

- Aug 25, 1925. First Northbrook Day held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove, (now Village Green Park)
- Aug 14, 1926. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove. Profit \$3,363.63 minus capital equipment purchased. Grand prize: 1926 Special, 6 cylinder, 5 passenger, Nash Sedan.
- Aug 13, 1927. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove. Grand Prize: 1927 Oakland Automobile, won by Henry Huehl.
- Aug 4, 1928. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove. Grand Prize: Nash 6 Automobile, won by Carl Luhnaw.
- Aug 10, 1929. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove. Grand Prize: Buick 6 Automobile, won by Oscar Benz. Curtis Airport donated tickets for free airplane rides.
- Aug 2, 1930. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove.
- Aug 5, 1931. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove.
- Aug 13, 1932. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove. Mrs James Bloedner won the radio.
- Aug 12, 1933. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove. Henry Biehl won the Chevrolet. Cecil Hillier won a davenport.
- Aug 4, 1934. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove. Anthony Batek won washer. W. R. Landwehr won a radio.
- Aug 10, 1935. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove. Permission granted to sell beer. Oscar Lenquist, Highland Park won the Ford.
- Aug 8, 1936. "Northbrook Day" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Barrensheen's Grove. Prize Ford V-8.
- Aug 7 & 8,  
1937. "Northbrook Day's" held. Sponsored by Northbrook Civic Association and American Legion, in Barrensheen's Grove. Dave Krutsch, Maywood, won the car.
- Aug 6 & 7,  
1938. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association and American Legion on east side of Waukegan Rd south of Shermer Ave. Arlene Girst of Glencoe won the Plymouth auto.
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- Aug 12 & 13,  
1939. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association and American Legion on Waukegan Rd north of School. Ed Happ won car.
- Aug 3 & 4,  
1940. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association and American Legion, Waukegan Road north of school. Grace Mathack Woolsey won 1940 Chevrolet. Net income \$2,186.
- Aug 2 & 3,  
1941. "Northbrook Days" held by Northbrook Civic Association, American Legion and Fire Department, north of the school. Walter Tyner of Glenview won the Oldsmobile. Gross \$8,578.00. Net \$3,650.80.
- Aug 1 & 2,  
1942. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association north of School on Waukegan Road.
- Aug 7 & 8,  
1943. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Northbrook Grove.
- Aug 5 & 6,  
1944. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association, American Legion and Northbrook Fire Department in Northbrook Grove. Prizes; radio phonograph and deep freeze.
- Aug 4 & 5,  
1945. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association, American Legion and Northbrook Fire Department in Village Park.
- Aug 3 & 4,  
1946. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association, American Legion and Northbrook Fire Department in Village Park.
- Aug 2 & 3,  
1947. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association, American Legion and Fire Department in Northbrook Park.
- Jul 31 &  
Aug 1, 1948. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Youth Center Park.
- Aug 6 & 7,  
1949. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association, American Legion and Northbrook Fire Department in Youth Center Park.
- Aug 5 & 6,  
1950. "Northbrook Day's" sponsored by Northbrook Civic Association, American Legion and Fire Department in Youth Center Park.
- Aug 4 & 5,
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1951. "Northbrook Day's" sponsored by, Northbrook Civic Association, American Legion and Fire Department. Held at Youth Center Park. (Because of rain storm on Sunday, held over until Monday).
- Aug 1 - 3,  
1952. "Northbrook Day's" sponsored by Northbrook Civic Association and American Legion held in Youth Center Park.
- Jul 31 - Aug  
2, 1953. "Northbrook Day's" sponsored by Northbrook Civic Association and American Legion in Youth Center Park.
- Jul 30 - Aug  
1, 1954. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Youth Center Park.
- Aug 5 - 7,  
1955. "Northbrook Day's" sponsored by Northbrook Civic Association and American Legion in Youth Center Park.
- Aug 3 - 5,  
1956. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Youth Center Park.
- Aug 2 - 4,  
1957. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Youth Center Park.
- Aug 1 - 3,  
1958. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Youth Center Park.
- Jul 31 - Aug  
2, 1959. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Youth Center Park. Prize Studebaker Lark.
- Aug 5 - 7,  
1960. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Youth Center Park. Prize: Station Wagon.
- Aug 4 - 6,  
1961. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 3 - 5,  
1962. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 2 - 4,  
1963. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 1 - 3,  
1964. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
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- Aug 13 - 15,  
1965. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 12 - 14,  
1966. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park. Grand Prize, Oldsmobile Tornado.
- Aug 11 - 13,  
1967. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 9 - 11,  
1968. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park. Grand Prize, Ford Thunderbird.
- Aug 7 - 10,  
1969. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 13 - 16,  
1970. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 12 - 15,  
1971. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 10 - 13,  
1972. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 11 - 14,  
1973. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park. Grand Prize, Buick Electra.
- Aug 8 - 11,  
1974. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 7 - 10,  
1975. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Association in Village Green Park.
- Aug 12 - 15,  
1976. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 11 - 14,  
1977. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 10 - 13,  
1978. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 9 - 12,
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1979. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 7 - 10,  
1980. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 13 - 16,  
1981. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 19, 22,  
1982. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park. Grand Prize: 1982 Cadillac Coupe DeVille.
- Aug 11 - 14,  
1983. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 8 - 12,  
1984. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 7 - 11,  
1985. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 6 - 10,  
1986. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 5 - 9,  
1987. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
- Aug 3 - 7,  
1988. "Northbrook Day's" held by Northbrook Civic Foundation in Village Green Park.
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## An Oral History of Northbrook Days

The year is 1925. The day is ~~Wednesday~~ <sup>Tuesday</sup> August 19<sup>th</sup>, in the middle of the afternoon. Off in the distance you hear the sound of a marching band. Soon it gets louder as a parade approaches down Shermer Road. There is a spectacular display of wagons, floats and costumed entrants. The procession nears Barrenscheen Grove, (now the Village Green Park). The marchers pass the reviewing stand and turn into the grove. Thus begins the very first Northbrook Day festival.

This first Northbrook Day is attended by almost everybody in town. And, of course everybody knows everybody else, so it a great place to visit with friends. There are no carnival rides, but there are plenty of booths serving food and offering games to play. One of the more popular games consists of a large wheel with numbers between pegs. The wheel is spun and the winner is the person who bought the number where the wheel stopped. Since the wheel isn't spun until every number is purchased, there is a winner for every spin. Prizes for this game and the other games were donated by local merchants.

However, the best part of the Northbrook Day festival isn't the booths, but the music. In the afternoon, music is provided by the St. Peter Church kitchen band. Members of the congregation play improvised instruments, including a kazoo combined with a popcorn popper. Later on in the evening the real music starts. A nine piece orchestra from Chicago plays ~~dance music~~ and the attendees dance on a large wooden ~~dance~~ <sup>floor</sup> constructed just for the festival.

The booths had been built by local volunteers in preparation for the event. They were stored in Bartleme's barn. It took the volunteers ten days to construct and erect the booths and dance floor. After the festival, the booths and dance floor would be disassembled and taken back to the barn to be stored for next year.

The Northbrook Day festival had been organized by the newly formed Northbrook Civic Association, now known as the Northbrook Civic Foundation. The Civic Association traces its roots back to 2 earlier organizations. In January 1907, a group of civic leaders formed the Shermerville Improvement Club. This organization purpose was "to actively promote by the united efforts of the citizens, the material interests of the village and the comfort and welfare of the inhabitants." The organization continued until 1911 when its activities were suspended. In 1918, the Improvement Club was reorganized as the Citizen's Club of Shermerville. This new organization was instrumental in getting a serious drainage problem in the village fixed by terminating the dredging of the small river in town, and by having a modern sewer system installed. It also pushed for the village name be changed from Shermerville. A contest was held and the name Northbrook was chosen. Activities of the Citizen's Club ceased in 1920, but in June

- a. Public libraries, education, scholarship, and schools;
- b. Public health, parks and recreation;
- c. Improvement and assistance to community youth;
- d. Other lawful objects having charitable, educational or public purpose, or furthering the well-being of the society, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

The Northbrook Days festival expanded to <sup>4</sup> 5 days in the ~~1970~~<sup>1989</sup>s. It is the sole fundraising vehicle for the Civic Foundation. The primary means by which the funds are raised is through the selling of the raffle tickets. Since 1950, the Foundation has raised and donated more than 2.8 million dollars. The donations have included over \$850,000 in college scholarships to Northbrook high school graduates, over \$440,000 to the Northbrook Park District, and substantial sums to the Northbrook Fire Department, the Village of Northbrook and the Northbrook Public Library. Among the over 90 other organizations that have received Foundation grants are the Fourth of July Association, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Northbrook Junior League Baseball and Northbrook/Glenview Youth Services. 1989 Ann to J D/MJ  
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But the purpose of the Northbrook Days Festival is not just to raise money. To this day, it continues as the place where the community comes together for fun and fellowship. And it is one the few community festivals that is organized by and run by volunteers, with no direct financial support from the village. So I hope to see all of you at the festival this year between August 1 and August 5 as you join your friends and neighbors participating in what remains the premier festival in the Chicago area.

Landwehr road, accounted for Precinct 4, West Northfield, 1000 ft. road near Milwaukee, 91 Precinct 9, Sunset Ridge road.



Visiting Day

## 's Daughters Plan to Stage Variety Show

The Bethel of Job's Daughters is planning a variety show to be staged early next month. A committee has been appointed to arrange for the event. The Bethel accepted an invitation to participate in the Halloween party to be held at the Masonic temple by Eastern Star on October 30. Following the regular meeting, eight members participated in "Veinie Roast." The event was in charge of Miss Virginia Gast-

Miss Eleanor Schoonover, Senior Worthy Matron of the Bethel, will serve as guest officer at Jefferson Park Hotel 32, Chicago, on October 28.

Root will serve as Librarian at Bethel 16, Chicago, tomorrow evening.

Members of the Guardian Council met at the home of Kenneth Johnson last Monday evening. Other members of the council are Mrs. Ward Johnson, Guardian, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Scully and Edna Johnson.

## Peter 'Church Night' and Dinner November 27

The annual "Church Night" with refreshments and various booths will be held at St. Peter's Neighborhood church in the Community Center on Wednesday evening, November 27. An amateur hour and Quissicus Program in which everyone may participate will bring prizes to those adjudged winners. There will be no solicitation. Tickets must be ordered in advance.

## "Open House" Attracts 100 to Presby Manse Sat.

"Open House" at the Presbyterian Manse last Sunday afternoon attracted a throng estimated at 100 persons. Rev. and Mrs. Lundell were gracious host and hostess and welcomed a constant stream of visitors from 3 to 6 p. m.

## Meeting of Eastern Star Election on November 7

Annual meeting and election of the Deerfield chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will be held at the Masonic temple on Thursday evening, November 7. Installation of officers will be held on December 5.

## Baked Food Sale

A baked food sale is to be held tomorrow from 12:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. at the Ladies' Aid of Immanuel Lutheran church. The sale will be held at the Civic Building and the ladies promise real treats.

## J. Christensen Dies in Florida; Rites Here Sat.

Funeral services are to be held in Northbrook tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for John Christensen of 1303 Western avenue, who died suddenly last Saturday at Tarpon Springs, Florida. Mr. Christensen was only 23 years old. Death was due to pneumonia.

The services will be held at the Werhane Funeral Home. In the absence of Rev. Harry P. Lundell, Rev. Armin Bizer of St. Peter's church, will officiate. Interment will be at Ridgewood cemetery.

The young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Christensen of Western avenue, had gone to Florida three weeks ago. His trip there was to learn deep sea diving.

According to word from Tarpon Springs he suddenly became ill last Saturday. A telegram was received in Northbrook stating that he was not expected to live. Shortly after the arrival of this telegram came another stating that he had died.

Mr. Christensen was highly esteemed in Northbrook. He was a member of the village fire department. The Civic Building was draped in mourning last Sunday in respect to the departed fireman.

## Funeral Rites Today for Henry Berning Jr.

Funeral rites for Henry Berning Jr. of Lee and County Line roads are being held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church. Rev. F. G. Piepenbrok will officiate. Interment will be in St. Paul's cemetery. Mr. Berning died on Wednesday morning at an Evanston hospital. Survivors are the father Henry Berning, Frank Arthur, and Carl, brothers, and Mrs. Barbara Lundquist, Mrs. Cora Schramm and Sophia Berning, sisters.

## Three Northbrook Boys to Play on Radio Program

Billy Christman who plays the guitar, Inar Hallen, the vibra harp and Roy Johnson, the bass viol, are to play on the Maurice B. Sachs amateur hour on Radio Station WENR next Sunday, October 27. The boys are students at Northbrook high school.

## Northbrook Days Profit Is \$2,186

Final report of the financial success of "Northbrook Days" held by the Civic Association and George W. Benjamin Post, American Legion, in August, was released this week by the finance committee. The net profit was \$2,136.61. The gross receipts totalled \$6,662.09.

The automobile given away by the Fire Department realized a profit of \$776.15; of this amount 50 percent or \$388.08 was the firemen's share.

The American Legion added \$738.81 to its treasury as the result of the success of the "Days." Their share was 40 percent of the profits.

Of the Civic Association's share, 50 percent was deposited to the account of the building fund, which is being raised to provide a community center. The amount going to the building fund was \$600. The fund now totals \$3,600. The remaining 50 percent of the association's share was placed in the general fund.

## Pioneer Club Is Formed at Local Presby Church

A new organization has been formed at the Presbyterian church. The organization, the Pioneer Club, is for boys and girls.

This club takes in anyone between the ages of 12 to 15. Officers elected were: Paul Lundell—President; Helen Emrich—Vice-President; Dale Bergstedt—Secretary-Treasurer; Grace Ruthenback—Vice-Secretary.

The purpose of the club is twofold—educational and social. There will be a study period and a social period in connection with each meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhodes are sponsors of the group and Rev. Harry P. Lundell is the advisor. The club will meet the first and third Sundays of each month at the Rhodes home, 2320 Catherine street.

Mrs. Donald Werhane, Walter avenue, has gone to Ontario, Canada, for a two week's visit with her parents.

and best party ever given in Northbrook. Deerfield-Northbrook Rotary believing that something constructive should be done to entertain the children on that evening has planned a gala event.

At 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, October 31, a parade will be held in the business district. Everyone is urged to be in costume—for there will be prizes. Headed by the Northbrook school band, the parade will march to the school gymnasium. There, the costume judging will be held. And then the fun will start.

For two hours there will be fun—movies, boxing, trained dogs, eats, noisemakers! But, is the evening over? Believe it or not—it is not!

After the eats are passed out everyone will go to the park where a huge bonfire will light up the field events. A greased pole, a greased pig race—what could be more fun than these. Events will not close until almost 11 o'clock.

What will it cost? Absolutely nothing. Rotary, with the Civic Association and American Legion Post is giving the party for all the kids—and to be a kid you can be either young or old. The only request is that everyone cooperate and remain off the streets and refrain from the usual destruction of property.

Parents are urged to insist that children join the party instead of going on the usual destructive tours. Each year disturbances have been caused that reach more and more serious proportions. It is the hope of those planning the party that the cooperation of the entire community will develop a yearly event to be looked forward to with pleasure.

## Rotary Ann Party Held; Proves Great Success

"Rotary Ann Night" at the County Line restaurant last Tuesday night was a grand success; at least that's the Anns version. The annual dinner event staged by the Deerfield-Northbrook Rotary club was attended by twenty-five couples. A Rotary quartet furnished several numbers. Count Segstrom, who really is Alex Christensen, a Chicagoan, presented humorous features which kept everybody giggling for an hour. The Anns each received a gardenia corsage from the Rotarians.

## Watson to Speak at Church

Superintendent N. E. Watson will give the address next Sunday morning at the Northbrook Presbyterian church. His subject will be "To or For: A Measure for Mankind." Rev. Harry P. Lundell and family are motoring to Minneapolis over the week-end where the pastor will perform a wedding ceremony.

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## Northbrook Day, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>

Another year has flown away  
With its sunshine and its cheer  
And we send out a call to friends  
For our Home Coming Day' here  
We want them all to return home  
On Saturday Aug 4,  
We're planning a most jolly time  
For all our friends one more.  
We hope they'll bring new friend along  
We'll give the glad hand to all,  
We don't see how that they can help  
Come, in answer to our call.  
We will have a wonderful band  
Giving music sweet and clear  
And it will be such jolly fun  
To fellowship with friends here  
Our crowds are always large  
We all work hard together,  
But still we've learned that our sussacc (*sic*)  
Depends upon weather.  
But rain or shine we invite all  
To Northbrook on August 4  
Come bring your friends and their friends too,  
And we'll celebrate one more.  
We ask you all to stay all day  
There's plenty to eat alright  
Or bring a basket lunch and you  
Can eat to your heart's delight  
Please save the day of August 4  
For our big celebration  
You'll go home knowing that we have  
The best burg in the nation.

Edna E. Kiest

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NORTHBROOK, ILL., FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1944

## W. SCOTT DIES IN PLANE CRASH

### Something to Think About

#### Shortage or Plenty

Government agencies have conducted consumer surveys which bear out the general belief that at the end of the war American consumers will be in the market for every luxury and necessity in the book. Alarm clocks and garbage cans, carpet sweepers and teakettles, lawn mowers and frying pans are but a few of the common articles needed. And it is predicted that demand for refrigerators, automobiles, new homes and even yachts will be insatiable.

If these surveys prove correct, the next job will be to fill the demand. Whether that can be done will depend upon the ability of American manufacturers and retailers to produce the goods and distribute them at prices the people can pay. War wages and material costs must be met and overcome, if possible, by unprecedented operating efficiency.

Before the war free competitive markets pushed efficiency up and prices down—and industry and labor prospered on a sound basis. The simple truth is that after the war the country must return to that system or suffer chronic shortages and a regulated existence.

As farming becomes daily more intricate from the standpoint of production and marketing, which includes the knowledge of what to plant, how to plant, when to plant and where and how to sell the crop, it is important that young people who will be our future food producers, have a wider knowledge of these subjects than ever before.

A woman will forgive but don't expect her to forget.

The only sure way to balance a family budget now is for the breadwinner to work harder and longer and make

### Workers Needed On Booths For Northbr'k Days

In past years, the booths, benches and buildings for "Northbrook Days" have sprung into being only through the generous cooperation of Northbrook citizenry. This year, co-chairmen Nicholas F. Lellinger and William A. Tomes again send out the call for all civic-minded persons who are able to lend their muscles and hammers on Friday evening and Saturday morning, August 4 and 5, to erect stands and booths in Northbrook Grove on Sherman avenue opposite the post office.

Men will be needed to unload lumber for the booths on Friday evening. Some basic construction may be started that night. However, on Saturday morning, men will be needed to build the booths. To expedite construction, it is suggested that all men bring their own hammers. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Erwin R. Schaer and Marshall Knox of the Grounds Committee report that the weeds and grass in the Grove will be cropped close to the ground or removed from that area. The grounds committee announces that parking space is free and plentiful. In addition, the erection of seats and benches throughout the grounds will afford plenty of opportunity to relax in the cool comfort of the large shade trees. But before relaxing, everyone is urged to register at the Registration Booth at the entrance to the grounds. The Grand Prize for this booth is a complete set of Summer furniture for the yard or porch.

The dance floor will be waxed and waiting with a good selection of the latest tunes in the juke box for the dancers.

Three neighboring towns will pit their fire departments against that of Northbrook in the water fights at 8 p. m. on Sunday, August 6. Glenview, Deerfield and Morton Grove firemen are polishing their nozzles and inspecting their hose in preparation for the big contest.

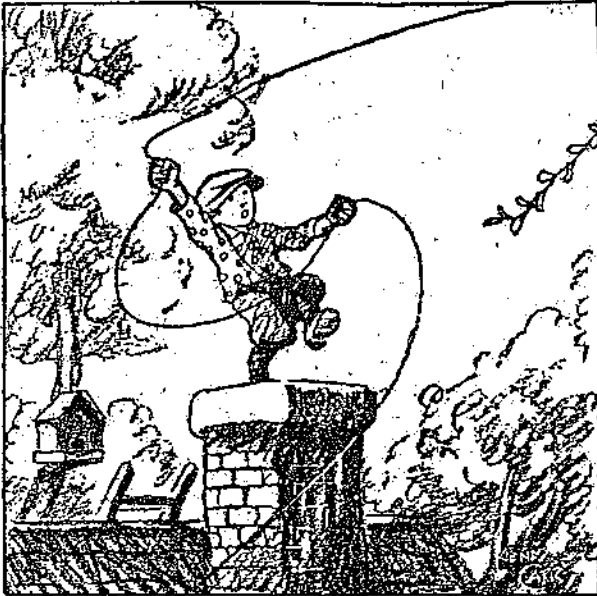
"They're swell guys, these neighboring firemen," said Northbrook Fire Chief Herman Lorenz, "and they know we'll help them anytime in a pinch, but come August 6 they had better get someone else to help them, because we are out to win."

### Start Rebuilding At Douglas Scene of Fire

Rebuilding of the fire-swept Administration Building of the Douglas Chicago plant group at Park Ridge is scheduled to get underway this week. Contracts for the project were awarded last Saturday. The new structure will be of permanent type construction, fire-proof throughout. Specifications

### JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



The Dumbbell

### NAS Flyer Is Killed in Jump From His Plane

Following a collision of his training plane with two other planes, Lt. (j.g.) Arthur E. Sheehan, a primary instructor at the Glenview Naval Air Station was killed near Half Day in Lake County last Friday. Sheehan bailed out of his damaged plane, but his parachute failed to open, it was reported.

With two other Navy planes Lt. Sheehan was flying in formation when the collision occurred. Lt. Sheehan's plane crashed near buildings on a farm in Vernon Township. A coroner's jury was told that Lt. Sheehan's parachute failed to open because of the low altitude of his jump.

The pilots of the other two planes involved in the collision made a forced landing.

Lt. Sheehan was 23 years old. His home was in Haverhill, Mass. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and had been stationed at Glenview since May 17.

### Hold Annual Festival at Bensenville Sunday

Evangelical Home for Children and Aged will hold its annual festival and homecoming on the grounds of the home at Bensenville next Sunday. An all-day program has been planned under the direction of the Rev. Armin H. Bizer, pastor of St. Peter's Neighborhood church, who is vice-president of the board of directors.

### With Our Boys In U. S. Service

Corp. Edwin Schmidt, accompanied by Mrs. Schmidt and their little daughter, Mary Louise, left recently to return to Camp Livingston, La., at the completion of a 21 day furlough. The Schmidts' vacation included a week's visit in Big Ben, Wis., with Corp. Schmidt's parents, a stay with Mrs. Schmidt's sister in Marengo, Ill., and a visit in Northbrook with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Sunset Ridge road. Corp. Schmidt is with the military police.

Petty Officer Elmer Olin, who has been in the hospital in Louisiana with a slight attack of meningitis and malaria, is recovering nicely and is again back at Camp Algiers Base hospital. He called his parents by long distance telephone last Saturday and said he is getting along well.

Lieut. John H. Therrien was home from Camp Polk, La., on a 15 day leave. He is serving with the dental division of the medical corps.

David D. Snapp, musician 3/c of Sampson Naval Center, N. Y., was home with his parents, the Harold N. Snapps, 1140 Blackthorn lane, on a 5 day furlough this week.

will have their own rhythm band in a Swiss program.

Among those who will take an active part in the festival is Edwin

### Former Man Kill Spokane

Collision of Bomber Show Brings I Four Fly

News of the t of another young mer Northbrook our village last M William Scott, s Frank Harms, no of Glenview, was his Army plane c another during a show at Spokane, Sunday. Three were killed in the

The accident o fore a crowd of 10 Spokane field. Lt. S ing a bomber in th on-the-job show" w with another attac ing a simulated a both to crash to the according to repor were the Army's the Navy's Helldive

Lt. Scott had lre dent of Northbroo his parents on Wal attended the Nor school and New Tri He was highly es classmates. He wa To his many friend as "Bill"

His mother Mrs is now residing w Mrs. C. A. Thorsen man street, Glenvi his step-father, war work. There is er George Scott of Memorial servic Spokane last Tues those who died i Following the serv of Lt. Scott were view. They are to morrow under m

The funeral serv next Monday after at Haut's Funera ment will be in cemetery.

### Northbrookia 17 Months

A veteran of 17 in the North A theatre of opera lance driver for Field Service, R 25, of Larabee l has just been ind my as a private, idan Recruit R When his applic ment in the Arm; account of his e;

basement rear. Phone Skokie 2865.

**NEW 9 PIECE MAHOGANY** dining room set; 4 pc. walnut bedroom set; Pullman lounge chair; 15x16 1/2 rug; 2 tropical fish tanks and fish; misc. Call Skokie 3879.

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## SPECIAL FEATURE EVENTS

**Saturday, Aug. 5**

- 3:00 p. m.—Children's Parade.  
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- 3:30 p. m.—Children's Races.  
Prizes for the winners in the various age groups.

**Sunday, Aug. 6**

- 2:30 p. m.—Band Concert.
- 3:00 p. m.—Water Fights.  
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- 4:30 p. m.—Band Concert.

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The Northbrook News  
Friday  
July 28, 1944

# Northbrook News

Of, For, and By  
The People Of  
Northbrook

NORTHBROOK ILL. FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1928

NO. 2

## Northbrook Legals

### ORDINANCE No. 279 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF DEALERS IN BEVERAGES

SECTION 1: That it shall be unlawful, within the territorial limits of this Village, for any person, firm or corporation, as principal, clerk, servant, directly or indirectly, to sell, or give away, for profit or gain, any malt, vinous, mixed or fermented liquors, carbonated waters, fruit juices, ice cream, milk, buttermilk, chocolate, buillion, or other beverage of any name or nature in any quantity whatever, without first obtaining a license so to do, for each place of business operated by such applicant, as hereinafter provided, under penalty for each offense of not less than twenty (20) dollars nor more than two hundred (200) dollars, and provided; that each day any such person, firm or corporation shall violate the terms of such license shall be a separate offense.

SECTION 2: The President and Board of Trustees may, subject to the laws of the United States, the laws of this State, and the ordinances of this Village, authorize any person or persons, not constituting a corporation, to sell or give away, within the corporate limits of this Village, all or any of the liquors mentioned in the first section of this chapter, and direct that a license, signed by the President, and attested by the Village Clerk, under the seal of this Village, be issued by said Clerk to such person or persons upon him, her or them paying into the Village Treasury the following fees:

Class A - Any person, engaging in the business of selling any malted or real or vinous non-intoxicating beverage, shall pay an annual license fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).  
Class B - Any person engaging in the business of selling or offering for sale any beverage hereinabove enumerated, except malted, cereal or vinous non-intoxicating beverages, shall pay an annual license fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) Provided that a license issued

prescribed, provided that in the opinion of the President and Board of Trustees of this Village the character of the business conducted by him under the original license, or renewal thereof, shall have been in an orderly manner.

SECTION 6: No permit or renewal thereof shall be assignable or transferable, and the same shall be taken up and cancelled and the permit revoked if any person to which the same shall have been issued shall assign or transfer any such permit.

SECTION 7: No permit shall be issued to any person who shall not be of the age of twenty-one years at the time said initial application shall be made.

SECTION 8: No person to whom such permit shall have been issued shall permit any minors to congregate upon or loiter about the premises when said beverages are sold or to disrupt themselves therein in a noisy or unseemly manner.

SECTION 9: Any person to whom such permit shall have been issued, who shall violate any of the provisions hereof for which violation no express penalty shall have been provided herein, or who shall give any false information in the application or the affidavit herein provided for shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$200.00 for each offense, and in addition the license of such person shall be revoked.

SECTION 10: The President of the Village may at any time for good cause revoke the license of any person operating under any license issued hereunder.

SECTION 11: This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and due publication as required by law.

Approved: Arthur J. Therrien  
President  
Passed and filed in my office this 3rd day of July, A. D. 1928.  
M. C. Smith,  
Village Clerk.

### NOTICE OF AWARD OF

## NORTHBROOK DAY FLOWER COMMITTEE OUTLINE BIG PLANS FOR AUGUST 4th

### Nine Prizes To Be Given On Zinnias On The Big Day

The Northbrook Day Flower Committee met a few days ago and outlined plans for featuring the flower show and zinnia contest on August 4th, the big day of the summer for Northbrook.

A total of seventeen prizes are being offered this year for flower gardens and cut and potted flowers. The prizes in themselves are well worth working for, and the honor of having the finest or best is not to be looked down upon.

Nine prizes are to be given on zinnias, the Northbrook flower, and eight prizes are to be given on other flowers. The full list of prizes is given below:

#### ZINNIA PRIZES

For prettiest bed of blooming zinnias: 1st Prize \$5.00; 2nd Prize, \$3.00; 3rd Prize, \$2.00.  
For prettiest bunch of zinnias, (3 to 6): 1st Prize, \$4.00; 2nd Prize, \$3.00; 3rd Prize, \$2.00.

For prettiest zinnia blossom (either cut or in pot): 1st Prize, \$3.00; 2nd Prize, \$2.00; 3rd Prize, \$1.00.

#### Prizes for Flower Gardens and Cut Flowers

For prettiest and best blooming flower garden: 1st Prize \$8.00; 2nd Prize, \$4.00.

For prettiest bunch of cut flowers (3 or more kinds): 1st Prize, \$4.00; 2nd Prize, \$2.00; 3rd Prize, \$1.00.

For prettiest bunch of flowers (1 variety or kind): 1st Prize \$3.00; 2nd Prize, \$2.00; 3rd Prize, \$1.00.

All flower gardens and flower beds will be judged on Friday, Aug. 3rd. The cut and potted flowers will be judged Saturday morning, Aug. 4th. To insure proper judging, all contestants for garden or zinnia bed prizes should notify the chairman, Rev. G. S. Watson before the day the beds are to be judged. All cut or potted flowers must be brought to the flower booth Satur-

### NORTHBROOK DAY, AUG. 4

Another year has flown away. With its sunshine and its cheer And we send out a call to friends For our 'Home Coming Day' here. We want them all to return home On Saturday, August 4. We're planning a most jolly time For all of our friends one more. We hope they'll bring new friends along. We'll give the glad hand to all. We don't see how that they can help. Come, in answer to our call. We will have a wonderful band. Giving music sweet and clear. And it will be such jolly fun. To fellowship with friends here. Our crowds are always quite large. We all work hard together, But still we've learned that our success depends upon the weather. But rain or shine we invite all. To Northbrook on August 4. Come bring your friends, and their friends too. And we'll celebrate one more. We ask you all to stay all day. There's plenty to eat, alright. Or bring a basket lunch and you can eat to your heart's delight. Please save the day of August 4 For our big celebration. You'll go home knowing that you have The best burg in the nation! —Edna E. Kiest

### Northbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 9:45  
Morning Worship 10:45  
The sermon theme Sunday morning will be "God's Outlook". Let us not neglect the Lord's Day privileges even though the weather be uncomfortable.  
The Women's Missionary Society will meet at the Manse on Wednesday, July 11th at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Andrew Todd Taylor of Chicago will be the special speaker of the

## Nostalgia Key Word

# Memories of 50 Northbrook Days

By Helen Nordland

The key word to the 50th anniversary of Northbrook Days this weekend is "nostalgia." Happy memories of good times at the Village festivals were echoed during the past weeks as I queried residents about the earlier celebrations.

One of our Village residents who can best recall Northbrook Day, 1925, is Ed Griese, former Village president, postmaster, Civic Foundation member and merchant. Mr. Griese and his father-in-law, William R. Landwehr, partners in the drygoods business for many years, ran a games booth during the one-day celebration. Through their business contacts, prizes were bought for the booths "and there was a winner every time at every booth," Mr. Griese recalls.

According to Mr. Griese, all the merchants in the business district (then located along Shermer Ave.) closed up shop for the day to join the parade.

Music was an important part of the first Northbrook Day, as pictured in the original photograph which will be displayed in the Nostalgia Booth this weekend. Mrs. Martha Rugen Lorenz is shown with members of the kitchen band from the St. Peter Church.

"We had lots of fun in our band," Mrs. Lorenz says. "I had an instrument made out of a popcorn popper and a kazoo." According to Mrs. Lorenz, the Kitchen Band participated only during the first Northbrook Day. Eighty-nine years old, she is the only surviving member of the band.

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"Mr. Northbrook," Edgar Wessling, enjoys telling how he and Henry Bucher (father of Mrs. Esther Lutz) prepared for the Northbrook celebration. They borrowed a truck that belonged to Mr.



and groom." According to Mr. Wessling, all the organizations in town participated in the parade, including the Modern Woodmen, whose entry was a truck loaded with logs.

The Aug. 14, 1926, issue of the Northbrook News described the Modern Woodmen as being organized in 1898. "During the 27 years of its existence, eight of these men have gone to their great beyond, viz: M. Dieck, L. OeVere, Ed. James, B. C. Bestor, Pete Auguard, C. Rickward, H. Rosenow and W. F. Ahrens leaving insurance to their beneficiaries to the amount of \$11,000, beside the fraternal protection and good fellowship which is always created by this organization."

The Village blacksmith, John McLachlan, whose shop adjoined the Northbrook Garage, always took an active part in Northbrook activities. His daughter, Jean McLachlan Bohannon, remembers the water fights with the fire departments of other towns, which were held in the street in front of the present post office.

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The Northbrook Days celebration in 1927 offered a spectacular display of wagons, floats, and costumed entrants. Mr. and Mrs. Levy Schinleber donned their Sunday best and rode in their wagon. Mr. Schinleber served as treasurer of the Shermerville Improvement Club, forerunner of the Northbrook Civic Foundation, when it was organized in 1907. The photos are from the album belonging to Mrs. Alive Kiest Voltz.

From 1937 to 1940, Harold Werthene served as president of the Civic Assn., now known as the Civic Foundation. During his office, Northbrook Day was extended to two days to accommodate the large crowds of celebrants.

"The Northbrook Day celebration was always held in the Barrenschien Grove, which was later purchased by the Park District for the Village Green.

"Except for one year," Harold continues, "when the brook overflowed and the area was under water. We had to move all the booths and games down to a field along Waukegan Rd."

Tom Adams came to Northbrook in

years on Shermer Ave. He and his crew ran the refreshment booth Northbrook Days for many years at sold bottles of soft drinks for 10 cents.

"The most popular flavors we sold were Coke, orange, lemon, and root beer," Tom relates. "We got the pop from the Arlington Beverage Co. Since we had refrigeration, we kept the pop cold in metal wash tubs filled with ice."

Family reunions, dancing, water fights, ten cent drinks, parades, happy memories of good times.

This is what Northbrook Days was all about.

What memories will be created in the future?

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"Henry and I had to go to the Bartelme's barn and get all the lumber for the booths that was stored there every year. We loaded the lumber on the truck and then spent about 10 days assembling all the booths. When Northbrook Day was over, we had to knock the booths down and take all the wood back to the Bartelme barn until the next year," Mr. Wessling reminisces.

"Everyone dressed up for the parade," Mrs. Wessling continues. "One year (1927) Minnie Moore and I dressed up and went into the parade as a bride

always created by this organization." The Village blacksmith, John McLachlan, whose shop adjoined the Northbrook Garage, always took an active part in Northbrook activities. His daughter, Jean McLachlan Bohannon, remembers the water fights with the fire departments of other towns, which were held in the street in front of the present post office.

"They stretched a cable high over the street with a barrel suspended and two teams would try to move the barrel to the opposite end of the cable with water from the hoses," Jean says. "But of course the big thing when I was young was the dancing. Bands always drew large crowds at the Northbrook Days."

Ruth Meier Clavey agrees that dancing was the highlight of the evening. "Everyone went to all the carnivals in the surrounding towns just for the dancing. Nine-piece orchestras would come out from Chicago and play. Our dance floor was the largest and the best in the area," Ruth says.

"My friends from the city came out for the weekend because Northbrook Days was so great. We always had a houseful of guests over the weekend."



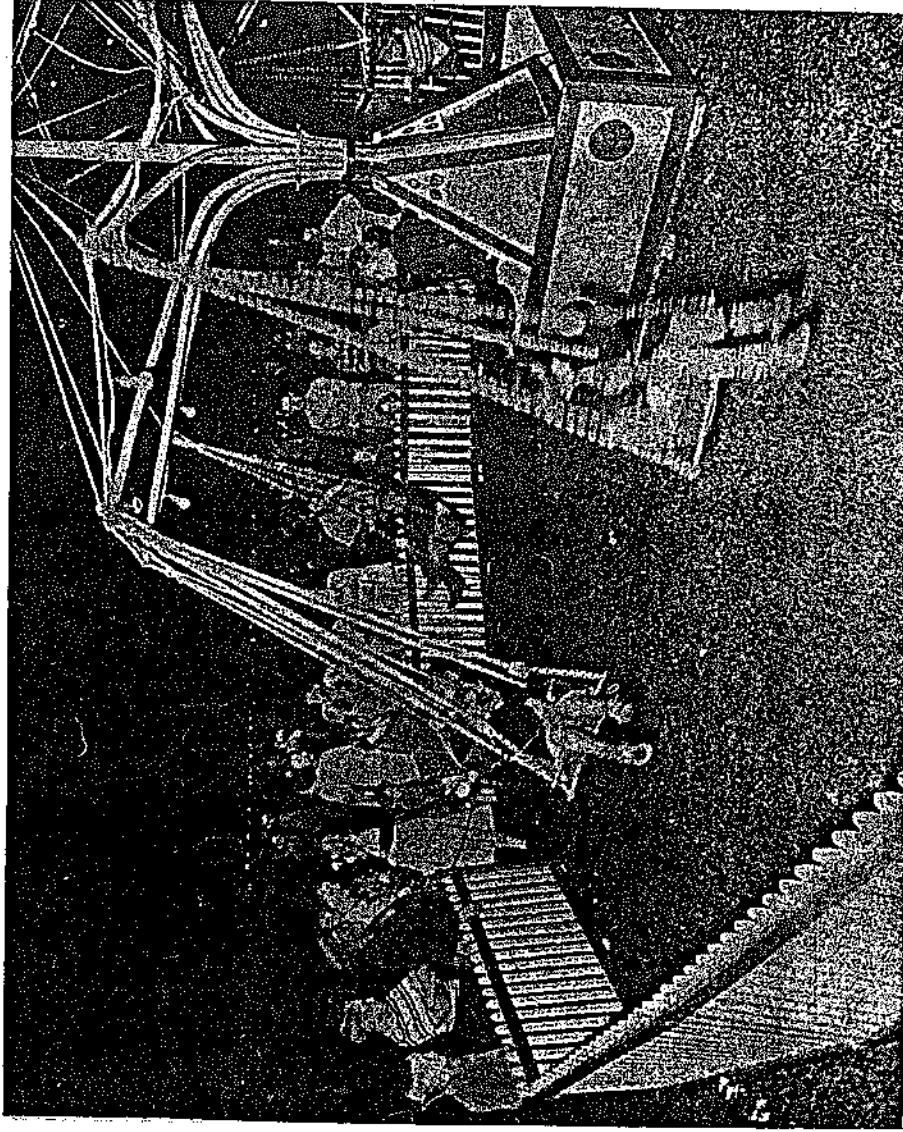
An entry in the 1927 parade featured Northbrook Girl Scout Troop 1 under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Bartelme. According to the Northbrook News, Aug. 14, 1926, members of the troop were Helen Cameron, Harriet Dahlberg, Margaret Dahlberg, Ruth Hans, Florence Kodym, Jean McLachlan, Grace Meier, Myrtle Meier, Ruth and Wilma Meizer, Florence Moeller, Edlyn Mueller, Ethel Paul, and Myrtle Paul. A Brownie Troop met every Wednesday in Mrs. Bartelme's home. Those members were Jean Bartelme, Wilma Boeye, Susan Carstetter, Lucy Ann Dunn, Mabel Funke, Muriel Hans, Helen Kiest, and Virginia Wessling.

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# Northbrook Days Crowd



Part of the crowd of people who enjoyed the fun and frolic of Northbrook Days are pictured above. The ride pictured was of particular interest to the small fry who were the only ones who could fit into the tiny seats. The oldsters seemed to enjoy watching their off-springs as much as the youngsters enjoyed the ride. The loss of a day's riding when the rains came to wash out the major portion of the Sunday activities, was not too hard into the tiny seats. The oldsters seemed to enjoy watching their off-springs as much as the youngsters enjoyed the ride. The loss of a day's riding when the rains came to wash out the major portion of the Sunday activities, was not too hard

## New Business Zone

### HENRY LOUIS CONRAD SOEFKER DIES

Henry Louis Conrad Soefker, age 77, 164 County Line Rd. Deerfield, passed away Friday morning August 15 at his home. He was a son of Caroline Tagmeier Soefker and Louis Soefker who were pioneer settlers to this area and who came originally from Altendorf, Schaumberg Pessen, Germany. Mr. Soefker was born on the Soefker homestead on County line Rd., 1 mile east of his present home and spent all of his life in this neighborhood actively engaged in farming and gardening until a few months previous to his death.

Surviving him are his wife, Frances Castfield Soefker, his daughter, Caroline and two brothers, George and Louie, all of whom are from Deerfield. Funeral services were held at the Lauer Funeral Home in Northbrook on Monday, August 18 at 2 P.M. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Newcomers to Northbrook are Mr. and Mrs. Max Gilstrap and their two children, Max, Jr. age 5 and Zilpha age 2 who have moved into their new home at 2241 Catherine st. Mr. Gilstrap is chief of the Central News Bureau of the Christian Science Monitor in Chicago.

### ACCIDENT SPOILS VACATION

## Culligan Zeolite And Employees

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Anyone interested in bowling on the team is asked to sign up in June Mullenbore's office. We will bowl every Tuesday after work at St. Pete's starting at five thirty, on September 9th.

On August 25th, there will be fifteen boy scouts taking a written test for their life saving award. These boy scouts have been coached by Hank Diederich at the Glenview pool.

Welcome to Pat Thorson and Caroline Curtis who are working in our mailing division. Helen Janke, a former plant employee, is now working in our mailing section.

Wanted by Bob Morley, a housekeeper for two weeks. You must know how to cook, girls, particularly steak, because I understand he's loaded (with steak, that is.)

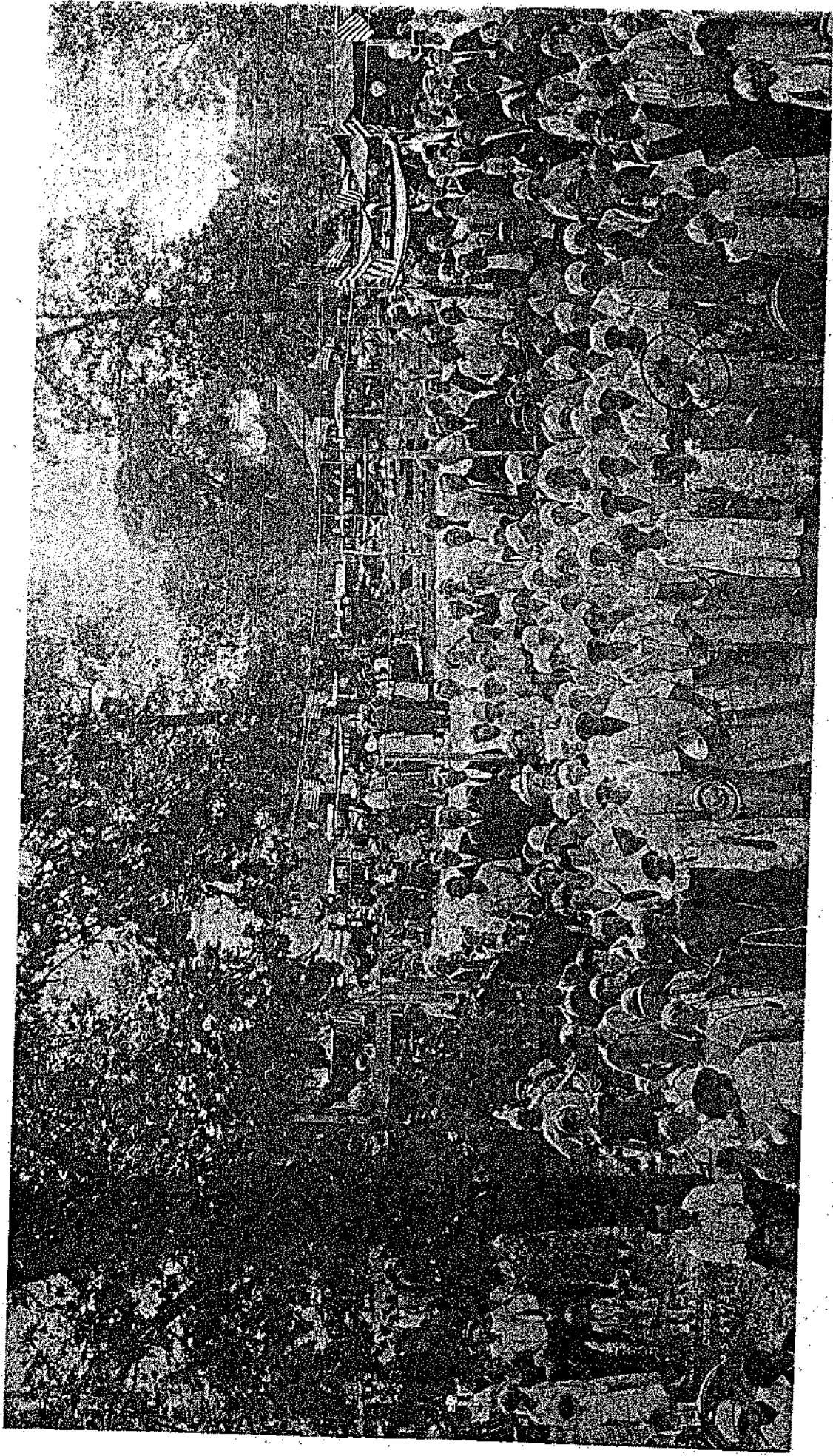
The joke is on Mildred Fritsch this time. It seems on Sunday she won an out-board motor and didn't hear about it until lunch time on Monday. Putt! Putt!

Jean Truelson back with us for a short time while her husband is at Scott Air Force Base.

"He's in the army now!" Litt Clark, formerly of our order dept., now taking orders from the Army.

Vacation notes: Slim and Joy used 70 quarts of oil when they drove to New York. Viv seen in D. C. saying "good-bye" to Harry; Laur-

# Good Ole Days



The first Northbrook Day celebration was held in 1925 on the village green. The one-day affair began with a grand parade through town with floats and horses. Mrs. Edgar Wessling describes the first celebration as a great social gathering that attracted people from many

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# Old Timer Recalls

## By Chuck Hutchcraft

Nostalgia. That feeling we get that causes us to set back and think about gee back then.

It brings a warmth to our hearts, those thoughts about days gone by do. About the times that no longer are.

Days, months, years. When life, perhaps, was a bit simpler. When the air was cleaner, people more honest and more caring, when living was less hectic. Problems were solved by firm resolutions and not by remedies hidden in the pantry.

Events of today that also belonged to yesterday very often bring on this nostalgia. We dwell on the changes, sometimes a little sorrowfully.

Northbrook Days. It is an event we take part in that stems from the past. It

brings on nostalgia, mostly for the old timers in the village.

Robert Landwehr is one of them.

Born and raised here, the old German descendant watched the village grow from the small Shermerville of the early century.

In a conversation at his home, recently, Landwehr gave this recollection of the old Northbrook Days, and what the times were like back then.

The Northbrook Days were started about the time the Pullman brothers had all their green houses in Morton Grove.

The signs of the times were light and merry. The period was the day '20's before the sobering depression had come.

"You could buy a nickel beer and get a free meal," Landwehr recalls.

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**THE NORTHBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

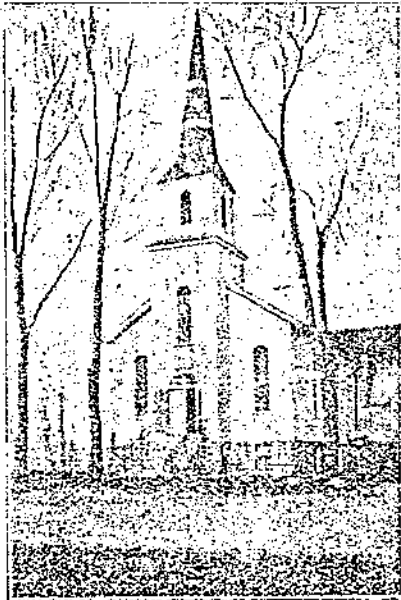
The Northbrook Civic Association is the outgrowth of the interest in community improvement and development that first took active form in the organization of an improvement club. Such an organization was formed during January 1907 as the Shermerville Improvement Club. The following were the officers:

- President ..... W. J. Bulow
- Vice-president ..... B. J. Freese
- Secretary ..... R. Lauer
- Treasurer ..... L. Schinleber

Its object was "to actively promote, by the united efforts of the citizens, the material interests of the village and comfort and welfare of the inhabitants." This organization functioned for four years and later was re-organized as the Citizen's Club. It was during the early years of these organizations that the drainage problem was steadily pushed ahead and eventually successfully terminated by the dredging of the river and construction of a modern sewer system under the leadership of Arthur Therrien as President of the Village Board of Trustees.

A re-organization of the Citizens Club in 1925 resulted in the present Northbrook Civic Association.

- President ..... George Schick
- Vice-president ..... J. C. Ballweber
- Secretary ..... Archie Bestor
- Treasurer ..... W. R. Landwehr



**ST. PETERS EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

- Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
- Bible Class ..... 9:30 a.m.
- Worship (English) ..... 10:45 a.m.

Evangelical companions meet every Thursday evening.

St. Peter's Evangelical Church ministers to a large community, embracing both Northbrook and Glenview; thus contributing towards the welfare of the community at large. "Serving God and Man," is the slogan of this, the oldest church in the community.

Realizing that it has a duty towards the community, St. Peter's has just erected a Community House, equipped with a fine gymnasium, bowling alleys, library, kitchen, etc., thus offering a place for social gatherings and recreation which is pervaded by a Christian atmosphere.

As a church we feel that to make a town and a community a better, a safer, and a saner place, is to bring individuals into a right relation with God. We have no narrow doctrinal message to bring you, but our invitation is expressed in the words of Him whom we serve, "He that cometh unto me, I shall in no wise cast out."

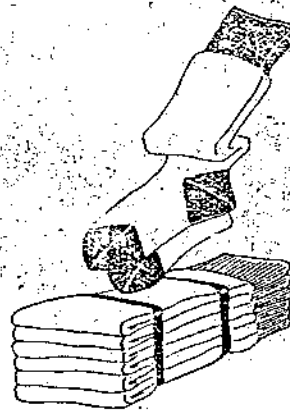
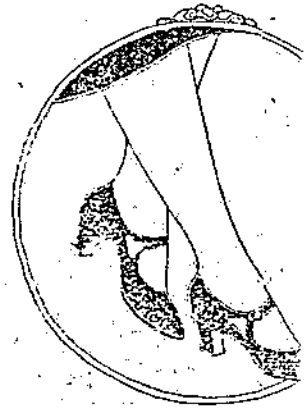
Statistics of St. Peter's are as follows: Contributing members, 428; Young Peoples Organization (League), 46; Men's Club, 48; Ladies Aid, 109; Evangelical Companions, 32; Voluntary choir, 28; and Sunday School of 167.

If a stranger in the community, if without a church home, we invite you



George Schick, Pres. Civic Ass'n.

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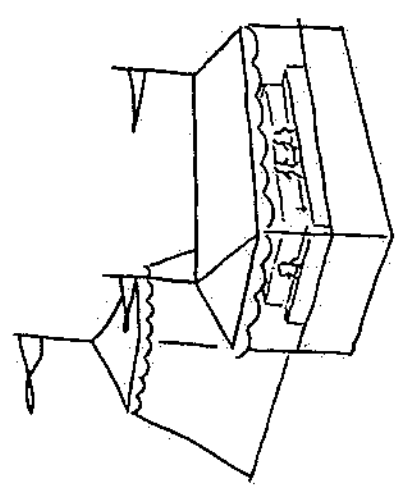
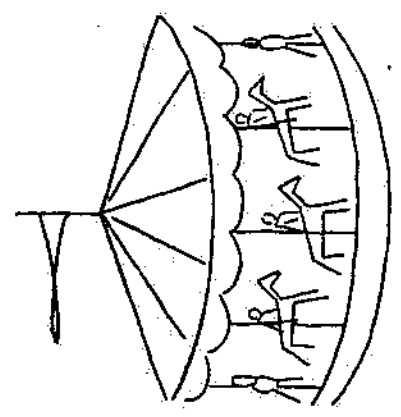
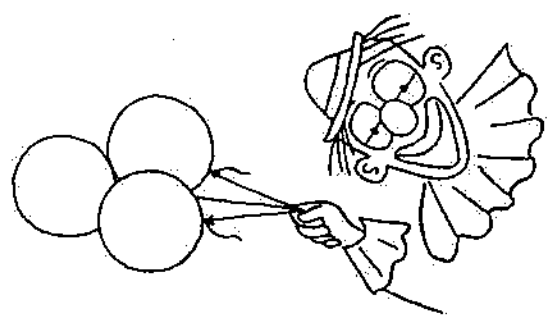
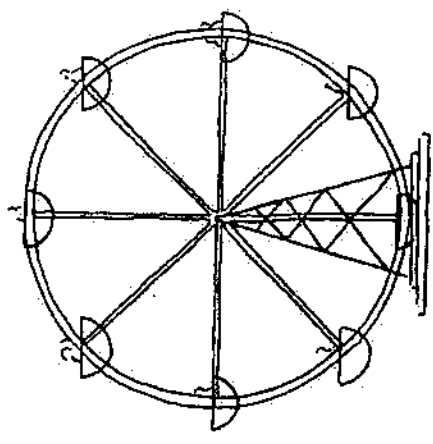
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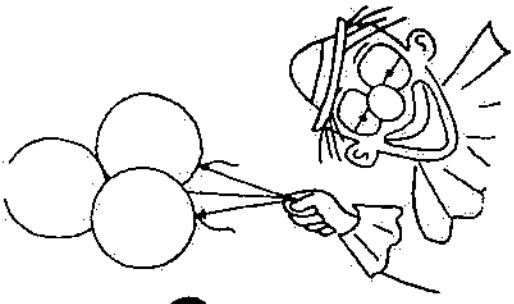
**1951 PLYMOUTH  
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DEEP FREEZE**

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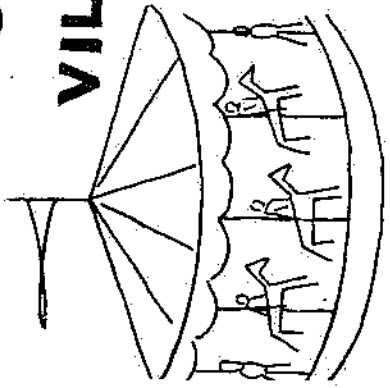
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JULY 31, AUG. 1 & 2

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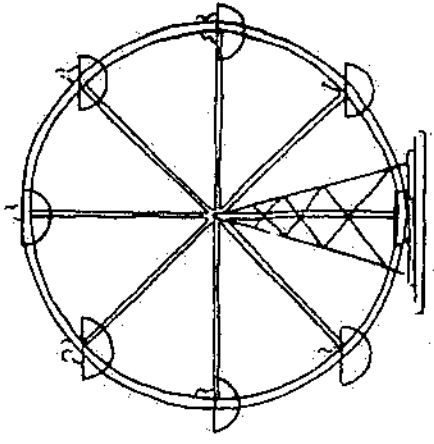
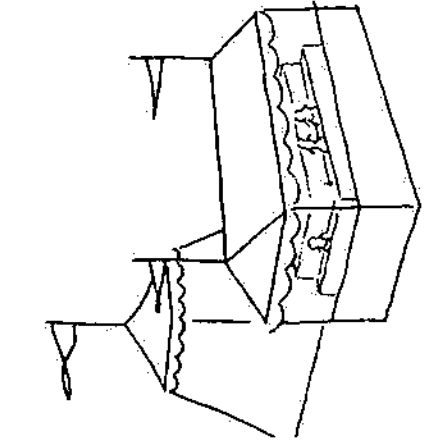


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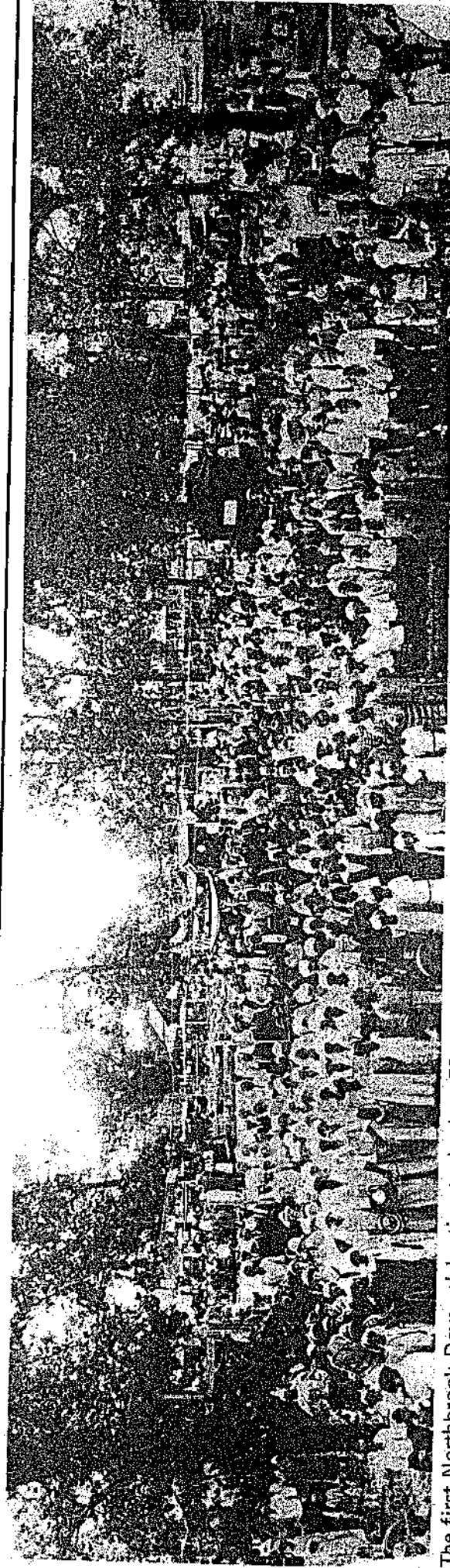
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1953



The first Northbrook Days celebration took place 50 years ago on Aug. 19, 1925 at what is now Village Green Park. The entire village came to the park

for games, picnicing and dancing. This year's event will be held on Aug. 8-11 at the Village Green, Shermer and Meadow. (Photo courtesy Northbrook Civic Foundation)

## Village gears up for 'golden' N'brook Days

The Golden Anniversary celebration of Northbrook Days, to be held at the Village Green Park from Aug. 8-11, is being planned to provide fun, entertainment, and memories for residents of all ages according to Mike Moran, 1974 chairman.

Like the first Northbrook Day celebration on Aug. 19, 1925, this year's 4-day event is sponsored by the Northbrook Civic Foundation to raise money for the many community projects and activities which it supports.

The carnival, which raised approximately \$35,000 for Northbrook last year, is staffed by foundation members, their families, friends and neighbors.

This year's event will again

feature carnival rides, game booths with prizes ranging from gold fish to giant pandas, a merchants' prize booth featuring goods and services donated by local merchants, bingo, a steak dinner with sweet corn and salad, and the traditional Grand Prize drawing.

According to Harry Armstrong, grand prize chairman, this feature of the Northbrook Days' celebration is almost as old as the event itself—going back to Aug. 14, 1926 when the second Northbrook Day featured a special 6-cylinder 5-passenger Nash sedan.

Armstrong added that the discount offer for this year's golden Buick Riviera will be available until July 13. The tickets, which are normally \$5 each, may be obtained

in multiples of 2 for \$9 by mailing a check payable to the Northbrook Civic Foundation at Box 232, Northbrook.

A special feature of this year's 50th anniversary will be a

Northbrook nostalgia display prepared by the Civic Foundation and the Northbrook Historical Society.

In addition to pictures, memorabilia, and artifacts from the early history of Shermerville (which became Northbrook in 1924) and the Shermerville Citizen's Club (parent of the Civic Foundation), the nostalgia area will also include games and events from earlier Northbrook Days celebrations.

Residents who have memories, photographs, and other materials which they would like to share during this year's anniversary are encouraged to contact Helen

NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1951

## Northbrook Days Next Week-End

Committee members, representatives of the Northbrook Civic association, the American Legion, and the Fire Department have completed plans for "Northbrook days" summer carnival to be held August 4 and 5 in the Village Park, Shermer road. The "Days" will mark the 25th anniversary of the event.

Booths of every description, rides for children and adults, a shooting gallery, a water fight to be staged by the fire department and many other events will provide the entertainment.

A 1951 Plymouth and a Kelvinator Deep Freeze will be given away Sunday night.

Chairman of Northbrook Days is Donald Shearer; coordinate chairman, Edward Constance. Associate chairmen are N. F. Lellinger, Joseph Stanwich, Bertram Pollack, Paul Hacker and Stanley Bryant.

Chairman of Tickets is Robert White. John Spaulding, Herman Meier, Paul Hacker, Robert Landwehr, and Wallace Weld are on the finance committee.

Publicity, John Bond; Purchasing, Joseph Stanwich and Edwin Griese; and Grounds, Edward Constance.

### Saturday, August 5

Ball game--Boys through 12 years. Northbrook vs. Phillies from Thillens stadium, Little League game, 1:30 p.m.

Louie Tops trained animal act. cat, dog, crow and Tad Tosky, clown, Saturday afternoon August 4 at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 5 — Logan Square Post of the American Legion, 2:00 p.m. Drum and Bugle Corps.

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# Memories of 50 Northbrook Days

By Helen Nordland

The key word to the 50th anniversary of Northbrook Days this weekend is "nostalgia." Happy memories of good times at the Village fairs were echoed during the past days as I queried residents about their celebrations.

One of our Village residents who can recall Northbrook Day, 1925, is Ed Grese, former Village president, member of the Civic Foundation and a merchant. Mr. Grese and his brother-in-law, William R. Landwehr, who for years ran a games booth during the one-day celebration. Through their business contacts, prizes were bought for the booths "and there was a winner every time at every booth," Mr. Grese says.

According to Mr. Grese, all the shops in the business district (then called along Shermer Ave.) closed up for the day to join the parade.

Music was an important part of the Northbrook Day, as pictured in the final photograph which will be displayed in the Nostalgia Booth this weekend. Mrs. Martha Rugen Lorenz is seen with members of the kitchen band from the St. Peter Church.

"We had lots of fun in our band," Lorenz says. "I had an instrument made out of a popcorn popper and a zoo." According to Mrs. Lorenz, the kitchen band participated only during the first Northbrook Day. Eighty-nine years old, she is the only surviving member of the band.

"Northbrook Day was a time for coming," Edgar and Viola Wessling agree. Families staged picnics to coincide with the Village fair. "People came from out-of-town just to meet their relatives and friends," Mrs. Wessling says.

In Northbrook, Edgar Wessling, telling how he and Henry Bucher (son of Mrs. Esther Lutz) prepared for the Northbrook celebration. They used a truck that belonged to Mr. Bucher who ran a dog kennel.

Henry and I had to go to the lumberman's barn and get all the lumber for the booths that was stored there for a year. We loaded the lumber on the truck and then spent about 10 days building all the booths. When Northbrook Day was over, we had to take the booths down and take all the lumber back to the Bartelme barn until next year," Mr. Wessling says.

Everyone dressed up for the occasion," Mrs. Wessling continues. "One year (1927) Minnie Moore and I dressed up and went into the parade as a bride



and groom." According to Mr. Wessling, all the organizations in town participated in the parade, including the Modern Woodmen, whose entry was a truck loaded with logs.

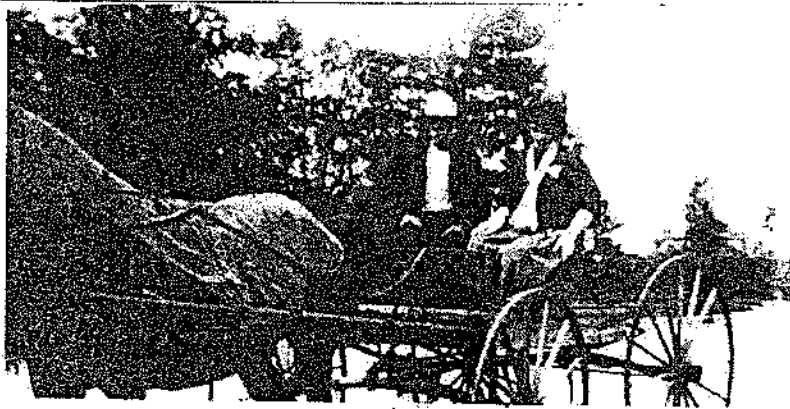
The Aug. 14, 1926, issue of the Northbrook News described the Modern Woodmen as being organized in 1899. "During the 27 years of its existence, eight of these men have gone to their great beyond, viz: M. Dieck, L. OeVere, Ed. Jannes, B. C. Bestor, Pete Auguard, C. Rickwardt, H. Rosenow and W. F. Ahrens leaving insurance to their beneficiaries to the amount of \$11,000, beside the fraternal protection and good fellowship which is always created by this organization."

The Village blacksmith, John McLachlan, whose shop adjoined the Northbrook Garage, always took an active part in Northbrook activities. His daughter, Jean McLachlan Bohannon, remembers the water fights with the fire departments of other towns, which were held in the street in front of the present post office.

"They stretched a cable high over the street with a barrel suspended and two teams would try to move the barrel to the opposite end of the cable with water from the hoses," Jean says. "But of course the big thing when I was young was the dancing. Bands always drew large crowds at the Northbrook Days."

Ruth Meier Clavey agrees that dancing was the highlight of the evening. "Everyone went to all the carnivals in the surrounding towns just for the dancing. Nine-piece orchestras would come out from Chicago and play. Our dance floor was the largest and the best in the area," Ruth says.

"My friends from the city came out for the weekend because Northbrook Days was so great. We always had a houseful of guests over the weekend."



The Northbrook Days celebration in 1927 offered a spectacular display of wagons, floats, and costumed entrants. Mr. and Mrs. Levy Schinleber donned their Sunday best and rode in their wagon. Mr. Schinleber served as treasurer of the Shermerville Improvement Club, forerunner of the Northbrook Civic Foundation, when it was organized in 1907. The photos are from the album belonging to Mrs. Alvie Kiest Voltz.

From 1937 to 1940, Harold Werhane served as president of the Civic Assn., now known as the Civic Foundation. During his office, Northbrook Day was extended to two days to accommodate the large crowds of celebrants.

"The Northbrook Day celebration was always held in the Barrenschien Grove, which was later purchased by the Park District for the Village Green.

"Except for one year," Harold continues, "when the brook overflowed and the area was under water. We had to move all the booths and games down to a field along Waukegan Rd."

Tom Adams came to Northbrook in 1936 and operated a drugstore for many

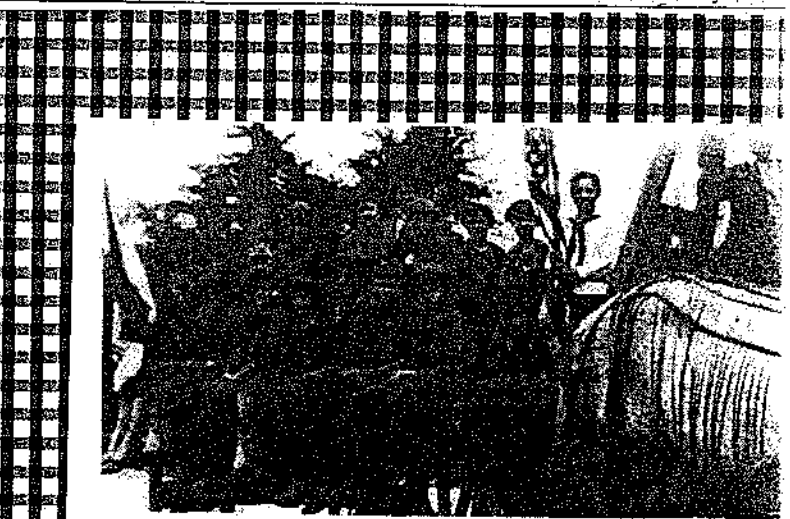
years on Shermer Ave. He and his wife ran the refreshment booth at Northbrook Days for many years and sold bottles of soft drinks for 10 cents.

"The most popular flavors were Coke, orange, lemon, and root beer," Tom relates. "We got the pop from the Arlington Beverage Co. Since we had no refrigeration, we kept the pop cold in metal washtubs filled with ice."

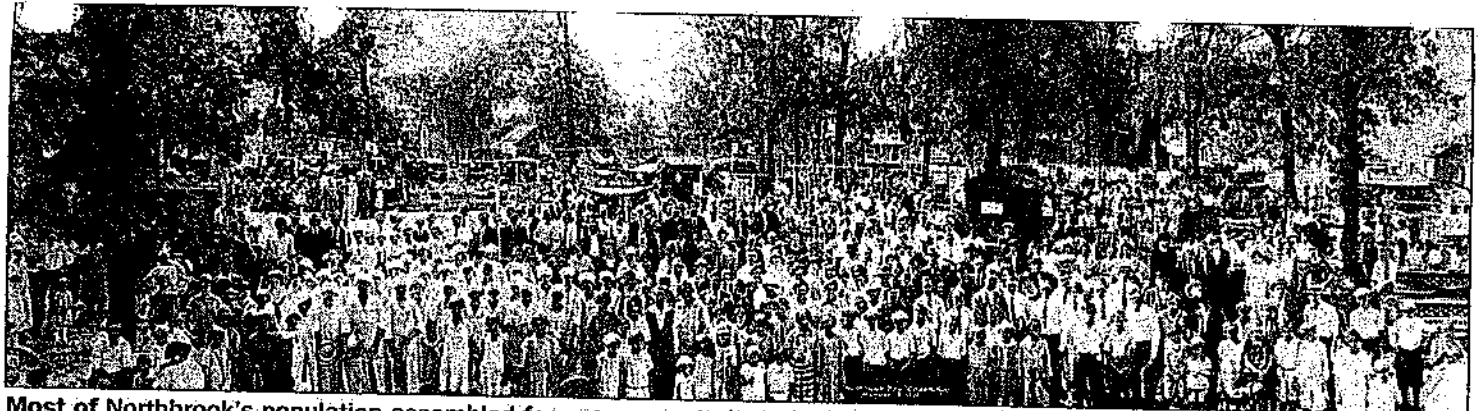
Family reunions, dancing, water fights, ten-cent drinks, parades, happy memories of good times.

This is what Northbrook Days was all about.

What memories will be created this year, at the 50th Northbrook Days, 1974?



An entry in the 1927 parade featured Northbrook Girl Scout Troop 1 under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Bartelme. According to Northbrook News, Aug. 14, 1926, members of the troop were Cameron, Harriet Dahlberg, Margaret Dahlberg, Ruth Hansen, Grace Kodym, Jean McLachlan, Grace Meier, Myrtle Meier, Florence Wilma Melzer, Florence Moeller, Edlyn Mueller, Ethel Paul, and Myrtle Paul. A Brownie Troop met every Wednesday in Northbrook.



Most of Northbrook's population assembled for a group portrait at the first Northbrook Days festival in Barrenscheen's Grove, now Village Green Park, in 1925.

# Northbrook Days marks 75th year

By IRV LEAVITT  
STAFF WRITER

There's at least one thing that hasn't changed in the 75 years that the Northbrook Civic Association has been staging Northbrook Days.

"Civic Foundation people are the kind that are willing to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty," said Fred Feibel, the foundation's historian. "They're not prima donnas."

Another thing that hasn't changed is the ability to raise large amounts of money, and make a big difference with how that money is spent.

The impact of this year's event, which opens Wednesday, may pale in this age of huge government budgets. When Northbrook Days furnished \$20,000 for a new ice resurfacer for the Northbrook Park District's Sports Center, it made a small splash. But there was a much bigger one in 1925, when Civic spent some of the funds from the first Days for a new iron flagpole in the triangle at Walters Avenue and Shermer Road, later to be Northbrook's first official park.



Northbrook's Dancing group performed at 1998's Northbrook Days.

Pioneer Press file photo

said.

Part of the reason for Civic's formerly huge place in the activities of the village is rooted in the early days of Northbrook's predecessor, Shermerville, Northbrook Historical Society President Judy Hughes said. "Of the 35 people who signed the original incorporation pa-

The club started raising funds to foster village progress, but folded in 1911. It was back seven years later as the Citizen's Club of Shermerville, and changed its name to the Northbrook Civic Foundation in 1925 — after first holding the contest that renamed the town.

**Judy Hughes said that although Northbrook Days has always been a big money raiser, the first one in 1925 was an important social event, with most of the town showing up.**

The Citizen's Club put the first, wooden flag staff in the triangle in 1918, and founded the public library the next year. But the real action began in 1925, the year of the first Northbrook Days. Most of the funds from that event were put toward the 1927 construction of the first Village Hall at 2002 Walters Ave. That building is the current

Civic Foundation building. Civic actually built the building twice: after the village let it fall into disrepair, Civic members took it back in 1985 and rehabilitated it for use by the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

Back in 1925, Civic put up street markers, built the Shermer Road sidewalk, and in-

pers, the majority of the village board that was elected (in 1901) weren't among them," she said. "The rest were apparently more conservative people who didn't want to raise taxes."

That's why some civic-minded folks founded the Shermerville Improvement Club in 1907. "There were people who believed the village wasn't moving fast enough," Hughes

## Schedule

**Aug. 4**  
 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Taste of Northbrook Days, all evening.  
 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: The Balloon Picasso & Children's Clown  
 8 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.: Piano player/vocalist Ronnie Rice

**Aug. 5**  
 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.: All rides \$1 each  
 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: The Balloon Picasso & Children's Clown  
 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: 1960s combo The Legends

**Aug. 6**  
 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.: Patrons 75 and older ride free.  
 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.: Bingo (in St. Norbert Gym, Walters and Railroad avenues)  
 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Big John Howell and the US99 Born to Boogie Band

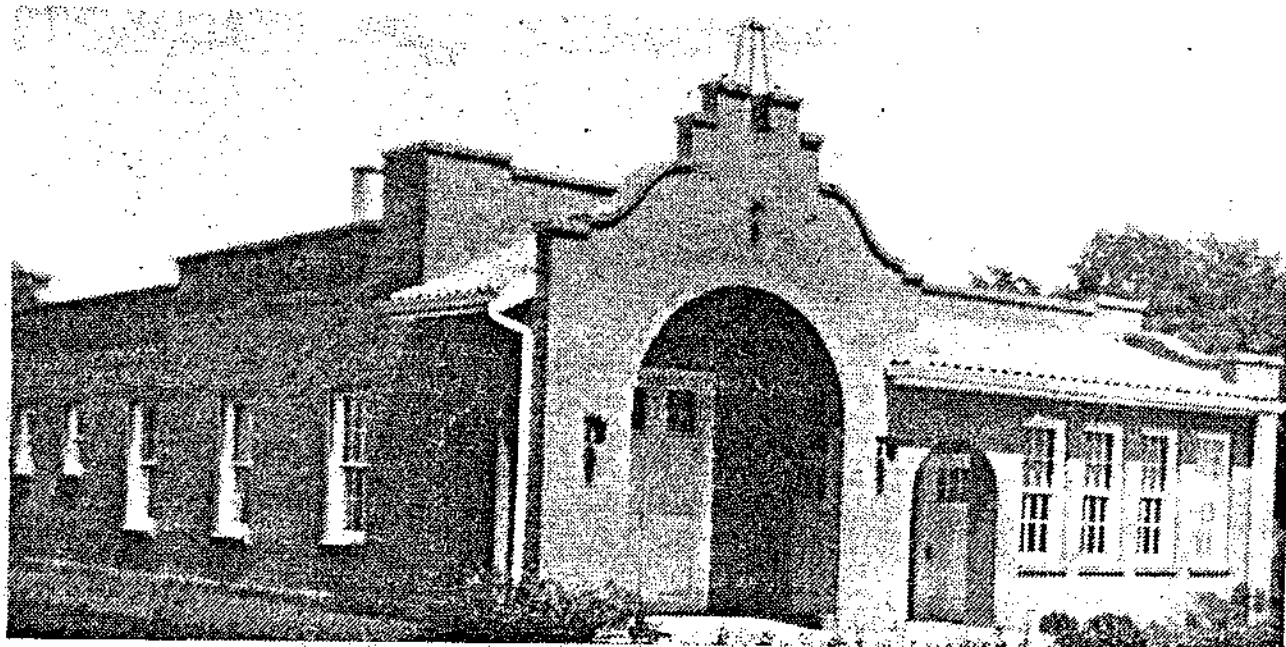
**Aug. 7**  
 Noon to 11 p.m.: Patrons can ride from noon to 5 p.m. for \$12  
 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Petting zoo and ponies  
 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: The Balloon Picasso  
 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Mickey and Minnie Mouse  
 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Air brush face painting  
 2 p.m.: Police dog demonstration  
 5 p.m.: Men's a capella group OW!  
 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Bingo  
 7 p.m.: Bachelor auction  
 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Ides of March rock band

**Aug. 8**  
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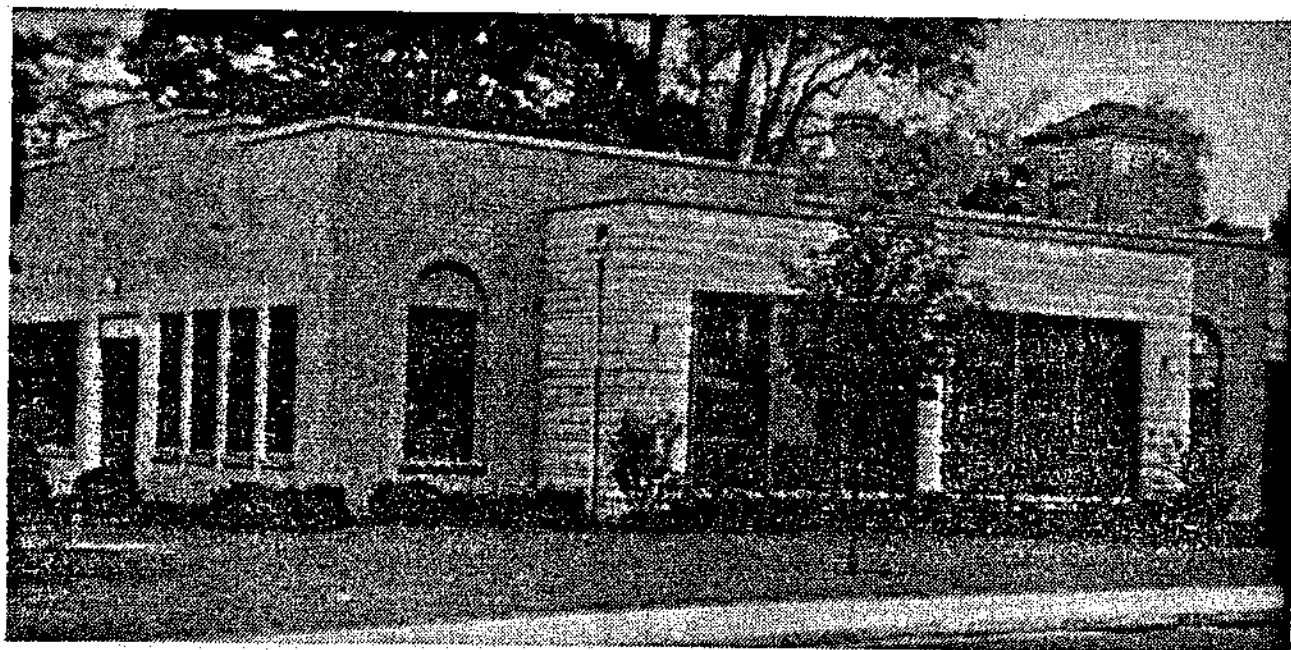
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# Northbrook Civic Building

Original Dedication  
December 2, 1927



Rededicated  
June 29, 1986



# Civic Foundation volunteers and \$\$ fuel renovation

Community spirit and civic pride are alive and well in Northbrook.

Completion this spring of the renovation and conversion of the Northbrook Civic Building into a community center is a tribute to the cooperative efforts of local volunteers, the Civic Foundation and the Village of Northbrook.

Notable is the fact that there were no cost overruns in the \$100,000 matching fund project of the Civic Foundation and the village, due primarily to the more than 3,400 volunteer hours contributed by 50 civic-minded residents.

**THEY PITCHED IN** to transform the sagging and deteriorating 57-year-old structure into an attractive, functional facility with offices and a large meeting room.

Housed in the building are the Civic Foundation, Northbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Northbrook Nurses Club lending closet and North Shore Cable Commission office.

Boy Scout Troops, Northbrook Youth Services and Northbrook Garden Club meet in the building and other organizations are expected to meet there. Kitchen facilities also are available.

**THE CIVIC BUILDING** has a long history in Northbrook. Constructed by the Foundation in 1928, when Northbrook's population was less than 1,000, the building was turned over to the village to house the village hall, fire department, police department, the library and the court house. Several years later, it became the village's first fire station.

The cost at the time was \$7,960, less than today's prices for a home room addition. But even that amount was too high for the Foundation budget, which at that time was less than \$6,000.

To raise the extra money, the organization sold scrip to the community.

In contrast, Civic Foundation's 1985 treasury is well over \$100,000, collecting interest, invested in local banks.

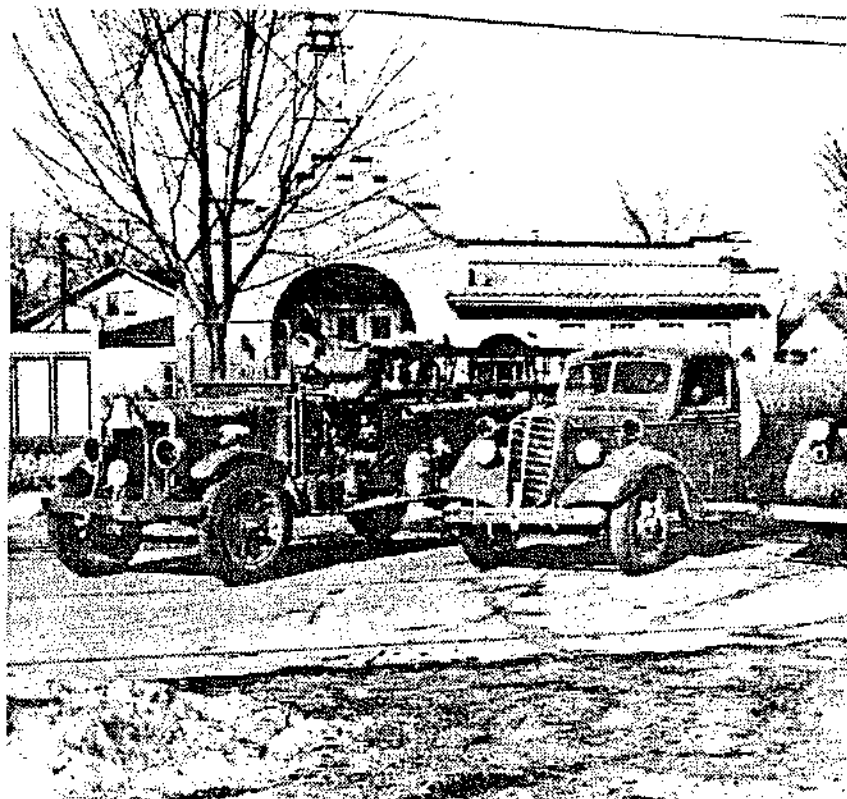
**THE FOUNDATION** was originally established in 1907 as the Shermerville Improvement Club. The current name was adopted in 1925. Since that time the group has given well over \$1 million for improvements within the village.

Since its inception, the organization's contributions have been financed by funds raised at the annual Northbrook Days celebration.

During the days of the Great Depression, money from Northbrook Days helped provide meals for local school children, salaries for school teachers and food baskets for hungry families.

In the fall of 1981, members of the Civic Foundation approached village officials in an effort to regain control and use of the aging Civic Building.

They expressed concern that the municipality was allowing the building to deteriorate, failing to live up to the terms of the gift to maintain the property.



A photo taken in 1945 shows, at left, the first motorized fire truck purchased in 1924; at right is the village's water truck, and both were shown in front of the Civic Building. (Photos courtesy of Fred Feibel)

**THE FOUNDATION'S** Civic Building Committee, headed by Fred Feibel, a former Foundation president, was reactivated and after numerous meetings between village and Foundation committees, the matching fund agreement was finalized in July, 1983. A short time later the actual renovation began.

The presentations to various committees and the meticulous recordkeeping of all aspects of the project were done by Feibel, who, in addition, put in nearly 60 hours of work on the structure.

"We were particularly fortunate to have the capable guidance of Howard Horras, a carpenter, and Marvin Glickman, an electrician, who donated 950 and 450 hours respectively of the more than 3,400 hours of volunteer time required on this phase of the project," said Feibel.

"Also, Northbrook businesses such as Gill Patrick Plumbing, Walter Kruse Decorating and the Levy Co. drywall and decorating firm, have made generous donations of services and materials."

Feibel added that the Civic Foundation received valuable assistance from the village engineering, building and public works departments as well as the Northbrook Park District.

**HE POINTED OUT** that before negotiations to return the building to the Civic Foundation got underway, a group of 13

Glenbrook North High School industrial education students directed by Harry Schwaegerman volunteered for a special project to develop preliminary drawings for the renovation. Civic used these drawings in presentations before the village board.

Among those who were instrumental in getting the project off the ground and in establishing the legal agreement with the village were former village trustee Barry Nekritz, local attorney Joseph Johnson, former village president Gerald Friedman, village trustee and past president of the Civic Foundation Dan Walker, and attorney Dan Reinert, a former chairman of the village Zoning Committee.

At present, office rentals from the Chamber of Commerce and the North Shore Cable Commission go toward the maintenance and operating expenses of the building.

Feibel added that in the future community groups that use the building may be charged a minimal fee, also to be used for the upkeep.

"The Northbrook Civic Building is truly a monument to the past, present and future efforts of individuals working together to improve their community," said Feibel.

## The Civic Foundation

# Shining up old Shermerville

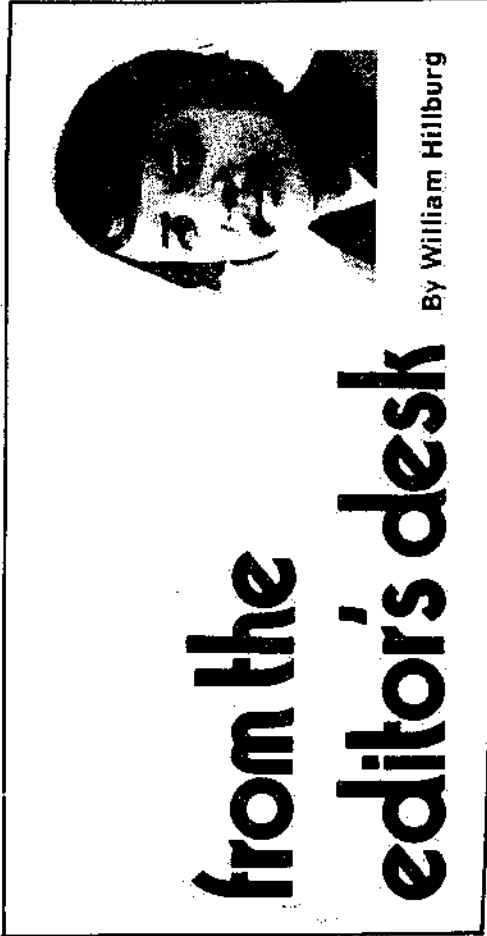
The Northbrook Civic Foundation has grown with the village it serves over the past 56 years. The group has raised and disbursed over a quarter of a million dollars to worthy and disbursed over a quarter of a million dollars to worthy civic projects in that time. The foundation has made Northbrook much more than just another suburb.

Just like the village it serves, the Civic Foundation had humble beginnings.

On July 15, 1918 a small group of residents in the rural community of Shermerville formed the Citizen's Club of Shermerville. J. A. Dunn and E. D. Landwehr were the first officers. The tiny group went to work at once for the village. They erected a service flag and wooded flag pole in Shermerville's triangle. The tradition of service had begun.

**THAT SAME YEAR** the group brought a modicum of culture to the sleepy farm town when it secured a vacant room adjoining the post office for a library. Several planned public events had to be cancelled that year because of the terrible flu epidemic. However, the Citizen's Club turned out in full force for a peace celebration on Nov. 30.

1919 found the club hard at work on a variety of projects. Members approached Andrew Carnegie about their library plans and hired Ekner Schler as the first



New-fangled sidewalks were put in a long with street lights on Shermer Ave.

The newly named Northbrook Civic Association held its first Northbrook Days that summer. Congressman Rotterbone's rhetoric was the chief attraction. Much of the money collected that year went to the construction of a new village hall.

Things were moving in high gear now. The new group got an iron flag pole to replace the wooden one in the triangle. The group also successfully lobbied for an extra train on Saturday. As another step in the march of civilization the Association had a toilet installed at the train station.

**NORTHBROOK WAS ON** its way. So was the Civic Foundation.

In a few weeks we'll be celebrating the 50th commemoration of Northbrook Days. Congressman Rotterbone, God rest his soul, will not be in attendance (although you can be assured of seeing a few friendly politicians). There'll be fun and games for everyone.

But fun is not what's at the heart of Northbrook Days. The funds raised at the event will go to worthy causes just as they did on a surmer day in 1925. Community service is still the backbone of the Civic Foundation, a tradition of caring now over half a century old.

Northbrook's come a long way since that first wooden flag pole was erected in 1918. A great deal of the progress can be attributed to the Civic Foundation.

official change of name took place in 1923. **AFTER A FEW** tough years the Citizen's Club held a reorganization meeting in 1925. That was a big year in the history of the group. It got a brand new name and began an annual activity we celebrate to this day—Northbrook Days.

The group quickly went to work to make the village live up to its' shiny new name. A letter was dashed off to the North Shore Railroad asking that the station name be changed to Northbrook. New land to the east of the tracks was annexed and streets were marked and residences numbered.

librarian. They petitioned the Sanitary Board to drain the disease-producing Skokie swamp area and began lobbying for industry along the village's rail line. In August they threw a hero's welcome for the returning doughboys.

In 1920 the club held a competition that was to have a profound effect on the village. They offered a prize for the best new name submitted for Shermerville. Shermerville was about to hit the big time and the club was going to play a big part.

Needless to say, the winner of the contest submitted the name Northbrook. The

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# Final audit gives tidings of comfort

It's a little hard to cull out the good news as 1975 draws to a close. What with taxes threatening to go up, a fast food franchise slated for the empty field next door and vandals driving across the front lawn the silver lining tends to get a bit obscured.

Most of Northbrook's tidings of comfort can be found in one place. The 1975 ledger books of the Northbrook Civic Foundation reveal that the good news may have just about cancelled out the bad in the year just ending.

The foundation shelled out a grand total of \$142,137 during 1975, a record sum for the philanthropic group. Taking funds collected during the annual Northbrook Days celebration, Civic reinvested the monies in the form of 15 regular project grants, a like number of college scholarships and numerous major undertakings.

WITH THE EXCEPTION of a few ceremonial check passings and a trickle of fan mail to the local paper the civic does its work in relative obscurity. Its members are infinitely more interested in what their giving does than in kudos from the grateful.

The group's first big grant of the year bailed out the Northbrook Historical Society at the 11th hour. You may have noticed a rather large tavern rolling down Sherman Rd. last January. The historic

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## from the editor's desk

By WILLIAM HILLBURG

edifice, dubbed "Northfield Inn" by the heritage minded, was due to become a pile of scrap wood unless it could be moved to a new site. The foundation's \$20,000 interest-free loan put the inn on wheels in the nick of time.

Northbrookers faced with personal tragedy learned about the group's largesse first hand this year. Civic furnished the fire dept and its paramedic teams with life saving equipment, including a coronary telemetric device that transmit a victim's vital signs to the hospital long before he begins his ambulance ride.

The foundation also chipped in for a badly-needed rescue truck and a heat sensing unit for the local smoke eaters. This vital equipment might not have been on the scene if it were not for the group's

brand of home grown philanthropy.

SCHOOL KIDS ALSO got some good news from Civic in 1975. The youngsters at Glenkirk School took their therapy on foundation-donated equipment. Glenbrook North athletes worked out the kinks in their new whirlpool and District 31 students had their vision checked courtesy of the group.

Fifteen Northbrook students got especially good news from the foundation. They headed for college with their tuition partially offset by Civic scholarships.

Other results of the foundations's work can be found all over the village. The nurses' Club's blood pressure testing equipment, those 4th of July fireworks at Meadowhill Park, a boost for the Spartan

Band's trip to Holland, MI and a couple of new storage buildings for the junior baseball league serve as examples.

New groups formed in the village during 1975 were helped through their infancy by the group's giving. Seed money helped the Bicentennial commission get its birthday party plans rolling and the Northbrook Ecumenical Committee on Youth went a long way toward hiring a youth advocate thanks to a Civic grant.

PERHAPS THE MOST remarkable aspect of the foundation's work is the method by which it obtains funds. The group eschews mass mailings and emotional appeals in favor of a less painful approach.

Civic prefers to drum the public while having some fun. The annual Northbrook Days blowout, drawing carnival lovers from throughout the area, fills the foundation's till in a most agreeable way.

When the party's over the reinvestment starts again on a grand scale. Northbrook Days ends up paying dividends much more lasting than a teddy bear premium or a face full of cotton candy.

1976 will probably give birth to its very own litany of problems and needs for the village. But come what may the civic foundation will be on hand to ease the pain. And when the '76 ledgers are examined, there'll be a hole new roll call of good tidings at the bottom line.

December 25, 1975

# Days' dividends are easy to divine

Somebody has been getting rich off "Northbrook Days"; 27,500 somebodies to be exact.

The Northbrook Civic Foundation, sponsors of the annual event inaugurated in 1925, will present the 52d edition of "Northbrook Days" Aug. 12-15 on the Village Green. The four-day extravaganza will feature the familiar gamut of games, rides, prizes and outdoor cuisine.

It may seem that Northbrook has been pretty well "partied out" this summer following the two-day festival that marked the Bicentennial and the village's diamond jubilee. After all, how many days on the midway can a body take?

**BUT THERE'S** A marked contrast between that 20th birthday celebration and the Civic Foundation's upcoming affair. While the 4th commemorated the past, "Northbrook Days" will cast its lot with the future.

The ledger book recently released by Gary Chaney, Civic Foundation president, bears out this fact. The group's books, listing the allocation of funds collected at past "Northbrook Days," serve as a litany of civic and social improvements.

During 1975 the Foundation granted \$142,137 to various community endeavors.

## Your Opinion

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## from the editor's desk

By WILLIAM HILLBURG



To date this year the group has shelled out another \$64,000 to worthy causes. Every penny has been painlessly extracted from the funseekers on "Northbrook Days" Midway.

The Foundation employs a system to regulate its largesse. It invites all comers to seek funds, within certain guidelines. Requests must come from within the community and be expended for projects that will aid the community as a whole. Requests are then screened by Civic Foundation committees.

**CIVIC GRANTS FALL** into three major categories. Topping the list are the group's regular donations, overseen by Foundation member Mike Marzigliano. Grants in this area include funds for recreational groups like the Pony-Colt League and appropriations to schools and the park district to help cover special needs. During 1975 the Foundation made 15 such grants totalling \$15,737.

A second major funding category helps local students cover the rising costs of a college education. These awards, based on need and high academic achievement, include two \$750 tuition grants plus nine scholarships of \$500 each. This year an additional \$1,000 award, commemorating

with other funds will be set for the adult reading room and graphic arts department.

If you've been wondering what those Civic Foundation folks have been doing with their "Northbrook Days" boodle all you have to do is ask around. Ask the fire dept. where they got that Hurst Hydraulic Rescue Tool that helps free accident victims from twisted wrecks. Ask the Northbrook Historical Society how they ever got their Northfield Inn moved from a date with oblivion to a site on Walters Av.

While you're making your inquiries be sure to query members of the Glenbrook North Spartan Band on how they financed their highly successful trip to the Holland (Mich.) Tulip Festival. Pin down the Northbrook Nurses Club when they hold their next free blood pressure tests as to where they got the wherewithall for the testing instruments.

You'll get a standard answer to these and other queries around the village. All of these civic-minded benefits were raked off the midway during "Northbrook Days." Of course there are other ways for civic and governmental entities to acquire these accoutrements that add to the village's quality of life. Worthy causes could drum the public individually with an unending series of fund raising drives. Governmental units could merely tack on an additional tariff to the annual tax bills paid by homeowners.

But the Northbrook Civic Foundation has come up with a unique vehicle to circumvent these traditional methods. They'll hold their annual four-day collection starting Aug. 12 on the Village Green when residents line the midway to vie for stuffed animals, nifty glassware, donated merchandise prizes and full bellies. Northbrookers will never know what hit them until the civic benefits start rolling in once again.

Mark Doud, the slain son of Joe Doud, park district manager, has been added to the scholarship effort. Jo Reusch, who plans to major in medicine, was the initial winner of the Doud memorial grant.

When major needs arise in the community the Foundation gears up its third form of philanthropy. During 1975 the group's major projects ledger listed expenditures for the first and second phases of the Village Green rejuvenation project, a new rescue truck for the Northbrook Fire Dept.'s paramedics and a \$35,000 grant to refurbish the village hall.

To date in 1978 the Foundation has earmarked funds for three more major efforts in the community. The Village Green's rejuvenation will have some light shed on it under a grant to upgrade the park's electrical system. Future Northbrookers will have it made in the shade thanks to the village's Bicentennial Tree Planting Program seeded by the Foundation with \$10,000 in matching funds.

**THE NORTHBROOK** Public Library and its patrons are also slated to benefit from a major Civic Foundation project this year. A \$25,000 grant has been approved to purchase sound and other equipment for the new library auditorium

## The Civic Foundation

# The fight against 'fear itself'

The Great Depression was no stranger to Northbrook. Banks failed, jobs were lost and public institutions faced financial disaster. The period of 1929-1936 was a bad time in Northbrook. It could have been a lot worse had it not been for the efforts of the Northbrook Civic Foundation.

A lot of communities in this country found themselves destitute during the Depression. Many of them had to wait for the federal government to come in and pick up the shattered pieces again. Here in Northbrook local citizens took it upon themselves to return things to normal. The heroic efforts of the Civic Foundation took on F.D.R.'s now famous "fear itself."

In 1929 the group contributed \$1,000 to the local schools because no taxes were being paid. The teachers would not have been paid that year had it not been for the Civic Foundation. The foundation also began to aid the growing number of distressed families in the village.

IN 1931 THE group announced that all available funds would be conserved for charitable purposes. The group also began to purchase school teachers' orders. The teachers were being paid in locally redeemable script that year as all the money for salaries had run out. The foundation backed up this script so that the teachers could make necessary purchases in the village.

In 1932 the group allocated \$1.25 per person each week to two especially hard-hit families. In this darkest year of the

to the village. Northbrook, with the help of the Civic Foundation, had looked "fear itself" right in the eye and had beaten it.

In these affluent times it's hard to imagine the deprivations of the Great Depression. The Northbrook we know today is a high income village of the "good life". Today's Civic Foundation augments that good life with thousands of dollars worth of contributions to worthy causes.

Cynics might write off a group like the Northbrook Civic Foundation as just another group of affluent philanthropists. A quick look at history proves them wrong. Back during our darkest hour in the '30's this outstanding group rose to the occasion. In a spirit of sacrifice and brotherhood the group came to the aid of its distressed community.

That same spirit drives the Northbrook Civic Foundation to this day.



By William Hillburg

## from the editor's desk

depression the group also donated funds to pay for the school children's meals. Christmas that year was a little brighter when the Foundation brought around baskets for the needy.

In 1933 and 1934 the group followed the New Deal's lead and embarked on locally financed WPA-type projects. The unemployed were put to work planting trees and other greenery around the village. The foundation paid for the decorations and salaries out of its own funds.

1935 had a few shocks of its own. A local bank closed and over \$1,000 in deposits was wiped out. A survey conducted by the foundation revealed that a shocking 40

percent of the school children were underweight and that many families were destitute. Despite all the setbacks, the foundation went ahead. It sent poor boys to scout camp and brought Santa Claus to a lot of hungry homes for yet another year.

FOR THE REST of that decade the foundation continued to serve the community. Each year the group held its "Northbrook Days" celebration to raise the necessary funds. More often than not members reached into their own pockets to come up with money for emergencies.

Northbrook moved out of the Depression with the coming of World War II. The post war years brought prosperity and growth



Ralph Sieber photo

Artist Dennis Downes, 49, brought \$275 from top bidder Gloria Geis at Saturday's benefit bachelor auction. Auctioneer Ron Bernardi stands between them.

## Guys on block raise \$4,700

By IRV LEAVITT  
STAFF WRITER

Duke was the king at the Northbrook Days bachelor auction Saturday night.

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Ralph Sieber photo

Philip "Duke" Hillinger, 40, wasn't among the original 25 men to be auctioned off as dates to willing ladies, but the walk-on mugged and danced onstage, driving several ladies to outbid each other. Top bidder Elizabeth Flood paid \$550 for Hillinger, an independent television producer and long-time resident, after spirited competition with several other ladies.

Auctioneer Ron Bernardi said 27 men brought \$4,700 into the coffers of the Civic Foundation, compared to about \$3,000 in 1999, its first year. The older men were, in general, the top money earners, with several men in their 20s bringing in only \$25.

Bernardi, the operator of Northbrook's Sunset Foods grocery, sounded like he was describing the difference between aged Parmesano Reggiano and last week's domestic stuff when he explained the comparative

Scott Bush, 21, a construction worker and on-call Northbrook firefighter, was purchased for \$100 at Saturday's Northbrook Days bachelor auction by Gina Mangarelli. She said she was buying him as a gift for her 19-year-old big sister.

earning power of young versus seasoned males. "We had a greater inventory of younger guys," he said. "It's supply and demand. The more vintage guys are a little scarcer, and we tend to get more bucks for them."

Since all the dates came with donated \$50 dinners at local restaurants and an armful of roses, those who bid only \$25 made out like bandits, Bernardi said. They wind up getting paid to go out on the town.

**NORTHBROOK DAYS  
BACHELOR AUCTION**

*August 4, 2001      6pm-7:15pm  
Village Green   -   Northbrook*

**NAME:**

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**AGE:**

**OCCUPATION:**

**HOBBIES & INTERESTS:**

*Ron Bernardi – Sunset Foods – phone (847) 272-7700 – fax (847) 272-9910*

# One of village's pillars gets Foundation award

By IRV LEAVITT  
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Northbrook Civic Foundation gave its highest annual honor to Don Hintz, a man near the center of the village's effort to rediscover and preserve its roots for a quarter-century.

The winner of the 1997 Foundation Award was praised by Civic's Fred Feibel for leading the fund-raising drive to move the old North-

field Inn from its Waukegan Road perch of almost a century to 1776 Walters Ave., where it became the home of the Northbrook Historical Society. Hintz also chaired the 1976 Northbrook Heritage Committee to prepare the village's celebration of the national bicentennial.

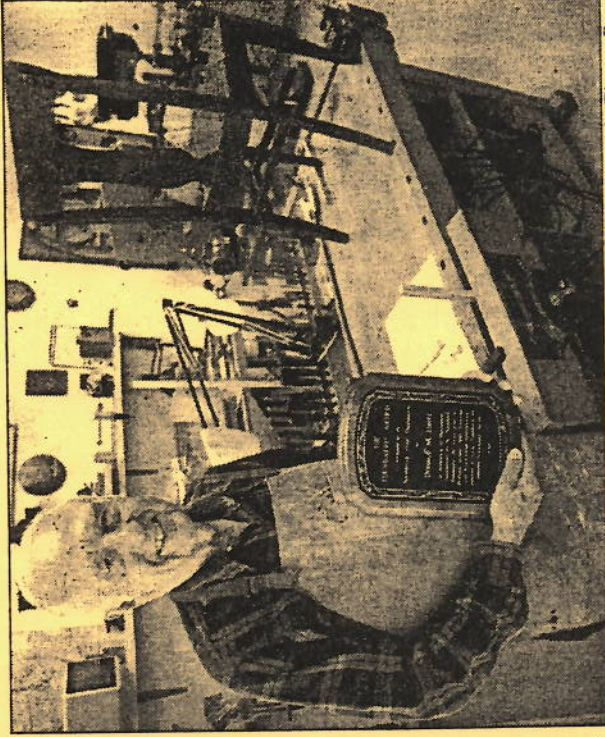
Hintz, a skilled woodworker, said he has never gone the crafts-sale route, but instead filled his beloved Northfield Inn with furniture

and ornament. He also has done considerable free work for the Village Presbyterian Church.

"What's my time worth?" he asks. "I finished a chair, and figure this thing took me 43 hours to do. At \$10 an hour, that's \$430. It doesn't look like it's worth \$430 to me. So why don't I just give it to someone who can use it?"

After a 42-year career at Northbrook's Culligan International, he completed that company's voluminous history, a 687-page tome some say contains more Northbrook history than any other book ever written.

Hintz created the popular historical slide show "Shermerville Then ... Northbrook Now," for the Heritage Committee, and he and his former Northbrook School teacher Ray Etherton still present it regularly to school children and community groups. Hintz also created the brick



Marina Samovsky/Pioneer Press

**Don M. Hintz takes a break in his wood-working room to show off the Foundation award Northbrook Civic has given him for a lifetime of service to the village.**

and stone monument to the Northbrook School that stands outside the building at 1000 Waukegan Road, converted to the village's Crestwood Place nursing home in 1986.

Hintz is now a delegate to the Village's new Centennial

Committee, which will meet next at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28 at Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane.

Hintz believes one of the best things that could come out of the 2001 Shermerville/

Northbrook centennial celebration (Continued on page 18)

# NORTHBROOK CIVIC FOUNDATION

by Fred Feibel, Vice President

The story of Northbrook's seventy-five years of growth and development is, in many respects, a history of the Northbrook Civic Foundation.

According to the August 14, 1926 edition of the Northbrook News, Civic's earliest roots stem from "an interest in community improvement and development that first took active form in the organization of the Shermerville Improvement Club in January, 1907." Headed by W.J. Bulow, president; B.J. Freese, vice-president; R. Lauer, secretary and L. Schinleber, treasurer, the Club's objective was "to actively promote, by the united efforts of the citizens, the material interests of the village and comfort and welfare of the inhabitants."

Although the spark of community development had been struck, the flame flickered out in 1911 and did not burn brightly until 1918. At that time, according to handwritten minutes, "interested citizens having in mind the idea of adopting ways and means of forming some kind of an organization or club which would tend to promote improvements and bring about such conditions which would be of interest to the Village of Shermerville" met in the Public School on July 15, 1918. As a result of this meeting, the Citizen's Club of Shermerville was formed with Dr. J.A. Dunn as president; E.D. Landwehr, vice-president; W.R. Landwehr, treasurer; and G. W. Schick, secretary.

Beginning with the erection of a village flag pole to honor the WW I servicemen, the Citizen's Club established a tradition of public service which has continued to this day. Between 1918-1920, the Club's early projects included landscaping the triangle at Shermer & Walters where the new flag pole had been erected, creation of a public reading room (forerunner to the Public Library), petitioning of the Sanitary Board to drain the disease-producing Skokie swamp area, home coming celebrations for the returning veterans, and, in the 1920's, sponsorship of a "Village Name" contest resulted in the official adoption of "Northbrook" as the new village name on January 8, 1923.

In 1925, the Citizen's Club was reorganized as the Northbrook Civic Association, and on Saturday, August 19, 1925 the first "Northbrook Day" celebration was held in the Barrenscheen Grove (now Village Green park). Although the concept of raising funds for civic improvements through a village-wide event was not uncommon in this area in the 20's, Northbrook's annual event has become extremely unique as a survivor from another era which continues to make substantial contributions to the community.

Examples of these contributions, both large and small, abound throughout the village. During the 20's and 30's, funds raised in this manner were used to

install sidewalks and street lights, purchase the village's first motorized fire engine, and build the first Village Hall at 2002 Walters Avenue (now a Public Works garage). During the Depression years, Northbrook Day's funds provided meals for local school children, partial salaries for teachers and food baskets for needy families. In 1934, Civic combined its concern for village improvement and public welfare by financing a local WPA-type project to plant over 600 elm trees along village streets.

Many of Civic's accomplishments did not involve expenditures of Northbrook Day's funds. Civic's Public Improvement committee was instrumental in the establishment of local governmental units such as the Park District, High School District and Public Library. Civic also encouraged the Milwaukee Road to improve Northbrook's station facilities and to provide protection at grade crossings. State and county bodies were also petitioned to provide traffic signals at dangerous village intersections. In 1946, Civic was also instrumental in getting the U.S. Postal Service to begin home mail delivery in Northbrook.

During the 50's, Civic showed its continuing support for a "village reading room" by constructing a new library building at Shermer and Church streets (now a medical building), and in 1960, Civic again financed an addition to the building. In a similar manner, Civic has raised and reinvested almost a half-million dollars in community development through grants to the Park District, the School Districts, the Fire Department and a wide variety of community organizations.

Some of Civic's most recent major contributions include the following: In 1970, Audio/Visual center for the library (\$11,560); in 1971, playground equipment for West Park (\$15,000); in 1972, Memorial Garden (\$5,000), and Listening Center for library (\$8,500); in 1973, Paramedic ambulance for the Fire Department (\$20,000); in 1974, Cardiac Telemetry system for the Fire Department (\$7,500) and a grant to the Northbrook Historical Society (\$5,000); in 1975, complete regeneration of the Village Green Park (\$45,000), new Rescue Vehicle for Fire Department (\$40,000), and new furnishings and equipment for village hall (\$35,000); and in 1976, a village reforestation program (\$10,000), and furnishings and equipment for Public Library (\$25,000). In addition to these projects, Civic has also awarded \$29,400 in scholarships to local students since 1970.

After reviewing this brief summary of Civic's role in the history of Northbrook, our residents can be justifiably proud of the accomplishments which their support of Northbrook Days has made possible.

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# memories of 50 Northbrook Days

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The Northbrook Days celebration in 1927 offered a spectacular display of wagons, floats, and costumed entrants. Mr. and Mrs. Levy Schinleber donned their Sunday best and rode in their wagon. Mr. Schinleber served as treasurer of the Shermerville Improvement Club, forerunner of the Northbrook Civic Foundation, when it was organized in 1907. The photos are from the album belonging to Mrs. Alive Kiest Voltz.

and groom." According to Mr. Wessling,  
all the organizations in town  
participated in the parade, including the  
Modern Woodmen, whose entry was a  
truck loaded with logs.

The Aug. 14, 1926, issue of the  
Northbrook News described the Modern  
Woodmen as being organized in 1899.  
"During the 27 years of its existence,  
eight of these men have gone to their  
great beyond, viz: M. Dieck, L.  
OeVere, Ed. Jannes, B. C. Bestor,  
Pete Auguard, C. Rickwardt, H.  
Rosenow and W. F. Ahrens leaving  
insurance to their beneficiaries to the  
amount of \$11,000, beside the fraternal  
protection and good fellowship which is  
always created by this organization."

The Village blacksmith, John  
McLachlan, whose shop adjoined the  
Northbrook Garage, always took an  
active part in Northbrook activities. His  
daughter, Jean McLachlan Bohannon,  
remembers the water fights with the  
fire departments of other towns, which  
were held in the street in front of the  
present post office.

"They stretched a cable high over  
the street with a barrel suspended and  
two teams would try to move the barrel  
to the opposite end of the cable with  
water from the hoses," Jean says. "But  
of course the big thing when I was young  
was the dancing. Bands always drew  
large crowds at the Northbrook Days."

Ruth Meier Clavey agrees that  
dancing was the highlight of the evening.  
"Everyone went to all the carnivals in  
the surrounding towns just for the  
dancing. Nine-piece orchestras would  
come out from Chicago and play. Our  
dance floor was the largest and the best  
in the area," Ruth says.

"My friends from the city came out  
for the weekend because Northbrook  
Days was so great. We always had a  
houseful of guests over the weekend."

From 1937 to 1940, Harold Werhane  
served as president of the Civic Assn.,  
now known as the Civic Foundation.  
During his office, Northbrook Day was  
extended to two days to accommodate  
the large crowds of celebrants.

"The Northbrook Day celebration  
was always held in the Barrenschien  
Grove, which was later purchased by the  
Park District for the Village Green.

"Except for one year," Harold  
continues, "when the brook overflowed  
and the area was under water. We had to  
move all the booths and games down to a  
field along Waukegan Rd."

Tom Adams came to Northbrook in  
1936 and operated a drugstore for many

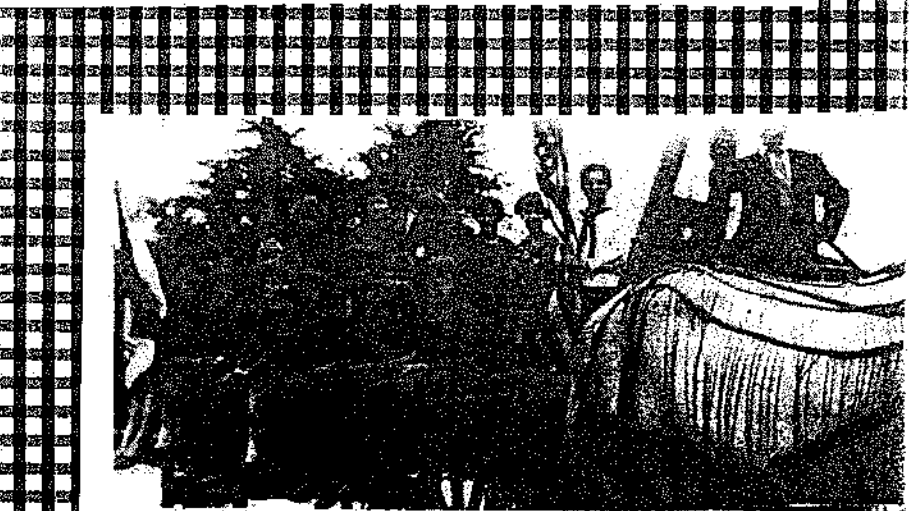
years on Shermer Ave. He and his crew  
ran the refreshment booth at  
Northbrook Days for many years and  
sold bottles of soft drinks for 10 cents.

"The most popular flavors were  
Coke, orange, lemon, and root beer,"  
Tom relates. "We got the pop from the  
Arlington Beverage Co. Since we had no  
refrigeration, we kept the pop cold in  
metal washtubs filled with ice."

Family reunions, dancing, water  
fights, ten-cent drinks, parades, happy  
memories of good times.

This is what Northbrook Days was  
all about.

What memories will be created this  
year, at the 50th Northbrook Days, 1974?



An entry in the 1927 parade featured Northbrook Girl Scout Troop 1 under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Bartelme. According to the Northbrook News, Aug. 14, 1926, members of the troop were Helen Cameron, Harriet Dahlberg, Margaret Dahlberg, Ruth Hans, Florence Kodym, Jean McLachlan, Grace Meier, Myrtle Meier, Ruth and Wilma Meizer, Florence Moeller, Edlyn Mueller, Ethel Paul, and Myrtle Paul. A Brownie Troop met every Wednesday in Mrs. Bartelme's home. Those members were Jean Bartelme, Wilma Boeye, Susan Carstetter, Lucy Ann Dunn, Mabel Funke, Muriel Hans, Helen Kiest, and Virginia Wessling.



Most of Northbrook's population assembled for a group portrait at the first Northbrook Days festival in Barrenscheen's Grove, now Village Green Park, in 1925.

# Northbrook Days marks 75th year

By IRV LEAVITT  
STAFF WRITER

There's at least one thing that hasn't changed in the 75 years that the Northbrook Civic Association has been staging Northbrook Days.

"Civic Foundation people are the kind that are willing to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty," said Fred Feibel, the foundation's historian. "They're not prima donnas."

Another thing that hasn't changed is the ability to raise large amounts of money, and make a big difference with how that money is spent.

The impact of this year's event, which opens Wednesday, may pale in this age of huge government budgets. When Northbrook Days furnished \$20,000 for a new ice resurfacer for the Northbrook Park District's Sports Center, it made a small splash. But there was a much bigger one in 1925, when Civic spent some of the funds from the first Days for a new iron flagpole in the triangle at Walters Avenue and Shermer Road, later to be Northbrook's first official park.

Part of the reason for Civic's formerly huge place in the activities of the village is rooted in the early days of Northbrook's predecessor, Shermerville, Northbrook Historical Society President Judy Hughes said. "Of the 35 people who signed the original incorporation pa-



Northbrook's Dancing group performed at 1998's Northbrook Days.

Pioneer Press file photo

said.

The club started raising funds to foster village progress, but folded in 1911. It was back seven years later as the Citizen's Club of Shermerville, and changed its name to the Northbrook Civic Foundation in 1925 — after first holding the contest that renamed the town.

The Citizen's Club put the first, wooden flag staff in the triangle in 1918, and founded the public library the next year. But the real action began in 1925, the year of the first Northbrook Days. Most of the funds from that event were put toward the 1927 construction of the first Village Hall at 2002 Walters Ave. That building is the current Civic Foundation building. Civic actually built the building twice: after the village let it fall into disrepair, Civic members took it back in 1985 and rehabilitated it for use by the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

Back in 1925, Civic put up street markers, built the Shermer Road sidewalk, and in-

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**Judy Hughes said that although Northbrook Days has always been a big money raiser, the first one in 1925 was an important social event, with most of the town showing up.**

pers, the majority of the village board that was elected (in 1901) weren't among them," she said. "The rest were apparently more conservative people who didn't want to raise taxes."

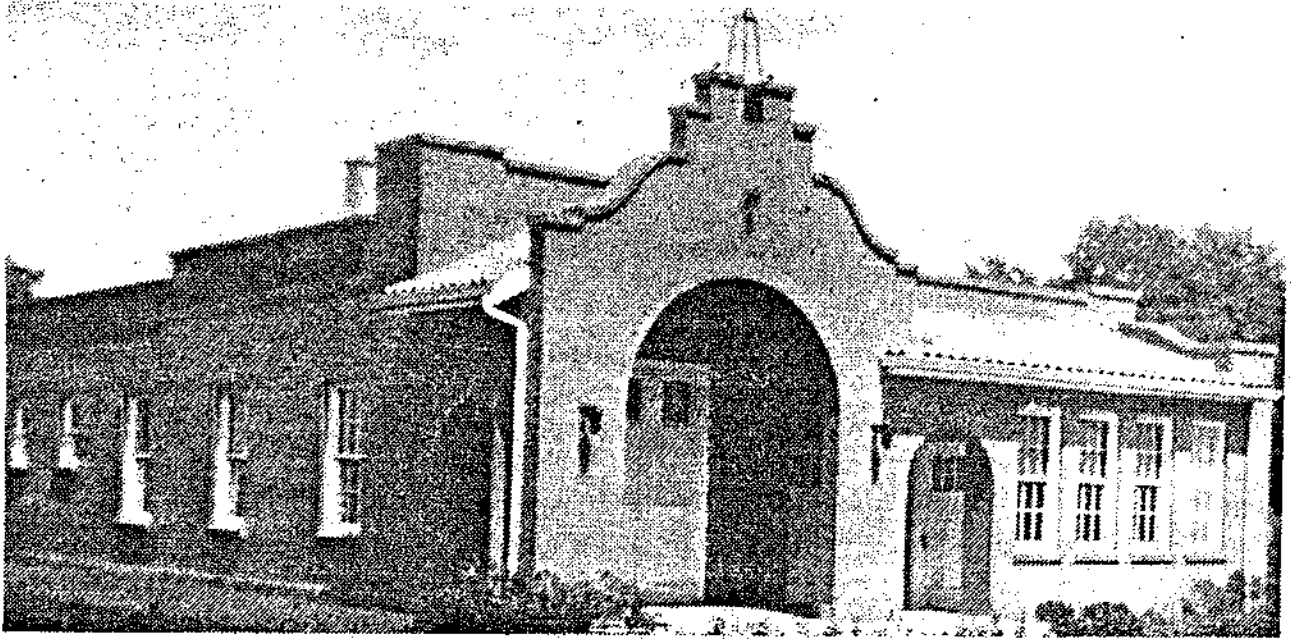
That's why some civic-minded folks founded the Shermerville Improvement Club in 1907. "There were people who believed the village wasn't moving fast enough," Hughes

## Schedule

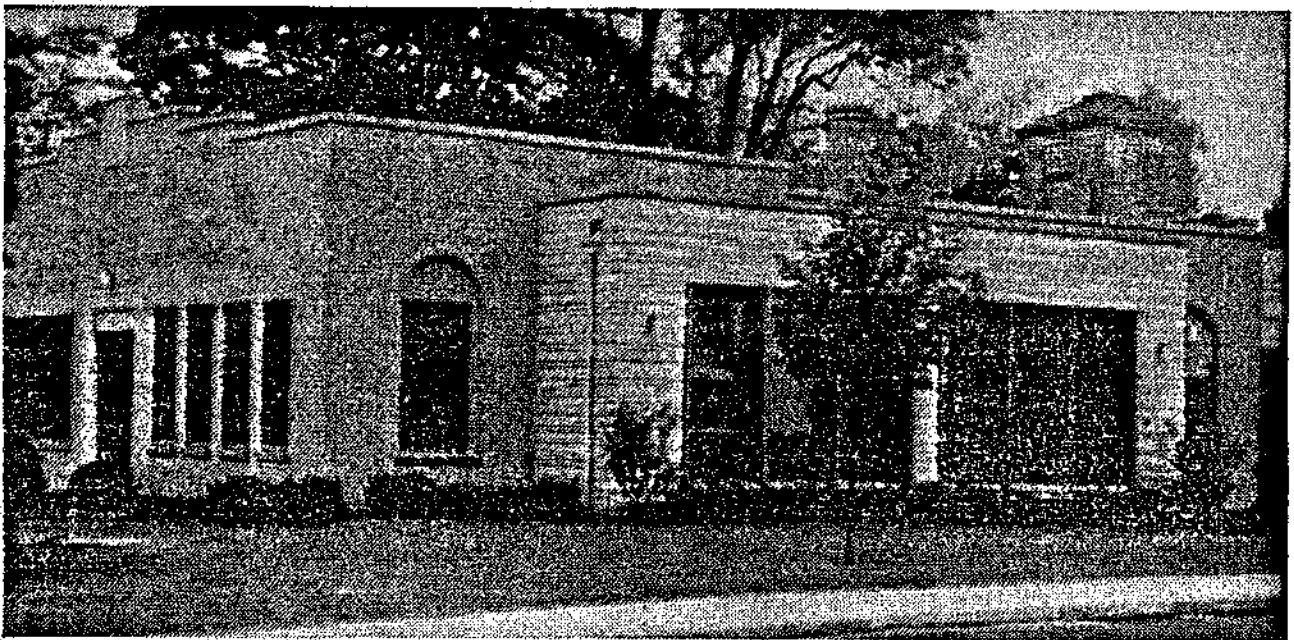
- Aug. 4**
  - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Taste of Northbrook Days, all evening
  - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: The Balloon Picasso & Children's Clown
  - 8 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.: Piano player/vocalist Ronnie Rice
- Aug. 5**
  - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.: All rides \$1 each
  - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: The Balloon Picasso & Children's Clown
  - 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: 1960s combo The Legends
- Aug. 6**
  - 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.: Patrons 75 and older ride free.
  - 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.: Bingo (in St. Norbert Gym, Walters and Railroad avenues)
  - 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Big John Howell and the US99 Born to Boogie Band
- Aug. 7**
  - Noon to 11 p.m.: Patrons can ride from noon to 5 p.m. for \$12
  - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Petting zoo and ponies
  - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: The Balloon Picasso
  - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Mickey and Minnie Mouse
  - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Air brush face painting
  - 2 p.m.: Police dog demonstration
  - 5 p.m.: Men's a capella group OW!
  - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Bingo
  - 7 p.m.: Bachelor auction
  - 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Ides of March rock band
- Aug. 8**
  - 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Patrons (Continued on page 11)

# Northbrook Civic Building

Original Dedication  
December 2, 1927



Rededicated  
June 29, 1986



# Civic Foundation volunteers and \$\$ fuel renovation

Community spirit and civic pride are alive and well in Northbrook.

Completion this spring of the renovation and conversion of the Northbrook Civic Building into a community center is a tribute to the cooperative efforts of local volunteers, the Civic Foundation and the Village of Northbrook.

Notable is the fact that there were no cost overruns in the \$100,000 matching fund project of the Civic Foundation and the village, due primarily to the more than 3,400 volunteer hours contributed by 50 civic-minded residents.

**THEY PITCHED IN** to transform the sagging and deteriorating 57-year-old structure into an attractive, functional facility with offices and a large meeting room.

Housed in the building are the Civic Foundation, Northbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Northbrook Nurses Club lending closet and North Shore Cable Commission office.

Boy Scout Troops, Northbrook Youth Services and Northbrook Garden Club meet in the building and other organizations are expected to meet there. Kitchen facilities also are available.

**THE CIVIC BUILDING** has a long history in Northbrook. Constructed by the Foundation in 1928, when Northbrook's population was less than 1,000, the building was turned over to the village to house the village hall, fire department, police department, the library and the court house. Several years later, it became the village's first fire station.

The cost at the time was \$7,960, less than today's prices for a home room addition. But even that amount was too high for the Foundation budget, which at that time was less than \$6,000.

To raise the extra money, the organization sold scrip to the community.

In contrast, Civic Foundation's 1985 treasury is well over \$100,000, collecting interest, invested in local banks.

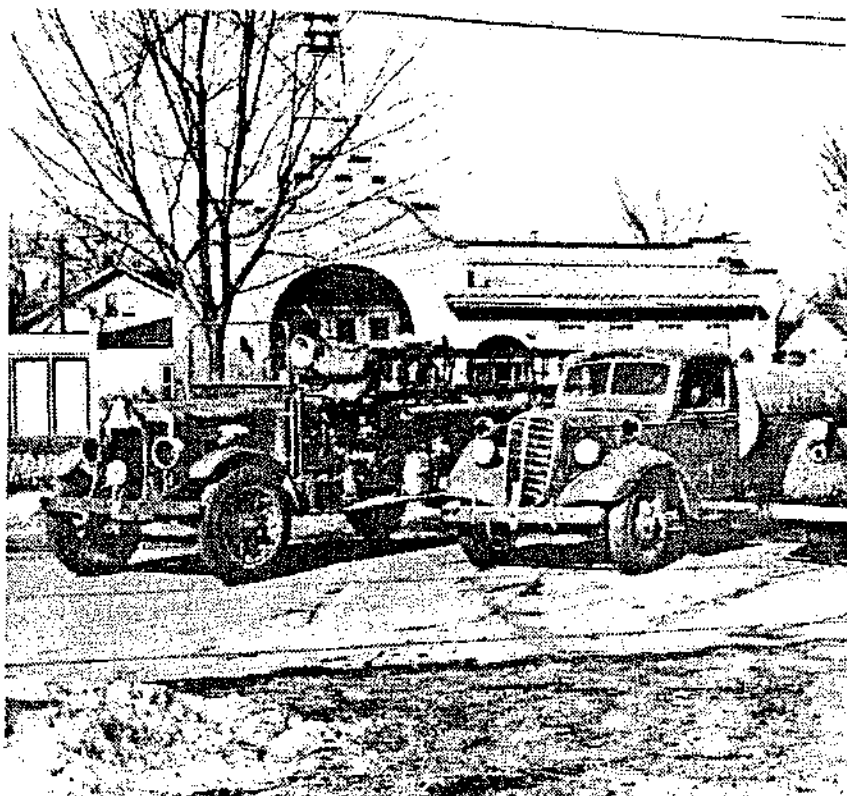
**THE FOUNDATION** was originally established in 1907 as the Shermerville Improvement Club. The current name was adopted in 1925. Since that time the group has given well over \$1 million for improvements within the village.

Since its inception, the organization's contributions have been financed by funds raised at the annual Northbrook Days celebration.

During the days of the Great Depression, money from Northbrook Days helped provide meals for local school children, salaries for school teachers and food baskets for hungry families.

In the fall of 1981, members of the Civic Foundation approached village officials in an effort to regain control and use of the aging Civic Building.

They expressed concern that the municipality was allowing the building to deteriorate, failing to live up to the terms of the gift to maintain the property.



A photo taken in 1945 shows, at left, the first motorized fire truck purchased in 1924; at right is the village's water truck, and both were shown in front of the Civic Building. (Photos courtesy of Fred Feibel)

**THE FOUNDATION'S** Civic Building Committee, headed by Fred Feibel, a former Foundation president, was reactivated and after numerous meetings between village and Foundation committees, the matching fund agreement was finalized in July, 1983. A short time later the actual renovation began.

The presentations to various committees and the meticulous recordkeeping of all aspects of the project were done by Feibel, who, in addition, put in nearly 60 hours of work on the structure.

"We were particularly fortunate to have the capable guidance of Howard Horras, a carpenter, and Marvin Glickman, an electrician, who donated 950 and 450 hours respectively of the more than 3,400 hours of volunteer time required on this phase of the project," said Feibel.

"Also, Northbrook businesses such as Gill Patrick Plumbing, Walter Kruse Decorating and the Levy Co. drywall and decorating firm, have made generous donations of services and materials."

Feibel added that the Civic Foundation received valuable assistance from the village engineering, building and public works departments as well as the Northbrook Park District.

**HE POINTED OUT** that before negotiations to return the building to the Civic Foundation got underway, a group of 13

Glenbrook North High School industrial education students directed by Harry Schwaegerman volunteered for a special project to develop preliminary drawings for the renovation. Civic used these drawings in presentations before the village board.

Among those who were instrumental in getting the project off the ground and in establishing the legal agreement with the village were former village trustee Barry Nekritz, local attorney Joseph Johnson, former village president Gerald Friedman, village trustee and past president of the Civic Foundation Dan Walker, and attorney Dan Reinert, a former chairman of the village Zoning Committee.

At present, office rentals from the Chamber of Commerce and the North Shore Cable Commission go toward the maintenance and operating expenses of the building.

Feibel added that in the future community groups that use the building may be charged a minimal fee, also to be used for the upkeep.

"The Northbrook Civic Building is truly a monument to the past, present and future efforts of individuals working together to improve their community," said Feibel.

## The Civic Foundation

# Shining up old Shermerville

The Northbrook Civic Foundation has grown with the village it serves over the past 56 years. The group has raised and disbursed over a quarter of a million dollars to worthy and disbursed over a quarter of a million dollars to worthy civic projects in that time. The foundation has made Northbrook much more than just another suburb.

Just like the village it serves, the Civic Foundation had humble beginnings.

On July 15, 1918 a small group of residents in the rural community of Shermerville formed the Citizen's Club of Shermerville, forerunner of the present foundation. J. A. Dunn and E. D. Landwehr were the first officers. The tiny group went to work at once for the village. They erected a service flag and wooded flag pole in Shermerville's triangle. The tradition of service had begun.

**THAT SAME YEAR** the group brought a modicum of culture to the sleepy farm town when it secured a vacant room adjoining the post office for a library. Several planned public events had to be cancelled that year because of the terrible flu epidemic. However, the Citizen's Club turned out in full force for a peace celebration on Nov. 30.

1919 found the club hard at work on a variety of projects. Members approached Andrew Carnegie about their library plans and hired Elmer Schler as the first

New-fangled sidewalks were put in a long with street lights on Shermer Ave.

The newly named Northbrook Civic Association held its first Northbrook Days that summer. Congressman Rotterbone's rhetoric was the chief attraction. Much of the money collected that year went to the construction of a new village hall.

Things were moving in high gear now. The new group got an iron flag pole to replace the wooden one in the triangle. The group also successfully lobbied for an extra train on Saturday. As another step in the march of civilization the Association had a toilet installed at the train station.

**NORTHBROOK WAS ON** its way. So was the Civic Foundation.

In a few weeks we'll be celebrating the 50th commemoration of Northbrook Days. Congressman Rotterbone, God rest his soul, will not be in attendance (although you can be assured of seeing a few friendly politicians). There'll be fun and games for everyone.

But fun is not what's at the heart of Northbrook Days. The funds raised at the event will go to worthy causes just as they did on a summer day in 1925. Community service is still the backbone of the Civic Foundation, a tradition of caring now over half a century old.

Northbrook's come a long way since that first wooden flag pole was erected in 1918. A great deal of the progress can be attributed to the Civic Foundation.



By William Hillburg

## from the editor's desk

librarian. They petitioned the Sanitary Board to drain the disease-producing Skokie swamp area and began lobbying for industry along the village's rail line. In August they threw a hero's welcome for the returning doughboys.

In 1920 the club held a competition that was to have a profound effect on the village. They offered a prize for the best new name submitted for Shermerville. Shermerville was about to hit the big time and the club was going to play a big part.

Needless to say, the winner of the contest submitted the name Northbrook. The

official change of name took place in 1923.

**AFTER A FEW** tough years the Citizen's Club held a reorganization meeting in 1925. That was a big year in the history of the group. It got a brand new name and began an annual activity we celebrate to this day—Northbrook Days.

The group quickly went to work to make the village live up to its' shiny new name. A letter was dashed off to the North Shore Railroad asking that the station name be changed to Northbrook. New land to the east of the tracks was annexed and streets were marked and residences numbered.

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# Final audit gives tidings of comfort

It's a little hard to cull out the good news as 1975 draws to a close. What with taxes threatening to go up, a fast food franchise slated for the empty field next door and vandals driving across the front lawn the silver lining tends to get a bit obscured.

Most of Northbrook's tidings of comfort can be found in one place. The 1975 ledger books of the Northbrook Civic Foundation reveal that the good news may have just about cancelled out the bad in the year just ending.

The foundation shelled out a grand total of \$142,137 during 1975, a record sum for the philanthropic group. Taking funds collected during the annual Northbrook Days celebration, Civic reinvested the monies in the form of 15 regular project grants, a like number of college scholarships and numerous major undertakings.

**WITH THE EXCEPTION** of a few ceremonial check passings and a trickle of fan mail to the local paper the civic does its work in relative obscurity. Its members are infinitely more interested in what their giving does than in kudos from the grateful.

The group's first big grant of the year bailed out the Northbrook Historical Society at the 11th hour. You may have noticed a rather large tavern rolling down Sherman Rd. last January. The historic

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## from the editor's desk

By WILLIAM HILLBURG



Band's trip to Holland, MI. and a couple of new storage buildings for the junior baseball league serve as examples.

New groups formed in the village during 1975 were helped through their infancy by the group's giving. Seed money helped the Bicentennial commission get its birthday party plans rolling and the Northbrook Ecumenical Committee on Youth went a long way toward hiring a youth advocate thanks to a Civic grant.

**PERHAPS THE MOST** remarkable aspect of the foundation's work is the method by which it obtains funds. The group eschews mass mailings and emotional appeals in favor of a less painful approach.

Civic prefers to dun the public while having some fun. The annual Northbrook Days blowout, drawing carnival lovers from throughout the area, fills the foundation's till in a most agreeable way.

When the party's over the reinvestment starts again on a grand scale. Northbrook Days ends up paying dividends much more lasting than a teddy bear premium or a face full of cotton candy.

1976 will probably give birth to its very own litany of problems and needs for the village. But come what may the civic foundation will be on hand to ease the pain. And when the '76 ledgers are examined, there'll be a hole new roll call of good tidings at the bottom line.

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brand of home grown philanthropy.

**SCHOOL KIDS ALSO** got some good news from Civic in 1975. The youngsters at Glenkirk School took their therapy on foundation-donated equipment. Glenbrook North athletes worked out the kinks in their new whirlpool and District 31 students had their vision checked courtesy of the group.

Fifteen Northbrook students got especially good news from the foundation. They headed for college with their tuition partially offset by Civic scholarships.

Other results of the foundation's work can be found all over the village. The nurses' Club's blood pressure testing equipment, those 4th of July fireworks at Meadowfull Park, a boost for the Spartan

edifice, dubbed "Northfield Inn" by the heritage minded, was due to become a pile of scrap wood unless it could be moved to a new site. The foundation's \$20,000 interest-free loan put the inn on wheels in the nick of time.

Northbrookers faced with personal tragedy learned about the group's largesse first hand this year. Civic furnished the fire dept. and its paramedic teams with life saving equipment, including a coronary telemetric device that transmit a victim's vital signs to the hospital long before he begins his ambulance ride.

The foundation also chipped in for a badly-needed rescue truck and a heat sensing unit for the local smoke eaters. This vital equipment might not have been on the scene if it were not for the group's

# Days' dividends are easy to divine

Somebody has been getting rich off "Northbrook Days"; 27,500 somebodies to be exact.

The Northbrook Civic Foundation, sponsors of the annual event inaugurated in 1928, will present the 52d edition of "Northbrook Days" Aug. 12-15 on the Village Green. The four-day extravaganza will feature the familiar gamut of games, rides, prizes and outdoor cuisine.

It may seem that Northbrook has been pretty well "partied out" this summer following the two-day festival that marked the Bicentennial and the village's diamond jubilee. After all, how many days on the midway can a body take?

**BUT THERE'S** A marked contrast between that 20th birthday celebration and the Civic Foundation's upcoming affair. While the 4th commemorated the past, "Northbrook Days" will cast its lot with the future.

The ledger book recently released by Gary Chaney, Civic Foundation president, bears out this fact. The group's books, listing the allocation of funds collected at past "Northbrook Days," serve as a litany of civic and social improvements.

During 1975 the Foundation granted \$142,187 to various community endeavors.

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## from the editor's desk

By WILLIAM HILLBURG



To date this year the group has shelled out another \$84,000 to worthy causes. Every penny has been painstakingly extracted from the funseekers on "Northbrook Days" Midway.

The Foundation employs a system to regulate its largesse. It invites all comers to seek funds, within certain guidelines. Requests must come from within the community and be expended for projects that will aid the community as a whole. Requests are then screened by Civic Foundation committees.

**CIVIC GRANTS FALL** into three major categories. Topping the list are the group's regular donations, overseen by Foundation member Mike Marzighiano. Grants in this area include funds for recreational groups like the Pony-Colt League and appropriations to schools and the park district to help cover special needs. During 1975 the Foundation made 15 such grants totalling \$15,737.

A second major funding category helps local students cover the rising costs of a college education. These awards, based on need and high academic achievement, include two \$750 tuition grants plus nine scholarships of \$500 each. This year an additional \$1,000 award, commemorating

Mark Doud, the slain son of Joe Doud, park district manager, has been added to the scholarship effort. Jo Reusch, who plans to major in medicine, was the initial winner of the Doud memorial grant.

When major needs arise in the community the Foundation gears up its third form of philanthropy. During 1975 the group's major projects ledger listed expenditures for the first and second phases of the Village Green rejuvenation project, a new rescue truck for the Northbrook Fire Dept.'s paramedics and a \$85,000 grant to refurbish the village hall.

To date in 1976 the Foundation has earmarked funds for three more major efforts in the community. The Village Green's rejuvenation will have some light shed on it under a grant to upgrade the park's electrical system. Future Northbrookers will have it made in the shade thanks to the village's Bicentennial Tree Planting Program seeded by the Foundation with \$10,000 in matching funds.

**THE NORTHBROOK** Public Library and its patrons are also slated to benefit from a major Civic Foundation project this year. A \$25,000 grant has been approved to purchase sound and other equipment for the new library auditorium

with other funds will be set for the adult reading room and graphic arts department.

If you've been wondering what those Civic Foundation folks have been doing with their "Northbrook Days," boogie all you have to do is ask around. Ask the fire dept. where they got that Hurst Hydraulic Rescue Tool that helps free accident victims from twisted wrecks. Ask the Northbrook Historical Society how they ever got their Northfield Inn moved from a date with oblivion to a site on Walkers Av.

While you're making your inquiries be sure to query members of the Glenbrook North Spartan Band on how they financed their highly successful trip to the Holland (Mich.) Tulip Festival. Pin down the Northbrook Nurses Club when they hold their next free blood pressure tests as to where they got the wherewithal for the testing instruments.

You'll get a standard answer to these and other queries around the village. All of these civic-minded benefits were raked off the midway during "Northbrook Days."

Of course there are other ways for civic and governmental entities to acquire these accoutrements that add to the village's quality of life. Worthy causes could drum the public individually with an unending series of fund raising drives. Governmental units could merely tack on an additional tariff to the annual tax bills payed by homeowners.

But the Northbrook Civic Foundation has come up with a unique vehicle to circumvent these traditional methods. They'll hold their annual four-day collection starting Aug. 12 on the Village Green when residents line the midway to vie for stuffed animals, nifty glassware, donated merchandise prizes and full bellies. Northbrookers will never know what hit them until the civic benefits start rolling in once again.

## The Civic Foundation

# The fight against 'fear itself'

The Great Depression was no stranger to Northbrook. Banks failed, jobs were lost and public institutions faced financial disaster. The period of 1929-1936 was a bad time in Northbrook. It could have been a lot worse had it not been for the efforts of the Northbrook Civic Foundation.

A lot of communities in this country found themselves destitute during the Depression. Many of them had to wait for the federal government to come in and pick up the shattered pieces again. Here in Northbrook local citizens took it upon themselves to return things to normal. The heroic efforts of the Civic Foundation took on F. D. R.'s now famous "fear itself."

In 1929 the group contributed \$1,000 to the local schools because no taxes were being paid. The teachers would not have been paid that year had it not been for the Civic Foundation. The foundation also began to aid the growing number of distressed families in the village.

IN 1931 THE group announced that all available funds would be conserved for charitable purposes. The group also began to purchase school teachers' orders. The teachers were being paid in locally redeemable script that year as all the money for salaries had run out. The foundation backed up this script so that the teachers could make necessary purchases in the village.

In 1932 the group allocated \$1.25 per person each week to two especially hard-hit families. In this darkest year of the

to the village. Northbrook, with the help of the Civic Foundation, had looked "fear itself" right in the eye and had beaten it.

In these affluent times it's hard to imagine the deprivations of the Great Depression. The Northbrook we know today is a high income village of the "good life". Today's Civic Foundation augments that good life with thousands of dollars worth of contributions to worthy causes.

Cynics might write off a group like the Northbrook Civic Foundation as just another group of affluent philanthropists. A quick look at history proves them wrong. Back during our darkest hour in the '30's this outstanding group rose to the occasion. In a spirit of sacrifice and brotherhood the group came to the aid of its distressed community.

That same spirit drives the Northbrook Civic Foundation to this day.



By William Hillburg

## from the editor's desk

depression the group also donated funds to pay for the school children's meals. Christmas that year was a little brighter when the Foundation brought around baskets for the needy.

In 1933 and 1934 the group followed the New Deal's lead and embarked on locally financed WPA-type projects. The unemployed were put to work planting trees and other greenery around the village. The foundation paid for the decorations and salaries out of its own funds.

1935 had a few shocks of its own. A local bank closed and over \$1,000 in deposits was wiped out. A survey conducted by the foundation revealed that a shocking 40

percent of the school children were underweight and that many families were destitute. Despite all the setbacks, the foundation went ahead. It sent poor boys to scout camp and brought Santa Claus to a lot of hungry homes for yet another year.

FOR THE REST of that decade the foundation continued to serve the community. Each year the group held its "Northbrook Days" celebration to raise the necessary funds. More often than not members reached into their own pockets to come up with money for emergencies.

Northbrook moved out of the Depression with the coming of World War II. The post-war years brought prosperity and growth

# NORTHBROOK CIVIC FOUNDATION

by Fred Feibel, Vice President

The story of Northbrook's seventy-five years of growth and development is, in many respects, a history of the Northbrook Civic Foundation.

According to the August 14, 1926 edition of the Northbrook News, Civic's earliest roots stem from "an interest in community improvement and development that first took active form in the organization of the Shermerville Improvement Club in January, 1907." Headed by W.J. Bulow, president; B.J. Freese, vice-president; R. Lauer, secretary and L. Schinleber, treasurer, the Club's objective was "to actively promote, by the united efforts of the citizens, the material interests of the village and comfort and welfare of the inhabitants."

Although the spark of community development had been struck, the flame flickered out in 1911 and did not burn brightly until 1918. At that time, according to handwritten minutes, "Interested citizens having in mind the idea of adopting ways and means of forming some kind of an organization or club which would tend to promote improvements and bring about such conditions which would be of interest to the Village of Shermerville" met in the Public School on July 15, 1918. As a result of this meeting, the Citizen's Club of Shermerville was formed with Dr. J.A. Dunn as president; E.D. Landwehr, vice-president; W.R. Landwehr, treasurer; and G. W. Schick, secretary.

Beginning with the erection of a village flag pole to honor the WW I servicemen, the Citizen's Club established a tradition of public service which has continued to this day. Between 1918-1920, the Club's early projects included landscaping the triangle at Shermer & Walters where the new flag pole had been erected, creation of a public reading room (forerunner to the Public Library), petitioning of the Sanitary Board to drain the disease-producing Skokle swamp area, home coming celebrations for the returning veterans, and, in the 1920's, sponsorship of a "Village Name" contest resulted in the official adoption of "Northbrook" as the new village name on January 8, 1923.

In 1925, the Citizen's Club was reorganized as the Northbrook Civic Association, and on Saturday, August 19, 1925 the first "Northbrook Day" celebration was held in the Barrenscheen Grove (now Village Green park). Although the concept of raising funds for civic improvements through a village-wide event was not uncommon in this area in the 20's, Northbrook's annual event has become extremely unique as a survivor from another era which continues to make substantial contributions to the community.

Examples of these contributions, both large and small, abound throughout the village. During the 20's and 30's, funds raised in this manner were used to

install sidewalks and street lights, purchase the village's first motorized fire engine, and build the first Village Hall at 2002 Walters Avenue (now a Public Works garage). During the Depression years, Northbrook Day's funds provided meals for local school children, partial salaries for teachers and food baskets for needy families. In 1934, Civic combined its concern for village improvement and public welfare by financing a local WPA-type project to plant over 600 elm trees along village streets.

Many of Civic's accomplishments did not involve expenditures of Northbrook Day's funds. Civic's Public Improvement committee was instrumental in the establishment of local governmental units such as the Park District, High School District and Public Library. Civic also encouraged the Milwaukee Road to improve Northbrook's station facilities and to provide protection at grade crossings. State and county bodies were also petitioned to provide traffic signals at dangerous village intersections. In 1946, Civic was also instrumental in getting the U.S. Postal Service to begin home mail delivery in Northbrook.

During the 50's, Civic showed its continuing support for a "village reading room" by constructing a new library building at Shermer and Church streets (now a medical building), and in 1960, Civic again financed an addition to the building. In a similar manner, Civic has raised and reinvested almost a half-million dollars in community development through grants to the Park District, the School Districts, the Fire Department and a wide variety of community organizations.

Some of Civic's most recent major contributions include the following: in 1970, Audio/Visual center for the library (\$11,560); in 1971, playground equipment for West Park (\$15,000); in 1972, Memorial Garden (\$5,000), and Listening Center for library (\$8,500); in 1973, Paramedic ambulance for the Fire Department (\$20,000); in 1974, Cardiac Telemetry system for the Fire Department (\$7,500) and a grant to the Northbrook Historical Society (\$5,000); in 1975, complete regeneration of the Village Green Park (\$45,000), new Rescue Vehicle for Fire Department (\$40,000), and new furnishings and equipment for village hall (\$35,000); and in 1976, a village reforestation program (\$10,000), and furnishings and equipment for Public Library (\$25,000). In addition to these projects, Civic has also awarded \$29,400 in scholarships to local students since 1970.

After reviewing this brief summary of Civic's role in the history of Northbrook, our residents can be justifiably proud of the accomplishments which their support of Northbrook Days has made possible.

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