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## PREFACE

Saint Henry, Ohio is celebrating its Sesquicentennial, 1837-1987. The year 1987 also honors the Bicentennial of the United States' Constitution and the Northwest Ordinance, 1787-1987. Saint Henry joins the nation in celebrating our heritage, our democracy, and our responsibility to the citizens of tomorrow.

Few history books are written about events, at the time the events are occurring, or about people writing their own history. Most history books are written decades or centuries after an event has occurred. This book is unique because it was written by the citizens of Saint Henry, Ohio, telling about the year 1986, written during the year 1986, in preparation for the 1987 celebration. These citizens have endeavored to present a story of Saint Henry; they have added to the history of Ohio, and thus, to the history of the United States of America.

SAINT HENRY, OHIO HISTORY 1836-1971, by Joyce L. Alig, encompassed the years from the first settlers in 1836, preceding the 1837 platting of the village, to the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church building, 1897-1972. That history book was documented with extensive footnotes and detailed bibliography, which provided historical background for this book.

This Editor recognizes the importance of the contributions of local history and family histories, written by local citizens. Appreciation also is extended to many citizens who provided photographs, with acknowledgment to Ken Jutte, Bob Delzeith, Mike Lamm, Gary Lefeld, Marcelyn Meinerding, Loretta Romer and Joe Romer.

This book was written for those people who would honor the heritage of Saint Henry, and who would respect the strong character, hard work, and high standards of the citizens of this Sesquicentennial Community. This Editor has lived in this Community for a quarter of a century, with her family. She considers it an honor that the Village would encourage her to prepare this book. She thanks each person who helped make this book possible.

*Joyce L. Alig*  
Editor  
and  
President of  
The Mercer County  
Historical Society, Inc.



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# SAINT HENRY, OHIO

## Sesquicentennial 1837-1987



**Seated:** Louis Huelsman, Treasurer; Al Homan, Secretary; Tom Wuebker, Chairman and Marv Wourms, Vice-Chairman.

**Standing:** Jeff Buehler, Community Representative; Joyce Alig, Editor of Sesquicentennial History Book for Saint Henry; Jane Gast, Co-ordinator Secretary; and John Romer, Co-ordinator of Scheduling Events for Celebration.

**Absent:** Debbie Balster and Marvin Lefeld, High School Representatives.



Brian Bertoline, student, presented the winning theme idea for the Sesquicentennial Celebration: "One Hundred Fifty Years of Yesterday's Memories — Makes Dreams of Tomorrow." Brian is the son of Gary and Ada Bertoline. Brian is congratulated by Teacher Elaine Broering, and Chairman Tom Wuebker. Elaine designed the logo.



**St. Henry Service Organization Representatives who worked with Steering Committee in planning the Saint Henry Sesquicentennial Celebration.**





STATE OF OHIO  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
COLUMBUS 43266-0601

January 23, 1987

Mrs. Joyce L. Alig  
3054 Burkettsville-Henry Road  
Saint Henry, Ohio 45883-9716

To the Citizens of Saint Henry:

I extend good wishes to you on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of your community. Such a milestone is truly notable, and I commend you for making the effort to reflect on your history and to use that history as an inspiration for future accomplishments.

Your commemoration coincides with the bicentennials of two notable national documents, the Northwest Ordinance and the United States Constitution. Thus, you are in the enviable position of being able to enjoy a local observance amid many regional and national activities. Surely, this will be an interesting and exciting year for all of you and for the visitors who ought to join you.

I wish you a successful and invigorating year, a fitting reflection of the efforts of all who brought your community to this point.

Best wishes,

*Richard F. Celeste*

Richard F. Celeste  
Governor

RFC:jh

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**OHIO WAS FORMED IN 1803.**



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

JERRY LAFFIN, CHAIRMAN

RONALD PUTHOFF

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**MERCER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

CELINA, OHIO 45622

JOAN BOLLENBACHER, CLERK/REC. OF THE BOARD

January 23, 1987

Citizens of St. Henry  
St. Henry, Ohio 45883

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, recognize St. Henry as an outstanding Community  
of Mercer County, Ohio.

The Board of County Commissioners of Mercer  
County, Ohio do hereby support the Sesquicentennial  
Celebration of St. Henry, Ohio for the years 1837  
to 1987. We look forward to future accomplishments  
of the Village.

Sincerely yours,  
Board of County Commissioners  
Mercer County, Ohio

*Jerry Laffin*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Laffin, Chairman

*Ronald Puthoff*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald Puthoff, Vice Chairman

*Herbert Muhlenkamp*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Herbert Muhlenkamp, Member

JL/jb  
cc: Mercer County Historical Society, Joyce Alig

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**MERCER COUNTY WAS ORGANIZED IN 1824.**

## Granville Township

Granville Township is one of fourteen Townships in Mercer County. The current population of the Township is 3,692. The Township boundary lines are north to the Township line which is just north of Carthagena Road, east to State Route 127, south to Mercer-Darke County line and west to Township Line Road. There are approximately 91 miles or roads in Granville Township of which the Township is responsible for 29.12 miles. The remaining roads are either County roads or State highways.

Granville Township has four elected officials which includes three Trustees and a Clerk/Treasurer. The three Trustees are each elected to a four year term. They are responsible for all Township road maintenance. This maintenance includes plowing snow, patching roads and mowing along these roads. The Trustees also settle fence disputes among land owners, solve waterway problems, maintain the Township equipment and have other miscellaneous duties. The Clerk/Treasurer is also elected to a four year term. The Clerk/Treasurer's responsibilities include recording the minutes, preparing the annual financial reports, receiving and depositing funds, issuing warrants and other duties.

The buildings owned by Granville Township are both located in St. Henry. The small building on Walnut Street, east of the church, is known as the Township house. It is used predominately as a meeting room for the Township Trustees. The building also housed the Granville Township-St. Henry Branch Library for several years. The other building owned by Granville Township is located on Columbus Street. It was purchased from John Laux in 1978 and is used for storage of all the road equipment.

The budget for Granville Township is approximately \$100,000 a year. The bulk of these monies are obtained from property taxes, gasoline tax, motor vehicle tax, revenue sharing and inheritance settlements. The main expenditures are road related. For example, the cost of blacktopping a mile of road is \$22,000. Granville Township also provides money each year to support the St. Henry and Burkettsville Fire Departments. Mercer Country Ambulance Service also receives funds from Granville Township. Buying road equipment and maintaining it is another major expense.

The most memorable happening in Granville Township in the past decade was the blizzard of 1978. The blizzard occurred in late January. All the roads in the Township were closed. The snow was drifted so deep that the Township snow removal equipment was unable to clean the roads. The Trustees had to hire local heavy equipment operators to clear the roads. Payloaders and bulldozers were needed and it was a very costly clean up that took nearly ten days to have all Township roads open for travel.

Local economy in Granville Township as of the writing is generally good. Many of the residents work in factories in Coldwater, Celina, Minster and New Bremen. Agriculture however is the backbone of the Granville Township economy. The farmers' crops in recent years have been good but the price paid to the farmer has declined. The current price for soybeans is \$4.50 and the price of corn is \$1.50 a bushel. Operating a farm in recent years has been very costly. The average cost for land is \$1900 an acre. Machinery costs have risen as has the price of fertilizer.

In summary, Granville Township is a good place to live and raise children. People work together to form a sense of community pride. The elected Trustees and Clerk/Treasurer represent these people in the best possible way. Township government is the "grass roots" form of government that hopefully will last forever.



**John Dippold, clerk; Mark Kremer, Dennis Schwieterman and Cy Dues, Trustees**



**141 S. Walnut Street**



## St. Henry History

Henrich Romer laid out the town of St. Henry, Ohio, July 7, 1837. There is no written record available which identifies why he chose to name this town St. Henry.

St. Henry, Ohio is located in Section 21, Granville Township, Mercer County, Ohio. The Romer brothers erected the first log building and in the hastily constructed home, seven families spent their first winter. Henry Bruns built the second cabin in St. Henry. In 1839, there were enough settlers in St. Henry to lead Bishop Purcell to grant permission for the formation of a parish and Mass was celebrated once a month in the Henry Beckman home. Under the direction of Rev. Louis Navarron, the first church was built, being fifty by twenty-five feet and made of logs and weatherboards. The Most Reverend Archbishop Purcell dedicated this church in 1842, to the honor of Saint Henry, the pious Emperor Henry II of Germany. Incidentally, four of the first six church wardens were named Henry: Henry Romer, Henry Bruns, Henry Wimmers, Henry Hemmelgarnn, Gerard Beckmann and Bernard Romer. Also, another settler was named Henry, that of Henry Beckman whose home had hosted the monthly Mass.

An early businessman was John Joseph Romer, who had arrived in Mercer County in October 1838 and initiated a store in St. Henry in 1840. Before completion of the Miami Erie Canal, he transported farm produce to Cincinnati by wagon and returned with merchandise for his store. For example, he took furs, dried venison, rabbit, quail, roots and herbs, e.g., snakeroot and seed turnips; Romer would return with rice, coffee, crackers, sugar, vinegar, starch, oatmeal, paints and varnish. Romer used a four horse team to haul goods between Cincinnati and home; the trip requiring three or four days. The completion of the Miami and Erie Canal in western Ohio, not only cut Romer's travel time in half, but also provided the inexpensive and quick transportation for German settlers arriving at Cincinnati and heading north to purchase land for a dollar and a quarter an acre, north of the Greenville Treaty Line. (For local citizens, the Fort Recovery-Minster Road runs along this Line.) Many immigrants worked on the building of the canal, in order to make enough money to then purchase land.

Due to the rapid settlement of the German immigrants, the population of St. Henry increased. By 1880, the St. Henry Census was registered at 200. The 1880's was the decade that changed the economic direction of St. Henry. The Cincinnati and Jackson, Michigan Railroad reached St. Henry, the second Wednesday of December, 1883. This railroad provided quick, inexpensive transportation to the market for the farmers, as well as the businessmen. The railroads soon replaced the canals for transportation. In St. Henry, Frank Bruns opened a livery stable, enlarged his saloon to make space for a pool table and placed a lantern in front of his business that year. Next to Bruns' Hotel, was the

Carriage and Wagon Manufactory of blacksmith Henry Bruns. Caspar Schoeneberger worked as a blacksmith. The Moeder brothers operated their sawmill. Anton Mueller made furniture and built homes. Joseph Drahman had a harness manufactory. John Henry Romer had a general mercantile store. John Panning was a dealer in stoves, tinware, roofing and spouting. J.B. Kipp put his saloon on wheels in 1884 and moved it next to the railroad station. Michael Schlegel manufactured furniture and carried on the undertaking business. Albert Gulde embarked in the general merchandise business. Henry Steinlage operated a tannery. Ignatz Siegrist had a harness shop. The town also had a flour mill in 1884. Dr. William Jones was the local physician and surgeon. Medical needs were also served by Dr. Adam Edelman, Dr. Ryan and Dr. J.J. Mory. Over Christmas in 1884, the roof of the tile company collapsed due to snow. The increase in village activity was evident as the 1890 Census was marked at 692. By 1890, the underground natural gas wells were dug. Many people began digging gas wells and using gas in their homes. The Natural Gas Co. was incorporated in 1892 in order to furnish gas for the village, including the school. The Citizens Gas Co. was formed and by 1894 was free of debt, paying the dividends of eleven percent. As the old village gas well began failing, a new derrick was built and the well dug in 1898.

The election for incorporation of St. Henry Village was held August 17, 1901, with 71 votes cast; 54 for and 17 against incorporation. The proceedings of incorporation were presented for record August 21 and were recorded September 9, 1901 at the Mercer County Court House. Nominations for village offices were made in October and the following gentlemen were elected to office in November 1901: Mayor Jacob Bany, Sr.; Marshal Joseph Schoeneberger; Treasurer Edward F. Romer; Clerk H.A. Beckman; Council Members: J.H. Romer, A. Gulde, Caspar Schoeneberger, Joseph Moeller, Joseph Davis and J.A. Schirack. They held their first St. Henry Village Council Meeting November 21, 1901. By January 20, 1902, within two months, a total of thirty-eight ordinances had been adopted. They also appointed a Board of Health. New jail cells were installed in the town hall by March 1902.

As various fires consumed buildings, the Village Council discussed purchasing fire-fighting equipment. But it took the fire of July 1905, which almost burned down the town, to initiate action for a fire department. This fire consumed the Bruns' Livery Stable, the Bruns Hotel, the Bruns Carriage and Smith's workshops and nearby buildings. The following week, citizens and the Village Council met and decided to organize a Fire Department. At the July 31 meeting, the Village Council made a motion for purpose of issuing bonds in the amount of \$6,000 for City Hall and Fire Protection. By September, the Council had bought a chemical fire apparatus. By November, John Losekamp had completed

his contract of building the town building. By the autumn of 1909, the water works were completed and the tower and tank erected.

The Village streets were lighted by gas lights. In 1915, the Village Council passed a motion to pay \$4,000 to Jaspensen Supply Company for completion of an electric light plant. The citizens received two hours of electricity a day, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; the generators being ran by gasoline engines.

The 1900 Village Census was listed at 650; the 1910 Census at 560. The 1920 Census was listed at 561; the 1930 Census was 571. Thus, the Village population was stabilizing.

The first decade after Incorporation, the Village implemented improvements by constructing sidewalks and curbing, allowing for proper drainage, repairing and cleaning streets, repairing street lamps, giving adequate care to ditches and water the streets with the sprinkler to control dust. The Village newspaper, The Saint Henry Advocate, advertised fifty businesses and expressed pride in the growth of these businesses. People were buying automobiles. January 12, 1912, the Village Council members put a speed limit on automobiles and autocyycles, etc.; a limit of eight miles per hour. The June 29, 1907 Saint Henry Advocate advertised farm prices of wheat, \$.90; oats, \$.40; corn, \$.70; alsyke, \$7.00; timothy seed, \$2.00; butter, \$.14 per lb.; and eggs, \$.13 per dozen. The St. Henry Hardware Company advertised shelf and heavy hardware, paints, oils, glass, roofing, farm implements, the Baker windmill, pumps, piping and fittings, wire fencing, rock and barrel salt. April 28, 1914, a train wreck at one and a half miles north of St. Henry drew crowds. Twenty-one cars were strewn across the tracks, their contents dumped wherever the shattered cars lay.

In 1937, St. Henry Village celebrated its Centennial of the recording of the plat of St. Henry in 1837. The Village received 28,000 square feet of sidewalks, which was about one and one-half miles of new walks, under the W.P.A. in 1937.

World War II touched St. Henry. Local citizens went to serve their country. March 23, 1942, the Village Council discussed the possibility of sending interested parties to a meeting in Columbus in regards to civilian defense; no action was taken. In April, the Village Solicitor went to the Mercer County Auditor in regards to an additional allowance for civilian defense. The Council decided to change the time to Eastern War Time in the spring of 1943 and to change back the following fall. At the conclusion of World War II, a small notation was entered in the Village Council Minutes, October 8, 1945, to transfer the balance of the Civilian Defense Fund to the General Fund.

April 14, 1947, the Village Council Clerk was assigned to call the Village Solicitor to write the New York Central Railroad Company about putting blinker lights at the Main Street and Columbus Street Railroad Crossings. At the June 18, 1951 Village Council Meeting, Mayor Heit-

kamp again discussed lights at the Railroad Crossings. However, in March 1976, the Railroad was closed by Penn Central, and the subject of lights was no longer necessary. The 1940 Census of St. Henry Village was 556; the 1950 Census was 715.

The decade of the sixties saw changes coming to St. Henry. In the homes, kitchen appliances included dishwashers, trash compactors, garbage disposals, charcoal grills and microwave ovens. The Village initiated the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in March 1964. By 1970, despite the snow, the parade had 65 entries with an estimated crowd of 4,000 to 5,000 people. The spring-like weather in 1971 brought out people by the thousands for the March Saint Patrick's Day Parade; net receipts were unofficially listed at over \$2,500, earmarked for the St. Henry Park Fund. However, the crowds were becoming too large for the village and there were local complaints; the parade was discontinued. On the first of November 1966, a sudden snowstorm stranded motorists. Several busloads of children spent the night in area homes of farmers who kindly took them in and cared for them. Roads were gradually cleared and people returned to their usual way of life. Another improvement with the Village during the sixties was the installation of the sewage treatment plant. The extended aeration treatment plant was placed in operation in 1966 and as of December 1966, seventy percent of the potential customers were connected to the system. When the project was completed, the total cost of the program was \$445,000. The 1960 Census of the Village of St. Henry was 978; the 1970 Census was 1276.

In 1971, a group of interested Jaycees started a Pool Fund. By 1974, a total of \$13,800 was raised through a variety of projects. In 1975, a Pool Committee was formed to raise money to help the Jaycees in this project. The total cost of the swimming pool complex was approximately \$124,000; the pool was completed in time for the summer of 1975. At that time, the Pool Complex was turned over to the St. Henry Village Council. The Village Council and the community organizations and the citizens have cooperated and added improvements at the park, with new shelter houses, kiddie-land, softball fields, tennis courts, basketball area, horseshoe courts and a parking lot. A Pool Manager and Summer Recreation Director are employed.

Construction of the new water tower for St. Henry was completed in the autumn of 1971. The new water tower was 140 feet tall and held 150,000 gallons of water. The rust removal plant was completed in 1973; at a cost of \$70,000. That year, April 17, Mayor Lawrence Heitkamp resigned after 35 years of service. Robert Kanney was sworn in as Mayor. That autumn, September 24, 1973, Village Council listed to Ordinance #386, for the purpose of granting a franchise to Telemedia Company for a community television antenna in the village.



The first woman Council member, Judy Stachler, served from January 14, 1974, until March 24, 1975, when she and her family moved outside the Village. April 22, 1974, the Mercer County Commissioners contacted the Village Council about the County Wide Ambulance Service and asked for support of \$.85 per capita, about a total of \$1,000. At the November 11 meeting, Don Hummel, representing the St. Henry Fire Department, requested Councilmen to attend a County Ambulance Service meeting because St. Henry might be in line for a branch of this service. The ambulance service did come into service; their separate history is on another page of this book. By 1980, the service fee to St. Henry was \$1.92 per capita for a total of \$2,449. At the December 8, 1986 meeting, the Council was notified by the Mercer County Commissioners that the 1987 fee would be \$3,002.88, and due April 1, 1987. Since the past source of income (Federal Revenue Sharing) no longer existed, the cost would probably come from city income tax receipts. Throughout the year of 1974, as with other years, Council was faced with problems of water, e.g., in January, there was a problem of heavy amounts of surface water draining into the Village sewer system and in July there was a sewer back-up problem. November 11, 1974, Council passed Ordinance #396, permitting Eastview Estates to be annexed into the Village. December 9, 1974, Council passed Ordinance #397, implementing Municipal Income Tax.

August 25, 1975, Mayor Robert Kanney stated to the Village Council that he would be attending a Mercer County meeting for libraries, with other local residents, for a request of funds for a local library. Joyce Alig, Granville Township St. Henry Library Committee Chairperson, requested the support of the Mayor and the Village Council, for a new library.

December 22, 1975, Council read a letter from Penn-Central Railroad, which would terminate the usage of the rail service from Van Wert to Ansonia, effective February 27, 1976. Thomas Zitter, with the encouragement of Al Homan, St. Henry Tile and Al Romer of Schockman Lumber, applied for and was granted permission to operate a shortline railway between St. Henry and Celina. This operation continued until 1980. Ohio wanted a high speed railway but the voters voted against it; Ohio wasn't interested in keeping short line railroads. "The St. Henry community was very supportive, the shippers, the bank, the people; but the railroad was discontinued in 1980," commented Tom Zitter. In November 1981, the Village Council discussed the purchase of the vacant railroad land.

Blizzards of January 1977 and 1978 are remembered. People did not get home from work in January 1978 for a few days. Many families had stranded motorists staying with them. The K of C Hall on Main Street was used as a temporary shelter for stranded motorists during both storms.

The 1980 Census of the Village of St. Henry was 1596. The Council reviewed interest rates for money market certificates. The old rates were \$70,000 at 9.775 percent and \$30,000 at 14.792 percent. The new (1980) rates would be \$75,000 and \$35,000 for 10.5 percent. The 1980's Council Members were faced with responsibilities of closing ditches, property maintenance, new chain saw to clean ditches, resurfacing streets, use of the village grader, D.P.&L. rate increases, snow removal, contract for county jail service, storm sewer water, Western Ohio Cablevision, Western Ohio Gas Company, Village trash hauling with Laidlaw Waste Products, new vehicles and street curbing. June 22, 1981 a public meeting was held concerning the Village sewer system, a survey of the system and an E.P.A. grant. At the July 13, 1981 meeting Council passed the motion to apply for the sewer survey through the E.P.A. December 1981 Gerald Dippold resigned as Clerk-Treasurer and January 11, 1982 Arthur Brophy was administered the Oath of Office by Solicitor David Bruns. February 22, 1982, Board of Public Affairs member of 27 years, Ed Westgerdes resigned. In 1982, Commemorative Signs honoring Wally Post were installed at the Main Street entrances to the Village.

July 11, 1983, Council passed resolution #83-19 to levy a property tax of two mills for five years.

January 23, 1984, Council discussed the possible acquisition of land east of the Village in the Nieport-Rammel tract for development into an industrial park and future residential use. At the June 25, 1984 meeting Council agreed to purchase land from Joseph and Gertrude Nieport and Florence Rammel for the Industrial Park Development, to be known as the Oak Hill Commercial Park. In 1985, Council discussed sale of property in this park. September 22, 1986, Tom Lange Construction was hired for construction of East Washington Street from North Linn Street to Oak Hill Drive.

May 29, 1984, Paul Howell was introduced to Council; Howell would be working with St. Henry Solicitor Dave Bruns. December 1984, David Bruns' annual contract as Village Solicitor was renewed for 1985. In December 1985, Council approved employment of Attorney Paul Howell as Village Solicitor for 1986. This employment was renewed at the December 8, 1986 meeting for 1987.

The Village Council continued with responsibilities of street construction, maintenance and repair, employment of pedestrian traffic control person at Main and Walnut during school hours, insurance policies, chlorinating the water supply, the park and pool, water and sewer responsibilities. The Council members met with the Community Improvement Corporation for the purpose of retention and expansion of existing industries and attracting new industries to this area.

In the summer of 1985, the entire Main Street took on a new look, with a new blacktop, plus new concrete curbs and sidewalks. Fred

Walls did the asphalt work. Work on the curbs and sidewalks was done by B & L Construction of St. Henry. According to Street Superintendent Mike Niekamp the cost of the project was near \$300,000.

The new parking lot was completed in 1986. In 1981, Mayor Kanney was contacted by Al Homan about the possibility of installing a new parking lot at the side of the old grade school on Main Street; Al stated that, at that time, the St. Henry Bank, Hogenkamp Funeral Home and St. Henry Church were interested in the project. At the February 24, 1986 meeting, a drawing of the parking lot was presented to the Village Council. At the April 28, 1986 meeting a resolution was passed for a lease agreement between the Village of St. Henry and the St. Henry Board of Education for a new parking lot between the St. Henry Church and the Granville Township St. Henry Branch Library. Thus, with the combined financial help of Hogenkamp Funeral Home, St. Henry Bank, St. Henry Church and the Granville Township St. Henry Branch Library, the parking lot was completed in 1986. At the entrance to the parking lot, is a Memorial to Veterans of the Community. This parking lot will be used as a center of activities for the St. Henry Sesquicentennial July 4-12, 1987.



**Main Street Parking lot with Veterans' Memorial.**



**Mayor and Village Council, left to right: Mayor Robert Kanney, Councilmen: Robert Rengers, Lavern Schultze, Ivo Link, James Niekamp, Lester Bruns and Al Luttmer.**



**Board of Public Affairs, left to right: Jerry Droesch; John Moeller; Joe Romer, clerk-treasurer; Dan Westgerdes.**



**St. Henry Fire Department building with St. Henry Village Council Room on west side. Water tower.**



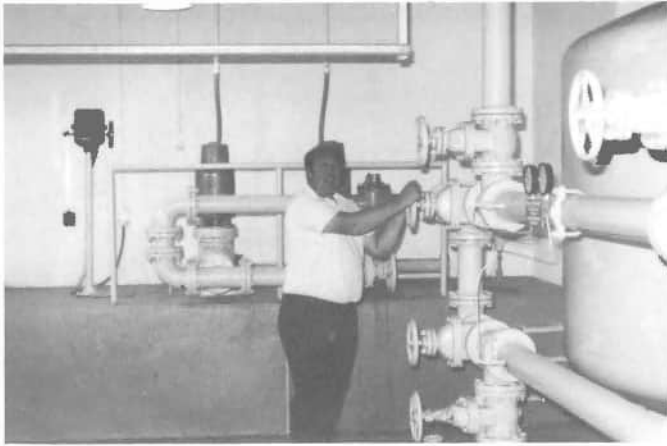
**Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nieport and Mayor Robert Kanney; Nieports are signing over plat to Village of St. Henry.**



**Paul Howell, Village Solicitor  
He is responsible for all resolutions and ordinances; also, legal advice.**



**Art Brophy, Clerk of Village**



**Mike Niekamp, taking care of rust removal plant.**



**Mike Niekamp, Don Hess, Dan Miller. Mike is Waste Water Treatment Plant operator; Don Hess is his assistant. Dan Miller is Street Superintendent.**



**Dan Miller and Don Hess in front of Sewage Treatment Plant.**



**Water Treatment Building**



**Garage**

## St. Henry Police Department

Law enforcement officers were known as Marshalls and Deputy Marshalls years ago in St. Henry and all worked on a part-time basis. The first Marshall of St. Henry was Joseph Schoeneberger. He was appointed to preserve the peace of the community, when St. Henry became incorporated in 1901. In January, 1942 the Village Council appointed William Uhlenhake as the first Chief of Police and William Bernard was appointed Assistant Chief of Police for the purpose of forming a separate department. The following men have served as Marshalls and Police Chiefs for the Village of St. Henry:

1901-1903 — Joseph Schoeneberger	1925-1926 — Anthony Kemper
1903-1905 — John Vian	1926-1926 — Anthony Bohmmer
1905-1907 — Ignatz Siegrist	1926-1928 — William Hart
1907-1914 — John Gardner	1928-1938 — William Uhlenhake
1914-1915 — J.W. Rish	1938-1940 — John Plieman
1915-1915 — Alex Romer	1940-1942 — Clarence Rinderle
1915-1915 — John Gardner	1942-1948 — William Uhlenhake
1916-1916 — John Vian	1948-1954 — William Bernard
1916-1916 — Joe Uhlenhake	1955-1956 — Sylvester Delzeith
1916-1919 — John Gardner	1956-1967 — Anthony Nieport
1920-1922 — Ignatz Siegrist	1967-1968 — David Studer
1922-1925 — James Rafferty	1968-Present — Arthur Bernard

Arthur Bernard has been the St. Henry Police Chief since 1968. In 1976 he assumed full-time duties and now dedicates his time serving the community. In 1986 Art was able to purchase the "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signals at the intersection of Main & Walnut Streets. He sponsored several community benefits to obtain these safety signals and in the future hopes to purchase more safety equipment for the community.















**Looking East from church tower.**



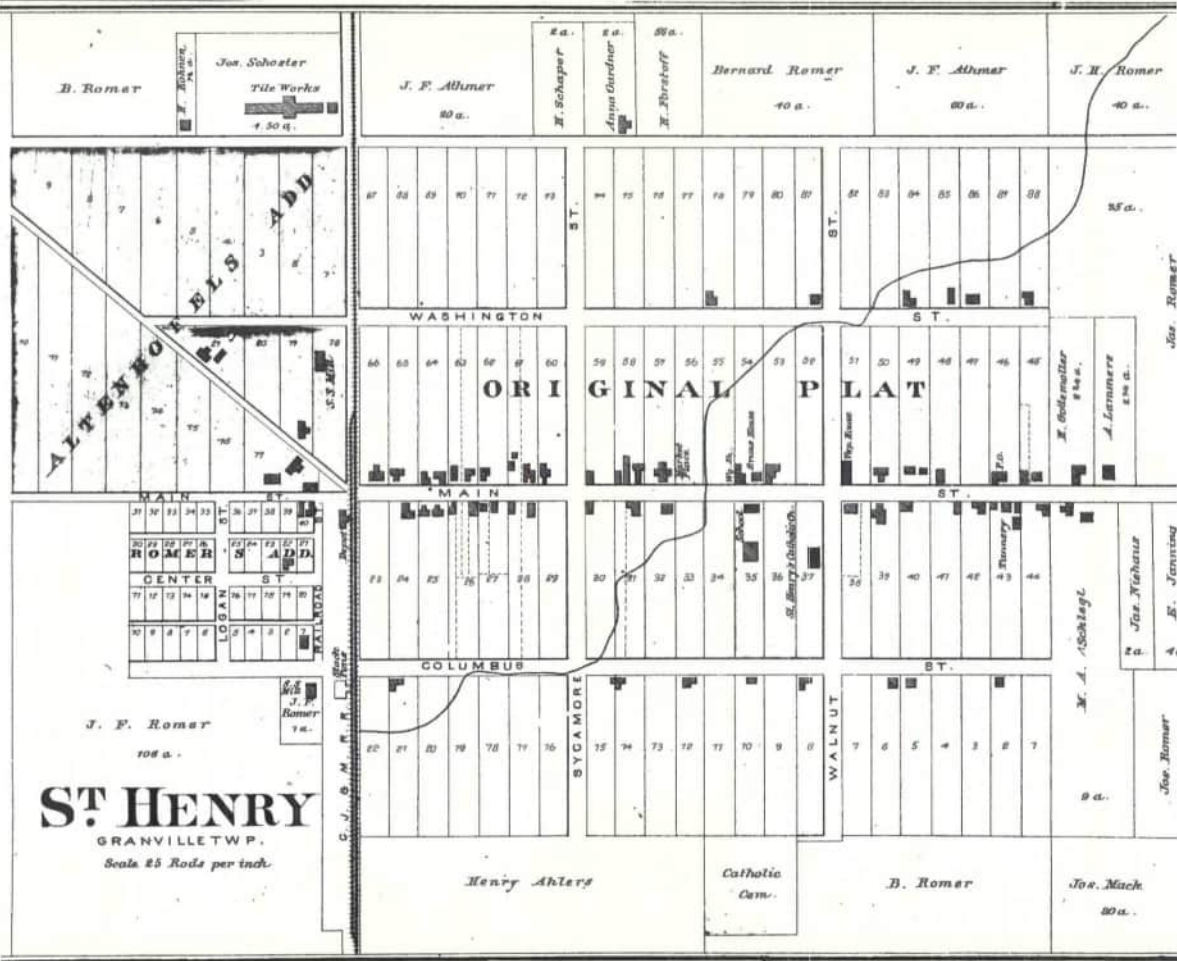
**West end of Main Street.**

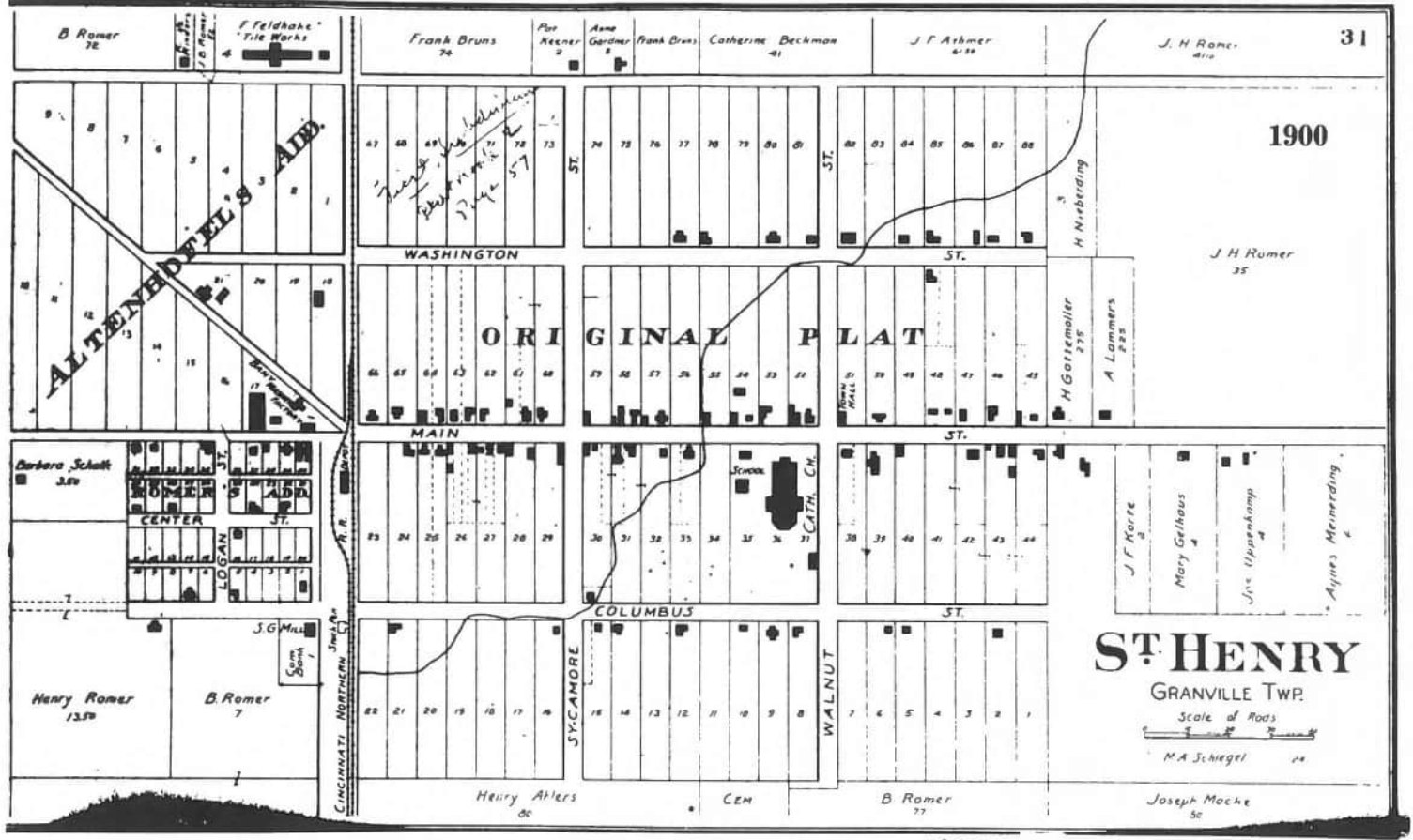


**East Main - looking East.**



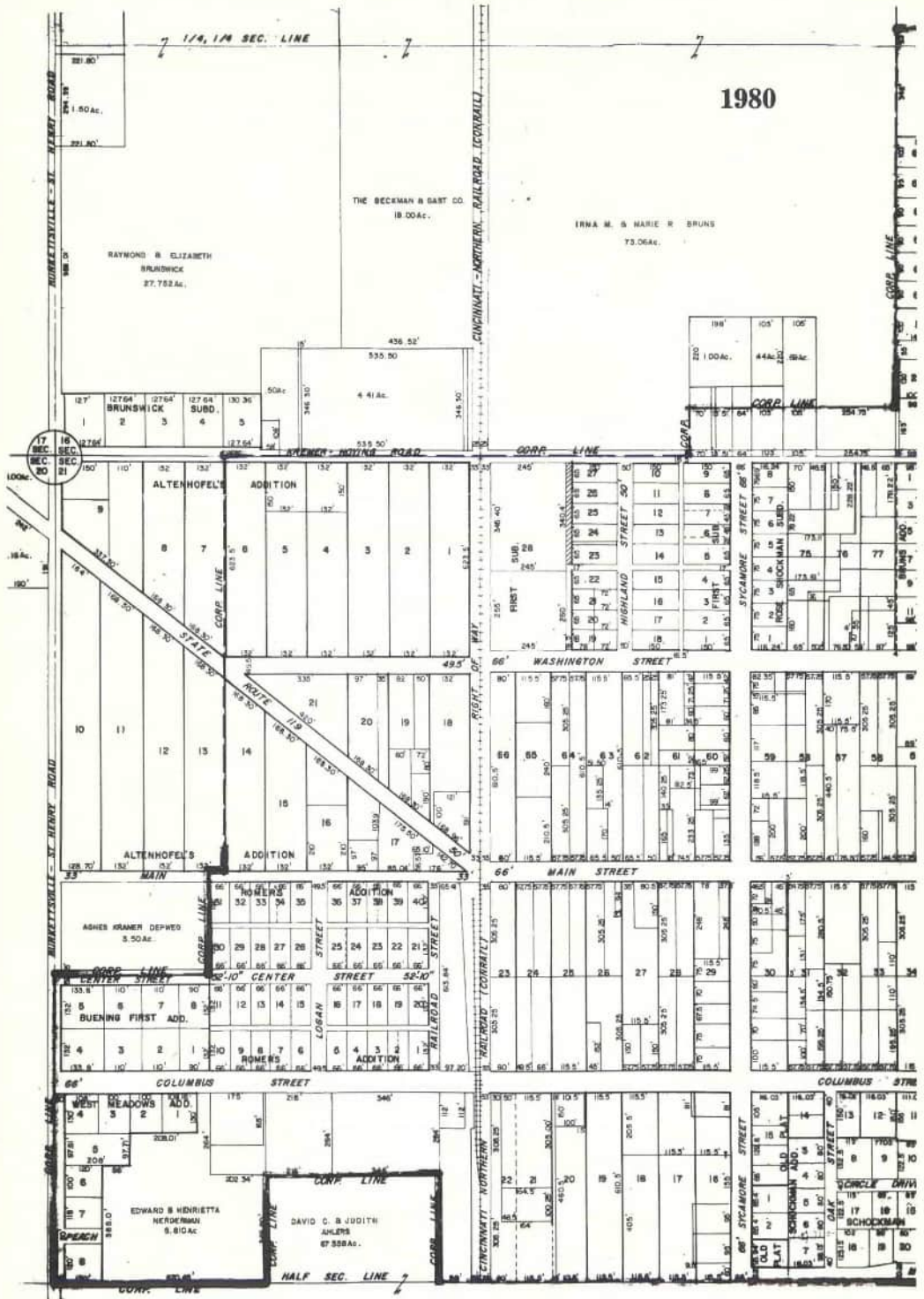
**East Main - looking West.**

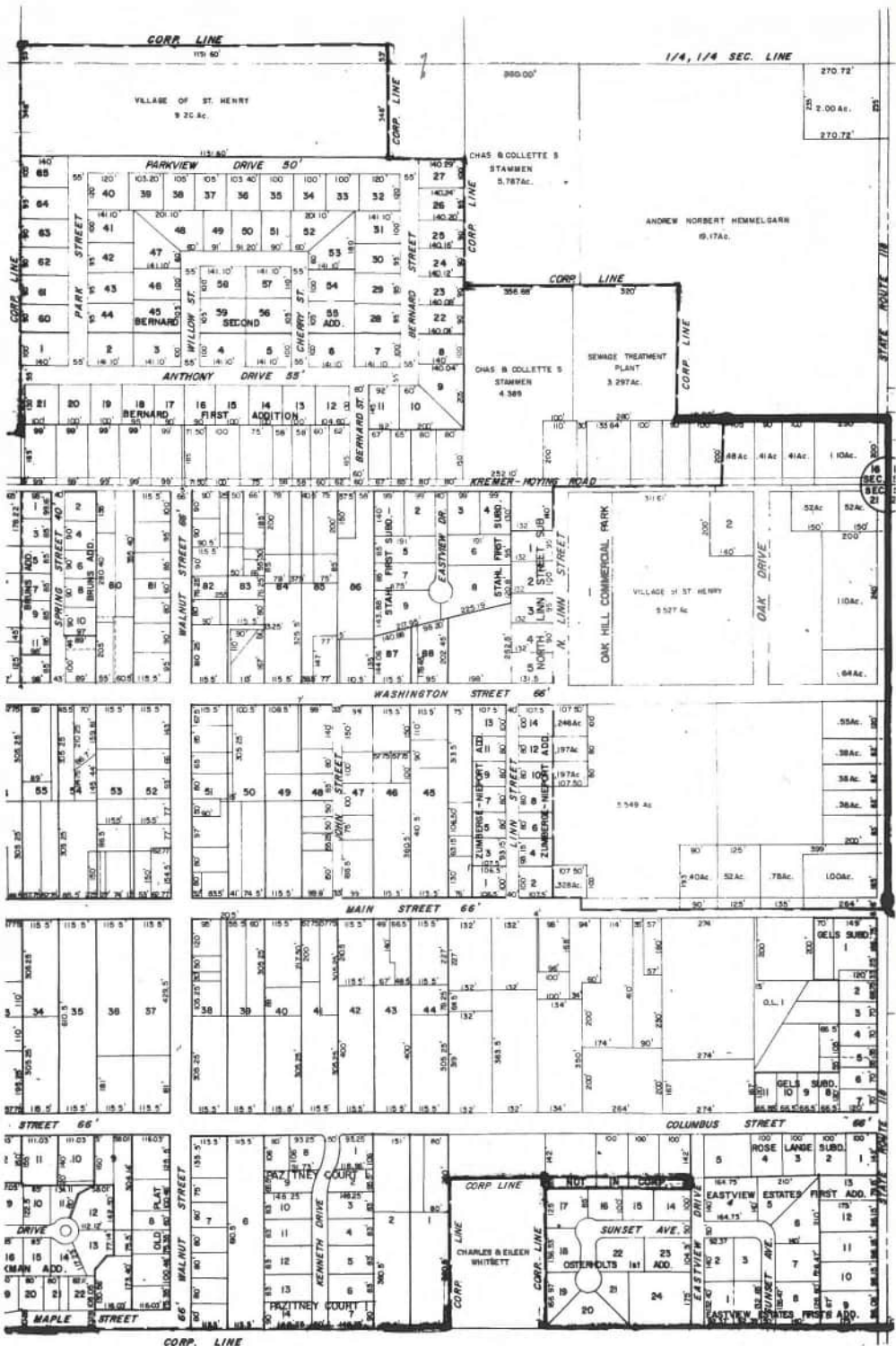




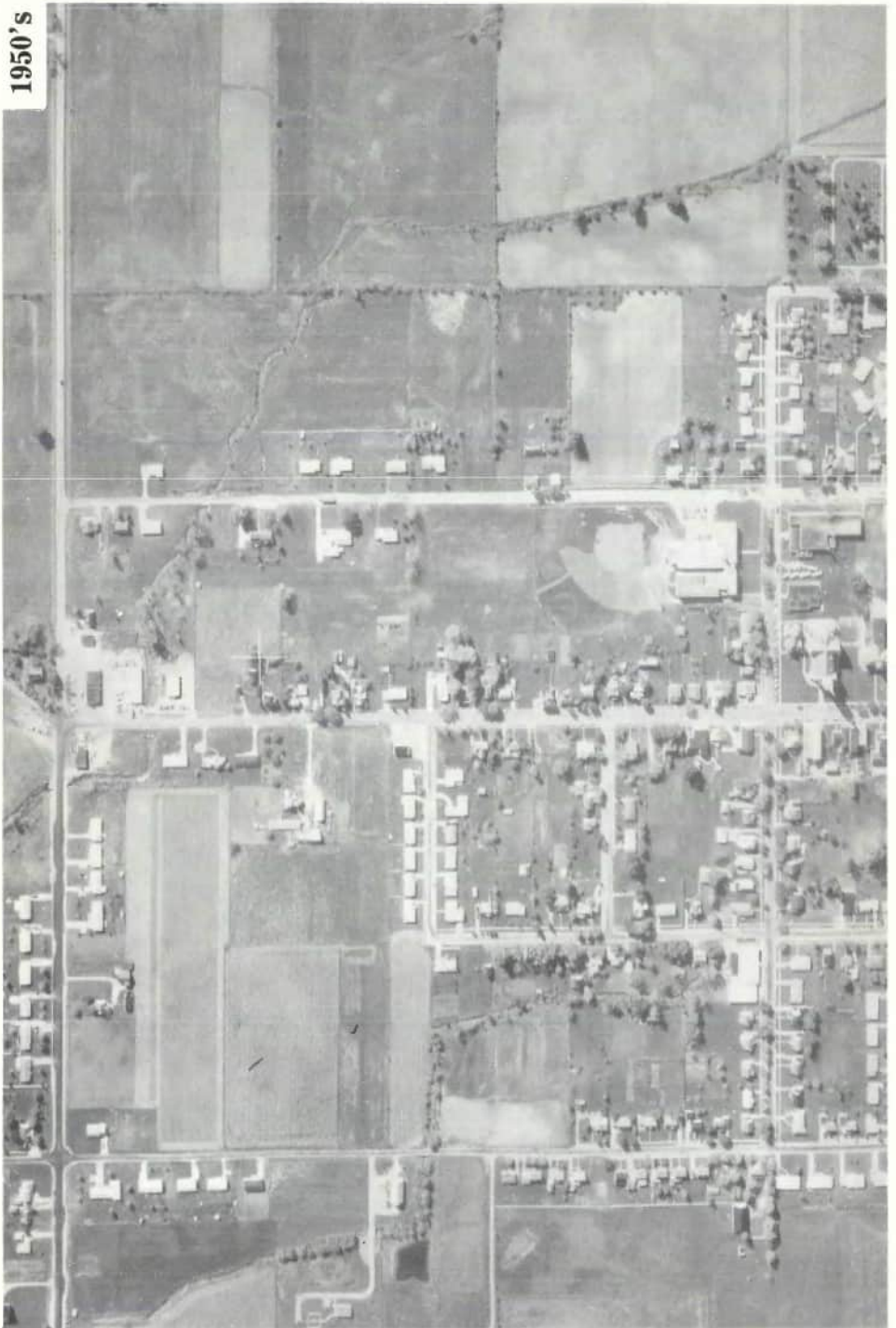


1980





1950's







**Lewis Gast and Sons, Early 1950's.**  
Left to right: John Gast, Robert Gast,  
Lewis Gast, William Gast and Jim  
Gast.

### **The Beckman and Gast Company 282 Kremer-Hoying Road**

A canning factory has been in operation at the site of The Beckman and Gast Company since 1907. Originally the name had been The Pioneer Canning & Manufacturing Company. It changed hands several times and was finally purchased by Lewis H. Gast and Luke F. Beckman in 1928 and was incorporated as The Beckman and Gast Company in 1930. In 1950 The Beckman and Gast Company was sold to Lewis H. Gast and Sons while the Minster Canning Company which had been held by Beckman and Gast went to Luke Beckman.

A variety of items have been canned here including red beets, carrots, pumpkin, dry beans, bean sprouts, turtle soup and Friday chili — a chili made with turtle meat. Currently the plant packs whole tomatoes, stewed tomatoes, tomato juice and green beans, both cut and french-style. These vegetables are grown on company operated farms and by local growers.



**Our first truck — 1946.**



**1986 employees with Pixall Bean Harvester.**

**From Left to right: Tony Sturgis, Jane Gast, Trish Albers, Tom May, Bill Gast, Chuck Jacobs, Tom Stammen, Ken Moeller, Bob Rose, Jack Bergman, Ken Van Tilburg, Joan Delzeith, Gary Broering. Top: Bo Gast, Nick Gast.**

Past presidents of the company include Luke Beckman, Lewis Gast, James Gast and William Gast. William Gast was the latest recipient of the H.D. Brown award for outstanding achievement in the food industry in Ohio and has served as President of the Ohio Food Processors Association as have James Gast and Luke Beckman. Robert Gast who served as the companies sales manager from the 1950's to 1981 was also instrumental in building the company to its current position. Present officers include Charles J. Bergman, president; William J. Gast, vice-president of agriculture; Nick Gast, vice-president of production, Osgood branch; Gerald Broering, vice-president of production, St. Henry; and Patricia L. Albers, secretary-treasurer. Most sales are arranged through brokers who make the direct contact with buyers for the large grocery store chains such as Kroger's, Marsh's or Cardinal Stores. Merchandise is labeled to customer specifications and shipped year round to points through out the mid-west, east coast and many southern states. The plant has continually expanded to its current size of approximately 56M feet. Full time employment is at about 15 with seasonal expansion bringing it up to nearly 150. Starting in 1985, all tomatoes were harvested with machines — Button-Johnson's. Beans are picked by a huge 4 row Pixall bean harvester. All of the plant engineering is done by company staff and much of the equipment used is also custom made. The plant is clean and employs all of the most modern methods for packing a product which enjoys an excellent reputation with its customers.



**Mercer Beverage Company  
221 North Walnut**

Mercer Beverage Company was founded as the Fullenkamp Distributing Co. in 1930 by John Fullenkamp who acted as owner and General Manager. The company sold ice and soft drinks prior to the end of prohibition. John's four sons, Ray, Louis, Marinus "Tiny" and Alfred "Red", plus three other men worked at the business.

In 1930, 1931 and 1932 ice was retrieved from the old brewery pond just east of the Beckman and Gast Company. There was a long pulley and cable attached to the building; as John Heinrichs had his mules pull away from the building the ice was pulled off the pond onto a ramp. It was cut into large chunks and stored in the ice house and covered with sawdust and straw. As much as 250 tons a year were removed from the pond. The ice harvest generally employed 500 men and when the ice house was full the workers held a celebration.

The ice was peddled from door to door all summer. As the ice was delivered to area homes the delivery man would wash it under a pump and then put it in the ice box. Most ice boxes in the homes held 50 pounds and delivery was made twice a week.

In 1932 John Fullenkamp started buying artificially made ice from Minster, Ohio. The old pond was then used for fishing and swimming. As time progressed the pond became low on water and was abandoned. In the 1960's the pond was filled in by the Beckman and Gast Company who had purchased the land it was on some time before.

1933 saw John Fullenkamp move his business to its present location on Walnut Street. The site had previously been the home of Conover Creamery in the early 1900's. 1933 also saw Fullenkamp start selling beer. The company originally sold Wooden Shoe Beer from the Minster, Ohio brewery in Mercer and Auglaize counties. As business increased it became necessary to have more warehouse space so the present 50' x 100' cement block building was constructed in 1936. In later years another 50' x 100' metal building was added.



In 1938 the company had acquired distribution rights for Wagner Triple X, Pfeiffer, Wiedemann, Hudepohl, Budweiser and Carling Beers. Distribution was being done in Van Wert, Mercer, Darke and Auglaize counties. At this time beer was sold for \$1.25 per case and a good account might sell two cases a week. The draft beer as well as the bottled beer was in wooden cases and barrels and all were unloaded and loaded by hand. Often the wooden barrels would shrink and leak. One out of three was a leaker.

In 1946, John made it possible for his four sons, Ray, Louis, Tiny and Red to take over the business. The business was later incorporated as "Fullenkamp Distributing Co." As the years progressed Strohs Beer was acquired and became the principle brand. An event looked forward to each year was the St. Henry's St. Patrick Day Parade featuring green beer.

John Fullenkamp passed away in 1969 and the brothers ran the business until 1971 when it was sold to Tina Litchin and Florence Rouseff of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

November 1, 1971, Ralph Selby was appointed President and General Manager. At that time the brands handled were Strohs, Goebel, Wiedemann and Old German. In 1973 distribution rights for Blatz, Drewrys and Genesse were purchased from Wiatt Weaver, owner of Van Wert Distributing Co. The Van Wert business was closed and all operations were moved to St. Henry.

Later in 1973, Ace Wholesale Beverage Company in Sidney, Ohio was purchased from Harold and Richard Frierott. This gave the company Miller, Lite, Lowenbrau, Colt 45, Old Dutch and Meister Brau brands as well as distribution rights in Logan, Champaign and Shelby counties.

The acquisition of more brands and territory made it necessary to expand the warehouse five times to its now 30,000 square feet capacity. The present name was taken in 1973 after the purchase of the two other distributorships. Mercer Beverage Company in 1980 sold one million cases of beer and employed thirty-five people and had thirteen routes daily. Two employees Paul Niekamp and Cletus Beyke have been with Mercer Beverage Company since October 1, 1946.





**Rutschilling, Inc.**  
**331 Western**

The Bimel Wheel and Spoke Factory, later known as the Bimel Handle Factory, began operations in 1899. The Bimel Company purchased the Moeder Brothers Sawmill in 1903. The Moeder Brothers were operating their sawmill as early as 1884. J.H. Hartings was the Manager of the Bimel Co. in 1907, and in 1910 Hartings purchased the sawmill. Hartings had the mill until his sons, Aloys and Urban, took over the mill operations in 1925.

Rutschilling Sawmill was founded in 1952 when Lawrence Rutschilling bought the sawmill from Aloys and Urban Hartings. In 1961, Leroy and his brother Wilbert took over the sawmill when their father retired. They then purchased the old Fox and Hess Mill building which had been standing empty for a number of years. The summer of 1962, they erected the present block and brick office building on the site. This contained the new lawnmower and chainsaw sales and service business they also operated. This part of the business was sold in 1981.

In 1961, they purchased the Builders Supply business from Linus Lammers, which they operated until 1969, when this part of the business was sold to the St. Henry Tile Co.

In 1966, the sawmill was completely destroyed by fire and was rebuilt and enlarged. The logs are bought from landowners in a radius of 50 miles from the mill. The mill produces grade lumber, pallet material, structural timber, dimensional lumber and lumber for general use by area farmers and land owners. The sawdust is used by the area farmers for bedding. In 1974, a chipper was installed and all slabs and waste are chipped and trucked to a roofing company where asphalt shingles are made. A larger chipper was installed in 1979 and more of the mill was automated.



In 1973 they purchased the Lammers Cement Specialty property east of the railroad. This is used for storage of logs and lumber. In 1975, Leroy purchased his brother's share of the business and in 1978 formed Rutschilling Inc. That same year, another large addition was added to the mill and additional new automated equipment was installed.

In 1981 the abandoned Penn Central railroad property east of the sawmill was purchased, giving them better loading and unloading facilities. The railroad tracks had been removed several years earlier.

In 1985, Kiln Dried lumber for hobbieist and furniture makers was added to the business. Also, a new by-product "Roywood" for natural campfires was introduced in 1986.

Rutschilling Sawmill started with 5 employees who did the logging as well as worked in the sawmill. In 1974, Ken Jacobs took over the loghauling end of the business and since then has hauled the logs on a subcontract basis to the mill after they are bought by a representative of the sawmill. The chips are also hauled on a subcontract basis with Romie Buening.

Today, Rutschilling Inc. employs 18 people which includes the sawmill and office personnel. Deliveries are made by a company truck in a 35 mile radius. Contract orders for shipping to all parts of the United States and Canada are picked up FOB at the sawmill.





**The Saint Henry Bank  
231 East Main**

The St. Henry Bank was organized as a private bank in 1904 by J.H. Romer, Henry Romer, William H. Romer, John G. Romer and Edward F. Romer. In 1906, a two story building was erected and occupied until 1924. At that time, a new building was constructed and this building still serves its customers today.

The bank has always been noted to be a modern financial institution in southern Mercer County. In 1968, it became the first bank in the county to have computerized checking accounts. In 1975, a branch office was opened in Maria Stein, Ohio to serve its customers in that community.





Currently, the bank has total assets of 59 million dollars. Many changes over the years have affected how banking transactions are handled. Pen and pencils have been replaced by much high technology equipment. The bank has just completed installation of its own in-house NCR computer. All data processing is now done internally. Loans are no longer prepared manually, but typed on an IBM mini-computer.

In the last few years, a 3-lane drive-in was built to serve drive-up customers. These people are waited on while sitting in their automobiles parked 50 feet away from the bank. Their transactions are delivered to them through under-ground pneumatic tubes.

Also, an automatic teller machine (ATM) has been installed to allow a customer access to his accounts 24-hours a day. This is done through the use of a plastic card which has a customer's accounts encoded on it.

The directors of the bank are Don Evers, Albert Romer, Betty Romer, John Romer and Frank Woeste. Officers are John Romer-President, Donald Evers-Cashier, Frank Woeste-Loan Officer and Carl Hess-Maria Stein Manager.

Other employees include Kathy Fullenkamp, Mary Gagel, Diane Gremaux, Bonnie Heckman, Donna Hess, Esther Homan, Nancee Homan, Marlene Klose, Ginny Kremer, Thomas Kunk, Teresa Poling, Joyce Rindler, Diane Siegrist, Elaine Uhlenhake, Anita Wendel.





**St. Henry Tile Company, Inc.**  
**281 West Washington**

The history of St. Henry Tile Co. goes back to the early 1900's when Mr. Herman Knapke bought the St. Henry Tile Co. from Mr. Ben Macke. The tile yard at that time was located on Washington Street just south of the canning factory Mr. Macke owned. In 1946 Linus Lammers bought the operation and ran it until 1960 when Al Homan, Robert Boeckman and Ray Kremer purchased it. In 1968 they purchased additional land and buildings south of the plant across Washington Street where the main office is now located.

Through the years the St. Henry Tile Co. has grown in production and size. In the early years concrete field tile, cement, gravel and coal were sold. In 1966 the operation was expanded to include ready mixed concrete and in the next 10 years building supplies, manufactured pre-cast items and brick became part of the retail operation.

The St. Henry Tile Co., Inc. now includes the main plant in St. Henry, Ohio, a ready mix plant and building material operation in Berne, Indiana, a sand and gravel operation in Geneva, Indiana and a building material retail store in Celina, Ohio. These plants employ a total of 40 employees, with Al Homan, president; Louis J. Stahl, Gene Subler and Robert Homan as officers of the Corporation today.



Laying new siding for Linus' factory – 1946.



**St. Henry Lumber & Supply**  
**131 East Main**

After 17 years of operation, Ray and Mildred Wuebker closed St. Henry Laundry in May, 1980. At this time Tom and Vicki Wuebker re-vamped the building and installed an office and a showroom. This new business was named St. Henry Lumber & Supply. The building stands on Lot 58, a site originally occupied by the large building which housed Albert Gulde's clothing store, Ben Forstoefel's General Store and Uhlenhake's meat market. Ray Wuebker had the old building torn down in order to build the laundromat. While the laundry building was being redone there was a warehouse being built to store the lumber and building supplies. The warehouse was built behind Wuebker Pennzoil. A grand opening for St. Henry Lumber & Supply was held in July, 1980. St. Henry Lumber & Supply was open for business.

Throughout the succeeding years more and varied inventory was added. In May, 1983 a seamless gutter business was begun and installation of seamless guttering and downspouts was added to our line of inventory. The following May, Yorkshire Seamless Spotting was purchased which added another gutter machine and truck to the business.

St. Henry Lumber & Supply bought into a buying group, American Hardware Supply Co., Inc. in 1984. A membership in their Servistar program was obtained at the same time. With this membership periodic sales to the public were offered on all types of merchandise. St. Henry Lumber & Supply now carries a full line of lumber, building materials, windows, doors, hardware items and electrical supplies.

Tom's brother, Fred, joined the operation April 1, 1985. A partnership was formed which continues today.





### **Wuebker's Self-Service Pennzoil Station and Car Wash 121 East Main**

In 1962, Ray and Mildred Wuebker purchased from the estate of J.L. Uhlenhake (a former J.L. Uhlenhake meat and grocery building) and decided to build a self-service laundry known as the St. Henry Laundry. The laundry was opened in August of 1963 and the present building was erected by R.E. Bruns Construction of Cranberry Prairie.

In 1965, Ray and Mildred bought the apartment building (now the site of their present home) from Jesse Schlegel to enlarge his parking area and built the present self-serve car wash (opened in 1965) which they still own and operate. The apartment building for many years was the home of the St. Henry Post Office.

In 1977, they decided to build their present home and service station so they proceeded in tearing down the apartment building. Tom Wuebker Construction (our son) built the home and self-serve station and it was opened in November, 1977. Presently we are living in the home and operate the station. We are an independently operated Pennzoil dealer and have a computerized Datacon read-out system in the office for our convenience. Our motto is "To Sell Gas For Less and We Try."

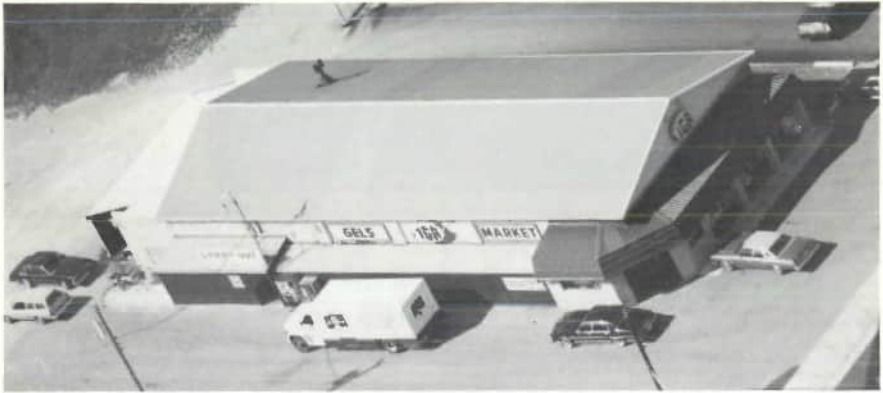
In May, 1981 we closed the laundry and sold the building to our son, Tom and he opened up a lumber and building supply operation now known as St. Henry Lumber & Supply. It is now owned by our son Tom, his wife, Vicki, and our son, Fred.

Ray and his wife, Mildred, raised five children and he was an assembly foreman at New Idea when he retired April 1, 1985 after 38 years of service. Also Ray was a real estate broker for 30 years prior to retiring December 31, 1985.

The photograph shows Gulde's store, with Tom Wuebker, Mary Ann Wuebker Hemmelgarn, Mildred Wuebker and Elaine Wuebker Seger.







**Gels I.G.A. Market  
685 East Main**

Jerry Gels and Ben Romer built the I.G.A. Supermarket in 1950. In 1950, R & G market was a Clover Farm Store, then in 1952, it was serviced by the White-Villa people and finally in 1957 the I.G.A. name was attached with their operation. Jerry Gels and Ben Romer remained partners between 1950 and 1958; Romer left in 1958 to go into the hardware business at 241 East Main. Gels continued in this supermarket business. In 1972, Charlie Gels, Jerry's son, took over the family operation of the store. Outside remodeling has changed the looks, but courteous service still continues. Fresh meats, produce, in-store deli-made pizza and sandwiches, state liquor agency in an expanded carry-out department are key and new features of the store. The year 1985 brought a reconditioned Main Street and in turn, added sidewalks to the east part of town.



**Clover Farm Stores  
1950**



**Gels IGA Market  
1971**



**Buehler's Meat Processing  
131 South Sycamore**

Buehler's Meat Processing, formerly called Gels Locker, was purchased from the Gels Brothers in 1980, by Jeff and Jill Buehler. They now do custom slaughtering, custom processing, have locker rentals, commercial cold storage, retail beef sides and quarters and retail cuts of frozen beef and pork.

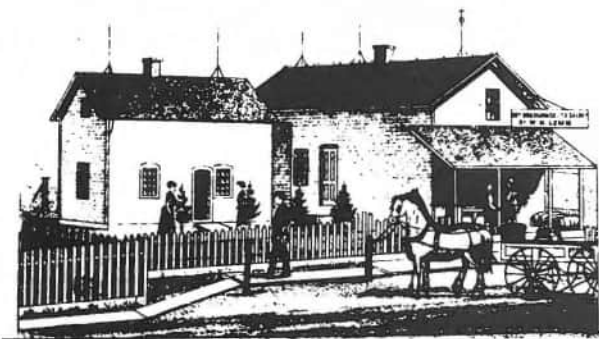
They also sell a large volume of wholesale and retail ice. Buehler's Meat Processing also have carry-out beer and pop, cold cuts and canned beef.



**Lefeld Pro Hardware  
202 West Main**

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lefeld have owned this business since 1959.

The history of this building goes back to 1882, when William Lemm sold dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes and notions until 1892. J.J. Romer took over the business in 1893 and later accepted Mr. Feldhake as a partner. Eleven months later, after Mr. Feldhake's death, his widow sold her interest to Joseph Bruns. Five years later, they separated amicably and Mr. Romer remained in the Lefeld building until December 1, 1903, when he purchased the stock of John Henry Romer across from the church. About 1904, Anton Schuerman moved into the Lefeld building, after having bought the hardware business from Tumbusch and Gardner who had their hardware and implement business at the site of the Mobil Bulk Plant. Mr. Anton Schuerman died in 1916. Mrs. Anton Scheurman ran the store under the name of Mrs. A. Schuerman. Mr. Al Feldhake ran the store for his mother under the name of Schuerman Hardware. In 1949, Al Feldhake bought the store from his mother. A decade later, he sold the store to Ben and Agnes Lefeld, who have operated this business since then.



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DEY, GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES, GROCERIES & HANDBARE  
The Property for Sale

**Albers TV**  
**202 West Main**

Frank Albers began Albers TV in February 1982. He opened business in Lefeld Pro Hardware Building. Albers TV deals in Quasar Television Sales and Service. Albers also provides service for other brands of television. He added Channel Master Satellite Receiving Systems in 1984; Quasar Video Recorders were added to the line in 1984.

Video Movie Rental began in February 1986, with an initial inventory of 450 movies.

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**Gene Buschur Real Estate**  
**431 East Main**

Gene Buschur began as a salesman in 1962. In 1964, he became a broker and started his own business. His son Jeff has been an associate since 1983. They sell farms, homes and businesses. Their office is located at 431 East Main Street, St. Henry, Ohio.

## B & L Construction

B & L Construction, a St. Henry based general contracting and excavation partnership, originally began as a part-time venture initiated by Robert and Linus Lefeld.

While working at St. Henry Tile Co., they used their off work hours to complete small scale concrete projects. By the spring of 1969, the positive outlook prompted them to leave their jobs at St. Henry Tile Co. and form the partnership of B & L Construction.

In 1973 Tom Lefeld, Robert and Linus's brother, joined the partnership. In 1981 they built a shop at 322 West Columbus Street.

With a full-time work force of 7 people and an average seasonal employment of 12-15, B & L Construction strives to contribute to and serve the St. Henry Community and surrounding area.



**New sidewalks for Main Street, 1986.**



**Bruns Distributing Co., Inc.**  
**550 East Kremer-Hoying Road**

Gerald Bruns began distributing Pepsi Products from his garage at his home on Kremer-Hoying Road in September 1965. His wife, Ethel, is employed as secretary-bookkeeper of the corporation and his son Dan as a full time route salesman. Bruns purchases products through RKO Pepsi bottlers of Lima, Ohio and in turn distributes these throughout the area. As the business grew, Bruns purchased the Howard Osterholt building on South Sycamore Street in August of 1968.

In September of 1984, yet another move was needed for more space. Bruns is now located in his new building at Industrial Park Oak Hill Addition, which includes the area from Kremer-Hoying Road to Washington Street. Bruns now has three trucks in operation and in addition to his family employs two part-time personnel.

The Bruns' now operate on a computer basis.





**Emiliano Feliciano, M.D.**  
**161 South Walnut**

Doctor Emiliano Feliciano began general practice in St. Henry, Ohio, October 1, 1970. He has continued in family practice and obstetrics in St. Henry to the present time. Since Dr. Feliciano came to St. Henry, he states that the number of physicians in Mercer County has increased ten fold and the area has many specialists. The Community Hospital in Coldwater has modern equipment comparable to the hospitals in much bigger cities. Dr. Feliciano has seen a lot of improvements in the field of Medicine these past years. Dr. Feliciano succeeded Dr. Robert Slusher in 1970, who had served St. Henry for 34 years. Earlier St. Henry doctors were Dr. Schirack, Dr. J.J. Mory, Dr. Ryan, Dr. Adam Edelman and Dr. William Jones.

In 1983, Dr. Feliciano opened an office in Celina, Wednesday and Friday afternoons 1:00-5:00; Saturday 10:00-1:00; and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5:00-7:00.

He still maintains his office in St. Henry, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 and Friday morning 10:00-12:00. Dr. Feliciano exclusively admits his patients to Joint Township Community Hospital, Coldwater.



**Gerlach Machine & Tool, Inc.**  
**2629 State Route 118**

The company first started in April of 1969 and was known as Gerlach Welding. It was started by Charles Gerlach on a part-time basis and operated from a garage behind the house. In October of 1973 the business was operated on a full-time basis. The name was changed to Gerlach Machine & Tool and still operated out of the garage. The company employed three full-time employees and one part-time employee. The company was doing tool work and designing and building special machinery for industry.

In 1976 business increased and more space was needed. In July a new steel building was constructed consisting of 3,500 square feet. The building was constructed on two acres of land purchased from a neighbor, Andrew Hemmelgarn. In November of 1979 a corporation was formed. Charles as President and Treasurer and Annrita, his wife, as Vice-President and Secretary. In October of 1980 the company took on a line of production machining. Gerlach Machine & Tool, Inc. now employs seven full-time employees and one part-time employee. The corporation does production machining for industry located in Van Wert, Columbus, Enon, Logan and Springfield, Ohio. Our peak season for production machining runs from March through October and 10,000 pieces are machined and shipped per day. Gerlach Machine & Tool, Inc. also has specially designed and built machinery located in California, Tennessee, Ohio, Oklahoma and the country of Norway.





**Hogenkamp Funeral Home  
221 East Main**

Originally, the embalming and the viewing of the deceased was conducted at the home of the deceased. As time progressed the trend developed, due to better facilities and equipment and the convenience factor, among other advantages, the viewing and funeral services were conducted from the "Funeral Home."

The early history of the funeral home in St. Henry dates back to Fred Goettemoeller, who operated his business from the building that exists at 341 East Main Street. Mr. Goettemoeller sold the business to Henry Schmidt and after he operated it for a short while he sold the business to Harry and Harold Romer. The Romers moved the funeral business above the current St. Henry Hardware and Furniture store. In 1921, Stanley Romer became a partner in the business with Harry Romer. In the ensuing years Stanley Romer became sole owner and operator and moved the funeral business to its current location at 221 East Main Street.

N.J. Hogenkamp Sons Inc., purchased the funeral home on July 11, 1960 from Stanley Romer. Since 1960 the resident managers have been: N.P. Hogenkamp, 1960-1963; B. Jay Hogenkamp, 1963-1965; and Ed Garmann, 1965-1966. The current manager, Larry Heitkamp, began his employment at Hogenkamp's in 1966.



**Jacobs & Sons Logging  
132 North Sycamore**

Kenneth and Marjorie Jacobs began Jacobs & Sons Logging August, 1972. Before Ken started his own business, he was employed at Rutschilling Sawmill since December 5, 1957.

Jacobs & Sons Logging cuts, skids and hauls logs to various sawmills. The area covered for logging has expanded from Mercer County to a 100 mile radius.

In 1986, in addition to Ken, they employ their three sons (Tim, Mark and Jerry) and Ron Rutschilling.

The equipment used to process the logs are two John Deere grapple skidders, a W14 Case loader and a 120 Prentice Knuckleboom loader. The logs are hauled in on two Semi Tractor Trailers.





**Mercer Landmark Inc.  
281 West Main**

The Farmers Grain and Milling Company built their elevator in 1910. It was later known as the Landman Milling Co., and the United Grain and Milling Co. Circa 1939, they installed a new scale and built a new two story warehouse to handle their increasing business. Landmark purchased the elevator from United Grain and Milling Co. in December 1957. Equally historical was the old elevator which was built by Fox and Hess in 1901; Joe Davis was in charge of this elevator. Fox and Hess were the sole owners of that mill until its sale to Landmark about 1947 or 1948. It was operated until 1958 when it was torn down. The Fox and Hess building stood at the site of Rutschilling Sawmill.

The present elevator made bran, midds and bagged Silverleaf Flour until 1951. The equipment was run by steam engine power. In 1958 United Grain Co. sold the present elevator to Mercer Landmark. In 1961, a fertilizer warehouse was built for bagged facility and then was converted to a bulk warehouse and blend plant in early 1967. A seventy-thousand bushel grain storage and grain dryer were added in the early 1970's. In 1986, a 50 ton bulk feed storage was added and the office and store area was remodeled. Landmark offers complete feed service, fertilizer, chemicals, seed, animal health products and livestock equipment, to name only a few items. Landmark employs six people at the St. Henry Elevator.





### **Mercer Oil, Inc. Railroad & Center Streets**

Formerly known as the Mobil Oil Co., Mercer Oil, Inc. came into existence in November of 1980. It was at this time, Mobil wanted to sell all of its bulk plants. They were to be sold and become a distributor of Mobil Oil Corporation.

The original petroleum hauler in St. Henry was John Gels. When Mobil bought him out, Isadore Droesch was the first driver for them. Norb Dippold recalled having five or six large bulk tanks in 1941. At present, there are nine tanks plus a warehouse for oils, lubes and greases at the location.

When Bill Reiling began his employment with Mobil, he had a 550 gallon truck. His truck was unloaded with funnels and buckets and usually put into 55 gallon drums. Today, Walt Fortkamp uses an eighteen hundred gallon tank truck and pumps off three loads on any given busy day. Through the years, Bill Dues and Harold "Whitey" Thobe have also been associated with Mobil.

The office is now located at 342 Center Street, being moved from the old Mobil building at 331 West Main. In November of 1980, Phillip Martin and his associates purchased the bulk plant from Mobil. In April of 1983, the bulk plant was purchased by Walt (Doc) and Thelma Fortkamp. Besides delivery by the small tank truck in predominantly the southern part of Mercer County, delivery can also be made by a semi load delivery of 8800 gallon of gas or 7600 gallon of diesel of #2 fuel oil.

## The Messenger Press

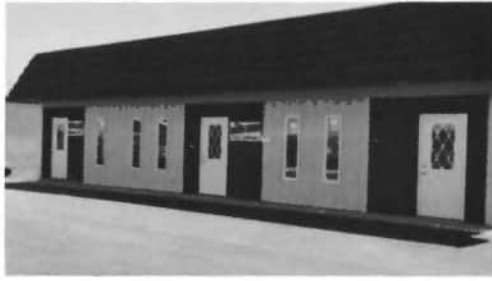
The Messenger Press, owned and operated by the Society of the Precious Blood, is a printing establishment which began at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana in the early 1900's. It was moved to Mercer County at Carthagena, Ohio in 1922, and set up in the south basement at St. Charles Seminary. The "Messenger of the Precious Blood" and a similar magazine, "Der Botschafter", were the main publications at that time. Since the early years the Messenger Press has always done commercial printing for churches and business establishments in the area and as far away as Dayton. The editors, typesetters and printers were Precious Blood Priests and Brothers.

As time went on and the business grew, laymen were hired to help with typesetting and press work. In 1961, the printing operation was moved to its present location directly behind the main building of St. Charles Seminary.

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.



*The Messenger Press salutes St. Henry, Ohio on its 150th Anniversary and offers Congratulations to all the residents for their various achievements over the years.*



**Osterholt Sales & Service Inc.  
644 East Main**

Howard Osterholt began his business on July 1, 1948 as a garage and a body shop at 151 South Sycamore Street. In 1953 Osterholt acquired the franchise for Rambler cars, later known as American Motors. In 1967 he moved his business to 652 East Main Street, where he continued until 1986 when Dan Osterholt, his son, who had been employed in the body shop, took over the body shop which continues in the building. Mr. Osterholt built a new office at 644 East Main and continues with the late model used cars sales.

**The Movie Shoppe  
642 East Main**

Howard and Betty Osterholt opened The Movie Shoppe in February, 1986. They have a large selection of VHS movie tapes to rent out.

**Osterholt Trailer Park**

The Osterholts opened the Osterholt Trailer Park in the spring of 1974 and have space for six mobile homes.

**Osterholt Body Shop**

Osterholt Body Shop was originally part of Osterholt Sales and Service, Inc. In 1986 Dan Osterholt began ownership of the Body Shop and continues to do body work and paint work.





### **Romer-Knueve Pharmacy 255 East Main**

Romer Store owned and operated by Stanley Romer from 1923 to 1971 and Mrs. Stanley (Loretta) Romer from 1971 to present changed its name on May 14, 1979 to Romer-Knueve Pharmacy. At this time a full line prescription service was added to the store by Charles and Margaret (Kinkley) Knueve, granddaughter of Stanley and Loretta Romer. The store also has health and beauty aids, greeting cards, jewelry, film and processing, assorted gifts, school supplies, religious articles, candy, soda fountain and the Ohio lottery.

In addition to Loretta and Chuck owning and operating each of their businesses, the store also employs Lucille Stahl, Margaret Rinderle, Linda Kunk, Jill Romer another granddaughter of Stanley and Loretta Romer, and several relief pharmacists.

In 1940 Stanley Romer replaced the original wood-lapsided log cabin structure with the present brick building. The older picture is from the interior of the original structure; the newer from the present building. By comparing the two pictures one can see that the interior of the buildings are structurally similar. The dramatic changes are evident in the volume of merchandise and the methods of displaying this merchandise.





### **J.J. Romer Clothing 314 East Main**

Joseph J. and Patricia (Hoelscher) Romer purchased Buschor Department Store on July 1, 1976 from Louis and Verna Buschor. This business has been operated by families who are descendants of the earliest businessmen in St. Henry.

J.H. Romer, who originally operated the store on the east side of the present location of St. Henry Hardware & Furniture, 279 East Main, from 1867-1903. He sold his business to his nephew Joseph J. Romer, who is the present owner's grandfather, on May 25, 1907. St. Henry Advocate advertised J.J. Romer's General Store as carrying an immense stock of dry goods, clothing, furnishings, shoes, hats and caps — everything that went to make a general store. After J.J. Romer's death, Harry, Harold and Stanley Romer sold the business to Beckman & Gast, who had a retail grocery and dry goods business at this site between 1923 and 1927. Harry Romer then purchased the store and operated it till his two sons purchased the store from him. Harry Romer Jr. bought the dry goods side on the west side of the building. Lowell bought the grocery side on the east side. In 1949 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Buschor purchased the business from her brother Harry Romer Jr.

Joseph J. Romer moved the store to the location that previously was St. Henry Furniture, 341 East Main, on February 23, 1983. In April of 1986, he moved his location across the street to 314 East Main, into the building owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tumbusch.

### **J.J.'s Cutting Edge 314 East Main**

The Barber Shop was opened on February 1, 1986 by Joseph J. Romer. J.J.'s Cutting Edge is located in the same building as the new J.J. Romer Clothing Store.





**Ron's Service  
301 West Main**

Ron and Jane Moeller bought the service station business from Nip Wehrkamp in April 1970. At that time Mobil Oil Company owned the building and also occupied the back part of the building for its office for the bulk plant. The building was purchased by the Moellers from Mobil Oil Company in September 1975. This enabled the business to be expanded through the years from a two bay service station to a four bay garage operation. Currently employed as full time mechanics are Bill Dysert, Jr. and Bruce Dysert.

Charles "Tubbie" Schrage had the station from 1937 to 1957; Oscar Borgerding and Alvin "Squeak" Uhlenhake were his employees; Schrage sold out to Wehrkamp in 1957. This building was not always a garage. Mrs. Jacob Bany built this building in 1910. On the south side of the building, there were three places of business. Wallpaper was sold on the west side; pianos were sold in the center; an ice cream parlor was managed on the east side. Harry Romer had a dry goods business in this building in the 1920's. Other businesses, e.g. a grocery store, were also housed in this building. Dances and programs were held on the second floor of the building.





**St. Henry Hardware & Furniture**  
**279 East Main**

Larry and Pat Balster own and operate St. Henry Hardware and Furniture. The west building was built by J.H. Romer in 1889; then in 1903, sold to J.J. Romer, who had a general store. In 1906, the east side was erected and occupied by the St. Henry Bank until 1924. After J.J. Romer's death, Harry, Harold and Stanley Romer sold this business to Beckman and Gast about 1923. In 1927 Harry Romer bought out Beckman and Gast. Harry ran the store until his sons, Harry, Jr. bought the dry goods side on the west and Lowell Romer bought the grocery side on the east. Jake Buschor bought the dry goods side from Harry Jr., a few years later. In 1975 J.J. Romer bought the dry goods business from Jake Buschor and in 1982 moved the dry goods business to 341 East Main. Lowell sold the grocery side to Wm. Lichtle who then closed the business around 1962. Carl Kohn opened a grocery for a year or so. In 1965 Ben Romer moved the St. Henry Hardware to the east side, and in 1973, he sold the hardware business to Larry and Pat Balster. In 1981 Ken Coffield, 341 East Main, sold the St. Henry Furniture to Larry and Pat Balster, who, in 1982, moved the St. Henry Furniture to the west side of the building at 279 East Main.



**St. Henry Nite Club, Inc.  
351 West Main**

When visiting Denver, Colorado (nicknamed the mile high city), a few years ago, they were talking to a young bartender and talking and joking about St. Henry being about a mile long and not even a mile wide. He asked, "And you own a Nite Club in that town?" Yes, who would believe a town of such population could keep two Nite Clubs in business.

But, what is it that brings people to the Nite Club? Is it their delicious, homemade pizzas and subs, or their deep-fried chicken they serve in the winter months? Or could it be their Bar-B-Que Chicken they serve in the summer months? Or is it just to meet with "the gang" after the football and basketball games? For an enjoyable night out, the Nite Club has occasional live entertainment in addition to Johnny R. on the harmonica; from Rock & Roll Bands, to Easy Listening, Country & Western, to Oldies So's Nite. Yes, the Nite Club has a lot more to offer than a drink and a chat with the guys after a hard day at work.

The St. Henry Nite Club, Inc., is owned by Steve Koesters, Frank Koesters and Bill Dues. Steve bought the business from Edna Koester in September 1980. In November 1985, he sold two-thirds of the business; one-third each to Frank and Bill, in order to have a little free time to spend with the family. Even having three owners, each holding another full-time job, the Nite Club keeps one full-time employee and 4-5 part-time employees.



**Left to right: Frank Koesters, Bill Dues, and Steve Koesters**



**Schockman Lumber Company  
342 West Columbus**

The P. Kuntz and Herr Lumber Company was incorporated in 1896. By 1907, they had built three large buildings and an office building. As time passed, Jos. Moeller and Herr were in partnership, then Moeller bought Herr's share. January 1, 1944, Louis, Clarence and Carl Schockman bought the lumber company from Joe Moeller and Henry Fiely. Clarence was the manager from 1944 until 1956; Louis was then the manager until 1970. Al Romer was manager from 1970 until he and his wife Ruth purchased Schockman Lumber Company in January 1977, and have continued this ownership to date.

About 1949, the company acquired the old poultry building from Morsey, and in 1953, 1960 and 1965 they erected more buildings for storage. They began their kitchen supply business in 1963. The greatest innovation came in 1967 when they got their hydraulic lift truck — they had a smaller one in 1965 — but they had previously had to unload everything by hand.

Today, 1986, the Romers have kept the name Schockman Lumber Company and have continued the operation. They have four trucks and two fork trucks. They furnish materials for houses, farm buildings and a multitude of kinds of buildings. They have seven and one-half employees providing good service to the public.



### **Dr. and Mrs. Gabriel Sellas**

Nicoletta Villa was born in Lecco, Italy in 1951. She grew up and went to school in her native Alpine town. Upon graduation she registered in the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy of Pavia University in the Italian plains where she studied and obtained her Doctorate in 1974. In 1972 she met the only Canadian medical student in town whom she later married and moved across the ocean with, upon his graduation, in 1977. She taught languages and linguistics at several Universities in Italy and in Canada, as she moved along with her ever specializing husband and their Baltimore born son, David (1983).

Gabriel Sella was born in Bucarest, Romania, in 1948. His childhood and early teenage years were spent in his native city. His family emigrated to Canada and he finished his high school in Montreal. He graduated with a B.Sc. in 1971 and he registered in the Faculty of Medicine at the same place as the girl he was to meet and marry. In 1977, with a wife and a new degree he returned to Montreal where he completed a Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynecology, a Master of Science and a medical internship. The young family moved then to Quebec City where he specialized in Internal and General and Preventive Medicine. The road to specialization and work took them to Baltimore where he specialized in Public Health (MPH), Sherbrooke, Quebec and Toronto, Ontario. The enlarged family moved then to Midale, Saskatchewan where he accepted the challenging assignment as the only physician for an area of 30 miles. At long last, in 1986 he took up the challenge of a family practice center in Osgood and the family chose as home the lovely center of St. Henry.



## H. R. Stachler Construction

H. R. Stachler Construction is owned and operated by Homer Stachler and located at 4949 Lange Road. He started construction work with his father in 1960, known then as Ray Stachler Construction. He worked for him until he retired. Then along with his brothers Myron of Chickasaw and Roger of St. Henry they became Stachler Brothers Construction. In 1976, he decided to go into business for himself. They work mostly with farm buildings and poultry buildings, but also do homes and remodeling. In 1986, he started his own cement crew for putting in house basements and foundations for other buildings using aluminum forms. The work force varies with the work load. During the summer months they employ as many as twenty-five men. During the winter this number is down to ten.





**Roger L. Stachler Construction, Inc.**  
**1766 State Route 118**

Roger L. Stachler Construction, Inc. has been in business since January 1, 1980.

Roger's corporation is really quite young, but there are many years of construction experience.

Roger is the oldest son of Ray Stachler, Ray was and still is quite a craftsman. Roger started going to work with his dad back in the mid-forties. They built anything in those days with few power tools. Ray and his crew built barns, houses and did lots of remodel work.

Things got slow in 1956, so Roger started to work for H.A. Dorsten. It was while he worked there that he learned concrete work. In 1962 Roger rejoined his dad's business. After that the Stachlers did all stages of building, from concrete through the final fine finish work.

In 1972 Ray retired and three of his sons started a company with the name Stachler Brothers Construction. In 1976 the youngest son went on his own, then there were two. In January of 1980 Roger and his brother split partnership, thus forming Roger L. Stachler Construction, Inc.

Roger now has 11 employees working for him. Roger, Virgil Tobe, Jerry Lange, Dan Schneider and Chad Stachler are kept busy remodeling and all phases of new construction from start to finish.

Since 1982 Roger expanded his work force to include his wife, Marjorie, Roberta Abels, Velma Hemmelgarn, Regina Lange, Betty Lange, Marie Moorman, and Jenny Stachler. These ladies are kept very busy with painting, staining, varnishing, papering and cleaning. Although they work for Roger, they call themselves Interiors by the Girls.

The two pictures shown show some of the fine cabinet work and the other, the beautiful job of papering in a bath. Call Roger or Marjorie for any work done for fine workmanship and reasonable prices.



### **Stammen Insurance Agency 310 East Main**

The Stammen Insurance Agency was started by Orville "Pete" Stammen on April 1, 1953.

The first phase of the business was three months of study to pass a state test for selling auto and fire insurance. August 1, 1954, Pete also started selling life insurance for Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Co. and is still selling for this same company.

During the first five years of the insurance business, Pete was also working as a purchasing agent for Mersman Bros. Furniture in Celina, Ohio. On February 1, 1958, Pete and his wife Lou Ann had to make the very important decision to go into the insurance business full time. This was a serious financial decision because at that time they had six of their nine children.

On June 10, 1974, a son Chuck entered the business with Pete and is selling all the same companies.

The agency office was in Pete and Lou Ann's residence at 412 East Kremer-Hoying Road for 23 years and then moved to 253 Main Street above Loretta Romer's Store for 9½ years. The agency is now located in a newly constructed office at 310 East Main Street since October 6, 1985.

On April 1, 1982, the Stammen's purchased another agency in Celina at 209 South Main Street. At that time, a son Tom joined the business and is operating out of the Celina office.

Another son Mark joined the business September 1, 1982 and is operating out of the St. Henry office.

The agency sells a complete line of insurance and is an independent agency writing for many different companies.

The photograph shows Tom, Chuck and Mark standing behind Pete Stammen.



## Tom's Construction 5056 Kremer-Hoying Road

Tom's Construction was established in 1974 by Tom Lange of St. Henry, Ohio. Tom started the business by himself with a used truck and just the basic tools he needed. Since then his business has grown quite considerably, from all types of cement work for commercial, residential and farm; including sidewalks, driveways, slabs, footers, pits, basements, bridges, dump truck hauling service, backhoe and dozer work. The business has also expanded into remodeling work, new construction, siding and windows. Tom's Construction was happy to do the cement work for the "Sesqui Centennial" Parking Lot and Sidewalk job east of the St. Henry Library. Tom is also known for his two apartment buildings located on West Center Street, consisting of six individual apartments. The large two bedroom apartments are fully carpeted, with appliances furnished, central air conditioning and lots of storage space with the out of the way private location. Tom's Construction, known for quality work and reasonable prices, are here for all of your construction and rental needs.



## **Tom's Installation Company, Inc**

Thomas Slusser started in telephone work as an installer for General Telephone Co. in Celina, Ohio. After working for eighteen years for various telephone companies, he worked his way up to state supervisor and instructor of an installation training program for another contractor. With this experience, he decided to start his own company.

On October 6, 1969 Tom and a group of five men formed Tom's Installation Company, Inc.

Tom's Installation Company, Inc. is a full service utilities contractor serving General Telephone Company of Ohio, Alltel Inc. of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and United Telephone Company of Ohio.

At the present time they have seventy-five employees working in all phases of installation, splicing and placing both aerial and buried cable.

Their office is located at 2735 State Route 118 in St. Henry, Ohio.





**Ralph Tumbusch**  
**631 Kremer-Hoying Road**

Ralph Tumbusch started business in 1957. He built the present house in 1958, with an extra room to the east for selling storm doors, windows and siding. He bought a warehouse in 1963 which is used for storing supplies. Tumbusch bought a backhoe in the 1960's to do various jobs. At present, they have a dozer and a trencher to add to their business. In 1982, they started putting replacement windows in, which became a hot item in selling. At the present time, Tumbusch has his three sons: Randy, Kevin and Danny working for him. The other employees are: Tom Hemmelgarn (Maria Stein), Wilfred Tumbusch (North Star), Robert Boeckman (Coldwater) and Robert Borgerding (St. Henry).

Their first apartment was an old double on Main Street in St. Henry. Tumbusch built their second apartment on Columbus Street in St. Henry. They built their third apartment on Main Street in St. Henry. They built their fourth apartment on Washington Street in St. Henry. They built their newest building, an office space, on Main Street in St. Henry, selling one to Pete Stammen Insurance, keeping two for Paul Howell, Attorney and J.J. Romer Clothing Store and Barber Shop.





### **Uhlenhake Refrigeration 652 East Main**

Uhlenhake Refrigeration was begun in 1960 by Thomas and Marie Uhlenhake. Their business was located at 2468 State Route 118 where Gibson and G.E. Household appliances were sold. Along with the appliances, commercial equipment, central air conditioning and all types of service were provided for their customers. Their son Dave joined the business in 1973. In March of 1986, the business was moved into the new location at 652 East Main Street (the former Osterholt Sales and Service building). They continue to sell and service commercial and residential equipment as they have done in the past.

### **Uhlenhake Trucking**

Uhlenhake Trucking was founded by Thomas Uhlenhake in 1950. At this time, all milk was hauled in cans and delivered to Pet Milk Company in Coldwater. Over the years, can milk was switched over to Grade A bulk milk which is continued to be hauled by his son, Jim, who joined the operation in 1970 as a part time driver. Now Jim is a full time milk hauler, and all the Grade A milk is hauled to Beatrice Foods in New Bremen, Ohio.





**Buschur's  
Refrigeration &  
Air Conditioning  
150 East Main**



Buschur's Refrigeration & Air Conditioning was begun June 11, 1973, by Jerome and Janice Buschur, who own and operate the business. Buschurs first rented the front half of the former Panning Tin Shop (also Gels Creamery and Vondrells Woodworking Shop), and rented the west half of the apartment from Arthur Bernard; from whom they purchased the home and shop May 11, 1981. In 1983, Jerry received very high honors and degrees in Refrigeration, HACV, with his name now printed as Jerry Buschur, C.M. Buschur's did some remodeling. In 1985 when the town asked residents to put in new walks, Buschurs put in the new sidewalks, replaced front showroom windows and built a building in back. Also in 1985, they acquired their trademark. Buschur's is your Refrigeration Dealer in Mueller Milk Coolers, Hotpoint Major Appliances, Rheem Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment, Sales and Service, Commercial and Residential, with two vans on the road.

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**Chatt-n-Curl  
342 East Main**



Owner-Sharon Uhlenhake, Operators-Karen Moeller and Connie Dilbone. I started my business in 1980. We feature the latest in hair styling, cutting, coloring and permanent waving. We also do facial waxing and ear piercing. Hair care products are also available. When I started doing hair in 1973, we did a lot of bouffant looks with the up do's, etc. using a lot of teasing in the hair. The shag hair cut was "in" which was done with a blow dryer and curling iron. At that time, men were coming into the salon to get their hair styled. The hair styles now are very casual looking. Some styles are just dried and styled with the fingers, creating more of a tousled look. The photograph shows Karen Moeller, Connie Dilbone and Sharon Uhlenhake.



### **Cindy's Fun & Fitness Center West Main**

Cindy's Fun & Fitness Center opened in September 1985 at the original location of Jutte's White Villa Building. We offer fitness needs for the young and the old. With our weight machines, stationary bike, slant boards, rowing machines, treads, rollers and belts, we feel we have the most updated selection of exercise equipment to meet the needs of our members. Cindy Everman, Ann Willmann and Patty Dues, the employees of Cindy's Fun & Fitness Center, are trained to help the members in performing the exercise properly, and leading the members through 15 to 30 minutes of floor exercises hourly. We also handle tanning needs. The tanning bed was added in February 1986. They hope to continue to add more advanced equipment to their facility throughout the upcoming years.

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### **Dairy Dream 142 South Oak**

Tom Feltz bought the Dairy Dream business from Ted Evers in March of 1975. Tom and his wife Jane still operate the business today. They have greatly remodeled the inside and have added all new equipment. They have brought their soft serve business up to date with the 1980's. Tom and Jane employ high school and college girls who serve the finest in sandwiches, ice cream and sundaes.

The Dairy Dream was built in 1952 by Jerry Gels. In 1960, Gels sold the business to John Gast, who then sold the business to William Tremper and Robert Miller in 1968. The following year Tremper bought out Miller.

**Designs Unlimited Beauty Salon  
4067 Kremer-Hoying Road**



Cindy Wenning operates the shop that was formerly Lois' Beauty Shop, and was owned by Lois Lammers. The shop was started in 1960 and had one operator until 1968 when Lois employed another beautician. In 1970, the shop was expanded with another room added on and more equipment added. In 1984, Cindy Wenning purchased the shop from Lois and gave it a new name: "Designs Unlimited Beauty Salon." It was redecorated and a bathroom was added. Today, the shop employs three operators and is open five days a week with evening appointments available. The shop features the latest in haircuts, hair-coloring and permanent waving. They also retail haircare products. Designs Unlimited Beauty Salon serves the entire family.

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**Mercer Landscaping  
4067 Kremer-Hoying Road**

Mike Noll and Larry Wenning who had been doing landscaping for over ten years, decided to go into partnership under the name "Mercer Landscaping." They began their business the spring of 1985. They constructed a building and a shrub holding area on the site.

They specialize in shrub planting, lawn seeding, rolling, plugging, dethatching and fertilizing. They have a licensed sprayer and give free estimates.

## Randy Evers Real Estate & Auction Co.

Randy Evers began as a Real Estate Salesman and Auctioneer in 1983. In 1987 he became a Real Estate Broker and started his own business at his present home located at 131 South Walnut Street, St. Henry. At the present time, Evers has one salesman under his brokerage who is Allen Poepelman of Yorkshire, Ohio.

Allen Poepelman, Frank Arling, Jr. of Osgood, Ohio and Randy Evers are also in the Auction business. Together these companies offer complete Real Estate Auction and Appraisal Service.



**Fish-Mo's**  
312 West Main

Fish-Mo's is owned by Dave and Deb Stammen. They bought the business from Carl Dues in September 1981.

The earliest proprietor of the restaurant probably was Henry Langenkamp in the 1890's, followed by Louis Kothman between 1901 and 1908 or later. John Vondrell followed in the 1920's, then, Ray Fullenkamp, Ted Nordenbrock and Henry "Buck" Thieman. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dues took over from 1961 until 1981; they called the business "Kite and Katy's Restaurant." (In earlier years, barbers, Herman Lefeld and Lawrence Sonderman, were in this building.)

At Fish-Mo's, the Kiwanis Club, Commercial Club and Community Clubs meet regularly.

Fish-Mo's serve noon lunch specials, sandwiches and pizza. Lenten specials include froglegs, shrimp and fish.





**Franck Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc.**  
**121 South Sycamore Street**

Ed and Bernie Franck started the plumbing and heating business at the present location in 1944. In 1967 the business was incorporated. In 1968, Ed retired and his son Dick took over the duties of president. Dick, Earl Thieman, and Dick's son Ron are kept quite busy installing plumbing, heating and air conditioning. With the onset of higher efficient furnaces and the demand of technology needed to service these, Ron Franck will be taking a one and half year course at ITT in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dick's wife Mary is serving as bookkeeper and store clerk.

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**Paul E. Howell, Attorney at Law**  
**312 East Main**

The first attorney to establish a practice in St. Henry is Mr. Paul E. Howell. Mr. Howell established his practice in town on November 7, 1985. Mr. Howell, as an associate of Bruns & Associate of Coldwater, occupies the middle unit of the newly-constructed professional and commercial building at the corner of Main and Walnut Streets. It was the site of the former Bostick Filling Station.

Mr. Howell began his law practice with the purpose of catering to the legal needs of Southern Mercer County and Northern Darke County. His practice is a general practice of law, but the bulk of his work centers around real estate, wills, estate planning, probate, small-business and agri-business counselling and domestic relation matters.



**Lefeld Plumbing and Heating Inc.**  
**132 West Main**

Henry Lefeld began his business in the summer of 1955 at 162 North Sycamore Street. This building was at one time the Henry Wimmers Upholstery Shop. As the business grew, the building was replaced by a new shop at the same location. In 1965 it was moved to the present location at 132 West Main Street. The business was incorporated in 1986. Mr. Lefeld is President and his daughter Beck is Secretary-Treasurer. Others employed are sons, Mark and George and Ken Rammel.

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**Huelsman Automotive, Inc.**  
**122 East Main**

Huelsman Automotive Inc. opened the branch parts store in St. Henry on April 1, 1983. Mike Koesters is store manager, Doug Smith is outside sales manager, Janice Nagel takes care of inventory control, Aaron Olding works the counter and delivers merchandise. The store carries a complete line of auto parts, accessories, paint and body supplies. It also specializes in agricultural needs. The store receives daily deliveries, so any part not in stock can usually be in by the next day. Robert V. Huelsman is the owner and also has a parts store and service center in Chickasaw with eight mechanics. Huelsman Auto is happy to be a part of the business community of St. Henry.

**Luttmer Body Shop  
511 East Main**



Al Luttmer has operated Luttmer Body Shop since November 1, 1969. Previously, Louis Schmackers was proprietor of the Schmackers Sinclair Service Station from 1960 to 1967. The building stood empty; a few boys used it for working on their cars. The owner of the building wanted to sell the building, but eventually donated it to the Catholic Church in the Cincinnati Diocese. In the spring of 1969, Al Luttmer bought the building. November 1, 1969 Luttmer opened for business. Since the building had stood empty for three years, it needed repairs. Luttmer fixed up the building, did maintenance work and installed an office. He sealed the blacktop in 1971. In 1975, Luttmer added a large work area to the building, making it more modern for frame straightening and auto rebuilding.

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**J & B Drive-Thru Carryout  
521 East Main**

J & B Drive-Thru Carryout is located at 521 East Main Street. The Carryout was built in 1977 and opened for business on October 14, 1977. Jim and Diane Griewe owned and operated the carryout, under the name "Jim's Drive-Thru Carryout," until November 1983. At that time, it was bought by Bob and Janet Borgert, who currently own and operate the business. Other employees include Mike Hoyng and Deb Hemmelgarn. Beer, wine, pop and party supplies, along with pizzas, subs, tacos and an assortment of sandwiches are available at J & B Drive-Thru Carryout.



### **Schmackers Sinclair Service Station 511 East Main**

Louis Schmackers of Lange Road took over Grilliot Service on May 26, 1960 and changed the name to Schmackers Sinclair Service. Louis did a little of everything from pumping gas, washing cars, to fixing and repairing cars. His wife Teen (Clementine) and his children helped him in the business. In February of 1967 he closed the station due to an increase in rent and moved his business out to his home on Lange Road, where he worked mostly in the winter months. From May to November he operated a Charter Boat Service, by the name of Tail-Spinner, out of Flor's Marina at Lake Erie.

Clementine Schmackers is well remembered for hanging wallpaper in the surrounding area. She started in the business on April of 1944 and still does a little bit yet for her family. Many a roll of paper was put on by Teen in the last 42 years. When some of the children were old enough to help, they went along to help paste the wallpaper. She not only hung wallpaper but she also would order the paper for people. Teen operated the business out of her home on Lange Road.



**Nieport Custom Farm Service  
4423 State Route 119**

Joe Nieport began Nieport Custom Farm Service in 1941 when he purchased the first combine and rubber-tired tractor in the area. The following year, he acquired a pick up baler. The next purchase was grain dryers; grain could not be sold if it had excess moisture. With the help of his seven sons, this business kept him busy.

The business is now operated by his son Terrence, who took over in 1983. Silo filling and grain harvesting are major projects now.

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**Rammel Dry Cleaners  
102 West Main**

Rammel Dry Cleaners, located at 102 West Main Street, has been in business since the summer of 1963. The business is owned and operated by O.H. and Jack Rammel. Mr. Joseph Bruns built the building in 1898 and opened up a general store. Since then, the building has housed a bakery, as well as a progressive dry cleaning business. The partnership is constantly being updated with new equipment and new technology. Yet, the traditional service and care is still being presented. Mr. O.H. Rammel is the principal operator of the business with help from his son John's children and family.



**Paul & Sons Auto Sales, Inc.  
4562 Kremer-Hoying Road**

Paul & Sons Auto Sales, Inc. originated in February 1984 when Paul Osterholt and his two eldest sons, Mike and Ron, incorporated the business. This business deals in rebuilding late model cars and does collision work. This business was started by Paul Osterholt in July 1968 and was known as Paul's Auto Sales. President-Paul Osterholt, Vice President-Mike Osterholt, Treasurer-Ron Osterholt and Secretary-Virginia Osterholt.



**Osterholt Sohio Service Station, Inc.  
Corner Main Street (State Route 119) and State Route 118**

On May 1, 1956, at the age of eighteen, Tom Osterholt, along with his father, Norbert, leased the present Osterholt Sohio Service Station Inc. from Ferd Rengers. The building had originally been constructed by Mr. Rengers in 1930, later to be leased by Pat Feltz and Arthur Schroer until 1956. In 1961, the Osterholts bought and remodeled the building; adding wheel alignment and automotive services. Paul Osterholt joined the business from 1962 to 1968, at which time Oscar Borgerding became employed until 1978. In 1969 the business became incorporated. After an automobile accident, which destroyed the original building, a new complex was built in 1973. Mark Osterholt, Tom's son, joined the business at the age of eighteen on May 1, 1978 along with Karl Kaiser. Kaiser left the business January 1986 and Ronald Lange joined. After 30 years, the business provides a wrecking service, automotive repair, transmission and radiator repair, wheel alignment and a Standard Oil Station.

**Schwieterman Upholstery**  
2726 State Route 118



Schwieterman Upholstery, owned by Frank and Ruth Schwieterman, was started 26 years ago in Dayton, Ohio, as a hobby. After moving to St. Henry in 1963, the hobby turned into a full time business. The business has been located at 2726 State Route 118, St. Henry, since 1964. Over the years, the Schwieterman children have all contributed to the success of the family venture. Schwietermans are involved in a variety of upholstery services. They have been proud to serve St. Henry and the surrounding communities for the past 23 years, and are looking forward to serving the public in the years to come.

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**U. S. Post Office**  
301 East Main Street

In 1968, St. Henry got a new post office building at the corner of Walnut and Main Streets. One of the earliest sites of the Post Office was in the Henry Beckman home on lot no. 46. The office was moved to the west side of 341 East Main (J.J. Romer's Store), then to lot no. 58 (Wuebker building), then to 131 West Main (Roger's Flowers and Gifts), where it remained until 1968. Today, Andrew Hemmelgarn is Postmaster (since January 1, 1969). Ray Smith and Leona Reiling are Clerks. Paul Backs and Robert Seeger are the Rural Mail Carriers, with Tom Kaup as Sub Rural Mail Carrier.





**Ted J. Willmann, D.D.S.**  
**161 South Walnut**



Dr. Ted Willmann, local dentist, moved to his St. Henry office in March of 1981. The dentist's office located at 161 South Walnut was formerly the town doctor's office. Dr. Willmann is originally from Fort Recovery. He attended the University of Dayton, where he graduated with honors in 1977. He then attended Ohio State University Dental School. Dr. Willmann and his staff have the most modern dental equipment available and are always willing to help.



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### **R & R Fabrications, Inc.**

R & R Fabrications, Inc., solely owned and operated by Roger and Karen Ranly, is currently located at 560 East Kremer-Hoying Road in St. Henry.

In 1979 Roger started the business in his basement as a small part time job. The business grew and he then relocated and operated their business in his father's renovated chicken coop in Philothesa. Again, the business began to outgrow the facility. R & R Fabrications incorporated in April, 1986, and moved into their new building in St. Henry in February, 1987.

R & R Fabrications, Inc. deals primarily in wood and laminated wood products. They are presently manufacturing cabinetry parts and specialized wood parts, per customer specifications.



**Present location of R & R Fabrications, Inc. still under construction. February, 1987.**





## Saint Henry Catholic Church Parish

St. Henry Church in the year 1986 finds itself, along with the Catholic church as a whole, in the process of growth begun with the Second Vatican Council. It is not unlike the growth process of an infant into adolescence. Before the Council the church might be compared to infancy. At that time the Pastor made all the decisions, made the rules and cared for his people along with an assistant. The people had a passive role and were expected to be obedient to authority. They had very little to say about what went on in the parish and still less in its worship life. They looked upon the priest as a dispenser of grace in the same way that a parent feeds its child and cares for him.

Today, we find the church in a teenage stage of development. The Priest, now as parent, has the role of encouraging his people to accept their responsibilities to God, neighbor, and self. Many of the things that the priest did for his people are now being done by the people themselves. The movement was made from a passive church to an active involved laity.

As a consequence, we now have Parish Councils that, with the pastor, determine the directions that the parish will take, on all levels of its life. We have Commissions of that Council to handle areas of Liturgy, Finance, Mission, Education etc. Married couples are in charge of marriage preparation courses. Lay committees now care for the needy of the parish and also welcome new members into the parish community of St. Henry.

With the advent of the Harvest Project in the diocese, the parish is now in dialogue with other parishes to establish cooperation on programs of concern. Already in process is the combined Catechetical Program and Inter-Parish Youth Group. Each program is run by a lay board, composed by members of each parish. In the process is the development of a Baptismal program which is being assembled by a lay man. Planned for the near future is the re-establishment of the Adult Education committee. Hopefully this will be an Inter-Parish endeavor.

Also reflecting the change of the parish is the renovation of the Church's physical look. St. Henry's Church now reflects the new liturgy and presents, for the people's worshipping life, a functional church where liturgy can be carried out by God's family. The altar becomes central to the assembly. Uncluttered by statues and paintings, the people's attention is now centered on the pulpit where they hear the Word of God and the altar where they offer as a priestly people, the sacrifice of Jesus. No longer passive spectators at the Eucharist, they now, with their priest, offer through song and word, fitting praise to God, Our Father. Today as never before they receive the gift of life, the Eucharist in great numbers and even partake of the cup of salvation.

Perhaps what is happening in the liturgical life of the parish best exemplifies the new life of the church. Before the Council the people

had a posture of passivity. They did not participate, but prayed their prayers and said their rosaries. All the liturgical activities were left up to the priest, servers and organist. Today the people are once again called upon to take up their part in the worshipping life of the church. The people now sing and pray in their own language. They carry out certain functions in the liturgy as Communion distributors, lectors, leaders of song, ushers etc. The liturgy is their responsibility and its beauty rests on how they carry out their roles.

The transition into responsible Christian adults has not been easy. The people find themselves in the same insecure position as a teen. There are those who want things to stay the same and do not want to grow but remain children. There are others accepting the challenge, and with unsteady steps, are making the transition into Christian adulthood. And there are those who have made the transition in glorious fashion and are moving ahead with conviction and pride.

As parent, Father is finding his new role difficult as well. Like any parent, he struggles with the growing child, facing the adolescent rebellion and search for maturity. He looks now for his own changing role as priest — as pastor. The pastor today has a different role to play. He is no longer the sole director of the family with the absolute authority. Now he stands as listener, encourager, and supporter of the people's growth process. If he is insecure, it is for much the same reasons that any parent of adolescents is insecure. He no longer has the control that he once had over his children and he feels less needed than he once did. Like any parent, he fears that his children will make mistakes which could hurt them and cause them pain. He loves them as any parent and wants only the best for them.

Much has yet to be done to achieve the Vatican Council's directive, namely, that we become a Community of God's people — a family gathered under his fatherhood. Perhaps, as each person grows to maturity in Christ, we will begin to realize that goal of the Council. Then, in church we will not be just a gathering of individuals, but a family gathered together in Jesus' name.

Through all the challenges, heartaches and struggles, the life of the church in St. Henry is exciting as it grows to maturity in the Lord. As we love and support one another, we take pride in our growth, and enjoy each other as the family of God.

*Reverend Raymond Bauer, C.P.P.S.*

## Saint Henry Catholic Church

John DeCurtins was awarded the contract for building the new church, the summer of 1894. His father, Anthony DeCurtins, had built the previous St. Henry Church, of brick, in 1854. (That building was torn down in 1901.) A. Druiding, Chicago, was the architect. The Laying of the Cornerstone Ceremony was held June 16, 1895. Herman Brockmann, a German sculptor, worked in 1896, in Saint Henry Village, as he sculpted the Statue of Saint Henry, which is over eight feet tall.

Saint Henry Catholic Church was dedicated Sunday, July 25, 1897. The magnificent example of Gothic architecture, was built in the form of a Latin cross. It was built of brick, ornamented with blue Bedford stone, and had an entire length of 163 feet. The width of the church proper was 66 feet and the transept was 86 feet. The height of the tall, graceful tower was 200 feet. Ten stone columns 19 inches in diameter, supported the arched ceiling, the center nave of which was 52 feet above the level of the floor. The church had an approximate seating capacity of 1200. (Source: Catholic Telegraph, July 29, 1897; Celina Democrat, July 29, 1897, and Der Mercer County Bote, May 9, 1895, June 23, 1896, and July 29, 1897, the German newspaper being translated by Rev. Dominic Gerlach, C.P.P.S. and transcribed by Joyce Alig.)





**Saint Henry Church Organists:**  
**L. to R. Annette Sutter, Myron Huelsman, and Mary Alice Bruns.**



**Reverend  
 Raymond Bauer, C.P.P.S.**



**Saint Henry Parish Council, 1986-1987**  
**Front Row: Thelma Brackman, Ginny Ruskin, Reverend Raymond Bauer, Phyllis Baltes, Eugene Figel. Second Row: Judy Heitkamp, Cindy Brunswick, Jane Gast, Betty Niefeld. Third Row: Richard Stucke, Tom Lefeld, Donald Hummel, Richard Evers, Gerald Dippold.**



**Parish Secretary  
 Ginny Ruskin**



**Parish Custodian  
 Paul Jansen**



1971





**Second Altars  
1910-1970**

**(with temporary altar 1970)**



**Original Altars  
1897-1909**







1987



(1937) Rectory built in 1902.



1950's



Grotto, 1907



1933



**1953**



**1962**

**1971  
Myron Huelsman,  
Organist and  
Church Choir.**





1974



1977



1981



**1986 First Communion Class**

(Front Row): Ben Bergman, Jill Lochtefeld, Ryan Delzeith, Angie Post, Kevin Kaup, Jeana Buehler, Brian Delzeith, Stachler, Brooke Prasuhn, Dan Hemmelgarn. 2nd Row: Karen Beyke, Travis Link, Jodi Beyke, Ryan Niehawk, Heather Kleinhenz, Andy Delzeith, Christy Gerlach, Mark Buschur, Stacy Hoying. 3rd Row: Mrs. Janice Seger, Tyler Stout, Kylie Figel, Matt Balster, Traci Buening, Todd Bergman, Brenda Brunswick, Matt Borger, Susie Borger. 4th Row: Father Bauer, Robert Good, Kim Schultz, Rodney Uhlenhake, Stacy Bruns, Betsy Jutte, Krista Rosenbeck, Jodi Gels, Julie Steinlage, Andy Fullenkamp, Christy Bruns, Phil Knapke, Mrs. Ronnebaum, Lynn Homan, Steve Niekamp, Jeanette Puthoff, Melanie Rindler, Rob Davis, Janice Schwieterman, Tom Bach, Osterholt, Lynn Baltés, Janelle Uhlenhake, Jill Nietkamp.

## Saint Henry Catechetical Center

The St. Henry Catechetical Center was opened in 1964 to provide the parents of the St. Henry School District with a released-time program for the instruction of their children in the Catholic faith. The Center was built under the direction of Fr. Max Herber, C.P.P.S., then pastor of St. Henry parish, and it has been operated by a board composed of members from St. Aloysius (Carthagena), St. Bernard (Burkettsville), St. Francis (Cranberry), St. Henry and St. Wendelin parishes and their respective pastors.

Over the years the faculty has included priests of the Society of the Precious Blood, Sisters of St. Francis (Hartwell), Sisters of the Precious Blood and many lay teachers. At the present time approximately nine hundred and fifty students, Kindergarten through grade twelve, are enrolled in this program and attend classes twice a week. Instruction includes Sacrament Preparation, Basic Doctrine, Scripture, Church History and Morality.

Pastors are: Rev. Cornelius Fenton, C.P.P.S. (St. Aloysius), Rev. Werner Verhoff, C.P.P.S. (St. Bernard), Rev. Arnold Meiring, C.P.P.S. (St. Francis), Rev. Raymond Bauer, C.P.P.S. (St. Henry) and Rev. Robert Reinhart, C.P.P.S. (St. Wendelin).

Board members are: Carson Cheek, St. Aloysius; Donald Ontrop and Kathleen Naseman, St. Bernard; Patricia Watercutter, St. Francis; William Glass, Richard Schmackers and Esther Beyke, St. Henry; and Kathleen Brunswick, St. Wendelin.

Faculty: Dennis Brackman, Karla Bernard, Lucille Drosch, Diane Franck, Judy Jansen, Ginny Ruskin, Ruth Romer, Margie Ronnebaum, Marilyn Schlater, Patricia Wenning and Eileen Whitsett.



## **St. Henry Consolidated Local School District**

The St. Henry Consolidated School District is located in both Mercer and Darke Counties. Three of the four buildings are located in the Village of St. Henry, with the Central Office being located at 371 East Columbus Street; St. Henry High School, 181 South Walnut Street; St. Henry Middle School, 381 East Columbus Street; and the St. Henry Elementary, 192 South Walnut Street. The fourth building is the Burkettsville Elementary, Main Street, Burkettsville.

The 1986-1987 Members of the Board of Education are Gary Bertoline, President; Linus Lefeld, Vice-President; Paul Broering, Victor Post, William Beyke and Glenn Miller, Treasurer. In August of 1986, President Gary Bertoline resigned from the Board to accept a position at Ohio State University. The Board appointed Mrs. Thelma Fortkamp to fill the vacated position. Linus Lefeld then became President and Victor Post became Vice-President.



**Members of the Board of Education**

**Gary Bertoline, Linus Lefeld, Paul Broering, Victor Post, William Beyke**



**New Board Member — Mrs. Thelma Fortkamp**

During the 1985-1986 school year St. Henry saw the beginning of administrative changes. Dennis F. Brackman retired in January as St. Henry Elementary and Burkettsville Elementary Principal, a position he held for 21½ years. Carl E. Hart was hired by the Board of Education to fill the vacated position. The next change occurred upon the announcement that Louis C. Huelsman, after 29½ years as Superintendent of the St. Henry Schools was going to retire. His position was filled by James L. Dippold who had been the Middle School Principal for the past 22 years. Taking Mr. Dippold's position as Middle School Principal is Marvin R. Wourms.



**Seated: Robert L. Condon, High School; Louis C. Huelsman, Superintendent; James L. Dippold, Middle School and Superintendent 1-1-87**

**Standing: Marvin R. Wourms, Middle School 1-1-87; Carl E. Hart, Elementary & Burkettsville; Glenn Miller, Treasurer, Helen Uhlenhake, Assistant Treasurer/Executive Secretary**

The original section of the St. Henry High School located at 181 South Walnut Street was constructed in 1939. Several additions have been added, one being in 1954 and another in 1965 which included expansion of the present gymnasium.

The High School is composed of grades 9 thru 12. There are a total of 338 students in attendance during the 1986-1987 year. (9th-84, 10th-75, 11th-90, 12th-89)

During the 1985-1986 school year St. Henry became a member of the Tri-Star Vocational Compact. (Celina, St. Marys, Coldwater, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Southwest Local, St. Henry). During the 1986-1987 school year 28 students are traveling to vocational classes at other Tri-Star sites.





**St. Henry High School**

Twenty students from Marion and Southwest Local are attending classes at St. Henry (Junior I.O.E., Agriculture)

Students may choose from a regular or vocational curriculum. Students may enroll in vocational courses both at Tri-Star of their home school. A student is required to pass 19 units of credit for graduation. (English, Language Arts — 3 units, Physical Education —  $\frac{1}{2}$  unit, Science — 1 unit, Social Studies — 2 units, Mathematics — 2 units, Health —  $\frac{1}{2}$  unit, Electives — 10 units.

St. Henry High School was granted full accreditation to the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in March of 1986. As a part of the requirements for membership in the Association, a comprehensive evaluation of programs and services of the school was conducted in November — 1985. This evaluation consisted of a self-study, team review, and formulation and implementation of a school improvement plan.

The school day is composed of 7 teaching periods of approximately 52 minutes in length. The professional staff consists of the following: 24 shared and full time teachers, a principal, a guidance counselor, a librarian, shared county personnel — supervisors and pupil services, a secretary, and a custodian.

Student participation in extra-curricular activities is an important part of the total educational program. Clubs/Organizations: German Club, Spanish Club, Math-Science Club, Future Homemakers of America, Future Teachers of America, Industrial Arts Club, Art Club, Office Education Association, Future Farmers of America, Band, Pep Band, Chorus, Yearbook, Student Council, National Honor Society.

**Athletics: Football, Golf, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Volleyball, Boys and Girls Basketball, Baseball, Boys and Girls Track.** The athletic program has been very successful over the years with State Championships coming in 1979 — Boys Basketball, 1979 — State Discus, and 1985 — Girls Volleyball.

Yearly activities consist of a Homecoming Dance, Sweethearts Dance, and Jr.-Sr. Prom. The Annual Awards Program (1985-1986) is a three part program consisting of the following: National Honor Society Induction, Academic Honor Award Recognition, and Student Service Award Recognition.



**1979 State Basketball Champs**

**Front Row: Randy Heitkamp, Chuck Stahl, Gary Will, Mike Post, Gary Barlage, Jim Lachey**

**Back Row: Coach Fran Guilbault, Mike Droesch, Roger Heitkamp, Dan Wehrkamp, Kevin Reichert, Tom Schockman, Jerry Stahl, Assistant Coach Jim Niekamp**



**1979 State Discus Champ  
Tim Braun**



**1985 State Volleyball Champs**

**First Row:** Lori Rutschilling, Lois Franzer, Angie Balster, Brenda Kaiser, Kelly Bruns, Lisa Holdheide

**Second Row:** Mary Braun, Sandy Sutter, Regina Chapman, Jenni Buschur, Paula Bertke, Terry Franck

**Third Row:** Assistant Coach Carolyn Stammen, Coach De De Stoner, Lori Bruns, Nancy Tremper, Linda Heitkamp, Sarah Frilling, Janine Lange, Lori Uhlenhake, Sheila Will, Patti Garke



**St. Henry High School Faculty**

**Front Row:** Linda Schwegman, Michele Gelzleichter, Paul Froelich, Bill Tremper, Karen Barlage, Sandy Leist, Fran Guilbault, Tom Ransbottom, Kim Hopewell-Post, Joyce Muhlenkamp

**Back Row:** John Bruns, Johnny Provei, Bob Thompson, Dennis Pfeffenberger, Bill Steinbrunner, Randy Hoying, Ken Lachey, Frank Griesdorn, Tim Boeckman, Bob Condon, (absent Don Broering)



**St. Henry Middle School**

The construction of the St. Henry Middle School was completed in 1980. It is located at 381 East Columbus Street. It contains twelve regular classrooms, and a science laboratory. It also contains a large gymnasium which seats 2000 people, a media center, a music department, and an art department which are shared with the high school students.

The Middle School houses 240 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and is staffed by 17 full and part-time teachers, a principal, a counselor, and a media center director. It is also staffed by one secretary, a media center aide and a full and part-time custodian.

Its curriculum consists of Reading, English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Computer Literacy, Music, Art, Health and Physical Education. There is also special instruction for pupils with learning disabilities.

St. Henry Middle School was granted full accreditation to the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in March of 1986. A comprehensive evaluation of the programs and services of the school was conducted in November of 1985. This evaluation consisted of a self-study, team review, and formulation and implementation of a school improvement program.

The Middle School also has an extra-curricular program which includes band, choir, girls volleyball, girls basketball, girls track, boys football, boys basketball, and boys track.



**St. Henry Middle School Faculty & Staff**

**Front Row:** Ken Rosengarten, James Dippold, Carol Meyer, Elaine Brunswick, Rosie Moeder, Joyce Howell, Betty Jo Woodruff, Donna Woeste, Teresa Bey, Elaine Adams, Jane Woods, Marvin Wourms  
**Back Row:** Al Summers, Marita Elking (Elementary Librarian), Delores Stoner, Cindy Piper, Verna Ahlers, Sharon Chatwood, Scott Nave, Mike Eyink, Jerry Kanney



**St. Henry Custodians and Groundskeepers**

**Kathy Droesch, Jim Garke, Alice Feltz, Mary Clements, Rosie Rammel, John Stelzer, Neil Heitkamp, Jerry Droesch**



**Burkettsville Elementary**

The present Burkettsville Elementary Building which is located on Main Street in Burkettsville, Ohio was constructed in 1939. An addition to that building was added in 1958. Burkettsville became a part of the St. Henry Local School District in July of 1959. Cranberry was annexed to the St. Henry Local School District at the same time, although the building remained open until the end of the 1960-61 school year. Wendelin was annexed to St. Henry on January 1, 1958, with the building remaining open the remainder of that school year. On December 23, 1959 the St. Henry Local School District and the Carthagena Local School District consolidated to become the St. Henry Consolidated Local School District. The Carthagena Building remained open until the end of the 1960-61 school year.

There are a total of 162 students in the Burkettsville Elementary Building in the 1986-1987 school year. There are 87 Fourth Grade students in three classes and 75 Fifth Grade students in three classes. Staffing the Burkettsville Building are 6 regular classroom teachers, teaching the basic subjects of: Reading, English, Mathematics, Writing, Science, Social Studies, and Health. There are 4 additional teachers teaching in the special areas of: Music, Art, Learning Disabilities, and Physical Education. Also working with the students is a part-time guidance counselor who is shared with the Middle and Elementary Buildings and a part-time librarian who also helps with some of the secretarial duties.

The Burkettsville Elementary has its own cafeteria which is operated by one full time cook and one server to help serve the food. Two part-time custodians are employed to clean the building.



**Burkettsville Elementary Faculty & Staff**

**Front Row: Marilyn Bruns, Joyce Lamm, Judy Menchhofer, Eileen Froelich, Joann Steinbrunner**

**Back Row: Kathy Naseman, Gary Weigel, Carl Hart, Linda Heitkamp**



**St. Henry Bus Drivers**

**Julius Sieftring, Randy Hoying, Paul Froelich, Ken Sieftring, Jim Rosenbeck, Bill Tremper, Dan Thieman, Ken Lachey, Vic Moeder (Sub Driver & Maintenance) (Absent Linda Thieman)**



### **St. Henry Elementary School**

The present St. Henry Elementary School which is located at 192 South Walnut Street was constructed in 1961. There is a total of 310 students in the Elementary Building in the 1986-1987 school year. There are 80 Kindergarten students in three classes, 79 First Grade students in three classes, 62 Second Grade students in three classes, and 89 Third Grade students in four classes.

The Elementary is staffed with 12 regular classroom teachers, teaching the basic subjects of: Reading, Mathematics, English, Writing, Science, Health, and Social Studies. There are 5 additional teachers teaching in the special areas of Music, Art, Remedial Reading, Learning Disabilities, and Physical Education. Also staffing the Elementary is a principal, a part-time guidance counselor who is shared with the Middle and Burkettsville Buildings, a secretary, a part-time librarian, and two part-time custodians.

The Elementary Building is used at lunch time for all students from the High School, Middle School, and the Elementary Buildings. To operate the cafeteria there are two full time cooks and five additional servers to help serve the food.

The Elementary as well as the Burkettsville Building will be going through North Central Accreditation during the 1986-1987 school year. The self-study part of the evaluation has been completed, with the team visit and school improvement plan to still occur.





**St. Henry Elementary Faculty and Staff**

**Front Row: Becky Rolfes, Betty Provci, Wilma Ralston, Shirley Albers, Alice Shiverdecker, Joan Carr, Ellen Schwieterman**  
**Back Row: Carl Hart, Ruth Wendel, Elaine Broering, Dolores Irish, Nancy Mueller, Mary Dieringer, Lucille Bertke High School Secretary, Lori Froning, Ann Knapke, (absent Vicki Laux)**



**St. Henry Cooks & Servers**

**Jo Bornhorst, Mary Lou Alt Elementary Head Cook, Delores Rindler, Bernadetta Rammel Burkettsville Head Cook & Head Custodian, Rose Schwieterman, Esther Hartings Cook, Delores Nieport, Mary Ahlers, Della Gerlach**

## St. Henry Education Association

The St. Henry Education Association was established to promote the interests of education; and to secure the conditions necessary to promote the greatest efficiency of the teacher, the administrator and the school. Its members are teachers in the St. Henry Consolidated Local School System and are affiliated with Western Ohio Education Association, Ohio Education Association and National Education Association. The St. Henry Education Association has established a scholarship fund and annually conducts several fund raisers towards the accumulation of scholarship money. A scholarship is given to a senior each year, and numerous smaller scholarships are awarded to students attending summer learning experiences. The St. Henry Education Association also promotes National Teacher Day, American Education Week and in 1985 held a "Back to School Day," in which local persons were invited into the school to be a teacher for a day. Pictured below are members of the 1985-86 St. Henry Education Association.





**Coach Fran Guilbault, center, at his 400th coaching victory**

Saint Henry Basketball Coach Fran Guilbault recorded his 400th Coaching Victory, in his 26th season, Saturday night, December 27, 1986, when the 1986 Redskin Team won a 61-56 decision over the Kalida Wildcats. The Saint Henry Board of Education had hired Fran Guilbault as their seventh basketball coach for the 1961-1962 season. Guilbault has been named to the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, in addition to numerous other awards.

Saint Henry has been enthusiastic about sports. Sports' fans remember long term coaches Julius Moeder, 1923-1934, and Charles Karcher, 1938-1952. Sports' fans need only read the family histories in this book to see the families with children participating in the high school athletic programs.

## St. Henry Athletic Boosters

The St. Henry Athletic Boosters were formed by the St. Henry High School Athletic Department in late 1979. The Athletic Director called a meeting inviting community leaders and people interested in the St. Henry sports programs. After several organizational meetings, the St. Henry Athletic Boosters were founded.

The first meeting of the Booster Club was held March 3, 1980. Dave Puthoff was the President of this new club. The first project of the Booster Club was to build a building at the football stadium. This building would have a concession stand, storage area and locker rooms. A month long fund raising drive was organized to finance the building. The goal of the fund drive was to raise \$30,000. Volunteer solicitors made personal contacts and the drive exceeded its goal. The building was built and a fence erected around the parking lot and football field. This football and baseball area would later be called "Wally Post Athletic Complex" in memory of St. Henry High School's well known major league baseball player.

In November of 1980, the Booster Club was asked by the St. Henry Board of Education to help construct the bleachers in the Middle School Gymnasium. Eager to help, the Booster Club supplied many volunteers to construct these bleachers which saved the Board of Education money and made the new Gymnasium ready for its first game.

These types of projects have been numerous in the few years the Booster Club has been organized. The Club has bought hurdles for the track team, purchased a scoreboard for the baseball field, landscaped the Athletic Complex and helped in many other ways. The funds for expenses are raised primarily with a membership drive, stand at the picnic, chicken fry at a football scrimmage, "125" dance and concessions at all home sporting events. The Booster Club members are asked to help at these fund raisers. The past Presidents of the Club were Dave Puthoff, Bill Gast Jr., Walt Fortkamp, John Moeller, Vic Post, Roger Rindler and John Dippold. The help of the Executive boards and the general memberships have made their jobs easier.

The latest major project of the Club began in November 1984. A weight training room was added to the building at the "Wally Post Athletic Complex." In order to complete this weight room, large debts were incurred. However, the St. Henry Booster Club will continue to have their fund raisers to reduce their debts. Our major objective is to help St. Henry High School Athletics. Helping the St. Henry Athletes and St. Henry Coaches will always be our primary goal.



## St. Henry Community Band Boosters

The St. Henry Community Band Boosters was founded in the early 1950's by Louis Schockman, Luke Burger and Norb Dippold as a support group for the band. The first officers were Lucille Schockman, Marie Schwieterman and Irene Moorman. The Boosters (originally the Band Mothers) basically support the school band financially above and beyond what the school board budget allows. It also supports the band morally with activities like swimming parties, skating parties and more recently with band banquets and trips to Cedar Point.

Major money raisers over the years used to purchase uniforms (the last time in 1981 for \$14,000), major instruments, etc. have included bingo (1966-1985) and for over 25 years the grocery stand at the Community Picnic. On Tag Day (discontinued in 1981), band members canvassed the town asking for donations in exchange for a Band Booster tag. Sock hops after basketball games provided a social event for the teenagers in the 1960's as well as a fund raiser for the band. Uniform rent was also used to raise money.

Other money raising activities have included selling Christmas cards (until 1969), dances, candy, soap, pecans, pizza and submarine sandwich sales, a special uniform fund drive in 1962, a community birthday calendar, card parties, raffle of a Lawrence Sonderman painting, the sale of cheese logs, cheese spread and summer sausage, the showing of the movie "Stars and Stripes Forever" (1963) — adults 50¢ and children 25¢ and Irish Day Parade sandwich stand. Sales tax stamps, Teem bottle cap seals, "cents-off" coupons, Beatrice Foods products' labels and lid, inner seals from Maxim coffee, Betty Crocker coupons, and grocery cash register tapes from area stores were saved and redeemed for income.

As of 1986 the Band Boosters rely mainly on the sale of pizza, submarine and pecans and the grocery stand to help finance the band.

### 1986 Officers

Jane Woods - President  
Margie Lefeld - Secretary  
Lillie Bruns - Treasurer  
Joan Holdheide - Pres-Elect  
Ginney Schwieterman - Trustee  
Karen Romer - Trustee

### Band Directors

1950's - Mr. O'Neil  
Around 1958-60 - Mr. Schmid  
1960-64 - Mr. Morrissey  
1964-72 - Mr. Bowersox  
1972-76 - Mr. Fletcher  
1976-80 - Mr. Jacobs  
1980-86 - Ms. Studebaker  
1986 - Mr. Nave







#### **St. Henry PTO**

**Jerry Stachler, Pat Stachler, Kathy Ontrop, Lavern Bruns, Wilma Bruns, Peg Fullenkamp, and Phil Fullenkamp**

The St. Henry PTO was organized in October of 1979. Their meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the months of October, December, February with election of officers held in April. Any parent or guardian who has a child or children in the St. Henry School System is a member.

The main purpose or goal of this organization is to form better communication and cooperation between teachers, schools and parents.

The PTO has been active in the past years with collecting Campbell soup labels. With this couponing they were able to receive some games and gym equipment. In 1986 the first Back to School Night was held in conjunction with open house and PTO meeting at the Middle School. The PTO also remembers all the teachers on National Teachers Day by giving them a certificate of recognition.





## Granville Township Branch Library Promoters

200 East Main Street  
ST. HENRY, OHIO 45883

### Granville Township Library Promoters

The Granville Township Library Promoters originally formed with the purpose of initiating a library in the Village of St. Henry, to serve the citizens of Granville Township, Mercer County, Ohio. The idea of a library had grown over the years. Since the founding of the village in 1837, the citizens had erected schools and encouraged education. Local citizens had worked providing library services to the public, e.g., Bob Miller and Ken Coffield. When the Jaycees began, they took a written survey of citizens' needs and the library was identified as needed.

In the autumn of 1974, Louis Huelsman contacted Emily Osterholt, Joyce Alig, John Romer and William Gast about establishing a library. January 17, 1975, these five citizens signed a letter to the Mercer County District Library Trustees requesting establishment of a branch library. March 5, 1975, they met with these Trustees, who suggested they organize, elect officers and initiate a 'friends of the library' organization. Following that meeting, the committee held election of officers: Joyce Alig, President; Myron Huelsman, Vice-President; Emily Osterholt, Secretary; Louis Huelsman, John Romer and William Gast, Trustees. They contacted representatives of organizations and held the first community meeting, April 1, with 41 people present who chose the name GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP BRANCH LIBRARY PROMOTERS. They then followed with a community survey with 780 surveys mailed, with 444 returned representing 1,046 adults and 1,076 children. The survey was a success with very positive community support for a library in Granville Township.

April 8, 1975, the Granville Township Trustees, Vic Boeke, John Balster and Mark Kremer, adopted Resolution #101, permitting Granville Township Branch Library the use of the Granville Township House. At the April 29, 1975 meeting of the Granville Township Library Promoters, the members requested that the Granville Township Library Promoters' Founding Committee Officers remain in office for 1975, for continuity for the establishment of the Branch Library, until the next annual election in January 1976. Therefore, this committee continued their work with the Mercer County Commissioners, the Mercer County Budget Commission and the Mercer County District Li-

brary Board of Trustees and the Citizens of Granville Township. The 1975 Officers were President Joyce Alig, Vice-President Myron Huelsman, Secretary Emily Osterholt and Trustees Louis Huelsman, John Romer and William Gast. At the April 1975 meeting, there were 228 paid members of the Library Promoters. The Mercer County District Library Board of Trustees passed Resolution #1, April 29, 1975, stating that if St. Henry Community would provide a suitable site, the Board would seek additional funds for staffing and providing books from the Mercer County Budget Committee. July 1, 1975, the Promoters' Officers met with the Mercer County Commissioners, who stated they would be happy to give Revenue Sharing funds for a Library Building, but it was not legal to do so. However, this was changed August 29, 1975, when Ohio Governor James Rhodes signed Amended Senate Bill No. 257, which became effective November 28, 1975, which made it possible for Libraries to receive Federal Revenue Sharing.

Officers for the Promoters were elected February 17, 1976: President Ralph Huelsman; Vice President Ralph Ording; Secretary Molinda Miller; Treasurer Mrs. Carl Hoying; Membership Chairperson Dorothy Koenig. The Promoters approved a monthly meeting date of the first Thursday of the month. At the April 1 meeting, reports were given by Secretary Molinda Miller and Pat Post gave the Treasurer's report. Jim Lammers gave his report for the Bicentennial plans; St. Henry being a Bicentennial Community in recognition of the Bicentennial of the United States, 1776-1976.

At the March 4 meeting, the Fourth of July, 1976, had been determined as the date of dedication ceremonies for the Granville Township Branch of the Mercer County District Library. Also the Granville Township Branch Library Promoters' Constitution and By-laws were approved, at that March 4, 1976 meeting. The Mercer County District Library Board of Trustees met with the Mercer County Budget Commission July 14, 1976, and attended the Mercer County Budget Hearing August 28, and requested \$5,000 for the Granville Township Branch Library of the Mercer County District Library. Everyone in Granville Township was proud to see the Dedication of this Granville Township Branch Library on July 4, 1976. This was the culmination of not only two years' work by local citizens, but also decades of dedication to learning and high standards of education by the entire township, from the earliest settlers in 1836-37, through Bicentennial Celebration on the Fourth of July 1976. Ruth Laux was the first Librarian of this newly established Granville Township Branch Library.

The Mercer County Commissioners attended the January 13, 1977 meeting of the Promoters and reported their promise to give \$10,000 to both Granville Township and Mendon Branch Libraries for four years. Mercer County Commissioners Record, Resolution #49, page 346, was February 4, 1977. The County Auditor's Certificate for this \$10,000 was

approved February 17, 1977, Purchase Order Z-1 D, Certificate No. 2. The next \$10,000 came with Commissioners' Resolution #72, page 128, February 10, 1978. Only one meeting of Granville Township Library Promoters was held in 1978, with five members present. The next \$10,000 from Revenue Sharing Funds from the Commissioners, came with Resolution #104A, page 547, March 2, 1979. One meeting of the Granville Township Library Promoters was held May 2, 1979. The Mercer County Commissioners appointed Ralph Ording in 1979 as Trustee to Mercer County District Library. The fourth of the series of Revenue Sharing Funds were awarded, Resolution #941, page 347, February 8, 1980.

Three meetings were held in 1980. At the January meeting, Bea Lammers presented the Librarian's Report that the 1979 circulation figure was 16,045. In 1979, the Library received \$920 adult books and \$1,760 children books. At the April 14 meeting, the Anniversary Display was discussed for Romer's Store and the 4-H puppet show at the library was reviewed. Since \$40,000 had been received from the Mercer County Commissioners and no building had been started, a group of concerned citizens, including members and officers of 1975 Founding Committee, attended the December 9, 1980 meeting and expressed their concern that they had asked the Mercer County Commissioners for money in 1975 and nothing had been done with the money the Commissioners had given to Granville Township.

Thus, at that December 9, 1980 meeting action was taken which resulted in a new library building. Tom Moorman and Gary Broering volunteered as Co-Chairmen of the Building Committee. Al Homan, Joyce Alig, Judy Heitkamp, Lois Lammers and Cy Schwieterman volunteered as Finance Committee to raise the money needed. 1981 became the year of Reorganization of the Granville Township Library Promoters. At the January 13, 1981 meeting, Building Committee Co-Chairmen Gary Broering and Tom Moorman reported that the site where the old school lot is on Main Street was their first choice for a building site, and that they were discussing this with the St. Henry Consolidated School District Board of Education. Two months later, March 10, they reported that the Board of Education would sell the 110 foot square lot for \$12,500. The finance Committee reported that Sharon Westgerdes McBride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Westgerdes, Jr., would design the logo for the Granville Township Branch Library Promoters. The spring monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of the month on a regular basis, continued with the Building Committee working hard on building plans and the Finance Committee seeking clarification of the Financial Status of the Granville Township Branch Library, in view of the \$40,000 Revenue Sharing funds and the earned interest. President Jane Woods and Librarian Bea Lammers were visiting area libraries, as were the Building Committee members, seeking a better under-

standing of the needs of the new library. Legal advice was sought for better understanding of the responsibilities of the Mercer County District Library Board of Trustees and the Granville Township Library Promoters and the Granville Township Citizens.

At the June 9, 1981 meeting of the Mercer County Budget Commission; Walter Fortener, Mercer County Treasurer and Jeffrey Inghram, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Roger Schwieterman, Mercer County Auditor, met with Granville Township Library Promoters' President Jane Woods and Finance Committee members Al Homan and Joyce Alig. The Promoters presented a request for \$25,000 for 1982 and \$25,000 for 1983 from the Mercer County Collection of Intangible Taxes for the Granville Township Branch Library. Homan and Alig requested that the Budget Commission recognize the amount of funds which the Granville Township Citizens had been paying into the collection, with no return prior to 1976 and with little return from 1976 to 1981. At the November 10 meeting of the Promoters, a Revised Constitution was approved unanimously, in view of the increased responsibilities being accepted by the 1981 members of the Promoters. At the December 8, 1981 meeting, the following officers were elected under the Revised Constitution of the Granville Township Library Promoters: President Jane Woods; Vice-President Cy Schwieterman; Secretary Carol Lewis; Treasurer Ron Stout; Representative Al Homan, St. Henry; Bernice Hoying, Carthagen; Ginny Post, Wendelin; Kathy Hemmelgarn, Burkettsville; and Nancy Subler, Cranberry.

At the February 9, 1982 meeting of the Promoters, Bea Lammers displayed the plaque, "In Memory of Ruth Laux" to be displayed at the Library. Mercer County Librarian Austin Schneider announced the Mercer County District Library Board of Trustees hired Ron Anderson, Defiance, as architect for the Granville Township Branch Library Building for \$2,750. Building Co-Chairmen Tom Moorman and Gary Broering presented the cost estimate for the Library Building, totaling \$89,686. A motion was passed that the Mercer County District Library Board of Trustees be requested to place the funds belonging to the Granville Township Branch Library (including Revenue Sharing, Interest and Intangible Tax Funds) in the St. Henry Bank. Finance Committee Members, Judy Heitkamp and Lois Lammers announced their plans for a "Read-A-Thon" and a Slogan contest for the school children to be held in April. Bea Lammers was presented a plaque in honor of her dedication and service to the Granville Township Branch Library and members wished Bea and her family the best in their new home in Omaha, Nebraska. The position of Branch Librarian was then filled by Janet Borgert and the Assistant Librarian was Ann Huwer.

The 1982 Officers of the Granville Township Library Promoters were President Jane Woods, Vice-President Cy Schwieterman, Secretary Carol Lewis, Treasurer Ron Stout, Representatives: Al Homan, St.



**Tom Moorman, Building Committee Co-Chairman**



Henry; Bernice Hoying, Carthagen; Ginny Post, Wendelin; Kathy Hemmelgarn, Burkettsville; Nancy Subler, Cranberry.

The year 1983 was an active year for the Library Promoters. The February 8 meeting was called to order by Vice-President Gary Broering. Treasurer Ron Stout reported a balance of \$3,479.03 with outstanding bills of over \$1,200.00. Jane Woods reported on the Mercer County District Library Board meeting. Librarian Janet Borgert reported a circulation of 2,300 in January and discussed the February 14 Valentines Party and awards. A glass collection was being held monthly for the benefit of the Library, with the report given by Mildred Ross. The Building and Grounds Committee reported that the wallpapering and carpet had been completed and the linoleum would soon be laid and that the shelving was being installed in the Library building. The tables, made by Gene Subler, were completed. The building was almost ready; moving day was discussed. Gary Broering reported that they talked with an architect for landscape sketches. The donors' plaque was discussed, with Gary Broering, Jane Woods and Mildred Ross working on the information.

The April 12, 1983 meeting was called to order by President Cy Schwieterman with thirteen members present. The Granville Township Library Promoters received their tax exempt number from the Federal Government. Gary Broering reported on the donors' plaque. Librarian Janet Borgert reported a circulation of 3,238 in March.

At the May 10 meeting, total deposits of \$25,491.67 were reported. Treasurer Ron Stout reported that tax papers were ready to go, thanks to the volunteer time of Ralph Huelsman. The Building and Grounds Committee reported the building restrooms were almost complete and that the air conditioners were in; the flagpole was up and 95% of the shrubs were in. Under new business, Finance Chairperson Joyce Alig suggested sending a request to the Mercer County District Library Board of Trustees, that the distribution of the Mercer County taxes to the seven libraries of the county, be based upon the population of each area served by that library.

At the June 14 meeting, Janet Borgert reported that the elementary school had agreed to send each class through the library once every six weeks. The new library hours are Monday through Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and in September the Library will be open Saturday mornings if needed.

May 15, 1983, the St. Henry Granville Township Branch Library was dedicated. The Granville Township Branch Library Promoters 1983 officers were: President Cy Schwieterman, Vice-President Gary Broering, Secretary Carol Lewis and Treasurer Ron Stout. The Area Representatives were Al Homan, St. Henry; Kathy Hemmelgarn, Burkettsville; Bernice Hoying, Carthagen; Nancy Subler, Cranberry; Ginny Post, Wendelin. The Membership Chairwoman was Mildred

Ross, who kept extensive records of all the members and their addresses. The Mercer County District Library Board of Trustees were: Ralph Ording, Robert Cron, Aileen Bernard, Margaret Snyder, Ardyth Schaffer, Harley Jones and Marie McClurg; Austin Schneider was Librarian of the Mercer County District Library in 1983. Janet Borgert was Granville Township Branch Librarian; Anna Huwer and Pat Kunk were assistants. In addition to County Funding for this Library, local Endowment memberships of over \$1,000 were: Beckman and Gast Co., St. Henry American Legion Auxiliary; St. Henry Bank; St. Henry Community Picnic; St. Henry Daughters of Isabella; St. Henry Hospital Auxiliary; St. Henry Tile and Concrete Co., Inc.; and Werling and Sons Slaughter House. Gift Memberships of \$500 to \$999 were: Alfred and Bernadine Homan, St. Henry Band Boosters, St. Henry Community Club, Cy Schwieterman, Inc., In Memory of Wally Post and In Memory of Henry Schneider (father of Librarian Austin Schneider). Sixty-five citizens and businesses and organizations each donated \$100 to \$499 to this Library.

At the July 12 meeting Mildred Ross presented \$50 from the glass collection and \$53 from the Boy Scouts' Troop which had disbanded. Jane Woods brought the newspaper article about the Mercer County Budget hearing on July 18 for the Libraries.

At the September 1983 meeting, the Promoters discussed that in past years, the Library Promoters had been invited to attend the County Budget Hearing. This year they had not received that letter of invitation. It was also noted that at the Mercer County Budget Hearing, that the other two Branch Libraries of the Mercer County District Library, Mendon and Marion, had attended but no person from St. Henry was present.

At the October 11, 1983 meeting, Ron Stout reported a balance of \$3,498.27, plus additional donations. St. Henry citizen Louis Huelsman was appointed by Court of Common Pleas Judge Dean James to the Mercer County District Library Board of Trustees.

The Granville Township Library Promoters continued helping the Granville Township Branch Library in 1983, 1984 and 1985. But the attendance at the meetings began to decline, probably because the Library had been built and was doing very well. In the year 1985, the total circulation for the library was 34,410, compared to a circulation rate of 100,870 at the Mercer County District Library Building at Celina, 11,654 at Mendon-Union and 29,353 at Marion libraries. The 1986 Circulation rate for St. Henry Library was 37,715 compared to 106,118 at the Celina building; 17,292 at the Mendon building; and 37,266 at the Marion building.

In 1986, Library Promoters' meetings were held every other month, with some of those being canceled. At the September 1986 meeting, it was noted by citizens present, that no quorum of officers and represen-

tatives had been present at any one meeting the entire year. These citizens asked about seeking local citizens who would be interested in serving actively in 1987. Then, at the October 1986 meeting, all officers and representatives were present. A nominating committee was appointed and at the last meeting of 1986, the 1987 officers were elected.

January 1987, the meeting was opened by Granville Township Library Promoters' President Al Homan. Secretary Anita Hemmelgarn gave her report and Treasurer Jane Schmitz gave that report. Mercer County District Librarian Austin Schneider reported on total circulation statistics. The discussion arose about buying books for the local library, whether the Promoters should pay for the books or the fund from the Mercer County District Library be used. Mr. Schneider commented that about \$4,000 was budgeted for 1987 for books for the St. Henry Branch Library. Mercer County District Library Trustee Ralph Ording said that the County budget should be used first, then the Library Promoters could consider using Library Promoters' funds. A discussion was held about ways to encourage the citizens of Granville Township to use the library. Vice-President Mary Dippold expressed an interest in encouraging senior citizens to visit the library. The possibility of inviting speakers to the meetings was discussed. President Al Homan suggested the need for an evaluation of this library, to see where it might be improved and what kinds of books the citizens want. He appointed Joyce Alig Chairman and Bob Miller to this Evaluation Committee. The plans for the 1987 St. Henry Sesquicentennial celebration were outlined. The library has agreed to serve as one of the sites where the public information can be provided for the Sesquicentennial. The library will have a float in the Sesquicentennial parade in July 1987.

Al Homan, President, was asked for a copy of his 1987 goals for the Granville Township Library Promoters. These goals are listed.

#### **Goals for 1987**

By: Al Homan, President, Granville Township Library Promoters

Date: January 1987

My goal, as President of the Granville Township Library Promoters, is to determine how we can be of better service to our Community of Granville Township.

First, we should evaluate our local library to determine our strengths and weaknesses. What are the areas of our library which are serving the people well? In what areas are we lacking? It appears as if a lot of people are going elsewhere to get certain kinds of books. Our school students are going to other libraries. How can we provide services to these people? I will appoint an EVALUATION TEAM from inside and outside our Community to study this.



Second, we should try to stir up an interest in our adult people to use this library. Possibly, we could have several open houses and explain the use of the library and the services available.

Third, we should review our Constitution. Does every Officer and Community Representative have a current copy of the Granville Township Library Promoters' Constitution? Does every Officer and Community Representative know his responsibilities and opportunities? Is that person ready to accept these guidelines? A quorum of the executive board is a necessity at each monthly meeting. No business can be legally accomplished without this quorum.

Fourth, we should cooperate with the Sesquicentennial Committee of St. Henry throughout the summer of 1987, not only for activities, but also for central office space.



## Granville Township Branch Library

The Granville Township Branch Library is located at 200 East Main Street in St. Henry, Ohio. The present employees are Pat Kunk, Head Branch Librarian and Ann Huwer, Aggie Ording and Peg Fullenkamp are Assistant Librarians. Nancy Hartings has been placed in the library thru the JTPA Program for the summer months.

These are a list of the services the library has to offer: IRS tax forms, publication, instruction, cassette tapes, etc.; Photocopy machine (with legal size available); IBM Correction Selectric Typewriter; Apple IIe Computer (with self-instruction cassettes); Reference Material; Newspapers (including the Wall Street Journal); Magazines; Bestsellers (both fiction and non-fiction) Interlibrary Loan Service; Record Albums; Book Deposit; Large Print Reading Material; Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature; Video Cassettes; Portable Video Cassette Players (2); Three Preschool Story Hours (thru the fall and winter months); Notary Public; and Super 8 Film Projector.

At the present time the hours at the library are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



## St. Henry Christmas House

St. Henry has been very fortunate to have a home for Santa Claus. In 1970 Art Bernard furnished the material and the St. Henry High School Industrial Arts Class built the Christmas House. Since 1971, Art and Janet Bernard have been getting Santa's house ready, adding a different look each year, making it a real treat for young and old to see. Many people visit the Christmas House just to listen to the music and Santa talking to the children while enjoying the lights and decoration. Thru the efforts of Art and Janet along with some financial help from various clubs and organizations now over 800 children are treated to a coloring book and candy bar after telling Santa their wishes. On Christmas Eve it is still a treat to look at Santa's house and listen to the music on your way home for the holiday.



## Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella, Ave Maria Circle 417, was chartered into the National Organization in 1927, with the following names appearing on the charter: Pauline Bergman, Caroline Dierkers, Cleopha Dillhoff, Norma Dillhoff, Mary Dues, Martha Eyink, Leona Gast, Juliana Huelsman, Marcella Huelsman, Catherine Knapke, Philomena Lange, Philomena A. Lange, Anna Lefeld, Clara Moeder, Dolores Romer, Marie A. Romer, Loretta Spoltman, Clara Stein, Elizabeth S. Uhlenhake, Elizabeth Uhlenhake, Nora Vondrell, Henrietta Weaver, Kathryn Winkeljohn, Cora Wourms, Priscilla Moeder, Regina Eyink, Leona Hartings, Lucille Nordenbrock, Helen Gelhaus, Irene Moorman, Thelma Davis, Rose E. Fiely, Loretta Stein, Ann Dierkers, Teresa Gels, Emma Hartings, Leona Panning, Ludwina Lange, Elizabeth A. Romer, Armella King, Gertrude Macke, Bernadine Davis, Rose Fiely, Agnes Dierkers, Lucille Lauber, Elizabeth Schmitz, Marie Albers, Mary A. Beckman, Lorene Beckman and Bernadette Moeder.

Presently D. of I. members are involved in civic projects on the local as well as international level. Their major fund raising projects include the cake stand at the annual Fourth of July picnic and the fall bazaar and bake sale. Local organizations benefiting from their endeavors include: The St. Peter Neurological Center, St. Henry Park Fund, Concerned Citizens, St. Henry Fire Department, Inter-Parish Youth Group and many others. On the international level they very strongly support the Catholic University's Center for Family Studies. The aims of the Center are to support family life through a combination of education, research and service activities. The Daughters of Isabella also contribute to the support of various missions, orphanages, hospitals, etc.

Serving as the present officers are Marjorie Stachler, regent; Lou Ann May, vice regent; Joan Uhlenhake, past regent; Ruth Link, treasurer; Pat Kaiser, financial secretary; Elaine Grube, recording secretary and the Rev. Ray Bauer, chaplain.

The Daughters of Isabella motto, "Unity, Friendship, Charity and Sanctity" clearly defines the Christian values uniting all Catholic women. Total membership is 145.



## Altar Rosary Sodality



**1986 Altar Rosary Sodality Officers**  
**(Seated) Velma Hemmelgarn, Volunteer Helper; Roseann Garman, Financial Secretary; Mary Ann Gelhaus, President. (Standing) Father Ray Bauer, Pastor; Verena Evers, Recording Secretary; Ruth Liening, Treasurer; Mary Dippold, Vice-President.**



**The Sodality makes baptismal gowns for the newborn of the parish. Cecelia Cron and Clara Moeder are shown putting finishing touches on the gowns. Approximately sixty gowns are made each year.**



**Members of the Sodality and neighbors are praying the Rosary before the Funeral Mass.**



**Officers and the neighbors of the deceased are preparing lunch for the family after the Funeral Mass. Lunch consisted of roast beef and ham sandwiches, green beans, casserole, chips, jello salads, cakes and beverages. There is an average of 125 people for the lunch.**

## Community Hospital Auxiliary

The St. Henry Chapter of the Community Hospital Auxiliary was founded in 1974 for the purpose of assisting in the advancement of the interests of Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital in whatever manner is deemed feasible. The St. Henry Chapter has concentrated its efforts mainly on the hospital's facilities for children, having purchased toys, rocking chairs, crib beds and, most recently, a computerized scale for use in the delivery room. The group also contributes to various community and area organizations. The fire department, the summer baseball program and the Concerned Citizens of Mercer County have been recent recipients of donations from the Hospital Auxiliary. As fund raisers, the Hospital Auxiliary has held such events as Christmas candy sales, Easter and Father's Day bake sales, a fall smorgasbord and the fancy stand at the community picnic. They also hold a "Breakfast with Santa" each December as a community service. Pictured are members of the St. Henry Community Hospital Auxiliary at a monthly meeting. Also shown are some of the hospital's younger patients enjoying the donations from the Hospital Auxiliary.



## Community Club

The St. Henry Community Club was formed in 1975 after the Jaycee's dismantled. It is comprised of 88 community minded men.

They earmarked and raised \$125,000 for the St. Henry pool in 1975. Since then they have seen many park improvements such as the new shelterhouse in 1984, the purchase of fence around the baseball field and new picnic tables for the park site.

In the late 1970's the club reconstructed Lammer's ponds to make them better suited for fishing. The club keeps an insurance policy on the pond so that the youth of St. Henry can enjoy fishing in the summer and ice skating in the winter.

Their members are kept active through their many projects such as the volleyball-softball tournaments, "300 Club" ticket sale, the Fourth of July picnic and their "125 Club" dance. They also perform many youth projects such as their yearly "Punt, Pass and Kick."

The Community Club is very proud of their many accomplishments and achievements and they hope to continue to make more community improvements in the future.





## Knights of Columbus

Sunday, January 9, 1926, at the C.K. of A. Hall in St. Henry, a meeting of Catholic men was held for the purpose of organizing a local Knights of Columbus Council for St. Henry and surrounding parishes. Over 100 good Catholic men decided to form the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2640 and the charter was issued on May 8, 1927. The first regular meeting was held on May 27, 1927 with A.J. Hartings serving as Grand Knight and Joe Dues as Deputy Grand Knight.

In the early 1930's, the Council fell victim to hard times and money was borrowed to keep the organization charter intact. From 1935 to 1945, meetings were suspended due to financial difficulties. In 1949, the outbreak of polio caused cancellation of meetings and a monthly newsletter was begun.

In 1950, a new Knights of Columbus Council was established in Fort Recovery with the help of 2640 and members in that area then joined the newly formed Council.

The Knights of Columbus is an association of Catholic men faithful to the Church and dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The challenge is to make Christ's Church present and operative in the world.

Council 2640 has been active in many community programs such as League of Decency, blood donors, etc. They also support various programs for the recreation and religious good of youth. Together with over 1,200,000 other men, Council 2640 supports many National and State endeavors of the Knights of Columbus which include programs of social action: right-to-life, anti-abortion, drug abuse education, anti-poverty, mental health, ecology, decency and retardation.

The 1985-86 Grand Knight is Mark Evers. The 1986-87 Grand Knight is Lavern Shultz. The first spiritual director was Rev. Pius Kanney of St. Henry Parish. The present chaplain is Rev. Werner Verhoff of Burkettsville.



## St. Henry Commercial Club

The St. Henry Commercial Club was organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio as a non-profit organization on July 24, 1907. Their purpose was to induce manufacturing plants and other business enterprises to locate in St. Henry. The charter members were H.A. Beckman, F.H. Goettemoeller, Alfred Davis, Edward Schmitz, J.J. Romer, William H. Romer and Joseph J. Moeller. The Club's membership increased to 40 active members by 1937. The following are some of the projects sponsored by the Commercial Club: their drive for better telephone service was climaxed by the installation of the dial system; their drive to have all the gravel roads in St. Henry resurfaced resulted in St. Henry having all hard surfaced roads; through their efforts 28,000 square feet of sidewalk were put down; their efforts secured a reduction in the fire insurance rates; the 1200 trees raised in the Commercial Club nursery were given to property owners; they put new welcome signs at the edge of town; they have the Christmas Lighting Contest. They plan the Combined Chairities Drive each year. Many St. Henry organizations helped with the park and the pool. The Swimming Pool received donations from the Commercial Club. Donations have also been made to the Shelter House at the St. Henry Park.

The St. Henry Commercial Club conducts the St. Henry Picnic Ticket Sales which is the sole source of their income. The total revenue from these ticket sales is donated 100% back to Community Projects. At present, the Commercial Club has about 24 members.



## St. Henry Emergency Squad

The St. Henry Emergency Branch of Mercer County Ambulance Service, which came into being when Don Hummel became interested in the project, is strictly a volunteer unit. Their first meeting was held February 2, 1975. A lot was then purchased from the Ed Zumberge property located at Linn and Main Streets. The building, built by The Bud Wagner Construction Co. of Coldwater and leased to Mercer County, was designed to house two emergency vehicles and equipment. The building was dedicated and open house held on September 14, 1975. Junior Robbins was county co-ordinator at this time. The St. Henry Squad began making runs at 9:50 p.m. on September 19, 1975, when the first monitoring equipment was received.

Charter members are: Harold Bergman, James Braun, Barb Brophy, Susan Brophy, Ethel Bruns, Gerald Bruns, Johanna Bruns, Ann Evers, Eugene Evers, Donald Frilling, Jeff Frilling, Mildred Frilling, Arthur Gerlach, Carl Hart, Stella Heitkamp, Thomas Henry, Marge Hoying, William Huber, Marie Hummel, Clete Lange, Edna Lange, Daniel Link, Marcia Link, Owen Rinderle, Leroy Rutschilling, Doris Rutschilling, Robert Cramer, Harold Dorsten, Thelma Fortkamp, Walter Fortkamp, Don Hummel, Joan Hummel, Rose Mary Moeder, Victor Moeder, Margaret Schmit and Carol Wehrkamp. Of this original group four remain active: Don Hummel, Vic Moeder, Rose Mary Moeder and Barb Brophy. A good many of the original members retired after 10 years of service.

The St. Henry Squad is set up with four squads on the day shift and four squads on the night shift, therefore, each squad is "on call" one week of each month.

In February of 1983 St. Henry received a back-up emergency vehicle and equipment. They are fully equipped to handle any emergency; thanks to the generosity and caring of the local residents the St. Henry squad is equipped with a heart monitor, defibrillators, Hurst tool of life, plus many more items.

Since the inception of the St. Henry Emergency Squad, in 1975, the following people, along with the charter members, have completed the emergency medical technicians training: Tina Balster, Larry Benanzer, Cindy Brunswick, Mary Buzard, Dennis Hemmelgarn, Michael Henry, Beth Hummel, Gayle Johnson, Charles Knueve, Tom Lamm, Mark Osterholt, Nancy Ross, James Rutschilling, Linda Thieman, Edward Wellman, Diana Borger, Bob Brown, Don Bruns, Bonnie Gelhaus, Doris Goecke, Pat Hummel, Harold Balster, Larry Dues, Dick Franck, Dan Thieman, Carol Lange, Carl Spangler, John Huelsman, Nancy Prashun, Jeanne Rosenbeck, Leisa Rutschilling, Doris Schultz, Janice Schlarman, Mark VanTrees, Mike Wurst, Bill Mueller, Bill Dysert, Roger Speck, Kathy Unrast, Margaret Rinderle, Jeff Rinderle, Brenda

Nieport, Bonnie Knapke, Gene Figel, Dennis Giere, Mike Laux, Chris Lefeld, Tom Mescher, Steve Osterholt, Mary Kay Rammel, Elmer Rinderle, Janice Rindler, Duane Sanning, Dave Selhorst, Kim Wellman. Several of these people transferred to the Coldwater Squad when their community received an emergency vehicle.

As volunteers these people have been trained as emergency medical technicians. Their training consists of 60 hours of classroom, six hours vital signs and 20 hours of in hospital training. Once they have completed the proper schooling and passed the state tests they are put "on call" for either the 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. shift or the shift from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. from Wednesday to Wednesday.

At the present time there are 37 active members providing care for the southern Mercer County Area. Several of the squad members are para-medics as well as CPR and first-aid instructors. These instructors provide classes to anyone interested.

Present officers are Bob Brown, president; Linda Thieman, vice president; Doris Schultz, secretary-treasurer; Bill Mueller, squad chief; Dan Thieman, assistant squad chief; Don Bruns, member-at-large; and Ed Wellman, member-at-large.



## St. Henry Fire Department

The St. Henry Volunteer Fire Department was formed after the late summer fire of 1905, which burned the Bruns Hotel, the carriage and Smith's workshop and nearby buildings and threatened the entire town. Fire fighting equipment was purchased. A better water supply was made available to the village in 1909 with a water tower. A 1917 Model T truck was bought in 1924. This truck was overhauled in 1970 and is driven in parades. In the 1940's, equipment for the trucks and men was provided by Granville Township and the people of St. Henry. An additional truck was bought in 1950. The firehouse was built and dedicated in August 1958. A Rural Firemen's Association was formed in 1960. A grass fire truck was constructed in 1970. The Fire Department Auxiliary was formed in 1969 and their duty is to take lunch to the firemen when fighting big fires.

In 1978 the department bought foam fighting equipment. In 1982, a pager alert system replaced the blowing of the siren. In March of 1984, a fund drive was initiated with an Arson Association training program was formed. In the fall of 1984, a goal of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of updating equipment to comply with state code to keep fire insurance rates down for property owners. A new grass fire truck was purchased in March of 1986 also with the help of the fund drive for a price of \$18,000.00. The old equipment from the previous grass truck was installed on the new truck. At present there are 27 active firemen with Jerry Bruns, Chief; Ron Ontrop, Assistant Chief; Jeff Buehler, President; Dan Bruns, Vice President; and Matt Cahill, Secretary-Treasurer. The Auxiliary has 21 current members with Kathy Droesch, President; Merdella Nietfeld, Secretary; and Ruth Delzeith, Treasurer. The St. Henry Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1905 with John Andress appointed the first Fire Chief.

### List of Chiefs

1905-1911 John Andress  
1911-1915 Sebastian Ranly  
1915-1918 William Uhlenhake  
1918-1923 Joseph Losenkamp  
1923-1938 William Uhlenhake

1938-1946 William Wourms  
1946-1959 William Bernard  
1959-1966 Norbert Dippold  
1966-1981 Leroy Rutschilling  
1981 to present Jerry Bruns



In 1937, a Reo Firetruck was purchased.

Left to right: Urban Hartings, Oscar Feltz, Isadore Droesch, Rich Fiely, Whitey Rinderle, Barney Bruns, Bernard (Maud) Uhlenhake, Carl Hartings, Bill Bernard, Albert Vondrell, Bill Wourms and Tony Kemper.



Left to right: Ruth Delzeith, Kathy Ontrop, Rosie Lefeld, Joan Hummel, Patricia Albers, Phyllis Buening, Janet Hemmelgarn, Angie Rutschilling, Eileen Delzeith, Linda Rammel, Agnes Lefeld, Eileen Dues, Merdella Nietfeld, Ethel Bruns. Absent: Mary Cahill, Karen Dysert, Thelma Fortkamp, Cindy Wenning, Jill Buehler, Elaine Broering, Mary Ann Drosch, Kathy Drosch.



First row-left to right: Matt Cahill, John Rammel, Jerry Hemmelgarn, Bill Dysert, Dale Delzeith, Rick Rutschilling, Frank Albers, Dan Bruns, Larry Wenning, Pat Hummel. Second row-left to right: Chief Jerry Bruns, Asst. Chief Ron Ontrop, Don Hummel, Gary Broering, Walt Fortkamp, Linus Lefeld, Larry Dues, Joe Nietfeld, Ben Lefeld, Jack Rammel, Cy Delzeith, Bob Brown, Jim Rutschilling. Absent: Mike Henry, Jeff Buehler, Cy Drosch, Jerry Drosch.

## Membership Roster

- \*Albers, Frank B.
- Anderson, Daniel
- \*Bergman, Charles J.
- Bergman, Linus
- \*Bernard, Arthur
- \*Bertoline, Gary
- Beyke, William
- Brackman, Dennis
- Broering, Gary
- \*Bruns, Gerald L.
- \*Dippold, James L.
- Evers, Randy
- Franck, Richard
- \*Gels, Charles
- \*Heitkamp, Larry L.
- \*Homan, Al
- \*Howell, Paul
- \*Hoying, Herman
- \*Huelsman, Louis C.
- Huelsman, Ralph L.
- \*Jacobs, Don
- \*Kaiser, Karl H.
- \*Kanney, Robert O., Sr.
- \*Lange, Thomas
- Lefeld, Henry
- \*Miller, Glenn
- Muhlenkamp, Urban
- \*Niekamp, Mike
- \*Niekamp, Paul
- Noll, Mike
- Ontrop, Vincent
- Post, Ray
- \*Romer, John F.
- Romer, Albert
- \*Schmit, Roger
- \*Schwieterman, Cy
- \*Slusser, Thomas E.
- \*Stammen, David L.
- \*Stammen, Mark
- \*Tumbusch, Ralph
- \*Wenning, Larry L.
- \*Woeste, Frank B.
- Wuebker, Thomas

\* *Charter Member*

## Kiwanis International



**CHARTER OFFICERS:** Frank Woeste, 2nd Vice President; Glenn Miller, 1st Vice President; Mike Niekamp, President; Louis Huelsman, Treasurer; Frank Albers, Secretary.



**CHARTER DIRECTORS:** Karl Kaiser, John Romer, Gerald Bruns, Larry Wenning. Not present: James Dippold and David Stammen.

## What Kiwanis Is

Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization appealing to men who have the desire to become personally involved in making their communities better places in which to live. As a group, these men achieve what individuals cannot do alone. Working together, Kiwanians voluntarily share the challenge of community improvement and leadership, assuming personal responsibility for humanitarian and civic projects that public authorities are not prepared to or able to perform. These projects are dominantly local in nature. They include such activities as assistance to youth and the aging, conservation of natural resources, development of community facilities and creation of international understanding and goodwill. Whatever their goals may be, Kiwanians are motivated by a common desire to serve and to achieve an appreciation of good fellowship.

- Kiwanis is a service organization, not a social club.
- Kiwanis is often a public forum.
- Kiwanis makes its activities known.
- Kiwanis fosters principles of good citizenship and human values.
- Kiwanis actions are guided by the needs of its own locality.

### Kiwanis International St. Henry Council

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of St. Henry was held immediately following the Organizational Meeting on May 7, 1985. The newly organized club was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Coldwater, Ohio represented by Dean Schaller.

There were 28 Charter Members dedicated to making the new club one of the finest within Kiwanis International. Since that date, there have been 14 new members who have joined and are ready to accept the challenge and responsibility that are part and parcel of Kiwanis Service.

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## St. Henry American Legion Post 648

The men who have served as the Commanders of St. Henry American Legion Post 648 over the years are as follows:

1946 - Linus Lammers	1960 - Carl Kohn	1973 - Richard Moeder
1947 - E. V. Grevenkamp	1961 - Martin Lefeld	1974 - James Lammers
1948 - Victor Schmackers	1962 - Arthur Gerlach	1975 - James Lammers
1949 - Louis Schmackers	1963 - Bernard Lefeld	1976 - William Rindler
1950 - William Gast	1964 - Lewis Clune	1977 - William Rindler
1951 - Aloys Harting	1965 - Donald Rammel	1978 - Alfred Homan
1952 - Alfred Homan	1966 - Donald Rammel	1979 - Alfred Homan
1953 - Henry Lefeld	1967 - Leroy Rutschilling	1980 - Ronald Ontrop
1954 - Norbert Gerlach	1968 - Harold Davis	1981 - Ronald Ontrop
1955 - Richard Moeder	1969 - Robert Kanney	1982 - Charles Huwer
1956 - Clarence Stahl	1970 - Victor Schmackers	1983 - Arthur S. Brophy
1957 - Edward Kunk	1971 - Victor Moeder	1984 - Arthur S. Brophy
1958 - Louis Schmackers	1972 - Vincent Ontrop	1985 - Arthur S. Brophy
1959 - Paul Tobe		1986 - Norman Bernard





## St. Henry American Legion

The St. Henry American Legion Post was first chartered in August, 1946, by the Department of Ohio, and designated Post 648. There were nineteen veterans of World War I and World War II who signed the original application for the charter. Over the years, since that first step, Post 648 has provided strong support for community and youth activities, love for our state and nation and the care of the disabled veteran and his or her dependents.

For several of the early years, the Legion members met in the old Commercial Club, which would now be above Huelsman's Automotive Store, but at that time it was known as the Mupps Bruns Grocery Store. Then, in November of 1949, Post 648 entered into a lease/purchase agreement with Julius and Pauline Rose to take over the ownership of what had been popularly known as the "Land of Dance" bar and dance hall. The building was remodelled to provide for a bar and restaurant on the west side and a meeting and dance area on the east side of the building. In the years to follow, numerous improvements were made to the original structure. The bar and restaurant part, known as the St. Henry Nite Club, has been a gathering place for area people for many years and is currently leased to Steve Koesters.

The Legion has always been a ready donator to civic activities, scholarship awards, children's Christmas parties, summer baseball programs, Buckeye Boys State, the Veteran's hospitals and the Ohio Veterans Children's Home picnics. Also, the members of Post 648 were large contributors and volunteer workers for the very successful St. Henry Park and Swimming Pool project.

Perhaps the most important single project that the members started back in the year 1947 in order to raise funds for a building purchase was the 4th of July picnic. For several years the Legion was the sole sponsor of this annual activity until the St. Henry Fire Department needed funds for a new truck and became a co-sponsor. Over the years other local organizations have been added to the project until today it is truly a community picnic. The American Legion Post is still the primary organizer and its Commander automatically serves as the General Chairman.

The most recent noteworthy project that the American Legion Post has spearheaded has been the campaign to acquire and display some fifty American flags along the Main Street of the Village of St. Henry on all of the important patriotic holidays. Although several other community organizations have helped financially in this activity, it has been the members of Post 648 who were responsible for the purchasing, installation and maintenance of the flags.

## St. Henry Legion Auxiliary

The first meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 648 was held May 14, 1947 at Lois (Lammers) Stammen's home. Lois was elected the first President. Other Charter members were Verna M. Buschor, Fern Bernard, Mary Ellen Homan, Bernadine Homan, Geraldine Gast, Bernadetta Fullenkamp, Wilma Gels, Dorothy Niekamp and Ethel Rinderle. Bernadine and Geraldine are still active members. Our present membership is 77.

The first meetings were held above what is now Huelsman Automotive Inc., and continued until the Legion purchased the Land-O-Dance (which they converted into their new home) in 1949.

The Auxiliary is noted for its Child Welfare, Community Service, Americanism and Veterans Administration and Rehabilitation programs throughout the year. The Auxiliary helps with the Children's Christmas Party, conducts a Baby-sitting course, and a fingerprinting clinic, giving gifts to shut-ins and helping with expenses of Art Bernard's Santa's house at Christmas time and also is in charge of the bingo Stand at the 4th of July Weekend community Picnic.

Each year there is a sale of Veteran made poppies. Over the years, forty-one girls have been sponsored by the Auxiliary to attend Buckeye Girls State. This is a government workshop designed to teach the responsibilities of citizenship.

There are thirteen ladies in the Marching unit which was formed in early 1970. The Gold Star Mothers were our very special members. They gave a son to our country. They are Sophia (Buschor) Delzeith, Rose Wimmers, Stella Brunswick, Loretta Siefing and Regina Bernard.

<b>1986</b>	<b>Officers</b>	<b>1987</b>
Bernadine Homan	President	Alice Feltz
Alice Feltz	1st Vice-President	Mary Ann Lefeld
Mary Lou Guilbault	2nd Vice-President	Marita Elking
Mary Ellen Linn	Secretary	Henrietta Nerderman
Delores Nieport	Treasurer	Susan Nietfeld
Shirley Drosch	Chaplain	Doris Birt
Lois Dillhoff	Historian	Thelma Speck
Doris Birt	Sgt. at Arms	Lois Dillhoff



## **Buckeye Girls' State**

Buckeye Girls' State Candidates for 1986 are hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, Hospital Auxiliary and Daughters of Isabella.



**Left to right: Carolyn Broering, Jean Borger, Doris Rutschilling of American Legion Auxiliary, Brenda Allig and Diana Meyers.**

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## **Interparish Youth Group**

The Interparish Youth Group consists of youth who get together and discuss various beliefs and views on interested topics. At the high school level, ages freshmen-seniors, they have annual senior citizen parties to get to the elder citizens. Also they do service projects for the community and listen to guest speakers from time to time. The high school organizer is Ted Timmerman and for the junior high school, Lori Schwieterman.

## Cub Scouts of America

In April of 1980 Melvin Heitkamp organized and was the first Cub Master for Pack 101, St. Henry, Ohio. The next Cub Masters were Dick Clune, Dan Anderson and presently Jerry Buschur. The Cub Scouts are sponsored by the St. Henry American Legion. Meetings are usually held at the Legion hall.



The present members and leaders as of June 1, 1986 are as follows. Front row: Brian Delzeith, Andy Delzeith, Ryan Delzeith, Brad Fullenkamp, Kevin Kaup, Daryl Ranly, Andy Fullenkamp. Second row: Matt Fullenkamp, Michael Brunswick, David Meyer, Tim Kaiser, Ryan Rindler, Cory Kremer. Third row: Paul Kaiser, Kevin Cramer, Darwin Lefeld, Keith Buschur, Greg Lefeld, Rob Hemmelgarn, Bill Buschur, Gregg Balster, Doug Ontrop, Trent Huelsman, Joel Broering. Fourth row: Jerry Buschur, Kathy Ontrop, Barb Huelsman, Marlene Brunswick, Gary Broering, Pat Kaiser, Deb Hemmelgarn, Bob Delzeith.

### **Brownie Troop #582**

Brownie Troop #582 was formed by Brenda Lange in December 1984. The troop meets twice a month with Brenda Lange as the leader and Julie Lange, Paula Lange and Beth Uhlenhake as helpers. Thirty girls belong to the troop and they learn first aid and safety, good health habits, make crafts and visit places of interest. (Names not in order with the picture.) Brenda Beyke, Jodie Beyke, Karen Beyke, Jackie Braun, Valerie Breeden, Christy Bruns, Stacy Bruns, Karla Clune, Jodi Dues, Lisa Dues, Kylie Figel, Jodi Gels, Christy Gerlach, Melissa Homan, Angie Kaiser, Amy Lange, Sherri Mueller, Jill Niekamp, Brendi Niekamp, Sara Niekamp, Dawn Osterholt, Angie Post, Mandy Ross, Kim Schultz, Janice Schwieterman, Karie Schwieterman, Kate Schwieterman, Kendra Stachler, Lori Stammen and Julie Steinlage.



## St. Henry Girl Scout Troop 171

The St. Henry Girl Scout Troop 171 was established in September of 1985. Sixteen enthusiastic girls enrolled at the first meeting. Their ages ranged from the first grade through the fourth grade. The purpose of our troop is to inspire each girl with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service so that they may become happy and resourceful citizens.



First row: Lynn Evers, Dana Hess, Kim Stammen, Nicole Hess, Molly Hoying, Lindsay Fullenkamp. Second row: Gina Clune, Shelly Niekamp, Jacqui Clune, Renee Gerlach, Susan Borger, Melanie Rindler, Debra Forsthoff. Third row: Joanne Niekamp (Assistant Leader), Sarah Hoying, Carmen Clune, Michelle Dorsten, Lynn Hess (Leader).

## St. Henry Sunshine Girls 4-H Club

The St. Henry Sunshine Girls 4-H Club was started in 1973 by Bernie Homan and Mildred Frilling with seven members. In 1986, there are 5 advisors and 25 members.

Members participate in 4-H activities. At the County Fair, they march in Junior Fair Parade; their projects are judged and displayed and food and clothing modeled. The members celebrate 4-H achievements at the end of the fair, with a Mother-Daughter Tea. Other summer highlights are attending county 4-H camp and going on field trips.

Money making projects at the Community Picnic include Oscar's Junk (novelty stand) and selling ice cream. A Mother's Day Bake Sale is held.



**Kneeling:** Cathy Buening, Peggy Miller, Brenda Delzeith, Jennifer Drosch, Carolyn Buening. **Seated:** Janice Wolf, Debbie Lefeld, Doris Schroer, Brenda Lefeld, Deb Drosch, Karen Drosch, Kim Drosch, Angie Bruns. **Standing:** Maggie Rammel, Bonnie Lefeld, Jill Hemmelgarn, Karen Huwer, Cheryl Holdheide, Denise Delzeith, Kris Franck, Amy Langenkamp. **Advisers:** Mary Delzeith, Phyllis Schroer, Linda Rammel, Rose Lefeld, Shirley Drosch. **Absent:** Brenda Abels, Karen, Cindy, Brenda Broering.

### St. Henry Buckeye Lassies 4-H

The St. Henry Buckeye Lassies 4-H Club is celebrating their 25th anniversary in 1987. The club is open to young people ages nine to nineteen, with the main purpose of promoting "heads for clearer thinking, hearts for greater loyalty, hands for larger service and health for better living." Towards these ends, members attend monthly meetings at which they give demonstrations and speeches on health and safety. They work to complete projects for exhibit at the county, and sometimes the state fair. Other activities include sponsoring skating parties and a spring bake sale, visiting the county home, holding a parent-daughter pot luck and attending the state fair each year as a club. Pictured below are the 1986 members of the Buckeye Lassies. Absent when the picture was taken was Agnes Lefeld, advisor.





### St. Henry Busybodies 4-H Club

The St. Henry Busybodies 4-H Club began in 1966. It was founded by Edward Tobin and Clarence Ridenour. They were also the first advisors. In the Club's second year, Fred Rose joined as an additional advisor. In the early years, the club consisted of seven members plus advisors. In the third year, Thomas Hemmelgarn joined the Advisors and brought with him 27 new members. That year, the Club with the help of the advisors, went on an all expense paid trip to a Cincinnati Reds Game. The following year 36 new members were recruited. Through the efforts of the Club, rabbit projects were able to be exhibited at the Fair. Some of the Advisors that also served were Carl Spangler and Barney Bruns. Membership varies from year to year. Currently we have 24 members with 4 advisors — Fred Rose-19 years, Ron Wolf-4 years, Dave Ahlers-4 years, Don Broering-2 years and Craig Buschor, Secretary.



### The Paul Abels Family

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Abels live at 4896 Lange Road, St. Henry. Their son Jeffery Abels resides in Coldwater and Sherri, their daughter and Tara Lynn, their granddaughter live at home.

Paul is one of ten children of Urban & Mary (Braun) Abels of Sharpsburg. Roberta is one of three children of Robert J. and Ruth (Axe) Puthoff.

Paul & Roberta have lived in St. Henry since April 4, 1959 when they were married. First on West Columbus Street, then they built on Lange Road.

Paul has worked at New Idea for thirty-three years. Roberta busys herself with keeping house and wallpapering. Jeffery is 22 and works at Kinninger's in New Bremen as a welder. Sherri is employed at Briarwood Nursing Home in Coldwater.



### The Norman Alt Family

Norman and Mary Lou (Muhlenkamp) Alt married at St. Theresa's, Rockford, Ohio, November 15, 1961. Four sons: Mark, born December 21, 1962; David, December 27, 1964; Dale, December 21, 1965; and Michael, September 23, 1967. Lived on Kremer-Hoying Rd. until January, 1969. Now live at 152 N. Eastern Ave. (St. Rt. 118). In May, 1973 we also purchased lots one and two of Rengers subdivision. Norman is employed at New Idea since January, 1962. Mary Lou, head cook at school since August 1978. Mark married Trish Schlarman on November 16, 1984, employed at Post Construction, St. Joe; David is employed at Crown Control, New Bremen; Dale is in the Army since June, 1984; Michael is employed with Post Construction.



## The Carl Albers Family

Carl and Alvira Albers live at 3387 Lange Road, St. Henry, Ohio. Carl is the son of Frank and Mathilda (Schmitmeyer) Albers and was born in Egypt, Ohio. Alvira is the daughter of Albert and Philomena (Homan) Lange and was born in the home that she and Carl live in. They have four children: Rose, Ronald, Albert and Alan.

Their nine grandchildren are Michelle, Jennifer and Kristina Hight, daughters of Rose and Dave Hight; Eric, Janelle, David and Jennifer Albers, children of Ronald and Joyce (Grieshop) Albers; Brian and Julie Albers, children of Albert and Joan (Steinbrunner) Albers. Alan and Milissa (Rinderle) Albers were married July 25, 1986.

Carl and Alvira are farmers of a three-generation farm that the only other previous owner was C.P.P.S. who had purchased it from the United States Government. Some of the timber used in building the St. Henry Catholic Church came from this farm.

**Front Row — left to right: Eric and Janelle Albers, Kristina and Jenny Hight, Brian Albers and Michelle Hight. Back Row: Ron Albers holding David Albers; Joyce Albers holding Jennifer; Alan and Milissa Albers; Alvira and Carl Albers; Albert and Joan Albers holding Julie Albers; Earl Werntz and Rose Werntz.**



### The Alvin Alig Family

Alvin and Joyce Alig have three daughters: Lorna Marilyn (March 18, 1966), Brenda LuRie (October 21, 1968) and Colleen Bea (May 22, 1973). Alvin, a toolmaker, is Foreman at Coldwater Machine Company. Alvin repairs guns, restores old John Deere Tractors and enjoys trapshooting as a Member of Fort Recovery Gun Club. Joyce, a former school teacher, is Director of The Mercer County Historical Museum and Trustee to W.O.E.F., O.H.S., and O.A.H. Joyce was Chairperson of the 1975 Granville Township Saint Henry Library Founding Committee. Lorna, an accounting major, is a Junior in the Honors Program at Bowling Green State University. Brenda, a High School Senior, attended Buckeye Girls' State and Miami University Junior Scholars Program. Lorna and Brenda were exchange students to Germany in 1984 and 1985. Colleen enjoys cheerleading, gymnastics, and playing the trumpet and French horn. On the photograph: Brenda, Alvin, Colleen, Joyce and Lorna.



### Rev. Raymond Bauer, C.P.P.S.

He was born May 8, 1931 in Pittsburgh, PA to a steel worker, Raymond Bauer and his wife, Cecilia Bendig. He was educated in the catholic school of St. Peters. He entered Brunnerdale Seminary after grade school to pursue studies to the priesthood. He was graduated from Dayton University and ordained from St. Charles Seminary into the Society of the Precious Blood on May 31, 1959. He did post graduate work in the University of Detroit and became associate pastor to St. Joseph, Hamilton, St. Joseph, Wapakoneta, Precious Blood, Ft. Wayne, St. John, Glandorf and finally Pastor of St. Henry Parish February 15, 1977. He thanks God for His goodness to his life.



### The John Balster Family

John's father, Henry Balster, (March 22, 1873 to July 2, 1951 age 78 yrs.) was born in Steinfeld, Germany. He moved to America in 1884 with his parents Herman and Sophia (Barhorst) Balster. Herman died in 1894. Before Herman came to America he was a sailor. He moved on the farm where Frank Balster now lives. Sophia died February 3, 1930, age 88 yrs.

John's mother was Anna (Huelsman) Balster, daughter of Henry and Mary (Dougers) Huelsman. She was born in St. Henry (December 1, 1873) on the farm which now belongs to Mrs. Joe Keller. Anna died July 13, 1934 age 60 yrs.

Henry and Anna had seven sons. John was born December 8, 1903. He married Albina (Heitkamp) Balster, daughter of Joseph and Frances (Bruns) Heitkamp, November 16, 1932. John and Albina began their married life on the farm on which they still live. They have nine children: Werner, Harold, and Margie, Mercer County; Rita, Dennis, and Delbert, Montgomery County; Lester, Appleton, Wisconsin; Ralph, Mesa, Arizona; Bernice, Freeland, Michigan.



### The Lawrence Balster Family

Larry is the son of the late Joseph and Clara (Kremer) Balster, and Pat is the daughter of Bernard Romer and the late Esther (Werling) Romer. They moved to St. Henry from Springfield, Ohio in October 1973.

They had their present home built at 121 N. Walnut St. and moved into it in August 1977.

Larry and Pat are the parents of five children: Angie (August 5, 1968) graduated in June 1986 and is presently a student at International Business College in Ft. Wayne, IN; Deb (February 12, 1970), Doug (August 5, 1972); Greg (September 4, 1975); and Matt (February 12, 1978).

Larry owns and operates the St. Henry Hardware/Furniture Store at 279 E. Main Street which he purchased in 1973 from Bernard Romer.

Pat is a registered nurse, but has given it up for now to work full time with Larry in their store.



### The Luke Beckman Family

Luke Beckman, born January 4, 1901, son of Henry and Clara (Goettemoeller) married Lorine Stammen, born January 25, 1907, daughter of Peter and Anna (Mestemaker). Lorine died November 30, 1966. They had three daughters. Betty married Harold Thieman. Pat married Walter Post. Mary married Thomas Niekamp. Luke, his father Henry, and Lewis gast became partners in the General Merchandise Store across from the St. Henry Church from 1922 to 1930. In 1928 they purchased the local cannery. The Beckman and Gast Canning Company processed tomatoes, beets, carrots, and turtle soup. In 1951 the partnership dissolved with Luke taking over their Minster plant. Luke is a past president of the Ohio Canners and the National Canners Associations. He married Marie Wirkner Sutter, the widow of Ray Sutter, October 18, 1968.



### The Leroy Bensman Family

Leroy and Rosemary Bensman live at 621 East Main St. in St. Henry. Leroy is the son of August and Marie Bensman. Rosemary is the daughter of Henry and Philomena Lange. They have six children. Morris married Karen Rethman and they have two daughters, Michelle and Megan, and one son Ryan. They also live in St. Henry. Diana married Charles Tussing and has one son, Derek, and lives in Cincinnati. Mary married Dan Diller and they have one son, Justin, and they live in Osgood, Ohio. Linda works at Celina Group. Marvin works at Clopay. Dennis is a Freshman at Ohio State University. Leroy works at New Idea and belongs to the American Legion. Rosemary works at the Huffy Corporation.



### The Bernard (Bud) Bergman Family

Bernard (Bud) Bergman was born in Yorkshire, Ohio, the son of Bernard and Francis (Otting) Bergman, on December 22, 1936.

On September 17, 1960, he married Carol Schwieterman, daughter of Ray and Bertha (Bruening) Schwieterman. She was born on May 8, 1938 in Dayton.

They are the parents of four children: Jeff, lives in Greenville; Lisa married Steve Prenger, November 15, 1985 and lives in St. Henry; Brad and Todd live at home.

They have been residents of St. Henry since their marriage in 1960.



### The Linus Bergman Family

Linus is the son of Joseph and Catherine (Schmitt) Bergman. Rita is the daughter of Anthony and Catherine (Albers) Selhorst.

They were married on October 22, 1947. They have five children: Kathy, Ethel, Paul, Gary, and Joan. All are married. Ethel and her family reside in St. Henry.

Linus and Rita lived on a dairy farm in Egypt, Ohio, from 1947 until 1983 when they retired and moved to their present location, 481 Bernard Ave., St. Henry.



### Arthur & Janet Bernard

Arthur Bernard, son of William and Ada Ahlers Bernard married Janet Steinlage, daughter of Albert and Cecelia Bergman Steinlage in 1972. They moved to 111 East Main Street, the former August Luttmer home where they still reside.

Art, who has been Police Chief of the Village of St. Henry since 1968 and Janet, an employee of the Reynolds and Reynolds Company of Celina, Ohio are active in a wide variety of community activities including the initiation of the Christmas House in 1971 and more recently the Children's Safety Fund which is used to purchase safety devices for the community. They both are very active in community improvement activities.



### The William Bernard Family

Mr. & Mrs. William Bernard of 142 East Main Street have lived here their entire married life. William born in Cranberry Prairie, son of Louis & Caroline Karch Bernard, married Ada Ahlers, daughter of Henry & Katherina Duesman Ahlers, August 11, 1926. Their present home was purchased from Mrs. Leonard Gebele in 1924. Their children are Edna (John Fox); Norman (Ruth Fink) of New Weston; Lillian (Eugene Sherman) of Troy; Arlene (Maurice Brandewie) of Ft. Loramie; Arthur (Janet Steinlage); and Allen of Cincinnati, Ohio. Caroline Karch Bernard made her home with them until her death in 1947. William, now retired, was active in community affairs, serving as Fire Chief and Police Chief for the community. They have 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.





### The Charles Thomas Beyke Family

Tom is the son of Jacob and Mary (Goubeaux) Beyke of Cranberry Prairie. Esther Elizabeth is the daughter of Martin and Madonna (Rammel) Wilker of Montezuma. Tom graduated from St. Henry High School and is a self-employed truck driver. Esther graduated from Celina Senior High School and Good Samaritan School of Nursing in Dayton and is a registered nurse.

They are the parents of nine children: Robert Thomas, November 2, 1972; Bradley Joseph, July 2, 1974; Brenda Kay, March 3, 1977; Karen Elizabeth, February 26, 1978; David Charles, December 26, 1979; Janice Mary, January 27, 1983; Stephanie Donna, September 3, 1984; and Kenneth John and Keith Jacob, September 17, 1985.

They moved to St. Henry from St. Joe (Ft. Recovery) in 1977 after building their home at 4741 Kremer-Hoying Rd.



### The Dennis Bills Family

Dennis Bills of St. Sebastian and Dorothy Bruns of Chickasaw were married October 25, 1958, and they made their home in St. Henry since Dennis was employed by Schockman Lumber Company. He is now employed at Minster Machine and has been for 22 years.

They have three children. Randy, born January 13, 1960, is a graduate of Ohio State University and is employed with Systems Engineering Associates of Columbus. He married Debra Headley of Martins Ferry, Ohio on October 1, 1983. They live in Columbus. Their second child, Terry, born June 4, 1962, is a licensed electrician. He is employed with Ohio Plumbing and Electric. He married Janet Huwer of Cranberry, Ohio on June 30, 1984, and they live in St. Henry. Their third child, Kathy, born April 26, 1967, lives at home and is employed at Reynolds & Reynolds, Celina, Ohio.



### The Robert Birt Family

Doris Bertke, daughter of Deitrick and Alma (Schulte) Bertke of Celina and Robert Birt, son of Russell and Alvina (Kramplebeck) Birt of Coldwater were married October 1, 1955. They purchased a two bedroom house from Genevieve Reier at Kremer-Hoying Rd. July 1957. A two bedroom addition was built in 1964.

They are the parents of four living children. Angela (Jerome) Dircksen (1956) of Minster; Teresa (Thomas) Kaup (1957) of Ft. Recovery; Robert (1960) and Rebecca (1964).

They have three children deceased: Matthew (1958), Gary (1962) and Joseph (1967).

Doris Birt is a former employee of "Hartwig Poultry" and a housewife. Bob Birt has been employed at "Pet Milk Co." the past 37 years.

Their family hobbies are crafts, sports, crossword puzzles, horseshoe, camping and playing cards.



### The Jim Borger Family

They are proud to live at 162 N. Walnut, part of the original plat of St. Henry, in a house once owned by Jim's great grandfather, Frederick. Jim grew up in St. Henry, and Dorothy was raised on a farm near St. Joe; east of Ft. Recovery. Dorothy works part-time as an LPN. Jim works as an electrical engineer. The children are the sixth generation of Borger's to live in the St. Henry area. The children enjoy baseball and swimming. The three oldest play the piano. The Borger's can't think of a place where they would rather live.

James Henry Borger (born March 18, 1948) and Dorothy Margaret Fullenkamp (born February 26, 1949) were married August 4, 1973. Their children are: Anne Maria, born February 7, 1975; Benjamin James, August 3, 1976; Susan Mary, April 18, 1978; and Philip Marvin, July 22, 1980.



### The Robert James Borger Family

Robert James Borger, born in St. Henry, son of Urban and Thesia Uhlenhake Borger, married Mary Rita Kaup, daughter of Henry and Mary Buschur Kaup at Coldwater on June 14, 1947. Bob has worked at New Idea as an electrician since 1946. They have five children:

James Henry, U.S. Navy veteran, BS Purdue at Ft. Wayne, married Dorothy Fullenkamp in 1973; they have four children and live in St. Henry. Jim works as an electrical engineer.

William Urban, BSEE Indiana Tech, MSEE Ohio State, PHD University of Dayton, married Mary Franck in 1971; they have four children and live in Dayton. Bill is employed as an electrical engineer at Wright Patterson AFB.

Patricia Anne, AB St. Francis College, graduate studies at University of Cincinnati College — Conservatory of Music. Pat is the director of the UC Conservatory of Music Preparatory Department and lives in Cincinnati.

David Raphael, BA Ohio Northern, MA Ball State. Dave teaches industrial arts at Celina Senior High School and lives in St. Henry.

Marvin Gerard, BSEE Ohio Northern, now attends St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, Indiana.

### The Ernest Borgerding Family

Ernest Borgerding was born in Burkettsville, the son of Bernadine (Westerheide) and Robert Borgerding. The second youngest of ten children he is the last living member.

In 1933, in Dayton, he married Alvin Eyink the daughter of Anna (Brackman) and Henry Eyink from Chickasaw. There were eight children, three girls are living.

In 1946 they moved to Ft. Recovery, Ohio. A daughter Carol Cramer, son Dennis, three grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter make up their family.

After losing their home in a fire they moved to 262 E. Washington, St. Henry, where in 1983 they celebrated their Golden Wedding. They have many fond memories of coming to St. Henry as children in a horse and buggy. Now they enjoy playing cards, Bingo and babysitting.



### The Oscar Borgerding Family

Oscar and Edna (Dorsten) Borgerding, whose address is 272 Circle Drive, St. Henry, have raised four children and have five grandchildren.

David, single, lives in New York City and is a music writer for musical revues.

Robert is married to Janet Brugeman of Maria Stein and they have two sons, Taylor and Trent; Bob works for Tumbusch Construction and Jan works at Crown Control.

Jane, a cosmetologist at J.C. Penney Salon, is married to Daniel Bruns of Chickasaw; they live on Clover Four Rd., Celina, and have three children: Matt, Rachel and Trina.

Dan works at Crown Control. Bill is single and lives at home; he works at Grand Carriage in St. Marys; he is a body repairman.



### The Robert Borgert Family

Robert and Janet Borgert have resided at 472 N. Park Street in St. Henry for the past eleven years. They have two daughters, Beth, 13 and Amy, 11. Bob is the son of Wilmer and Rita (Stahl) Borgert of St. Henry. Janet's parents are Herbert and Evelyn (Schwieterman) Wehrkamp also of St. Henry. Since November, 1983 Janet and Bob have owned and operated the J & B Drive-Thru Carryout, which is located at 521 East Main Street, St. Henry. Beer, wine, pizzas, subs, sandwiches and a wide variety of party supplies are available at the carryout. Bob is also employed at Matt Schwieterman, Inc. as a heavy equipment operator.



### The Wilmer Borgert Family

Wilmer "Bim" Borgert and Rita Stahl were married on October 25, 1947. They reside at 252 North Walnut Street where they have lived for 35 years. They are the parents of five children and thirteen grandchildren. Beverly married Ron Houts and resides in Celina, Ohio. Robert married Janet Wehrkamp and resides in St. Henry. Dennis married Joyce Schmitz and resides in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Diane married Mike Link and resides in St. Henry. Jim married Nancy Reier and resides in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Bim is semi-retired from Beatrice Foods, Inc. where he was a semi truck driver for 30 years. Rita is retired after 18 years of custodial work at the Post Office.



### The Dennis Brackman Family

Dennis and Thelma Brackman live at 241 North Sycamore. Thelma is the daughter of Ralph and Alfreda Rose and is a homemaker. Dennis is a retired elementary principal and also is the organist at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater.

The picture includes, left to right: Doug, a sophomore at St. Henry High; Dale and Craig, senior and freshman respectively at the University of Dayton, majoring in computer science; Cheryl, married to Greg Gudorf and living with their son Eric in Kettering; Gary, an accountant with Price-Waterhouse in Dayton; Michael, a junior in computer science at the University of Dayton; Trina, a fifth grader; Thelma; Neal, a computer scientist with Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati; Dennis; and Kevin, a freshman at St. Henry High.



### The Herb Brackman Family

Herb Brackman, son of Joseph and Rose Bruns Brackman of St. Joe and Dolores Brunswick, daughter of Julius and Matilda Timmerman Brunswick of St. Wendelin were married on April 24, 1946, in St. Wendelin Church by Rev. Herman Goldschmidt.

They moved to 2073 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road in 1951 and became members of St. Henry Parish.

Herb was employed by New Idea and also operated a poultry farm.

They are the parents of ten children: Herb Jr., Marvin, Daniel, Kenneth and James all in the Coldwater area. Sharon Fesmier of Mansfield, Don of Columbus Grove, Kathy Moeller of R.R. Celina, Christopher and Thomas of St. Henry.

Herb and Dolores are retired and live at 162 W. Sunset Avenue, St. Henry. Their son Chris resides on the farm.



### The Herman Braun Family

Herman Braun, March 1, 1892, St. Peter, Ohio and Mary Wolters, July 25, 1900, St. Sebastian, Ohio were married April 18, 1923. There were six offspring: Luella, May 7, 1924 who married Ernest Ontrop July 26, 1944, now living in Portland, Indiana. Alma, November 29, 1925 later became a Precious Blood Sister and took the name of Sister Mary Rose on July 25, 1943. She died a Sister on October 7, 1973. Ernest, February 19, 1928, died of Diphtheria February 12, 1934. Walter, March 8, 1930, married Marian Frey September 7, 1957. They live at St. Rose, Ohio. Mary Ann, July 14, 1935, married Robert L. Droesch, October 16, 1971. They live in Coldwater, Ohio. Louis, June 14, 1937, married Sylvia Knapke August 2, 1958. They live in St. Henry, Ohio.

Herman died January 7, 1977 and Mary moved to Briarwood Manor Nursing Home, Coldwater, Ohio November 5, 1986.

There are 16 living grandchildren and four deceased. Eight great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.



### The Gary Broering Family

The home of Gary and Elaine Broering at 2330 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road was built in 1973-74. Their three children are: Carolyn, eighteen; Wendi, fourteen; Joel, eleven. Gary, the son of Roman and Erma Broering of North Star, Ohio, is employed at the Beckman and Gast Company as plant manager. Elaine is the daughter of Bill and Gerry Gast of St. Henry. She is an elementary art teacher at St. Henry. Carolyn will be entering college this fall, studying pre-law. Wendi, a freshman at St. Henry High School, hopes to participate in basketball. Joel will attend St. Henry Middle School's sixth grade. He's interested in any and all sports. Gary, forty-one; and Elaine, forty, were married July 6, 1968, in St. Henry.



### The Paul Broering Family

Paul and Nancy Broering live at 3920 State Route 119, St. Henry, Ohio. Lawrence and Stella Broering are the parents of Paul. Nancy is the daughter of Urban and Rita Schmiesing. They have nine children; five daughters, and four sons. The oldest, Jim, works with his father on the farm. Lisa is a senior at Mt. Carmel School of Nursing in Columbus. Linda is a secretary at Mersman Waldron Furniture located in Celina. Diane and Sheila are in St. Henry High School. Kevin and Brian are in the Middle School at St. Henry. Amy is at Burkettsville in the fourth grade. The youngest, Todd, is a first grade student in St. Henry Elementary. Paul and Nancy own and operate a dairy farm. Paul is also an active member of the St. Henry School Board.

### The Maurice Bruening Family

Maurice and Paulette Bruening live at 251 S. Sycamore Street. Maurice is the son of Ben and Evelyn Bruening of St. Henry. Paulette is the daughter of Wilbert and Gladys Rismiller of North Star. They have six children. Steven, Kristine and David attend St. Henry High School. All three are active in school sports. Kevin attends the middle school. Rebecca is in elementary school. Jennifer is two years old. Maurice works at Huffy Corporation in Celina and Paulette is a housewife.



### The Leo Bruggeman Family

Leo (deceased) Armella Bruggeman live at 641 E. Main. Leo is the son of Herman and Philomena Bruggeman. Armella is the daughter of August and Anna Everman. They have seven children. Lois married Elmer Grilliot. They have four daughters and three sons at Yorkshire. Marvin married Shirley Tidd and have two sons and a daughter in Plant City, Florida. Ronald married Linda Wagner and have two daughters and two sons in St. Henry. Sharon married Charlie Voskuhl and have three daughters and a son in Cassella. Geraldine married Fred Bertke and have two daughters in St. Marys. Bernice married Ronald Dwenger and have two sons and one daughter in Chickasaw. Beverly married Gary Clune and have three daughters in St. Henry. Armella is retired from Huf-fys and likes fishing and quilting.

In the picture: Front Row: Ronald Bruggeman; Armella Bruggeman, mother; Marvin Bruggeman; Back Row: Bev Clune; Bernice Dwenger; Geraldine Bertke; Sharon Voskuhl; Lois Grilliot.





### The Ron Bruggeman Family

Ron and Linda Bruggeman live at 4531 Kremer-Hoying Rd. Ron is the son of Armela Bruggeman. His father Leo is deceased. Linda is the daughter of Adeline Wagner from Celina. Her father Irvin is deceased. Ron and Linda have four children. Shelley, a senior, is employed at Casey Jones in Celina and likes photography and art. Kristina is in the eighth grade and enjoys playing volleyball. Todd is in the sixth grade and likes football and baseball. Matt is in the third grade and loves to draw.

Ron drives truck for the Rager Bros. from Van Wert and enjoys bowling and playing cards. Linda works at Hoffman Poultry and likes to read, take walks, and both like to spend time with their family.



### The Bernard Bruns Family

Bernard barbered in St. Henry from 1934 to 1942. He barbered in the business room now occupied by Rogers Flowers & Gifts, 131 W. Main Street. He entered U.S.A. Army April 12, 1942, and was in the service four years.

He returned to St. Henry in 1957 and constructed a new building at 141 E. Main Street, uptown St. Henry, where he is still active in barbering and hair designing.

Armella was a graduate of Lima Beauty Academy in the year 1936. She has been active in the beauty profession ever since. Her salon is now located in her home at 271 Maple Street, St. Henry, where she is still active in her salon with hair designing.

Their son Fred graduated from St. Henry High School. He attended the University of Cincinnati. Now he is employed in engineering with General Motors. Fred is married.

Mike is also a graduate of St. Henry High School. He attended ITT, Dayton's School of Architectural Engineering. Mike is now employed with Automotive Distributors, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is married and has two daughters.

### The Gerald Bruns Family

Gerald and Ethel Bruns have lived in their home (232 Kremer-Hoying Rd.) since May 1957. Jeffrey was born in 1957; Nancy, 1958; Daniel, 1960; Jeanette, 1962; and Douglas, 1967. Jeff and his wife Anna, married in 1980, have twin daughters Jessica and Ericka (1981). Jeff works at Pepsi-Cola, Lima. They live in Elida. Nancy married Jeff Luebke in 1981. They have one son Cory (1985). Nancy works for Celina City Auditor and Jeff is employed at Crown Control. They live in Maria Stein. Dan lives at home and works for the family business, Bruns Dist. Co., Inc. Jeanette married Dan Wehrkamp in 1985. She manages a Paul Harris Store. Dan is employed at Beechum Corp. and they reside in Dayton. Doug attends Ohio State University, Columbus.



### The Gerald H. Bruns Family

Gerald H. Bruns and Carolyn (Rammel) Bruns were married on August 14, 1965. They lived in Yorkshire, Ohio the first six years then moved to St. Henry, to Carol's grandparents house.

Their oldest daughter, Cynthia was born in July, 1966. She now attends Bluffton College. Michelle was born in March, 1968. She is attending the University of Dayton. Kelly was born in January, 1970 and attends St. Henry High School. Holly was born in December, 1972 and attends St. Henry Middle School. Stacy was born in September, 1977 and attends St. Henry Elementary. Steve was born in August, 1980 and attends St. Henry Elementary.



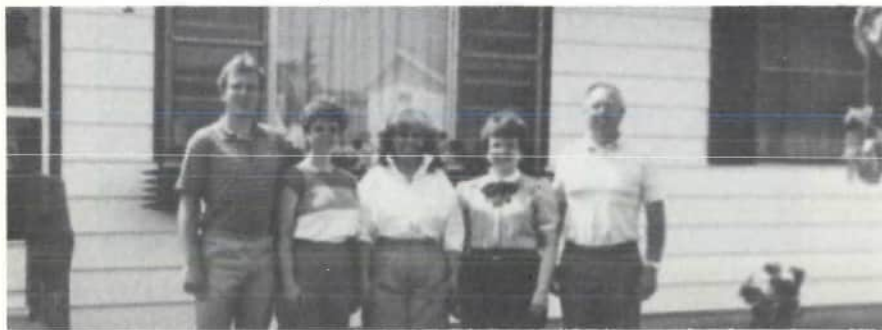
### **The Lester Bruns Family**

Lester Bruns (Chickasaw) married Johanna Bulcher (Versailles) January 10, 1959. They've resided in St. Henry since then. Lester presently works at Coldwater Community Hospital in maintenance; Johanna is an RN at Dr. Schwieterman's office, Maria Stein.

Their first child, Jeffery Alan, was born November 4, 1959. He graduated from Bowling Green in business management and then obtained an MBA from University of Dayton. He now lives in Dayton and works for NCR.

Kathryn Rose was born October 21, 1961. She has an associate degree in accounting and is pursuing a bachelors in management at University of Dayton. Kathy, also living in Dayton, works at Reynolds & Reynolds.

January 20, 1965 Karen Ann was born. She will graduate from Miami University in May, 1987 with a degree in English and math secondary education.



### **The Marvin Bruns Family**

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bruns and Philip live at 251 Sunset Avenue, St. Henry. Marvin C. Bruns was born May 22, 1959. Cynthia R. Bruns was born May 19, 1959. Philip A. Bruns was born September 4, 1984. Marvin Bruns married Cynthia Pohlman, July 24, 1981.



### The Norbert Brunswick Homestead

Norbert Brunswick married Rosemary Bergman on November 24, 1937 at St. Rosa, Ohio. They had four children: Lavern, born October 14, 1938; Madonna, born June 22, 1940; and twins, Maurice and Marlene born June 9, 1944.

This 80 acre farm was owned and operated by Norbert and Rosemary until his death, by a heart attack in 1959. Rosemary and family continued farming. At the present time, her son Maurice is farming it. It is located northeast of St. Henry, Ohio on Carthagen Road.



### The Maurice Brunswick Family

On June 21, 1969, on a beautiful summer afternoon, Maurice and Marlene Brunswick were married at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at McCartyville, Ohio. They have been married 17 years and are living at their country home near St. Henry, along with their two children, Michelle, who is twelve; and Michael, who is nine years old. Maurice has been working at New Idea for 23 years in the assembly department.

Marlene's hobbies are flower gardening and reading. She is also a Cub Scout Leader for her son's den. Michelle is in the seventh grade this year at St. Henry Middle School. She plays the cornet in the Jr. High band. Michelle belongs to the St. Henry Buckeye Lassies 4-H club. She likes to do crafts, twirl baton and read. Mike belongs to the St. Henry Cub Scouts. He likes to fish, draw, and be around animals. Michael is in the 4th grade this fall.



### The Ralph Bruns Family

Ralph Bruns born July 23, 1930 in Chickasaw, Ohio, married (October 27, 1956) to Roselyn Will from St. Sebastian. Roselyn was born on May 20, 1934. They reside at 271 S. Walnut St., St. Henry, Ohio.

Children: Teresa, born September 14, 1957, married Steve Poling on June 2, 1979; Marvin, born May 22, 1959, married Cindy Pohlman on July 24, 1981; Diane, born September 7, 1960, married Craig Griesdorn on June 8, 1985; Cynthia, born December 19, 1961; Allan, born April 21, 1963, married Janet Ruchty on May 9, 1987; Mary, born January 14, 1965, married David Bohman on October 4, 1986; Lori, born October 18, 1968; and Jennifer, born February 25, 1975.



### The Randy Brunswick Family

Randy and Cindy Brunswick live at 2202 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road. The home in which they live was built in January of 1984. Randy is the son of Donald and Doris Ann Brunswick, and Cindy is the daughter of Ralph and Mary Agnes Ording. They were married in April of 1978, and have three children. Kelly was born in January of 1981. Michael was born in March of 1983 and Keith was born in February of 1986.

Randy is currently employed at Bruns Building Supply and also is a realtor with Owen Hall Realty Group. Cindy is employed at the office of E. I. Feliciano, M.D.



### The Alphonse Buschur Family

Alphonse Buschur, son of Andy and Sophie Buschur, married Emaleen Bohman, daughter of George and Katherine Bohman, October 10, 1939. They live at 492 East Main and have seven children. Eugene married Kathleen Rammel, children, Scott, Brent, Jennifer, Kristine, Bruce. Karen married Howard Koesters, children, Brenda, Carol, Kevin. Jerelyn married Lowell Hunt, children, Sonya, Eric, Rebecca. Shirley married Glenn Beighley, children, Brian, Julie, Jaclyn. Marceil married Fred Wilson. Jerome married Janice Schmackers, children, Craig, Trent, Keith, William, Mark, Kelly, Ryan, Kimberley, Kendra. Neil married Pamela Stahl. Alph is a carpenter and is retired. Emaleen worked at Hemmelgarn egg plant and is also retired. They have a summer trailer home in Michigan where they enjoy fishing.



### The Jerry Buschur Family

Jerry and Janice Buschur live at 152 E. Main. Jerry is the son of Alph and Emily Buschur. Janice is the daughter of Victor and Mary Ann Schmachers. They have nine children, all living at home: Craig, 14 years; Trent, 13 years; Keith, 12 years; Bill, 11 years; Mark, 9 years; Kelly, 7 years; Ryan, 5 years; Kimberly, 3 years; and Kendra 1 year old. The children seem to have lots of interest in sports. Jerry works and owns Buschur's Refrigeration Business and enjoys reading and woodworking. He also is Cubmaster for the Cub Scouts, Pack 101, and Usher for Church. Janice is his wife and mother and keeps the books for the business. She likes cooking and baking, sewing and crafts and helps with various church activities.



## The Eugene Buschur Family

Eugene H. and Caroline Buschur, moved to St. Henry in 1957. Gene's parents are the late Aloys and Eleanor (Wenning) Buschur. Caroline's, the late George and Amelia (Reier) Hein. Gene is employed by the Minster Machine Co. They have eight children: Jim, electrical engineer, and Susan (Gibbons) Buschur, 2 children, live in Ft. Wayne, IN; Donna, C.C.D. teacher, and Jerry Grieshop, 4 children, Yorkshire, OH; Elaine, teacher, and Tom Anthony, 3 children, West Chester, OH; Betty, L.P.N., and Frank Nietfeld, 4 children, St. Henry, OH; Sharon, educational consultant, and Fred Coburn, 2 children, Sylvania, OH; David, laborer, St. Henry; Douglas, construction worker, and Joyce (Goodnoe) Buschur, Golden Gate, FL; Kathy, jeweler, and Ted Fullenkamp, 1 child, Wapakoneta, OH. Three granddaughters, thirteen grandsons.

## The Gene Buschur Family

Gene was born March 17, 1933 to Laura (Alt) and the late Leon Buschur of Philothea, Ohio. Jean was born April 17, 1934 to William and Martha (Huelsman) Rindler of North Star, Ohio. They were married in St. Louis Parish, North Star, Ohio, on October 17, 1953. The parents of five children: Deb was born April 17, 1956 and is married to Chuck Kanney; Jeff was born March 26, 1962 and is married to the former Nancy Lange; Jill was born December 27, 1966 and is married to Kevin Westgerdes; Jenni was born January 16, 1969 and Jodi was born November 18, 1970. The grandparents of Kylie Westgerdes, born October 8, 1984 and Eric Buschur, born July 5, 1985. Gene has been employed at New Idea in Coldwater, Ohio since 1951, and a Real Estate Broker since 1962 along with his son, Jeff, who is an associate.



### The Leon Brunswick Family

After Leon Brunswick married Ruth Braun, they moved to Columbiana, Ohio to begin their family. Connie, Ron, Bernice, Billy (stillborn), and Barb were born before they moved to St. Henry in 1972. Leon began working at Hemmelgarn & Sons, Inc., while Ruth continued as a homemaker. They then gave birth to Dan and Jenny. In 1982 Ruth began working at Buckeye Apparel. Coldwater Community Hospital hired Leon in 1985 to do maintenance work. Presently, Connie does foot reflexology and sells Neo-Life products, and Dan delivers *The Daily Standard*. Bernice assists at Home Interior parties, while Barb and Jenny babysit. Ron is majoring in mechanical engineering at the University of Dayton. As they work to do God's will, they eagerly await their heavenly reward.



### The Matt Cahill Family

Matt and Mary Cahill reside at 452 Washington St. with their three children. Erin is six and in the first grade. Lynn is five, and Jason is five months. Matt and Mary were both born and raised in the St. Henry area. Matt's parents, John (deceased) and Patricia, were born in Erlanger, Kentucky and moved to St. Henry in 1957. Mary is the daughter of Leonard (deceased) and Marie Koesters. Matt works at Crown Control Corporation and is an active member of the St. Henry Volunteer Fire Department, and the Community Club. Mary is a housewife and mother and also a member of the Ladies Auxillary of the Fire Department. They enjoy camping and being outdoors.





### The Ron Clements Family

Ron and Mary Clements live at 161 East Main Street. Ron is the son of Robert and Margaret Clements. Mary is the daughter of Victor and Mary Agnes Muhlenkamp. Ron and Mary are the parents of three children — two daughters and one son. Sheila married Kenneth Tuente and they have two sons, Anthony and Justin. They live in Rossburg. Robert is a Freshman at Miami University in Oxford. Diane is a Sophomore at St. Henry High School. Ron works at New Idea and enjoys sports and playing cards. He belongs to the American Legion, Eagles, and Knights of Columbus. Mary works at St. Henry Elementary School and belongs to the American Legion Auxiliary.



### 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. In more recent years she lived in Osterholt Trailer Court and for a long time she helped to take care of the elderly.

Anna Mae is the daughter of Alex (March 9, 1901) and Eleanor Nearingarder Clune (April 22, 1904). Her grandparents were Louis and Anna Coty Nearingarder of Frenchtown, Ohio and Bernard and Josephine Bolzinger Clune who lived in Burkettsville.

She has two brothers Lewis (January 24, 1932) (married Vivian Bergman) of St. Henry, and Paul (September 5, 1938) (married Jane Moorman) of Coldwater and two sisters Rosie (August 14, 1935) (married Victor Moeder) of St. Henry and Donna (March 24, 1941) (married Don Bowerman) of Minster.



## The Clune Family

Martha Clune was born (February 23, 1912) to Clem and Agnes (Drees) Broerman. She grew up on a 120 acre farm in Yorkshire, Ohio and married November 16, 1937 to Herbert Clune, (born November 8, 1908) to Casper and Anna (Ashman) Clune. He grew up on a 120 acre farm in Chickasaw, Ohio. After their marriage they bought an 80 acre farm west of St. Henry on Lange Rd. A son Urban and his family now reside there. Herbert died 1967.

Martha and Herbert's seven children:

Linus (September 22, 1938), 1965 married Sandy Mescher, 3 children; Dolores (May 12, 1940), 1961 married Lester Hartings, 10 children; Paul (June 14, 1941), 1965 married Janet Stammen, 5 children; Urban (July 28, 1942), 1975 married Peg Groff, 3 children; Carolyn (August 18, 1945), 1967 married Bob Beckman, 4 children; Donald (September 14, 1947), 1971 married Alice Fleckenstein, 4 children; and David (November 12, 1955), 1983 married Janice Schemmel.

Martha Clune resides at Rt. 118, 172 N. Eastern Avenue, St. Henry.



## The Linus Clune Family

Linus J. Clune, son of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Clune, and Sandra Mescher, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leo H. Mescher, were married on October 2, 1965, in St. John's Catholic Church in Maria Stein, Ohio. On September 28, 1967, Judith Elaine was born. She is now a freshman at Bowling Green State University. Ronald Lee was born on February 8, 1970. He is a junior at St. Henry High School. Becky Marie was born on October 27, 1972 and she is an eighth grader at St. Henry Middle School. The Clune's now live on a small farm at 2841 St. Rte. 118. Linus is employed at Matt Schwieterman Inc., in Coldwater and Sandy is employed at Les Wenning Motors in Ft. Recovery.



### The Lewis Clune Family

Lewis Clune, son of Alex and Eleanor (Neargarder) Clune, was born January 24, 1931, and lived in Burkettsville, served four years in the Air Force, has been employed at New Idea since 1947. On September 23, 1953 he married Vivian Bergman, daughter of Bernard and Frances (Otting) Bergman. She was born on December 27, 1931 and lived near Yorkshire. They have lived in St. Henry since 1959 and are parents of eight children. Gary, married Bev Bruggeman, and has three daughters, Carmen, Jacqui, and Jessica. Karen married Joe Thobe and has a son Corey, Ronald married Jeri Strong, all who reside in St. Henry. Brenda, married Rick Evers, and resides in Cassella. Kevin, Neal, and Brian all live at home, and Alan is in the United States Air Force.



### The Gary Clune Family

Gary L. Clune married Beverly A. Bruggeman on September 27, 1975. Gary's parents are Lewis and Vivian (Bergman) Clune of St. Henry. His grandparents were Alex and Eleanor (Neargarder) Clune and Bernard and Frances (Otting) Bergman. Bev is the daughter of Leo (who died in 1971) and Armella (Everman) Bruggeman of St. Henry. Her grandparents were Herman and Philomena (Gerlach) Bruggeman and August and Anna (Miller) Everman. Gary and Bev both graduated from St. Henry High School. Gary is employed at Versailles Builders Supply, Inc. Bev is a homemaker. They have three daughters: Carmen, born in August of 1976, Jacquelyn, born in February of 1979, and Jessica, born in May of 1981. They live at 241 East Columbus Street, St. Henry.



### The Paul Clune Family

Paul & Janet (Stammen) Clune were married October 16, 1965, at St. Bernard's Church, Burkettsville, Ohio, and moved into their new home at 4880 Lange Rd., St. Henry. They bought their lot from Herb Evers. Paul has been employed at Matt Schwieterman Inc., Coldwater, Ohio, for 27 years and also rents a farm. They have five children: Mike, born July 31, 1966, graduated 1985, employed at Kinninger's Production Welding, New Bremen, Ohio; Greg, born June 21, 1967, graduated 1986, employed at Homer Stachler Construction, St. Henry, Ohio; Todd, born October 2, 1969, Junior at St. Henry High; Jon, born July 10, 1972, in 8th grade at St. Henry Middle; and Gina, born February 25, 1977, in 4th grade at Burkettsville Elementary.



### The Urban Clune Family

Urban Louis Clune and Margaret (Peg) Groff Clune reside at 3741 Lange Rd., St. Henry, Ohio. They have three children: Thomas Edward, age 11; Kathleen Sue, age 10; and Karla Jean, age 9. Urban works at New Idea in Coldwater and also farms an 80 acre farm. Peg works as a salesperson at J.C. Penneys in Celina. They purchased their farm in March of 1975 from his mother, Martha Clune. The farm has been in the Clune family for forty-three years. Urban's father Herbert had purchased it from Johnny Hare.



### Ken & Leona Coffield

Ken and Leona Coffield operated the St. Henry Furniture Co. at 341 E. Main St. from April 1934 until August 1982 at which time they sold the business to Larry and Pat Balster. Ken was born in Russia, Ohio and Leona is a native of Ft. Loramie. They were married in St. Michaels Church, Ft. Loramie on August 31, 1935. Ken also served the village as clerk of the Board of Public affairs from 1945 to 1971. The Coffields now reside at 342 E. Main St. in St. Henry.



### The Robert Cramer Family

Robert Cramer was born in Dayton, the son of Hugh and Ida Mae Cramer. In 1962, he married Carol Borgerding the daughter of Ernest and Alvina Borgerding, in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. In 1964 they moved to 272 S. Walnut St., St. Henry, where they presently reside.

They have three children: Christine Harrison, Germantown; and Kimberly and Kevin at home; also one granddaughter Melissa.

Their hobbies include bowling and dancing. Kimberly plays guitar and trombone. Kevin enjoys Cub Scouts and swimming. Bob works at Minster Machine, he belongs to the K. of C. and Mercer Sportsman Club. He was an E.M.T. and Paramedic. Carol is a homemaker, belongs to the D. of I. and does volunteer work for the Church and Community.



### The Florenz Cron Family

Florenz Cron family lived at 382 Center Street since 1943. Florenz, son of Jake & Ida (Lindhaus) Cron, attended School in Cassella, was employed by Mersmans for 35 years. In 1941 he married Lucille Buehler, daughter of Edward & Veronica (Kaiser) Buehler. Lucille graduated from S.H.H.S. and was a 20 year employée of Huffy Corporation. Flo & Lucille have three children: Barbara, a 1961 S.H.H.S. graduate, married Thomas R. Bueltel. They reside in Englewood with their three sons, Thomas, Jr., Mark, and Bryan. Robert J. Cron, a 1964 S.H.H.S. graduate is a Vietnam veteran, self-employed, Installation Company and resides in Bryant, Indiana. Charles J. Cron, a 1970 S.H.H.S. graduate, married Nancy (Doeseck), and have three children: Zachary, Amy Lyn and Lucas. They reside in St. Marys, Ohio and he is employed at Huffs.



### The Harold Davis Family

Harold Joseph (Bud) Davis, son of Alfred and Bernadine (Romer) Davis, St. Henry, and Esther Ann Stahl, daughter of Edward and Anna (Schoenlein) Stahl, Philothea, were married August 5, 1950, in Philothea, Ohio. They are the parents of six children: Barbara Ann Wourms and William Alfred of St. Henry, Deborah Ann Koules of Western Springs, Illinois, Kenneth Harold of Columbus, Ohio, Thomas Edward of Norwood, Massachusetts, and Jeffrey Allen, a student at the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio. They also have five grandchildren. Bud, a veteran of WWII, recently retired from 30 years of employment with the Ohio Department of Transportation. Esther is a homemaker and enjoys bowling. Both are avid local sports fans, enjoy dining out, and travelling.



### The William Davis Family

William Davis is the son of Harold and Esther (Stahl) Davis. Kathleen is the daughter of Wilbert and Marcella (Wellman) Reier. They have three children: Robert William, Renea Lynn, and Ryan William.

Together, they live three miles west of St. Henry. Bill is the owner of Klear Water and Supreme Pool Company in Lima. Kathy is in business at the New Image Styling and Tanning Salon.



### The Dale Delzeith Family

Dale and Ruth Delzeith and family reside at 211 West Washington Street, St. Henry, Ohio. Dale was born on July 14, 1952, the third child of Sylvester and Adeline (Uhlenhake) Delzeith, of St. Henry. Ruth was born on January 14, 1950, the fifth child of Joseph and Ann Rita (Bergman) Sanders of Fort Loramie, Ohio.

They were married on November 8, 1975 and the parents of four children. Brenda was born on July 5, 1976. Brian was born on January 9, 1978. Teresa was born on May 13, 1981 and Tracy on September 19, 1984.

Dale is employed at Stamco in New Bremen, Ohio and Ruth works part-time at J.J. Romer's Clothing Store in St. Henry.



### The Cyril Delzeith Family

Cyril J. (George) and Eileen A. Delzeith live at 202 East Washington Street. Cyril is the son of Clemens and Sophia (Buschur) Delzeith. Eileen is the daughter of Stephen and Agnes (Fiely) Evers. They had three children, all born premature and are deceased. Cyril is the foreman at Alumetal Mfg, Inc. He enjoys fishing, playing cards and collects salt and pepper shakers. He is a volunteer fireman and has the first lifetime membership in the St. Henry Legion. He is also a lifetime member in the V.F.W. and a member of Coldwater Eagles Club and the Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club, Inc. Eileen is a nurse at Saint Charles Seminary. Her hobbies include quilting, crocheting, knitting, making rosaries, reading and playing cards.



### The John Delzeith Family

John Delzeith (June 24, 1923) son of Clem and Sophia, and Myra Romer (October 24, 1926) daughter of Harry and Margaret were married October 22, 1947 in the St. Henry Catholic Church.

They are the parents of Mrs. Patricia Harter (February 4, 1950), Robert (July 11, 1951) married Mary Dahlinghaus, Mrs. Pamela (Ronald) Jutte (July 9, 1952), William (January 11, 1954) married Theresa Gaerke, Christopher (January 1, 1956) married Sandra Bornhorst, Mrs. Beth Ann (Dan) Geise (March 24, 1957), Mrs. Cynthia (William) Barhorst (February 3, 1960), Joan Delzeith (July 6, 1962) and Thomas (November 26, 1963).

Grandchildren are John and Brian Harter, Robbie, Denise, Ryan and Jill Delzeith, Jeffery and Angelica Jutte, Lisa and Jamie Delzeith, Andy, Randy, Karla, Rick and Keith Delzeith.

In 1952 Delzeith's purchased the Winklejohn house which was built in 1898 at 162 East Main Street.





### **The Robert Delzeith Family**

Robert Delzeith, son of John and Myra (Romer) Delzeith, married Mary Dahlinghaus, daughter of Edward and Norma (Kremer) Dahlinghaus, on January 29, 1972.

Bob and Mary are the parents of four children: Rob, January 15, 1973; Denise, August 15, 1974; Ryan, January 18, 1978; and Jill, August 4, 1979.

They reside at 112 West Main Street. They purchased their home from Elnora Kemper in 1976. Their home was originally built in 1898 by Joseph and Anna Bruns. Bob and Mary have spent the past ten years restoring and renovating their home from a three unit apartment, back to its original and present day single family home. Bob is employed by Minster Machine Co. in the electrical maintenance department. Mary is a registered nurse at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home.



### **The William A. Delzeith Family**

Bill Delzeith is the son of John and Myra (Romer) Delzeith. Theresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaerke, and the daughter of the late Wilma (Uhlenhake) Gaerke, from St. Peter. Bill and Theresa moved to their present place of residence, 1806 St. Rt. 118, on May 26, 1985, with their two daughters, Lisa, born April 3, 1983; and Jamie, born May 26, 1984.



### The Jerry Dippold Family

Jerry, son of Norbert and Vioma (Overman) Dippold, was born March 26, 1940. He is employed by Minster Machine Co. as a project engineer.

Kay, daughter of Harry and Margaret (Severt) Romer, was born October 17, 1941.

They were married June 22, 1963 and are the parents of Chris, Linda, Amy and Tim.

Chris, a 1982 St. Henry graduate and 1986 Ohio Northern University graduate, is employed at Arthur Anderson in Dayton as staff accountant.

Linda, 1984 St. Henry graduate, will graduate from Mt. Carmel School of Nursing in 1987.

Amy, 1986 St. Henry graduate, attended Bowling Green University in September 1986.

Tim began the eighth grade in September 1986.



### The James Dippold Family

Pictured below is the James and Mary Dippold family who reside at 4359 Lange Road. Standing are Jacqueline, Thomas, David, Scott, Steven, Julie and Jeffrey.

Jim, son of Norbert and Vioma (Overman) Dippold, married Mary, daughter of Jerome and Helen (Knapke) Gels, on December 30, 1961. Jim, a graduate of the University of Dayton, is the Superintendent of the St. Henry Schools. Mary, a licensed cosmetologist, is presently working as a homemaker.

Steve, a graduate of the University of Dayton, works at National Cash Register as a systems analyst. Dave is a senior at the University of Dayton, majoring in business marketing. Julie, a senior, Tom, a sophomore, Jeff, a freshman, Jacqui, an 8th grader and Scott, a 6th grader, all attend St. Henry Schools.



### The John Dippold Family

John and Diannè Dippold, along with their daughter Carrie, live at 424 Willow St. in St. Henry. John is from St. Henry originally, the son of Vioma and the late Norbert Dippold. He works in the shipping department of the Reynolds and Reynolds Co. in Celina, Ohio. Dianne comes from Burkettsville, Ohio. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brunswick. She works in the art department at Reynolds and Reynolds. Carrie is 14 years old and will be a freshman at St. Henry High School. The family has lived at its present home since 1974.



### The Paul Drosch Family

Paul John Drosch, born January 23, 1940 to Isadore and Frances (Wapplehorst) Drosch, in St. Henry, is the youngest of five children, whose brothers and sister are Louise Ann, Gerald, Robert and Dale.

Paul married Linda King on August 5, 1961 in St. Henry Catholic Church. Linda, born January 14, 1942 to William and Laura (Davis) King of St. Henry, is the second of four children, whose brother and sisters are Robert, Rebecca and Cynthia.

Paul and Linda have four children, Michael born July 9, 1962, Timothy born January 28, 1965, Angela born August 19, 1967 and Patrick born April 29, 1972. They reside at 222 Oak Street, St. Henry, Ohio.



### **The Joseph Droesch Family**

Joseph Droesch was born August 25, 1910 to Lorenz Droesch and Agnes (Reichert) Droesch.

Leona (Rosenbeck) Droesch was born April 23, 1915 to Henry Rosenbeck and Frances (Severt) Rosenbeck.

Joe and Leona were married October 22, 1935.

Joe and Leona moved to St. Henry with their children May 30, 1951.

Of their children Cyril, Gerald, Margie Meiring and Robert still reside in St. Henry. Marita Staugler, Eugene and Janice Hess live in Coldwater.

Joe retired from Minster Machine Company in 1976 after twenty-five years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Droesch have twelve granddaughters, seven grandsons and two great-grandsons.



### **The Cyril Droesch Family**

Cyril is the son of Joseph and Leona (Rosenbeck) Droesch from St. Henry. Mary Ann is the daughter of Anthony and Marie (Rammel) Broeker from Coldwater. Cyril and Mary Ann married on February 8, 1964. They have three children: Darlene, Tammy and Kevin. Darlene married Bruce Roessner from Montezuma. They have a son, Gary. Tammy married Mark Wendel from Wendelin.

Cyril and Mary Ann have lived in St. Henry since they were married. They reside at 341 West Columbus Street.

Cyril works at New Idea as an assembler. Mary Ann is a seamstress and does alteration and clerking at Romer's.

The top row is Bruce holding Gary, Darlene, Tammy, and Mark. The bottom row is Mary Ann, Kevin, and Cyril.



### The Robert Drosch Family

Robert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Drosch and Shirley Brunswick, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brunswick, were married on September 28, 1968.

They reside at 172 Linn Street, St. Henry. They are the parents of four daughters. Deb was born on November 18, 1969. On January 6, 1972, Kimberly and Karen were born. Jennifer was born on June 23, 1976. Robert works at New Idea and he owns and operates Drosch Antenna Service. Shirley is a bookkeeper at Mercer Landmark, St. Henry Branch. Robert is a member of the St. Henry Legion, Community Club and Coldwater VFW. Shirley is a member of the St. Henry Legion Auxiliary. The girls are active in the 4-H.



### Carl and Mary Dues

Carl L. (Kite) Dues was born on February 12, 1924 to William J. Dues and Anna Ahlers. Mary K. (Katy) Eyink was born June 4, 1926 to Bernard Eyink and Martha Drosch. Both were born in St. Henry. They were married on April 23, 1960 at St. Henry Catholic Church. They didn't have any children. Katy had one brother and Kite had 4 brothers and 4 sisters. Kite worked in Dayton until 1961 when they purchased Bucks Corner known later as Kite and Katys. Katy worked at New Idea until 1981 when she retired after 37 years of service. They sold the tavern in September of 1981 after 20 years of service and both retired.

Kite is enjoying golf and Katy enjoys Bingo.



### The Cyril Dues Family

Cyril and Catherine (Liette) Dues were married June 18, 1946. Cyril was born October 11, 1921 to William and Anna Dues, St. Henry. Catherine was born April 6, 1924 to Frank and Lydia (Francis) Liette, North Star.

Cyril and Catherine have been self-employed farmers since their marriage. Their farm was purchased from Cyril's father, formerly the Henry Ahlers' farm. Cyril has also worked for Granville Township since 1959.

The Dues' have three children. Lawrence born in 1949; Bonita, 1952; and Brenda, 1957. Lawrence (St. Henry) married Eileen Siefing in 1971. Their children are Laura, Craig, Lisa, Jodi and Andrew. Bonita (Maria Stein) married John McFarland in 1973. Their children are Adam, Christine, Eric and Sara. Brenda (St. Henry) married Ned Gruebmeier in 1984.



### The Lawrence Dues Family

Lawrence and Eileen (Siefing) Dues reside at 561 Kremer-Hoying Road. Lawrence, born in 1949 is the son of Cyril and Catherine (Liette) Dues, St. Henry. Eileen, daughter of Cyril and Romilda (Bergman) Siefing, Burkettsville, was born in 1952.

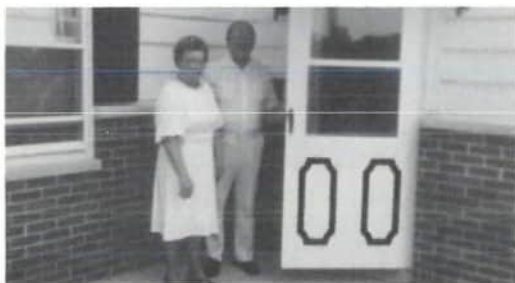
Larry and Eileen are both graduates of St. Henry High School and were married in Burkettsville on June 12, 1971. The couple have five children: Laura born in 1972; Craig, 1974; Lisa, 1976; Jodi, 1978; and Andrew, 1985.

Eileen is presently a homemaker, a member of the D of I and the Firemen's Auxiliary. Larry served in the Air National Guard 1967 to 1973. He is a foundry foreman at Minster Machine and a member of the St. Henry Emergency Medical Squad and Fire Department.



### The Edwin Elking Family

Edwin J. Elking was born May 28, 1926, son of Frank and Francis (Bruggeman) Elking. On September 4, 1948 married Marita E. Bruns born November 1, 1928, daughter of George and Anna (Eyink) Bruns. They were blessed with eight children. Marjorie born July 14, 1949, employment Nursing, married James Cogan. Virginia born November 21, 1950 a Music Teacher, married Eric Bennett. Bonnie Marie, born November 3, 1951, died July 25, 1954. Nicholas, born December 4, 1952, a Molder at Decatur Foundry, married Deb Van den Bosch. Frank, born March 9, 1954, employment at Pax Machine & Tool, married Barb Severt. Linda, born March 25, 1955, employment Huffy's, married Robert Nerdeman. Ronald, born October 13, 1956, employed by St. Henry Tile, married Angie Schwieterman. Judy, born October 21, 1961 at present lives in Frankfurt, Germany, married Jason Pavolko. They all attended St. Henry Elementary and graduates of St. Henry Schools. Edwin and Marita are grandparents of seventeen grandchildren.



### The Ronald M. Elking Family

Ronald M. Elking was born on October 13, 1956 to Ed and Marita Elking. On July 7, 1984 he married Angie M. Schwieterman, daughter of Frank and Ruth Schwieterman. Ron and Angie are the proud of parents of Lindsay Marie born on October 4, 1985. Ron is employed at the St. Henry Tile & Concrete Co. They reside at 2066 Fleetfoot Road, St. Henry.



### The Laurence Everman Family

Laurence Everman was born October 5, 1901 at Maria Stein, Ohio; he was the son of Henry and Bernadine Pohlkamp Everman. His wife Mary Heitkamp Everman was born September 28, 1902 at St. Henry; she was the daughter of Bernard and Catherine Gehle Heitkamp. Laurence and Mary were married October 25, 1922 in St. Johns Catholic Church, Maria Stein. They are the parents of five children: Viola Everman Wendel Wuebker, who lives at Burkettsville; Helen Everman Kahlig who lives in St. Henry; Dolores Everman Stouder who lives in Dayton; Norbert Everman, who is deceased, and his family lives at Addison, IL; Ronald Everman who is deceased, his family lives in Elida, OH. Laurence passed away July 21, 1955. Norbert passed away August 10, 1967. Ronald passed away April 29, 1968.

### The Roman Evers Family

Roman Evers, son of Frank and Catherine (Kremer) Evers, Carthage, and the former Mildred Arling, daughter of Frank and Anna (Schultze) Arling, Osgood, were married November 30, 1944. Roman passed away December 1, 1978 and Mildred survives with the following children. James and (Pat) Koesters, Dayton; Ron and Rose (Villifan) Evers, St. Henry; Ken, Berne, Indiana; Bill, St. Henry; Sam and Sue (Hess) Evers, St. Henry; Dale and (Sharon) Uhlenhake, St. Henry; Mike and Ann (Huber) Evers, St. Sebastian; Steve and (Joyce) Johnsman, Celina; Frank and Jean (Rinderle) Evers, Chickasaw; Nick and Pam (Fleck) Evers, Chickasaw; Greg and (Diann) Hoying, Dayton; and Randy, engaged to marry Janet Kleinhenz of St. Henry, September 12, 1987. Mildred also has twenty grandchildren and one deceased grandchild.





### The Donald Evers Family

Donald F. Evers and Verena L. (Stammen) Evers reside at 3080 St. Rt. 118, St. Henry, Ohio 45883. They were married May 18, 1957. They have five boys and two girls. Birthdates are: Donald F. born June 16, 1935; Verena L. born January 3, 1933; Thomas G. born March 7, 1958, deceased March 9, 1958; Jeff J. born January 15, 1960; Chris G. born November 13, 1962; Janel A. born June 14, 1964; Dan P. born September 28, 1966; Dale J. born May 21, 1969; and Cheryl L. born September 26, 1972. They operate an 80 acre dairy farm selling holstein dairy heifers to area farmers. They purchased the farm in 1955 from Herman (Peanuts) and Mary Braun. Don is a 1955 Senior Accounting graduate of Miami-Jacobs Business College, Dayton, Ohio and employed at The St. Henry Bank. He started July 1, 1967 and presently holds the position of cashier and director. Don is the oldest son of Sebastian and Alvina (Hoying) Evers. His grandparents: Frank and Catherine (Kremer) Evers and Herman and Catherine (Albers) Hoying. Verena is the oldest daughter of Frank and Hilda (Otte) Stammen. Her grandparents: Henry and Catherine (Goettmoeller) Stammen and August and Veronica (Langenkamp) Otte.



### The Dennis Eyink Family

Dennis Eyink was born on May 9, 1921 in St. Henry. Alice Hein was born March 12, 1923 in Chickasaw. On July 7, 1945 they were married at Chickasaw Catholic Church. They are the parents of three children: Phyllis, Ronald and Michael. All three children are married and Alice now has 4 grandchildren. Dennis was employed at Beckman and Gast Canning for 31 years. On July 27, 1978, Dennis passed away. Alice had been employed at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Corporation for almost 19 years. She has been employed as a cook since 1969. For 12 years under Carl Dues and currently for David Stammen.



### The Michael Eyink Family

Michael Eyink was born on October 18, 1958 in St. Henry. Molinda Frysinger was born February 10, 1957 in Celina. They were married on June 19, 1982 at United Methodist Church in Celina. They have two sons, Erik who was born November 4, 1984 and Anthony Michael born October 17, 1986. Molinda is a homemaker and enjoys working with canvas and yarn. Michael has been a teacher and coach for the past 6 years. He is currently employed in the St. Henry School System.



### The Oscar Feltz Family

Oscar Feltz and Anna Heinrichs were married on May 15, 1928 in St. Henry, Ohio.

They are the parents of six children. Wilbur married Alice Schmitt, Donald married Alice Eyink, Virginia married Earl Schlater, Anthony married Betty Huber, Harold married Kathy Garman and Barbara married Eugene (Fuzzy) Boeckman.

They have thirty seven grandchildren and one is deceased. They also have fourteen great-grandchildren.

Oscar is retired from New Idea and Anna passed away on June 13, 1986.

Oscar resides at 452 East Columbus Street.



### The Robert Feltz Family

Robert, son of Frank and Philomena (Cron) Feltz, was born in Cassella, Ohio on February 17, 1919. He was employed at Avco New Idea for thirty years and retired in September, 1981. On May 17, 1952 he married Rita Losekamp, born February 24, 1920, the daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Barther) Losekamp. Rita was employed by The St. Henry Bank and the St. Henry Schools, retired in January, 1982. They have two sons, William born March 5, 1953 and James, born February 16, 1954. A daughter and a son are deceased. William married Nancy Wenning and they have a daughter, Jennifer and live in New Bremen. James married Deborah Crider and they have four children: John, Ryan, Laurie and Dylan and they live in Coldwater.



### The Wilbur Feltz Family

Wilbur married Alice Schmitt on April 18, 1953 at St. Henry. They are the parents of: Larry of Marion, Iowa; Ronald of Celina; Dr. Glenn of Melbourne, Florida; Douglas of Goshen, Indiana; Sue Zumberger of Versailles; and Pamela, Chris and Ted at home.

They have seven grandchildren.

Wilbur has been employed at Reynolds and Reynolds for 33 years. Alice has been employed at St. Henry Elementary School for 14 years.

They have lived at 4510 Kremer-Hoying Road all their married life.



### The Eugene C. Figel Family

Gene is the son of Arthur and Kathaleen Figel, Montezuma, Ohio. Nancy is the daughter of Marinus (Tiny) and Ruby Fullenkamp, formerly of St. Henry, now Homosassa Springs, Florida.

Gene and Nancy were married November 27, 1969. They have resided in the St. Henry area since then. Nancy graduated from Carousel School of Cosmetology in August, 1969. Now she is a full-time housewife and mother to their two children, Dawn Marie, born June 21, 1972 and Kylie Marie, born September 20, 1978. Gene is a Supervisor at the Minster Machine Co. He has been employed there since March, 1969. He is also an EmTa with the St. Henry Emergency Squad. As a family they enjoy camping and swimming.



### The Elbridge (Red) Forrest Family

Red and Joan reside at the corner of State Route 118 and 119 in the home that was built by her father, Ferd Rengers. Red served 30 years in the military as an officer, who was a pilot in 3 wars. After his retirement, the couple moved to St. Henry. He is now employed at Lane Aviation, Columbus, Ohio. Joan is employed at Lazarus Department Store. The home they have was built with all wood from the Rengers woods on a corner of the Rengers Farm. Joan has several momentos from her parents. They have maintained the original characteristics of a home built in that era.

### The Bernard Forsthoefel Family

Bernard Forsthoefel (Feb. 4, 1863 — Nov. 11, 1912) on November 23, 1892, married Elizabeth Neuhardt, (December 26, 1870 — April 29, 1948.) They operated a grocery store in St. Henry, for about five years, starting in 1904, at 131 East Main. (This was the site of Albert Gulde's clothing store, Uhlenhake's meat market, the St. Henry Laundromat in the 1960's, and the Saint Henry Lumber & Supply in the 1980's.) A relative of Forsthoefel is looking for the Forsthoefel family bible, as well as other relatives; B.F. George, 4492 Riverside Drive, Apt. 2-A, Dayton, Ohio 45405.



### The Walter Fortkamp Family

On September 9, 1967 Walter Fortkamp, born July 27, 1945 to Leander and Rita Fortkamp, St. Rose, was wed to Thelma Wimmers, born August 28, 1946 to Victor and Delores Wimmers. They have three children: William "Bill", August 30, 1968; Lynn, October 9, 1969; and Julie, February 3, 1971.

Besides the bulk plant, Mercer Oil, Inc., Walt "Doc" also does the farming, with Bill's assistance. Walt and Thelma are active in various civic organizations. Thelma works at the plant office in town.

Bill graduated from school in 1986, participating in football and track. He is working in construction and helping in the business.

Lynn and Julie are in high school, participating in volleyball, basketball and track. Lynn also plays in the band. Both girls anticipate going to college.



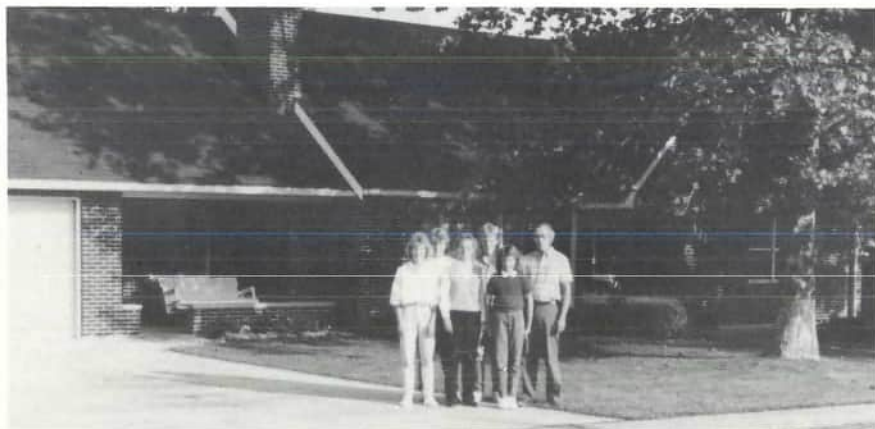
### The John Fox Family

Mr. and Mrs. John Fox of 142 East Washington Street have lived in St. Henry since their marriage in 1948. John was the son of Edward and Edith Schoen Fox of Coldwater, Ohio. Edna was the oldest daughter of William and Ada Ahlers Bernard. Their daughter, Deborah, married Victor Hemmelgarn of Cassella, Ohio. They have three grandchildren, Robert, Chad and Jonathan Hemmelgarn. John retired from Pax Steel Products in 1985.



### The Dick Franck Family

Dick and Mary Franck live at 111 S. Sycamore St. Dick is the son of Ed and Bernie Franck and Mary is the daughter of Ted and Hilda Koester. Dick is the president of Franck Plumbing and Heating and Mary helps out as his secretary. Their daughter Pam is presently employed at Marwill Products. Ron is attending school at ITI in Fort Wayne, IN. Terry is a junior at St. Henry High School and Kris is in the 6th grade. The family enjoys fishing, water skiing and bike riding.



### The Charles Froning Family

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Froning reside at 192 South Sycamore Street. They were married April 23, 1955 at St. Anthony Church, Ft. Recovery, Ohio by the late Father Albert Gerhardstein. Charles is the son of the late Charles and Erma Froning, who were members of the St. Henry parish, and has three sisters. Dolores is the daughter of Alfons and the late Alvina Muhlenkamp and has four sisters and six brothers. They are the parents of eight children: Diane, Denise (dec.), Scott, Joe, Jim, Angie, Bruce and Brian. Scott is married to Nancy (Leopard) and lives in the St. Henry area. Jim is married to Nancy (Brochin) and resides in Piqua. Joe, Angie, Bruce and Brian are presently living at home and are employed within Mercer County.



### The Herman Fullenkamp Family

Herman Fullenkamp was born in St. Joe, Victoria, Ohio in 1904, the son of Anton and Anna Westgerdes Fullenkamp. He had five brothers and four sisters. He attended Home School. Herman married Mary Hess who was born in St. Henry in 1911, daughter of John and Josephine Mader Hess. She had three brothers. She attended St. Henry Schools.

They were married in St. Nicholas Church, Osgood, August 21, 1934 by the late Fr. Bergheger. They reside at 2706 State Route 118, St. Henry, Ohio. They lived for nearly 40 years on a farm in St. Joe before moving to St. Henry. They are the parents of seven children: Mildred Huelskamp, St. Henry; Bernice Gehret, North Star; Robert, St. Joe; Mary Ann Dirksen, Sharpsburg; Anthony, Ft. Loramie; Jeanette Meyer, Chicasaw; and Dorothy Borger, St. Henry. They have thirty-three grandchildren.



### The John Fullenkamp Family

John and Gertrude (Streacker) Fullenkamp came to St. Henry in 1919. In 1922, they moved into the house at 151 North Walnut, and lived there until October, 1946. In 1931, he started the ice and soft drink business. In 1933, he entered the beer distributing business, which he sold in 1946 to four of his sons: Ray, Louis, Tiny and Red. They operated the business until November, 1971.

John and Gertrude had nine children: Father Leonard Fullenkamp, C.P.P.S.; Ray married Rita Richard; Irene married Ralph Hartkemeyer; Louis married Bernadette Post and after her death married Zita (Goubeaux) Henke; Rose Alma married Wilbur Lammers; Marinus (Tiny) married Ruby Smith; Alfred (Red) married Irene Heuing; Mary Agnes married Edward Fiely; and Mildred married Gerald (Jerry) Vanderhorst.





### The Irene Fullenkamp Family

Alfred (Red) Fullenkamp and Irene Heuing were married May 28, 1949 at which time they moved into their home at 412 E. Washington Street. Red was the son of John and Gertrude (Streacker) Fullenkamp and Irene is the daughter of Henry and Odilia (Roeckner) Heuing. Red was in business with three of his brothers in The Fullenkamp Distributing Co.

They have five children: Paul married Sandee Choate and live in Dayton; Jean lives in St. Henry; Mark married Kathy Kaup and live in St. Henry; Kevin married Shirley Wolters and live in St. Henry; and Ruth lives in Columbus.

Red died of cancer on October 16, 1978.



### The Louis Fullenkamp Family

Louis and Bernadette (Post) Fullenkamp were married August 20, 1941 and occupied this house in October, 1946. They are the parents of thirteen children.

Carl married Penelope Chapin. Leonard married Mary Kay Gaul. Daniel married Jean Garner. Albert married Sue Frahm. Trudi married Michael Feaster. Luke married June Muhlenkamp. John married Kathleen Franck. Philip married Margaret Niekamp. Trina married James Schwieterman. James married Ruth Hoying. Mary, Teresa and Kay are unmarried. Bernadette passed away January 25, 1968. Louis was associated with the beverage business for 52 years.

Zita Goubeaux married Leo Henke August 24, 1948. Leo passed away April 24, 1967.

Louis Fullenkamp married Zita (Goubeaux) Henke July 17, 1970. They live at 151 North Walnut.



### **The John Fullenkamp Family**

John Walter Fullenkamp, son of Louis and the late Bernadette Fullenkamp and Kathleen Ann Franck, daughter of Walter and Luella Franck were married October 11, 1974. John and Kate lived in Dayton from 1974 to 1978. While in Dayton, their first son, Andrew John was born on April 18, 1978. In 1978, they moved to Sidney, Ohio. There, their other two sons were born: Ryan Michael on September 13, 1980 and Alex James on September 12, 1983. They relocated to St. Henry in 1985 and moved to their present residence at 262 Kenneth Drive, St. Henry on March 30, 1986. John has been a teacher at Ft. Loramie Schools since 1978 and Kate works part-time at Ambassador Travel in Celina, Ohio.



### **The Philip Fullenkamp Family**

Philip M. Fullenkamp, son of Louis and Bernadette (Post) and Margaret M. Niekamp, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Beckman) were married on July 30, 1977 in St. Henry Catholic Church. They moved to Dayton in August, 1977, where Phil worked for Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, certified public accountants, until July 1981. Peg worked for Paramount International Coin Corporation until December, 1978. Their daughter Lindsay Ann was born December 24, 1978 and their son Joseph Philip was born October 6, 1980. In July, 1981 the family moved to 221 E. Columbus Street, St. Henry. They now reside at 551 E. Columbus Street. Phil is employed at Celina Financial Corporation, Celina, as finance manager and Peg works part-time at the Granville Township Branch Library, St. Henry.



### **The Randy Garman Family**

Randy and Ann Garman live at 272 East Parkview Drive, St. Henry, Ohio with their four children.

Randy Garman and Ann Bergman were married on April 21, 1978 in St. John's Church, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Randy was born on October 26, 1953, the son of Victor and Betty (Link) Garman, Chickasaw, Ohio. Ann was born on March 2, 1956, the daughter of Wilfred and Juliana (Bensman) Bergman, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Their children are Jason Thomas, born January 26, 1979; Juliana Marie, born August 8, 1980; Jacqueline Ann, born July 22, 1982; and Jeffrey Michael, born November 23, 1984.



### **The Richard Garrity Family**

Richard T. and Antoinette Garrity reside at 4569 Kremer-Hoying Rd. Richard T. is the son of the late John and Mabel Garrity. Antoinette is the daughter of the late Ferdinand and Mary Roessner. They have six children. Richard F. married Cynthia Ketring and they have two children. Christopher married Kathryn Kittle and they have three children. Craig married Gail Gross and they have two children. Terrence married Joyce Chaney and they have three children. Deborah is a student at Wright State University. Kevin is a high school student. Richard T. is employed at Mersman-Waldron. He is a member of the VFW and the American Legion. Antoinette is a member of the VFW and the American Legion auxiliaries.

### The Gast Family

Joan Gast (birthdate June 8, 1930), daughter of Joseph Backs and Agnes Heuker married Robert Gast (birthdate January 30, 1927), son of Lewis Gast and Leona Beckman, on June 10, 1950. Robert Gast died September 5, 1981.

They have five children. Patricia (birthdate December 24, 1951) married Frank Albers, Ft. Loramie. Their children are Scott, Douglas, Leslie and Lauren. Nicholas (birthdate January 9, 1953) married Connie Eckert, Huntington, Indiana. Their children are Christina, Andrew, Emily and Katherine. Jane (birthdate May 22, 1954) married Ralph Schwieterman, Coldwater. Their children are Nathan, Gregory and Anne. Timothy (birthdate November 6, 1957) married Teresa Hogan, Coldwater. Their child is Jessica. Karl (birthdate December 24, 1963) attends Ohio State University.



### The Nick Gast Family

Nick and Connie Gast reside at 2350 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road. They have four children: Christy, born September 27, 1976; Andy, born October 3, 1979; Emily, born October 24, 1980; and Katie, born December 14, 1983.

Nick, born January 9, 1950, is the son of Joan Gast and the late Bob Gast. Connie, born June 19, 1955, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Eckert, Huntington, Indiana. Nick is employed by the Beckman and Gast Company. He is plant manager of the Osgood plant, where he and Connie work each summer.

### The Leona Gast Family

Born September 2, 1897 — St. Henry — 2nd child and baptized in present church. Her parents are Henry and Clara Gottemoeller Beckman. She married Lewis H. Gast in St. Henry Church on November 6, 1919. They have five children. James, March 12, 1921, married Beatrice Froning; William, August 30, 1923, married Geraldine Feldhake; John, September 24, 1925, married Marjorie Buschur; Robert, born January 31, 1927, married Joan Backs; Jean, September 7, 1935, married Charles (Jack) Bergman.

Lewis Gast died on November 20, 1964; Robert died on September 5, 1981; Marjorie died on August 27, 1971.

John married again to Martha Rafael Barker on August 26, 1977.

All of the boys and Jean's husband are or were connected with the family business — Beckman and Gast Canning Co.

John now lives in No. Ft. Meyers, Florida. Jim and Bill are retired. Jack is at the helm. There are 24 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren.



### The James Gast Family

The James W. Gast family lives at 142 Linn Street, St. Henry, Ohio.

James is a direct descendant of Andreas Gast who migrated to the U.S.A. from Alsace-Lorraine in 1828.

Beatrice A. (Froning) Gast is a direct descendant of J. Bernard Froning who arrived in the U.S.A. in 1849 from Prussia.

Their children are: Dr. Thomas J. Gast of Devils Lake, North Dakota; Susan J. (Gast) Wirtz of Dublin, Ohio; Paula J. (Gast) Rengers of St. Henry, Ohio; Joseph P. Gast of Kettering, Ohio; and Senior Airman Daniel G. Gast, Greenham Commons, England.



### The William Gast Family

On July 21, 1945, William Henry Gast and Geraldine Mary Feldhake were united in marriage. Both had grown up in St. Henry and graduated from SHHS together.

Gerry went off to college and soon Bill went off to serve his country in WWII. After Gerry's graduation and Bill's release from a German prison camp, they married and settled down in St. Henry.

Bill became a partner in Beckman & Gast Company and Gerry became a homemaker and teacher. They are the parents of six children: Elaine (Broering), Peggy (Harkins), Kathy (Broering), Bill, Dorothy and Steve. They have eleven grandchildren.

After forty years at Beckman & Gast, Bill has retired. Bill and Gerry spend several months each winter in Florida.



### The Bill Gast Family

Bill and Jane Gast were married January 30, 1977. Their wedding was postponed one day due to the Blizzard of '77. Bill is the son of William and Geraldine Gast. Jane is the daughter of Ralph and Nancy Vehorn of Maria Stein.

Their present 10 year old home is 261 Balcony Drive which was purchased on August 30, 1979 from Ben and Ruth Schoenlein.

They have three children: Sara, born June 9, 1980; William C., born December 1, 1981; and Adam, born March 2, 1984.

Bill is part owner of The Beckman and Gast Co. He is the company's farm manager. Jane, also is employed part-time as secretary at Beckman and Gast Co. Both Bill and Jane are active in the community's growth.



### The Arthur Gels Family

Arthur J. Gels, son of Aloys and Anna (Selhorst) Gels, married Wilma Bernard, daughter of Anthony and Regina (Stammen) Bernard, June 14, 1943, while in service at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Their children are: John, married to Barbara Dirksen; Dr. James, married to Carol Handren; Karen, married to Thomas Watts; and Kathleen.

Arthur served from 1943-46 as Air Force Weather officer. In 1946 he started Gels Locker Service in partnership with Norbert and Raymond Gels. They operated the Meadow Gold Dairy, Eaton, Ohio and Gels Milk Transport, St. Henry, Ohio. The business was sold in 1982 and he retired.



### The Bill Gels Family

On July 1, 1967, Bill Gels, son of Raymond and Cleophia (Green) Gels married Diane Hoying, daughter of Raymond and Ludwina (Meiring) Hoying in St. Patricks.

They are the parents of four children: Doug, born November 9, 1968; Lynn, born November 8, 1970; Steve, born November 19, 1972; and Amy, July 22, 1976.

Bill is employed at Crown Control Corp., New Bremen.

They reside at 232 Circle Drive, St. Henry.



### **The Henry Gels Family**

Henry Anthony was the son of Frank and Mary (Macke) Gels. Anna Mary was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Huber) Broerman.

They were married in Burkettsville, 1929 and made their home in St. Henry. Since 1941, they lived at 222 East Columbus Street. There, they raised a family of eight children: Eileen and Eugene Bruns, Kenneth and Joyce (Tester) Gels, Lois Ann and Dennis Brunswick, Mary Lou and Rolly Weis, Robert and Norma (Staight Hayes) Gels, Frank and Lorae (Franzen) Gels, Ralph and Janet (Geise) Gels, Janice and Joe Hart.

Henry was a plumber and died July 26, 1971. Anna was a homemaker and hospital cook and died February 5, 1986. Both are buried in St. Henry's cemetery.



### **The Edward Gels Family**

Katherine Steffen Gels, born in Kenton, Ohio, daughter of Kate and Harry Steffen, married in Kenton to Edward Gels (deceased) son of John and Theresia (Macke) Gels, St. Henry, Ohio. Their children are Katherine Jacobsen, Carmel, Indiana, and Harriet Ottaviani, Claredon Hills, Illinois. Katherine taught in St. Henry School System for about 25 years.



### The Ralph Gelhaus Family

The Gelhaus farm has been in the family for 100 years. It was deeded to J.B. Gelhaus from Henry Grieve, May 6, 1886 and consists of 120 acres.

In 1914 a new barn was built and in 1965 the old home was replaced with a brick home.

Ralph and Mary Ann (Kremer) Gelhaus, married September, 1956, now live on the farm. They have six children: William, born in 1959, married Darlene Muhlenkamp, now living in Wendelin; Ronald born in 1961, married Judy Laux, reside in St. Anthony; Bonnie, born in 1962, employed at Community Hospital in Coldwater; Karen, born in 1964, stationed in California with the Navy; Donna, born in 1967, enlisted in the Air Force, at present in Texas; and Daniel, born in 1969, is a senior this year.



### The Charles Gerlach Family

Charles and Annrita (Koesters) Gerlach were married July 1, 1967. They have lived their entire married life at 2629 State Route 118, St. Henry, Ohio.

They are the parents of three children: Amy, born September 9, 1968; Aaron, born July 15, 1971; and Adam born April 27, 1984. Amy attends St. Francis College at Ft. Wayne, Indiana and is a Biology major. Aaron attends St. Henry High School and Adam is at home.

Charles is owner and operator of Gerlach Machine & Tool, Inc. and Annrita is bookkeeper for the company.



### The Henry Gerlach Family

Henry Gerlach, son of Michael and Elizabeth Ruemping Gerlach, was born October 5, 1890, near Carthagena, Ohio. On June 13, 1917, he married Catherine Fullenkamp, born December 21, 1891, daughter of Anton and Anna Westgerdes Fullenkamp east of St. Joe. The newly married couple organized and built an 80 acre farm on the southwest corner of the Coldwater Creek and Depweg Road crossing. There three sons were born, Ambrosius and Theodosius, who died in infancy, and Dominic was born December 11, 1921. In 1928 the family moved to Celina, where Mr. Gerlach was briefly employed in the Mersman furniture factory, then to a farm north of Coldwater, and in early 1929 to a 140 acre farm just west of Erastus-Durban Road on State Route 119. Here a daughter, Ambrosia, was born April 1, 1931. Henry Gerlach engaged in farming and later on also engaged in the purchase, improvement, and sale of several town homes. It was from St. Joe that Dominic entered the Society of the Precious Blood and was ordained priest May 18, 1950. Ambrosia joined the Sisters of the Precious Blood and was professed as Sister LaVerne Gerlach on August 15, 1949. In 1961 the Gerlachs retired to a home on South Walnut Street in St. Henry. Henry died August 25, 1966 and Catherine died September 21, 1979. Both were buried in St. Aloysius Cemetery at Carthagena where their two eldest sons were buried. Father Dominic Gerlach was assigned to Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana in 1950 and still serves on the staff there. Sister LaVerne Gerlach served in various assignments in Ohio, Indiana and California. She is currently teaching in a parochial school in Hereford, Texas.



### The Kenneth Gerlach Family

Kenneth, born December 12, 1949, is the son of Norbert and Dorothy Gerlach, St. Henry, Ohio. Joyce, born March 6, 1950, is the daughter of Cy and Mert Schwieterman, Cranberry, Ohio. Ken and Joyce were married on June 19, 1971. They have four children: Brian was born February 3, 1974; Brad was born August 23, 1976; Christy was born February 12, 1978; and Jacquelyn was born October 25, 1980.

Ken is a supervisor at the Reynolds and Reynolds Co., Celina. Joyce is employed as a bookkeeper. Brian, Brad, Christy and Jacquelyn attend the St. Henry Schools. The Gerlach family reside at 342 Anthony Drive, St. Henry, Ohio.



### The Paul Goettemoeller Family

Paul Goettemoeller and Alma Bohman met at a wedding anniversary. They were married August 13, 1955 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Osgood, Ohio. They lived on State Route 118 for eight years and now reside in their home at 4593 Kremer-Hoying Road. They were self-employed through their own general contracting business for twenty-five years. Paul is now a salesman.

Paul and Alma are the parents of five children: Sandy, married to Michael Stahl, the parents of Ryan, Amy and Gina Stahl and the co-owners of Stahly's Restaurant; Fred, employed at Reynolds and Reynolds and living in Ft. Recovery; Donna, an R.N. at Grant Medical Center in Columbus; Linda, attending O.S.U. College of Nursing; and Michael, a freshman in high school.



### Ned and Brenda Gruebmeier

Ned and Brenda (Dues) Gruebmeier were married May 12, 1984 in St. Henry. They reside at 4913 Lange Road.

Ned is the son of Wilbert and Gladys (Brockman) Gruebmeier, New Bremen. He was born March 11, 1956. Brenda was born November 18, 1957, the daughter of Cyril and Catherine (Liette) Dues.

In 1974, Ned graduated from New Bremen High School. He furthered his education by attending The Ohio State University and graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He is employed at Midmark Corp. in Versailles, Ohio. Brenda attended St. Henry High School and was graduated valedictorian of the class of 1976. She is employed by New Idea in Coldwater, Ohio.



### The Fran Guilbault Family

Mary Lou and Fran Guilbault moved to St. Henry in August, 1961 when Fran was hired to teach in the high school and to coach basketball.

Mary Lou, a native of Jackson, Michigan, graduated from Nazareth College Division of Nursing in Kalamazoo and is a registered nurse. She is presently employed at the Celina Manor Nursing Home.

Fran, a native of Ontonagon, Michigan, received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and his Masters of Education Degree from Ohio University in Athens. He has just completed his 26th year at the local high school as a teacher of English and History and as head basketball coach.

The Guilbaults still reside in the home that they built in 1966 at 630 E. Kremer-Hoying Road. They have seven children: Craig 27, Michelle 26, Karen 23, Kim 20, Terrie 18, Julie 16 and Gary 6.



### The Carl Hart Family

Carle E. Hart was born on July 4, 1952 and is the son of George and Anna Marie (Quinter) Hart. On July 6, 1974 Carl married Kathy Puthoff, daughter of Ray and Agnes (Kaup) Puthoff. Kathy was born October 4, 1953. Carl and Kathy have one son: Jason, Born May 21, 1979. Carl, Kathy and Jason reside at 562 West Columbus Street in St. Henry.

Carl was a graduate of Ft. Recovery High School, in 1970. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Wright State University in 1974. In 1980 Carl received his Masters Degree in Elementary Administration from the University of Dayton. Carl currently is the Elementary Principal in St. Henry. Kathy was a graduate of St. Henry in 1971. Jason is now in the second grade.



### The Carl Edward Harting Family

Carl and Jean live at 362 W. Main St. Carl is the son of Frank P. and Josephine (Dull) Harting. Jean is the daughter of Colie and Elizabeth Alexander. They have three children. Russell, a Minster Police Officer, married Nancy Stelzer and they reside in Minster. They have a son Todd at home and a daughter Amy deceased. Robert, who works at Dayton Cooper Tire, married Connie Uhlenhake and have one son Steve and a daughter Diane. They reside in Dayton. James, an Asst. State Fire Marshal, married Anita Rinderle and they have two sons James and Joseph and a daughter Jamie. They reside in Minster. Carl is retired and enjoys fishing, and is a life member of the V.F.W. and American Legion. Jean enjoys cooking and fishing.

On the photograph, left to right: Russ, Bob, Carl, Jean, Jim.



## The Lester Hartings Family

Lester and Dolores Hartings married September 16, 1961 at St. Henry. Lester was born on August 19, 1936 in Cranberry, Ohio to Joseph and Mary (Evers) Hartings; 5 sisters, 4 brothers. He is employed at Cy Schwieterman Farm Drainage since high school graduation. Dolores was born on May 12, 1940 in St. Henry to Herbert and Martha (Broerman) Clune; 1 sister, 5 brothers. They now reside south of St. Henry on Route 118 on a 40 acre farm purchased in 1968 from Ralph Rose for \$36,000. They built their new house in 1975 and chicken house was built in 1986. They are the parents of 10 children and 1 grandchild.

Joyce, born October 9, 1962, registered nurse, Community Hospital. Dianne, born March 8, 1964, accounting student, University of Cincinnati, married on September 6, 1986 to Douglas Brush from Centerville, Ohio. Nancy, born April 10, 1965, handicapped in 1981 car accident at age 16; worked part-time at St. Henry Library summer of 1986. Lisa, born July 17, 1966, accounting student, Wright State, married on September 8, 1984 to Larry Dailey from Wapakoneta, Ohio, 1 child Jessica. Kevin, born July 30, 1969; Scott, born October 16, 1970; Jeff, born September 7, 1972; Amy, born February 24, 1974; Joseph, born May 19, 1979; and Benjamin, born August 20, 1981; all students at St. Henry schools.



Front row: Lisa, Ben, Lester, Dolores, Joe, Joyce. Back row: Amy, Kevin, Nancy, Scott, Dainne, Jeff.

## The Leo Hatert Family

Leo J. Hatert, son of Clara Hatert of St. Anthony, Ohio married Dolores (Langenkamp) daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Langenkamp, Sr. of St. Henry, Ohio on September 30, 1939 at St. Henry Catholic Church. They have resided in St. Henry at 362 Columbus Street since 1940.

Leo is retired after 45 years of employment at New Idea, Coldwater, Ohio.

They had eight children: Donna born July 31, 1942 married Cletus Rammel; Wanda born November 15, 1943 married Ronnie Fetters; Linda born November 15, 1947 married Mike Kessen; Annie born October 6, 1951 married Paul Kunk; Paula born March 10, 1954 married Pat Medler; Leo Jr. born December 30, 1956 married Karen Schwieterman; James deceased January 28, 1960; Leila born July 16, 1961 married Clint Icard.

Leo and Dolores have 18 grandchildren and 1 grandchild deceased.



**Aerial view of High School and Middle School**

### The Bernard Hartings Family

Bernard Hartings was born February 2, 1931. The son of Albert Hartings (1894-1976) and Anna Homan (1896-1968) married 1920, Chickasaw. Bernard is a veteran of Korean War and has worked at New Idea 39 years.

On September 25, 1954 he married Esther Timmerman who was born on January 13, 1933, the daughter of Anthony Timmerman (1895-1982) and Frances Rammel (1900-1971) married 1921, Sharpsburg. Esther has cooked in the St. Henry school cafeteria for 15 years. Bernard and Esther have been residents of St. Henry for 31 years.

Their children are: Jane, married Neal Heitkamp, living in St. Henry, children are Stacy and Roger; Dan, married Doris Post, living in Coldwater, children are Rodney and Julie; Debra, married James Freeman, living in New Bremen; Karen, living at home.



### The Leander Heckman Family

Lee and Loretta were married September 9, 1939 in St. Joe. They have made their home at 1777 Burkettsville-St. Henry Rd. for 46 years. During this time a tornado struck the farm and destroyed everything but a barn and took the life of Lee's mother and hospitalized their family and relatives who were visiting at the time. Thanks to many people in St. Henry they decided to rebuild on the farm.

They have two children, Geraldine and Donald. Geraldine married James Schmackers and they have six children. One child is deceased.

Donald married Marge Bollenbacher and they have one son. Lee and Loretta also have two great-grandsons. Lee is the son of Henry Heckman and Mathilda Hein Falke. Loretta is the daughter of Joseph Braun and Rosa Dues.





### The Jack Heitkamp Family

Jack and Linda moved to St. Henry nine years ago. They currently live a few miles west of St. Henry on Post Road. They share their home with their two children: Michelle and Kevin.

Jack is the son of Ivo and Wilma (Dues) Heitkamp. He was born in Maria Stein, Ohio. Shortly after his birth, he and his family moved to Philothea, Ohio. He grew up there and later graduated from Coldwater High School.

Born in Union City, Indiana, Linda is the daughter of Jerome and Joan (Brunswick) Kaiser. She was raised in Sharpsburg, Ohio and was a graduate of Fort Recovery High School. She also attended the University of Dayton and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education.



### The Larry Heitkamp Family

Larry Heitkamp and Judith Woehrmyer were married February 6, 1965 in St. Augustine Church in Minster, Ohio. In 1966 they moved to St. Henry where Larry accepted a job with N.J. Hogenkamp Sons as manager of their St. Henry Funeral Home. After living above the funeral home for eleven years, they moved into the first house west of the funeral home which they purchased in 1970. Judy has been employed with St. Henry Hardware since 1977. Their children are: Kelly, born July 16, 1966, attends Wright State University in Dayton; Kerry, born January 31, 1969; Suzanne, born February 9, 1970; and Scott, born February 26, 1973, all attend the St. Henry School system at this writing. One son, Joseph, born April 6, 1983, died at the age of three months.



### The Raymond Heitkamp Family

Ray, born in St. Henry, and Hilda (Schulte), born in Minster, were married on October 13, 1926 in Chickasaw. After working 44 years at New Idea, Ray retired on May 3, 1969. Hilda stayed at home and raised their children.

Their children are: Ivo, a factory worker, St. Henry; Louis, a trucker, St. Henry; Alvin, a factory worker, Coldwater; Daniel, a barber, St. Henry; Mary Alice Ahrns, Cassella; Lucille Kessen, Coldwater; Rose Ann Schmidt, Coldwater; Joan Reigelsperger, Coldwater; Dorothy Brunswick, Beaver Creek; Charlene Byrum, Greenville; Ruth Frantz, beautician, Greenville. Two children, Lavern and David, are deceased.

They also have 54 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.



### The Ivo Heitkamp Family

Ivo, born in St. Henry in 1929 and Millie (Koesters), born in Wendelin in 1934, were married on November 17, 1954. They have spent their lives in this area. Ivo has been employed at New Idea for 41 years. Millie is a homemaker. Their hobby is western style dancing. Ivo also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, American Legion and V.F.W. Millie belongs to Rosary-Altar Society and Legion Auxiliary. They are also members of Right To Life.

They have nine children: Michael, Coldwater; James, Celina; Theresa Medaugh, Celina; Denise Francis, Celina; Jane Monnier, Troy; Barbara Arling, Maria Stein; Mary Grillot, New Bremen; Lisa Bruns, Chickasaw; and Charles, St. Henry. They also have 12 grandchildren.



### The Neal Heitkamp Family

Neal D. Heitkamp was born January 21, 1954, son of Oscar and Josephine (Homan) Heitkamp, New Bremen, Ohio. He moved to St. Henry after marrying Jane F. Hartings on October 18, 1975 in the St. Henry Catholic Church. Jane is the daughter of Bernard and Esther (Timmerman) Hartings, St. Henry, Ohio. She was born on September 9, 1955. Jane has lived in St. Henry all her life.

Neal and Jane have a daughter Stacy M., born October 14, 1976 and a son, Roger D., born July 19, 1978. They bought a new home in October, 1976 located at 271 Sunset Avenue. In March, 1979 they moved into a home they had built for them at 231 Sunset Avenue.



### The Andy Hemmelgarn Family

Andy, son of Henry and Amelia Hemmelgarn and Velma, daughter of Joe and Rose (Knob) Berning, were married on August 2, 1952 in Maria Stein. Andy is employed at Community Hospital, Coldwater.

They have nine children: David and Cindy (Brunswick), Coldwater, David is employed at Crown Control, their children are Jenni, Jason and Lisa; Connie and Merle Hein, Coldwater, Connie is employed at J.C. Penney, Merle at Huffy's, their children are Jill and Robbie; Tim and Cindy (Post), Coldwater, Tim is employed at Crown Control, Cindy is a nurse, their son, Michael; Bob and Theresa (DeMange), North Star, Bob is employed at H.A. Dorsten, Theresa is a nurse, their daughter, Emily; Sharon and Carl Koesters, Cassella, Carl is employed at Spring Creek, their son, Matt and a daughter, Jodie, deceased; Mark and Kathy Boeckman, Maria Stein, Mark is employed at Crown Control, Kathy is a nurse; Larry, employed at Francis Manufacturing; Bill and Brian attend St. Henry School.



### The Cletus Hemmelgarn Family

Cletus and Agnes Hemmelgarn reside at 2745 State Route 118. Cletus is retired from New Idea and from a small farm he operated on Carthage Road. They are the parents of six children. Dan married Mary Ann Wuebker and they purchased this farm. Dan also works at Dannon Yogurt and Mary Ann is office manager at Celina Manor. Jane married Randy Thobe and lives in New Bremen. He is employed at Crown Control. Judy married William Schoenlein and live in Portland. They do farming and also work at Minnich Poultry Farm. Marlene married Patrick McKinney and live in Fort Wayne. They are both employed at the Veterans Administration in that city. Tom is working at Mersman-Waldron in Celina and lives at home. Kenneth is deceased.



### The Dan Hemmelgarn Family

Dan and Mary Ann Hemmelgarn are currently residing at 4688 Carthage Road. They both have been members of the St. Henry Parish from little up and both have graduated from St. Henry High School. Mary Ann has graduated from Wright State University with an Associate degree in Accounting and Management. Dan has been employed at Dannon Yogurt in Minster for nine years. Mary Ann has been the office manager at Celina Manor for eight years. In the evening they both enjoy their small farm. They are the parents of one son, Paul, who is fifteen months.



### The James Hemmelgarn Family

Jim and Joyce Hemmelgarn have resided in St. Henry since their marriage in 1971. Jim was formerly from Burkettsville, the son of Henry and Martha Hemmelgarn. Joyce was formerly from Coldwater, the daughter of Paul and Dorothy Muhlenkamp.

Except for the time spent in the U.S. Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam, Jim has worked at Huffy's in Celina since his graduation from St. Henry High School in 1965.

Joyce worked in accounting at New Idea following her graduation from Coldwater High School in 1970 until the birth of their oldest child.

They now have four children: Scott (born August 17, 1972), Renee (born July 22, 1974), Gregg (born August 9, 1978) and Aimee (born October 28, 1980).



### The Lowell Hemmelgarn Family

Lowell and Carolyn (Franck) Hemmelgarn, 552 E. Main, St. Henry, Ohio. Included on this picture are their children Tony, Terry, Tom, Lori and Lynn. Also Tony's wife Margie (Meyer) and Terry's girlfriend Lois Knapke. They will also have their first grandchild by the time this is printed. Their three sons live and work in Dayton. Lori and Lynn are attending Ohio State University. Lowell is a supervisor for Allied Corp. Carolyn is a decorator for Sherwin Williams.

Their home was built in the early 1900's, by Carolyn's grandfather (Lawrence Franck). This house has a lot of nice memories, not only with their immediate family but the time spent there as a child. Their front porch has seen alot of history pass by over the years.



### **The Raymond Hemmelgarn Family**

This is the home of Raymond J. and Dorothy (Groff) Hemmelgarn located at 321 Western Avenue, St. Henry, Ohio. The land was purchased by the Mader Brothers October 22, 1874 from Bernard/Agnes Altenhafel. The home was built by the Mader Brothers in 1876. On February 8, 1902 it was deeded to Katherine Mader. On July 11, 1912 it was deeded to John A. Hess. On November 14, 1921 it was deeded to Josephine Hess. On December 7, 1933 it was deeded to Leo R. Mader. On August 21, 1959 it was deeded to Leo Rammel. On October 21, 1970 it was deeded to Viola R. Lee. On September 10, 1973 it was deeded to Ernest and Martha Loy. On November 5, 1973 it was deeded to Raymond J. Hemmelgarn.



### **The Victor Hemmelgarn Family**

Victor and Deborah (Fox) Hemmelgarn and sons reside at 382 E. Main St. Deborah is the daughter of John and Edna Fox and granddaughter of William and Ada Bernard, also of St. Henry. The Hemmelgarns, Herman and wife Ann Mary, emigrated from Hanover, Germany in 1837 and settled west of St. Henry. In 1851, believing their home was haunted, they sold it to the Society of the Precious Blood and moved to a nearby farm. The next two generations were reared there: Herman (wife-Anna Krampe) and Leo (wife-Theresia Kothman). Leo's son Andrew (wife-Margaret Hart) is the present Postmaster of St. Henry. Victor and sons Robert, Chad and Jonathan comprise the fifth and sixth generations of the Hemmelgarn family in St. Henry.



### **The Basil Henry Family**

Basil, son of Albert and Agnes (Barga) Henry, was born in North Star on December 14, 1910. On November 3, 1945 he married Henrietta Losekamp, born August 5, 1915 the daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Barther) Losekamp.

They have four children. Beatrice Kay born November 12, 1947, married James Lammers, have four sons and resides in Omaha, Nebraska. Thomas Joseph, born November 8, 1949, resides in Wausau, Wisconsin. Steven Albert, born March 21, 1952, married Jacqueline Huber, have two daughters and reside in St Henry. Michael John, born December 11, 1955 also reside in St. Henry.



### **The Steve Henry Family**

Steve Henry, son of Basil and Henrietta (Losekamp) Henry of St. Henry married Jacqueline Huber, daughter of Vernon and Madonna (Post) Huber of Osgood on March 27, 1982. They reside at 101 West Main Street in St. Henry. They are the parents of two daughters, Megan, born in March of 1984 and Jessica, born in June 1986. Steve and Jackie are both employed at Crown Control in New Bremen.

### **The Dale Hess Family**

Dale Hess and Lynne Stahl were united in marriage October 15, 1977. Dale is the son of Robert and Eileen Hess from Cassella. Lynne is the only daughter of Louis and Julia Stahl from St. Henry.

They are the parents of three children. Nicole was born April 7, 1979. She started the 1986-87 school year as a second grader at the St. Henry Elementary. Adam, born March 12, 1981, attends kindergarten at the same school. Brian, their youngest son, was born September 5, 1984.

Dale has been employed with Crown Control, New Bremen for the past 12 years. He also enjoys farming in his spare time. Lynne is a full-time housewife and serves as a leader for Nicole's Girl Scout Troop.



### **The Dan Hess Family**

Dan and Deb Hess live at 201 W. Main. Dan is the son of Jerry and Eleanor Hess. Deb is the daughter of Ben and Ruth Schoenlein. They are the parents of four children. Dana is eight and in second grade, Corey is five, Rodney is three, Linsay is two. Dan works at Minster Machine and is a Welder. Deb is a housewife. The whole family enjoys camping on the weekends. Dan and Deb also take care of bookings for the St. Henry Legion Hall.





### The Alfred and Bernadine (Lefeld) Homan Family

They were married August 21, 1945. They have nine children. Margaret married Keith Gehle (Rockford). Their children are Steve, Allen, Jennifer, James and Marie. Jane married William Woods (St. Henry). Their children are Douglas, Ted and Julie. Susan married William Freisthler (Yuma, Arizona). Their children are Ann, Jeff, Scott and Cindy. Robert married Connie Hartings (St. Henry). Their children are Bryan, Renae and Jaclyn. Madonna is the widow of Robert Foote (Celina). Her children are Jonas and Rachel. Nancy married Eugene Subler (Berne, Indiana). Their children are Jason, Nathan, Matthew and Alex. Michael married Joyce Osterfeld (St. Henry). Their children are Melissa and Michael. Grace married Eugene Fortkamp (Sharpsburg). Their children are Edward, Joseph, John and David. Lisa (Dallas, Texas) and her fiance, D. Matthew Goodwin plan to marry September 5, 1987.

After grade school Al helped his father farm. From 1939 to 1960 he worked at the Pet Milk with the exception of the period between November 11, 1942 and May 30, 1945 when he served in the Army. He has been associated with the St. Henry Tile Company since 1960.

Their first home was at 2073 Burkettsville-St. Henry Road. In 1951 they moved to 3920 State Route 119. In 1963 they moved to 231 N. Sycamore Street. When Al retired they made their last move into their new home at 172 East Main Street on February 12, 1986.



Al and Bernie Homan, their children and spouses.



Al and Bernie Homan and their twenty-seven grandchildren.

### The Robert Homan Family

This is the Robert B. Homan family of 231 N. Sycamore St. in St. Henry. Robert Homan, son of Alfred and Bernadine Homan of St. Henry married Connie Hartings, daughter of Ernest and Alfrieda Hartings of Cassella on February 5, 1972. Bob and Connie lived in St. Henry at 162 W. Washington St. until May of 1974 when they moved to Berne, Indiana where Bob managed Berne Ready Mix. They returned to St. Henry in September of 1985, when they both joined the staff at St. Henry Tile Co. Bob and Connie have three children, a son Bryan born July 1, 1973, a daughter Renae born March 6, 1975 and a daughter Jaclyn born October 1, 1977.



### The Cletus Homan Family

Cletus and Hilda Homan were married on June 27, 1956 at St. Rose; reside at 5305 St. Rte. 119 on a farm in St. Henry. Cletus was the son of Bernard and Catherine Homan. Hilda is the daughter of Anthony and Clara Ungruhn. They have six children: Jerome born February 14, 1958, married Karen Sheets and have one son, Kyle born December 24, 1985, reside in St. Henry. Marvin born January 15, 1960, married Jean Rose, also reside in St. Henry. Larry born March 24, 1962, works at Linnie Hausfeld Auto Sales, Minster. Carl born February 1, 1965, works at Crown Control, New Bremen. Kenny born January 9, 1972. Lynn born February 26, 1974. They both are in school. Hilda is a housewife. Cletus passed away April 29, 1985.



### The Jerome Homan Family

Jerome and Karen Homan were married on July 10, 1982, at the St. Henry Catholic Church in St. Henry, OH. They are presently residing at 562 Columbus Street in St. Henry. Jerry and Karen are the parents of one son, Kyle, born December 24, 1985. Jerome is the son of Hilda and the late Cletus Homan, 5205 St. Rte. 119, St. Henry. Karen is the daughter of William and Mary Sheets, 607 Maple Street, Celina.

Jerome is currently employed at the Midmark Corporation, and Karen is employed in the office of Reynolds and Reynolds.



### The Marvin Homan Family

Marvin and Jean Homan reside at 151 East Columbus Street, St. Henry. Marv is the son of Mrs. Hilda Homan and the late Cletus C. Homan of St. Henry. Jean is the daughter of Joseph and Madonna Rose of Coldwater. Marv is self-employed as a dairy farmer. Jean is employed at Community Hospital and also is an aerobic instructor at the K of C Hall in Minster.



### The Sylvester Homan Family

Sylvester Homan and the late Madonna Homan live at 542 East Columbus Street. Sylvester is the son of John and Anna Macke Homan. Madonna was the daughter of Leo and Mathilda Stammen Barga. They have seven children. June married William Schanbacher and lives in California. Carol married Gary Hemmerick and lives in Ansonia, Ohio. Mary married Jerry Addison and lives in Lebanon, Ohio. Joan married Harold Uhlenhake and lives in St. Henry. Jane married Mike Heitkamp and lives in Columbus, Ohio, as does Catherine. Leo married Jane Boeckman and lives in Coldwater, Ohio. Sylvester is retired from Minster Machine and Donna from the St. Henry School System. Sylvester is the grandson of the late Joseph and Theresa Drahrman Macke of St. Henry.



### The Ivo Homan Family

Ivo & Betty (Brunswick) Homan, 181 Linn St., St. Henry, were married in Burkettsville in 1956. Ivo has been employed at Mersmans, Celina for 34 years where he is Plant Superintendent. Betty is employed at St. Henry Hardware and Furniture. They are parents of four children. Keith, married Sue (Snider) and with their two children Angie and Tyler live near Celina. They are employed at Reynolds and Reynolds. Brenda is a June 1987 graduate of Wright State, Dayton with a degree in Organizational Communication. Linda married Gary Heyne and they live on a farm near Coldwater with their daughter Kylee. She is employed at Peoples Bank, Coldwater. Gary is self-employed. Craig is 14 and will be a freshman at St. Henry High this fall.



### The Herman Hoying Family

When Herman Hoying, son of Herman Hoying, Sr. and Catharine Albers, was married to Merilda Bergman, daughter of Joseph Bergman and Catharine Schmitt, on October 15, 1941, at Maria Stein, Ohio, they moved to the Hoying farm at 5710 Kremer-Hoying Road.

They are the parents of Mrs. Neil (Judy) Stemley; Eileen, deceased (1944-1961); Carl married Bernice Borchers; Mrs. Marvin (Mildred) Stammen; Vernon married Susan Post; Mrs. Jerry (Nancy) Hemmelgarn; Mrs. Charles (Karen) Gels; Mrs. John (Mary Jane) Post; Mrs. Jack (Bonnie) Knapschaefer; Mrs. Dave (Alice) Homan; Mrs. Michael (Linda) Kanney; Daniel married Brenda Schwieterman; Mrs. Kent (Lorraine) Paxson; Susan; and Gary.

Herman retired and they moved to 403 Willow St., St. Henry, Ohio.



### The Vern Hoying Family

Sue, the daughter of the late Pat and Wally Post, and Vern, the son of Merilda and Herman Hoying, were married in July of 1971. After residing for a brief time in Indianapolis, they moved back to St. Henry where they lived at 211 E. Main St. In December of 1975, they moved into their present home on Lange Rd. They have four children, two boys and two girls, Robert, Thomas, Sarah, and Molly, ranging in age from seven to fourteen. Sue is a homemaker and a substitute teacher and Vern is a Project Manager for Brackett Builders in Troy.



### The Thomas Hoyng Family

Thomas Hoyng, son of Vincent and Olivia Rosengarten Hoyng and Carolyn Schoenlein, daughter of Bernard and Ruth Ahrns Schoenlein were married in St. Henry on November 13, 1965. Tom was stationed in the Air National Guard at Biloxi, Mississippi. They resided in Mississippi until October, 1966. After coming home to Ohio, Tom began his employment at Crown Control Corporation in New Bremen, where he is now a general foreman. They are the parents of four children. Alan was born August 29, 1966 in Biloxi, Mississippi and now works at Crown Control Corporation. Michael, born January 13, 1968, is a student at Wright State University. Angela, born April 11, 1969, and Scott, born April 20, 1971, are students at St. Henry High School. After living in New Bremen two years, they now reside in St. Henry.



### The Randall Hoyng Family

Randall Hoyng was born June 28, 1952, to George and Neoma Hoyng, St. Henry. Linda was born May 30, 1954, to William and Theresa Case of St. Marys. They were married June 25, 1977, and resided in Kettering, Ohio. They returned to the St. Henry area August, 1977, where they resided at 342 E. Parkview Dr. for 6 years. They moved to 2050 SR 118 in December, 1983, where they presently reside. Randy teaches science at St. Henry High School and Linda is a registered nurse at Community Hospital in Coldwater. They have three children: Ann, born December 8, 1978, Brian, born August 5, 1980, and Christopher, October 24, 1986.



### The William Huber Family

The William and Eileen Huber family live at 5045 Kremer-Hoying Road, St. Henry, Ohio. They have lived at this residence since their marriage.

They are the parents of five children. Kevin is a senior, Douglas is a sophomore, and Denise is a freshman at St. Henry High School. Sandra is in the seventh grade at the St. Henry Middle School, and Kurt is in kindergarten at St. Henry Elementary School.

Bill has been an employee of General Telephone Company for the past seventeen years. Eileen is a housewife.

Bill was born and raised in Coldwater, Ohio, and is a graduate of Coldwater High School.

Eileen (Steinlage) Huber was born and raised in St. Henry, Ohio and is a graduate of St. Henry High School.



### The Eugene Huelskamp Family

Eugene Huelskamp was born in Sharpsburg, in 1935, son of Aloys and Rose Harlett Huelskamp. He had three brothers and five sisters. He attended Sharpsburg and Ft. Recovery schools and is employed at Hull Brothers, Inc. in Ft. Recovery. He married Mildred Fullenkamp, born in St. Joe in 1935, daughter of Herman and Mary Hess Fullenkamp. She has two brothers and four sisters.

They were married in St. Joe Church, Victoria, Ohio on October 13, 1962, by the late Fr. Walter Wartinger. They reside at 2727 SR 118, St. Henry. They are the parents of three sons. David born in 1966 is a graduate of St. Henry in 1985 and is employed at Clopay of Russia, and part-time student at Wright State Branch. Ronald was born in 1967 and is a graduate of St. Henry in 1986. Nickolas was born in 1972 and attends Cheryl Ann School in Celina.



### The Dennis Huelsman Family

Dennis and Sandra Huelsman reside at 2624 St. Rte. 118. Denny is the son of Vincent and Marie Huelsman. Sandy is the daughter of Malcolm and Rita Franck. They have two sons. Toby is seven years old and attends Mrs. Provc'i's first grade class. Wesley is four and eager to start kindergarten next fall. Denny and Sandy work at Reynolds and Reynolds. Denny is a maintenance worker. Sandy is a digi inputter. Denny belongs to the Community Club. Denny and Sandy belong to the Booster Club.



### The Ralph Huelsman Family

Ralph and Marie (Meyer) Huelsman have been members of the community for 35 years and live on North Walnut. Ralph, a WW II veteran, received an honorable discharge as Sergeant, Army Air Corps. Employed at New Idea for 33 years, retired in 1983. Marie, a homemaker, was employed at the school cafeteria 13 years and retired in 1979. Parents of six children, have 13 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

Thomas, wife Roberta, 4 children, Cedar Park, Texas; Barbara, husband Michael Gerard, 3 children, Wooster, Ohio; Marcia, husband Richard Berube, 2 children, 2 step-children, Newark, Ohio; Karen, husband James Jilek, 3 children, Columbus, Ohio; Gerald, wife Cynthia, 1 child; Columbus, Ohio; Mary Jane, attending South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas.





### The Louis Huelsman Family

Louis C. Huelsman (July 5, 1929) and Marilyn R. Beacham (May 18, 1929) were married on February 23, 1952. They both graduated from the University of Dayton in 1951 and received their masters degrees from Ohio State and Ball State respectively. Lou was Superintendent of St. Henry Schools from 1957, retiring in January 1987. Previously, he had been a math-science teacher and principal for five years at Ridgway, Ohio. Marilyn was St. Henry's first art teacher (retiring 1986), opening that department in the basement of the old Main Street building in 1968. Previously she was an elementary teacher in Dayton and St. Henry.

They have four children. James (March 3, 1953) who married Sharon Stevens in 1976. They have one child, Sara (February 23, 1978) and live in Oklahoma. David (November 10, 1955) married Julie Davidson in 1985. They live in Columbus. Ann married Don Crabtree in 1981. They also live in Oklahoma. Kristine (April 15, 1961) lives in Dayton.



### The Myron Huelsman Family

Myron and Martha (Schwieterman) Huelsman came to St. Henry in July, 1943. They have lived at 262 S. Walnut for 36 years. Myron retired in 1974 as math and science teacher at St. Henry High School and is still the organist at the St. Henry Church. He has been a church organist for 49 years.

They have six daughters, Carole (Robert) Woehrmyer and Pamela (Ronald) Eyink, Dayton, Ohio. Joyce (Thomas) Mosier, Celina, Ohio. Mary Beth (Nick) Moorman, Minster, Ohio. Brenda (Kent) Krogman, Rockford, Ohio. Charlotte Huelsman, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. They have 10 grandchildren.



### The Bernard Hummel Family

On September 8, 1920, Joseph and Rose Hummel along with their family: Frances, Bernard, Mary and Josephine, moved from Union City, Ohio to a farm near St. Henry, Ohio. On June 1, 1926, Bernard married Marie Uhlenhake, daughter of Bernard and Mary Uhlenhake. They had three children. Ruth (born May 4, 1929) married Lionel Krieg. Helen (born August 28, 1931) married Bernard McEvoy and is a realtor. Donald (born May 23, 1935) married Joan Meier. Don is a licensed state engineer and is a member of the St. Henry Fire Department and the Emergency Squad. Bernard and Marie farmed at 3949 State Route 119, until Bernard passed away in 1977. Marie, now retired, lives at the same address. She was a ten-year member of the St. Henry Emergency Squad.



### The Donald Hummel Family

Donald Hummel, son of Bernard and Marie (Uhlenhake) Hummel, was born May 23, 1935. In October, 1959, he married Joan Meier, daughter of Aloys and Rose (Bruns) Meier. They are the parents of five children: Patrick (born February 24, 1961), Beth (born July 17, 1962), Joseph (born August 24, 1963 and died in a traffic accident on July 8, 1979), Jane (born February 7, 1966), and Bernard (born April 26, 1969).

Don works at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, and is active in the St. Henry Fire Department and Squad. Joan works at Crown Control in New Bremen.



### The John Jansen, Sr. Family

John Jansen, Sr. emigrated with his parents from Dusseldorf, Germany to Mercer County, Ohio in the early 1880's. Wilhelm Jansen, John's father, is buried in St. Sebastian Cemetery.

While John Jansen spent most of his life in Mercer County, other members of the immediate family moved to Texas, Indiana, Lima, Versailles and Dayton, Ohio.

John Jansen married Clara Herman in 1905. She passed away in 1909 after bearing two children, Clarence and Isabelle, both living.

In 1914 he married Margaret Schuh from Victoria, Ohio. This union resulted in twelve children, ten of whom are still living. Louis died as an infant, and Robert in 1969 at age 46.

John Jansen, Sr. was a plasterer by trade and an artisan by avocation who hand crafted a number of violins and mandolins. Both John and Margaret Jansen are buried in St. Henry Cemetery.

The twelve living members: Clarence, Isabelle (Heinke), Clara (Lauber), William, Henry, Mary (Hemmelgarn), Dennis, Lucille (Link), John, Jr., Margaret (Stammen), Thomas and Paul meet annually the second Sunday of August, in Coldwater Park, for a family reunion. All live in Ohio except Bill who lives with his wife, Betty, in St. Petersburg, Florida.

### The Paul Jansen Family

Paul & Judith Jansen were married June 25, 1966. Paul is the son of the late John and Margaret (Schuh) Jansen of St. Henry and Judith is the daughter of Irenus and Delphina (Stelzer) Quinter of Philothea. At the time of the marriage, Paul worked at the Pet Milk Co., in Coldwater and Judy taught in the Portland, Indiana school system. The year after their marriage, Elaine was born and 15 months later Chris joined the family. Four and a half years later, Mike was born and Bob came into the world in 1983. Paul now works as custodian for St. Henry Church and Judy teaches part-time at the Catechetical Center.



### **The Carl Jones Family**

Carl married Karen Roeder on March 25, 1960 in Kentucky. The Jones family moved to St. Henry in 1965. Carl worked at New Idea for 20 years previous to his present employment at Cheeseman Trucking. Karen has worked as a nurse's aid periodically for 20 years. Their family consists of six children: Ed, 25, employed at Ron Garrett Chevrolet, Ft. Recovery; Teri, 24, employed by United States Army, Ft. Ord, California; Scot, 23, employed at Teleflex Industries, Van Wert; Joe, 21, student at Wright State University, Dayton also employed at St. Henry Hardware and Furniture; Kevin, 20, employed by W.R. Thomas Store, Warsaw, Indiana; Missy, 17, High School student and employed by St. Henry Dairy Dream.

Carl and Karen reside on St. Rt. 118.

### **The Sylvan Jutte Family**

Sylvan, the son of Edward and Leona Jutte, was born and raised in St. Henry. In 1963 he married Jeannette Sutter, the daughter of Albert and Rosina Sutter of Coldwater, and they moved to St. Henry in 1973. Their daughter, Marcia was born in 1964, and she is currently attending Miami University majoring in Microbiology. Sylvan is employed at the Reynolds and Reynolds Company in Celina and is also engaged in farming. Jeannette works at Briarwood Manor in Coldwater. The Jutte family resides at 3831 Ft. Recovery-Minster Road.



### The David Kaiser Family

David is the son of Harold and Alvera (Obringer) Kaiser. Ethel is the daughter of Linus and Rita (Selhorst) Bergman.

David is a teacher at Ft. Recovery and Ethel is a registered nurse at Col-dwater Hospital.

David and Ethel were married on April 7, 1973 and have four children: Carla, Paul, Maureen and Anne. They lived in Ft. Recovery until 1976 then moved to 611 E. Kremer-Hoying Rd., St. Henry, Ohio.



### The Karl Kaiser Family

Karl and Pat Kaiser reside at 281 Maple St. The home was purchased in June 1978. The family previously lived in Burkettsville, Ohio.

Karl and Pat were married February 12, 1966 and have five children: Terry, October 23, 1966, and is currently in the U.S. Army stationed in Swinefort Germany; Sharon, August 18, 1968, is attending Wright State Branch Campus, Celina, Ohio; Brenda, January 2, 1970, is a junior at S.H.H.S.; Tim, August 2, 1977, a fourth grade student at S.H. Elementary; and Beth, November 29, 1980, a kindergarten student at S.H. Elementary.

Karl is currently Emergency Management Coordinator for Mercer County and Pat is a U.S. Postal Employee.

The Kaiser's enjoy travel and are active in Drag Racing Competition.



### **The Bob Kanney Family**

Robert Kanney, son of Al and Alvin Kanney, married Dot Drees, daughter of Tony and Sophia Drees, September 30, 1950, and have lived in St. Henry since May 1958. They have five children: Roberta, Toledo, 2 children (John and Julie), secretary; Robert, Jr., Bryan, 2 children (Joshua and Kim), Doctor of Medicine. Chuck, St. Henry, truck driver for Tile Yard. Deb, Burkettsville, 2 children (Gregg and Jay), Lab Technician. Dave, Versailles, 2 children (Karla and Bryan), works at Midmark. Bob has been on the St. Henry Council since 1964 and became acting Mayor in 1973 to finish the term of ailing Mayor Heitkamp; Bob has remained Mayor since then. Bob has worked at Minster Machine Co. for 24 years. Dot has worked at Huff's in Celina for 23 years.



### **The Marcella Keller Family**

Marcella Keller has lived east of St. Henry along with her husband until his death about fifteen years ago. They have five children and also one that died as an infant. She has enjoyed living near St. Henry for over fifty years. She says St. Henry is a growing and beautiful community.



### The Marvin Keller Family

Marvin and Alice Keller are the parents of four children. Dale, the oldest, is fifteen and a sophomore in St. Henry High School. Andrea is a sixth grader at St. Henry Middle School and is eleven years old. Benjamin is in the fourth grade at Burkettsville and is nine years old. Calvin is three years old and stays home.

Alice is a homemaker and Marvin is employed at General Telephone Company of Celina. Marvin also farms his home place. Marcella, Marvin's mother, lives with the family. Marvin is the son of Marcella and Joseph G. Keller of St. Henry. Alice is the daughter of Katharine and Edwin Dirksen of Versailles.



### The William King Family

William Cletus King, born March 12, 1916 to Albert and Veronica (Wourms) King in Sharpsburg, Ohio is the sixth of seven children whose brothers and sister are Victor, Hugo, Ralph, Luella, Alfred, and Louis.

On November 25, 1937, William married Laura Ellen Davis in the St. Henry Church. Laura, born August 18, 1918 to Alfred and Bernadine (Romer) Davis of St. Henry is the fourth of seven children whose brother and sisters are Thelma, Verna, Mary, Ann Leota, Alma Mildred, and Harold.

William and Laura have four children: Robert born September 19, 1938; Linda born January 14, 1942; Rebecca born May 12, 1945; and Cynthia born December 28, 1947. Their residence is 512 Columbus St., St. Henry, Ohio.



### The Paul Kleinhenz Family

Paul Kleinhenz, son of Anthony and Anna Lochtefeld Kleinhenz and Irene Menker, daughter of Urban and Rose Wendeln Menker, married in 1948 in Maria Stein and moved to St. Henry. Paul was co-owner of Kleinhenz Brothers Stockyards. Children are: Paul, married Jane Wuebker, St. Henry; Carolyn, married Robert Staker, Xenia; Daniel, married Joann Sutter, Dayton; Roseann, married Henry Dues, Coldwater; James, married Christy Naseman, Findlay; Michael, married Karen VonderHaar, Connersville, IN; Linda, married Steven Kremer, New Bremen; Theodore, married Diana Bruns, Ft. Recovery; Janet engaged to Randy Evers, St. Henry; Judy, married Donald Heitkamp who died May 29, 1986 in an AF helicopter accident in South Dakota. They have seventeen grandchildren. Paul has retired and Paul J. and Ted have taken over the business in Ft. Recovery.



### The Paul Kleinhenz Family

Paul J. Kleinhenz and Jane Wuebker were married in October, 1972. Paul graduated from Wright State in business administration and Jane graduated from Good Samaritan School of Nursing. After living in Glenwood, Iowa for three months, where Paul worked for Swift and Co., Paul and Jane were transferred to the Joliet, Illinois area. In July, 1974, their first daughter Heidi was born, in October 1976, Monica was born and in June, 1978, Heather was born. Paul and Jane and their family moved to St. Henry in December 1984 when Paul and his brother Ted purchased their father's livestock business upon his retirement. In May of 1985 their fourth child, Paul, was born.





### **The Karen (Guilbault) Klingshirn Family**

Karen graduated from the local high school in 1982. She moved to her present home, Osterholt Trailer Court, in St. Henry in March 1984.

As a single parent she is kept busy raising her two children: Jacquelyn, 4 and James, 3. She also holds down a full-time job in Celina being employed as an Intaker Officer by the Job Training Partnership SDA #2.



### **The Louis Knapke Family**

Louis and Leona Knapke live at 2649 St. Rt. 118. Louis is the son of John and Elizabeth Knapke. Leona is the daughter of Frank and Clara Stukenborg. They have nine children.

Dale married Mary Schlarman. They have three sons, Mark, Philip, and Jeff. Michael married Jean Dodd. They have a daughter, Michelle. Diane married Tom Hartman. Their three children are Sandy, Billy, and Bob. David married Kathy Elking and have three children, Jennifer, Tracey and Jodi. Ken married Joan Brandon. Their three children are Yolanda, Carri and Andrea. Donald married Cathy Jacobs. They have three children, Keith, Kelly and Scott. Cindy married Ed Bergman and they live in New Bremen. Barbara lives in Arizona. Lois is in Toledo attending the University of Toledo.



### The Charles Knueve Family

On May 14, 1979 Charles Victor (born September 16, 1961 in Lima, Ohio to Arnold A. and Norma E. Ruhe Knueve of Wapakoneta, Ohio formerly of Putnam County) and Margaret Marie Kinkley Knueve (born August 3, 1952 in Celina to John W. and Irene P. Romer Kinkley of St. Marys, Ohio) became residents of St. Henry and entered into business by adding a full-line prescription service to the Stanley Romer Store (now Romer-Knueve Pharmacy). Chuck and Peg were married November 5, 1977. July 4, 1979, Gregory (Gregg) Matthew was born prematurely at Community Hospital weighing 3 lbs. 6½ oz. Their second child, Jeffrey William, was born February 14, 1982 at Joint Township in St. Marys. On March 14, 1984 at Community Hospital, Sarah Elizabeth was born. They are all members of St. Henry parish and reside at 141 John St.



### The Howard Koesters Family

Howard and Karen Koesters live at 272 Sunset Ave. Howard is the son of Edmund and Mary Reichert Koesters. Karen is the daughter of Alph and Emaleen Bohman Buschur. They have three children. Brenda is a student at Fairborn, studying cosmetology. Carol married Jeff Platfoot, lives and works in Burke, Virginia. Kevin attends Wright State University. Howard is an office worker at Hemmelgarn and Sons. Karen is a seamstress at Buckeye Apparel.



### The Steve Koesters Family

Steve and Joyce Koesters reside at 122 Sunset Avenue. They were married April 2, 1977 and have three sons: Brad (October 25, 1978); Brent (June 17, 1981) and Kyle (December 10, 1985). Steve is the son of Marie (Post Koesters) Ranly who resides in Minster and the late Leonard Koesters. He has 5 brothers and 7 sisters. Joyce is the daughter of Joseph and Wilma (Fiely) Barhorst from Philothea and the granddaughter of Florentine Fiely from Coldwater. She has 3 sisters and 1 brother. Steve is part-owner of the St. Henry Nite Club, and also started his own business, Tri County Seamless Spouting, in June 1986. Joyce helps out at the Nite Club and keeps busy at home.



### The Mark Kremer Family

Mark is the son of the late Anton Kremer and Mary Evers. Bernice Kremer is the daughter of Martha Deppen and the late Alfred Niekamp.

Mark and Bernice were married November 23, 1948. They are the parents of 12 children.

Fred married Mary Klenke, children are Aimee, Cara, Dayna and Adam. Gary married Ginny Lochtefeld, children are Benji, Jody and David. Terry married Sue Wenning, children are Kevin and Treva. Vicki married Tom Siegrist, children are Jayme, Jason and Jordon. Roger married Deb Overman, children are Reggie, Riley and Mollie. Allan married Deb Moeller, children are Mitch and Matt. Lois married Greg Siefring, children are Toby and Katy. Kay married Chuck Overman, children are Rachel, Emily and Scott. Deb married Roger Huelskamp. Lisa married Tom Severt. Jay married Shelli Lechleiter. Doug is living at home with his parents.

Mark is a farmer and Granville Township Trustee.



### The Robert Kunk Family

Robert and Pat Kunk live one mile west of St. Henry on State Route 119. Bob, born November 25, 1947, is the son of the late Edward and Marcella (Klenke) Kunk. Pat, born November 1, 1948, is the daughter of Betty (Vondrell) and the late John Remaklus of 142 John Street, St. Henry.

Bob and Pat were married on January 10, 1970. They have three children: Todd Allen, born February 16, 1972; Kendra Leigh, born November 26, 1975; and Meghann Marie, born December 2, 1978.

Bob is employed at the Reynolds and Reynolds Company in Celina, Ohio. Pat is the Head Librarian at the library in St. Henry.

Todd, Kendra and Meghann all attend St. Henry Schools.



### The Ken Lachey Family

Ken and Jo Ann (Bohman) Lachey moved to St. Henry in 1959. Ken has taught in the St. Henry Schools since 1954. They have five children: Jayne has a BS degree in nursing from Wright State and works in the ICU at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton. She is married to Tom Gmeiner, they live in Kettering. Karin has a BA degree from Bowling Green State University and is a buyer with Gold Circle Federated in Columbus. Jim has a BS degree in business from Ohio State University. He currently plays pro-football with the San Diego Chargers and was All-American at OSU in 1985. Rob is a freshman majoring in business at OSU and Ron is a Junior at St. Henry High.



### The Linus Lammers Family

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lammers and two sons Anthony and Bernard, Jr., came from Germany. Bernard, Jr. married Bernadine Romer and had one daughter Mary. Anthony married Anna Lange in 1867. Their first three children died of cholera. Their next children were: Monika, Maria, Henrich and Bernard. Bernard J. Lammers married Catherine Knapke (who died in 1985 at age 103 years). They had seven children: Clarence, age 82 in Virginia; Helen; Marie; Olive (Cramer) Weyrauch, age 73 in Dayton; Rita Gelhaus; Linus; and Paul. Linus and Lois (Westerbeck) Lammers had five children: James married Bea Henry, 4 children; William married Margaret Moorman, 4 children; Daniel; Mark married Tina Overman; Connie married Lou Bremer, 2 children. Linus passed away October 30, 1980. Lois married Alfons Stammen May 31, 1984; they live in North Star.



### The Alfred Lange Family

Alfred Lange, son of Henry and Philomena (Sutter) Lange, and Betty Grieshop, daughter of Rank and Rosa (Mueller) Grieshop were married on May 7, 1955. They lived in Cranberry, Ohio, until 1964, at which time they bought Alfred's parents home on Lange Road in St. Henry. This home was built in 1881 by Alfred's grandparents. Alfred and his sons continue to operate the 110 acre farm.

The children of Alfred and Betty Lange are Carol (1960), Rosalie (1961), Doris (1963), Nick (1964), Lucy (1965), Janet (1967), Charles (1969), Matthew (1974), and Mark (1977).

Carol, a computer operator, married Dan Wenning. Rosalie is a legal secretary. Doris, an optometric assistant, married Ron Koesters and they have a son, Craig. Nick is a welder. Lucy and Janet attend college. Charles, Matthew and Mark are students.

On the photograph: the top row: Charles, Lucy, Carol, Doris, Nick; and the bottom row: Mark, Janet, Alfred, Betty, Rosalie, and Matthew, 1986.



## The John Henry Lange Family

Sitting: John Henry Lange & Frances (Drahman) Lange.

Standing left to right: Henry, Theresa (Evers), Ludwig (Louis), Albert, Joseph, Rosalia (Evers), Bernard, and in the middle, Ludvina (Nieberg).

John Henry Lange was the son of John Henry Lange, Sr. & Elizabeth (Overman) Lange. Frances (Drahman) Lange was the daughter of Bernard and Mary (Hemmelgarn) Drahman.

John Henry Lange, Sr., was born in Germany to Henry and Mary Lange. He came to America about 1835 at the age of nineteen, living in New York, Cincinnati and Granville Township, Mercer County, Ohio.



## The Lange Family

Sitting left to right: Elmer, Ludwig (Louis Sr.) & Anna (Selhorst) Lange & Marie (Pottkotter).

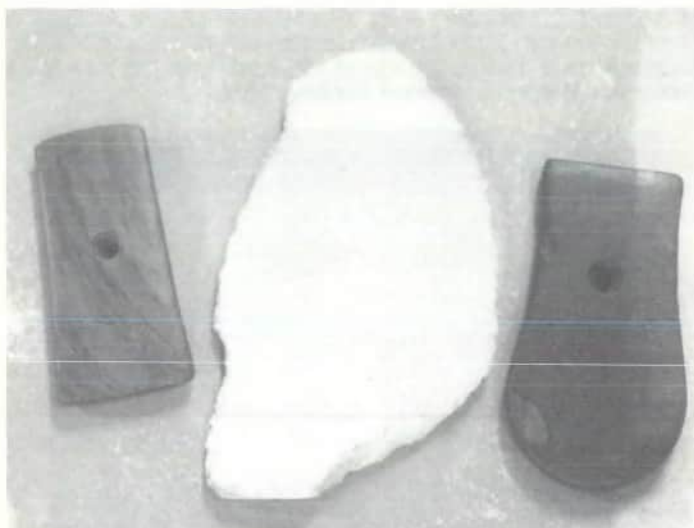
Standing: Rita (Schroer), Wilma (Dues), Frances (Gehret), Cleopha (Cleo) (Strete), Cyril, Sister Agnes, Cletus, Leroy, Eugene, & Louis Jr.

Anna (Selhorst) Lange was the daughter of Edmund and Mary (Stukenborg) Selhorst.



### Indian Pieces

Center piece is a skinning and meat cutting blade used by Indians of the area approximately 6000 years ago. The stones to the left and right are ornamental pendants worn by Indians. These stones were found on the present Eugene Lange farm.



### The Cletus Lange Family

Cletus Lange, son of Louis and Anna Lange of St. Henry, and Edna, daughter of Joseph and Bernadine Grieshop of Yorkshire, moved into St. Henry in November of 1963, with their two daughters, Michelle and Diane. Their house is located on the southeast corner of S.R. 118 and Kremer-Hoying Rd. While living here, they added Ronald, Sheila, Renee, Janine and Tricia to their family.

Cletus is employed at New Idea in Coldwater and Edna works at Coldwater Community Hospital. Michelle married Dale Kaiser in 1984 and moved to Ft. Recovery. Diane married Tom Wenning in 1985 and moved to Atlanta, Georgia. Ron is associated with the Osterholt Sohio station, and Sheila and Renee are both in college. Janine attends St. Henry High School while Tricia is in junior high.



### The Tom Lange Family

Tom Lange and Brenda Bilter were married May 17, 1975. They lived in their apartment dwelling on West Center St. when they were first married. With their business growing they out grew several homes before they moved to 5056 Kremer-Hoying Rd., where they have their business location. At this time they started their family. Their four children now are: Amy 8, Josh 7, Jason 5 and Clayton 2½. Tom is the owner of Tom's Construction and has Brenda as his full time bookkeeper and secretary. The family works as a team to get the business chores done first and then they enjoy camping, golfing, bike riding, swimming, gardening and the St. Henry Brownie Troop.



### The Virgil C. Lange Family

Virgil and Regina Lange were married June 7, 1958. They live at 4885 Lange Rd., St. Henry.

Virgil is the son of Henry and Minnie Lange of St. Henry. Regina is the daughter of Walter and Anna M. Steinbrunner of St. Joe, Ohio.

They have six children. Their daughter Karen is married to Ralph Westgerdes, May 2, 1981, and they have a son, Brian. They live at 3164 Ft. Recovery-Minster Rd., St. Henry. Their sons are Michael (Mike), Gerald (Jerry), Ronald, David and Timothy. Mike is married to Peg Moran, April 4, 1987 and live at Wapakoneta. Virgil and Regina have two children deceased — Joyce and James.





### The Henry Langenkamp Family

Henry Frank Langenkamp was born at St. Henry, Ohio (born April 2, 1881, died January 13, 1961). On November 22, 1911, he married Anna Marie Brackman from Neuenkirchen, Hanover, Germany, (born March 18, 1886, died December 14, 1985). Their children are: Mrs. Frank (Marie) Mohlman, Norbert (wife, Margaret Stammen), Loretta, died in infancy, Mrs. August (Anna) Miller, Sister M. Norberta P.H.J.C. (Angela), Brother Berchmans S.V.D. (Walter), Richard (wife, Verena Bills), Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Muhlenkamp, Fr. Arnold S.V.D., Ralph (wife, Laura Grieshop), and Fr. August S.V.D. Henry and Anna raised thirteen children on a farm west of St. Henry. They moved from their farm, now owned by their son, Ralph, to Sycamore St., St. Henry in December of 1952.



### The Bernard Lefeld Family

Bernard Lefeld was born May 8, 1924, the eighth child of George and Bernadine Schmackers Lefeld. He grew up west of St. Henry. In May of 1944 he was drafted in the navy. He was honorably discharged May of 1946, having served at North Island and on Guam. On June 12, 1947 he was married to Agnes Weitzel. Agnes was born on October 1, 1926, the tenth child of Philip and Elizabeth Schmitz Weitzel. Agnes grew up on a farm near St. Paul's Church, Sharpsburg. They have three children, Nicholas, Vicky and Chris. A son-in-law Anthony Tobin and a daughter-in-law Eden Frenzer Lefeld. They have four granddaughters: Jessecia, Vallerie and Jacqueline Tobin and Nicole Lefeld.



### **The Edward Lefeld Family**

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Lefeld, 1673 Twp. Line Rd., St. Henry.

Left to right, seated: Viola Lefeld, Phyllis Krieg, Ed Lefeld. Back row: Madonna Grieshop, Allen Lefeld, Ed G. Lefeld and Alberta Behr.

Ed and Viola were blessed with six children. Their oldest daughter, Patricia Louise Winner, died in 1975. They have 12 grandchildren and one deceased.

The Lefelds were married in 1943 and first lived in Coldwater. In 1947 they built their home in St. Wendelin where they still reside.

The late Mr. and Mrs. George Lefeld and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heuing are their parents.

Ed worked at Pet Milk Co. and then 38 years at New Idea from which he retired in February of 1982.



### **The Henry J. Lefeld Family**

Henry (Hank) Lefeld, son of George and Bernadina Lefeld, was married to Mary (Trudie) Heckler, daughter of Roman and Anna Heckler, in 1951. They live at 131 W. Columbus St. and have thirteen children. Ann was born 1952 and died 1979. Twins, Marietta and Henrietta, were born and died in 1953. Dan and his wife, Kathy, live in New Jersey. Beck and son, Matthew, live in St. Henry. Elaine married Dick Pax in August 1986. Tim, wife Elaine, and son, Brian, live in St. Henry. Mark married Theresa Gehret November 1986. Janet and husband Steve Wendel live in Indiana. Luke, Pat, George and Sue live at home.



### The Martin Lefeld Family

Martin Lefeld, son of George and Bernadine (Schmackers) Lefeld and MaryAnn (Prenger), daughter of Henry and Clara (Schlarman) Prenger were married October 24, 1953.

Martin was born in the same St. Henry farm home in which the family resides today. Martin served in the Army two years (1951-1953). He is a Foreman at Pax Steel Products, Coldwater, and has been employed there 35 years.

Four of their thirteen children are married. A daughter, Martha and son Alfred are living in Dayton. Vincent and Gerald live in St. Henry. Charles works in Geneva, Indiana. Steven works in Vandalia. Andrew and Carolyn are employed in Dayton and Centerville. James is attending Wright State University. Marvin and Dennis are students at St. Henry High School. Jennifer and Ronald are enrolled in Cheryl Ann School.



### The Seraphim Lefeld Family

Seraphim lived on this farm with great uncle and great aunts on Wessel Rd. In 1942 he married Clarina Bettinger. They had seven boys and one girl. One son died at the age of 20 years. Six children are married.

The farm is now worked by their son. This is the fifth generation working this land.

Pictured left to right: Linus and wife Rosie; Thomas and wife Judy; Val and friend, Connie; Mary and her husband, Jim; Mother, Clarina; Father, Seraphim; Robert and wife, Marge; Ernest and wife Janet; and Leo and wife Virginia. They have 26 grandchildren.



### The Louis Liening Family

Louis, son of William and Theresa Liening, and wife Ruth, daughter of Albert and Elnora Vondrell, lived on 118 north of St. Henry. They have five children: Ron and family of Minster; Jean and family of Florida, Vick and family of Versailles, Dan of Illinois and Bill in the Navy stationed in Florida.

Louis died in 1968 and never lived to see any of his 10 grandchildren. Ruth now lives in an apartment in St. Henry and enjoys all family get-togethers and loves to dance and play cards with her friends. She loves Florida in the winter and fishing in Canada with her family in the fall.



### The Michael Link Family

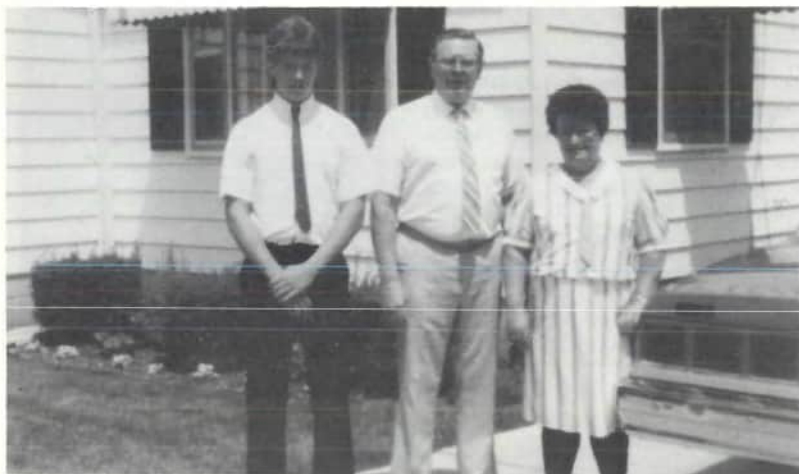
Michael A. Link, son of Ivo and Julie Link and Diane A. Borgert, daughter of Wilmer and Rita Borgert were married May 28, 1977. They have three children, Travis Michael born February 22, 1978, Bradley Robert born April 23, 1980 and Angela Marie born November 7, 1984. The boys are attending school in St. Henry. Mike is employed by Mercer Beverage Company as a Salesman. He has been working there since September of 1977. Diane is employed at Celina Municipal Utilities as an Account clerk. She has been working there since June of 1973. They currently reside at 161 North Sycamore Street in St. Henry.



### The Ivo Link Family

Mark, Ivo and Julia Link live at 421 Kremer-Hoying Rd., St. Henry.

They have been residents of the village for 18 years. They raised a family of eight children: Dan, Mike, Bill, Deb, Nancy, Nick, Teresa and Mark. They are proud to have lived in the village. Ivo has been a member of the village council for the past six years and three years on the Board of Public Affairs. It is a privilege to have served the community.



### The Omer Lochtefeld Family

Omer and Marietta Lochtefeld live at 271 North Sycamore Street. Omer is the son of the late Lawrence and Agnes (Hausfeld) Lochtefeld. Marietta is the daughter of the late John and Rose (Bertke) Rindler. They have two daughters, Patricia and Mary Jane. Patricia married Leslie Wenning. They have three daughters, Gina, Julie and Lori. They reside in Fort Recovery, Ohio. Mary Jane married Kevin Bible. They have one daughter, Jaclyn. They reside in Huron, Ohio. Omer retired from Pax Steel Products after 35 years. He belongs to Post 571, D.A.V., Post 40. He now enjoys his retirement volunteering at the St. Peter Neurological Center. Marietta is a retired homemaker who enjoys babysitting for her grandchildren.



### The Leon Linn Family

Leon Linn son of Andrew and Velma (Douglas) Linn was born February 27, 1927 at Coldwater, and Mary Ellen (Kemper) Linn daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth (Ungruh) Kemper was born May 24, 1927 at St. Henry. Married May 27, 1954 at the St. Henry Catholic Church by Rev. Valentine Fleckinstein. They have six children: Daniel born June 7, 1955 married Angela Keller April 30, 1977, they have two children Michael and Marie; Patricia born January 15, 1957 married Michael Fleck September 17, 1982, they have two children Amy and Brent; Gary born December 28, 1957 married Cindy Wendel September 19, 1981, they have one child Jennifer; Paula born January 4, 1959 is single; Mark born December 7, 1959 married Karen Klosterman March 22, 1986; David born April 7, 1964 married Lisa Apple August 16, 1986. Leon is employed at New Idea, Mary Ellen is a homemaker.



### The Daniel Linn Family

Daniel Linn son of Mary Ellen (Kemper) and Leon Linn, St. Henry was born June 7, 1955, at Coldwater, Ohio. Angela Keller daughter of Norma (Heitkamp) Keller, New Bremen and Hubert Keller, Burkettsville, Ohio was born August 20, 1957 at Heidelberg, Germany while her father was stationed there in the army.

Dan and Angie were married on April 30, 1977 at St. Johns Church, Maria Stein. On August 4, 1982 Michael Alan was born. Marie Renee was born November 12, 1984. Both were born in Coldwater.



### The Wilbur Meinderding Family

This is the home of Wilbur and Matilda (Tillie) Meinderding at 211 East Washington Street.

Wilbur and Matilda (Guggenbiller) were married February 19, 1955. Wilbur was retired from Minster Canning Company. Tillie is a retired school cafeteria helper.

They are members of the Saint Henry Catholic Church. Wilbur had been a long time member of the church choir. Wilbur passed away on December 19, 1986 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.



### Marcelyn Meinderding

She was the daughter of H.C. and Rose (Bany) Meinderding. She has been a lifetime resident of St. Henry. She worked at the Buckeye Apparel in Coldwater almost 45 years, retiring in 1977. She is a member of the Altar Rosary Sodality, Daughters of Isabella, an active member of Mercer County Historical Society, a volunteer at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home, Coldwater. Her home is at 251 N. Sycamore, a garden, flowers, enjoys working outdoors, has some antiques and enjoys reading. She is proud to be a Senior Citizen of here for her grandfather, Jacob Bany Sr. was the first mayor of St. Henry from 1901-1903 serving his second term at the time of his sudden death.

Elizabeth (Romer) Athmer, the first white child born here was her great aunt. She was the godmother of Marcelyn & her father. She was the daughter of Bernard Frank Romer Sr. Her mother was Agnes Gravenkamp.



### The Margie Meiring Family

Margie was born to Joseph and Leona (Rosenbeck) Droesch.

She was raised in St. Henry. Margie married Frank Meiring Jr. They had five children. Ruth was born September 13, 1963. Connie was born February 26, 1965. Two sons deceased. David was born October 16, 1967. Margie and her children moved back to St. Henry in 1968, when she and Frank were divorced.

Ruth graduated in 1982. She attended college for a year. Then received a job in New York for two and a half years as a governess.

Connie graduated in 1983. She received a job as a governess in New York and Florida for nine months. She married Patrick Fisher December 28, 1984. They reside in Celina.

David graduates in 1987.



### The Joseph Mescher Family

Joseph Leo Mescher, son of Joseph B. and Katherine (Walterbusch) Mescher and Mary Ann Schmitz daughter of Charles and Armella (Susie) (Sanderell) Schmitz were married November 9, 1968 at Sharpsburg. They have lived in St. Henry all of their married life.

Joe was born at Yorkshire, Ohio and attended grade school there. He graduated from Versailles High School. He works at Minster Machine.

Mary Ann was born at Celina, Ohio. She attended grade school at Sharpsburg and graduated from Fort Recovery High School. In 1967 she graduated from Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing. She works at Coldwater Medical Inc.

They have five children. Keith born September 16, 1969 and died September 18, 1969; Julia born 1970; Brian born 1971; Tim born 1973; and Scott born 1975.





### **The Don Miller Family**

Don and Mary Miller live at 4946 St. Rte. 119. Don is the son of William and Olivia Miller, and Mary is the daughter of Clarence and Octavia Koesters. They have four children, Sheri, Lori, Tammy, and Craig. Sheri is married to Dave Brunswick of Sharpsburg. They have one child, Travis. Lori, the next eldest, is a graduate of Ohio State Beauty Academy. Tamy and Craig are presently students at St. Henry Schools. Don works at Crown Controls in New Bremen. Don enjoys camping and bowling. He is a member of the American Legion and Eagles Clubs. Mary is a cook at the Red Carpet Inn in Coldwater. She also enjoys bowling and reading. Mary is a member of the Eagles Auxiliary.



### **The Frank Moeder Family**

Frank and Elizabeth (Forsthoff) Moeder have eight children. Priscilla was the Priest's housekeeper. Edward was a salesman at Fort Wayne, IN. Raymond was an Avco New Idea Employee. Albert (Red) was a brick mason, as was his father. Clara was a school teacher for forty-nine years. Bernadette was a school teacher for forty-six years. Two babies died in infancy. Frank Moeder was a brick mason. In addition to the many buildings he worked on, he also helped build the St. Henry Catholic Church. Frank was given the honor of laying the last brick on this church. Frank and Elizabeth Moeder's children all stayed in Mercer County, except Edward who lived in Fort Wayne.

### The Victor Moeder Family

Victor (October 15, 1930), son of Julius and Anna Winkeljohn Moeder married Rosemary (August 14, 1935), daughter of Alex and Eleanor Neargarder Clune. They reside at 2811 Burkettsville-St. Henry Rd. Children are Mike (October 26, 1956) married Rose Wuebker and he works for H.A. Dorsten; Ann (March 27, 1958) graduated from WOBC, W.S.U., and married Terry Schroyer, they have a daughter Erin; Linda (May 4, 1959) married Ed Wellman; Janice (February 16, 1961) married Dan Arling, Linda and Janice are nurses at Community Hospital; Dave (September 12, 1963) married Deb Abels and is an electronic technician at Crown; Sharon (June 11, 1974) will be a eighth grader this fall.

Vic is Head Maintenance and Rosie is a Media Center Aide for St. Henry Schools.

Vic and Rosie have been members of the St. Henry Emergency Squad since it started in 1975.



### Michael and Rose Moeder

Michael J. Moeder and Rose M. Wuebker were married October 11, 1986 in St. Aloysius Church, Carthage. They reside on Parkview Drive in St. Henry. Mike was born on October 26, 1956 and is the son of Victor and Rosemary Clune Moeder. Mike graduated from St. Henry High School in 1975 and is working for H.A. Dorsten, Inc., Minster, Ohio. Rose was born November 11, 1959 and is the daughter of Ludwig and Dolores Wolters Wuebker. Rose graduated from St. Henry High School in 1978 and is employed by Celina Financial Corp.

Mike has one brother, Dave; and four sisters, Ann Schroyer, Linda Wellman, Janice Arling and Sharon. Rose has three brothers, Dave, John and Roger; and two sisters, Rita and Alice.



### The John Moeller Family

John and Barbara Moeller live at 501 W. Columbus. John is the son of Wilbert and Rita Moeller. Barbara is the daughter of Cyril and Flora Dipold. They have three children. Jay is a Freshman at Miami University, Oxford. Dean is a Freshman in high school. Brad is in sixth grade in middle school. John works at Superior Water Services and enjoys fishing. Barb works at Gels IGA.



### The Frank Mohlman Family

Mrs. Frank (Marie) Mohlman lives at 181 S. Sycamore Street. Frank Mohlman, son of Theodore and Maria Mohlman, Northrup, Germany and Marie Langenkamp, daughter of Henry and Anna Langenkamp, St. Henry were married in 1936. In 1941 sickness caused paralysis in Frank. Marie cared for Frank until he died, July 1, 1952. Their children are: Henry, married Mary Lou Kunk, they have four children at Dayton, Ohio. Marie married Elmer Eyink, they have five children at Coldwater. Loretta married Delbert Albright, they have three children at Union, Ohio. Frank married Norma Hartings, she died. He later married Virginia Muhlenkamp, they have six children at Coldwater, Ohio. In 1957 Marie started to work at Coldwater Community Hospital and continued for twenty-four years.



### **The Irene Moorman Family**

Irene C. Moorman is a resident of Briarwood Manor, but she still calls St. Henry home, having lived in St. Henry all her life.

Irene Hartings married William Moorman June 15, 1927. They raised nine children before William died suddenly in November of 1967.

Gerald, the oldest, has six children and two grandchildren; Cletus has five children and one grandchild; Ruth has five children and 10 grandchildren; Tom has three children and three grandchildren; Helen is married but has no children; Henry has two children, Robert has four children; Marjorie has four children; and Ed is married but has no children.



### **The Tom Moorman Family**

Tom and Marie were married in 1957 when Tom was serving in the U.S. Army. The first three months of their marriage was spent in El Paso, Texas.

After that Tom was sent to Germany and Marie came back to Ohio and stayed with her parents, Fred and Agnes Bruns, Osgood, Ohio. Upon his return, they moved on a farm on Lange Road.

They are the parents of three living children: Joyce (Moorman) Barga, Elaine, a nursing student at Ohio State University, and Daniel, a student in St. Henry High School. One son, Ronald, died in infancy.

Tom is also a brick mason. He established his own business in 1973. Tom has done quite a few structures in the St. Henry, Coldwater and Celina areas. Marie does the bookkeeping.

Some of his work in St. Henry includes the swimming pool and shelter house, the library, church basement and the major structure of the Wally Post Complex along with numerous houses.



### **The William Mueller Family**

William A. and Nancy L. (Ranly) Mueller moved to St. Henry in April of 1984. They live at 271 Balcony Ave. Bill is the son of Henry and Marietta (Drees) Mueller of Osgood and Nancy is the daughter of Orville and Alma (Post) Ranly of Philothea.

They have a son, Steven, born October 7, 1974. They have three daughters, Sherri, born June 21, 1977; Mandi, born March 27, 1981; and Gina born August 27, 1985.

Bill works at Minster Machine. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the St. Henry Emergency Squad and the Community Club. He enjoys golfing.

Nancy is a first grade teacher at the St. Henry Elementary School. Nancy, along with Steve and Sherri, enjoy playing piano. As a family they enjoy traveling.



### **The Thomas Niekamp Family**

Thomas Frank Niekamp, born June 17, 1928 to Andrew and Alma (Bertke) Niekamp was married in 1949 to Mary Lee Beckman, born February 15, 1930, the daughter of Luke and Lorine (Stammen) Beckman.

They have six children. Joan married Andrew Fescocoe. Ann married Howard Stammen. Bill married Joanne Hemmelgarn. Peg married Philip Fullenkamp. Cathy married Jerry Wenning. Jim married Julie Monnin.

In 1957 Tom and Mary built their present home at 571 Columbus Street.

Since 1951, Tom has worked at the Minster Canning Company becoming a partner in 1965. In 1984 this tomato processing plant was sold to Brooks Foods.

Mary taught mathematics in St. Henry Jr. High for seven years, resigning in 1977 to accept a position as researcher for the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.



### The Edward Nerderman Family

Edward & Henrietta (Frilling) Nerderman live at 532 W. Columbus, St. Henry, Ohio. They have five children and eight grandchildren. Dennis, an accountant, lives in Centerville, Ohio with wife Rose Marie, an RN, and children Scott, Stacie, and Nicole. Anita, an RN, lives in Cranberry Prairie, Ohio with husband David Hemmelgarn, a chemist, and children Jodi, Jill, and Randy. Ron, a dairy supply salesman, and wife Chris, an employee of Dannon Yogurt, live in Minster, Ohio with daughter Lynn. Mark, a salesman/Financial Services, and wife Joan, Doctor of Optometry, live in Marion, Ohio with son Bradley. Stanley, salesman/Dow Chemical, and wife Renee, an Assistant Bank Manager, live in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Bottom row: Jodi, Scott, Randy. Second row: Nicole, Renee, Stan, Stacie, Jill, David. Third row: Joan, Bradley, Chris, Lynn, Rose Marie, Anita. Top: Ron, Mark, Henrietta, Dennis, Edward.



### The Robert Nerderman Family

Robert Herman Nerderman was born March 8, 1954 at Sharpsburg, the son of Herman and Rita (Post) Nerderman. On May 13, 1977 he married Linda Eleanor Elking, the daughter of Edwin and Marita (Bruns) Elking. Bob and Linda are blessed with three boys: Jeff born November 16, 1978; Craig born March 11, 1981; Brad born October 1, 1985. Bob is presently employed at Midmark Corp., Versailles, Ohio. Linda is employed at Huffys, Celina, Ohio. The Robert Nerderman family live in St. Henry, in the old Alfred & Bernadine Davis house, which they have done some remodeling to.



### The Anthony Nieport Family

Anthony Henry Nieport (April 19, 1920) and Dolores Kathryn Abels (February 15, 1928) were married February 15, 1949, and built their home at 472 East Washington Street in 1953. Tony, son of Henry and Mary (Borgerding) Nieport; Dolores, daughter of Urban and Mary (Braun) Abels. They have six children: Sharon (married Steven Heitbrink, children, Gregory, Michael, Carin, of St. Sebastian), Steven (St. Henry), Ernest (St. Henry), Janet (Gainesville, Florida), and twins Jerome (at home, works Crown Control) and Judith (Shelby, Ohio).

Tony served in U.S. Army during World War II in Europe, worked for the village 1952-1968 (police officer 12 of those years), and worked for Beckman and Gast 1968-1982. Dolores has worked in the St. Henry School cafeteria since 1968.



### The Ernest Nieport Family

Ernest Ralph and Nancy Jane (Wenning) Nieport were married September 10, 1977, in St. Johns Church, Maria Stein, and moved to their home at 252 Kremer-Hoying Road in November of 1978. They have two children: Douglas Jerome, born November 8, 1980 and Brian Patrick, born February 6, 1985. Ernie is the son of Anthony and Dolores Nieport, St. Henry, and Nancy is the daughter of Ralph and Mary Ann (Riethman) Wenning, Maria Stein.

Ernie is employed by Crown Control, New Bremen, and Nancy is employed by Huff Corporation, Celina.

### The Steven Nieport Family

Steven Joseph Nieport and Lucy Ann Thresia Alig, married January 31, 1976, live at 232 Oak Street with their children Kathryn Marie, February 2, 1979, and Matthew Joseph, January 14, 1982. Steven was born September 16, 1952, to Anthony and Dolores Nieport, St. Henry. Lucy Ann was born February 21, 1952, to Henry (1907-1972) and Philomena (Homan-1909) Alig of St. Anthony; four brothers — Norman, Alvin, Kenneth, and Dale.

Steve, a graduate of St. Henry High School and International Business College, Ft. Wayne, is an accountant for National Farmers Organization, Minster. Lucy Ann, a graduate of Coldwater High School and Miami-Jacobs Junior Business College, Dayton, was a secretary at Teledyne Portland Forge, Portland, Indiana, 1971-1982, and is now a full-time mother and homemaker.



### The Joseph Nieport Family

Joseph Nieport and Gertrude Weitzel lived in St. Henry their 44 married years. They were blessed with nine children: Herbert, Ansonia, OH; David, Leroy, Stanley, Michael, Dayton, OH; Mary Zahn, Estes Park, CO; Melvin, Terrence, and Brenda, St. Henry. There are currently 23 grandchildren.

Farming and Custom Farm Operation is their occupation. Joseph has been an innovative and ahead-of-his time farmer in that he was one of the earliest farmers to use tractors, balers, self-propelled combines, grain dryers and the like. Because of these equipment purchases he began doing custom farming in the St. Henry and surrounding areas. Terrence has taken over the business since 1984.





### The Joseph Nietfeld Family

Joseph Nietfeld and Merdella Reier were married May 12, 1956. Joe worked for Landmark 29 years. He's been on the fire department 23 years. They have six children and five grandchildren. Ralph (February 12, 1957) married Sue Rutschilling June 16, 1979. Ralph is Manager Financial Analysis at Copelands. Marlene (April 23, 1958) married Scott Livingston July 25, 1980. Marlene lives in Coldwater. Linda (August 29, 1961) married Albert Brackman June 22, 1985. Linda lives on St. Anthony Rd. Ron (August 3, 1964) is an Electronics Technician at Crown. Paul (September 19, 1967) works at Clopay. Tom (February 9, 1970) is a Daily Standard carrier. The Nietfeld's lived in St. Henry since 1957.



### The Ralph Nietfeld Family

Ralph Nietfeld was born February 12, 1957 to Joseph and Merdella Nietfeld of St. Henry. His wife Susan was born September 3, 1958 to Leroy and Doris Rutschilling of St. Henry. Ralph graduated from St. Henry High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in both finance and accounting from the University of Dayton. Susan graduated from St. Henry High School and attended Wright State University. Ralph and Susan were married on June 16, 1979. They first lived near Coldwater and then in 1985 moved to their current residence, 4101 Lange Rd. Ralph works at Copeland Corp., Sidney as manager of Financial Analysis. Susan works at Rutschilling Inc. as a secretary. They have two children, Matthew and Cheryl, born November 8, 1981 and April 30, 1984.



### The Vincent Ontrop Family

Vincent Ontrop and Viola Moeller were married on November 22, 1941. They are the parents of four children. Mrs. John (Marilyn) Clune of New Bremen, Don married to Mary Good, Ron married to Kathy Stammen all of St. Henry and Mrs. Dale (Bonnie) Dip-pold of St. Sebastian. They also have 15 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson and 1 granddaughter is deceased.

The Ontrop's purchased their house on 241 Spring Street in 1964. Prior to that, they lived on a farm around Montezuma. Vince is retired from Lefeld Plumbing & Heating. Vi is retired from Reynolds & Reynolds.

Vince and Vi are both active in the American Legion and town activities. Vince also served 44 months in the U.S. Army during W.W. II.



### The Ron Ontrop Family

Ronald Ontrop and Kathleen Stammen were married on November 6, 1971. Their parents are Vince and Viola Moeller and Melvin and Rita Huber Stammen.

The Ontrop's bought their home on 141 Linn St. in July of 1971. They are the parents of four sons: Robert born January 6, 1973; Brian December 13, 1973; Doug June 26, 1975; and Brad, October 23, 1979. The boys are active in school activities, 4-H and Cub Scouts.

Ron is employed by the St. Henry Tile Co. and Kathy is a housewife. They both are active in the Fire Department, PTO, American Legion and Cub Scouts. Ron is presently the Assistant Chief of the Fire Department. Ron also spent 2 years in the United States Army.



### The Ralph Ording Family

Ralph, son of Henry and Mary (Leugers) Ording and Mary Agnes (Post) daughter of John and Agnes (Schroer) Post were married January 17, 1953. They reside at 272 N. Sycamore Street, St. Henry. Ralph is retired from Avco New Idea after 31 years of service. They have 5 children: Mark, who lives in Dayton, Ohio; Cindy, married Randy Brunswick, they live on St. Henry Burkettsville Road with their 3 children, Kelly, Michael and Keith; William married Karen Kornack, they reside in Royal Oak, Michigan with their son, Daniel; Mary married James Pope, they reside in Louisville, Kentucky with their son, David; and Thomas is a senior at Findlay College.



### The Howard Osterholt Family

Howard Osterholt, son of Norbert and Josephine Osterholt, moved to St. Henry when he was in the second grade. He has been in business in St. Henry since 1948.

Betty, daughter of Martha and Henry Hemmelgarn, married Howard on January 29, 1949 and they have lived in St. Henry since then.

They are the parents of Steven, Daniel and Carolyn. Steven lives in Lima with his wife, Sharon and their children: Scott, Shawn, Shane and Stacy. Dan lives in St. Henry with his three children: Dawn, Gary and Rachel. Carolyn lives in Macclinnay, Florida with her husband, Bob Overman and their children: Jessica, Joseph and Jody.



### The Paul Osterholt Family

On November 22, 1962, Paul Osterholt and Virginia Franck were married and residing at 2472 State Route 118. At this time, Paul was a partner in Osterholt's Sohio and Ginny worked at Celina Group. Then three children were born: Michael (1963), Ronald (1965) and Deborah (1966). In July of 1967, Paul started a body shop, Paul's Auto Sales on Kremer-Hoying Road. Their fourth child, Rick, was born on December 23, 1971. In 1974, they purchased farm land in Indiana and also became grain farmers. After years of helping their father, Mike and Ron joined the body shop now known as Paul & Sons Auto Sales, Inc. Deborah works for optometrists (Dickman & Kettler) and Rick is a freshman. On June 7, 1986, Mike married Marilyn Huwer and resides in St. Henry.



### The Steve Poling Family

Steve and Teresa were married on June 2, 1979. Steve was born on December 13, 1955 and Teresa on September 14, 1957. They reside at 121 Sunset Avenue, St. Henry.

Teresa is the daughter of Ralph & Roselyn (Will) Bruns. Her grandparents are George & Hilda (Bruns) Will and George & Anna (Eyink) Bruns. Steve is the son of Richard & Bernice (Fortkamp) Poling. His grandparents are Henry & Mary (Homan) Fortkamp and Donald & Frieda (Halley) Poling.

They have two daughters: Erin, born January 11, 1982 and Sarah, born August 26, 1984.

Steve is employed at the Minster Machine Co. and Teresa is employed at The St. Henry Bank.



### The Wally Post Family

Pat (Dorothy) Beckman and Wally Post were married on January 29, 1949 in St. Henry. Pat was the daughter of Luke and Lorine (Stammen) Beckman, and Wally was the son of Frank and Mary (Brunswick) Post. They were the parents of four children: Sue, (Mrs. Vern Hoying) John, Mary (Mrs. Bill Beyke), and Cindy (Mrs. Jerry Huelsman). Between 1949 and 1963, Wally played professional baseball with the Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies, Minnesota Twins and the Cleveland Indians. During the off season, he worked for the Minster Canning Company as their sales representative. He also enjoyed playing golf and following the local sporting events. Pat was a homemaker and enjoyed reading and playing bridge.



### The John Post Family

John Post, son of the late Walter and Dorothy (Pat Beckman) Post married Mary Jane Hoying, daughter of Herman and Merilda (Bergman) Hoying on June 23, 1973.

Their son, James, was born on July 25, 1983. John is an accountant with the Stolle Corporation in Sidney, Ohio. Mary Jane is the nursing coordinator of the Mercer County Hospice. They reside at 5405 Kremer-Hoying Road, St. Henry.



### The Ray Puthoff Family

Ray and Agnes (Kaup) Puthoff live at 3856 St. Rte. 119. Ray is from Maria Stein and Agnes is from Philothea. They were married on September 25, 1948. They are the parents of sixteen children, David is married to Mary Justinger, they have two children. Karen is married to Timothy Koesters, they have three children. Kathryn is married to Carl Hart, they have one child. Frank is married to Patricia Stammen, they have three children. Kenneth is married to Debra Post, they have three children. James is married to Cheryl Pohlman, they have two children. Donald is married to Teresa Dirksen. Gregory is married to Jenifer Martin. Michael lives in Dayton. Virginia, Nancy, Ronald, Randal, Kevin, Jeff and Susan live at home.

### The Frank Puthoff Family

Frank Joseph Puthoff, son of Ray and Agnes (Kaup) Puthoff and Patricia Louise Stammen, daughter of Pete and Lou Ann (Wourms) Stammen, were married on February 28, 1975 in St. Henry Catholic Church.

They rented an apartment on Bernard Avenue in St. Henry until May of 1976 when they bought a home in St. Henry at 642 E. Columbus Street. In March of 1978, they purchased the home in which they are presently living at 132 E. Washington Street in St. Henry.

They have three daughters: Carla, born August 11, 1975; Jeanette, born May 30, 1978; and Dana, born September 30, 1981. Frank has been employed at Mercer Beverage Co. in St. Henry since August of 1973 and Pat has been working part-time for her father and brothers at Stammen Insurance in St. Henry since May of 1976.



### The Florence Rammel Family

Florence Rammel formerly Florence Gehle, daughter of Herman and Rose Gehle has been a member of St. Henry over 70 years. In June of 1936 she married Othmar Rammel of Sharpsburg. He passed away in June of 1983. They have seven children. Kenneth who passed away in 1966. Donald of Springfield, who married Judy Rousch of Dayton, has six children. Mary lives in Greenville and married Jim VandenBosch and have six children. Carol married Gerald Bruns of Ft. Loramie; lives in St. Henry and has six children. Marjorie married John Langenkamp of Osgood; lives in Celina and has three children. Angela married Ken Phlipot of Versailles where they reside with their three children. William married Jill Kaiser of Burkettsville and live in St. Henry with their one child.



### The Bill Rammel Family

Bill and Jill Rammel reside at 252 Anthony Drive. They were married on April 27, 1984, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Burkettsville. Bill is the son of Mrs. Florence Rammel and the late Othmar B. Rammel. Jill is the daughter of the late Bernard (B.J.) and Mary Kaiser, Burkettsville. Bill and Jill have one child, a son, Brian born August 24, 1986. Bill is employed by United Parcel Service, Celina, as a package car driver. Jill is a fulltime mother and housewife.



### The John T. Rammel, Sr. Family

In 1947, the parents of John Rammel moved to St. Henry. John (Jack) is the son of Otto J. and Marcella C. Rammel. Linda (Cleaver) Rammel is the daughter of Harold V. and Reva J. Cleaver. John Rammel and Linda Cleaver were married in Alexandria, Indiana in 1963, and then made their home in St. Henry, Ohio.

John and Linda have seven children: John Jr., Marcella (Sally), Bruce David, Nancy, Andy, Tom, and Maggie. The Rammels have two daughter-in-laws; Shawn Davidson, who married John Rammel Jr. in 1986; and Denise Parker, who married Bruce David in 1985.

John and Linda have one grandson. His name is Bruce John; his nickname is BJ; he was born in 1985. BJ is the son of Bruce David and Denise Rammel. The Rammels have enjoyed all of the years they have been a part of the St. Henry Community.



Back row, left to right: Jack, Linda, Nancy, John, Shawn, Sally and Andy. The front row is: Tom, Maggie, Bruce, Denise and "BJ".

### The Luke Rammel Family

Luke, son of Joseph and Gertrude (Hemmelgarn) Rammel was born July 11, 1929 in Burkettsville. Velma, daughter of Bernard and Frances (Otting) Bergman was born July 23, 1930 near Yorkshire. They were married on May 25, 1955 at Osgood. They moved to St. Henry in 1961.

Luke was drafted in the army in 1951 and spent 18 months in Germany. He has been employed at New Idea since 1947. Velma is a homemaker. They are parents of five children: Denis, married Pam Dues and live in St. Henry; Cheryl, married Carl Eischen and live near St. Anthony with their son, Tim; Michael and Janelle are single and live at home. A son, Timothy, died in 1965 of leukemia at the age of seven.





### **The Roger Ranly Family**

Roger J. and Karen (Steinlage) Ranly have resided at 211 Sunset Avenue in St. Henry since April, 1978. They are the parents of three children: Daryl John, born December 17, 1977; Kerri Marie, born November 19, 1980; and Lindsay Nicole, born October 17, 1984. He is the owner-operator of his own woodworking business, R & R Fabrications, St. Henry. Karen, a St. Henry native, works as a homemaker and also does secretarial work for their business. Roger is the son of Orville and Alma (Post) Ranly, Philothea. Karen's parents are Joseph and Hilda (Pleiman) Steinlage, St. Henry.



### **The Kenneth Reichert Family**

Kenneth and Elaine Reichert have lived in St. Henry all their lives. They now live at 161 Linn St. Their parents are Joseph and Loretta Reichert and Gregor and Genevieve Schmitz. Ken is employed as a foreman at Matt Schwieterman Inc. Elaine babysits for several children. They have six children. Kevin is a 1985 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and is employed as a geologist by Mid-Eastern Geotech in Columbus. Sharon is married to Richard Dues and works at Mersmans. Gary attends the University of Toledo, majoring in Business Administration. Tom is employed at Crown Control in New Bremen and attends Wright State. Gregg and Melissa attend St. Henry Elementary. All are interested in playing sports.

### **The Robert Reier Family**

Robert and Phyllis Reier have lived in St. Henry since their marriage eighteen years ago. They have three children: Steven, Stacy and Tricia.

Robert was born in Cranberry Prairie, the son of Wilbert and Marcella (Wellman) Reier. He was raised on a farm but has worked at Minster Machine for the past twenty years as a machinist.

Phyllis is the daughter of Albert and Cecelia (Bergman) Steinlage of St. Henry. Phyllis worked at the Reynolds & Reynolds Company in Celina, Ohio for several years but now enjoys being a homemaker.



### **The John Remaklus Family**

Betty Remaklus was born January 27, 1921 to the late Albert and Nora (Kothman) Vondrell. On June 28, 1947, Betty married the late John Remaklus. John was born October 10, 1915, the son of Nicholas and Louise (Steinbrunner) Remaklus. John worked at Minster Machine Co. before he died on August 13, 1978. They had three children: Mrs. Robert (Patricia) Kunk and Mrs. Ronald (Judy) Stout, both of St. Henry, Ohio. A son, Richard Remaklus was born March 11, 1956 and he died February 18, 1973. They have four grandchildren, Todd, Kendra and Meghann Kunk and Tyler Stout, all of St. Henry, Ohio.



### The Dennis Rindler Family

The Rindler family lives at 406 Willow Street in St. Henry. Denny married Janice (Siefiring) on April 25, 1973. They have four girls. Jenny was born on August 18, 1973. She enjoys swimming and volleyball. Kim who was born on January 13, 1976, enjoys gymnastics and swimming. Gwen was born on October 13, 1981. She passes her time by playing dress-up. Dana was born on May 15, 1983 and enjoys playing house.

Denny works at Crown Control in New Bremen. He works in the office and his job is titled as a "Master Scheduler." Denny enjoys golf, volleyball, softball and basketball.

Janice is a self-employed babysitter in their home and also is a volunteer member of the St. Henry Life Squad. She enjoys dance aerobics and tennis in her spare time.

The grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Siefiring from New Weston and Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Rindler from St. Henry.



### The Ron Rindler Family

Ron and Doris Rindler live at 2086 Fleetfoot Road along with their sons, Dean, 17 and Scott, 15. They have lived at this location since 1972, the year they had this house built. Ron is employed as an insulator at Clopay in Russia, Ohio. Doris is a homemaker and is employed part-time as a secretary/receptionist at State Farm Insurance in Celina. Dean will graduate from St. Henry High School in 1987. He plans to attend Wright State University, Lake Campus. He will be seeking a degree in computer-aided drafting. Scott will be a sophomore at St. Henry High School this fall (1986). He participates in the athletic program there. Ron is the son of Bill and Martha Rindler who live on State Route 705 near North Star. Doris is the daughter of Joe and Hilda Steinlage who live at 5188 Kremer-Hoying Road, St. Henry.



### Bob and Paula Rengers

Bob and Paula Rengers live at 441 Park Street. Bob is originally from Chickasaw and the son of the late Joe and Elvaneta Rengers. Paula is the daughter of Jim and Bea Gast.



### The Bernard Romer Family

Bernard (Ben) Romer, son of Fred and Agatha Romer of St. Henry has lived at 131 N. Sycamore Street since he built the home in 1948. He married Esther Werling, daughter of Joseph and Josephine Werling of Burkettsville, Ohio, who died October 27, 1974. They had three children: Allen (Janice Griffith) of Carlisle, Ohio; Janice (Robert Berning) of McCartyville, Ohio; and Patricia (Larry Balster) of St. Henry. They have eleven grandchildren. In 1982 he married Leona Hammondtree of Logansport, Indiana.

Ben was a self-employed businessman, owning and operating the St. Henry Meat Market, R & G Supermarket and the St. Henry Hardware. Ben retired in 1973.



### The Albert Romer Family

The Al Romer family traces its roots to St. Henry's first settlers. Albert Henry Romer, born in 1932, is the second son of Leo and Ida (Wimmers) Romer. A St. Henry High School graduate, Al attended the University of Dayton before accepting a job with the Schockman Lumber Company, a St. Henry business he now owns.

In 1955, Al married Ruth Marie Bendele. Born in 1932, Ruth is the daughter of Gilbert and Amelia (Knippen) Bendele, Ottoville, Ohio. A teacher, Ruth attended Ottoville High School and is a University of Dayton graduate.

The Romers have five children: Jeff, born in 1956, a U.S. Army Captain; Nancy, born in 1958, a registered nurse; Jacqueline, born in 1960, a journalist; Doug, born in 1961, a civil engineer; and Tim, born in 1966, a college student.



### The John Romer Family

John and Elizabeth Romer were married November 22, 1958. Elizabeth (Hartings) Romer was born in Cranberry on January 12, 1938 and is the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Evers) Hartings. John Romer was born in St. Henry on May 22, 1936 and is the son of Leo and Ida (Wimmers) Romer. He is currently President of The St. Henry Bank.

John and Elizabeth had five children: Karla was born August 21, 1962. She attended Bowling Green State University and is living in Columbus. Matthew was born June 5, 1964 and died May 22, 1965. Kathryn was born May 23, 1966 and is attending The University of Toledo. Lynn was born July 2, 1969 and is a Junior. David was born December 25, 1972 and is in the eighth grade.



## The Stanley A. Romer Family

The Stanley A. Romer family continues from the line of one of the oldest families of St. Henry and Mercer County. Their first ancestor to come to America was John Joseph Romer in 1834. He and his first wife, Anna Marie (Klinet-rimp) met and lived in Cincinnati until October, 1838. At that time, they moved to Mercer County, where John Joseph became one of the founders and first businessmen of St. Henry.

Many people and eventful years lie between the time of Stanley A. Romer and his great-grandfather, John Joseph. However, this sketch must limit itself to Stanley A. Romer and his family.

Stanley and his brother Harry A. Romer were well-known in St. Henry, having serviced the community as funeral directors. After Harry's death, Dan C. Romer joined in partnership with his father, Stanley. Stanley's ill health caused him to sell the funeral home to N.J. Hogenkamp in 1960. However, he continued to operate the variety store that he owned until his death in 1971.

Stanley married Marie Lange, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dwenger) Lange on October 15, 1923. They had five children as follows: Flora E., Irene P., Daniel C., Elizabeth A. and Joseph J.

He later married Loretta E. Osterfeld, daughter of Henry and Elnora (Dabel) Osterfeld, on September 1, 1943. They had one daughter, Barbara A.

Flora E. Romer married Tony Kohlen on July 18, 1950. They have six children and seven grandchildren. Irene P. Romer wed John Kinkley on August 30, 1949. They have seven children and sixteen grandchildren. Daniel C. Romer married Joan E. Rapp on November 25, 1961. Their family consists of three children. Elizabeth A. Romer became the bride of Richard D. Seifred on August 21, 1956. They have five children and one granddaughter. Joseph J. Romer wed Patricia Hoelscher on August 7, 1962. Their family includes four daughters. Barbara A. Romer is living in Dayton, Ohio and is working for the Federal Government.

## The Joseph J. Romer Family

The Joseph J. Romer family has resided in St. Henry since the summer of 1976. Joseph John and Patricia Ann Hoelscher were married August 7, 1962. They have four daughters: Jill Marie, Patricia Lynn, Gwen Elizabeth and Leah Jo.

Joseph J. was born in St. Henry, Ohio, the son of Stanley and Marie (Lange) Romer. He has four sisters and a brother. He is currently the owner and manager of J.J. Romer Clothing and J.J.'s Cutting Edge in St. Henry.

Patricia Ann was born in Yorkshire, Ohio, the daughter of Clem and Mary (Grieshop) Hoelscher. She has seven sisters and four brothers. Patricia is a registered nurse of the State of Ohio and is presently employed at Coldwater Community Hospital.

The family attends St. Henry Catholic Church in St. Henry.

### The Fred Rose Family

Fred and Irene reside at 4179 Ft. Recovery-Minster Road, St. Henry, Ohio. They are the parents of eight children: Lisa, Michael, Charles, Roger, Sharon, Vicki, Tony and Steven. Fred, a farmer, married Irene Beumer, an L.P.N., in 1959. They live on an 80 acre farm purchased from Fred's parents, Roman and Marie Rose. Fred, with the help of his family, farm 500 acres, primarily grain farming and operate a swine farrow to finish unit. The family has been active in the church and community, receiving many awards in their local 4-H club. Fred has served 12 years as a member of St. Henry's Board of Education and is currently serving as President of the Board of Directors for Mercer Landmark, Inc.

### The Sylvester Rosenbeck Family

Sylvester married Hilda (Feltz). They farm and operate Rosenbeck Poultry. They have six children: James married Patricia (Brunswick). They have five sons: Matthew, Michael, Mark, Chad and Ryan. James and Patricia own and operate Wendelin Tavern. John married Betty (Tobe). They have three sons and one daughter: Patrick, Steve, Carrie and Adam. John works at Portland Forge and Betty works at Forget-Me-Not-Florist. Lucille married Virgil Tobe. They have two daughters and one son: Susan, Rebecca and Scott. Lucille works part-time with her parents. Virgil works for Roger Stachler Construction. Joseph works at Middendorf Stockyards and farms. Richard works at Bergman's Garage. Alice married Ted Dull. They have one son: Lincoln. Alice babysits part-time. Ted works at Crown Control.



### The Ginny Ruskin Family

Ginny Ruskin was born September 13, 1925, the sixth child of Elmer Smith and Leona Link. She attended St. Mary's school. She married Thomas Ruskin and lived in Bowling Green and Columbus, Ohio while Tom attended pre-med and medical school. They have three daughters: Christine, Jacalyn and Stephanie and seven grandchildren. On April 28, 1956 Tom died in Wapakoneta at the age of 29. Ginny worked at Wapakoneta Daily News for 3 years; G.A. Wintzer and Son for 14 years; and Wards Optical Department in Lima for 5 years. She then came to St. Henry on March 1, 1977 as a secretary/housekeeper for Fr. Raymond Bauer.



### James and Phyllis Rutschilling

James L. Rutschilling was born July 31, 1956 and Phyllis N. Buening was born January 21, 1961. James is the son of Leroy V. and Doris Ann (Hoelscher) Rutschilling of St. Henry. Phyllis is the daughter of Urban and Rita (Bohman) Buening of Coldwater.

James works at Rutschillings, Inc. of St. Henry. His hobbies are bowling, horseshoes and working with wood. He belongs to the St. Henry Volunteer Fire Department since 1979, Mercer County Emerency Squad since 1981, K of C Of St. Henry and Ft. Recovery Bowling Association.

Phyllis works at Celina Financial Corp. of Celina. Her hobbies are volleyball, bowling, reading, ceramics and biking.

They live at 82 S. Railroad Street.





### The Leroy Rutschilling Family

Leroy Rutschilling, son of Lawrence and Rose Rutschilling of Osgood was born April 5, 1933 and Doris A. Hoelscher, daughter of Dan and Bernadine Hoelscher of St. Marys was born September 9, 1933. Leroy and Doris were married August 30, 1955 and moved to 311 Western Avenue, St. Henry where Leroy worked for his father at the Sawmill. They have six children: James, July 31, 1956, who married Phyllis Buening on July 25, 1986 and reside in St. Henry. Susan, September 3, 1958, who married Ralph Nietfeld on June 16, 1979 and also reside near St. Henry. Joseph, November 22, 1962; Rose, June 24, 1968; Sharon, September 7, 1971; and Kathy, September 3, 1976 who all reside at home. They have two grandchildren, Matthew Nietfeld, November 8, 1981 and Cheryl Nietfeld, April 30, 1984.

Leroy and Doris now are owners of Rutschilling, Inc and Jim, Joe and Sue are also associated with the business. In photo in front of house at 331 Western Avenue with Leroy's truck from left to right: Sharon, Joe, Doris, Leroy, Kathy and Rose Rutschilling.



### The Elmer Schirack Family

Peter Schirack and Odelia (Remlinger) Schirack family of Mercer County, Ohio. He was born in Germany 1825 she in France 1831; he died in Jay Co., Indiana 1903 buried St. Henry cemetery, she died in St. Henry, Ohio 1905. Their children: Mary Rose married Peter Wagner; Philip married twice one Remaklus, second Elizabeth Buette; John married Mary Weis; Martin A. married Margaret Wagner; Francis married Regina Bonifas; Peter a priest; Lawrence a priest; Michael a priest; Catherine died 1898; Regina died 1871; Odelia infant death; Philip had Peter Schirack, 1874 married Anna Osterfeld they had seven children, 1 Elmer was born in St. Henry who married Mary Rapp had two children, Donald married Jean Lauer, Larry married Enda Erb. On the photograph is Elmer and Mary (Rapp) Schirack.



## The Henry Schmackers Family

Henry Schmackers, son of Henry Schmackers and Anna Margaretha Jaspers was born on his father's farm on Wessel Road in 1889. He married Anna Lefeld on October 11, 1916, daughter of Bernard Lefeld and Antoinette Kessen of St. Peter. The wedding reception was held in their new barn.

Henry was a farmer and received his education at the Home School. Anna was a homemaker. She made the best chocolate cake and homemade ketsup. After Henry's death Anna lived with her brother, George, in St. Henry.

They had three sons: Victor, who married Mary Ann Reigelsberger and lives in St. Henry; Louis, who married Clementine Stachler and lives in St. Henry; and James, who married Geraldine Heckman and lives in Philothea.



## The Victor Schmackers Family

Victor Schmackers, son of Henry and Anna (Lefeld) Schmackers married Mary Ann Reigelsperger, daughter of John and Gertrude (Wenning) Reigelsperger on March 31, 1951 in Coldwater, Ohio.

They lived in St. Henry while these children were born to them: Richard, Elaine, Janice, Gary, Nancy and Joyce. In 1959 they moved to Celina and Dale and Roger were born while there. In October of 1964, they moved back to St. Henry on Henry and Anna Schmackers farm due to the untimely death of Henry in November of 1963. Fire destroyed the farm buildings in 1971, which were rebuilt.

Gary was killed in an automobile accident in 1972.

The home place sold in December 1979. They moved to their present home in St. Henry on March 1, 1980. They have thirty grandchildren.



## The Louis Schmackers Family

Louis Schmackers was the son of Henry and Anna Lefeld Schmackers of Wessel Road. On October 12, 1940 he married Clementine Stachler, daughter of Henry and Bernadine Post Stachler of St. Wendelin. After serving in the Navy, Louis and his family settled in the St. Henry area on Lange Road.

Louis operated the Schmackers Sinclair Service on Main Street and in later years operated the charter boat "Tail Spinner" out of Floros Marina. Clementine was well known for her paper hanging in the area. She also worked at Huffy's from which she retired.

They have eight children: Jerry, Maria Stein; Bernice Workman, Delaware; Marceil Wenning, McCartyville; Paul, Cairo; Harold, St. Sebastian; Elmer, Troy; Lois Franck, Dayton; and Lester, St. Henry.



### Lester Schmackers

Lester Schmackers, son of Louis Schmackers and Clementine Stachler was born on June 4, 1953. He received his education at the St. Henry Local Schools graduating in May 1972. After graduation he started working at Crown Control. After a period of time he went to work for New Idea. At the present time he is back working for Crown Control.

Lester lives on Lange Road in his parent's home. He has four brothers and three sisters. He enjoys playing baseball and volleyball. Lester is a member of the St. Henry Catholic Church.

### The Donald Schmit Family

Donald, son of Carl and Sophia (Eyink) Schmit and Margaret, daughter of George and Edna (Feltz) Koenig, moved to their newly built home at 422 Kremer-Hoying Road in September of 1959. Their house was framed by the late John Knapke and with the help of their families they completed their house.

They are the parents of Randall, married to Lisa Hays and they have a son, Lucas; Theresa, a hair-stylist in Dayton; and Douglas, a student at WSU, Dayton. Included in the picture is Matthias Hatesaul, an exchange student from Germany, who resided with the Schmits during the 1985-86 school year.

Don is a welding supervisor with the Minster Machine Co.



### The Ralph Schmitt Family

Ralph, son of William and Regina Bertke Schmitt and Dorothy, daughter of Bernard and Mathilda Schmittmeyer Niekamp. They were married on November 19, 1960 in St. Sebastian, Ohio. Their first 10 years of marriage they lived on 118. In 1972 they bought Ralph's parent's farm west of St. Henry on 119. They are the third generation to live there. Ralph has worked at Copeland for 30 years. Dorothy is a housewife and works at Schmitt's fur farm in the winter months. They have six children: Marvin, Pat, Dale, Wanda, Marty and Mary Jo. Pat married Karen Robinson on September 22, 1984; Marvin works for 3 W Construction; Dale works for Mike Gaier Masonary; Wanda cooks at St. Henry Nite Club; and Marty and Mary Jo are both in school.



### The Gregor Schmitz Family

Gregor and Genevieve (Dues) Schmitz have lived in St. Henry since they were married forty-six years ago. Gregor has been retired for eleven years from Goodyear, where he was a Lab Technician. Their daughters are: Elaine, married to Ken Reichert, a foreman with Schwietermans, Inc. Carol is married to Liny Hartings. They own Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater. Judy is married to Jim Albers. They own a dairy farm at Wapakoneta, Ohio. Phyllis, an R.N. at Community Hospital, is married to Carl Baltes who is employed at Allied and associated with Baltes Apiaries. Nancy is married to Dr. Robert O. Kanney, Jr., a family physician. They live in Bryan, Ohio. Joyce is married to Dennis Borgert. They own and manage Astro Lanes in Wapakoneta, Ohio. There are twenty-three grandchildren.



### The George Schoen Family

George and Rose Schoen lived in St. Henry, Ohio. They had six sons and three daughters. George died October 1, 1952, Rose March 25, 1930. Clarence married Leona Drees; two daughters, Shirley and Nancy. Clarence died October 8, 1960. Joseph Schoen died September 14, 1964. Edward married Rose Miller; one son, Henry. Monica died October 7, 1914. Clara married Adolph Rammel; one son, Robert and two daughters, Barbara and Mary. Adolph died March 25, 1977, Barbara October 25, 1948, Robert June 20, 1986. Martha married Ernest Langenhorst; one son, Ernest and six daughters, Mary Ann, Patricia, Barbara, Sue, Judy, and Kathleen. Walter married Dorothy Heckler: one son, Kevin. Cletus died September 28, 1921. Urban died February 1, 1924.

### The Ben Schoenlein Family

Ruth and Ben Schoenlein live at 161 West Columbus Street. Ben is the son of Anthony and Clara Evers Schoenlein. Ruth is the daughter of William and Elizabeth Stucke Ahrns. They have five daughters. Barbara married Dan Hoyng and live in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Carolyn is married to Tom Hoyng and live at 415 Willow St., St. Henry. Virginia married Larry Rammel and live near Laura, Ohio. Cindy married Larry Wenning and live on Kremer-Hoyng Rd. near St. Henry. Debra married Dan Hess and live at 201 West Main St. in St. Henry. Ruth and Ben are both retired.



### The Henry Schrage Family

The Schrage family lived on N. Walnut Street in St. Henry from 1909 to 1966. Henry B. Schrage taught school in Ottawa and Taylor's Creek in Ohio before becoming principal and math teacher in St. Henry.

He was born on a farm two miles south of St. Rosa in 1875 to Henry and Elizabeth Ahrns Schrage. While teaching in Taylor's Creek he met and married Rosa Minges, a dressmaker and priest's housekeeper in 1907. Her parents were Frederick and Caroline Zind Minges.

They had four children: Henry, Jr., Carolyn, Elizabeth and Charles. Charles stayed in St. Henry until 1957 owning and operating a television business and filling station. After teaching for twenty-one years, Henry, Sr. was a bookkeeper for Fullenkamp Distributors until 1951.

### The Lavern Schulze Family

Lavern H. Schulze was born on April 8, 1945 and is the son of Fred and Mary (Streaker) Schulze of Ft. Loramie, Ohio. Diana E. Huelskamp was born on July 10, 1946 and is the daughter of Roman and Norma (Rutschilling) Huelskamp of Maria Stein, Ohio.

Lavern and Diana were married on November 24, 1966 in St. John Catholic Church, Maria Stein, Ohio. They lived in Kettering, Ohio where their daughter Trina was born on November 28, 1967. In April of 1969 they moved to the St. Henry area. On July 1, 1969 their son Douglas was born. In December of 1978 they moved into their newly built home in St. Henry.

Currently Lavern and Diana are both employed at Crown in New Bremen, Ohio. Tina is a freshman at Bowling Green State University and Doug is a senior at St. Henry High School.



### The Frank Schwieterman Family

The Frank J. Schwieterman family was established in 1956 with the marriage of Frank to Ruth Jutte of Coldwater. After living in Dayton for six years, the family moved to St. Henry and has resided at 2726 State Route 118 since 1962. The Schwieterman's brought up five children: Frank married Pat Siefring and lives in McCartyville; Nick resides in St. Henry with his wife, Mary Ann Alig and children, John and Joanna; Angie married Ron Elking and lives in St. Henry with daughter, Lindsay; Lori teaches in the Spencerville School System and lives at home; and Sandi attends college at Ohio Northern University. The Schwieterman's have operated an upholstery business for over twenty-five years. Frank is employed by Dayton Power and Light, Coldwater.



### **The Jim Schwieterman Family**

Jim and Trina Schwieterman reside at 191 Sunset Avenue. On December 1, 1979 they were married in St. Henry. In 1981, they built their brick ranch home. On March 24, 1983 their son, Nathan, was born. On June 6, 1985 their son, Jeremy, was born. Jim is the son of Ivo Schwieterman, Burkettsville and Trina is the daughter of Louis Fullenkamp, St. Henry.



### **The Thomas Slusser Family**

Thomas Slusser and Marlene (Korfhagen) Slusser were married on September 30, 1954 in Coldwater, Ohio and are the parents of six children. Toni Rider, Joel Slusser, and Samuel Slusser all of Celina, Thomas Slusser of California, Mrs. Conrad (Lisa) Dery of Van Wert, and Shelly Slusser of Toledo and St. Henry. Their family also includes two daughter-in-laws, Kim and Connie, and two grandsons Tyler and Clayton Slusser all of Celina. The Slusser's moved to the St. Henry area in 1966 on Ste. Rte. 118, which now serves as the office for their business, Tom's Installation Company. In 1971 they moved to their present home on Ste. Rte. 119. Mr. Slusser is self employed and has been in business since October 1969.





### The Carl Spangler Family

Carl and Velma Spangler moved to St. Henry in April 1961. They are the parents of three children: Bruce, Mary and Marjorie. Carl is employed at the Huffy Corp and Velma at the Buckeye Apparel. Bruce is employed at the Huffy Corp. Mary graduated from Ray Vogue College and is with the Sycamore Shop. Marjorie graduated from Wright State University with a B.S. degree in education; she married Charles Good in August 1986.



### The Willard Speck Family

Willard and Thelma (Marshal) Speck were united in marriage on November 20, 1946 at St. Louis Catholic Church, North Star, Ohio. Parents of the couple were Leonard and Marie (Gigandet) Marshal and William and Catherine (Schmitmeyer) Speck. William's first wife died March 1, 1937. He later remarried Catherine Wenning Livingston who still resides in St. Henry. Willard was born and raised in St. Henry and he and his wife have lived in St. Henry for 38 out of 40 years of their married life. The Speck's have one daughter, Vicki, who was born March 28, 1963. She married Eric (Rick) Koesters on March 2, 1985 at St. Henry Catholic Church. Vicki and Rick are currently living in Coldwater, Ohio.



### The Roger Stachler Family

On July 6, 1963 Roger Stachler, the oldest son of Ray and Frances Stachler of Cranberry Prairie, married Marjorie Moorman, youngest daughter of William and Irene Moorman.

Marj and Roger have four children: Jennifer, born March 26, 1971; Chad, born August 23, 1972; Grant, born August 1, 1979; and Shawn, born May 28, 1983.

Roger has acquired his dad's talents for fine building and woodworking. He has his own contracting business that is able to do all phases of building.

Marjorie has a business of her own also. She has a number of ladies that help her paint and hang wallpaper.

Roger, Marj and their children live 1½ mile south of St. Henry on 118. Their home, designed and built by Roger, is underground.



### The Homer Stachler Family

Homer Raymond Stachler was born June 19, 1945 at Cranberry Prairie, the sixth son of Raymond A. Stachler and Frances Brunswick's eleven children. He attended Cranberry Grade School. He graduated from St. Henry High School and served in the National Guard. He worked for his father in construction for many years.

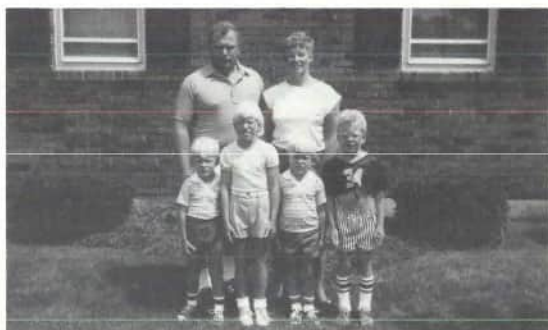
On February 4, 1967 in St. Henry, he married Judy Rinderle. Judy is the daughter of Edward A. and Clara E. (Huemoller) Rinderle of St. Henry. She was born June 30, 1948 at Celina. She attended Sharpsburg Grade School and graduated from Greenville High School. Homer and Judy have been active in the community. Homer has been President of the St. Henry J.C.'s and the Maria Stein American Legion. Judy has been President of the D. of I. and the Maria Stein Legion Auxiliary. She was also the first council woman for the Town Council of St. Henry. They are the parents of three children: Amy Lynn, November 19, 1967; Andy Homer, November 7, 1969; and Sara Ann, October 29, 1973. They reside at 4949 Lange Road where Homer is self-employed in construction and Judy is a homemaker and an avid local history buff.

### The Jerry Stachler Family

Jerry Stachler and Patricia Homan were married on January 19, 1974 in Chickasaw, Ohio by the late Rev. Henry Nabor. Their first home was a rented home at 4661 Kremer-Hoying Road. After residing there for two years, they built a new home at 4701 Kremer-Hoying Road which was completed in September 1976.

Their first child, Kendra, was born on a rainy Saturday evening, April 30, 1977. After almost three years of parenting experience they welcomed their first son, Doug, who was born on a mild winter day, March 5, 1980. Then on election day, November 3, 1981, they became the happy and proud parents of twin sons, Nicholas and Curtis.

Jerry is presently employed with GTE and Pat is a full-time mother and homemaker.



### The Ralph Stachler Family

Ralph C. Stachler, son of Richard & Rita Stachler and Jean Huelsman, daughter of Charles & Mary Huelsman, were united in marriage at Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw, Ohio on February 1, 1975. Their first residence was at 142 N. Sycamore Street, St. Henry. After the birth of their son, James, born on May 18, 1977 and daughter, Lorraine, born May 2, 1979, they moved to their present location of 151 W. Sunset, St. Henry. Their son, Robert, was then born on June 11, 1980. Ralph is employed by Minster Machine Co. Jean is employed by Huff Corporation. Their children attend St. Henry Elementary School.



### The Louis Stahl Family

Louis J. Stahl, son of Edward and Anna Stahl and Julia M. Romer, daughter of Harry and Margaret Romer, were united in marriage February 28, 1953 in the St. Henry Catholic Church. They are the parents of five sons and one daughter: Phillip, Nicholas, Michael, David, Douglas and Lynne.

Mike, their oldest, married Sandy Goettemoeller in July 1977. They have one son, Ryan and two daughters, Amy and Gina. Lynne married Dale Hess in October 1977. They have a daughter, Nicole and two sons, Adam and Brian. Dave married Patty Wuebker in October 1982. They have a daughter, Jennifer. Doug is presently engaged to Theresa Buske. Nick married Sherri Chafin in May 1984. Phil, their youngest, is a sophomore at St. Henry High School.



### The Richard Stahl Family

Richard (Bud) Stahl and Lucille Post were married May 9, 1953 in St. Wendelin Church. They reside at 262 Balcony Avenue, St. Henry and Bud works as a construction superintendent at Matt Schwieterman, Inc., Coldwater. The following children are: Mrs. Neil (Pamela) Buschur, Coldwater; Eric, married to Karen Wehrkamp, St. Henry; Mrs. Patrick (Mary) Niekamp, Ft. Recovery; Patrick, married to Marie Bruggeman, St. Henry; Mrs. Reed (Lisa) Mikesell, Arcanum; Charles, married to Nancy Prenger, Cincinnati; Jerry, married to Lisa Wehrkamp, Dayton; Mrs. Eric (Beth) Thomas, Coldwater; and Sharon, at home and going to college at Bowling Green, Ohio. They also have ten grandchildren.



### The Eric Stahl Family

Eric and Karen Stahl have been residents of St. Henry for the past nine years. They currently reside at 271 Kenneth Drive in St. Henry. Eric (Rick) is the son of Richard and Lucille (Post) Stahl. Karen's parents are Herbert and Evelyn (Schwieterman) Wehrkamp. Rick received a degree in Civil Engineering at Tri State University of Angola, Indiana. Rick and Karen are now co-owners of PAB & Hinton Construction of Coldwater, Ohio. They have two daughters, Jaime, age 5 and Kimberly, age 2.



### The Patrick Stahl Family

Marie and "Buck" Patrick Stahl resides at 221 West Main St. along with their son Adam who is three and their daughter Lauren who is a year and nine months. Marie and Buck are expecting their third child in February.

Marie is a native of Coldwater and a graduate of International College of Business, Ft. Wayne, IN. She is the daughter of Leroy and Catherine Bruggeman. Marie is employed full time as a Accounts Payable/Payroll clerk at Community Hospital. Marie also instructs an aerobics class for the hospital. Marie enjoys sewing, painting, bowling and aerobics.

Buck is a native of St. Henry, the son of Richard and Lucille Stahl. Buck is a graduate of St. Henry High School and is employed at Matt Schwieterman's Construction Co. as a laborer. Buck enjoys his kids, softball, bowling, hunting and fishing.

### The Odelia Stammen Family

Odelia Stammen of 101 East Main Street has lived in St. Henry since 1941. Odelia Mader, daughter of Leo and Anna Mader of St. Henry and John (Jack) Stammen, son of Peter and Anna Stammen of Burkettsville were married in 1925. Jack, who was an avid sports fan, died in 1963. Six children were born: Don (Virginia Vondrell) of Dayton; Orville (Pete) (Lou Ann Wourms) of St. Henry; Ralph (Cappy) (Charyln Rammel) of Coldwater; Dan (Hazel Martin) of Sarasota, Florida; Mildred (Marvin Link) of Tipp City; and Paul (Shirley Barga) of Vandalia, Ohio. Odelia has 33 grandchildren. She enjoys her flowers and rose garden. Usually at Christmas time you will see her windows decorated with flowers she has raised and kept year after year.



### The Orville Stammen Family

Orville "Pete" Stammen born in New Weston, Ohio, December 2, 1927, son of John and Odelia (Mader) Stammen and Louise Anna Wourms, born in St. Henry, Ohio, March 12, 1928, daughter of William and Cora (King) Wourms, were married on February 19, 1949 in St. Henry Catholic Church, St. Henry, Ohio by Rev. John Martin.

Children of this marriage: Shirley, December 24, 1949; David, January 8, 1951; Charles, February 15, 1952; William, February 8, 1953; Thomas, June 18, 1954; Patricia, January 16, 1956; Mark, November 17, 1958; Carolyn, May 3, 1962; and Robert, October 3, 1964. Seven children are married and there are thirteen grandchildren. All live in Mercer County area except Shirley who lives in Wilmington, NC and William who lives in Atlanta, GA.

Orville and Louise moved into their present home at 412 Kremer-Hoying Road, St. Henry, Ohio in September 1951 after three summers of professional baseball life.



### The David Stammen Family

David and Deb Stammen have resided at 262 S. Sycamore Street, St. Henry for the past seven years. Dave's parents are Orville and LouAnn (Wourms) Stammen. Deb is the daughter of Herbert and Evelyn (Schwieterman) Wehrkamp. They were married on November 15, 1974. They have three children: Lynn, 11; Brian, 9; and Julie, 4. Dave and Deb are the proprietors of Fishmo's, 312 W. Main Street, St. Henry. They have owned the business since September 1981.



### The Mark Stammen Family

Mark James Stammen, born November 17, 1958, in St. Henry, Ohio, son of Orville Leo (Pete) Stammen and Louise Anna (Wourms) of St. Henry, Ohio. Mark is a graduate of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Business. He married Christina Terese Desch, born December 3, 1959, in Dayton, Ohio. She is a daughter of Paul James Desch and Ellen Elizabeth (Behrer) of Dayton. She is a graduate of Sinclair Community College in Dayton with an Associate Degree in Science of Radiologic Technology. They moved to St. Henry in April 1985. Mark is employed at Stammen Insurance in St. Henry, as an insurance sales agent and Christina is employed at Community Hospital in Coldwater as a radiologic technologist. Their children are: Rachele Lauren Stammen, March 25, 1985, born in Dayton and Jared Mark Stammen, August 3, 1986, born in St. Henry.

### The Cyril Stammen Family

Cy and Tillie Stammen live at 192 North Eastern Avenue. Cy is the son of Joseph and Josephine Stammen. Tillie is the daughter of William and Elizabeth Imwalle. They have four children.

Marlene works at the St. Henry Bank. She is married to Rodney Klose. They have one son Brandon and they live in New Bremen, Ohio.

Brenda works at Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. She is married to Bill Bohman. They have one son Brent, and a daughter Betsy. They live in St. Henry, Ohio.

Fred works at Crown Control in New Bremen and still lives at home.

Ted works at Crown Control in New Bremen and still lives at home.



### The Mark Steinbrunner Family

Mark, the son of Vincent and Olive (Mueller) Steinbrunner and RoseAnn, the daughter of Theodore and Loretta (Kohnen) Dorsten were married on April 28, 1962, and are the parents of five children.

Jeffrey, 23, a 1981 graduate of St. Henry High School and a 1985 graduate of Bowling Green State University is working at the Cleveland Clinic and working in research.

Mark, 21, is a 1983 graduate of St. Henry High School and a senior at Bowling Green State University, majoring in Radio, TV, and Film.

Lorine, 19, a 1985 graduate of St. Henry High School is a sophomore at Bowling Green State University and is majoring in Business Administration.

Dennis, 18, a 1986 graduate of St. Henry High School and is working on construction, employed by Brumbaugh, Celina.

Sandra, 14, a freshman at St. Henry High School.

Mark is a carpenter with Local #372 and is past Exalted Ruler of Mercer County Elks #2170.

RoseAnn is a dietary technician at Coldwater Community Hospital. They reside at 242 Circle Drive, St. Henry, Ohio.





### The Albert Steinlage Family

Albert Steinlage has spent his entire life in St. Henry, now residing at 4766 Kremer-Hoying Road. He was the son of Fred and Frances (Doerger) Steinlage. In 1940 he married Cecelia Bergman who died in 1960. They were the parents of six children: Janet (Arthur Bernard) of St. Henry; Gerald of St. Henry; Sister Bonnie Steinlage with the Sisters of the Poor in Cincinnati; Phyllis (Robert Reier) of St. Henry; Patricia (Henry Uy) of Kettering; and Kay (James Grieshop) of Portland, Indiana. He has seven grandchildren: Steven, Stacy and Tricia Reier, David Uy and Mark, Evelyn and Janelle Grieshop.

Albert is retired from the State of Ohio Highway Department but enjoys working in his shop on the farm.



### The Joseph Steinlage Family

Joseph and Hilda Steinlage live on this farm located at 5188 Kremer-Hoying Road. The farm was formerly owned by Joseph's great-grandparents, Fred and Magdaline Doerger, from 1854-1864. Fred sold it to Joseph's grandparents, Henry and Mary Doerger. After both their deaths, Frances Doerger Steinlage, their daughter, inherited the farm in 1924. In 1948, Frances sold it to her son, Joseph, who presently owns it.

Joseph and Hilda have eleven children: Eileen Huber, housewife; Doris Rindler, secretary; Karen Ranly, housewife; all of St. Henry. Bernice Koesters, nurse; Verna Ahlers, teacher; both of Coldwater. Roger, cost analyst, Dayton. Ralph, college professor; Betty, teacher; both of Kettering. Lester, teacher, Englewood. Dale, banker, New Carlisle. Dan, contractor, Centerville. They also have twenty-six grandchildren.



### The Henry Stucke Family

On October 10, 1934, Henry Stucke, son of John and Mary (Luebke) Stucke and Hilda Schwieterman, daughter of Frank and Agnes (Stammen) Schwieterman, were united in marriage. The couple settled on a farm located one mile south of Cranberry, Ohio. They were farmers. Henry had experimented growing potatoes. The first crop was planted and harvested by hand and sold to grocery stores and the general public. At the time of his death on February 26, 1969, Henry was specializing in a potato crop grown for potato chips and raised 300 acres annually. Henry and Hilda Stucke raised six children: twins, Bob and Jerry, July 7, 1935; Esther, December 24, 1937; Tom, February 22, 1939; Ron, May 2, 1942; and Cheryl, October 1, 1948. Today his sons, Jerry and Tom, operate Stucke Farms, Inc.



### The Ronald Stucke Family

Ronald Frederick Stucke was born on May 2, 1942 in Cranberry Prairie, Ohio to Henry and Hilda (Schwieterman) Stucke. He was the fifth of six children, the others being Robert, Gerald, Esther, Thomas and Cheryl.

Rebecca Sue King was born on May 12, 1945 to William and Laura (Davis) King of St. Henry, Ohio. She was the third of four children. Robert, Linda and Cynthia were the others.

On April 4, 1964, Ron and Beck were married in the St. Henry Catholic Church. They are the parents of four children: Christopher, February 13, 1965; Amy, September 20, 1966; Douglas, March 20, 1968; and Susan, November 17, 1970.



### The Ronald Stout Family

Ronald, born October 13, 1949, is the son of Robert and Helen (Liette) of 262 Circle Drive, St. Henry. Judy, born February 4, 1950, is the daughter of Betty (Vondrell) Remaklus, 142 John Street, St. Henry and the late John Remaklus. Ronald and Judy were married August 7, 1971. Their son, Tyler John, was born September 22, 1977. Ron is a salesman and draftsman employed at Schockman Lumber Company, St. Henry. Judy is a registered nurse employed at Jay County Hospital, Portland, Indiana. Tyler is a student at St. Henry Schools. The Stout family reside at 422 North Willow Street, St. Henry since 1975.



### The Sunderhaus Family

Franz Johann Sunderhaus was born in Oldenburg, Germany, May 6, 1812, and died in St. Henry, Ohio, February 15, 1898. After first settling in Cincinnati with his brother, Franz then bought land in Granville Twp., from Bernard and Agnes Romer March 24, 1848, for \$80. In 1858, his wife, Maria Angelo died; they had had two daughters Mary and Agnes. Franz then married Maria Nieman, and had two children, Frank and Dina (Bernadine). Frank's wife Maria (Nieman) died in 1880. The son Frank (John Francis) Sunderhaus married Mary Catherine Stab and had eight children. In 1904, Frank Sunderhaus purchased the former Gebele saloon, and made the Sunderhaus Hotel, known for good pies, at 111 West Main. In 1907, Frank Sunderhaus disposed of his saloon business to Henry Kevelder and the stock of goods was moved to the latter place. In 1909, Frank Sunderhaus erected a bake oven at his property on Main St. and leased the building to a baker. Frank was listed in newspapers as City Assessor, Water Commissioner, Meat Market Owner, proprietor of a livery stable, and hotel-cafe owner, the Palm Hotel and Cafe. In 1912, Frank died at age 53, leaving a widow and eight children. On photo: Hilda Sunderhaus who married John Wilson.



### The Dale Sutter Family

Dale Sutter, son of August and Elinor Laux Sutter of Coldwater, married Annette Brackman, daughter of Raymond and Anna Grube Brackman at St. Joe on July 11, 1959. They have six children. David of St. Henry, married Phyllis Timmerman on August 23, 1981. They have two sons, Richard and Steven. Lorraine lives in Michigan and married Daniel Stelzer on July 22, 1983. They have a daughter, Jenna. Ronald lives in Virginia. Gerald recently completed three years with the U.S. Army. Lucy is a college student and Sandy is a senior in high school. The Sutters have lived at 411 E. Main Street since 1971. Dale is employed at Goodyear. Annette is a Mercer County Deputy Clerk of Courts and is an organist for St. Henry Church.



### The Dan Thieman Family

Daniel (Dan) Thieman and Linda Huelskamp was married September 5, 1970. Dan was born to Jos. J. Thieman and Alvina Fischer on July 19, 1943. Linda was born to Roman and Norma Huelskamp on April 13, 1945. They have three children: Shawn, born May 26, 1972, freshman in St. Henry; Theresa, born May 6, 1973, eighth grader; Gary, born July 7, 1976, fourth grader.

Dan is employed at New Idea of Coldwater, a bus driver for St. Henry and a member of Emergency Squad. Dan farms 160 acres at 4784 Ft. Recovery-Minster Rd. which is the "family farm" for four generations.

Linda is a bus driver for St. Henry, teaches Project Sunshine for MCAADAC and is a Paramedic for St. Henry Squad. She is a volunteer for Mercer Co. Hospice, Family Crisis, Marriage Encounter League and plays her accordian for nursing homes.

All are members of St. Henry Catholic Church.



### The Joe Thobe Family

Joe and Karen Thobe live at 181 N. Sycamore St. Joe is the son of Delbert and Velma (Schlater) Thobe, Maria Stein. Karen is the daughter of Lewis and Vivian (Bergman) Clune, St. Henry. They have one son, Corey. Joe is a graduate of Marion Local High School and is employed at Stamco in New Bremen. Karen is a graduate of St. Henry High School and is employed at Celina Financial Corporation, Celina. Corey is a student at St. Henry Elementary.



### The William Tremper Family

William and Mary Ann Tremper live at 261 S. Sycamore Street. Bill is the son of Mathilda and Carl Tremper, Fremont, and teaches Math at St. Henry High School. Mary Ann is the daughter of Mildred and Fred Leuthold, Fort Recovery, and is a Teller at Society Bank, Coldwater. They are the parents of seven children: Susan (June 24, 1960), lives in Wapakoneta with her husband, Kendal Krites, and daughter, Jennifer; Thomas (June 9, 1964), is an Architecture student at Ohio State; Carol (October 9, 1965), lives in Alexandria, Virginia; James (October 12, 1966), lives in Celina; Nancy (January 18, 1969), Alice (March 18, 1971); and Diane (March 15, 1972) are students in St. Henry High School. Bill likes to fish and Mary Ann enjoys bike riding. Each of the children has been active in various sports throughout the school years.



### The Ralph Tumbusch Family

Ralph Henry Tumbusch, son of William and Rose Tumbusch and Mary Ellen Boeckman, daughter of Albert and Julie Boeckman were married on May 22, 1954 in St. Marys Church, Philothea, Ohio by Rev. M. Schmit.

Ralph was born and raised in Cassella, Ohio and Mary in Philothea, Ohio. The first two years of their marriage they resided in Coldwater, moving to St. Henry in 1956. They lived in town until 1958 when they built their present house on the corner of Kremer-Hoying Road and State Route 118.

They are the parents of seven children: Linda Zehringer, Randy, Judy Bergman, Elaine Bruns, Kevin, Janice and Dan. They have nine grandchildren: Ryan, Matthew and Kelly Zehringer; Jason, Allen (deceased), and Michelle Tumbusch; and Amy, Julie (deceased) and Ashley Bruns.

### The Bob Uhlenhake Family

Bob and Elaine Uhlenhake were married in St. Henry Catholic Church on March 3, 1979. Elaine is the daughter of Paul and Esther Wourms, St. Henry. She is currently a Bank Teller at the St. Henry Bank. Bob is the son of Lawrence and Marita Uhlenhake, Celina, Ohio. He is a salesman for Bock Office Supply in Celina.

Bob and Elaine are the parents of two daughters: Amber Leigh, born on November 29, 1981; and Ashley Marie, born on April 17, 1984. They currently are residing at 152 N. Linn Street, St. Henry.



### The Carl Uhlenhake Family

Carl married Martina Homan October 29, 1949 in St. Marys Catholic Church, Philothea. Carl is a farmer and his wife a homemaker. God blessed the union with ten children: Daniel & Sandra Uhlenhake and son Colin; Barbara and Mathew Micetich, son Aaron and daughter Keely; Patricia and Daniel Sanders, sons Eric and Nicholas; JoAnn and Jack Hartings, sons Russell and Brent; Jerome and Janice Uhlenhake, daughters Kimberly and Sarah; Mary and James Gross, daughter Alison (deceased); Diane and Jerome Barga, daughter Amanda and son Jason; John Uhlenhake; Carol Uhlenhake; and Lori Uhlenhake.

Carl and Martina reside on Fleet-foot Road, on the Uhlenhake Homestead, which has been in the family for 149 years.



### The Dale Uhlenhake Family

The Dale Uhlenhake family lives at 411 Willow Street. Dale and Sharon (Evers) were married on October 8, 1974.

Dale works at Minster Machine, and Sharon is a hair-stylist. Sharon is the owner of Chatt-N-Curl Beauty Salon in St. Henry.

The Uhlenhakes have three children: Rodney (1977), Stacy (1979), and Jason (1982).

Sharon's parents are Mildred Evers and the late Roman Evers. She has 11 brothers and sisters. Dale's parents are Alvina Uhlenhake and the late Ray Uhlenhake. Dale has four brothers and sisters.

The children enjoy living by the park where there are lots of activities. As a family they enjoy camping.



### The Robert E. Uhlenhake Family

Robert Eugene Uhlenhake and Helen Ann Droesch were married in Chickasaw on May 11, 1968. They reside on their poultry farm at 1710 State Route 118 with their three children — Diane Jean, born November 14, 1970; Beverly Bernice, born July 14, 1972; and Greg Edward, born February 14, 1974.

Bob is the youngest of three children born to Edward and Henrietta Knapke Uhlenhake on May 13, 1945. He graduated from St. Henry High School and is employed in the factory at New Idea and farms.

Helen was born to Bernard and Lucille Ranly Droesch on July 27, 1947, the oldest of six children. She graduated from Marion High School, currently attends Wright State University and is employed in the offices of St. Henry Schools.



### The Thomas Uhlenhake Family

Thomas Uhlenhake and Mary (Marie Brunswick) were married August 2, 1947. Robert, right, born July 10, 1948, married Alice (Borger) September 28, 1973. They live at 241 South Sycamore Street in St. Henry with their two children: Robert (1976) and Janelle (1978). James, left, born June 13, 1952, married Diane (Rammel) December 15, 1979. They live at 2707 State Route 118, St. Henry, with their two children: Matthew (1983) and Lisa (1986). David, middle, born October 28, 1965, married Janet (Backs) October 10, 1981. They live at 4455 Lange Road, St. Henry, with their son, Gregory (1985). Mary Ann, born February 26, 1965, lives at home. In September 1983, Thomas passed away. Mary and Mary Ann presently live at 2466 State Route 118, St. Henry.





### The Joseph Wappelhorst Family

Joseph Wappelhorst (November 2, 1874 — July 2, 1944) son of Joseph Wappelhorst and Mary Hemmelgarden was born and raised on the Wappelhorst farm on Carthagena Rd.

Emma Daniel (September 12, 1886 — May 4, 1953) daughter of Henry Daniel and Katherine Pitzen, was born in Coldwater. Joe and Emma were married on September 29, 1903 in St. Henry.

To this union eleven children were born, two sons Clarence and Joseph died in infancy. The remaining children were Matilda-Bernard Kunk; Frances-Isidore Drosch; Edward-Marcella Drees; Albert-Dorothea Alig; Bernard-Olivia Drees; Mary-Aloys Schuh; Ralph-Freda Smith; Carl-Ann Burden and Dorothy-Leonard Ellis.

They lived on the farm until the summer of 1941 when they moved to St. Henry on Columbus St. Victoria Wagner, RR 5 Box 287, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895.



### The Herbert Wehrkamp Family

For the past 34 years Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Wehrkamp have resided at 661 Columbus Street, St. Henry. Herbert is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Staugler) Wehrkamp. Evelyn is the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Langenkamp) Schwieterman. They have five daughters: Mrs. Donald (Connie) Gottes, Tipp City; Mrs. Robert (Janet) Borgert, St. Henry; Mrs. David (Deb) Stammen, St. Henry; Mrs. Eric (Karen) Stahl, St. Henry and Bev of Columbus, Ohio. They have two sons, Dan, who is married to Jeanette (Bruns) who resides in Dayton, Ohio and Patrick, a recent graduate of Bowling Green State University. Herbert is a retired employee of New Idea. Evelyn has been employed at Huffy Corp in Celina the past eighteen years.



### The Larry Wenning Family

Larry and Cindy Wenning live at 4067 Kremer-Hoying Road. Larry is the son of Cletus and Rosemary Wenning. Cindy is the daughter of Bernard and Ruth Schoenlein. They have four children. Cheryl is in the seventh grade, Melissa is in the fifth grade, Travis is in the first grade and Jessica is at home. Larry has his own business Mercer Landscaping and also works part-time at New Idea. He also sells insurance. Larry is a member of the St. Henry Fire Department and the St. Henry Kiwanis Club. Cindy works in her beauty shop, Designs Unlimited, which is next door to their home.



### The Henry Westerheide Family

Henry Westerheide came from Germany and settled in St. Henry. He and his wife had four sons: Joseph of Cassella; Gerhard of St. Henry; Bernard of St. Rose, and Henry of Egypt, Ohio. The son Henry married Catherine Bornhorst. Their son Edward F. Westerheide, married Ida Laufersweiler. Edward was the Ford Dealer in Minster and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Their eldest daughter is Ruth Alice Westerheide Munding, lives at 3703 South Victor, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74105, and is interested in the Westerheide history.

The Mercer County Bote Newspaper stated that J.G. Westerheide had an addition built on to his blacksmith shop in St. Henry in June 1893. The September 1, 1895 Bote stated Nicholas Weis purchased the wagon and workshop of deceased J.G. Westerheide. The May 25, 1907 St. Henry Advocate stated Mrs. Westerheide and Mrs. Romer were milliners and located in J.J. Romer's General Store; by January 1, 1908 they had moved to the room formerly occupied by Henry Feldhake.

### The Westgerdes Family

In 1984, five generations are shown: E.J. Westgerdes, Sr.; E.J. Westgerdes, Jr.; Dan Westgerdes; Kevin Westgerdes and Kylie Westgerdes.



### The Ed Westgerdes, Jr. Family

Ed and Lucille Westgerdes, Jr. live at 532 East Columbus Street. Ed is the son of Ed Senior and the late Helen Westgerdes. Lucille is the daughter of the late Harry and Philomena Luken. They were married on October 21, 1939 and have three children. Dan (married Phyllis Schockman) has 3 children, lives in St. Henry. Carol (married Duane Puthoff) has 3 children, lives in Celina. Sharon (married Ron McBride) has 2 children, lives in Centerville.

Ed retired in 1982 after 43 years with the Coldwater Lumber Co. He was on the Board of Public Affairs 28 years, the church choir 50 years and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Lucille retired in 1979 after working 11 years in school cafeteria.



### The Dan Westgerdes Family

Dan and Phyllis Westgerdes live at 271 Circle Drive. Dan is the son of Edward and Lucille Westgerdes, Jr. and Phyllis is the daughter of Louis and Lucille Schockman. They were married on October 27, 1962 and are the parents of three children. Kimberly (age 23) is married to Mike Ob- ringer and they live in Coldwater. Kevin (age 21) is married to Jill Bus- chor and they live in St. Henry with their daughter, Kylie. Lisa (age 18) is enrolled as a freshman at the Bowling Green State University.

Dan works at the Minster Machine Co. and Phyllis is a beautician and op- erates the Wehrkamps Beauty Shop in Montezuma, Ohio. They enjoy sports, boating, and fishing.



### The Charles Whitsett Family

Charles K. Whitsett, son of Charles A. Whitsett and Mildred (Baar) and Eileen Whitsett, daughter of Raymond Sutter and Marie (Wirkner) and their three children moved to Mercer County in 1971 from Indianapolis, Indiana. After re- siding in Cranberry Prairie for six years, they built their present home at 4301 Lange Rd. Charles K., with twenty years experience at hospitals in St. Louis, Mo. and Indianapolis, has been Director of Maintenance at Coldwater Commu- nity Hospital for fifteen years. Eileen, a teacher with previous positions in four states, is now a teacher and Coordinator at the St. Henry Catechetical Center. Elizabeth (December 15, 1964) is a Registered Nurse and is employed at Cold- water Community Hospital. Charles Raymond (July 4, 1966) is presently serv- ing with the U.S. Army, awaiting assignment to Germany. Rebecca (October 9, 1968) is a student at Kettering College, majoring in Nursing.



### The Luke Wilker Family

Luke and Elaine Wilker reside at 440 West Center Street in St. Henry. Luke is originally from Montezuma and is the son of Martin and Madonna Wilker, Jr. He is a graduate of Celina High School and is employed at Nupco Plastic Tubing in New Bremen.

Elaine is originally from Burkettsville and is the daughter of Ivo and Mary Ann Schwieterman. Elaine's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Loretta Reichert, also resides in Burkettsville. Elaine is a graduate of St. Henry High School and Northwestern Business College and is presently employed as a receptionist for Timothy D. Kathman, M.D. in Greenville. They were married in Burkettsville on March 8, 1986 and have no children.



### The Dolores Wimmers Family

A lifetime resident of St. Henry, Dolores was the daughter of Bernard and Bertha (Muhlenkamp) Tobe. Born on October 6, 1922, she was the sixth of nine children.

Dolores married Victor Wimmers (born July 6, 1913, died August 3, 1978) on April 28, 1945. They first lived along Tobe Road, later moving to Kremer-Hoying Road, where Vic took over the family farm from his parents, Ben and Rosa.

Dolores was a homemaker, while Vic worked as a pattern maker at Mersman's before his retirement.

Vic & Dolores had three children: Thelma married Walt Fortkamp, three children, reside with Dolores; Bob married Elizabeth "Becky" Wise. They resided in a Chicago suburb and have two children. Mary married Michael Vagedes, Tipp City residence, and they have three children.



### **The Frank Woeste Family**

The Frank Woeste family lives at 482 Park St. Frank and Donna (Rindler) Woeste were married on June 10, 1972 at North Star Catholic Church.

Their son Jeff was born on November 14, 1979. He enjoys riding his bicycle and watching the Cincinnati Reds. Jeff also goes swimming about every day during the summer.

Their second son Kurt, was born on January 22, 1982. His favorite team is the Boston Celtics. Kurt likes to dig holes in the garden and pound nails in old boards.

Jeff and Kurt's grandparents are Lavern and Dolores Rindler from North Star and Cletus and Evelyn Woeste from St. Rose.

Donna works as a secretary at St. Henry Schools and Frank works for the St. Henry Bank. Both enjoy tennis and volleyball.



### **The William Woods Family**

Jane Homan (February 5, 1948), daughter of Alfred and Bernadine (Lefeld) Homan of St. Henry, and William Woods (June 1, 1947), son of Gerald and Hazel (Keel) Woods of Celina, were married June 6, 1970. Jane has taught in the St. Henry Schools since graduating from the College of Mt. St. Joseph in 1970. William has worked at Huffy's since serving two years in the U.S. Army 1966-1968 (in Vietnam).

They moved into the apartment above the Bittersweet Shoppe (131 W. Main St.) and lived there until they bought their home at 242 N. Sycamore St. in July, 1972. In September, 1984 they moved into a home they built at 261 Kenneth Drive.

They have three children: Douglas William (September 7, 1971), Ted Michael (July 16, 1976) and Julie Renee (February 1, 1980).



### The Gary (Spark) Wourms Family

Spark and Diane reside at 262 North Sycamore St. where they have been since married June 30, 1979.

Spark was born June 17, 1953. He is the son of Esther and the late Paul Wourms, St. Henry. Diane was born January 17, 1958 and is the daughter of Fred and Evelyn Kunkler, New Weston.

Spark is a driver salesman for Mercer Beverage where he has been since 1971. Diane is a hairdresser for Designs Unlimited, Kremer-Hoying Rd. where she has been since 1979. She received her schooling at the Ohio State School of Cosmetology, Columbus.

Spark and Diane have three children. Joseph Paul born November 22, 1981; James Frederick, May 22, 1983, and Jennifer Marie, November 24, 1985.



### The Marvin R. Wourms Family

Marvin R. Wourms was born February 24, 1952 in Coldwater, Ohio, the son of Esther (Speck) Wourms and the late Paul Wourms of St. Henry. On September 21, 1973 Marv married Barbara A. Davis, also of St. Henry. Barb was born June 9, 1951 in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of Harold and Esther (Stahl) Davis of St. Henry. Both Marv and Barb graduated from St. Henry High School, Ohio State University, and the University of Dayton. Marv is currently the principal of St. Henry Middle School. Barb is a homemaker and substitute teacher. They have two sons, Benjamin Paul, age 8 and Andrew Joseph, age 5, both born in Columbus, Ohio. Their family pet is a golden retriever named Liberty. They live at 231 S. Walnut St.



### **The Thomas J. Wuebker Family**

Tom and Vicki Wuebker were wed in October, 1979. At this time they moved into a home located at 419 Willow Ave. Tom owned Thomas J. Wuebker Construction and Vicki worked at Knapke and Ingraham in Celina. In December, 1980 their first child was born, a son named Stephen. Shortly thereafter, they opened a new business, St. Henry Lumber and Supply. Both Tom and Vicki worked in the new store. A second son, named David, arrived in March, 1983. With the family expanding and in an attempt to get closer to the business they purchased the residence at 151 N. Sycamore St. from the estate of Art and Florence Rose. The Wuebker family moved into their new home in November, 1984.



### **The Gard Yaney Family**

Gard & Eda Yaney arrived in St. Henry in 1936. He bought 40 acres and cleared it the old fashioned way. He moved a house from Burkettsville and erected it there. He later built another with many advanced features, solar heating in the winter, cool overhangs in the summer, hot water heat in pipes in the floor. He raised tomatoes for many years and then switched to turkeys. He sold dirt to improve Highway 118 and the resulting hole made a nice pond for the neighborhood children.

When the boys came home from the war they needed homes so he built them. Many families have fond memories of their first home built by Gard Yaney or of the help he gave them in getting started.





