

The Reporter

A COMMUNITY CLUB SPONSORED NEWSPAPER SERVING NEW MELLE AND THE COUNTRYSIDE

"Where old friends greet, and new friends meet."

Forward

This is the first issue of the New Melle newspaper "The Reporter". For some time many of us in the New Melle area have realized the need for improved communication in our local community. Recently I proposed a small newsletter type paper similar to the present format to Linda Paul, President of the New Melle Community Club, as a club sponsored project. It was favorably accepted by the membership, and the publishing mechanics were set in motion.

It was agreed that the material should primarily include happenings within our town and countryside as determined by individual reporters from the churches, schools, public organizations, and from the Town Council. It was also agreed that each issue should carry feature articles on our heritage, and on personality sketches of our people.

The Reporter will be financed by ads from local business firms; from individuals and by subscriptions. The ads are reasonably priced, and the excellent response from advertisers is appreciated.

Community Club members Maureen Blondin (828-5898) has volunteered to be the Advertising Agent, and Sandie Burke is the newspaper typist. I have agreed to serve as the Editor. It is published by the Missourian Publishing Co. in Washington, Mo.

The Reporter is scheduled for release on the first Thursday of each month. A more frequent issue; increased number of pages and increased circulation, will depend on how favorably you, as readers, accept this paper.

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## New Melle Seal

In the upper left hand corner is a logo similar in design to the official seal of Melle, Germany. It has been modified slightly to better represent New Melle in the USA. The Town Council has the design under consideration for adoption as our town's official seal.

The origin of towns and cities in this "new world" is particularily fascinating. Often the origin is directly related to a close knit group of pioneers who chose the site because it reminded them of the homeland they left behind. This is true of New Melle.

For generations, German descendants of first New Melle settlers were fully a-ware that their forefathers came from Melle, Germany, in the old Kingdom of Hanover, and later established the village of New Melle in 1840, and recorded in 1850.

However, there was no indication that Melle, Germany residents were aware of this until historian Dr. Walter Kamphoefner authored a recent book entitled, "Westphalia In The New World". Dr. Kamphoefner is a native of Defiance, Mo. In his book he introduces the idea of establishing a Melle/New Melle sister city relationship. Since that time prominent visitors have come to New Melle from Melle, and our town has been featured extensively in their newspaper "Meller Kreisblatt". Mrs. Frank Toedebush, following up close on this, has obtained their seal in leaded glass.

The red hub is the original town. Red spokes and rim on white to complete a wheel is open land and municipalities within the Melle sphere. A second rim in blue would be added.

## General News

Two Girl Scout Troops are active in New Melle, and both are led by "new commers" to the area. Sue Warmann leads the Juniors (17 girls) and Shirley Kramer is the Brownie leader (11 girls). Sue and Bob Warmann came from St. Louis 5 years ago, Shirley and Gare Kramer came from Man-

chester last year .

On March 6 an Open House was held for both troops at the Fire Station. They rode in the trucks, tried on the fire man's hats, blew the siren, and were instructed on all the details.

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# PROFILE OF THE PAULS

Burton and Linda Paul both work tirelessly for the Community Club. Linda is the 1984 President. Burton, and his ancestors are lifelong New Melle Folks. Linda came more recently.

Burton John was born May 24, 1943 to Edwin and Meta (nee Prior) Paul of New Melle, where his father was part owner of the Paul & Joerling Store. Burton's paternal grandparents, Fritz and Johanna Paul, had settled on a farm in Warren Co. near the St. Charles Co. line. His maternal grandparents were John and Fredrika Prior.

Burton attended the New Melle public school and graduated from FHHS in 1961. and started farming.

Linda was born April 7, 1948, in Mountain View, Mo. to Cecil and Marie Smith. Linda's paternal grandparents, Jeffrey and Jessie Smith, also lived in Mountain View. Jessie had arrived there with her parents from their sod home in Oklahoma in a wagon

Cecil and Marie moved to St. Louis in 1954, then to Harvester in 1963. In 1969 Cecil and son Don, established the Cecil Smith Lumber Co. on Hwy. "O" in Warren Co.

Linda's maternal grandparents are Charles and Carrie Ogle.

Linda also graduated from FHHS. and Linda were married April 8, 1967 at the First Baptist Church in St. Charles and lived in New Melle 1½ years before moving to the Paul farm (better known as Tuque Prairie Farms". Burton, with his brother Leland, farm over 800 acres, and operate one of the district's largest hog producing farms of some 6000 head annually. In 1982, the Pauls completed a beautiful new home on the farm grounds.

Linda, before her marriage, worked at McDonnell/Douglas, Brown Shoe Co., Lake Sherwood, the Smith Lumber Co., and at present she is Secretary to the Executive Vice-President at the Commerce Bank of Wentzville.

Both are active at Frieden's Peace U.C.C. in New Melle. Burton serves on the Church Board, and Linda chairs the Ways & Means Comm. and has sponsored the Youth Group 6 years.

Burton is Treas. of the Pioneer Coon Hunters Assoc., a member of the S. C./W. County Pork Producers, plays softball, bowls, and served in the Natl. Guard 1964/

Together they have hiked into the depths of the Grand Canyon, hiked the Appalachian Trail, gone on numerous canoe trips, traveled to the southwest, and into Canada, climbed the Rocky Mountains, and cruised on the Caribbean.

Burton and Linda have no children of their own, however, since 1973 they have raised their nephews Randy, Brad and Steve Paul.

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"WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR COMMUNITY"? Ernie Arteaga will be our guest speaker at the next Club Business Meeting to discuss this important issue. Come join us April 12, 7:30 PM.

# Community Club

As the weather improves and the freshness of spring seeps into our souls, the desire to "get out" and enjoy ourselves seems to be high on our list of things to do. The Community Club has been busy scheduling some new and exciting activities. FIX & FUN DAY: April 8, 12:30-5:00: Rain or shine - BBQ at 5:30 - Bring a dish & meat. Last years Fix & Fun proved to be enjoyable for everyone. Join in the games with the losers treating the winners to a Candlelight Dinner. Everyone is welcome! CORPORATION BUSINESS MEETING: April 12. 7:30; Guest speaker will be Ernie Arteaga. He will present views as to why the areas adjacent to the Village of New Melle should be annexed. He is anxious to answer any questions pertaining to this important issue. EVERYONE WELCOME! JUNIOR COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERS: Meeting April 12, 7:30; Pete & Sharon Bishop, advisors. Discussion "Plan Activities". CRAFT, FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE: April 29-10 - 4. Many handcrafted articles and flea market items. Sandwiches & refreshments served. For stands call 828-5987. Proceeds for kitchen renovation.

SENIOR COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERS: (60 & over)
April 12 immediately following business
meeting. Discussion: Plan Senior Citizens activities for New Melle.

TOURING CYCLIST: May 5 - 500 cyclists are
scheduled to visit our area for routes
ranging up to 20 miles. Cyclists will
begin at the Club & ride throughout the
Daniel Boone area. Sandwiches and drinks
will be served. Watch for them on the
highways.

YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS: Any young adult (10th grade thru 20 years), in our community, is welcome to join this group. They have met twice and have some very exciting dreams for our club. At this printing, plans are being laid for a Festival Float, Festival Stand, and Dance. They meet the first Monday of each month. COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

It's going to be a great year at our club. Please come & join in the fun and excitement. We would like for you to be a part of our Community Club. Together we can help our Community grow toward the goals, hopes, & visions of a warm, progressive, and friendly place to enjoy.

## When Our Jours Were Born

If we fan out from New Melle within a radius of some 15 miles there are at least a dozen towns, and they all were settled during the brief period between 1832 and 1865 (with the exception of Defiance settled later), a span of only 33 years. It was that exciting period when our forefathers changed a wilderness into a cluster of farm to market communities. Two have recently realized considerable growth, the remainder have changed very little since the early 1900's, or have declined.

St.Charles, farther to the east, was settled by the French in 1766, and Marthasvillelcame into being in 1817. Nothing but a few log and stone structures existed in between when Missouri became a state in 1921. Dutzow was settled in 1832, Femme Osage followed in 1833, then Mt.Pleasant (Augusta) in 1836. In 1839

immigrants from Melle, Germany named our town New Melle. Next was Hamburg and Cottelville 1840, Schluersburg and Matson 1841, Cappeln 1845, Wentzville 1855, Foristell 1856, O'Fallon 1857, Weldon Spring 1864 and Mechanicsville (Howell) 1865. The only near by town to be born within the last 119 years is Lake St. Louis.

This year marks the 145th year since those first settlers built their log homes in New Melle. It grew steadily before the decline of rural towns after WWI. It had been a thriving town with busy shops and stores, and a progressive spirit. In recent years the community can point to many advances. New Melle became an incorporated village Jan.1, 1979. Watch "The Reporter" for continued brief accounts of the history and future of New Melle, and the cpuntryside.

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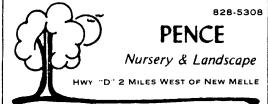
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We welcome 12 new members who are receiving the rite of Confirmation: Chris Affholder, Amanda & Audrey Anderson, Rick Brakensiek, Dawn, Dee Dee, Jim Fader, Lara Maire, Jamie Molyneux, Angie Monds, Gene Ramey & Jody Schmidt. A 50 year confirmation reunion will be observed Apr.29 Congratulations 1934 class: Wilbert & Leona Becker, Emily Brakensiek, Lucille Kidd, Edmund & Hadley Linnenbringer, Annie Minning, Malinda Pauk & Herman Schemmer.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Mo. Synod) will hold a special worship service on Good Friday, April 20th, at 7:30 p.m. to recall the death of God's only Son on the cross as the full payment for the sins of all people. On Easter Morning at 6 and 10 a.m. the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ will be celebrated as the One who has defeated death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Come join us.

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RABIES CLINIC - April 14 from 9 a.m. to
12 noon at Post Home
SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER on April 29 at
Catholic Church Hall starting at 12 noon.

BINGO is still held on Friday nights starting at 7:30 p.m.

# Village of New Melle

The Board of Trustees appreciates the effort and cooperation given at the Special Sewer Meeting. The application for a sewer grant was received and further news of this will be in the June issue of this paper. Our meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Old Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come share their thoughts and ideas.

# Iriaclon's "Peace" U.C.C.

Frieden's Women's Group will be the 1984 host of an area U.C.C. event "Lenten Quiet Hour". Some 150 church women will gather on Friday, April 6.

BIRTHS: Mike & Charlene Loyd are parents of a daughter, Andrea Nicole, born March 5. Our Blessings! A son, Stephan Michael born Mar. 18 to Dale & Jackie Goetz, Stanley, Kan. (former residents)

CONFIRMATION: Palm Sunday Confirmation rites given to an 8th grader, John Chruma

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### DANIEL BOONE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thurs. Apr. 5 School Resumes 4th Qtr. Mon. April 9 P.T.O. 1:30 p.m. Fri. April 20 No School (Good Friday) Non. May 14 P.T.O. 1:30 p.m. Sat. May 19 P.T.O. School Carnival from 10:00 - 2:00.



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# Tracing New Melle History

Beginning with this issue the history of New Melle will be traced briefly from the time before its founding to 1850. Successive issues will carry the history through to the present time.

The town's site spreads along a ridge separated on the west by a prairie, and to the east and south by beautiful rolling to rugged wooded hills that slope down into the Femme Osage Valley, to the bluffs edging the Missouri River. If any white men had come into the present limits before the state was admitted into the Union in 1821 their names are unknown. However, we can be fairly certain that our neighbor Daniel Boone, the hunter and trail blazer, and his son Nathan the surveyor, roamed about the future community many times during the first two decades of 1800. Also Capt. James Callaway and his Rangers, organized in 1813 to protect early settlers around Pond Fort, and Howell Fort just a few miles to our north and east, and in Boone's Territory south of us, certainly rode across the future lawnsand streets of New Melle. We can be assured too that Gottfried Duden between 1824 and 1826 investigated our future town. In 1826 Duden left his Lake Creek log cabin home near the present town of Dutzow and returned to Germany to publish his famous letters, and to encourage the German immigration to Missouri. Records do show that Samuel F. Cunningham, a Virginian, settled near the town's site as early as 1834.

The Germans did come in the late 1830's. Conrad Weinrich checked out the site in 1837, but 1839 seems to be the accepted date when a group of immigrants from Melle, Germany in Lower Saxony, settled here and named their pioneer village New Melle. They bore such surnames as Auping, Beumer, Brockmann, Buschdieker, Fienup, Greiwe, Hardach, Hensiek, Kammeier, Karrenbrock, Kamper, Kamphoefner, Leimbrock, Toedebusch, Meier, Moellering, Nieweg, Riske, Schroeder, Stratmann, Welker, Wencke & Windhorst.

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Since the majority of the first immigrants were Lutherans seeking religious freedom their first priority was to establish a church, and founded St. Paul's Lutheran Church in 1844, the first Lutheran Church in St. Charles County. A German school soon followed. Forty acres of land had been purchased by the congregation, and in 1847 twenty of these acres were set aside for a town. F. W. Kamper laid out the original town in 1848. See sketch. The town was officially recorded August 22, 1850.

The original town containing 16 lots, and a "Market Square", 200 feet x 400 feet, was 1300 feet long and 700 feet wide. Inhabitants numbered 50 to 60 at the time.

## Sommunity Club

### BY JERRIE GALLO

"April Showers bring May flowers" and hopefully some sunshine to dry the ball fields so our baseball, softball and t-ball teams can get off to a great year and so the work being done at the Community Club may be completed.

The New Melle Community Club Meeting will be held Thursday, May 10 at 7:30. The Festival Committees will get together immediately following the regular business meet-

The Young Adult Group are sponsoring a dance scheduled for Friday, June 1. More details will be forth coming. Any young adult in the area is welcome to join this enthusiastic group. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month.

General work has begun which will give the Community Club somewhat of a facelift. The

building itself and concession stand will gleam with fresh paint. Weather permitting this project will be completed in May. A new back-stop is being erected on the big diamond and kitchen remodelling has been underway. This should be completed short-

A big thanks to all those who gave much of their time and energy, Sunday, April 8 at the FIX AND FUN DAY.

CORRECTION: It was announced that the touring cyclists would be in our area May 5. The correct date is May 6.

We are genuinely interested in your points of interest, your ideas, comments and suggestions. Please contact any board member to express your views.

## The Village of

BY RONDA LACY

On Sunday, April 15, 1984, New Melle was honored by a visit from Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Hornhues - member of the Congress & Chairman of the Sub-Committee for Foreign Relations, and Grafin (meaning Countess) Dr. Anita Von Lippe of the Institute of Foreign Relations Federal Republic of Germany.

They are from an area adjacent to Melle, Germany. They brought beautiful historic momentos with them, which they presented to Mayor Arteaga. One of these was a book

that had been translated by area resident Mrs. Alberta Toedebusch.

Results of the April 3, 1984 Election are as follows:

Board of Trustees ..... 25 votes Betty Adkisson ..... 25 votes Mary Burt (write-in cand.).. 5 votes Telephone tax to provide emergency service: Yes .... 19 votes (70%)

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# RESIDENT PROFILE OF THE SCHWABS

The Reporter introduces to its readers Jim and Sherri Schwab, and their family. The Schwabs are new comers to New Melle. In 1975 they decided to move to the country from Creve Couer, and were especially attracted to the New Melle area. Soon through Larry Prager/Tidd Realty four delightful acres were acquired on Nadler Road, just off Hopewell Road, and a beautiful new home was constructed.

James Frank Schwab was born August 19, 1939 in East St. Louis to James Wesley and Agnes Heddy (nee Kapr) Schwab. His father was a meat cutter in South St. Louis. His paternal grand-parents, James Schwab (spelled Svab in Czeckoslovakia), and his wife Rosa M. Louranich, immigrated from Europe, as did his maternal grand-parents Frank A. Kapr and his wife Frances M. (nee Chlupsa) Kapr.

Jim lived in St. Louis until he joined the U. S. Marines in 1958. He served with the Marines at the El Tora Marine Air Station in Calif. until 1961. He continued to live in Calif., being employed at Hughes Aircraft, Autonetics, and Southern Calif. Edison. In 1970 Jim accepted a position with Western Electric (now known as AT&T Technology as a Computer Programmer. It was at Western Electric where Jim met Sherrill Diane Albrecht. They were married in May 1972 at St. Charles, Mo.

Jim attended the Grant Grade School and Roosevelt High School in South St. Louis. He earned a B.S. Degree in Computer Systems Data Processing from Washington University in 1973.

Sherri was born April 14, 1947 in St.
Louis to Irwin Adolph Albrecht, Sr. and
Melba Lucille (nee Stephens) Albrecht.
Irwin was born in St. Louis and Melba was
born in Oklahoma. Her paternal grandparents were Adolph Charles & Caroline
(nee Bolhofner) Albrecht, and her maternal grandparents were Archabald Bryant &
Adele Ida (nee Gussieux) Stephens. Sherri
attended the Hamilton Grade School in St.
Louis and Roosevelt-Southwest High School.
She worked fourteen years as an Expediter
at Western Electric before "retiring"

after her marriage to Jim.

Sherri's father had the Albrecht-Burke Studebaker/Packard dealership at 5960 Westminister Place in St. Louis. Her mother was a dancer in the Muny Opera Chorus and at the Chase Park Plaza. They were married January 14, 1939. Since both were an only child in their respective families they wanted a large family, so, they had thirteen children.

By 1949 their family was increasing rapidly. A larger home was needed, and they found just what they were looking for on McPherson Ave. across from Washington University. It was a handsome three story home built in 1906 with seventeen rooms, five bathrooms, and a huge hallway lined with six foot high mirrors. The Albrecht's bought it in 1949 for \$20,500. In 1961 the American Home Magazine featured the Albrecht home, and the entire family in a full color spread in the April issue. Sherri is shown as a girl of thirteen.

Jim Schwab belongs to the Elk Lodge in Washington. He plays on the New Melle Over 30 and Holstein Over 35 softball teams bowls and plays golf and enjoys camping vacations with the family. Last October the Schwabs joined the New Melle Community Club. Jim is a member of the Board. He is a member of St. Wencesleus Church in St. Louis.

Sherri too is active in sports. She is a fine ice skater, bowls, plays softball, is a member of the Elks Auxiliary, and is a member of Grace Methodist Church in St. Louis. She has eight brothers and four sisters. Her father passed away two years ago, and her mother continues to live in the big family home on McPherson Ave.

The Schwabs have 5 children; James Steven, Jennifer Lynn, and Julie Ann Schwab in Calif.; Jason Aaron born June 8, 1973 and Jeffrey Brian born February 2, 1977. All are involved in sports, especially soccer. Jason & Jeffrey play on the Dardenne team, and both are playing baseball in New Melle. James has been accepted to Annapolis.

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# Tracing new Mello History -- PART 2

In the previous issue the history of New Melle was traced to 1850 when the town was officially recorded. Lot owners recorded. on the original plat (some are barely visible) were Charles Schlottmann, Rudolph Peters, Fritz Dierker, Frank Hackmann, Conrad Weinrich, Ernst or Casper Hagemann. Fritz Moellering, and Conrad Langemann (possibly). These eight settlers, or most of them, were certainly the first home builders within the original town, and history appears to confirm the homes were all of log construction. At least two of the first log homes are still standing, but have been covered by clap-boards. A two story log church had already been built by immigrant Lutherans about 1840 west of the town proper, and other cabins were scattered near by Also in 1850 a U.S. Postoffice was opened.

We can assume that progress otherwise was slow until after the cholera epidemic in 1852. New Melle residents, and settlers in the countryside, suffered then beyond our comprehension. Wagons carrying the bodies of entire families were seen pulling into the graveyard located north of the present stone church for burial in mass graves. There are many sad stories associated with this terrible plague, and the graveyard to this day remains a memorial park.

Following the plague, times improved, and before the 1860's had arrived New Melle had realized considerable growth. The first stores were operated by a Rudolph Dercus, Sudbrock & Co., and the the Koelling Bros. John F. Dierker became the postmaster on July 25, 1856 (previous postmasters unknown). Rudolph Peters followed on Jan. 20, 1858. Reinhold Eich had arrived in 1855 and opened a boot and shoe shop. In 1857 he built a log home north of town where he gave music lessons. Recently the home was torn down to make way for a new hardware sotre. 1858 an oxen powered mill was built south of the present mill. Owner possibly was Casper Stratman. In the same year Henry Meier, who had also built an early log home, opened a blacksmith shop in what soon was

known as "Frenchtown", and Conrad Weinrich opened a blacksmith shop in the south end of town. The stone church, now on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1858. Immigrants selected the center of the high ridge running east and west to erect the church. Rainfall flows off the North roof into the Mississippi River watershed and off the south side into the Missouri River watershed.

More settlers, with trades they had learned in Germany, continued to move in as the 1850's came to a close. New Melle could look forward to another decade of progress.



The Stone Shurch - Bult 1858

A few of the early tradesmen who had arrived in the 1840's and 50's were Henry Auping & F. W. Braucksecker - carpenters and joiners,

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# ommunity Lub - By LINDA PAUL

June is bust in out all over and our Club grounds are bustling with activity. These summer nights are filled with ballgames and summertime activities.

All the players are enjoying the new back stop erected in May. The beautiful backstop was made possible by the Khoury League 83 & 84 Spring candy sales. We're all very proud of the kids for this new addition to our field. GREAT JOB!!

The Community Club Members are planning a fun filled night at the Cardinal game June 26.

The Club and Over 30 League are busy planning the up-coming tournament the end of this month. Come out to the ballpark June 21-24 and root for your favorite team or player. We'll have good food, lots of cold beer, and loads of fun. Games start Thursday night and the winning team will celebrate Sunday evening.

Custom Painting & Drywall has started painting our buildings and pavilons. We're all very pleased with the fresh new look at the Club.

The Board of Director's discussed the

traffic flo problem between the Club and the large pavilon at their last meeting. Many of our Members & patron's felt that the speeding vehicles were a great danger to the small children that frequent the Club grounds. Therefore, the Board will be eliminating the driveway between the playground area and small pavilon. This small stretch of driveway will be filled with dirt and sewn in grass. Post will be placed to block traffic. Access to the small diamond can be made at the South entrance and the large diamond can be reached by the North entrance. The Board regrets the necessity of this action but the safety of our children comes first.

Kurt and Kathy Brakensiek, both Club Members, were married May 12. Congratulations and Best Wishes from all of us to both of you.

Congratulations are also in order to the following Young Adult Members whose Graduation Commencement was held Wed. May 23:

Gregg Brakensiek Carolyn Farwig Terry Kehr

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Festival Board Meeting 7:30 PM

June 13 Kitchen painting & swim party

9AM EVERYONE WELCOME

June 14 Business Meeting 7:30PM Junior Members Meeting 7:30PM

June 21 Over 30 Tournament begins 6:30PM

June 25 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

June 26 Cardinal Ballgame (bus leaves grounds at 5:30PM)

July 2 Young Adult Meeting 7:30PM

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Trustees Meeting held May 3, 1984: Present Betty Adkisson, John Anderson, Ernie Arteaga, Eleanor Burrows, Mary Burt, and Wayne Welge. Eleanor Burrows was appointed to serve the unexpired term of Mark Lindemann, who resigned. Agnes Schuster was appointed Treasurer. -- Information on Merchant's license and sign permits have been requested from Attorney Charles Niedner.

The earlier proposed logo, taken from the seal from New Melle, Germany, was adopted as the seal for New Melle. A resolution was also passed to establish Melle, Germany as a sister-city.

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The story will pick up next month in the 1860's.



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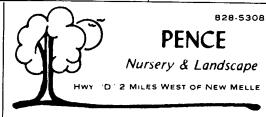
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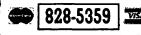
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Saturday will be full of family games, skits, and musical entertainment. This

entertainment will be centered on the large pavilon and the ball diamond. The evening has been set aside for an adult Open Air Dance on the large pavilon. Our Beer Garden has been relocated to the small South pavilon area.

Sunday is the Grand Finale. Beginning with the best Parade ever, entitled "Turn of the Century -- 1890 to 1910". After the Parade there will be more entertainment with Pat Holt and later those beautiful Hot Air Balloons. A fantastic homecooked Smorgasborg will be held in our large air-conditioned hall. The Fesitval will close 9PM Sunday in hopes that all enjoyed the week-end.

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Girl Scout Troops active in New Melle, in addition to the Juniors and Brownies mentioned in Issue No. 1, includes Brownie Troop 1182 with 10 Second Graders led by Jackie Gnuse (828-5642. Jackie started the Pixies last year. Pixie leader today is Julie Punches. Recent activities included a conservation program at the Busch Wildlife Area, a trip to Pumpkin Patch in Chesterfield, Brownie Olympics, and a trip to Camp Tuckahoe.

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# Reporter Review RESIDENT PROFILE OF THE JOERLINGS

The family to meet this month is Jim and Vanita Joerling, and their son Jason. The Joerlings, who live in the west end of New Melle, are active in community life, especially in the Community Club where Jim is serving as Vice-President. Jim is also a member of the Elks in Washington, and the American Legion in Wentzville.

Jimmie Clarence Joerling was born April 16, 1947 in New Melle to Sam and Dorleen (nee Thieman) Joerling. Sam is part owner of Joerling Bros. Quarry, where Jim has been employed since he finished school at Daniel Boone Elementary and Francis Howell High, with the exception of two years in the U.S. Army at Ft. Leonard Wood and Ft. Knox, Kentucky (1969-1971). His recreational activities include softball, bowling and hunting. Jim's mother Dorleen is presently a cook at the Daniel Boone School. and has been active on the New Melle Town Board since the town's incorporation in 1979.

Jim's paternal grandparents are John & Ida (nee Schmidt) Joerling. (Ref. -"John T. Joerling - 1887-1980" in Cracker Barrel Country-Vol. II" in Chap. 3). His maternal grandparents were Edward H. and Dora (nee Stratman) Thiemann. (Ref. "The Thiemann Brothers" in "Cracker Barrel Country-Vol. I" in Chap. 4).

Vanita was born March 30, 1947 on a farm east of New Melle (now part of Flint Lock Estates) to George & Dorothy (nee

Breitenbach) Hueffmeier. She has three sisters. George was a farmer and part owner in the Hueffmeier Bros. Rubbish Route in St. Louis. Vanita attended the St. Joseph School in Cottleville, Mo., the Daniel Boone School in New Melle, and went to Francis Howell High. She is employed at the Union Electric Co. office in Wentzville

Vanita's paternal grandparents were Ed & Meta (nee Stevener) Hueffmeier. Her grandfather was a life long farmer. They were the parents of 11 children. Her maternal grandparents Herman & Anna (nee Druling)Breitenbach. Herman was employed in St. Louis. Herman and Anna were parents of 14 children.

On Sept. 10, 1966 Jim and Vanita were married in New Melle Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in New Melle where Vanita was a member. Jim, formerly a member of Frieden's "Peace" U.C. of C. joined the Catholic church after their marriage. The couple first lived 3 years on Hwy. D east of New Melle, then moved to Kentucky two years, and back again to their former home before building their new home in New Melle.

Jim & Vanita have a son Jason, born January 3, 1971. Jason has attended Daniel Boone, and is now in the 7th Grade at Hollenback. He plays Little League baseball on the New Melle team. Vanita says that Jason is the best thing that ever happened to them.

# BY REV. DEVIN JONES

Plans are announced for a cooperative Vacation Bible School jointly sponsored by Friedens and St. John's churches to be held June 25-30 at St. John's, just west of New Melle. It will be a week of Bible study, crafts, games, and fellowship for children age 3 through 6th grade. 1984 co-directors: Nancy Benne and Carol Ross.

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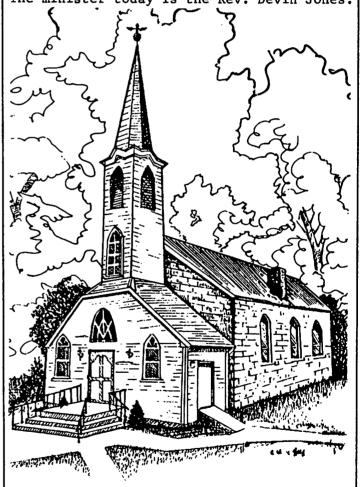
New Melle history continues as we move into the 1860's. German immigrants were flowing in and establishing their farms, clearing virgin timber with broad axes, and constructing crude log homes on the outskirts. In town there were dirt streets. board sidewalks, candle & kerosene lights, and hitching rails. Henry Schierbaum was shoeing horses and building wagons in the Market Square, and Henry Meier was doing the same in the north end. Casper Stratman was operating a small mill, and Phillip Klippel was getting ready to open a small hotel and saloon. There was a trading post type general store. Reinhold Eich was making boots and shoes; and other tradesmen, such as J. H. Landwehr the stone mason: John Luetkemeyer the wagon maker; A. H. Siesennop the tailer; Ed. Rickmers the blacksmith and gunsmith, and Ernest Auping, a carpenter and joiner in the early years, were all instrumental in moving the town along.

Children who were not attending the Lutheran School needed to learn to read, write and "cipher". The first Public School was organized in 1860. A Mrs. Robinson is believed to have been the first teacher.

There were rumblings of a Civil War in the east and south as the 60's were ushered in. Disputes over slavery and other issues were even felt in the peaceful settlement of New Melle. The U.S. Post Office in town was the place to sign up for enlistment in the Union Army. Among the young men to enlist was Ernest Auping at age 22. He enlisted at the post office on Nov. 15, 1864. Older men signed up for the "Home Guards". Early settler Conrad Weinrich signed in 1861, enrolled in the Militia in 1862, and was appointed Lt. Colonel by the Governor in 1863. During this period New Melle was recognized as one of the county's principal wine producing centers, and Mr. Weinrich was one of the larger producers.

Two miles to the west in 1860, St. John's Evangelical & Reformed congregation began

construction of a stone church to replace the existing log church. Due to the Civil War, the project was not completed until 1865. The congregation had been founded in 1839 by Rev. Herman Garlichs. It stands today as one of the county's historic churches, and rich in pioneer family heritage. The minister today is the Rev. Devin Jones.



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In the late 1860's the Stahluth Brick Factory began its operation in the west end and soon several brick homes became something in the landscape. The Kamphoefner, Weinrich, Schlueter brick homes in the original town, and the Schroeder home one mile north, and also the Methodist Church,

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## Community Club --- By Linda Paul

'NEW MELIE FESTIVAL PARADE COMMITTÉE PLANS BIGGEST PARADE IN HISTORY!

"Turn of the Century: 1890 - 1910" is the theme of the 1984 Festival Parade. The Parade will begin at 2:00 PM Sunday at Daniel Boone School, wind thru town, and circle the ball diamond at the Club grounds.

Burton Paul, Grounds Chairman suggested that if you are viewing the Parade for the first time, you may want to park your vehicle and see the parade from the large pavilion by the ball diamond. This may prevent you from getting caught in a traffic jam.

Linda Paul, Parade Chairman, stated that New Melle has always had a beautiful parade but the Committee is looking forward to this being the biggest & best ever.

Art & Doris Wildschuetz, in charge of the clown unit; are excited about the cartoon characters for this years Parade. Doris says watching the characters, enjoyed by young and old alike, is her Festival favorite. Last year there were ten characters entertaining the crowds along the parade route, with those beautiful floats, and plans are to add a new character each year.

Art stated that the people volunteering to wear the costumes deserve a special pat-on-the-back! Those suits are hot and not very comfortable but when you hear and see the kids excitement, it's all worthwhile.

From the Committee "EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE - COME & ENJOY.

### "PLANNING NEW MELLE FESTIVAL SMORGASBORD"

Our Smorgasbord Committee have all helped at one time or another with those famous home-cooked New Melle Church dinners.

Food Chairmans, Paul & Estaleen Goetz, are veterans of home-cooked dinners and Estaleen said that the committee is excited and a bit nervous planning this Smorgasbord, since it is a first for the Festival. She assures us that their committee will do it's utmost to serve a delicious dinner. At this printing the menu planned includes roast beef, country fried chicken, ham and fish. A large assortment of salads and vegetables will be

served to compliment the meats. The Committee agreed that the food preparationcould not be completed without all the Club Members pitching in to help. Paul said that it is a lot of work but when everyone gets together it becomes a regular social affair. The Committee plans to begin serving at High Noon Sunday in

The Goetz's want to invite everyone to come on out and "FILL-UP".

our large air-conditioned hall.

"NEW MELLE FESTIVAL BOARD PLANS NEW TYPE FESTIVAL"

The new Melle Festival Board is gearing up for this years Festival July 27 - July 29. The Board Chairman, Jim Joerling, stated that a lot of changes are being made to encourage family fun and entertainment. Jim went on to say the newest additions to the Festival are a delicious home cooked Smorgasbord on Sunday, three days of Carnival rides and games for the kids, and opening the "Festivities" Friday evening.

Burton Paul, grounds chairman, reported his committee is working with our local churches for more parking facilities and a tram service to and from parking lots for the convenience of our patrons.

The Entertainment Committee, headed by Bob & Bernice Molitor, have planned a full calender of events for the three days, beginning with a Garden Tractor Pull Friday evening, Queen's Crowning and her Teen Dance in the Hall, and a three-day horseshoe tournament. Saturday will be full of Turn of the Century games for the young and old, barber shop quartets, skits and much more. Saturday's fun will conclude with an open air dance under those beautiful summer stars. After the parade Sunday the Pat Holt Singers will give two musical shows followed with a ball diamond full of hot air balloons taking off. Bernice stated that the balloonist fill the skies over New Melle with a beautiful array of color.

The New Melle Festival is a Community Club sponsored project for the Community and it's success depends on all those beautiful people in the community that volunteer their time and energy for the week-end.

From Jim, "SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL"

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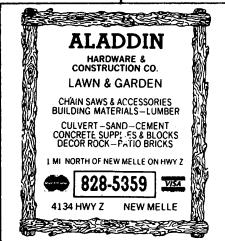
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# Resident Profiles of George & alma Hill

George and Alma Hill, both natives of Oklahoma, came to Missouri in 1967 as teachers in the Public School system. They came first to Waynesville, then to St. Charles and Harvester, before finally moving into a home on Hopewell Road near New Melle in 1973.

George L. Hill was born Sept. 28, 1943 in Tahlequah, Okla. to George T. & Helen D. (nee Fritts) Hill. He has two brothers, Larry Hill of Muskogee, Okla., and Wm. Mark Hill of Tyler, Texas. Their father, before his death in 1971, was an auto parts salesman. Their mother, a retired teacher, lives in Muskogee.

The paternal grandparents of the Hill brothers are deceased and their maternal grandfather Andrew Fritts. Their grandmother, Janie Fritts at age 83, is living in Tahlequah. She is of Cherokee Indian descent, and through her blood line, her grandchildren are eligible for Indian benefits.

George attended schools in Muskogee, played high school football and baseball, and graduated from Muskogee Central High in 1962. He then attended Bacone Junior College in Muskogee. While attending Bacone he played in the Junior College Baseball World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.

After completing his work at Bacone George enrolled at Northeast Oklahoma State Univ. where he continued playing baseball, and graduated from the university in 1967 with a BS degree in Phy. Ed. On June 10, 1967 he married his school days sweetheart, Miss Alma L. Hill.

Alma was born Oct. 20, 1942 to James E. and Alma (nee Allred) Choate in Muskogee where her parents operated a grocery store. Her father, born in Denton County, Texas in 1909, also was a commercial fisherman working in a cannery. He was also a heavy equipment operator for Muskogee County Road Service. He died in 1981. Alma's mother was born in Haskell, Okla. in 1914. She retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Govt., in 1981. Her home is in Muskogee.

Alma's paternal grandparents were Wm. Pierce & Elizabeth (nee Broom) Choate. They were Texas farmers who later moved to Ark. before settling in Muskogee. Her maternal grandparents were John W. & Jennie (nee Willman) Allred. In 1917 they packed their belongings in a boxcar and left Oklahoma to homestead in Montana.

This was no new experience for John Allred because as a boy of nine (1894) he helped his father stake out their land on the famous Cherokee Strip. Oklahoma is called the Sooner State after the settlers who tried to slip past federal scouts "too soon". Oklahoma was opened to general settlement at high noon April 22, 1889.

Alma attended Hyde Parke Elementary School, Alice Robertson Jr. High, and graduated from Muskogee Central High School in 1960. She too attended Bacone Jr. College and Northeast Okla. State, where she graduated with a BS degree in Elementary Education in 1967.

Following their marriage in 1967, George and Alma moved Waynesville, Mo. where he became a Phys-Ed. teacher, and coached their football and baseball teams. Alma taught Elementary Grades there one year. Previously in Muskogee, Alma had worked at the YMCA-YWCA; served as Educational Secretary for the Eastern Heights Baptist Church; worked in a newspaper and brokerage office; and taught at Grant Foreman Elem. School. At the present time, she is a teacher at the Daniel Boone Elem. School in New Melle.

In 1968, the Hills moved to St. Charles. George had accepted a position as Phys-Ed. teacher at Francis Howell High School, where he is also coaching football, girls basketball and baseball. Both have continued their education. George is working on his MA degree in Education at Lindenwood College, and in 1983 Alma earned her MA degree in Elem. Education at Northeast Missouri State Univ. in Kirksville, Mo.

George is a member of the Missouri
National Teachers Assoc.; President of
St. Louis Pointer & Setter Club; Vice
President of Busch Field Trial Club; First
Vice President of Mo. State Field Trial
Club; and a member of the New Melle
Community Club Board of Directors. Alma
belongs to the National Education Assoc.,
and is a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma
Honor Society. Her hobby is collecting
primitive antiques. Both are members of
the New Melle Baptist Church.

The Hills have two children; George "Scot", born Sept. 11, 1968, and Julie Lynette, born Aug. 12, 1971. Scot is a freshman at Hollenbeck Jr. High, where he participates in football, basketball and baseball. He plays Khoury League baseball, and following his father's hobby, he too

## St. Pauls Rev. Berry Smell Lutheran Church-Mo, Symood

The 140th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be celebrated on July 8th with a German/English service at 10:00 a.m. in Lutheran Park across from the church on Highway D. Dr. Herman A. Mayer will preach on the theme, "On This Rock I Will Build My Church-Through Faith, since the rock on which the Church is built is Jesus. The public is cordially invited.

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In 1979 the VFW Auxiliary was formed with 3 charter members. Rose Almeling served as the first President, 1979-80, followed by Bobbie Willingham, 1980-81, Delores Meyer, 1981-82, Arlyne Sprock, 1982-84, and Marian Meyer has been elected our President for the 1984-85 year. Membership now stands at 34. Dues are \$11.00 per year.

## Daniel Boone School willschuctz

DANIEL BOONE SCHOOL would like to say "CONGRATULATIONS" to the following students for placing in the Central School Run!

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Jeff Molitor - 1st place - 10-11 yrs.

Kenny Ravenscraft - 3rd " - 10-11"

## Injeden's - (Peace) Rev. Gev.n United Shunch of Christ Jones

The week of June 25-30 marked Vacation Bible School in partnership with St. John's, Cappeln. The week was highlighted by a closing worship in the outdoor chapel and a Saturday "Open House" displaying the students' Bible-related crafts. The childrens' offering donations were given to the U.C.C. "Neighbor Houses" in St. Louis.

# St. John's Rev. bevin United hurch of hrist Jones

The landscape on Hwy. D near the church entrance is taking on new dimensions as work on the new sign continues. With the completion of the rock base by Stan McCall and Allen Ferber, Sign Chairman John Carlson has organized a congregational work crew. Visible are the face slabs and the 7 ft. cross, preparing for Church Picnic Aug. 5.

## Village of New Melle

### SISTER CITY PROGRESS

Frank & Alberta Toedebusch have just returned from their second trip to West Germany. On June 15 they met at the Melle City Hall with Mayor Clemems Schwertmann, Deputy Mayor Dr. Brigette Jancke, City Manager Dr. Klaus-Detlev Surberg, and Councilman Mr. Fredrich Hensiek. Dr. Adolf Schroeder of Columbia, Mo., and Mr. & Mrs. Konrad Schroder of Melle were also present.

At the meeting our New Melle representatives presented the following Proclamation as prepared by the New Melle Board, to the Melle, Germany officials. -- "Proclamation of communication between the Village of New Melle, Missouri, United States of America and the German sister-city Melle." Whereas, the Village of New Melle desires a line of communication between New Melle and Melle by friendly interchange; and whereas, the ancestory and heritage are evident in New Melle, therefore a desire to seek roots and history is present; and whereas, to establish Melle, Germany as our sister city for the betterment of the German Village tradition. Therefore, this proclamation is proclaimed on this 3rd day of May, 1984". Signed by Rhonda Lacy, Clerk and Ernest B. Arteaga, Chairman.----

The Proclamation was well received, and duly hung in the City Hall. The Mayor promised support, and indicated that he and Dr. Jancke plan to come to New Melle for a visit next year.

New Melle did not receive the sewer grant from the CEDBG Program, however, we will keep submitting applications, and other sources for funding will be sought. Judge Peggy Coppage will attend the next meeting on July 5, at 7:30 PM at the Community Club. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

## new Melle History - from Page 1

were all built in the early and late 70's. Wagons hauled bricks to other localities, even to Central Wesleyan College in Warren-

A number of German Methodists had settled in New Melle. Thus in 1869 the Peniel Methodist Church was organized. On March 31, 1869 John W. and Catherine Welker sold a plat of ground for one dollar to Church Trustees, John H. Geisman and John H. Hackman, for a free burial ground. It was nine years later, in 1878, when the present brick church was built next to the burial ground. A German Methodist School was begun, and the small frame building still stands in the south part of town.

On August 1, 1869 the St. Paul's congregation voted to purchase an organ from John Pheffer, the famed German born organ builder. Cost was set at \$1,185. Built to perscribed specifications, the organ was delivered to New Melle from St. Louis by wagon in 1870.

The Leimbrock family was well known in New Melle in the 1860's. Frank, son of German immigrants who had settled here in 1842, opened the Leimbrock General Store on Almeling Street in 1870 after clerking in the same store building. Soon he became the Postmaster, and in 1880 he was named the census taker for Callaway Township.

In 1875 the first New Melle Band was organized with 25 members. It broke up for a while, then reorganized in 1888.

(to be continued)

## George & alma Hill . from Page 5

trains bird dogs. Julie is a seventh grader at Hollenbeck. She will be a Vikette Pommer in 1984-85 school year.

Together the family has traveled throughout the West. Field trials and rodeos have also taken them to many places in Missouri and surrounding states.

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Addition to: "Pesident Profile of the Schwabs"-Peference Page 5, Issue No. 2: Jim has two sisters, Jean Willis of Washington State, and Pose Marie Maramore of Arnold, Mo.

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Tracing new melle History - Part 4

The history of New Melle continues as we move into the 1880's, and into a 30 to 40 year period when small towns in rural America enjoyed their greatest progress. New Melle was no exception as shops and stores opened to accommodate the farm trade from several miles distant. The town was gaining the ability to supply all of the customer's basic needs in merchandise to buy, and equipment to repair. One historical account goes so far to predict that New Melle would soon be one of the leading small towns west of St. Charles.

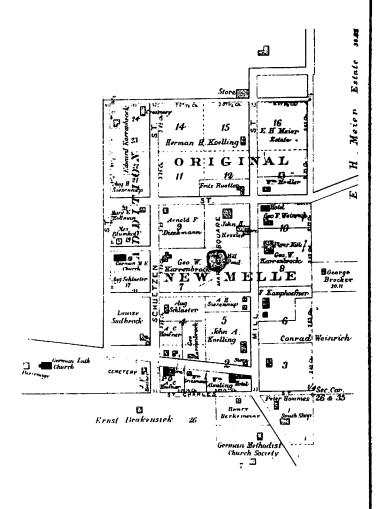
Let us look back to this period one century ago and note the development. Already the town had a plan to follow with a central market square. Farm to market county roads led into it from all directions. The Lutheran and Methodist Churches were well established in relatively new buildings. Each had parochial school that also taught the "3R's", and a public school was getting started. There was a post office, a few small shops, and a store.

In 1880 Henry Boise started to build furniture in New Melle; Herman Sudbrock was busy making and repairing boots and shoes on Almeling Street in the small frame building next to, and now owned by Art Webbink. Ernest Sudbrock was dividing his time as a carpenter on homes, and building or repairing a variety of things in his wood shop. There is a record of him building 31 coffins in 1884. Selling price varied from \$6.00 to \$25.00.

In 1889 the Kessler family, operators of a wagon shop, tin shop, a small store, and blacksmith shop in Market Square, contracted with Ernest Sudbrock to re-build and enlarge their store. This two story, 45 feet by 85 feet general store, with a 15 foot high ceiling was complete with fancy wood work, cases and counters, ladders on tracks, etc. Few rural stores in the country matched its beauty. A note in the Carpenter's Account Book reads: -- "I took the job, and even painted the inside for \$14.00, and I got for the store, \$474.

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By Linda Paul Community Club

August has arrived and another July Festival comes to a close. From all reports. young and old alike enjoyed our new Family Festival. The entertainment and games were fun and the weather was fantastic. The Club Members greatly appreciate the many volunteers that helped during the Festival. Jim Joerling, 1984 Festival Board Chairman and Linda Paul, Club President would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their hard work and cooperation. All the combined ideas and efforts of the members made this a Festival to remember. We received many compliments on this year and suggestions and ideas are already coming in to make our 1985 Festival even better. If you have suggestions, please send to P.O. Box 55, New Melle, MO. 63365. THANKS TO ONE AND ALL!

The August "Over 30 Tournament" is fast approaching and we are looking forward to seeing you on the 23, 24, 25, & 26th. We will have lots of good food and fun. Come on out and root for your favorite team.

The Reporter is a not-for-profit paper and the three Members that are doing such a beautiful job are Bill Schiermeier, Maureen Blondin, and Sandie Burke. They are spending many volunteer hours seeing that the Reporter is published each month. Thank you for a job well done.

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Other Festival winners will be announced in the next issue.

We would like to thank all the participants in our 1984 New Melle Festival parade We had a total of 19 floats. Eight more than last year. Congratulations on your parade!

aug. 9, 1984 Everybody Welcome

PRESENTATION: "Melle, West Germany"

BY: Alberta Toedebusch

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church has joined a growing number of concerned groups and has made arrangements to tie a red ribbon around a tree in the church lawn to mark the congregation as one who considers abortion to be murder. St. Paul's is associated with Lutherans for Life, a prolife group. St. Paul's parent church body has repeatedly held that abortion is killing and not a matter of choice.

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Some of the improvements done on the V.F.W. hall include painting and paneling the walls, tiling the floor, installation of restrooms and installing central air conditioning. The men now have plans to enlarge the kitchen area. Our Post and Auxiliary will be hosting the District Meeting on Aug. 12 starting at 2 P.M.

## Inieden's - (Peace) Rev. Gev. n United Church of Christ Jones

One of the final stages of the exterior projects at church was completed in mid-July with the excavation and installation of a complete blacktop parking lot surrounding the church proper. The work was done by the Sullivan Asphalting Service of Sullivan, Mo. and was finished just in time to provide ample parking for Festival Parade.

# St. John's United hurch of Prist Jones

Sunday, Aug. 5 marked the day of the annual congregational picnic at St. John's. This event traces its roots back almost 100 years when it began as an event for Sunday School children. The picnic served over 1000 people and perpetuated some of the old-fashioned traditions at church such as "pot roasted" beef, "picnic" quilt & kid's "fish pond".

## Village of New Melle

The Trustees Meeting of July 5, 1984, and attended by all Board Members and several interested residents featured Judge Peggy Coppage as guest speaker. She discussed grants and loans for sewers that may be obtained from the EPA and Dept. of Natural Resources, and suggested employing a consulting firm.

Residents concern over certain unpaved roads will be referred to County Hwy. Engineer Jo Nichols.

Agnes Schuster agreed to serve as Village Treasurer. Bank reserves today total \$7,408.

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plus the old wagon maker shop." Carpenters Henry Tuepker, Ernst Brakensiek, Matthias Rohlfing, John Sudbrock, George Koehler, Wm. Hoffman, Wm. Finkemeyer, and himself logged 99¼ man days. Ernest writes in red ink -- "The store cost me \$525.82½."

Exact dates when a particular business began are not always available, however, in this 20 year period before 1900 more progress was taking place. Clustered across from Market Square there was the community creamery managed by Edw Karrenbrock, the saloon and small hotel operated by Gottlieb Berg, George Broeker's livery, and the mill with its mill pond across and west of Mill Street. Henry Renkel had converted the oxen powered mill to steam power, and in the few years before and after 1883 (known date) he was producing flour, cornmeal, bran, etc.

In the south end of town, on the corner of Mill & Almeling Streets, a two story frame hotel, call the Central Hotel, was built and operated by Philip Klippel. It is now the home of the John Anderson's. One block north Fritz Kamphoefner (across the street from his brick home) set up his blacksmith. Next door Ernest and August Auping started their wagon shop.

Blacksmithing was a prosperous business those days. John Meier in "French Town", (named thus because he had hired a French wagon maker) was shoeing horses and building wagons. In 1897 he built a pretentious three story frame home near his shop. It is now the home of the Lindeman's.

Today Mrs. Edna Schroeder lives in the one time Edw Rickmers home. The Rickmers

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Aug. 20-26	Mike & Margie Moore
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Bantam 5	Al Grantham	5	5
Midget 1	Jerry Burbes	4	6
Midget 3	Earl Carver *	9	2
Midget 5	Dave Capstick	9	2
Juvenile	Fred Muskopf	3	8
Junior	Craig Dunn	8	3
Senior 3	Ken Colbert	<b>~</b> 2	7
Senior 4	Brook Haller	4	6
Pixie	Jerry Gallo	4	8
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Debutante	John Anderson	1	9

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Tin & Gun Shop, and later the Jewelry Shop, stood in front of this home in French Town. The second, and larger Rickmers home is next door, and the present home of the Crowe's. The Hase Tin Shop was also in town, plus a harness shop, and a cooper was making whiskey barrels. August Siesennop was both the barber and tailer. When the 1880's began Frank Leimbrock was the postmaster. The position went to William Sudbrock in 1885, and to Jobst H. Sudbrock in 1890.

Next month the later years of the 19th Century, and the beginning of the 20th Century in New Melle will be discussed.



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# Resident Profiles of arthur & Doris Wildschuetz

The modest profiles of the personalities featured this month are certainly not indicative of their busy lives, and since both stem from very early established families in the New Melle vicinity much could be written.

Arthur Wildschuetz, known to his many friends as "Whity", was born October 22, 1923 on the family farm five miles west of New Melle near the village of Cappeln to Alvin and Clara (nee Brandes) Wildschuetz. He was educated at the Cappeln Grade School, and the Wright City High School. On October 27, 1946 Whity married Miss Doris Thieman, daughter of Edward and Dora (nee Stratman) Thieman of rural New Melle. They were married on a Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Melle where the Thiemans were members. The reception was held at the Paul & Welge Hall. Later Doris joined her husband's church, the St. John's United Church of Christ near Cappeln, where they remain very active today. The Wildschuetz family farm home became the couple's first home. and remained so until 1961 whi and remained so until 1961 when they built a new home on the farm property.

Art and Doris, together with his brother Omar, and Omar's wife Mariam (nee Welge) own and operate the family farm, and the Wildschuetz Bros. Trucking Co. They also owned and operated the "T & D" Service at the intersection of Highways T and D near the St. Charles-Warren County line from 1956 to 1975. They now lease the buildings.

Art drove a Francis Howell School District bus from 1950 to 1971.

Both are active members of Elks Lodge No. 1559 in Washington, Mo. Art was Exalted Ruler in 1971-73, the same years when Doris was the Auxiliary President. He received the "Elk of the Year Award" in 1980, and Doris received the Elk Auxiliary Award in 1983. Both are also active Community Club members, and Doris is the present recording secretary on the Board of Directions. Her interest in community affairs goes back before the Community Club was formed when she was a Charter Member of the town's Booster Club.

Doris was born May 19, 1927 on the Stratman farm three miles west of New Melle. She attended the New Melle Public School and the Wright City High School. Doris was the first woman bus driver for

the Francis Howell School District, and drive the afternoon route for eight years. In January 1972 she was employed as secretary at the Daniel Boone School in New Melle, the position she still holds. In May 1980 the Edward Thieman VFW Post 5651 was dedicated in New Melle in honor of Doris' and Dorleen's father. Doris wrote the dedication address.

For recreation the Wildschuetzs enjoy traveling with Sam and Dorleen Joerling. Together they have traveled extensively throughout the United States. Dorleen is a sister to Doris. They also enjoy following sporting on either local, college or professional levels.

The grandparents of Mr. Wildschuetz were Louis and Johanna Wildschuetz, and Louis and Katherine Brandes. The grandparents of Mrs. Wildschuetz were Henry and Anna Thieman and George and Emilie Stratman. Art and Doris have three children; Carolyn (Mrs. Robert Schellert) and their children are Timothy and Nicholas; Lennis, whose wife is the former Debra Roettger, and their children are Gabriel and Rachel; Lauren, their third child, lives at home with parents.

Those who would like to read more about the Wildschuetz, Brandes, Thieman and Stratman families can refer to the "Cracker Barrel Country" books, Vol. I & II. (See Indexes). The birthplace of Doris is pictured in Chapter 2 of Vol. I - "A Profile of William H. Stratman".

## 1984 Poster Child

Tiffany Williams, great-great Grand-daughter of Arley Welge, Granddaughter of Wayne & Barb Welge, and daughter of Matt & Missy Williams is the 1984 Poster Child for the newly formed Missouri Cancer Foundation for Children. This Foundation has been established to help the families of children with cancer.

Several projects are being planned for this Foundation. Presently they are selling raffle tickets. If you would like to know more about these projects or help the family sell their tickets, please call 828-5116 after 5 PM.

Tifany, 2½, was diagonosed in May with an inoperatable brain tumer and is now undergoing daily radiation treatments. Anyone that would like to take Tiffany for a treatment to St. Luke's West, please contact Linda at 828-5240.

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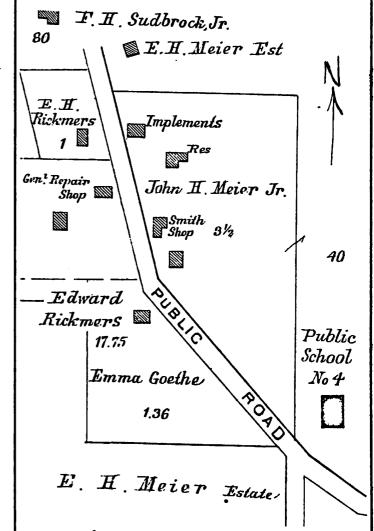
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# racing New Melle

Moving now into the last decade of the 19th Century, and the first of the 20th Century, New Melle residents were enjoying a pleasant period of progress and neighborhood togetherness. It was still the "horse and buggy" age. Therefore, it was rather uncomfortable and time consuming to daily stray too far from home to seek recreation, or entertainment in more populated communities. Families and friends found ways to enjoy life at home, and young men found jobs and sweethearts locally.

There was a public school, the Lutheran and Methodist Churches and schools that had been established long enough for good progress, and a third church, Frieden's Evangelical & Reformed Church was formed in 1904. Three general stores operated by John Kessler, Arnold C. Hoefner, and Charles E. Meier were flourishing because the Wabash R.R. just nine miles north was bringing in a steady supply of goods from the outside world to satisfy the needs of townspeople and area farmers. An interesting item in the Kessler store was their own brand of baking powder. Young George Kessler, only two years old in 1901 was pictured on a Kessler & Co. Baking Powder can. The promotion continued for 25 yrs. Blacksmith shops, wagon makers, the mill, Karrenbrocks Creamery, and a variety of other shops, were all doing good business. The Post Office was an important link for news elsewhere, (John Sudbrock and A.C. Hoefner were Postmasters of this period) and then came the telephone.

The Bell Telephone System was first installed in John Kessler's Store in 1902 & served for many years as the central station for eight country lines, operating out of the main station in Ed Holt's farm house two miles south. The story is told that Dr. Oscar Muhm, who came to New Melle that year with his bride Martha Riesmeyer, placed the first call from the store to the Holt residence. (J.H. Kessler's ring was 1 long and 2 shorts). was a rare privilege those years for a town the size of New Melle to have a medical doctor, but Dr. Muhm remained to practice here 40 years.



French Town Sec. of New Melle

Despite the progress New Melle had made in those early years it had never incorporated officially. Perhaps then, when a handshake was as good as a signed statement, this did not seem so important.

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However, it did have a "Town Improvement Association" with an impressive list of members. In 1907 the list included Charles E. Meier-merchant, Henry Theilmann-farmer, David Hommes-blacksmith, George Broekerlivery stable operator and driver of "The Hack" as a taxi to Wentzville, Henry Geiger-photographer, Ed Riekmers-jeweler, Julius & John Kessler-merchants, Carl Karrenbrock-miller, Edward H. Rickmerstanner & gunsmith, Bill Miller, Herman Sudbrock-painter & shoemaker, George Karrenbrock & Eddie Karrenbrock-creamery operators, Arnold Hoefner-merchant & post-master, Gottleib Berg-saloon & hotel operator, Ernst Kamphoefner-blacksmith, Dr. Oscar Muhm-practicing physician, & Bill Willigman-harness shop operator. Just looking over these names and occupations one can imagine the Community's spirit. Minutes of their meetings would be a treasure today.

.The Improvement Association was confronted with the same type of civic problems as our present Town Board of Trustees. New sidewalks for instance must have spured some constructive discussions. It meant tearing up the old boardwalks laid down years before and building forms for new concrete sidewalks Gravel had to be hauled by wagons from creek beds, and mixed by hand with cement. Water probably came from the mill pond. Henry Geiger, Arnold Dieckmann, and Oscar Tieman were some that helped on this project. Henry Geiger had a gasoline engine about this period, and he may have rigged up a powered mixing device.

There is more to tell about New Melle history between 1890 and 1910. Waten for it in next months issue.

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# Resident Profiles of Warren & Frances Rehmeier

The popular local couple featured this month is Warren and Frances Rehmeier who reside on Warren's maternal ancestral farm two miles south of New Melle bordering Hwy. "F". It was the Edward Holt farm that had been passed to the Holt family by early settler Peter Vogler, and it is in the historical area of the Boone and Bryan Families. For further reading reference "The Edw. H. Holt Family" with an 1892 family photo in the book "Cracker Barrel Country Vol. II."

Warren Rehmeier was born Sept. 10, 1918 near Augusta to Walter F. and Hilda (nee Holt) Rehmeier. Their home then is the present Edward & Layton Rehmeier farm. At the age of 5 Warren and his parents moved to the Holt farm in Femme Osage Valley as described above. Here his sister Pearl was born May 24, 1923. Pearl is married to Bernard Wilmer. The Wilmer's live on Wilmer Road near Wentz-ville.

Warren's paternal grandparents were William F. & Mathilda (nee Buenemann)
Rehmeier. His maternal grandparents were Edward H. & Anne (nee Diederich) Holt.
His father died Jan. 28, 1972 at age 85.
His mother, at age 96, lives with the Wilmer's.

As a boy Warren attended the Vine Hill Public School just "down the creek" from his home, and helped with such early farm work as making maple syrup and molasses, cording wool, and threshing wheat. He was confirmed at the Femme Osage United Church of Christ, where he has been a lifetime member. Later he attended a trade school at St. Charles High School, and obtained his first job away from home at the neighboring Boone Home, then owned by Col.Curlee. He helped to restore it after decades of neglect, installed the water system, etc. He has hauled livestock and produce for the Schlueter & Vogler Store in Defiance: hauled ice from St.Charles to Matson for Clarence Mische of Hamburg; worked at the Alvin Heuman Garage in Defiance: ran a steam threshing rig in Defiance Bottom; and opened and operated a garage in Hamburg until the government closed down the ventire town because of the T.N.T. Plant. Finally Warren went into electrical and` plumbing work and then became a grain and hog producing farmer with his father.

In 1945 Warren married Marjorie Fhert, daughter of Phillin & Reathie Ebert. They remodeled a vacant second house on the Holt farm, and went into Grade A milking business which continued for 27 years. The first house, or original Holt home, housed the Vine Hill Telephone Exchange, installed by Warren's grandfather in 1896. In October 1975 Marjorie was killed in a tragic tractor accident, and 1976 Warren sold his dairy herd. He retired from farming in 1980.

On Dec. 17, 1977 Warren married Frances Hueffmeier of St. Louis, daughter of Edward & Meta (nee Stevener) Hueffmeier of New Melle. They live in a beautiful home built in 1970 near Warren's historic boyhood home.

Frances comes from a family of 4 girls and 7 boys. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Melle where she is still a member. She attended Bluff Spring Grammer school 6 years and St. Paul's Luthern School 2 years. At age 17 she worked for a wealthy family in Clayton. Her next job after 2 years was at Deaconess Hospital. After two more years she was sewing zippers and top stitching at Mandel Mfg. Co. in St. Louis. For the duration of World War II Francis worked at the Small Arms Ammunition Plant. Next she went in business with the Quality Paper Box Corp., manufacturing paper boxes and mailers, and attended night school at Soldan High to study bookkeeping. After being in business from 1945 to 1973 she and her partners sold out, and Frances became a supervisor for the new owners. Before her marriage to Warren she did office work for her brother.

Warren and Frances both like to bowl and travel, and their travels include all 50 United States, Canada, Old Mexico, Jamica, and several times to Alaska. Warren is Secretary-Treasurer of Alaska-Missouri Enterprises. Warren has served on the M.F.A. Oil Co. Board in Marthasville, the St. Charles County Farm Bureau Board, the New Melle Fire Department Board St. Charles County Farm Booster Committee, the Mid-America Dairymen Association, the New Melle Mercantile Co. Board, and both he and Frances are one of the most active members of the New Melle Community Club where he is a Charter Member. In fact, he is a Charter member of most of the above Boards as well as the "Church Brotherhood" within his church.

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#### NEW MELLE COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

This month finds us catching our breath as another year of ballgames comes to an end. For many it's just a short breath for now it's back-to-school time and school activities. Labor Day has met us with rain and cooler weather and the feeling that Fall is just around the corner.

Reflecting back over summer, your Community Club has been very active & continues to make plans for the future, The Club is proud of it's "new look". New parking lot, painting the buildings. new backstop, two successful tournaments. and a new Family Festival.

The August Over 30 Tournament was taken by Crossroads ballteam, Ford fought for 2nd, and Bud's-Weisers took 3rd. proceeds for this tournament will be used towards the purchase of new dirt for the fields - \$3,000.00 worth.

Citizen's Against Crime will be quests at our September 13 meeting, beginning at 7:30 PM. We invite all of you to attend this very informative and humerous presentation on personal and home protection.

A Khoury League appreciation night will be held October 11, 7 PM, prior to the regular business meeting. Come and join us. Let's show these young people how proud we are of them.

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#### WEEKLY CLUB CHAIRPERSONS

Sept. 10 - 16 Jim & Vanita Joerling Sept. 17 - 23 Sam & Dorleen Joerling Sept. 24 - 30 Bill & Jackie Kremer Bob & Bernice Molitor Oct. Oct. 8 - 14 Frank & Joan Mueller

#### WHAT'S GOING ON ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

Sept. 13 7:30 PM Citizen's Against Crime EVERYONE WELCOME

8:15 PM Short Ex. Board Meet.

8:30 PM Business Meeting Sept. 24 7:30 PM Ex. Board Meeting 2nd Place Mo. State Playoff

NEW MELLE CHICS by Craig Dunn Tri-County Champions &

The New Melle Chic fast-pitch softball team just completed a highly successful and satisfying season. After putting togeather a string of 9 victories in their division including a pickup game in Augusta, the Chics entered the Khoury State Playoff. After winning their zone by defeating the '83 zone winners from Lake St. Louis, it was into St. Louis for a game against the '83 State Champion Florrisant Roos for the Northern District Title. Well, it was the New Melle 12 against the Amazons from Florrisant. When the dust settled, it was New Melle 16 and the Roos 15 and on their way to a best 2 out of 3 for the State title against the '81 & '82 State Champion Sappington Flyers. But alas, after two hard fought games, it was the Flyers up 2 games by scores of 9-4 & 9-5. They were just to deep for the New Melle 12. But runnerup sure went down easy considering the level of ball played and the way the team responded. So it was back to the Tri-County were the girls ended up posting a 12-0 Division record making them playoff bound once again. Five Chic teams qualified for the playoffs with Elsberry drawing a first round BYE while Troy played Flinthill and New Melle was to face undefeated Warrenton. But here is where the previous playoff experience was to show itself. The Chics beat Warrenton 11-1 in 5 innings behind the strong pitching of Erica Dunn (11 Ks & 3 walks) and errorless ball in the field. The next round found New Melle with a BYE and Elsberry defeating Troy 7–6. So it came down to the final undefeated teams in the League in the Championship Game.

And what a game it proved to be. Both teams possessed the qualities of a championship team; strong pitching, hard hitting, and superb fielding.

#### new Melle Chics Contd.

scoreless innings Elsberry struck first in the top of the 4th when a high throw down to third from home on a steal attempt, the first and only error the team committed this game allowed the runner to score and Elsberry to go on top 1-0. But New Melle came right back in the bottom of the 4th when Christina Weber found the hole between short and 3rd for a two out single driving in Michelle Joerling who had reached 1st on a fielders choice and then stole second. After shutting down Ellsberry in the top of the 5th, Erica Dunn was issued a 2 out walk in the bottom. Drawing an errant throw while stealing second, she continued on and narrowly slid in safe at 3rd. Crystal Wayne then followed with a hard grounder down the third base line for a stand up double and driving in what would prove to be the games winning RBI. The Chics then finished off the final two innings of a no-hitter behind the pitching of Erica Dunn (14Ks & 4 walks) and outstanding defence with particular note to Michelle Joerling at SS and Gena Brakensiek at 2nd. Thus the final score stood with New Melle on top 2-1 and closing out their season with the Tri-County Championship and a 17-2 record.

The team was managed by Craig Dunn with coaching assistance by Carolyn Schemel. The roster included:

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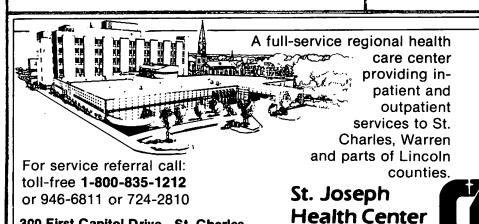
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#### Rev Devin Jones

Dedication activities for the newly completed road sign at St. John's church will take place on Sun., Sept. 16. A brief worship service will be held in the sanctuary after which the entire congregation will gather, roadside on Hwy. D for a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. Following this a coffee hour will be given in the fellowship hall.

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#### racing New Melle - Part 6

Continuing with the history of New Melle as the 19th Century bows to the 20th Century, we find the second of two churches in town, the Frie Peniel Gemeinde Methodist Church, enjoying its most active and successful years. The congregation had been organized in 1869 by a preacher of independent congregations. In 1870 Central Wesleyan College in Warrenton, a Methodist supported school, sent Brother W. Simon as their first pastor. Their brick church on Schutzen Street, as it stands today, and now the property of New Melle Mayor Ernest Arteaga, was built in 1878. Charter members were Henry Hackman, Joseph and Frank Sudbrock, Joseph Reiske, Henry Welker, Wm. Nievey and J. W. Karrenbrock. John H. Aulbert, born Sept. 1, 1871 was the first infant baptized in the new building. The first confirmands were Alvina Hackman and Frank Sudbrock. In 1904 the. church tower was built by Wm. Brauckesieker and his sons George and Henry. Membership in 1871 was 43, and at the turn of the century it was possibly less than 100. By 1907, and perhaps some years before, the church boasted a fine choir. Methodist churches always seemed to have good singers. The New Melle church had so many Karrenbrocks in the choir it was often called "The Karrenbrock Choir". Choir members in 1907 were Rev. Lucke (Pastor), Emil Holt, the Karrenbrocks - Theophia, Edward, George, Eliza, and Sarah; Bruno and Elmer Meier, Edward Kessler, Frank, Lydia & Lula Brauckesieker. The congregation was disolved July 9, 1959. (Ref. Chapter 2 in "Cracker Barrel Country -Vol. I" for further details and a picture of the choir).

The New Melle Creamery, one block north of the Methodist Church, was in full swing in 1900. It was owned and operated by Ed Karrenbrock. The family of John H. Schemmer recalled how he started working at the creamery as a boy in 1908, and continued six days per week without a vacation until his retirement. During the first years his day began at 4:00 a.m. firing up the boilers manually with wood and coal to build up steam for operation of the engines. After breakfast he would hitch the horses to a milk wagon and begin his long "milk runs" throughout the countryside regardless of weather conditions. His long, busy day continued after the milk runs by maintaining the machinery, and doing a host of other chores. In 1926 the old creamery burned down. A new creamery was immediately built, and all machinery was powered electrically.

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titioner and surgeon. Dr. Muhm remained 40 years to faithfully administer to the sick, and perform emergency operations during a period, especially in the very early years, when it was difficult to quickly get patients to St. Charles where the nearest hospital was located. Martha, always the dutiful wife and mother, served also as his nurse. Long after the doctor's death Martha continued to live in New Melle where she was loved by all who knew her. During the last few years of her life she lived near her daughter in Ferguson, Mo. She passed away this year at the age of 108.

In this early history of New Melle we cannot forget a native son by the name of Wm. F. J. Fienup, who was born near the SE edge of town, December 16, 1890. Bill Fienup traveled to St. Louis at age 16 to seek his fortune. Starting as an office boy, he rose to the Presidency of R.C. Can Co. He also became a recognized poet and musician, as well as one of the champion skeet shooters in the U.S. This boy from New Melle was listed in "Who's Who in Missouri", in "Who's Who in America", and in the "Blue Book of England". He died in 1978 at age 88. Despite his success and wealth, Mr. Fienup never forgot his home town. The following poem by him, entitled "The Town Where I Was Born" tells us about life in New Melle in 1900.

On top of a ridge, each side a valley, There lies a town they call New Melle. The rainfall that this town delivers, Flows not in one, but two great rivers. The Germans named the town the name, As the place from whence they came. A bit (12½¢) an acre is paid For land they bought, and where they stayed .. The time was in the early days. Of 1800, with rough ways. They cleared the land so they could raise, Wheat, oats, corn, millet & maize. They built their homes from logs and mud, And made their soap to get the suds. They raised some sheep to get the wool, And spinning wheels were always full. They knitted sox, and gloves, and caps, And made syrup from maple sap. They planted fruit trees by the score, Made jam and cider more and more. They gathered honey from wild bees They found in forest in the trees. They ground the grain to make their bread And from corn shucks they made their bed. They cradled wheat they tied by hand They had the knack, as one observes The use of greens and roots and herbs.

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# Resident Profile of alice H. Heumann

To become better acquainted with our resident of the month, Mrs. Alice Henrietta (nee Broeker) Heumann, let us first be introduced to her ancestors. Her paternal grandparents were Carl Broeker & Clara Hensiek. Both came from Melle, Germany, in 1853, and settled first in St. Louis. Carl was a Captain on a river boat that brought immigrants from New Orleans to St. Louis. They were married in a Lutheran Church in St. Louis in 1855, and soon thereafter came to the Lutheran settlement of New Melle. Their farm was located one-half mile north of town on the Foristell Road. (now the Grant Cooper place)

Alice's maternal grandparents were John Henry & Eliza (nee Thiemann) Hackmann. John also came from Melle and Eliza from Neunkirchen, Germany. They too settled in St. Louis in the early 1850's, before settling on a farm two miles east of New Melle. The former Hackmann homeplace is now the Clifford Aulbert farm on Highway D.

In 1898 George E. Broeker, son of Carl & Clara, married Alvina Hackmann, daughter of John & Eliza. Alvina's father was one of the founders of the New Melle Methodist Church. Soon after their marriage George and Alvina purchased the large frame home near the intersection of D & Z, across from the mill, from Herman Koelling. George then started his life's occupation of operating a livery on Mill Street; and hauling passengers, mail and freight to and from Wentzville.

On August 24, 1902 Alice was born in the Broeker's New Melle home, the only home she has lived in. She was the second baby to be delivered by Dr. Oscar Muhm. At the time her father's livery comprised 10 to 12 horses, and a roofed over wagon, named "The Hack". At 7:00 AM each morning Mr. Broeker picked up U. S. Mail in New Melle to be hauled to Wentzville over the "Star Route". Arnold C. Hoefner was the Postmaster. The Star Route continued to Femme Osage. Henry Koehler was the New Melle/Femme Osage carrier. Alice recalls the following story that made the St. Charles Newspapers. On August 22 the Postmaster's son Raymond was born. The next day Henry Koehler's daughter Ann (Mrs. Roy Sudbrock) was born, and Alice came on the 24th.

Alice was baptized and confirmed at the German Methodist Church. She attended the New Melle Public School (now the VFW building), and in the summers before her Confirmation in 1914 she attended German School every Saturday, and six weeks during public school vacation time. The German School and Parsonage still stands, and they are located on the west side of "F", just north of the Methodist Cemetery. After the parsonage was vacated it became the Hommes home, and is now the property of Albert & Charlotte Stevener.

Alice worked as a clerk at the John Kessler Store on Mill Street from 1916 to 1921. During these years she was the Methodist Church organist. On April 9, 1922 she married Victor Wm. Heumann, son of Theodore & Emma (nee Schiermeier) Heumann of the Femme Osage Valley area. Soon after their marriage Alice and Vic transferred their church membership to Frieden's in New Melle where she started immediately as the organist. She still plays there occasionally. In 1943 Alice began working again, this time at the Wentzville Garment Factory, where she continued for 24 years, with time out during World War II at the TNT Plant in Weldon Spring.

On June 17, 1966 Vic Heumann died following a tragic farming accident, leaving Alice with three children - Arlene, Leslie (nicknamed Buddy) and Margaret (nicknamed Tooky). Alice now has eleven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. For many years Alice has worked hard for the Community Club. She joined when women were first admitted as members, and although she says she is now an inactive member, she can still be seen at many of the club's functions, and always at the Fancy Stand during Festival weekends. Since her husband passed away, Alice has become quite a traveler, having visited all the states except Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Minnesota and Alaska. She has also traveled extensively throughout Canada.

In reviewing the profile of Mrs. Alice Heumann, it is apparent that she is not only a true lifelong New Melle native, but her ancestory even stems from our "sister city" in the old Kingdom of Hanover. She is proud of her heritage; and she has a deep understanding of our local history, and its people.

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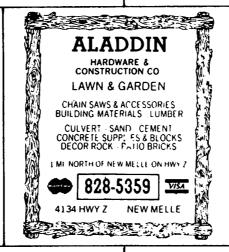
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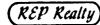


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#### WHAT'S GOING ON

Oct. 11 7:30 pm Corporation Business Meeting Oct. 21 12:30 pm FIX 'N FUN - Everyone Welcome - Bring a covered dish - Meat provided Oct. 29 7:30 pm Executive Board Meeting Oct. 31 6:00 pm New Melle Children's Halloween Carnival

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#### COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Pumpkins, ghost, goblins, witches and the sort are arriving in New Melle this month for Halloween. The New Melle Annual Childrens Halloween Carnival sponsored by area churches will be held at the Community Club on October 31 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Many thanks to the people working to make this a true Community project. The purpose of this event is to provide children with an enjoyable, safe place to spend their Halloween. There will be plenty of treats for them too.

The Club will hold it's second annual Fall Fix & Fun Day on Oct. 21 beginning at 12:30 pm. These days are held to do minor maintenance & repair to our Club with a lot of fun mixed in. After a couple of hours fixin & mendin, we'll do some eatin & grinin.

Some of you may have noticed the ballfield fence being taken down. Next summer we will have the privilege of enjoying a new 8 ft. cyclone fence around the field. The new fence will start at the backstop, continue around the field, and meet the other side of the backstop. The right field fence will be pushed back to 300 ft., matching left & center field. There will be an 8 ft. wide gate with lock at the existing field entrance. We are in hopes that this will deter the unauthorized traffic on the field.

Many of you have asked about the new Tuesday night activity at the Club. Yes, it passed at the September meeting but will not begin until early 1985.

We would like to extend a big heart-

filled welcome to the following people as new members of our Club:

> Eddie & Audrey Huffmeier Larry Reynolds Terry & Mary Kehr

#### SPORTS by Larry Prager

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Pixie	Jerrie Gallo	5	7
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Chic	Craig Dunn +	17	2
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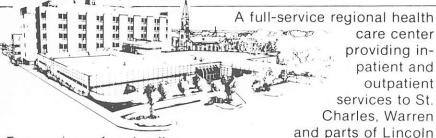
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A memorial tribute was held Sept. 30 at Friedens honoring the late Martha Muhm who died in Jan. at age 108. Special donations made possible the acquisition of an outdoor sign and park benches for the church, all given in memory of Mrs. Muhm. On hand to take part in the ceremony were many members of the Muhm family who joined the congregation in a fellowship hour in the church hall after worship.

Rev. Devin Jones, pastor at St. John's and its sister Friedens Church is serving as general chairman of an area wide event commerating the 80th anniversary of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. The "Jubilee" will be held at the Jefferson Memorial in Forest Park Oct. 6 & 7, 12 til 4 each day. It will feature displays and programs about the fair and is free and open to everyone.

# Daniel Boone School News

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mariam Catholic Church Stoward

Daniel Boone PTO invites all to attend the annual Chili Supper & Craft Bazaar on October 26th, 5 - 9 pm at the Daniel Boone School.

There will be no PTO Meeting for October due to school break.

The annual Pork Sausage Dinner and Turkey Shoot will be held Sunday, Oct. 14th. An added attraction this year will be an Arts and Crafts Bazaar featuring many local exhibitors.

# Khoury Baseball Llague news

1984 Midget Division Winners - Capstick Bros. Construction 2 losses 10 wins CONGRATULATIONS to the following players on a "winning" season:

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Jeff Molitor - Short Stop

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Dennis Goins - Pitcher & Third Base
Jason Joerling - Pitcher & First Base

Jeff Capstick - Center Field
Patrick Doering - Second Base
Tim Schellert - Left Field
Jeff Winn - Right Field
Greg Chatmon
Billy Tuepker - Left Field

# Village of new melle

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Sept. 6, 1984. Present were Chairman, Ernie Arteaga, Ellie Burrows, & John Anderson.\*\*\* Competitive bids are being sought for an engineering study for sewers.\*\*\* A Merchants License to give the Village ability to control the quality of business was approved. Rate was set at \$20.00 per anum. An election is to be held on the proposition. \*\*\* The Board decided to drop the case against the Donaldson Property.

## St. Paul's Rev. Ferry Snell Lutherun Church-Mo, Symod

On Sunday, Oct. 7, at our final 140th Anniv. Service, St. Paul's will be dedicating a Memorial Plaque that was recently installed in front of the church. The Plaque gives a brief but complete description of the congregation's history, and as a National Historic site. St. Paul's is the oldest Mo. Synod Lutheran Church still in use west of the Mississippi River.

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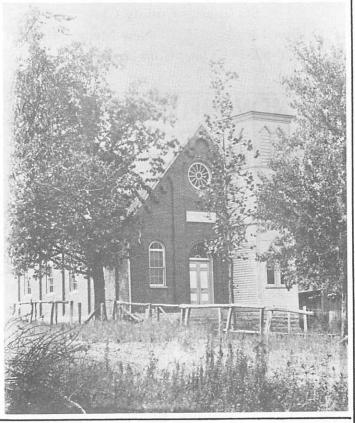
Before we leave the history of 1900 New Melle let us slowly tour the town and observe the homes and other landmarks of that period that remain today. To begin the tour approach New Melle from the northern outskirts as we believe first settlers came in 1839 when they turned off Booneslick Trail.

The first home would be William and Elizabeth Schroeder's frame dwelling on the west side of "Z", one mile north of town. The original log structure of 1887 was framed over and enlarged in 1907. The Schroeder's nine children were born and raised here. Look now toward the east beyond Fawn Run and note a restored brick home. It was built about 1880 for John Garhardt Schroeder. Mr. Schroeder owned part interest in the local Stalhuth Brick Factory, and when it went out of business he recouped his investment in bricks for his home.

Near "Z" and Foristell Road intersection at the north edge of Frenchtown, is the former Braucksecker home. F. W. Braucksecker came from Germany to New Melle in 1859. The Brauckseckers were carpenters and joiners, and many late 19th century and early 1900 area homes standing today were built by them. It is now the home of Mrs. Warneke.

The next home may have been built originally for the Moellering family of partial log construction, it is better known as the Fuermann home. Bill & Adelia Fuermann made it their home after their marriage in 1919. Bill fought in nearly all of World War I major battles, was one of the area's principal carpenters, and clerked in John Kessler's General Store many years. After Mr. Fuermann's recent death, Mrs. Fuermann sold the property. New owners are doing considerable restoration work.

Moving on through Frenchtown note the next home, a beautiful two story white frame on east side of "Z". It was built in 1897 by John Sudbrock for John W. Meier. John was a blacksmith and wagon maker. He once hired a wagon maker from France, thus the name "Frenchtown". A log structure is



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in the rear of the home, and nearby is the remains of Mr. Meier's shop.

The narrow frame home on the west side of "Z" was also built in the 19th century.

Farther to the right is a late 19th century block style frame home built for Edw. H. Rickmers, a jeweler and gunsmith. Extensive work is being done to the home at present by owners Mr. & Mrs. Wm. C. Crowe The smaller home next door is the original Rickmers home. It was set back from the street to accommodate the Rickmers shop which was removed years ago. Mrs. Edna Schroeder owns the home today.

From 1916 to 1968 John Schemmer, and his wife Bertha, lived in the early 20th century home located where "Z" bends sharply to the east. John worked at Karrenbrock's Creamery all of those 50 years.

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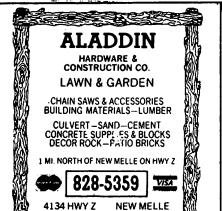
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The New Melle Hardware is the site of the 1857 Reinhold Eich log home. "Z" turns south again at the VFW Hall. The first public school in New Melle started in 1860. In 1898 this VFW Hall was then the new grammar school.

The present New Melle Gun Shop was also a 19th century home. It stands to the north of the Community Club. Finally, to close out Frenchtown is the McElhiney home set in a grove of stately oak trees. It was built in the early 1900's on part of the E. H. Meier estate.

Turn right onto Mill St. and head toward the old Charles E. Meier General Store now boarded up because of a recent fire. From 1880 to 1920 it was one of the three general stores in town. Mr. Meier was a fine merchant, and he prospered well. The Meier's handsome two story frame north of the store remains an imposing early New Melle landmark. Their surviving daughter Frances Meier lives in Ridgewood, New Jersey but continues her membership at the local St. Paul's Church where her father always rang the bell and played the organ. The home today is owned by the Blair family.

South on Mill St. and opposite the new bank is the Hermann Koelling frame home built no later than 1870, possibly earlier. Newlyweds Dr. Oscar Muhm, and his wife Martha, occupied the home soon after their marriage in 1902. It remained their residence, and his medical office for forty years. Present owner is Mr. Gerald (Buddy) Molitor. On the corner of Mill & Peters Streets is one of the oldest homes. Originally the lot belonged to Mr. Peters, one of the first settlers. He may have built the part where hand hewn timbers and mud bricks are evident. Fritz Ruether's family lived there around 1900, possibly when it was framed over and enlarged. In more recent times we remember it as the home of Edward & Edna Welge. Both were lifelong New Melle residents. Both are deceased. It was the Welge home from 1955 to 1980. Present owner is Bruce Wagster. On the NE corner of Mill & Peters Sts. stands the first New Melle Creamery, now converted into a bungalow style home.

The Reporter will continue the tour of New Melle from this point in next month's

installment.

Village Correction NOT

The Board decided to drop the case against the Donaldson Property.

#### St. Pauls Rev. Férry Snell Lutheran Church-Mo, Symod

During November the members of St. Paul's and its visitors will have an opportunity to express their thankfulness to our gracious God for His many blessings with a service of Thanksgiving to be held on Nov. 22 at 9:00 AM. St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) is located on Hwy. D in New Melle. Divine Worship is held during the winter at 10:00 AM every Sunday with Sunday School and Bible Class at 8:45 AM.

## Trieden's - (Peace) Rev. Jevin United Church of Christ Jones

A New Melle area tradition of sorts will continue into its sixth year this Nov. 21. For the past five years many of the town's folk have been gathering in one of the community churches for a Thanksgiving Eve worship in the spirit of Christian unity. This year the service will be held at Friedens on Nov. 21, beginning at 7:30 PM. Everyone within the circulation of the "Reporter" is invited to share in this worship. A fellowship hour will follow.

# St. John's Rev bevin United hurch of Frist Jones

Eighteen years of combined service was honored on Oct. 21 by the congregation as relatives Erich Brakensiek and Emily Brakensiek each retired their posts. Erich had served as custodian for 10 years and Emily as cleaning person for 8 years. Each was given a gift and a special blessing by the pastor and members. Following these ceremonies a welcome was given to the new staff: Louis Brakensiek-Custodian and Margie Dieckman- Cleaning Person.

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Marian

The Marian Council is sponsoring a Rummage Sale to be held Sat., Vov. 17 in the Church Hall starting at 9:00 AM. Donated items will be gratefully accepted.

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Upcoming Events - VFW along with other organizations will be sponsoring the blood mobile visit on Monday, Nov. 5th from 2:20 to 7:30 at New Melle Comm. Club. Post & Aux. will be having a fish fry and spaghetti supper on Friday, Nov. 16 from

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Special thanks to the Ladies Auxillary of VFW Post 5651 who donated the proceeds of the food stand at the sale.

Thanks to the parents who worked. It sure made the boys proud of you.

We have a Weblos Den now. This prepares the older Cubs for induction into the Boy Scouts. A Cub can be a Weblo when he reaches ten years of age. As a Weblo, he will learn camping, cooking and other skills to become a Boy Scout.

We have also started a Tiger Cub Den. This is for the boys who are not of age to be Cubs. They have had their first meeting and are enjoying being a Tiger Cub. For more information call Judy Schomaker at 987-2523.

# Resident Profiles of Paul & Estelleen Goetz

The Reporter this month introduces its readers to Paul & Estelleen Goetz, residents of the New Melle area since 1958 when they moved from St. Louis to their new home on Nadler Rd. They immediately became interested in Community affairs by joining the Community Club. Within a year or two Paul was the Club's President, and ever since both he and Estelleen have worked hard for the club.

Paul was born January 26, 1916 in St. Louis to Fred and Johanna (nee Hindersmann) Goetz. Little is known of his parents or grandparents because his father died in 1919, and his mother in less than two years later. Grandparents Henry & Johanna Hindersmann of St. Louis, were both born in the Kingdom of Hannover, Germany.

Paul was raised by his grandmother and aunt at 4310 19th St., attended the local grammar school, and graduated from Central High School in January, 1934. He was confirmed by the well known Rev. Press at Frieden's E & R Church in North St. Louis on 19th & Newhouse.

On October 7, 1939 Paul married Miss Estelleen Comer, daughter of Thomas Lem and Anna Marie (nee Stumpe) Comer. They were married in the East Grand Presbyterian Church in St. Louis. This beautiful church in its day was constructed by Estelleen's grandfather's brother, a building contractor.

Estelleen was born July 22, 1916 in St. Louis. She graduated from Beaumont High School in July 1934. Before her marriage she was a beauty operator. She can trace her maternal Great Grandparents to Heinrich Johann & Charlotte Anna M. (nee Ninker) Stumpe. Charlotte was born in the Hitler Province of Hannover, Germany, and lived to be 97. Her grandparents were Wilhelm and (nee Kemner) Stumpe. Paternal grandparents were Patrick Henry Comer who fought in the Civil War as a Confederate. He married Leonora Gray, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. M. V. Gray in 1871. Her father Lem was one of their six children.

Returning to Paul, it is noted that his first job after high school to 1940 was with Christmann Veneer Lumber Co. One interesting assignment there was working with wood veneer prepared for the Curtiss-Wright C-76 transport airplane, an all wood aircraft designed to save stragetic war time aluminum. It brought back memories of my own work on the "Spruce Goose" at CW.

From 1940 to 1966 Mr. Goetz was with

Mallinckrodt Chemical Co. in St. Louis and Weldon Spring. He was assigned throughout the war to the super secret "Manhattan Project". From 1966 to retirement in 1980 he was with ITT Blackburn Corp. in Overland Paul was in supervision most of his employment years.

Paul served as Treasurer of East Grand Presbyterian Church 9 years. They joined Frieden's Church in New Melle last year, and they are both active at the Emmaus Home in Marthasville, where Paul is Secretary of "Friends of Emmaus", and Estelleen goes every Saturday as a volunteer. Paul devotes his spare time to taking care of his home and spacious grounds. Estelleen enjoys working on a variety of hand crafts.

Mr. & Mrs. Goetz are members of "Christian Endeavour-Dynamo Chapter" a world wide non-denominational organization, and through this they have taken three wonderful trips to conventions. In 1974 it took them to Essen, Germany, when a tour of neighboring European countries was included. In 1978 they went to Hawaii, and in 1982 to Edinburgh, Scotland, where they stayed in the famous college dorms. A tour of England and Ireland was included this time.

Other than their immediate family they have only three living relatives; Paul's Aunt Bernice Tustim, and Estelleen's Aunt Minnie Hemke and her brother Kemner Gray Comer. They have two sons; Daryl, born May 22, 1945, graduated from F.H.H.S., and the U. S. Naval Academy where he was a Navy flyer, and ranked 68th in his class (890) of 1968. He has a Masters Degree from Michigan State Univ. as an Electrical Engineer, and works for Proctor & Gamble in Greenville, N.C. Daryl is married and is a Commander in the Reserves.

Dale, also a graduate of F.H.H.S., and from Rolla School of Mines, where he has a degree in Management Engineering. He was a paratrooper in the U. S. Army, and works for Yellow Freight in Kansas City, Dale is married and has 3 boys.



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Blankets of beautiful Autumn leaves over the countryside as we say good-bye to October and welcome to the month of November. We would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. Tentative plans are now being discussed for a possible 1985 Thanksgiving Eve service at the Community Club.

The Children's Halloween Carnival last month was a fun-filled night for young and old alike. Ideas are already forming for next years party and we are in hopes that this event grows bigger every year, providing a safe, enjoyable Halloween for our community's children.

ATTENTION COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERS!! Your invited to a Family Christmas Dinner and Party December 13. Our Christmas Dinner hosts, George & Alma Hill and their "helpers" are preparing a special evening for you. Please plan to attend and let them know, as soon as possible, how many members of your family will be coming.

New Year's Eve is just around the corner and our committee is planning a real special celebration. At this writing final details for a candle-light dinner-dance are being finalized. They will have details for the December issue of the Reporter.

LAS VEGAS - New Melle Style. Yes, Las Vegas is coming to New Melle January 12, 1985. Watch for details in upcoming issues. Many of our subscribers have requested back issues of the Reporter for their collection. We are thrilled that you are enjoying our little paper and although there are not enough available back issues to fill the requests at this time, special printing will be run in April (the paper's 1st Birthday).

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Nov. 8 - 7:30 pm Corp. meeting followed

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# Towning Old New Melle

The tour of 1900 New Melle landmarks continues at the SE corner of Mill & Peters Streets where Dan's Country Meats is located. In 1900 this was the popular saloon operated by Gottleib Berg. Fritz Reuther was the former owner. Hotel rooms on the second floor accommodated weary travelers and "drummers". It was known as the Berg Hotel & Saloon. The beautiful bar is still in the Berg family. Next door, now the Flower Shop, was Berg's home of partial log construction.

Blairs Feed & Grain occupies the NE corner of Mill St. & Hwy. D. (Hwy. D did not exist until 1936) This was first an oxen powered grist mill built in 1858. Later it was converted to steam power, then to gasoline engine power, and finally to electricity. At the turn of the century Geo. W. Karrenbrock and his 3 sons - George, Jr., Tate & Carl were operating this mill and supplying the community with flour, cornmeal, bran, and feed for farm animals. Successive millers were Henry Renkel, Geo. Karrenbrock, Emil & Oscar Holt, Ed Panhorst & Stanley Wolff, Stanley Wolff, Harley Holt and Mr. Fey.

The entire block on the west side of Mill Street across from the aforementioned places was "Market Square". The Mill Pond, John Kessler's General Store, and the Kessler home was located in Market Square. Today the Mill Pond is gone; the store was destroyed by fire in 1977, and the Fred Muskopf family, operators of the New Melle Texaco Station, are residents of the Kessler home. Although remodeled, a portion of this home is one of the town's earliest log structures.

From the corner of Hwy. D and Mill St. note the large frame home with columns one block east. The home was originally built by Mr. Kleinemeier, and in 1898 it was purchased by Geo. & Alvina Broeker. Their daughter, Mrs. Alice Heumann, continues to live in this ancestoral home where she was born, Aug. 24, 1902. Nearby stood Geo. Broeker's Livery from which his "Old Hack" departed and returned from taxi, freight

and U. S. Mail trips to Wentzville. Meyer's Cooper Shop stood where the fire station is now located. The white frame home just south of Mrs. Heumann's home was built in 1916 for Ernest Kamphoefner.

Proceeding south across "D" on east side are two brick homes built about 1871 from bricks made in New Melle by the Stalhuth Brick Kiln. The red brick home, now in a state of neglect, was the Frederick Kamphoefner home. Mr. Kamphoefner was one the village blacksmiths with his 3 sons and his shop stood next to the August Auping Wagon Shop on the north side. The old wagon shop was moved a few hundred feet east on Mrs. Emilie (nee Auping) Demien's property. It is still intact. The white brick house was the later home of Conrad Weinrich. His original log home and large vineyard was east of his new home. Lacy's New Melle Glass Co. building across the street was once the site of August Siessnop's Trailer & Barber Shop. He lived next door. They were built in the 1890's.



## Kersler's Store about 1900

On the NW corner of Almeling & Mill St. (or Hwy. F) stood a small store before the Frieden's congregation purchased the property and converted it into a church in 1904. The church was recently moved and restored at the Boone Home grounds in Femme Osage Valley. Frieden's new brick church is now on this corner.

Continue south on "F". Alvin & Elsie Schroeder now own the Peter Hommes home

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The building to the south with a large overhang on south side was Peter Hommes's blacksmith shop. The blacksmith shop was converted years ago into a home now owned by Ronald Schuster. In the late 1800's, the home across "F" housed the Methodist Church Parsonage. Notice the small unpainted frame building to the rear. It was the Methodist School. The former parsonage property is owned by Albert & Charlotte Stevener.

A few hundred feet south is the old Methodist Cemetery. Tombstones date back to 1872. The attractive wrought iron fencing and rock wall was erected in 1938.

Turn around at the Centennial Farms entrance and return. Note Albert Stevener's home to the west in passing St. Charles's St. It was once the site of Henry Berkemeier's small home. Henry was the wagon maker for Peter Hommes. The two story frame home on the SW corner of F & Almeling St. was originally the Central Hotel, and owned for many years by the William Almeling family. The John Anderson family owns and resides there now.

Proceed west on Almeling St. and note the first frame home on the right. It was the Geo. Karrenbrock, Jr. home in the early days. George was the St. Charles County Assessor for a number of years, and it is the birth place of his son Webster Karrenbrock, former St. Charles County Probate Judge. In more recent years it has been the residence of the Clemmence Brakensiek family. The small dwelling next door was Anna Hoefner's "Hat Shop". Today it is the residence of Mike and Diana Lammert.

To see the log home of Bill Giesmann which stood on the site of the Bine's mobile home on the south side, one must visit Dr. Thommason's "Missouri Territorial Village" two miles south on "F", where it has been re-assembled. Here Bill Giesmann assembled and sold caskets. He also owned the only hearse in the area, and when there was a funeral, George Broeker's livery supplied the horses.

Continuing west on Almeling St., south side, at opposite corners of Schutzen St. are two more frame dwellings that date back a century. First was the Fredrick Leimbrock store of the 1870's. It later became the Arnold C. Hoefner General Store and Postoffice, and then the H. T. Meyer Store. The Payne family are now the present residents. A Millinary Shop, operated by

Emma Dormann, was once in the home next door. It is now the home of the Dennis Goins family.

Turn north onto Schutzen Street. On the west side between Almeling St. & Hwy. D is the old Herman Sudbrock home and shoe shop. These were built in the 1880's by Ernst Sudbrock. Note the unusual cistern top. Art and Marie Webbink are present owners and residents.

The vacant brick home on opposite corner was once buzzing with activity. Here, from the 1880's to early 1900's August and Christina Schlueter raised their 12 children. The Brakensiek family are present owners.

Cross Hwy. D on the NE corner stands George W. Karrenbrock, Sr.'s home built in the early 1900's. It has always remained in the Karrenbrock family, and today the Roger Karrenbrock family are its residents. George Sr., the miller, was the greatgrandfather of Roger.

The landmark on the west side was built in 1878 for the German Methodist congregation. It served as their church until 1959. For a brief period the New Melle Baptist congregation used it as their place of worship. More recently Mr. Ernie Artega purchased the property and built on an addition to the sanctuary which serves as his residence. The church as it appeared about 1900 was pictured in last months Reporter.

The tour of New Melle's century old land-marks will be concluded next month.

## Merry Christmas

The Reporter staff; that is, Maureen Blondin, who handles the advertising; Sandie Burke the final typist; Linda Paul the Community Club's President and editor of the Club's news; Alvina Fry & Doris Wildschuetz who help with the distribution and mailing; and myself, wish everyone a "very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year".

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# Frobeles - Frank & Fran Mueller

The Reporter this month salutes New Melle residents Frank and Joan Mueller, who have been with us since 1977.

Frank was born May 31, 1941 in Ferguson, Mo. to Frank J. and Florence (nee Schopfer) Mueller. Frank's father was an accomplished amateur boxer in his youth, and worked on the family farm in the Ferguson area. The farm had originally been acquired by Frank's grandparents who had emmigrated from Switzerland. Frank J. & Florence are both deceased. Little is known of his maternal grandparents, as they died before Frank's birth.

Frank attended the St. John & St. James School in Ferguson, and the Ferguson High School, and was formerly a member of the National Guard. Frank and Joan were married in 1965.

Joan was born October 9, 1943 in St. Charles, Mo. to Joseph A. & Marcella (nee Heller) Potter. Her father, now deceased, had worked on the space program and for a period of time at the NASA Head-quarters in Houston, through McDonnell/Douglas Corp. Her mother still resides in the family home in St. Charles.

Joan's maternal grandparents were Vincent A. and Helen (nee Droege) Heller. Vincent

lived in Augusta where his father operated a hotel and tavern. Helen lived in Washington, Mo. Vincent later opened the first IGA Store in St. Charles. Both are deceased, and are buried in Washington. Her paternal grandparents were farmers, and both had died before Joan was born.

Joan attended St. Charles Borromeo Grade School and Duchesne High School in St. Charles. After Frank and Joan married in 1965 they lived in Berkeley and St. Charles before moving to the New Melle area in August, 1977. They have three teenage sons and are members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Frank is employed as a pipefitter for Quality Heating & Air Conditioning. Joan is employed by Kentucky Fried Chicken in Wentzville.

Frank has served as Vice-President of the New Melle Community Club and is a member of the New Melle Fire Dept. He enjoys horseshoes, bowling, motorcycles and dune buggies. Joan is the current treasurer of the Community Club, and is a board member. She enjoys bowling, dancing and watching all sports.

The Muellers enjoy living in the New Melle area, and have no desire to ever move back to the city.

## Community Slub news - By Linda Paul

HEY KIDS - Santa Claus is coming to town! We received word from the North Pole this week that Santa will be stopping at the Community Club Saturday, Dec. 22. It's his last stop before returning to the North Pole to give all your Christmas lists to his Elves. Besure to ask Mom or Dad to bring you to the Club and tell them we'll be taking pictures.

A special thanks to the New Melle VFW & Auxiliary for "helping" Santa on the 22nd.

Reminder Community Club Members - your Family Christmas Dinner is Dec. 13 serving at 6:30 PM. (There will be no Dec. meeting) A special place on the table has been reserved for your favorite vegetable or desert (enough for 12 to 15 please). Our committee has planned some special entertainment after dinner including a short 1984 Festival Parade video (thank you Ernie Arteaga), G rated video movie for the kids, and games for the adults. Please come and join us for a real special evening.

New Year's Eve is just around the corner and the committee chaired by Frank & Joan Mueller have finalized plans for January 31. The evening will begin at 7 PM with an Italian Candelight Dinner followed with music by "Coyote". Snacks, set-ups, and favors are on their list for you too. Ticket (& table) reservations can be made with Frank or Joan after 5 PM at 828-5536.

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Dec. 17 7:30 pm Board Meeting
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## St. Pauls Rev. Ferry Snell Lutheran Church-Mo. Symod

On December 24, Christmas Eve, St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have its annual Sunday School Children's Program at 7:00 PM and a Candlelight Service of Hymns at 11:00 PM. Divine worship on Christmas Day will be at 10:00 AM. All who desire to celebrate the birth of the Savior are cordially invited to attend these services. The nativity scene on the church lawn is courtesy of the St. Paul's Youth. "Have a Blessed Christmas"!

# VIW Port 56514 auf. Rosse

The VFW and Auxiliary will be sponsering a visit from Santa Claus to be held at the New Melle Community Club on Sat., Dec. 22 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Joyous Holiday Season and to thank everyone for their support to this organization for the past years. Our aim is to be an asset to the New Melle Community.

# United Church of Christ lones

The Advent/Christmas season will hold an active time for Friedens church. On Sunday Dec. 16th, the Sunday School department will present a pageant entitled "Even The Littlest Angel". The public is invited. Presentation begins at 7:30 PM.

The Friedens Choir will present a Cantata centering on the Bethlehem story and Christ's birth. The presentation will be part of the worship on Dec. 23, at 9:00 AM.

A candle-light worship, held at 11:00 PM will highlight Christmas Eve.

# United hurch of Phrist Sones

The youngsters in the Sunday School at St. John's will present a pre-Christmas pageant for friends and family entitled "The Golden Chain of Love" on Sun., Dec. 16 at 5:30 PM.

Among the other December worship events held are the traditional evening candlelight vigil on Christmas Eve and a Christmas morning observance.

The candlelight service will recall the early days of St. John's Church and many of its German traditions. The worship begins at 9:00 PM. Christmas Morning service is at 10:15.

# Village of By Betty adkisson

The Donaldson case was discussed at the last Board Meeting held Nov, 8. The court has ruled that their building on Mill St. must meet the county fire code and certain other county codes within 6 months before it can be opened for business.

Annexation and sewers will be discussed at the next meeting on Thursday, Dec. 7. The public is always invited to attend these Board Meetings, held the first Thursday evenings of each month.

Board Members are Ernie Arteaga - Chairman, Ella Burrows, Betty Adkisson and John Anderson.

# New Melle By By Bayne

Sunday, Dec. 16, we will be presenting our Christmas Cantatas. The Adult Choir sings at 10:40 AM and the Youth Choir will be at 7:00 PM. We welcome a new member to our congregation, Mrs. Carolyn Shular.

# Daniel Boone School Wildschut

Our first grade classes had their Christmas presentation, "A Touch of Magic" on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4. Our all school Christmas party will be held on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20. We have invited a special guest from the North Pole to be with us.

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On Jan. 19 we must bid farewell to the

Burke family. Roy & Sandie, and their sons David 13, and Michael 11, have sold their home in New Melle Woods and will be moving to Las Vegas. Roy is transferring his Engineering Recruitment Firm there. Although they love the New Melle area where they had made many friends, they are looking forward to being close to the mountains, and near to Roy's parents. Also, Sandie has a sister living there. Sandie has typed the final draft for these Reporters, and her excellent work has been greatly appreciated.

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