guernsey dairy farm south of Coldwater. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Whenever possible, he and his family would camp and hunt in the Canadian wilderness. Doctor took extended sporting trips to Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Alaska, where he shot a polar bear, and Africa, where he killed an elephant. These and other kills are displayed in the large trophy room of his lake-side home.

Doctor's son, Charles, married Donna Smith of St. Marys. He is in business in North Canton, Ohio. They have three children: Charles Phillips III, Alexander, and Claire.

William married Elizabeth (Lynne Ann) Stedem of Columbus. They have three children: William, Jr., Rebecca, and Thomas. William is a urologist in Erie, Pennsylvania. His research and development of the use of the Argon Laser in urologic procedures have been recognized and approved by the Food & Drug Administration. A video of Dr. Bill Adkins' work has been distributed to urology centers nationally.

Doctor Adkins became ill in the early 1970's. On November 29, 1972, he died. All who knew him share a common memory of his gruff voice, his brisk manner, and his love of a good joke. All also have a personal memory of the heroic efforts Doctor used to accomplish a miracle, or of the sincere grief he felt when all his skills were not enough. Doctor Charles Adkins' epitaph reflects his life of service:

"When I was sick you visited me,
Enter into the Joy of the Lord."



Bart and Mary Ahlers

Bart and Mary Ahlers were married on August 6, 1971. They lived in Saint Henry and farmed. In November, 1977, they moved to Coldwater at 205 East College St., where they reside at the present.

Bart, son of the late William and Regina Ahlers, was born in St. Henry. Mary, daughter of the late William and Elizabeth Nieberding, was born in Coldwater.

On July 17, 1946, Mary married Dale Brandon. They are the parents of Elaine, Connie, Doris, Joan, Richard and Maria. Dale passed away on May 31, 1968. Elaine married Joseph Oen; they are the parents of Edwin, Kenneth, Peg, Tony, Thomas, Robbie

and Mary. Elaine is a homemaker, and they live in Russia. Connie married William Anthony; they are the parents of Greg and Chris. Connie is a math instructor; they live in Oakland, California. Doris married Arthur Anderson; they are the parents of Mariani and Alyssa. Doris is a homemaker; they live in Burlington, Vermont. Joan married Kenneth Knapke; they are the parents of Yolanda, Carrie and Andrea. Joan is a homemaker; they live in Sidney. Richard died on June 17, 1977. Maria is the parent of April. Maria is a computer programmer; they live at Sidney.

Mary works at the Saint Henry School Cafeteria. Bart works on the farm.



Kenneth and Susan Ahrens

Kenneth and Susan Ahrens live at 513 W. Walnut Street. Ken is the son of Ervin and Verlina Ahrens. Sue is the daughter of Robert and Betty Pleiman. They have two children; Jessica is ten and Shannon is seven.

Ken is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen. He enjoys camping, bowling, sports, reading and cabinet making.

Sue is employed at Central Soft Water Service in Coldwater, and she is also the secretary of the Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce. She enjoys camping, bowling and a good book.

Dr. Robert and Viola Albers

Robert William Albers was born in Ft. Loramie, Ohio, on March 3, 1933, to William H. and Theresa (Sherman) Albers, the fourth of six children. He is graduated from Ft. Loramie High School, the University of Dayton, and the University of Cincinnati. He is a member of the Ohio State and Mercer County Medi-

cal Societies, the Mercer County Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

Viola Janet Bertke Albers was born in Minster, Ohio, on March 4, 1934, to Aloys and Clara Belle (Gudorf) Bertke, the youngest of three children. She graduated from Minster High School. Today she is a homemaker and a volunteer at Community Hospital. She is a member of the Mercer County Medical Auxiliary and the Iota Mu chapter of the Phi Beta Psi Sorority.

On September 1, 1956, Robert and Viola were married at St. Augustine Church in Minster and they moved to Cincinnati where Robert was attending medical school at the University of Cincinnati. Upon his graduation in 1959, they moved to Dayton, Ohio, where Dr. Albers served his internship at Miami Valley Hospital.

In 1960 they moved to Coldwater where Dr. Albers joined the medical practice of Dr. M.G. Harnick and Dr. C.E. Pennington. Today it is known as Coldwater Medical, Inc.



Dr. and Mrs. Albers were blessed with five children: David, Karen, Beth, Maria, and Brian.

David Robert was born on December 23, 1958. He graduated from Coldwater High School, Ohio Northern University, and the University of Michigan. He has a Ph.D. in Chemistry and is a senior research chemist at Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan, where he lives with his wife, Lisa (Bettinger), and their daughters, Jennifer, Andrea, and Valerie.

Karen Marie was born on April 24, 1961. She graduated from Coldwater High School and received an associate degree in business from Wright State University. She is currently working toward a B.S. degree in nursing at Wright State in Dayton where she lives with her husband, Charles P. Wenning, and their children, Alison and Andrew.

Beth Anne was born on April 21, 1965, and graduated from Coldwater High School and the University of Dayton with a B.A. in Communication Management. She lives in Cincinnati where she is employed by Fidelity Investments.

Maria Lynn was born on May 26, 1968, graduated from Coldwater High School and is a business major at the University of Cincinnati.

Brian Charles was born on December 29, 1970, and is a junior at Coldwater High School.



Henry and Sarah Albers

Henry Albers was born in 1858 in Montgomery County, Ohio, the son of John Frederick and Charlotte Catherine (Wixforth) Albers who came from Prussia around 1848, were married in America and were the parents of eleven children.

Henry married Sarah Weddle and they became the parents of six children: Charlotte (Driver), Dan, Jesse and Lillian (twins), Alice (Weaver) and Clara (Miller Hay).

In 1910, Henry, his wife and the younger children moved to Oregon, Mercer County, Ohio. After the death of his wife, Henry bought a small farm and with horse drawn carriage and farm wagons moved in 1920 to Younger Road, two miles northeast of Coldwater. He was always a farmer and a great lover of nice horses. He died in 1946.

His daughter, Clara, married Howard Miller in 1917 and was the only one of Henry's family to remain in Mercer County after marriage. She was the mother of two children, Joyce and Loran Miller. In order to provide a home for them, she lived in and kept house for her father. Clara departed from this life in February, 1987, at the age of 90.

Loran Miller attended school in the Coldwater area; he served in World War II as an engineer in the construction of runways, roads, etc. for the Air Force. He also died in February, 1987, near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Joyce started school at the age of five, attending Burntwood School, standing then just north of Burntwood Cemetery on Coldwater Creek Road, and walked the mile twice a day through eight years. She attended and was graduated from Coldwater High School, walking over two miles twice a day to and from school.

Joyce married Clarence Yaney and reared four children, all of whom live on Fleetfoot Road. She worked sixteen years for the Kroger Company, starting in the Coldwater store until it closed. She then went to the Celina store. Joyce was honoured to observe their golden wedding before her husband's death in 1985. Being retired now, she enjoys amateur genealogy and flower gardening. Of the four children, two are school bus drivers, one is with Colonial Bakery, and one is a carpenter. She has 15 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Richard and Jeanette Alig

Richard (Dick) and Jeanette (Jenny) Alig live at 3138 St. Rt. 219. Richard is the son of John and Hilda Alig of Portland, Indiana. Jeanette is the daughter of Phillip and Josephine Wellman of Portland, Indiana. They have six children. Steve married Mary Jo Jones; they have two children, Sarah and Chip, and reside in Celina. Ralph married Diane Diller; they also have two children, Aaron and Amanda, and live on Fairground Road in Celina. Barbara married Gary Uhlenhake; they have two sons, Craig and Kyle, and reside on Burkettsville — St. Henry Road, Coldwater. Nancy married Eric Muhlenkamp; they have one daughter, Whitney, and live in Coldwater. Charles is a junior at the University of Dayton, and Connie is a sophomore at Coldwater High School.

Richard works at the Ohio Department of Transportation as a mechanic. He enjoys fishing, playing cards, and watching football and basketball. He is a member of the American Legion, the K. of C., and the Eagles. Jeanette works at Briarwood Manor in the dietary department. She is a member of the V.F.W.



Henry and Philomena Alig

Henry George Alig married Philomena Catherine Homan on October 15, 1935. Henry (July 1, 1907 — January 16, 1972) is the son of William and Veronica (Krieg) Alig. Philomena (November 4, 1909) “Minnie” is the daughter of Gerhard and Catherine (Muhlenkamp) Homan.

Henry attended St. Joseph’s College, took over his father’s farm and in 1942 purchased and moved to a farm on the Indiana-Ohio Line. In 1977 Philomena sold the home farm to her son Alvin and moved to St. Anthony. Henry and Philomena had five children (all attended St. Anthony Elementary and Coldwater High School): Norman, Alvin, Kenneth, Dale and Lucy Ann.

Norman married Hilda Heuker. Children: Madonna (married Paul Dahlinghaus; children: Renee and Jenna, New Bremen); Greg (farm and turkey operation); David (attending ATI, Wooster); Kathleen; and, Rick. They live south of St. Anthony where he farms and has a pork and turkey operation.

Alvin married Joyce Brumm. Children: Lorna, Brenda (both at Bowling Green State University) and

Colleen. They live north of St. Henry. Alvin is manager for Coldwater Machine Company; Joyce is Director of Mercer County History Museum.

Kenneth married Beatrice Garke. Children: Angela (married Gary Muhlenkamp, Coldwater); Julia (works for Ft. Recovery Industries); Lisa; Randal; Craig; and, Diane. Kenneth works for Pax Steel Products; Beatrice works for Ft. Recovery Industries. They live near St. Peter.

Dale married Janet Gehle. Children: Brian (attending Wright State Lake Campus), Kevin; Jason; and Dawn. They live in New Bremen. Dale works for Minster Machine; Janet works for Heritage Manor Nursing Home, Minster.

Lucy Ann married Steven Nieport. They live in St. Henry with their children Kathryn and Matthew. Steve works for the National Farmers’ Organization’s Dairy Office, Minster.

Photo: l-r, Kenny and Beatrice, Dale and Janet, Steve and Lucy Ann, Philomena, Alvin and Joyce, Norman and Hilda.



Norman and Hilda Alig

Norman William Alig was born August 10, 1936, to Henry and Philomena (Homan) Alig. Henry (July 1, 1907 — January 16, 1972) is the son of William and Veronica (Krieg) Alig. Philomena (November 4, 1909) is the daughter of Gerhard and Catherine (Muhlenkamp) Homan. Henry and Philomena’s children are Norman, Alvin, Kenneth, Dale, and Lucy Ann (Nieport).

On October 14, 1961, Norman married Hilda Teresa Heuker, born October 2, 1939, to Henry and Loretta (Rammel) Heuker. Henry (August 30, 1897 — April 19, 1956) is the son of Henry and Mary (Massing) Heuker. Loretta (February 7, 1906) is the daughter of Peter and Margaret (Lieser) Rammel. Children of Henry and Loretta are Sally (Stammen), Harold, Marie (Brunswick), Charles (deceased), Donald (deceased), Edwin, John, Joseph (deceased), Hilda (Alig), and Helen (Smith).

Norman and Hilda live a half mile south of St. Anthony, Ohio. Their present house was built in 1978. Norman manages a large pork and turkey operation with the help of his wife and family and full-time help, Ralph Wendel. They have five children:

Madonna Jean (August 10, 1962), Gregory Kenneth (July 25, 1963), David Dale (September 19, 1968), Kathleen Ann (December 15, 1971), and Rick Edwin (June 11, 1975).

Donna married Paul Dahlinghaus (May 23, 1961), son of Don and the late Marita (Homan) Dahlinghaus on September 15, 1984. They live west of New Bremen with their two daughters, Renee Katherine (November 5, 1985) and Jenna Lynn (July 24, 1987). Paul farms with his father and brother.

Greg farms with his father and also has a turkey operation. Dave is attending Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Ohio. Kathy and Rick attend Coldwater schools.

Photo: Back: Kathy, Norman, Greg. Front: Donna, Rick, Hilda, Dave.



Richard and Alice Balster

Richard Balster was born in Carthagena, Ohio, on February 23, 1935, to the late Joseph and Clara (Kremer) Balster. Alice (Hilgefurd) Balster was born in Coldwater, Ohio, on June 9, 1935, to Veronica (Rosenbeck) Hilgefurd and the late Michael Hilgefurd. Richard and Alice were married on September 29, 1956, at St. Henry Catholic Church. They spent the first months after their marriage in Coldwater at 626 West Walnut Street. On January 1, 1957, they moved 4½ miles west of Coldwater on St. Rt. 219 and attended St. Peter Church. While at this address, three of their children were born: Therese, August 31, 1957; Michael, August 14, 1958; and, Jennifer, October 5, 1959.

On November 29, 1959, they moved to 314 East North Street in Coldwater. Seven of their children were born while living there: Carolyn, April 19, 1961; Elaine, July 25, 1962; Kathryn, February 18, 1964; Mark, April 27, 1965; Joseph, August 26, 1970; Luke, December 4, 1967; and, Paul, August 15, 1970. On October 21, 1972, they all moved to their newly-built home at 375 East Sycamore Street. On August 13, 1974, Marsha was born.

Richard is a self-employed salesman, a realtor for Buschur Realty, and he works part time at Ft. Recovery Hardware. He was the owner of the Coldwater Meat Service from 1965 to 1977.

The older children all have graduated from Coldwater High School; Marsha is now a freshman there. Therese now lives in Cincinnati. Michael died on Feb-

ruary 23, 1985, in a plane crash about two miles southeast of Coldwater. Jennifer is with the United States Air Force. Carolyn graduated from Bowling Green State University and now lives in Dayton. Elaine married Michael Forrest and lives in Georgetown, Texas. Kathryn married Gerald Unrast and lives west of St. Henry on St. Rt. 119. Mark married Joan Wilker and lives north of New Bremen on St. Rt. 66A. Joe died in the same plane crash with his brother Mike. Luke is with the United States Air Force. Paul graduated in 1988.



Joseph and Wilma Barhorst

Joseph and Wilma Barhorst reside at 3928 Philothea Road, Coldwater. Joseph is the son of August and Mary Barhorst (deceased) of McCartyville. Wilma is the daughter of Hubert (deceased) and Florentine Fiely who lives in Coldwater. They were married on July 24, 1954, and are the parents of five children. Diane married Scott Stromblad and they live in Columbus with their three sons: Cory, Travis and Trevor. Joyce married Steve Koesters and they live in St. Henry with their three sons: Brad, Brent and Kyle. Dale married Kathy Wellman and they live in Coldwater with their two daughters, Carrie and Katie. Donna married Rick Hemmelgarn and they live in Coldwater with their daughter, Amy. Lynn is at home and attends Coldwater High School.

Joe has been employed at New Idea for 36 years and Wilma works as a cook at the St. Henry Nite Club.

Ronald and Karen Barlage

Ronald Barlage, son of Joseph and Erma (Wermert) Barlage, and Karen Eyink, daughter of Elmer and Marie (Mohlman) Eyink, were married on July 3, 1982, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater.

Ron was born on July 3, 1958, and moved from New Bremen to St. Henry in 1970. He graduated from St. Henry High School in 1977. He works at Huffy's in Celina.

Karen was born in Coldwater on September 2, 1960, and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1978. She is also a graduate of Bowling Green State University. Karen is a teacher of the developmen-



tally handicapped at St. Henry High School. She also coaches track and cross country.

Karen and Ron have two daughters, Katelyn Marie, born November 21, 1983, and Brittany Leigh, born September 24, 1985. They live at 219 North Cedar Street in Coldwater.



Donald and Virginia Baucher

Donald Lee Baucher, son of Edward and Mabel (Mills) Baucher, was born in rural Celina, Ohio, on August 18, 1938. On November 8, 1958, he married Virginia Elizabeth Fox, who was born on January 3, 1935, in Coldwater, Ohio, to Edward and Bessie (Deutsch) Fox. They are the parents of two children, Michael Allen, born on November 2, 1961, and Diane Elizabeth, born on July 3, 1963.

Mike has a Bachelor's Degree in Management from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and is presently working at Wright State and pursuing a Master's Degree in Accounting, which he will receive in March, 1988. Mike has a great interest in sports and played baseball four years while attending Coldwater High School. He is now a member of the Willow Softball Team.

Diane married Thomas Gerlach of Fort Recovery, Ohio, on February 18, 1984, and they have two sons, Charles Thomas, born on November 15, 1984, and Nicholas James, born on February 15, 1987. She

will graduate in March, 1989, from Wright State with a degree in elementary education/mathematics. She holds several running records in track and cross-country at Coldwater High School. Tom is a graduate of St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, and is a programmer analyst for Boeing. He is also a member of the Willow Softball Team. They reside in Dayton, Ohio.

Donald graduated from Rockford High School and is employed at the Lima Army Tank Plant as a machine repairman. Prior to that, he was a repairman for Chrysler, Huffy's, and Pet, Inc.

Virginia graduated from Coldwater High School and has been employed for the last eighteen years at Werling Motors in Coldwater, Ohio, where she is office manager. Before that, she worked nine years at New Idea.

They have resided at 205 South Sixth Street, Coldwater, Ohio, since 1965 and are members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater.



Robert and Carolyn Beckman

Robert and Carolyn Beckman and family reside at 317 East South Street, Coldwater, Ohio. They have lived there since 1968. Bob was born March 19, 1945, the son of Orlando and Leona (Buschur) Beckman, Coldwater, Ohio. Carolyn was born on August 18, 1945, the daughter of Herbert and Martha (Broerman) Clune, St. Henry, Ohio.

They were married on October 14, 1967, in St. Henry Catholic Church. They are the parents of four children. Christina was born on July 20, 1968. She is a graduate of Coldwater High School and works at Schwieterman's Pharmacy in Coldwater. Susan was born September 5, 1969. She is a senior at Coldwater High School and works part time at Roger's Flowers in Coldwater. Gayle was born March 16, 1974, and is in the eighth grade at Coldwater Junior High. Tricia was born May 29, 1977, and is in the fifth grade at Coldwater West Elementary.

Bob works at Pet, Inc. in Coldwater. He has been employed there for five years. Carolyn works at Celina Insurance Group in Celina, Ohio. She has been employed there for three years.

Jeffery and Karen Behm

Jeffery C. and Karen A. Behm live at 310 South Oak Street. Jeff is the eldest son of Frederick C. (Lefty) and A. Blanche Behm. Karen is the eldest daughter of Lowell and Joan Dues. They were married on June 30, 1972. They are the parents of four children: Jodi Michelle, age twelve; Robby Carl, age ten; Brad Jeffery, age five; and, Scott Joseph, age six months.

Jeff works at Reynolds & Reynolds in Celina. He enjoys hunting and scuba diving and is a car enthusiast. Karen is a receptionist for Coldwater Medical, Inc. She enjoys people, danceaerobics, and reading. They belong to the Ft. Recovery Street Car Classics. The family attends the Coldwater United Methodist Church.

Leonard and Dolores Belsher

Leonard "Slim" Belsher is the son of Leonard Belsher, Sr. and Martha Streaker. He was born on September 20, 1923, in Dayton, Ohio, grew up in Coldwater and graduated from Coldwater High School. After graduation, he was inducted into the United States Navy as an aerial gunner on a torpedo bomber. After serving three years in the Navy, he was released and attended classes at the University of Dayton. He was recalled by the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict, serving as a flight engineer. Leonard was employed at Huff Corporation for 32 years. He is now retired and self-employed as a plane mechanic at Lakefield Airport. He enjoys golf and bowling.

On August 20, 1955, he married Dolores Link of Philothea. Dolores is the daughter of John N. Link and Caroline Schwegman and was born in Philothea on October 15, 1923. She grew up in Philothea and was graduated from Coldwater High School. Dolores was employed for many years at Schoch Bros. Paint Store. She now does volunteer work at Community Hospital and enjoys bowling and golf.

Leonard and Dolores have one daughter, Jane Ann, born March 2, 1959, in Coldwater. She is married to Clayton M. Stammen; they also live in Coldwater.

Bill and Alice Benazer

Bill Benazer was born in Montezuma in 1925, the youngest son of Josephine and John Benazer. In 1947, he married Alice Schmerge who was born in Rhine, Ohio, in 1925, the only child of Frank and Agnes Schmerge. Bill farmed and worked at New Idea for forty-one years before retiring in 1986. He is still active with his business, Benazer Nursery, Inc. Bill and Alice have five children, all of whom graduated from Coldwater High School.

Larry is a 1969 graduate. He is the elementary principal at Coldwater School and is the president of Benazer Nursery, Inc. Larry married the former Pat Franzer from Maria Stein. She is a purchasing agent with Crown Controls. They live in St. Henry with their son, Todd.



Janice graduated in 1970. She married Ron Haley from Dayton. They live in Tipp City, where Janice works as an administrative secretary of a Tipp City company and Ron is Service Training Manager for Crown Lift Trucks.

David graduated in 1971. He has worked at GE (RCA) in Findlay since graduation. He is married to the former Judy Gelhaus from Coldwater. Judy is an office assistant for a Findlay firm. They live in Findlay with their daughter, Nichole.

Thomas graduated in 1976. He was working at Minster Machine until he was killed in an auto accident in December, 1979.

Nancy is a 1977 graduate. She married Fred Riethman from Minster. Fred works at Minster Machine and is the secretary-treasurer of Benazer Nursery, Inc. Nancy is the owner of Balloons A Bloomin'. They have two children, Joshua and Jodi, and live in Minster.



Ralph and Helen Benner

Ralph and Helen Benner moved to Coldwater in 1979 after living in St. Henry for thirteen years. Ralph is from Pennsylvania originally and retired from the Air Force after twenty-five years of service. Helen was born east of Coldwater on the Yaney farm on Fleetfoot Road and attended the one-room schoolhouse at the corner of S. R. 118 and St. Anthony Road. Her father is Gard Yaney who lives on S. R. 118 just north of St. Henry. They both enjoy traveling, playing golf, square dancing, and spending their

winters in warmer climates. Ralph is a member of the American Legion, the Coldwater Kiwanis, and the Mercer County Elks. Helen enjoys volunteer work at the hospital.



Lester and Phyllis Bensman

Lester and Phyllis (Stachler) Bensman were married on May 7, 1960, at Mary Help of Christ in Ft. Recovery. Lester is the son of the late August and Marie (Heitbrink) Bensman. Phyllis is the daughter of Mildred (Fink) Stachler and the late Walter Stachler from Ft. Recovery. Lester was born in Dayton, Ohio, on May 10, 1930, and moved to Minster, Ohio, when he was three months old. Phyllis was born on Dec. 12, 1939, in Sharpsburg. Phyllis lived in Ft. Recovery and graduated from Ft. Recovery Schools in 1958.

Lester and Phyllis settled in Coldwater in May, 1960. They reside at 505 W. Walnut St. They are the parents of five children: Mark, Karen, Janice, Connie, and Margie; they all graduated from Coldwater High School.

Mark was born on April 11, 1961. Mark married Rita (Clune) from Minster. They reside at 403 W. Main St. He owns Corner Dry Cleaning and Laundry Service. Rita is an employee at Dannon Co. in Minster.

Karen was born on Aug. 28, 1962. Karen married Ronald Schlater from Burkettsville. They reside at 405 W. Vine St. They have two children, Bryan and Matthew. Karen is a domestic engineer. Ronald is an employee at Pax Machine Works in Celina.

Janice was born on Aug. 13, 1965. She graduated from Lima Tech. in 1986 and earned an Associate Degree in Child Development. Janice is an employee at Children Place Day Care Center in Shawnee and also employed as a waitress part time at Red Carpet Inn. Janice resides at home.

Connie was born on Sept. 11, 1967. Connie was married Nov. 7, 1987, to Douglas Rinderle from St. Henry. They reside at 261 Balcony Dr., St. Henry. Connie is employed at People's Bank as a bookkeeper. Doug graduated from St. Henry Schools and is presently attending Wright State Branch. Doug is an employee at Sheller Globe as a project engineer in Union City, Ind.

Margie was born on Feb. 19, 1969. She is employed at Orchard Tree Family Restaurant in Celina. Margie is engaged to Kevin Fisher from Wapakoneta. Kevin is employed at Plastipak Packaging in Jackson Center. Kevin graduated from Celina Senior High. They are planning to be married on Sept. 30, 1988.

Lester and Phyllis are members of Holy Trinity Church. Lester is employed at White-New Idea Farm Equip. as a tractor fork lift operator. Phyllis is a domestic engineer. They both enjoy camping, fishing, and recreation. They are members of Muddy Pond Socializer's C. B. Club.



Mark and Rita Bensman

Mark and Rita (Clune) Bensman were married on June 16, 1984, at Holy Trinity Church at Coldwater. Mark is the son of Lester and Phyllis (Stachler) Bensman from Coldwater. Rita is the daughter of Bernadine (Seeger) Clune of Minster, Ohio, and the late Carl Clune of Minster, Ohio. Mark was born at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Coldwater on April 11, 1961. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1980. Rita was born at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Coldwater on August 7, 1953, and graduated from Minster High School in 1971.

Mark and Rita settled in Coldwater in June, 1984; they reside at 403 West Main Street.

Mark and Rita own and operate the Corner Dry Cleaning and Laundry Service at 502 West Walnut Street. Rita is employed at the Dannon Co. in Minster.

In their leisure time, Mark and Rita raise their tri-colored collie named Holly.

Kenneth and Sandra Bergman

Ken and his wife, Sandra Lee, reside at 812 West Vine Street in Coldwater. Ken is the son of the late Albert Bergman and Lidwina (Stelzer) Bergman, and Sandra is the daughter of the late Bartel Desch and Anna (Meldrum) Desch. Ken has been employed for twenty-one years by New Idea Farm Equipment Co. in Coldwater and is a computerized punch press

operator. He is active in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the V.F.W. and the American Legion Post 470. Sandra has been employed by Pax Distributing Co. in Coldwater as a receptionist for the past ten years. She is active in the Joint Township Community Hospital Auxiliary, the Eagles Auxiliary and the St. Cecelia Auxiliary.



Ken is the father of three children. Lisa McNeilan and her husband, David, reside in Celina. She is employed by Sam Dixon Motor Sales as a bookkeeper; David is working there as a mechanic. Amy Bergman lives at home, is a student at Wright State Branch Campus and is also working at Brodbeck's Market in Coldwater. Scott is a senior at Coldwater High School and works part time at Camelot Mfg. in Coldwater. Scott is planning on a career in the Army after graduation.

Sandra has four children. David Rindler is self-employed and lives in Petroleum, Indiana, with his wife, Jan. David has three children: Justin, Kelly and Miranda.

Michael Rindler and his wife, Mary (Badgett) Rindler, live in San Francisco, California. They have two children, Jason and Jennifer. Mike is a computer operator.

Ann Rindler is presently employed in the office at Reynolds & Reynolds Co., Celina. She resides in Coldwater.

Robert J. Rindler, after serving four years in the Air Force, is a student at Wright State Branch Campus and manages the Bedrock Cafe. He also resides in Coldwater.

Jerry and Janie Bertke

Jerry and Janie Bertke have resided at 503 West Walnut Street in Coldwater since August, 1971. Jerry is from Maria Stein, Ohio, and is the son of Dennis and Ruth (Huecker) Bertke. Janie is from Coldwater and is the daughter of Don and Marie (Dirksen) Stalder.

Jerry served in the United States Army for two years and is a Vietnam veteran. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is now employed as a plumber at Gagel Plumbing and Heating, Minster, Ohio. Janie is a graduate of Ohio State



Beauty Academy and is now employed at Shear Experience.

Jerry and Janie have three children. Jenny is sixteen years old and is a junior at Coldwater High School. She is in the band and works for Halterman Photo in the Ben Franklin Store in Coldwater. Jeremy is thirteen years old and is in the seventh grade. He serves Mass at Holy Trinity Church, is in the band and enjoys all sports. Jesse is ten years old and is in the fourth grade. He is a member of the Cub Scouts and enjoys many outdoor activities.

The whole family enjoys camping, hiking and biking. They have a good time throughout the summer camping with and meeting new and old friends and families at many campgrounds around Ohio.



Mel and Agnes Bertke

Mel and Agnes Bertke reside at 501 North Seventh Street. Mel is the son of the late Frank and Agnes (Muhlenkamp) Bertke, formerly of Cranberry. His parents were the owners of the Bertke's General Store in Cranberry for many years. Mel has one sister. Agnes is the daughter of the late Herbert Kremer and Cecelia (Homan) Kremer, who resides on a farm southeast of Montezuma. Agnes was the youngest of five children.

The Bertke's have been married for twenty-three years and have six children. Karen (1965) is a

graduate of The College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati and presently is teaching second grade in the Versailles Schools. Cindy (1966) is a senior at Bowling Green State University, majoring in Education; Pam (1968) is a freshman at Bowling Green. Doug (1973) attends Coldwater High School where he is a freshman. Jennifer (1976) is in the sixth grade and David (1981) is in Kindergarten at Coldwater.

Mel and Agnes have been the owners and operators of Bettie's Restaurant for the past fifteen years. The family has resided in Coldwater during this time. Prior to purchasing Bettie's, they resided in Cranberry for eight years. During that time, Mel was a carpenter and Agnes worked as a legal secretary.



Carl and Ruth Bettinger

Carl and Ruth Bettinger live at 3792 St. Rt. 118. Ruth is the daughter of Walter (deceased) and Elenora (Stelzer) Schockman. Carl is the son of Arthur and Regina (Hemmelgarn) Bettinger (both deceased). Carl and Ruth are both graduates of Coldwater High School. They were married on August 8, 1964. They have four children. Kevin was born on May 13, 1965; he farms with Carl. Charmaine was born on October 8, 1967; she will graduate from Northwestern Business College, Lima, Ohio, in March, 1988. Michelle was born on February 7, 1972; she is a sophomore at Coldwater High School. Cheryl was born on August 7, 1976; she is in the sixth grade at Coldwater Junior High.

Carl and Kevin farm the farm that belonged to his father. The farm has been in the family since 1923. Carl bought forty acres in 1964. Carl and Ruth bought the original seventy-two acres in 1966 and in 1971 they bought forty acres. Carl and Kevin milk between sixty and seventy cows and raise steers and grain.

Carl drives a school bus for the Coldwater Schools, belongs to the Holstein Association, the Mercer County Farm Bureau, the Holy Name Society, and at present is the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Council #1991. He is also a Fourth Degree member of St. Gaspar del Bufalo Knights of Columbus.

Ruth is a housewife and also the bookkeeper for the farming operation. She belongs to the St. Ann's Ladies Sodality, the Knights of St. John's Ladies Auxiliary, and the St. Gaspar del Bufalo Ladies Auxiliary.

Carl and Ruth and their family attend Holy Trinity Church.

Carl and Ruth enjoy bowling and playing cards.



Cletus and Norma Bettinger

Cletus F. Bettinger, son of Arthur and Regina Bettinger, and Norma R. Frantz, daughter of Norbert and Lillian Frantz, were united in marriage on July 21, 1956, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, Ohio. They are the parents of three children: Michael, Lisa and James. Mike married Cathy Welling on April 11, 1980. They have a daughter, Chandra, and a son, Kyle. Lisa married David Albers on November 27, 1982. They have three daughters: Jennifer, Andrea and Valerie. Jim married Judy Wendel on August 25, 1984, and they have a son, Brandon, and a daughter, Jessica. Cletus is employed at the Dayton Power and Light Co. in Coldwater, and Norma is a certified catechist and has taught at Holy Trinity Church for fifteen years. Clete and Norma reside at 509 West Plum Street, Coldwater.



LaVern and Anna Bettinger

LaVern C. Bettinger, the son of Arthur and Regina (Hemmelgarn) Bettinger, was born on January 2, 1933. He is the eleventh of twelve children and has

lived in the Coldwater area his entire life. LaVern is employed at Stamco Inc. in New Bremen, Ohio, and is also engaged in farming.

On July 4, 1960, LaVern married Anna Marlene Baltes. Marlene, the daughter of Lewis and Edna (McEldowney) Baltes, was born on February 6, 1937, and is the fifth of nine children. Marlene lived in the Darke County area until she married. Marlene is a homemaker.

LaVern and Marlene are the parents of eight children. Bradley was born on April 17, 1961, and is living at home. Nadine was born on May 4, 1962, married Louis Kunk on October 15, 1983, and they reside in Huber Heights. Keith was born on June 4, 1963, and lives in Tipp City. Dana was born on December 17, 1964, married Jeff Grieshop on May 24, 1985, and they live in St. Anthony with their daughter, Kylee, born on March 25, 1986. Living at home are Kristina, born on February 24, 1966; Kelley, born on April 1, 1968; Kimberly, born on November 30, 1969; and David, born on April 15, 1981.

The Bettinger's live at 4750 Siegrist-Jutte Road, Coldwater, Ohio.



Paul and Angela Bettinger

Paul was the fifth of twelve children, son of Arthur and Regina (Hemmelgarn) Bettinger. Paul's brothers and sisters are Herman (Bud), Clarina Lefeld, Lucille Bergman, Mary Ellen (deceased), William (killed in World War II), Marguerite Griesdorn, Grace Rutschilling, Cletus, Robert, LaVern, and Carl. The first Bettinger family moved to the Coldwater area in the 1860's.

Angela was the only child of Sylvester and Martha (Kaiser) Wehrkamp.

Paul and Angela were married in Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, Ohio, on February 26, 1949. Paul and Angela are the parents of eight living children and one deceased, Kristina.

Three of the children are married: Theresa is married to Rodrick Arney, and they have two children, Chelsea and Lisol; William is married to Lori Froelich, and they have one child, Justine, and live in Coldwater; Eric is married to Sandra Meyer, and they live in Coldwater. Gretchen and Dietrich work and live in Dayton. Carmen attends Sinclair College in Dayton. Conrad, who works in Vandalia, and

Ramona, who is in high school, both live at home with their parents at 3778 St. Rt. 118, Coldwater.

Paul spent three years in the Navy in a submarine repair unit during World War II and is now retired from Avco New Idea after forty-two years of service.

To identify the family members in photo: Bottom row, left to right: Ramona, Carmen, Angela, Gretchen and Theresa. Top Row, left to right: Conrad, Dietrich, Paul, Eric and William.



William and Lori Bettinger

Lori and Bill were married on May 10, 1987, in Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater.

Bill is the son of Paul and Angie (Wehrkamp) Bettinger of Coldwater. He graduated in 1978 from Coldwater High School. He is employed by Pax Machine Works, Celina.

Lori, daughter of Willard and Marilyn (Dues) Froelich of Coldwater, graduated from Coldwater High School in 1980 and is employed by Celina Financial Corp., Celina.

Lori and Bill have a daughter, Justine Noel, age one. They live at 606 Eden Avenue in Coldwater.



George and Lillian Billerman

George R. Billerman and Lillian Grieshop were married on November, 1930, in Chickasaw. They moved to 418 West Walnut Street where they lived all of their married life. George worked at New Idea in the Credit Department from 1923 until his retirement

in 1970. George was very active in the Knights of Columbus, including serving as Grand Knight and District Deputy. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Choir for fifty years. George served on the Coldwater School Board for twelve years. He was also an original park board member and park planner.

Lillian is a charter member of the Hospital Auxiliary and is active in the American Legion Auxiliary. Their children are: Mary Lee (Thomas) Thomas, Coldwater; William (Jeanette Dues), Coldwater; Judith (dec., 1939); George, Jr. (Pam Powell), Findlay; Racheal (Earl Klosterman), Coldwater; John (dec., 1950); and T. Frank (Joan Tupta), Coldwater.



William and Jeanette Billerman

Bill and Jeanette were married on October 12, 1957, in Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater, and are the parents of four children: Ann, 28; Amy, 23; Bill, 15; and, Jeremy, 9.

Bill, son of George and Lillian (Grieshop) Billerman, grew up in Coldwater and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1952. After four years in the U.S. Coast Guard, he attended barber college, was self-employed for ten years, and then worked at New Idea. After a heart attack in early 1986, he is now Scoutmaster of Troop #96.

Jeanette, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Kaup) Dues, attended Wendelin School, St. Henry High School for three years and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1954. She was employed at Pax Steel for two years and New Idea three years. From 1969 through 1985 she was a bookkeeper at the Coldwater Lumber Co. In February of 1986, she was appointed clerk-treasurer of Coldwater.

Ann Gerri attended Celina Public, Immaculate Conception and Coldwater Schools where she graduated in 1977. She is an LPN at Jay County (Ind.) Hospital and is married to Rex Baldauf. They are the parents of a son, Andrew Joseph, age 2.

Amy Ann graduated from Coldwater High School in 1982 and from Wright State University in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is a journalist with The Times-Bulletin, Van Wert.

Bill II is a sophomore at Coldwater High School, plays defense on the football team and is in the Boy Scouts.

Jeremy Dues, born during the blizzard of 1978, is a fourth grader and loves animals, fishing, camping and collecting insects. He is in the Cub Scouts.



Edgar and Judy Bills

Edgar and Judy Bills have resided at 821 Westview Drive for twenty-five years. Edgar is the son of Clem and Marie Bills, St. Sebastian, and Judy is the daughter of Ernest and Alvina Bruns, Cranberry Prairie. They have four children. Gregg has a home in Coldwater; Lynne graduated from Ohio Northern University and lives in Columbus; Todd spent a tour in the United States Air Force and now lives in Coldwater; and, Scott is a junior at Bowling Green State University. The whole family enjoys water and snow skiing.

Edgar and Judy are the owners of Ohio Plumbing & Electrical, Inc. They founded the business in October, 1964. It is located on Rt. 219 west of Montezuma, Ohio.

Anthony and Antionette Birkmeyer

Anthony (Tony or A.J.) J. Birkmeyer (December 27, 1901 — November 11, 1975) was the son of Henry Birkmeyer (September 23, 1873 — September 30, 1940) and Berthan Desch (? — January, 1908). He had two sisters, Odelia (Birkmeyer) Blaeser (September 15, 1901 — September 10, 1985) and Mary, who died at birth, January, 1908. He had two brothers, Sylvester C. (? — December 1, 1903) and Richard B. (March 18, 1905 — April 21, 1981).

On June 1, 1927, Anthony married Antionette Forsthoefel (July 28, 1906 — May 21, 1948). They had three sons: Robert L. (April 11, 1928); Charles J. (March 18, 1930 — May 31, 1970); and John A. (August 6, 1934).

On June 11, 1955, Anthony married Marcella V. Samberg. Tony spent his entire life in the Coldwater area. He was in the insurance business for a number of years and then entered the financial field. He was

a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, its choir and men's sodality, and Council 1991, Knights of Columbus. He served on the Board of Education for the Coldwater school system. He was treasurer of the group of businessmen who initiated and successfully completed a fund drive for the building of a hospital, which was turned over to the Sisters of Mercy of Cincinnati, Ohio. The Sisters managed and operated the non-profit hospital for a number of years until it became the present Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital.



Bernard and Louisa Birkmeyer

Bernard was born at St. John in 1868, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Hausfeld Birkmeyer. (St. Elizabeth Cemetery was named after Elizabeth. The pastor said at Sunday Mass that the new cemetery would be named after the patron saint of the first parishioner to die. She hemorrhaged several days later.) Bernard's brothers and sisters were Clem, John, Joe, Bill, Henry, Catherine, and Mary. Louisa was born in Dayton, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Zinkand Desch.

Bernard and Louisa acquired their family's homestead 1½ miles north of Coldwater (the present Paul Lefeld farm). A log cabin had been replaced with a brick home (now torn down) made from clay from fields south of the lane. After 1930, after losing their farm, they lived at 410 East South Street. Also during the Depression, Louisa helped can all surplus food from peoples' gardens and trees for Father Yauss' Food Pantry for the needy. Bernard was crippled and couldn't work. Ten years later he had both legs amputated and died shortly thereafter.

They had four children. Eleanor Elizabeth was born in 1898 and died from asthma at age 39. Lawrence Joseph was born in 1901, had a leg removed at age 2½ and died of Hodgkins disease at age 21. Edward Clemence was born in 1906. He married Ann Kunkel. They owned a farm in Cassella and Ed did carpenter work. After Ed retired, they moved to 310 East Elizabeth Street. Ann died in 1985. Frances Catherine was born in 1911. She took care of her parents and worked at the Buckeye for 44 years. During that time, she took a 6-year leave of absence when her mother was bedfast.

(Submitted by Frances Birkmeyer).

Carl and Virginia Birkmeyer

Carl George Birkmeyer and Virginia Lou Messemaker were married on September 13, 1952. Carl (Rusty) was born on December 12, 1928, the second son of Ernest and Loretta (Harlett) Birkmeyer. Ginny, born on April 7, 1928, is the fourth child of the six children of Frank and Elenor (Dorsten) Messemaker.

Carl and Ginny were graduated from Coldwater High School in 1946. Carl enlisted in the United States Navy for two years and then attended and graduated from The Ohio State University in 1953. Ginny became a registered nurse (R.N.) after receiving her education at Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

They have two children. Frank is married to Donna Mills and Joan is married to Daniel Lefeld. Both Frank and Joan reside in Coldwater.

Places that Carl and Ginny have called home include Columbus, Ohio; Detroit and Sturgis, Michigan; and, St. Marys, Ohio.

After graduating from O.S.U., Carl did landscaping work and also worked for Western Electric Company as an inspector. Returning to Ohio from Michigan in 1961, he has been employed by Manbeck Nurseries in New Knoxville and Matt Schwieterman, Inc. Since 1978, he has been a drill operator at John Karch Stone Company, Celina.

Ginny has continued her nursing career, working both part and full time. She has been employed at Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital since 1967 and in 1974 became Supervisor of Obstetrics.

Richard and Rose Birkmeyer

Richard and Rose (Wynk) Birkmeyer were married on June 26, 1929, at Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater by, Rev. Louis Yauss. Richard was the son of the late Henry and Bertha (Desch) Birkmeyer; he was from Coldwater. Rose is the daughter of the late Bernard and Frances (Neiderman) Wynk; she is from Montezuma.

They are the proud parents of Mary who is married to Dennis Dues who is also from Coldwater. They have two sons. Michael is married to Julie Inderrieden and they have a little girl named Erin. They reside in Celina and Michael is employed at U.P.S. Steven is employed at several places and he lives at home.

Richard and Rose moved to their present address of 505 East Main Street fifty-nine years ago.

Richard had been the owner of Birkmeyer Brothers; he also was the money counter for Holy Trinity Church. He passed away on April 21, 1981.

Rose has been the cook at the Holy Trinity Church Rectory for the priests for 18 years. She was active in the blood mobile for 25 years. She is active in doing mending at the hospital. She enjoys riding her bike. She is a member of the St. Cecelia Knights of St. John Auxiliary and also the St. Ann's Altar Sodality.



Robert and Ruth Birkmeyer

Robert and Ruth Birkmeyer live at 4868 Fleetfoot Road. Bob is the son of Anthony and Antoinette Birkmeyer. Ruth is the daughter of Raymond and Louetta Pleiman. They have five children. Steven has been in the Army the past 12 years and is now stationed in Belgium. David works at Huffy Bicycles in Celina. Michael married Anna Barhorst; they have one child, Paul, and live in Loveland. Carole married Edwin Bechstein and they live in Charlotte, N.C. Jeffrey is a junior at Bowling Green State University.

Bob works at Pax Steel Products, Inc. He enjoys hunting, fishing and bike riding. He belongs to the V.F.W. and the American Legion. Ruth works at Briarwood Manor. She enjoys flowers, bike riding and watching TV. She is also a past president of the V.F.W. Auxiliary.



Sylvester and Naomi Birkmeyer

Sylvester was born on December 1, 1903, on a farm north of Coldwater. He was the third child of Henry and Bertha (Desch) Birkmeyer. His mother died when he was four years old, and Loretto Flynn became his step-mother when she was married to his father in 1910, and then the family moved to the corner of Market and North Streets in Coldwater. His sister, Odelia (Birkmeyer) Blaeser, and brothers, Anthony and Richard, are now deceased.

Sylvester and his brother, Richard, were associated in business with their father in the manufacturing of clay tiles. The business later became a retail coal yard. After the retirement of their father, the sons continued in business but changed it to the installation of heating equipment and the retail sale of fuel oil. The business was sold in 1956, but Sylvester continued to work for the new owners. He also worked briefly as custodian of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in 1959-60.

On September 7, 1935, Sylvester was married in St. Joe to Naomi Weigel, the youngest daughter of Jacob and Philomena (Jutte) Weigel. Naomi was a seamstress at the Buckeye Overall Company in Coldwater before her marriage. Her family members were Emma (Weigel) Schroer, Henrietta (Weigel) Sudhoff, Cyril and Albert Weigel (all deceased) and John Weigel and Sister Mary Caroline, RSM.



Anthony and Clara Boeckman

Anthony Boeckman, born on September 9, 1896, in Cassella, and Clara Nieberding, born on January 27, 1903, in Philothea, were married on April 20, 1926. They had six children: Ruth, born 1927, married John Heckler, Celina; Louis, born 1929, deceased August 1, 1968; Jerome, born 1954, married Ida Heuing, Dayton; Jeanette (Pinky), born 1936, married Elmer Wellman, Coldwater; Eugene (Fuzzy), born 1941, married Barbara Feltz, Coldwater; and, Shirley, born 1946, married Dale Niekamp, Coldwater.

Anthony died on February 8, 1979. Clara lives at 120 Briarwood Drive, Coldwater. She has twenty-five grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Richard and Rita Boeckman

Richard and Rita Boeckman were married on October 16, 1943, at St. Peter, Ohio. Rich was the eldest son of seven children born to Albert and Julie Homan Boeckman from Philothea, Ohio. Rita Will Boeckman came from a family of ten children, the fifth child born to Lawrence and Theresa Jacobs Will of St. Peter, Ohio.

When they moved to Coldwater after their marriage, Rich was the owner of a Pet Milk route, which he had a few years before buying the Union 76 Service Station in partnership with his brother, Ralph.



At the present time, Terry and Rick Boeckman are also partners in the business. Rich served eight years on the Coldwater School Board and is presently serving on the Coldwater Village Council. Rita has been a member of the Phi Beta Psi Sorority for thirty years.

They are the parents of seven children and the grandparents of eleven. Terry married Margie Balster; they and their six children reside in Coldwater.

Michael and his wife, Darcy Ramage Boeckman, reside in Bay Village, Ohio, with their daughter, Emily. Karen Brandon and her two sons also live in Coldwater.

Rick married Shirley Post and they reside just outside of Coldwater. Deborah married Tom Ritter; they presently are residing with their two sons, Tom and Kevin, in the state of Delaware.

Lora, a registered nurse, lives at home with her parents and is employed by Community Hospital. Angela married Tom Borders and they reside in Portland, Indiana.



Terry and Margie Boeckman

Terry, Margie and family live at 417 East Plum Street. Margie is the daughter of John and Albina (Heitkamp) Balster of Carthagena. Terry is the eldest son of Rita (Will) and Richard Boeckman of

Coldwater. They were married on June 8, 1968. Margie is a homemaker and Terry is an auto mechanic for Boeckman's Union 76 Service Station in Coldwater, Ohio.

Terry and Margie are the parents of six children: Brian, a full-time first-year student at Wright State University Lake Campus and a part-time employee of Knap's Carry-Out; Lynn, a junior at Coldwater High School who works part time at the Coldwater Public Library; Brenda, an eighth grader; Amy, a fifth grader; Katie, a five-year-old; and, Aaron, a two-year-old.



William and Mary Boeckman

William Boeckman and Mary Jane (Schaefer) Homan were married on October 29, 1982, in Philothea and live at 3757 Siegrist-Jutte Road, Coldwater. Jane is the daughter of Martina Schaefer and the late Bernard Schaefer. She is originally from Coldwater and works full time at Community Hospital.

Bill farms the home place of his parents, Albert and Julie Boeckman, on Siegrist-Jutte Road which is where they make their home. He has lived there his whole life.

Bill brought three children into the marriage: Kathy, 26, a registered nurse and married to Mark Hemmelgarn and they live in Maria Stein; Nancy, 23, also a registered nurse and married to Roger Wolters; and, Kevin, 18, 1988 graduate of Coldwater High School.

Jane brought five children into the marriage: Ed, 26, a salesman and married to Carolyn Lochtefeld and they have two daughters and reside in Coldwater; John, 25, a draftsman and married to Jean Schmitmeyer and they have one son and live in New Bremen; Margie, 24, a secretary and married to Paul Alig and they have one child and live in Portland; Ann, 22, also a secretary and married to Kevin Dues and they live in Alger; and, Bill, 21, a welder and married to Vicki Evers and they reside in St. Henry.

Werner and Lucille Boeke

Werner and Lucille Boeke were married on June 5, 1948, at Holy Trinity Church in Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Boeke was the former Lucille Orf of Dayton.

Werner is the second son of the late John H. Boeke and Amelia Boeke and is the semi-retired past owner of the Boeke Insurance Agency which he took over from his father in 1959. He was also secretary-treasurer of the Home Building and Loan Company of Coldwater from 1959 to 1984.

The Boeke's have lived at 424 East Walnut Street in Coldwater for the past forty years. They are the proud parents of six children, five sons and one daughter.



Jim, the eldest, is married to the former Janice Wendeln of Coldwater. They have four children, Chris, Kevin, Gregg and Angela, and live at 817 Crestview Drive in Troy, Ohio. Jim is employed by the Hobart Corporation in Troy as a manager in their National Service Department. Janice is a substitute teacher in the Troy School System.

John is married to the former Connie Muhlenkamp of Coldwater. They, with their three children, Darren, Brian and Amanda, live at 820 West Butler Street in Coldwater. John is the third-generation owner and operator of the Boeke Insurance Agency in Coldwater, having purchased it from his father in 1980. Connie is a part-time employee at the People's Bank Company of Coldwater.

Jean is married to Dave Rolfes, formerly of Celina. They, with their two children, Matthew and Alex, live at 604 Butler Street in Coldwater. Dave is owner and operator of the Coldwater Auto Sales of Coldwater and Select Motors of Celina. Jean is also employed in the business.

Jerry lives in Manchester, New Hampshire, and is employed as a draftsman by Costello, Lomasney and De Napoli Inc., a civil engineering firm in Manchester.

Joe also lives in Manchester and is owner and operator of The New England Academy of Gymnastics located in Windom, New Hampshire.

Tom resides in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he is employed as a physical therapist by the Imperial Point Hospital, specializing in sports medicine. Tom also teaches physical therapy and sports medicine at Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale.

James and Rita Bonifas

James and Rita (Hausfeld) Bonifas are the parents of two children. Frank resides in Coldwater; and Teresa Anne, married on May 9, 1987, to James E. Gardner, lives in Cincinnati.

James Bonifas is the son of the late Frank and Theresa (Wagner) Bonifas of Trinity, Indiana. He has one brother and three sisters. They are Father Casper Bonifas, C.P.P.S., Lucille and Joan of California and Sister Catherine Bonifas, C.P.P.S. of Dayton. One brother, Bernard, is deceased. After Frank's death, Theresa married Peter Miller of Coldwater.

Edward and Mary (Newmier) Hausfeld were the parents of Rita Bonifas. Her brothers and sister are Paul and Linus of Coldwater and Ruth MacDonald of Celina. Bernard, Adolph, Louis, and James are deceased.

Edward Hausfeld worked for New Idea for 51 years (1910-1961) and proudly retired at the age of 74. He was a stationary boiler engineer starting at the Maria Stein, Ohio, plant. Soon after, he took charge of the heating and power system at the Coldwater plant. In 1911, he completed correspondence courses and became a First Class Stationary Engineer.

Ed's most pleasant memory of his long association with New Idea happened in 1912. That was the year he met his wife, Mary Newmier, who was working in the office. Mrs. Hausfeld was the second lady employee on the New Idea payroll and worked there three years. Mr. Hausfeld was the first person to become eligible for a pension under the company's retirement plan.

The Hausfeld family came from Germany, Maria Stein, and Minster, Ohio, and can be dated back to the year 1831.

The Bonifas family came from Jay County, Indiana, and can be dated back to the year 1754 in Nospelt, Luxemburg.

The Wagner family came from Paulding County, Ohio.

The Newmier family came from Wapakoneta, Ohio.

James Bonifas is employed by the Water Department of the Village of Coldwater. He served in the Army during World War II for thirty-two months and participated in the invasion of the Leyte Islands in the Philippines and also on the Okinawa Islands.

Jacob Bonifas

New Corydon, Indiana, December 27, 1912 — The above is a picture of one of the most remarkable families in Jay County, the Bonifas family. There are thirteen members of this family, but the figure has no terrors for this group of German hustlers. In the center there are Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bonifas, and by the father, the youngest son, Frank, and by the mother, the youngest daughter, Ursula. At the top, behind the father and to the left, are Ludvena, unmarried, and next, Mary, wife of John Langenhorst, a retired farmer; Clara, wife of a Mr. Knoth of Dayton, Ohio; Enia, wife of Frank Shirack of Portland; and, Philip, unmarried, who helps run the one hundred sixty acre farm. Below Philip is Augustus, lately married, who lives on his brother Peter's farm; "Gus", as he is familiarly called, was the rover of the family, who traveled all over the United States and made a five-month's visit to Germany and



many parts of Europe. To his left are John, the present auditor of Jay County and for many years principal of the New Corydon schools; Henry, a farmer; Peter, a business man of New Corydon; and, his brother, Edward. Joseph, the end man, is a resident of Bryant.



George and Mary Borgerding

George and Mary (Welsch) Borgerding live at 408 West Vine Street, Coldwater. They were married at Holy Trinity Church in Trinity, Indiana, on June 10, 1944. They have two sons and two grandchildren.

Ken married Linda Kuess; they live at 607 East Vine Street, Coldwater. Ken is employed at the Huffy plant in Celina. Linda is a dental hygienist for Dr. Riebel in New Bremen, Ohio.

Randy married Jill Schrolucke of New Knoxville; they live in New Knoxville. Randy works for Hoge Lumber Company, New Knoxville. Jill works for New Knoxville Supply Co. They have two sons, Marcus and Kyle.

George retired in 1982 after working 39 years for Avco New Idea Corp. George belongs to the American Legion Post #470, to the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3025, and the Holy Name Society of Coldwater. George is a Past Commander of the Legion (1947).

Mary belongs to the American Legion Auxiliary, Eagles Auxiliary and the Ladies Altar Society. Mary is a Past President of the American Legion Auxiliary (1968). She retired in 1983.

They have lived in Coldwater for forty-four years.



Herb and Jean Brackman

Herb and Jean Brackman and their family live at 3270 Siegrist-Jutte Road. Herb was born in Celina, Ohio, on January 18, 1947, to Herbert and Dolores (Brunswick) Brackman. (Gloria) Jean was born on June 15, 1948, in Celina, the daughter of Roman and Rosemary (Hoying) Saalman. Herb and Jean were married in St. Mary's Church, Philothea, on December 27, 1969. They are the parents of two children, Liza, born on December 6, 1979, and Joe, born on June 30, 1981. Both are students at Coldwater Elementary School. Herb is a dairy farmer and Jean is a homemaker and substitute teacher.



Luke and Luella Brackman

Luke Brackman was born on June 27, 1953, at Otis Hospital to Zeno and Julie Brackman from St. Joe. Luke married Luella (Lou) Muhlenkamp on April 5, 1975. Lou is the daughter of Ott and Rosalyn Muhlenkamp. She was born at Our Lady Of Mercy

Hospital on April 11, 1952. They are the proud parents of six children. Lisa was born on January 17, 1976; Amy on February 22, 1977; Michael on October 29, 1978; Angie on February 9, 1981; Jeffery on March 14, 1983; and, David on April 29, 1986.

Luke works at Huffy's in Celina. In his spare time, he handcrafts grandfather clocks. Lou is a housewife. She loves to bake and make candy.

Lisa is a sixth grader at Coldwater Junior High School. She is a paper carrier for *The Daily Standard*. She is in her second year as a carrier. She also plays basketball for the Y.M.C.A. Amy is a fifth grader at Coldwater School. She is also a paper carrier for *The Daily Standard*. She loves to bake. Mike is a third grader at Coldwater School. He plays basketball for the Y.M.C.A. He also helps Amy with her paper route. Angie is a first grader and she loves stuffed dolls. Jeff and David are pre-schoolers. They love playing with farm equipment.

Rich and June Branch

Rich and June Branch live at 305 Terrace Avenue. Rich is the son of Robert and Kathryn Branch who reside in Port Charlotte, Florida. June is the daughter of Clarence and Margaret Staugler who reside in Coldwater. They have two children. Lynn is six and is in the first grade. Robert is three. Rich works at Community Hospital. He enjoys playing golf. Rich belongs to the Mercer County Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles and other community activities. June is a housewife. She enjoys playing golf and bowling.

Karen Brandon

The daughter of Richard and Rita Boeckman, Karen Brandon was born on February 16, 1948, at Gibbon's Hospital, Celina, Ohio. Along with her three brothers and three sisters, Karen grew up in Coldwater.

Karen was graduated in 1966 from Coldwater High School and presently resides at 113 West South Street, Coldwater, with her two sons, Regan, 18, and Sean, 17, who also attend Coldwater High School.

Karen now works at Reynolds and Reynolds in Celina as a computer input operator.

Gene and Marilyn Braun

Gene and Marilyn Braun reside at 611 East Vine Street. Gene is the son of Theodore and Bernadine Braun. Marilyn is the daughter of Richard and Mary Everman. Gene and Marilyn were married on October 5, 1974, and have four children.

Michelle was born on August 9, 1975, and is a seventh grader at Coldwater. Ted was born on December 9, 1977, and is in the fourth grade. Angie was born on March 25, 1981, and is in the first grade. Emily was born on February 14, 1986. Gene works at Pax Machine Works. He belongs to the K. of C. and the VFW.



Joseph and Mary Braun

Joseph and Mary Braun are living at 808 North Parkview Drive. Joe is the son of Marvin and Helen (Vondrell) Braun and Mary is the daughter of Tom and Alma (Dues) Osterfeld, all of Coldwater. Joe is employed at White-New Idea and Mary at the Huffy Corporation. They were married on July 10, 1971, and have lived in Coldwater all their lives.

They are the parents of three daughters. Mindy is thirteen and is in the eighth grade, Jeri is eleven and in the sixth grade, and Amy is eight and in the third grade. All three girls have been members of the Lake Front and Coldwater Cudas swim team for the last two years. They are all members of Holy Trinity parish of which Joe belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He also is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Sons of American Legion.



Louis and Rosella Braun

Louis L. and Rosella C. Braun were married in 1947 and they have lived their married life at 441 East North Street, Coldwater, where they raised their four children.

They have also worked together in their family business, Braun's Radio & TV. Today Louis, Rosella, and their son, Tom, run this business.

Their oldest son, Mike, and his wife, Becky, with their four children, live in Menchhofer Woods. Mike worked for Braun's Radio & TV from 1966 until 1984

and now is working at Crown Controls. Son Tom and his wife, Mary Jo, and daughter, Nikki, live in Coldwater on East Vine Street. Son Steve and his wife, Cathy, and daughter, Barbara, live on St. Anthony Road. Steve is self-employed and builds custom furniture. Cathy is employed at Beatrice Foods in New Bremen. Susan, the only daughter, is married to Tony Fella. They reside in Northview Trailer Park and both work at Pet, Inc.

Louis and Rosella Braun have had forty-three years of serving the public in their business and look forward to many more.



Marvin and Helen Braun

Marvin was born the son of Leo and Barbara (Rammel) Braun on July 22, 1923. His father was born in St. Peter, Ohio, and his mother was born in Sharpsburg, Ohio. Marvin's wife, Helen, was born on February 15, 1924, in St. Henry, Ohio. Her father, Albert Vondrell, was born in Cassella, Ohio; and her mother Nora (Kothman) Vondrell was born in Burkettsville, Ohio.

Marvin and Helen were married in the St. Henry Catholic Church on June 26, 1946. They have lived in Coldwater for over forty years. Marvin has worked for Braun Construction for nearly forty years and Helen is a homemaker.

They are the parents of five children. Gary was born on January 13, 1947. He works for the Division of Wildlife as a game protector. He is married to Rebecca (Radcliffe) Braun and they have two sons. They reside in Kenton, Ohio. Kenneth (Joe) was born on March 24, 1948. He is employed at White-New Idea. He is married to Mary (Osterfeld) Braun and they are the parents of three daughters. They live in Coldwater, Ohio. Kathy was born on January 25, 1950 and she lives at home. Charles (Chuck) was born on June 15, 1956. He works in construction. He is married to Patricia (Fullenkamp) Braun and they are the parents of a son and a daughter. They reside in Coldwater, Ohio. Connie was born on January 11, 1960. She is a manager for Texaco and she resides in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Michael and Linda Braun

Michael J. Braun and Linda L. (Axe) Braun were married on June 27, 1970, in St. Mary's Catholic

Church, Philothea. They live at 410 West Plum Street, Coldwater, with their two children, Pamela, sixteen, and Jeffrey, seven. Michael, the son of Anthony and Margaret (Fleenor) Braun, has worked at Hemmelgarn and Son, Inc. for the past twenty-three years and is presently a foreman. Michael is a current member of the Coldwater V.F.W. Post and of the Coldwater American Legion. He served two years with the army and was stationed for 1½ years overseas.

Linda is the daughter of Charles and Hilda (Wenning) Axe. She graduated from Coldwater High School. She worked at Hemmelgarn's for four years and is presently employed at the Ben Franklin Store in the craft and floral departments.



Theodore and Bernadine Braun

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Braun moved to their new home in Coldwater in 1949 from a farm in Jay County, Indiana. Mrs. Braun still resides in that home at 306 East College Street and owns the farm in Indiana. She is the former Bernadine Muhlenkamp. Mr. Braun is deceased. They had three children. Rita lives in Dayton and works as a nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital. Doris is married to Ronald Mock, and they have three children. The Mock family resides in Beavercreek, and Doris works as a nurse at Kettering Medical Center. Gene lives in Coldwater and is married to the former Marilyn Everman. They have four children, and Gene is employed at Pax Machine. Mrs. Braun, better known as Bernie, enjoys attending the senior citizen card parties and crocheting, especially afghans of various types. She also enjoys her grandchildren who are Theresa, Rob, and Joey Mock and Michelle, Ted, Angie, and Emily Braun.

Vincent and Rose Ann Braun

Vincent was born on May 22, 1914, in St. Wendelin, Ohio, Mercer County, to Jacob and Justine (Fullenkamp) Braun. His father, Jacob, was born in St. Peter, Ohio, Mercer County. Justina, his mother, was born in St. Joe, Ohio, Mercer County.



Rose Ann was born on February 18, 1918, in Coldwater, Ohio, Mercer County, to George and Josephine (Steggeman) Stegeman, both of whom were born in Philothea, Ohio, Mercer County.

Vince and Rose Ann were married in Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater, Ohio, on January 23, 1937, by the Rev. Louis Yauss. There are six children in their family.

Jerry, born on November 6, 1937, is an associate director of staff development in the public school system in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Herbert (Madeline) Forsthoefel, born on March 9, 1939, is a homemaker in Coldwater, Ohio. Tom, born on March 24, 1942, works in purchasing at Crown Controls in New Bremen, Ohio. Kenneth, born on January 18, 1946, is a data processing manager at the Army Tank Plant in Lima, Ohio. Mrs. John (Thelma) Mueller, born on June 19, 1947, is a beautician and is the owner and manager of The Golden Comb in Coldwater, Ohio. Mrs. Chuck (Marian) Gross, born on July 5, 1953, is a registered nurse and works for a doctor in Earlysville, Virginia.

Vince, now retired, was general foreman in the machine room at Avco New Idea in Coldwater. Rose Ann, now retired, was secretary to the principal at Coldwater High School.



Walter and Evelyn Braun

Walter was born on November 2, 1925, the son of Frank and Victoria Heyl Braun. During World War II, he was aboard LCI 982 in the South Pacific. On

November 6, 1948, he married Evelyn Severt and they lived at 411 East Walnut Street. They are the parents of eleven children: Bill, Mary, Ann, Dan, John, Tony, Peg, Roger, Kenneth, Susan, and Michael.

Evelyn was born on December 13, 1925, the daughter of Henry and Marie Saalman Severt. In 1931 her mother died. When her dad found a job (Depression) at Frigidaire in Dayton, the children (includes a brother, Norman, born on October 20, 1927) were to stay with their grandparents temporarily. First they visited at their dad's brother's home, Joseph and Cecelia Hausfeld Severt, 301 South Sixth Street (everybody's Aunt Celia and Uncle Joe). They stayed until Norman left for the Navy and Evelyn was married.

Later the Braun's rented their farm and moved next door. "Aunt Celia and Uncle Joe helped raise our children and took them to daily Mass (Peg sat on Aunt Celia's lap). We had the best of two worlds, town and country; empty lots to play ball and a creek besides. Our animals grazed its cleared, sloping banks. Kids (Wally's age) swam, seined, swung from trees, floated on innertubes and caught carp during high water, ice skated, built rockets, etc. They had a famous tree house with three floors and a swinging ladder. When it exploded, the fire department came to the scene."

Now that Aunt Celia and Uncle Joe have passed away, the Braun's own the farm and rent it to Jerry Homan. Wally is retiring from New Idea, and the children have scattered. See *Mercer County Ohio History, 1978*: Heyl-Braun, p. 130; Saalman, p. 155; Hausfeld, pp. 798-800; Severt, p. 825.



Roger and Cindy Brockman

Roger and Cindy Brockman reside at 312 East Plum Street in Coldwater. Cindy is one of eleven children of Frederick and Betty Giere of Coldwater and Roger is one of ten children of Sylvain and Theresa Brockman of Ft. Recovery.

They were married on November 24, 1984, in Holy Trinity Catholic Church and are expecting their first child in June, 1988.

Roger owns and operates his own construction business. Cindy is employed with the Mercer County Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities Pro-

gram. She works at the adult workshop (C.A. Industries) at Cheryl Ann School as a workshop specialist II.

Together they own Bedrock Inn (formerly S&S Draft Haus) of Coldwater, a bar which they have owned and operated for the past eleven years.



Don and Jan Broering

The Broering family lives at 3509 Philothea Road, Coldwater, Ohio. Don teaches vocational agriculture at St. Henry High School and is self-employed as a farmer. Jan is a housewife and a part-time employee of the Coldwater Animal Clinic.

Dan is at The Ohio State University. Dale is a senior and Julie is a junior at Coldwater High School. Doug is an eighth grader and Jenny is a fourth grader.



Dane and Elizabeth Brookhart

Dane Lamar Brookhart and Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Giere were married in February, 1948, and have lived in Mercer County all their married lives. Dane was born on April 14, 1927, the second of eight children of Lawrence and Jennie (Kerns) Brookhart. Betty, born on May 17, 1927, is the youngest of three daughters of Robert and Eulalia (Bernard) Giere. Dane and Betty are the parents of five sons and three daughters: Curtis J., Craig L., Douglas D., Dale A., Roy V., Gail E., Anita L., and Barbara A.

Both Dane and Betty are graduates of Coldwater High School, class of 1945. Following graduation, Dane attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio, in the Naval V-5 program. Betty attended the University of Dayton and worked for Retail Credit in Dayton, Ohio.

After completing his enlistment in the Navy, Dane returned to Coldwater and worked at the Coldwater Ice Co., a local ice manufacturing plant that was owned by his father-in-law. Later, he became a finish carpenter and was co-owner, with his brothers, of Brookhart Construction. In 1965, he was hired at New Idea and remained there until he accepted early retirement in 1983. He is now employed by General Dynamics at Lima, Ohio, as a supervisor in the metrology lab. He served on the Coldwater Village Council from 1977 to 1981.

Locally, Betty has been employed at New Idea, Kremer's Restaurant, Jutte's Foodliner, and Red Carpet Inn. She has also done volunteer work for the Coldwater School System and with EFFF (Educational Foundation for Foreign Study) by finding host families for exchange students.



Michael and Carol Brookhart

Michael A. and Carol A. (Gross) Brookhart are currently living at 910 North Terrace Avenue in Coldwater.

Michael was born on August 24, 1960, and is a native of Montezuma, Ohio, where he lived for twenty-five years. He graduated from Celina High School in 1978 and furthered his education by going to ITT in Dayton, Ohio. After completing two years of schooling, he graduated and started working at NCR Corporation in Dayton, Ohio, as a field engineer, where he is presently employed. His parents are L. Bryce and Eileen R. (Wynk) Brookhart. They reside at 8201 State Route 219, Celina, Ohio.

Carol was born on July 21, 1961, and is a native of Coldwater. Upon graduating from Coldwater High School in 1979, Carol was employed at Celina Municipal Utilities, where she is currently working as an ac-

count clerk. Her parents are Vincent J. and Alfreda M. (Bohman) Gross. They reside at 627 Plum Drive, Coldwater, Ohio.

On June 29, 1985, Carol and Michael were united in marriage. After being married for two years, the Brookhart's started a family. Their first-born and only child at the moment is a daughter named Julie Marie. She was born on July 27, 1987, at Coldwater Community Hospital.



Julius and Jane Brown

When Julius Brown (1857-1928) and Jane Hemick Brown (1860-1927) with their children, Rie (1885-1933), Carrie (Mrs. Fred Welker, 1888-1966), Bessie (Mrs. Ezra Lacy, 1898-1970), and Gladys (Mrs. Clarence Nichols, 1901-1963) first came to Butler Township, Mercer County, Ohio, in the early 1900's, they lived on a farm east of Coldwater on what is now State Route 219. Gladys and Bessie attended the Coldwater School. Their next move came when they purchased a farm in 1910, 3½ miles northwest on Gause Road. Julius and Jane lived there all of the remainder of their lives. After the death of her parents, Bessie and her husband, Ezra (1895-1964), bought the home place in 1929 and lived there until their deaths.

Ezra farmed and sold nursery stock for Stark Brothers of Louisiana, Missouri. During this time he planted an eight-acre orchard of apple trees. He was an auctioneer and had nearly all the public auctions around Coldwater. During later years of his life, he was a bookkeeper for the State Highway Department.

He and Bessie formed the first senior citizens' organization in Mercer County. He also organized the Mercer County Civil Service Employees Association.

Ezra and Bessie were both active members of the Beaver Chapel Congregational Christian Church. They are buried in the Swamp Cemetery beside the church.

They were the parents of a daughter, Faye (Mrs. Darrell Miller), and two sons, Carroll and Lowell, and the grandparents of twelve grandchildren, including Sue and Ann Miller of Mercer County.

Leroy and Catherine Bruggeman

Leroy Bruggeman and Catherine and their family reside at 5087 State Route 118, Coldwater. They have nine children of which three live at home.



Ann, the oldest, is married to Charles Severt and they live at Suwanee, Georgia, with their children, Alyssa and Christopher. Marie resides in St. Henry with her husband, Patrick Stahl, and their three children, Adam, Lauren, and Nathon. Tom lives in St. Marys with his wife, Kathy (Menker), and their two daughters, Karie and Erica. Ruth is married to James Landon and they have two children, Jessica and Ryan, and live in Coldwater. Paul and Kathy both attend the University of Toledo. Carl lives at home and works for Kevin Schwieterman Construction. Steve and Julie are both in Coldwater High School and are active in sports.

Leroy is employed at Pax Machine Works. He also drives a school bus and does lawn mowing for the school.



Lester and Mary Bruggeman

Lester (Red) Bruggeman (April 7, 1931), son of Leo Henry and Eleanor Hausfeld Bruggeman, was married to Mary Jo Cox (January 8, 1934), daughter of Joe and Mary Aspinall Cox, on July 5, 1958, in Weston, West Virginia.

Lester has been an employee of Matt Schwieterman, Inc. for thirty-five years. Mary Jo, a graduate of the College of Mount St. Joseph On-the-Ohio, was employed as an art teacher at Coldwater High School. She is now self-employed as a commercial artist. They are the parents of five children.

Susan (March 6, 1960) attended St. Francis College for an associate degree in commercial art. She

is employed as an ad consultant for *The Daily Standard*. Susan is married to J. Swygart and they have two children, Luke Kohlhorst and Misty Swygart.

Leslie (August 2, 1961) received degrees in chemistry and biology from Bowling Green State University and her doctorate in bio-chemistry from West Virginia University in 1987. Dr. Bruggeman is employed as a biologist at The National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

Michael (October 10, 1963) is a graduate of Coldwater High School and is employed at Matt Schwieterman, Inc.

Theresa (March 31, 1966) graduated this year with a degree in microbiology from Bowling Green State University.

Elaine (March 26, 1968) is now a sophomore at Bowling Green State University and is majoring in creative writing.

The Bruggeman family has resided at 704 West College Street since 1959.

Photo: 1st Row — Elaine, Leslie, Terry. 2nd Row — Sue, Mary Jo, Lester, Mike.



Frederick and Rose Brumm

Frederick Herbert Brumm, M.D., was born in 1884 in Coldwater. His great-great-grandparents were Peter and Christina (Parsch) Brumm, Dourstol, France. They and eleven of their thirteen children came to America; some settled in New York; one settled in Michigan. The second child, Frederick married Elizabeth Minung and moved to Jay County, Indiana. They had seven children: Louisa Brumm Slamb, William, Charles, Lewis, Daniel, George, Salome Brumm, Hearn Barnett and Elizabeth Brumm Grile. Dr. Lewis Daniel Brumm and wife Hannah had three children: Jerry, Frederick Herbert, and Nellie Brumm Kopp. Dr. Frederick H. Brumm married Rose Blanche Dugan; they had two children, Lewis P. and Paul Frederick.

Lewis P. Brumm, M.D., was born in 1909, attended Coldwater High School, and then Ohio Wesleyan University. He was graduated from medical school in 1938 and followed with a residency in Ophthalmology at Cincinnati General Hospital. He married Celia May Nelson; they had three children: Lewis Patrick Brumm, Jr., Peter Nelson Brumm, and Paula Cecilia Brumm. This marriage ended in 1969. Lewis Brumm married Elizabeth Ann Rousch.

Peter Brumm married Susan Conway; they have a son, Joseph Patrick Brumm. Paula Brumm married Mark Hennessy; they have a son, Robert Nelson Hennessy, and a daughter, Molly Dugan Hennessy.

Paul Frederick Brumm was born in 1913. After Coldwater High School, he was graduated from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. He practiced dentistry until 1952, when he was afflicted with multiple sclerosis; he was a hospital patient for fourteen years and then expired in 1966. Paul married Jean Faine; they have two children, Paul Michael and Karen.



Clarence and Betty Bruns

A life-long resident of Coldwater, Clarence J. Bruns left his mark on the village. As a grade school student, he began doing various chores for local businesses and through high school worked for the H. G. Fox Company and Smith's Five and Ten. Deciding to become a businessman himself, he opened and co-owned The Busy Bee from December, 1930, until July, 1969. The store stood at the corner of Second and Walnut Streets and is remembered for its friendly service, White Villa groceries and quality meats.

Clarence was an ardent supporter of the community and was a member of the Commercial Club, the Lions Club and the Elks Club. He belonged to the K. of C. and the Holy Name Society and served on the Red Cross board for many years. A sports fan, he played baseball in his youth, with golf and bowling his favorite recreational activities.

Before being elected to two terms as Mercer County Treasurer (1969-1977), he served on the Village Council for ten years and held the office of Butler Township Clerk for five years.

With his wife, Betty Schrage of St. Henry, they celebrated fifty years of marriage. Betty has been active in various organizations and volunteer work. There are four children. Marilyn, P.H.N. supervisor, lives in California with her husband, Jim Wilson, and their children, Susan, Karen, Gregory, Geoffrey and Stephen. Jerry is a school psychologist in Falls Church, Virginia; he and his wife, Barbara, have two children, Eric and Ellen. Diana is a journalist and lives in northern Illinois with her husband, Bob Otterbacher, and their children, Betsy, John and Peggy. Fred and his wife, Barbara, and their daughter, Lauren, live in Chicago. He is an account executive with Major Market Television. Betty vacations with the families and they often return to the homestead at 355 East Elizabeth Street.

Dave and Jill Bruns

Dave and Jill Bruns reside at 815 East Vine Street, Coldwater, Ohio. Dave is the son of Wilbert and Thelma Bruns. Jill is the daughter of Mac and Alice James. They have two children. Molly is fourteen years old. Bob is thirteen years old. Dave works at Pet Milk Co., Inc. Jill teaches the sixth grade at the Coldwater Schools.

The Bruns' family stays busy attending functions at the Coldwater Schools.



Jim and Margie Bruns

Jim Bruns, born on August 22, 1951, and Margie (Dippold), born on May 20, 1953, live at 405 North Cedar Street. Jim is the son of Urban and Bertha Bruns of Coldwater and Marg is the daughter of Flora Dippold of Cassella and the late Cyril Dippold.

They have two sons. Greg Michael was born on March 27, 1985, and Kyle James was born on September 12, 1986.

Jim is a factory worker at Reynolds in Celina and a part-time mechanic. He is also a volunteer for the Coldwater Fire Department. Marg is also employed at Reynolds, along with being a housewife and mother.

Raymond and Viola Bruns

In April, 1940, Raymond Bruns (1914-1963) and Viola Wehrman (1917-) were married in Egypt, Ohio, and started their married life at 6670 Clover Four Road, Celina, Ohio (St. Sebastian). They became the parents of six children.

Margie Ann Bruns (1941) is married to Walter Albers and they reside in Maria Stein. Their children are Eric (1963), Brian (1964), Denise (1965), Duane (1967), Janelle (1968), Krista (1971), Adam (1973), and Jason (1974). Bonnie Bruns (1942) is married to Thomas Hogan and they reside in Enumclaw, Washington. Their children are James (1968), Kathy (1973), and David (1974). James L. Bruns (1945) resides in Celina, Ohio, and Linda J. Bruns (1949) in Kettering, Ohio. Christopher A. Bruns (1951), married to Jane Weisman, resides in Celina, Ohio. Their children are Jeremy (1979) and Jessica (1981). Karen S. Bruns (1957) resides in Lancaster, Ohio.

In 1982, Viola Bruns, the widow of Raymond Bruns, moved to 510 East Vine Street, Coldwater, Ohio.



Terry and Elaine Bruns

Terry Joseph Bruns was born on August 3, 1955, in Coldwater, the son of Mary Ann (Stukenborg) Bruns and the late Frederick (Bud) Bruns. Mary Ann resides in Coldwater. On July 10, 1982, Terry married Elaine Rita Tumbusch, the daughter of Ralph and Mary (Boeckman) Tumbusch of St. Henry, Ohio.

Terry and Elaine are blessed with three girls. Amy Jo Silvus was born on April 17, 1978, and is currently a third grader at Coldwater West Elementary. Julie Nicole was born and died two hours later on July 21, 1983. Ashley Marie was born on June 26, 1984.

Terry is a manager in the meat department at Brodbeck's in Coldwater, where he has been employed for fifteen years. Elaine has been employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen for seven years.

The Terry Bruns family has resided at 616 East Vine Street since July, 1982.



Dennis and Lois Brunswick

Dennis J. Brunswick is the son of Frank and Iola (Zahn) Brunswick of St. Henry, Ohio. Lois Ann is the daughter of Henry and Anna (Broerman) Gels of St. Henry, Ohio. They were married on Thanksgiving Day in 1954. Dennis is employed with Intercontinental Coffee Service of Coldwater. Lois is employed by the Village of Coldwater. They are both active in various community organizations and are members of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Their children own homes in the Coldwater vicinity. They are the parents of ten children. Dennis G. is married to Michelle Guilbault of St. Henry. They have three sons: Christopher, Eric and Trent. Duane is married to Lori Wuebker of Coldwater. They have one son, Kevin, and two daughters, Stacey and Lindsey. Donald is married to Jackie Overman of Coldwater. They have

three sons: Jason, Alan, and Brian. Daniel is a student at The Ohio State University in Columbus and a member of the Ohio National Guard. David is a senior at Coldwater High School and Tri Star in Celina. Douglas is a sophomore at Coldwater High School. Dianne owns a home north of Coldwater and is the chapter head of the Mercer County Spinal Cord Society. Dorothy is married to Timothy Stanley of Coldwater. They have one son, Nicholas, and one daughter, Samantha. Delores is married to Ronald Woeste of Coldwater. They have two daughters, Beth and Kimberly. Darlene is married to David Schmitz of Ft. Recovery. The oldest house on South Sixth Street has been home to the Brunswicks since 1960.



Denny and Shelly Brunswick

Denny and Shelly Brunswick reside at 517 East Main Street. They have three sons: Christopher, Eric and Trent. Denny is the son of Dennis and Lois Brunswick of Coldwater. Shelly is the daughter of Fran and Mary Lou Guilbault of St. Henry. Denny is employed at Honda of America in Anna. He enjoys jogging, reading, and all sports. Shelly is employed at Angela Bridge's Figure Salon in Celina. She enjoys reading, writing, and raising her sons.



Eugene and Jeanette Brunswick

Jeanette Kremer was born on March 10, 1947, in Piqua, Ohio, to Martha Benanzer Kremer and Sebastian Kremer of Frenchtown who farmed eighty acres

of land. Her grandparents are Anton Kremer and Mary Evers and Joseph Benanzer and Gertrude Behr. She attended Versailles High School and graduated in 1965. After attending Ohio Northern University, she received a temporary certificate and began teaching at Osgood while finishing her teaching degree. In 1970 she received her Bachelor of Science in Education and has since taught various grade levels in St. Henry; currently she is a fifth-grade teacher in Coldwater.

Eugene was born on October 11, 1948, in Celina, Ohio, the son of Cleopha Eckstein Brunswick and Joseph Brunswick who farmed 160 acres of land in St. Wendelin. His grandparents were Clem Eckstein and Teresa Rammel and Henry Brunswick and Mary Brinkman. He went to St. Wendelin School for the first four years until it was closed and the students were transferred to the St. Henry schools. In 1966 he graduated and attended the University of Dayton for two years before being drafted into the Army. His time in the service included a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. In 1970 Gene began working at Mersman's in Celina while attending college at Wright State University. He is now the Director of Data Processing for Mersman Waldron Furniture.

Gene and Jeanette were married on June 9, 1973, and rented a place in St. Henry before moving in February, 1976, to their home at 4039 St. Anthony Road which was previously owned by Norbert and Doris Fortkamp. The Brunswicks are the parents of three daughters: Cheryl was born on April 29, 1974; Julie on May 13, 1976; and, Beth on March 7, 1979. All three girls are piano students and are also involved in teaching religion to four-year-olds on Sunday mornings.



John and Madonna Brunswick

John and Madonna (Jutte) Brunswick were married on June 28, 1958, in St. Sebastian Church, St. Sebastian. John is the son of the late L.H. and Justine (Braun) Brunswick; he is from Sharpsburg, Ohio. Madonna is the daughter of the late Theodore and Mary (Dorsten) Jutte. She is from St. Sebastian, Ohio.

They moved to their present address at 505 West Plum Street about twenty-seven years ago. They are the proud parents of six children. Steven is living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; he is in government

work. Michael is with the U.S. Army and he is married to Cecelia Post; they live in Germany. Linda lives at home and she is employed at Celina Group. Janice is married to Joseph Gordon; they live in Fairborn. She is a nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayton. Daniel lives at home and he is employed at Chickasaw Garage. Carl lives at home and he is the owner and operator of the Home Bakery in Coldwater.

John is employed at Mersman's in Celina. He is active in the Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club, Ft. Recovery. He is also active in the Catholic Church. Madonna is a secretary for the Coldwater CCD Program. She is also active in the Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club and is a member of St. Cecelia Auxiliary, Knights of St. John and the St. Ann's Altar Sodality.



Harold and Pat Brunswick

Pat and Harold (Scrubby) Brunswick live at 3716 St. Rt. 118, in a neighborhood known as Chevy Hill, Coldwater. Scrubby is the son of Albert and the late Othilia (Schmitt) Brunswick. Pat is the daughter of the late LeRoy and Ruth (Kissinger) Voisard. They have four children. Cindy married Dave Hemmelgarn; they have four children, Jenni, Jason, Lisa, and Renee, and live in Coldwater. Mick married Rhonda Hartel; they have one daughter, Janelle, and live in Ft. Recovery. Star married Ken Moeller; they have one daughter, Michelle, and live on Philothea Rd. Terri is a sophomore at Findlay College, majoring in Bi-Lingual Elementary Education.

Scrubby is retired from New Idea and has been a part-time car salesman for many years. He belongs to several organizations and is active in the VFW and the American Legion. Pat is a housewife and has been active in the community and her church. She is a charter member of the Coldwater Picnic Association, a past member of the Mercer County Democratic organization, and a member of the VFW and American Legion auxiliaries.

Pat and Scrubby started Brunswick Rides in 1957. Along with another couple, they purchased four go-carts. Later, they purchased a ferris wheel from Art Wenning's Welding Shop. Then they added a pony cart ride, rockets, and a train. "711" was built by Wenning and had an original steam whistle owned by Pat's Grandpa Voisard, who at one time owned and operated steam engines. They worked many of the

surrounding area church picnics, school carnivals, etc. The season was from mid-April to the end of October. The business was sold in 1969. Most of the rides are still in operation today. Pat and son Mick recently purchased back two of the original go-carts.



Louis and Ann Brunswick

Louis and Ann Brunswick were married on October 4, 1950, at St. Henry Catholic Church, St. Henry, Ohio, and presently live at 501 North Elm Street. Louis was born on December 12, 1929, in St. Wendelin, Ohio, and is the son of Stella and Lawrence Brunswick. Ann is the daughter of Regina and Anthony Bernard and was born on June 29, 1930, in St. Henry, Ohio.

Lou and Ann have seven children. Jane married William Simons and is an elementary teacher; they have two daughters, Lindsay and Melissa, and live in Coldwater. Mary married Gregory Peitsmeyer and is a learning disabilities teacher; they have a daughter, Leslie, and a son, Aaron, and reside in Bellefontaine. Thomas married Peggy Heinrichs and is a teacher of special education; they have a son, Brian, and live in Coldwater. Carol married Douglas Fisher and is a physical therapist; they live in Dayton. Mark married Gay Knapke and is currently a catcher with the New York Mets minor league baseball organization; they reside in Coldwater in the winter. Jeffrey is attending Wright State University and Amy is a senior at Coldwater High School.

Ann and Lou are 1948 graduates of St. Henry High School. Louis served two years in the United States Army during the Korean conflict. In 1957 he received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Dayton and in 1967 received his Master of Arts Degree from Ball State University. He is presently a teacher at Coldwater High School and enjoys all sports, especially baseball which he has been coaching at Coldwater High School for thirty years. He has also coached Acme summer baseball for thirty-one years and coached American Legion baseball for seven years. Lou has been Memorial Park manager for many years. Ann also likes all sports as well as dancing, reading, and music; she is a member of the Resurrection Choir at Holy Trinity Church. She worked in the office at New Idea for

some years. Ann belongs to several organizations and enjoys being with people, especially her family, grandchildren and friends.

Picture: Left to Right — Bottom Row — Jane, Ann, Louis, Amy. Left to Right — Top Row — Mary, Thomas, Mark, Jeffrey, Carol

Henry and Anna Buckloh

Henry P. Buckloh was born Oct. 31, 1851, in New Bremen, Ohio. His parents, Heinrich and Elizabeth (Schafer) Buckloh, were born in Germany and married on Jan. 31, 1850, in Auglaize County, Ohio.

Elizabeth, born on Aug. 10, 1830, came to America in 1836 with her parents, Peter and Lizegrethe (Rink) Schafer, of Heinzenhausen-Lauterecke, Germany. Heinrich Buckloh died on Dec. 29, 1851, and Elizabeth married, on April 16, 1862, JoHann Heinrich Mesenbrink. Mr. and Mrs. Mesenbrink raised three sons, Jake, John, and Chas, and one daughter, Caroline, who married Henry Prueter of Sidney, Ohio.

Henry Peter Buckloh, married Anna Marie Wenker on April 19, 1877, and settled in Mercer Co. Butler Twp. Sec. 17 on their 80-acre farm. Their children are: Caroline C., born on Nov. 5, 1881, married Henry Rasawehr; twin boys born on Nov. 5, 1881, died at birth; Charles H., born on July 13, 1883, married Florence West; and, Henry John, born on Nov. 14, 1887, killed when a horse fell on him on June 29, 1901.

At one time Mr. Buckloh drove teams of mules, working the canal from New Bremen to Toledo, Ohio. He later relocated at Bannister, Mich.

Anna Marie divorced Henry Buckloh and bought 80 acres of land in Sec. 23 of Washington Twp. Mrs. Buckloh died at age forty three on Feb. 6, 1901. Mr. Buckloh died at the home of his son, Charles, in Washington Twp. on May 11, 1929, at age 77. Mrs. Buckloh was the daughter of Frank and Charlotte (Farwick) Wenker of Washington Twp. Sec. 24 of Mercer Co., Ohio.



Ernest and Dorothy Buening

Ernest Buening was born on November 4, 1924, in Coldwater, Ohio. He is the son of Bernard J. Buening, born on November 30, 1896, in Egypt, Ohio and

Juliana Buening, born on May 22, 1900, in Maria Stein, Ohio.

On February 15, 1958, in St. Henry, Ohio, he married Dorothy H. Stukenborg with Father Robert Stukenborg as the celebrant. Dorothy is the daughter of Frank and Clara (Schockman) Stukenborg. Frank was born on December 13, 1883, in Coldwater, Ohio, and Clara Schockman was born on June 5, 1891, in Coldwater, Ohio.

Ernest and Dorothy Buening reside at 4659 Fleet-foot Road, Coldwater Ohio. They have four children.

Robert, born on March 25, 1959. He married Dawn Mann from Celina, Ohio, on January 22, 1983. They have one daughter, Amber Michelle, and one son, Robert Jr. (B-J). They live in Celina, Ohio.

Elaine, born on July 9, 1960. She married Dominic Lombardo from Victor, Montana, on May 3, 1985. Both were in the United States Air Force and were stationed at Offitt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska. They are now living in Montana.

James, born on December 27, 1962. He married Lisa Frazier from Coldwater, Ohio, on September 25, 1987. They are now living in Coldwater, Ohio.

Nancy, born on March 9, 1965. She married Eric McDermitt of St. Marys, Ohio, on May 31, 1986. They are now living in Dayton, Ohio.

Ernest is employed at The Standard Printing Co., Celina, Ohio. Dorothy is employed at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home, Coldwater, Ohio.

Greg and Helen Buening

Greg Buening, son of Ben and Juliana (Brugge-man) Buening, was born on December 19, 1930. On November 28, 1953, he married Helen Prenger, the daughter of Frank and Regina (Mescher) Prenger. Helen was born on July 1, 1931.

Greg began working at New Idea in 1949, which is where he is employed today. He is also caretaker of Holy Trinity's cemetery. Helen is a homemaker and has been employed at Mercer County Community Hospital since 1977.

Greg and Helen began their married life in Wendelin, Ohio, where they lived for two years. In 1956 they moved to 5460 St. Rt. 219, Coldwater, where they live today. They have seven children.

Ron, born on November 22, 1954, is employed by Pet, Inc. He married Jerri Klosterman on May 15, 1976. They live in Coldwater with their children Jeff, Julie, and Ryan.

Carl, born on December 12, 1955, works at Crown Controls. He was married on January 17, 1976, to Sharon Goethe. They live in Coldwater with their children Amy, Jenna, and David.

Joyce, born on July 31, 1957, works at Bruns, Gant, and Toms Insurance. Joyce married Mike Winner on September 11, 1976. They reside in Coldwater with their sons, Brian and Aaron.

Gene, born on March 28, 1959, is employed by Crown Controls. He married Lori Griesdorn on September 17, 1983, and they live in Coldwater.

Mike, born on May 21, 1960, works at Crown Controls and lives at home.

Lou Ann, born on April 2, 1965, is employed by Jay County Hospital. She was married on October 12, 1985, to Eric Tobe. They reside in Ft. Recovery with their daughter, Alyssa.

Steve, born on March 22, 1972, is attending Coldwater High School and lives at home.



Lavern and Agnes Buening

Lavern Buening was born on July 22, 1929, in Coldwater. His father was Aloys Buening from Egypt, Ohio, and his mother was Leona Buening from Maria Stein, Ohio. He lived with his brothers, Lester and Gerald, and his sister, Martha, on East Plum Street in Coldwater. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1947 and was in the United States Army (1951-53) during the Korean conflict.

On February 19, 1955, Lavern was married to Agnes Hoying from Celina, Ohio. They have four children: Tom, born on September 13, 1956; John, born on May 11, 1958 (deceased at age twenty-six); Janet, born on July 10, 1959; and Betty, born on August 24, 1961. They have two grandchildren, Tom's son born on March 6, 1985, and John's daughter, born on June 7, 1985.

The Buenings live at 625 Plum Drive. Lavern worked at New Idea for forty years.



Ronald and GERALYN Buening

Ronald B. Buening, born on November 22, 1954, is the son of Greg and Helen (Prenger) Buening. Ron graduated from Coldwater High School in 1973. He is employed by Pet Inc., Coldwater.

Ron and GERALYN (Jerri) Klosterman were married on May 15, 1976. Jerri, born on February 21, 1955, to LeRoy L. and Pauline (Gerlach) Klosterman, graduated from Celina High School in 1973. In 1978 she received her bachelor's degree in education from Wright State University. She currently is a substitute teacher for the Coldwater Schools.

Ron and Jerri are also the parents of three children. Jeffrey was born on April 10, 1979; Julie on July 10, 1982; and, Ryan on January 8, 1987. They reside at 410 West Vine Street, Coldwater.

Herbert and Shirley Buffenbarger

Herbert Leo and Shirley Ann Buffenbarger live at 608 East Vine Street, Coldwater, Ohio. Herb (born 7-22-37) is the son of Harvey (born 5-17-10) and Agnes (born 2-7-13 — died 6-20-73) Bentz Buffenbarger of Decatur, Indiana. Shirley (born 10-6-36) is the daughter of Verdin (born 5-16-08) and Pearl Feisel (born 3-30-16, Columbus Grove, Ohio) Stuckey of Wapakoneta, Ohio. They were married at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Ohio, on September 10, 1960, and moved to Coldwater in October, 1964. They have six children.

Michael Herbert (born 7-16-61) married Choi Hui Suk and has one child, Justina Suk (born 7-16-86). Mike is a staff sergeant and kennel master in the United States Army and is stationed in Puson, Korea. They will return to the States in June, 1988. John Alan (born 6-28-62) served three years in the United States Army in Kentucky and West Germany. He presently is a sergeant in the United States Air Force Reserve and works for Marwil Products, Ft. Loramie, Ohio, and lives in Coldwater. Thomas Eugene (born 1-9-64) married Jennifer Phillips of Wales, U. K. He is a Sp. 4 in the Army and is stationed in West Germany as a chaplain's assistant.

Linda Ann (born 4-19-66) is a beautician presently working in Ansonia, Ohio; she also works at the South Side Inn in Coldwater. She lives in Coldwater. Gary Alan (born 10-12-69) is a senior at Coldwater High School. After graduation in May, 1988, he plans to attend college. Mark David (born 1-1-75) is a seventh grader at Coldwater Junior High.

Herb has worked at New Idea for twenty-seven years. Shirley works part time at the People's Bank Co., Drive-In and is a catechist at Holy Trinity Church.

Mike and Mary Buschur

Mike and Mary Buschur are the parents of two children, Jason, 14, and Kim, 11, and live at 4840, S.R. 219.

Mike is employed at New Idea and is self-employed in the plastic converting business. Mary is employed at the Coldwater Animal Clinic and helps in the plastic business.

The family loves animals; they have a pony, two dogs, three cats and fifty tropical fish.

Ruth and Murl Carmack

I was born in 1908 on a farm on Route 118, Coldwater, and I was the daughter of Ezra and Cidora Bennett Snider. We moved to town in 1913. My father built the home on East Main Street which is now owned by Dr. Meyers. I attended school in the Coldwater Public School which was located where the Methodist Church is now. I was married to Murl Carmack in 1937, and we built our home on West Main Street fifty years ago; I still reside in it. To this union was born one son, James Carmack, on August 23, 1945; he resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

For many years Murl worked as a telegrapher at the Cincinnati Northern depot, the building which is now a shelter house at the park. He was involved in the menswear store that was formerly owned by Ed Wendel, and then for thirty years he worked between Celina and Coldwater in finance offices. Murl passed away on January 17, 1969.

My paternal grandparents were Henry Snider and Catherine Platt Snider. My maternal grandparents were John Bennett and Mary Plummer Bennett. My brothers and sisters were Earl, Bessie, Nellie, Bruce and Flora.

My dad was born in a log house about a mile east of Coldwater. He was at one time a part-time night patrolman, a member of the Council, and one of the instigators in the brick surfacing of Main Street.

My father-in-law, Henry Carmack, was a rural mail carrier in Coldwater. My oldest sister, Bessie, was assistant postmistress to Anna Fox when she was post-mistress. My brother served in World War I. To him were born four sons, two of whom still live in Coldwater, Donald and Wayne. I attended the Coldwater Methodist Church for seventy-five years.

One of my childhood memories was coming to town in a horse and buggy with my parents, sitting on the front porch of the Jenkins Hotel, which was owned by my aunt, Blanche Snider Jenkins, and watching and talking to people who were in town on Saturday night.

When I was in high school, I sold tickets at the Rex Theater, which was located where the Red Carpet Inn is now. I worked at Mersman's office, at the Marion Reserve Power Company, part-time at Dick Smith's 5 and 10, at Romer's Store, for Bill Foss at the Gas Company, and for eighteen years at the Coldwater Public Library.

Anna Mae Clune

Anna Mae Clune (June 12, 1929) was born in Toledo, Ohio, and lived for many years in Burkettsville where she went to grade school. She helped to take care of the elderly many years. She had lived in St. Henry until September, 1987, when, for health reasons, she moved to Coldwater to live with her brother, Paul, and his family at 515 East Plum Street.

Anna Mae is the daughter of Alex (March 9, 1901) and Eleanor Neargarder Clune (April 22, 1904). Her grandparents were Louis and Anna Coty Neargarder

of Frenchtown, Ohio, and Bernard and Josephine Bolzinger Clune who lived in Burkettsville.

She has two brothers. Lewis (January 24, 1931) married Vivian Bergman and they live in St. Henry. Paul (September 5, 1938) married Jane Moorman and they live in Coldwater. Her sister, Rosemary (August 14, 1935), married Victor Moeder and they live in St. Henry. Her sister, Donna (March 24, 1941), married Donald Bowerman and lives in Minster.



Paul and Jane Clune

Paul L. Clune, son of Alex and Eleanor (Neargarder) Clune, and Jane A. Moorman, daughter of Anthony F. and Pauline (Wenning) Moorman, were married on January 20, 1962, at Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater, Ohio. They have lived at 515 East Plum Street since March 27, 1962.

Paul was born on September 5, 1938, in New Weston, Ohio. He attended Burkettsville Elementary and St. Henry High School. Paul is a punch press operator at Pax Machine Works, Inc., Celina, Ohio. He is an usher at Holy Trinity and a member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.

Jane was born on April 27, 1943, in Celina, Ohio. She graduated in 1961 from Coldwater High School and attended Miami-Jacobs Business College, Dayton, Ohio. Jane is a secretary-bookkeeper at Coldwater Medical, Inc. She is a lector at Holy Trinity and a member of St. Ann's Altar Society and the VFW Auxiliary.

Paul and Jane have four children. Daniel was born on May 2, 1962, and graduated from Coldwater High School in May, 1981. He works for Hoenie & Kogge Construction, St. Marys, Ohio. Paula was born on July 13, 1964, and graduated in May, 1982, from Coldwater High School. She is a bookkeeper for Mile-X Tire Grooving, Coldwater, Ohio. Paula married Robert (Bob) Fleming. They have two children, Misty and Michael, and they live in Coldwater. Dale was born on November 15, 1968. He graduated in May, 1987, from Coldwater High School and is an electrician at Seitz Electric, Philothea, Ohio. Patricia was born on December 22, 1969, and is a senior at Coldwater High School. Dan, Dale and Patti all live at home.



Maurice and Dolores Cron

In 1960, we moved to 107 North Cedar Street, Coldwater. Being licensed with the Nationwide Insurance Companies, we went full time as agent with that company. In June, 1973, we moved to 217 South Second, Street, Coldwater, in order to have larger facilities for home and office use.

We have five children who were active in church, school and sports programs. Our oldest, Joyce, holds an associate degree in medical records and a bachelor's degree in business from Wright State University. She is married and is employed at the San Francisco Symphony. Keith was a member of the high school baseball team in 1977 that went to State. He also played at the University of Dayton. He holds a B.S. from the University of Dayton and is in sales with ISI, is married and lives in Cincinnati. Laura graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Allied Health as an occupational therapist. She worked for the Ft. Sanders Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee, and currently is working for the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia. Joseph graduated from the University of Toledo as a civil engineer. He attended UT on a football scholarship and played four years. He is married and works for the Ohio Department of Transportation. Russell in 1983 was a member of the first Coldwater High School state baseball championship team. He has a B.S. from the University of Dayton and is employed at Gem Savings and Loan in Dayton.

We feel Coldwater afforded us an excellent place to raise our family. In turn we have been active in church, school and civic organizations, serving when and wherever possible. Sixteen years were served as mayor and re-election for four more years is being sought. Coldwater is a prosperous community and we are proud to be a part of it.

Ted and Grace Cully

Ted and Grace Cully currently reside at 3758 St. Anthony Road. On the property is a working windmill which has been painted green with yellow fan blades, making it the county's largest shasta daisy. The Cully's have three daughters: Manda, Jolene, and Deanna.

Ted is the son of Lincoln and Regina Markey Cully. His grandparents are the late James and Lot-

tie Cully from Willshire, Ohio, and Joseph and Viola Markey of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Grace is the daughter of Horace and Elizabeth Nash Luhn. Her grandparents were Charles and Grace Luhn of Dayton, Ohio, and Joseph and Mary Nash of Bozeman, Montana.

Ted and Grace met while attending college at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Ted graduated in 1970 and accepted a teaching position with the Coldwater Schools the fall of that year. He has continued to pursue his teaching and coaching at Coldwater, having specialized in the biological and chemical sciences.



Grace graduated from Miami in 1971 and, following a wedding at The Mission San Luis Rey in California, joined Ted in settling down roots in the community of Coldwater. She is now also employed by the Coldwater School System as a library aide. The Cully's are active in several community service groups as well as the Holy Trinity Folk Guitar Group.

The Cully's first lived on South Market Street, moved west of town on Route 219, and then back into town on Woodview Drive. They moved from the Village of Coldwater to their present location on St. Anthony Road in August, 1983.

Adrian and Patricia DeBrosse

Adrian C. DeBrosse and Patricia A. Hart were married in Dayton, Ohio, in 1946; lived in Columbus, Sunbury, and St. Henry; and, moved to Coldwater in 1958.

Adrian's parents were Herman DeBrosse and Caroline Grieshop, and Patricia is the daughter of Leo Hart and Mary Kennedy.

Adrian was Mercer County Agricultural Agent for eighteen years and a school board member until his death in 1972. Patricia has been librarian at the Coldwater Public Library since 1969.

They have four children. Charles was born in Columbus in 1952. He is married to Joan Coffey, and they live in Philadelphia. Mary Alice was born in Columbus in 1954. She is married to Blake Scott, and they live in Arlington, Texas. John was born in Coldwater in 1956. He is married to Marilyn Moncrieff and they live in Chillicothe, Ohio. Jerome was born in Coldwater in 1960. He is married to Mary Mader, and they live in South Bend, Indiana.

David and Barb Delzeith

David Richard Delzeith, the son of Richard Frederick and Dorothy Lorena Rempe Delzeith of Celina, was born in the Gibbons Hospital in Celina on August 21, 1950. He graduated from the Immaculate Conception High School in Celina in 1969.

Barbara Jean Canary Delzeith, the daughter of Darlene Dwight and Marjorie Lou Baucher Canary of Celina, was born in the Otis Hospital in Celina on April 3, 1952. She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1970.

Dave and Barb were married on Saturday, September 1, 1972, at the Celina First Church of God. They lived in Brunswick, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland), for one year. In August, 1974, they moved to 604 Fairview Drive in Coldwater.

They have three children. D. Jason was born on August 12, 1976, at Community Hospital in Coldwater. Jodi Renee was born on October 15, 1978, at Community Hospital in Coldwater. Jessica Sue was born on July 9, 1983, at Community Hospital in Coldwater.

Dave has been employed by Reynolds in Celina since September, 1985. The family attends Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. Dave is a member of the Coldwater Eagles. Barb and Dave are both members of the Hopewell Grange. Barb is a member of University Women and the International Reading Association. Jason and Jodi are both 4-H members.



Charles and Mary Depweg

Charles Joseph Depweg and Mary Ann Ruth Hausfeld of Maria Stein were married on April 24, 1954, in Maria Stein's St. John's Catholic Church. Charlie is now retired after working for New Idea for thirty-seven years. Mary Ann was a housewife and mother. She then later worked part time within her last year of life, and she passed away at age fifty-four on November 20, 1982. They had five children. Diane was born on January 30, 1955; she married Duane Counterman of Rockford. They have one son and one daughter, Justin and Alysha. They are engaged in grain farming and live in rural Rockford. Cheryl was born on December 26, 1956; she married Doug Ernst from Bryan, Ohio, where they also resided. She passed away at age twenty-four on September 4, 1981. While living in Bryan, she held a managerial position; her husband is on the police

force. Carrol was born on September 8, 1959; she married George Jeffries of Celina. They have three children: Kristy, Charlie and Michael. George is an engineer at the Lima Tank Plant and Carrol is employed at Pantry Pride Markets in Celina, where they also reside. Sue was born on March 18, 1963; she married Bill Hemmelgarn of St. Henry. They have one son, Kalen William. Bill is an engineer and they are self-employed in the tool & die business. Their business is located in Coldwater's Industrial Park and is called Hi-Tech Wire Division. They reside in rural St. Henry. Duane Charles was born on November 28, 1966 (finally a boy!); he is presently in his third year of school at the University of Dayton in the field of engineering. He also works part time at the Minster Machine Company.



Frank and Kathryn Depweg

The Depweg's ancestors came over on a brig (ship) called "The Colonial" in October, 1837. They came from Bremen, Germany, on this ship which carried 115 passengers. (Incidentally, Bremen, Germany, is where New Bremen derived its name.)

The family that came over consisted of Johann and Maria Anna. He was forty-four years old (this would be Frank's great grandfather) and she was thirty-nine. They had four children ranging in age from four to fourteen. The sons of Johann were Bernard, Henry and "CD." Then down the family tree came Charles Depweg and his son, Frank Depweg, who married Kathryn Bruns on November 20, 1920. They had three boys and three girls. They lived in several small towns in the surrounding area and later made their home in Coldwater. Kathryn died on June 6, 1977, and Frank died on February 10, 1978. Their one son, Charles, is the only child who remained in Coldwater, making it his permanent home. (Charles was named after his grandfather.)

Bartel and Anna Desch

Bartel T. Desch was born in 1903 and died in 1976. He was married on June 27, 1926, to the former Anna E. Meldrum, who was born in 1909. Anna presently resides at Port Charlotte, Florida. In 1944, Bart and Anna purchased Desch's Furniture Store from his

father, J. R. Desch. The store was located at 106-108 South Market Street, adjacent to the city hall in Coldwater. Bart and Anna operated the business until retiring in 1960. Bart was instrumental in starting the Coldwater Park and, later, the promotion of the swimming pool. He was one of the original investors in the Pax Steel Products Co. and was also active in the Coldwater Lions Club and the Mercer County Elks Club.

Anna worked part time at the former Our Lady of Mercy Hospital as a switchboard operator and admittance clerk. She was active in the Hospital Auxiliary, the Eagles Auxiliary, the V.F.W. Auxiliary, the Elks Ladies Club and the American Legion Auxiliary.



Bart and Anna celebrated fifty years of marriage before his death and they were the parents of eight children. Two girls, Antionette and Lavonne, died in infancy and there are six living children. Natalie (Desch) Mestemaker resides in Sandwich, Illinois, with her husband, Kenneth. They have four children: Kenneth, Barry, Mark and Julie. Bartel David Desch and his wife, Edith, live in San Francisco, California, where David operates and owns a catering service. He is the father of a son, Michael, and a daughter, Angela. Sandra Lee (Desch) Bergman and her husband, Kenneth, reside in Coldwater; she has four children: David, Michael, Ann and Robert Rindler. Janice (Desch) Layman is now residing in San Ramon, California, with her husband, Paul; they have three sons: Lance, Lane and Linc. Timothy Desch and his wife, Darlene, are residing in Daly City, California, at the present time. Tim is the father of two sons, Bartel and Richard. Theodore Desch and his wife, Marian, are residing in Denver, Colorado. Ted is the father of three girls: Cathy, Kim and Carey Desch. Bart and Anna have eighteen grandchildren and, at this time, ten great grandchildren.

Girard and Henrietta Desch

Girard P. Desch, son of Joseph R. Desch and Stella Girardot, was born in Coldwater, Ohio, on June 6, 1900. He attended the Coldwater Public School and graduated in 1917. After a short employment at New Idea, Coldwater, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in W.W.I. Upon an honorable discharge in 1918, he re-



turned to Coldwater and was employed in the J. R. Desch Furniture & Funeral business.

On June 14, 1922, he married Henrietta Albers, daughter of John B. Albers and Catherine Moeller. Due to poor health, Mr. Desch, his wife and son, Donald, went West where they spent the next nine years in Arizona and California. Returning to Ohio, he purchased his father's funeral business in 1934. In 1945, he was joined by his son, Donald, and the business was successfully operated until his retirement in 1965 when the business was sold.

Mr. Desch was a charter member of Patriotism Post 470 and was a past commander; a past president and secretary of the district Funeral Director Association; and, a past member and president of the Coldwater Board of Education.

Mr. & Mrs. Desch were the parents of four children.

Donald, born in 1923 in Coldwater, married Kathleen Selhorst and they are the parents of one son and six daughters. They operated Don's Flowers and Gifts in Coldwater for twenty-nine years; currently, they own and operate Don's Hallmark Shops along with their daughter, Kathleen Simpkins.

Fr. Paul Desch was born in 1929 in Fresno, California. He is a member of the Cincinnati Province of Franciscans and is the assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church in Cincinnati.

Mary, born in 1931 in San Diego, California, married James Sowar; they are the parents of five sons and one daughter. In 1986, after many years at New Idea, James, along with his wife, Mary, formed Merchants Row and own and operate The Card Cupboard in Coldwater.

Joseph Desch, born in 1935 in Celina, Ohio, married Patricia Ebner; they are the parents of two daughters and reside in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, where he is executive secretary of Wisconsin Lions International.

In 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Girard Desch celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their four children and fifteen grandchildren. In 1975, Henrietta Desch passed away and Mr. Desch currently resides with his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and James Sowar in Coldwater.

Charles and Jean Dickman

Charles and Jean Dickman and David came to live in Coldwater in 1956 after Chuck was discharged



from the Army. Charles was born in Hamilton, Ohio. Jean was born in Auglaize County, as was David. Both Chuck and Jean graduated from New Bremen High School and The Ohio State University. Michael and James were both born in Coldwater. Dr. Dickman practices optometry at 201 South Second Street in Coldwater.

Dr. Dickman and the Jaycees organized the Coldwater Combined Charities Drive and he served as chairman in October, 1957. He has been an active member of the Coldwater Lions Club since 1957. He also was a charter member and is a continuing member of the Mercer County Elks Lodge and the Lake Front Racquet Club. Both Chuck, Jean and their sons, while they lived at home, were and are active members of the Coldwater United Methodist Church. Jean's special interest for over twenty-five years has been the Phi Beta Psi Sorority. They have both supported many community projects.

All three boys graduated from Coldwater High School. Dave graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Mike graduated from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Jim is presently a college student.

Dave and Barbara Brooks of Bowie, Maryland, were married in Springfield, Virginia, in 1983. They have two daughters, Kara and Alexa, and now live in Nashua, New Hampshire. Mike and Becky Fox of Celina were married in Celina, Ohio, in 1980. They have two children, Jenny and Brian, and live in Dublin, Ohio.

Donald and Rita Diller

Donald, the son of John and Mary (Gross) Diller, was born near St. Anthony (Mercer County), Ohio, on September 2, 1929. They moved to Coldwater in 1939 and he graduated from Coldwater High School in 1948.

With a Christmas present of a hammer, a saw, and a framing square from his bride-to-be, Donald built the house at 409 West Park Street which is the family home. On May 29, 1945, he married Rita Ruther, daughter of Edward and Rose (Hemmelgarn) Ruther, in St. Marys.

Donald and Rita's children are Kenneth, born on June 18, 1955, and now residing in Columbus, Ohio; Christine, born on July 24, 1956, married to Dr. James Grilliot D.C., and now residing in Toronto, Canada, with their two sons, Matthew and Michael;

Catherine, born on April 1, 1959, married to Anthony Puthoff, and now residing in Coldwater with their daughter, Angela; and, Kevin, born on September 2, 1965, who died on November 11, 1977, at Children's Hospital in Columbus.

Donald spent two years in the military service (Army) and was stationed in Austria. He returned to Coldwater to become active in the community with the P.T.O., the Jaycees, the Eagles, the Knights of Columbus, and the Community Picnic Association. He is also involved in Holy Trinity's parish work. He was an employee of New Idea for nineteen years, and, from then on, an employee of Pax Steel Products, Inc.



Paul and Betty Dilworth

Paul Wm. Dilworth, son of Gerald G. and Grace P. (Kochersperger) Dilworth, was born in Ft. Recovery, Ohio, on July 27, 1933, and married Betty Marie Wade on August 23, 1933. She is the daughter of Francis Q. Wade and Mary (Kindell) Wade. She was born on April 26, 1933, near Celina. They are the parents of two sons, Robert William, born on August 8, 1955, and Gary Patrick, born on April 17, 1957. Gary is married to Elizabeth (Betty) Bertling and they have two children, Chet Patrick and Ashley Elizabeth. They reside in Delphos.

Bill was employed with Matt Schwieterman, Inc. from 1933 until 1986. Having been fortunate enough to win two million dollars in the Ohio Lottery in 1985, he retired at the end of the year. He is a past president of the Coldwater Exempted Village School Board of Education, a past member and an officer of the Coldwater Jaycees, and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Coldwater. He has held various offices in the Coldwater United Methodist Church of which both he and Betty are members.

Betty has also been active in the community. She is a past president of the Coldwater Jaycees Wives Club and was the first Welcome Wagon hostess that Coldwater had in the late 50's. She was a Girl Scout leader for four years, is past president of the Coldwater United Methodist Women, and served as clerk-treasurer for the Village of Coldwater for two years. She is presently employed part time at Willhoff's Interior Fashions in Coldwater.

They have resided at 563 South Second Street since 1958.

Michael and Jane Dingledine

Michael J. Dingledine (son of Tom and Pat Dingledine) was born on February 9, 1951. He married Jane L. James (daughter of Mac and Alice James), who was born on August 24, 1955, on September 27, 1980. They have two children. Jay Michael Dingledine was born on April 8, 1982, and Jon Thomas Dingledine was born on November 21, 1984.

Mike is employed at Minster Machine Company and Jane is a homemaker. They live at 810 Terrace Avenue.

Robert and Phyllis Doll

Robert and Phyllis (Rutschilling) Doll live at 4202 Fleetfoot Road, Coldwater, Ohio, with their four children. Jerriann Marie was born on October 19, 1968, and is a freshman at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Jennifer Jean, born on October 24, 1969, is a senior at Coldwater High School. Barton Jerome, born on July 21, 1973, is an eighth grader at Coldwater Junior High School. Cassandra Michelle, the youngest, was born on August 3, 1982.

Robert Anthony was born on March 12, 1947, in Coldwater, Ohio, and is the son of Anthony Joseph Doll and Helene M. Schilling of 611 West Main Street, Coldwater, Ohio. Robert has one brother, John Joseph. Phyllis Ann was born on June 29, 1947, in Maria Stein, Ohio; she moved to Celina, Ohio, in 1950 and then to Coldwater, Ohio, in 1961. Phyllis is the daughter of Vincent Henry Rutschilling and Anna Rita Bruns (dec'd) of 5769 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road, Coldwater, Ohio. Phyllis has one brother, Robert Vincent, and one sister, Linda Lou.

Robert and Phyllis have owned Doll Printing Division in Celina, Ohio, since 1977. They are both active in the business, which deals mainly with commercial and industrial customers. Robert and Phyllis also own and manage several residential and commercial buildings in Celina and Coldwater.



William and Mary Kay Donauer

Bill came to Coldwater in November, 1948. After serving for forty months in the United States Navy

during WW II, he was discharged on January 2, 1946. He worked in Dayton for two years for Aunt Selma's Cookie Shop owned by Clarence Romer. He came to Coldwater and in February, 1949, purchased the Home Bakery from Joe Weiskittel. On June 10, 1950, he married Mary K. Werner, daughter of William M. and Josephine Westerheide Werner.

Bill was very active in civic and community affairs. He served a total of twenty-four years on the Coldwater Park Board and the Council.

Mary Kay has been active in community and school activities, having served two terms as Band Parents' president. She is also a 32-year member of Iota Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Psi Sorority. The chapter has contributed many hours and much money for cancer research, the sorority's national project.

Bill and Kay are the parents of four daughters: Cindy Marie, Nancy Jane, Terry Jo and Linda Kay.

Cindy married Marvin Pax, son of Oscar and Cordula Pax of Celina. They have three daughters: Michele, Katie and Sarah. They reside in Wapakoneta.

Nancy married Walter Hartke, son of Victor and Florence Hartke of Carthagena. They reside near Celina.

Terry Jo married Terry Dean Roode, son of Chester and Jane Roode of New Knoxville. Terry Dean is a D.O. in Toledo, Ohio, and they reside in Whitehouse, Ohio. They are the parents of two sons, Jonathan and Daniel, and a daughter, Elizabeth Ann.

Linda Kay resides at home and works at the Home Bakery.

Bill sold his business on January 1, 1988, to Carl Brunswick, after thirty-nine years in business.



Bernard and Elizabeth Drees

Bernard Drees (July 26, 1891 — December 22, 1969), son of Bernard Drees and Josephine Poepelman, was born and reared in Shelby County near Minster on the farm which is now the Arrowhead Golf Course. On January 15, 1913, he married Elizabeth Streacker (September 2, 1891 — January 26, 1941), daughter of Bernard Streacker and Mary Leugers, in Osgood.

They lived on a farm near Coldwater for the first three years. While there, they had two daughters, Leona (October 20, 1913) and Olivia (February 25,

1915). Then they moved to Osgood. During this time they had four more children: Marcella (March 9, 1917); Henrietta (September 27, 1918); Ralph (July 17, 1920); and, Alvera (August 20, 1922). After six years, they came back to Coldwater where they had four more children: Harold (November 30, 1924); Arthur (December 19, 1926); Luke (November 23, 1928 — August 6, 1979); and, Ivo (May 3, 1931).

While in Coldwater, Bernard worked at New Idea and Elizabeth was a homemaker and enjoyed many hours of quilting. First the family lived on East South Street; they then moved to East Walnut Street.

As the years went by, each of the children was married. Leona married Clarence Schoen (September 28, 1906 — October 8, 1960) on September 28, 1940; Olivia married Bernard Wappelhorst (April 3, 1911 — April 1, 1967) on June 13, 1936; Marcella married Edward Wappelhorst (October 7, 1907 — September 26, 1966) on June 17, 1939 (family in this book); Henrietta married Isidor Muhlenkamp (May 30, 1910 — August 23, 1987) on May 14, 1938; Ralph married Margaret Hilbert (September 2, 1919) on January 31, 1948; Alvera married Richard Wuebker (February 18, 1922) on June 2, 1945; Harold married Charlene Hanfelder (September 9, 1929) on November 23, 1950; Arthur married Rosalie Noonan (March 22, 1925) on May 6, 1950; Luke married Ruth McPherson (September 16, 1931) on March 7, 1953; and, Ivo married Virginia Giere (December 8, 1932 — March 31, 1977) on May 12, 1954.

Photo: Seated: Bernard, Ivo, Luke, Elizabeth. Standing: Marcella, Leona, Harold, Henrietta, Ralph, Arthur, Olivia, Alvera



Dale and Dolores Drosch

Dale Bernard Drosch, the son of Isadore Bernard and Frances Mary (Wappelhorst), was born on January 2, 1937, in St. Henry, Ohio. He married Dolores Elizabeth Stachler at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Burkettsville, Ohio, on January 15, 1958. Dolores was born on March 10, 1939, in Montezuma, Ohio.

Dale and Dolores resided in Ft. Recovery, Ohio, from January, 1958, to June, 1964, where five children were born:

Dale Isadore Jr. (August 14, 1958); David Joseph (born/died June 9, 1960); Douglas Edmund (June 30,

1961); Denise Ann (January 24, 1963); and Doris Ann (March 3, 1964).

They moved to 419 East South Street, Coldwater, and in July, 1967, to 319 East Walnut Street. Three children were born:

Darrin Dennis (January 11, 1965); Dean Paul (December 12, 1967); and, Darla Jean (April 28, 1970).

In November, 1987, they moved to 701 North Seventh Street, across from their business at 606 North Seventh Street, the I.C.S. Coffee Service.

Dale Isadore Jr. married Terry Pittman Colwell on May 1, 1982. They have four children: Keri, 15; Michael, 5; Christopher, 3; and, Heather, 1. Dale is in the painting business.

Douglas Edmund married Cara Richards on January 18, 1984. They have three children: Douglas, 4; Joshua, 3; and, Jennifer, 1. They reside in Ft. Ord, California. Douglas went into the Army in June, 1980. He is in a rangers' unit and was in the Grenada invasion in 1983.

Denise Ann married Thomas Westgerdes on April 23, 1983; they have a daughter Crystal Jean, one year old. Denise works at the Buckeye Apparel; Thomas works at the Huffy Corporation, Celina. They reside in Coldwater.

Doris Ann married Clyde Rodger Deer on October 1, 1983. (Separated/Divorced 1988.) Doris joined the United States Marines in June, 1982, and is stationed in Albany, Georgia.

Darrin Dennis married Christine LoBianco on March 5, 1988. Darrin works at I.C.S. Coffee Service. They reside in Coldwater.

Dean Paul joined the United States Air Force in October, 1986, and is at Hansom A.F.B., Massachusetts.

Darla Jean joined the United States Air Force in October, 1988, and is in Texas.

Picture was taken Christmas, 1980. Back Row: Doris, Douglas, Dean, Dale Jr., Denise. Front Row: Darla, Dolores, Dale, Darrin.



Gene and Janet Drosch

Eugene S. Drosch and Janet A. Nerderman were married on September 1, 1969, in St. Paul's Church, Sharpsburg. Since their wedding, Gene and Janet have resided at 210 Eastview Drive.

Gene was born on May 9, 1942, one of seven children, to Joseph and Leona Rosenbeck Droesch. Gene is employed by Mercer Beverage, St. Henry, as a driver-salesman.

Janet was born on June 20, 1947, the oldest of four children, to Herman and Rita Post Nerderman. Janet is an L.P.N. and is employed by Jay County Hospital, Portland, Indiana.



Robert and Mary Droesch

Robert Leon Droesch, son of Isadore and Frances (Wappelhorst) Droesch, was born in St. Henry, Ohio, on October 16, 1934. Mary Ann Braun Droesch, daughter of Herman and Mary (Wolters) Braun, was born in Coldwater, Ohio, on July 14, 1935.

Robert and Mary Ann were married in St. Henry, Ohio, on October 16, 1971. After marriage, they lived in Coldwater, Ohio, and attended Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

On December 29, 1972, their daughter, Barbara Louise Droesch, was born at Community Hospital.

At present Robert is working at White-New Idea as a shipper and Mary Ann as a cook at Coldwater Community Hospital. Barb is a freshman at Coldwater High School.

James Duell

James Stephen Duell (Jim), the fourth child of Roland C. Duell and Marie T. (Sperl) Duell, was born on April 20, 1952, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.

Home for me was growing up at 4808 Philadelphia Drive in Dayton, Ohio. I attended St. Rita Elementary School; Chaminade High School, Dayton, Ohio; and, St. Gregory Preparatory High School, Cincinnati, graduating in 1970. I attended the Athenaeum of Ohio, a small liberal arts seminary in Cincinnati, graduating in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. I was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at my home parish of St. Rita, Dayton, Ohio, by Archbishop Joseph Bernardin on March 20, 1982.

I was assigned to Holy Trinity Parish, Coldwater, on August 20, 1987. I enjoy all sports, photography, music, the outdoors and being with people, especially at meal time!



Alvin and Virginia Dues

Alvin Dues and Virginia (Ginny) Rose of 3023 Slavik Road, Coldwater, Ohio, were married on February 1, 1964, at St. Sebastian Church, Celina, Ohio.

Alvin is the son of Clarence and Hilda (Cron) Dues. Ginny is the daughter of Oscar and Ruth (Dabbel) Rose of St. Sebastian. They have two children, Greg and Gina. Greg was born on June 19, 1967, and is a student at DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio. Gina was born on July 11, 1971, and is a student at Coldwater High School.

Alvin is a sales representative for Western & Southern Life Insurance Co. Ginny is a computer operator at Bock Office Supplies in Celina, Ohio.



August and Mildred Dues

This family began on August 28, 1946, with the marriage of August, Jr. and Mildred (Loshe) in St. Anthony. After the wedding, they moved into their new home on the farm at 3055 Township Line Road near Philothea. During the next sixteen years, nine children arrived:

Joyce (12-26-47) married James Ontrop and resides near Coldwater with Christopher and Caryn. Jean (1-7-50) married Don Wynn. They live near Montezuma with Jim, Jodi, Brian and Tammy. Robert (4-10-51) lives in Ft. Recovery with his wife, Jean Wuebker, and Curt, Kip, Kylee, Carissa and Cale. Ronald (1-16-53) married Lil Schoenlein. They live in St. Anthony with Jenny, Julie, Kevin and Kris-

tina. Richard (6-16-54) resides in St. Peter with his wife, Laurie Schoenlein, and Sandra and Kyle. William (2-23-56) married Lisa Schoenlein and lives in St. Anthony with Nick and Jackie. Bonnie (6-29-59) is married to Robert Fortkamp and they live in Sharpsburg with Jason, Josh, Stacy and Sarah. Edward (9-2-60) is single and lives at home. Gerald (3-13-62) is also single and lives at home.

With twenty-three grandchildren ranging in age from one to seventeen, there is never a dull moment at family get-togethers!

Photo: Back Row: Robert, Joyce Ontrop, Richard, Bonnie Fortkamp, William, Jean Wynk, Ronald. Front Row: Gerald, Mildred, August, Edward.



Bernard and Elizabeth Dues

Bernard (Barney) Dues (1853-1932) married Elizabeth Windker (1862-1942) on November 5, 1881. They lived on a farm one mile east of Philothea. Besides farming, Barney was a thresherman and for years operated a thriving sawmill which was called the Philothea Station. The Cincinnati Northern railroad had a switch into their millyard.

Barney and Elizabeth had eleven children including twins, John and Geo. B. (1883), Catherine (1885), Rosa (1887), Bernard (1889), Herman (1891), Joseph (1893), August (1895), Pauline (1898), Conrad (1900), and Helen (1903). Pauline (Dues) Siefring is ninety years old this year in June.

The home was built in 1892. A porch surrounded the home and there was a summer kitchen for canning. The basement wall is made of stone, cut into rectangles and mortared together. The stones came from Cincinnati and were shipped down the canal to Minster and then hauled by horse and wagon to Philothea. Inside is a large open stairway, which grandchildren loved to slide down on.

A large maple tree shaded the whole barnyard. The men enjoyed playing horseshoe. The farm had five cisterns and had natural gas. Everyone went hickory nut hunting and found feed sacks full. Butchering days were hard work and the traditions were handed down to the children.

The barn is handmade and was built in the 1850's. Six-foot diameter trees were cut and then hewed flat on one side. The bark was not removed. Each log was

jointed and notched at the butt end. Each rafter is fastened to its mate by joints and wooden pins. The peg, made of hickory, is called a tree nail. This barn is still standing and very solid.

The Dues's are buried in the Philothea Cemetery.



Chris and Dorothy Dues

Married on June 30, 1984, Chris, the son of Virgil and Irene Dues and born on July 3, 1961, is a graduate of Coldwater High School. His wife, Dorothy, daughter of Robert and Alvera Mertz, was born on April 12, 1961, and is a graduate of St. Henry High School.

Chris and Dorothy make their home at 4249 Siegrist-Jutte Road, Coldwater, formerly the Roman (Himer) Mader residence.

A daughter, Kelly, was born on April 27, 1985, and a second child is expected in March, 1988.

Chris works for The Dannon Yogurt Co., Minster, Ohio. Dot is a full-time housewife and also takes care of the 15,000-bird chicken layer house.

Hobbies of the family include gardening and traveling Ohio. Dot enjoys crafts while Chris works with small wood projects.

Congratulations, Coldwater, from the Dues family!

(We are pictured with the Virgil Dues family writeup.)



Clem and Regina Dues

Clem and Regina Dues now live at 206 Woodview Drive. Formerly, they lived at 4300 Siegrist-Jutte Road, where they were engaged in farming for forty-

eight years. Clem is the son of the late George and Rose Dues of Philothea. Regina is the daughter of the late Henry and Agnes Bruns of Osgood. They have six children.

Leon married Dorothy Zimmerman; he works for the Atlas Oil Co. and lives in Hartford, Connecticut. They have three daughters: Denise married Reed Hitch and resides in Dallas, Texas; Stephanie lives in San Jose, California; and, Melissa is a junior at West Virginia University.

Orville married Joan Bensman; they reside on a farm near St. Henry and have four children. Sharon married Dennis Kremer and they had their first child, Deanna, on April 7, 1987. Mary Jo married Glen Schwieterman and she teaches in Ft. Recovery. Mark farms and works at Crown Controls. Ron is attending The Ohio State University, Wooster.

Virgil married Irene Kremer; they also farm and have four children. Chris married Dorothy Mertz and they have one child, Kelly. Dan married Denise Sudhoff and they reside at the home place, 4300 Siegrist-Jutte Road. Kevin married Ann Homan; they live in Ada, Ohio. Karen is attending The Ohio State University, Wooster.

Dennis married Mary Birkmeyer; he is a barber in Celina and they have two sons. Mike married Julie Inderrieden and their first child, Erin, was born on September 14, 1987. Steve is living and working in Dayton.

Marlene married Rob Fisher; Marlene works at the People's Bank and Rob works at Dayton Power and Light and they have three children. Nick and Julie are both attending The Ohio State University. Stacy is a fourth grader.

Gary married Janice Weigel; Gary works at Huff's and Jan teaches at Celina East Elementary. They have two children; Trisha is a fourth grader and Brian is four years old.



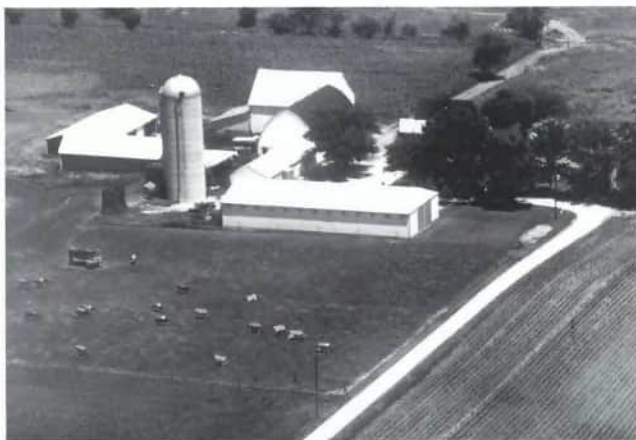
Fred and Marge Dues

Fred and Marge Dues live at 3691 Township Line Road on a farm that has been in the Dues family for one hundred years. In 1882, Henry and Mary Dues purchased this farm from Joseph Wenning. Henry, in 1922, sold the farm to his son, George H. Dues, and his wife, Rosa. In April, 1948, George sold the farm to Fred's parents, Cletus and Martha (Grieshop) Dues,

and Fred and Marge purchased the farm from them in May, 1980.

Fred came from a family of five brothers and two sisters: Ken, Sue, Joe, his twin sister Freda, Ted, Dan and Frank. On October 16, 1976, he married Marge Rammel from Ft. Recovery. She is the daughter of Fred and Delma (Speck) Rammel. She has six brothers and three sisters: Larry, Janice, Dave, Sharon, Tom, Jane, Rick, Steve and Randy.

Fred is a dairy farmer, and Marge is a housewife. They are the parents of four children: Cathy, 10; Eric, 8; Elizabeth, 6; and, Angela, 3. Fred and Marge are members of St. Mary's Parish, Philothea.



Gene and Rita Dues

Gene Dues resides at 3580 St. Rt. 118, Coldwater. He is the son of Bernard and Catherine Schoenlein Dues. Gene married Rita Bruns on April 23, 1955; she passed away in February, 1978. She was the daughter of Victor and Regina Albers Bruns.

They had four children: Dan, Theresa, Mary Ann and Don. Dan married Ginny Knoth in 1980. They have three children: Justin, Cody and Betsy. Dan lives on their farm near Rossburg. Theresa died in infancy. Mary Ann is a secretary at Lacy Building Corp., Celina. Don is a diesel mechanic at Fleet Maintenance in Versailles.

Bernard Dues purchased the farm in 1916. Gene purchased it from his father in 1961. He farms and is semi-retired.



Joseph and Mary Dues

Joseph Dues and Mary Kaup were married on May 2, 1917, in St. Peter, Ohio; they had thirteen chil-

dren. They lived in Philothea and St. Henry, and their later years were spent at 420 West Walnut Street, Coldwater.

Joseph J., son of Bernard and Elizabeth (Winker) Dues, grew up in Philothea. He worked at the Dues Sawmill and graduated from Coldwater. He attended Bowling Green, Miami and Kent Universities. Joseph taught fifty-six years in various schools in the county.

Mary T., daughter of Anton and Wilhelmina (Patt) Kaup, went to Oakland School. She and Joe ran the store in Philothea for several years after they were married.

They had seven daughters and six sons: Genevieve Schmitz (Greg); Wilma Naber (Vern); Helen Homan (Tom); Sr. Maria C.P.P.S.; Jeanette Billerman (Bill); Marilyn Froelich (Will); Mary Ann Post (Don); Harold (deceased); Wilfred; Joseph (deceased); Stanley; Lowell; and, Gregor.

Mary died on February 7, 1983, and Joseph on October 8, 1986. They are both buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Coldwater, Ohio.



Melvin and Betty Dues

Melvin and Betty Dues live at 307 South Second Street, Coldwater, Ohio. They moved to this home in December, 1979, from Philothea.

Melvin is the son of Ben and Katherine Dues. Ben died in 1965 and Katherine died in 1980. Betty is the daughter of Arthur and Cecilia Geise. Cecilia died in 1986. Melvin and Betty are the parents of four children. Tina was born on October 20, 1962. She is a registered nurse at the Celina Manor Nursing Home. She married Tim Weigel, son of Walter and Barbara Weigel. They have a daughter, Crystal Marie, who was born on January 20, 1984. Tim works at Reynolds & Reynolds, Celina, Ohio. They live in Coldwater, Ohio. Todd was born on November 7, 1964. He is a senior at Bowling Green State University where he played baseball for four years. Trent was born on January 31, 1969. He is a freshman at Bowling Green State University where he is also playing baseball. Tony was born on July 28, 1971. He is a sophomore at Coldwater High School where he plays basketball and baseball.

Melvin works at New Idea and both Betty and Melvin are consultants for Mercer Memory Gardens.

On this picture from left to right are: Front row: Tina, Crystal, Melvin and Betty. Back row: Tim, Tony, Trent and Todd.

Norbert and Lillian Dues

Norbert was born on a farm west of Philothea to George and Rosa Homan Dues. He had ten brothers and sisters. Lillian was born on a farm two miles west of Coldwater to Frank and Frances Stegeman Wenning. She had five brothers and sisters.



Norbert and Lillian were married on February 13, 1943, in Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater. They have eight children. John graduated from The University of Dayton in engineering and works at the University of Dayton in the experiment department. He married Kathy Tangeman. Children: Shawn, Keith and Tara. Tom graduated from the University of Dayton in engineering, and works at General Tire of Akron. He married Helen O'Leary. Children: Larry, Craig and one deceased (infant daughter). Linda graduated from Ohio Northern as a teacher. She married Ron Hart. Linda was killed in an auto accident on July 10, 1968, at the age of 21. Betty graduated from St. Elizabeth Hospital as a nurse and works at Coldwater Community Hospital. She married Ken Kahlig. Children: Brian, Jason, Adam, Beth and Emily. Deb graduated from Wright State in accounting and works at Pax Machine Works. She married Guil Bergman. Children: Ben, Maria, Brenda and Rick. Pam graduated from Wright State in accounting and works at Celina Group. She married Denny Rammel. Cindy graduated from Lima Technical College as a nurse and works at Coldwater Community Hospital. She married Randy Kaup. They have one child, Kevin. Kathy graduated from Wright State in accounting and works at Copeland in the Finance Department. She married Bill Kanney.

Photo: Left to Right, Deborah Bergman, Pam Rammel, Betty Kahlig, Cindy Kaup. Top Row: Tom Dues, Norbert Dues, Lillian Dues, Kathy Kanney and Bill Kanney.



Raymond and Josephine Dues

Raymond B. Dues was born on June 17, 1909, to George H. and Rose M. (Homan) Dues in Philothea, Ohio. Josephine Heyne was born on December 25, 1908, to John K. and Katharina (Bruns) Heyne, in Coldwater, Ohio. They were married on June 14, 1933, in St. Aloysius Church, Carthagena, by the late Rev. Ulrich Mueller. They live at 3551 Coldwater Creek Road, which is her home place. The couple is retired from farming. They have eight children.

Alice married Roger Klosterman, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They have three children, Deborah, Lisa and Susan, and four grandchildren.

Virginia married Alfred Knapke, St. Henry, Ohio. They have four children, Thomas, Michael, John and Mark, and four grandchildren.

Viola married Arnold Westgerdes, Ft. Recovery, Ohio. They have six children, Gene, Charles, Robert, Douglas, Joseph and Michael, and six grandchildren.

Robert married Joan Brunswick, Newport, Ohio. They have seven children, Terrance, Cheryl, Randall, Scott, Nicholas, Kimberly and Jay, and three grandchildren.

Donald married Linda Braun, Celina, Ohio. They have four children, Jeffry, Keith, Marie and Steve (deceased).

Mary Jane married Charles Severt, Westerville, Ohio. They have three children, Kevin, Lori and Julie.

James married Janet Gerlach, Portland, Indiana. They have three children, Rick, Tammy and Brad.

Patricia married Greg Myers, Adrian, Michigan. They have three children, Griffin, Erin and Kaitlin.

The photo was taken in February, 1961.

Virgil and Irene Dues

Virgil and Irene Dues live on an eighty-acre dairy farm just south of Coldwater at 4212 Siegrist-Jutte Road. Virgil is the son of Clem and Regina (Bruns) Dues and Irene's parents were Alphonse and Pauline (Budde) Kremer. They have four children. Christopher married Dorothy Mertz and they have a daughter, Kelly, two and a half years old. They live across the road from his parents on a sixty-acre farm formerly owned by Roman Mader. Chris works at

Dannon Yogurt in Minster. Daniel is married to Denise Sudoff and they live next door on Virgil's home place, also an eighty-acre farm. Dan helps his dad with the registered Holstein dairy herd and other farming. Kevin married Ann Homan and they live near Alger, Ohio, where he works for Horn's Crop Service. Karen is a student at OSU — ATI College in Wooster and is majoring in floral design and management.



Virg has worked at New Idea for the past twenty-one years and has left there recently to be a full-time dairy farmer. Virg belongs to Council 1991, K. of C. of Coldwater, the Fourth Degree K. of C., the Mercer County Holstein Club, the Eagles, the Holy Name Society and is a fourteen-year 4-H advisor. The Dues family are members of Holy Trinity Parish in Coldwater. Irene is a member of the St. Ann's Sodality, the Dairy Boosters, and has been a 4-H advisor for twelve years and an advisor of after-school 4-H.

The Dues family lives in a farmhouse which was built about 1889 before the Penn Central Railroad came through Coldwater. The farm was owned by Joseph and Theresa (Stahl) Pleiman.



William and Marlene Easterlin

Bill and Marlene Easterlin live at 412 West Main Street. Bill is the son of Frank and Blanche Easterlin of Columbus, Ohio. Marlene is the daughter of Fritz

and Betty Giere of Coldwater, Ohio. They have three children: Jenny, age 9; Tony, age 7; and, Melissa, age 5. Bill works at Huffy Corp. in Celina, Ohio, and is a member of the Coldwater American Legion. Marlene is a nurse for the Mercer County Board of MR/DD. Their house was built prior to 1888; the house is listed in the 1888 Mercer County Atlas.



Dave and Janis were married on January 30, 1971, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater, Ohio. They have three daughters: Jodi, born on July 23, 1972, in Celina, Mercer County, Ohio; Angie, born on February 4, 1974, in Celina, Mercer County, Ohio; and, Nicole, born on October 23, 1979, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio.

Dave is a collator operator for Reynolds & Reynolds, Celina, Ohio; and Janis is a telecommunications administrator for Midwest Data, Celina, Ohio.



Clem and Elaine Ebbing

The Ebbing family resides on a farm at 3640 S.R. 219, 1½ miles west of Coldwater. Clem and Elaine have three children: Eddie, 14; Jenny, 12; and, Jill, 6. Elaine is the daughter of Victor and Mary Evers and Clem is the son of Ed and Velma Ebbing, both of Coldwater.

The Ebbing family have been residents of the Coldwater area all their lives. The home and farm was previously owned by Clem's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Puthoff.

Clem is employed by Society Bank and Elaine by the Coldwater Animal Clinic.

The children attend Coldwater Schools and the whole family is involved in showing and raising beef cattle. Clem and Elaine are both 4-H advisors and the children are 4-H members.



Don and Diana Ebbing

Don and Diana (Rindler) Ebbing live at 3540 Siegrist-Jutte Road, Coldwater. Don, born on August 18, 1947, is the twin son of Paul and Edna (Rosengarten) Ebbing who reside at State Route 219, Coldwater. Diana, born on April 8, 1949, is the daughter of Cletus and Delores (Hoehne) Rindler of Burkettsville. Don and Diana, married on July 11, 1970, in Coldwater, are the parents of four children. Julie, born on April 24, 1971, is a junior in high school. Jared, born on March 19, 1974, is an eighth grader. Jason, born on July 10, 1977, is a fourth grader. They all attend the Coldwater schools. Justin, born on December 3, 1985, is an active little boy at home. Don is a collator operator at Reynolds & Reynolds, Celina. Don also helps out on his father's farm. Diana is a homemaker.

Dave and Janis Ebbing

Dave and Janis Ebbing live at 3996 Wessel Road, Coldwater. Dave was born in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, on August 18, 1947. His parents were Paul and Edna (Rosengarten) Ebbing. Paul was born on March 27, 1910, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio. Edna was born on October 1, 1914, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio.

Janis was born in Celina, Mercer County, Ohio on March 26, 1951. Her parents were Lester and Rita (Braun) Heyne. Lester was born on August 18, 1928, at Cranberry Prairie, Mercer County, Ohio. Rita was born on February 7, 1931, at St. Peter, Mercer County, Ohio.



Paul and Edna Ebbing

Paul and Edna Ebbing live at 3340 State Route 219, Coldwater. Paul L. was born in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, on March 27, 1910. His parents were Clem H. and Anna (Nieberding) Ebbing. Clem was born on March 25, 1808, in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, and died on November 17, 1943. Anna was born on November 9, 1870, in Philothea, Mercer County, Ohio, and died on October 1, 1960.

Edna was born on October 1, 1914, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio. Her parents were Michael and Elenora (Westerheide). Michael was born on February 4, 1882, in Cranberry Prairie, Mercer County, Ohio, and died on December 8, 1951. Elenora was born on March 15, 1891, in Cassella, Mercer County, Ohio, and died on February 10, 1978.

Paul and Edna were married on May 4, 1940, in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater, Ohio. Paul is a retired farmer and employee of Avco New Idea.

Paul and Edna have four children:

Janice, born on December 29, 1941, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, married Daniel Muhlenkamp. They live in Celina and have four children. Mack, born in July, 1957, married Debbie Darnell and they have two sons (Jay & Clay). Cindy, born in February, 1962, married Dave Langenkamp and they have two children (Benny & Tayler). Leisa, born in August, 1964, married Tim Harner and they have a son (Andy). Dennis was born in March, 1970. Janice is a bus driver for the Celina City Schools, Celina, Ohio.

Gary, born on December 2, 1942, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, married Liz Stiers. They live in Lima, Ohio, and have two sons. Michael was born in August, 1975, and Nicholas was born in November, 1978. Gary is employed at Dana Corp., Lima, Ohio.

David, born on August 18, 1947, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, married Janis Heyne. They live in Coldwater, Ohio, and have three daughters: Jodi, born in July, 1972; Angela, born in February, 1974; and, Nicole, born in October, 1979. David is employed by Reynolds & Reynolds in Celina, Ohio.

Donald, born on August 18, 1947, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, married Diana Rindler. They live in Coldwater, Ohio, and have four children: Julie, born in April, 1971; Jared, born in March, 1974; Jason, born in July, 1977; and, Justin, born in December, 1985. Donald is employed by Reynolds & Reynolds in Celina, Ohio.

Stan and Vicki Ebbing

Stan and Vicki Ebbing reside at 3613 St. Rt. 219, Coldwater, with their three children: Michelle, 17; Melissa, 14; and, Greg, 9. Stan, born on December 21, 1946, in Coldwater, is the youngest child of Ed and Velma (Puthoff) Ebbing and is engaged in farming. Clem Ebbing, Stan's older brother, is employed at Society Bank and his sister, Joyce Baumeier, works in the office at Disaster Services. The farm which Stan and Vicki now occupy has been in the Ebbing family for four generations. Clem and Anna (Nieberding) Ebbing and Joe and Christina (Johnsman) Puthoff were the grandparents of Stan.



Ray and Helen (Knapke) Cisco of 203 Dogwood Drive, Celina, are the parents of Vicki. The Cisco's were also engaged in farming prior to their purchase of the Plaza Bowling Lanes in Celina in 1964. Vicki, born on June 30, 1950, is a homemaker and tends the bookkeeping for the farming business. Vicki has an older brother, Ron, and an older sister, Sandy Smalley, both employed at Plaza Lanes. Jan Cisco Nisewarner, a younger sister, has been deceased for four years. The grandparents of Vicki were Joe and Ethel (Kraft) Knapke and O.V. and Molly (Shear) Cisco.



Eugene and Joan Eckstein

Eugene Eckstein was born on June 30, 1930, in St. Wendelin, the son of Clem and Teresa (Rammel) Eckstein. His brothers and sisters are Leopold,

Cleopha, Herman, Margaret, Clarence, Hilda, Imelda, Eugene, Irene, Clem, Teresa.

Eugene left the farm in February, 1946, to work on the Henry Synck dairy farm until September 12, 1949, when he went to work at Pax Steel Products, Inc., where he is still employed today. In September, 1951, Eugene entered military service for two years in the Army. His basic training was in Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, in field communications. During the Korean conflict he was at Ft. Richardson, Alaska. His honorable discharge was received in September, 1953.

On August 7, 1954, Eugene married Joan Everman, born in Coldwater, Ohio, to Leo and Alvira (Bruggeman) Everman on March 8, 1933. Joan has a sister and a brother, Eileen and Roger.

Their children are: Mark (deceased), November 24, 1955; Daniel, July 7, 1957; Kenneth, June 29, 1961; Donald, April 14, 1963; Ann, July 15, 1964; James, October 6, 1966; and, Brian, February 1, 1975.

Joan worked part time at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital before graduation from Coldwater Exempted Village Schools. The Buckeye Overall Co. was her employer until after her marriage. Joan also worked at the New Idea Farm Equipment Co. until the family began to grow.

Dan has been employed at Huff's since 1977; Ken will be ordained on June 11, 1988, into the Society of the Precious Blood; Don has been employed at The People's Bank since 1981; Ann has been employed in the office at Pet Milk, Inc. since 1983; Jim is in his second year at Wright State University; and, Brian is a seventh grader.

The family attends Holy Trinity Church and are active in many church functions. Eugene joined the Knights of Columbus in 1958 and has been active in all council activities. He has also been a member of the American Legion since 1954.

Their home has been at 206 South Cedar Street since 1965 when a new home was built.

Pictured are: Jim, Ann, Don; Dan, Joan, Brian, Gene and Ken.

Arthur and Erma Eischen

Arthur Eischen (1-14-1911) and Erma Timmerman Eischen (11-15-1924) were married on October 27, 1945, in Sharpsburg, Ohio. They are the parents of four children: Marilyn Wenning (12-13-1947), Robert (2-13-1950), Donald (5-8-1953) and Carl (7-26-1956).

Robert lives on St. Rt. 29 west of Celina. Marilyn and Donald live with their parents near St. Anthony on the original Eischen farm on the Indiana-Ohio Line Road. Carl lives on St. Rt. 49 north of St. Rt. 29.

Arthur was a school bus driver for St. Anthony and Coldwater for a number of years. Later he retired from the St. Anthony Feed Mill. Donald and Carl are truck drivers for the St. Anthony Feed Mill. Robert is a truck driver for Cheeseman in Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

Arthur's parents were Peter (1-8-1865 — 3-12-1945) and Veronica Klaus Eischen (10-31-1875 — 7-28-1926) who were married on October 22, 1895. His grandparents were John (10-22-1835 — 8-1-1905) and



Margaret Portz Eischen (6-4-1845 — 7-12-1925). They came to America from Luxenburg, Germany, and settled near Tiffin, Ohio, and later moved to a farm near Fostoria, Ohio. In 1870 and 1872 they bought the land Arthur lives on. Arthur purchased the land from his father, Peter, when he died in 1945.

Erma's parents were Anthony Timmerman (5-25-1895 — 6-19-1982) and Frances Rammel Timmerman (6-23-1900 — 5-21-1971) who were married on October 26, 1921, in Sharpsburg, Ohio. Erma's grandparents were Peter (4-10-1870 — 2-9-1956) and Margaret Leiser Rammel (2-17-1874 — 3-20-1955) who were married on September 6, 1892; and Henry (3-21-1864 — 11-10-1942) and Catherine Schwartz Timmerman (4-20-1869 — 7-24-1946) who were married on May 19, 1890.

Carl and Cheryl Eischen

Carl W. Eischen was born on July 26, 1956, and Cheryl A. Rammel was born on July 20, 1961. They were married on June 10, 1983, at St. Henry Catholic Church, St. Henry, Ohio.

Carl is the youngest son of Arthur and Erma (Timmerman) Eischen of St. Anthony. Cheryl is the daughter of Luke and Velma (Bergman) Rammel of St. Henry.

Carl works at St. Anthony Feed Mill in St. Anthony. Cheryl is a homemaker. They have two children: Tim was born on May 31, 1985, and Sarah was born on April 29, 1987. They reside at 7147 State Route 49.

Donald and Elizabeth Eischen

Donald Eischen (5-8-1953), son of Arthur Eischen and Erma Timmerman Eischen of St. Anthony, Ohio, married Elizabeth Fortkamp (5-28-1954), daughter of Edward and Marian Dibley Fortkamp of St. Rose, Ohio, on September 14, 1973.

They are the parents of five children: Amy (8-8-1974), Cory (4-15-1977), Jessica (1-1-1979), Margot (2-18-1983) and Frederick (7-23-1985).

Jessica was the New Year's baby of Community Hospital in 1979. Bets is the 4-H leader of the St. Anthony Bright Lights; her other hobby is painting post-



ers. Donald is a truck driver for the St. Anthony Feed Mill. The family enjoys camping and nature-study trips.

They live on a lot on Donald's father's farm on the Indiana-Ohio Line Road. The farm has been in the Eischen family since 1870.



Frank and Barbara Elking

Frank and Barbara Elking were married on March 8, 1980, in Coldwater, Ohio. Frank is the son of Edwin and Marita Elking, St. Henry, Ohio. Barbara is the daughter of Edward and Anna Marie Severt, Coldwater, Ohio. Frank and Barb have two children: Darren, born in 1982, and Gina, born in 1984. Frank is employed at Pax Machine Works, Inc., Celina. The Elkings reside at 501 West Plum Street.

Edgar and Rita Eyink

Edgar and Rita Eyink live at 507 North Mill Street in Coldwater, Ohio. Edgar was born on January 27, 1928, in Chickasaw, Ohio, the son of the late Aloys Eyink and Cecilia Bruns Eyink. Rita was born on September 21, 1932, in St. Anthony, Ohio, the daughter of the late Isadore and Mary Garke Bruns.

Edgar is employed at New Idea. Rita is a housewife and a nurse's aide at Community Hospital. They are the parents of the following children:

Robert, born on August 5, 1954, lives in Vandalia and has two daughters, Bethany, 12, and Lindsay, 7.



They attend the Vandalia-Butler School System. Bob is an engineer for Delco Products.

Mary Kay, born on May 12, 1956, lives in Houston, Texas, and is a registered nurse.

James, born on May 23, 1957, lives in Coldwater with his wife, Patti, and their children, Bryan, 3½ and MacKenzie, nine months. Jim is an employee of Crown Controls in New Bremen, and Patti is a secretary.

Carol Ann, born on May 16, 1958, lives in Sherman, Texas, with her husband, Tom Lewis, and their son, Zachery, 3. Carol is an auditor at the M. & P. Bank and Tom is a C.P.A.

Debra, born on December 7, 1959, lives in Coldwater with her husband, Gary Griesdorn, and their two children, Andy, 5, and Ashlie, 2½. Deb is employed at Community Hospital and Gary at Crown Controls in New Bremen.

Teresa, born on August 6, 1961, lives in Brooklyn, Ohio, and is employed as a teacher with the Cleveland School System.

Pamela, born on November 30, 1962, lives in Columbus, Ohio, and is employed with the Dublin School Systems as a teacher.



Elmer and Marie Eyink

Elmer Eyink, son of Joseph and Caroline (Heitkamp) Eyink of Celina, and Marie Mohlman, daughter of Frank and Marie (Langenkamp) Mohlman of St. Henry, were united in marriage at St. Henry Catholic Church on October 17, 1959.

They live at 804 South Parkview Drive. Elmer served in the United States Navy for four years and is a Korean War veteran. He works at Reynolds and Reynolds as a supervisor of the bindery department. Marie is a first grade CCD catechist and does other volunteer work.

Elmer and Marie are the parents of five children. Karen is married to Ron Barlage of St. Henry. They live at 219 North Cedar Street and are the parents of two daughters, Katelyn and Brittany. Karen is a graduate of Bowling Green State University and is a teacher in St. Henry. Diane is married to Tim Rindler of Burkettsville. They live at 4610 Lange Road, St. Henry. They have a son, Troy. Diane is a graduate of Miami University and she teaches at Parkway. Debra is married to Jim Kemper of Chickasaw and they live at 847 County Road 219A, Celina. They have a son. Deb graduated from Sinclair College in commercial art technology and is employed at Suchland's Flower Shop in New Bremen. Greg is a senior at Coldwater High School and plans to attend college in the fall. He works as a lifeguard and a swimming instructor at the Coldwater pool during summer vacations. Jason, a seventh grader, enjoys social studies, math, and cross-country running. He delivers *The Dayton Daily News* on Sunday mornings.

Robert and Linda Eyink

Robert (Bob) Lee Eyink, son of Leander and Helen (Geier) Eyink, was born on December 17, 1943, in Celina, Ohio.

Bob attended St. Henry Schools where he played basketball for the Redskins and graduated in 1961. He worked for 23 years at New Idea in Coldwater and is currently employed at Reynolds and Reynolds in Celina.

On August 5, 1967, he married Linda Olding, daughter of Othmar and Mildred (Mumaw) Olding. Linda, a graduate of St. Henry High School, is a learning disabilities tutor and kindergarten teacher in the Coldwater Schools. She is also a certified therapist in mental health and does private therapy.

On March 14, 1970, a son, Scott Lee, was born at Otis Hospital. Scott is presently a senior at Coldwater High School and is a member of the Cavaliers baseball and football teams. Cara Rene Eyink, born on January 26, 1977, is a fifth grader at the Coldwater Schools.

The family lives at 4762 Gause Road, one half mile north of S.R. 219, west of Coldwater, in a home which they built in 1973.

Bob's immediate family include a half-brother, Tom Laux, and his wife, Jane (Dues) Laux, and their children, Holly and Jeff; a brother, Jim Eyink, and his wife, Lil (Morales), and their children, Tracy, Andy, and Justin; and, a brother, Dan Eyink, and his wife, Donna (Hess), and their children, Jason, Michelle, and Kevin, Coldwater.

Linda's family includes her sister Mrs. Tom (Carol Olding) Wehrkamp; Doug Wehrkamp, Ft. Lee, New Jersey; and, Lisa (Wehrkamp) Stahl, Kettering, Ohio.

Bob and Linda are members of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church and its sodalities. Bob is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Linda is a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, the University Women's Club of Mercer County, the Mercer County International Reading Association, the Mercer County Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, the National Education Association, the Ohio Education Association, the Western Ohio Education Association, and the Coldwater Teachers' Organization.



Victor and Marlene Eyink

Victor Eyink, son of Joseph and Caroline (Heitkamp) Eyink of Celina, and Marlene Brunswick, daughter of Norbert and Rosemary (Bergman) Brunswick of St. Henry, were married on April 25, 1970, in St. Henry Catholic Church by Father Charles Mullen, C.P.P.S.

They moved to 503 South Third Street on October 10, 1970, and became members of the Holy Trinity parish.

Victor is employed by Reynolds and Reynolds in Celina. Marlene is employed by the Celina Mutual Insurance Co. in Celina.

They are the parents of three children: Elaine, born on February, 1971; Scott, on May 18, 1973; and, Brian, on February 7, 1975.

Elaine is a junior in high school and is active in volleyball. Scott (8th grade) and Brian (7th grade) attend junior high and are active in football, basketball and baseball.

In 1978, their new home was built at 3607 Menchofer Road, Coldwater, Ohio.

The family are avid fans of the Cincinnati Bengal Football Team. They also enjoy watching school basketball and football games, going camping, and doing woodworking.

Charles and Janice Feltz

Chuck was born to Frank (Pat) and Hulda (Toots) Link Feltz on October 29, 1952, in Coldwater and reared in Cassella. His mother was born and reared in Cranberry. His father was born and reared in Cassella. Church has one brother and three sisters.



Chuck's father and his brothers built the original Star-Light Drive-In located on St. Rt. 127 near Cassella and operated it for many years.

Jan was born to Lawrence (now deceased) and Laurena Bergman Kremer on May 13, 1955, in Coldwater and was reared on a farm in Cassella. Her mother was born and reared in Maria Stein. Her father was born and reared in Cassella. Jan has six brothers (two deceased) and two sisters.

Jan and Chuck were married on December 6, 1974, in Cassella. They lived in Celina for a few years and then in Cassella. In 1979 they bought a house at 521 West Walnut Street. The Sylvester Roessner family had formerly lived there. In 1987 Chuck and Jan put up a manufactured home at 541 South Third Street and are now residing there. They have three daughters: Erica Rose, born on October 10, 1982; Emily Rose, born on February 28, 1985; and, Kendra Rose, born on June 12, 1987.

Jan is a phlebotomist in the laboratory at Community Hospital. Chuck is a route salesman at CW Service, Coldwater. They enjoy living in Coldwater and plan on staying.

Donald and Alice Feltz

Don (Red) Feltz was born in Coldwater on April 22, 1931, to Oscar and Anna (Heinrichs) Feltz of St. Henry, Ohio. On November 6, 1954, he was married to Alice J. Eyink. Alice was born on October 3, 1932, to Aloys and Cecilia (Bruns) Eyink of Chickasaw, Ohio. They have lived in Coldwater their 33 years of marriage and reside at 219 South Oak Street.

Don and Alice are the parents of eight children. Mary Jane was born in 1956 and is married to Gary Koesters. They reside in Coldwater and are the parents of three sons, Ryan, Brad and Nathan. Shirley was born in 1957 and is married to Steve High. They reside in Rockford, Ohio, and are the parents of one son, Jesse. Dan was born in 1958 and is married to Sandi Powell. They reside in Coldwater. Janice was born in 1960 and is married to Robert Weigel. They reside in Coldwater and are the parents of three children, Matt, Lynn and Chad. Steve was born in 1961 and is married to Carol Lefeld. They reside in Coldwater and are the parents of one daughter, Megan. Diana was born in 1962 and is married to Charles Eilerman. They reside in Coldwater and are the par-

ents of one son, Jacob. Kevin was born in 1966 and lives at home. He works part time and attends Wright State University. Keith was born in 1970 and he is a junior at Coldwater High School.

Don has worked at New Idea since 1949 and is a real estate agent for Homan Real Estate. Alice is an employee at Kohn's Home for the Elderly.

Don is a very active member of the American Legion Post 470. He has held offices at local, county, district, state and national levels. Alice is an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 470.

Harold and Kathy Feltz

Harold Feltz, his wife, Kathy, and their three children, Todd, Brad and Tanya, moved to Coldwater in June, 1971. Originally from Mercer County, they had lived in Piqua where Harold worked for United Parcel Service. Their daughter, Melissa, was born in 1973 in Coldwater.

Todd (1963), Brad (1965), and Tanya (1968) all graduated from Coldwater High School, where Melissa is a freshman.

After leaving UPS in 1975, Harold started a State Farm Insurance Agency which he operated in Coldwater for ten years.

A tragic auto accident on November 3, 1984, took the life of Todd at the age of 21; he is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery.

Brad graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus and works for Hobart, Inc. of Troy, Ohio, as a computer programmer-analyst. He lives in the Dayton area and plans to marry Lisa Hoying in May, 1988.

Tanya will attend Associated Schools, Inc., in West Miami, Florida, and plans a career in travel. Melissa will graduate from Coldwater High School in 1991.

The Feltz family lives on West South Street, where they own and operate Feltz Greenhouse. At present, the greenhouse specializes in spring bedding plants, but will expand to include garden supplies and all types of plants.

Charley and Sarah Ferner

Charley Murl Ferner (October 18, 1899 — January 28, 1988) was the son of Harvey Ross Ferner and Nettie Mae Wortz Ferner. On June 4, 1921, Charley married Sarah Glea McAfee (April 25, 1902), daughter of Charles Albert and Sarah A. (Wiley) McAfee. Charley and Glea had three children: Faye Irene (February 14, 1924), married on March 28, 1948, to Francis E. Burch (March 13, 1922); Beverly Ruth (November 28, 1929), married on August 23, 1959, to Reno S. Sieg (January 5, 1920); and Lowell Daniel (April 22, 1931), married on November 10, 1951, to Wanda Brookhart (April 7, 1933).

Charley and Glea have the following grandchildren: Sarah Marie Burch (April 15, 1952), married on October 15, 1984, to Oscar Fairley (June 9, 1948 — June 30, 1987); Mark Duane Ferner (April 1, 1958), married on July 21, 1984, to Karen Schell (July 31,



1965); Cheryl Ann Ferner (May 10, 1959), married on April 19, 1980, to Chris Cox (June 17, 1956); Michael Arthur Sieg (December 25, 1960); Lois Jean Burch (January 12, 1962); Dean Charles Ferner (February 2, 1962); Carl Nathan Sieg (April 5, 1962), married on July 18, 1987, to Sarah Marie Dieck (October 21, 1962); Linda Renee Ferner (November 27, 1963), married on March 28, 1987, to Rick Dean Ross (November 7, 1960); Donna Kay Ferner (July 28, 1965); and, Sue Ellen Ferner (May 9, 1984).

Charley and Glea have one great grandson, Brent Daniel Ferner (June 17, 1987).

Charley and Glea were married by his Great Grandfather Freene. In their early married life, they lived on the Arthur McAfee farm west of Coldwater where Faye was born. They moved away when she was two years old. The house remained empty until the family moved back in 1937. Faye and Francis were married by her Grandfather Ferner in the same house she was born in.

Charley and Glea moved to 515 West North Street in October, 1950. After leaving the farm work, Charley worked at Colby Elevator, Karch Stone Company and Pax Steel. There were three generations of Ferner's working at Pax: Charley, Lowell and Mark.

Charley and Glea celebrated their 50th anniversary with the usual family and friends. They celebrated their 60th anniversary with all the family going to Macedon Congregational Christian Church and dinner at Lowell's home. Their 65th anniversary was a family supper held in the Society Bank social room with all the family. Due to health, their 66th anniversary was a quiet one. Charley passed away on January 28, 1988. Glea is making her home with Faye and Francis Burch in Celina.

Larry and Donna Fiely

Larry and Donna Fiely live at 212 East Walnut Street where they have resided since April, 1977. They have three children. Ann is ten and in the fifth grade. Paul, eight, is in the second grade. Timothy, three, is the youngest.

Donna is originally from Cincinnati where she attended the University of Cincinnati. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and a Master of Education in 1973. She moved to Celina after graduation to become head teacher of the Mercer County

Head Start Program. She then moved to Versailles to teach the Primary Special Education unit for two years. Since then, her time has been spent raising a family.



Larry graduated from Coldwater High School in 1969 and went to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. After graduating in 1973 with Bachelor Degrees in Political Science and Sociology, he moved to Rockford, Illinois, to work as a counselor of juvenile delinquents in a group home. He then returned to Coldwater to work with his father, Joseph, selling and servicing truck tires for the Easter Tire Co. where he is still employed.

Larry and Donna were married on April 19, 1975, in Cincinnati.



William and Gertrude Fink

Mr. and Mrs. William Fink with their two children moved to Coldwater from Ft. Recovery in 1915. William got work at the Fetzer Butter Tub Factory located on the southwest corner of South Second and Sycamore Streets. It was there that on February 17, 1917, William lost his right hand, severing it below the elbow. In 1918 they moved to 314 South Second Street where they lived the rest of their days.

After the demise of the Butter Tub Factory, William found work at various places and, although he had an artificial arm, he was hired by the Birkmeyer Tile Company located on South Second Street where

there is now a used car lot. He fired the boiler where tiles were dried before going to the kiln. He fired twelve hours a night, making sure that a certain high intense heat was maintained.

In early 1937 William, having a fireman's license, was hired by the Coldwater School District. He worked at the old high school on North Street, the present location of the Methodist Church. He followed in his work when the new high school and elementary buildings were built. He remained there until he retired in the late fifties.

Gertrude Fink was a housewife and was very efficient. She and William raised nine children. One daughter, Bertha, died in 1918 during the flu outbreak. Their children are: Mildred Stachler (Walter), Ft. Recovery; Clarence, Brookville; Gerald and Elmer, Celina; Donald, St. Marys; Velma Bruggeman (Walter), Celina (deceased); Arnold, Lima; and, Lois Magato (Willard), Versailles. William passed away in 1969 at the age of seventy-nine and Gertrude passed away in 1980 at the age of ninety.



Rob and Marlene Fisher

Rob and Marlene Fisher reside at 701 Woodview Drive. Rob is the son of Robert and Jane (Ross) Fisher of Greenville and Marlene is the daughter of Clem and Regina (Bruns) Dues of Coldwater. Rob and Marlene are the parents of three children. Nick, born on November 16, 1967, in Greenville, graduated from Coldwater High School in 1986 and is attending The Ohio State University Branch in Lima. Julie, born on April 25, 1969, in Greenville, graduated from Coldwater High School in 1987 and is attending The Ohio State University in Columbus. Stacy, born on February 25, 1977, in Coldwater, is a fourth grader at West Elementary.

Rob is employed at Dayton Power & Light as a service representative and Marlene manages the People's Bank Drive-In.

Jerome and Nancy Fleck

Jerome Matthew Fleck is the son of Lucille Pleiman Fleck and the late Richard Henry Fleck of Celina. Jerry was born on June 29, 1955, at Coldwater Hospital. He graduated from Celina High School in

1973. Nancy Marie Fortener Fleck is the daughter of Walter Raymond and Mary Lou Knapke Fortener of Coldwater. Nancy was born on April 24, 1959, at Coldwater Hospital. She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1977.

Jerry and Nancy were married on Saturday, October 24, 1981, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. They have three sons: Chad Richard, born on June 1, 1983; Craig Walter, born on January 1, 1986; and, Tyler Anthony, born on June 13, 1987. All were born at Coldwater Community Hospital.

Jerry is a lathe operator at Crown Controls in New Bremen, and Nancy is a part-time secretary at New Idea and a housewife.

The family attends Holy Trinity Church. Jerry is a member of the Coldwater Eagles and the Knights of Columbus. The family resides in Coldwater.

Robert and Paula Fleming

Bob and Paula Fleming live at 322 Third Avenue, NVTC, Coldwater, Ohio. Bob was born on July 5, 1961, the son of Albert E. and Anita A. (Hughes) Fleming, Celina, Ohio. Bob attended Celina High School and served three years in the U.S. Army. He is currently working at TuWay Products in Rockford. Bob enjoys automotive work and motorcycling as hobbies.

Paula was born on July 13, 1964, the daughter of Paul L. and Jane A. (Moorman) Clune, Coldwater, Ohio. She graduated from Coldwater High School and attended Wright State Branch Campus. Paula is currently employed at Mile-X Tire Grooving Co., Inc., Coldwater, Ohio.

Bob and Paula have two children, Misty and Michael.



Don and Luetta Forsthoefel

Don, son of William and Cecelia (Schwieterman) Forsthoefel, and Luetta Siefring, daughter of Bernard and Pauline (Dues) Siefring, were married on June 10, 1950, in St. Mary's Church, Philothea, by Rev. Mathias J. Schmit, C.P.P.S. They reside on Burkettsville-St. Henry Road, Coldwater. Don worked in the dairy with his parents until he started at New Idea in 1950. He retired this spring after 38 years of

service with the company. Luetta is a homemaker and does volunteer work in the community. They have five children. Karen lives in Centerville, works for an orthodontist and is married to Bill Carter. They have three children: Michael, Ashley and Alysa. Connie lives in Centerville, is a beautician and is married to Don Monnin. They have three children: Scott, Carey and Lauren. Bob lives on Kuhn Road, works at Pax Machine and is married to Carol Karafit. They have two children, Kristin and Jason. Dan lives in Coldwater, works in the Style Shop and is married to Jane Muhlenkamp. They have one child, Derek. Steve lives at Coldwater Beach and works at Crown Controls.



James and Clara Forsthoefel

James Lee Forsthoefel, son of William and Cecelia (Schwieterman) Forsthoefel (who came to Coldwater about 65 years ago from the St. Sebastian and Carthagena areas of Mercer County), married Clara E. Art in Celina in 1957. Clara is the daughter of Henry and Lucina (Rammel) Art. Henry grew up in Celina and Lucina in Burkettsville. James attended Coldwater Schools, graduating in 1953. He then did a tour of duty in the military and returned to Coldwater to work in the family milk business. Clara was a 1957 graduate of Celina I.C.H.S.

"Jim, the milkman" has enjoyed 14 years as scoutmaster, while also being an avid hunter, tennis buff and snowmobiler in the winter. Clara likes gardening, bowling and is learning golf. Being of German descent, they both take great pride in their home and yard as did their ancestors. They are the parents of six children.

Their eldest child, Gregory Alan, graduated from high school in 1977, served with the U.S. Army and then married Jennifer Prebor in 1980. They make their home in Lakeland, Florida, have a son, Anthony Ryan, and are expecting their second child. Greg is employed by ITT.

Neal James graduated in 1978 and married Ann Rosenbeck in Chickasaw in 1982. They live in Tipp City, Ohio, and are both part-time students at WSU, while Neal is employed by Memorex Corp.

Matthew Scott graduated in 1979, and spent four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He graduated from

Purdue University in 1986 with a psychology degree and is continuing his career in the Corps as a first lieutenant. He is now stationed in Camp Pendleton, California, with his wife, Ivonne Mangual of San Juan, P.R., and their two children, Stephanie Lynn and Craig William.

Julie Marie graduated in 1980. She attended P.S. Career College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and then was employed by the Lazarus Co. in Columbus and Dayton as a department manager for five years. She married Bruce Miller, an architect for Freytag and Associates of Sidney, Ohio. They have two sons, Justin Lee and Benjamin Alan, and make their home in St. Henry, Ohio.

Karl Joseph graduated in 1981 and then attended ITT in Dayton where he attained a degree in computer repair. In Dayton he married Tammarra Scott and they have two sons, Adam Ryan and Nickolas Patrick. Presently they are stationed in Bad Kreyznach, W. Germany, where Karl is a sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Amy Lou, sometimes known as "MiMi", graduated in 1986 and is presently developing her interest and talents as an art-journalism major at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana, where she is an honor student and a Basche Scholar.

The family home is on the south edge of Coldwater adjoining the 55-year-old Coldwater Guernsey Dairy, which Jim continues to operate today.



Robert and Carol Forsthoefel

Robert L. Forsthoefel is the son of Don and Luetta (Siefiring) Forsthoefel. Robert was raised with two sisters (Karen and Connie) and two brothers (Dan and Steve). Their home is located on Burkettsville-St. Henry Road, west of Coldwater. He attended Coldwater schools and graduated in 1971. After having worked at Avco New Idea for nine years, he was hired at Pax Machine Works, Inc. where he is presently employed.

On October 21, 1978, Robert married Carol M. Karafit in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Montezuma. She is the daughter of Steve and Emily (Kurivial) Karafit. Carol was raised on a farm east of Montezuma on St. Rt. 219 with three sisters (Rose, Betty and Jane) and two brothers (John and Jim). She attended Celina schools and graduated in 1970.

After graduation she attended Wright State University. She is presently employed at Willhoff's Interior Fashions in Coldwater.

Carol and Robert have two children, Kristin (born on July 7, 1980) and Jason (born on July 8, 1985). They reside at 4600 Kuhn Road, Celina.

Robert's grandparents are William and Cecelia (Schwieterman) Forsthoefel, Coldwater, and Bernard and Pauline (Dues) Siefring, Philothea. Carol's grandparents are John and Apolonia (Gajoch) Karafit, Montezuma, and John and Anna (Jurasek) Kurivial, Swanton, Ohio.



William and Cecelia Forsthoefel

In 1921 William B. Forsthoefel married Cecelia Schwieterman. William was the son of Frank and Mary (Staugler) Forsthoefel and hailed from Carthage, Ohio. Cecelia was the daughter of Charles and Caroline (Will) Schwieterman from St. Sebastian, Ohio. They made their home in Carthage as farmers until they moved to Coldwater during the depression years when William found employment at the New Idea Foundry.

Eventually, William started the Coldwater Guernsey Dairy. It began as a family business of raising dairy cows and selling the milk. The whole family helped with farming the feed as well as the twice daily chore of milking and bottling the product before delivery to local customers.

William and Cecelia had six sons and two daughters, all of whom are living today. Paul, the eldest, married Anna Mae (Pat) Grebner in Dayton, Ohio, where they still reside. Together they had four daughters and five sons.

Ruth married Frank Muskus in Coldwater where they raised two sons until the late 1960's when they moved to Sidney, Ohio.

Donald married Luetta Siefring and still resides near Coldwater where they parented two daughters and three sons.

Kenneth married Rose Gonzales in Lored, Texas. They now reside in Louisville, Kentucky. Their family consists of four daughters and two sons.

Herbert married Madeline Braun and is a resident of Coldwater. They had six children; two sons died in early childhood, leaving two sons and two daughters.

Thomas married Patricia Hogan in St. Anthony, Ohio. They are long-time residents of Coldwater where they reared six sons.

Joan married Ralph Staugler, Sr. They had four sons and one daughter. One son is now deceased and Ralph Sr. also passed away in 1985. Joan is now married to Linus Mescher and they make their home in Coldwater.

James married Clara Art in Celina, Ohio. They reared two daughters and four sons in Coldwater.

William died in 1950 in an automobile accident. Cecelia and her family continued with the dairy busi-



Thomas and Patricia Forsthoefel

Thomas H. and Patricia Ann (Hogan) Forsthoefel of 401 West Vine Street, Coldwater, Ohio, were married in St. Anthony Church of Padua, Ohio, on August 11, 1951. They are the parents of six sons.

Gary T. married Ann (Faller) of Coldwater in Holy Trinity Church on September 6, 1980, and they reside in Elida, Ohio. They have one son, Ryan Michael, born on April 20, 1987, in Lima, Ohio.

Ronald P. and Deborah (Wagner), also of Coldwater, were married in Holy Trinity Church on October 1, 1983. They are the parents of a son, Nathan Alan, born on January 17, 1988. Ron and Deb reside in Loudonville where Ron is a practicing attorney.

Tim J. and Sharon (Hemmert) of Dayton, Ohio, were married on June 22, 1985, in Dayton, Ohio, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Tim and Sharon reside in Dublin, Ohio, with their son, Thomas Michael, who was born on April 9, 1987.

Kevin F. and Susan (Smith) of Trotwood were married in Holy Trinity Church in Dayton, Ohio, on June 28, 1986. He and Susan reside in Stow, Ohio, where he is in residency at Akron General Hospital.

Kurt A. and Carol (Swartz) reside in Coldwater and were married on November 6, 1986, in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, Ohio.

Brent G. resides with his parents in Coldwater and is attending Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

ness until modern changes were needed. It is still in operation at its original location on the south edge of Coldwater and deals in retail and wholesale distribution.

Cecelia lived to the grand age of 83, passing away in 1979 and leaving a legacy of 46 grandchildren and 64 great grandchildren.



Walter and Mary Lou Fortener

Walter and Mary Lou Knapke Fortener reside at 703 East Main Street in Coldwater, Ohio. Walter is the son of Walter C. and Mary Urke Fortener. He is the foster son of Andy and Erma Laux Beumer. Mary Lou is the daughter of Ed and Helen Dues Knapke. The Forteners have six children.

Eric lives in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Ronald married Annette Powers; they live in Vandalia, Ohio, and have a daughter, Christie, 7. Randy married Barbara Buschur; they live in Dublin, Ohio, and have three children: Stephanie, 8; Andy, 5; and Phillip, 18 months. Roger lives in Maumee, Ohio. Russ lives in Coldwater. Nancy married Jerry Fleck; they have three children: Chad, 4; Craig, 2; and Tyler, 9 months. Pam, a foster daughter, married Joe Voskuhl; they live in Celina, Ohio.

Walter is presently Chief of Enforcement, Public Utilities of Ohio. He is a former Mayor of Coldwater, Treasurer of Mercer County and State Representative. Mary Lou is a retiree of Huffy's and is presently a housewife. They have lived in Coldwater for 32 years.

Richard and Eleanora Fortman

Richard T. Fortman was born on January 12, 1910, the son of John and Victoria Stelzer Fortman. John was born in St. Anthony on December 22, 1876, and died in Lima on January 25, 1955. Victoria was born in Coldwater and died in Lima on April 12, 1950. Richard, the second oldest of nine children, lived and farmed the home place until his death of cancer on March 27, 1968.

Richard married Eleanora Droesch from Maria Stein on November 24, 1949. Eleanora, the oldest of six children, is the daughter of retired telephone lineman August Droesch and his wife, Catherine. Both

are deceased. Richard and Eleanora engaged in farming; they made their home in St. Anthony on the home place.

Richard and Eleanora have two children who were named after their paternal grandparents; Victoria R., the older, was born on September 22, 1950, and her brother, John M., was born on April 30, 1952.

Victoria has two children; Scott Richard Dues was born on April 18, 1968, and Patrick Allen Dues was born on August 13, 1971. Victoria is married to Dr. Joseph R. Kapp and they live in Celina. Scott, her oldest, is a Fireman E2 in the United States Navy. He is presently on a tour of duty in Italy, serving on a sub tender.



John lives in Coldwater in the home of his mother. They were forced to move when a fierce fire completely destroyed the home place in March, 1979. They reside in a comfortable ranch-style home at 404 West Vine Street. With great neighbors and a fine community, who could ask for anything more?



Willard and Marilyn Froelich

Will and Marilyn Dues were married on August 29, 1959, in Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater. They are the parents of two daughters, Lorraine and Lisa.

Will, son of Linus and Ann (Weber) Froelich, grew up in Defiance, Ohio. He attended St. Johns School and graduated from Defiance High School in 1951. He spent three years in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea during the Korean War. He graduated from Bradley University, Peoria, IL, in 1957.

Marilyn, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Kaup) Dues, attended Wendelin School and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1957.

Lorraine attended Coldwater schools where she graduated in 1980. She is employed by Celina Financial Corp. and is married to William Bettinger. They are the parents of a daughter, Justine, age one.

Lisa graduated with the class of 1983 in Coldwater and is married to Frank Sutter. They have a son, Adam, age six months.

Will and Marilyn are the owners of Froehlich's Jewelry, Coldwater. They have been in business for 20 years.



Charles and Ann Froning

Charles A. Froning and Ann L. Jackson were married on June 14, 1958. They now reside at 808 West Vine Street. They have one son, Scott E. Froning, born on August 8, 1967, who is presently a student on the main campus of The Ohio State University. A daughter, Jodi A. Froning, was born on October 8, 1968, and is presently a student on the main campus of The Ohio State University.

Charlie is part owner of Camelot Mfg. Company in Coldwater and Ann is employed as secretary to the principal of Coldwater High School.



Aloys and Emily Fullenkamp

Emily Fullenkamp lives at 207 North Cedar Street. Emily Reichert, daughter of Henry and Mary (Giere) Reichert of Maria Stein, married Aloys Ful-

lenkamp, son of John and Mary (Bruns) Fullenkamp of St. Joe, in 1946.

Aloys was a United States Army veteran of World War II, having served in the quartermaster corps in the 55th division overseas from 1942 to 1945. He worked for the Mercer County Highway Department and at New Idea. Emily worked in the Mercer County Court House; in personnel at Wright Field, Dayton; and, as secretary to four Coldwater School superintendents over a span of 21 years. They lived all their married life in Coldwater. Aloys died in 1964. They have three children: Alice, Luke and Joyce.

Alice married Jerry Shiverdecker, co-owner of Consolidated Heating and Plumbing, Celina. Alice is an elementary teacher in the St. Henry Schools. Jerry was accidentally electrocuted in 1983. They have two children, Cory and Katie, in the Celina Schools.

Dr. Luke Fullenkamp married Mary Kay McCormick of Wyoming, Cincinnati. He is an optometrist in Cincinnati. Mary Kay has a Master's Degree in Hospital Administration. They reside in Montgomery, Cincinnati. They have two children, Natalie and Michelle.

Joyce is married to Bill Brandewie. He is in construction work in Sidney. Joyce is in computer work at Midmark. They live in Versailles. They have two children, Trent and Bill, Jr.



Randy and Barb Gaerke

On July 29, 1978, Randy Gaerke and Barb Luttmner were married. Randy is the son of Charles and the late Wilma Uhlenhake Gaerke of St. Peter. Barb is the daughter of Leonard and Dolores Guggenbiller Luttmner of Yorkshire.

Randy and Barb have three daughters. They are Carla, born on November 8, 1979; Kimberly, born on June 25, 1981; and, Janelle, born on December 20, 1984. A fourth addition to the family is expected in March.

In 1980 Randy started his own business, Gaerke Electric. The business was sold in December, 1987, and Randy now holds the position of plant engineer with Cooper Farms of St. Henry. Barb is employed as a teller at The People's Bank Co. The Gaerke's have resided in Philothea since 1978.



Oliver and Rosella Gast

J.R. Gast and Adelaine (Grieshop) Gast were married on February 3, 1909. To this union four children were born: Mildred (Gast) Neumann, Oliver, Dorothy (Gast) Hariamert, and Harold. This article is written about Oliver. Oliver is the third generation Gast to live consecutively in Coldwater. Oliver is married to Rosella (Dorsten) Gast. Her parents were Theodore J. Dorsten and Josephine Bruggeman. Oliver was born on February 10, 1912, in Coldwater. Rosella was born on July 14, 1928, in Montezuma, Ohio. Rosella had four brothers: Leander, Clarence, Adolph, and Ernest; and one sister, Alfrieda Sanning.

Oliver and Rosella have three children. Dianne (Gast) Kugel was born on August 11, 1947. Dianne is employed by the Xerox Corporation, Dayton, as a senior service administrative assistant. She is married to Michael Kugel (formerly from Celina). They have one daughter, Michelle Marie. Kathy (Gast) Gilmore was born on April 20, 1949. Kathy is married to Russell Gilmore III. They live in Oakwood, Dayton. Kathy and Russ have four children: Ashley, Emily, Danial, and Adam. Kathy is vice president of their five companies. John Gast was born on November 22, 1952. He married Jacqueline Bortkowsky in St. Petersburg, Florida. They have one daughter, Brooke Ashley. John is a diamond appraiser and regional manager in Fort Myers, Florida.

Oliver is retired from Plumbers Local 776, Lima, Ohio. Rosella is presently employed by Reynolds & Reynolds, Celina. For many years Oliver was in business at 258 West Main in plumbing and heating. Oliver enjoys playing cards with his friends at the American Legion and the Eagles. He also enjoys traveling and spring fishing. Oliver and Rosella live at 811 West Vine Street, after moving from an apartment above the plumbing and heating store where they lived for many years.

Photograph: Back Row: Michael Kugel, Dianne Kugel, Kathy Gilmore, Russel Gilmore III, Brooke Gast, John Gast and Jacqueline Gast. Front Row: Danial Poffenberger, Michelle Kugel, Ashley Gilmore, Rosella Gast, Oliver Gast, Emily Gilmore and Adam Gilmore.



Gary and Julia Geier

Gary A. Geier, son of Louis and Mary Geier, Coldwater, Ohio, was born on July 13, 1961, at Coldwater Community Hospital. He is employed in the plant at Crown Controls Corp., New Bremen, Ohio. On April 9, 1983, Gary married Julia Ann Giere. Julia, daughter of Oliver and Sarah Ann Giere, Coldwater, Ohio, was born on October 10, 1961, at Coldwater Community Hospital. She is employed in the office at Reynolds and Reynolds, Celina, Ohio.

They are the parents of two children: a daughter, Ashley Rose, born on September 26, 1985, and a son, Chad Allan, born on January 13, 1987. Gary and Julia, along with their two children, reside at 511 West Main Street, Coldwater, Ohio.



Louis and Mary Agnes Geier

Louis and Mary Agnes Geier live at 805 North Parkview Drive, Coldwater. Louis was born on October 14, 1934, to Lawrence and Elsie (Thien) Geier. On April 21, 1956, he married Mary Agnes (Hein), daughter of Joseph and Hilda (Thobe) Hein. Mary was born on October 29, 1934.

They have five children. Cindy, born on October 25, 1957, is married to Mike Wenning and they have three children, Tamra, Adam and Leah. Jeff, born on January 1, 1958, is married to Betty Wellman and they have two children, Jodi and Brady. Gary, born on July 13, 1961, is married to Julie Giere and they

have two children, Ashley and Chad. Linda, born on July 1, 1964, is married to Larry Hemmelgarn and they have one child, Nicholas. Nancy, born on October 29, 1969, is still living at home and is working at Coldwater Community Hospital.

Louis is a supervisor at Reynolds. He belongs to the K. of C., the American Legion, and the V.F.W. (past commander) and served in the U.S. Marines for three years.

Mary is employed by the Coldwater Schools as a cook. Mary is also a past president of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and is a member of the St. Cecelia and St. Ann Altar organizations.



Arthur H. and Cecilia Geise

Arthur H. Geise and Cecilia E. Watercutter were united in marriage on June 6, 1933. From that union of marriage, six children were born. Betty, the first born, married Melvin Dues on May 21, 1955. They have four children: Tina, Todd, Trent and Tony. The secondborn, Dorothy, married Bob Bruggeman on April 12, 1958. They have two sons, Kent and Kevin. The thirdborn, James, married Lucille Hein on October 29, 1958. They have three sons: Chris, Dan and Jeff. The fourthborn, Bill, married Joan Schwieterman on August 18, 1962. They have four daughters: Mindy, Gigi, Jill and Tara. The fifthborn, Ruth, married Alan Hausfeld on October 5, 1968. They have two boys, Greg and Matt. The sixthborn, Carol, married Frank Pohl on October 29, 1966. They have two children, Kim and Brian.

Cecilia died on February 1, 1986. This family picture was taken in 1983.

Bill and Joan Geise

Bill and Joan (Schwieterman) Geise reside at 700 Marian Drive, Coldwater, Ohio, where they have lived since they were married. Bill, born on April 20, 1939, is the son of Arthur and Cecilia (Watercutter) Geise, Coldwater. Joan, daughter of Matt and Coletta (Luthman) Schwieterman, was born on July 21, 1942.

Bill and Joan are both graduates of Coldwater High School and they were married on August 18, 1962, in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater,



Ohio. They are the parents of four daughters. Mindy (born on April 17, 1965) graduated from Coldwater High School in 1983 and from Bowling Green State University in May, 1987, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Education and Physical Education. She is coaching and substitute teaching. She will marry Doug Siefing, St. Henry, Ohio, on July 8, 1988.

Gigi (born on September 20, 1966) is a 1985 graduate of Coldwater High School and the Wilma Boyd Career School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is working at Fifth Third Travel Agency in Cincinnati as Supervisor of Group-Incentive. She married Joe Schubert from Dayton on August 15, 1987, and he also works at Fifth Third Travel Agency as Ticketing Quality Control Agent.

Jill (born on June 12, 1968) is a freshman at the University of Toledo majoring in physical recreation.

Tara (born on December 2, 1971) is a sophomore at Coldwater High School.

Bill and Joan are both employed at Matt Schwieterman, Inc. Construction Company where Bill is Secretary and Construction Superintendent and Joan is a part-time office secretary.



Charles and Ruth Geise

Charles and Ruth Geise live at 804 Woodview Drive. Ruth is the daughter of Leo Post, Sr. from St. Anthony. Charles is the youngest son of Henry and Elizabeth Geise from Philothea. Charles and Ruth

Along with his regular job, Mark is a volunteer fireman for the Coldwater Fire Department.

Anne was born on December 13, 1960, to Charles J. and Edith R. (Johnsman) Backs at Otis Hospital, Celina. Until she got married, Anne lived on a farm in Montezuma for 23 years. After graduating from Celina Senior High School in 1979, she worked at Pax Distributing Company, Coldwater, until 1986.

As of this time, Mark and Anne have one child, a daughter, Catherine Anne. Katie was born on May 16, 1986, at Coldwater Community Hospital.



Victor and Rose Gruss

Victor Gruss and Rose Drees were married on July 18, 1959, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Montezuma, Ohio. Victor was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Gruss, St. Anthony. Rose is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Drees, Montezuma. Victor and Rose have lived in Coldwater since their marriage.

Victor was an employee of Avco New Idea for 32 years, retiring in 1981.

Their hobbies were woodworking, bowling, golfing, and traveling.

He was in the Army Air Force from February 1942 to September 1945, serving in France, Normandy, and central Europe.

Victor passed away on March 5, 1987.

Everett and Carol Hall

Everett J. and Carol Ann Hall live at 607 West Vine Street in Coldwater. Everett was born in Hillsboro, Ohio (Highland County), on July 22, 1932. He is the son of Susan Margaret (Groves) Hall and Everett Jennings Hall, Sr., of Hillsboro, Ohio. Carol was born in Sidney, Ohio (Shelby County), on February 11, 1936. She is the daughter of Bertha Evelyn (Wrigley) Fogt and Doyle William Fogt of Anna and Sidney, Ohio.

Everett and Carol were married on December 30, 1956, at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church in Anna, Ohio. They moved to Coldwater in August, 1960.

They are the parents of Cheryl Elizabeth (5-12-61), Susan Kathleen (12-18-62), and Thomas Jay (1-12-74). Cheryl, of Coldwater, has a B.S. in Elementary Education from Wright State University and is a first



grade teacher at Celina West Elementary School. Susan, of New Bremen, has a B.A. in Communications from Wright State University and is a secretary-receptionist at Dr. Richard Dobbins' office in Coldwater. Thomas is in the eighth grade at Coldwater Junior High School.

Carol is a homemaker. Everett is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital in Coldwater.

Everett, Carol, Cheryl, and Tom are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Anthony Road, Coldwater. Susan is a member of Church of Christ, New Bremen.



Edward and Jane Hammond

Edward and Jane Hammond moved to Coldwater in 1948 and have lived at 610 West Walnut Street since 1953.

Edward was born on February 26, 1922, in New York City. His parents were Wilson (1899-1925) and Helen (Golden) (1901-23) Hammond. He was reared by his grandparents, Edward and Harriet Hammond, who lived in Larchmont, NY.

Jane was a twin daughter of David and Mildred (Groman) Sowar of Coldwater, born on April 1, 1922.

Edward and Jane met in Seattle, Washington, where Duke (nickname acquired in the Navy) was in the Navy Air Corps. Jane was a nurse stationed at the Navy Hospital. They were married on May 2, 1946, in the Navy Hospital Chapel.

Duke and Jane had the following children: Mary, Paul and Theresa Lynn were born prematurely and did not live.

Edward Mark was born on April 1, 1947. He is now living in Barrington, Illinois, and is Vice-president of Kidder-Peabody Investment Co. of Chicago, Illinois.

Patricia Marie was born on February 11, 1948 and is married to Richard Wuebker, formerly of Coldwater. Dick is owner of Executive Realty Firm, Centerville, Ohio, and they live there with their four children: Kristin, 13; Ricky, 10; Karin, 8; and, Katie, 5.

Marcia Ann was born on May 21, 1956. She was recently married to Jay Koephle, a computer analyst with Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. They live in Mason, Ohio, where Marcia is a teacher at Mason High School.

Joseph Girard, born on July 29, 1957, is married to the former Colleen McKenzie of Marietta, Ohio. They have one son, Paul Wheeler, who will be six on September 20, 1988. Joe is a teacher at Mason High School and they presently live in Morrow, Ohio.

Jean Marie, born on July 11, 1959, is married to Omar Adham, formerly of Damascus, Syria. Jean is Director of Social Services and Omar is employed by General Electric. They make their home in Columbus, Ohio.

Duke is retired from teaching for 37 years in the Coldwater High School. He taught social studies and driver training and was Athletic Director for 16 years. He was recently inducted into the Ohio Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in Columbus, Ohio. At present he does substitute teaching. He has been chairman for the West Central District Ohio Elks Scholarship Program for a number of years.

Jane did part-time nursing in the former Our Lady of Mercy Hospital from 1953-1974. She also was employed for seven years in the Infirmary of St. Charles, Carthagena, Ohio, until her retirement in May, 1987. She has been very active in the American Cancer Society for 13 years. She is also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Red Cross of Mercer County.

Duke and Jane are members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater.

Jerry and Tonya Happy

Tonya M. Giere, daughter of Oliver and Sarah Giere, was born on March 11, 1954, at Mercer County Community Hospital in Coldwater. She is the oldest of five children. She married Jerry Happy on June 28, 1975. Jerry was born on July 8, 1953, in Detroit, Michigan, to Nicholas and Irene Happy.

Jerry and Tonya have two children; Brian Nicholas was born on July 12, 1982, and Krysta Lorraine was born on February 12, 1986.

Tonya is a housewife and Jerry is employed at Pax Distributing in Coldwater as Inventory Control Manager. The Happy's live at 209 North Mill Street in Coldwater.



Ralph and Dorothy Harlamert

Ralph and Dorothy live at 704 East Main in Coldwater. The home was the former Henry Hageman home built in 1895. Ralph has one brother, Dale, who lives in Sidney. Ralph and Dale were born in Kettlersville, the sons of the late Emma and Ben Harlamert. Dorothy was born in Coldwater. She is the daughter of the late Adeline and John Gast. Dorothy has one sister, Mildred (Gast) Neumann, living in Dayton and a brother, Oliver Gast, living in Coldwater. A brother, Harold, died at the age of five.

Dorothy and Ralph have five children:

Larry and his wife, Johanna (Pleiman) Harlamert, live in Coldwater with their sons, Ben, Brian and Bruce.

Jerry and Carole (Harlamert) Mestemaker live in Sidney with their family: Michael (deceased), Amy, Eric, Scott, Nancy, Peter and Sara.

John and Virginia (Harlamert) Schwieterman live in St. Henry. Their children are Jennifer, Jeff, Joe, Jay and Janice.

Joe and Renea (Ruchty) Harlamert live in Coldwater and have Adam and Katie.

Dan and Carol (Wannemacher) Harlamert live at Club Island on the south side of the lake.

Ralph has been active in the selling of real estate in Coldwater and the surrounding area for the past 30 years. He is also associated with Coldwater Auction Service with Ernie Uhlenhake.

Dave and Mary Hart

Dave and Mary Hart were married at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on the evening of Friday, July 19, 1974. Dave is the son of Alfred and Donna Koester Hart, Carthagena, and Mary is the daughter of Gregory and Joan Timmerman Hartings, Coldwater.

They are the parents of two children, Darren and Julie. Darren was born on March 9, 1977. He is a fifth grade student who enjoys sports, especially baseball and soccer. He is active in 4-H and is a member of the Coldwater Explorers 4-H Club.

Julie was born on May 24, 1980. She is in the second grade and enjoys crafts, dance classes and 4-H. She is a member of the Fun and Fitness Mini 4-H Club.



Dave is employed by Holy Trinity as a custodian. He enjoys hunting, bicycling and sports. Dave is a K. of C. member and is the coach of the People's Bank Little League team. He is a 1971 graduate of St. Henry High School.

Mary is a preschool teacher and is the co-owner of For Kids Only Preschool in Coldwater. She, along with Sue Schmiesing, opened the preschool in 1986. Her hobbies are crafts and reading. She is a 1972 graduate of Coldwater High School and she received her degree in early childhood education from Sinclair Community College, Dayton.

The family resides at 210 North Terrace Avenue in the home they purchased in 1974.



Paul and Joyce Hart

Paul is the son of George and Anna Marie (Quinter) Hart of Sharpsburg. Joyce is the daughter of Ivo and Wilma (Dues) Heitkamp of Philothea. They were married on July 23, 1977, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Philothea.

Paul works at Pet, Inc. in Coldwater. Joyce works at Community Hospital in Coldwater in the Dietary Department.

Wallace and Aleene Hart

Wallace E. (b. 1923) and Aleene M. (b. 1921) Hart and son Jack E. (b. 1946) moved to Coldwater from Columbia, Missouri, in the spring of 1953. Wallace is

the son of Morris V. Hart (b. 1898 — d. 1981) and Margaret K. (Hulse) Hart (b. 1902). Aleene is the daughter of Joseph D. Lynes (b. 1900 — d. 1949), and Hollie M. (Zumwalt) Lynes (b. 1902). Jack Hart is married to Karen K. (Walter) Hart (b. 1949), Mercer County, Ohio. They have three children: Christine Marie (b. 1970), Cary Edward (b. 1972), and Cherie Kay (b. 1975), all in Mercer County. They attend the Celina schools in grades eleven, ten and seven respectively. Jack works for New Idea and has an automobile hobby. Karen works for Dwyer Mercer County Library in Celina. They live at 4881 U.S. 127, Celina, Ohio. Wallace and Aleene live at 424 East South Street, Coldwater. Both are semi-retired. She sells cakes for all occasions, as well as hand-dipped chocolate candy. He still sells Life and Health Insurance. Both are involved with various clubs and other activities. Most of the Hart family ancestors are buried in Ralls County, Missouri.



Daniel and Doris Hartings

Daniel J. Hartings was born on September 16, 1956, the son of Bernard and Esther (Timmerman) Hartings of St. Henry, Ohio. He moved to 505 West North Street in Coldwater after marrying Doris J. Post, daughter of Gregor and Esther (Bruggeman) Post of St. Wendelin, Ohio, on March 26, 1977. Doris was born on February 5, 1957. They still live at the same residence.

Dan and Doris have two children. A son, Rodney Alan, was born on April 25, 1978, and a daughter, Julie Marie, was born on January 16, 1981.

John and Roselyn Hartings

John Frank Hartings was born on September 2, 1923, in Coldwater, Ohio, the second child of Aloys and Rose (Puthoff) Hartings. On July 17, 1943, John married Roselyn Jean Minnich, daughter of O.R. and Mae Minnich of Liberty Center, Ohio. John and Roselyn are the parents of four children. Julia married Joseph Bruns of Minster, Ohio. They have two children, Andrew and Angela, and they live in Minster. Frank married Karen McBride of Bryan, Ohio. They have two daughters, Tara and Niki, and reside in Crossville, Tennessee. Nancy married Kenneth Spoltman of Philothea, Ohio. They have two sons,



Nathan and Joshua, and they reside in Philothea. John J. married Joan Hemmelgarn of Burkettsville, Ohio. They have a son, John C., and live in Coldwater, Ohio.

John and Roselyn both graduated from Coldwater High School in 1941 and have resided for most of their lives in Coldwater. John served in the Army Air Corps from December, 1942, until January, 1945. He was employed at New Idea for many years as an accountant. In 1967 he left New Idea to start his own accounting practice, John Hartings and Associates, and is still operating as such today. John served on the Coldwater School Board for 16 years. Roselyn was employed as a secretary for a number of years and is currently office manager of the Heritage Cablevision Office in Celina, Ohio. She has been a board member of the Coldwater Public Library since 1968.



Jack and JoAnn Hartings

Jack Hartings, son of Ernest and Alfredia Hartings, and JoAnn Uhlenhake, daughter of Carl and Martina Uhlenhake, were married on November 15, 1975, in St. Henry Catholic Church.

The Hartings lived in Celina, Ohio, for ten years before moving into their present home at 909 West Butler Street in Coldwater in October, 1986.

They have two sons; Russell was born on May 24, 1981, and Brent was born on February 16, 1984. Jack has worked for the People's Bank for the past four years and JoAnn has worked for Reynolds and Reynolds for the past ten years.



Linus and Carol Hartings

Linus and Carol Hartings live at 814 East Vine Street. Linus is the son of Joseph and Mary Hartings. Carol is the daughter of Gregor and Genevieve Schmitz. Linus and Carol were married on July 14, 1962, and lived in St. Henry for 14 years. Then they moved to Coldwater in 1976. They have four children. Cynthia, born in 1964, married Tom James in 1985 and they presently live on Edden Avenue. Pamela, born in 1965, is a senior at The University of Toledo. Eric, born in 1966, works at Pla-Mor Lanes. Debra, born in 1967, is a sophomore at The University of Toledo. Linus owns and manages Pla-Mor Bowling Lanes in Coldwater. Carol is an employee at Pla-Mor Lanes.



Paul and Linda Haskett

Paul (Pete) was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, attended Ohio University and served in the military. After his service years, he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he met Linda Oberholzer. They were married in Cleveland in 1962 and reside at 810 East Vine Street.

Linda was born in Coldwater to William and Helen (Baldwin) Oberholzer. She attended Miami University.

Paul is employed in the credit department at White-New Idea. Linda is a library assistant at the Coldwater Public Library.

Paul and Linda had three children: Gary (deceased); Deborah, age 21; and, Gregory, age 19. Deb, who graduated from Northwestern Business College in 1987, is now working and going to school in Naples, Florida. Greg is attending the University of Cincinnati.



Ivo and Dolores Haslinger

Ivo Haslinger was born in Coldwater, Ohio, on November 24, 1905. His parents were Bernard and Catherine (Saalman) Haslinger. His father was born in Maria Stein, Ohio, and his mother was born in Philothea, Ohio. His father operated the Haslinger and Son General Store in the early 1900's. The store was located at the corner of Main and Market Streets where the city hall and the library now stand.

Ivo lived in Coldwater all his life. On November 29, 1934, he married Dolores Hoyng, of Coldwater, Ohio. They had four children. Dennis was born on June 10, 1939. He married Sandra Katterhenry of Coldwater and they have five children: Douglas, Kimberly, Missi, Jennifer and Benjamin. They now reside in Bath, Ohio. Susan was born on September 15, 1942. She married Forrest T. Sollmann of Pleasant Hill, Ohio. They have two children, Julie and Michelle. They now reside in Dayton, Ohio. James was born on April 16, 1946. He married Terrill Milliser, of Celina, Ohio. They reside in Traverse City, Michigan. Jack was born on November 21, 1949. He resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ivo's wife, Dolores, died on October 28, 1971. Ivo died on May 29, 1979. Ivo was employed at New Idea, Coldwater, Ohio, and was retired at the time of his death. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus of Coldwater and served as financial secretary for them for forty years. At the end of his term in office, he was honored at a banquet given in recognition of his forty years of service. His four children surprised him and all attended.

John and Catherine Haslinger

John Bernard Haslinger was born in Maria Stein, Ohio, on April 26, 1872. His parents were William and Catherine Haslinger. He received his early education in Maria Stein and then took business courses at the Coldwater Academy. After graduation he entered his



father's shop in Maria Stein. Later he came to Coldwater and worked as assistant manager in the John L. Phellis General Store. The business was located at the corner of Main and Market Streets where the city hall and library now stand. When he was 25 years old, he formed a partnership with his father, and they purchased the business. They handled groceries, dry goods and shoes. All the produce came in bulk at that time. A horse-drawn huckster wagon carrying all unperishable grocery items went through the rural areas every day. Mr. Haslinger soon took over the business and his father retired to his shoe repair shop located in the rear of the building. Also, living quarters for the family were in the rear, with the bedrooms upstairs. On January 10, 1905, he married Catherine Saalman in Philothea, Ohio. Mr. Haslinger continued in business until 1914 when he was elected to the office of Mercer County Clerk of Courts. He sold the business and moved his family to Celina, Ohio. While in Coldwater, he served three terms as corporation treasurer. He was a director of the People's Bank of Coldwater, a position he held until his death. Mr. Haslinger died on December 6, 1918, at the age of 46 while in his second term as county clerk. Catherine Haslinger, his widow, moved back to Coldwater with her four young children in the spring of 1919.

Edward and Mary Hausfeld

Edward A. Hausfeld was born on October 1, 1886, to Anton and Mary (Kramer) Hausfeld of Maria Stein, Ohio. He had three brothers, Ludwig, Albert and Leo, of Maria Stein and two sisters, Cecilia Severt (Joseph) and Elenora Bruggeman (Leo).

Mary (Newmier) Hausfeld was born on March 27, 1892, in Wapakoneta, Ohio, to John and Henrietta (Craft) Newmier. Mary had one sister, Agnes (Newmier) Huesman.

Edward and Mary were married on October 1, 1912. They were the parents of eight: *Bernard, Dayton, Ohio; *Adloph; *Louis, Paul, Linus, and Rita Bonifas, Coldwater; Ruth MacDonald, Celina; and, *James, Vienna, Virginia.

Edward worked for New Idea for 51 years (1910-1961) and proudly retired at the age of 74. He was a stationary boiler engineer, starting at the Maria

Stein plant. In 1911, he completed correspondence courses and became a First Class Engineer; he then had charge of the heating and power system at the Coldwater plant.

Ed's most pleasant memory of his association with New Idea happened in 1912. That was the year he met his wife who was working in the office at the Maria Stein plant. It might be interesting to note here that Mary graduated from Lima Business School and applied for an office opening at the Maria Stein plant. She was quite hesitant to apply as the requirements were that the applicant be male, Catholic, and able to speak German. She was Catholic. Mary was the second woman employee on New Idea payroll and worked there three years. Mr. Hausfeld was the first person to become eligible for a pension under the company's retirement plan.



The Hausfeld family came from Germany and can be dated back to the year 1831.

*Bernard married Helen Reinhard from Ft. Recovery; they had four children: Eric, Suzanne, Brian, and Jacquelyn.

*Louis married Mary Kuhl from Dayton; they had a daughter, Sharon.

Paul married Elizabeth Gillam from Blackpool, England, during World War II; they had three children: June, Keith, and Michael.

Linus married Hilda Goettemoeller from Cassella; they had five children: Joyce, *Ronald, *Christopher, David and Vincent.

Rita married James Bonifas from Coldwater; they had two children, Frank and Teresa Ann.

Ruth married Joseph MacDonald from Celina; they had three children: Cynthia, Susan and Carol Ann.

James married Rose Ann McGrath from Celina; they had two children, Tim and Patricia.

Edward and Mary also had 32 great grandchildren.

* deceased

Photo, seated: Anton and Mary (Kramer) Hausfeld, standing: Leo Hausfeld, Elenora Bruggeman (Leo), Edward A. Hausfeld, Cecilia Severt (Joseph), Albert Hausfeld, Ludwig Hausfeld.



Linus and Hilda Hausfeld

Linus and Hilda Hausfeld reside at 700 West North Street, Coldwater. Linus is the son of the late Edward and Mary (Newmier) Hausfeld. Hilda is the daughter of the late Frank and Anna (Clune) Goettemoeller of Cassella, Ohio.

They have three living children.

Joyce is married to Virgil Keller and they have two sons, Aaron and Joshua. They reside in Brandon, Florida.

David is married to Linda (Malo). They have a daughter, Sarah and a son, Brian. David is an attorney in San Diego, California, where they reside.

Vince resides in Dayton, Ohio, where he works and is attending graduate school at the University of Dayton.

For four years, Linus traveled thirteen eastern states and parts of Canada as a field service representative for AVCO New Idea Farm Equipment. During this time, the Hausfeld's lived in Auburn, New York. They returned to Coldwater in 1954 and Linus continued to work in the Service and Engineering Departments until 1983 when he retired after 37 years with the company.

Linus was with the 15th Air Force in Italy and is a charter member of the V.F.W. Post 5135. He is also a member of the Eagles, the Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He is past president of the Community Picnic Inc., a member of the Democate Central and Executive Committees and served on the village council for 16 years.

Linus comes from a family of eight children:

*Bernard, *Adolph, *Louis, Paul, Linus, Rita, Ruth and *James.

Hilda comes from a family of four children:

*Rita, Stanley, Hilda and Irene.

*Deceased.

Two of Linus and Hilda's children, Christopher and Ronald, are deceased.

Paul and Betty Hausfeld

Paul H. Hausfeld is the son of the late Edward and Mary (Newmier) Hausfeld. Paul spent three years and three months overseas during World War II. He was a Stg/Sg in the 8th Air Force BADA ASC USSTAF. Paul was married on June 3, 1944, in Eng-

land to Elizabeth Gillam, daughter of Charles and Margret (Walker) Gillam of Blackpool, England. Elizabeth was a lathe operator in an aircraft factory in England during World War II. Paul is retired from Pet Milk after 43 years and Elizabeth is retired after 26 years with Buckeye Apparel. They have three children: June Ann, Keith Paul and Michael Robert.

June Ann is an L.P.N. and is married to Ray Opp of Piqua, Ohio. Ray is an interstate truck driver. They have one child, Brian Witt, and reside in Union City, Indiana.

Keith Paul is assistant manager of K.W.A.L. Paint Store and is married to Cherie Lyn Cartmell of Columbus, Ohio. Cherie works for Sealy Mattress Co. They have three children: Amber Lyn, Drew Preston and Sara Elizabeth. They reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Michael Robert is regional manager of U.P.S. and is married to Maureen McKirnan of St. Marys, Ohio. Maureen is a music instructor. They have two children, Lillian Maureen and Margo Elizabeth, and they reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Edward Hausfeld had eight children: Bernard, Adolph, Louis and James who are deceased. Paul, Linus and Rita live in Coldwater, Ohio; Ruth lives in Celina, Ohio.

Charles Gillam had two daughters, Margret (Peggy) who lives in Blackpool, England, and Elizabeth of Coldwater, Ohio.



Michael and Elizabeth Heckler

Michael and Elizabeth Heckler have lived at 112 South Seventh Street since their marriage in June, 1968. Michael (Mike) is the son of Dale and Colleen Heckler of Celina and Elizabeth is the daughter of the late Howard Wagner and Mary Kriegel, also of Celina. They have three children. Mark graduated in 1986 from Coldwater High School and has enlisted in the Air Force. Sandra is a senior at Coldwater High School. Denise is an eighth grader at Coldwater Junior High School.

Michael works at Huffy's Company in Celina and also enjoys doing carpenter work and bowling. Elizabeth (Betty) works at Bettie's Restaurant as a waitress and enjoys sewing. Both are 4-H advisors and their children have been and are actively participating in the 4-H program of Mercer County.

Mark plans to futher his education in electronics in the Air Force. Sandra hopes to attend college and go into drafting. Denise, as it stands now, has not chosen a special field for her future. Both girls are playing basketball for the Coldwater School; Sandra (Sandi) plays varsity and Denise plays for the eighth grade team.

Photo: Michael, Denise, Mark, Elizabeth and Sandra.



Frederick and Anna Hehmeyer

Frederick Ernest Hehmeyer was born on April 10, 1859, in Hanover, Germany. He was one of a family of six children of Frederick and Elizabeth (Knippenberg) Hehmeyer.

Hehmeyer emigrated to New York in April, 1882, moved to Dayton, Ohio, and later to a farm in Washington Township, Mercer County, Ohio. In February, 1884, he married Anna Christine Wenker, who was born in Shelby County on June 20, 1861, the daughter of Frank and Charlotte (Farweg) Wenker.

Mr. and Mrs. Hehmeyer were leading citizens and owned 160 acres in Section 24 of Washington Township and 65 acres in Section 19 of Butler Township, where they were engaged in farming. The family's buggy horse, Dan (named after world champion pacer, Dan Patch), was notoriously referred to as "the one to beat."

The Hehmeyers were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Washington Township, where Fred was a trustee and deacon. He was one of the original stockholders and a director of the People's Bank Company of Coldwater.

In 1907, Mr. Hehmeyer and his son, Carl, purchased lots 3 and 4 in Coldwater and operated Hehmeyer and Sons Elevator. In 1912, Rudi G. Weinert became a partner in the operation which was renamed the Coldwater Grain and Coal Company. In 1919, they sold to the Coldwater Equity Exchange which later became the Coldwater Grain Company.

Fred and Christine Hehmeyer raised a family of ten children: Charles T. (Carl), born in 1885, married Otilda Weinert; Caroline C., born in 1888, married Rudi Weinert; L. Matilda, born in 1890, married Fred Rasawehr; George H., born in 1892, married Flor-

ence McGown; Ida W., born in 1894, married Arthur Hecht; J. Henry, born in 1897, married Freda Mitchel; John F., born in 1899, married Marie Griesinger; Emma, born in 1902, married Ralph Heiby; Anna Frieda, born in 1904, married Henry F. Willman; and, Elsie Alice, born in 1906, married Henry N. Miller.

Mrs. Hehmeyer died on November 15, 1930; Fred died on September 21, 1941, at the age of 82. Both are buried in Ft. Recovery.



Joseph and Hilda Hein

Joe and Hilda Hein live at 327 East North Street, Coldwater. Joe, Jr., was born on April 21, 1896, and he married Hilda Thobe on October 2, 1923. Hilda was born on August 22, 1904. They have four children. Rosemary married Edgar Moorman and they have six children. Lester married Dorothy Braun and they have four children. Ruth married Lee Billger and they have three children. Mary Agnes married Louis Geier and they have five children. Joe is a World War I veteran and belongs to the American Legion.

Lester and Dorothy Hein

Lester (born on May 7, 1928) and Dorothy (born on April 12, 1932) Braun Hein were married on September 29, 1951. They moved to Coldwater in 1952 after Lester completed two years of service in the United States Army.

Since August 30, 1961, they have lived at 4898 State Route 219, which is also the home of the Hein Bridal Shop. Lester has worked at the Pet Milk Company since 1944.

Lester and Dorothy have four children. Victoria (born on July 29, 1953) and her husband, Tom Frericks, live in Coldwater and have three children, Douglas, Dawn and Danielle. Debra (born on July 3, 1954) and her husband, Dale Brookhart, live in Troy, Ohio, and have three children, Jeremy, Tony and Travis. Jennifer (born on June 6, 1955) and her husband, Steve Cooper, live in Garfield, New Jersey. Kevin (born on October 22, 1957) lives in Coldwater.



Merle and Connie Hein

Merle and Connie Hein became residents of Coldwater after their marriage on November 22, 1978, in St. Henry. Merle, the son of Fred and Kathleen Hein, was born and reared in Chickasaw. He married the former Connie Hemmelgarn, daughter of Andrew and Velma Hemmelgarn of St. Henry.

They have a daughter, Jill, born on April 14, 1981, and a son, Rob, born on April 27, 1982.

Merle is employed at Huffy Corporation and Connie is employed at the J. C. Penney Company, both in Celina. The Hein's purchased their home at 404 Briarwood Drive from Larry and Joyce Dwenger in 1978.

Xavier and Lotus Hein

Xavier Hein and Lotus (Roberts) spent most of their married lives in Coldwater. Both died within the last five years and were in their early eighty's. Xavier was born in 1899 in Chickasaw, Ohio, the son of Jacob and Caroline (Gast) Hein. Lotus was born in Oneida, Kentucky, the daughter of Charles Lee Roberts and Della (Sizemore).

They have two daughters, Mildred Tangeman of Coldwater and Shirley Larger of Ft. Loramie, Ohio, and two sons, Charles of Ft. Recovery and Jerry of Dayton. They have 22 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Xavier was a life-long usher at Holy Trinity Church and Lotus was organist for the Ladies' Choir.

Robert and Lucille Heinrichs

Robert W. Heinrichs is the son of William and Ida (Kothman) Heinrichs of Burkettsville, Ohio. On November 15, 1952, he married Lucille E. Wenning, daughter of Martin and Mary (Kaiser) Wenning of North Star, Ohio.

Bob is the bar manager of F.O.E. in Coldwater. Lucille is a housewife. They have eleven children: seven sons and four daughters.

Timothy married Mary Kahlig. They have two daughters, Renee and Laura. Tim is a medical doctor and is presently practicing at Miami Valley Hospital.

Kathleen married Thomas Link. Their five children are Kelly, Robert, Kimberly, Ryan and Kristen. Kathy is a housewife and bakes and decorates cakes.

Jayne married Marvin Kahlig. Their three sons are Khristopher, Keith, and Kyle. Jayne is a housewife.

Peggy married Thomas Brunswick. She is a business teacher at Minster High School. They have a son, Brian.

James married Merriann Fenner. Jim is employed at Brodbeck's. They have two children, Joseph and Jennifer.

Michael is employed at Kaiser's Body Shop. He also served four years in the Navy.

David married Constance Ranly. Dave works at R & R Fabrication in St. Henry.

Robert married Karen Braun. Rob is a mechanic at Washington Auto Service in Van Wert, Ohio.

Patricia is employed at United Airlines in Washington, D.C.

Jeffery and Douglas are students at Coldwater High School.



Gerald and Carol Heitkamp

Gerald and Carol (Brunswick) Heitkamp reside at 3396 Siegrist-Jutte Road, Coldwater, Ohio. They were married on September 14, 1974, in Sharpsburg, Ohio. They have four children: Douglas John, born on December 25, 1976; Eric Melvin, born on June 14, 1978; Julie Marie, born on November 14, 1980, and, Alicia Renee, born on April 5, 1984.

Gerald Linus was born on July 21, 1951, in Coldwater and is the son of Ivo and Wilma Heitkamp of Philothea and the grandson of Frank Heitkamp and Emma Voskuhl, formerly of Maria Stein, and George Dues and Rosa Homan, formerly of Philothea.

Carol Ann was born on August 8, 1954, in St. Anthony, Ohio, the daughter of Melvin Brunswick, Sr., and Mildred Wellman of Sharpsburg and the granddaughter of Lawrence Brunswick and Justine Braun and Philip Wellman and Dorthea Schroer.

Gerald is employed at Hemmelgarn & Sons, Inc., Philothea. Carol is employed at Doll Printing Division in Celina as a typesetter.

They belong to the St. Marys Catholic Church in Philothea where they are active in various activities.



Ivo and Wilma Heitkamp

Ivo was born on August 11, 1925, at R.R., Minster, Ohio, to Frank and Emma (Voskuhl) Heitkamp. Ivo attended Jackson Special School and then St. John's High School in Maria Stein, Ohio.

Wilma was born on September 29, 1927, at R.R., Ft. Recovery, Ohio, to George and Rosa (Homan) Dues. Wilma attended Oakland Grade School, Ft. Recovery, Ohio, and she graduated from Coldwater High School in 1945.

Ivo and Wilma were married on May 7, 1949, at St. Marys Catholic Church in Philothea by Rev. Mathias Schmit, C.P.P.S. They then lived in the Maria Stein area from 1949 to 1957 where Ivo was employed by the Minster Machine Company in Minster, Ohio. They then moved to Philothea in 1957 where Ivo took employment for Robert Winner & Sons Livestock, as a livestock buyer and stockyard manager at the Philothea Stockyards. The couple resides at 3774 Philothea Road.

To the Heitkamp's seven children were born: Gerald, James, John, Joyce, Jane, Judy and Janice, who are all graduates of Coldwater High School.

Dr. Dan and Dawn Hellwarth

Dr. Dan and Dawn Hellwarth have resided in Coldwater for the past nine years. They are the parents of four children: Jenny, 8; Kelsey, 5; Betsy, 3; and, Trent, 1; they live at 500 East Walnut Street.

Dawn is the daughter of Lisle and Virginia Strable and Dan is the son of Sam and Bernadine Hellwarth. Both are graduates of Celina High School. Dr. Dan got his degree in veterinary medicine from The Ohio State University.

Dawn is a homemaker and Dan is part owner of the Coldwater Animal Clinic. Dawn enjoys flowers and exhibits at the fair. Dan enjoys woodworking.

Their two oldest children, Jenny and Kelsey, enjoy gymnastics. Betsy, at age 3, enjoys dressing up in old dresses and dancing. Trent, at age one, keeps busy doing what one-year-olds do. Jenny, Kelsey and Betsy enjoy singing.



David and Cynthia Hemmelgarn

David and Cynthia Hemmelgarn live at 502 West Vine Street. Dave is the son of Andrew and Velma Hemmelgarn, St. Henry. Cindy is the daughter of Harold (Scrubby) and Pat Brunswick, Coldwater. They have four children. Jenni is 6½ years old, born on December 13, 1980. Jason is 4½ years old, born on December 7, 1982. Lisa is two years old, born on October 15, 1985. Renee was born on August 25, 1987. Dave is employed by Crown Controls, New Bremen. He is a K. of C. member, an Eagle member, and enjoys bowling and working on cars. Cindy is a housewife and belongs to St. Ann's Sodality and the VFW Auxiliary; she enjoys playing cards, shopping, and baking.

Floyd and Lois Hemmelgarn

Floyd James and Lois Ann (Dorsten) Hemmelgarn, 3804 Philothea Road, Coldwater, Ohio, were married on October 11, 1952. After Floyd spent two years in the United States Army, they had three sons. Martin James was born on January 27, 1955, and died on October 15, 1972, as the result of an automobile accident. Larry Joseph was born on May 7, 1957, and was ordained a Precious Blood priest on June 9, 1984. Eric (Rick) Allen was born on September 23, 1959, and married Donna Barhorst on November 12, 1983. They have a daughter, Amy Josephine, who was born on August 2, 1985. They are expecting another child in February, 1988.

Floyd is the president and owner of Hemmelgarn & Sons, Inc. in Philothea, Ohio. He is the oldest son of Edward and Josephine Hemmelgarn and the grandson of Frank and Anna Hemmelgarn and Gerhard and Margaret Wenning.

Lois is a housewife and works part time at Hemmelgarn and Sons. She is the daughter of Rudolph and Olive Dorsten and the grand daughter of Frank and Anna Dorsten and Ben and Ida Schwieterman.

Father Larry is associate pastor of the Precious Blood parish in Dayton. In January he will be transferred to Rome, Italy, for further education in liturgy.

Rick is employed at Hemmelgarn & Sons, Inc. as night foreman and he is treasurer of the company. Donna is employed part time at J. C. Penney Co.

Fred and Doris Hemmelgarn

Fred R. Hemmelgarn was born on October 12, 1947, in St. Henry, Ohio, the son of Harold and Alma Hemmelgarn. Doris A Huelskamp was born on July 24, 1948, in Darke County, the daughter of Lawrence and Mary Huelskamp. They were married on November 23, 1968, at St. Denis Church, Versailles, Ohio. They moved to Coldwater on June 1, 1974.

They are the parents of Jason, born on November 8, 1969; Kris, born on September 13, 1974; and, John, born on February 14, 1978. All are presently students in the Coldwater schools.

Fred is a Sr. Tool and Die Maker at the Huffy Corp., while Doris is a factory worker at the Huffy Corp. and a homemaker. Fred has been a member of the Park Board since 1984, serving as president in 1987. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1978. Both Fred and Doris have been members of the Coldwater Boosters Club since 1986.

Nick and Mary Hemmelgarn

Nick Hemmelgarn and his family live at 410 West Main Street in Coldwater. Nick is the son of Alvina and the late Albert Hemmelgarn of Cranberry Prairie. His wife, Mary Ann, is the daughter of Art and Marie Wenning of Coldwater.

Nick and Mary Ann were married in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater on September 4, 1971, and have lived in town since November, 1974. They have two children. Barb, age 15, is a freshman in Coldwater High School. Brad, age 12, is in the sixth grade at Coldwater North Elementary.

Nick works as a welder at Crown Controls in New Bremen. Mary Ann works as a sales clerk for the Ben Franklin Store.



Rick and Donna Hemmelgarn

Rick and Donna Hemmelgarn reside at 314 South Second Street, Coldwater. They were married on November 12, 1983, have one daughter, Amy, and are

expecting their second child. Rick is the son of Floyd and Lois Hemmelgarn and the grandson of Ed and Josephine Hemmelgarn, Philothea. He has two brothers, Marty, deceased, and Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn, C.P.P.S. Donna is the daughter of Joe and Wilma Barhorst, Philothea, and the grand daughter of Florentine Fiely, Coldwater. She has three sisters and one brother. Rick is employed at Hemmelgarn and Sons and Donna is working part time at J. C. Penney.



Timothy and Cindy Hemmelgarn

Tim and Cindy Hemmelgarn reside at 3238 State Route 219, Coldwater. They were married on September 15, 1984, at St. Anthony Catholic Church. They have two children; Michael was born on August 18, 1985, and Rachel was born on December 7, 1987.

Tim is the son of Andrew and Velma Berning Hemmelgarn. He was born on April 16, 1957, and is a 1975 graduate of St. Henry High School. He is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen.

Cindy is the daughter of Richard and Rose Ann Schoenheer Post. She was born on December 30, 1959, and is a 1978 graduate of Coldwater High School. She is a 1981 graduate of Parkview-Methodist School of Nursing in Ft. Wayne and is a registered nurse at Community Hospital.

Edward and Clara Hess

Edward and Clara Hess live at 220 South First Street. Edward is the son of the late Edward H. and Bertha Dugan Hess. Edward H. Hess ran the Fox & Hess Milling Company on Main Street in Coldwater. Clara is the daughter of the late Frank and Philomena Kessens Homan. Frank was engaged in farming.

Edward and Clara have three children. Janet has a degree in education and resides in Dayton. Dr. Joan has a degree in psychology and she resides with her husband, Ted Homeier, in Missoula, Montana. Anita has a degree in natural resources and she resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Edward A. Hess works for the Sewell Promotional Advertising Company as a salesman. He is a



member of the fourth degree, Knights of Columbus. Clara is a housewife. She is a member of the hospital auxiliary and of the St. Cecelia Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John.

Jerome and Eleanora Hess

Jerome and Eleanora Hess live at 312 South First Street, Coldwater. Jerome is the son of Henry and Margaret (Hoelscher) Hess. Eleanora is the daughter of William and Amelia (Luthman) Frilling. Jerome and Eleanora were married at Ft. Loramie, Ohio, in 1946. They have five children. Betty Jane married Carson Cheek in 1969. They have four children: Christina, Charles, Brian, and Marcia. They live in Carthagena, Ohio. Linda married Thomas Knapke in 1969. They have two children, Jennifer and Jessica. They live in Union, Ohio. Virginia married Robert Niekamp in 1972. They have three children: Stacy, Travis, and Emily. They live in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Donna married Daniel Eyink in 1974. They have three children: Jason M., Michelle and Kevin. They live in Coldwater, Ohio. Daniel married Debra Schoenlein in 1978. They have four children: Dana, Corey, Rodney and Lindsay.

Jerome is retired from New Idea and Eleanora works at Community Hospital in Coldwater.

Lavern and Margery Heuing

Lavern and Margery Heuing live at 4746 Kuhn Road, Celina; they were married on June 26, 1965, at Saint Peter Catholic Church. Lavern is the son of William (1902-1977) and Anna (Feldhake) Heuing (1902—), Saint Wendelin, Ohio. Margery is the daughter of Charles (1909—) and Margaret (Wermert) Jutte (1913—), Saint Peter.

Lavern Heuing was born on October 21, 1942, in Mercer County. He attended Wendelin Grade School and was graduated in 1960 from Saint Henry High School. He was in the National Guard, 1961-1964. Since 1966 he has worked at New Idea, in millwright and maintenance. He also farms and sells Agripro Seeds.



Margery Heuing was born on January 15, 1943, in Mercer County. She attended Saint Peter Grade School. She was graduated in 1961 from Fort Recovery High School. She is a housewife and cooks for weddings and banquets, in addition to mowing the lawn at Community Hospital, Coldwater.

Lavern and Margery have three children: Diane, Marilyn and Roger.

Diane Heuing was born on September 9, 1966, in Mercer County. She served in the junior high band for four years and the junior high track for two years. She served in the high school band for four years and track for three. She was a member of the Happy Hearts 4-H Club for ten years. She graduated in 1985 from Coldwater High School and from the Ohio State School of Cosmetology, Columbus, Ohio, in 1986. She was a graduate in 1987 from T.H.E. Barber School, Columbus. At present, she is a 4-H advisor and works at Judy's House of Hair Design in Celina and King's Room in Coldwater. She attends Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Marilyn Heuing was born on March 3, 1969, in Mercer County. In junior high she was a member of the choir for two years and in high school, for four years; she was graduated from Coldwater High School in 1987. She was a member of the Happy Hearts 4-H Club for eleven years. At present, she is a 4-H advisor for Mini 4-H. She is a student at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio; she attends Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Roger Heuing was born on June 23, 1973, in Mercer County. He was in the junior high band for four years and track for two years. He was a member of the Philothea Hustlers 4-H Club for five years. He played junior high football for one year. He also attends and serves Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Daniel and Annette Heyne

Daniel was born in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, on February 13, 1953. His parents were Lester and Rita (Braun) Heyne. Lester was born on August 10, 1928, in Cranberry Prairie, Mercer County, Ohio, and Rita was born on February 7, 1932, in St. Peter, Mercer County, Ohio.

Annette was born in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, on August 17, 1954. Her parents were Werner

and Dolores (Barhorst) Bruggeman. Werner was born on December 13, 1925, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, and Dolores was born on March 4, 1930, in Tipp City, Miami County, Ohio.



Daniel and Annette were married in 1979 in Maria Stein, Ohio. They have three sons: Isaac, born on September 15, 1979, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio; Jordan, born on October 15, 1983, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio; and, Gabriel, born on July 15, 1985, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio. They reside at 3397 Slavik Road, Coldwater, Ohio.

Daniel is a painter/sandblaster for Heyne Painting and Sandblasting in Celina, Ohio. Annette is employed by Mersman Waldron in Celina.

Jerry and Carol Heyne

Jerry and Carol Heyne, along with their daughters, Kristine (December 14, 1978) and Natalie (July 7, 1980), reside at 305 East Plum Street. Lifelong residents of Coldwater, Jerry and Carol were married on November 16, 1974.

The son of Louis and Norma (Arling) Heyne, Jerry is employed by Coldwater Home Supply as a sales counselor. He has worked in the field of sales for nearly 18 years and is also a graduate of Brown Institute, Minneapolis, MN (radio broadcasting).

A sports enthusiast, Jerry is also active in community projects. He serves as co-chairman of the Sesqui-Centennial Committee. He is a past president of the Community Picnic Association, Inc., and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1991.

Carol is employed by the Mercer County Veterans Service Office and Soldiers Relief Commission as executive secretary. The daughter of Wilbert and Marcella (Reier) Westgerdes, she is a graduate of Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio (business administration).

Interested in local politics, Carol serves as a central committee precinct representative. She is also affiliated with local and state women's clubs.

Kristine and Natalie enjoy going to local sports events. They are active year-round in gymnastics and enjoy all summer sports, especially swimming. As members of the Mercer County 4-H Program, they are involved in various projects, particularly during the county fair.



Lester and Rita Heyne

Lester A. Heyne was born on August 10, 1928, in Cranberry Prairie, Mercer County, Ohio. His parents were Frank and Alvina (Reier) Heyne. Frank was born on February 24, 1903, in St. Sebastian, Mercer County, Ohio. He died on November 11, 1980. Alvina was born on March 19, 1907, in Cranberry Prairie, Mercer County, Ohio.

Rita was born on February 7, 1932, in St. Peter, Mercer County, Ohio. Her parents were Stephen and Rosella (Minnich). Stephen was born on June 14, 1898, in St. Peter, Mercer County, Ohio. He died on December 8, 1977. Rosella was born on November 28, 1904, in Trinity, Jay County, Indiana. She died on July 6, 1977.

Lester and Rita were married on October 26, 1949, in St. Peter, Mercer County, Ohio. Lester is a salesman for Midwestern United Life Insurance Co., Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Rita is employed at West Elementary School, Coldwater, Ohio. They live at 3348 Slavik Road, Coldwater, Ohio.

Lester and Rita have five children:

Janis, born on March 26, 1951, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, married Dave Ebbing; they live in Coldwater and have three daughters: Jodi, born in July, 1972; Angie, born in February, 1974; and, Nicole, born in October, 1979. Janis is a telecommunications administrator for Midwest Data, Celina, Ohio.

Dan, born on February 13, 1953, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, married Annette Bruggeman; they live in Coldwater and have three sons: Isaac, born in September, 1979; Jordan, born in September, 1983; and, Gabriel, born in July, 1985. Dan is a painter/sandblaster for Heyne Painting in Celina, Ohio.

Don, born on October 23, 1954, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, married Susan Cole; they live in Centerville, Ohio, and have two daughters, Melissa, born in November, 1980, and Erin, born in February, 1983. Don is Director, Management Information Systems — Computer Systems Division for Reynolds & Reynolds.

Dean, born on November 11, 1958, in Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, married Mindy Weir; they live in Indianapolis, Indiana, and have two children, Joshua, born in January, 1985, and Kendall, born in

November, 1987. Dean is Area Service Manager for Reynolds & Reynolds, Indianapolis, IN.

Phil, born on October 5, 1959, in Celina, Mercer County, Ohio, lives in Savannah, Georgia, and is a programming manager for Great Southern Federal in Savannah, Georgia.

Donald and Faye Hierholzer

Donald James Hierholzer was born on August 4, 1921, in Coldwater to Anthony H. and Leona (Meyer) Hierholzer (both deceased). One brother, Anthony M., passed away on March 6, 1982.

Donald married Faye B. Arnett, the daughter of Warren S. and Maude (Winter) Arnett (both deceased). They were married on August 29, 1946. Faye passed away on May 26, 1981.

They had two daughters. Karen married Alfred Dircksen on September 6, 1969. They have four children: Kimberley, 17; Dale, 15; Kelley, 13; and, Katie, 9. They live near Union City, Ohio.

Cheryl married Leon Bergman on November 4, 1978. They have four children: Kurt, 8; Jennifer, 6; Darren, 4; and, Allen, 1. They live near Maria Stein, Ohio.

Donald worked at Pet Incorporated in Coldwater for 43 years until retirement.



Michael and Veronica Hilgeford

Michael Hilgeford, born on March 23, 1907, the son of August and Rose (Drees), married Veronica Rosenbeck, born on March 26, 1909, the daughter of William and Rose (Selhorst) on May 24, 1932.

Michael and Veronica had five children: Arnold, married to Martha Muhlenkamp; Alice, married to Richard Balster; Margie, married to Raymond Sudhoff; Joan, married to Raphael Garke; and, Janie, married to Charles Keller.

Before Michael's lengthy illness of Parkinson's disease, of which he died in 1957, he spent much of his time as a hired hand. He was one of the first drivers to haul milk for Pet Milk on his own truck.

Veronica now survives with her five children, 38 grandchildren, and 27 great grandchildren.

She is presently residing at 203 South Second Street, Coldwater.

Robert and Shirley Hogan

Robert H. Hogan, son of Mary T. (Schenking) and Edwin T. Hogan, and Shirley A. Zahn, daughter of Mabel M. (Klosterman) and Marcellus H. Zahn, were married on June 6, 1959, at Holy Trinity Church. They have resided at 215 North Cedar Street since that time. They are the parents of Sharon Hogan, 27; and Teresa Gast, 26, both of New Bremen; Patrick, 24, and Michael, 23, both of rural Coldwater; Sandra Myers, 22, and Brenda Neal, 20, both of Lima; and, Eric, 18, Karla, 16, Holly, 14, Vickie, 11, and Kelly, 9, all at home and students in Coldwater Schools. They have three grandchildren.

Robert was born in Dayton. He has two sisters and one brother. His family lived in Evansville, Indiana, during WWII after which the family moved to St. Anthony. Robert graduated from Coldwater High School in 1950. In 1954, they moved to Coldwater. His father worked at New Idea and was a police officer for the Village. Both parents are deceased.

Shirley was born in Celina. She has three brothers and two sisters, one deceased. Her father was born in Cranberry Prairie and her mother in Celina. The family resided in the Montezuma area until 1954 when the family moved to Coldwater. Shirley graduated from Coldwater High School in 1957. Her father worked at New Idea and then at Minster Machine, from where he retired in 1974.

Robert has been employed at New Idea thirty-seven years; Shirley is a homemaker. They founded Hogan Amusements and operate a concession trailer. Robert is a K. of C. member; Shirley, a CCD teacher, is active in Band Boosters and the Mercer County Twirlers.



Ted and Mary Hogan

Ted and Mary Hogan (Schenking) lived at 405 West Vine Street, Coldwater, Ohio. They were married on July 25, 1928, at Sacred Heart Church, Dayton, Ohio. They lived in Dayton, Ohio, until De-

ember, 1941, when they moved to Evansville, Indiana. In 1954 they moved back to Padua, Ohio, and then built their new home on Vine Street in Coldwater, Ohio, into which they moved in December, 1951. They had four children: Betty, who married Frederick Giere and lives in Coldwater. They had eleven children, seven boys and four girls. Patricia married Thomas Forsthoefel and they live in Coldwater. They had six boys. Robert married Shirley Zahn. They had eleven children, three boys and eight girls, and also live in Coldwater. James married Gayette Gamble; they live on Riley Road, Celina, Ohio, and have one daughter, Christin. Ted had been employed at Reynolds and New Idea and also worked part time as a patrolman for the Coldwater Police Department. Mary was a homemaker and worked for a short time in the Pet Test Kitchen.



Bernard Jay and Lois Ann Hogenkamp

On June 29, 1963, Bernard Jay Hogenkamp, son of Nicholas P. and Rosella (Vallo) Hogenkamp, was married to Lois Ann Thobe, daughter of Henry and Matilda (Heitkamp) Thobe. Jay being a funeral director, they made their first residence in the apartment above the Hogenkamp Funeral Home on Main Street in St. Henry.

In 1964 Jay and his brother, Nicholas A., decided to buy the Coldwater Funeral Home from G.P. Desch. Before this transaction took place on January 10, 1965, Jay and Lois gave birth to their first son, Brian James, born on November 28, 1964. On February 1 the family moved to Coldwater.

Jay, being number five in a family of three brothers and two sisters, and Lois, being number fourteen in a family of nine brothers and five sisters, decided to expand their own family. So they soon became the parents of another son, Scott Allen, born on March 24, 1968. On January 14, 1970, Chad Robert was born (10 weeks premature) weighing 2 lbs. and 15½ oz. but very healthy. In March of 1971, Lisa Marie was born three months prematurely and died a week after her birth. Lori Jane was born on April 17, 1972, and the sixth child, Lynn Marie, was born on May 1, 1974.

At this writing, the family is extremely busy. Brian graduated from Embalmer's College last September and is working his apprenticeship at Hale and Sarver Funeral Home in West Milton. Scott is a student at Adrian College, majoring in biology. Chad (senior), Lori (sophomore), and Lynn (eighth grade) are all at Coldwater School involved in band, volleyball, football, basketball, wrestling, and whatever else they can fit into. The family enjoys swimming, water skiing, softball, fishing, raquetball, tennis, golf, gardening, and playing bridge.



David and Alice Homan

Dave and Alice Homan were married in St. Aloysius Catholic Church on October 6, 1979. They resided at 130 Woodview Drive in Coldwater for five years. In June, 1984, they moved into their present home at 712 West Butler Street in Coldwater.

Dave, born on July 20, 1954, is the son of Thomas and Helen (Dues) Homan of Coldwater. Alice, born on December 11, 1955, is the daughter of Herman and Merilda (Bergman) Hoying of St. Henry.

Dave is a realtor with Homan Real Estate and is a member of the Coldwater Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Community Picnic. Alice is a homemaker and also a member of the Phi Beta Psi Sorority in Coldwater. They both enjoy tennis, boating and skiing.

Dave and Alice had three children: Ryan, born on July 8, 1981; Jeffrey, born on December 14, 1984, and died on December 22, 1984; and, Ross, born on March 5, 1987.

As a family, they enjoy living by the park where there are lots of activities.

Edwin and Luella Homan

Edwin Homan and Luella Heuing were married at St. Wendelin's Church on November 24, 1951.

Edwin is the son of Theodore and Matilda (Braun) Homan, both deceased. He was born on May 3, 1926, in the house where he now lives at 3242 Philothea Road. Edwin is employed by White-New Idea, Coldwater, and farms the farm which he purchased from his parents in 1953.



Luella, the daughter of William (deceased) and Anna (Feldhake) Heuing, was born in Wendelin, Ohio, on July 30, 1931.

They have two children. Ronald C., born on February 4, 1953, is a die designer. Judith M., born on February 10, 1969, is a student in the Coldwater Exempted Village Schools.

Ronald married Susan Oen at St. Augustine's Church, Minister, on September 24, 1977. Susan is the daughter of Daniel and Cleora Bensman (deceased) Oen.

Ronald and Susan and their family reside at 3266 Philothea Road. This property was purchased from Ronald's grandmother, Matilda Homan, in 1979. Their three children are: Christopher, born on January 5, 1979; Rebecca Ann, born on November 10, 1980; and, Joseph Andrew, born on July 25, 1986.



Eugene and Norma Jean Homan

Eugene Victor Homan, son of Raymond and Leanne (Thein) Homan, married Norma Jean Thomas, daughter of Florence (Backs) Thomas and Russell Thomas on October 19, 1957, in Celina. They are the parents of five daughters.

Deborah is a licensed practical nurse and is married to Don Glaser, a Prudential office manager. They live in St. Marys and have one daughter, Erin.

Diane, an executive secretary, is married to Kevin Bornhorst, an airplane mechanic. They live in

Kalamazoo, Michigan. They have two sons, Andrew and Kyle.

Jeanine is married to Jim Steinbrunner. She is a new accounts administrator and he is an analytical chemist. They live in Midland, Michigan.

Laura is a resident-services co-ordinator at the Celina Manor nursing home and is married to Duane Bruns who works at Crown Controls. They live in Coldwater.

Karen is a waitress and is engaged to Carl Bergman of Osgood. He is a truck driver.

Gene and Norma Jean have lived at 215 South Sixth Street since February, 1963. He works at New Idea and she babysits at home. They enjoy crafts, woodworking and bowling.



James and Thelma Homan

In 1963 James "Jim" and Thelma Homan moved from Celina, Ohio, to their 80-acre farm at 5160 Burville Road, west of Coldwater. Jim, born on September 25, 1931, to August and Catherine (Braun) Homan of Jay County, Indiana, was a staff sergeant in the Air Force after which he married Thelma Buschur, born on February 9, 1934, to Urban and Rosena (Dippold) Buschur of Celina. Jim is Vice President of the First National Insurance Agency and Division Manager of Brokerage Insurance at Celina Financial in Celina and is an avid gardener on the side. In addition to being a homemaker, Thelma, a certified Catechist, has taught at St. Anthony and St. Peter parishes for 22 years. She is her parish's *Catholic Telegraph* representative, was Vice President of the Cincinnati Archdiocese Northern Area Education Commission for two years, and works as a bookkeeper-secretary for McAfee's Communications, Celina. Jim and Thelma have five children: Randall, Loraine, Patricia, Pamela, and Brian. Randy is a press operator at Reynolds Co., Celina, and is married to Kathy Gruss of Coldwater. They have two sons, Brent (4) and Kurt (2), and live at 508 East Plum Street. Lorie received her bachelor's and master's degrees and is employed as a school psychologist for Dayton area schools. Pat is married to Eric Grieshop, and they have two children, Brandon (3) and Heather (1½). Pat is a homemaker and Eric is employed in the family business, J&M in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Pam married Tim Wellman, an electrical engineer at Crown Controls Corp., New Bremen, Ohio, and they have three daughters: Kristina (6), Alicia (4), and Lindsay (2). They live at 806 South Parkview Drive. Brian, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati in electrical engineering technology, works at Pitney Bowes in Cincinnati and lives in Loveland, Ohio.

Photo-clockwise: Thelma and Jim seated; Pam Randy, Lorie, Pat and Brian.



Gary and Jane Homan

Gary Homan, the son of Cletus and Viola (Homan) Homan of Philothea, was born on May 5, 1955, in Coldwater.

Jane Kramer, the daughter of Arnold and Ruth (Kemper) Kramer of Coldwater, was born on April 6, 1956, in Coldwater.

Gary and Jane were married on November 12, 1977, in Coldwater. They are the parents of three children. Christopher was born on October 9, 1979; Kyle was born on August 9, 1983; and, Megan was born on December 1, 1985. They are expecting their fourth child in June, 1988.

Gary graduated from Coldwater High School in 1973. He attended St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, where he graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration — Data Processing. He is now the owner and operator of a dairy farm near Philothea. Gary is a member of the Men's Society of the St. Marys Parish in Philothea. He is also a member of the Coldwater Knights of Columbus and the Coldwater Eagles.

Jane graduated from Coldwater High School in 1974. She is now a housewife. Jane is a member of the Women's Society of the St. Marys Parish in Philothea. She also teaches religion and is a volunteer at school.

Jerome and Margaret Homan

Jerry Homan, born on July 21, 1933, is the son of George and Veronica (Severt) Homan.

Margaret Goecke, born on September 10, 1938, is the daughter of Leonard and Eleanor (Wendel) Goecke.

Jerry and Margaret were married on August 9, 1958; they reside at 4210 State Route 118. They are the parents of nine children.

Marilyn married Roger Fortkamp on October 31, 1981, and they live in Ft. Recovery. Roger is employed at Kahlig Farm Drainage. They have three daughters: Jennifer, Christy and Sharon.

Dan is employed at Lima Tank Plant as a welder and owns an 80-acre farm in Greenville.

Anita married Tom Muhlenkamp on May 18, 1985. She is a teacher at Greenville Junior High, and Tom is a salesman at Francis Furniture.



Lori married Frank Langenkamp on July 4, 1987. She is employed by the Shelby County ASCS Office and Frank is a hog farmer.

Joyce is employed at Matt Schwieterman Inc. as a secretary.

Jeanne is a senior at Coldwater High and will graduate in June.

Marie is a sophomore.

Greg is a seventh grader.

Tony is a fifth grader.

Jerry and Margaret operate a 100-acre dairy farm and milk 60 cows; they also rent 60 acres.

Margaret was past secretary of St. Ann's Altar Society and is in charge of rental of the Holy Trinity Church basement.

Jerry is past Grand Knight of the Coldwater Knights of Columbus and was recently elected to the Coldwater Exempted Village School Board.

Randy and Kathy Homan

Randy, Kathy and their two sons, Brent Matthew (4) and Kurt Randall (2), live at 508 East Plum Street. Randy, born on August 31, 1957, is the son of James and Thelma (Buschur) Homan of west of Coldwater. Kathy, born on September 15, 1960, is the daughter of Vincent and Mary Ann (Eyink) Gruss who, with their sons, Mike and Mark, own and operate Rish Plumbing and Heating at 115 East Main Street. After graduating from Celina Senior High in 1975, Randy worked at Pax Steel Products, Inc. For the past twelve years, he has been employed at Reynolds Co. in Celina and is a dual press operator



on the second shift. His hobbies include cars, gardening, landscaping, and remodeling their home. Before their marriage, Kathy worked in the Printing Department of Celina Financial Corporation. She is now a full time homemaker and teaches third grade catechism at Holy Trinity Parish besides babysitting and sewing most of the family's clothes.



Tom and Helen Homan

Tom Homan, Sr., son of the late Theodore and Matilda (Braun) Homan of Philothea, and Helen Dues, daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Kaup) Dues of Coldwater, formerly of St. Wendelin, were married on February 3, 1951, in St. Wendelin. They have five children. Linda married Phil McClurg of Versailles. They have a daughter, Renée, and live in Coldwater. David married Alice Hoying of St. Henry. They have two sons, Ryan and Ross, and live in Coldwater. Shirley married Rex Fledderjohn of New Bremen. They have one son, Max, and live in Cincinnati. Janice married Paul Jahnke of Cincinnati. They have one daughter, Abigail, and live in Cincinnati. Tom, Jr., recently graduated from the University of Cincinnati.

Tom and Helen reside at 516 West Main Street in Coldwater. Tom and son, Dave, own Homan Real Estate at 120 West Main, Coldwater.

Victor and Esther Homan

Victor, the son of Theo and Matilda Braun Homan, and Esther Muhlenkamp, the daughter of

Albin and Rose Turckes Muhlenkamp of St. Anthony, were married on June 18, 1949.

They reside at 3411 Philothea Road, Coldwater. They are the parents of six children. James was born in 1950; Sharon, 1953; Steven, 1955; Debra, 1957; Mark, 1961; and, Greg, 1968. James married Linda Rupp in 1973 and lives in Kettering, Ohio, with their two children, Andrea and Aimee. Sharon married George Blyskun in 1976 and lives in Richboro, Pennsylvania, with their two children, Elaine and Alex. Steven married Maribeth Sowar in 1978 and lives in Lima, Ohio, with their four children, Steven, Sarah, Teddy and Brian. Debra is employed as a Certified Public Accountant and lives in Columbus, Ohio. Mark works on the family farm. Greg passed away in 1979. The children are graduates of Coldwater High School.

Victor is a farmer and served in the United States Navy during WW II. The family attends the St. Marys Catholic Church in Philothea.



Paul and Mary Honigford

Paul Honigford, son of Clem and Bertha (Weber) Honigford, was born on February 11, 1932, in Ottoville, Ohio, Putnam County. He married Mary Ruen, daughter of Aloysius and Loretta (Hilvers) Ruen on April 2, 1958. Mary was born on April 5, 1939. They lived 1½ miles southeast of Ottoville until moving to Swanton in 1963. After living there four years, they moved to 201 North Sixth Street in Coldwater, Ohio, in 1967. They were blessed with six sons who all graduated from Coldwater High School except for the youngest, David, who is in the ninth grade. Greg, born on July 6, 1959, graduated from ITT Tech in Dayton, Ohio, and now works at Coldwater Lumber. Kevin was born on December 1, 1960, and graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in accounting. He is now a CPA for Ernst and Whinney in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Tom, born on August 18, 1962, graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with a degree in education. Later he spent two years in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He is now teaching social studies at West Carrollton, Ohio. Jim, born on December 5, 1963, graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in animal science. He is now in his second year

in the Veterinary Medicine School at Ohio State. Jim was on Ohio State's basketball team for three years, 83-84-85. He married Celeste Kuhn of Harrison, Ohio, on August 7, 1986. Larry, born on November 3, 1965, is a senior at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, pursuing a degree in chemistry. David was born on May 15, 1972.

Paul served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1953 to 1955. He has worked in the grocery business since 1955: seven years for Food Marketing in Lima, Ohio; four years at Miller's Market in Swanton, Ohio; and, twenty-one years at Brodbeck's Market in Coldwater, Ohio. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Coldwater. Mary, a homemaker, has been a *Dayton Daily News* counselor for fifteen years and is a seamstress. She served on the schoolboard for eight years and was a religion teacher for CCD classes at Holy Trinity Parish for sixteen years. Paul has served on the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals for eleven years. Both have served on the Holy Trinity Church Council.

Photo: Larry, Dave, Tom, Paul, Mary, Jim, Kevin and Greg.



Nicholis and Connie Howe

Nicholis and Connie (Geise) Howe were married on April 12, 1969, at Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater. Nick is the son of Agnes (Katterheinrich) Howe and the late Harold Howe, life-time residents of New Knoxville, Ohio. He graduated in 1964 from New Knoxville High School. Connie is the daughter of Nothburga (Stelzer) Geise and the late Elmer Geise, Coldwater. Connie graduated in 1965 from Coldwater High School.

In 1971 the family moved to their present home at 330 East North Street. They are the proud parents of Joel and Jennifer. Joel hopes to graduate from Coldwater High School in 1989. He has been active in school sports. Joel has served as Spiritual Chairman for the Columbian Squires. Jennifer is active in school sports and the band. She also is a member of the girls' church choir and hopes to be a freshman at Coldwater High School. Brandy, the family dog, and Noodles, the pet turkey, have been companions to all.

Nick is an electrical maintenance man at Minster Machine, Minster. He is also owner and operator of Nick Howe's Sales & Service, Inc., a moped shop.

Connie is a secretary and bookkeeper at Holy Trinity Church. The family has been active members of Holy Trinity Church and also the New Knoxville United Methodist Church. Nick is past president of the Vintage Motor Bike Club and is presently on the board of directors. Connie is past secretary-treasurer of the Vintage Motor Bike Club and is also on the board of directors. She has also sung in the church choir for many years.



Dennis and Nancy Hoyng

The home of Dennis and Nancy Hoyng is at 410 North Second Street. The red brick house on the corner in Coldwater has been their home since their marriage on August 24, 1968.

On September 29, 1971, a daughter, Teresa Marie, was born and on November 21, 1976, Lori Elizabeth made her appearance in this world. Teresa and Lori are both very active members of the Coldwater Happy Hearts 4-H Club. Teresa is also very active in many school activities.

Dennis, son of George and Neoma Schmiesing Hoyng, was born on October 7, 1945, and graduated from St. Henry High School and Wright State University with a B.S. in Accounting. He is employed at White-New Idea. Nancy is the daughter of Ralph and Betty Reier Lange and was born on August 12, 1947. She is a graduate of Coldwater High School and is employed part time by Robert M. Hoyng D.D.S., Inc. and Karl Grossman, Jr., D.D.S. Nancy is also a seven-year advisor of the Coldwater Happy Hearts 4-H Club.

Dan and Cheryl Hoyng

Dan and Cheryl Westgerdes Hoyng live at 401 Terrace Avenue. They were married in November, 1982, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. They have two sons. Craig was born in Coldwater in October, 1985, and Todd was born in Coldwater in December, 1987.

Dan was born in Coldwater in December, 1959, to Tom and Betty Pfister Hoyng of Coldwater. He has four brothers and one sister. He graduated from



Coldwater High School in 1978 and has worked at Custom Body Shop, Coldwater, for ten years. He is currently serving as vice president of the Coldwater Jaycees.

Cheryl was born in Coldwater in February, 1961, to John and Virginia Tangeman Westgerdes of Coldwater. She has four brothers. She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1979 and from Northwestern Business College in 1981. She has worked at the New Idea Credit Union, Inc. in Coldwater for seven years.

Frank and Elenora Hoyng

Henry Hoyng married Catherine Keller Meyer in 1868. They were the parents of ten children: Henry, Frederick, John, Louis, Joseph, Frank, Roman, Herman, Edward, and Frances. One of the sons, Frank J., was born on August 5, 1882. He married Elenora Selhorst who was born on February 11, 1887. They were the parents of three sons: Paul, Sylvester and Arnold. The eldest son, Paul, was born on December 31, 1911. He married Carrie Boeke in Coldwater on November 26, 1936. They lived in Coldwater and had five children: Mary Ann, John, Carl, Mark and Rita. They also had twelve grandchildren, two of whom are deceased. Mary Ann married Eugene Reichert, John is not married, Carl married Vicki Giffos, Mark married Linda Mathes and Rita married Gary Heliena. Paul died on December 21, 1987.

Sylvester was born on December 31, 1913. He married Ella Mae Bernard in St. Henry on November 21, 1940. They lived in Coldwater. Sylvester died on April 28, 1956.

Arnold was born on December 25, 1916. He married Edna Wellman on July 6, 1946, in Trinity, Indiana. They had four children: Charles, Ann, George and Paula and four grandchildren. They made their home in Dayton until 1959 and then Edna and the children moved to Coldwater. Charles married Sharon Hartley, Ann married Thomas Davis, George married Kathleen Kekic, and Paula married Dr. Timothy Garner. Arnold died on July 10, 1959.

James and Betty Hoyng

James was born in 1934, the only child of LaMont and Agnes Losche Hoyng. He graduated from Cold-

water High School in 1952. He then went to St. Joseph College for one year. Then he served in the Army for two years. When he returned, he then went to work for Van Camp Hardware and Iron Company in Indianapolis as a salesman. In 1962 after the death of his uncle, Ernest Hoyng, and of his grandfather, Joseph Hoyng, he came back to Coldwater and has been working at the J.F. Hoyng Hardware Company since then.

Jim met his wife, Betty Marker, in 1961. She had been born in West Liberty, Ohio, in 1939, the oldest daughter of Orval and Margaret Couchman Marker. She graduated from Harrison-Adams High School in Rosewood, Ohio, in 1957. In 1958 she graduated from Springfield's Mercy Hospital as an L.P.N. She then moved to Coldwater and worked at Mercy Hospital for one year. From there she went to work for Drs. Harnick and Pennington.

Jim and Betty were married at Holy Trinity Church in May, 1963. They have five children: Patrick, born in 1964, who is presently working on his Master's Degree in Geo-Physics at the University of Toledo; Rebecca, born in 1967, who is living in Dayton and working at the Holiday Inn; Elizabeth, born in 1969, presently a senior at Coldwater High School; Monica, born in 1971, a junior at Coldwater High School; and, Douglas, born in 1974, a seventh grader at Coldwater Junior High School.

For the past sixteen and a half years we have enjoyed living in the country on Kuhn Road.



Joseph and Mary Hoyng

Joseph L. and Mary A. (Moeder) Hoyng live at 4695 Fleetfoot Road, Coldwater, Ohio. Joe is the son of Thomas J. and Elizabeth Jo (Pfister) Hoyng. He has four brothers, Mike, Dan, Mark and Dave, and a sister, Mrs. Jay (Mary) Moeder. Mary is the daughter of Joseph A. and Jane (Sommers) Moeder of Celina, Ohio. She has five brothers, Joe, John, Jerry, Jim and Jay, and three sisters, Mrs. Dave (Melinda)

Romer, Mrs. Richard (Victoria) Hoyng and Mrs. Dean (Ellen) Stelzer. Joe and Mary were married in Celina, Ohio, on May 6, 1978. They have three children. Erin Marie was born on November 1, 1979; Keith Joseph on January 20, 1984; and, Denise Jane on August 18, 1986.

Joe works in the maintenance department at Pax Machine Works of Celina, Ohio. He is also a volunteer fireman for the Village of Coldwater and belongs to the K. of C. and the Eagles. Mary is a homemaker and works part time at the People's Bank Co. in Coldwater.



Richard and Victoria Hoyng

Richard A. and Victoria A. (Moeder) Hoyng were married on July 19, 1980 in Celina, Ohio, and reside at 609 Fairview Drive in Coldwater. Rick is the son of Gerald and Romaine Hoyng of Celina. He has three brothers, Dennis, Gary and Mike, and three sisters, Mrs. Mike (Diane) Hyland, Mrs. Doug (Cheri) Gerlach, and Mrs. Jerald (Julie) Moeder.

Vicki is the daughter of Joseph and Jane Moeder of Celina. She has five brothers, Joseph, John, Jerald, James and Jay, and three sisters, Mrs. Dave (Melinda) Romer, Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Hoyng and Mrs. Dean (Ellen) Stelzer.

Rick is employed as a pressroom group leader at Pax Machine Works, Inc. Vicki holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Wright State University. She is currently a full-time housewife and mother to their three children: Erica Leigh (born on August 4, 1982); Jillian Marie (born on April 7, 1984); and, Alex Richard (born on April 18, 1986).

Robert and Nancie Hoyng

Robert, Nancie and daughter, Jenny, reside at 804 Sunset Drive. Robert, the son of Agnes and the late Lawrence Hoyng, was born and reared in Troy, Ohio. Nancie, the daughter of Ralph and Margaret Albrecht, was born and reared in Youngstown, Ohio.

After graduation from the University of Michigan in 1969 with a B.S. in Zoology, Robert entered Dental School at The Ohio State University. Nancie graduated from Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, in 1969 with a B.A. in Elementary Education. She took a job with the Columbus Public Schools as a third grade teacher after graduation. In 1970 Robert and Nancie met while living in Columbus. They were married on March 20, 1971, in Youngstown, Ohio.

Robert's uncle, Clarence Reigelsperger, encouraged him to investigate the Coldwater area when making a decision as to where to start a dental practice. Robert and Nancie visited Coldwater and discussed the possibility with both Dr. Karl Feldhake and Dr. Karl Grossman. Dr. Grossman offered available space. Dr. Robert M. Hoyng began his dental career in September 1973, at 702 West Sycamore Street. Nancie assisted her husband in his dental practice until their daughter, Jennifer Michelle, was born on July 9, 1976.



Robert is involved with ADA, ODA and the Northwest Ohio Dental Societies; the Coldwater Kiwanis Club; and, the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Coldwater Board of Education and the Coldwater Chamber of Commerce. He is a past Park Board member and a past Holy Trinity Parish Council member.

Nancie enjoys spending her spare time with Girl Scouts as a leader of Troop No. 630 and as Neighborhood Chairperson for the past two years. She also works part time for Dr. Robert Hoyng and Dr. Karl Grossman. She enjoys needlework and traveling. Robert and Nancie are the present presidents of Cuda Booster Club.

Jenny is a sixth grader in the North Elementary building. She enjoys playing with her cocker spaniel, Sandy. Jenny loves swimming and playing basketball. She is a member of Coldwater Cuda Swim and Dive Club; belongs to the YMCA basketball program; is active in Girl Scout Troop No. 630; and, plays trombone in the sixth grade band.

The Robert M. Hoyng family is very happy to be a part of the Coldwater community.



Thomas and Betty Jo Hoyng

Thomas Joseph Hoyng was born on June 10, 1932, to Ernest and Helen (Losche) Hoyng. On June 18, 1955, Tom married Betty Jo Pfister, daughter of Leo Pfister and Margaret (Obringer) Pfister. Tom began Custom Body Shop in 1962 and still owns and operates the shop today. Betty Jo is employed at the Mercer County Home where her mother, Margaret, was once employed. Tom and Betty have six children, five boys and one girl. The oldest, Joseph Lee, was born on June 24, 1956, and married Mary Moeder on May 6, 1978. Currently they have three children: Erin, age 8; Keith, age 4; and, Denise, age 1. Joe is employed by Pax Machine Co. and Mary is employed by The People's Bank Co., Coldwater. Michael Gerard was born on August 7, 1957. He received his Associate Degree in Architectural Engineering from ITT in 1979 and his B.S. in Construction Management from the University of Cincinnati in 1981. Mike resides in West Palm Beach, FL, where he is employed by the Gillbane Construction Management firm. Daniel Charles was born on December 10, 1959, and married Cheryl Westgerdes on November 5, 1982. Currently, they have two children, Craig, age 2, and Todd, age 1 month. Dan is employed at Custom Body Shop and Cheryl is employed at the New Idea Credit Union. Mark Allen was born on January 13, 1964. He is a senior in science education at Bowling Green State University. Mary Helen was born on April 22, 1965, and married Jay Moeder on October 18, 1986. Mary is employed at the Paper Station. Jay received his B.A. in Political Science from Wright State University in 1986 and his M.A. in Political Science from Bowling Green State University in 1987. Jay is employed at the Mercer County Home. The youngest, David Patrick, was born on June 26, 1968. He is a freshman at Wright State University.

Joseph and Agnes Huber

On October 20, 1955, Joseph and Agnes Huber bought the John Laux property at 318 East Plum Street, Coldwater, from Cleopha and Inez Laux. They moved into the house on March 1, 1956. At the time they had two small children, Kathy and Rick. Eleven years later their family numbered eight more children. Joe worked at Pet Milk and Agnes was a



homemaker. Joe passed away on January 1, 1984, at the age of 56. Agnes still lives at the Plum Street address.

Most of the children live in Mercer County. Kathy married Robert Portz and lives in Ft. Recovery and is a teacher. She also has three small children.

Rick lives in Waco, Texas, and works in a glass factory in Waco.

Jean lives in Piqua, Ohio, and is the widow of the late Don Sutter. She works at the Piqua Memorial Hospital in Piqua, Ohio.

Mary lives in Coldwater and works at Pet, Inc.

Nancy lives at home and is employed by Bonded Oil in Celina, Ohio.

Larry lives at home and is employed at Brodbeck's in Coldwater.

Randy is married to Diane Koesters and lives in Coldwater. He has a small son. He is employed at Ringle Plating in Celina, Ohio.

Lisa married Robert Birt, Jr., and lives in Celina, Ohio. She also has a small son. Lisa is employed at Community Hospital in Coldwater.

Teresa lives at home and attends the Cheryl Ann Workshop in Celina, Ohio.

Michelle is married to Daniel May and lives in Abbotsville, Ohio. She is employed at Royal Crest Veal in Greenville, Ohio.



Mary Jane Huber

Mary Jane Huber lives at 306 East Walnut Street. She is a graduate of Coldwater High School and em-

ployed at the Mercer County Department of Human Services in Celina. In 1938, Ralph J. and Dorothy Huber, parents of Mary Jane, built the house in which she lives.

Ralph was the son of William and Philomena Huber, and Dorothy was the daughter of Leo and Theresa Laloge. Ralph and Dorothy were married on April 3, 1937. Ralph was a self-employed carpenter. Ralph passed away on January 29, 1979, and Dorothy passed away on May 3, 1980.

Mary Jane has a sister, Rose Ann, and a brother, William A. Huber. Rose Ann and her husband, Lee Slouffman, live in Centerville, Ohio. They have three daughters: Lisa Ann (Mrs. Jeff Munsey) lives in Raleigh, North Carolina; Cheryl is a beautician in Centerville; and, Joyce is a freshman at Bowling Green State University. William is married to Eileen Steinlage, and they reside in St. Henry. They are the parents of five children: Kevin, Douglas, Denise, Sandy, and Kurt, all students of the St. Henry School system.

Linus and Barbara Huelskamp

Linus was born on May 2, 1924, in Coldwater, Ohio, the son of Henry and Rose (Schroeder) Huelskamp. Henry and Rose were married in 1910. They were the parents of eight children: Luella, Ivo, Ralph, Edna, Marciel and Richard (all deceased); Linus; and, Paul, who lives in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Linus graduated from Coldwater High School with the class of 1942 and served his country with the 97 Div. infantry for three years as a staff sergeant. He is a life member of the V.F.W. 5135 and also a past commander, and a member of the American Legion 469 and the Holy Name Society. Linus is now retired, having worked at New Idea for 40-plus years.

Linus married Barbara Fisher on October 28, 1948, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Celina, Ohio. Barbara is the daughter of Owen C. and Helen (Walter) Fisher. Barbara attended Celina ICHS schools. Her brothers are Clifford and Thomas, living in Celina, Ohio; her sister, Frances, lives in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Delores and Lucille are deceased.

Linus and Barbara were the parents of two children. Deborah was born on September 20, 1949, and a son, Timothy, who is deceased, was born on April 13, 1951.

Deborah married Dr. Frank Tangeman on July 5, 1969. They are living in Celina, Ohio, and have four daughters: Nicole, 15, born on March 13, 1973; Joe'l, 13, born on December 20, 1974; Meagan, 9, born on June 27, 1978; and Abby, 6, born on September 8, 1981.

Linus' great great grandparents arrived in this country from Germany in 1834 at Maria Stein, Ohio.

Harold and Audrey Huelsman

Harold J. Huelsman, born on December 21, 1926, in Celina to Anthony J. and Matilda (Rindler) Huelsman, moved to Coldwater in 1942. Harold



graduated from Coldwater High School in 1945; he entered the service in July, 1945, and served in Germany until December, 1946. Harold started at New Idea Farm Equipment Co. in January, 1947, and is still working there after 40 years.

Harold married Audrey Schulze on August 22, 1953. Audrey is the daughter of H. Harvey and Mary (Mangen) Schulze. They are the parents of six children. Audrey has been employed at The People's Bank Drive-In for the past 15 years.

Donald (b. 1954) graduated from Coldwater High School in 1972 and from Bowling Green State University in 1976; he earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut in 1981. Don is married to Joanne Sullivan. They have a son, Kevin (b. 1985) and are expecting their second child in April, 1988. They reside in Hartford, Connecticut, where both are employed at Travelers Insurance.

Nancy (b. 1956) graduated from Coldwater High School in 1974 and attended Wright State University. She married Richard L. Schroyer in May, 1980. Dick is employed at Westinghouse, Lima. They have two daughters, Laura (b. 1983) and Julie (b. 1985).

Mary Beth Huelsman (b. 1958) died in 1958.

Thomas (b. 1959) graduated from Coldwater High School in 1978 and from Bowling Green State University in 1982. He is engaged to marry Debbie Lawler on April 30, 1988. Tom is employed at Reynolds and Reynolds, Dayton, Ohio.

Janel (b. 1961) graduated from Coldwater High School in 1979 and from Bowling Green State University in 1983. She is currently attending The Ohio State University, working toward a Master's Degree in Business Administration. She resides in Columbus, Ohio, and is employed at Bank One.

John (b. 1964) graduated from Coldwater High School in 1983 and from Bowling Green State University in 1987. He is employed at Mead Data Central, Miamisburg, Ohio. John will be married to Michelle Spoltman in November, 1988.

Harold and Audrey have lived in Coldwater all their married lives and on Park Street for the last 29 years.

Marilyn Huelsman

Coldwater has always been my home except for a short time my husband, Hubert, and I lived in Biloxi, Mississippi. There, our first son, Steve, ar-

rived in the Air Force base hospital. Tony, Gay, and Dean were born in the Coldwater Hospital.

My dad, Spain James, was Chief of Police until he died in 1940. My mother was in the first class of graduating females from Bowling Green. Education and behavior were important issues in our home.

In 1934-35 the school system was divided. Catholics attended school behind Holy Trinity Church and about 50 Protestants occupied two rooms in the high school.

This is written to pay tribute to a remarkably good school teacher, Gerald Munn. His teaching encouraged many. Mr. Munn taught me in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. When I was in the seventh grade, there was a James kid in every row. Merlin Reese, fifth grader, became a high school superintendent. Bert Nile, sixth grader, is presently in major manufacturing for PPG in Pittsburgh. Judge Dean James, eighth grader, says Mr. Munn was one of his favorite teachers. A classmate of mine became a professor in Wisconsin.

As for me, he was the best teacher and deserves a gold star. He helped build the community with knowledge and integrity for generations to follow.

Robert and Anne Jackson

Robert (Bob) arrived in Coldwater after accepting a position with AVCO New Idea Farm Equipment Company in July, 1954. In November, after suitable housing was found, his wife, Anne (McCormack), and children, Carol Lynn, Barbara Ellen, Robert Martin and Mary Eileen, joined him. In November, 1956, Kevin Francis was born in Coldwater Hospital. All five of the children attended and graduated from Coldwater schools and Ohio colleges.

Carol now lives in Oakwood, Ohio, with her husband, Dan Ostendorf, and their children, Amy and Michael. Barbara lives in Berea, Ohio, with her husband, Bruce Roberts, and their children, Bryan, Matthew and Rachael. Robert (Bob M.) and his wife, Kathleen Sullivan Jackson, and their twin boys, Gregory and Mark, are presently living in Liberia, West Africa. Their stateside home is in Bethesda, Maryland. Mary lives in Mentor, Ohio, with her husband, Mike Amrine, and their children, Kevin, David and Patrick. Kevin F. lives in Chicago.

The roots of the family go back to Chicago, Illinois, and from there, on the paternal side, back to East Chicago, Indiana, and Ireland and also to Iowa, Pennsylvania and Holland. On the maternal side, besides Chicago, roots go back to New York and Ireland. The family's new roots are now firmly established in Coldwater and the family looks forward to being able to participate in Coldwater's sesquicentennial celebration.

Gregory and Debbie James

Greg and Debbie James live in Coldwater at 213 Woodview Drive. They have one son, Matthew, born in October, 1987.



Greg is a graduate of Bowling Green State University, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger M. James, Jr., of Versailles. Greg works at Buckeye Apparel, Inc. He is a member of the Lions' Club.

Debbie is a graduate of Louisiana State University, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeVerle Brannon of Fort Worth, Texas. Debbie is a member of the Versailles Garden Club.

Mac and Alice James

Mac James, son of Spain and Alice Bell James, was born on January 18, 1921, in Akron, Ohio. On August 16, 1947, he was married to Alice Riesen, who was born on June 8, 1924, in Celina, Ohio. Children of this marriage are:

Timothy James, born on July 4, 1948.

Jill James, born on February 18, 1950, and married to David Bruns on December 6, 1970. Their children are Molly Jo and Rob.

Judy James, born on May 26, 1953, and married to Randy Sudhoff on April 28, 1972. Their children are Ryan, Russell, Jayme, and Jenna.

Jane James, born on August 24, 1955, and married to Mike Dingledine on September 27, 1980. Their children are Jay and Jon.

Thomas James, born on April 21, 1963, and married to Cindy Hartings on August 24, 1985.

Julie James, born on March 5, 1968.

Mac James worked at Pet Milk over forty years and was very active as a high school basketball official. Mac passed away on April 9, 1981. Alice has been employed at Community Hospital for 23 years and is active in church and school activities and loves playing cards. Tim works at Harts in Celina and is active in the Eagles and the American Legion. Julie works at J.C. Penney in Celina and keeps busy sitting with nieces and nephews and doing crafts. Alice, Tim and Julie live together at 301 South Market Street in Coldwater, Ohio.

Thomas and Cindy James

Thomas V. James was born on April 21, 1963, the son of Mac and Alice James. Cynthia A. Hartings, the daughter of Linus and Carol Hartings, was born

on January 1, 1964. Tom and Cindy were married on August 24, 1985.

Tom is employed by H. A. Dorsten, Inc., and Cindy is employed at the Coldwater Community Hospital. They live at 607 Eden Avenue, Coldwater.

Jack and Betty Jamieson

Jack W. Jamieson, son of Harold and Gertrude Nagel Jamieson of St. Peter Road, Ft. Recovery, married Betty Lou Denney, daughter of Charley W. Denney and Genevieve Grier Denney on February 26, 1967. After four years with the United States Air Force in Germany and California, they came back to reside in Macedon, Betty's home town. In 1976 they built their present home at 1349 St. Rt. 219. They have one son, Bryon, born in Landstul, West Germany, in 1968. He is presently in college studying electronics at ITT, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Betty's grandfather, the late William Denney, had a barber shop in Macedon for over fifty years. Betty continues the tradition with her hair styling salon in two rooms of her father's home at 1335 St. Rt. 219. Her father, Charley, lives in the rest of the house; her mother passed away in 1970.



Dennis and Lucille Jansen

Dennis is the son of John and Margaret Schuh Jansen. Lucille is the daughter of Ben and Catherine Schoenline Dues. They have four children.

Jane is married to Jeff Smith of Belle Glade, Florida. They have three children and live in North Webster, Indiana. Ken is married to Bev Fourman of North Star. They have three children and live in Coldwater. Dave is married to Joyce Severt of Coldwater and they live in Celina. Diane is married to Steve Miller of Celina. They have three children and live in Mendon.

Joe and Alfrieda Jutte

Joe and Alfrieda Jutte reside at 518 West North Street, Coldwater, Ohio. Joe is the son of Bernard and Elizabeth Jutte. Joe was born and reared on a farm in Washington Township, five miles west of Coldwater.



Alfrieda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Hoyng of Coldwater. She married Joe on August 27, 1946. They have three children and ten grandchildren.

Virginia married James Chesser. They have five children: Kathy, Judy, Dixie, Gregg, and Ben; they live on a farm on St. Anthony Road and they have a large dairy operation.

Gloria married William Rogers; they have four children: Angie, Dawn, Chad and Crystal. They live west of Coldwater on 219 and are involved in the field of insurance.

Nicholas married Debbie Smith; they have one child, Jennifer, and make their home at Coldwater Beach near Montezuma.

In the spring of 1950, Joe and Alfrieda left the old home place, located on Siegrist-Jutte Road, and opened a new supermarket in a new building located at 404 West North Street in Coldwater. It is still operating as Jutte's Foodliner.

All of the Jutte children have worked in the store. Virginia and Gloria worked at the check-out and Nick all over the store.

Joe and Alfrieda retired in 1982 and Nick and Debbie are now the managers of the store. Although retired, Joe is still involved with the store and enjoys meeting and talking with the customers. Alfrieda still makes the dressing for the store during Thanksgiving.

Nick enjoys fishing and hunting while Joe enjoys gardening. Debbie likes reading and doing jigsaw puzzles and Alfrieda likes to sew and fish.

Charles and Bernadine Kahlig

Bernadine was born in Wendelin, Ohio, in 1901, the daughter of Ben and Catherine Boeke Post. She was married to Charles Kahlig, the son of Joseph and Mary Loshe Kahlig, in January, 1922. They moved to the family farm just west of Coldwater. Besides farming, Charles carried on the ditching business begun by his father. This was known as "tiling" and later as "farm drainage" and is still done by some members of the family.

They became the parents of nine children: Ray, Ralph, George and Ed, Coldwater; Greg, Ft. Recovery; Mrs. Howard (Irene) Huwer, formerly of Cold-

water and now of Lumby, B. C., Canada; Mrs. Leroy (Catherine) Bruggeman and Mrs. Bernard (Mary) Siefring, Coldwater; and, Mrs. Mark (Margaret) Klosterman, Chickasaw.

Charles had a sister, Rosa, who married Leo Wenning. They were the parents of Ray (Ray's Refrigeration), Coldwater; Cletus (Pete), Philothea; Mrs. Albert (Dorothy) Knapke and Mrs. Wilfred (Lillian) Fullenkamp, Coldwater; Mrs. Ed (Irene) Bender, St. Henry; and, Mrs. Alvira Bruns, Greenville.

Both branches of the family became very prolific!

Bernadine and Charles moved to 413 West North Street in Coldwater in 1960. Charles died of a heart attack in January, 1961, and Bernadine did domestic work in the area for several years. After a lengthy illness, she is well and spends her days reading, sewing and tending her house and flowers.



David and Marceil Kahlig

David W. and Marceil A. Ruchty Kahlig live at 206 South Seventh Street in Coldwater.

Dave was born on April 23, 1962, and has lived in Sharpsburg, Ohio, most of his life. He graduated from Ft. Recovery High School in 1980 and attended Wright State Branch Campus, majoring in automotive technology. He now works as an automotive technician at Hasting Auto Sales in Ft. Recovery. His parents are Don and Dolores Meiring Kahlig. They reside in Sharpsburg.

Marceil was born on January 19, 1961, and has lived in Coldwater most of her life. She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1979 and attended Wright State Branch Campus part time while working at New Idea. She graduated from Wright State Branch Campus in 1985 with an Associate Degree in Business Management. She currently works as a secretary at Crown Controls, New Bremen, Ohio. Her parents are Jerry and Thelma Kremer Ruchty. They reside at 807 West Vine Street in Coldwater.

Dave and Marceil were united in marriage on October 9, 1987.

Ralph and Dorothy Kahlig

Ralph Kahlig was born on August 7, 1925, to Charles (deceased) and Bernadine Post Kahlig in

Coldwater. He married Dorothy Schwartz on June 18, 1949, in New Bremen. She was born on November 1, 1926, to Adam and Josephine Schulze Schwartz (deceased), who resided in New Bremen.

Ralph and Dorothy have a family of twelve children, eight boys and four girls. They are engaged in farming.

The eldest son is Ken, who resides in Celina with his wife, Betty (Dues), and their five children, Brian, Jason, Adam, Beth and Emily.

The oldest daughter, Linda, resides in Celina with her husband, Kevin Darr, and their four children, Keith, Tygus, Rhiana and Kahlen.

The next in line is Jane, who resides in Coldwater with her husband, William Byer, and their two children, Jacob and Jill.

The second oldest son is Steve, who resides in Celina.

Born next was Virgil, who lives in Portland, Indiana, with his wife, Cathy (Homan), and their two children, Joshua and Sara.

Frank resides in Portland, also, with his wife, Kathy (Homan).

Diane resides in Middletown, Ohio, with her husband, Charles Otten.

Carol lives in Chickasaw with her husband, Ken Schmitmeyer, and their son, Kyle.

Still residing at home are four sons: Dale, Dan, Lenny and Eric.

Ralph and Dorothy have always resided on the same farm at 3336 Menchhofer Road, Coldwater.



Herb and Rosemary Kaiser

Herb and Rosemary Grieshop Kaiser live at 106 West South Street in Coldwater. Herb is the son of the late Henry and Emma Huber Kaiser of Sharpsburg, Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Rosemary is the daughter of the late Henry and Rose Schuh Grieshop of St. Peter, Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Herb and Rosemary are the parents of seven children: Linda, Randy, Jim, Girard (who died in infancy), Ron, Mike and Tony.

Herb and Rosemary were married at St. Peter Catholic Church on October 19, 1957. They moved to Burkettsville, Ohio, where Herb was employed as a milk hauler for his brother, the late B. J. Kaiser.

In the spring of 1962 Herb started to sell life, health, and, disability insurance for the Business Men's Assurance Company and has completed 25 years with them. The Kaisers had three children, Linda, Randy and Jim, when they moved to Sharpsburg on Watkins Road where they lived for five years. Ron and Mike were born in 1964 and 1965. May, 1968, brought another change to the Kaiser family. They decided to move to Coldwater to settle, as Linda was then in the third grade and Randy in the first. They lived at 704 Marion Drive for five years and had another son, Tony. In 1973 they moved to a larger home at 106 West South Street, where they still reside and plan to stay.

The children are all graduates of Coldwater High School, except Tony, who is now a sophomore. After graduation, Linda worked as a secretary at Community Hospital, but still kept thinking about her future. A year later she was enrolled at Lima Technical College, where she graduated with high honors as a draftsman. She worked for Coldwater Machine and Tool for a summer and then at New Idea for a few years as a draftsman. She was laid off at New Idea and a week later was hired by Minster Machine, where she worked for eight years. Linda was married on October 1, 1982, in Holy Trinity Church to Donald Kahlig of Ft. Recovery. Don is a mechanic for Hull Brothers. Linda was a member of the girls' church choir and was also a part-time organist for Holy Trinity Church. They are now the parents of two children, Sean and Mindy.

Randy married Sandy Schmackers of Philothea on November 8, 1985, in St. Marys Catholic Church in Philothea. Randy is employed at Pet Milk, and Sandy is a secretary at Superior Foods of Philothea.

Jim married Karen Schlater of Burkettsville on September 12, 1985, and they live at 6425 South Peters Road, Tipp City, Ohio. They are both accountants. Karen is employed by the Mead Company of Dayton, and Jim is employed by Cooper and Lybrant, also of Dayton. Jim graduated from Lima Technical College with high honors in accounting. He also graduated from Wright State University in Dayton and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Ron is employed by Precision Strip of Minster. He is engaged to Deb Post of St. Joe, Ft. Recovery, and will get married on June 25 of this year. Deb is a secretary for the Celina Insurance Group.

Mike is in his fourth year at the University of Cincinnati, studying pharmacy. He also works part time at the University Hospital.

Last but not least is Tony who is a sophomore at Coldwater High School and a member of the wrestling team.

Herb and Rosemary are members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church where Rosemary has been a choir member for over fifteen years. Herb is a part-time usher for the church. They are very proud of their community, as it is very clean and has one of the nicest parks for miles around. They are also proud of their children.



Al Jr., and Della Mae Kanney

Al, Jr., and Della Mae Kanney live at 411 East College Street. Al is the son of Alvina Kanney and the late Aloys Kanney, Sr. Della is the daughter of the late Julius and Matilda Brunswick. They have four children. Mary Jo married William Quinter and they have three daughters, Carie, Kendra and Melinda, and reside in Coldwater. Vickie Lee married Gary Lefeld and they have two daughters, Jackie and Ashley, and also reside in Coldwater. Pamela Jean married William Wentz and they have two children, Amanda and Andrew. They reside in New Bremen. Ronald lives at home but is engaged to Barbara Fleck with a September, 1988, wedding date. Ron works at Crown Controls in New Bremen. Al has worked at New Idea since 1948. He belongs to the Coldwater VFW and other clubs. Della is a seamstress. She belongs to the Coldwater VFW Auxiliary and other auxiliaries.



Al and Alvira Kanney

Al Kanney, son of Charles and Mary Braun Kanney of Reedtown, Ohio, and Alvira Braun Kanney, daughter of Jacob and Justina Fullenkamp Braun of Coldwater, Ohio, were united in marriage on June 21, 1927, in Coldwater, Ohio.

Al managed a Kroger Store in Coldwater from 1927 to 1951. He then went to work at the IGA Store from 1951 until his retirement. Alvina did restaurant work after completing eighteen years as a nurse's

aid at Mercy Hospital in Coldwater. Al passed away on March 30, 1985.

To the Kanney's six children were born. Mary Ann was born on April 25, 1928. Robert was born on August 11, 1929; he married Dorothy Drees on September 30, 1950. Al, Jr., was born on August 24, 1930; he married Della Brunswick on January 23, 1954. Vince was born on July 22, 1932; he married Marilyn Schoch on September 11, 1955. Margie was born on June 21, 1934, and died on June 17, 1936. Betty was born on May 9, 1936; she married Dick Weitzel on February 11, 1956. There are twenty-two grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren.



Vincent (Jerry) and Pat Kanney

Vincent (Jerry) Kanney and Pat Geise were married on July 12, 1980, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. They have lived in Coldwater since then. They reside at 708 Fairview Drive. Vincent (Jerry) is the son of Vincent and Marilyn Schoch Kanney of Coldwater. Pat is the daughter of Nothburga (Butch) Stelzer Geise of Coldwater and the late Elmer Geise. They have three children, Daniel, Julie and Lynn (triplets); they were born on November 16, 1984.

Jerry teaches at St. Henry Middle School, St. Henry. He teaches math and computer. He coaches varsity football and eighth grade basketball. Jerry enjoys running and fishing.

Pat is a homemaker. She enjoys cross-stitch, walking and going to craft shows.

Michael and Linda Kanney

Mike and Linda Kanney were married in St. Aloysius Catholic Church on July 14, 1979. They resided at 421 East North Street for five years. In March, 1985, they moved into their present home at 621 Plum Drive.

Mike, born on June 20, 1956, is the son of Vincent and Marilyn (Schoch) Kanney of Coldwater. Linda, born on March 14, 1957, is the daughter of Herman and Merilda (Bergman) Hoying of St. Henry. Mike graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1978 and



has since then been employed by the Celina City School System as an eighth grade history teacher and a football and basketball coach. Linda is a homemaker and substitute legal secretary.

Mike and Linda had four children: Laura, born on January 6, 1981; Douglas, born on August 30, 1982; and twins, Joseph and Gina, born on January 23, 1985. Gina passed away on November 28, 1985.

Henry and Mary Kaup

Henry Kaup married Mary Buschor in 1914. They resided at 701 West Main Street in Coldwater. Henry was employed as a lumber grader. They had five children: Monica (Mrs. Gregory Gross), Urban (deceased), Sylvester, Mary Rita (Mrs. Robert Borger), and Jerome.

After Mrs. Henry Kaup's early death, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Link, resided with the family. All of the Kaup children have happy memories of growing up in Coldwater.



Ron and Carol Keller

Ron, the son of Alvin and Mary Sanderell Keller, was born on March 17, 1942, in Dayton, Ohio. The Keller's having both been born and reared in Ft. Recovery, moved back to Mercer County in 1943. Ron is one of the five children, four boys and a girl.

His wife, Carol, was born on April 30, 1946, in Darke County, the daughter of Elmer and Drucella Subler Schlamb. She is one of the three children, two girls and a boy.

Ron and Carol were united in marriage at St. Bernard Catholic Church on January, 1964. One year later on their first anniversary, a baby daughter was welcomed into their lives. Cindy would be followed in the next ten years by three brothers and three sisters.

Cindy is a graduate of Coldwater School and International Business College. She is married to Michael Ebbing of Coldwater. Cindy is the Credit Manager at Casad Manufacturing in St. Marys and is also attending Wright State Branch Campus. Mike is employed by Crown Controls in New Bremen and is also attending Wright State Branch Campus.

Ron, born on December 13, 1966, graduated as salutatorian of Coldwater High School and is a junior at the University of Dayton, majoring in management information systems.

Don, born on July 11, 1968, is a sophomore at Bowling Green State University, majoring in business management.

Laura, born on September 25, 1969, is currently a freshman at St. Francis College in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, majoring in accounting.

Sharon, born on May 17, 1971, is a junior at Coldwater High School and is president of her class.

Brad, born on August 26, 1973, is an eighth grade student at Coldwater.

Marlene, born on April 10, 1975, is a seventh grade student at Coldwater.

The family resides at 648 Skeels Road, Celina, Ohio. They own and operate C & R Speciality Co., Laser Engraving.

Kenneth and Lucille Kessen

Kenneth and Lucille Kessen live at 504 West Elizabeth Street. Kenneth is the son of Peter and Alvina Kessen, both of whom are deceased. Lucille is the daughter of Ray and Hilda Heitkamp. Kenneth and Lucille have five children. Judy is married to Ron Roessner. They have three children: Miranda, Kelly and Jared. They reside in Coldwater. Jerry is married to Joan Poeppelman. They have a son, Keith, and a daughter, Kristina. They also reside in Coldwater. Cindy is married to Randy Bennett. They reside in Celina. Shirley lives in St. Marys. Michele lives at home. She is a senior at Coldwater High School. Kenneth works at New Idea. He is also a member of several organizations: Eagles, K. of C., and V.F.W. Lucille is a housewife. She is the member of the Eagles Auxiliary.

LeRoy and Phyllis Kessen

LeRoy and Phyllis (Long) Kessen live at 5079 State Route 219. LeRoy is the son of the late Peter and Alvina (Schinder) Kessen of Coldwater. Phyllis is the daughter of Alena (Borges) and the late Carl Long of Wapakoneta. LeRoy and Phyllis were mar-



ried on June 14, 1958. They have four children. Ted was born on July 30, 1959; he lives at home. Deb was born on April 26, 1961; she married Tim Beck on September 15, 1984. They have one child, Shannon. They live in Kettering. Pam was born on March 25, 1962; she married Dave Tumbusch on November 22, 1986. They live in Kettering. Dee was born on March 19, 1968; she lives at home. LeRoy co-owns Kessen's Auto Trim & Upholstering in Celina. He enjoys bowling and woodcrafting. LeRoy belongs to the K. of C., the V.F.W. and the Eagles. Phyllis is a housewife. She belongs to the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Dr. Wayne and Karen Kettler

Dr. Wayne R. and Karen (Niemeyer) Kettler moved to Coldwater in 1971. Both are from New Knoxville, Ohio, and 1965 graduates of New Knoxville High School. Wayne then entered The Ohio State University and graduated in 1971 from the College of Optometry. Karen attended the University of Cincinnati and graduated in 1969 from the College of Education.

Upon moving to Coldwater, Wayne entered the practice of optometry with Dr. Charles Dickman. Their office is located at 201 South Second Street. Karen was an elementary teacher in the Coldwater school system and also did substitution and tutoring in the schools.

Since coming to Coldwater, both Wayne and Karen have been involved in many school, community and United Methodist Church activities. Currently, Wayne is active in the Combined Charities and the Kiwanis. Karen is a 16-year member of the Phi Beta Psi sorority and is the Assistant Activities Director at Briarwood Manor in Coldwater.

Wayne and Karen have two children. Nicole was born in 1972 and is presently a sophomore. Cory was born in 1975 and is in the seventh grade. The Kettler family resides at 3291 Slavik Road.

Thomas and Marianne Kincaid

Thomas L. Kincaid, son of Lee and Betty Perini Kincaid, and Marianne S. Knapschaefer, daughter of Hugo and Martha Short Knapschaefer, were united in marriage on May 21, 1977, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater. Thomas was born on June 21,

1955, in Celina, Ohio, while Marianne was born on August 31, 1955, in Coldwater, Ohio.

Tom and Marianne presently have three children: Jennifer Ann, age eight, was born on April 5, 1979; William Thomas, age six, was born on July 8, 1981; and, Robert Thomas, age two, was born on June 7, 1985.

Tom is currently employed by Thees Machine and Tool in Celina, Ohio, as a tool and die maker. Marianne is a homemaker and works part time as a clerk at Knap's Carry-Out in Coldwater. The Kincaids reside at 403 North Elm Street in Coldwater.



Lawrence and Emma Kindel

Lawrence Topeka Kindel and Emma Katherine Grunden were married on December 31, 1889. To this union were born three children: Esther Ceceil, Walter Roy and Mary Lee. They spent the larger portion of their married life on the Kindel family homestead located two miles east, one mile north and ¼ mile east on the south side of the road. The road at that time was known as Yaney Road and has since been changed to Younger Road. The farm is now owned by a Langenkamp family.

Lawrence's father, Rev. Wm. A. Kindel, homesteaded this farm. He was an ordained minister in the United Brethren in Christ Church. The Kindel family children all grew up here. All moved away from the area except Lawrence who married and bought the homestead. Lib married Thomas Kerns and moved to an adjoining farm. Ben became a druggist in Coldwater, Ohio, and later sold the drug store to the Schindler family and opened another drug store in Celina. Wm. H. became an evangelistic minister in the United Brethren in Christ Church and traveled all over Ohio and Indiana. Roy also became a minister and later moved to Missouri. Otis lived in Toledo. Effie married a Barker and lived in the area. Jenny married a Monroe and lived in the area.

Lawrence's children attended the Burntwood Special School, a one-room school situated on Coldwater Creek Road on the Wade farm. Young Walter died at the early age of seven when the diphtheria epidemic went through the area. Esther and Mary went all eight years at Burntwood and then went on to high school in Coldwater, Ohio. They walked every day to Coldwater in every type of weather. The high

school was situated where the present United Methodist Church now stands. Mary never missed a day of school her entire four years of high school.

Lawrence and Emma farmed the homestead and grew a large apple orchard, reaping an abundant harvest of fine fruits for resale as well as for their own use. They sold fresh apples, homemade apple butter and cider every season.

They also ran a huckster route in Coldwater which they ran every Saturday in all kinds of weather. Having never owned an automobile, they ran this route with their horse and buggy. (Their picture is in one of the early movies of Coldwater as they are coming into town). They sold their produce to a regular line of customers. They also sold homemade breads of all types, butter, buttermilk, cottage cheese and jellies. Emma was noted for being one of the better cooks in the area. They continued this route until ill health forced them to quit and retire from the farm in 1939.

Their daughter, Esther, married Carl Snider and settled in Piqua, Ohio. They had one daughter, Gertrude Evangeline, who had four children: Kathy, Jim, David and Kevin. Mary married Francis Wade and stayed in the area on a farm. They had seven children: Pauline, Betty, Frances Lee, Robert, Susan, Ruth and Amy. Mary had eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Esther has five grandchildren.

Lawrence and Emma were retired from the farm with ill health and moved in with their daughters, spending half the year in the town and half in the country. Emma passed away in January, 1942, and Lawrence in September, 1957.

Rev. William and Annetta Kindel

William searched for gold on the California Gold Coast to have money for buying his homestead. He and five buddies walked to California. They each came back with two pouches of gold. They told that they had dug where stumps had been blown out and found their treasure by digging a little deeper. They returned by way of Cuba on a freighter. William lost one bag of gold on the return freighter by theft. This left him with just enough to buy his homestead located on what was then known as Yaney Road and now is called Younger Road, east and north of Coldwater. The original farm was 120 acres.

William A. Kindel was born on January 14, 1832, in Washington Township in Miami County, Ohio. Annetta Kindell, his wife, was born on June 22, 1836, in Washington Township in Miami County, Ohio. William and Annetta were married on March 26, 1853. William A. Kindel was a minister in the United Brethren in Christ Church all of his life.

To this union were born (in Mercer County):

Joseph A. Kindel, born October 3, 1854, died February, 1860.

Martha Lavina Ellen Jane Kindel, born August 8, 1857.

Charles Watsin Milton Kindel, born July 6, 1859, died October, 1861.

Joseph A. Kindel, born February 19, 1860, died in infancy.

Sara Elizabeth Gurtrude Kindel, born April 19, 1862.

Henry Hancin Thomas Kindel, born February 18, 1863.

Mary Effie Rosettea Kindel, born October 26, 1865, died in infancy.

Wm. Hamilton Chase Kindel, born February 3, 1868.

Lawrence Topeka and Alonzo Bayard Kindel, born June 12, 1870.

Cora Nellie and Dora Dellie Kindel, born August 12, 1872, died October, 1872.

The Kindel boys were quite talented. They formed the Kindel Boys Quartet and sang at many churches and public functions. Wm. H. played the violin and composed many religious songs as well as others. A favorite was "The Old Conch Shell," depicting his father's gold rush days. Ben played the guitar; Lawrence rattled the bones and played the harmonica. They also sang a lot of barber shop music. Roy and William followed their father into the ministry in the United Brethren Church in Christ.



Elmer and Mary Lou Klenke

Elmer Klenke was born on September 26, 1924, to Norbert Klenke and Victoria Thobe in St. Henry. When he was nine, the family moved to Jay County, Indiana, where he spent his growing-up years.

At the age of twenty, he entered the Army to serve his country. After this, he worked at Sheller-Globe.

On November 23, 1950, he married Mary Lou Sutter. Shortly after this, he began hauling milk for Pet, Inc. In February, 1963, he received the contract for removal of trash from the Village of Coldwater. He continued with this job until his retirement.

Mary Lou Sutter was born on June 18, 1930, to August Sutter and Elinor Laux. She spent her young years in the Fort Recovery area, graduating from high school in 1948. After that, she worked in the office at New Idea until she and Elmer started a family.

The family lived on Sycamore Street until September, 1959. Then they spent nine years on Slavik Road before moving to 4871 Wabash Road where they now reside.

Their daughter, Janet, was born on April 27, 1956. On August 13, 1977, she married Gary Brockman and they live at 4754 Wabash Road with their daughters, Kay (October 26, 1980) and Kim (March 18, 1984).

On April 13, 1959, Jim was born and he resides at home, taking over the farm and the trash service business.

Jack was born on November 23, 1962, and married Kathy Kunk on October 22, 1983. They live on East Plum Street and he works at Pet, Inc.

On August 15, 1967, Julie was born. She will graduate in May from Defiance College and plans to continue her education in Europe.



Thomas and Roxanne Klenke

Tom and Roxanne Klenke reside at 3526 St. Rt. 219. Thomas John, born in 1949, is the oldest child of Wilfred and Frances (Selhorst) Klenke of Coldwater Creek Road, Coldwater. Roxanne, born in 1951, is the oldest child of Floyd and Rosalie (Bryan) Brehm of St. Rt. 29, Celina (Wabash).

Tom and Roxanne were married at Holy Trinity Parish on February 9, 1973, and resided in St. Henry until their move to Coldwater in 1984.

They are the parents of two children, Jessica Marie, born on November 4, 1981, and Matthew Thomas, born on October 5, 1983.

Tom is a Vietnam veteran and is presently employed by CW Service in Coldwater. Roxanne is employed in the Art Department of Reynolds and Reynolds in Celina. They are both very active in many community groups and civic organizations.

Wilfred and Frances Klenke

Wilfred Klenke and Frances Selhorst were married on September 4, 1948. Their home was in Ft. Recovery for 5½ years. In 1954 they moved to the Selhorst three-generation home and dairy farm on Coldwater Creek Road.

Eleven children make up this family. One child is deceased and there are two foster daughters.

Thomas and Bill live in the Coldwater area; Dan and Karen Haehn, St. Marys; Peg, Ed, and Roger, St. Henry; Mary Kremer and Kari Prenger, Maria Stein; Charlene Raun, Deerfield Beach, Florida; and, Mark and Fred, at home. There are twenty-two grandchildren with three more coming in 1988.



Elmer and Karen Klepaski

Adding to the variety of the roster of Coldwater family names is the Elmer Klepaski family. Elmer is the son of Edward and Lena (Scholz) Klepaski. He was born on May 14, 1952, in Detroit, Michigan. His wife, Karen, is the daughter of Richard and Agnes (Hausfeld) Schulze of Maria Stein. She was born on August 11, 1952. The couple married on November 8, 1975.

Karen is a graduate of St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, and is currently employed part time in the office of D.J. Schwieterman, M.D., Inc. in Maria Stein. Elmer, who also attended St. Joseph's College, is a graduate of Wright State University and is employed as an assistant auditor for the Auditor of the State of Ohio. Since 1980 they have resided at 204 East Walnut Street which was the long-time resident of the Leonard Streaker family.

They are the parents of four children. Janet Teresa was born on July 31, 1978. Carolyn Marie was born on December 16, 1981. Their youngest daughter, Jill Renee, was born on April 20, 1984, and their son, David Joseph, was born on July 17, 1986.

Paul and Edna Klingshirn

Paul and Edna Klingshirn live at 707 Marian Drive. Paul is the son of Leo and Lena (Sandrell) Klingshirn of Burkettsville. Edna is the daughter of Anthony and Frances (Rammel) Timmerman of Ft. Recovery. Paul and Edna were married on October 12, 1957, and resided in Ft. Recovery before moving to Coldwater in 1959.

They have three children and one grandson, all of whom live in Coldwater. Gary married Lynn Speck on October 2, 1981. He is employed at Aeroquip in Van Wert. A daughter, Lois, married Rick Muhlenkamp on May 4, 1985. She works at Crown Controls in



New Bremen. Lois and Rick have a son, Ryan, age one year. Alan, the youngest son, is currently a senior at Coldwater High School and is interested in electronics. He lives at home.

Paul is a systems analyst at New Idea. He enjoys working in his workshop and outdoors. Edna is a housewife and enjoys crafts.



Gary and Lynn Klingshirn

Gary and Lynn Klingshirn reside at 820 Dogwood Drive. Gary is the son of Paul and Edna Klingshirn of Coldwater. Lynn is the daughter of Richard and Edie Speck of St. Henry. Gary and Lynn were married on October 2, 1981.

Gary has an associates degree from Wright State University. He is an engineer at Aeroquip Corporation in Van Wert. Lynn is a homemaker. They both enjoy camping and boating in their spare time.

Kraig and Beverly Klosterman

Kraig and Beverly Klosterman live at 405 West Elizabeth Street in Coldwater. Kraig is the son of Urban and Wilma Klosterman. Beverly is the daughter of Adolph and Frances Knapke. Kraig and Beverly were married on November 12, 1977. They have two children, a son, Kellen, age five, and Susan, age three. Kraig works at Mercer County Joint Township



Community Hospital in Coldwater and Beverly works at Metropolitan Environmental in Celina. Kraig enjoys hunting and fishing and belongs to the Coldwater Fire Department. Beverly enjoys bowling, ceramics and spending time with the children.



Luke and Rene Klosterman

The Luke Klosterman family resides at 907 West Butler Street in Coldwater. Their family consists of Luke and Rene and their children: Aaron, 10; Kelly, 8; and, Jay, 5. Luke has worked at Pax Machine Works for eight years and Rene works at New Image as a hairdresser, after having worked several places in town.

Aaron loves sports, especially baseball and football. He loves the Browns and the Buckeyes. He grew up playing with Aaron Wourms and Shane Smith. They dressed alike and had big wheels alike.

Kelly loves gymnastics. She has taken tap dancing for several years. She seems to have a natural love for music. Tonya Klenke and Kelly grew up together for six years, playing as backyard neighbors.

Jay is a big boy who just loves fun and sports. Jay has been with the other children of the neighborhood, learning all the tricks.

The Klosterman's lived at 404 East College Street for almost nine years. Luke was from Montezuma and his parents were Walter and Alvina Ranly Klosterman. He has four brothers and one sister, married and living in Coldwater: Earl, Tom, Bob, Gary and Judy Rentz. Two married brothers, Vic and Mark, live in Chickasaw. His sister, Connie Muhlenkamp, lives in Centerville and his sister, Maria, is a Franciscan nun living in Cincinnati.

Rene is the second youngest of a family of six boys and three girls. Twins of her family are deceased, as is her father. Her mother, Laurena Bergman Kremer, resides in Cassella. Rene went to beauty school in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and worked for several years for Tina's Swirl and Curl.

Luke and Rene were married in Cassella on July 27, 1973. They are very proud of Coldwater and hope to live here for a long time.



Thomas and Barbara Klosterman

Thomas L. Klosterman was born in Montezuma, the son of Walter and Alvina Klosterman. He graduated from Coldwater High School. On May 14, 1957, he joined the Navy. He met Barbara N. Day, daughter of Bennett and Juanita Day of Jacksonville while he was stationed at Cecil Field, Florida. They married on October 14, 1961, in Jacksonville. They have five sons: Jeffrey, born on November 9, 1962, in Lexington Park, Maryland; Mark, born on June 23, 1966, in Palo Alto, California; Robert, born on October 28, 1970, in Lexington Park, Maryland; Paul, born on November 1, 1972, in Lexington Park, Maryland; and, Richard, born on October 6, 1980, in Coldwater.

Tom was a jet mechanic while in the Navy. After serving twenty-two years, he retired as a Chief Petty Officer at Kingsville, Texas.

The family moved to Coldwater in August, 1979. Tom is a supervisor of the village water department.

Jeff graduated from The Ohio State University and joined the Navy. He married Rae Dillon on July 17, 1987, in Mansfield, Ohio. They presently reside in Monterey, California, where Jeff is studying at the Defense Language Institute. Mark graduated from Coldwater High School and works at Crown Controls

in New Bremen. He married Sharon Marchal of Montezuma on March 28, 1987. They live in Coldwater. Robert and Paul are high school students, active in football, wrestling and track. Richard is a first grader.

Tom is a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and first vice commander of the American Legion. Barb is a past Navy Wives and P.T.A. officer. She is a member of St. Ann's Sodality and the American Legion Auxiliary. The family resides at 203 East Walnut Street.



Adolph and Frances Knapke

Adolph John Knapke, born in 1916, was the child of Frank Joseph Knapke (1831-1965) and Philomena Pohlkamp (1885-1964).

Frank Joseph, more commonly known as Joe, and Philomena owned an 80-acre farm near St. Henry when Adolph was born. This farm was sold in 1926 when Adolph was ten years old and the family moved to St. Peter where they purchased 150 acres (Section 33, Washington Township).

Adolph attended St. Henry School. At the age of 16, he found employment in Rome City at Kneip's Sanitarium for three years. He became employed at New Idea in 1938 and worked there as a job setter until his retirement in 1979.

His love and knowledge of plants and trees has grown with the years due to his part-time employment with Foss' Nursery, west of Coldwater, and Benazer's Nursery of Coldwater of previous years. He has currently built up his own clientele to service in the area of lawn and shrubs.

In 1940, Adolph married Frances Jutte, born in 1920, the daughter of John C. Jutte (1853-1926) and Elizabeth Koesters (1885-1974) from near St. Peter. For the majority of their early married life, they lived near St. Peter and Macedon but would move frequently as they improved each of the houses they owned for resale. In 1947 they moved to Coldwater and now reside at 809 Parkview Drive South in a home they had constructed.

Adolph and Frances had nine children: Tom, born in 1941, married Ann Schenking of Coldwater, has two children, Gregg and Beth, and resides in Coldwater; Janice, born in 1944, married Jerry Gobrecht (d. 1974) of Dayton, has one child, Geri Ann,

and resides in Arizona; Mike, born in 1947, married Teri Meininger of Dayton, has twin girls, Michele and Kimberly and Chris, and resides in Englewood; Larry, born in 1952, married Carol Uhlenhake of Celina, has two children, Kyle and Tyson, and resides in Colorado; Leon, born in 1955, married Pam Hitt of Denver, has one child, Jamey, and resides in Colorado; Joyce, born in 1957, resides at home; Beverly, born in 1958, married Kraig Klosterman of Coldwater, has two children, Kellen and Susan, and resides in Coldwater; and, Nancy, born in 1961, married Mark Poeppelman of Versailles, has one child, Craig, and resides in Columbus.

By her unending stamin and organization, Frances had supplemented the family income through the years by part-time employment.

The joys and problems of raising a large family are many but Frances and Adolph have managed to raise a fun-loving and industrious family.



Adolph John and Francis May (Jutte) Knapke, the parents of nine children: Tom, Jan, Mike, Larry, Leon (Pete), Bev, Joyce and Nancy.

Jackie is the daughter of Robert L. and Laura Jane (Gilbert) Miller. Robert L. was born in Lima in 1913 and reared in Wapakoneta and her mother was born and reared in Lima in 1914. Gary's parents are both from Mercer County. Jackie was born in Lima on April 1, 1950, and she has one brother, Glen G., in Wapakoneta. Ted was born on December 3, 1953, in Coldwater and has always lived in Mercer County. He has been employed by the Huff Corporation in Celina since graduation in 1972. At present Jackie is a housewife. For some history buff's information, Jackie's great grandfather, J.B. Kirk, was a captain during the Civil War and for a short time was a prisoner in Andersonville. The family has a lot of his "things" he saved from the war.



Dennis and Carol Knapke

Dennis and Carol reside at 605 Briarwood Drive in Coldwater and were married on October 6, 1984. Carol is the daughter of Jeanette and the late William Zehringer and Dennis is the son of Louis and Wilma Knapke.

Carol, a graduate of Coldwater High School and Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, is presently employed as Personnel Supervisor for Cooper Farms of St. Henry, Ohio. Dennis, is a graduate of Fort Recovery High School, also is employed by Cooper Farms in the maintenance department.

Pictured left to right: Marv Homan, Judy (Crouch) Zehringer, Steve, Geri, Jeanette, Ron, Carol, Linda (Reitz) Zehringer and Denny Knapke.

Gary Lee "Ted" and Jacqueline Knapke

Gary Lee "Ted" Knapke and Jacqueline Ann (Miller) Knapke were married on May 8, 1981, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. They have two children, Darrin Kirk, born on March 29, 1982, and Jennifer Jane, born on December 9, 1983. Gary (nicknamed "Ted" since junior high) is the son of



Jerome and Janice Knapke

Jerome T. and Janice A. Knapke reside at 5450 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road, Coldwater, Ohio.

Jerome is the son of Roman and the late Clara (Penno) Knapke. He was born in July, 1948, at Gibbons Hospital in Celina.

Janice is the daughter of Russell and Mary (Hoersten) Bullinger of Cloverdale, Ohio, in Putnam

County. She was born in February, 1951, at Van Wert County Hospital.

Janice and Jerry were married in April, 1980, in Saint Barbara's Catholic Church in Cloverdale, Ohio. They are the parents of three boys who were born at Community Hospital. Roger John was born in May, 1981, and is a student at Coldwater Elementary School. Dale Matthew was born in October, 1984, and Anthony Jerome was born in August, 1987.

Jerry has lived at the present address all of his life. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. He is a grain farmer and raises hogs. In his leisure time, he enjoys going to auctions, fishing and riding bicycles. Janice lived in Putnam County until she married Jerry. She is a housewife and mother. In her leisure time, she enjoys sewing, needlecraft and bicycle riding. The Jerome Knapke family are members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Mark and Christine Knapke

Mark Allen Knapke was born on September 17, 1949, in Celina, Ohio. His parents are Ernest M. and Freda (Frank) Knapke who presently reside in Venice, Florida. His grandparents and parents resided in the Celina, Montezuma, and Coldwater areas. He attended Immaculate Conception Grade School, grades 1-5. He attended Coldwater Schools and finished grades 6-12. He graduated in 1967, attended the Dayton Barber College and has been employed as a salesman for McKirnan Brothers in Celina, Ohio, for the past 18 years.

Christine Ann (Jenkins) Knapke was born on January 29, 1950, in Coldwater, Ohio. Her parents are Neal B. and Elnore M. (Adams) Jenkins who reside in Coldwater. Her grandparents owned and operated the Rex Theatre and the Jenkins Hotel on Main Street for many years. She attended Coldwater Schools and graduated in 1968. She is presently employed at the Coldwater Schools as an elementary aide.

Mark and Chris have three sons. Matthew was born on December 24, 1973; Scott was born on November 28, 1975; and, Jeffrey was born on June 13, 1978. All were born at the Coldwater Hospital. They attend Coldwater Schools and enjoy sports and Coldwater's Memorial Park very much.

Norbert and Victoria Knapke

Norbert and Victoria Knapke live at 5282 Burkettsville-St. Henry Rd., Coldwater. Norb's parents were John (1874-1961) and Elizabeth (1878-1950) (Bruns) Knapke. Victoria's parents were Theodore (1871-1955) and Frances (1875-1952) (Fortman) Muhlenkamp.

Norbert and Victoria were married in St. Anthony in November, 1945, after Norb returned home from serving over three and one-half years in World War II, spending thirty-two months in the South Pacific.

They have three daughters. Elaine married Martin Lochtefeld. They have three children, Dave, Nancy and Kevin, and live northeast of Celina. Janet

married Bill Stover and they have two sons, Jason and Jeremy, and reside in Celina. Julie married Bob Theis and they live in Fort Loramie with their two daughters, Janelle and Jenna.

Norb and Victoria are retired; they have lived on the same farm their entire married life.



Paul (Bud) and Mary Knapke

Paul (Bud) and Mary Knapke live at 3660 St. Rt. 118. Bud is the son of Art and Agnes Knapke, both deceased. Mary is the daughter of Henry and Veronica Sudhoff, also both deceased. They have five children. Laurie married Craig Muhlenkamp in October, 1985, and they live in Coldwater. Craig works at Pet Milk, Inc. and Laurie works at Crown Controls in New Bremen. They are expecting their first child in June, 1988.

Paula married Tim Hawk in January, 1987. She graduated from Wright State University and is a registered nurse at St. Francis-St. George Hospital in Cincinnati. Tim graduated from the University of Dayton and works for Arthur Anderson and Company. His home office is in Cincinnati, where they reside.

Gay Lynn married Mark Brunswick in March, 1986. He is a professional baseball player with the New York Mets, and they reside in Coldwater during the off season and in Florida or elsewhere during the baseball season. Gay is a senior at Wright State University and will be a teacher. Mark works at Pax when he is not playing baseball.

Jack is a senior at Coldwater High School. He will be going to college to study engineering in September. He played varsity football and baseball. His baseball team won the State Championship in 1987; they also were runners-up in the Acme League in 1987.

Connie is a sophomore at Coldwater High School and will graduate in 1990. She is a cheerleader and a gymnast and also belongs to the high school band.

Bud belongs to the K. of C., the V.F.W., and the Eagles, and he is a choir member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Bud works for Jack Schenking's CW Service. Mary is a janitress at the Coldwater Public Library.

Robert and Josie Knapke

Robert C. Knapke was born on March 17, 1930, the eldest son of Edward (1903-1979) and Helen Dues Knapke (1903-1940). Bob grew up in nearby Philothesa and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1948. He served four years in the U.S. Navy. Bob and his family have resided in the home on the corner of Wilson and West Main Streets since 1956.

Bob has been a Coldwater businessman since 1958. He owned and operated the Union 76 (formerly Pure Oil) Station from 1958-1971. That year he purchased the Frank Huber Building on East Main Street and opened Knapke Motor Sales.

Bob's first wife, Mary Jane, died in 1959. In 1961 Bob married Josie Marchal (10-16-34) from Versailles. She is the daughter of Lawrence (1899-1936) and Leafa Staudt Marchal Geise (1905-1977). Josie has been employed at the Peoples Bank Company since 1972 and is presently an assistant cashier.

Bob and Josie have six children and ten grandchildren.

Cynthia (1954), married Michael Shaffer in 1980. Their children are Brad (1982) and Abby (1984). Cindy is a teacher at Cheryl Ann School and resides in Celina.

Lawrence (1955) married Martha Monroe in 1980 and they have four children: Katie (1980), Ashley (1982), Christopher (1986) and Allison (1987). Larry works for United Parcel Service and resides in Celina.

Bruce (1958) married Vicki Hanes in 1980. Their children are Kelly (1980), Kenny (1982), Kevin (1984) and Kara (1987). Bruce is a manager for Equifax Computer Systems in Atlanta, Georgia.

Douglas (1959) works at Knapke Motor Sales with his dad. Doug resides in Coldwater.

Kristina (1962) married Allen Wenger in 1986. They are expecting their first child in May, 1988. Kris is a registered nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, Idaho.

Joan (1964) is a student at Wright State University, majoring in special education. Joan resides in Coldwater.



linger; they have three sons, Roger, Dale and Tony, and live on the home farm.

Roman farmed all of his life and now is retired. In the 1940's he hauled milk and the truck had an open can rack. Clara and Roman were dairy farmers and later raised steers.

Roman spends his leisure time visiting relatives and friends. He also enjoys fishing and playing cards and likes to go to town. He is a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.



Thomas and Ann Knapke

Tom Knapke was born in 1941 and is the oldest of nine children of Adolph John Knapke, born in 1916, and Frances Jutte, born in 1920. He was reared in the St. Peter area and Coldwater. After graduation from Coldwater High School in 1959, Tom attended Defiance College on an academic and basketball scholarship. He graduated with a degree in education from the University of Dayton and began teaching in the business field and coaching at Marion Local in 1963. Tom received a Masters in Business Administration from Ball State University in 1968. When he left Marion Local in 1970 to go to Minster as superintendent, he was athletic director and principal of the high school. In 1973, Tom was employed by Leugers Insurance Agency, Maria Stein, until he chose to return to the field of education in 1974. At this time he became superintendent of Parkway Local Schools for two years and was successful in passing a levy which enabled the school to renovate their existing build-

ings and to add a new structure under his direction. In 1976, Tom was awarded an internship to study at Bowling Green State University to obtain his Ph.D. in educational administration. He was employed in 1977 as assistant dean at Western Ohio Branch Campus of Wright State University at Celina, Ohio, and then became Dean in 1979. Tom resigned as Dean in 1983 to devote more time to teaching and consulting. He has remained in those positions as well as the director of the Small Business Development Center for Auglaize, Mercer and Van Wert Counties.

In July, 1964, he married Ann Schenking, born in 1941, of Coldwater. Ann is the daughter of Henry (1905-1970) and Esther Nordenbrock Schenking (1913-1968). Upon graduation from Coldwater High School in 1959, she attended the College of Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati, receiving a degree in nursing in 1963. Since Ann was unable to find her main interest of pediatrics in the field of nursing in a rural area, she chose to teach elementary school at Marion Local from 1963 to 1966 and at Coldwater from 1966-1968. During this time she worked part time at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital and received certification in elementary education. After the birth of their children, Gregg, born in 1968, now a freshmen in college, and Beth, born in 1972, now a sophomore in high school, Ann received her Masters in Special Education from Wright State University in 1973. From 1974-1978, she was employed by the Van Wert County Board of Education as a supervisor in the field of learning disabilities. Since the family moved back to Coldwater, Ann found employment in the St. Henry Local Schools as nurse and learning disabilities tutor in 1978. She is currently employed as a learning disabilities teacher in the Middle School.

The family has enjoyed camping, gardening, boating and music. Tom has been actively involved in community projects, including the Auglaize-Mercer County Family Y. He is an avid sports fan and Ann appreciates the time to sew and read. Gregg is involved in photography and auto mechanics and Beth's interest are music and fashion design.



Tim and Deb Knapke

Tim Knapke, son of Carl and Marie (Bruggeman) Knapke was born in Coldwater on August 6, 1962. He has three brothers and two sisters: Linda, Charlie, Connie, Jeff and Jim.

Tim attended St. Henry Schools and graduated in 1980. He works at Crown Controls in the tool room. Tim enjoys wood working and cabinet making. He is a member of the Coldwater Jaycees and the Eagles.

On November 12, 1982 he married Deb Wenning, daughter of Cletus and Rosemary (Heitkamp) Wenning. She was born on November 6, 1962 in Coldwater. Deb has four brothers and three sisters: Larry, Dale, Betty, Dave, Dennis, Diane and Joyce.

Deb attended Coldwater schools and graduated in 1981. She works at the Messenger Press in Carthage. Deb enjoys crafts and photography.

Tim and Deb reside at 619 W. Walnut Street and are expecting their first child in June. They are members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Hugo and Martha Knapschaefer

Hugo Knapschaefer, son of Herman and Philomena Steinke Knapschaefer, and Martha Short, daughter of William and Marcella Francis Short, were united in marriage on October 2, 1948, in Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, Ohio. Hugo was born in Coldwater, Ohio, and Martha was born in Versailles, Ohio. Martha's family moved to Coldwater when she was nine years old. Both Hugo and Martha were members of the graduating class of Coldwater High School in 1945.

Hugo (nicknamed Hooks) and Martha have six children: Michael Hugo, born on July 6, 1949; John (Jack) Myron, born on November 30, 1950; Joseph Harold, born on April 19, 1952; Marianne Sue, born on August 31, 1955; Allen Lee, born on May 27, 1958; and, Denis Jude, born on February 8, 1966. Hooks and Martha now have 17 grandchildren.

Presently, Hooks is employed at Mid-West Electric and Martha is employed at Knap's Carry-Out in Coldwater. The Knapschaefer's live at 806 West Vine Street in Coldwater.

Gerhard and Anna Knapschafer

Anna Homan was born on August 3, 1850, in Herbern, Germany. She came to America in the year 1875 and stayed with her uncle, Joseph Homan. In the fall of 1876, Anna married Gerhard Knapschafer, who also came to America from Herbern, Germany.

In the year 1876, Gerhard purchased a farm which is located on State Route 219, 1½ miles east of Coldwater. He and Anna lived there all their lives. Anna died on August 19, 1936, and Gerhard died on November 6, 1919.

To this marriage five children were born: Henry, Herman, Anna, William and Melchor (Mell). Henry and Mell married; the others did not.

Henry was born on June 13, 1880, and died on January 7, 1952; Herman was born on July 4, 1884, and died on March 16, 1955; Anna was born on December 8, 1886, and died on January 26, 1982; William



was born on June 29, 1890, and died on January 10, 1955; and, Mell was born on July 7, 1893.

Mell married Catherine Weber and a daughter, Juanita, was born on September 15, 1924. Catherine died on November 23, 1926, at the age of 26. Juanita married Thomas LoPresti on June 2, 1951, and he died on February 8, 1975.

Mell and Juanita are the last survivors of the Gerhard Knapschaefer family. The farm of 111 years remains in the family's name.



Jack and Bonnie Knapschaefer

Jack and Bonnie Knapschaefer were married in January, 1976, at St. Aloysius Church, Carthage, Ohio. They have lived in Coldwater for the past five years.

Jack is the son of Hugo and Martha (Short) Knapschaefer and Bonnie is the daughter of Herman and Merilda (Bergman) Hoying of St. Henry.

Jack is an agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. He is a member of the Coldwater Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club and is a past president of the Community Picnic Association. He enjoys golf, tennis, racquetball, hunting and fishing. Bonnie is a legal secretary for Hinders & Hinders in Celina, Ohio, and enjoys playing racquetball and tennis.

They are the parents of four children: twins, Aaron and Andy, age eleven; Gina, age nine; and, Suzy, age seven.

Mike and Rita Knapschaefer

The Mike Knapschaefer family was established on April 23, 1976, with the marriage uniting Mike with Rita Kahlig at St. Peter Catholic Church, Ft. Recovery.

Mike was born on July 6, 1949, at Gibbons Hospital in Celina, Ohio. He is the eldest of six children born to Mary Martha (Short) and Hugo (Hooks) Knapschaefer of Coldwater. He attended Coldwater Elementary School and graduated from Coldwater High School with the class of 1967. He attended Wright State University Branch at Celina. He was drafted into the army in 1969 and served a tour of duty in Vietnam as a military policeman until 1971. After returning from Vietnam, he worked at Brodbeck's as a meatcutter. He then worked at Mercer Beverage in St. Henry as a delivery man until March, 1975. It was at this time that he purchased Gibson's Carry-Out in Coldwater, changing the name to Knap's Carry-Out.

While the carry-out business keeps Mike very busy, he is active in many community organizations. He has been past president of the Lion's Club and a Chamber of Commerce Trustee. He is also a lifetime member of the V.F.W., the American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus. In his spare time, Mike is an avid hunter and fisherman and also enjoys trapshooting.

Rita was born on March 23, 1955, in Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Coldwater. She is the sixth of the thirteen children of Ray and the late Irene (Westgerdes) Kahlig of Coldwater. She attended St. Peter Elementary School and graduated from Ft. Recovery High School with the class of 1973. Upon graduation she attended Nationwide Beauty Academy in Columbus, Ohio. In January of 1975 she began operating a beauty shop in Burkettsville, Ohio. She remained there until after her marriage.

Mike and Rita live at 317 East North Street. They attend Holy Trinity Catholic Church and their children attend Coldwater Elementary School. They are the parents of five children: Michelle Marie, born on November 6, 1978; Tricia Ann, born on August 13, 1980; Teri Jo, born on March 25, 1982; Jay Michael, born on March 15, 1984; and, Kelly Jo, born on August 11, 1987.

Henry and Mildred Knoth

Henry and Mildred Knoth reside at 319 East North Street and have lived there for 40 years. Mercer County is their birthplace. Henry was born in Ft. Recovery and Mildred Jutte was born in Macedonia. They have always lived in Mercer County. Henry and Mildred were married on September 2, 1933, and have five children and fourteen grandchildren. Jerry is married to Barb Witter; they have two boys and one girl and live in Fairborn. Jim is married to Nancy Nolan; they have five boys and live in Vandalia. Janet was married to Larry Reigelsperger who died on January 7, 1980, at the age of 37. They



had one son and one daughter. Janet since married Dave Turner who had one daughter. They live in West Carrollton. Jane is married to Jerry Rutledge; they have two boys and live in Celina. John is married to Brenda Chandler; they have one daughter and live in Charleston, West Virginia.

Henry was a farmer until he moved his family into Coldwater. He worked at New Idea until his retirement in 1973. He presently works part time for Benazer Nursery in spring and summer. Mildred is still working part time at the Community Hospital. She has been the head sewing lady for 32 years since the hospital opened. Each Tuesday she gets the sewing and mending ready for the seven volunteer ladies that come to sew in the afternoon. Over the past 32 years, Mildred has done much sewing, mending and patching for the hospital.

Henry and Mildred have many fond memories of Coldwater and have seen many changes take place in the village.



John and Alethea Knous

John and Alethea Knous presently live at 512 West Walnut Street in Coldwater, Ohio, having lived there since their marriage in 1925. John is the son of William and Elizabeth Knous. Alethea is the daughter of Melburn and Etta Overlay. They have 6 children. Naomi, who married Harry Krogman, a farmer, has 6 children and resides near Neptune.

Darl, now deceased, married Jean Gast; they had 3 children. Audrey married Harold Sheets, now deceased, and had 4 children. She has since married Karl Schlotterer who had 2 children previously. They presently live in Celina and she continues to work at the Huffy Corporation. Norma, who married George Hoenie, a farmer and Sohio gas distributor, has 7 living children and one deceased. She works at CTS in Berne, Indiana, and lives in Celina. Thomas, who married Barbara Arnold, has 2 children and worked at New Idea for fifteen years. Presently, he owns the Carpetman Store in St. Marys, Ohio, and resides there. Robert died as an infant.

John came to Coldwater in February, 1924. He worked for 50 years at New Idea. Alethea was a housewife until her children were raised. Thereafter, she was employed by the Buckeye Overall Factory, serving for 20 years. John and Alethea are members of the Methodist Church in Coldwater, Ohio. They belong to the Celina Eastern Stars, Chapter No. 91, O.E.S. John also belongs to the Celina Lodge, No. 241 F. and A.M.



Charles and Ruth Koesters

Charles and Ruth Koesters have lived at 720 West Walnut Street since April, 1963. Charlie is the son of Clarence and the late Octavia Meyer Koesters. Ruth is the daughter of the late Julius and Matilda Timmerman Brunswick.

Charles and Ruth have six children. Eric married Vicki Speck; they have one child, Ross, and they live in Coldwater. Linda married Richard Stalder; they have one child, Kalie, and they live two miles west of Coldwater. Joe is a senior at Capital University and a four-year member of the Capital Crusaders football team. Beverly is a junior at the University of Toledo, majoring in accounting. Darlene is a senior at Coldwater High School and Julie is in the fifth grade at Coldwater West Elementary.

Charlie has been employed at Jackson's Garage, Inc. in Celina for 24 years. He is a member of the local V.F.W., K. of C. and Eagles. Ruth is employed

part time at the Coldwater Exempted Village Schools and is a member of the local V.F.W. Auxiliary and other organizations.



Eric and Vicki Koesters

Eric Koesters and Vicki Speck were married in the St. Henry Catholic Church on March 2, 1985. They have one child, Ross Eric, who was born on October 26, 1986.

Eric is a graduate of Coldwater High School and Vicki graduated from St. Henry High School. They both hold associate degrees from Wright State University.

Eric is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen, Ohio. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Mercer County Emergency Squad. Vicki is a member of the St. Ann's Sodality and the St. Henry Community Band; she enjoys tole painting. They are both members of the Holy Trinity Church choir and enjoy camping in their spare time. They reside at 415 South First Street in Coldwater.



George and Shirley Koesters

George was born on August 19, 1942, to Clarence and Octavia Koesters of Carthagen, Ohio, and Shir-

ley, born on February 9, 1946, is the daughter of Austin and Loretta Remaklus of Coldwater, Ohio.

George and Shirley were married on September 17, 1966, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, Ohio, and moved into their home at 3554 State Route 219 west of Coldwater. They lived there until February, 1986, when they moved into their new home at 214 Hillcrest Drive in Coldwater.

George is employed as a mechanic at Jackson's Garage, Inc., Celina, Ohio, and Shirley is assistant office manager at Pet Incorporated, Coldwater, Ohio.

They are the parents of two sons, Jeffrey Alan, born on June 24, 1967, and Andrew George, born on September 10, 1977. Jeff is a sophomore at Wright State University and is employed during the summers at Matt Schwieterman, Inc. Andrew is a fourth grade student at West Elementary School.



Ken and Bernice Koesters

Ken and Bernice Koesters and their children, Tara and Craig, live at 708 West Butler Street in the home they built in 1979. On September 19, 1970, Bernice and Ken were married in St. Henry, and they have lived in Coldwater since then. Their daughter, Tara, was born in 1974, and their son, Craig, was born in 1977. Both children are students in the Coldwater schools. Bernice is the sixth child of the eleven children born to Joseph and Hilda (Pleiman) Steinlage. Ken is the third child of the four children born to Julian and Frances (Geier) Koesters.

Bernice is a graduate of St. Henry High School and Good Samaritan School of Nursing in Dayton. She is employed at Community Hospital and works as a registered nurse in the office of Dr. Truman Soudah, MD. Ken is a graduate of Coldwater High School and has been employed at the United States Postal Service in Coldwater as a mail carrier since 1973. Before that, Ken was co-owner of the St. Henry Nite Club for eight years.

Leona and Richard Koesters

Leona Wendel Koesters was born on August 30, 1918, in St. Peter, Ohio; her parents were Philip and



Anna (Braun) Wendel, born in St. Peter. Leona married Richard Koesters of Carthagena on April 29, 1944, in St. Peter Catholic Church. They had five children. Annrita, born on June 24, 1946, married Charles Gerlach from Celina. She is a secretary for her husband at Gerlach Machine and Tool, Inc. in St. Henry. Jerald, born on March 3, 1948, married Nancy Bergman of New Bremen. He is a C.P.A. and president of Pic's Improvement Company, Inc. in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Phyllis, born on October 25, 1952, married John Buening of Maria Stein, Ohio; they live in St. Henry. She is a secretary for Boeke's Insurance Agency of Coldwater. Levarn, born on March 3, 1956, married Judy Selhorst of Coldwater; they live in Coldwater. He is employed at Gerlach Machine and Tool Inc. in St. Henry. His wife is an assistant attorney-at-law for Paul E. Howell. A son died in infancy. Richard Koesters passed away on August 20, 1980. He was employed for 27 years at New Idea in Coldwater. Leona is a housewife; she moved from Carthagena to Coldwater in April, 1981.

Ralph and Evelyn Koesters

Ralph was born in St. Wendelin on July 1, 1937, to Edmund and Mary Reichert Koesters. On September 5, 1959, he was married to Evelyn Clune. Evelyn was born on September 16, 1937, to Clarence and Ida Heitkamp Clune of St. Rose. Ralph and Evelyn have lived in Coldwater during their 28 years of marriage and reside at 217 South Oak Street. Ralph is employed at Hemmelgarn's as a truck driver.

Ralph and Evelyn are the parents of five children. Ron was born on July 24, 1960, and is married to Doris Lange. Ron is employed at Hemmelgarn's as a truck driver. Doris is employed by Drs. Dickman and Kettler. Ron and Doris reside in Coldwater (Route 219) and have one son, Craig. Bob was born on July 21, 1962, and is employed at Crown Controls. Dave was born on November 28, 1965, and is employed at Hemmelgarn's as an office worker. Donna was born on December 26, 1967, and is employed at Celina Group. Donna is engaged to Mike Sudhoff. Their wedding is planned for June 24, 1989. Cheryl was born on December 15, 1970; she is a junior at Coldwater High School and works part time at Hemmelgarn's.



Arnold and Ruth Kramer

Arnold Kramer is the son of Jacob and Theresa (Gels) Kramer. He was born in Coldwater on May 13, 1922. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1940. He attended St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana, for two years. He then served three years in the South Pacific during World War II. He completed college at the University of Dayton in 1947, majoring in accounting.

He married Ruth Kemper of St. Henry on November 28, 1953. She is the daughter of Anthony and Elisabeth (Ungruh) Kemper. They have five children, Kathy, Jane, Nancy, William and Michael.

Kathy is married to John Moeder of Celina. They live in Coldwater and have four children, John, Aimee, Janelle and Andrew.

Jane is married to Gary Homan of Philothea. They now reside there and have three children, Christopher, Kyle and Megan.

Nancy is married to David List of Celina. They live in Coldwater and have three children, Amanda, Natalie and Joshua. One son, Nathaniel, is deceased.

Bill married Patricia Farrell of Mentor. They live in Coldwater and have one daughter, Michaela.

Mike is single and lives in St. Henry.

Arnold started working at Pax Steel Products as an accountant in 1948. He has been the president of Pax since 1966, following the retirement of Bill Pax.

He is on the Board of Directors at the People's Bank Company and on the Board of Trustees at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer. He is a member of the Coldwater American Legion, VFW, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Knights of Columbus, and Mercer County Elks and is a former Coldwater School Board president.

Ruth is a 1942 graduate of St. Henry High School and is a housewife. She is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Community Hospital Auxiliaries.

Arnold and Ruth have enjoyed traveling. They have visited the entire United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as South America, Central America, Cuba, Africa, Europe and China.

Jacob and Theresa Kramer

Jacob Kramer and Theresa Gels were married in St. Henry on September 4, 1917, and moved to Coldwater later that month when Mr. Kramer started work as a rural mail carrier. The winter of 1917-18 was a hard one, and in the early years the mail was delivered by horse and buggy or sleigh with a small stove inside. He went to the Army in May, 1918, and the first child, Marie, was born in St. Henry that July. The family returned to Coldwater in December. Mr. Kramer served the rural route, made into a single route in 1931, until he retired in 1957. He is an alumnus of St. Joseph's College, a former school teacher, and a member of the Holy Name Society, the American Legion, and the Rural Carrier Association.

Theresa Kramer was active in Mrs. Synck's choral group, the Ladies' Altar Society, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John, the Depression food collection, and the hospital auxiliary. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kramer belonged to the C.K. of A. and the Third Order of St. Francis.

There were six children. Marie Kramer Kennedy graduated from the nursing program of St. Rita's Hospital in Lima and from the University of Dayton and worked in public health and teaching in the Dayton area.

William Kramer was ordained for the Society of the Precious Blood in 1944, received a doctorate of science from Fribourg, Switzerland, and is Professor of Chemistry at St. Joseph's College.

Rita Kramer Gustin attended St. Mary-of-the-Woods, graduated from the University of Dayton, and retired from the Avionics Research Laboratory of Wright Patterson. She has five children.

Arnold Kramer studied at St. Joseph's College, and after serving in the Army in WWII, graduated from the University of Dayton. He is president of Pax Steel, having joined the company in 1949. He has five children.

Sister Mary Ruth of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters of Huntington, Indiana, graduated from Brescia College, Owensboro, and received a Master's Degree in Theology from St. Marys of California at Moraga. She worked in religious education in the Southwest and other parts of the country and is now Director of Religious Education in Holy Trinity Parish.

Dorothy Kramer Brandewie attended St. Louis Institute of Music and graduated from Siena Heights, Michigan. She teaches music in Celina and has four children.

William and Patricia Kramer

Bill was born on August 8, 1960, in Coldwater, Ohio. His parents are Arnold Kramer, born in Coldwater, Ohio, and Ruth Kemper Kramer, born in St. Henry, Ohio.

Patti Farrell Kramer was born on October 23, 1959, in Euclid, Ohio. Her parents are Josephine Carabotta Farrell and James Kevin Farrell, both born in Cleveland, Ohio.



The Kramers are both graduates of the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. Bill and Patti were married on September 1, 1984, at St. John Vianney Church in Mentor, Ohio.

Michaela Marie Kramer, their daughter, was born on April 13, 1987, in Coldwater, Ohio.



Edgar and Clara Kremer

Edgar was born on April 17, 1935, in Chickasaw, Ohio, to Elmer Kremer and Hilda (Bohman) Kremer. On September, 1956, in St. Aloysius Church in Carthagena, he married Clara Jean Bruggeman, daughter of Ray and Hilda (Brunswick) Bruggeman. Clara Jean was born on July 30, 1937, in St. Henry, Ohio. They are the parents of four sons. Larry, born in 1957, works at Reynolds and lives in Coldwater. Tom, born in 1958, works at Huffy Corporation, and lives in Chickasaw. Dan, born in 1961, works at Lefeld Welding and lives in St. Henry. Rick, born in 1971, attends Coldwater High School, works at Brodbeck's and lives at home.

Edgar and Clara Jean have four grandsons and one granddaughter: Corey, Steve, Brad, Karla and Jason.

They moved from St. Henry to Coldwater in 1968 and reside on Fleetfoot Road. Edgar is employed at

Reynolds and also farms with his son, Tom, in Chickasaw. Edgar is a Coldwater Eagles and Men's Sodality member. Clara Jean is a homemaker, a volunteer at Community Hospital, and helps a little at Brodbeck's. She is a Hospital Auxiliary, Knights of St. John and Ladies' Sodality member.



Roger and Barbara Kremer

Roger and Barbara (Bruey) Kremer were married in 1964 and moved to Coldwater in 1965. They are the parents of three sons: Rod (20), a student at Bowling Green State University; Randy (19), a student at The Ohio State University; and, Rex (17), a senior at Coldwater High School. Roger has worked at Reynolds and Reynolds for the past 24 years and Barb has been employed by the Coldwater Schools for 16 years. Roger is a past president of the Coldwater Jaycees and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Barb received a B.S. degree from the University of Dayton and an M.S. degree from Wright State University. She is a past president of the Knights of St. John Auxiliary and serves as a track coach at C.H.S. Rod is a member of the Bowling Green State University Men's Choir and the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Randy is a percussionist for The Ohio State University Marching Band. Rex is State Marshal for the Columbian Squires and participates in football and baseball.

Ernest and Gladys Kuess

Herman Kuess came from Prussia, Germany, around the 1840's and settled in Egypt, Ohio. His son, Henry, who was my grandfather, married Catherine Boeke on January 21, 1894, and made his living on a 110-acre farm north of Chickasaw, Ohio, until his death on May 21, 1949. Henry had five children and his son, Roman, my father, took over the farming. He reared four daughters and three sons: Mildred, 7-27-27; Dorothy, 6-16-29; Ernest, 4-23-31; Elmer, 7-17-32; Lavern, 11-13-33; Dolores, 7-11-37; and, Irene, 5-12-42.

On May 11, 1957, I married Gladys Muhlenkamp; she was born on June 22, 1937, the daughter of Leander and Hilda Sutter Muhlenkamp of St. Anthony, Ohio.



Gladys and I have two daughters and one son: Linda, 3-10-61; Brenda, 9-23-63; and Kevin, 2-5-65. Linda married Ken Borgerding on April 7, 1984, and, Kevin married Brenda Piekenbrock on September 11, 1987. Brenda is still at home.

I have lived and worked in Coldwater for thirty-nine years and have been an insurance agent for the past 23 years. For the past twelve years I have been a clerk for Coldwater Auction Service.

My hobbies include traveling and collecting antiques. I enjoy playing and making young children happy.



Dan and Deb Kunk

Dan's parents are Herman and Ruth Muhlenkamp Kunk. Deb is the daughter of the late Frank Niemeyer, Jr. Her mother is Donna Tontrup Niemeyer.

Dan and Deb were married on April 19, 1980. They have two children; Dana was born on October 1, 1980, and Brian was born on November 10, 1982. They live at 430 East College Street.

Herman and Ruth Kunk

Herman and Ruth Muhlenkamp Kunk were married in St. Henry Church on January 14, 1950. Herman is the son of Louis and Pauline Vagades Kunk.



Ruth is the daughter of Albert and Veronica Steingage Muhlenkamp.

Herman and Ruth have four children. Donna Kunk Campbell is married to Jerry Campbell. They live in New Bremen. They have two children, Jeremy and Janice. Dan and Deb Niemeyer Kunk live in Coldwater. They have two children, Dana and Brian. Ann Kunk Muhlenkamp is married to Ken Muhlenkamp. They live in Neptune. They have two sons, Scott and Gregg. Kathy Kunk Klenke is married to Jack Klenke. They live in Coldwater.



Orville and Ruth Kunk

Orville J. and Ruth A. Kunk live at 3572 Tangean Road, Philothesa. Orville was born on March 15, 1941, the third child of Ray and Emma Mueller Kunk. Ruth was born on December 3, 1942, the third child of Hubert and Florentine Jutte Fiely.

They were married on September 4, 1965, at St. Marys Church in Philothesa. They are the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter.

Eric (Rick) was born on April 15, 1967. He is a 1986 graduate of Coldwater High School and is employed at Lefeld Implement.

Randal was born on June 11, 1969. He is a senior at Coldwater High School and attends the St. Marys branch of Tri-Star, studying machine trades.

Ronald was born on September 4, 1970. He is a junior at Coldwater High and attends the Celina branch of Tri-Star, studying construction. He is on the school basketball and baseball teams.

Brenda was born on January 7, 1976. She is a sixth grader at Coldwater Junior High School. She is in the band and a member of the Philothesa 4-H.

Orville has been employed at New Idea in Coldwater for the past 22 years. Ruth is employed at Harts Family Center in Celina.



Louis and Paulina Kunk

Louis Kunk, son of Herman and Elizabeth Westgerdes Kunk, was born on September 24, 1889, in Maria Stein, Ohio. Louis was employed at New Idea for over fifty years, having been employed in the earliest years of the company at Maria Stein, Ohio. On July 21, 1920, he married Paulina Vagedes at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, Ohio; she was born in Philothesa, Ohio, on November 6, 1899, the daughter of John and Catherine Windker Vagedes.

Louis and Paulina reared six children: Mary Catherine, Alfred, Alma, Herman, Donald and Edna. Mary Catherine is a member of the Sisters of the Precious Blood and is stationed at the Maria Stein Retreat House. Alfred married Imogene Vogel; they reside in Coldwater and have reared five children. Alma and her husband, Vincent Venys, reside in Dayton; they have three sons. Herman married Ruth Muhlenkamp; they live in Coldwater and have four children. Donald is single and lives in Coldwater. Edna and her husband, Urban Rutschilling, reside in Coldwater; they have six children.

Louis died on December 10, 1976, and Paulina died on July 15, 1977. All of their children and grandchildren are still living.

Photo: (Front Row, Left to Right) Edna Kunk Rutschilling, Sr. Mary Catherine Kunk, C.P.P.S., Alma Kunk Venys. (Back Row) Alfred Kunk, Donald Kunk, and Herman Kunk.

Theodore and Beck Kunk

Ted and Beck were married on May 12, 1984, in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, and are the parents of two children, Travis Lee, born on June 12, 1985, and Ashley Nicole, born on January 5, 1988.

Ted, the son of Alfred and Imogene (Vogel) Kunk, graduated from Coldwater High School in 1981 and began working for Thees Machine and Tool in Celina following graduation. He also was an assistant coach for the Coldwater wrestling team for three

years. In November, 1983, he began working for Coldwater Machine & Tool Co. where he is presently employed.

Beck, the daughter of Don and Mary Ann (Dues) Post, graduated from Coldwater High School in 1982. She was a salesclerk at Froelich's Jewelry from 1979 to 1983. In February, 1983, she was employed by Mercer Savings Bank in Celina. She left her job in June, 1985, after Travis was born, to become a homemaker and full-time mother.



Ralph and Betty Lange

A farm near Montezuma, Ohio, was the home for 13 years for Ralph and Betty Lange. In 1958 they purchased the farm at 4569 Coldwater Creek Road at which they resided ever since.

Ralph is the son of the late Joseph and Anna Homan Lange of Coldwater, and Betty is the daughter of the late William and Josephine Heyne Reier, also of Coldwater. Ralph celebrated his birthday on February 24 since 1922 and Betty has celebrated her birthday on October 18 since 1922. Father Yauss proclaimed them husband and wife on October 20, 1945. Their daughter, Nancy Mary, made her entrance into the world on August 12, 1947, while their son, Carl, began his life on April 12, 1951.

Nancy married Dennis Hoying of St. Henry and Carl is married to Susan Heitkamp of Ft. Recovery.

Ralph passed away on October 29, 1979. Betty has five grandchildren: Teresa and Lori Hoying and Kevin, Janice and Debbie Lange.

Joseph and Shirley Langenkamp

Joe Langenkamp was born in 1941, the eldest son of Norbert and Margaret Langenkamp. On April 22, 1967, he was married to Shirley Ann Tobe, daughter of Cletus and Verena Tobe of Ft. Recovery.

Joe and Shirley and their six children (Angela, 8-23-68; Deborah, 8-17-69; Lynn, 1-14-71; Anthony, 6-16-72; Sara, 4-27-76; and, Nora, 5-9-77) reside on an 80-acre farm at 5713 Younger Road northeast of Coldwater.

Joe was reared on a farm on Coldwater Creek Road just south of Coldwater Creek. The intersection



of the Burntwood and Coldwater Creeks featured a deep hole which was used by many of the Coldwater kids during the thirties and forties as their swimming hole.

Joe started working at New Idea in 1962 and, along with Shirley and the children, farms the eighty acres and raises five hundred hogs per year. Shirley has worked at Briarwood Manor since 1979 as a nurse's aide.

Each fall Joe and Shirley entertain goose hunters from throughout the state. They have ten hunting blinds for rent on their farm. Throughout the year the family enjoys the lake for water skiing, pontoon riding, fishing and ice-skating. They also play ice hockey on Coldwater Creek.

Joe and Shirley are members of the Coldwater Eagles. Shirley is also active in the Mercer County Republican Women's Club, the Knights of St. John's Auxiliary, the Local CRE Chapter and the Immaculate Conception Altar Rosary Society.

The children are members of the Philothea Hustlers 4-H Club. Angela is a graduate of Ohio State Beauty Academy in Lima and is a hair stylist at J. C. Penney in Celina. Deborah is attending International Business College in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and is studying accounting. She has hopes of being a Certified Public Accountant.

David and Therese Lefeld

David Bernard Lefeld was born on May 8, 1950, to Joseph and Marcella Hemmelgarn Lefeld at Gibbons' Hospital in Celina, Ohio. They took Dave home to 495 North Second Street in Coldwater, where he resided until he married.

David graduated in 1968 from Coldwater High School. During the time he was going to school, Dave worked for Joseph Lefeld at Lefeld Welding. After graduation, he worked full time and went to a computer programming school for one year prior to being drafted. From 1969 to 1971 he served in the army and did a tour of duty in Vietnam. When he returned home, he continued to work at Lefeld's and went to Wright State University for two years.

On September 26, 1975, Dave married Therese Rose at St. Francis Church in Cranberry. Therese was born on December 27, 1952, in Coldwater to Edwin and Matilda Evers Rose of Cranberry, Ohio.

Therese graduated from St. Henry High School in 1971. After graduation she was employed at Celina Mutual until July, 1976.

Dave and Therese resided on West Walnut Street in Coldwater. In 1980 they moved to Slavik Road, Coldwater. They now (1987) reside on Sunset Drive in Coldwater with their four children. Mitchell was born on August 16, 1976; Gregory was born on January 1, 1979; Jeffrey was born on April 14, 1982; and, Pamela was born on June 8, 1983.

Dave is vice-president of Lefeld Welding and Steel Supplies. Dave enjoys bowling and horseshoes. Therese works part time as a secretary for Lefeld's and enjoys bowling. They attend Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater.



Gary and Vickie Lefeld

Gary L. Lefeld was born in Coldwater, Ohio, on October 18, 1955. He is the son of Joseph H. and Marcella (Hemmelgarn) Lefeld. On July 15, 1978, he married Vickie Lee A. Kanney who was born on November 26, 1957, in Coldwater, Ohio. She is the daughter of Aloysious Jr. and Della Mae (Brunswick) Kanney.

After graduating from Coldwater High School in 1974, Gary began full-time employment at Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies, Inc. where he is presently secretary/treasurer of the corporation. He has also worked as a self-employed photographer since 1974. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served three years with the Coldwater Athletic Booster Club, one year as president.

Vickie graduated from Coldwater High School in 1976 and worked at Celina Group in Celina, Ohio, until November, 1979. One year later she began working part time in the office at Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies, Inc. where she is currently employed. She

is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and worked with the Coldwater Athletic Booster Club.

Gary and Vickie have two daughters, Jacqueline Marie, born on December 25, 1979, and Ashley Rose, born on May 24, 1987.



Joseph and Marcella Lefeld

Joseph H. Lefeld, son of George and Bernadine (Schmackers) Lefeld, married Marcella Hemmelgarn, daughter of Frank and Anna (Pleiman) Hemmelgarn, on September 5, 1936. They had six children.

Melvin, born on October 24, 1938, died on October 12, 1958, in a car accident.

JoAnn, born on November 8, 1940, married Ronald Catanzaro, son of Joseph and Viola (Kluesner) Catanzaro. They have five children: Joyce, Lucie, Francie, Vincent and Anthony.

Stanley, born on April 21, 1944, married Margie Kremer, daughter of Elmer and Hilda (Bohman) Kremer. They have two daughters, Cindy and Amy.

Linda, born on August 1, 1945, married Donald Lennartz, son of William and Nettie (Kaup) Lennartz. They have a son, Michael.

David, born on May 8, 1950, married Therese Rose, daughter of Edwin and Mathilda (Evers) Rose. They have four children: Mitch, Greg, Jeff and Pam.

Gary, born on October 18, 1955, married Vickie Kanney, daughter of Al and Della Mae (Brunswick) Kanney. They have two daughters, Jackie and Ashley.

After marriage, Joseph worked for Hemmelgarn Eggs. He opened a Sunoco Service Station and started a farm implement store and a welding shop. Joseph was the founder of Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies. He served on the town council for six years and the park board for several years, managed the town baseball team, and was president and chaplain of the Coldwater Eagles.

Marcella worked at Hemmelgarn Eggs and later at Jutte's Foodliner and as a bookkeeper at Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies. She was active in the Knights of St. John Auxiliary as president, district president, recording secretary, and active deputy organizer. She also was a past president of the Coldwater Eagles Auxiliary, the second president of the Coldwater PTO, and a Cub Scout den mother and held offices in the Altar Sodality and Band Mothers.



Paul and Rose Mary Lefeld

Paul Lefeld is the son of Martin Lefeld and Edna (Fleck) Lefeld. Rose Mary (Tangeman) Lefeld is the daughter of Louis Tangeman and Minnie (Eblen) Tangeman. Paul was born in Coldwater on June 1, 1925, and Rose Mary was born in Celina on April 25, 1925. Paul served on active Marine duty in World War II from 1943 to 1946. Paul and Rose Mary were united in marriage on October 2, 1946. They presently live at 5066 State Route 118, Coldwater. They were blessed with eleven children, 6 girls and 5 boys.

Starting with the eldest of their children is Jane (Lefeld) Pease who was born on January 10, 1948, and married Gene Pease on August 19, 1967. They have two children, David, born on December 31, 1968, and Deborah, born on August 28, 1970. They presently live at 4306 Township Line Road, Coldwater. Their second born is Judith (Lefeld) Marbaugh who was born on January 1, 1949, and married Jerry Marbaugh on June 22, 1968. They have four children: Jeffrey, born on April 6, 1969; Jennifer, born on August 28, 1970; John, born on May 4, 1973; and, Jill born on January 17, 1975. They presently live at 4589 St. Anthony Road, Celina. Their third daughter is Susan (Lefeld) Myers who was born on March 6, 1950, and married Jerry Myers, M.D. on March 4, 1979. They adopted two children, Joshua, born on July 12, 1983, and Jeremy, born on December 1, 1986. They presently live at 1401 Ridgmont in Wichita Falls, Texas. Their fourth child and first son is Steven Lefeld who was born on March 29, 1951, and married Diane (Wendel) Lefeld on December 9, 1972. They have two children, Brent, born on November 21, 1978, and Kristen, born on December 9, 1986. They presently live at 5280 Siegrist-Jutte Road, Coldwater. Their fifth child was Mary Rose Lefeld who was born on April 10, 1952. Mary Rose died from a farm accident on August 22, 1958. Paul and Rose Mary's sixth child is Paul Lefeld, Jr., who was born on January 26, 1955, and married Lisa (Moorman) Lefeld on August 4, 1984. They have two children, Lindsey, born on October 26, 1985, and Kylie, born on July 31, 1987. They presently live at 836 Dogwood Drive in Coldwater. Their seventh child is Mike Lefeld who was born on October 19, 1957, and married Martha (Stose) Lefeld on November 24, 1979. They have two children, Matthew, born on May 16, 1985, and Michael, Jr.,

born on May 12, 1987. They presently live at 809 East Vine Street, Coldwater. Their eighth child is Ken Lefeld who was born on June 14, 1960, and married Brenda (Homan) Lefeld on July 12, 1980. They have four children: Jeremy, born on February 29, 1981 (adopted); Amanda, born on January 4, 1982 (adopted); Holly, born on December 17, 1982; and, Amber, born on November 23, 1985. They presently live at 4810 Buschur Road, Coldwater. Their ninth child is Dan Lefeld who was born on January 21, 1962, and married Joan (Birkmeyer) Lefeld on June 18, 1983. They have two children, Craig, born on January 15, 1985, and Ryan born on February 11, 1986. They presently live at 333 East Elizabeth Street, Coldwater. Their tenth child is Carol (Lefeld) Feltz who was born on December 20, 1963, and married Steven Feltz on July 13, 1985. They presently have one child, Megan, who was born on July 21, 1986. They live at 4611 St. Anthony Road, Celina. The eleventh and last child of Paul and Rose Mary is Connie (Lefeld) Stoddard who was born on May 20, 1965, and married Eddie Stoddard on January 16, 1988. She has one step-daughter named Paige Stoddard who was born on November 25, 1980. They presently live at 2817 Fleming in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Paul, Jr. and Lisa Lefeld

Paul and Lisa were both born in Coldwater. Paul is the son of Paul and Rose Mary Tangeman Lefeld and Lisa is the daughter of Edgar and Rosemary Hein Moorman. They were married in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater on August 4, 1984. They have two daughters, Lindsey Marie (two years) and Kylie Rose (six months), who were both born at Coldwater Community Hospital.

Paul graduated in 1973 from Coldwater High School. He is part owner of Lefeld Implement, Inc. and holds the position of Service Manager. He is also a part-time farmer. Lisa graduated from Coldwater High School in 1980 and presently is a housewife.

The Lefeld's reside at 836 Dogwood Drive. They enjoy watching Coldwater sports and snowmobiling in the winter.

Stanley and Margie Lefeld

Stanley E. Lefeld was born in Philothea, Ohio, on April 21, 1944. He is the son of Joseph H. and Marcella (Hemmelgarn) Lefeld. On July 8, 1964, he married Margie Kremer of Chickasaw, Ohio, the daughter of Elmer and Hilda (Bohman) Kremer. Margie was born on April 15, 1943.

After Stanley graduated from Coldwater High School in 1962, he attended Western Ohio Education Foundation and worked at Stolle Corporation in Sidney, Ohio. Early in 1964, he joined his father at Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies and presently is the president and general manager of Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies, Inc. in Coldwater and Lefeld Supplies & Rental in Greenville, Ohio.

He was in the Ohio National Guard for six years and served on the Coldwater Village Council for two



years and in the Coldwater Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years, five years as fire chief. He served the Chamber of Commerce as trustee and president and was co-chairman of the 1987 School Bond Levy Building Committee. He presently holds memberships in the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, Coldwater Eagles, Mercer County Elks, and various trade associations.

Margie graduated from Marion High School in 1961 and accepted an office position at Reynolds and Reynolds Company in Celina, Ohio, working there until 1969. Several years later, she began employment in the office of Lefeld Welding & Steel Supplies, Inc., and since 1978 has been working full time as office manager. She was a member of the Coldwater Ladies Fire Auxiliary for 20 years and has been involved in other family-related activities.

They have two daughters, Cindy, born on May 13, 1969, and Amy, born on March 4, 1974. Cindy graduated from Coldwater High School in 1987 and currently is a freshman at Bowling Green State University. Amy is in the eighth grade at Coldwater School. They were both involved in softball, swim team, cheerleading, and volleyball.



Melvin and Ruth Lennartz

Ruth Ann Lennartz lives at 117 South Seventh Street. Her husband was the late Melvin Lennartz. She is the daughter of Elenor and the late Leonard Goecke. She has six children: Jeffrey married Cindy

Harling and lives in Celina; Mark married Rita Bruns and lives in St. Henry; Patricia is deceased; Carol married Charles May and they have three children, Christopher, Kelly and Kyle, and live in St. Henry; Kevin lives in Englewood; and, Anne lives at home. Ruth is a clerk at Ben Franklin.



John and Linda Leugers

John and Linda Leugers live at 3938 Wessel Road. They are the proud parents of three daughters: Michelle, a freshman at Coldwater High School, where she is a member of the volleyball and track teams and a class officer; Stephanie, a seventh grader at the Junior High, where she is a member of the volleyball and track teams, the statistician for the girls' basketball team and a member of the band; and, Jenny, a fourth grader at West School, is a member of the Celina Gymnastic Center and takes dance lessons.

Michelle plans on attending the University of Dayton and becoming a writer. Stephanie has plans to some day go to the Air Force Academy and either go into space or learn to fly jets. Jenny's goal is to be a cheerleader and dance through life.

John, son of Lloyd and Ruth (Pax) Leugers of St. Marys, is a graduate of the University of Dayton and Wright State University and has also attended Mount St. Joseph, the University of Virginia, and George Mason University. He teaches history at Coldwater Junior High School. He loves history, photography, fishing, and taking his eighth grade students to Washington, D.C. every year. He's been president of the CTO and has held various offices in other organizations at the local and state level. He was a candidate for the Teacher in Space program.

Linda, daughter of Larry and Betty (Cron) Shearer of Celina, is a graduate of Celina Immaculate Conception High School and attended Wright State University. She is office manager of F & J Farm Service. She loves traveling, fishing, basketball and spending time with her family. She is a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee and one of the founders of the Coldwater Academic Promoters, of which she served as the first president.

Alois and Caroline Link

Alois P. Link, former insurance agent and real estate broker, was the son of Anton Link and Catherine Cron of Carthagena, Ohio. In 1921 he married Caroline M. Antony, daughter of Hugo J. Antony, Ph.D., a former superintendent of Coldwater schools, and Gertrude Miller. They had six children.

Tony (Anthony) Link is president and general manager of Coldwater Lumber Company and past president of the Ohio Lumbermen's Association. He married Jane Miller and has five daughters. After his wife's death, he married Thelma Sogar, president of Sogar's Department Store.

Rev. Mark (Marcellus) Link, S.J., resides in Plano, Texas. He is a renowned author and lecturer in the United States and abroad. He completed two TV Series for religious video and is completing a homiletic series.

Rosemary, a registered nurse, married Ralph Schmit of Schmit Brothers' Grocery who was later employed by Pax Steel Products until his death. Rosemary is Director of Nurses at Briarwood Manor. She has five children.

Dorothy Ann, known as Sister Carolyn Link, C.P.P.S., served as associate vicar for religious and as executive secretary of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Sisters' Council in the diocese of San Diego, California. She served as secretary general in Dayton, Ohio. She is General Counsellor of the C.P.P.S. Sisters in Dayton, Ohio.

Gertrude, a certified registered nurse-anesthetist, married Donald Riley of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is Senior Resident of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Dayton Beach, Florida. She works at the local hospital. They have four children.

Very Reverend Paul Link, C.P.P.S., resides near San Francisco, California. He is provincial director of the Province of the Pacific, president of the Parent Corporation and gives retreats throughout the United States.

Louis and Eulalia Link

Louis Link was the son of Joseph and Julitta (Fleck) Link of Carthagena. On November 22, 1945, he married Eulalia Thieman, daughter of John and Rose (Stelzer) Thieman of Coldwater.

Louis worked at New Idea until his death in 1973. Lalie is retired and spends much time doing volunteer work. Marilyn, Tom, John and Kathy were the children of this marriage.

Marilyn is a math teacher for the Coldwater School System. She is involved with state math education organizations and her hobbies include needlework and traveling. She lives at 5041 St. Rt. 219.

Tom married Kathy Heinrichs in 1975. They reside at 3614 St. Rt. 219, Coldwater. They have five children: Kelly (eleven), Rob (nine), Kim (seven), Ryan (four) and Kristen (six months). Tom is employed at Reynolds and Reynolds in Celina and Kathy bakes cakes for weddings and other special occasions.

John married Diane Pax in 1978. They reside at 624 Plum Drive in Coldwater. Their two children are Angela (nine) and Michael (seven). John is a salesman for Pax Machine Works, Inc. and Diane is a nurse.

Kathy married Jim Brackman in 1986. They have a year-old daughter, Karen. Kathy works as an X-ray technician at Community Hospital in Coldwater and the Osgood Clinic. Jim works for Casad Manufacturing, Inc. in St. Marys. They reside in Minster, Ohio.

Richard Charles Link

Richard (Bud) Link is the son of John N. Link and Caroline Schwegman. He was born on July 20, 1924, in Philothea; he grew up in Philothea and attended school there.

Richard farmed on the family farm for many years and is now retired. He resides with his sister and brother-in-law, Leonard and Dolores Belsher, in Coldwater. He enjoys fishing and spending time with his family.



Tony and Thelma Link

Tony Link, born on September 26, 1922, in Coldwater, Ohio, is the eldest child of Alois P. and Carrie M. (Antony) Link. After graduating in the first class of the new Coldwater High School, he worked as an apprentice at the Coldwater Lumber Company with an interim as the youngest sergeant major in the 4th Infantry Division in WWII. He is now general manager and president of the company and in 1986 was elected state president and national delegate of the Ohio Lumbermen's Association. He served on the Board of Directors of Mutual Savings and Loan, which later became Diamond Savings and Loan. Presently, he is a director of Mercer Savings Bank. He served as vice-president of both of the lot companies in Coldwater, Restful Acres and Coldwater Lumber Development Co.

In 1943, Tony married Jane Miller of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They had five daughters. Barbara of Cincinnati married James Bernstein of the famed restaurant family of Ohio and Kentucky with the most famous restaurant being the Mike Fink and Crocketts River Tavern on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River. Robert, Brad, and Amy are their children. Rebecca of New York, New York, is a sales

representative for International Business Machines. Lorraine of Columbus is a sales representative for Food Service Co. Carol of Baltimore, Ohio, married David Rings and both are employed by the Kroger Company in Columbus, Ohio. They have two children, Zachary and Jacob. Annette is employed by the Kroger Company in Worthington, Ohio.

After the death of Jane in 1969, Tony married Thelma Melland-Sowar in 1971. She is the eldest daughter of nine children of Theodore and Hannah (Westby) Melland of Norway and North Dakota respectively. Thelma was married to the late David Sowar, Jr., and has four children. David III married Martha Susan Trow. David IV, Peter, and Corinne are their children. David III is with the Hamilton Management in Denver, Colorado. Donald married Dalene Arnold and their children are Pamela, Kathleen, and Jill. Donald is employed at the Mare Island Shipyard with residence at Walnut Creek, California. Dick married Karen Steiniche and they have Kristine and Andrew. Dick, like his brothers, is in the computer business. Mary resides in Coldwater, Ohio, with her husband, Robert Beer, and their three children, Kelly, Robert, Jr., and Daniel. Thelma is president of Sowar's Department Store. Mary and Robert Beer are co-owners and work with Thelma at the store.

Tony and Thelma reside at 4929 St. Rt. 219E, Coldwater, Ohio.



David and Nancy List

David List was born on December 30, 1957, in Circleville, Ohio. He is the son of David W. and Carolyn (Huffer) List who were both born in Circleville. His family moved to Celina in 1961.

Nancy Kramer was born on November 21, 1957, in Coldwater, Ohio. She is the daughter of Arnold and Ruth (Kemper) Kramer of Coldwater.

David and Nancy were married on August 18, 1979, in Coldwater. They are the parents of three children. Amanda was born on September 22, 1981; Natalie was born on December 6, 1984; and, Joshua was born on July 24, 1987. One son, Nathaniel, was born on July 31, 1980, and died in infancy.

David is a graduate of Celina Senior High School and Wright State University. He is employed at Pax

Distributing Company as a regional sales manager. He is a member of the Mercer County Elks, Lions and Jaycees. He also served as president of the Coldwater Community Picnic.

Nancy is a graduate of Coldwater High School and Wright State University. She is a religion teacher, a volunteer at school and a member of the Phi Beta Psi Sorority.

Harold and Doris Livingston

Harold George and Doris Ann (Post) Livingston were married on May 25, 1963, in Coldwater. Presently they reside at 207 North Seventh Street in Coldwater, Ohio. Harold, born on January 10, 1940, in Celina, is the son of Sylvester and Fanny (Bailey) Livingston. Doris, born on May 20, 1941, in Celina, is the daughter of Albert and Pauline (Wendel) Post. Doris and Harold are the parents of four children: Theresa, Pam, Ken and Rick.

Harold is presently the owner and manager of Brucken's Cafe in Ft. Loramie. He is also a member of the Coldwater Emergency Squad. Doris is a cook at the Coldwater West Elementary School cafeteria. She is also known for her cooking at weddings and banquets. Theresa, born on July 16, 1964, is a former member of the Coldwater Squad. She now resides in Cleveland. She is employed at Allen-Bradly Corporation as a computer programmer. Pam, born on February 6, 1966, lives at home and is presently an employee of Ft. Recovery Industries. Ken, born on February 6, 1967, also lives at home and is a carpenter with the Lacy Building Corporation in Celina. He is also an active member of the Coldwater Emergency Squad. Rick, born on April 6, 1971, is a sophomore at Coldwater High School.



Virgil and Mary Lochtefeld

Virgil and Mary Lynn Lochtefeld live at 901 West Vine Street in Coldwater, Ohio. Virgil (2-17-43) is the son of Roman and Bernadette (Nieport) Lochtefeld. Mary Lynn (6-6-44) is the daughter of Joseph and Alberta (Welde) Nieberding.

On June 26, 1965, marriage vows were exchanged by Virgil and Mary Lynn in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, Ohio. They have two children, Mary Beth

(4-9-66) and Michael Joseph (5-16-71). Mary Beth is a junior at Bowling Green State University. Michael is a junior at Coldwater High School.

Virgil is branch manager of The Citizens Commercial Bank & Trust Company office in Fort Recovery, Ohio. He is a 1961 graduate of St. Henry High School and a 1965 graduate of The Ohio State University. After graduation, he worked for Beatrice Foods Company in New Bremen, Ohio, before starting his employment with the Citizens Commercial Bank & Trust Company in 1973. Virgil served on the Coldwater Village Council for eight years and for two years as its president. Virgil was also active in the Coldwater Jaycee organization for many years.

Mary Lynn works in the accounting department of The People's Bank Company in Coldwater, Ohio. Mary Lynn is a 1962 graduate of Coldwater High School. After graduation, she attended the College of Mt. St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, before starting her employment at The People's Bank Company in 1964.

On the photograph: Michael, Mary Beth, Virgil and Mary Lynn (seated).



Leo and Henrietta Losche

Leo Losche was born on February 13, 1896, in Decatur, Indiana. During World War I, he was in the field artillery stationed at Fort Anniston, Alabama. He was honorably discharged in 1919. His complete military uniform is on display at the Mercer County Historical Museum in Celina.

After he was discharged from the army, he came to Coldwater to visit his uncle, William Losche; while visiting, he put in his application at New Idea, got a job, worked 45 years and retired in 1966.

In 1938 he married Henrietta Spangler of Decatur, Indiana. They had three daughters: Ruth Ann, Mary Jane and Karen. All are Coldwater High School graduates.

Ruth Ann, a nurse, married N. F. Wilberschied of Cleveland; they were the parents of two daughters, Laressa and Rachel. Ruth Ann died of cancer in 1979.

Mary Jane, also a nurse, married Charles Mescher of Celina; they are the parents of one son, Greg.

Karen graduated from Oregon State College and works for the State of Oregon in the retarded program. She married Mark Albers of Maria Stein. They live in Salem, Oregon, and have one daughter, Emory.

The family was active in Coldwater affairs. Henrietta and daughters Mary Jane and Karen were C.C.D. teachers.

In 1922 Leo was a member of the first Coldwater City Band directed by John Tangeman. He also belonged to the Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity and was an active member of Patriotism Post 490 American Legion. His widow is still active in the American Legion Auxiliary as chairman of the community loan closet.

Leo died on September 15, 1979, from cancer. He was buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery after services at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater.

James and Elaine Loughridge

Jim, son of James and Cleo Loughridge, and Elaine, daughter of Francis and Anna Margaret Smith, were born and reared in Celina, Ohio. On June 27, 1970, they were married and set up their household in Coldwater.

Jim has been a school teacher in Ft. Recovery since 1967; Elaine has been an R.N. since 1970 at Community Hospital in Coldwater. They have five children: Matt, 12-18-73; Jodi, 12-4-75; Mark, 8-9-77; Brian, 7-21-80; and, Renee, 8-2-82. They reside at 4755 Gause Road.



Harry and Philomena Luken

Harry J. Luken, son of the late Bernard and Anna (Pohl) Luken, and Philomena M. (Minnie Post) Luken, daughter of the late Henry and Mary (Brown) Post, were married on June 21, 1916. In 1918 they purchased a new home at 302 East South Street. They were the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter. Lucille, the oldest, married Edward J. Westgerdes, Jr., of St. Henry on October 20, 1939. They had three children: one son, Daniel, and two daughters, Carol and Sharon. The sons, Paul B., Richard E. and Donald J., were bachelors and lived at 302 East South Street until 1985. Richard was mar-

ried on December 15, 1984, to Louise Stombaugh of Bryan, Ohio. Paul and Donald reside at 803 Sunset Drive and Richard and Louise reside at 704 Briarwood Drive. Harry retired from New Idea in 1954 after 44 years of service as Production Superintendent. Philomena (Minnie) died on April 23, 1964. Harry died on September 26, 1970.

Mike and Marty Luken

Mike and Marty Luken live at 708 Oakwood Drive. Mike is the son of Tom and Jean Luken. Marty is the daughter of Bill and Alma Rutschilling. Both Mike and Marty graduated from Coldwater High School.

They have two children, Kara, ten years old, and Jeren, seven years old; and this year they have an exchange student from Bremen, West Germany, Katja Fink, who is a senior at Coldwater High School.

Mike is Divisional Manager for Laidlaw and is active with the Community Picnic, the Lions and other local clubs. Marty is a nurse; she works at St. Marys Medical Group and is also active in the community.



Richard and Louise Luken

Richard E. "Red" and Louise Luken reside at 704 Briarwood Drive. Richard was born in Coldwater, Ohio, and Louise was born in Stryker, Ohio. They were married on December 15, 1984, at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Bryan, Ohio. Richard's parents were the late Harry J. and Philomena "Minnie" Luken. Louise's parents were the late Emile P. and Myrtie F. (Planson) Hays of Stryker, Ohio.

Richard is one of four children. He has two brothers, Paul and Donald, and one sister, Lucille.

Richard graduated from Coldwater High School in 1945, was drafted into the military service and served in France and Germany. He was assigned to the 53rd Military Police in Bad Nauheim, Germany. After his discharge, he joined New Idea where he spent the next 23 years. In January, 1970, he joined Pax Steel Products, Inc. as Plant Manager, where he is still employed. His wife, Louise, spent most of her adult life in Bryan, Ohio.

Henry and Viola Luthman

In 1947 Henry Luthman and Viola Pleiman were married and moved to Coldwater. Henry, the son of John and Rosa Hoying Luthman, was born in Ft. Loramie. After graduation there, he worked at a gas station and at New Idea. In 1942 he entered the military service, became a staff sergeant, and served abroad. He was discharged in 1946 and returned to New Idea where he retired in 1981 as a supervisor. Viola, the daughter of George and Anna Marie Fulenkamp Pleiman, was born in Celina in December, 1924. She graduated from Immaculate Conception High School and worked at Westinghouse in Lima and in Celina. Henry and Viola have five children.

Michael was born in 1947, graduated from Coldwater High School in 1966 and received a B.S. in Science from the University of Dayton. After eighteen months in the Army, he worked at the Ohio State House for three years, received a master's degree from The Ohio State University and worked in research. He married Kathleen Higgins in 1981. He was a software engineer in Livonia, Michigan, and worked toward a Ph.D., which he will receive in March, 1988.

Catherine was born in 1951, graduated from Coldwater High School in 1969, worked one year at the hospital and then attended Ohio University. She worked several years in Dayton and Celina, attended school in Columbus and received a degree in art in 1987. She lives in Columbus.

Joseph was born in 1954, graduated from Coldwater High School in 1972, worked at New Idea and graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1976. He is a computer systems programmer at Sheller Globe in Toledo. In 1975 he and Dorothy Flick were married; they have two children, Michelle, seven, and Paul, six. They live in Custar, Ohio.

Therese was born in 1955, graduated from Coldwater High School, worked at Briarwood Manor for two years and attended Wright State University. She entered St. Francis Convent and made her vows in three years. She received an R.N. from St. Alexis Hospital and a B.N. from Ursuline College, both in Cleveland. Her final vows were made in 1986 as Sister Ruth.

Donald was born in 1959, graduated from Coldwater High School in 1977 and received a business degree from Miami University in 1980. He married Karen Bergman; they have a daughter, Sarah, and have another child due in February. They live in Madeira. Don is Assistant Vice President/Commercial Loans at Central Trust in Cincinnati.

Joseph and Rita McDevitt

Joseph E. McDevitt and Rita M. Giere were married in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater in August, 1949. In September they moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Joe finished his college education, receiving a degree in Traffic and Transportation. Prior to this time, Joe had spent 59 months in the Army during World War II and Rita had been employed in the office of New Idea, Division of AVCO, in Coldwater. In

was born on June 4, 1968, and is a freshman at The Ohio State University; Teresa Ann was born on August 3, 1971; Cheryl Anne was born on March 10, 1973; and, Anthony Joseph was born on August 17, 1977.

Marvin and Janice spent the first seventeen years of their married life in the town of Coldwater. They moved to Janice's homestead on State Route 118, one mile south of Coldwater in 1981. They and their children are members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, Ohio.

Marvin is employed at Reynolds and Reynolds and is also kept busy farming. Janice has been a wife and mother and is kept very busy helping on the farm, gardening, canning and baking for the family.



Frank and Virginia Mohlman

The picture is of the Mohlman family and consists of Frank, Ginny, Kurt, Colleen and Dave, Rachel, Linda and Ann.

The Mohlman family lives at 4603 Fleetfoot Road. Frank is the son of Frank and Marie Mohlman. His father came to the United States from Northrup, Germany, and died in 1952 after a long illness when Frank was a very young boy. Frank was married to Norma Hartings in 1965; she died in 1975 of leukemia. Norma was the daughter of Lawrence and Leona Hartings. Frank and Norma had four children: Dave, Linda, Julie Ann (died at three months of age) and Ann.

Frank married Virginia Muhlenkamp in 1978. Ginny is the daughter of Isidor and Henrietta Muhlenkamp. Ginny worked at Reynolds and Reynolds until she got married and became a full time homemaker. Frank and Ginny have two children, Kurt and Rachel. Dave is married to Colleen and they have a son, Tyler, and live in Hillsdale, Michigan. Dave graduated from Hillsdale College with a degree in biology. Linda attends Hillsdale as a sophomore. Ann attends Coldwater Junior High as a seventh grader. Kurt is in the second grade at East School and Rachel is in kindergarten. Frank works as a machinist at Hardin Creek Machine in Coldwater. He belongs to the Coldwater Knights of Columbus, of which he is their Pro-Life Director, and to many other organizations. Ginny is a homemaker, belongs to St. Ann's Sodality and is active in their children's school activities.

Anthony and Pauline Moorman

Anthony F. (Tony) Moorman, (11-01-22 to 8-8-72) and Pauline Wenning married on May 16, 1942, in Coldwater, Ohio. They first lived near Coldwater. Following his discharge from the U.S. Army in 1945, they moved to Montezuma. In September, 1951, the family moved to 3315 St. Rt. 219 where Pauline resides today. Pauline is a homemaker. Anthony was an accountant having his own business, Moorman's Accounting Services, which was sold to his sons and is now known as Moorman, Harting & Co. He was also a school board member. Ferdinand (4-25-1889 to 7-7-1965) and Ceceila (Weyer) (1-26-1888 to 12-24-1964) Moorman were Anthony's parents. Henry (1-21-1886 to 10-13-1956) and Anna (Vonderwell Bonifas) (2-8-1883 to 1-2-1963) Wenning were Pauline's parents.

Anthony and Pauline had seventeen children: James (4-27-43) married Elaine Bertke, children — Wayne (deceased), Craig, Brenda and Brian; Mrs. Paul L. (Jane) Clune (4-27-43), children — Daniel, Mrs. Bob (Paula) Fleming, Dale and Patricia and grandchildren — Misty and Michael Fleming; Samuel (12-1-44) married Lillian Balster, children — Ann, Paul, Michael, Linda, Nancy and Matthew; Robert (1-4-47) married Phyllis Brunswick, children — Renee (deceased), Kelly and Stacy; Mrs. Donald H. (Donna) Sieftring, children — Brett, Clint and Chett; Randal (5-30-50) married Betty Robb, children — Greg Moorman, Becky and Shelly Robb; Theodore (8-19-51) married Martha Pohlman, son Matthew; Terry (8-24-52) married Carol Stukenborg, children — Thomas, Mark, Keith, Tony, William and David; Mrs. Eugene (Sandra) Smart (12-16-1954), children — Jason and Sherrie; Mrs. Kenneth (Dorothy) Tobin, children — Scott, Kevin and Julie; Patrick (3-8-57) married Kathleen Menna, children — Shawn and Jodie; Christopher (10-12-58) married Mary Agnes Evers, children — Travis and Kimberly; Mrs. Rick J (Cathleen) Homan, children — Laura, Lisa and Tony; Timothy (2-23-61) married Susan Leugers; Tina (2-23-61); Nita (10-25-63); and, David (3-2-65).

Sam and Chris live in St. Henry. Donna lives in Maria Stein; Ted, Ross, Ohio; Terry, Celina; Cathy, Bryant, Indiana; and, Nita, Randolph, New Jersey. Jim, Jane, Bob, Randy, Sandy, Dots, Pat, Tim, Tina and David live in Coldwater.

Robert and Phyllis Moorman

Robert and Phyllis were married on August 1, 1970, and have three daughters. Renée, born on July 4, 1971, died two days after birth. Kelly, born on August 7, 1972, is a freshman at Coldwater High School and Stacy, born on September 18, 1974, is in the seventh grade at Coldwater Junior High School.

Robert is the son of Anthony and Pauline (Wenning) Moorman of Coldwater and the grandson of Ferd and Ceceila (Weyer) Moorman and Henry and Anna (Vonderwell) Wenning. Phyllis is the daughter of Clarence and Catherine (Quinter) Brunswick of St. Wendelin and the granddaughter of Frank and Clara (Pohlkamp) Brunswick and Benedict and Anna (Theiman) Quinter.

Robert, a graduate of Coldwater High School and Wright State University of Dayton, is the managing partner of Moorman, Harting & Co., CPA's. He is also co-owner of Coldwater Machine Company.

Phyllis, a graduate of St. Henry High School, is employed by Moorman, Harting & Co. as a secretary.

Robert and his family live on State Route 219 west of Coldwater.



Edgar and Rosemary Moorman

Edgar is the son of the late Ferd and Ceceila Weyer Moorman and Rosemary is the daughter of Joe and Hilda Thobe Hein. They were married in Coldwater on April 25, 1945, and are the parents of six children: Diann Schneider (Coldwater), Judy Nietfeld (Celina), John (Jack) Moorman (Coldwater), Richard Moorman (Coldwater), Sherry Siefing (St. Henry) and Lisa Lefeld (Coldwater). They also have twenty grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Edgar is retired after thirty-six years at Dayton Power and Light in Coldwater. He also was on the Coldwater Volunteer Fire Department for nineteen years. Rosemary is a housewife.

The Moormans reside at 801 Dogwood Drive and enjoy traveling.



Cletus and Joan Muhlenkamp

Cletus Aloys Muhlenkamp, son of Hilbert and Freda (Steinbrunner) Muhlenkamp, was born on October 21, 1937, at the same residence where he now

lives. He attended St. Anthony Elementary School and graduated from Coldwater High School.

On April 27, 1963, he married Joan Irene Pottkotter, daughter of Vincent and Adeline (Roessner) Pottkotter. The marriage was performed in St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sharpsburg, Ohio, by the Rev. Louis Pottkotter, C.P.P.S., who also performed Joan's parents' marriage in 1939 in the Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, Ohio.

Joan and Clete are the parents of four children; all were born at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Coldwater, Ohio: Kevin Lee, 1964; Carla Jane, 1965; Steven Michael, 1967; and, LaRie Ann, 1970. They all completed their twelve years of education in the Coldwater schools.

Kevin married Patrice Frey, on April 4, 1987. Pat is the daughter of Vernon and Julie (Schlater) Frey of Ft. Loramie, Ohio. Kevin and Pat make their home in Ft. Loramie, Ohio.

Carla graduated from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, in 1987. She is engaged to Michael Buening, son of Greg and Helen (Prenger) Buening, of Coldwater, Ohio.

Steve went into dairy farming with his father and continues to live at home.

LaRie will graduate this spring (1988) and plans to continue her education at Lima Tech in dental hygiene.

The farm has been in the family for three generations from father to son: 1920, Theodore; 1937, Hilbert; and, 1968, Cletus.

Joan's grandparents, Leo and Frances (Hoyng) Roessner, lived their entire lives at 521 West Walnut Street in Coldwater, Ohio, after their marriage in 1913.

The Coldwater community has been a very memorable and important part of our families' past and present lives.

Donald and Treva Muhlenkamp

Donald J. Muhlenkamp was born on May 14, 1937, the son of Ferd and Gertrude (Obringer) Muhlenkamp. Don and his four brothers were reared on his father's farm on the state line near St. Anthony, Ohio. Don received his early schooling in a two-room schoolhouse in Trinity, Indiana, and graduated from high school in Coldwater, Ohio. After high school he started working at Mersman Bros. in Celina, Ohio.

In 1958 he joined the Ohio National Guard in St. Marys, Ohio, spending his basic training in Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and the remaining time in Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. After his time with the army, he continued at Mersman's, working as a machine operator in the mill room. In 1963 he married Treva Stachler, daughter of Clarence and Veronica (Quinter) Stachler of Wendelin. Treva graduated from Ft. Recovery High School in 1960. For one year they lived above the Adam Beach Shoe Store and Treva worked for Les Wenning Motors in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. In 1964 they purchased their present home two miles north of Coldwater on St. Rt 118.



They have four children: Mindy, Bradley, Ryan and Sheri. Rick works at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in the press room. Janice works at White-New Idea as a secretary.



Bernard and Irene Noll

Bernard Noll of Caldwell, Ohio, and Irene Crum, also of Caldwell, were united in marriage on January 12, 1932. They moved to the Coldwater area in 1942. They are the parents of eleven children. Richard was killed in a car-train accident on March 25, 1956, at the age of 24. Susanna married Richard Sanning of St. Henry; they have four living children and one deceased daughter and live west of Coldwater. Cletus married Rita Sutter of Coldwater; they have nine living children and one deceased son. Lawrence (Galen) married Karen Pilkington of Union City, Indiana; they have a set of twin boys living, a son and daughter deceased, and reside in the Minster area. Bernice married Kenneth Hemmelgarn of Celina; they have three daughters and live near Celina. Adrian (Butch) married Linda Schoen of Sharpsburg; they have four children and reside in the Celina area. Rita married Tom Zumberge of Chickasaw; they have two children and reside in Curtice, Ohio. Jerry married Carol Hayes of Celina; they have three children and reside in the Celina area. Roger married Roberta Rush of Montezuma; they have a son and reside in Anna. Charlene married Terry Kittle of Montezuma; they have four children and reside in Celina. Marian married Duane Kaiser of Sharpsburg; they have three children and live in El Paso, Texas.

Bernard and Irene are also proud to have 35 living grandchildren. Four grandchildren, Linda (Sanning) Barhorst, 24; Amy Noll, 20; Brian Noll, 9 months; and, Joseph, one day, are deceased. Thirteen great grandchildren complement their family.

New Idea was Bernard's place of employment from October, 1945, until his retirement in July, 1977. Irene started as a Stanley dealer in July, 1959, and is still active at it.



Jim and Martha Noll

On May 5, 1951, Jim Noll and Martha Miller, both of Coldwater, were married at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. At that time Jim was serving in the U.S. Army in Maryland. They returned to Coldwater in 1953.

Today they have six children. Karen, the oldest, holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from Wright State University. She is married to George Lehrer and is employed as Director of Elementary Education in the Dublin, Ohio, School District.

Pam graduated from the Mt. Carmel School of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio, and is presently employed there as a registered nurse. She is married to Rick Drake and has one daughter, Angela.

Mike graduated from Clark Technical College in Springfield, Ohio, with an Associate Degree in Nursery and Landscaping. He and his wife, Donna, live in Coldwater and Mike works in the pesticide spraying and landscaping business.

Sandra holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Ohio University and is employed as a salesperson in Columbus, Ohio. She is married to Bill Coad.

Jane holds an Associate Degree in Accounting from Columbus Technical Institute and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Franklin University. Employed as an accountant, she lives in Columbus and is married to Dean Saunders.

Mary Lynn graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in business management and is employed as a salesperson in Columbus. She is engaged to be married to John Reymann.

While Martha held down the fort, Jim participated in many community affairs, including the Board of Education and the Park Board.

Jim, now a sales engineer, and Martha, feel that Coldwater is an excellent community in which to live, raise a family, and retire.



Perry and Helen Noll

In 1936 Perry and Helen Noll moved to Coldwater where he was employed as Superintendent of Schools; he remained as superintendent until 1953. Perry was active in school and civic activities. He was instrumental in the passage of the bond issue for the new high school in 1938. His last achievement as superintendent was to have the Coldwater Schools approved by the state as an Exempted Village School District on July 1, 1952. He also helped in the planning and construction of the original swimming pool at Memorial Park in 1953. In 1946, he and his family started what is now Lakefield Airport, located near Montezuma, Ohio.

Perry and Helen have three children. James, the oldest, lives in Coldwater. He married Martha Miller, also from Coldwater, and they have six children.

Paul married Rita Schoch of Coldwater and they live in Santa Maria, California. They have six children.

Phyllis, the youngest, married Robert Harris of McConnelsville, Ohio. They have three children and live in Dublin, Ohio.

Perry and Helen are now living at 520 Henderson Avenue in Williamstown, West Virginia 26187.

Dale and Patricia Now

Dale Eugene Now was born on September 16, 1944, to John Robert and Cleo (Smith) Now. They lived on Gause Road, a little northwest of Coldwater. Dale was the youngest of six children. He works with the Ohio Department of Transportation in Celina. He has been a board member of the Wabash Telephone Company for a number of years. He, along with his children, has founded Wee-Bilt Furniture, which makes children's furniture. He has, also, established Majestic Maintenance, which refurbishes floors, specializing in wood floors. Dale married Patricia Ann Dicke, daughter of Paul E. and Fentrus (May) Dicke of New Bremen, on March 20, 1965. Pat has multiple sclerosis and became active with the Mercer County group in 1976. Dale is the co-president of the association, as of 1987. On November 2, 1966, Shawn was born to Dale and Pat. In August of 1986, Shawn married Melissa J. Kline of St. Marys. They have a son, Robbie. Jason was born to Dale and Pat on October 15, 1974. Leah was born on September 27,

1977. They all attend Grace Missionary Church, Celina. Dale, Pat, Jason and Leah live at 5240 Gause Road. This is also where Dale's businesses are located, to which we as a family, give God all the glory!

William and Helen Oberholzer

The Mercer County saga of Family Oberholzer began in September, 1930, when William L. Oberholzer, newly graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, arrived in Coldwater to teach and coach in Coldwater High School. His original home where he was born and reared was in Dennison, Ohio, Tuscarawas County, in eastern Ohio.

After teaching 19 years in the Coldwater School System, William Oberholzer resigned from teaching to start his own independent insurance agency known as Oberholzer Insurance. After 25 years of insurance sales, he sold his agency to Olding, Gebele, George Insurance Agency and took a well-earned retirement.

On August 12, 1935, he married Helen Burnett Baldwin of West Liberty, Ohio, whom he had met while both were attending Miami University. It was said that their engagement of eight years was the longest in Miami University history. Prior to their marriage, Helen taught five years in the Huntsville, Ohio, School System and during the insurance years was associated with the insurance agency.

To this union were born four children: Linda Lou, Thomas Baldwin, (stillborn), Susan Mary, and William Baldwin. Linda Lou attended Miami University, later married Paul Haskett, and is presently a library assistant at the Coldwater Public Library. Susan Mary attended Case-Western Reserve and Ohio Northern Universities, married John Lavent, and is now living and working in New York City as a pastry chef at a posh restaurant, The Carolina, just off Times Square. William Baldwin attended Ohio Northern and San Diego State Universities, married Mary Margaret O'Hara, and is now living in Torrance, California, where he is a regional vice-president of the Republic Bank of Torrance.



Brian and Lisa Obringer

Brian was born on July 9, 1958. He is the son of Ralph and Charlene (White) Obringer. Brian is a graduate of Coldwater High School.

Lisa was born on March 31, 1961. She is the daughter of Ralph and Sharon (Humbert) Slusser. Lisa is a graduate of Celina High School.

Brian and Lisa were united in marriage on August 29, 1981, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater.

Brian and Lisa have three children. Jason was born on July 1, 1983, and died shortly thereafter. Shannon was born on May 2, 1984. Josh was born on June 18, 1987.

Brian works at Crown Controls in New Bremen. Lisa is a housewife. They reside at 111 South Mill Street in Coldwater.

Florus and Rosemary Obringer

Florus B. Obringer, son of N. Reinhard Obringer and Clara Moorman, was born on December 13, 1917, near Burkettsville, Ohio. He was reared through childhood in the Sharpsburg area. He was the second of nine children. He farmed with his father until he married Hilda Ranly, daughter of Peter Ranly and Sophia Speck on May 1, 1943.

Florus and Hilda had six children: Larry was born in 1944, Elizabeth in 1945, Jane in 1947, Ronald in 1948, Richard in 1949 and Kenneth in 1952. Florus farmed until he joined the work force at New Idea Equipment Company in Coldwater in 1949. Hilda died in 1953 and the family moved to Osgood with his sister for a year. They returned to their home on Fleetfoot Road and the children all attended Coldwater Schools. The four oldest graduated from Coldwater. Richard and Kenneth attended Brunnerdale Seminary through high school.

Florus married Rosemary Weber, daughter of Emil A. Weber and Cora A. Feth, in June, 1963. In the proceeding years Florus continued to work at New Idea until he retired in 1981. Rosemary worked at Hemmelgarn & Sons as a bookkeeper until her retirement in 1980. The children all married: Larry to Diana Ciesinski of Celina; Elizabeth to Daniel McDonough of Dayton; Jane to Charles Johnson of Ocala, Florida; Ronald to Jane Langenkamp of Celina; Richard to Rose Rosenbeck of Chickasaw; and, Kenneth to Christine Baumler of Sandusky. Florus died in 1982 and is buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery. At the present time, Larry, Richard and Kenneth live in Coldwater. Elizabeth is in Kettering, Jane in Florida and Ronald in the Rockford area. Rosemary lives at the home place on Fleetfoot Road.

Larry and Diana Obringer

Larry Obringer is the son of Florus and Hilda Obringer. Larry married Diana Ciesinski from Celina, Ohio. Larry and Diana reside at 121 South First Street in Coldwater, Ohio, and have three children. Annette, age 20, is now living in Toledo and attending the University of Toledo. Their son, Corey, 16, attends Coldwater High School. Tony, deceased, was stillborn in 1967.

Larry Obringer is a 1962 Coldwater High School graduate. He attended Superior State College in



Madison, Wisconsin, for two years. He also attended Dayton Barber College and in 1965 purchased Xavier Hein's home and barber shop, where he still works as a barber.

Diana is a graduate of Immaculate Conception High School and is presently employed at Coldwater Exempted Village Schools as a library aide.

Larry and Diana have been active in Coldwater Swim Team, Lake Front Aquatic Club, Celina Gymnastics and Coldwater Booster Club.

Larry is looking forward to many more years of barbering and serving his community.

One of the things the Obringer's enjoy the most is camping in their camper on weekends. Someday they hope to own some land on Lake St. Marys.



Richard and Rose Obringer

The Richard Obringer family lives at 310 East College Street in Coldwater. Richard is the son of Florus and Hilda (Ranly) Obringer, the fifth of six children. Richard grew up on Fleetfoot Road. Richard's mother died when he was three. His dad remarried when Richard was 13. Florus married Rosemary Weber from Dayton in 1963.

Richard was born on September 28, 1949. He received his elementary education in Coldwater and then went to Brunnerdale Seminary in Canton, Ohio, where he graduated in 1968.

Richard has worked at Huff Corporation since July, 1970. He started as a welder and is now a Wheel

Room CPM Technician Group Leader. In September, 1972, he married Rose Rosenbeck, daughter of Eugene and Martha (Horstman) Rosenbeck. Rose grew up in Chickasaw and graduated from Marion Local High School in 1970. Rose works part time for Cheryl Ann School as a bus aide and a job coach.

Richard and Rose have three children. Douglas is an eighth grader; Bruce a seventh grader; and Mark a third grader. All three of them are active in sports and attend the Coldwater Schools.

Richard coached Little League and YMCA sports. The family attends Holy Trinity Church where Richard is a member of the K. of C., a member of the Parish Council and a lector in the church. Rose is active in the Booster Club and does volunteer work at the Coldwater Schools. Rose is a den mother for the cub scouts. They are past presidents of the swim team. Their whole family is very happy and proud to be part of Coldwater's history.



Eugene and Lucille Ontrop

Henry and Sophia (Weigel) Ontrop were the parents of Theresia, Cyril, Urban, Eugene (Jim), Ida Marie Voskuhl, Candidus and Sylvester. The last three were triplets; only Theresia and Ida are surviving today.

Eugene and Lucille were married on April 27, 1946. Lucille's parents were Frank and Frances Wenning, whose other children are Evelyn (Wint) Kaucher, Lester, Lillian Dues, Paul and Francis.

Eugene and Lucille had eight children:

James married Joyce Dues, daughter of August, Jr. Their children are Chris and Caryn. Jim works for the Mercer County Schools as work-study coordinator and Joyce is an accountant at National Technical Services.

Douglas married Janice Gorie, daughter of Leo, Sr. from Cleveland, Ohio. They have five children: Amy, Michael, Rebecca, Daniel and Rachel. Douglas raises hogs and works at the St. Anthony Mill. Janice is a registered nurse at Coldwater Community Hospital.

Virginia married Ted Buehler, son of Elmer Buehler of Burketsville, Ohio. They have three sons: Jessie, Ben and Andy. Virginia is a special education teacher; Ted is a realtor and does custom cabinetry. They reside in Plainfield, Indiana.

Tim married Deborah Puthoff, daughter of the late Cyril Puthoff from Chickasaw. Amanda and

Holly are their children and they live in Dandridge, Tennessee. Tim is a designer at Phillips Consumer Electronic Company and Deb works at Le Sportsac.

Sandra married Russ Meyer, son of Elmer from Anna, Ohio. They are the parents of twins, Elizabeth and Eric. Sandra is a lab technician and Russ is an accountant at White Castle in Columbus, Ohio.

Patrick is married to Nancy Morrisey, daughter of the late Kenneth. Pat is an engineer at Minster Machine and Nancy is a registered nurse at Community Hospital. They reside in Celina.

Phillip raises chickens and lives on his farm in the Fort Recovery area. He also works for Laidlaw.

Bruce lives in Fairborn, Ohio, and is employed at Beta Industries where he designs for Wright Patterson.

Only several of the older grandchildren remember their grandfather, Eugene, who passed away on December 31, 1978.

Pictured left to right: James Ontrop; Phillip Ontrop; Sandra Meyer; small boy, Bruce Ontrop; Patrick Ontrop; Virginia Buehler; Bride, Debra Puthoff Ontrop; Groom, Tim Ontrop; Mother, Lucille Ontrop; Father, Eugene Ontrop; Douglas Ontrop.

Theodore and Anna Oppenheim

Theodore ("Ted") and Anna Elizabeth (nee Mathias) Oppenheim both died in 1971. They left behind seven children who held a family reunion with their descendents in late 1987 in San Diego. This report treats of those seven children and their offspring.

The oldest child, Marita, married Edward Larkin and lived with him in Tuscon, Arizona, from 1949 until Edward's death in 1984. Their three children, Susan, Lynn, and Michael, are all married and now living in Tuscon, San Diego, and Ann Arbor respectively.

Their oldest son, T. Vincent ("Vince"), married Joanne Bunting in 1954 and now lives with her in Los Altos, California. Their three oldest children, Bruce, Paul and Joanne, are married and living in Juneau, Alaska, San Francisco, and Reno, Nevada, respectively, while their youngest, Karen, is in college and doing her junior year abroad in Britain.

Their son, Frank, became a Jesuit in 1942, was ordained a priest in 1955, and has been teaching philosophy at Xavier University in Cincinnati since 1961. He has published books and articles, mostly on Josiah Royce (American philosopher of community), and promoted post-Vatican II renewal through spiritual direction and companionship during retreats.

Their second daughter, Virginia, married Dr. Ernest P. Barlock, a Denver pathologist. Now retired in Denver, their keenest interest is their four sons: Peter, Ted, Vince, and Christian. Peter manages Biscayne Bay's Marriott. Ted serves in the Strategic Air Command at Minot, North Dakota. Vince checks out earthquakes for the U.S. Geodetic Survey in California. Christian pursues a graduate degree in architecture at Miami University in Oxford. Peter and Ted are married.

Their third daughter, Ramona, entered the Maryknoll Sisters in 1950 and, after early formation, served 17 years in the Philippines (Quezon City, Lucena, Mindinao). She then served ten years in Guatemala (Huehuetenango and Sta. Elena) and is currently finishing her second three-year "home-renewal" at Maryknoll, New York. She plans on returning to Guatemala in September, 1988.

Their youngest son, Walter, is a Denver-based dermatologist, married to Geneva Hill, and father of seven children: John, Mary Beth, Joanne, Ramona, Patrick, Jim and David. Currently president of a Denver Doctors' Society, Walt watches with Geneva as their children ponder Ramona's recent lead in marriage.

Their youngest daughter, Rose Marie, married John J. Dilenschneider of Columbus in 1954. Their energies have gone into the challenging responsibility of rearing ten children: Anne, John, Joseph, Charles, Ted, Frank, Mary, David, Robert, and Rose Marie. At present, Anne has four children in California and John has two in Lake Forest, Illinois. Joseph teaches emotionally handicapped children in Montana. Charles lives with Jamie, his wife, in Columbus, Ohio, and serves there as a nurse in a critical care unit. Ted teaches in a Columbus innercity school; Frank works there in a hospital emergency room; Mary is a nurse in the Bay Area of California; David is finishing at Notre Dame; and Bob and Rose Marie are finishing high school in Arlington Heights.



Paul and Roseann Osterfeld

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Osterfeld have resided at 504 West Plum Street in Coldwater for the past 34 years. They were married on June 5, 1948, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Celina, Ohio, by Father Albert Gerhardstein. They will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year (1988).

Paul, son of John and Clara (Kessen) Osterfeld was born on January 17, 1925. He retired from New Idea in 1983, after 39½ years of service. Roseann, daughter of John and Mary (Daly) Pfeffenberger of Celina, Ohio, was born November 11, 1926, and has been employed at the Huff Corporation for the past 19 years.

Paul and Roseann are the parents of four children and they have eleven grandchildren. Paul John

II was born on August 15, 1950. He and his wife, Paula, live in Coldwater and have four children: Wendy, Mark, Joanna and Brian. David was born on May 16, 1954. He and his wife live in St. Henry. He has five children: Jessica, Jeremy, Janelle, Jocelyn and Josiah. Joyce was born on March 3, 1957, and is married to Michael Homan; they live in St. Henry. They are the parents of two children, Melissa and Michael, Jr. Gary was born on October 29, 1970; he lives at home and will be a senior at Coldwater High School this year (1988).



Thomas and Alma Osterfeld

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Osterfeld live at 424 East Main Street in Coldwater, Ohio. Thomas is the son of John and Clara Kessen Osterfeld of Coldwater. Alma is the daughter of William and Anna Ahlers Dues of St. Henry, Ohio. Tom and Alma were married on July 5, 1950, in St. Henry Catholic Church, St. Henry, Ohio.

Tom and Alma are the parents of five children: Mrs. Joe (Mary) Braun, Coldwater; Robert, Montezuma; Barbara Kahlig, R.R., Coldwater; Mrs. Ruth Dixon, deceased; and, Rita Herchenroeder, Coldwater. They have nine grandchildren.

Tom has 40 years of work at New Idea and is still working at White-New Idea in Coldwater. Alma is a homemaker.

Leo Joseph Sr. and Natalia Osterholt

Leo Joseph Osterholt was the sixth child of Bernard Osterholt and Johanna Wenning Osterholt. He was born on April 17, 1922, at their home west of Philothea. He attended Oakland School and Coldwater High School and St. Marys Church in Philothea.

He married Natalia Barnhart on May 8, 1943, at St. Marys Church in Philothea. She was the fourth daughter of Samuel Barnhart and Anna Bruns Barnhart. She was born on June 17, 1922, at their home in Indianapolis. She was a member of Assumption Church and attended the parochial school and St. John Academy in Indianapolis.

They are both members of the St. Marys Church in Philothea where they have lived for 40 years.



They together had six children: Elizabeth Fitzmartin, Margaret Stachler, Joann Zbikowski, Emilie Schmiesing, Michael, and Leo, Jr., Osterholt. They also have 20 grandchildren.

Leo, Sr., started a garage in Philothea, Lee's Garage, in 1950 and operated it for 32 years. He sold the business to Tim Brown in 1982. The garage is presently owned and operated by Leo Osterholt, Jr., who bought it in 1985.

Leo, Sr., was appointed Clerk of Butler Township in 1969, replacing Clarence Bruns. He was re-elected for four terms, thus serving 18 years. He retired from that office on January 1, 1988.

Leo and Natalia retired to their new home on Huycks Lake, Coldwater, Michigan, in 1987.



William and Valeria Otte

William J. Otte was born on November 18, 1910, in Montezuma, Ohio. He was the third son of Henry and Elizabeth (Roetgerman) Otte of Minster, Ohio. Henry Otte, emigrated from Neuenkirchen, Germany, to the United States in 1885. William graduated from Notre Dame University in 1935 and retired from AVCO New Idea in 1976 as Comptroller and Vice-President of Finance. He married Valeria Giere in 1940 and they have nine children.

Lois married Mark Eilerman, Jr., and lives in Arcanum, Ohio. They have five children: Marcia, Donald, Kris (deceased), Kevin and Steven and two grandchildren, Abbi and Michael, the children of Donald and Barbara (Baker) Eilerman.

Carole married James Goettmoeller and lives in Denton, Montana. They have five children: James, Jr., Sandra, Charles, Judith and Monte.

William, Jr., married Linda Bruggeman and lives in Norcross, Georgia. They have three children: Heather, Alicia and Elizabeth.

Lorraine married Larry Knapke and lives in Coldwater, Ohio. They have three children: Andrew, Aaron and Melinda.

Marilyn married Dr. James Mahoney and lives in Goffstown, New Hampshire. They have two children, Nora and Dillon.

Joseph is single and lives in Denton, Montana.

Richard married Melissa Waldie and lives in Manchester, New Hampshire. They have one child, Amelia.

Mark married Jill Muhlenkamp and lives in Cassella, Ohio. They have two children, Phillip and Joseph.

Gregory is single and lives in Columbus, Ohio.

There is a total of 20 living grandchildren (one grandson is deceased) and two great grandchildren.



Alfred and Marilyn Sue Pax

Alfred C. Pax, son of Jacob G. Pax and Antoinette (Nordenbrock) Pax, and Marilyn Sue Stoecklein, daughter of Edward J. Stoecklein and Irene (Wourms) Stoecklein, were married on December 29, 1962. There are three children: Catherine (10/22/63-8/20/83), Linda and Gregory. Linda graduated from The Ohio State University in 1987 with a degree in physical therapy. She now works at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Greg is a student at Notre Dame University.

Sue taught for five years in the Coldwater school system after graduating from the University of Dayton. Since 1977 she has been administrator and teacher for Creative Discovery Preschool at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Celina. This school enrolls three-, four-, and five-year-old children.

Alfred has degrees from the University of Dayton and from Notre Dame University. He served two years in the Infantry in the United States and in Korea before he began teaching in 1954.

He taught high school mathematics and science at Marion Local Schools in Maria Stein, Ohio, for eight years, including two years as high school principal. In 1961 he taught seventh grade in the Coldwater Schools and in 1962 taught high school science and

mathematics. From 1963 through 1985 he served as high school principal and senior mathematics teacher. In January, 1986, he accepted the position of Coldwater School District Treasurer, the position in which he now serves.



Steve and Marlene Pax

Steve and Marlene Pax reside at 208 Hillcrest Drive. They were married on November 10, 1984. Steve is the son of Francis and Joan Stammen Pax. Marlene is the daughter of Herb and Stella Kunkler Siefring. They have one son, Benjamin Joseph, born on May 28, 1986. Marlene is employed at Sowa's Department Store. Steve works for Pax Machine Works.



John Baptist Penno

John Baptist Penno was born in France in 1789; he married in Holland and emigrated to Germany in 1814. His son, Frank, had three sons. The second son, Theodore, was born in 1840 at Oeding, Germany. He was a cooper (barrel maker) by trade and emigrated to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1866. He married another German immigrant, Elizabeth Summermier, and they had two children, Anna Catherine (m. August Koenig) and Herman Francis (Frank) (m. Mary Elizabeth Homan).

Theodore followed his cousins, the Ebbing's, to Mercer County in 1887. He purchased a 70-acre farm located one mile west and one-half mile south of Coldwater known as the Fred Tangeman farm. The farm had a log house and barn. Theodore built a new house in 1900 and a new barn in 1907 for \$300.

In a few years when Theodore and Elizabeth moved to Coldwater, son Frank owned the farm until 1944.

Frank and Mary had four children: Joseph (m. Lorena Knoth), Theodore (m. Rita Stelzer), Bernard (m. Alice Braun), and Clara (m. Roman Knapke).

Grandson Theodore and Rita owned the farm until 1974. They had three children: John (m. Nancy Clark), Theodore, and Mary Ann (m. Joseph Diller).

Great-grandson, Theodore, now owns the farm that has been in the Penno family for 100 years.

John and Nancy own the old John Huwer farm located 1¼ miles west of Coldwater; this farm has been in the Penno family for 73 years. They have two children, Linda and David.

Mary Ann and Joe reside on a farm near St. Anthony with their eight children: Kathleen, Phyllis, Robert, Ronald, Janet, Michael, Karen and Brian.

Photo: Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Homan) Penno farm in 1934.



Kenneth and Karen Platfoot

Ken and Karen Platfoot have resided in Coldwater since May, 1987, along with their three children: Jacquelyn, six; James, four; and, Kenny, six months. Ken's parents are Robert and Ruth Platfoot of New Weston and Karen's are Fran and Mary Lou Guilbault of St. Henry.

Kremer Roofing, Inc. has been Ken's place of employment for over three years, while Karen has worked full time for the Mercer County JTPA since 1984. They both are interested in sports. Ken is on a softball team and also keeps busy with carpentry work. For enjoyment they like motorcycling. The family, together, has fun swimming, bike riding, and walking and hopes to do more traveling.

Arthur and Salome Pleiman

On December 26, 1944, when Arthur George Pleiman, who was born on October 22, 1921, to Joseph John Pleiman and Theresa Stahl Pleiman of Coldwater, Ohio, married Salome Dorothy Bergman, who was born on November 19, 1924, the daughter of Joseph C. Bergman and Catherine Schmitt Bergman of Maria Stein, Ohio, they moved to Galveston,



Texas, where Arthur was serving with the United States Navy.

There are four children.

Arthur Joseph Pleiman married Joan Clarke Martin and they live in Kensington, Maryland, with their four children: Joe, Tom, Susan, and Ted.

Lorraine Catherine married David Lee Schwartz and they reside in Coldwater, Ohio, and their three children are Lisa, Brian, and Amy.

Mary Teresa is married to Salvatore (Tony) Jordan. They have two children, Jeffrey and Jimmy, and they call Baltimore, Maryland, home.

Roy Jerome Pleiman lives at Club Island, Celina, Ohio.

Arthur Pleiman owned and operated Coldwater Home Supply, Inc. Arthur and Salome are now retired and they live at 810 West Vine Street in Coldwater, Ohio.

Robert and Elizabeth Pleiman

Robert and Elizabeth (Betty) Pleiman live at 559 South Second Street. Robert is the son of Joseph and Theresa Pleiman. Betty is the daughter of Adrian and Blanch Grillot. Robert and Betty have five children.

Steven married Lorie Cover. They have one child, Ashley, age three, and Steve has a son, Joseph, age 10, by a previous marriage. They live in Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

Susan married Kenneth Ahrens. They have two children, Jessica, age ten, and Shannon, age seven. They reside at 513 West Walnut Street in Coldwater.

Thomas married Linda Robinson. They live in Englewood.

Karan married Bruce (Andy) Rohr. They have one child, Zachary, age three months, and they live in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Sharon married Bruce Miller. They live in Tipp City.

Bob is employed by H.A. Dorsten Construction in Minster, Ohio. Bob enjoys camping, gardening and his grandchildren.

Betty is employed at Sowar's Department Store in Coldwater. She also enjoys camping and a good book.

Leroy and Alberta Pohl

Leroy Joseph Pohl is the son of Leo John Pohl and Pauline Bernadine Rammel. He was born on December 29, 1937, in New Weston, Ohio, where his par-

ents owned a farm. His parents are of German descent.

Alberta Joan Pohl is the daughter of Albert Frederick Schmitmeyer and Clara Catherine Henke. She was born on March 17, 1940, in Fort Loramie, Ohio, where her family lived on the Henke Homestead farm which is now in the Schmitmeyer name. She is also of German descent.



Leroy J. Pohl and Alberta J. Schmitmeyer were married on October 3, 1959, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Fort Loramie, Ohio. They have the following children: Gary Joseph, born on July 4, 1960, and died on July 5, 1960; Gregory Joseph, born on August 19, 1961, living and working in Cincinnati, Ohio; Randolph John, born on November 8, 1963, residing in Columbus, Ohio, and employed at United Resources; and, Robert Alan, born on September 9, 1968, a freshman at Boston College in Massachusetts. All four sons were born in St. Marys, Ohio.

Leroy and Alberta moved to Coldwater in 1968 and reside at 307 North Second Street. They are members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and are members of several church and community organizations. For the past eight years, Leroy has been an officer of the Community Hospital Board of Governors. He is employed as an agent representative for the Prudential Insurance Company. Alberta is employed as the Village of Coldwater's tax administrator. She is also kept busy with being a homemaker. The Pohl family is proud to have been the host family for three foreign exchange students: 1984-85 school year, Martin Puschke, W. Germany; 1985-86, Joris Jaspars, Holland; and, 1987-88, Bettina Schroeder, W. Germany. A hobby the family all enjoys is camping.

Donald and Mary Ann Post

Don and Mary Ann were married on May 11, 1963, in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater and are the parents of three children: Rebecca, 23; Chris, 22; and, Shelly, 17.

Don, son of William and Antoinette (Buetle) Post, grew up in St. Anthony and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1959. He attended Ft. Wayne Commercial College in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and has been employed at New Idea for twenty-six years.

Mary Ann, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Kaup) Dues, attended Wendelin School and the Coldwater schools, graduating in 1960. She was employed at Celina Insurance for three years. For the last 20 years she has been a sales person for Froelich's Jewelry.

Rebecca attended the Coldwater schools and graduated in 1982. She married Theodore Kunk and they are the parents of two children, Travis, age 2½, and Ashley, age two weeks.

Chris graduated from Coldwater High School in 1984. He served in the U.S. Army for three years. Six months of that time were spent in Sinai, Egypt. He is presently employed at New Idea.

Shelly is a senior at Coldwater High School. She plans to attend a four-year college.

Marvin and Patricia Post

Marvin and Patricia Post live at 4757 Siegrist-Jutte Road, Coldwater, Ohio 45828. Marvin is the son of Ray and Adele Post. Patricia is the daughter of Austin and Loretta Remaklus. They have five children. Theresa is a student at Wright State University. Tony is a sophomore at Miami University. Linda is a senior at Coldwater High School, Ann is a junior at Coldwater High School, and Nancy is a freshman at Coldwater High School.

Marvin works at United Parcel Service. Patricia and the children own and operate the Memorial Park Drive-In.



Robert and Josephine Post

Robert D. Post, oldest son of Anthony, Sr., and Mary Gross Post of St. Peter, Ohio, was born on May 3, 1940, in St. Peter. He is the third oldest of seven children. Bob has four sisters and two brothers: Irene, deceased; Clara Kramer, New Weston, Ohio; Donna Hartke, Celina, Ohio; Jeanette Bachelor, Celina, Ohio; Tom Post, St. Peter, Ohio; and, Tony Post, St. Peter, Ohio.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1963, Bob married Josephine (Joey) Schwieterman in St. Anthony. She is the daughter of Joe and Catherine Kramer Schwieterman. Joey has two brothers and two sisters: Virgil Schwieterman, rural Celina, Ohio;

Norbert, deceased; Virginia Axe, McCartyville, Ohio; and, Mary Bruns, Egypt, Ohio.

Bob and Joey are the parents of five children: Robert, Jr., born on October 15, 1964; Lisa, born on October 24, 1966; Troy, born on November 30, 1970; Scott, born on April 16, 1973; and, Michael, stillborn on December 15, 1974. Robert, Jr., married Michelle Hartman of Salamonia, Indiana, on August 9, 1986. He is in the Navy and stationed in Charleston, South Carolina. Lisa attends Wright State University in Celina. Troy is a junior and Scott is a freshman at Coldwater High School.

Bob and Joey lived in St. Anthony on the Schwieterman farm for the first five years of their marriage. For the last eighteen years, they have lived at 804 North Cedar Street in Coldwater.

Since graduation from college in 1960, Bob has been employed at Huffy Corporation in Celina. He also farms a farm near St. Peter with his two brothers, Tom and Tony. Joey has been employed the last 7½ years at Society Bank in Celina, Ohio.



John and Anna Pottkotter

The John Edwin Pottkotter family of 415 East Vine Street was established in Coldwater in 1940. Mrs. Pottkotter is the former Anna J. Schmitz of Sharpsburg.

Mr. Pottkotter was employed at New Idea Farm Implement Co. for 41 years until his retirement in 1975. Mrs. Pottkotter cooked in several area restaurants prior to her retirement in 1982 from Briarwood Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Pottkotter is well known in the local area as a square-dance caller and for playing the harmonica. He has also been a member of the Holy Trinity Adult Choir for 47 years where he and his family have been parishioners.

They are the parents of six children: Virginia, Connie, Mary Jane, Thomas, Kenneth and Terry. Their children are all Coldwater High School graduates.

Virginia married Ronald Holstein in 1963. They reside in Fairfield, Ohio, and have two children, Lynn and Todd.

Connie married William Brandon, Jr., in 1964. They are residents of the Houston, Texas, area. They

are the parents of two daughters, Julie Zepata and Jill, and have a grandson, William Zepata.

Mary Jane wed Gary Wagner in 1967. They make their home in Dayton, Ohio.

Thomas married Pamela O'Brien in 1969. They have three children, Kurt, Kimberly and Kyle, and reside in Celina, Ohio.

Kenneth and Terry live with their parents in Coldwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Pottkotter are spending their retirement in the Coldwater area, visiting with family, traveling, and participating in senior citizen activities.



Herman and Katherina Prenger

Herman Marcus Prenger was born in 1802 in Dinklage, Odenburg, Germany, the son of Herman Henrich Prenger and Anna Maria Elisabeth (Sextro), who were tenant farmers around Dinklage. In 1827, Herman Marcus married Katherina Middendorf and they had two children, Herman Bernard and Maria Katherina.

The Herman Marcus Prenger family sailed to North America in 1837 and purchased a 40-acre farm two miles east of Minster. In 1838, the Prenger's had their third child, Johann Herman.

In 1880, Johann Herman Prenger married Catherine Dahlinghaus of St. Rose. They had four children: Anna, Joseph, Henry, and Frank. In 1884 he purchased a 280-acre farm in southern Auglaize County, with only 30 acres tillable. The brick home in which they lived was built in the 1860's and is still standing today.

Henry Prenger married Bernadine Bergman in 1914 and they lived on a farm in Marion Township. They had three children: Alvina, Norbert, and Leonard. After Bernadine's death, Henry married Clara Schlarman in 1923. Henry and Clara had nine children: Edwin, Viola, Werner, Delores, Mary Ann, Ralph, Alma, Cletus, and Therese. The Prenger family lived in a log house until a new home was built in 1926. The Prenger children went to the local county Puthoff School.

Edwin was born in 1924 in Egypt, Ohio. During World War II, Edwin was drafted in June, 1944, and spent 1½ years in Central Europe. In 1952, Edwin married Mildred Kuess, who was born in 1927, from

Chickasaw. The Prenger's live in Coldwater, where Edwin worked at New Idea for 41 years. Edwin and Mildred have four children. Nicholas, born in 1954, works at Celina Group. Kenneth, born in 1955, works at Crown. In 1980 he married Joan Flaute; they have three children: Brian, Eric and Kimberly. They live in Chickasaw. Daniel, born in 1959, works at Crown. Debra, born in 1964, works at Ernst & Whinney.

Photo: Mildred, Edwin, Ken, Deb, Dan and Nick.

Norbert and Angela Prenger

Norbert J. Prenger was born on July 2, 1917, to Henry and Bernadine A. (Bergman) Prenger in Egypt, Ohio. He died on November 19, 1970. He worked in the Coldwater Post Office. During WW II Norbert was drafted into the United States Army. He left for service on March 11, 1942. In May, 1942, he left for the Western Pacific and was overseas until his discharge in October, 1945.

Angela M. Knapke was born on June 10, 1923, to Frank E. and Regina T. (Eyink) Knapke in Maria Stein, Ohio. She has been employed in the Mercer County Recorder's Office since May, 1971.

Norbert and Angela were married on June 5, 1946, in St. John's Church in Maria Stein, Ohio, and are the parents of five children. They are as follows:

Robert H. Prenger was born on March 3, 1947. He married Madonna E. Bergman, daughter of Wilfred and Juliana (Bensman) Bergman of Maria Stein, Ohio. Robert and Madonna were married on September 7, 1970, in St. John's Church in Maria Stein, Ohio. They have three children. Brian was born on September 14, 1971, and twins, Todd and Trina, were born on May 21, 1974. They live in Minster, Ohio.

Ronald F. Prenger was born on January 9, 1949. He married Nina J. Barhorst, daughter of Robert and Ruth (Carter) Barhorst of Ft. Loramie, Ohio. Ronald and Nina were married on August 21, 1971, in St. Michael's Church in Ft. Loramie, Ohio. They have two children. Blair was born on May 28, 1973, and Stacy Renee was born on June 11, 1974. They live in Celina, Ohio.

James L. Prenger was born on December 12, 1951. He married Ann Marie Picraux, daughter of F. Joseph and Dorothy E. (Fulwiler) Picraux of Southfield, Michigan. James and Ann Marie were married on May 26, 1979, in St. Bede Church in Southfield, Michigan. They have three children. Carolyn was born on July 26, 1981; Joseph was born on March 28, 1984; and, Teresa was born on May 24, 1986. James has been in the United States Army since November, 1971, and is presently stationed at Ft. Huachuca in Arizona. The family lives in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Diane A. Prenger was born on July 28, 1955. She married Ronald W. Luttmer, son of Alfred and Pauline (Rier) Luttmer of St. Henry, Ohio. Diane and Ronald were married on April 21, 1979, in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. They have two children. Jessica was born on June 4, 1981, and Eric was born on February 14, 1983. They lived in Celina, Ohio, until August, 1987, when they moved to Wapakoneta, Ohio.

John N. Prenger was born on April 27, 1960. He has never married and lives in Celina, Ohio.



Werner and Norma Jean Prenger

Werner and Norma Jean Prenger have lived in Coldwater since they were married 33 years ago. Werner was born in Maria Stein, the son of Henry and Clara Schlarman Prenger. Norma Jean was born in Minster, the daughter of Joseph and Agnes Weimann Weiskittel. They reside at 804 West Vine Street in the home they built in 1962. Werner is a design engineer at Copeland Corporation in Sidney, and Norma Jean is a homemaker.

They are the parents of five children. Lorraine married Richard Grimm, and they live in Belleville, Illinois, with their three sons. Linda married Lee Dicke, and they live in New Bremen with their son. Carol married Marty Inkrott, and they live in Findlay with their two sons. Nancy married Chuck Stahl, and they live in Cincinnati. Lorraine and Linda are both registered nurses, and Carol and Nancy are computer programmers. David attends the University of Toledo and during the summer he is a lifeguard at Coldwater Memorial Pool.



Paul and Dorothy Raffel

Paul Francis Raffel and Dorothy Frances Bomholt were married in St. Rose, Ohio, on April 15, 1950.

Paul is the fifth of six children born to Charles and Pauline Furst Raffel. Paul's date of birth was October 9, 1923, and he remained on his family's

farm in Trotwood, Ohio, until he was drafted in 1943. He served in the United States Army and was stationed in Europe until 1946. He worked for the NCR Corporation in Dayton, Ohio, from 1946 to 1953 and then bought his present business in Philothea, Ohio.

Dorothy was born in St. Rose on April 25, 1923, and is the fourth of five children. She went to work for the Lowell P. Reiger's at the age of 15 and she was employed by the family until 1953. At that time she went with her husband and two small daughters to Philothea, Ohio, where she and her husband started their new business.

Paul and Dorothy have five children.

Fran married Mark Siefring of Coldwater, Ohio, and they have four children: Amy, Angie, Lynn, and Jeff.

Marlene is pursuing a career in photography and was a teacher.

Karen married Kevin Brown of Celina, Ohio, and they have three children: Kellie Jo, Jamie, and Katie.

Walter (Oop) works in the small engine business with his father.

Wanda is married to Jeff Fredericks of Coldwater, Ohio, and they have a son, Kyle.

Paul enjoys fishing and working in his garden and orchard.

Dorothy likes to crochet and working on various crafts.



Harold and Marlene Rainey

Harold and Marlene Rainey live at 302 South Cedar Street. Harold is the son of the late Joe and Birdie Adel Rainey. Marlene is the daughter of Cletus and Delores (Hoehne) Rindler. Harold and Marlene were married on May 3, 1969, in St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Burkettsville, Ohio. They have lived in Coldwater for the past 16 years. Harold and Marlene are the parents of two children. Jenny is a sophomore at Coldwater High School. Kyle is in the fourth grade at West Elementary School. Harold works at the Coldwater Lumber Company. He enjoys bowling, painting and wood refinishing. Marlene works as an order planner at Reynolds and Reynolds. She enjoys aerobics, reading and traveling. Harold and Marlene are members of the American Legion and the Eagles Club.



Henry and Caroline Rasawehr

Henry Rasawehr was born on November 6, 1875, in Mecklenburg, Germany; and in 1886, as a young boy, he came to America with his parents, John Peter Henry and Mary (Rung) Rasawuhr, along with the rest of the family.

Henry's oldest sister was Mary, born on November 22, 1874; she married Frank Karch. Henry's brother, William Rasawuhr, was born on April 30, 1878, and he married Bessie A. (Carmichael) Pichon. His sister, Anna, was born on September 1, 1884, and she married Charles Regedanz. His brother, Fred John Rasawehr, was born on October 4, 1882, and he married Tillie Hehmeyer. His sister, Elizabeth, was born on April 4, 1885, and she married Edward Regedanz.

Also making the journey was Grandfather Rung.

The death in 1887 of Mary Rasawuhr occurred as she gave birth to twins who also died. The elder Rasawuhr died on December 27, 1905.

Henry J. Rasawehr married Caroline C. Buckloh, the daughter of Henry P. and Anna Marie (Wenker) Buckloh, on November 28, 1901. This marriage was blessed with the following children: Edward, born on March 11, 1903, married Esther Siebert; Emma E., born September 20, 1905, married Ivan L. Fast; Hulda, born on October 15, 1908, died on September 25, 1910; Paul C., born on August 22, 1911, died on August 6, 1913; Herbert Frederick, born on February 8, 1915, married Marcella A. Linn; Ruth Marcella, born on February 11, 1918, married Leondis C. Buck; and, Dorothy K., born on June 27, 1921, married Carl L. Schroyer.

Henry J. and Caroline farmed and owned land in Washington Township, Sec. 24 and later Sec. 1; and Henry was always a good livestock man. Henry J. lived to be 90; his death was on May 6, 1965. Caroline C. lived to be 95; her death was on August 24, 1977. Both are buried at Washington Lutheran Cemetery.

Roman and Mary Rauh

Roman A. Rauh and Mary S. Rauh moved to Coldwater in 1934. Roman started the lumber yard in 1919. They had two sons, Bob and Bill. Bill died at age 48. He had seven children and lived in Toledo,

Ohio. Bob lives in Wabash, Indiana, and is practicing medicine. He has ten children.

The Roman and Mary Rauh Scholarship Fund was started in 1987 for Coldwater High School graduates in memory of Roman and Mary Rauh.

Donald and Mari Lynn Reed

Donald and Mari Lynn Reed reside at 305 East Vine Street. Don is the son of Claude and Ethel Reed; Mari Lynn is the daughter of Ben and Leona Nolan. They are the parents of six sons. Donald K. married Nancy Fleck; they have two daughters, Tressa and Desirre, and live in Bryant, Indiana. John is married to Deborah Stewart; he is the father of four daughters, Amy, Nicole, Amber and Abigail, and they live in Texas. Michael married Katherine Kiser; they have four children, Travis, Jared, Elliott and Katie Marie, and live in Fort Recovery. Christopher married Kathy Naseaman and they live in Celina. Kevin is in the Navy and is currently stationed in Scotland. Brad is a sophomore at Coldwater High School.

Don works at White-New Idea and belongs to the American Legion. Mari Lynn is employed by the Tri-County Mental Health Board. They enjoy western square dancing, high school sports, fishing, traveling and various hobbies. The family attends Holy Trinity Church.



Clarence and Alma Reigelsperger

Clarence Joseph (Skeeney) Reigelsperger was born on April 25, 1918, and died on December 12, 1973. He was the son of John and Gertrude (Wenning) Reigelsperger. On August 2, 1941, Clarence married Alma Mary Ho yng, who was born on August 20, 1918, and died on March 19, 1980. She was the daughter of Robert and Gertrude (Willenborg) Ho yng.

A son, Lawrence Robert, was born on September 21, 1942, and died on January 7, 1980. Lawrence graduated from Defiance College. On November 7, 1964, Lawrence married Janet Knoth of Coldwater and they moved to Dayton. They have two children; Mark Joseph was born on November 19, 1965, and Kris Marie was born on September 29, 1969. Another

son Ronald Lee (George) was born on December 31, 1946. Ronald married Diana Mae Sutter of Coldwater on October 25, 1969. They have always lived in Coldwater and are currently living at 904 West Butler Street in the home they built in 1984. They have two children; Andrea Mae was born on August 28, 1970, and Kelly Jo was born on August 17, 1977.

Clarence and his brother, Urban (Turk), bought and picked up eggs for Hemmelgarn and Sons. The Reigelsperger Bros. also sold buttermilk. They ran this business out of the former Methodist Church building which was located at the northeast corner of Main and Elm Streets in Coldwater. Urban died on February 12, 1962, in a fiery truck wreck. Alma was employed as a secretary at New Idea before starting their family. She also did bookkeeping for their business for many years.

Clarence and Alma resided at 316 East Plum Street in Coldwater. They spent most of their free time at their cottages where they enjoyed fishing, boating and barbecues with family and friends.



John and Gertrude Reigelsperger

Valentine Reigelsperger was born on October 28, 1841, in Germany. He later moved to Cincinnati where he married Caroline Balmert, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Hassman) Balmert. In 1833 they moved to Sharpsburg, Ohio. They had fourteen children: Carrie, Katie, Mary, Barbara, Christina, Anthony (Tony), Joseph, John, the twins Aloys (Ollie) and Valentine (Wallie), Louise, Charles, Andrew and the last who's name is unknown. The children received very little education. The family worked on a farm and cleared woodland. Valentine, Sr., died on August 16, 1924.

Gerard Wenning was born on February 6, 1854, at Heck-Westphalia, Germany. Gerard was the son of Bernard and (unknown) Wenning. Gerard married Margretha Anna Synck who was born on August 4, 1864, in Willen Kreis Haus Dist. Government Munster, Westphalia, Germany. Margretha was the daughter of Bernard and Johanna (Kortbajer) Synck. They moved to the United States and lived on a farm in Philothea, Ohio. They had thirteen children: Henry Gerard, Joseph D., John, Bernard,

Rino, Johanna, Rose, Gertrude, Kate, Anna, Josephine (Phine), Elizabeth, Mary, and a stillborn child. Most of the children attended Philothea Special School. Margretha died on May 4, 1904, after childbirth.

Gertrude was one of the older children, and she had to quit school to help at home. In 1910 Gertrude married George Steggeman, who was born on December 30, 1884, and died in 1913. They had a daughter, Matilda Bernadine, born on May 3, 1911. After George's death, Gertrude moved back home and reared her daughter and helped rear some of her sisters.

John Reigelsperger was born on October 28, 1871, in Cincinnati, Ohio. On October 6, 1915, John married Gertrude M. Wenning who was born on March 31, 1892. John farmed and later worked at New Idea in Coldwater. They had seven children: Raymond Valentine (1916-1917), Clarence Joseph (1918-1973), Urban Aloysius (1920-1962), Walter Frank (1923-1925), Mary Ann Emma (1926), Louise Lee (1932), and Paul Edward (1939). John died on February 1, 1946, and Gertrude died on September 2, 1974.



Austin and Loretta Remaklus

Austin N. Remaklus, son of Peter and Calastine Remaklus, Bryant, Indiana, married Loretta Schulte, daughter of Frank and Rosa Schulte of Celina, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Celina on September 19, 1942. The mass was celebrated by Rev. Lawrence Growney, C.P.P.S. They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on September 19, 1987, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater with a Mass of Thanksgiving read by Father Jim Duell.

They have seven children and 22 grandchildren. Patricia is married to Marvin Post; they have five children: Theresa, Tony, Linda, Ann and Nancy. Virginia lives at home. Shirley is married to George Koesters; their sons are Jeff and Andy. Susan is married to Richard (Dick) Muhlenkamp; they have five children: Tracy, Tammy, Jason, Tara and Tonia. Elizabeth (Betty) is married to Ernest Schoenlein; they have two children, Scott and Danny. James is married to Alice Diller; they have four children: Shelly, Shannon, Chad and Stacey. Joan is

married to Maurice (Moe) Voskuhl; they have four sons: Mark, Matt, Mitch and Moe II.

Austin started to work at New Idea on July 21, 1938, fifty years ago. He and his wife have lived at 410 South Second Street for the last 42 years.



Jim and Alice Remaklus

Jim and Alice Remaklus reside at 612 East Main Street with their four children: Shelly, Shannon, Chad and Stacey.

Alice, the daughter of Zeno and Anna Marie Will Diller, graduated from Ft. Recovery High School and worked at New Idea for six years. She is presently working at Knap's Carry-Out and also enjoys making crafts, baking and flowers.

Jim, the son of Austin and Loretta Schulte Remaklus, graduated from Coldwater High School and was in the National Guard for six years. He is the Superintendent of Wastewater for Mercer County. He enjoys bowling and playing softball. He is a member of the V.F.W., Eagles, American Legion, K. of C. and Holy Trinity Church Choir.

Shelly, born in 1973, is a freshman at Coldwater High School and is active in C.Y.O. basketball. Shannon, born in 1974, is in the eighth grade and sings in the girls' choir at Holy Trinity Church. Chad, a fifth grader, was born in 1977. He likes to spend his free time working with wood and collecting baseball cards. Stacey, born in 1980, is in the second grade. She likes to spend her summers bicycling and swimming.

Jim and Rita Rengers

Jim and Rita Rengers were married on May 3, 1975, in Celina, Ohio. Jim is the son of the late Joseph and Elvaneta Frenzer Rengers of Chickasaw, Ohio. Rita is the daughter of Meinrad and Catherine Meyer Link of Celina.

When first married, Jim and Rita lived in Chickasaw, just east of the fire department on State Route 274. In September of 1978, they bought the Lorena Miller home on the corner of South Second Street and East South Street in Coldwater, Ohio. They moved into their home on January 14, 1979; and their first



child, Lindsay, was born the next day, January 15. Ted was born in December, 1980, and Nicholas, in January, 1986.

Jim, a graduate of Marion Local High School, is employed at the Huffy Corporation. He also serves on the Coldwater Volunteer Fire Department and is a CCD religion teacher for Holy Trinity Church.

Rita, a graduate of Immaculate Conception High School in Celina, is employed at Coldwater Community Hospital as a ward secretary.



Linus and Georgia Rindler

Linus, son of Gene and Lorena Rindler of Burkettsville, was born in Coldwater on September 7, 1953. He is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen.

Georgia, daughter of Clem and Madonna Evers of Coldwater, was born in Coldwater on February 10, 1955. She is a homemaker.

Linus and Georgia live at 605 Woodview Drive. They are the parents of three children: Angie, born in Coldwater on October 18, 1977; Julie, born in Coldwater on December 8, 1980; and, Sherry, born in Coldwater on January 3, 1987.

William and Gloria Rogers

I was born on October 11, 1949, in Celina, Ohio. My parents are Harry L. Rogers, born on December 9, 1914, in St. Marys, Ohio, and Leota M. Cowhick,

born on April 11, 1916, in St. Marys, Ohio. My father passed away on April 14, 1967, and my mother passed away on September 14, 1978. Both of my parents are buried in Elm Grove Cemetery in St. Marys, Ohio.

I married Gloria J. Jutte on June 13, 1970, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, Ohio. Gloria was born on August 16, 1949, in Coldwater, Ohio. Her parents are Joseph W. Jutte, born on June 27, 1912, in St. Peter, Ohio, and Alfreida Hoyng Jutte, born on March 21, 1920, in Coldwater, Ohio. Both of her parents currently reside in Coldwater, Ohio.

We have four children. All were born at Community Hospital in Coldwater, Ohio. Angela Jo was born on February 24, 1971; Dawn Marie was born on April 8, 1978; Chad William was born on May 21, 1980; and, Crystal Joelle was born on January 18, 1985.

I graduated from Celina Senior High School in 1968 and then received an Associate Degree in Architectural Engineering from ITT Technical Institute in Dayton, Ohio, in 1970. I then took a position with Sun Construction Inc. in Greenville, Ohio, and stayed with that firm until 1981 at which time I changed occupations. I have been self-employed with Penncorp Financial since 1981.

My wife graduated from Coldwater High School in 1967 and went to Ohio State Beauty Academy in Lima. She owned and operated her own beauty salon until 1977. She is now secretary of our business.



Dave and Jean Rolfes

Dave and Jean (Boeke) Rolfes were married at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater on June 11, 1977. Dave is the son of Lavern and Dolores Rolfes of Celina. Jean is the daughter of Werner and Lucille Boeke of Coldwater.

Dave and Jean had their home built at 604 Butler Street in 1979. There they live with their two sons; Matthew, age seven, was born on August 10, 1980, and Alex, age four, was born on November 12, 1983. Both boys were born at Coldwater Community Hospital.

Dave owns and operates two used car dealerships — Coldwater Auto Sales in Coldwater and Select Motors in Celina. Dave is active with two civic organizations — the Coldwater Lions Club and the

Coldwater Chamber of Commerce. He served as president of the Lions in 1984 and 1985 and is presently a trustee of the Chamber. Jean is a homemaker and is also employed part time by the car business. She is a member of the Phi Beta Psi sorority of Coldwater.

In their leisure time, Dave and Jean both enjoy golf and tennis, vacationing, and spending time with their family and friends.



David and Melinda Romer

David E. Romer (son of Alfred and Mary Green Romer) and Melinda J. Moeder (daughter of Joseph and Jane Sommer Moeder) were married on October 15, 1977, in Immaculate Conception Church in Celina, Ohio. They are the parents of three children: David J., born on October 28, 1978.; Gregory T., born on June 4, 1981; and, Deborah A., born on June 8, 1984. They have resided in Coldwater at 811 Sunset Drive since September 1, 1980. Dave is the owner of Romer Supply Company and sells restaurant, paper and janitorial supplies. Melinda is a special education teacher with the Coldwater school system. They also own the Paper Station at 300 West Main Street in Coldwater. This store provides party supplies for weddings, birthdays, showers and all occasions. Dave is active in the Lions Club and Melinda is active with Combined Charities, of which she was chairman in 1988, and teaches religion classes for the first graders at Holy Trinity. The family belongs to Holy Trinity Parish.

Joe and Donna Rose

Joe was born in St. Henry, Ohio, and his parents were Roman and Marie Leistenschneider Rose; they were both born in St. Henry. Donna was born in Philothea and her parents were Joseph and Josephine Depweg Wenning. Joseph was born in Philothea and Josephine in St. Sebastian, Ohio.

Joe and Donna were married on September 27, 1958, in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Montezuma, Ohio. They had five children.

Robert was born on December 4, 1959, is married to Connie Post and they have a daughter, Kirsten.



Robert is employed at Beckman and Gast and Connie works in the office of the Celina school system. Jean was born on December 5, 1960, is married to Marvin Homan and they have a son, Brian. Jean is employed at Community Hospital in Coldwater and Marvin is a farmer. Dan was born on September 18, 1964, and is employed at General Electric Medical in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, as a repairman of hospital equipment. Don was born on June 28, 1968, and is employed at White-New Idea in Coldwater. Joe, Jr., was born on December 6, 1971, and is attending Coldwater High School.

Joe has been employed at White-New Idea for the past 35 years and is a general foreman in the Press Room,; he is also a farmer. Donna is a homemaker and also helps on the farm.

Joe and Donna have been 4-H advisors for a number of years and were active in the school band when their children were in it. Joe is president of the Holy Name Society. Donna is a member of the Altar Rosary Sodality. They are both active in the Farm Bureau and the Duroc Association and are members of the Booster Club at school.



Clarence and Rosemary Rosenbeck

Clarence is the son of William and Rose Selhorst Rosenbeck. Rosemary is the daughter of Leo and Theresia Braun Laloge.

Clarence and Rosemary are the parents of two children, Robert and Kathleen (Kitty). Robert married Elaine Weitzel; they live at 4640 Buschor Road. Kathleen married Bill Long; they live at 402 West Elizabeth Street. There are eight grandchildren. Robert's children are Mary, Debbie, Brian and Jenny. Kathleen's children are Steve, Scott, Kevin and Tammy.

Both Clarence and Rosemary are retired. They live at 116 West Walnut Street.



Lawrence and Elizabeth Rosenbeck

Lawrence and Elizabeth Rosenbeck were both born in Germany from where they separately emigrated to America. They were married and made their home just southeast of Coldwater on the road that is now called Siegrist-Jutte. They spent their retirement years in the home of their son, William, on his farm on the east side of Coldwater, where the Coldwater Mall now stands.

In the picture: sitting is Lawrence and Elizabeth and their son Anthony. Standing are their other nine children: Ben, John, William, Mary (Bruns), Henry, Elizabeth (Knapschaeffer), Joe, Christine, and Francis (Broerman).

Lawrence and Elizabeth are the grandparents of Veronica Hilgefurd, who lives in Coldwater.

Leo and Victoria Rosenbeck

Leo Rosenbeck was born on August 16, 1919, in Coldwater, the son of William Rosenbeck (born April 29, 1881, Coldwater) and Rosa Selhorst Rosenbeck (born May 4, 1885, Carthagena). His parents were married on October 29, 1907.

Victoria Zink was born on October 13, 1919, in Wapakoneta, the daughter of John Zink (born June 2, 1878, Wapakoneta) and Bertha Helena Schneider Zink (born March 13, 1884, Freyburg). Her parents were married on August 30, 1904.

Leo and Victoria were married on October 26, 1948, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wapakoneta. They have five children.

Gary was born on October 2, 1949. He married Holly Stevens in Chicago on October 16, 1970. They

have three children: Jennifer, Kristen and Steven. Gary has a B. S. in Civil Engineering from Valparaiso University. He is co-owner of McMahon Associates, an engineering consulting firm, in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Cheryl was born on September 9, 1951. She married Gene Goodwin on July 7, 1984, in Glynwood. They have one child, Ann. Cheryl has an associate degree from the University of Toledo and is a medical technologist at Community Hospital.

Dennis was born on October 7, 1952. He married Rosalie Dowhy on September 27, 1980, in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Paul, Lindsay and Lauren. Dennis has a B. S. in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio University. He is a sales engineer for United Corporation, a conveyor systems corporation, in Topeka, Kansas.

Judith Kay was born on June 12, 1958. She has a B. S. in Civil Engineering from Ohio University. She is Manager of Environmental Auditing and Assessments with Waste Management in Oak Brook, Illinois.

John Scott was born on May 24, 1962. He attended The Ohio State University and has a B. S. in Mechanical Engineering from Wright State University. He is an engineer with National Machinery in Tiffin, Ohio.

Leo is a member of the V.F.W., the American Legion, the D.A.V. and the Eagles. He served five years in the Pacific during World War II. He is co-founder of the Coldwater Machine and Tool Company which was organized in 1956.



Robert and Elaine Rosenbeck

Robert (Bob) Rosenbeck was born on July 3, 1944, the son of Clarence and Rosemary Laloge Rosenbeck. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1963 and worked for 18½ years at New Idea. For the past five years, he has worked in the Maintenance and Custodial Department in the Coldwater Schools; he is also a school bus driver. He belongs to the Men's Sodality at Holy Trinity Church and the Coldwater Eagles, 3025.

Bob married Elaine Weitzel of Ft. Recovery on November 3, 1967. Elaine is the daughter of Clarence Weitzel and the late Regina Nieport Weitzel. Elaine graduated from Ft. Recovery High School in 1964 and from the Dayton School of Practical Nursing in 1966. She has been a member of the Coldwater Emergency Squad for six years and a 4-H advisor for three years.

She is a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, 3025, and the St. Ann's Sodality of Holy Trinity Church. She is working at the Coldwater Hospital as an L.P.N. and is presently going to school for an R.N. degree.

Bob and Elaine have four children. Mary, a graduate of Coldwater High School in 1987, is working at Pantry Pride. Debbie is a senior and will graduate in 1988. She is considering a career in nursing. Brian is a sophomore, is active in the K. of C. Squires and works part time after school. Jennie is a freshman, a cheerleader and a member of the Coldwater gymnastics team. Debbie and Jennie are active members of 4-H; both are junior leaders and hold offices in their clubs.



Will and Mary Rosenbeck

Will and Mary Rosenbeck were married on May 19, 1945. Will is the son of Henry and Frances Severt Rosenbeck. Mary is the daughter of Markus and Varoneka Braun King.

Will and Mary are the parents of two children, Larry and Ronald. Larry is married to Sharon Nase-man; they live in Englewood, Ohio. Ronald lives in Fairfield, Ohio. There are five grandchildren: Nicole and Heather (twins), Keri, Mark and Jeremy.

Will works at Pax Steel; Mary is a housewife. They live at 4949 St. Rt. 219, Coldwater, Ohio.



William and Rose Rosenbeck

William and Rose (Selhorst) Rosenbeck were married in 1907. For most of their married lives, they lived on a farm on the east side of Coldwater, where the Coldwater Mall now stands.

William spent most of his time farming, running a threshing machine, and taking care of a butcher shop which he and his brother owned; it was located where Koester's Korner used to be.

The picture shows William and Rose along with their seven children. (front row) Pauline (Gerlach), (second row) Leo, Clarence, (back row) Ferd, Veronica (Hilgefurd), Mildred (Hausfeld), and Leonard.



Ken and Diane Rosengarten

Diane Campbell married Ken Rosengarten on October 11, 1975. Diane is from Vandalia, Ohio, and is the daughter of Dorothy and Glenn Campbell. Ken is originally from Coldwater and is the son of Le Roy and Betty Rosengarten. Diane has one sister, Bonnie Ellison; and Ken has one brother and one sister, Steve Rosengarten and Diane Sauer. Diane and Ken's first daughter, Katie, was born on April 6, 1977, and their second daughter, Molly, was born on May 16, 1979. Currently, the family resides at 205 Eastview Drive. Both Diane and Ken are teachers in the St. Henry Consolidated Local School System; Diane teaches kindergarten and Ken teaches eighth grade language arts. Diane is a graduate of the University of Dayton and has a master's degree from Wright State University. Ken earned his teaching degree from The Ohio State University and also has a master's from Wright State University. At this time, Katie takes piano and flute lessons and is in the sixth grade; her sister, Molly, is in the fourth grade, is involved in Brownies, and also takes piano lessons.

Don and Phyllis Roth

Don and Phyllis Roth live at 305 South Oak Street. They are the parents of two girls. Marilou, the older, lives in Celina and works at Metropolitan Environmental. Beth is a senior at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. Don is a native of Coldwater and is the son of the late Eleanora Fox and Joseph Roth. He has worked at New Idea for he past forty years. Phyllis was born in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of the late Mary Louise Roback and Edward Heigel of Dayton. She is a homemaker.



Gerald and Thelma Ruchty

Gerald (Jerry) and Thelma Ruchty live at 807 West Vine Street in Coldwater. They have been residents there for 20 years. Jerry is the son of Victor and Viola Ruchty. Thelma is the daughter of Herbert and Cecelia Kremer. Jerry and Thelma have four daughters. Marceil married Dave Kahlig, and they live in Coldwater. Teresa married Randy Kramer; they live in Beavercreek. Janet married Allan Bruns, and they are residents of New Bremen. All three married in 1987. Annette is a junior at Wright State University in Dayton. Jerry works at Micro-Precision in Berne, Indiana, as a design engineer. Thelma is a homemaker and does volunteer work. She also belongs to some women's clubs.



Jim and Kathy Rutschilling

Jim and Kathy Rutschilling reside at 4549 St. Anthony Road, Celina, Ohio. Jim is the son of Mark and Rosevelyn Rutschilling of Coldwater and Kathy is the daughter of Bud and Joan Wagner of Coldwater, Ohio. Jim and Kathy were married on June 11, 1983, and have a son named Kyle James, age 1½. Jim is employed at CW Service of Coldwater, Ohio, and Kathy is employed at Casad Mfg. of St. Marys, Ohio.

Louis and Mary Rutschilling

Louis, son of the late August and Theresa Rutschilling, was born on February 26, 1921, in Cold-



water, Ohio. He was employed at Avco New Idea as an electrician for 36 years and retired in January, 1984. On May 16, 1945, he married Mary Ann Overman, daughter of the late Lee and Mary Overman, of Maria Stein, Ohio. She was employed at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home and at Community Hospital; she retired in December, 1985. They reside at 316 East Walnut Street, where they have lived for the past 41 years. They are the parents of three sons and two daughters. Mike married Marlene Miley; they, with their two children, Jason and Kendra, reside in St. Marys, Ohio. Sam married Konnie Kaiser; they have two daughters, Sara and Kelly, and reside in Celina, Ohio. Linda married Kim Hall and they reside in Evergreen, Colorado. Beth married Jeff Rinderle and they reside in St. Henry, Ohio. Chuck is a student at Wright State University.



Urban and Edna Rutschilling

Urban and Edna Rutschilling live at 403 Terrace Avenue in Coldwater, Ohio. Urban's parents, deceased, were August and Theresa (Hein) Rutschilling. Edna's parents, deceased, were Louis and Paulina (Vagedes) Kunk.

Urban retired from White-New Idea Farm Equipment on November 12, 1987. Edna is a housewife and homemaker. The Lord has blessed them with six children: Ronald Urban, born on September 18, 1955; Roger Eugene, born on March 5, 1957; Timothy Gerard, born on December 9, 1958; Gary Lee, born on March 5, 1961; Diane Marie, born on

February 22, 1964; and, Janet Kay, born on July 23, 1967.

Ronald has been with the Huffy Corporation since 1973. He is an associate quality engineer. On October 16, 1982, he married Diane K. Sheeley. She is Director of the Community Improvement Corporation.

Roger started working for a carpenter in 1975 and, as of this writing, is still in the construction business. On September 16, 1978, he married Deborah Mertz. She is a mail carrier and beautician.

Tim is employed at the Huffy Corporation as a punch press operator. He spends a lot of time developing and caring for five acres of land. With help from the family, he has a barn and a pond already completed.

Gary is an employee of Brodbeck's Supermarket in Coldwater. He also owns land in the country. Gary has many evergreens and trees planted on his property; this was a family project too.

Diane married Rodney A. Roth on July 20, 1986. She works for Advance Building Systems. Rodney has seasonal jobs with Warnock Painting and with Schmitt Fur Farm. They live in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Janet works at Harts in Celina. Her job includes various positions: cashier, office worker, service desk and lay-away. Janet wants to go back to college this fall.



Roman and Rosemary Saalman

Rosemary K. Saalman (born October 19, 1923) was married to Roman Saalman (born August 11, 1914) on May 7, 1946. Rosemary is the daughter of William and Regina (Bernard) Hoying. Roman, who died in March, 1980, was the son of Joseph and Katharine (Homan) Saalman.

Rosemary and Roman had seven children. Joyce (born December 22, 1946) married Neal Muhlenkamp. They reside in Celina, Ohio, with their four children: Matt, Krista, Mark and Kara. Gloria Jean (born June 15, 1948) married Herb Brackman, Jr. They and their two children, Liza and Joe, live in Coldwater, Ohio. Clarence J. Bill (born May 27, 1949) has two daughters, Beth and Katie. He lives in Columbus, Ohio. Joseph (born March 14, 1953) is de-

ceased. Marilyn Freytag (born March 19, 1953) has two children, Melissa and James. They reside in Ft. Loramie, Ohio. Jacqueline (born June 6, 1959) married Ron Pohl; they live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Gary (born July 20, 1962) is a student at the University of Notre Dame Law School in South Bend, Indiana.

Roman and Rosemary operated a dairy farm on Township Line Road until they retired and moved to 811 North Parkview Drive in 1978.

August and Amelia Sanning

August Sanning was born on September 25, 1865. He and his sister, Mary, came to the United States in 1883 from Eastern Germany. The town might have been Kansinka but that is not verified. It took them 17 days to travel to New York. They came to this area because distant cousins, the Metzner's, resided here, as did the Heckler family.

He became a citizen on May 23, 1888. At first August traveled as a hobo by train to see this country, trying to decide where he would want to settle. The Dakota's were one of his destinations.

At some time during this period, he decided to change the spelling of his name by adding an "n" (Sanning) to Americanize it.

On May 6, 1902, he married Amelia Loshe in Padua, St. Anthony Parish, Ohio. They were married by the Rev. M. Flalz and the witnesses were Joseph Losche, Joseph Heckler, Elizabeth Metzner, and Rose Bettinger.

After marrying, August and Amelia lived on a farm he had cleared himself located one mile north of Coldwater.

His sister, Mary, and her husband, John Heckler, lived on the next farm to the south.

During his lifetime he served as a trustee for Butler Township and was noted for raising silver-mane-and-tail horses.

August and Amelia had nine children: Albert, July 14, 1903 - April 21, 1964; Bertha, 1906-1914; Leo, October 8, 1908 - December 30, 1975; Helen, December 25, 1910 - April 23, 1975; Julius, July 27, 1913 - February 26, 1964; Clarence, August 29, 1915 - March 24, 1982; Dorothy, October 9, 1917; Alvira, March 6, 1920; and, Herbert, April 7, 1923 - June 28, 1944. They attended Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School in Coldwater, Ohio.

Albert married Louise Reigelsperger on July 27, 1926, and had two sons, Robert and Richard. He owned Sanning's Service Station in Coldwater and lived near Philothea.

Bertha died at the age of eight from diphtheria. Leo was never married. He lived with his brother, Albert, near Philothea. He was employed by the New Idea Company.

Helen married Paul Kaiser on October 9, 1943, and had one daughter, Judy. They resided and owned Paul's Place in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Clarence lived on a farm northeast of Coldwater. He never married.

Dorothy married Herbert Gaerke on June 15, 1940. They lived on a farm near Burkettsville and

later moved to Coldwater and had six children: Shirley, Ronald, Robert, Kenneth, James and Joan.

Alvira married Arthur Wehrkamp on September 21, 1940. They lived on a farm near Sharpsburg for many years and then moved into the town. They had seven children: William, Kathleen, Ruth, Carolyn, Margie, Don, and Marybeth.

Herbert was never married. He was killed in Burma while serving in the Army.



Charles and Beverly Sanning

Charles Sanning and Beverly Vogel were married on September 11, 1982, at Mary Help of Christians Church in Fort Recovery. They are the children of Richard and Susanna Sanning of Coldwater and Marjorie Vogel and the late Norbert Vogel, Jr., of Fort Recovery.

Chuck and Bev now reside on South Second Street in Coldwater with their two daughters, Julie Ann, born on June 1, 1983, and Stacie Lynn, born on April 13, 1987.

Chuck worked at Sanning's Service Station during his high school years and while attending Lincoln Technical Institute in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is still with the family business which he manages and operates. Bev has been employed at Community Hospital for the last ten years as a records analyst in the Medical Records Department.

Julius and Alfrieda Sanning

Julius Sanning was the son of August and Amelia Sanning. Julius Sanning married Alfrieda Dorsten on September 18, 1943, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Montezuma, Ohio. They resided on his father's farm north of Coldwater and had five children: Patricia, Betty, Marilyn, Marvin and Janice.

They attended Holy Trinity schools and church as their aunts and uncles did.

Patricia, born on August 6, 1944, married James Sudhoff on September 6, 1965. After working at Reynolds and Reynolds Co., she is now the mother of sons William (born January 22, 1967) and Daniel (born December 26, 1969) and daughter Cindy (born December 23, 1979.) They live on a farm near Trinity, Indiana.



Betty, born on October 16, 1947, works at Reynolds and Reynolds Co. and lives in Coldwater. Betty is engaged to Michael Vermillion of Allentown, Pennsylvania; they plan to be married in the near future.

Marilyn, born on August 9, 1949, married Tom Bruns on September 26, 1970. After working at Reynolds and Reynolds Co., she now is the mother of three children: Robert (born August 11, 1972); Theresa (born February 13, 1974); and, Joanna (born March 16, 1975.) They reside near Burkettsville, Ohio.

Marvin, born on June 30, 1954, was graduated from the Nashville Auto Diesel College and worked as a diesel mechanic at Greenville Manufacturing Company until his death on July 23, 1977, from a motorcycle accident.

Janice, born on June 9, 1955, married Richard Bertke on September 3, 1977. She works at Mercer Landmark, Inc., in Celina and lives in Celina. Janice has two sons, Joshua (born September 9, 1981) and Jared (born July 20, 1983.)

August, Amelia, Albert, Leo, Julius, Herbert, and Marvin are buried in Coldwater. Helen is buried in Fort Recovery.



Richard and Susanna Sanning

Richard Sanning, son of Albert and Louise (Reigelsperger) Sanning, was born on April 2, 1933, in Dayton, Ohio, and Susanna (Noll) Sanning, daughter of Bernard and Irene (Crum) Noll was born on

October 18, 1934, in Caldwell, Ohio. Richard and Susanna were married on February 14, 1953, in Coldwater.

They are the parents of five children. Linda married Mark Barhorst of McCartyville. Linda died on April 26, 1977. Darlene married Dale Gruss of Portland, Indiana. They are the parents of four children. Darlene owns and operates Darlene's House of Styles in Philothea. Dale works at Ft. Recovery Industries. Duane is single and lives in Greenville. He is a paramedic with the Greenville Area Emergency Rescue Service and works part time at Sanning Service Station. Charles married Beverly Vogel of Ft. Recovery. They have two daughters. Chuck manages Sanning Service Station. Bev works in medical records at Community Hospital. Kevin is at home and is attending Northwestern Business College in Lima. Upon graduation, he plans to join Sanning Service Station.

Dick and Susie own Sanning Service Station. Susie takes care of the bookkeeping chores at the station. Dick is co-owner and works at Coldwater Implement Co. They make their home at 4670 Township Line Road, Coldwater.



Bernard and Dorothy Schaefer

Bernard Jacob (Pete) Schaefer was born on April 19, 1937, to Bernard Albert (Ben) and Martina (Braun) Schaefer. He was the second child of four which included Roman, Mary Jane and John.

Ben Schaefer was the son of William and Elizabeth (Hartings) Schaefer and worked for New Idea for 48 years. Martina was the daughter of Jacob and Justina (Fullenkamp) Braun and worked mostly as a homemaker. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April, 1984, and in July of that year Ben died. Martina still lives in Coldwater.

In 1955 Pete graduated from Coldwater High School and then served with the U.S. Army in White Sands, New Mexico, for two years. After returning home, he became a truck driver for Hemmelgarn and Sons and was later transferred to the plant in Kent, Ohio. On July 6, 1963, Pete married Dorothy Koehler, a native of Akron, Ohio.

In 1964 Pete and Dorothy moved to Coldwater. Pete took a job as a long-distance driver with Pax Steel Products and Dorothy became a cashier for

Miller's Grocery Store. In 1968 they had their first and only child, Kathleen.

In 1974 Pete underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor; that ended his driving career. After a year of recuperation and rehabilitation, he learned the trade of shoe repair. Soon after, he opened what is now known as Pete's Shoe Repair. Dorothy returned to work during Pete's illness and is working yet today as a meat wrapper at Brodbeck's Market. Kathy graduated from Coldwater High School in 1987 and is currently attending Sinclair Community College in Dayton.

Henry and Esther Schenking

Henry Schenking (1905-1970) was one of twelve children of Bernard Schenking (1862-1931) and Catherine Dabbelt (1869-1944). He was born and reared in St. Anthony, Ohio. In 1934, Henry married Esther Nordenbrock (1913-1968), the youngest of 12 children of Anton Nordenbrock (1861-1923) and Anna Moorman (1866-1939), of Burkettsville. There were four children: John (Jack), born in 1935, who married Kathleen Liddy from Dayton, Ohio, has three children, Mark, Dan, and Karen, and resides in Coldwater; Frederick (Fred), born in 1937, who married Marg Bricker from Portland, Indiana, lives in Dayton and has four children, Susan, Michael, Lisa, and Steven; Ann, born in 1941, who married Tom Knapke from Coldwater, has two children, Greg and Beth, and lives in Coldwater; Elaine, born in 1946, who married Elsworth Rocque Kramer from Washington, D.C., has one son, Erik, and lives in Brussels, Belgium.

Upon completion of high school at Washington Township in 1923, Henry worked for his brother, Joe, at the Home Bakery in Coldwater until 1934, when Paul and Henry bought out their brother, Joe. The partnership continued until 1944 when the bakery was purchased by Joe Weiskittle. Henry then purchased Hole's General Store in Montezuma, at which time Esther joined Henry in the management of the business. They operated the store until 1949 when they decided to move back to Coldwater. In 1952, Henry purchased Albert Rammel's interest in the Coldwater Oil Co. Due to the illness of Henry in 1962, Esther became the manager and continued operating the business. Their son, Jack, took over in 1965 when Esther became ill and is currently president of the company.

Henry and Esther were active in community and church affairs. Their personal enjoyment of excelling in academics and athletics was evident in Henry's participation in K. of C. basketball in the 1920's and 1930's and in their involvement in the interest of their children. A love of music was instilled in the children by Esther who had a fine voice and played the piano. She was also a fine seamstress.

John and Kathleen Schenking

John (Jack) was born in 1935, the eldest son of Henry and Esther Nordenbrock Schenking. He graduated from grade school in Montezuma, Ohio,

where his parents owned a general store. After graduation from Coldwater High School in 1953, Jack enrolled at the University of Dayton, earning a degree in mechanical engineering in 1959. He then returned to Coldwater to work at New Idea in product design. In 1962, a stroke incapacitated his father and he joined his mother, Esther, at the Coldwater Oil Company. (See company history).



Jack met his wife, Kathleen (Kathy) Liddy, in 1963. She was born in 1940 in Dayton, Ohio, the second daughter of Robert and Catherine Kisner Liddy. She graduated in 1958 from Julienne High School and then entered the University of Dayton where she earned a "cadet" degree in elementary education in 1960. Kathy accepted her first teaching assignment at age 19 at Our Lady of the Rosary School, the grade school she had attended. Her starting salary was \$3000. She furthered her education at night school and graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Education in 1963. That year she and Louise Hand came to Coldwater to teach school.

Jack and Kathy were married at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Dayton, Ohio, in April, 1964. They have three children.

Mark was born in 1967 and is now attending Sinclair Community College in Dayton, working on a degree in sales and marketing.

Dan was born in 1968 and is working at Wabash Garage until he begins school at Wyoming Tech in January, 1988. He plans to study automotive restoration.

Karen was born in 1972 and is a freshman at Coldwater High School. She is a member of the school band and is also in the Rainbow Connectors 4-H Club.

Also living with the family this year is Linda Bjornsdottir, an exchange student from Blonduos, Iceland. She is a senior at Coldwater High School and a member of the volleyball team.

Eugene and Marie Schilling

Eugene J. and Marie Schilling live at 401 North Cedar Street. They were married on June 9, 1945. Eugene is the son of Phillip and Philomena (Thoma) Schilling and was born in Logan, Ohio. Marie is the daughter of John and Clara (Kessen) Osterfeld and was born in Coldwater, Ohio.

They have five children. Jerry married Beth Weichman; they live in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. Beth is the daughter of Donna Jean (Witt) and the late Ken Weichman of Richmond, Indiana.

Michael married Dawn Mohler. They have two children, Sarah and Eugene. They live in Celina, Ohio. Dawn is the daughter of Oscar and Catherine (Ford) Mohler. Michael is a veteran of the European and Korean conflicts.

Julie married Barry Harner; they have three children: Bryant, Angela and Abbey Lynn. They live in Celina, Ohio. Barry is the son of Ken and Donna (Albright) Harner.

Nancy married Joseph Hartings; they have two children, Alan and Carley Jo, and they live in Celina. Joe is the son of Wilfred and IdaLeen (Sutter) Hartings.

Ron lives and works in Albion, Illinois.

Eugene is a veteran of three and one half years active duty in W.W. II, a member of the V.F.W. and other organizations. He is retired from New Idea after 35 years. Marie is retired from Reynolds and Reynolds.



Ron and Elizabeth Schindler

Ron Schindler graduated from Coldwater High School in May, 1956, and, following in his grandfather and father's footsteps, was hired at New Idea. I graduated from Bryant High School in Indiana and, upon advice from a relative, applied and was also hired at New Idea.

Ron and I started dating in April, 1959. After a year of trips to Indiana on dusty roads in his black 1958 Chevrolet, Ron gave me an engagement ring in April, 1960. Plans were made for the wedding at Holy Trinity, Indiana, on October 22, 1960.

We rented an apartment in Coldwater for \$65.00 per month. This included all utilities but water. In January, 1962, we purchased a partially finished home at 205 South Cedar Street. Our parents, friends and relatives helped prepare the home by sanding, varnishing, painting and finally moving us into our home.

We became parents of a son on January 11, 1963, and named him Tony. Like most women of the 1960's, I quit my job at New Idea and became a full-time homemaker. Our second son, Tom, was born on Feb-

ruary 15, 1964. Our family was completed with the birth of a daughter, Teresa, on February 11, 1969.

It was not easy living on the salary Ron earned at New Idea. Ron worked part-time at a bar uptown and I took in sewing to supplement our income. In 1979 when the children were in school, I started working as a receptionist at Community Hospital.

Entertainment was visiting relatives, playing cards with friends, an occasional dance or wedding, bowling in a couples' league, and, once in a while, eating out at what was new in the early 1960's, a fast-food restaurant.

Tony is a mechanic in Celina; he married Linda Springer two years ago. Tom lives at home and is a route driver for Central Soft Water. Teresa is enrolled at Northwestern Business College in Lima, Ohio, studying to be a medical office assistant.

Ron likes to fish, bowl and play golf. My activities include reading, volunteering in the Holy Trinity CCD program as a seventh grade teacher and singing in the church choir. Together we enjoy bike riding, walking our dog "Lady" and eating out on weekends. Ron is still employed at New Idea; I am at the hospital.

Our lives have had the usual up's and down's, but we look to the future for a good and pleasant life in Coldwater, surrounded by family and friends.



Ronald and Karen Schlater

Ronald and Karen (Bensman) Schlater were married on November 13, 1982, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. Ronald is the son of Kenneth and Marilyn (Winner) Schlater from Burkettsville, Ohio. Karen is the daughter of Lester and Phyllis (Stachler) Bensman from Coldwater.

Ronald was born at Otis Hospital in Celina, Ohio, on September 19, 1959. He lived in Burkettsville and graduated from St. Henry High School in 1978. Karen was born at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital on August 28, 1962. She lived in Coldwater and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1980.

Ronald and Karen settled in Coldwater in November, 1982. They reside at 405 West Vine Street. They are the parents of two children, Bryan and Matthew. Bryan was born at Community Hospital on April 8, 1984; Matthew was born at Community Hospital on August 14, 1985.

Ronald is employed at Pax Machine Works in Celina. Karen is a wife and mother. Ronald enjoys softball and pool, and they both enjoy swimming and bowling. Ronald and Karen and their two children are members of Holy Trinity Church.



David and Alice Schmidt

David and Alice Schmidt live at 108 North Elm Street. David is the son of Vincent and Elivia Schmidt of St. Henry and Alice is the daughter of Albert and Beata Forsthoff of Philothea.

David and Alice were married on April 20, 1968. They have been in the Coldwater area since they have been married.

David is a member of the Third and Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus.

Their children are Carol S., born on January 30, 1972; Marsha F., born on August 16, 1979; and, Albert W., born on December 30, 1981. They all attend the Coldwater School System at this writing.



Henry and Leona Schmidt

Henry and Leona (Siegrist) Schmidt live at 5380 St. Rt. 219. Henry's grandfather, John Joseph Schmitt, was born on July 23, 1852, near Marysville (now Cassella). He was the first-born child of John Joseph Schmitt, born in Prussia on May 9, 1824, and Margaret (Blatteau) Schmitt, born in Bavaria in 1833. He married Anna Margaret Wolfe of Ft.

Loramie. Henry's parents, William and Frances (Meiners) Schmidt, were married at St. Boniface Church in Piqua. Henry was born on June 13, 1904, in Piqua, Ohio.

On May 6, 1930, Henry married Leona, born on January 29, 1908, the daughter of Anthony and Rose Miller Siegrist. They lived on Main Street in Coldwater for seven years before moving to their present home on St. Rt. 219 on July 4, 1937. Henry worked for New Idea, Fuller Brush, and White Rose before joining the Marathon Company in 1939. He retired from Marathon in 1969. They both enjoy traveling and fishing. At home, Henry enjoys working in his yard and garden, and Leona enjoys quilting and making crafts and has always been very active in community and church functions.

Henry and Leona are the parents of seven children: Virginia (born March 3, 1931) lives near Celina and is married to Elmer Walterbusch. Charles (born June 19, 1934) lives in Coldwater and is married to Vera Bey. Ivo (born November 8, 1936) lives in Coldwater and is married to Rose Ann Heitkamp. Virgil (born January 11, 1938) lives in Chickasaw and is married to Velma Wetzel. Eileen (born November 8, 1939) lives in Greenville and is married to Clem Eckstein. Paul (born February 22, 1941) lives in Goshen, Ohio, and is married to Janet Hillman. Urban (born September 30, 1944) lives in Goshen, Ohio, and is married to Sandra Stotler.

They have 24 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Three grandchildren, Karen, Charles, and Marvin are deceased.



Ivo and Rose Ann Schmidt

Ivo and Rose Ann Schmidt reside at 409 East Plum Street. Ivo is the son of Henry and Leona Siegrist Schmidt. Rose Ann is the daughter of Ray and Hilda Schulte Heitkamp. Ivo works for New Idea and Rose Ann is employed by Brodbeck's. They have four children. Steve married Cindy Florence, daughter of Larry and Nancy Florence. Steve is the manager of the People's Bank Branch in Celina and Cindy is an employee of Mercer Savings Bank in Celina. Connie is married to Steve Wermert, son of Carol and Herb Wermert. Steve is employed as a welder at Crown Controls in New Bremen. Connie is an employee of

Community Hospital. Rob is employed by Clopay Corporation in Russia, Ohio. He is also the assistant wrestling coach for Coldwater High School. Craig is a senior at Coldwater High School and is a member of the school's wrestling team. He is also a member of the Columbian Squires.



Sam and Sue Schmiesing

Sam Schmiesing was born on July 1, 1949, to Elmer Schmiesing and Dorothy Stachler Schmiesing. They lived in St. Rose and Sam graduated from Marion Local High School in 1967. He then attended Wright State University where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. Sam started teaching fourth grade in Coldwater in September, 1971. He received his master's degree in 1974. Sam coaches junior high football and track.

Sue Schmiesing was born on May 25, 1950, to Eileen Rauh Kaiser Schmitz and the late Richard Kaiser. Sue graduated from Ft. Recovery High School in 1968. She worked at the Celina Insurance Group for eight years.

Sam and Sue were married in St. Joe, a suburb of Ft. Recovery, on June 16, 1973. It was a very hot, humid day and Sue's feet were killing her by the end of the evening. They spent their honeymoon in Canada, a cheap way to travel abroad. Upon their return to the United States, they set up residence in an apartment on Seventh Street in Coldwater. In 1975 they bought their first home, from Mr. and Mrs. Don Goethe, at 706 East Vine Street.

Jeff, their first bundle of joy, arrived on April 23, 1976, just in time for our country's Bicentennial Celebration. Two years later, on April 18, 1978, they welcomed home their second child, a little girl they named Sheri.

In 1986, Sue and Mary Hart started a preschool in the west wing of the Holy Trinity Church basement. They named the school, For Kids Only Preschool.

Sam enjoys playing tennis, reading, biking, playing basketball, hiking and sports in any shape or form. Sue has been in a craft club for the past 12 years; she also likes reading, hiking, tennis and biking. Jeff is in 4-H, plays Y soccer and basketball and thoroughly enjoys all types of sports (a chip off the old block!) Sheri's interests include dance class, gymnastics, 4-H, reading and arts and crafts.



Roger and Diane Schmit

The Roger and Diane Schmit family lives at 700 East Main Street. Roger and Diane have five children: Joelle, nineteen years; Todd, eighteen years; Lynnette, seventeen years; Kimberly, fifteen years; and, Jason, twelve years. Roger's parents are Carl and Sophia Schmit. Diane's parents are Donald and Marie Stalder. Their home was built in 1933; they have lived there nine years and are the fifth people to reside there.



John and Rita Schmitmeyer

John and Rita (Rose) Schmitmeyer live on a 120-acre grain and dairy farm two miles west of Coldwater on S.R. 219 with their five children.

John is the son of Albert and Clara (Henke) Schmitmeyer of Ft. Loramie, Ohio. Rita is the daughter of Roman and Marie (Leistenschneider) Rose of St. Henry, Ohio.

John and Rita were married on September 29, 1962, and resided in Ft. Loramie, Ohio. John drove a milk truck for Larger Brothers and Rita worked for General Telephone in Celina. In April, 1963, John started delivering for United Parcel Service and in May, 1963, they bought the 77-acre Bruns farm south of Coldwater on S.R. 118.

On August 5, 1963, their first son, Lawrence John, was born; and in September of the same year, they moved to Coldwater on their farm.

Their second child, a daughter, Brenda Sue, was born on June 23, 1965. Another daughter, Kay Marie, was born on April 29, 1967.

In December, 1967, John and Rita bought the Ralph Wenning 120-acre dairy and grain farm west of Coldwater, Ohio. This is when John stopped driving truck and became a full-time farmer. In July, 1968, the Schmitmeyer family moved to their farm west of Coldwater on S.R. 219. They worked on improving and increasing their dairy herd. On November 6, 1972, Julie Ann was born and two years later on October 10, 1974, Diane Marie was born.

Now, in 1988, John and Rita are farming 350 acres and milking 90 cows. Their son, Larry, is in partnership with his father. Brenda is manager and stylist at the Shear Experience Styling Salon in downtown Coldwater. Kay is a junior at The Ohio State University majoring in elementary education. Julia is a freshman at Coldwater High School and Diane is a seventh grader at Coldwater Junior High.



Luke and Mildred Schmitmeyer

Luke and Mildred Schmitmeyer live on a farm one mile south and one and one-half miles east on Siegrist-Jutte Rd.

Luke is the oldest of the nine children of Ben and Agatha (Albers) Schmitmeyer of St. Sebastian. Mildred is the second oldest of the five girls of Albert and Philomena (Homan) Lange of St. Henry, Ohio.

Luke and Mildred married nearly 39 years ago and have six children and 15 grandchildren.

Mark married Julie Homan and they have four girls and one boy.

Mary married Mike Bruns and they have five girls.

Carol married Ted Heckman and they have two boys.

Paul married Carol Evers and they have two girls.

Ken married Carol Kahlig and they have one boy.

Dale lives at home.

Don and Karen Schoenherr

Don and Karen Schoenherr live at 706 Bittersweet Drive in Coldwater. Don is the son of Joseph W. and Joan (Jutte) Schoenherr from St. Peter, Ohio. Karen is the daughter of Lavern and Dolores (Huber) Rindler from St. Henry, Ohio.

Don and Karen have three children. Karla was born in 1979 and is a third grader in Coldwater West Elementary. Cortland (Cory) was born in 1980 and is a first grader in Coldwater East Elementary. Martin (Marty) was born in 1985.

Don is a factory worker at Huffy Corporation in Celina, Ohio. He is a life-time member of the Coldwater V.F.W. Post 5135 and a member of the Coldwater American Legion Post 470. He enjoys woodworking.

Karen is a full-time housewife and mother. She belongs to the Coldwater V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 5135. She does tole painting and enjoys reading.



Zeno and Dorothy Schoenlein

Zeno was born in St. Peter, the son of Peter and Veronica (Braun) Schoenlein. He is the grandson of John Schoenlein and Elizabeth Post and Jacob Braun and Catherine Middendorf. Zeno apprenticed tool-making at the Frigidaire Corporation in Dayton. In 1942 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Patterson Air Force Base. After graduating from the National School of Aeronautics in Kansas City, he served with the 19th Air Depot Group in Africa, Italy, and France.

On July 31, 1948, Zeno married Dorothy Fortman in St. Anthony. Dorothy is the daughter of John L. Fortman and Victoria (Stelzer) Fortman. Her grandparents are John Henry Fortman and Elizabeth Wellman and Nicholas Stelzer and Catherine Schunck. Dorothy attended Bowling Green State University and she taught in Mercer County Schools.

Their children are: Kathleen (born July 5, 1949) Bowling Green State University; taught in Bowling Green and Toledo; married Bruce Travis of Mechanicsburg; children: Brian, twelve, Jeffrey, ten, Julie, five; lives in Lilburn, Ga. David (born June 17, 1950) Bowling Green State University; supervisor, Horvitz Construction, Cleveland; married Karen Klemensic of N. Royalton; children: Peter, twelve, Katie, nine, Kristen, one; lives in

Medina. Robert (born December 30, 1951) Ferris State College, Big Rapids, Michigan; toolmaker at Crown Controls, New Bremen; married Brenda Stafford of Reed City, Michigan; children: Angela, six; Nicole, four; lives south of Coldwater. Margory (born February 22, 1953) Miami University; taught in Hamilton and Loveland; married Wilbur Curry of Celina; children: Jennifer, six, Andrea, four; lives in Milford. Steven (born February 9, 1959) The Ohio State University; industrial engineer, Van Dyne Crotty, Dayton; lives in Dayton. Carol (born December 7, 1960) Wright State University; systems analyst, Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton; married Robert Schwieterman of St. Henry; lives in Vandalia.

From 1956 to 1976 Zeno was a co-owner of Coldwater Machine & Tool Co. He and Dorothy are retired and they live at 611 West Vine Street.



Robert and Jean Schritz

Robert and Jean Schritz live at 201 Eastview Drive. Both spent their early years in Celina, Ohio. Following graduation from Celina High School, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and Jean attended and graduated from The Ohio State University. They were married on September 17, 1960.

They are the parents of three children. Kirt, who lives at home, is a graduate of The Ohio State University and a co-owner of C.B.S. Automotive Supply. Kristen, also a graduate of The Ohio State University, is a medical records administrator at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She is married to Jeffery Bateman. Kyle is a sophomore at The Ohio State University.

Bob is co-owner and President of C.B.S. Automotive Supply, Inc. He enjoys boating, bowling, golf and skiing. Bob is a charter member of the Mercer County Elks; he is also a member of the Coldwater Eagles and the American Legion. Jean has been active in the Coldwater Hospital Auxiliary and serves as Volunteer Director at Community Hospital. She likes bowling, boating, playing bridge, and skiing. Both are avid Buckeye fans.

Henry and Rose Schroer

The history of the Schroer family in Coldwater began in 1877 or 1878 when George and Anna Bruns

Schroer loaded their possessions and their children aboard a canal boat on the Miami-Erie Canal in Cincinnati and ultimately settled on their newly-purchased farm on what is now the corner of State Route 219 and Fleetfoot Road. In 1909, their son Henry married Rose Schlagheck of Toledo and they moved onto the farm where they reared seven children.

All of the children graduated from Coldwater High School and went on to some form of higher education: Marcella, Lima Business College and University of Cincinnati, worked in Cincinnati, married Ben. H. Eshman, lives near Sidney; Helene, Lima Business College, worked in Lima and at New Idea, married Phillip W. Naas, died in 1984; William, B.S. and M.D., The Ohio State University, practiced medicine in Ft. Loramie, married Ellen Boyer, died in 1969; John (Jack), Bliss College, an accountant at New Idea and Goodyear, married Rose Agnes (Biddy) Dorian, died in 1961; Rosemary, B.S. Ed., Bowling Green State University, taught in Spencer-ville, Cleveland area and Coldwater, lives in Washington, D.C.; George, B.S. and M.D., The Ohio State University, practices medicine in Sidney, married Mildred Hoying; and, Emerita, B.S. Ed., Bowling Green State University, M. Ed., Miami University, Ph.D., The Ohio State University, taught in Mercer County schools and Coldwater and at Miami University, The Ohio State University, and Ball State University, married Henry E. Schulte.

After the deaths of Henry (1963) and Rose (1974) Schroer, the family farm was purchased by Henry and Emerita Schroer Schulte. Henry is retired from the U.S. Postal Service and Emerita is Professor Emeritus of English, Ball State University. (See also *Mercer County, Ohio History, 1978*, pp. 158-59.)

Terry and Ann Schroyer

Terry and Ann Schroyer live at 5420 State Route 219 East with their children, Erin and Adam.

Terry is the son of Harold and Lois Schroyer, Fairground Road, Celina. Harold is the owner and operator of H & S Auto of Celina, and Lois works in the loan department of Citizens Commercial Bank in Celina. Terry has five brothers and sisters: Vern and Randy, both of Celina; Diane Menchhofer of Celina; Kathy Beerbower of Toledo; and, Karla Rieth of Chicago.



Terry graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He is employed at the Celina Financial Corporation as a commercial insurance underwriter and is pursuing the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation of which he has passed nine of ten parts.

Ann is the daughter of Victor and Rose Mary Moeder, Burkettsville-St. Henry Road, St. Henry. Vic works as head of maintenance at the St. Henry Consolidated Schools and Rosie works for the school as a library aide in the media center. Ann has five brothers and sisters: Mike Moeder, St. Henry; Linda Wellman, Trinity, Indiana; Janice Arling, New Weston; Dave Moeder, Maria Stein; and, Sharon Moeder, an eighth grader in the St. Henry Schools.

Ann obtained an associate degree from Wright State University in 1980 and has earned the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) designation. She worked for nine years at the Celina Financial Corporation, most recently as an executive secretary. Ann is now a full-time homemaker.

Terry was born on November 26, 1956; and Ann was born on March 27, 1958. The couple was married in St. Henry on October 10, 1981. Erin Marie was born on March 8, 1985; and Adam Michael was born on May 9, 1987.



Henry and Dr. Emerita Schulte

Henry and Emerita Schroer Schulte were married on June 7, 1947. Henry is the son of the late Frank and Rosa Zumbrink Schulte of Celina.

Emerita is the daughter of the late Henry and Rose Schlagheck Schroer of Coldwater.

Henry graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Celina. During World War II, he served nearly four years in the United States Army, with duty in Africa, Italy and the Philippines. After 33 years with the United States Postal Service in Celina, he retired in 1977. Henry has been involved in activities at Holy Trinity Church. He is a commentator and the coordinator of the senior religion class; he has also been the coordinator of commentators and on the parish council. He is active in the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Sertoma Club.

Emerita graduated from Coldwater High School. She earned a B.S. Ed. at Bowling Green State University, an M.Ed. at Miami University and a Ph.D. at The Ohio State University. She taught in several Mercer County schools and in the Coldwater Exempted Village Schools before going into college teaching. Her college teaching was at Miami University, The Ohio State University and Ball State University. After a total of 41 years of teaching, she retired in 1987 and holds the rank of Professor Emeritus of English at Ball State University. Emerita is active in two education honorary societies, Delta Kappa Gamma and Pi Lambda Theta, and in the National Council of Teachers of English.

Henry and Emerita live on the corner of Fleet-foot Road and St. Rt. 219 on a farm that has been in the Schroer family for over a century.



Harvey and Mary Schulze

Mary C. Schulze has been a resident of Coldwater for over 55 years. She and her husband, H. Harvey Schulze, now deceased, are the parents of three children. Richard J. Schulze, born on December 9, 1927, is married to Agnes Hausfeld and lives in Maria Stein. Their daughter, Audrey, is married to Harold H. Huelsman and lives in Coldwater. Her birthdate is September 2, 1930. Cyril Schulze, who was born on September 17, 1937, is currently residing in Clearwater, Florida. He is married to Deanne Dorsey.

Harvey, who was born on April 5, 1906, was the son of John and Anna Bruns Schulze of Ft. Loramie, Ohio. He died on October 24, 1975, at the age of 69. Mary, the daughter of John and Ida Subler Mangan was born on June 20, 1906, in Versailles, Ohio.

Harvey Schulze was employed for 44 years at New Idea. When he retired in 1971, he was the Service and Product Manager for the company. During his years with New Idea, he traveled countless miles, servicing and evaluating New Idea equipment across the country.

Mary has resided at 420 East Elizabeth Street since 1935. She is an accomplished seamstress and needle worker and enjoys golfing. Since 1972 she has spent the winter months in Florida and now has a residence in Palmetto, Florida.

Mary has fourteen grandchildren; one grandchild is deceased. She also has twelve great grandchildren.



David and Lorraine Schwartz

David Lee Schwartz and Lorraine Catherine Pleiman were married on September 21, 1968, and live at 219 Hillcrest Drive in Coldwater. Lorraine, who was born on September 16, 1947, is the daughter of Arthur George Pleiman and Salome Bergman Pleiman of Coldwater. David, whose birthdate is September 28, 1946, is the son of the late Raymond Frederick Schwartz and Alvira Stucke Schwartz Homan who resides in Minster, Ohio.

David and Lorraine's children are Lisa Mary, born on September 13, 1969, and a freshman at Bowling Green State University; Brian David, born on August 6, 1971, and a sophomore at Coldwater High School; and, Amy Lorraine, born on April 7, 1973, and a freshman at Coldwater High School.

David is a machinist at the Minster Machine Company. Lorraine is a bookkeeper at Coldwater Home Supply, Inc.

Floyd and Mary Schwegman

Floyd (deceased in 1972) was the son of Anthony and Hilda (Hemmelgarn) Schwegman. In 1949, he married Mary Evelyn Bergman. Together they reared four children. Floyd worked for Pax Steel Co. for several years and then for the Birkmeyer Bros. He then had a Meadow Gold milk route in Coldwater, from which he retired due to ill health.

Mary Evelyn is the eldest daughter of Edward and Olivia (Brunswick) Bergman. She was born in

Maria Stein; in 1939 she moved to Coldwater where she lived with her aunt and uncle, Ed and Adelaide Stukenborg, until she and Floyd married.

Their oldest child is John, who married Debra Dumbauld in 1975; they have two children, Lindsay and Jack, and reside in Coldwater. The oldest of their three daughters, Diane, married James Greiwe in 1974. Diane and Jim have three daughters, Jill, Rebecca, and Clare, and they reside in Coldwater. The second daughter, Jane, married Perry Brashares in 1978, and they live in Beavercreek, Ohio. Jane has two stepdaughters, Chantelle Baker and Nicole Brashares. The youngest of the four children, Deborah, resides in Coldwater.

John and Deb Schwegman

John and Deb Schwegman reside at 823 North Dogwood Drive. John is the son of Mary E. Schwegman and the late Floyd Schwegman. Deb is originally from Celina; she is the daughter of Betty Dumbauld and the late "Si" Dumbauld.

John and Deb have two children; Lindsay attends Coldwater Elementary and Jack is a preschooler. John is employed at Pax Machine Works and Deb is a part-time employee of the People's Bank Company in Coldwater.



Bill and Joan Schwieterman

Bill and Joan Schwieterman live at 703 Marian Drive in Coldwater, where they made their home at the time of their marriage.

Bill is the son of Ernest and Regina Schwieterman. Joan is the daughter of Clem and Ida Poepelman. Bill and Joan have one son, Joe, who is working, and four daughters. Lisa is a recent graduate of Bowling Green State University. Lynn is a recent graduate of Northwestern Business College. Teri is a student at RETS Technical School. Beth is a sophomore at Coldwater High School.

Bill works as a welder at New Idea. Joan is a bus driver for the Coldwater Schools.

Henry and Joyce Schwieterman

Henry (Hank) L. Schwieterman was born on September 6, 1944, into a family of four brothers and two older sisters, whose parents are Henry A. and Helen



Schwieterman. Henry A. Schwieterman was born in Cassella, Ohio, in 1902, and Helen was born in 1903 in Somerset, Ohio. Hank's wife, Joyce (Eifert) Schwieterman, was born in 1947 in St. Joe, Ohio, where they were married on August 17, 1968. Joyce is the daughter of Ferd and Sally (Speck) Eifert, who presently reside in St. Joe. Joyce's mother was born on a farm near St. Henry, Ohio, and her father was born in St. Joe. Henry and Joyce have four daughters: Pamela, born on February 23, 1975; Gina, born on August 24, 1977; Lynn, born on September 15, 1978; and, Betsy, born on November 5, 1982.

Henry Schwieterman is a high school English teacher and coach for the Coldwater Schools, and his wife owns and operates the Merle Norman Cosmetics Studio in Coldwater. Henry is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Coldwater Eagles. Joyce is active in Phi Beta Psi Sorority and a member of Coldwater Kiwanis. The Schwieterman's are members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Joseph and Catherine Schwieterman

Joseph Schwieterman, son of Joseph and Mary Koesters Schwieterman of Cassella, Ohio, was born on April 26, 1902, in Cassella.

On November 16, 1940, he married Catherine Kramer of Miller, South Dakota. They were married in St. Anthony Church, St. Anthony, Ohio.

Catherine was born on March 20, 1914, in Miller, South Dakota. Joe and Catherine lived on a farm in St. Anthony. They are the parents of five children and have 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Virgil lives at rural Celina.

Josephine (Joey) married Robert Post and lives in Coldwater. They are the parents of five children: Robert Jr., Lisa, Troy, Scott and Michael (deceased).

Virginia is married to Larry Axe and lives in McCartyville, Ohio. They are the parents of three children: Charles (Chuck), Cindy, and Chris. They have one grandchild, Rene.

Norbert died in 1968.

Mary is married to Mike Bruns and lives in Egypt, Ohio. They are the parents of seven children:

Matt, Sarah, twins Todd and Tony, Laura, Philip and Douglas.

Joe died of a heart attack on October 3, 1958. Ten years later Catherine moved to Coldwater where she still lives.



Ken and Marilyn Schwieterman

The Schwieterman's reside at 202 Hillcrest Drive, the east end of town, in Coldwater. Ken, born on July 16, is the son of Coletta Schwieterman and the late Matt Schwieterman, Sr. Marilyn, born on February 17, is the daughter of Victor and Mary Evers who live on Coldwater Creek Road. Ken and Marilyn were married on July 18, 1964. They spent their first four years of married life in Columbus where all of their children were born. There are three children: Ken Allen, Sandra Lee, and Lynda Marie.

Ken is the oldest, age 22, and was born on April 8, 1965. He goes to college at Bowling Green State University. He majored in electronic technology and is presently working on his master's degree.

Sandra, age 21, born on February 14, 1966, was a Valentine baby. She is now a senior at Bowling Green State University. She spent her junior year at the University of Oregon in Engene, Oregon, as an exchange student. Sandra is majoring in psychology and will soon be studying for her master's degree.

Lynda, age 19, born on May 12, 1968, arrived on Mother's Day. She is a sophomore at The Ohio State University in Columbus. Her major is in the business field. She spent a summer in Madison, Wisconsin. The children all do a lot of traveling.

Ken and Marilyn are self-employed in their own businesses: True Value Hardware, Radio Shack, Mall Service Center and Carquest Auto Parts, which are all located in the Mall Shopping Center. They also have a True Value Hardware in Portland, Indiana. They have done a lot of traveling and Ken has toured in China and the Philippines.

Matt and Coletta Schwieterman

Matt Schwieterman, Sr., (born March 31, 1918), the son of Edward G. Schwieterman of St. Sebastian,

and Eleanor (Kramer) Schwieterman, married Coletta M. Luthman (born February 28, 1917), daughter of John and Rosa Luthman of Maria Stein, on November 23, 1939, in Burkettsville, Ohio. They lived in Coldwater their entire married life. Matt, Sr., died on September 16, 1981.



They are the parents of the following children:

Jean (born on January 24, 1941) married Bob Neumeister (born on June 21, 1932) on February 1, 1969, and lives in Dayton, Ohio. Their children are Amy, Jim, and Stephen.

Joan (born on July 21, 1942) married Bill Geise (born on April 20, 1939) on August 18, 1962. They live in Coldwater. Their children are Mindy, Gigi, Jill and Tara.

Ken (born on July 16, 1943) married Marilyn Evers (born on February 17, 1943) on July 18, 1964. They live in Coldwater and their children are Ken Allen, Sandra and Lynda.

Matt, Jr., (born on January 6, 1947) married Joyce Hierholzer (born on June 22, 1948) on May 15, 1971. They live in Coldwater and their children are Matt, Misty, Kyle, and twins, Josh and Jesse.

Phyllis (born on July 27, 1948) married Tom Rose (born on January 14, 1948) on August 18, 1973, and lives in Montezuma, Ohio. Their children are Julie, Jim, Andrea, Mike, David and Eric.

Trish (born on March 17, 1950) married Ken Wrightsman (born on May 30, 1946) on June 19, 1982. They live in Eagen, Minnesota.

Ralph (born on December 11, 1951) married Jane Gast (born on May 22, 1954) on July 30, 1977. They live in Coldwater and their children are triplets, Nathan, Greg and Anne.

Romie (born on July 4, 1954) married Cindy Wellman (born on December 28, 1955) on May 20, 1978. They live in Coldwater with their children, Nicki and Craig.

Christopher Matthew was born on December 15, 1956, and died on December 28, 1956.

Chris (born on November 7, 1959) married Gerald Schulte (born on March 4, 1961) on April 23, 1983. They live in Chickasaw with their children, Jason and Abby.

Coletta and Matt belonged to Holy Trinity Parish and Coletta belongs to the church choir in which she has sung for about 40 years.

Matt, Sr., worked at Pet Milk until 1946 at which time he started his own company. The company began as an excavation firm and later ready-mix concrete, building supplies, and water and sewer line installation were added. The company incorporated in 1954 and remains an ongoing construction firm.



Matt and Joyce Schwieterman

Matt Schwieterman, Jr., born on January 6, 1947, is the son of Coletta Luthman Schwieterman and the late Matt Schwieterman, Sr., of Coldwater. Matt attended the University of Dayton for two years and was a member of the Ohio National Guard. He is the president and general manager of Matt Schwieterman, Inc.

Matt married Joyce Hierholzer in the spring of 1971. Joyce, born on June 22, 1948, is the daughter of Walter and Rosella Kaiser Hierholzer. She is a native of Burkettsville. Joyce graduated from Richard Weston Beauty School in Dayton as a managing cosmetologist. She was owner-manager of Joyce's Hair Fashions in Burkettsville for six years, until the birth of her first child. She is presently a housewife.

Matt and Joyce are the parents of five children: Matt, born in June, 1974; Misty, born in June, 1976; Kyle, born in January, 1979; and, Josh and Jesse (twin sons), born in March, 1981. The family worships together at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. They reside at 314 South Cedar Street. Camping, boating, swimming and water skiing are favorite activities enjoyed by the family.



Ralph and Jane Schwieterman

Ralph Schwieterman is the son of Coletta Luthman Schwieterman and the late Matt Schwieterman, Sr. Ralph has lived in Coldwater all of his life.

Ralph graduated from Ohio University in Athens with a degree in industrial technology. He is office manager at Matt Schwieterman, Inc. He also manages the Coldwater Moons baseball team.

Ralph married Jane Gast in 1977. Jane is a native of St. Henry, Ohio, and is the daughter of Joan (Backs) Gast and the late Robert Gast. Jane received her bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University in speech and hearing. She did her master's degree work at The Ohio State University, Lima Campus. Jane works for the Coldwater Exempted Village Schools as a speech therapist; she holds a license to practice speech therapy privately or in a clinical setting. Jane belongs to the University Women's Club. Both Ralph and Jane belong to Holy Trinity Parish.

Ralph and Jane are the proud parents of three children. Anne, Gregory, and Nathan are six-year-old triplets attending kindergarten this year in Coldwater. The family enjoys swimming, camping, Cincinnati Reds ball games, and fishing together. They live at 622 Plum Drive in Coldwater.

Photo: Greg, Anne, Nathan, Jane and Ralph.



Romie and Cindy Schwieterman

Romie and Cindy Schwieterman reside at 212 Eastview Drive in Coldwater. They were both born and reared in Coldwater. Romie is the son of Coletta Luthman Schwieterman and the late Matthew H. Schwieterman, Sr. Cindy is the daughter of Donald L. and Bernice Siefring Wellman. Romie and Cindy were married on May 20, 1978, and have two children, Nicole (6) and Craig (4). Romie graduated from Coldwater High School in 1972 and received his B.S. from Bowling Green State University in 1976. He is co-owner and operator of McSober's Saloon (a bar/restaurant) and McSport's Amalg. (a sporting goods store) in Coldwater. Cindy graduated from Coldwater High School in 1974 and attended Wright State University, Lake Campus. She was employed at Speicher Corporation in Celina, Ohio, for twelve years until they closed in February, 1987. She has now been employed at Bob Nuding State Farm Insurance Company in Celina since February, 1987.



Robert and Kay Seeger

Robert Lyle Seeger was born on December 6, 1942, in Celina, Ohio, and is the only child of Anna Krugh Seeger of Celina, Ohio, and the late Herbert Seeger. He attended Washington Township School through the eighth grade and then graduated from Celina High School in 1960.

On March 21, 1970, Robert married Kay Darleen Staudt, the daughter of Beulah Thomas Staudt of Montezuma and the late Leonard Staudt. Kay was born in Celina, Ohio, on January 31, 1945. She attended Franklin Elementary School and then graduated from Celina High School in 1963.

On May 29, 1974, their first daughter was born at Coldwater Community Hospital. Linda Jane is now an eighth grade student at Coldwater Junior High. Their second daughter, Jennifer Lynn, was born at Coldwater Community Hospital on June 26, 1975. Jennifer is a seventh grade student at Coldwater Junior High. Both daughters are active in junior high basketball, and are members of the Wabash Whipper-Snippers 4-H Club and the Luther League at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

They presently reside at 2424 Menchofer Road on a farm which has been in the Seeger family since 1900. In November, 1970, they moved into a new ranch-style, brick home which replaced a house built by Robert's grandfather.

The family are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on St. Anthony Road, Coldwater. Robert is engaged in farming and is also employed by the United States Post Office. He is a rural mail carrier, serving a route out of both Coldwater and St. Henry.

John and Kay Seibert

John H. Seibert, Jr., was born in Coldwater, Ohio, on December 2, 1940. His parents are John and Rose O'Reilly Seibert. John, Sr., was born in Dayton, Ohio, on July 30, 1914. Rose was born in McCartyville on March 28, 1920.

Kay F. Seibert was born on April 29, 1945, in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Her parents are Viola Osterfeld Klosterman and the late Arthur S. Klosterman. Viola was born in St. Henry, Ohio, on September 20, 1914. Art was born in Montezuma, Ohio, on December 19, 1909. He died on May 21, 1987, in St. Marys, Ohio.



John and Kay were married at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in St. Marys, Ohio, on August 28, 1965. They have three children: Jeffrey Scott, Christopher John and Annette Kay.

Jeff was born in Sidney, Ohio, on August 17, 1966. He is employed by Ohio Plumbing and Electric. He and Jackie Noonan have one son, Andrew Robert, born on July 3, 1987, in Dayton, Ohio.

Chris was born on November 27, 1967, in Coldwater, Ohio. He attends Wright State University Lake Campus and works part time at Pax Steel.

Annette was born in Coldwater on February 17, 1969. She attended Wright State University Lake Campus and works at Rutschilling Sawmill in St. Henry.

John formerly worked at New Idea, but now has his own business, Handy Maintenance. He is a member of the Coldwater American Legion.

Kay is employed by Brodbeck's Super Valu and works in the bakery-deli. She bowls in a league and enjoys playing bingo.



David and Irene Seitz

David and Irene Seitz live at 808 Westview Drive in Coldwater. David is the son of Stella and the late Charles Seitz. Irene is the daughter of Clara and the late Alphons Wolters.

David and Irene have three sons and one daughter. Gary has graduated from Bowling Green State University and is living in Dayton. He is working at

Household Finance and will be marrying Becky Bates of Vandalia in April, 1988. Douglas is a junior and Michael is a freshman; both are attending Bowling Green State University. Kimberly is a seventh grader at Coldwater Exempted Village School.

David works at Pax Machine, Monroe Road, Celina, as a laborer. He also belongs to the American Legion, the V.F.W. and the Eagles.

Irene works at the Society Bank in Coldwater as a teller. She enjoys doing ceramics, tole painting, etc.

Daniel and Mary Ann Seitz

Daniel and Mary Ann (Severt) Seitz reside at 5440 S.R. 219, Coldwater, Ohio. Daniel is employed at New Idea. They have four children.

Rick married Carol Frey; they have four children: twins, Brad and Brian; Michelle; and, Alan. They reside at 8565 Erie Drive in Maria Stein, Ohio. Rick is employed at Greenville Technology.

Steve married Terese Puthoff; they have three children: Kevin, Shawn and Jeff. They reside at 5695 Depweg Road, Celina, Ohio. Steve has his own business, Seitz Electric.

Mark married Lisa Homan; they have one son, Kyle. They reside at 2672 Homan Road, Maria Stein, Ohio. Mark is employed at Stamco and is also a realtor.

Ken lives at home and is employed at Crown Controls. He is also a part-time student at Wright State University, Lake Campus.



Seranus and Dolores Seitz

Seranus (Si) Seitz was born on February 7, 1917, the son of John and Clara (Steinbrunner) Seitz. He flew a P-47 fighter plane in the United States Air Force during World War II. He married Dolores C. Huelsman, born on June 13, 1921, on June 15, 1946, at Holy Angels Church (Dayton) with Father Cully officiating. Dee worked at The Standard Register in Dayton, Ohio, prior to their marriage. They moved from New Carlisle, where Si had the Buckeye Sheet Metal Business, to Coldwater in 1948. There they started the Central Heating and Plumbing Company. Then in 1973 he started the Superior Water Services, Inc.

They now reside at the corner of Coldwater Creek Road and State Route 219. They have six children: Shirley Ann, August 17, 1950; Vicki Sue (Phil Sims), March 31, 1952; Mary Beth (Tony Stammen), January 25, 1954; John Michael (Ginny Braun), June 1, 1956; Cynthia Marie (Robert Walling), August 22, 1958; and James Robert, March 5, 1962. They also have eight grandchildren: Jason Anthony Stammen (13), Matthew Moore Sims (12), Jeffrey Michael Stammen (11), Justin Wayne Walling (8), Anna Marie Stammen (8), Jeremy Michael Walling (5), Bethany Allison Sims (5) and Jacqueline Marie Seitz (4).

Si graduated from St. Henry High School in 1935 and Dee in 1939. They are still actively involved in their water service business.



John lives in Hillsboro, Ohio, and is band director in the Eastern School System.

Cathy is a physical education and health teacher at Harrison, Ohio, and lives there.

Larry is married to Patricia Philpot and works for Rainbow. They are the parents of Brent.

Marilyn is an interior decorator and lives in Florida.

Hank (as he is known to one and all) has been a salesman the past 30 years. He also played in a band for 44 years, 35 of those in his own band.

Margaret has worked at Huffy's the past 15 years, as well as being a homemaker.



David and Cindy Selhorst

David Selhorst, son of Ludwig and Bertha (Benanzer) Selhorst married Cindy Naseman, daughter of Urban and Bertha (Vogel) Naseman, on June 29, 1973.

Dave is a police officer in Coldwater and Cindy is a sales representative for the American Merchandising Association.

They live at 704 Lilac Drive in Coldwater, Ohio, with their two children, Kevin Michael, born on December 19, 1974, and Katie Joe, born on July 5, 1977.



Henry and Margaret Selhorst

Henry Selhorst was born in Mercer County, the son of Ferdinand and Thersia Selhorst. Margaret Bauer was born in Hungary, the daughter of Carl and Theresa Bauer, and came to the United States at age 8. Hank was a member of the Air Force Band from 1948 until 1953. Hank and Margaret were married on June 27, 1953, and moved to Coldwater in 1956. They have resided here continuously since then, except for one year at West Milton.

They are the parents of six children.

Mike is married to Roseann Boyer and lives in Coldwater. They are the parents of Shawn and Kristy.

Yvonne lives in Florida and is employed by IBM.

Jerome and Mildred Selhorst

Jerome Selhorst, born on October 25, 1921, in Coldwater, Ohio, was married on April 21, 1945, to Mildred Wolters from Coldwater. Mildred was born on October 30, 1923. They reside at 600 North Terrace Avenue in Coldwater, Ohio.

Jerome is the son of Charles and Henrietta (Bruggeman) Selhorst. Mildred is the daughter of Richard and Mathilda (Will) Wolters.

They have three children. Charles was born on March 28, 1947, and married Lois Weitzel of Sharpsburg. Their children are Michelle, born on January 22, 1972; Craig, born on January 13, 1974; and, Lori, born on February 13, 1981.

Norman was born on July 9, 1951, and married Dolores Frey of Osgood. Their children are Robert, born on June 20, 1975; Darrell, born on January 11,

1977; Jeanne, born on November 9, 1978; Derrick, born on January 27, 1981; Valerie, born on April 5, 1982; Kenneth, born on August 14, 1983; and, Donald, born on July 1, 1986.

Mary Lou was born on December 12, 1953, and works at Reynolds and Reynolds in Celina, Ohio.

Jerome is retired from farming and Pax Steel and is working part time as a guard at New Idea. Mildred is a homemaker.



Ludwig and Bertha Selhorst

Ludwig is the eldest son of Ferd and Theresia Hemmelgarn Selhorst of Carthagena, while Bertha is the youngest daughter of Fred and Johanna Mertz Benazer from Ft. Loramie.

Ludwig and Bertha were married on May 30, 1945. They live in Coldwater and both are retired.

They are the parents of four children, the oldest being Rebecca who married Bruce Stover from Van Wert. They have one daughter, Angela, age nine. Bruce works at Crown Controls in New Bremen and they reside in Coldwater.

Jane is married to Dale Meier from St. Rose and they have five children: Lisa, 18; Karen, 16; Amy, 13; Craig, 9; and, Douglas, 1½. They live in Versailles and are engaged in farming.

David married Cindy Naseman and their children are Kevin, 13, and Katie, 10. David is a patrolman for Coldwater and Cindy is a sales representative for A.M.A. They reside in Coldwater.

Susan is married to Charles Seitz from Montezuma and they are the parents of one daughter, Beth Ann, age six. Charles works at Reynolds in Celina and Susan works at Pet Incorporated in Coldwater. They, too, live in Coldwater.

Keith and Roberta Selhorst

Keith and Roberta (Siefiring) Selhorst live at 708 Eden Avenue in Coldwater, Ohio. Their parents are Richard and Grace (Mescher) Selhorst of Coldwater and Bernard and Mary (Kahlig) Siefiring of Coldwater.

Keith and Roberta were married on October 17, 1987, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Carthagena.



Keith is employed as an accountant at the Celina Financial Group in Celina, Ohio. Roberta (Bobbi) is employed at Community Hospital in Coldwater as an insurance clerk.

Keith enjoys playing softball and basketball. Bobbi enjoys bowling and crafts.



Alvin and Mary Ann Severt

Alvin C. Severt, son of Fred and Josephine (Uhlenhake) Severt, and Mary Ann Gross, daughter of Adam J. and Catherine (Braun) Gross, were married in Coldwater on November 27, 1952. They have resided near Coldwater at 5758 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road since 1966.

On May 14, 1954, Joseph H. was born in Bryan, Ohio, and he married Peggy Ellen Snider on December 16, 1977. They have Neil Christopher, born on June 20, 1978; Kimberly Jo, born on January 23, 1981; and, Katrina Marie, born on November 19, 1982, and reside at 5856 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road, Coldwater, Ohio.

On June 30, 1955, Charles A. was born in Bryan, Ohio, and he married Ann J. Bruggeman on May 20, 1978. They have Alyssa Marie, born on August 25, 1982, and Christopher Adam, born on July 31, 1986, and reside in Suwanee, Georgia.

On March 25, 1957, Diane E. was born in Coldwater and she married Jerome Prenger on October 23, 1982. They reside at 5864 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road, Coldwater, Ohio.

On January 10, 1959, Peggy Ann was born in Coldwater and she married Thomas Berning on September 25, 1982. They have Jay Michael, born on September 7, 1984, and Adam Joseph, born on April 17, 1986, and reside in Chickasaw, Ohio.

On June 20, 1960, Frederick E. was born in Coldwater; he resides on the family farm.

On April 16, 1963, David C. was born in Coldwater; he lives in Chicago, Illinois.

On February 9, 1965, Shirley E. was born in Coldwater and she married Daniel James Siefing on October 25, 1986. They reside near St. Henry, Ohio.



Edward and Anna Marie Severt

Edward and Anna Marie Severt were married on May 7, 1949, in Coldwater. Ed is the son of Fred and Josephine Severt. Anna Marie is the daughter of William and Theresia Liening. Ed and Anna Marie are the parents of eight children. Patricia married Mike Franzer in 1974; they have three sons and reside in Coldwater. Marilyn resides in Coldwater. Barbara married Frank Elking in 1980; they have a son and a daughter and reside in Coldwater. Thomas married Lisa Kremer in 1983; they have one son and reside in Coldwater. John (Jack) married Virginia Kahlig in 1985; they have one son and reside in Coldwater. Kathleen resides in Defiance. Gerald and Virginia are deceased.

Ed and Anna Marie are retired co-owners of The Coldwater Grain Co., Inc. They make their home at 624 West Walnut Street in Coldwater.

Jack and Ginny Severt

Jack and Ginny Severt were married on April 20, 1985. Ginny, the daughter of George and Evelyn Kahlig of Coldwater, was born on February 9, 1962. Jack, the son of Ed and Anna Marie Severt of Coldwater, was born on June 13, 1961.

Jack and Ginny have one child, Benjamin John. He was born on July 22, 1987. They reside at 702 West South Street and are members of Holy Trinity Parish in Coldwater.

Ginny is a graduate of Coldwater High School and the University of Dayton. She is employed at



Community Hospital in Coldwater as a medical technologist. Jack is a graduate of Coldwater High School and Wright State University. He is a designer at Monarch Stamco in New Bremen.



Tom and Lisa Severt

Tom and Lisa Severt reside at 4180 Fleetfoot Road. Tom is the son of Edward and Anna Marie Severt of Coldwater. Lisa is the daughter of Mark and Bernice Kremer of St. Henry. Tom and Lisa have a son, Ryan Douglas, who was born on October 10, 1987. Tom and Lisa built their new home on Fleetfoot Road in 1987. Tom is employed in the Maintenance Department at Pet, Inc. He enjoys carpenter work, fishing and golf. Tom is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Eagles and other clubs. Lisa is a secretary at Celina Financial Corporation. She enjoys needlepoint, ceramics and other crafts.

William and Marcella Short

William Jennings Short, son of Perry and Christine Short, and Marcella Francis, daughter of Celestine and Julie Francis, were united in marriage in 1924 at St. Dennis Catholic Church in Versailles, Ohio.

William and Marcella moved to Coldwater, Ohio, in 1937 when Bill was transferred to the Buckeye Apparel Inc. where he held the position of supervisor.

Bill and Marcella had three children: William Francis, Jr., born on June 9, 1925; Mary Martha, born on January 11, 1928; and, John Joseph, born on October 21, 1933. They had 16 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Marcella was an excellent seamstress and did sewing and alterations for many years. Bill worked at Buckeye Apparel for 57 years until his untimely death on December 20, 1981, when he was involved in an auto accident. He was buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater. Marcella, still very active, resides at her home at 303 North Second Street in Coldwater.



Bernard and Mary Siefring

Bernard Siefring and Mary M. Siefring live at 5130 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road, one mile west and one and one-half miles north of Coldwater. Their parents are Pauline (Dues) Siefring and the late Bernard Siefring, Sr., and Bernardine (Post) Kahlig and the late Charles Kahlig.

Bernard and Mary were married in 1956 and moved to their 80-acre farm which was newly developed from a parcel of land bought by Bernard, Sr., in 1949 from the late Ben Selhorst. In 1970, they acquired the old Jacob Huwer farm directly west of them.

Hogs, corn, soybeans and wheat are grown and raised. Egg production was added in 1961. They were in dairy until 1966. A feed and equipment business was begun in 1968.

Bernard and Mary are the parents of seven daughters. Mrs. Rick (Laura) Sanfrey lives in Hanover, Ohio (Newark) and is the mother of three children. Benita is employed in the camera department at Reynolds and lives at 405 Woodview Drive. Mrs. Keith (Roberta) Selhorst works in the insurance department at Community Hospital and lives at 708 Eden Avenue. Paula, who attended Cheryl Ann School, is a client at C.A. Industries. Andrea is a nursing assistant at Celina Manor and lives at home. Christa lives in Newark, Ohio, and is employed at Meyers, Inc. Sara is a junior high school student.

Bernard and Pauline Siefring

Pauline Siefring lives at 3051 Siegrist-Jutte Road in the same home she and Bernard J. Siefring moved



to after they were married on May 10, 1921, in Philothea. They purchased the farm from his parents who had previously bought it from the Wuebker family.

Bernard, or Ben as he was known to most people, was born on February 6, 1896, in St. Wendelin, Ohio, the son of Bernard and Mary Entrup Siefring. Pauline was born on June 12, 1897, in Philothea, the daughter of Bernard (Barney) and Elizabeth Windker Dues. Ben and Pauline reared ten sons and two daughters, all born at their home.

Barthel, better known as Bart, was born on July 29, 1922. Afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, he now resides at the Celina Manor Nursing Home.

Omer, born on December 6, 1923, married Monica Haslinger Niekamp on May 15, 1954, in St. Wendelin. They have one son and live in St. Henry.

Orville, born on July 7, 1925, married Jeanette Ebbing on October 4, 1947, in Coldwater. They have four sons and live in Coldwater.

Luetta, born on December 15, 1926, married Donald Forsthoefel on June 10, 1950, in Philothea. They have five children and live in Coldwater.

Bernice, born on June 10, 1928, married Donald Wellman on June 25, 1949, in Philothea. They have five children and live in Coldwater.

Bernard H., born on January 4, 1930, married Mary Kahlig on September 15, 1956, in Coldwater. They have seven daughters and live in Coldwater.

Herbert, born on June 26, 1931, married Stella Kunkler on April 27, 1955, in Carthagena. They have nine children and live in Coldwater.

Elmer, born on December 5, 1932, married Mildred Huber on November 30, 1957, in North Star. They have three children and live near Celina.

Gerald, born on June 2, 1934, purchased his parents' farm in 1962 and now lives there with his mother.

Roger, born on February 4, 1936, married Rose Ann Moeder on November 24, 1960, in St. Henry. They have nine children and live in Coldwater.

Charles, born on June 19, 1937, married Dorothy Knapke on September 3, 1960, in Chickasaw. They have four children and live in Coldwater.

David, born on August 19, 1939, married Eileen Knapke on October 28, 1961, in Coldwater. They have four children and live in Coldwater.

Bernard Siefring died on November 7, 1968, and is buried in the Philothea Cemetery.



David and Eileen Siefring

David (Doc) and Eileen Siefring reside at 4147 Philothea Road, Coldwater, Ohio (one-half mile east of Philothea).

David is the youngest son of the late Bernard and Pauline (Dues) Siefring of Philothea. He was born on August 19, 1939, and went to eight years of grade school at Philothea Special; he also attended Coldwater High School.

Eileen is the oldest daughter of Roman and the late Clara (Penno) Knapke of Coldwater, Ohio. She was born on July 21, 1942; she went to the Coldwater schools and graduated in 1960.

Doc and Eileen were married on October 28, 1961, in Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, Ohio. They are the parents of three sons and one daughter. William Omer was born on December 29, 1962, and is employed as a truck driver for Hemmelgarn & Sons, Inc. in Philothea, Ohio. Gary Bernard was born on September 2, 1964, and is employed as a laborer for Kremer Bros. in Wabash, Ohio. Theresa Lynn is a student at Wright State University, majoring in elementary education. Craig Jerome is a sophomore at Coldwater High School.

Doc has farmed all his life and enjoys sports and playing pinochle at the American Legion in the winter time. Eileen has been a 4-H advisor of the Philothesettes 4-H club for nine years and is employed as a secretary-bookkeeper for the Orchard Tree Family Restaurants of Celina and Van Wert, Ohio. She is also the secretary of the St. Marys Rosary Altar Sodality. She enjoys baking wedding cakes and making crafts for family and friends.

The David Siefring family are members of St. Marys Catholic Church in Philothea.

Elmer and Mildred Siefring

Elmer Siefring and Mildred Huber were married on November 30, 1957, in St. Louis Catholic Church in North Star, Ohio. Elmer is the son of Bernard Siefring and Pauline Dues; Mildred is the daughter of Frank Huber and Hedwig Schulze.

Elmer and Mildred are the parents of three children: James is a Certified Public Accountant in St. Marys; Richard is a farmer; and, Sharon is a cosmetologist in Celina.



Elmer is employed at Allied New Idea and Mildred is a housewife.



Greg and Lois Siefring

Greg and Lois Siefring live at 3014 St. Rt. 219, Coldwater. Greg is the son of Orville and Jean (Ebbing) Siefring. Lois is the daughter of Mark and Bernice (Niekamp) Kremer of St. Henry.

They have three children. Toby Joseph was born in 1980, Katy Marie was born in 1982 and Troy Damian was born in 1987.

Greg is a self-employed farmer. He milks cows and grain farms. Lois is a housewife and also works part time at the Messenger Press in Carthage. They belong to the Coldwater Booster Club. Greg also is a K. of C. member and an Eagles member.

Kenneth and Karen Siefring

Kenneth Joseph Siefring, the second child and oldest son of Roger F. and Rose Ann Moeder Siefring, was born in Coldwater on December 20, 1962. He has five sisters and three brothers: Diana, Melinda, Elaine, Kevin, Christopher, Michelle, Kathleen and Eric.

Ken attended the Coldwater schools and graduated in 1981. He works with his father in their family dairy farm operation.

On Ken's 22nd birthday, December 20, 1984, he bowled a perfect "300" game and had a 714 series in

his weekly bowling league at Plaza Lanes in Celina. For this achievement he received a \$1,000 prize from local businesses.

Karen Sue Smith, the second child and daughter born to Robert and Helen Heuker Smith of St. Henry, was born on May 28, 1964, in Coldwater. She has one brother and four sisters: Diane, Steve, Cheryl, Amy, and Michelle.



When Karen was five years old, the family moved to their home located on St. Rt. 119 east of Ft. Recovery. She attended Fort Recovery schools and graduated in 1982. She then enrolled at N B C Tech in Lima and graduated from that school in 1984 with a medical secretary degree. She now works in the office of Dr. Truman F. Soudah in Celina.

The date of their marriage is March 12, 1988, at St. Joseph Church, St. Joe. They have built their new home at 3415 Philothea Road on the farm that was originally purchased by Ken's parents from John Steggeman in 1965. They are members of St. Marys Church in Philothea.



Herb and Stella Siefring

Herb and Stella Siefring reside on a farm at 5058 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road. They were married on April 27, 1955, in Carthagena. Herb is the son of Bernard and Pauline (Dues) Siefring of Philothea. Stella was born in Carthagena, the daughter of Henry and

Theresia (Homan) Kunkler. Herb and Stella have reared nine children: Patricia married Frank Schwieterman and resides in McCartyville; Deb married Joe Hoying and lives in Celina with their daughter, Allison; Marlene married Steve Pax of Coldwater and they have a son, Benjamin; Doris, Dennis, Lisa, Randy, Doug, and Jennifer live at home.



Mark and Fran Siefring

On April 15, 1972, Mark Allen Siefring and Frances Caroline Raffel were married at St. Marys Church in Philothea.

Mark is the oldest child of Orville and Jean (Ebbing) Siefring. His paternal grandparents are Bernard and Pauline (Dues) Siefring and his maternal grandparents were Albert and Bernadine (Janning) Ebbing. Mark was born on May 14, 1950, in Celina. He grew up on the family farm three miles west of Coldwater on St. Rt. 219. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1968. He worked at Coldwater Grain, helped with farming, and drove a milk truck for Virg Boeke. He served in the Army from November, 1969, to October, 1971, with one year in Vietnam. Mark became a full-time dairy farmer in 1976. He enjoys being a farmer and working with the land.

Fran was born in Dayton on March 16, 1951, the oldest child of Paul and Dorothy (Bomholt) Raffel. Her paternal grandparents were Charles and Pauline (Furst) Raffel and her maternal grandparents were Henry and Caroline (Harting) Bomholt. Fran's family moved to Philothea in 1953. She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1969. In 1970 she graduated from the Ohio State Beauty School. Fran worked at the Plaza Beauty Salon in Celina and the Beauty Boutique in Coldwater. Today she is a housewife; she also helps on the farm and works at her parents' store in Philothea.

Mark and Fran live on a farm a half mile west of Mark's home place. They have four children. Amy was born on April 2, 1974; Angie was born on January 15, 1976; Lynn was born on April 26, 1978; and, Jeff was born on November 17, 1981. The children enjoy helping on the farm and playing sports.



Roger and RoseAnn Siefiring

Roger was born on February 4, 1936, in Philothea, one of twelve children born to Bernard and Pauline Dues Siefiring. He attended Philothea Special Grade School and Coldwater High School and then began farming with his father.

RoseAnn was born on April 1, 1940, in St. Henry, the youngest of twelve children of Julius and Anna Winkeljohn Moeder. She graduated from St. Henry High School in 1958 and worked at the Reynolds & Reynolds Company in Celina.

Roger and RoseAnn moved to their farm home at 3297 Philothea Road after their marriage on November 24, 1960, in St. Henry. The farm was purchased in 1957 from Leo Uppenkamp. There they reared their family of nine children, all born in Coldwater.

Diana, born on December 14, 1961, married Frank Koesters on February 24, 1984, and lives in St. Wendelin. They have two sons, Lenny and Danny.

Kenneth was born on December 20, 1962, married Karen Smith on March 12, 1988, and lives in Philothea. He farms with his father.

Melinda, born on December 27, 1963, works at Hemmelgarn's in Philothea.

Elaine, born on March 6, 1965, married Mark Marchal on October 31, 1987, and is a registered nurse at Community Hospital in Coldwater. They reside in Coldwater.

Kevin was born on June 24, 1966, and works at J & M Manufacturing in Ft. Recovery as a welder.

Christopher, born on October 2, 1967, attends ITT in Dayton.

Michelle, born on April 19, 1969, attends Coldwater High School.

Kathleen, born on July 24, 1975, and Eric, born on February 21, 1977, attend Coldwater Elementary School.

The entire family are sports enthusiasts. Roger has won many trophies for horseshoe pitching. All the children have been in 4-H. RoseAnn enjoys crafts and gardening. The family attends St. Marys Church in Philothea.

Bill and Jane Simons

Bill and Jane Simons and their daughters, Lindsay and Melissa, live at 207 Eastview Drive. Bill



is the son of Bill and Dorothy Simons of Celina. Jane is the daughter of Louis and Ann Brunswick of Coldwater. Bill is a bank consultant and is employed with Young and Associates of Kent, Ohio. He is a graduate of Miami University, Ohio State and Kent State Schools of Banking, and the University of Colorado Graduate School of Banking. Bill is an NCAA college official and enjoys playing golf and racquetball. He is active in Kiwanis and in the Coldwater Chamber of Commerce. Jane is a second grade teacher in Coldwater and also coaches the high school gymnastics team. She is a graduate of Bowling Green State University and will complete her master's degree from Mount St. Joseph within the year. Jane enjoys aerobic dancing, swimming, and reading. She treasures time with her family and sharing their interests. She has been active with various summer Memorial Park programs, the Celina Lake Festival, and the Miss Ohio Pageant. Lindsay and Melissa are students at Coldwater Elementary School. Lindsay is ten and Melissa is eight. Both are busy with all the activities of growing up. They enjoy gymnastics, dancing, piano, music, and sharing time with family and friends.



Philip and Vicki Sims

Vicki Seitz, born on March 31, 1952, is the daughter of S. V. and Dolores (Huelsman) Seitz of Coldwater. She married Philip Jay Sims, son of Kermit C. and Nell-Ruth Sims of Wapakoneta, Ohio, on July 13, 1974, in Holy Trinity Church with Msgr. Clarence Leibold officiating.

Vicki graduated from Coldwater High and then from the Ohio State Beauty Academy in Lima. Philip went to Buckland, Wapakoneta, and Spencerville High Schools; was in the United States Marine Corps; and, attended The Ohio State University and Wright State University.

Philip works as a laboratory technician at A & H Testing Laboratory in Lima, while Vicki works as a hair dresser at Mr. B's Salon in Coldwater.

Philip and Vicki have two children, Matthew Moore, 12, and Bethany Allison, 5. The Sims reside on the corner of State Route 219 and Fleetfoot Road.

Norman and Sue Slavik

The home of the Norman (Rick) Slavik family is at 321 South First Street. Rick, his wife, Sue, and their two oldest children, Matthew and Amy, moved to Coldwater from the Cleveland area in 1973 when Rick decided to return to his home town and practice veterinary medicine at the Coldwater Animal Clinic. The business had been established by his father, Norman (Doc) Slavik, in 1945. Doc and his wife, Helen, had reared six children in Coldwater. Sue, the daughter of William and Ruth Maier, had been reared in Chatham, New Jersey, so the move to rural Ohio was a new experience. The move to Coldwater was fruitful as Beth came along in 1975 and Megan in 1979.

The Slavik family has been active in Coldwater throughout the years. Presently, Matt is a junior and Amy a sophomore at Coldwater High School where Matt plays football and Amy is an athletic trainer. Beth is a seventh grader and takes stats for the seventh grade basketball team and plays in the band. Megan is a third grader and is involved in the things that children that age do. All the children are swimmers. Besides his work at the Coldwater Animal Clinic, Rick is involved in community activities and enjoys flying and playing sports. Sue is employed by the Celina City Schools as parent coordinator at Head Start and by Memorial Park as a swim coach. She is also the area representative for the ASSE Student Exchange Program. The Slaviks have hosted five exchange students: Sergio Costa, Jose Reyes, Claus Olsen and Tor and Rita Klette.

Norbert and Leona Smith

Norbert J. Smith (Dick Smith) was born in Huntington, Indiana, in 1900 to Ferdinand and Elizabeth Ufheil Smith. He was the oldest of six children. The family moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, early in his life and he had to quit school after the sixth grade to help support the younger brothers and sisters at home. After working for the British War Mission in Pittsburgh during World War I, he returned to Fort Wayne and worked for the A&P store chain as a trouble-shooting manager for ailing A&P stores. He was the manager of the Brazil, Indiana, A&P store before coming to Coldwater in 1922 and buying a "no-

tions" store from two ladies. His first store was located at 219 West Main Street.

Leona M. Theis was born in Delphos, Ohio, in 1901 to Peter and Elizabeth Willhoff Theis. She was the sixth of eleven children. The family moved to Coldwater when she was six years old and she attended the Coldwater Public School and Holy Trinity School after that was started. After graduating from the Columbus Business Academy, she was employed as a secretary at the New Idea Company until marriage.

Dick and Leona were married in June, 1924, and had four children: Richard, Wilma, Virginia and Elaine. Virginia died of diphtheria in 1933 at the age of two. Richard and Elaine reside in Coldwater. Wilma lives in Brookville, Ohio, with her husband, Joe Fecher.



Dick Smith expanded his variety store business, became affiliated with the Ben Franklin group, and in 1933 built a larger store at 116 West Main Street. He also had a store in New Bremen, and, for several years, in Versailles. The Coldwater and New Bremen stores were sold when Pax Steel Products was started. In 1947, Dick Smith, Bill Pax, Bart Desch and Henry Knapke started Pax Steel Products, Inc., with machinery and production in a small concrete block building on North Fourth Street. This building had previously been used as a mattress factory. The company has grown and now supplies specialized barnyard equipment to the entire United States and several foreign countries. Mr. Smith served as treasurer of Pax Steel Products until he retired in 1970.

Dick was very active in community affairs: he was a charter member of the Lions Club, was on the Town Council at various times, was a member of the Commercial Club (Chamber of Commerce), was an original member of the Board of Directors for Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, was associated with Red Cross activities during World War II, was on the building committee for West Elementary School and the Holy Trinity Convent, and was a Notre Dame Retreat League Captain for many years. He and Bart Desch were the initiators of Coldwater Memorial Park, got the Lions Club and other organizations interested in the project, and served as Chairman of the Park Board for 15 years.

Leona was actively involved in managing the Smith stores and, later in life, was prominent in the hospital auxiliary.

Norbert Smith died in Florida in April, 1971. Leona died in Coldwater in January, 1986.



Wayne and Florence Snider

Wayne and Florence Snider live at 4225 Rt. 118. They have resided there for 29 years. Wayne is the son of Earl and Mary (Coate) Snider. Florence is the daughter of William and Anna (Ahlers) Dues.

They have two sons, Ron and Dan. Ron lives at home and works in Celina. Dan resides at 214 South Third Street and works at Huffy's. Wayne is retired; he had worked for Fred Walls and Sons for 37 years. He enjoys gardening, fishing and traveling. Wayne belongs to the American Legion, V.F.W., and Eagles. Florence worked at Huffy's for 17 years. She belongs to the V.F.W. Auxiliary and enjoys baseball and traveling.



Richard and Patricia Smith

Richard J. Smith was born in Coldwater, Ohio, in 1925, to Norbert and Leona Theis Smith. He was the oldest of four children and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1943. After a short period at Stanford University, he was called to active duty with the Army and served as a combat infantryman in Europe during World War II. The years 1946 to 1950 were spent at the University of Dayton and a chemical engineering degree was earned. The years 1950 to 1958 were with Goodyear in St. Marys and Muncie, Indiana, and with Ball Research in Muncie. He returned to Coldwater with his wife, Patricia, and daughter, Angela, in 1958 and until mid-1987 was vice-president and chief engineer for Pax Steel Prod-

ucts. He was active with the Coldwater Boy Scouts for many years.

Patricia FitzGerald was born in England in 1924 to Maurice and Marie Bertrand FitzGerald. She was the older of two children, was reared in London, England and served in the Royal Naval Nursing Service during World War II. After the war, she received her nursing degree from West London Hospital. Patricia moved to the United States in 1954 and lived with her brother, Desmond, in Muncie until married to Richard in 1955. She has worked as a registered nurse in Muncie and Coldwater and is now doing volunteer work for the Red Cross.

Richard and Patricia have two children; Angela was born in 1957, and David was born in 1968.



David and Mildred Sowar

David Joseph Sowar, at the age of 37, moved with his family to Coldwater from Muncie, Indiana, in 1930. Mr. Sowar, born in Brazil, Indiana, was the third youngest of seven children of Joseph and Anna (Davis) Sowar.

David's wife, Mildred (Groman) Sowar was born in Blue Island, Illinois, in 1893, the second of three children of Frederick and Frances (Beal) Groman.

At the time of their arrival in Coldwater, the Sowar's had five children: David, Jr., 12; Joseph, 10; twin daughters, Mary Jean and Elizabeth Jane, 8; and, John, 4. The Sowars' sixth child, James, was born the following year, 1931.

Mr. Sowar managed a clothing store, the Boston Store, which was located where the People's Bank now stands. Mrs. Sowar assisted her husband in the clothing business and in 1937 the Sowar's began their own clothing store, naming the firm Sowar's Department Store. The store was originally located on the south side of Main Street in the building now occupied by the Boeke Insurance Company.

During his residence in Coldwater, Mr. Sowar was an active member of various civic organizations, holding responsible positions on the town council (president), the Lions Club (president) and the American Legion (commander). During World War II, four children of the family served in the military: David, Jr., army, and Joseph, Jane and John, navy.

During this period Mr. Sowar became seriously ill and died on June 23, 1944, at the age of 50.

Mrs. Sowar continued to operate the store and in late 1945 was joined by her oldest son, David, Jr., in the business. The store expanded and in 1951 was moved to its present location on West Main St. Ten years later the shoe store was added to the east of the store. In 1966 the men's store was added at the corner of Main and Market Streets.

After David, Jr.'s death in 1970, Mrs. Sowar, Sr., continued to operate the store with the assistance of David's wife, Thelma. Since Mrs. Sowar's retirement in 1976, Thelma Sowar Link and her son-in-law, Robert Beer, have continued the operation of the store.

Mrs. Sowar, Sr., passed away in 1978, leaving five children, 32 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren.

James and Mary Sowar

James Sowar, son of David and Mildred Sowar, was born in Coldwater in 1931. Mary Desch, daughter of Girard and Henrietta Desch, was born in 1931 in San Diego, California.

James and Mary graduated from Coldwater High School in 1949. James attended Notre Dame University and graduated from the University of Cincinnati. Mary graduated from Miami-Jacobs College.

They were married in Oldenburg, Indiana, in February, 1954. Jim entered the Army immediately and was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska. Mary moved to Fairbanks following the birth of Christopher in November, 1954. Maribeth was born in Fairbanks in November, 1955. After James and Mary returned to Coldwater, Nicholas was born in 1957, Gerard in 1958, James, Jr., in 1963 and Frederick in 1969.

James was employed at New Idea for 30 years. In 1987, James, in partnership with several local businessmen, developed a downtown building called Merchants' Row. Mary and Jim manage The Card Cupboard inside Merchants' Row. They have also been active in church and many civic activities.

Chris, a graduate of St. Joseph College, married Sherri Shelley and they are the parents of Matthew. He is employed by R. & W. Construction in Covington, Kentucky.

Maribeth, a graduate of Edgecliff College, married Steven Homan and lives in Lima where Steve is employed at General Dynamics. They are the parents of Steven, Jr., Sarah, Ted and Brian.

Nick, a graduate of Xavier University, married Ann Goddard and lives in Cincinnati. Nick is a CPA with Deloitte, Haskins and Sell. They have a son, Thomas.

Gerry, a graduate of the University of Dayton, married Diane Sudhoff and lives in Dayton. Gerry is an attorney with Smith and Schnacke.

Jim, Jr., a graduate of Notre Dame, married Mary Carol Feely and lives in Chicago. He is a CPA with Arthur Andersen.

Fred, a senior at Coldwater High School, will be attending Notre Dame in the fall.



Ronald and Julie Spoltman

Ronald Spoltman was born on September 21, 1936, in Celina, Ohio. He is the eldest son of William and Mary Ann Rentz Spoltman. He attended Celina and Philothea grade schools and graduated from Coldwater High School.

On October 27, 1956, he married Julie Muhlenkamp, second oldest of eight children. She was born on March 7, 1936, to Hilbert and Freda Steinbrunner Muhlenkamp. Julie attended St. Anthony Grade School and graduated from Coldwater High School.

On October 24, 1957, their first son, John Ronald, was born. On July 22, 1978, he married Katherine Kohn. Their first son, William, was born prematurely and died hours after birth. They now have two daughters, Jennifer, age 7, and Janelle, age 4½.

On November 19, 1958, Craig Allen was born; he died on December 27, 1980.

On July 21, 1961, Kenneth William was born. On August 18, 1984, he married Nancy Hartings; they now have two sons, Nathan, age 3, and Joshua, age 1.

Their first daughter, Mary Ann, was born on September 23, 1962. She married Carl Harting, Jr., on June 22, 1985. They have a daughter, Amanda, who is one year old.

Their second daughter, Michelle Ann, was born on March 9, 1966. She is engaged to marry John Huelsman on November 19, 1988.

Allen Lee, their youngest son, was born on March 5, 1970. He will be a member of the graduation class of 1988.

All of the children were born at Community Hospital and all will be graduates of Coldwater High School.

John is a diesel mechanic and is employed at Harold Pohl, Inc. Ken works at Dues Lumber Mill. Both girls are employed at Community Hospital. Mary Ann as a computer operator and Michelle as a pharmacy technician.

They all reside along Philothea Road and help on the family farm.

Ronald and Julie spent their first 2½ years of married life in Chickasaw and the remainder at the farm, which has been in the Spoltman family for three generations. It is located at the corner of Philothea Road and Burkettsville-St. Henry Road. Nine years ago they built a new home on the farm.

Ronald and Shirley Stachler

Ronald and Shirley Stachler have resided at 502 Briarwood Drive for 11 years. An identical twin and eldest son of the late Walter Stachler and Mildred (Fink) Stachler, Ron grew up on a farm near Ft. Recovery with his six brothers and sisters: Phyllis Bensman, Donald, Richard, Mary Wine, Barbara, and John. Ron graduated from Ft. Recovery High School and served with the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1966.

The youngest of three children, Shirley Ann (Freeman) Stachler is the daughter of Gerald "Hank" and Leona (Boise) Freeman and is a sister to Betty Dumbauld and Donald. After graduating from Celina High School, Shirley attended Ohio Northern University and Wright State University before receiving her B.S. in Education from W.S.U. in 1981.

Married in June, 1967, the Stachler's made their home in St. Henry for almost ten years. During that time three sons were born: Brent Alan, July 3, 1969; Jeffrey Dean, December 30, 1970; and, Michael Christopher, December 18, 1972.

The Stachler family moved to Coldwater in January, 1977. On February 19, 1979, a daughter, Molly Ann, was born. Ron is currently employed with the Village of Coldwater on the street department crew, and Shirley teaches in the Coldwater School System where their children, Jeff, Mike and Molly, are students of the eleventh, ninth and third grades, respectively. Brent is a freshman at the University of Toledo.



Richard and Linda Stalder

Richard and Linda Stalder live at 3244 S.R. 219. Rick is the son of the late Donald and Marie Stalder. Linda is the daughter of Charles and Ruth (Brunswick) Koesters. They have one child, Kalie.

Rick is employed as a welder at Midmark Corp. in Versailles, Ohio. Linda is employed as a financial service representative at Diamond Savings and Loan in St. Marys.



Alfred and Viola Stammen

Alfred Stammen was the son of the late Aloys and Elizabeth Hartke Stammen of St. Sebastian.

Viola Stammen was the daughter of the late Ed and Helen Schoen Zahn of Chickasaw.

Alfred was employed at New Idea for sixteen years and had to quit on account of his health. That's when I went to work. I worked at Goodyear for a while and then at the Buckeye for two years. I went to Fishers, learned the upholstery trade and worked there for five years. In 1958, I started at Huffy's and worked there for sixteen years. I retired in 1974.

We moved to Coldwater in 1941 so that's forty-seven years that we have lived in this area.

We had a family of ten children and they all attended the Coldwater schools.

Della Mae, the oldest, married Arthur Gerlach; they live in St. Henry.

Walter married Margaret Jansen and they live in Coldwater; he works at the Post Office.

Pat married Roger Dorsten and they live in Celina.

Barbara married Herman Sherman and they live in Lima; he works at the Ford plant.

Margaret married Eldon Moorman and they live in Celina; he works at Huffy's.

Shirley married Paul Kelch and they live in Osgood.

Orville married Terri Frey from Cincinnati and they live in Norfolk, Massachusetts. He is a C.P.A.

James married Brenda Maharg; they live in Celina and have two children.

Judy married Craig Hayes, has one daughter, Kelly, and is a rural mail carrier.

Charles married Denise Descutner from Akron; they live in Celina and Charles teaches in the Van Wert Schools.

Anthony and Mary Stammen

Anthony, son of Ralph and Charlene (Rammel) Stammen, Coldwater, and Mary, daughter of Si and Dolores (Huelsman) Seitz, Coldwater, were married on January 25, 1974, at Holy Trinity Church by Msgr. Clarence Leibold.

They reside at 211 South Sixth Street with their three children: Jason Anthony (13), Jeffrey Michael (11) and Anna Marie (8).



Tony and Mary are graduates of Coldwater High School. Tony works at Hemmlegarn and Sons and Mary is a seamstress at Sower's Department Store.

Clayton and Jane Stammen

Clayton Matthew Stammen is the son of Walter and Margaret Jansen Stammen. He was born on March 14, 1956, in Coldwater and grew up in Coldwater to graduate from Coldwater High School. He is employed by Mercer Landmark of Celina. Clayton enjoys working with and training race horses and playing pool.

He married Jane Ann Belsher on April 19, 1980, in Coldwater.

Jane is the daughter of Leonard and Dolores Link Belsher. She was born on March 2, 1959, in Coldwater, where she grew up and graduated from Coldwater High School. Jane is employed by Shonac Corp. as a department manager. She enjoys her pets and is an enthusiastic geneologist.



Ralph and Charlyn Stammen

Ralph "Cappy" Stammen, son of John and Odelia (Mader) Stammen, and Charlyn Rammel, daughter of Charles and Josephine (Garman) Rammel, were married on September 30, 1950, in St. Henry, Ohio. They now reside at 814 West Vine Street in Coldwater, Ohio. Cappy is a life-insurance agent.

They have nine children: Michael married Regina Bourgeois and lives in Folsom, Louisiana.

Anthony married Mary Seitz and lives in Coldwater, Ohio.

Jane lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

Christopher married Tina Gauer and lives in Brookville, Ohio.

John married Barbara Hartings and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sue married James Kahlig and lives in Coldwater, Ohio.

Nancy married Patrick Klenke and lives in St. Henry, Ohio.

Gary lives in Coldwater, Ohio.

Amy attends The Ohio State University in Columbus.

They also have 12 grandchildren.



Roger and Juliana Stammen

Juliana Thomas and Roger Stammen were married on April 4, 1987. Both graduated from Coldwater High School. Juliana graduated from cosmetology school and Roger from Northwest Business School in Lima.

They reside at 504 North Seventh Street.

Walter and Margaret Stammen

Walter is the son of Alfred and Viola Zahn Stammen; he was born on September 24, 1931, in North Star. He graduated from Coldwater High School. After graduation he joined the national guard and served in the Korean War. Walter spent many years as a carpenter and is now employed as a postal clerk in Coldwater. He enjoys gardening and horses.

He married Margaret Jansen on February 13, 1954, in St. Henry. Margaret is the daughter of John and Margaret Schuh Jansen. She was born on January 16, 1933, in St. Henry. She grew up in St. Henry and attended St. Henry School. Margaret is employed by Hemmlegarn and Sons. She enjoys spending time with her family.

Walter and Margaret have eight children. Kathryn married Walter Schmidt; they have three children and live in Celina. Clayton married Jane Belsher; they live in Coldwater. Carla married Geof-

frey Gregg; they live in Lima. Mary married Steve Boeckman; they have two children and live in Coldwater. Lisa married David Laux; they have two children and live in Celina. Roger married Julie Thomas; they live in Coldwater. Janet and Jennifer live at home.



William and Alvina Stammen

William and Alvina Stammen live at 805 West Butler Street, Coldwater. Alvina is the daughter of George and Bernadine Lefeld. William is the son of John and Mary Stammen. They have nine children: Mary Ann, Della Mae, LaVern, Ruth, Irene, Rosella, George, John, and Berniece.

William and Alvina celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on April 8, 1981, with 850 friends and relatives attending the event. They had set up housekeeping in 1931 after their marriage in Saint Henry Catholic Church in 1931. They resided on their 120-acre farm south of Burkettsville where they attended Saint Bernard Catholic Church. In 1981, they moved to Coldwater to retire.

William farmed and also worked at New Idea for twenty-two years until retirement. Alvina worked in Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Coldwater and also in several doctors' offices. When Briarwood Manor opened in 1968, she was hired as a nurse's aide and was employed there for fourteen years. She also helped at the Kohn Retirement Home for four years. At this time, she has cared for several elderly people in their homes after they have had surgery or hip replacements. Alvina has been a lay distributor in Saint Bernard and Holy Trinity Churches for fourteen years. She also does volunteer work at the hospital. She is a Legion Auxiliary member and a Coldwater Hospital Auxiliary member and past president.

Alvina took care of twenty-nine mothers with new babies, before the time when mothers went to the hospital, from 1926 to 1931. In later years when she was employed at Briarwood Manor in Coldwater, these elderly mothers and dads were patients there. Seeing someone with whom they were familiar helped them feel relaxed.

William and Alvina Stammen have forty-eight grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

Photograph: Rosella Cronin, George Stammen, Berniece Barga, Della Mae Luebke, LaVern Stam-

men, Alvina and William Stammen, Ruth Platfoot, John Stammen, Mary Ann Esser, and Irene Schoenlein.

Adam and Mary Ann Esser

Adam and Mary Ann (Stammen) Esser have three sons: William who married Kathy Miller, Gary, and David. They live in Sharpsburg.

Paul and Della Mae Luebke

Paul and Della Mae (Stammen) Luebke live in Maria Stein. They have eight children and fifteen grandchildren. Randy married Sue Nieberding. Bonnie married Nick Stucke. Michael married Linda Oligas. Timothy married Cindy Dorsten. Richard married Sharon Scott. Joyce married Joseph Stelzer. Pamela married William Francis. John married Annette Mescher.

LaVern and Jean Stammen

LaVern worked for DP&L. He married Jean Waggoner. They live in Coldwater and have six children. Chris lives and works in Rochester, New York. Shiela married Kevin Tumbusch and lives in St. Henry. The other children are, Ronald, Dennis, Lisa and Craig.

Robert and Ruth Platfoot

Robert Platfoot married Ruth Stammen; they live in New Weston. They have seven children: Kathy who married Ronald Linville, Kenneth who married Karen Guilbault, Jeffrey who married Carol Koesters, Daniel, Allen, Charles and Robbie.

David and Irene Schoenlein

David Schoenlein married Irene Stammen. They live in Coldwater and own the Red Carpet Inn with John Stammen. They have two daughters, Brenda and Rita.

James and Rosella Cronin

James Cronin married Rosella Stammen and they live in York, Maine. They have five children: Teresa, James, Eric, Jeremy and Mandy.

George and April Stammen

George Stammen married April Whittington and they live in Ft. Recovery. They have four children: George, Jr., Nick, Laura, and Bradley.

John and Linda Stammen

John Stammen married Linda Gelhaus. They have four children: Matthew, Nancy, Steven and Kevin. They own part of the Red Carpet Inn.

James and Berniece Barga

James Barga married Berniece Stammen. They have four children: Dawne, Jamie, Wendy Lynn and Kelly Jo. Berniece passed away at 29 years of age on August 30, 1981.



Charles and Catherine Staugler

Charles John Staugler was born on January 14, 1887, in Carthagena, Ohio, the only child of John and Mary Elizabeth (Schoch) Staugler.

On June 15, 1910, Charles married Catherine Marie Herman, born on November 12, 1890, daughter of Henry and Anna (Kallmeyer) Herman, Coldwater, Ohio.

They are blessed with 15 children.

Herbert, born October 9, 1911; died December 8, 1922 (age 11).

Helen Elizabeth, born February 14, 1913; died November 8, 1918 (age 5).

Henry Paul, born June 6, 1914; died May 29, 1981 (age 66).

Mary Lillian, born February 16, 1916; died August 3, 1917 (age 1½).

Ernestine, born October 1, 1917; died August 6, 1932 (age 14).

William Herman, born October 5, 1918; died December 30, 1984 (age 66).

Charles Joseph, born November 5, 1919.

Robert Ernest, born June 3, 1921; died April 16, 1985 (age 63).

Irene Elizabeth, born July 6, 1922.

Joan Mary, born December 25, 1923.

Ralph Louis, born February 10, 1925; died December 22, 1985 (age 60).

Germaine Ann, born August 22, 1926.

Kathleen Marie, born July 23, 1928.

Clarence Joseph, born March 25, 1931.

Ernest James, born August 30, 1932.

Mr. Staugler died January 12, 1961 (age 73) and Mrs. Staugler died February 4, 1967 (age 76).

Family picture of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Staugler on their 50th wedding anniversary, June 15, 1960. Front Row l-r: Mrs. Staugler, Ernest, Kathleen, Joan, Robert, Mr. Staugler. Back Row l-r: Henry Paul, William, Germaine, Clarence, Irene, Charles, Ralph.

Henry Paul and Irene Staugler

On December 1, 1945, Henry Paul Staugler married Irene Miller, born October 10, 1915, daughter of Webster and Bertha (Fisher) Miller.

They are the parents of two children.

Michael was born September 30, 1946. On September 9, 1967, Michael married Carol Raker, born August 13, 1948. They are the parents of three children: Chad, born August 7, 1969; Shawn, born June 16, 1971; and, Heather, born May 4, 1974.

Paula Kay was born November 8, 1948. On February 14, 1968, Paula married Robert L. Hein, born January 7, 1947. They are the parents of no children.

William and Carolyn Staugler

On June 6, 1953, William Staugler married Carolyn Dorsten, born September 7, 1925, daughter of John and Viola (Cook) Dorsten.

They are the parents of two children.

John was born July 13, 1954. On November 6, 1976, John married Pam Adams, born March 24, 1957. They are the parents of two children, John Paul, born May 25, 1977, and Joseph William, born February 13, 1980.

Neal was born July 18, 1963. On September 6, 1986, Neal married Theresa Tangeman, born August 28, 1964. They are the parents of one child, Matthew David, born October 24, 1987.

Ralph and Irene Meinerding

On June 13, 1946, Irene Staugler married Ralph P. Meinerding, born November 5, 1922, son of Charles and Josephine (Hein) Meinerding.

They are the parents of three children.

Patricia Ann was born July 4, 1947. On December 27, 1967, Patricia married Dennis Coyne, born December 15, 1943. They are the parents of three children: Jennifer Ann, born March 3, 1970; Mary Elizabeth, born August 23, 1974; and, Kevin Robert, born August 23, 1982.

Barbara Louise was born April 10, 1954. On September 28, 1973, Barbara married Robert Kohlrieser, born September 9, 1951. They are the parents of four children: Cindy Louise, born November 8, 1974; Katie, born October 25, 1977; Denise Marie, born November 7, 1979; and, Greg Robert, born March 13, 1984.

Robert was born October 18, 1960; he died August 22, 1977 (age 16).

Ralph and Joan Staugler

On May 2, 1953, Ralph Staugler married Joan Forsthoefel, born November 23, 1933, daughter of William and Cecelia (Schwieterman) Forsthoefel.

They are the parents of five children.

Ralph was born March 5, 1954; he died June 7, 1980 (age 26).

Richard was born December 31, 1954. On October 27, 1978, Richard married Michelle Fisher, born January 10, 1958. They are the parents of one child, Joshua Richard, born March 5, 1979.

Theresa was born April 23, 1956. On October 9, 1976, Theresa married Michael Gates, born July 18, 1954. They are the parents of four children: Brian Michael, born February 17, 1977; Melissa Ann, born July 3, 1979, died July 3, 1979 (infant); Jason Allan, born July 1, 1981; and, Nathan John, born September 20, 1984.

Randall was born June 25, 1957. On November 14, 1981, Randall married Julie Bonifas, born November 19, 1958. They are the parents of two children, Kain Louis, born January 25, 1983, and Tyler Douglas, born September 13, 1985.

Rodney was born January 14, 1962. On February 4, 1984, Rodney married Sandy Kaup, born November 29, 1962. They are the parents of one child, Stephanie Catherine, born November 12, 1984.

Anthony and Germaine Steinbrunner

On July 24, 1947, Germaine Staugler married Anthony Robert Steinbrunner, born February 14, 1922, son of John and Zita (King) Steinbrunner.

They are the parents of nine children.

Charles John was born October 28, 1949. On July 24, 1976, Charles married Deb Klosterman, born April 3, 1957. They are the parents of two children, Jessica, born July 6, 1977, Jodi Elizabeth, born January 3, 1981.

Anthony Ralph was born October 30, 1950. On March 15, 1980, Anthony married Cathy Lynn LaRoche, born February 1, 1961. They are the parents of one child, David Anthony, born September 4, 1981.

Richard William was born January 21, 1953. On June 28, 1974, Richard married Linda Niekamp, born August 4, 1954. They are the parents of two children: Shawn David, born April 20, 1977, and Timothy Robert, born January 30, 1980.

Daniel Joseph was born March 13, 1954. On October 12, 1974, Daniel married Susan Harter, born October 1, 1955. They are the parents of three children: Aaron Joseph, born April 21, 1977; Scott Michael, born November 7, 1980; and, Todd Richard, born March 26, 1983.

Dennis was born June 8, 1955. On September 7, 1974, Dennis married Rebecca Swaney, born November 27, 1955. They are the parents of two children, Jeremy Allen, born September 1, 1975, and Jennifer Ann, born June 23, 1978.

Kenneth Gerard was born August 14, 1960. On October 5, 1985, Kenneth married Tracy Fisher, born June 12, 1966. They are the parents of one child, Joshua Gerard, born May 20, 1987.

Sandra Annette was born September 3, 1962. On September 24, 1983, Sandra married Raymond Schott, Jr., born November 25, 1959. They are the parents of one child, Kyle Raymond, born December 17, 1985.

Thomas Anthony was born January 9, 1964. On May 28, 1983, Thomas married Susan Boyer, born November 5, 1966. They are the parents of one child, Shannon Annette, born June 25, 1983.

Gregory Charles was born March 28, 1967.

Bernard and Kathleen Muhlenkamp

On May 12, 1956, Kathleen Staugler married Bernard Joseph Muhlenkamp, born September 3, 1927, son of Herbert and Asella (Miller) Muhlenkamp.

They are the parents of four children.

Jeffrey was born September 4, 1959.

Jeanine was born June 22, 1961.

James was born October 17, 1964.

Julie was born September 29, 1967. On March 12, 1988, Julie married Richard Lee Heyne, born April 30, 1966.

Clarence and Margaret Staugler

On January 14, 1956, Clarence Staugler married Margaret Billerman, born June 5, 1939, daughter of Henry and Frances (Entrup) Billerman.

They are the parents of two children.

Joan Marie was born May 22, 1956. On December 23, 1978, Joan married William Steinbrunner, born April 3, 1956. They are the parents of one child, Andrew John, born August 25, 1982.

June Marie was born May 22, 1956. On April 30, 1977, June married Richard Branch, born April 19, 1955. They are the parents of two children, Lynn Marie, born December 29, 1980, and Robert Paul, born January 28, 1984.

Ernest and Marita Staugler

On August 3, 1963, Ernest Staugler married Marita Droesch, born August 27, 1938, daughter of Joseph and Leona (Rosenbeck) Droesch.

They are the parents of two children.

Brenda was born September 19, 1965. She is the parent of one child, Joshua Cody, born September 17, 1985.

Cathy was born August 26, 1968.



Melvin and Janet Steinbrunner

Melvin W. Steinbrunner, born on January 27, 1940, to Vincent W. and Olive Mueller Steinbrunner, and Janet S. Tekamp, born on July 5, 1942, to LaMar (Bud) and Mary Gertrude Kissinger Tekamp, were married on May 2, 1964, and have resided at 602 East North Street since January, 1968. They are the parents of four children.

Brenda was born on November 13, 1966. She was valedictorian of the 1985 graduation class of Coldwater High School. She is now a junior at the University of Toledo and is majoring in chemistry.

Debra was born on April 10, 1968. She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1986. She is now in her second year at Cincinnati Technical College and is majoring in medical assisting.

Michele was born on November 11, 1971. She is a sophomore at Coldwater High School.

Steven was born on June 3, 1976. He is a fifth grader at Coldwater West Elementary School.

Mel is a skilled electrician at the Minster Machine Company; he has been employed there since 1963. He is also the president of the United Steelworkers Union, No. 3210.

Jan is a payroll clerk at Huffy Bicycles in Celina; she has been employed there since 1981.



Walter and Janet Steinbrunner

For the past 19 years, Wally and Janet Steinbrunner have resided at 224 Eastview Drive. They had been married 25 years on September 29, 1987. Prior to moving to Coldwater, they lived in St. Henry for six years. Wally, originally from Burkettsville, is the son of Vincent and Olive Steinbrunner; and, Janet is the daughter of Joseph and Agnes Weiskittel of Coldwater.

Ron, the oldest of Walter and Janet's six children, graduated from the University of Cincinnati in June, 1987, with a degree in chemical engineering. He is employed at the U.S. Gypsum Company and lives in Huron, Ohio. Cheryl graduated from Cincinnati Technical School with an Associate Degree in Secretarial-Word Processing and is employed with the Kroger Company in Cincinnati. She married Marty Beyer last September and they reside in Cincinnati. Lisa is a freshman at Wright State University in Dayton, majoring in business management. Glen is a senior and Todd is a sophomore at Coldwater High School. Jason is in the sixth grade.

Wally is a self-employed contractor and Janet takes care of the books for the business. Family activities, bowling, reading, crafts, traveling and volunteer work are a few of the ways they enjoy spending their free time.

James and Mildred Steinke

James (Jim) was born on January 5, 1932, in Philothea, Ohio. His parents were Isadore and Bertha (Tumbusch) Steinke. He served in the Korean conflict and was given several honors and medals, in-



cluding the Bronze Star. He married Mildred (Millie) Schenking on October 30, 1954, in St. Joseph Church, St. Joe, with Father George Aman officiating.

Millie was born to Leo and Mathilda (Wendel) Schenking on February 6, 1934, in Mansfield, Ohio.

Jim and Millie have five children. Steven was born on August 19, 1955. He married Sharon Monnin and they live in Tipp City, Ohio, with their two boys, Tyler and Travis. Steven is a computer operator with Reynolds in Dayton, Ohio.

Kathy was born on September 19, 1958. She married Gregory Julian and they live in Tipp City with their two boys, Justin and Jeremy. Kathy is a sales administrative assistant with Dapp in Tipp City.

Chris was born on March 9, 1961. He married Della Monnin and they live in Minster, Ohio. Chris is employed at Huffy's and is also a sales representative for A.L. Williams and 1st American National Securities.

Jeffery was born on May 6, 1963. He lives in Tipp City, Ohio, and is employed at Tri Dayton.

Paula was born on November 15, 1966. She married Rick Barlage and they live in Coldwater. Paula is a purchasing clerk with White-New Idea Farm Equipment Company.

Jim is employed at White-New Idea Farm Equipment Company. He is a member of the Men's Sodality, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, V.F.W. and Eagles.

Millie is employed at Huffy's, a member of the St. Ann's Sodality, American Legion Auxiliary and Eagles Auxiliary.

Jim and Millie now reside at 908 West Vine Street in Coldwater.

Thomas and Pat Stelzer

Tom, son of the late August and Lorena (Huelsman) Stelzer, was born on July 30, 1936, in Celina, Ohio. He is employed in New Bremen, Ohio, as Sales Application Engineer by Monarch, Stamco Division.

Pat, daughter of Henry and Florence (Haselman) Quinter, was born on September 23, 1937, in Ft. Loramie, Ohio. She is employed at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys, Ohio, as an L.P.N. They live on Coldwater Creek Road.

Tom and Pat were married in the St. Henry Church on April 30, 1957. They are the parents of six children and have six grandchildren.



Cheryl is a graduate of Coldwater High School and Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing. She is married to Joe Niekamp and they have one son, Ross. They live in Carey, Ohio.

David is a graduate of Coldwater High School. He owns and operates D.J. Construction in Cincinnati. He is married to Kay (Schlater) Stelzer. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio. They have two children, Erin and Jared.

Dean is a graduate of Coldwater High School and of Bowling Green State University. He is the assistant director of finance for the city of West Carrollton, Ohio. He is married to Ellen (Moeder) Stelzer. They reside in West Carrollton. They have one son, Paul.

Doug is a graduate of Coldwater High School. He attended Sinclair College for a year. Then he served two years in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. He is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen and attends Wright State University. He is married to Tina (Cain) Stelzer. They have a daughter, Jaimie, and live in Coldwater, Ohio.

Darin is a graduate of Coldwater High School and is employed part time at S & S as a bartender. He resides with his parents.

Sandra is a graduate of Coldwater High School and is employed at Brodbeck's. She is married to Douglas Schulze of St. Henry and they have a son, Dustin. They reside in St. Henry.

All five of the children were married in Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater.



Gary and Linda Stelzer

Gary and Linda Stelzer have lived in Coldwater since January, 1974. They lived at 824 West Butler

Street until 1985 and then moved to 816 Parkview Drive.

Gary works as a chemical compounder at Goodyear in St. Marys, Ohio, and Linda is a teacher at Parkway Local Schools in Rockford, Ohio.

Gary and Linda have two children, Greg and Beth. Greg was born in 1977 and Beth in 1979.



Bruce and Rebecca Stover

Bruce is the youngest son of Clealand and Lucy (Bayles) Stover of Van Wert. He was born on June 2, 1950, in Celina and lived the first ten years of his life there until his father passed away. His family then moved to Van Wert.

Rebecca is the oldest daughter of Ludwig and Bertha (Benanzer) Selhorst of Coldwater. She was born on May 10, 1946, in Celina and lived the first thirteen years of her life just outside of Montezuma. Then her family moved to Coldwater.

Bruce and Rebecca were married on May 30, 1975, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. They are the parents of one daughter, Angela Renee. She was born on December 22, 1978, and is nine years old.

Bruce is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen as a machinist. Rebecca was the owner and operator of the French Manor Beauty Salon in Coldwater for twelve years and is now a homemaker. They reside at 825 Dogwood Drive in Coldwater, Ohio.

Randy and Judy Sudhoff

Randy and Judy Sudhoff live at 704 Butler Street. Randy is the son of Robert and Alvera Sudhoff. Judy is the daughter of Alice James and the late Mac James. They have four children. Ryan is an eighth grader at Coldwater Junior High School and plays basketball and baseball. Russell is a fifth grader and enjoys playing sports. Jayme is a fifth grader and enjoys gymnastics and playing the flute in the band. Jenna just turned one year old and is being enjoyed by the rest of her family.

Randy is the owner-operator of Sudhoff Automotive and the Sudhoff Building located in Celina. He enjoys sports and spending time with his family. Judy is a homemaker and the bookkeeper for their

businesses and keeps busy with the children's activities. They are supporters of the Coldwater Booster Club and spend some of their most enjoyable times cheering for the Indiana University basketball team.



Ralph and Belva Sutter

Ralph Robert Sutter (1916-1981), son of Joseph and Eleanora (Schoch) Sutter, and Belva Mae Beougher (1922), daughter of Domer and Flossie (Barker) Beougher, were married in Celina.

A son, Kenneth Ralph, was born on June 16, 1943; he married Katherine (Kay) Kongslien, on December 7, 1968. They have two children; Kristen Ann was born on April 2, 1970, and Kory Michael was born on November 28, 1972. A daughter, Diana Mae, was born on February 15, 1948, and married Ronald (George) Reigelsperger on October 25, 1969. They have two children, Andrea Mae was born on August 28, 1970, and Kelly Jo was born on August 17, 1977. A son, Richard Lee, from a previous marriage was born on June 27, 1938, and died on June 7, 1972.

Ralph and Belva Mae lived in Coldwater until Ralph was drafted into the Army in 1944. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor and Okinawa. Ralph served for two years during WW II in the 1st Army Air Force, Depot Unit, which performed supply and maintenance for the Army Air Force and procured equipment for the ground forces.

Ralph and Belva built the home place at 417 West North Street in Coldwater in March, 1947. Ralph retired from Avco New Idea after 31 years. Belva retired from Huffy Corp., Celina, after 31 years.

Gary and Nancy Swain

Gary and Nancy Swain reside at 309 North Cedar Street. Gary is the son of Nellie Garrison Swain. He is employed at Gerlach Machine and Tool, Inc. in St. Henry as a tool maker. Gary is currently president of the Coldwater Emergency Squad. He has been an active squad member for the last three years. Nancy is the daughter of Albert and Pauline (Wendel) Post. She is employed at the People's Bank Company as a teller at the drive-in. Gary and Nancy are the par-



ents of one daughter. Michelle was born on April 29, 1978. She is in the fourth grade at West Elementary.

Ralph and Margaret Swartz

Ralph B. Swartz moved from Detroit, Michigan, to Coldwater, Ohio, in August, 1954. He married the former Margaret A. Birkmeyer (daughter of Oscar and Marie Grieshop Birkmeyer) on September 5, 1959. Ralph and Margaret had five children.

Susan Ann Swartz was born on May 4, 1960. She married Andy Arnold of Dayton, Ohio, on August 20, 1983, and a son, Jim, was born on December 18, 1983.

John Charles Swartz was born on April 11, 1961, and he now resides in Celina, Ohio.

Gail Marie Swartz was born on February 4, 1962. She married Mark Pennington on October 19, 1985, and they live in West Chester, Ohio.

Carol Lynn Swartz was born on August 17, 1963. She married Kurt Forsthoefel on November 8, 1986, and they reside in Coldwater, Ohio.

A fifth child, Robert Joseph Swartz, was stillborn on February 26, 1965.



Henry and Wilhelmine Synck

Henry John Synck was born on July 30, 1878, in St. Sebastian. After moving to Maria Stein, Henry J. Synck worked at Kramer's Machine Shop. In 1899, his aptitude for mechanical invention was tested when Joseph Oppenheim, later to be his father-in-

law, conceived the idea for a spreading device for manure spreaders. J. Oppenheim, teacher, and organizer at St. John's, asked Henry Synck if he could build a working model based on Joseph Oppenheim's idea. Joseph had gotten the idea for a manure spreader when he had heard the boys talking about the difficulty of spreading manure in the fields; he had watched boys at recess playing ball and recognized that the ball was deflected to one side or the other when hit by the flat bat. Thus originated the first rotary-motion wide distributor; and while much experimenting and many changes were necessary to make it a practical working unit, the original idea of using rotary motion in a mechanism set back of the pulverizing cylinders for the purpose of scattering the material over a wide area back of the machine remained. Henry Synck took a cigar box and fixed the back part with metal spikes and used wood shavings from the shop to test the project. Henry Synck said that Joseph was going to put both of their names on the patent but Joseph's name was put on the patent. Letters of, covering the original idea as well as practical modifications, were granted; and, in the course of time, all manufacturers of manure spreaders applied the principle of a wide spreading device in one form or another, some copying it exactly. Thus, Joseph Oppenheim's idea was an outstanding success and used across the nation. Joseph Oppenheim started the business in a small building in Maria Stein in 1899. The company was named The New Idea Spreader Works. Henry Synck and Fred Heckman became operators of the factory. Two years later, Joseph Oppenheim died. While still living in Maria Stein, Anna Mary Ellerbrock Oppenheim decided to continue the business and went to Minster and Celina banks, with Minster providing most of the funding. Without these funds, she might not have been able to continue this business. At that time, few women were in business and she took on a large responsibility.

On October 6, 1903, Henry Synck married Wilhelmine Oppenheim, Joseph and Anna Mary Oppenheim's oldest child; they lived in Maria Stein. Their first child, Mary, born on September 29, 1904, is now Mrs. Oscar Moore of Coldwater. The second child was Adolph, born on January 15, 1908.

A group of Coldwater citizens signed a contract on March 22, 1907, agreeing to donate two acres of ground in section thirty-three and a set of buildings to be completed not later than June 1, 1907, together with a suitable sidetrack, to the New Idea Spreader Company, A.M. Oppenheim, owner, agreeing to manufacture spreaders there. The ten citizens were Wm. Fetzner, John M. Kramer, Edward H. Hess, H.C. Fox, Anthony Rathweg, Jacob Willhoff, John A. Giere, J.B. Haslinger, Henry Kleinhenz, and J.F. Hoynig.

The first Coldwater plant was erected in 1907 and doubled production facilities. In 1908, Anna Mary Oppenheim passed away. As all of Wilhelmine's younger brothers and sister were still at home, Henry and Wilhelmine Synck moved into the Oppenheim home and cared for all of the children. Henry and Wilhelmine had their third child, Sophia (Mrs. Victor Bomholt), on May 25, 1909. In 1910 the

New Idea Spreader Co. moved its entire operation to Coldwater. The Synck's had their fourth child, Louis, on March 8, 1922. When Ben Oppenheim died in 1935, Henry was elected president of the company and served until 1945. In 1945, Avco Corporation purchased New Idea.

Wilhelmine Synck passed away on March 27, 1953, and Henry passed away on December 7, 1966.



Clarence and Ann Tangeman

Clarence (Pete) Tangeman, son of John F. and Mary C. (Kremer) Tangeman, was born in Coldwater on January 6, 1910. On January 19, 1939, he married Ann Losekamp, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Barther) Losekamp. They live at 115 North Mill Street in the home they built in 1949. Pete owned and operated the Hi Speed Service Station from 1938 to 1948. He continued working at the station until 1965. He was then employed as a guard at New Idea until he retired in 1976. They have four children. Robert, born in 1939, married Sue Guter from Charleston, West Virginia; they have one son, Jeff, and live in Sikeston, Missouri. Mary Kay, born in 1940, married Paul Dapore from Houston, Ohio. They have one daughter, Carol, and two sons, Alan and Brian; one son, Mark, is deceased. They live on Rt. 127, Versailles, Ohio. Jim was born in 1942 and married Judy Mahar from Elyria, Ohio. They have one son, Craig, and a daughter, Linda, and live in Charleston, South Carolina. Dick, born in 1945, married Marcia Hille from Port Clinton, Ohio. They have one daughter, Ann, and live in Temperance, Michigan.

Dale and Mildred Tangeman

Dale and Mildred (Hein) Tangeman were married in Holy Trinity Catholic Church in 1944 in Coldwater. Dale's parents, John and Mary (Pohl) Tangeman, were born in Coldwater and spent their entire lives in Coldwater. Mildred's father was born in Chickasaw, Ohio, and her mother, Lotus Roberts, was born in Oneida, Ky. They also spent their married lives in Coldwater.



Dale and Mildred have five children. Jacquelyn, the oldest, graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor's Degree in Music and teaches in the Indianapolis Public Schools. She will receive a Master's of Music from Butler University this spring. Her husband, Jerry Stumpf, has a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. They have two sons, Mark and Jeff, and live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Frank received a Doctor of Optometry from The Ohio State University and practices in Celina, Ohio. He married a Coldwater native, Deb Huelskamp, and they have four girls: Nicole, Joe'l, Meagan, and Abby.

Rebecca graduated from The Ohio State University School of Music and teaches private piano. She is working on a Master's of Music at Ball State University. Her husband, Patrick Kirgan, graduated from the University of Dayton in engineering. They live on a farm near Union City, Ohio, and have two daughters, Shawna and Katrina, and a son, Mathew.

Patricia graduated from Bowling State Green University as a physics major and teaches in the Celina schools. Her husband, Page Smith, has a Master's in Education from Wright State University and also teaches in Celina. They have a son, Adam, and a daughter, Tara, and live in the country south of St. Marys, Ohio.

Michael graduated from The Ohio State University School of Optometry. He married a Minster girl, Lori Kroenburger, and they have three girls: Rebecca, Deanna, and Larissa. He joined the Navy for three years of work in optometry in Charleston, South Carolina.

Donald and Lucille Tangeman

Donald L. Tangeman, son of Louis V. and Minnie (nee Eblen) Tangeman, was born on July 6, 1927, in Coldwater, Ohio. On May 17, 1947, he married Lucille F. Hartings of Coldwater who was born on June 29, 1927, in Coldwater, Ohio. She is the daughter of Aloys M. and Rose (nee Puthoff) Hartings. Donald and Lucille are the parents of three daughters, Pamela, Amy and Kim; they have two grandchildren, Jeffrey and Amanda.

Donald served in the Navy during WW II and is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. From 1953 to 1972 he and his brother, Gene, were owners of

the Tangeman Cleaners which was located on the corner of West North and North Mill Streets in Coldwater, Ohio.

He is a member of the Eagles, the Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He served as president of the Coldwater Picnic Association in 1974. Presently, he serves as a vice president of the People's Bank Company of Coldwater, Ohio, and on the board of the Mercer County Crippled Children and Adults.



His wife, Lucille, was employed by the late Manning G. Harnick, M.D., as medical office assistant in Coldwater from 1952 to 1959. Presently, she is employed by Coldwater Medical Inc. where she has worked since 1959.

She is a 30-year member of the Iota Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Psi Sorority.



Henry and Elizabeth Tangeman

Henry Tangeman, born in Ankum, Germany, came to the United States in a sailboat, landing in New Orleans around 1824. He traveled up the Mississippi River to Cincinnati where he then proceeded to Mercer County. There he settled a farm where he lived until his death at the age of 96. He was also a blacksmith by trade. His wife, Elizabeth Mueller, also of Ankum, Germany, later joined him, following the same route. Together they had four boys and three girls. Elizabeth died in 1877 at the age of 76.

Their sixth child, Benjamin Tangeman, was born in 1844 and was a carpenter and a merchant. He married Mary Albers the eldest daughter of John F. and Elizabeth Droppelman Albers who both hailed from Bremen, Germany, and migrated to this country via the same route and settled in Mercer County. Together Benjamin and Mary Tangeman had four sons, two of whom died in infancy. Their son, John Henry Tangeman, born in 1871, was my grandfather. Mary, his mother, died in 1873 at the age of 26. John's father then married Bernadine Kahlmeyer and together they had six children. Benjamin died in 1925 at the age of 82. The last of his children, Freda Tangeman Heyne, recently passed away at the age 92.

John Henry Tangeman married Mary Josephine Pohl at Holy Trinity Church in 1899. They were one of the last couples to be married in the old church which, I believe, stood at the site of the present rectory. Together they had five children, two girls and three boys. The two girls, Victoria and Delores, died at an early age and are buried in Coldwater.

Their eldest son was Louis Vincent Tangeman, now deceased, who married Minnie Hester Eblen; she still resides in Celina. Together they had four children, Rose Mary (Lefeld), Vincent, and Don, all of Coldwater, and Anna Louise (Archer) of Celina.

The second eldest was Linus Joseph Tangeman, also deceased, who married Loretta Deerworth; she still resides in Coldwater. Together they had one son, Robert Tangeman, who resides in Celina.

The youngest son was my father, John Dale Tangeman, who married Mildred Hein. Together they had five children: Jacquelyn (Stumph) of Indianapolis, Frank of Celina, Rebecca (Kirgan) of Union City, Patricia (Smith) of St. Marys, and Michael, presently in the Navy and stationed in Charleston, SC.

My grandparents, John and Mary Tangeman, lived their entire lives in Coldwater and about ten of those years with our family. This enabled us to hear many good old stories. Grandpa thoroughly enjoyed reminiscing about driving his horse-drawn milk wagon for the White Mountain Creamery to the area farmers. And I can still remember his telling of a shoot-out on the streets of Coldwater. He stressed the fact that Coldwater had very few saloons in those days, as compared to the seven in Macedon. Grandpa smoked a pipe constantly and never missed a Reds game. He wore special shoes because he had lost his left foot many years earlier in a train accident, and he always walked with a cane.

Grandma called umbrellas parasols, and cars were called machines. She often ended her questions with . . . not? She was a great believer in sponge baths and home remedies.

Both Grandma and Grandpa remembered speaking in German as children and they often prayed in German. They never missed attending mass, even in their last years. Grandma died very suddenly after Sunday church in the spring of 1965 and Grandpa died the following spring.

Photo: Taken on the wedding day of Dale and Mildred Tangeman (October 10, 1944). Both sets of my grandparents — left to right: John Henry Tange-

man (1871-1966), Mary Pohl Tangeman (1880-1965), Lotus Roberts Hein (1906-1987), Xavier H. Hein (1899-1982).

Patricia Tangeman Smith

Vincent and Kay Tangeman

The Tangeman family started on November 18, 1946, when Vincent (Gene) and Mary Catherine (Kay) were united in marriage. Gene is the son of Louis and Minnie (Eblen) Tangeman. Kay is the daughter of Jacob and Francis (Knapke) Hein. Gene and Kay live at 106 South Seventh Street. They have five children.

Their oldest child, Kathy, married John Dues. They have three children, Shawn, Keith and Tara, and reside in Pittsburg, Ohio.

Mary Lou, their second child, married Richard Langenkamp. They have four children, Chris, Tony, Melissa and April, and reside in Englewood.

Their third child, Jim, married Deborah Geise. They have two sons, Jeff and Michael, and reside in Gahanna.

Joe, their fourth child, works at Techni-Sort and resides in Columbus.

Their fifth and youngest child, Donna, married Randy Hoyng. They have three children, Michelle, Julie and Bradley, and reside in Dayton.

Gene works at Pax and Kay works at Reynolds. They both enjoy camping, fishing, bowling, and golfing. Gene belongs to the VFW and the Knights of Columbus. Kay belongs to the VFW Auxiliary.

Wayne and Marlene Tekamp

Wayne and Marlene (Kremer) Tekamp live at 500 West Butler Street. Wayne is the son of LaMar "Bud" and Mary Gertrude Tekamp. Marlene is the daughter of Herman and Marie Kremer of St. Henry. They have three children: Trent and Troy, twins who are 13 years old, and Kim Marie who is 12 years old. The twins are very involved in sports in school and Kim is a member of the school band and the local Girl Scouts. Wayne works for the U.S. Post Office in Coldwater and Marlene works for the Ohio Department of Transportation in Sidney. Wayne is currently serving as Commander of the Post No. 470 American Legion in Coldwater.

Thomas and Mary Lee Thomas

Thomas L. Thomas and Mary Lee Billerman were married on February 11, 1956. They now live at 604 North Cedar Street. Tom served four years with the United States Air Force before being employed by International Business Machines Corporation. Tom received his B.S. in Elementary Education from Ohio Northern University and an M.A. in Education from Ball State University. He is now employed as a



special education supervisor with the Auglaize County Schools.

Mary Lee is as registered nurse, a graduate of Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton. She is a member of the Mercer County Home Health Board and of the Coldwater Library Board.

Their children are: Mary Blanche (Molly) Hay (James) who has a B.S. in Education from the University of Dayton. Molly and Jim now live in Delaware, Ohio, with their two children. Eric (Beth Stahl) is employed with the Ohio Department of Transportation as a civil engineer and is a graduate of the University of Dayton. They live with their two children in Coldwater at 208 South Cedar Street. Juliana (Roger Stammen) also lives in Coldwater. She graduated from cosmetology school.



Eric and Beth Thomas

Eric C. and Beth (Stahl) Thomas live at 208 South Cedar Street in Coldwater. They have two children, Lindsay and Emily.

Eric graduated from The University of Dayton with a degree in civil engineering and works for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Beth is attending Wright State University.

Robert and Gail Thompson

Robert Douglas and Gail Joyce (Knudson) Thompson moved to Coldwater in August, 1967, when



Robert ("Bob") began teaching business subjects and Gail became a second grade teacher in the St. Henry Local Schools. Gail taught three years in that system and since that time has provided child day-care services. As this is written, Bob is completing his 21st year of teaching in the St. Henry system, where five of his students have won national first place awards in business student competition. Bob was Western Ohio Business Teacher of the Year in 1983 and he has served in numerous regional and state business education positions. He taught briefly at the Celina Wright State University Branch and now teaches evening adult vocational word processing courses at the Tri-Star Career Compact in Celina.

The Thompson family is active in the Coldwater United Methodist Church. Gail has also worked with the Scouting program for several years. Gail served two terms as Republican precinct chairperson and is an election worker. Bob was the first president of the Mercer County Mental Health Center Board after serving several years on the Tri-County Center Board.

Bob is a native of Rockford, Ohio, the oldest child of Ernest C. and Gertrude (McBride) Thompson. Gail is a native of Alma, Michigan, the older child of Keith and Marjorie (Haney) Knudson. The Thompson family has been in Mercer County since 1939.

Bob and Gail's three children were all born in Coldwater: Linda Marie on November 15, 1970; Cheryl Elizabeth on October 16, 1971; and, Mark Robert on March 1, 1977. All are currently students in the Coldwater schools. Bob and Gail met at Huntington College (Indiana), where both earned bachelor's degrees. Bob also has a master's degree from Michigan State University.

Photo: Thompson family (left to right): Gail, Cheryl, Mark, Linda, Robert

Clarence and Pat Timmerman

Clarence and Pat Timmerman live at 414 West Main Street. Clarence is the son of the late Fred and Louise Timmerman of St. Henry. Pat is the daughter of Pauline Watren and the late Clarence Watren of Russia. Clarence and Pat were married on June 30, 1956. Clarence is employed at New Idea. He is a vet-



eran of the Korean War and a member of the American Legion, VFW and Eagles. Pat is employed at Hemmelgarn and Sons. She is a member of the Eagles Auxiliary and enjoys crocheting in her spare time. They have two children and four grandchildren. Their daughter, Barb, is a 1975 graduate of Coldwater High School and the mother of two children, Joyce and Duston. They reside in Dalton, Georgia. Their son, Dave, is a 1977 graduate of Coldwater High School. He married Sandy Stammen and has two sons, Derrick and Clay. They reside in Coldwater.



Dave and Sandy Timmerman

Dave and Sandy Timmerman live at 5753 State Route 118. Dave is the son of Clarence and Pat Timmerman of Coldwater. Sandy is the daughter of Carl and Ruth Stammen of St. Henry. Dave and Sandy were married on August 20, 1983. They are the parents of two sons; Derrick was born on July 10, 1984, and Clay was born on January 9, 1986. Dave is a 1977 graduate of Coldwater High School and is employed at Mersman Waldron, Somers Corporation. In his spare time he enjoys woodworking, softball, volleyball, and bowling. Sandy is a 1978 graduate of St. Henry High School and works as a babysitter. She enjoys going to the spa, playing volleyball, and doing cross-stitch and other crafts.



Henry and Patricia Timmerman

Henry Theodore Timmerman was born on March 16, 1951, in St. Joe, Ohio. His father is Melvin Timmerman and his mother is Pauline Timmerman.

He was married on January 13, 1973, to Patricia Mae Klosterman who was born on May 21, 1950, in Celina, Ohio. Her father is Cletus Harold Klosterman and her mother is Ada Ruth Amerman Klosterman.

Henry and Patricia live at 4890 Erastus-Durbin Road, Coldwater, on a 118-acre farm. Their children are Abraham Cletus, born on May 28, 1974; Sara Rene, born on January 4, 1976; Rebecca Joann, born on July 5, 1977; Elizabeth Karen, born on May 14, 1979; and, Jacob Thomas, born on October 7, 1983.

Henry farms part time and drives his own semi tractor trailer full time. His driving takes him from the east coast to the west coast. On the farm they raise grain crops and steers. Pat is a registered nurse. She works part time at Coldwater Community Hospital and full time at home.

The family works together on the farm, driving tractor or feeding animals. They enjoy camping nearly every summer. The children are 4-H members. Abe is a mass server and Sara and Becky are members of the church choir at Holy Trinity Church. Pat is a member of Mid-West Ohio Nurses for Life and the chairwoman of the Mercer County Right-to-Life Float. Henry is a third degree member of the K. of C. Council 1991. They are proud to be members of the Coldwater Community.

Paul and Anna Tobe

Paul and Anna Tobe live at 5096 Gause Road, three miles northwest of Coldwater. They have resided on their farm since 1963 when they moved from West College Street in Coldwater. Prior to that, they lived on the farm where Paul was raised, three miles southwest of St. Henry. Paul, born in 1930, was the youngest child of the late Ben and Bertha (Muhlenkamp) Tobe. He has four brothers, Alfred, Werner, Carl, and Herb, and three sisters, Rita Franck, Delores Wimmers, and Alma Sutter (deceased). He attended St. Henry Schools and served in the Army during the Korean War.

Anna was born in 1933 to Norbert and Victoria (Thobe) Klenke. She has five brothers, Bill, Elmer, Ivo, Bob and Don, and five sisters, Mildred Knapke, Delores Muhlenkamp, Esther Goettemoeller, Pat Stachler, and Mary Lou Ranly (deceased). Anna grew up on the family farm five miles southwest of St. Anthony, just inside Indiana. She attended Coldwater Schools and worked at Jay Garment in Portland, Indiana, before her marriage to Paul in 1953.

Paul and Anna have five children and eleven grandchildren. Ralph, born in 1954, is married to Rita Doenges and they have two children, Aaron and Laura. Bert, born in 1956, is married to Steve McDermitt and they have three sons, Doug, Matt, and Greg. Carol, born in 1958, is married to Steve Muhlenkamp and they have four sons, Eric, Scott, Justin and Brian. Steve, born in 1960, is a bachelor. Teresa, born in 1961, is married to Bob Heyne and they have two sons, Kyle and Brad.

Paul currently is employed in the factory at Pax Steel in Coldwater where he has worked since 1950. Anna has worked at Coldwater Schools since 1979 where she is now head cook. Paul and Anna, with their son, Steve, raise grain and hogs on their farm.

Ralph and Rita Tobe

Ralph and Rita Tobe were married on October 1, 1977, in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Montezuma, Ohio. They lived in Coldwater at 609 Bittersweet Drive for two years and for a short time in an apartment at 411 North Seventh Street. They built their present home at 3601 Menchhofer Road, two miles northwest of Coldwater, and have resided there since April, 1980. Ralph and Rita are the parents of two children. Aaron was born in February, 1983, and Laura was born in March, 1987. They belong to Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater.

Ralph was born in July, 1954, the oldest of five children, to Paul and Anna (Klenke) Tobe. He has one brother, Steve, and three sisters: Bert McDermitt, Carol Muhlenkamp, and Teresa Heyne. They lived on a farm near St. Henry and moved to West College Street in Coldwater before Ralph started school. In 1963 the family bought a farm northwest of Coldwater, where Ralph lived until his marriage. Ralph attended Coldwater Schools and graduated in 1972. As a teenager, he worked at different times at Coldwater Meat Service, Wagner Construction, and Pax Steel, all in Coldwater. In April, 1973, he began employment at New Idea in Coldwater and continued there until May, 1981, when the plant experienced a huge lay-off. He worked a short span at Jay Products in Portland, Indiana. Ralph then found work at Pet, Inc. and has worked there since August, 1981.

Rita was born in March, 1955, the middle one of fifteen children, to Louis and Lucille (Huecker) Doenges. She has seven brothers: Andy, Joe, Bill, Mark, Greg, Ed and Jeff. Her seven sisters are Sue Wagner, Nancy Fitzgerald, Fran Hanselman, Therese Pohlman, Kathy Tucker, Barb and Amy. Rita grew up on the family farm five miles east of Montezuma. She attended Celina Schools and

graduated in 1973. Before her marriage, she worked at different times at Bay View Restaurant on Grand Lake, Cole's IGA in Celina, and Wright State University. She attended Wright State University and Bowling Green State University. Rita started work at Society Bank in 1976 and worked for over ten years, mainly at the Coldwater Branch. She now is at home caring for her two preschoolers.

Jerry and Elaine Turner

Jerry and Elaine Turner have lived in Coldwater since 1957. Elaine was born and reared there and is the daughter of Norbert (Dick) and Leona Theis Smith. Jerry's parents are R.H. and Mary Turner of Celina. Jerry is owner-manager of Hardin Creek Machine and Tool Company.

The Turners have five children. Richard (Rick) lives in Coldwater and works at Midmark Medical as a product engineer. He is a graduate of Bowling Green State University. Gale is married to Kenneth Schwieterman. They have three children: Kara, Mark and Eric. The family lives in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Gale graduated from Ohio Dominican College. Mark R. lives in Coldwater with his wife, Marilyn, and daughter, Megan. He graduated from Ohio Northern University and is employed as a mechanical engineer at Pax Steel Products, Inc. Kevin lives in Columbus and works at Gates-McDonald, Inc. He is a senior at The Ohio State University. Bruce is a senior at Coldwater High School.



Gary and Clara Ann Van Den Bosch

Gary Van Den Bosch, son of Carl and LouDonna (Braun) Van Den Bosch of Coldwater, married Clara Ann Bruns, daughter of Eugene and Eileen (Gels) Bruns, of Burkettsville, on May 22, 1971.

Gary and Ann have four children: Eric, born on July 21, 1972; Peggy, born on June 18, 1973; Robert, born on June 11, 1976; and, Dawn, born on June 23, 1978. Gary is a supervisor on the second shift at Crown Controls in New Bremen. Ann is a teacher aide/study hall monitor for the Coldwater schools. Both Gary and Ann are volunteers for the Coldwater Emergency Squad.

They reside at 811 West Butler Street in Coldwater.



Rob and Marilyn Vogel

Rob Vogel was born in Coldwater, Ohio, on December 10, 1953, the son of Harold and Mildred (Bohman) Vogel. On May 1, 1976, Rob married Marilyn Bruggeman in St. Anthony, Ohio. She was born on June 23, 1955, in Celina, Ohio, the daughter of Alvin and Alice (Bertke) Bruggeman.

Rob is employed as a senior supervisor at Pet, Inc. in Coldwater, Ohio. Marilyn is a housewife and part-time optometric assistant for Dr. Charles H. Dickman and Dr. Wayne R. Kettler in Coldwater, Ohio.

Rob and Marilyn are the parents of three children. Brooks Mycal was born on January 24, 1979, in Coldwater, Ohio. He is in the third grade at Coldwater West Elementary School. Tyler David was born on April 11, 1982, in Coldwater, Ohio. He is in kindergarten at Coldwater North Elementary School. Alyssa Marie was born on December 21, 1985, in Coldwater, Ohio.

The Vogel's reside at 4727 Fleetfoot Road, Coldwater, Ohio.



Maurice and Joan Voskuhl

Maurice (Moe) and Joan Voskuhl and family have resided at 604 West North Street in Coldwater for the past 16 years. They were married on July 8, 1972, at Holy Trinity Church by the Rev. James M. Smith.

They are the parents of four sons. Mark was born on May 3, 1973. Matthew was born on March 20, 1975. Mitchell was born on November 30, 1977, and Maurice II (Little Moe) on September 18, 1979. They all enjoy playing sports. They keep busy collecting baseball and football cards and delivering newspapers.

Maurice is the son of Cletus and Clara (Hartings) Voskuhl of Chickasaw. Joan is the daughter of Austin and Loretta (Schulte) Remaklus of Coldwater.

Maurice works at Pax Steel in Coldwater. Joan works part time at Holy Trinity Church and at Ben Franklin.



Francis and Mary Wade

Francis Q. Wade was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, on March 31, 1884. His parents were Robert and Erzsusla "Fultz" Wade. He was the thirteenth and the youngest in the family. When Francis was 16, his dad sold their home in Van Wert County and moved to Mercer County where his dad had bought the old Green farm on what is now Green Road. He stayed there with his folks helping his dad farm until he felt the urge to leave and go West. Out West he helped various farmers with their fall harvests and also worked in a lumber camp. While in South Dakota, he joined the Army and was sent to the Philippines where he served for three years. He was over there during the time of the Philippino Insurrection. Upon returning to the States, he came back to Mercer County to live with his mother who was in failing health. He farmed for her until her death. He then bought the farm.

Francis married Mary Kindel, a neighbor girl, on November 4, 1930. To this union were born seven children. Thelma Pauline Wurster lives in Delafield, Wisconsin. Betty Marie Dilworth lives in Coldwater, Ohio, and has two sons, Robert and Gary. Gary has two children, Chet and Ashley. Frances Lee Marek lives in Brentwood, Tennessee, and has two children, Dawn and Wade. Robert Anthony resides in Celina, Ohio, and has four children: William Robert, who has one daughter, Erin; Ronald Allen; Stephen Scott; and, Connie Sue. Esther Susan Dickey lives in Golden, Colorado, and has one son, Herbert. Mary Ruth Olson lives in Racine, Wisconsin, and has two

daughters, Chris and Laura. Amy Lucille Williams lives in Newnan, Georgia.

The first four children attended Burntwood Special School on the corner of the Wade farm. When the attendance dropped to a total of fifteen students, the school was forced to close. The district was divided into two parts. Half went to the Celina City Schools and half to the Coldwater Exempted Village Schools. The Wade children were in the Celina district. They all graduated from there.

Francis Q. passed away in February, 1955. He was a much respected man in the community. He had one special talent that few farmers had. He could splice hay ropes used in the haying season to take hay up into the lofts. Farmers came from all over the county when they needed a hay rope spliced. His wife, Mary, still lives in Celina, Ohio.

Clarence and Joan Wagner

Clarence (Bud) and Joan Wagner live at 504 North Cedar Street in Coldwater, Ohio. Bud, son of the late William and Bertha Wagner, and Joan, daughter of the late Arch and Frieda Schlosser, were married on July 6, 1946, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, Ohio. They are the parents of four children: Mike, Joyce Scott, Deb Forsthoefel and Kathy Rutschilling. They have two grandchildren, Yvonne Rose and Kyle Rutschilling.

Werner and Mary Wagner

Werner Joseph Wagner was born on January 28, 1932, in Celina, Ohio, to Henry Wagner of Mercer County and Hildegard May Wagner, formerly of Jay County, Indiana. Mary Lou (McEldowney) Wagner was born on December 2, 1936, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Arthur and Mildred Subler McEldowney, both of Darke County, Ohio.

Werner and Mary Lou (McEldowney) Wagner were married on April 21, 1956, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greenville, Ohio, and are now the parents of five children. They reside at 5628 Siegrist-Jutte Road.

Richard Wagner was born on February 27, 1957, in Celina, Ohio. He graduated from Coldwater High School and is employed by Wellman Brothers in Coldwater, Ohio.

Ronald Wagner was born on February 18, 1960, in Celina, Ohio. He graduated from Coldwater High School and Wright State University in Celina, Ohio. He is employed in Dayton, Ohio. He married Joann Walterbusch, daughter of Elmer and Virginia Walterbusch of Mercer County, Ohio, on April 9, 1988, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Montezuma, Ohio.

Theresa Wagner was born on February 6, 1968, in Celina, Ohio. She graduated from Coldwater High School and is a full time student at Wright State Lake Campus in Celina, Ohio. She is employed part time at St. Charles Seminary in Carthage, Ohio.

Roger Wagner was born on April 5, 1971, in Celina, Ohio. He is a junior at Coldwater High School.

Martha Wagner was born on September 16, 1972, in Celina, Ohio. She is a sophomore at Coldwater High School.

The Wagner's are members of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Carthage, Ohio, and of Mercer County Right-to-Life of Mercer County, Ohio.



Jack and Barbara Walter

Jack and Barbara (Hasenjager) were married on July 25, 1975, when they took up residence at 404 East Elizabeth Street in Coldwater.

Jack was born in Celina on May 24, 1952. His parents are Russell and Rita (Delzeith) Walter who reside at 509 North Walnut Street in Celina.

Barbara was born in Coldwater on September 29, 1956. Her parents are Carl and Willidean (Riesen) Hasenjager who used to reside at 416 East Walnut Street in Coldwater, but are now enjoying the retired life of traveling the country.

Jack is a maintenance man at the Huff Corporation. His wife, Barbara, is also employed at the Huff Corporation where she works in the Assembly Department.

Jack and Barbara have two children. Jason is in the fifth grade and was born on January 12, 1976. Stacy is in the first grade and was born on August 25, 1980. They are both attending the Coldwater schools.

Rita and Roman Wannemacher

Rita and Roman (Ron) Wannemacher were married on September 10, 1947, in Burkettsville, Ohio. Rita is the daughter of Edward and Eleonora Schwieterman. Roman is the son of Isidore and Eda Wannemacher and died on April 28, 1968. Rita and Roman had six children. Lin married Carlan Silha in 1979; they live in Renton, Washington. Jim married Victoria Hinkle in 1977 and they have two children, Adam and Stefan; they reside in Middletown, Ohio. Barb married Ajax Daugherty in 1987; they reside in Plano, Texas. Rick married Nancy Winegarden in 1977 and they have one son, Ryan; they live in Sugar Land, Texas. Carol married Dan Harlamert in 1981;



they reside in Celina, Ohio. Jan married Nick Gaerke in 1983; they reside in West Carrollton, Ohio. Rita makes her residence at 409 West Plum Street.

Edward and Marcella Wappelhorst

Edward Wappelhorst (October 7, 1907-September 26, 1966), son of Joseph Wappelhorst and Emma Daniel (refer to St. Henry Book), was born and reared on a farm on Carthagen Road near St. Henry. On June 17, 1939, he married Marcella (Sally) Drees (born on March 9, 1917, in Osgood), daughter of Bernard Drees and Elizabeth Streacker (refer to this book). When first married, Edward and Sally lived in Detroit, Michigan, where Edward owned and operated a High Speed gas station. Three years later they moved to 303 East South Street in Coldwater.

Edward worked at New Idea, helped build the hospital, and worked at Monarch in Sidney. During his last years, he worked for Gerald Stein in Celina as a carpenter, which was his line of work.

Marcella was a homemaker first and then worked at the Buckeye Overall Company from 1952 to 1962. Later she worked as a cook in two restaurants and at the hospital. In 1977 she moved to Fryburg to live with her daughter.

To this union came four children: Barbara (born June 1, 1940, in Coldwater) lives in Toledo and is a medical technologist, specializing in blood bank technology. Victoria (born November 21, 1941, in Detroit) married Victor Wagner (born April 9, 1940, in Fryburg) on September 21, 1968; he works at Agway in St. Marys. They have three children: Suzanna (born November 29, 1969), Steven (born April 29, 1971) and Scott (born June 28, 1978). They live on a farm that has been in the Wagner family for 150 years. Michael (born June 7, 1944) married Patricia Hein (born May 1, 1955) on April 23, 1977, and has one child, Karen (born April 12, 1978). They live near Wabash and Michael works at Huff's. Marilyn (born August 28, 1945) lives at Reno, Nevada, where she is a computer analyst.

Harry and Nila Watts

Harry M. Watts was born on January 28, 1925, in Hedrick, Keokuk County, Iowa, to Harry A. Watts and Issabella Fargher Watts.

Nila May Brower was born on October 13, 1930, in Heyburn, Minidoka County, Idaho, to Leonidas Brower and Laura Viola Anderson Brower.

Harry M. Watts and Nila May Brower were married on August 19, 1950, in Elko, Nevada. They are the parents of three daughters: Mrs. Gary (Patricia) Hamilton, Celina, Ohio; Mrs. William (Carolyn) Thomas, West Carrollton, Ohio; and, Mrs. Dale (Barbara) Locker, Anna, Ohio.



Harry M. Watts started work for the Pet Milk Co. in January, 1950, in Burley, Idaho. He was transferred by the Pet Milk Co. to the Coldwater, Ohio, Pet Milk plant in January, 1963. Harry managed the Pet plant from June, 1964, until his retirement in February, 1987. Nila has worked as a bank teller for the People's Bank Company since 1972.

They have eight grandchildren as follows: Taunya L. Hamilton and Trina Y. Hamilton, daughters of Gary and Patti Hamilton; J. Michael Thomas, Mary N. Thomas, Melissa A. Thomas and Megan E. Thomas, children of William and Carolyn Thomas; and, Leah R. Locker and Leslie R. Locker, daughters of Dale and Barbara Locker.

The Watts family tree traces back to earlier times in Ohio. Harry M. Watt's great-great grandfather was born in Harrison County, Ohio, on August 29, 1821, and moved to Keokuk County, Iowa, in 1854 when that state was being settled by homesteaders.

The ancestors of Nila Brower Watts were part of the wagon train pioneers, who settled the western part of the United States in the mid-1850's.

Eugene and Eileen Weber

Eugene Weber, born on April 20, 1930, the son of Frank X. and Mary (Honigford) Weber, married Eileen Freund, born on December 20, 1932, the daughter of Ralph and Loretta (Hotz) Freund, on August 28, 1954, at Landeck, Ohio. Gene is a graduate of Otterville High School and Eileen a graduate of Delphos

St. John's High School. Gene later graduated from Bluffton College in 1960 and received his master's degree from The Ohio State University in 1964. Eileen has taken courses in piano from the St. Louis Institute of Music and Ohio University.

In 1964 the family moved to Coldwater. Gene has taught mathematics and physics at Coldwater High School since then, and Eileen has been a private piano teacher. They have four children. Mike, born on August 27, 1958, is married to Amy Patterson, and they reside in Stamford, Connecticut, with their daughter, Brittany. Mike is the media consultant for the World Wrestling Federation. Maria, born on January 20, 1960, is married to Kenneth Lee, and they reside in West Lafayette, Indiana, where she is an academic counselor at Purdue University. Karen, born on March 6, 1961, is married to Joe Meyer and resides in Columbus, Ohio, where she is the manager of a Baskin-Robbins store. Patrick, born on May 8, 1962, is married to Marilyn Dahlinghaus, and they reside in Muncie, Indiana, with their children, Barbara and Elizabeth. He is a co-owner and manager of Wilder & Weber Data Services, Inc.



Since moving to Coldwater, the Webers have been active members of Holy Trinity Parish. Gene is a lector and Eileen is a lay distributor and a past member and chairperson of the Parish Council. The Weber's have been active in Marriage Encounter and have given talks at two national conventions. Eileen has also been active in the Ohio Music Teachers Association, being a past district chairperson and a past state treasurer. Besides teaching in the local high school, Gene has been a coach, athletic director, and yearbook advisor. He has also been a member of the Coldwater Village Council since 1974. He has been active in many organizations: he is secretary-treasurer of the Coldwater Lions Club (a past zone chairman), is District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus (a Past Grand Knight), is treasurer of the Coldwater Teachers Organization (a past president), is treasurer and youth chairman of the Mercer County Elks, and is vice-president of the College-Community Arts Council. A veteran of the Korean War, he is a member of the VFW (presently junior vice-commander) and the American Legion. And he is an author/editor of this book.

Robert and Janice Weigel

Robert (Bob) was born in Decatur, Indiana, on November 13, 1958, the son of Walter and Barbara (Wagner) Weigel. Janice was born in Coldwater on March 1, 1960, the daughter of Donald and Alice (Eyink) Feltz. Bob and Janice were united in marriage on September 29, 1978, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. They reside at 710 West Walnut Street.

Bob and Janice are the parents of three children. Matthew was born on October 19, 1980. Lynn was born on September 4, 1984. Chad was born on October 16, 1986.

Bob has been employed at Huff Corporation in Celina since 1977. He is also a part-time student at Wright State University Lake Campus. Bob is working on an associate degree in business administration.

Janice is a homemaker and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 470.

Walter and Barbara Weigel

Walter was born on May 29, 1927, the son of Anthony and Anna (Deutsch) Weigel. On August 20, 1949, he was married to Barbara Wagner in Trinity, Indiana. Barbara was born on May 20, 1930, the daughter of Ray and Veronica (Minch) Wagner. They reside at 613 West Vine Street in Coldwater.

Walter and Barbara are the parents of nine children. Sharon was born on June 10, 1950, and is married to Robert Frericks. They reside in Celina and are the parents of two children, Nicole and Steve. Sharon is employed in the lab at Dannon Yogurt. Janice was born on October 12, 1951, and is married to Gary Dues. They reside in Celina and are the parents of two children, Trisha and Brian. Janice is employed as a teacher at the Celina City Schools. Anthony (Tony) was born on February 19, 1955, and is married to Jackie Crouch. They reside in Coldwater and are the parents of two daughters, Angie and Carrie Jo. Tony was a truck driver and died in an accident on January 9, 1983. Susan was born on July 3, 1956, and is married to Rick Velez. They reside in Sacramento, California, and are the parents of one son, Joshua. Susan is also a teacher. Robert (Bob) was born on November 13, 1958, and is married to Janice Feltz. They reside in Coldwater and are the parents of three children: Matthew, Lynn and Chad. Bob is employed at Huff Corporation. Timothy (Tim) was born on January 15, 1962, and is married to Tina Dues. They reside in Coldwater and are the parents of one daughter, Crystal. Tim is employed at Reynolds & Reynolds. Mary was born on March 21, 1963, and is married to Martin Kerg. They reside in Wapakoneta, Ohio, and are the parents of two children, Melissa and David. Mary is employed at Wapak Products. Amy was born on December 10, 1968, and lives at home. Amy attends college at Wright State University Lake Campus and works part time at D.P. & L. in Coldwater. Julie was born on April 20, 1972, and is a student at Coldwater High School.

Walter is employed at Reynolds & Reynolds in Celina. He is a member of the City Council, the K. of C., the Men's Sodality and the Mercer County Elks. He also serves on the Community Improvement Committee. Barbara is a homemaker and a member of the St. Ann Sodality.



Joe and Cheri Weis

Joe Weis is the son of Rolly and Mary Lou (Gels) Weis of Coldwater. On April 3, 1976, he married Cheri Muhlenkamp, daughter of Howard and Freda (Laux) Muhlenkamp of St. Anthony.

Joe and Cheri became the proud parents of their daughter, Beth, on February 24, 1987.

Joe has been employed at the Easter Tire Company since 1977. Cheri has worked for Brodbeck's Markets since 1974. They are both graduates of Coldwater High School.



Rolland and Mary Weis

Rolland and Mary Lou Weis live at 5359 Fleetfoot Road. Rolland is the son of Joseph and Emma Weis of Coldwater. Mary Lou is the daughter of Henry and Anna Gels of St. Henry. Rolland and Mary Lou were married on March 7, 1953; they are the parents of four children. Jerry married Pam Wysong in 1973; they have three children. Debra and Ed Giere, Jr., were married in 1973. They have four daughters and live in Maria Stein. Joseph married Cheri Muhlen-

kamp in 1975; they have one daughter and live in Coldwater. Thomas married Nancy Link in 1980. They are the parents of two daughters and live in St. Henry.

Rolland works at New Idea and Mary Lou works at Goodyear in St. Marys.



Dan and Diane Wellman

Daniel Wellman and Diane Post were married on October 4, 1980, at St. Wendelin Catholic Church. Dan is the son of Bernard and Velma Wellman of Coldwater. Bernard is the son of William and Christine (Post) Wellman of Coldwater. William was the founder of Wellman Bros., Inc. of Coldwater in 1921. Velma is the daughter of Henry and Emma (Thieman) Schmitmeyer of Minster.

Diane is the daughter of Bernard and Joan Post of St. Wendelin. Bernard was one of twelve children of John and Cordula (Guggenbiller) Post from St. Wendelin. Joan is the daughter of Anthony and Lena (Boeke) Bills of Chickasaw.

Dan is a graduate of Coldwater High School. He is a co-owner of Wellman Brothers, Inc., of Coldwater. Diane graduated from St. Henry High School and from Clark Technical College in Springfield, Ohio. She is an R.N. in the surgical department of Community Hospital in Coldwater.

Dan and Diane are the parents of Kristie, born on October 15, 1982, and Michael, born on May 2, 1985.

Donald and Bernice Wellman

Donald and Bernice Wellman live at 4861 St. Rt. 219 East. Donald is the son of Raymond and Regina (Froning) Wellman, and Bernice is the daughter of Bernard and Pauline (Dues) Siefring. Donald and Bernice were married on June 25, 1949, at St. Marys Church in Philothea and are the parents of five children. Thomas is married to Sandra Siegrist and they live in Maria Stein. Sandra is married to Donald Keller and they live in Ft. Recovery. Cynthia is married to Romie Schwieterman and they live in Coldwater. Timothy is married to Pamela Homan and they live in Coldwater. Terrence resides at home. They also have eleven grandchildren.



Donald was a co-founder and co-owner of Coldwater Machine and Tool Company from 1956 to 1976. He then began teaching manufacturing technology at Wright State Lake Campus. He retired on February 1, 1988. Bernice is a homemaker and does volunteer work in the community.



Elmer and Jeannette Wellman

Elmer Wellman, son of Raymond and Regina (Froning) Wellman of Coldwater, and Jeannette Boeckman, daughter of Anthony and Clara (Nieberding) Boeckman of Philothea, were married on June 7, 1958, in St. Marys Catholic Church in Philothea by the Rev. Matthias Schmit, C.P.P.S. Elmer's grandparents were Henry Wellman and Mary (Graving) Wellman and Ben Froning and Theresa (Will) Froning. Jeannette's grandparents were Henry and Mary (Pleiman) Nieberding and Ben and Elizabeth (Franzer) Boeckman.

Elmer and Jeannette have been members of the Holy Trinity Parish all their married life and have made their home at 824 Mary Lane since 1962.

Elmer is employed at The Messenger Press Printing Company of St. Charles Seminary in Carthage; Jeannette is employed as the office manager of the *Mercer County Chronicle* in Coldwater.

They are the parents of four children and they have four grandchildren. Dan (born in 1959) married Sharon Hein and they live in Coldwater with their two children, Carrie Lea and Craig Daniel. Debra

(born in 1960) married Jim Ahrns, Jr., and they live in Centerville with their son, Joshua James. Denise (born in 1963) married Dave Huwer and they live in New Weston with their son, Jason. Robert Dean (born in 1970) is a senior at Coldwater High School.



Tim and Pam Wellman

Tim, born on July 18, 1958, is the son of Donald and Bernice (Siefiring) Wellman of Coldwater, Ohio. Pam, born on January 21, 1960, is the daughter of James and Thelma (Buschur) Homan, also of Coldwater. Tim and Pam live at 806 South Parkview Drive with their three daughters: Kristina (Kristi) Marie, 6; Alicia Marie, 4; and, Lindsay Renee, 2. After their marriage in 1981, Tim and Pam lived in Indianapolis, Indiana, for two years while Tim was employed at Western Electric and Pam was a receptionist/secretary at J & J Distributors, Inc. Tim, a graduate of Coldwater High School, received his bachelor's degree from Ohio University in Athens and is now employed as an electrical engineer at Crown Controls Corp. in New Bremen, Ohio. He enjoys hunting, bowling, computers, and spending time with all his girls. Pam graduated from Celina Senior High and is a busy homemaker. Her hobbies are cooking, crafts, and bowling. Kristi attends kindergarten and recently joined 4-H.

William and Mary Wellman

William and Mary Wellman live at 414 East Walnut Street in Coldwater. William is the son of William, Sr., and Christine (Post) Wellman. Mary is the daughter of Ben and Catherine (Schoenlein) Dues. Both are graduates of Coldwater High School. Bill is a W.W. II veteran, an American Legion member and a past 30-year volunteer of Coldwater Fire Department. He is a partner in Wellman Bros., Inc. Mary is a homemaker and a volunteer with the Coldwater Hospital Auxiliary. They have four children.

Jerry married Janice Now; they live in Celina with their seven children: Julie, Jared, Justin, Josh, Jaime, Jordan and Janna. Jerry works in maintenance at Crown Controls in New Bremen and Janice is a homemaker and babysitter.



Marie married Robert Walls; they reside in Coldwater with their four children: Michelle, Blair, Keith and Brandi. Bob works as a set-up machinist at Parker-Hannefin in St. Marys and Marie is an instructor at the Celina Gymnastics Center.

Roger married Lora Powell; they live in Coldwater with their one child, Sara. Roger is a partner in Wellman Bros., Inc. and Lora is a nurse's aide at Community Hospital.

Betty married Jeff Geier and they reside in Coldwater with their two children, Jodi and Brady. Betty is a registered nurse at Community Hospital and Jeff is a press operator at Reynolds & Reynolds in Celina.



Oliver and Ruth Wendel

Oliver was born on May 14, 1936, in Sharpsburg to Aloys and Armella (Kramer) Wendel. He was married on September 3, 1962, to Ruth Rinderle of St. Henry, who was born on September 1, 1941, to Clarence and Loretta (Stein) Rinderle. Oliver and Ruth have lived in Coldwater their entire married life.

Oliver is employed as a foreman at Mersman-Waldron and is a charter member of the Coldwater Emergency Squad and of the Wooden Shoe Chapter of Beer Can Collectors of America. He and Ruth are also charter members of the Coldwater Academic Promoters.

Ruth provides child day-care in their home. She is active in Holy Trinity Church as a lay Eucharistic distributor and is a member of St. Ann Altar Rosary Sodality.

Oliver and Ruth have three children. Lora, born on January 24, 1964, was valedictorian of the 1982 class at Coldwater High School and she graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Dayton on December 20, 1985, with a degree in business. She was married on September 20, 1986, to Roger Rutschilling, and they live in New Bremen.

Bill, born on September 26, 1968, graduated in 1987 and is now a student at the University of Dayton. He attended Buckeye Boys State in June, 1986, and was a member of Coldwater's 1987 award-winning Scholastic Bowl Team.

Diane, born on October 31, 1971, is a student at Coldwater High School. She also was a member of the 1987 Scholastic Bowl Team and a Bronze Congressional Award winner in 1987.



Thomas and Donna Wendel

Thomas A. and Donna J. Wendel were married on November 18, 1978. They have resided at 324 East North Street since their marriage. Donna is the daughter of Fred and Evelyn Kunkler of New Weston, Ohio. She is currently employed in the office of Huffy's in Celina, Ohio. Tom is the son of Ermin and Regina Wendel of Ft. Recovery, Ohio. He is employed as a driver at Case Carriage in Celina, Ohio. Tom and Donna are the parents of three children: Nicholas Allen, born on August 28, 1979; Debra Sue, born on May 5, 1983; and, Jeffrey Thomas, born on August 15, 1986.

Frank and Charlotte Wenker

Frank Wenker was born in Prussia in February, 1825. He married Charlotte Farwick in July, 1848, and came to America in 1853. They first settled in Shelby County, Ohio, and later moved to Mercer County where they purchased 160 acres of Section 26 in Washington Township. In the year 1875, another 160 acres were bought in Section 24 of the same township.

The Wenkers were the parents of six children: Henrietta, born in 1849, married John Maier and later married Dietrich Varwig; Willemina, born in



1852, married Fred G. Rabe; Henry, born in 1854, married Whilemena Regadanz; Anna Marie, born in 1857, married Henry P. Buckloh; Christine, born in 1861, married Fred E. Hehmeyer; and, Charles, born in 1863, married Minnie Seger.

Mrs. Wenker died on July 31, 1887, and Frank died on March 15, 1889. Both are buried at the Washington Township Lutheran Cemetery.



Charlie and Carol Wenning

Charlie and Carol Wenning moved to 218 South Oak Street in May, 1987. Charlie is the son of Paul P., who passed away in October, 1987, and Norma C. (Evers) of Carthage. Charlie has one brother, Steve. Carol is the daughter of Andy and Ellen (Moeller) Kramer of Chickasaw. Carol has two brothers, John and Jim, and four sisters, Ruth, Donna, Jean, and Nita.

Charlie and Carol were united in marriage on July 4, 1973, at the Precious Blood Church in Chickasaw. They have one child, Kelly, born on May 15, 1977, who is in the fifth grade at Coldwater Elementary School. Two sons, Ben, born on April 10, 1975, and Matthew Paul, born on December 5, 1978, are buried in the Precious Blood Cemetery.

Charlie works in the Manufacturing Engineering Department at Midmark in Versailles as a computer programmer. Carol is a Licensed Practical Nurse and is employed at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home in Coldwater. The family are members of the Holy

Trinity Catholic Church, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Tri-County Atari Users Club. They enjoy watching the antics of their Siamese cats, Regal and Swiss Miss. They also enjoy taking long walks around town and going for rides on the bike path.



Edward and Agnes Wenning

Michel Fels married Salome May in Alsace Lorraine in Germany. They had ten children of which Jean (John) (May 3, 1857 — January 7, 1900) came to Philothesa, Ohio, and married Marie Bruns (1857-1897).

Later the Fels name was changed to Feltz. A son, Edward (June 14, 1892 — October 22, 1957), married Louisa Muhlenkamp (September 11, 1900 — June 22, 1987) in St. Anthony on October 12, 1920. She was the daughter of Anton and Elizabeth Nieport. They had Rose Mary, Joseph, Norbert, Hilda, Agnes, and Mary. On June 21, 1947, Agnes married Edward Wenning, son of Bernard and Olivia Weigel Wenning of Carthage.

Edward and Agnes lived all their lives in Mercer County. They had Patricia (stillborn, March 12, 1948); triplets, David, Daniel (died September 28, 1949), and Dennis; Carl; Janice; Beverly; Timothy; and, Christina.

Later, after Edward's death (April 21, 1974), Agnes built a house three miles west of Coldwater, reared the youngest children, and worked at Huff Corporation.

David is a semi truck driver. He is married to Shirley George and they live in Muncie, Indiana. They have David, Jr., Mathew, Megan and Daniel.

Dennis works at Huff's. He is married to Sue Johnson and they live in Rockford. They have Neil, Yvonne and Marie.

Carl is a planetarium director at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, where he lives. He married Carolyn Bourelle and has a daughter, Rebecca.

Janice married Jerome Dues. They are owners of Duesway, Inc. on St. Rt. 49, Celina. They have Gregory (deceased), Jennifer, Andy and Justin.

Beverly is a veterinarian's assistant and a professional horse trainer. She is married to Thomas

Young and resides in the Dayton area. They have a daughter, Jessica.

Timothy and Christina attend Coldwater High School. Timothy is interested in auto mechanics and Christina is interested in psychology.



Francis and Valanda Wenning

Francis is the son of Frank and Frances Stegeman Wenning. He was born and reared in Coldwater and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1946. Francis married Valanda Heitkamp in Chickasaw in 1950. He is employed at Minster Machine as a production electrician; she was employed at New Idea in data processing. They have four sons: Curtis, Michael, Jeffery and Kevin.

Curtis is employed at Crown Controls and lives in New Bremen; he married Cindy Garman on November 26, 1977, and they have one son.

Michael works at General Motors and lives in New Carlisle; he married Marty Campbell on April 15, 1978, and they have three sons.

Jeffery works at Minster Machine and lives in Coldwater; he married Cindy Gross on August 3, 1979, and they have two daughters.

Kevin works at Minster Machine and lives in Coldwater; he married Tina Balster on April 15, 1986.

Michael and Cynthia Wenning

Michael R. Wenning, born on October 21, 1956, at Coldwater Hospital, is the son of Raymond J. and Mary H. (Reier) Wenning of Coldwater. In the Holy Trinity Catholic Church on May 10, 1980, Mike was married to Cynthia K. Geier, daughter of Louis C. and Mary Agnes (Hein) Geier. Cindy was born on October 25, 1957, at Coldwater Hospital. They reside at 501 North Second Street in Coldwater with their three children: Tamra Lynn, age 6, born on November 1, 1981; Adam Michael, age 4, born on May 2, 1983; and Leah Mary, age 1, born on July 20, 1986. All three were born at Coldwater Community Hospital.

Mike is self-employed at Ray's Refrigeration, Inc. Cindy is employed part time as a secretary/clerk at Celina Financial Corporation.



Mike is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Jaycees. He enjoys woodworking, snowmobiling and sports.

Cindy is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoys crafts, swimming, walking and sports.

Mike and Cindy both enjoy spending time with their children and following the local athletics.



Jerome and Catherine Wenning

Jerome W. Wenning, son of Raymond and Mary (Reier) Wenning, and Catherine Ann Niekamp, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Beckman) Niekamp, were married on July 21, 1984, in the St. Henry Catholic Church. They reside at 703 North Second Street and are the proud parents of two children; Thomas Jerome was born on May 12, 1985, and Melissa Ann was born on January 30, 1987.

Jerry is employed at Landmark in Celina and Cathy is self-employed.

Odilo (Dick) and Rita Wenning

Dick, son of Ben and Olivia Weigel Wenning, and Rita, daughter of Frank Moeller and Josephine Depweg Moeller, were married on September 12, 1939.

They had six children. Mary, Richard and Constance died as infants.

Marilyn is married to James Steinbrunner and has five children: Gary, David, Dawn, Carol and Teresa.

Joyce married Harold Franck and has four children: Michelle, Ron, David and Steve.

Larry (adopted) married Cheryl Spry (now divorced) and has one daughter, Amy.



Ray and Mary Wenning

On August 13, 1947, Ray (born December 21, 1922), son of Leo H. and Rose (Kahlig) Wenning, was married to Mary H. Reier (born June 5, 1926), daughter of Wm. G. and Josephine (Heyne) Reier.

They were blessed with sixteen children. Robert (born June 7, 1948) was married to Florence Grieshop and had one daughter (stillborn) and three sons. Bob lost his life on April 11, 1984, at Edwards AFB, California. He was an instructor and test pilot. A new baseball field at Edwards was dedicated in his honor for his extraordinary accomplishments in the test pilot program; the field is called Wenning Field. He also received the Presidential Meritorious Medal of Honor (Posthumous). The other children are as follows: Mrs. (Denis) Jean Kremer (1949); Ronald (1951) and Rebecca (Woolwine); James (1952) and Mary (Kahlig); John (1954) and Diane (Strogney); Margie (1955); Michael (1956) and Cindy (Geier); Daniel (1958) and Carol (Lange); Jerome (1959) and Cathy (Niekamp); Steven (1961); Mrs. (Kevin) Joan (1962) Gilliland; Teresa (1964); Roselyn (1965); Martha (1967); Patricia (1968); and, Paul (1971). To date, (1988) we have 27 grandchildren.

We moved from Celina, Ohio (having started our refrigeration business there) to my parents' farm home (just north of Coldwater) which we purchased in 1956. We also farmed several hundred acres and milked cows which helped raise the family and kept them all busy. As the girls grew up, each one spent many hours working at our ice-cream store — Ray's Dairyland — which we bought in 1967.

Our family has served our country. Grandpa Leo was in World War I. Dad (Ray) was in World War II and son Ronald in the Army. Major Robert, Lt. Teresa R.N., Airman 1st Class Martha and Airman 1st Class Patricia are in the Air Force.



William and Marilyn Wenning

William N. Wenning, born on November 5, 1945, is the son of Raymond and Helen Bertke Wenning of Coldwater, Ohio. On April 15, 1967, he married Marilyn Eischen, born on December 13, 1947, to Arthur and Erma Timmerman Eischen of St. Anthony.

William and Marilyn are the parents of five children: Paula, born on October 1, 1968; Dawn, born on March 25, 1971; Neal, born on March 9, 1972; Michelle, born on March 7, 1977; and, Cheryl, born on October 6, 1979.

William is a salesman for Smith Chevrolet in Rossburg, Ohio. Paula works at the Flower Nook in Portland, Indiana. William and Neal's hobbies are fishing and hunting. Marilyn's hobbies are sewing and crafts.

They live near St. Anthony on the Indiana-Ohio Line Road on a lot on the Arthur Eischen farm which has been in the Eischen family since 1870.

Ivo and Leona Westgerdes

Ivo Westgerdes and Leona Homan were married at St. Joe Church on November 26, 1935. The Westgerdes have lived in Coldwater for 45 years. For 30 years Ivo was employed at the Pet Milk Company; he retired in 1972.

Leona was employed at West Elementary School for 27 years and retired in 1982.

Mrs. Westgerdes is a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Ivo and Leona had five children: Donald, Margie, Gerald, Ralph and RoseAnn. Donald died in infancy from spinal meningitis. The other four children were reared in Coldwater and all graduated from Coldwater High School.

Margie married Paul T. Gillis; they live in Silver Spring, Maryland, with their five children: Patricia, 22; John, 20; Suzanne, 17; Mary Lynn, 16; and, Christopher, 4. Margie is the manager of a child day-care service in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Gerald (Jerry) and his wife, Marilyn, live in Kalamazoo, Michigan, with their three children: Christine, 13; Alicia, 11; and, Ben, 7. Jerry is on the faculty at Nazareth College where he is Professor of Fine Arts.

Ralph and his wife, Cathy, live in Dayton, Ohio, with their three children: Kevin, 17; Beth, 16; and Steven, 11. Ralph is Vice-President Of Operations at The First National Bank in Dayton, Ohio.

RoseAnn and her husband, Robert Lochtefeld, live in Celina, Ohio, with their two sons, Eric, 15, and Matt, 11. RoseAnn is an employee of Celina Group.

John and Virginia Westgerdes

John and Virginia Westgerdes live at 706 West South Street.

John was born on August 26, 1923, at St. Ann's Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Virginia was born on June 23, 1929, in Coldwater.

John is the son of Edward, Sr., and Helen (Wenz) Westgerdes of St. Henry, Ohio. Virginia is the daughter of Ray and Ida (Wendel) Tangeman of Coldwater, Ohio. John and Virginia were married on June 9, 1951, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater, Ohio. They have five children: David, Mark and Richard are living in Celina, Ohio; and, Tom and Cheryl (Hoyng) are living in Coldwater. They have three grandchildren, Craig and Todd Hoyng and Crystal Westgerdes.

John served in the Army in World War II for three years. He retired from Pax Machine Works in 1987.



Ray and Rita Westgerdes

Ray and Rita Westgerdes live at 223 South Oak Street. Ray is the son of Edward Westgerdes, Sr., and Helen Wenz Westgerdes. Rita is the daughter of Peter Obringer and Mary Schmalstig Obringer.

Ray and Rita have seven children. Alan (born in 1955) married Joyce Ley; they live in Coldwater. Gary (born in 1956) married Vicky Jutte Tobin; they have three sons, Eric, David and Kraig Tobin, and a daughter, Jennifer Westgerdes. They live in Montezuma. Larry (born in 1957) married Denise Burger; they live in Celina. Mary Helen (born in 1958) works at Celina Group; she lives at home. Matthew (born in 1960) works for Rodriguez Poultry; he lives at home. Joseph (born in 1961) married Lynette Sapp and lives in Van Wert, Ohio. Carl (born

in 1962) is employed at Doll Printing as an offset operator; he lives at home.

Ray works at Doll Printing in Celina as a typesetter and a printer. He enjoys gardening and fishing. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society. Rita is a registered nurse and is employed part time at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home in Coldwater. She belongs to the V.F.W. Auxiliary, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John, St. Ann's Altar Sodality and the church choir. She enjoys crafts, cooking and music. They both like to travel.



Thomas and Denise Westgerdes

Thomas John Westgerdes is the second child and son of John A. and Virginia (Tangeman) Westgerdes. He was born in Coldwater on February 27, 1955. Tom has three brothers and one sister. He is a 1973 graduate of Coldwater High School and had been employed at the Huffy Corporation since 1973.

Tom married Denise Ann, the fourth child and first daughter of Dale and Dolores (Stachler) Droesch, on April 23, 1983. Denise was born in Portland, Indiana, on January 24, 1963. She has five brothers (one deceased) and two sisters. She is a 1981 graduate of Coldwater High School. She has been employed at Buckeye Apparel since 1981.

Tom and Denise have one child, a daughter, Crystal Jean. Crystal was born on June 4, 1987. They reside in Coldwater.

Jacob and Philomena Willhoff

Jacob Willhoff was born in 1876, the son of Martin Willhoff and Catherine Lithard, in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The family moved to Trinity, Indiana, when Jacob was six years of age. In 1892, Jacob came to Coldwater and was employed at the H. C. Fox General Store for six years.

In September, 1901, Jacob married Philomena Birkmeyer, daughter of Blasius Birkmeyer and Mary Leisensnyder. They had two daughters and two sons. Beda (Sister M. Aquina, 1902-1921) is buried at the

convent in Maria Stein, Ohio. Angela (1905-1986) married John Bramlage of Ft. Loramie; they had one son, James. Othmar (1908-1980) married Dolores Romer of St. Henry, Ohio; they had one son, Thomas. Elmo married Mildred Oppenheim of Coldwater, Ohio.

Philomena died in 1913. In December, 1915, Jacob married Anna Huart of Dayton, Ohio. They had one daughter and one son. Marianne, born in 1917, married Charles Kessler of Logan, Ohio; they had one daughter, Christina. Robert, born in 1920, married Ruth Talley of Campti, Louisiana; they had three daughters and two sons: Marilyn, Suzanne, Patricia, Robert, Jr., and James.

In December, 1898, Jacob opened a hardware store on Main Street where the Home Bakery is now located. He later expanded into the building presently occupied by Roger's Flowers and Boeke Insurance.

In 1929, a second store was opened in Burkettsville, Ohio; it was managed by Othmar. In 1937, Jacob constructed the present building on Main Street and added home furnishings. He died in 1945 and Anna died in 1957. The three sons expanded the business to Greenville and Wapakoneta. Elmo retired in 1972 and Othmar in 1973. Robert sold the business to Urban Bertke and Mark Gross when he retired in 1983.

Dolores Willhoff and Robert and Ruth Willhoff still reside in Coldwater, Ohio.

Floyd and Judy Winner

Floyd and Judy Winner reside in town at 813 Mary Lane. Judy, a native of Coldwater, is the daughter of Joseph and Alberta Nieberding. Floyd is the son of the late Lawrence and Sophia Winner of Egypt, Ohio. They are the parents of three children. Laura is presently a senior at The Ohio State University, majoring in physical therapy. She is also a member of the women's track and field team. Leslie is a junior at The Ohio State University. As a wildlife management major, she is active in the School of Natural Resources' honorary. Eric is a junior at Coldwater High School and is a member of the swing choir and the basketball and baseball teams. Floyd is the owner and manager of F and J Farm Service. As a member of the community, he was active in the Jaycees and has been a member of the Coldwater Board of Education for 15 years. He has also served on the Apollo JVS Board and the Tri-Star Career Compact since its inception. His recreational time is spent fishing, hunting and traveling. Judy has taught in both the St. Henry and Coldwater school systems. She has volunteered time to the local 4-H program, the Cub Scouts and the Community Hospital Auxiliary. At the present time, she is a teacher in the Holy Trinity CCD program and is a member of the Resurrection Choir and Folk Group. As a family project, they hosted an exchange student from Denmark during the 1979-80 school year.



Jerome and Rita Winner

Jerome J. Winner, born on February 24, 1935, is the son of Alex and Alma Schoen Winner of Burkettsville. On July 10, 1954, he married Rita A. Muhlenkamp who was born on March 18, 1935, the daughter of Leonard and Eulalia Wagner Muhlenkamp. Jerome and Rita are the parents of three sons and one daughter.

Michael was born on August 25, 1955. He married Joyce Buening, daughter of Gregor and Helen Prenger Buening of Coldwater, on September 11, 1976. Michael and Joyce are the parents of Brian, born on December 19, 1978, and Aaron, born on May 7, 1981. They live at 207 Woodview Drive in Coldwater.

Robert was born on September 24, 1957. He married Karla Knapke, daughter of Jerry and Marlene Hemmelgarn Knapke of Coldwater, on May 26, 1980. Robert and Karla are the parents of Joshua, born on May 22, 1981, and Hi Leigh, born on July 2, 1984. They live at 106 Wichendon in Union, Ohio.

Donald was born on February 27, 1960. He married Miriam De LaRosa, daughter of Rueben and Victoria De LaRosa of Guatemala, on October 31, 1982. Donald and Miriam are the parents of Jonathon, born on September 17, 1982, and Victoria, born on September 20, 1984. They live at 207 Lilac Drive in Coldwater.

Cathy was born on December 14, 1964, and lives at home.

The Winner family has lived in Coldwater for 27 years. First they lived in a home on Buschur Road; later they built a home at 809 Sunset Drive where they have been living for 19 years. Jerry has been an employee of Pax Machine Works for 15 years and Rita has been an employee of the Coldwater schools for 15 years.

Richard and Irene Woeste

Mrs. Richard (Irene) Woeste resides in Coldwater at 406 West Plum Street; and, her daughter, Nita, who is a legal secretary, works and resides in Dayton, Ohio.

Irene is a Coldwater native and the daughter of William and Josephine (Westerheide) Werner. Her father was Vice-President and General Manager of AVCO New Idea at the time of his retirement in 1955.



Richard, also a Coldwater native, was the son of Vincent and Katherine (Krieger) Woeste. His father was associated with Willhoff's of Coldwater as a salesman for over 50 years.

Richard and Irene were united in marriage at Holy Trinity Church in 1952. After discharge from the service in 1953, Richard was employed in the Traffic Department of AVCO New Idea; and, at the time of retirement in 1981, due to ill health, he was Supervisor of Export and Distributor Sales. Richard died of cancer in 1982 at the age of 53.

Irene is a member of Holy Trinity Church and its Altar Rosary Society, of which she is a past president.

She is a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is also a charter member of the Community Hospital Auxiliary, the organization in which she is most active; she is currently serving her fourth term as treasurer and is involved in various volunteer projects.

She also holds membership in the VFW Auxiliary and the Eagles Auxiliary. Irene was employed at CW Service as a part-time bookkeeper in 1971 and is working there at the present time.



William and Mary Woeste

William was born in March, 1925, the oldest of the three children of Vincent and Kathryn (Kreiger) Woeste. William is still living in the home he was

born in at 313 North Second Street in Coldwater, Ohio.

William is employed at Coldwater Machine.

William married Mary Keller in June, 1947. Mary is the second youngest of the nine children of Charles and Elizabeth (Clune) Keller, formerly of R. R. 1, Ft. Recovery, Ohio (Sharpsburg).

William and Mary are the parents of five sons:

Carl, the oldest son, married Joan Ontrop of St. Henry in June, 1970, and lives on Buschor Road. They are the parents of two daughters. Carl is employed at Pax Machine Works.

Ken married Linda Rutschilling of Coldwater in 1971 and they live at Northwood near Celina, Ohio. Kenneth works at Lima Tank in Lima and Linda at Proctor and Gamble in Lima.

Paul married Yolanda De LaRosa of Guatemala, Central America, in 1980. They live in Coldwater. Paul is a teacher at Mendon and Yolanda works as a secretary at Community Hospital. They are the parents of one daughter and one son.

James, the fourth son, died at age six in 1962.

Ronald, the youngest son, married Lori Brunswick of Coldwater in 1982. They live in Coldwater. Ronald works at Lima Tank and Lori is a nurse at Community Hospital. They are the parents of two daughters.

The Woeste's are members of Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater.

The family picture was taken on Christmas Day, 1987.



Clarence and Glendola Wolf

Clarence J. (Shorty) and Glendola H. (Hoyng) Wolf, both deceased, lived at 123 East Walnut Street in Coldwater most of their lives. Clarence was born on April 23, 1902, in Fort Recovery, one of six children of William and Rose (Resh) Wolf. Glendola was born on March 25, 1907, in Coldwater, one of six children of Fred and Rose (Kirsch) Hoyng. Clarence and Glendola were married in Dayton, Ohio, on January 10, 1926, and were the parents of three sons.

William N., born on October 11, 1926, in Richmond, Indiana, married Margaret (Peg) Bernard in St. Henry, Ohio, on February 26, 1949. They now live in Fort Recovery and are the parents of nine children. He is employed at J & M Manufacturing of Fort Recovery.

Larry L., born on December 26, 1939, in Coldwater married Judy Manker in Dayton, Ohio, on August 21, 1965. They live in Coldwater and are the parents of two children. He teaches school at West Elementary in Coldwater.

Robert D., born on February 11, 1943, in Coldwater, married JoAnn Donahue in Dayton, Ohio, on August 16, 1969. They have three children and make their home in Indianapolis, Indiana. Bob is employed by the L.S. Ayers Company in that city.

Clarence was employed for many years at the New Idea plant in Coldwater and later at the Huffy Corporation in Celina, Ohio. He died on June 13, 1971. Glendola was active in the Rosary Altar Society and the American Legion Auxiliary. She died on November 29, 1979. Both were members of Holy Trinity Church and are buried in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater.



Larry and Judy Wolf

Larry and Judy Wolf and their two sons, Christopher and Matthew, reside at 309 North Second Street in Coldwater. Larry is the son of Glendola H. (Hoyng) of Coldwater and Clarence J. Wolf, formerly of Fort Recovery, and has lived in Coldwater all of his life. Judy is the daughter of Margaret L. (Trick) and Marvin Manker, both of Dayton, Ohio, and she has lived in Coldwater since 1961. Larry and Judy were married at St. Albert the Great Church in Kettering, Ohio, on August 21, 1965.

Chris was born on July 12, 1968, was graduated from Coldwater High School in 1987, and is currently enrolled at the Wright State Lake Campus. He also plays in a rock band and gives guitar lessons.

Matt was born on April 23, 1970, and is now a junior at Coldwater High School. He is an altar boy and is a manager for the basketball team.

Larry received degrees from Kent State and Ball State Universities and teaches fourth grade at West Elementary in Coldwater. He is a CCD teacher for Holy Trinity parish and is on the Coldwater Public Library Board of Trustees.

Judy was graduated from the University of Dayton and teaches office education and typing at Celina Senior High School and Tri-Star Career Compact. She is also secretary for the Coldwater Band Boosters.



Lavern and Alfrieda Wolters

Lavern Joseph Wolters, son of Richard and Mathilda (Will) Wolters, and Alfrieda Ann Schoenlein, daughter of Anthony and Clara (Evers) Schoenlein, were married on August 29, 1953. They have lived their past 35 years of married life on their farm on Siegrist-Jutte Road, three miles southeast of Coldwater. They are the parents of eight children, seven daughters and one son. Joyce, born on June 2, 1954, is a supervisor with GTE North, Inc.; she was married on May 19, 1986, to Dave DeStefano and lives in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Diane, born on September 28, 1955, is an R.N. at Coldwater Community Hospital, was married on November 12, 1976, to Joe Siegrist and lives in Union City, Indiana. They have four children: Gail, Jill, Eric, and Beth. Shirley, born on August 13, 1957, is a secretary at Coldwater Community Hospital, was married on October 13, 1984, to Kevin Fullenkamp and lives in St. Henry, Ohio. Their one son, Alex Steven, born on August 11, 1959, farms, was married on September 20, 1980, to Deb Kramer and lives in Celina, Ohio. They have four children: Dan, Jennifer, Gary, and Adam. Jane, born on August 18, 1962, is a computer programmer with Toledo Edison, was married on September 22, 1984, to Carl Jones and lives in Bowling Green, Ohio. They have one son, Ryan. Donna, born on June 12, 1964, is a legal secretary for Marchal and Marchal Attorneys and lives in Coldwater, Ohio. Brenda, born on September 17, 1965, is a secretary at Celina Financial Corporation, was married on April 30, 1988, to Ken Homan and lives in Maria Stein, Ohio. Lynn, born on February 9, 1970, graduated from Coldwater High School in May, 1988.

Wilfred and Norma Wolters

On September 17, 1960, Wilfred (Woody) Wolters and Norma (Skeet) Sanders were united in marriage at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Celina. Their parents were the late Joseph and Helen



(Heyne) Wolters of Coldwater and Ted and Annette (Bruns) Sanders of Celina. Woody attended Bowling Green State University and has been employed by White-New Idea since 1959. Norma has been a 4-H Program Assistant for the Cooperative Extension Service since 1975. Lisa Maria was born on June 12, 1963, and Michael Joseph, on August 4, 1966. A graduate of The Ohio State University, Lisa is a graphic designer at CompArt Design in Dayton. Mike is a student at the University of Illinois and is a member of the university baseball team. The family has resided at 409 West Elizabeth Street since April, 1963.



Paul and Connie Wynk

Paul and Connie Wynk live at 615 West North Street in Coldwater. Paul is the son of Albert and Matilda (Homan) Wynk and Connie is the daughter of Elmer and Merilda (Froning) Hein. On November 9, 1963, Paul and Connie were married at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater. They are the parents of two children; Jeff was born on January 8, 1965, and Jill was born on September 4, 1969. Jeff is a 1983 graduate of Coldwater High School and in August of 1985, he graduated from Sinclair Community College. He is now attending Wright State University in Dayton and working part time for U.P.S. in West Carrollton. Jill will graduate from Coldwater High School this year and plans to attend college to be an x-ray technician. Connie is employed at Buckeye Apparel in Coldwater. Paul has been employed at Minster Machine as a welder since 1962.

Richard and Jean Zahn

Richard J., Jr., and Jean Zahn live at 4749 Coldwater Creek Road, Celina, Ohio. They were married on October 23, 1967, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church by Fr. Ken Bubb of Santa Rosa, California.

Richard is the son of Richard J., Sr., and Eldoria (Klosterman) Zahn. Jean is the daughter of Edward H. and Pauline C. (Schockman) Geier.

Richard and Jean have two sons. Robert Edward is 15 years old and a sophomore at Coldwater High School. Richard (Rick) Joseph, III, is in the seventh grade at Coldwater Junior High School.

Bob enjoys trapping, fishing and hunting. Rick is very active in baseball, football and basketball.

Richard is an electrician at Ohio Plumbing & Electrical. He has worked there for 15 years. He enjoys hunting, fishing and gardening. Dick belongs to the Holy Name Society and the Coldwater Eagles.

Jean belongs to St. Ann's Society, is a lay distributor at Holy Trinity Church and is a member of the Ars Nova Club.



Steve and Judy Zehringer

Residing at 221 Briarwood Drive, are Steve and Judy Zehringer and their children, Jayme Lynn (born on October 12, 1981) and Jodi Catherine (born on February 7, 1984). Steve is the son of William and Jeanette (Kremer) Zehringer. He was born in Coldwater, attended St. Anthony school, and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1971. Judy's parents are Richard and Joyce (Now) Crouch. She attended Celina schools and graduated in 1973.

Steve is Assistant Superintendent at the Celina location of the Ohio Department of Transportation, while Judy is employed at the Huffy Corporation in the Distribution Office. Jayme is in kindergarten, looking forward to her school years, and Jodi is busy keeping up with her sister. Both girls enjoy gymnastics and bicycling.

Steve's father, Bill, was co-owner of Kremer's IGA in St. Anthony for many years with Steve's uncle, Tom Kremer. This had been a family business since Steve's grandfather, Lawrence Kremer, operated the huckster truck to deliver groceries and supplies to the area farmers.

Judy's parents reside at 5890 Karch Road on a farm which is the Crouch home place and has been in

