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**Stl Todd**  
Free Time



Posted October 10, 2008 16:39

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quote:

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Originally posted by Downtowngal:  
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Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

**bluebayoulady**  
Old Pro



Posted October 10, 2008 16:45

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I can remember when dinner at Traveler's was reserved for a very special occasion.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**Germann85**

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Posted October 10, 2008 16:58

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Now that is bringing back memories. My first illegal bar drink was in the Bigger Jigger, in 1980. The frog legs were the bomb there.

MKM-"Stag..ugh"? That there was one good beer!

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted October 10, 2008 17:10

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Still go to Jerry's ( Bigger Jigger). Same owners- 2 sisters.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**bluebayoulady**

Old Pro



Posted October 10, 2008 20:13

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two sisters?





Posts: **1595** | Location: **The Park.** | Registered: **March 31, 2008**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted October 10, 2008 22:29

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quote:

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Originally posted by bill\_is\_back:  
Where are the best places to eat in Mt Vernon?

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I personally don't believe there is a better than average restaurant in Mt.V. , they all are somewhat equal, none stand out. Sure , some have better service and then others have better food, but for a good ol' fashion sitdown dinner service ,relaxing atmosphere, not loud and maybe some pleasant, light background music, real cloth dinner napkins, comfortable seating and not everyone crammed into one space. Just to be able to have a gathering with either family or friends in private banquet room isn't heard of anymore nor offered. I think restaurants lack in this type of service nowadays , it's all about feed 'em and get'em out the door ASAP. IMO

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Germann85**

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Posted October 11, 2008 07:34

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Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted October 11, 2008 07:52

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Willy's!

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.  
<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**bill\_is\_back**

Old Pro



Posted October 11, 2008 08:08

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Thanks bugman, sounds good. What was in this location before?

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Originally posted by Bugman:

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Willy's!

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted October 11, 2008 08:11

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Dewitt's lumber, BoBo's then The Hardwood Cafe. On 17th north of where the Broadway Drive Inn was.

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted October 11, 2008 09:52

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Bill this would be just north of where you remember Broadway Drive in to have been located.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**bill\_is\_back**

Old Pro



Posted October 11, 2008 16:09

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What's your favorite(s) Buck?

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

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**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 11, 2008 16:25

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Top of the First was ahead of its time !

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 11, 2008 18:54

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It was ahead of Mt. Vernon.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted October 11, 2008 20:22

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I visited MTV yesterday and must say coming off the interstate and heading or trying to head east into MTV proper was, well, at the least pretty exciting.





I have never been involved with more assine drivers then I was around 42nd street. I am going to be nice and say that 99% of them were out of towners making there way back out to I57...but you residents only know if that is true.

I went up 34th street and drove around Country Heights, as that is where I lived back in the 50's. I came back down 32nd street and it took 15 minutes to get a break in traffic where I could get back on Broadway. If I had been a cop with a radar gun I could have had a line of cars stopped and spent the rest of a my shift just writing speeding tickets, not counting the illegal lane useage, cutting off other cars, yaking on their cellphones and not paying any attention to their surroundings. I mean in that 15 minutes I saw just about every law broken that could be broken. I mean it was a mess.

I finally got downtown and was really surprised how it had change. Of course the R/N building was a standout. I think it is a nice looking builing but out of place due to its size. I went on east and saw many empty buildings and some that had different types of business in them from when I move from MTV in 1985. The Silver Streak was in the old building, the Burger barn and Rusty's were still open but in general was just lots of changes. I came back into town on Main and turned south on 10th. Now 10th really didn't seem that much more run down than what it was when I lived there, just different type of mom and pop flea markets, junk stores and so on. I see where the Maid-Rite building was is now a vacant lot, most of the taverns are gone[lots of memories there]but overall 10th is about how I remember it. Venturing on down to 37 seeing the old Dobbs building so rundown was a little dishearting and most of what I remember in that area was gone. I don't think Mom's was Mom's when I lived in MTV. Most of the buildings I can remember what was in them at the time when I went to school at West Salem in the 50's. I had a best friend that lived south of the Dobbs building by the name of Richard Morrison. His dad had a wielding business and also had a wielding gas and oxygen bottle route. If memory serves me right his busuness was right across the road from the Rocket Cafe and their home was next door to the wielding business.

Really MTV is alot like other towns of its size. Things just dried up. I will always call MTV home whether I ever live there again. I have found memories of the way MTV was bthe in the 50's and the early 80's. Maybe when all the road work is done some major companies will give a good hard look at MTV. I went on down to Benton and visited a couple of friends and both have businesses there. One owns the Pizza Shack and the other owns Deadeye Printing. Both told me that they have taken a big hit in their businesses but have great hope for a turn around now that mining may be on the upawing.

I came back by way of 37 and saw Big Muddy for the first time and then drove over to RLC and man has that campus grown from when I worked there in the early 80's. I drove through Ina and looked at the trailer I rented there for a while. I looked for the Hiney Winery but I guess it bit the dust also.lol

It was a very enjoyable mini trip for me and I sincerely hope that Southern Illinois overall can see some good things come its way.

GO RAMS!!!!!!!!!!!!

*This message has been edited. Last edited by: [johnj229](#), October 11, 2008 20:38*

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 11, 2008 23:45

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Welcome back to Mt.V., even if for only a visit.

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 12, 2008 20:34

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Johnj229, you've had a day to reminisce about the ol' stomping ground, do you still miss it?

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted October 12, 2008 21:48

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I think I will always miss MTV. Especially the 50's that I lived there. I went to West salem School when it was two rooms with outhouses, well water to drink and we carried our lunches to school and the penny candy case. Recess was just about like what you saw on "Little House on the Prairie". About the third grade a new school was built and that year we went to school in McPherson's barn. Great memories and friendships there. WS went into the MTV school system and I was all set to go to the Jr. High for my 7th and 8th grade and Dad got a job in Centralia so we moved there. Most of my MTV activities revolved around the going ons at Logan Street Baptist Church and Cub Scouts at the Methodist Church that was on Main Street I think. Oh yes, MTV will always have a special place. I moved back after my wife and I separated in 1979 and I went to work at Accu-Print and then on down to RLC. I came back to work in MTV again in 1983 and finally left for good in 1985. I got reacquainted with many of the guys I went to grade school with and most of them were divorced so we really run the streets from the Gingham Kitchen to the El Toro Lounge and all parts in between. I'll put it this way-the law knew who we were. After I had read all the things that has happened to MTV I just had to come back down and check it out for myself. Friday brought alot of mixed feelings but the good feelings far outweighed the bad.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 13, 2008 06:47

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I just thought I'd ask with you having been gone for awhile . Memories of yesterday are priceless!

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted October 13, 2008 11:35

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I think at times we expect too much when we go back to our home town. We want to see it as it was when we left during our "good ole days" and it isn't the same so we're disappointed. I'd like to see Mt. Vernon as it was in the 50s with a few changes but that just isn't going to happen. Thanks to Tom Puckett and others we still have pics of how it was.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6355** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted October 13, 2008 12:03

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jlmer, I think what I remember the most about MTV in the 50's was all the stores around the square and all the activity that was generated. The smell of perfume when you went into the dime stores. The smell of chili from the lunch counters in the drug stores. Going to the Illinois Brokerage[sp] for school clothes. People were very friendly and always had a "hello, how are you" in the downtown area. Going and getting my feet x-rayed at the shoe store, the Saturday movies, just having alot of fun with my friends. Riding my bike down to the orginial Dobbs and trying on the surplus gas masks. Having my Chicago daily News paper route in the fruit bowl in the mornings and then delivering the R/N in the afternoons. Age wasn't too much of a barrier getting a paper route back then. If you had a bicycle and was realiable, you had a job. Those years back then were where I believe my later years lifestyle was formed.

Coming back the other day was a treat.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**bill\_is\_back**  
Old Pro



Posted October 13, 2008 20:36

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I remember most of the places you mentioned. I wonder if we were in the same places? Where are you now? I left Mt Vernon in 1982 for Germany. Last time i was back was in 2001 when my Father passed and high school reunion in 2004. I wasn't the same place as i remembered. I grew up on the southside which doesn't look anything like it used to. I am coming back for Thanksgiving and plan to see my brother and his family. My son from California plans to visit also.

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 13, 2008 21:38

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quote:

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Originally posted by bill\_is\_back:  
What's your favorite(s) Buck?

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Bill, I don't eat out too often anymore but when I do it is usually Cracker Barrel, Chilis or Applebees. I am not too bad of a cook and I have to say that some of the things I would get when eating out, I can do better at home. With the help these days not concerned in service and most resaurant food has become fast food, I can save the tip and half the cost doing it at home. I must say that I can not make the roast beef, country fried steak, the green beans, etc. at Cracker Barrel the way they do. For that reason, the are probably on the top of my list. I just wish they had rolls as well as biscuits.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted October 14, 2008 10:50

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quote:

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Having my Chicago daily News paper route in the fruit bowl in the mornings

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I had a morning route too but not sure about what the paper was. Was the Chicago Daily pick-up in an alley off Bwdy?

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6355** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted October 14, 2008 11:15

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Sure was. Ed Jenkins was the supervisor incharge of the routes. I lived out in Country Heights so my papers were dropped off at my house but that is where I took my collection money.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 14, 2008 12:26

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Country Heights was a great area to have grown up in at that time .

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted October 14, 2008 12:52

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Country Heights was just getting started. The folk's bought the model home and there wasn't any other houses around. We moved in just before winter. The next spring the building boom started. National Homes were prefabs and the shell and roof could be done in two days after the concrete pad was

poured. It didn't take long for alot of houses to be up.

There were alot of partial buildings from the Army camp and we had all kinds of places to play Army or any other thing we could think up. The barrack that had the chickens in it at one time was still up and we would play in it and our moms would get ticked because we come home smelling like chicken crap.

It was still considered county back them as the Glasshouse Cafe area was where commercial things stopped.

Firebaugh's Grocery store was a little farther west maybe 4 miles and that was it for a while.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

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**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 12:41

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quote:

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I don't recall Firebaugh's grocery. I grew up at 25th & Casey so am very familiar with the Glass House & Toot & Tell 'Em drive in, both owned by Jim McLaughin. The station on 24th & Bwdy was a wooden building and I posted a pic here of a converted street car that was in the park West of the station that my sister lived in. I don't think the park lasted too long though. There was a grocery on 24th st. between Casey and College that's now a gun shop and there were 2 groceries on 27th st. that was Keeles and I can't remember the other one closer to the park.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**



**johnj229**

Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 14:55

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Firebaugh's grocery would be about where the interstate is now. When we first came to MTV we lived in a house, must have been tore down or could have been wiped out in the tornado of 57, that was located where a building was that use to be a flower shop and then the last I knew was some kind of motorcycle shop west of the interstate about a mile or two. That was on what we always referred to as Ashley Road. Our address was Ashley Road and I don't remember how far west it went until it was a highway address.

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Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 15:18

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johnj229 , how much of Country Height was built when you lived there ? When we moved there in 56 every thing south of Central Ave. were fields and ditches and no houses yet. Circle Dr. was a dead end and SW Creasent stopped at 33rd street. Watched Big Johns being built, but don't recall exactly what year, and Joe P. Boyles Lumberyard was next door to the west.

Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**bluebayoulady**  
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 15:26

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john j - don't know if same John Firebaugh but one went to Woodlawn Grade School in my class. ( I was WHS class of '69). He was more recently the owner of Sensation Station, I believe.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 15:42

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Careful you'll make us sound old. Do you remember the urban legend about the local Peckerwood ranch? I have forgotten...wanted to pass it on to my son. 😊

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Stl Todd**  
Free Time



Posted October 15, 2008 15:57

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My family moved to Mt Vernon from Centralia and lived in a house on Ashley Road next door to the Illinois Power building. The mall across the street was an empty field. We had one neighbor to the West of us, Webb, and then there was Ivan's (I think) flower shop. I went to kindergartin at West Salem, Mrs. McClure. Then 1st grade was bussed to Franklin and then we moved to Pace and I was exposed to the asbestos ridden Lincoln Elementary School.

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

**xminer**  
Old Pro

Posted October 15, 2008 16:48

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MKM, there were two "legends" about Peckerwood, that I remember. One had a boy and girl parking and as they left, the car got stuck, ran out of gas, or wouldn't start (pick your poison), the guy went for help and the girl eventually fell asleep waiting for him. When she awoke in the morning she saw her date's head on the hood or she saw him hanging by the neck in a tree. The other one was the two same kids (of course) parking and petting (remember that?). They were listening to the radio and heard that a man had escaped from jail or a mental institution and he had a hook for one of his arms. The girl was scared and they left. When he got her home he opened her door and a hook was hanging on the door handle. I'll just bet that these stories are still making the rounds to this day, maybe a different

location, but the same idea.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 17:03

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quote:

Originally posted by Stl Todd:

My family moved to Mt Vernon from Centralia and lived in a house on Ashley Road next door to the Illinois Power building. The mall across the street was an empty field. We had one neighbor to the West of us, Webb, and then there was Ivan's (I think) flower shop. I went to kindergartin at West Salem, Mrs. McClure. Then 1st grade was bussed to Franklin and then we moved to Pace and I was exposed to the asbestos ridden Lincoln Elementary School.

Roger Webb , I believe is his name, that was your neighbor .

Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 18:10

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"I grew up about 1 mile further west of the old Suzuki Shop. Our address was Ashley Road up until recently. My earliest memories were when the old West Salem School was still standing prior to I-57/64 being built. That had to be late 60's/early 70's."

I could be off a mile. The house we lived in was a little crackerbox 2 bedroom. There was a outdoor highway advertising sign adjoining the property to the west.

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Ellen Lynn Young lived two houses east of the IP building. She was in my class also.

By Donovan-johnj229 , how much of Country Height was built when you lived there ? When we moved there in 56 every thing south of Central Ave. were fields and ditches and no houses yet. Circle Dr. was a dead end and SW Creasent stopped at 33rd street. Watched Big Johns being built, but don't recall exactly what year, and Joe P. Boyles Lumberyard was next door to the west.

There wasn't anything built yet except the model home my folks bought.

3208 Central. Next door when that house was built there was twin girls that moved in with their folks. They were my brother's age-2 years younger than me. Down the street at 32nd and Central Eddie and Jane Hodges folks built. The last house on 32nd before Central Joe Beasley and his folks lived. The field across from Central is the field you are talking about. We moved in 57 to Centralia if my memory serves me right. The next school year was the first for WS going into the MTV school system.

42nd street was it as far as commercial businesses went back then. You were pretty weel into some farms on both sides of the road until you go to Ashley. You folks are really taxing the deep deep orbs, hell I don't know which side is suppose to retain this stuff anyway, of what brain I have left.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 18:36

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 18:43

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Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro

Posted October 15, 2008 18:50

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Peel was their last name, and if I remember right their first names were Brenda and Linda !

Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 21:02

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I got to thinking. I said Eddie and Jane Hodges but it could have been Hogan.  
I went to school and church with the Martin's. Wasn't there a boy named Kenny?  
Also at 42nd street headed north off the hwy, there was a junk yard owned by Dal Bora across the road from him was Max Davis Printing. Crossroad Reality is in the building now.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2008 22:14

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Wasn't the building that is now Crossroads originally owned by Carter oil Co? What I recall is that Westwood was a dead end and 42nd hadn't been connected to it yet , and every thing north was still fields and small ravines, camped there several times, you know the big type adventure for kids! I think that the property was owned by either Carpenters or Sharps. Also 42nd south was an excellent go-cart road.....open em up and let em fly .

Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

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**Buck**  
Old Pro



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I was at the "Sub" one night when Jack pulled up in that car and dumped a dead possum out to gross the girls out. Here's to you Jack! (not for the possum)



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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Stl Todd**  
Free Time



Posted October 16, 2008 08:49

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I rember the Courtney's living on Westwood, just about where it curved to head toward 42nd. We lived on Ashley and the Yearwoods lived on Westwood directly behind us.

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted October 16, 2008 08:52

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quote:

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It was a 66 or 67. Mike got it after Jack was gone. Dark blue with a black vinyl top.

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.  
<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro

Posted October 16, 2008 11:05

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quote:



I went to school with Rita Firebaugh[class of 63], she was in my grade, and her brother who I think was named John.

I went to school with a Robert Firebaugh, class of '57. We had a class reunion last Sept. but he wasn't there. Probably a different Firebaugh. Do you remember in the 50s when 27th St. was called 26th St? It took me awhile to adjust to calling it 27th. and now I live only a couple of blocks off of it in the Fruit Bowl.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmr007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted October 16, 2008 12:04

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The street things doesn't joggle my memory. The first couple of times I delivered my morning paper route in the Fruit Bowl I got lost. I kept going by the same houses and thinking, boy, the sure like that type of house and color. Once I finally got the route figured out I saved 30 minutes every morning. I had over 90 papers to delivery in the Bowl and about 45-50 at other places. The papers would get to my house about 4:30 a.m. and I had to roll and rubber band them. I was able to get them all in one trip except for Saturday and with the inserts I had to make two trips. Mom would take the second paper bag to the gas station at 32nd and Ashley Road and I would pick it up there and finish along the highway and up 32nd and the ones I had in County Heights, mom would deliver 34th, and then get home eat breakfast and get ready for school. I think I made something like \$11.00 per week if everybody paid me. Worst customer overall, Earl D Jamison. He never wanted to pay his bill and he wasn't satisfied even if I handed him his paper personally.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**JiminPA**  
Old Pro



Posted October 16, 2008 12:23

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john, if you had to deliver the Register-News to Earl D. Jamison, even for one year, I would...conservatively...estimate( figuring you to be about my age) that the payroll people at the R-N now owe you about \$ 4,500,000.00, give or take a dime..... 🍷

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro

Posted October 16, 2008 13:23

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Wow, hadn't figured it that way...where in the \_\_\_\_\_, can't think of a nice word, do I send the bill. Yep, he was a dandy! I am 63 and I was about 9 or 10 when I delivered papers.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 16, 2008 13:42

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...and heaven forbid if you were caught taking a short cut through his ( Earl D.) yard by the creek

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted October 16, 2008 14:17

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After he passed away, I had the good fortune to get to know his wife. What a delightful woman. She told me stories about life with him, although he was a difficult man by most people's standards, she was very dedicated to him.

One story she shared with me...Anytime her and the Earl would have plans to go somewhere, if she wasn't ready when he was ready to go he would leave her behind! Even if it wasn't the time they had agreed on to leave. I can laugh about it, but don't know how funny I would have found it being married to the guy. 🤔

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 16, 2008 18:55

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....he was an ornery ol' cus !!

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**xminer**  
Old Pro

Posted October 16, 2008 19:00

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Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 16, 2008 19:16

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**Buck**  
Old Pro



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**Donovan**  
Old Pro



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...I remember reading the R/N that day and that Earl did the backstroke for awhile, saved his wife from drowning and was refered to as a " hero", according to the paper then.

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

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**xminer**  
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Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 16, 2008 20:47

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Earl D. was always good for his traditional tip..... .01cent.....big spender!!!!

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**



**JiminPA**

Old Pro



Posted October 17, 2008 01:09

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You know, those of us who remember the bluster, the attitude, and the ego, have to admit that, for all that, he was one great booster for Mount Vernon.

Would that there were some local business people who would go to Springfield or Chicago or D.C. on their own dime to pound on desks to get things done for the King City now, like he did.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted October 17, 2008 06:50

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He was a major factor for the interstate coming thru Mt. V.

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**stixnstones**

Old Pro

Posted October 17, 2008 08:38

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That's a nice ornament but I probably couldn't get by with it since most of our neighbors would make the same statement--😄 I know Mike real well.

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted October 17, 2008 09:16

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**stixnstones**

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Since MKM likes faces. <sup>???</sup> 😊

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Ok--I remember Travelstead's--just didn't remember them living there for some reson.

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**JLG48**  
Educated



Posted October 17, 2008 17:38

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I lived on Jamison Blvd.. before there was a Fruit Bowl... lol Used to ride my horse through all the open fields - we were the 2nd house when we moved in in 1961... now it's the 4th I think... and there's one on the corner (Cherry I think) right next to my old house... nothing was across the street..... it really filled up in the 18 years we were there.

Posts: **525** | Location: **Maine** | Registered: **February 23, 2008**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted October 17, 2008 17:47

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Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 17, 2008 18:53

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Sh33na**  
Free Time



Posted October 17, 2008 21:23

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Wow, Travelsteads. There is a blast from the past. They lived on 24th, the second house from the NE corner of Conger and 24th.

I remember when Van's hair was green. 🤪

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"I ache in the places  
where I used to play." \_Leonard Cohen

Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



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jlmer007@gmail.com

**mousegrINfl**

Free Time



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He lived on the southeast corner of 24th and Conger.....and he was the victim of Mrs. Piper's hose on at least one occasion. On other occasions he used his sister as bait...she had to deal with Mrs. Piper while he would sneak by.

Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

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**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 17, 2008 23:15

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**mousegrINfl**

Free Time



Posted October 18, 2008 07:17

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Yes, it was the northeast corner.

Stix may have played Little League with him later when he lived somewhere else.

*This message has been edited. Last edited by: [mousegrINfl](#), October 18, 2008 07:33*

Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

**mousegrINfl**

Free Time

Posted October 18, 2008 07:33

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quote:

Originally posted by xminer:  
We learned that we had a lot in common and became friends,  
although there was an age difference....  
... I have hundreds of stories but they are better left untold.

True, he was more more "young at heart" than you. 😊

Having lived in the same area, I can vouch about the story about unloading the shotguns. It was a group event not just one person. Your decision to keep some stories untold is a wise one.

Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

**Sh33na**  
Free Time



Posted October 20, 2008 15:20

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[Mrs. Piper lives on.](#)

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Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

Posted October 20, 2008 16:57

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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**stixstones**  
Old Pro

Posted October 20, 2008 17:01

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Originally posted by Sh33na:  
[Mrs. Piper lives on.](#)

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Now see-I don't remember Piper either. I remember Spurlocks and then the sister's that lived on the corner east of them--can't recall the last name but I can see their faces.

Ahhh!!! Porters--just remembered.

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**bill\_is\_back**  
Old Pro



Posted October 21, 2008 06:51

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 21, 2008 09:38

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

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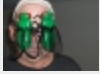
You are probably right. If his first name is correct, I don't remember anyone in that area.

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro

Posted October 21, 2008 10:12

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Is the Mrs. Piper you speak of related to Henry (Hank) Piper? The Tractor pulling dude.

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.  
<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**bill\_is\_back**

Old Pro



Posted October 21, 2008 12:13

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**stixnston  
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Old Pro

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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted October 21, 2008 16:15

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For all you guys and gals with fond memories at the skating rink...

<http://.youtube.com/watch?v=sSQOeQakExU>

For all you really old 😊 guys and gals...

<http://.youtube.com/watch?v=i1mQwXW2MVg>



The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 21, 2008 16:33

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**Donovan**  
Old Pro



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Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**



**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 21, 2008 17:05

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That would be the guy.

I even worked with his brother around 1977-78.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 21, 2008 17:43

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Graduating class of "66" or "67" .

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**ImaINTJ**  
Member



Posted October 21, 2008 17:57

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It was the class of '69 for Gregg Goodman - just checked the girlfriend's yearbook. A straight ahead kicker who tied up the toe, not a soccer style kicker.

Posts: **93** | Location: **Shampoo** | Registered: **February 27, 2008**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 21, 2008 18:16

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I thought he was older than that!

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

Posted October 21, 2008 18:19

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Good guy. Older than me but he always took the time to speak--offer advice--just a good person.

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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Sh33na**  
Free Time



Posted October 22, 2008 09:29

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quote:

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Originally posted by Bugman:  
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No clue. I assumed her relative was Beelzebub.

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Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted October 22, 2008 11:33

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There sure is a lot of off topic chatter in this forum!

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 22, 2008 12:10

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We are talking about old Mt. Vernon, Jilmer. A town is not just buildings. It is people as well. You may not know them or feel like your being left out of the conversation but this is still about old Mt. Vernon just the same.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Sh33na**  
Free Time



Posted October 22, 2008 21:48

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From the very first post by jlmer: "Lets talk about Mt. Vernon in the 40s and 50s or further back."

So what's the problem? What is off topic?

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where I used to play." \_Leonard Cohen

Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

**bluebayoulady**  
Old Pro



Posted October 22, 2008 21:55

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maybe poor jlmer is feeling left out. You're talking about people he can't add his 2cents worth into the conversation, or maybe he's upset cause he can't control the thread now.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 08:29

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Might have to ask Tom Puckett about this , what year or years did Mt. V pave the streets with brick. When the city digs in town they always bring up old street remains. Just curious about some older history of Mt. V.

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**wclark**  
Old Pro



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OK, Donovan, I'm going on what I heard, not what I know to be a fact. Seems that during WWII the streets were paved with wooden blocks. As these deteriorated, they were replaced with brick. Seems like the late 60's or early 70's that the last of the brick streets were covered with asphalt.

Like I said, I don't know this to be a fact.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



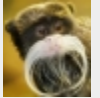
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Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

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I agree, Donovan. The street there seems to be in pretty good shape, too. For years, I've heard "an old Indian" laid the brick on the streets. Just a myth?

Posts: **106** | Location: **Parts Unknown** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

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**xminer**  
Old Pro



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I also heard the "Old Indian" story. The way that I heard it was that the Indian could lay the bricks faster than anyone else but the contractors decided to try out a new machine designed to replace the brick layers. The workers decided that the Indian was the fastest one of them and they held a race between the machine and the worker. The Indian beat the machine hands down but this still didn't stop the replacement of the workers due to the cost of labor against the cost of the machine.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro



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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 09:38

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**stixnstones**

Old Pro

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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**wclark**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 09:46

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I find it ironic that this topic has come up as we (Decatur) are replacing some of our paved streets with brick. Mainly in the college area. I still really like them, but they can be a problem when it comes to plowing snow.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 10:03

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Old Pro

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Yea---sure do!

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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 11:00

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Originally posted by Buck:  
We are talking about old Mt. Vernon, Jilmer. A town is not just buildings. It is people as well. You may not know them or feel like your being left out of the conversation but this is still about old Mt. Vernon just the same.

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Actually, it's being turned into a pen pal forum. I've noticed that whenever someone tries to do something and it's of interest to a lot of other people there's a few who delight in trying to mess it up for them. I'm not talking about you Buck but read some of the posts after yours and you'll see what I'm talking about. Jealousy is a hard thing for them to fight I suppose. I don't care who starts what and who gets credit, I just liked the way this forum was going and would like to see it continue without turning into a chat room. I always have the option of deleting my posts.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 11:03

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I have a feeling that when St. Mary's starts it's remodeling and building the brick street will come up. What a shame this city is destroying its history. I can remember when Bwdy. was brick around 24th street. I believe they paved over them instead of taking them up. Main St was brick too if I'm remembering correctly.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Stl Todd**

Free Time



Posted October 23, 2008 11:15

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I don't remember the brick streets but I do remember the trees. Didn't they start on Broadway on the East side of Oakwood Cemetary and go into town from there? I also remember the lighting contests every year, my dad would get the list out of the RN and we'd spend a night checking out the entries and picking our favorite. If our favorite was the winner, Dad would give us \$5. I always liked the lights at Al Easton's house on Pace the best. And when the Church of Christ on 10th began the live nativity I begged my parents to switch churches because I wanted to be in it.

Posts: **390** | Location: **St Louis** | Registered: **October 24, 2007**

**mousegrINfl**

Free Time



Posted October 23, 2008 11:17

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Most, if not all of those bricks bore the name of the Emmerson brick plant. You may remember the name Emmerson from the Emmerson Hotel. It was, also, the name of Illinois governor, Louis Lincoln Emmerson who died in Mt. Vernon and is buried in Oakwood.

I would be interesting to know if any of the bricks that remain have the mark of the Emmerson company - they may also contain the date.

Many of us went to school with the great-grandsons of Governor Emmerson, but their last name was not Emmerson.

Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro

Posted October 23, 2008 11:19

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 11:36

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"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Brothers  
Johnson**

Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 12:13

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Originally posted by Donovan:

quote:

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Originally posted by Buck:

Yeah, I know where the Fulfords lived. For some reason I thought you lived south of Perkins. Gary "The Toe" Sanders lived at one time on the northwest corner of 23rd and Cornger as I remember.

He was one of two really good placekickers in those days for the MTV Rams. The last name of the other has left me due lack of use but his first name was Greg. He went to college, I believe SIU and eventually made the Chicago Bears but his career was ended when he was hit by a car. Come on now, who remembers Greg's last name?

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The only last name I can recall is " Goodman" .

I think Greg Goodman was MTVHS class of 72 or 73. His car was broken down so I gave him a ride to SIU-C one Monday morning. Nice guy. Sister's name Laura Goodman.

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Posts: **1171** | Location: **Southern Illinois** | Registered: **June 01, 2006**

**Brothers Johnson**

Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 12:16

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Didn't know he was hit by a car. Do remember him being in Chicago Bears camp.

Posts: **1171** | Location: **Southern Illinois** | Registered: **June 01, 2006**

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**AI Key**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 12:18

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Posts: **2892** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

Posted October 23, 2008 12:20

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Originally posted by Brothers Johnson:  
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I remember Greg. Older than me but I also remember when he kicked for MV, they had to get the kicking shoes from the Bears because it was such a large size. One was in the trophy case at the gym for many years after.

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Brothers Johnson**

Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 12:23

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Really! I remember him being pretty stocky.

Posts: **1171** | Location: **Southern Illinois** | Registered: **June 01, 2006**

**stixnstones**

Old Pro

Posted October 23, 2008 12:28

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Originally posted by Brothers Johnson:  
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He was that---but he also had a very large foot.

All I know is that was where they ended up getting them.Keep in mind--this is a kicking shoe--not a regular clete.

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**johnj229**

Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 12:30

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Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Brothers Johnson**

Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 12:35

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Posts: **1171** | Location: **Southern Illinois** | Registered: **June 01, 2006**

**Cyril**  
Free Time

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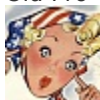
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The Eagle is in the Nest.

Posts: **221** | Location: **Over Yonder.** | Registered: **October 18, 2008**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 12:41

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Hi A-Dad. Glad you're back to dazzle us with your...well whatever you call it! 🍷

You are good for throwin a zinger out there once in a while and making me laugh... 🍷

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

Posted October 23, 2008 12:45

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**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 12:49

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Thanks A-Dad, you have succeeded in derailing the thread. I'm experiencing deja vu. Guess that could count as old MTV. I think it is more like one Cuckoo's flying over the nest... 🍷

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**johnj229**

Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 12:50

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I lived in MTV from 1950 to 1957 and then moved away to come back in 1979 to 1983. I have asked alot of questions about people, places and things that span that whole time from moving away to coming back to when I went to grade school in the 50's. I don't think any of my postings could be off topic even when I have ask about individuals that stayed in MTV their whole life. It is all history. This thread to me is like sitting around a big table with a bunch of folks and talking about the things that have happened to them and if they know of certain people from the times when we went to school, church or whatever. The physical history of MTV from the different people who have posted about it has been and still is very interesting, no matter what years it comes from. It is for the enjoyment for all in my humble opinion.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**stixnstones**

Old Pro

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May be---and maybe a little set in his ways but he is far from stupid regardless. IMHO. 😊

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 13:19

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Ok, everyone knows what I think, like for breakfast and what I'll be doing in a few years.

Now, here's what I seen coming on this forum. People starting off topic and ending up with "I like popcorn while watching tv". I simply don't want it to stray too far off. Now, I see nothing wrong with talking about friends and neighbors and asking about people.

You have to admit that there are some who jump in these forums and get completely off the subject and say nothing. I didn't want to wait until that happened but, as you say it's a public forum so have at it.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Pogo**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 14:29

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I like popcorn too but it's hard on my diverticulum and diverticula.

As for brick streets, I have heard that they were put down after the 1888 cyclone. They lasted pretty well into the 1930's. Many were paved over in the late 30's.

West Broadway was one of the last to get covered and that happened in the early 50's.

Anyway, that's the way I heard and remember it.

You don't suppose that Gov. Emmerson pushed for the street building program since he ran the brickyard do you? Nah, politicians were honest, even back then. 🍷

*This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Pogo](#), October 23, 2008 14:40*

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**



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**RAMbunctious**  
Educated



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Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

**chickenbite**  
Free Time

Posted October 23, 2008 14:39

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[QUOTE]Originally posted by Pogo:  
I like popcorn too but it's hard on my diverticulum and diverticula.

And nuts too.

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

**mousegrINfl**  
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Posted October 23, 2008 14:43

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Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

**undertaker's  
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Posted October 23, 2008 18:17

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Who knew you could find such interesting information in a game?

Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 18:23

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Sh33na**  
Free Time



Posted October 23, 2008 18:56

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I was born in the 50's, so anything I write is on topic. 😊

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"I ache in the places  
where I used to play." \_Leonard Cohen

Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

Posted October 23, 2008 19:07

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quote:

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That is an excellent way of looking at it. I resemble that remark. 😊

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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Cyril**  
Free Time

Posted October 23, 2008 20:31

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[QUOTE]Originally posted by Pogo:  
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As for brick streets, I have heard that they were put down after the 1888 cyclone. They lasted pretty well into the 1930's. Many were paved over in the late 30's.

West Broadway was one of the last to get covered and that happened in the early 50's.

Anyway, that's the way I heard and remember it.

You don't suppose that Gov. Emmerson pushed for the street building program since he ran the brickyard do you? Nah, politicians were honest, even back then. 🇺🇸[/QUOTE]

Pogo,I am a youngster and can recall Broadway covered with brick in front of JR.High school and over around 17th lots of it were brick still in the 70's.

Poured concrete down 20th street.

Driving in the late 70's I recall the sound of the rubber over the bricks as well as how easy it was to spin out on the weather worn surface of the red bricks.

My car did not have near enough rings left to form enough compression to do a burny on dry concrete or dry asphalt.!!

Ahhhh. The good old days when I could get a few bucks in gas and top her off with oil cheap!  
usually ran out of oil before gas.

The Eagle is in the Nest.

Posts: **221** | Location: **Over Yonder.** | Registered: **October 18, 2008**

**Pogo**  
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2008 21:21

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I'll have to take your word for it. I moved away from here in '68 so they must have slipped that by while I was gone.

I remember the RR tracks that came onto Broadway at an angle going west at about 15th st. and ran on out to 24th I think. I thought those were paved over before I moved but I could be wrong. I always heard that they were used by the street cars that ran here once.

OK on your car, I had several like that that needed oil before gas. 🇺🇸

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

**mousegrINfl**  
Free Time



Posted October 25, 2008 14:50

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Buggy, I can't reveal my sources, but I can tell you that mine came in the mail...and was a total surprise to me.

First, I intend to memorize those cards and beat my brothers at this game! In the meantime, I'll try to add to the Old MtV Forum when I find something of interest.

After that, if I get bored with it, I'll send it on to you. I've already put it in my will that it's yours when I go, but don't expect that anytime soon.

This forum might be a great source for an updated game...your story about the truth of the UFO's is a classic and should be included!

Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted October 25, 2008 20:25

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted October 25, 2008 20:37

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It was a '68' Roadrunner with four speed. I believe it was a 383 ci.. I ran against him at Fairfield f/stock class. He beat me by a half car, maybe a car length. I had a 340 Swinger automatic. The 340 was a healthy engine.

Don'y know a thing about him though.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**chickenbite**

Free Time

Posted October 25, 2008 20:39

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I thought he passed away, but maybe I have him mixed up with someone else.

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted October 25, 2008 20:45

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Posts: **27720** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

Posted October 26, 2008 08:40

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Originally posted by Donovan:

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Yes--that was very unfortunate and tragic. I knew her well from years way back. She and Larry lived on the other side of the park lake on Jamison.

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

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**Bugman**  
Old Pro



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Forgot about that. Didn't a relative, nephew maybe, shot her?

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 26, 2008 17:10

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I believe it was during dear season .

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted October 27, 2008 15:00

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What years did the "sub" occupy the basement of the Rogers bldg? Later became a shoeshine stand.

I know that later years (late 60's)the "sub was across the street.

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**wclark**

Old Pro



Posted October 27, 2008 15:11

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I know it was there in '62/'63 and believe it was still there in '64/'65. I have no idea when it started of when it left.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

**undertaker's****dtr**

Member

Posted October 27, 2008 15:33

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I have no idea when it opened, but I think it was Fall of '68 when it moved across the street under the Susan Shop.

Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

**Pogo**

Old Pro



Posted October 27, 2008 16:22

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It was there (J.B. Rogers basement) in '51.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted October 27, 2008 17:03

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ut dtr is correct it was in Rogers Bldg in 67/68 then moved.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted October 27, 2008 17:14

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then....how long thereafter did it remain open ?

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted October 27, 2008 17:25

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Here's something for all you guys who like the old Westerns...

<http://oldfortyfives.com/thoseoldwesterns.htm>

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted October 27, 2008 17:35

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quote:

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Originally posted by Mykidsmom:

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MKM , that was good !!!

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted October 27, 2008 18:29

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REAL GOOD MKM!

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**

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Posted October 27, 2008 18:38

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My daddy sent me that!!! He's a HUGE Western fan... 😊

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Cyril**  
Free Time



Posted October 27, 2008 21:37

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A-Daddy? 😊

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Posts: **221** | Location: **Over Yonder.** | Registered: **October 18, 2008**

**JiminPA**  
Old Pro



Posted October 27, 2008 23:58

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Guys, I asked my mom once, and she said she remembered the Sub opening in the Spring of 1942.

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**wclark**  
Old Pro



Posted October 28, 2008 19:42

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OK, here's what I was talking about when the brass monkey came up.

<http://.snopes.com/language/stories/brass.asp>

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

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**Donovan**  
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Posted October 28, 2008 20:05

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Originally posted by JiminPA:  
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that longer than I had realized, I was aware of the late 50's , but the early 40's should make it of historical importance for Mt. Vernon ! IMO

Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Vernie**  
Regular



Posted October 28, 2008 21:49

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In my high school years, the Sub was sponsored by the Presbyterian Church and run by Maxine Hudson. She was an outstanding lady.

Posts: **106** | Location: **Parts Unknown** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted October 28, 2008 22:51

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I wonder if anyone has old photographs of the sub then and as it progressed till its closing ?

Who were the principal caretakers and sponsors for all those years and maybe some acknowledgement of their commitment to the kids during those times ?

Thanks Vernie

*This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Donovan](#), October 29, 2008 07:47*

Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 28, 2008 23:28

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Maxine was very good to all the kids that hung out down there. I think that I remember that weekend of hanging out at the Sub when JFK was assassinated as much as I do the announcement. That heppened, as I remember, on a Thursday and the game for that Friday was not cancelled. A lot of people hung out at the sub to turn down some of the constant news that surrounded that event. It was not that we did not want to hear what had happened. It was the fact that this was probably one of the first major news events that was ever covered by TV. Of course the radio had to try to compete with TV with stories. So the young people came to the Sub for some decompression time even though it was still the main topic.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted October 29, 2008 06:06

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro

Posted October 29, 2008 08:14

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Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted October 29, 2008 08:56

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I am all but sure.

How about this name from the past Mike DeVito. He was a all round good guy. He worked with my Mom at the First Bank in his later years.

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**wclark**  
Old Pro



Posted October 29, 2008 09:28

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 29, 2008 09:36

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**Donovan**  
Old Pro



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Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



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I'm not sure but it does seem to ring a small little bell.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



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Yep That's him. SP error!!

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**wclark**  
Old Pro



Posted October 30, 2008 08:12

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Seems to me that Mike did have a younger brother. I'm sure he was the oldest child in the family.

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

**Al Key**  
Old Pro



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Mike's brother is Mark.

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Posts: **2892** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 30, 2008 08:56

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Actually, I was going through a yearbook the other day and I think Mike had an older sister.

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**wclark**  
Old Pro



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You may be right, Buck. Been too long ago for my memory. My rememberer is not what it used to be, but my forgeterer is working really well.

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted October 30, 2008 14:15

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Gloria Jean DiVivo - class of '62'.

BTW - I had "breakfast" this morning with Wayne Grant. We had toast and juice and talked steady for an hour and a half. It was a good time and a good discussion. We even talked about several people on here except wc. I don't know how we could have forgotten to get around to that.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**treewalker29**

Basic training



Posted October 30, 2008 18:12

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You guys are talking about my old neighborhood a few pages back. I lived 2 houses west of 24th and College, and I also remember bricks. I left in 1996 but came back last spring. Mousetown has changed. It had changed in my neighborhood badly 1993-1996, but it's even changed again.

Yesterday is history, today a present, tomorrow, a mystery. Just remember all who have gone before you...

Posts: **35** | Location: **King City-MVTHS Class of '83** | Registered: **January 12, 2008**

**Wayne Grant**

Old Pro

Posted October 31, 2008 15:16

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Buck...I enjoyed the visit yesterday.....also Baseball Mom...it was good to meet you and to finally be able to put a face with your posts now. Returned to H building later in the day and you were attending a session. Great visit to Mt. Vernon..weather great ..things couldn't be better

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted October 31, 2008 15:36

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Hey Wayne, I hope you get back on soon enough to catch this post. I did forget part of your email address. I forgot the xxxxxxxxx@\_\_\_\_\_.org

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted October 31, 2008 16:19

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Wayne

Are you gone already? I didn't run into you . I'm not Class 66 so no weenie roast... Or teacher.. Oh well some other time.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Cyril**  
Free Time

Posted October 31, 2008 19:22

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quote:

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I'll give you some face time buddy!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 🤪

The Eagle is in the Nest.

Posts: **221** | Location: **Over Yonder.** | Registered: **October 18, 2008**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted November 04, 2008 07:44

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Cyril...son of A-dad

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Cyril**  
Free Time

Posted November 04, 2008 09:08

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quote:

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**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted November 04, 2008 14:36

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Wayne- have a nice trip? Enjoy your visit?



Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted November 05, 2008 18:44

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Downtown...if I knew who you are I am sure that I may have tried to contact you when I was home.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted November 05, 2008 21:33

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quote:

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted November 06, 2008 13:42

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Buckaroo..... here it is again rgrant@loweryukon.org

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted November 06, 2008 15:08

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Wayne  
Saw Mr. Payne passed away yesterday. Glenn

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**bill\_is\_back**  
Old Pro

Posted November 06, 2008 16:34

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His wife was my mother's cousin. Overbey.



Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

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**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted November 06, 2008 16:37

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Gotcha Wayne. I knew I needed a pen and paper.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro



Posted November 06, 2008 16:38

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I am sorry to hear that. He was my ex father in law. He was a good Christian man. He lived a long life. Thanks Downtown for letting me know.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Cyril**  
Free Time



Posted November 06, 2008 19:20

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Hey Wayne. What is up with you?

Baseball is over and gone and the Cards have made no major moves so I don't get to chat at ya' much.

Why don't you p\*\*\* someone off so I can jump in too? 😊

I know you wouldn't do that on purpose so.....I will,see ya' on the other threads!!!!!!!!!! 🙄 )

(P.S. Don't tell jlmer I was on his thread off topic,he will spin his noodles if he finds out 😊)

The Eagle is in the Nest.

Posts: **221** | Location: **Over Yonder.** | Registered: **October 18, 2008**

**mousegrINfl**  
Free Time



Posted November 06, 2008 21:32

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quote:

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Originally posted by Cyril:  
(P.S. Don't tell jlmer I was on his thread off topic,he will spin his noodles if he finds out 😊)

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Don't worry about him, he's too busy peeking under my burka on another thread.

Now don't you go getting any ideas from him.

Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

**Cyri**  
Free Time

Free Time

Posted November 06, 2008 21:41

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Speaking of peeking under burka's.....<http://.youtube.com/watch?v=QtHz10AbF5E&eurl=http://seehere.blogspot.com/>

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Posts: **221** | Location: **Over Yonder.** | Registered: **October 18, 2008**

**Cyril**  
Free Time

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Posted November 06, 2008 21:41

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Posts: **221** | Location: **Over Yonder.** | Registered: **October 18, 2008**

**mousegrl**  
**Nfl**

Free Time



Posted November 06, 2008 22:03

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quote:

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Originally posted by Cyril:

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Posts: **334** | Location: **a blue state** | Registered: **June 08, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**

Old Pro

Posted November 07, 2008 09:52

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Cyril, took me awhile to figure it out as to your real identity. I have been buso the "working at home" portion of my contract. I worked at the golf course yesterday. 😊 I go back to Alaska on Nov. 14th. Down in Texas now...got my sweat glands cleaned out ..ready for the Alaskan winter. Yeah I miss the tag teaming that went on during the baseball season. We'll be ready by spring training. Not sure if you knew it but Haremakeester is playing winter ball. I am sure he will be brought up nex season. 😊

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**jlmer**

Old Pro



Posted November 11, 2008 20:21

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Hey, you're corrupting my fantasies! And here I thought I knew what you looked like. Sigh! 😊

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**im4kst8**  
Stranger

Posted November 15, 2008 14:31

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Can anyone put me in contact with relatives of Burrel Lester Moore and Bonnie (Kohut) Moore, or their daughters Angela Moore and Eugenia (Moore) Rapp? Burrel was the grandfather I never knew. I would like to get in contact with my aunts. An email address, phone number or mailing address would be great. I appreciate any help. I can be contacted at im4kst8@yahoo.com or im4kst8@gmail.com.

Thank you!!

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Originally posted by xminer:

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quote:

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Originally posted by im4kst8:

tryone, I recently came across a post where you mentioned the name of a man that may be my Grandfather, Burrel (Lester) Moore. Burrel married my grandmother, Louise Freund. Their children are Randy (my father), Debbie, and Sharon. I'm not sure when they separated, but my grandmother moved to Sycamore, IL and remarried. My father passed away 10yrs ago and my grandmother passed away 4yrs ago. I understand that Burrel married Bonnie Kohut and had three more children. They are Eugenia, Angela, and Mark (deceased). Evidently, Burrel passed in 1972. I would love to make contact with my aunts Eugenia and Angela. Do you know how I may contact them or anyone that may know them or other family members? Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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I am originally from Ina and knew Burrel and Bonnie Jean. If you can provide an e-mail address I can put you in contact with some of the Kohut side of the family.

Posts: **4** | Location: **colorado** | Registered: **September 05, 2008**

**xminer**  
Old Pro

Posted November 15, 2008 21:55

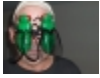
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im4kst8, check your inbox.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted November 24, 2008 15:21

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I was out at the City Park today was looking at the old stadium. I was wondering, was there ever a roof on it? The pillars have and are still there but I don't remember a roof. I remember the stage and the wooden benches, but no roof.

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**jlmer**

Old Pro



Posted November 24, 2008 16:37

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It was never completed. I have no idea even why they started it. In the 70's I held a weeks revival there for a few years. It had electricity and people would use what bleachers there were and bring lawn chairs. The stage was simple but worked.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted November 24, 2008 17:07

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I played on those benches and the stage in the late 50s and the early 60s. There never was a roof. I think that the idea lost momentum, the funds for the roof were spent, the neighbors would have none of the idea of entertainment coming from that location and /or all of the aforementioned thoughts.

The thought of no entertainment was reinforced in the sixties and seveties when bands played there and neighbors did not receive it well.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted November 25, 2008 11:38

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Remember the carnivals at the Park over the 4th of July weeks? They used to have a beauty contest on the stage there. Remember Buck?

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

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**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro



Posted November 25, 2008 11:47

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Downtowngal.....I remember one beauty contest that was held there. (around 1966 or 67) You weren't a participant in one of those contests were you?

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated



Posted November 25, 2008 12:02

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Not me.... Told you I was a skinny girl no one wanted to date... My sister was in a couple of them at the Fairgrounds and several of my friends were in the ones at the park...

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted November 25, 2008 12:28

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I never saw any of the beauty contests at the park. By 1966 the carnival was old hat to me. I probably never went near there at that time. In fact, I went into the Army on JUNE 6, 1966.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**chickenbite**  
Free Time

Posted November 25, 2008 14:38

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Buck, the first time I met you, we were in the same speech class (Community College). My sister asked if I'd met anyone nice and I said yes I'd met you. She asked how I knew you were a nice boy and I said because you were wearing a Lincoln Bible College sweatshirt! 🇺🇸 🇺🇸 I thought you'd get a kick out of that old memory.

Joe Plemons was in that same class. Whatever happened to him?

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

**rescue**  
Regular

Posted November 25, 2008 15:45

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Oh no ! more pen pals !!!!

Posts: **105** | Location: **Southern Illinois** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted November 25, 2008 17:12

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I've slept since then cb. I guess that was a sweatshirt I forgot that I ever had. Was it short sleeve? I don't know where Joe is now.

Hi rescue! 😊

Sorry about that, just responding.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted November 25, 2008 17:31

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C'mon now Rescue- Pen pals are ok. How are we supposed to keep up with friends. As long as it's not long drawn out conversations here.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**chickenbite**  
Free Time

Posted November 25, 2008 17:53

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Easy there, Rescue! 😞 The topic is Old Mt. Vernon and it's been many moons since Buck and I had a class together, so I believe my post qualifies. 😊

Downtown, bless all you peacekeepers. 😊

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted November 25, 2008 20:55

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Come on now Downtown.....you may have been the "skinny girl" but you're wrong about no one wanting to date you.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted November 26, 2008 13:26

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Wg - Nope I NEVER went to school dances , etc. Just a loner I guess... Had a lot of guy friends, but no dates. Ugly stepsister I guess.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted November 26, 2008 14:28

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Downtown...don't feel bad. First prom I ever went to wasn't until I was a HS principal and then I had to go and still had no date....

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted November 26, 2008 15:45

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Guess we were more serious & had more important things going on. HA Have a great Thanksgiving way up there.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**chickenbite**  
Free Time

Posted November 26, 2008 16:22

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Downtown, you say skinny like it's a bad thing. 🌐 If you're still skinny today, you're doing better than most of us. 😊

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted November 26, 2008 16:28

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Hey Wayne - Enjoy that Hungry Man turkey dinner!

Happy Thanksgiving!

If any of you haven't figured it out yet, where Wayne is, it is a long way from being able to have all the fixins for Thanksgiving without it costing a small fortune to buy.

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**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

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Chickenbite...DTgal is still a little hottie

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

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Free Time

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She seems like a nice person too! 😊

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

**stan cato**  
Newcomer

Posted November 28, 2008 21:36

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anyone remember harry's market on newby st - by dad worked there for many years - he was known as cato

Posts: **10** | Location: **champaign il** | Registered: **November 28, 2008**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted November 29, 2008 00:17

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Yep I very well remember Gertie Riley there.

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<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**xminer**  
Old Pro

Posted November 29, 2008 09:57

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Originally posted by stan cato:  
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Stan, I remember your dad and brother both, well. They were both great people. John and I went to school together and used fish at Monee with Short Legs, Roger Garrison and Syd.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted November 30, 2008 12:03

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How about...

Nehi grape, Frosty Root Beer, Bubble up and Planters Peanuts.

Brings back my Little League days as these were sold at the concession stand. If my memory serves me right, the ball field was north of the Junior High School across Broadway.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted November 30, 2008 12:10

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It still is John...Lot of baseball dreams have been born on that field! Take me out to the ballgame any day... 😊

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**stan cato**  
Newcomer

Posted November 30, 2008 21:58

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Originally posted by xminer:

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Posts: **10** | Location: **champaign il** | Registered: **November 28,**  
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**stan cato**  
Newcomer

Posted November 30, 2008 22:06

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Posts: **10** | Location: **champaign il** | Registered: **November 28,**  
**2008**

**farmfan**  
Stranger

Posted November 30, 2008 22:45

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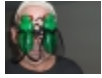
Well I've enjoyed this forum for a while but haven't seen anything about  
Jiggs & Maggies west of town. It was on the east side of a dead end road  
that turned south off of 460. Firebaughs Gas Station was on the west  
side. Just east of where 57 is now. Joe Lummel(sp?) and his wife ran it I  
think. It had small rental cabins on both sides of a circle drive and a storied  
past I believe. Know any?

player

Posts: **1** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 30, 2008**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted November 30, 2008 23:38

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Look back far enough. We have talked about Jiggs & Maggies.

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cato

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Posts: **10** | Location: **champaign il** | Registered: **November 28, 2008**

**bill\_is\_back**

Old Pro



Posted December 01, 2008 09:19

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**cajungal**  
Member



Posted December 15, 2008 20:39

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Anyone of y'all remember the year the courthouse and square was decorated for Christmas with all blue lights? They started at the ground level going up to each corner of the first floor, then cascading again to the second floor corners, then streaming to a large star above the building. It was truly beautiful. Also that year there was Santa Clause Lane which consisted of decorated trees spaced equally apart going out to the north along 10th street and past Daniels Hill. Just some nostalgia from a Mt.Vernon native and grad of 1960.

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Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted December 15, 2008 21:13

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....and along west Broadway had trees lit

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Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 08:08

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There was a, like WWII, artillery canon on the court house lawn at one time. What happened to it? I remember climbing on it. And what is the old canon, that is still there, about?

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

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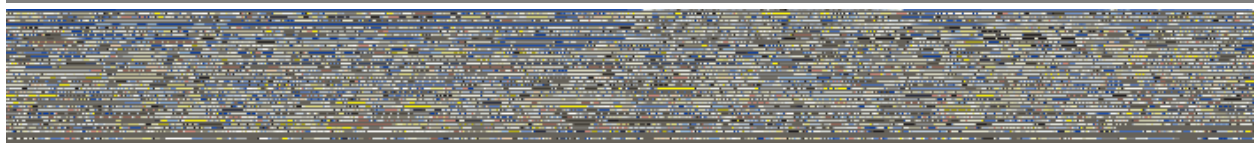
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Old Pro



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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 08:18

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The old Post Office always fascinated me !  
The stone work was very amazing !

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 08:22

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:  
I have some more to post if anyone is interested.

Always interested in Mt. V. wonderful past ....and especially the buildings .

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Bugman**  
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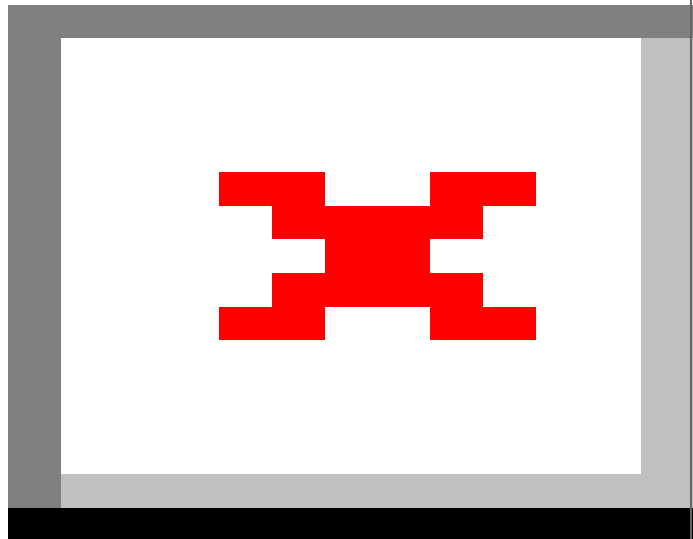
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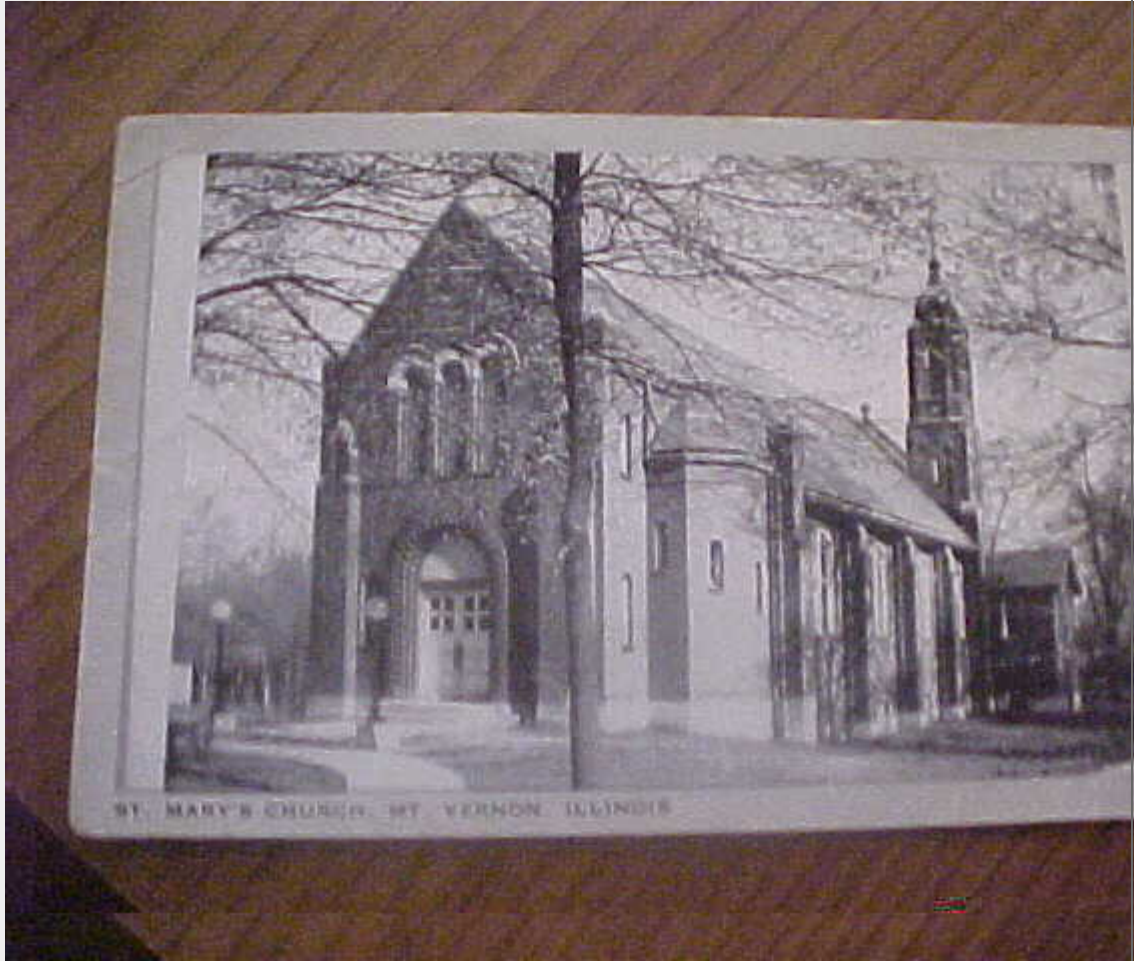
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**Bugman**  
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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 08:36

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Bugman , any pictures of west B'way ?

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**MVanSluyters**  
Regular

Posted December 16, 2008 08:43

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:  
Or this?



I remember "buying" the building and using it as a teen center under the auspices of the American Congress of Teens-ACT. Lyle Williams was in on it and so was??? We had a dance one night with a band from Carbondale with Lutewaffe uniforms and the vets went crazy. Getting the building ready, I remember the catwalk with the machine gun ports too!

This probably should be in the 60-70m thread, but this is where the picture and memories were

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 08:50

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 08:52

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quote:

This probably should be in the 60-70m thread,

It was tore done in the 60-70's I will put it where I want. Na Na 🍷  
*This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Bugman](#), December 16, 2008 19:21*

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Bugman**  
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**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



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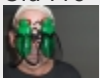
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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 10:05

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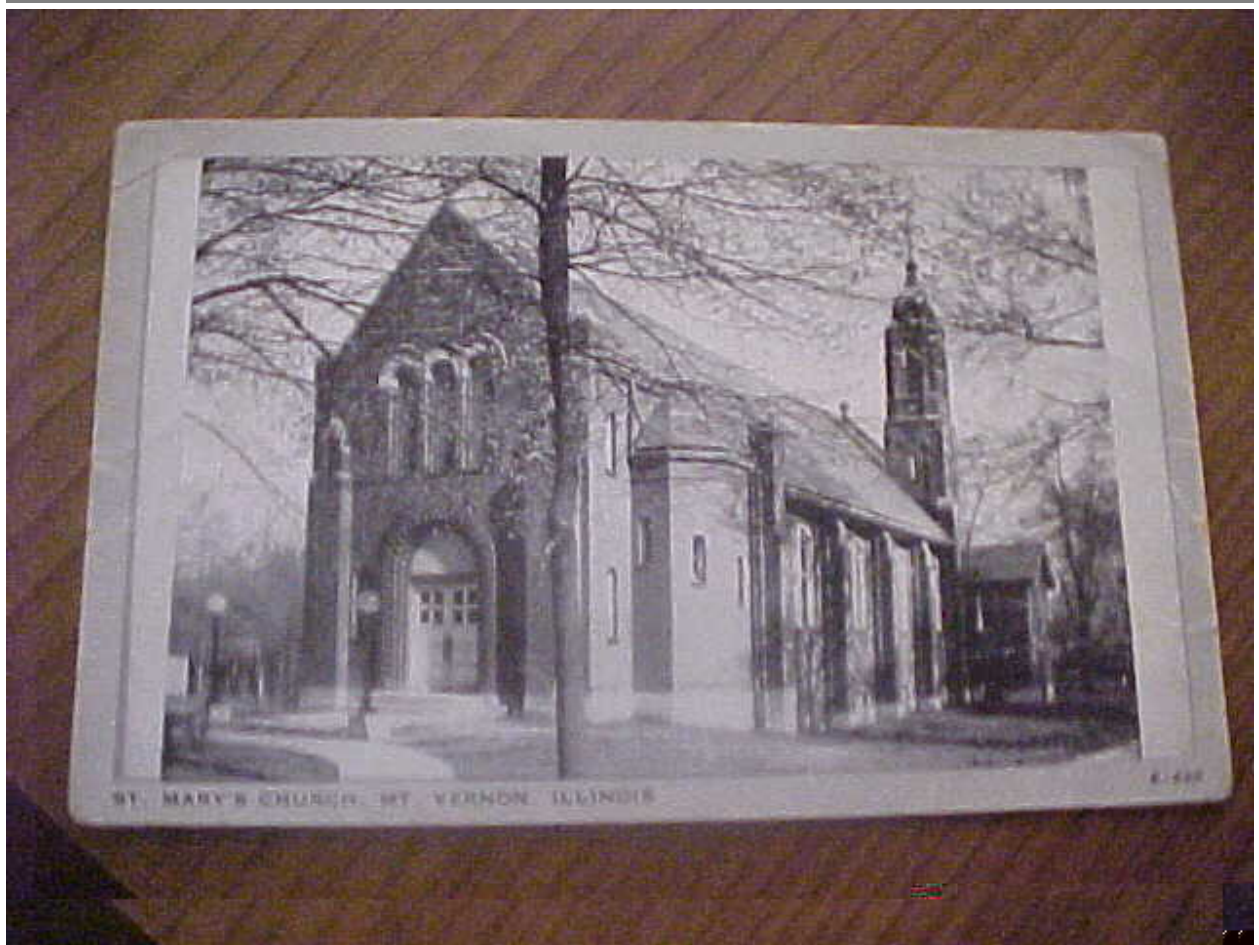
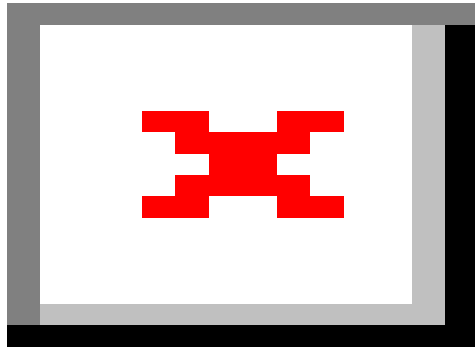
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**chickenbite**  
Free Time

Posted December 16, 2008 11:05

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:  
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Sure do!

Posts: **277** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 22, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted December 16, 2008 12:30

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Really enjoyed the pics Bug. I went to a LOT of dances at the old post office....Fell in love there one night. But it passed after a long while... Great pictures anyway!

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted December 16, 2008 12:50

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DTgal...I fell in love there about every Friday night.... 😊

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**bluebayoulady**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 12:54

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ok. I'm having "brain gas" -- just where was the old post office and what years was it some kind of club?

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 13:01

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The post office was directly across the street to the south of the city hall at 11th and Main. I want to think that it was mid to late sixties that the post office was used for teen dances. I left for the army in June of '66' but do not remember whether the one dance I attended there was before I left or after.

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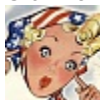
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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 13:35

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quote:

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Originally posted by Bugman:  
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That would be nice...thanks! Merry Christmas!

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 13:44

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quote:

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Originally posted by Bugman:  
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Have any pictures of the old neighborhood grade schools? If I recall there were at least 7 , including old union .

Posts: **27741** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**MVanSluyters**

Regular

Posted December 16, 2008 14:09

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quote:

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Originally posted by bluebayoulady:  
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We got it in the spring of 1966 and opened it shortly after, April or May of that year. How long it lasted , I don't know as I left MTV in August of 1966.

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**bluebayoulady**

Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 14:15

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What is there now? still having problems picturing this one in my mind.

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Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou,**

Louisiana | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 14:29

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It is easy to forget. As I remember it is a two level parking lot with one below ground.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**bluebayoulady**

Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 14:33

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quote:

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Originally posted by Buck:  
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thanks, that gave me the location but didn't help me remember. Guess it was one of those places I went by but never had reason to be there, as our PO in Woodlawn was plenty for what I would have ever needed. Probably wasn't old enough for the dances so just one of those places I missed, right before my eyes.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**enlightened**

Free Time



Posted December 16, 2008 15:35

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Oh, please show more of these pictures/postcards. My mother collected postcards and before she passed she donated the Mt Vernon/Jefferson Cty collection to Tom Puckett at the historical village. Reminds me of how she was so proud of her collection and loved to show to any one that even acted like they were interested.

Posts: **243** | Location: **mccllellan township** | Registered: **March 20, 2007**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted December 16, 2008 16:25

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quote:

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Originally posted by Wayne Grant:  
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I sure hated to see the grand old building torn down for a parking lot hardly anyone uses.... I don't know how old the post office building was, but it was really neat. And the high school building is still being used.. The Emerson hotel is gone.. It was pretty cool in it's day too. I had a lady boss that lived there in an apartment.

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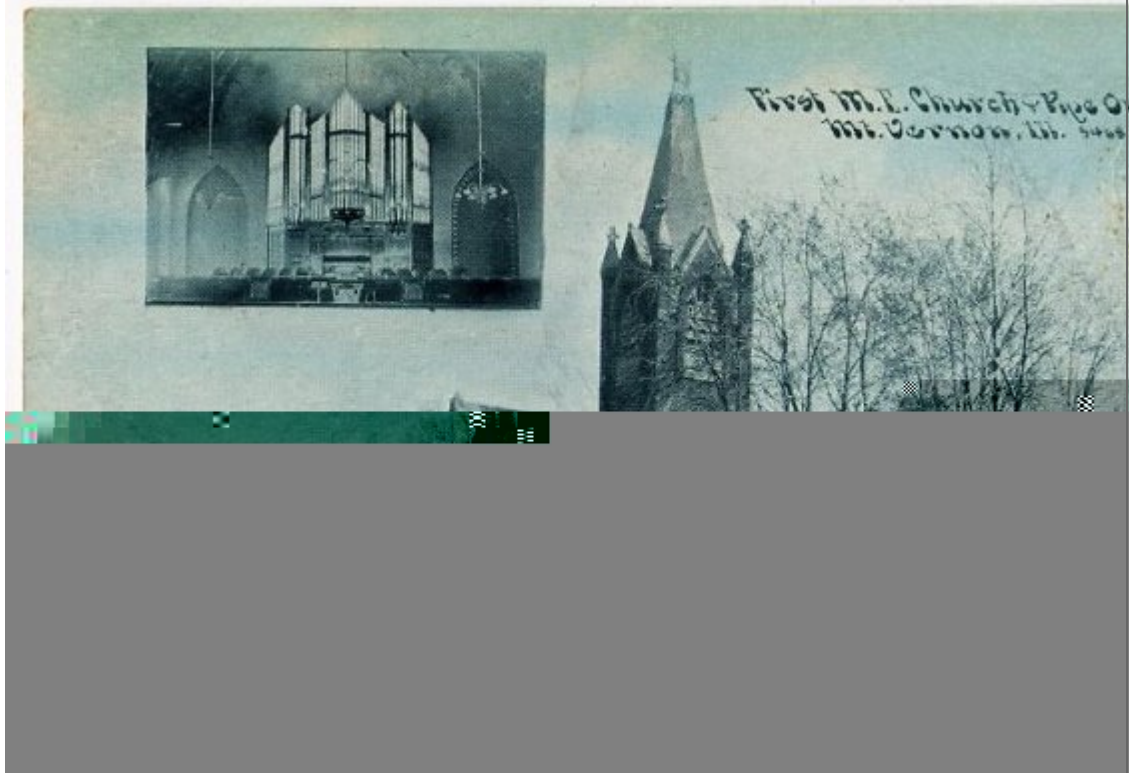
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**Bugman**  
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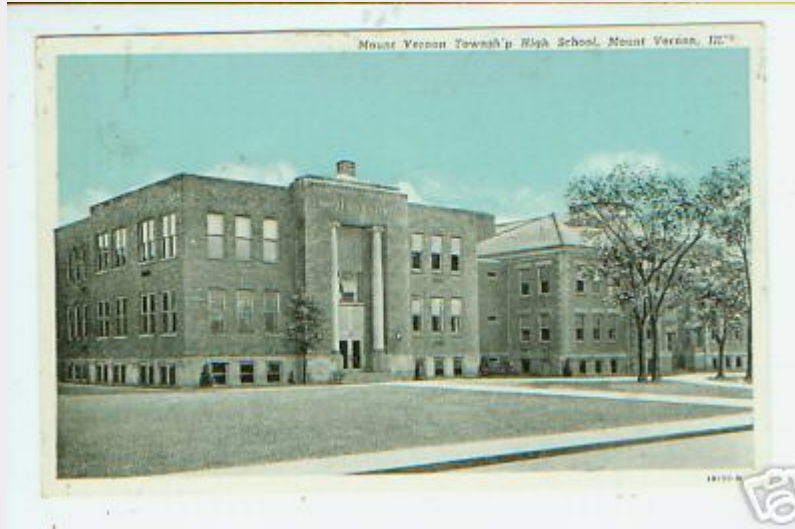
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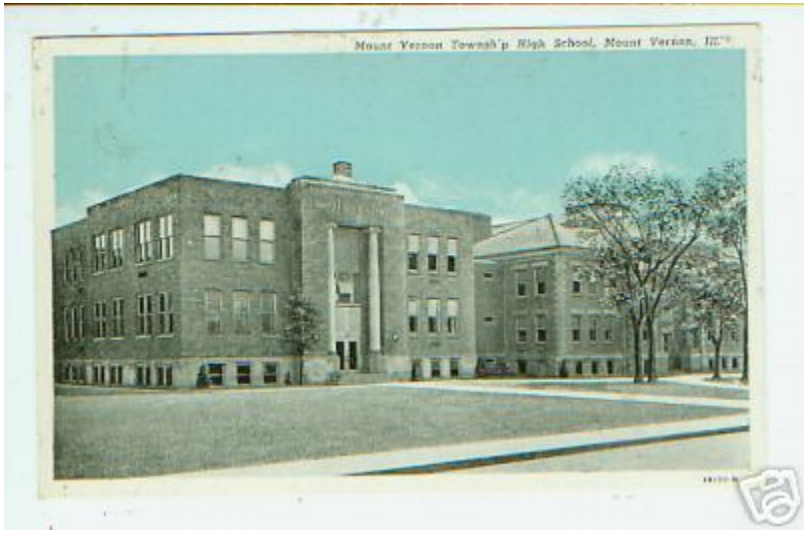
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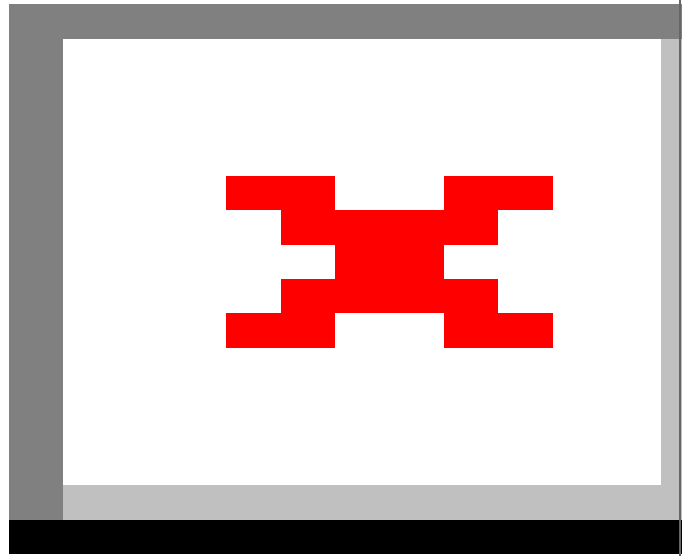
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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**RAMbunctious**

Educated

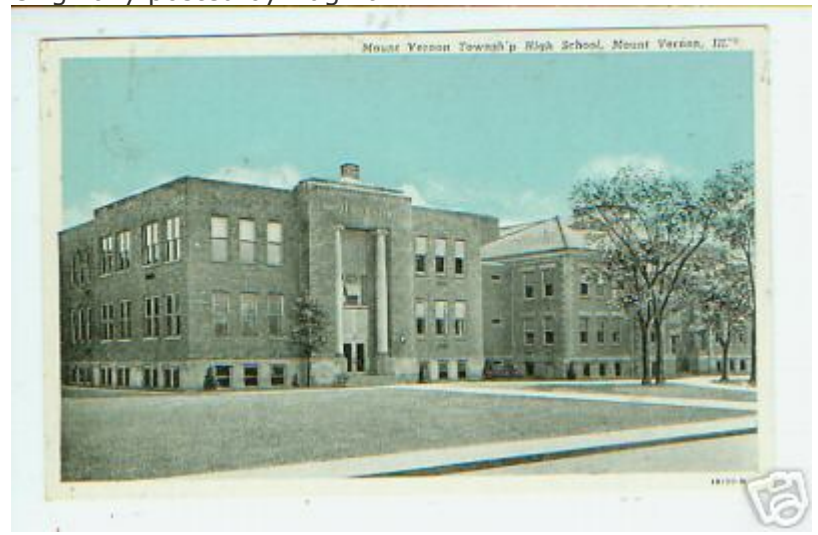


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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:



Man, the school was ugly way back then too.

Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

**Donovan**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 18:49

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A true testament of brick structures....meant to last, not like the new construction of today, short term then throw away !

Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 19:42

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Hope you all enjoyed those pics.

**HAPPY**  **HOLIDAYS**

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2008 20:00

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Thanks Bugsy, you have been a busy boy!

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**bill\_is\_back**

Old Pro



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thanks bugman

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**Vernie**

Regular



Posted December 16, 2008 22:37

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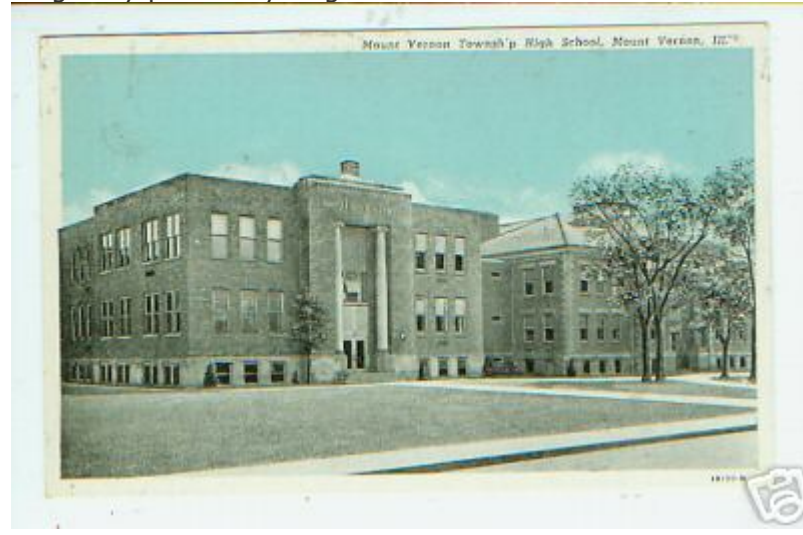
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Posts: **106** | Location: **Parts Unknown** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted December 17, 2008 05:02

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MtVTHS...state of the art in 1920 when it was built.....still 1920's state of the art.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**jlme r**  
Old Pro



Posted December 17, 2008 10:03

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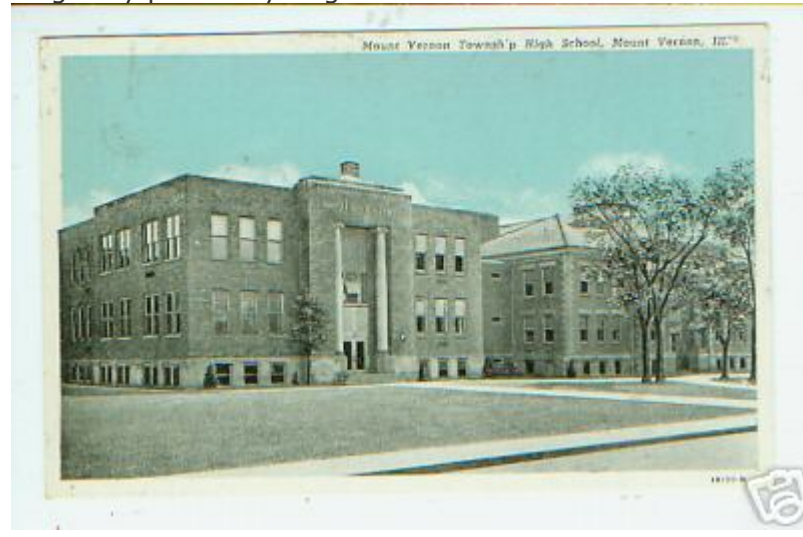
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I agree, if the administration would have let them fixed some of the problems with the buildings instead of letting them go in order to get a new school they wouldn't be so bad.

It's a beautiful campus and "change" for "change" sake isn't so great.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted December 17, 2008 11:06

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<http://.youtube.com/watch?v=qaGMMW1kfiA&feature=related>

For now folks!! 😊 He He!!!

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**Germann85**

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Posted December 17, 2008 11:22

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Originally posted by Wayne Grant:  
MtVTHS...state of the art in 1920 when it was built.....still  
1920's state of the art.

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I know a lot of people have fond memories of the buildings etc (including yours truly), but be realistic. These buildings are by and large obsolete, and have been for many years.

I shared on another thread that my 8th-grader was unimpressed when we drove through the campus over Thanksgiving. Her comment was "Wow, this place looks really old and mangy."

Ever think that people who are relocating to Southern Illinois and doing their research get the exact same impression, and move somewhere else?

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November 26, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted December 17, 2008 11:54

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Originally posted by jlmer:

I agree, if the administration would have let them fixed some of the problems with the buildings instead of letting them go in order to get a new school they wouldn't be so bad.

It's a beautiful campus and "change" for "change" sake isn't so great.

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This simply isn't true. NO administration "let" these buildings go. I did business for many years (all through the 90's) with the maintenance department at MVTHS. They had a HUGE budget to try and MAINTAIN these old buildings. It takes a lot of dollars to maintain, clean and keep presentable all the SEPARATE buildings. Given their age they are also not energy efficient, another HUGE waste of tax-payer money. The old architecture while attractive to the older generation can never provide the extra space needed...MVTHS offers a much larger curriculum (extra classes) without any extra space to do so than when most of you graced the doors what 40- 50 years ago...

So let's face it, if you don't want to pony up for a positive change, and let go of a few fond memories just say so...But don't say MVTHS hasn't been properly maintained because nothing could be further from the truth...

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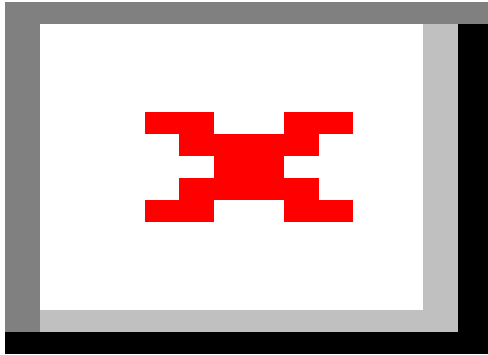
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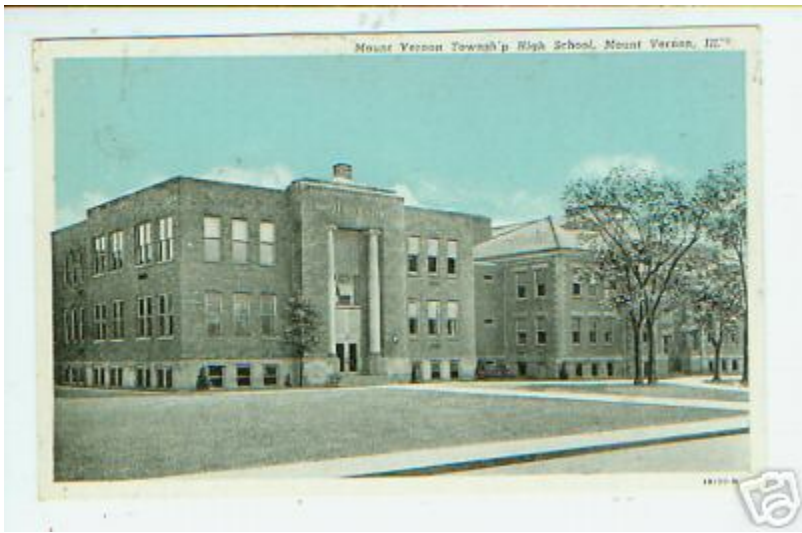
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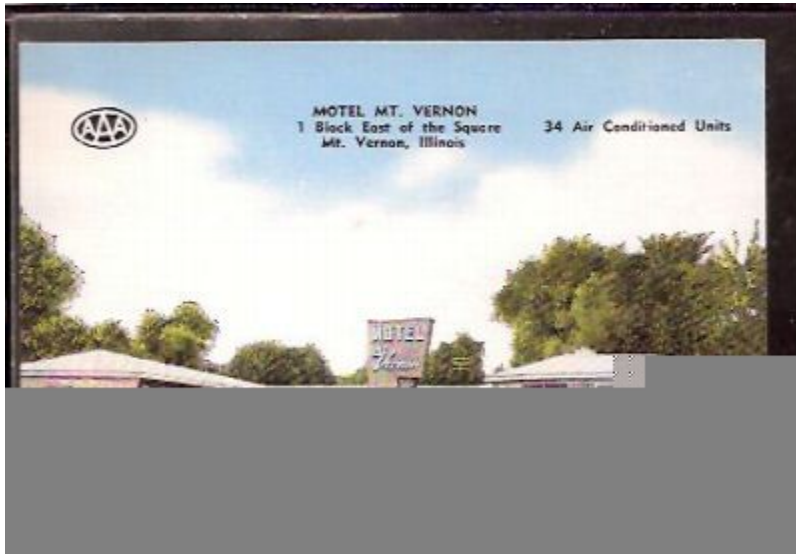
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**RAMbunctious**  
Educated



Posted December 17, 2008 12:33

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Thank you MKM. The myth that MVTHS has intentionally let the campus deteriorate and have not attempted to maintain the buildings is just that, a myth. Our maintenance staff is top notch and does all they can to keep putting lipstick on a pig.

Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

**one-voice**  
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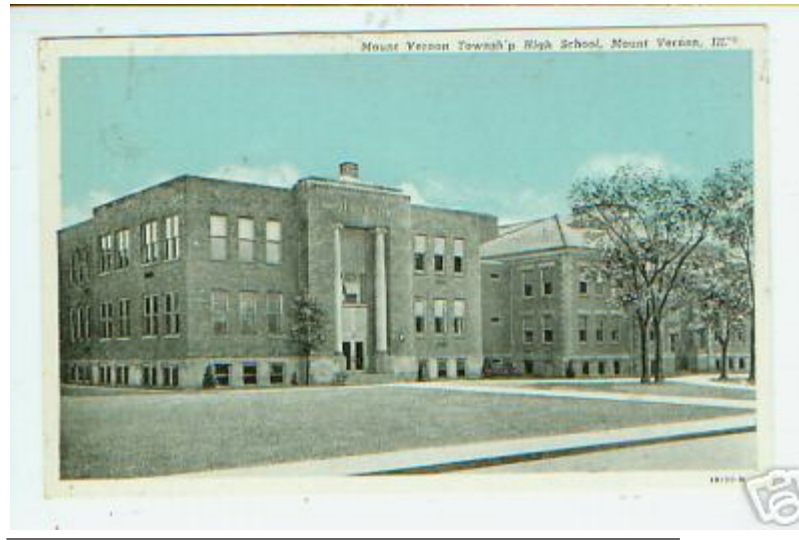
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Originally posted by Bugman:



Man, the school was ugly way back then too.

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I see we're still disagreeing, Rambunct. I think it's one of the greatest high school campuses I've ever seen. Maybe because I'm an alum and had some pretty good times there. I just think the big campus helped me to adjust to many buildings at a big university or two that I attended.

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This school campus is piss poor at best. It has been obsolete for way to long. The school should provide above par standards and that is lacking due to many things. That also isn't a Mt.Vernon thing either. I am not saying that the teachers aren't qualified but they are really on some restraints due to all of the variables here. I know it is hard to maintain a house needless to say the amount of huge buildings they have here. I don't see how having 5 buildings that are falling apart could prepare anyone for anything. You want preparation for college attend a high school with huge attendance numbers. I would bet that the Jr High I attended had as many people as our high school does. I don't see our children getting the "best" with what we have now. Hopefully we can find a way to improve our standards for our future and all be happy not just pleased.

Maybe maintenance costs should've been a good for comparison of payment for a new school in contrast of what we pay in a 10 year period or so?

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Posts: **1247** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted December 17, 2008 13:27

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When I first joined in posting on this forum about a year ago there was some discussion on the facilities at MVTHS. At that time I posted that a HS

that housed most of the classes under one roof was easier to maintain security , cool/heat, lower maintenance costs, and also maintain control of tardies/discipline. A couple people violently opposed my stand. However, I have sat on more than one facility committee in school districts that were building new campuses and all the data that was studied indicated facts to support my stand. MtVTHS is very much outdated and I believe that the failure of the community to support building a new school is an indication of the lack of committment to provide a top notch education for the young people that the school serves. I asked on the forum why the bond was voted down and the answer I received was that the county jail was crammed down the taxpayers throat and the people were making a statement by voting it down. Although the jail issue may have been an underhanded thing the only ones that are getting hurt in that are the students of MVTHS. I applaud the dedicated teachers and administrators that have worked on the campus for years. I am sure of this....new surroundings will completely change the educational environment, and although I know that for the most part it is the people inside the buildings that make the school the sad conditions of the physical plant at the school can not be ignored in the part they play in todays current status of the schools academic rating.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted December 17, 2008 17:34

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I hate to burst any bubbles but that isn't a myth! Some would like for us to think that but it comes from some of the people who work maintenance there.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted December 17, 2008 17:38

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Actually, we are sick and tired of being taxed to death for everything. Our taxes are some of the highest in the state. We weren't allowed to vote on the jail and you could see the mess it is if you lived here. The highschool was a con job that failed. They had the kids write letters to the editor which did more harm than good. People who don't pay taxes here were trying to tell us we needed to pony up and take on more of a tax burden. Even as I type there's a tax raise being considered for us. The school will last for several more years and they can repair what's needed instead of telling us it's falling down.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



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Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted December 17, 2008 18:16

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I don't believe for one minute that anyone credible from maintenance would say such a thing. Have you been to the campus? If you have, you can tell by the shine on the old floors it is well taken care of, not to mention just looking around. It is kept clean and looks as good as it possibly can look for it's age. Everything has been maintained, period! I would challenge anyone to prove different. I know, I have seen how they operate first hand FOR YEARS!!!

Trying to get people to believe the employees who take care of the campus ...say they don't do a good job is a con job. 🤪 That's like saying hey everyone we really suck at our job, please save the high school money and fire us! Now that is funny! 🤪

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**jlmer**

Old Pro



Posted December 17, 2008 19:53

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**Wayne Grant**

Old Pro



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Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



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I think there are a lot of us who don't that are against it because of the already high taxes here.  
I'm on SS and the raises on it doesn't cover the raises of gas, groceries, taxes, etc. plus we get a couple of City Council who pushes for a tax increase, hurting the town, and one is wanting to be mayor, which is scary. When we need a new school the people will know it without someone trying to run a con job on us.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**bluebayoulady**

Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 10:14

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Just curious, how did Centralia, who is hurting a lot more than MV on the economic front, afford to build their new high school?

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou,**



Louisiana | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**one-voice**

Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 11:06

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I think if the plans had been done better and the Mayor at that time didn't just say "yes we will cover a big chunk of the money" it would have better results. I am for a better school but not that one.

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Posts: **1247** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 11:41

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Originally posted by jlmer:  
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So am I!

BBLady, I don't know for a fact, but I would say Centralia utilized the grant subsidies that we missed out on, when the voters voted it down. Unfortunately, most people were voting against the county jail we already are supporting, when they voted against the high school.

A big portion of the problem is that the tax burden falls on homeowners. Only about 45% of the population are homeowners supporting the 100%. Saying that we are overtaxed is an understatement.

What homeowners didn't realize on voting against the sales tax in November is that they sealed the fate of another property tax increase, which we won't get a vote on. The few will support the many...

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**bluebayoulady**

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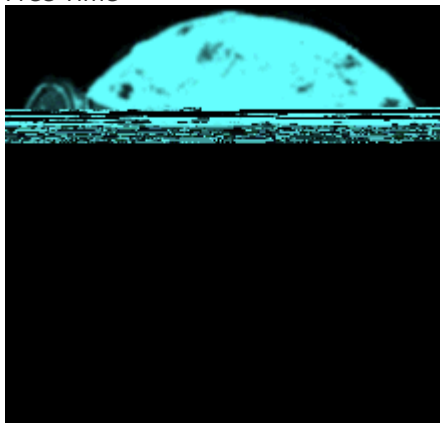
you keep bringing up the 45% of homeowners supporting 100% who live in MV. Even if that figure is correct, SOMEONE owns the properties that the other 55% live in, so aren't those owners paying property taxes as well? just how is it that you are supporting "the many"?

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Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

### MinorDoom

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All but those on Section 8 and Section 8 like programs are. Also are all the taxpayers in the United States and Illinois. Property taxes in Jefferson county are bad but it is because of poorly spent funds, bad projects, excessive wages to government employees.

I had to pay my mothers property taxes this year. This has taken her to the point she seems to be honestly considering leaving Mt. Vernon as we have urged for years.

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Rev. Joseph Lowery  
January 20, 2009

Posts: **396** | Location: **Far side of da Moon** | Registered: **December 11, 2007**

**xminer**  
Old Pro

Posted December 18, 2008 12:18

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believe) isn't proportionate to homes in the county. In fact, some of these apartment buildings received a tax benefit in order to build. This is something that I have railed against for decades. For example, if we have 10,000 children attending the county schools, only a small percentage of their parents are paying the higher real estate taxes to the districts. Then we have the Rend Lake College. If they realize any profit from the Market Place or other investments, this isn't used to lower the taxes, they just add on or create new programs. The college also is a recipient of our taxes. So we have the grade schools, high schools (4), and college all receiving our money. 4 highschools in a county of 30,000 +/- means 4 campuses, 4 administrators, 4 faculty, 4 bus services, etc. It would take some work but the number of highschools can be reduced. we would surely need to redistrict, maybe build a new school or two, figure out the logistics of transportation and other things, but in the long run it would pay off. County lines wouldn't be a consideration because we have some Jefferson County residents paying into highschool districts out of the county now.

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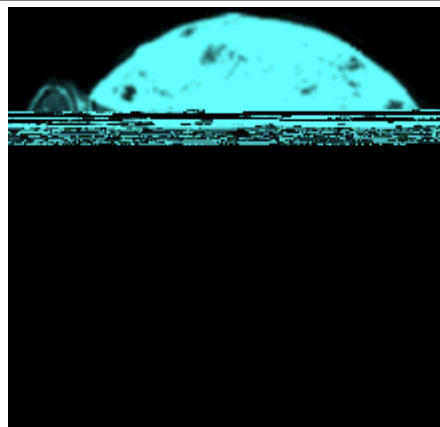
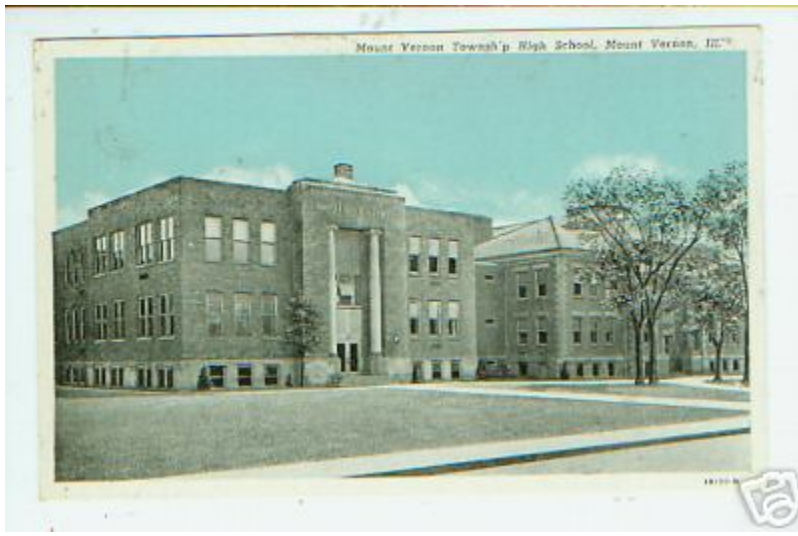
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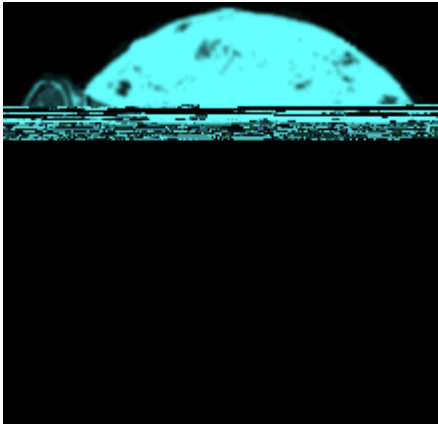
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The X man!

Posts: **1731** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

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That would mean longer travel times for students, less local say so and participation because of centralized control in Mt.Vernon. I am sure there are people who move to the other districts just to get away from the MVTHS district.

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Posts: **396** | Location: **Far side of da Moon** | Registered: **December 11, 2007**

**one-voice**  
Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 12:43

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It is also pretty piss poor that the other "cities" surrounding Mt.Vernon have bigger and better High Schools than Mt.Vernon with less population. We are gonna pay property taxes regardless. Maybe they ought to do some

restructuring and then they can do this.

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Posts: **1247** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

### Mykidsmom

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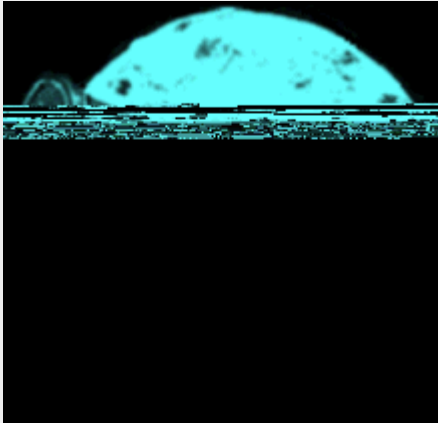
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Are you so ignorant that you cannot tell a signature on a post? ? To quote Mr. Buckley again "I would like to take you seriously, but to do so would affront your intelligence." What a maroon!

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Posts: **396** | Location: **Far side of da Moon** | Registered: **December 11, 2007**

**bluebayoulady**

Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 12:56

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Need clarification, please. you are saying that 55% of students in MV schools either live in public housing or the newer apartment complexes (which receive the tax breaks)? As far as the county citizens, best I can remember, they pay taxes for the HS and RLC.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**

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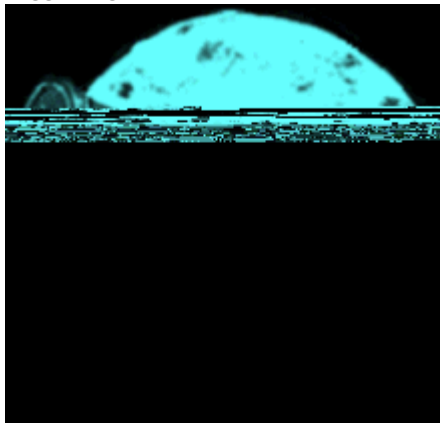
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Maroon, moron, the last one seems to fit you best.

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
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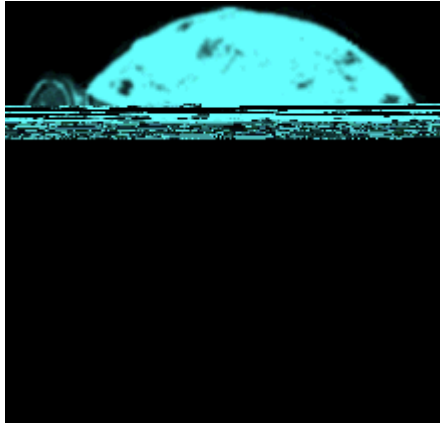
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**Mykidsmom**

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I'm glad you think sooo highly of yourself that you profess to know me...Showing your true colors! 

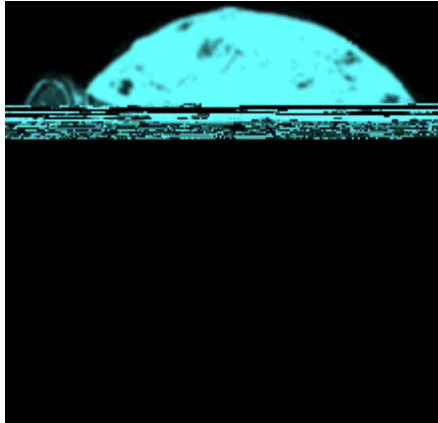
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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**MinorDoom**

Free Time



Posted December 18, 2008 13:23

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quote:


Originally posted by Mykidsmom:

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 and Jack A\$\$ fits you well too! Although maroon fits you very well too, given you have


a signature that you  
don't agree with...



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**A**irport anyway?

I would say from talking recently with a past superior,  
things are far beyond your level to accept or  
understand.

Lord, in the memory of all the saints who from their  
labors rest, and in the joy of a new beginning, we ask  
you to help us work for that day when black will not be  
asked to get in back, when brown can stick around,  
when yellow will be mellow, when the red man can get  
ahead, man; and when white will embrace what is  
right. Let all those who do justice and love mercy say  
Amen.

Rev. Joseph Lowery  
January 20, 2009

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Posts: **396** | Location: **Far side of da  
Moon** | Registered: **December 11, 2007**

**RAMbunctious**

Educated



Posted December 18, 2008 13:29

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quote:

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Originally posted by bluebayoulady:  
Need clarification, please. you are saying that 55% of  
students in MV schools either live in public housing or the  
newer apartment complexes (which receive the tax breaks)?  
As far as the county citizens, best I can remember, they pay  
taxes for the HS and RLC.

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About 46% of MVHS students are on free or reduced lunch. That doesn't mean they live in subsidized housing, but they are probably renters who pay no property taxes. It might also be noted that property taxes for mobile & modular homes are considerably less than traditionally built houses.

I live in a slightly above average priced home in Mt. Vernon, the extra \$150 a year in property taxes that a new school would have cost me would have been well worth it for this community to have something to feel proud of. I don't think I would have ever missed the \$10-\$20 bucks a year the safety sales tax was costing me, but I will miss having my streets maintained and having good fire and ambulance service.

What is there about the physical plant of MVHS to be proud of? Chagnon Gym? Not a chance, it is a laughing stock all over the state. I was reading a thread on a high school basketball forum the other day about the worst gyms in Illinois. Chagnon was mentioned more than any other single gymnasium on that thread. I can't think of one single physical characteristic that our students can feel good about the MVHS campus. We do have a nice baseball diamond at Klein Field, but it's not on the MVHS campus and was paid for by mostly private donations. For folks like jlmer & vernie who attended MVHS in the 50's, much of the campus you attended was only 20 or so years old (Buildings A, the gym & Auditorium) and F building was less than 10 years old. This is not the same school you remember. I have spent nearly every day since 1972 in this place and the crumbling, dingy atmosphere absolutely sucks the life out of you. Last night I had to cut my team's practice short because one the the heaters in the nasty, filthy old warehouse where we must practice (with no locker rooms or showers) overheated and filled the room with smoke. I am still coughing up a lung on that one. When I started teaching, I said I would not leave MVHS bitter like most of the retirees I have witnessed over my 36 years here. I really hope I can do that. I have given my life to this place and in return it has afforded me a good living and a job that has for the most part been rewarding and satisfying, and my children received a good education here. However, over the last 7 or 8 years this place has changed, and not for the better. 91 more days.

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Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 13:41

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Ram, I would hope that when you retire you are able to focus on the positive things about your time at MVTHS. If for some reason you would be bitter, don't let it be because of something you have no control over...like the physical state of the campus.

You have done something far, far more important than a new building.

You have contributed to the young minds of students and to the successes of young athletes. That sir is priceless...I know for a fact of some wrestlers who sincerely hope that if you retire, you stay with the program. You may not realize it, but your students love and respect you. That warms my heart and I hope that it warms yours too!

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Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 14:57

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quote:

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I've been inside the school since the '50s. And people who work there don't all share your convictions about it being in such bad repair. Take a look around town and you'll see good buildings being torn down and empty lots are now there. Many of the buildings downtown have been renovated instead of torn down and the downtown is looking pretty good.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

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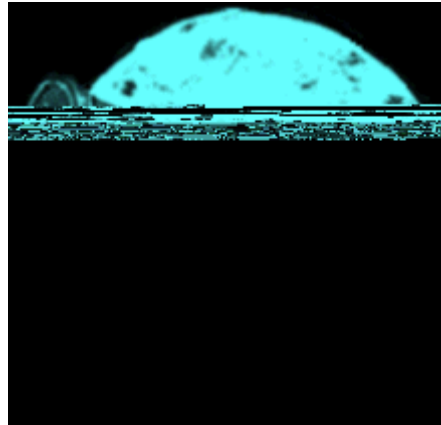
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**bluebayoulady**

Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 15:07

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so, just curious jlmer, how are you proposing to renovate Chagnon gym?

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 15:35

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<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Trixx**  
Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 15:38

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quote:

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Originally posted by bluebayoulady:  
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Dyn-O-mite!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

TNT!

Posts: **1732** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

**bluebayoulady**  
Old Pro



Posted December 18, 2008 15:51

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quote:

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Originally posted by Bugman:  
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I would concur with that bug, but jlmer keeps talking about renovating the existing school. thought maybe he had some ideas no one else had thought of yet.

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**xminer**  
Old Pro

Posted December 18, 2008 18:06

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Just to add some thought to my last post. I'm not saying that Mt. Vernon would be the hub for all sturdents. That all the county students should attend a central school in Mt. Vernon. As I said, it would take some work to figure it out. Some of the students on the outer edges of the county would be assigned schools close to their home. Just for instance; the Ina kids are just as close to Benton as Mt. Vernon and some of the Waltonville kids would be within riding distance of Sesser. When I was on the County Board I mentioned that by haveing 4 highschoools in the county cost more money than a lesser number of schools. The argument by some of the citizens sending little Suzie or Bart to Mt. Vernon was the fact that they would have to associate with "THOSE PEOPLE". Well I have news for these people. When Suzie or Bart enter college, the armed service or a public job, they'll need to associate with "THOSE PEOPLE". If that's the only excuse that some of these



parents can come up with to keep their kids from attending one school or the other, I sure feel sorry for our system

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted December 19, 2008 09:47

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You can't build a new school and then HOPE Waltonville and surrounding communities will send their kids there and shut down their school. That's the way they built the jail, the idea that all of the communities would be glad to send their prisoners here.

Everyone who wants the school have NO plan on how to pay for it except raise taxes.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**RAMbunctious**  
Educated



Posted December 19, 2008 10:03

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I've always felt that the best solution would be to have 2 high schools in Jefferson County. One on the East side that would house Webber and the Eastern part of the MVHS district and one on the West side that would take Woodlawn, Waltonville and Western Mt. Vernon. I'm not sure where the dividing line would be but two schools of about 1000 students would be ideal. Research shows that 900-1000 students is the optimum size for a high school. I'm quite sure I will never see such a thing in my lifetime because the only way this would ever happen would be if the state forced consolidation like they did in Indiana many years ago. There are many beautiful county high schools in Indiana with state of the art facilities and top notch educational programs now that most of the small ineffecient districts in that state have been dissolved.

Posts: **882** | Location: **Under the Goal Posts** | Registered: **April 22, 2007**

**xminer**  
Old Pro

Posted December 19, 2008 12:37

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"Hope" that Waltonville and other schools will send their kids there? There is no "hope" to it. If the districts are redrawn there won't be a choice. I understand that you want to interject the jail into everything, but these are two different situations. If you're going to argue something, have a good argument and compare apples to apples.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted December 19, 2008 19:12

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I agree with you X....most everyone agrees the jail may have been a screw job to the tax payers but it is two really different issues and the ones that are suffering are the students of MVTHS. (just for the record I do pay taxes on properties in MtV and do have a vested interested in the tax rate in the city just as many of you do)

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Mykidsmom**  
Old Pro



Posted December 19, 2008 21:59

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It is too bad that we didn't try for a new high school BEFORE the county jail was built. It would be a very different end to the story...

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**cajungal**  
Member



Posted December 21, 2008 01:49

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I think Mt.Vernon should save B Building as a historical site. Then, Build a new high school with up to date facilities and equipment.

As for the bickering of who should pay, and tear it down or not tear it down--Well maybe y'all will get lucky and God will send you a nice tornado or earthquake to wipe out all the old and some of the new----like Hurricane Katrina did us--and then you can cry over the awful mess it leaves you. But, then you could build your new schools and churches and jails and homes and etc, etc. Also tho, let me warn you the price of ALL building materials double to triple after such a storm. Taxes go up. New codes come into effect making it almost impossible to rebuild some places--so the kids could then go to school in portable buildings and do without computers, etc. They could use porta-toilets. They could give up and be home schooled IF the storm leaves them a home, and most of these 'home school' kids will drop out because of the dicipline of parents who don't or won't oversee the students fully progress. I don't pay taxes in Mt. Vernon anymore but I have lots of relatives that still live there and pay their fair share. So quit bickering and start praying for a good tornado -- that will take care of all your problems-- [tongue in cheek]

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

**Brothers Johnson**  
Old Pro

Posted December 21, 2008 03:17

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Turn the new jail into part of the school or sell it, pay it off and put the any residual money into D-201 or use the money towards a new school for D-



201.

Buy an old building for the cops to house prisoners. Prisoners are not as important as students.

Stop the bleeding!

Cut our losses, now!

Do the right thing for the children!

Let the prisoners be damned!

Make the sheriff drive a smaller vehicle!

Tax the rich!

Cut the State's Attorney's salary!

Abandon ship!

Cut the deficit!

Keep cheap gas!

Develop new automobile technologies to replace internal combustion engines!

North to Alaska!

No more war!

Abolish the electoral college!

That should be it for now.

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Posts: **1171** | Location: **Southern Illinois** | Registered: **June 01, 2006**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted December 21, 2008 07:28

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..... honest politicians

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Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Bug  
man**

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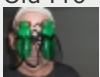
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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



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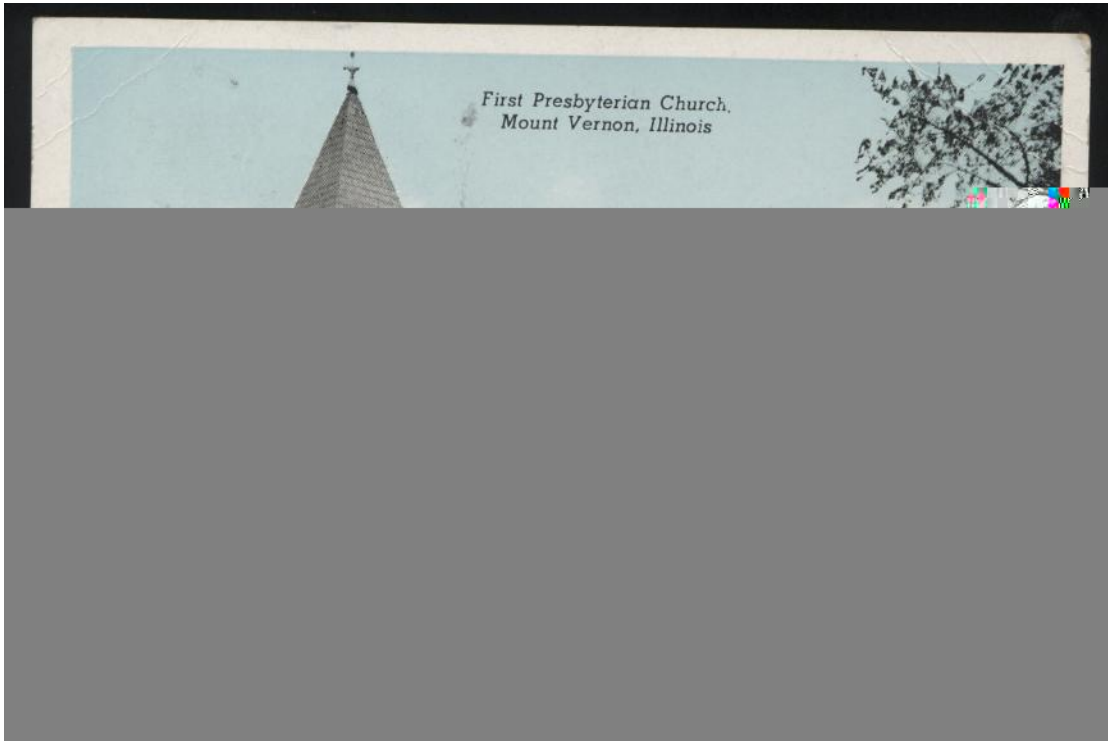
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DARTMOUTH WEEKLY.





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**Bugman**

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**cajungal**  
Member



Posted December 23, 2008 00:48

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quote:

Originally posted by Donovan:  
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WHERE? WHERE?

Posts: **82** | Location: **gulfcoast** | Registered: **June 03, 2008**

**Donovan**

Old Pro



Posted December 23, 2008 12:43

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...and about as much respect as a car salesman or the local flim flam man !!

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Posts: **27800** | Location: **everywhere** | Registered: **July 15, 2006**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted December 30, 2008 10:00

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Sh33na**

Free Time



Posted January 03, 2009 23:04

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I see Bob and Libby are collecting information about Divide.

[http://.register-news.com/features/local\\_story\\_002223212.html](http://.register-news.com/features/local_story_002223212.html)

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Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of '74** | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

**undertaker's  
dtr**

Member

Posted January 04, 2009 17:54

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quote:

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Originally posted by Bugman:

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Miner's Hospital was in Christopher until it closed in the 70s. Many people who were connected with the mining industry used the facility and that was probably the biggest maternity center in Franklin County, especially for anyone on the west side of the county.

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Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted January 05, 2009 11:21

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**Bugman**  
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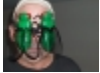
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**Bugman**  
Old Pro



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**Bugman**

Old Pro



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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted January 05, 2009 13:08

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You really have some nice pictures Bug. I enjoy looking at them.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**JiminPA**

Old Pro



Posted January 06, 2009 14:16

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I wonder if anyone has a copy of an old L and N timetable?

When was the last train to Chicago on the C and EI, I wonder? Where did it take you on the southbound?

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**Trixx**

Old Pro



Posted January 06, 2009 14:31

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quote:

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Nah.....your thinking of Mr. Drucker's store on PettiCoat Junction.

Posts: **1732** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

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**JiminPA**  
Old Pro



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Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**Trixx**  
Old Pro



Posted January 06, 2009 14:53

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quote:

Originally posted by JiminPA:  
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Major difference I can recall is that Hooterville had Hooters!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Thank you you for taking the bait jimmy. 😊

Posts: **1731** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

**bill\_is\_back**

Old Pro



Posted January 06, 2009 16:10

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I took the train to Fort Dix, NJ for my basic training. What a trip!

quote:

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**JiminPA**

Old Pro



Posted January 06, 2009 16:33

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'scuse me, while I get this awful worm off'n mah tongue!

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**Trixx**

Old Pro



Posted January 06, 2009 20:08

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I remember visiting my Aint Vernie in Evansville Indiana via the last or one of the last regularly scheduled trains from that depot in the late (mid?) '60's.

My mom wanted to get us boys a train ride before they were a thing of the past.

Posts: **1731** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

**jlmer**

Old Pro



Posted January 06, 2009 20:28

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Remember when the Meadowlark was added? It was on one of the tracks E. of town and was the first diesel in Mt. Vernon. I used to ride it from here to Chicago.



Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted January 06, 2009 21:05

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I rode from St Louis downtown to MTV one day. Hallie Lewis was the conductor. Later he was my sister's brother in law.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**

Old Pro

Posted January 07, 2009 09:45

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In the late 60's I used to ride from Millington Tenn. on the Illinois Central. The train would let me off in Ashley. (not a scheduled stop) Over Christmas break an extra car would be added to accomodate students going from Carbondale to Chicago. Got pretty wild on with those students.

Anyone know when they switched from steam to diesel? I can remember riding the C&EI from Mt. V to Chicago when I around 1952 or 53. I remember it had a steam engine.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted January 07, 2009 10:03

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This is my best L&N Depot story (Actually my Dad's)

Dad got married before he left for WWII. And was gone from MtV for 42 months. When he got back from the South Pacific and got off the train at the L&N Depot he was meet by his dad/my Granddad only, no wife. Seemed she was pregnant. I never meet her and Dad never got any of the money that he had sent her the whole time he was gone. Needless to say that was not the women that was "my" mother or my brother or sister's. Kind of funny, but not really. Can you say "Oh crap"?

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



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The soldiers of WW2 used to ride the trains a lot. The cars were full of soldiers who were on leave or going to or from their base. Where I grew up was by 25th and Bwdy. and when I'd spot a soldier hitching on the corner I'd go visit with him awhile and ask him for a patch. I had a levi jacket that was full of military patches. Wish I had it today!

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Sassafras**  
Regular



Posted January 07, 2009 11:10

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My cousin recently told me an interesting story about her and her mother returning from Chicago on the train before Christmas just following WWII. She said the train was really crowded with GIs and others traveling south. They were sitting in the ladies lounge that was just outside the ladies' restroom where a lady could comb her hair or powder her nose, and the door was open. She said there was a bench in there where her mother was sitting and she was perched on a small purse shelf. Everyone was celebrating and happy and one of the returning GIs came by and recognized her mother and he said, "Aren't you one of those \*\*\*\*\* girls who lives down on Jones Street?" She told him that she was and he took all his money and his discharge papers out of his pocket and gave them to her and asked her to hold them for him because he knew he was drunk and he was afraid he would get rolled and loose everything. So, she took them from him, and my cousin said he came by the house the next day to get it, all sobered up, thanked her, and visited with the rest of the family. My dad and uncle had just returned as well. She thought that was a good testament to the family's integrity that he knew she could be trusted just because she looked like "one of those \*\*\*\*\* girls."

Posts: **151** | Location: **South Of Town** | Registered: **July 25, 2006**

**Trixx**  
Old Pro



Posted January 09, 2009 02:44

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Are these to fellers from the same coffee shop Buck and jlmer hang out in?

Sounds similar to me!

Two elderly friends, Bill and Sam, met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems.

One day Bill didn't show up. Sam didn't think much about it figured maybe he had a cold or some such. But after Bill hadn't shown up for a week or so

Sam really got worried. However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Sam didn't know where Bill lived so he was unable to find out what had happened to him. A month had past and Sam figured he had seen the last of Bill, but one day Sam approached the park and lo and behold there sat Bill!

Sam was very excited and happy to see him and told him so! Then he said, "For crying out loud Bill, what in the world happened to you???"

Bill replied, "I have been in jail."

"Jail?!" cried Sam!! "What in the world for?"

"Well," Bill said, "you know Sue, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where we sometimes get coffee?"

"Yeah" said Sam, I remember her. What about her?"

"Well one day she charged me with rape and I was so proud that when I got into court, I pled "guilty" and the judge gave me 30 days for perjury."

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Posts: **1731** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

**bill\_is\_back**

Old Pro



Posted January 09, 2009 16:57

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Was he charged with assault with a dead weapon?

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Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**jlmer**

Old Pro



Posted January 09, 2009 16:59

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quote:

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You sure worry about me.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Trixx**  
Old Pro



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I am worried about those two old fellers.

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**Bugman**  
Old Pro



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Mt. Vernon Cyclone, February 19, 1888

Very interesting

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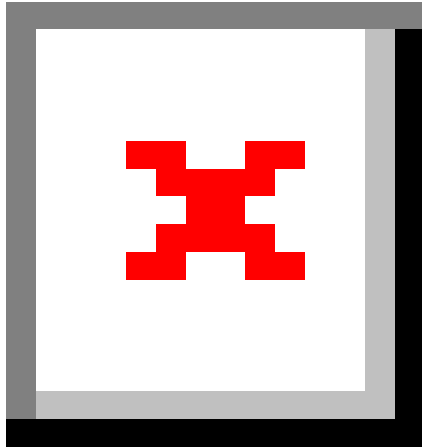
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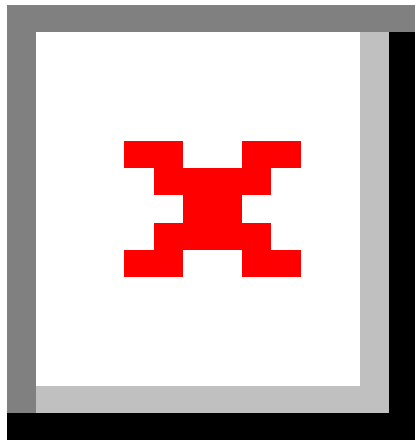
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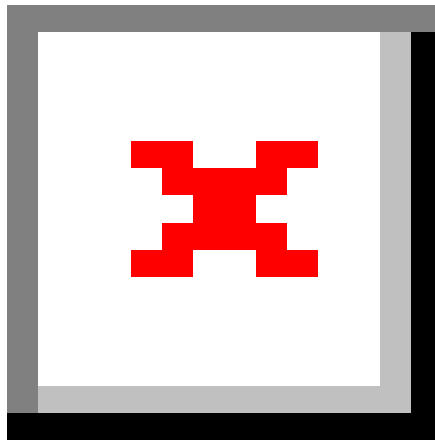
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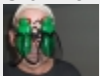




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**Bugman**  
Old Pro



Posted January 28, 2009 18:05

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Southern Railroad milepost 82 just north of Mount Vernon, IL., back in June 1970. The train was a special hauled by Southern 2-8-2 # 4501 and had completed a photo stop for the riders. Now, it has whistled off and is "pouring it on" for the last lap on it's trip to Mt. Vernon from St. Louis.



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**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted February 03, 2009 07:57

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**harman**

Stranger



Posted February 03, 2009 21:01

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I was reading all the posts on old Mt Vernon and one especially caught my eye. the discussion was on the old pool halls and a man by the name of Buck that racked the balls. His name was George Harlow and is my father. In later years he was the head clerk at Eastside Lumber. There is also some discussion on a man named Bus. Although his real name has escaped my memory, his last name was Kissel. Both have since passed away. Sure enjoy reading all the posts on old Mt. Vernon, my father would of loved this

Posts: **2** | Location: **paradise** | Registered: **February 03, 2009**

**jlmer**

Old Pro



Posted February 03, 2009 22:04

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Maybe you can tell me the name of the pool hall that was on S. 10th. St. about a block South of Bwdy. Sot Shields used to hang out there and some of us from school would go there at nights. Then there was the one on W. Main St. next to an alley.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



[jlmer007@gmail.com](mailto:jlmer007@gmail.com)

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**harman**

Stranger



Posted February 03, 2009 22:35

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depending on how far back you were talking, there was the eightball and the campus cue, but those were the ones when I was in school. The one that my father worked in when he was young, was often frequented by Minnisota Fats. Lots of stories there.

Posts: **2** | Location: **paradise** | Registered: **February 03, 2009**

**JiminPA**

Old Pro



Posted February 03, 2009 22:43

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jlmer: I can't tell you the name or the owner(s) of the hall you mention, but I can tell you how long it took Jack Benoist and me to take down all four walls, brick by brick, with crowbars.

We got paid by Bud Benoist, who bought the salvage( excluding pool tables), to recover the bricks for patios.

Got the princely sum of one and a half cents per intact brick. Half that for each broken one.

Took a good lonnnng time. 😊

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**Pogo**

Old Pro



Posted February 03, 2009 23:32

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Dewey Barton owned it when I frequented the place (10th St, south of Jordan, on the west side)in the early 50's. He was later the sheriff of Jefferson county.

I think Dewey sold out to a man named Harry Mullinax.

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

**Wayne Grant**

Old Pro

Posted February 04, 2009 00:09

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There used to be a pool hall where you are talking about called "Homers Pool Hall". It was open when I was a freshman in 62-63.

It was right in the area where the parking lot is now.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**jlmer**

Old Pro



Posted February 04, 2009 10:27

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This was in the early 50s. I know the one on S. 10th had a front and back door. The back door led into the alley. The guys would step out the back door to drink their wine. I remember the Campus Que. Bob Rightenhour ran it for awhile in the mid 60s. My cousin ran the one on 9th & Jordon until he sold out a couple of years ago.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



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Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted February 04, 2009 11:15

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**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted February 04, 2009 11:23

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Last time I can remember would have been maybe late 70's like 1978 or 79.

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**wclark**

Old Pro



Posted February 04, 2009 17:28

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Parson's poisoned pups. I love to play Keno there. 🎰 Thus, the nickname.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

**Wayne Grant**

Old Pro

Posted February 04, 2009 17:43

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Wclark...I'd forgotten that nickname.....I can see you now playing ...with a soda and poison pup by your side. All that ate those poison pups sure were hardy SOB's What was it about 40 cents and you could get a pup and a soda?

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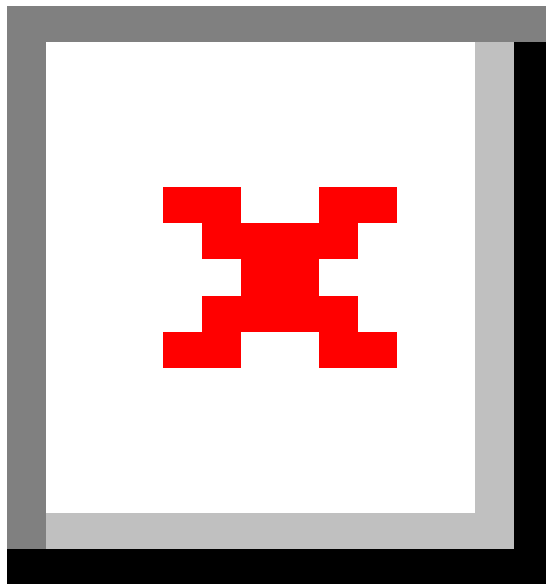
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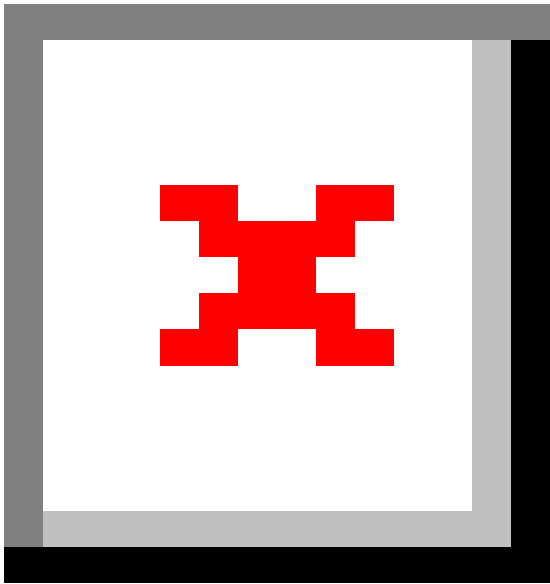
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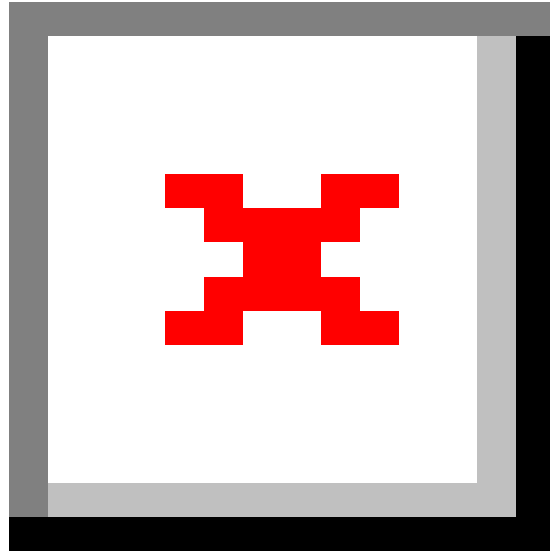
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**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

Posted February 04, 2009 17:51

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:  
Does anyone remember the last time the City OK'd getting on the ice at the Park?

I honestly can't remember the last time we had a prolonged cold spell worthy of getting the ice thick enough. I can remember the last time I skated on it--but not the year. I know it had to be around 77 or a little later. I am 100% positive on that so MKM is in the range.

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted February 04, 2009 18:17

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I heard reports that the average temps for the months of January, Febraury and March of last year were the coldest in 75 years. Last year the month of February averaged 26 degrees. Wasn't that cold enough to the trick?

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"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**stixnstones**

Old Pro

Posted February 04, 2009 18:22

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quote:

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Buck--you know you are my Brother. I guess my only question was it cold enough, long enough. That is an average. The ice has to get mighty thick to support a lot of people. I drive by ther daily and have for the past 12 years or so. I can honestly say even in cold times, I have questioned the integrity of the ice. I can say though, I have "solid" ground for knowing when the last time I was on it was and that MKM is in the ball park. My old Sheep Dog was even in the RN for being on it.

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**

Old Pro

Posted February 04, 2009 18:38

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Beware of the ice....we had two kids fall through the ice on the Yukon over Christmas. Happens every year up here. Very few even know how to swim up here because they never have a chance to learn how. Cold water all the time. In their case the went under the ice and they have never found their bodies. They will find them down river when the ice melts in the spring....maybe. I have been out on the river several times on a snowmobile but am very happy when I am off it. In most places the ice is 4 ft thick but if there is a stream feeding into the Yukon it is very dangerous in those areas. Its nice to be with a native that knows the land. I think at the city park a person could stand up if they fell in .....

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Mykidsmom**

Old Pro



Posted February 04, 2009 19:26

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Yes, I can remember either my freshman or sophomore year the park opening the lake for iceskating. I remember a barrel with a fire in it on one of the islands. It was a very fun day and I have very fond memories of that day.

I don't recall the lake being open for skating since...if it has it wasn't too many years after that...global warming and all! 😊

The fool \*\*\*h think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool. Shakespeare

Posts: **4568** | Location: **onthemove** | Registered: **June 15, 2007**

**JLG48**

Educated



Posted February 04, 2009 22:48

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In the years I lived in Mt. Vernon.. on Jamison.. right up from the park.. we skated on the park lake one winter only.. and that was in 1964 I believe.. or 63.. not exactly sure... I only remember skating until I couldn't feel my feet or legs any more and having my Mom put me in a lukewarm bath to thaw me back out...lol We lived on Jamison until 1979.. can't remember any other times you could skate there... but that doesn't mean there weren't other times... I am getting old...lol

Posts: **525** | Location: **Maine** | Registered: **February 23, 2008**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted February 04, 2009 23:03

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I remember being home on leave at Christmas either '66' or '67' and being on the ice in a snow ball fight. The girl I was with made sure there was no extra curricular activity with one snow ball.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Trixx**

Old Pro



Posted February 05, 2009 09:53

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In very early 70's I recall cold and ice.

Ice storms made it possible for me to ice skate from 20th st. all the way to the park and back if I had the energy.

Everything was covered in ice and it stayed that way for days.

Posts: **1732** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted February 05, 2009 10:08

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I may have mentioned this in an earlier post here but when I was a kid the L&N reservoir would freeze over and not only would they skate on it but some would take their cars out on it and do doughnuts, etc. I can't remember anyone ever breaking through the ice. Of course, this was in the 40s & 50s!

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted February 05, 2009 12:30

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Yeah , and I remember that one winter it was so cold that Paul Bunyan called for his ox and you couldn't hear the words until spring.

Is this one of those "the first liar doesn't have a chance" thread? 😊

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted February 06, 2009 12:52

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Does anyone remember a "Candy Store" that was a block or so south of Logan Street Baptist Church. It was in the living room of a couple. They were up in age if I remember correctly.

My brother and I would take our offering money and blow it on candy. That is until Mom caught on. Then we got to pick out which willow branch we wanted her to use on us. We found out real quick to pick the biggest we could find as the smaller ones hurt like the dickens.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**bill\_is\_back**  
Old Pro



Posted February 06, 2009 17:50

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Now that's funny.

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**Pogo**  
Old Pro



Posted February 06, 2009 18:16

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Getting a good "switching" always scared me to death.

I though when mom said "I'm gonna switch your legs," she was actually going to remove them and switch sides with them. 🤖

Posts: **2030** | Location: **62864** | Registered: **January 16, 2006**

**Trixx**  
Old Pro



Posted February 06, 2009 18:54

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My brothers of the Redheaded mother had a Granmother we three boys called Granny Goodswitch.

Out her kitchen door was a silver maple she would run out and strip a small branch off of.

As we grew up and she grew older, she would run out there but there was not one branch she could reach anymore from all the dismembering she did to that tree.

I don't recall ever getting a lickin' from her though.....

Posts: **1732** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted February 07, 2009 09:13

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I had a grandmother like that, full blooded Cherokee! When I acted up (quite often) she'd tell my dad he needed to do something with me and if he'd start cutting a switch she'd get mad and tell him to leave me alone. Every summer she'd pay me in advance to cut out a lilac bush. After about 10 minutes of so she'd come out and tell me it was too hot and to wait. The next time she'd pay me all over again. She always paid me with Indian Head pennies.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

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**Bugman**  
Old Pro



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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated



Posted February 09, 2009 14:30

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My sisters and I received many switchings from dad.... He had no boys so the middle sister and I were closest to his boys... those green switches certainly did sting... Mom would whip us with flyswatters and pancake turners and we would just walk away, but dads swicheings really hurt..Should have been a nicer kid. Trouble was, when one of us got it, both of us got is... Cause we wouldn't tell on each other...

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted February 09, 2009 14:33

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Downtown....your sister should have ratted you out 'cause I am sure that you wee the real instigator..... 🇺🇸 just jerkin your chain a little.

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted February 09, 2009 14:35

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No actually I was the quiet good little one... Her & the other sister used to beat the pulp out of me...

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Wayne Grant**  
Old Pro

Posted February 09, 2009 14:49

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OK if you say so.... 🇺🇸

Posts: **1265** | Location: **Mountain Village Alaska** | Registered: **January 24, 2008**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted February 09, 2009 16:03

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One time they held medown and tried to pluck my eyebrows... Then another they insisted I shave my legs... Sadistic sisters.. or Twisted Sisters they were...

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Trixx**  
Old Pro



Posted February 09, 2009 16:24

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So those aren't caterpillars?

Posts: **1731** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted February 09, 2009 16:25

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My dad worked at the shoe factory at one time. It was long before I came along but the only thing I can think is that way beforehand he decided to put away his favorite weapon for future use. It was a leather inner sole form the shoe factory.

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Posts: **2516** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted February 09, 2009 17:02

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Dad had a cat of nine tails from the war... Glad he couldn't ever find it at switching time....

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted February 09, 2009 17:09

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Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**bluebayoulady**  
Old Pro



Posted February 09, 2009 17:19

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mine was older sister. two worst, she threw a 45 record at me across the room and sliced open my head and 2nd - she held me down and stuck a fresh-from-the-freezer ice cube tray on my tongue. (she got caught for both -- ok I tattled, hey I was bleeding both times! and I got ice cream while she got in trouble).

As they say here in LA: Laissez le bon temps rouler !!!

Posts: **4691** | Location: **Just down the Bayou, Louisiana** | Registered: **April 13, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted February 10, 2009 09:48

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I told you, Sisters were BAD...

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Trixx**  
Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2009 10:14

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I am glad child abuse is only a recent occurrence in children's lives..... 😊

Posts: **1731** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2009 10:15

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My sister is 16 years older than I so I never had to put up with her picking on me.  
She did take me to Eugene Field School (Andy Hall) on her bicycle, which was exciting for me at the time.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Sassafras**  
Regular



Posted February 10, 2009 11:12

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I went to West Salem School as well... apparently after you did and I also had Mrs. Hartman, but only for fifth grade. I think by that time Mrs. Hartman had passed the razor strap on to the then principle, Mr. Hughey and he would carry it around the lunchroom to enforce the "no talking" rule. I think he even sadistically stuck a red bow on it at Christmas time.

Posts: **151** | Location: **South Of Town** | Registered: **July 25, 2006**

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**Downtowngal**  
Educated



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Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Trixx**  
Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2009 12:06

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When nurturing and education fail around the house it is always tempting to try a little violence and intimidation. That sure builds trust in relationships.

And we wonder why everyone grows up and leaves Mount Vernon.

Posts: **1732** | Location: **Aberdeen** | Registered: **December 18, 2008**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2009 12:06

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My principal, Denver McDonald at Eugene Field School (Andy Hall) had a think leather strap. I got it a few times and it would sting for awhile, enough that it wasn't a lot of fun.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**johnj229**

Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2009 15:08

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Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted February 10, 2009 15:56

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Peno's????

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Germann85**

Free Time



Posted February 10, 2009 16:52

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I loved making the drive to Wamac to hit the Bigger Jigger back in the day. Is it still open?

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

Posts: **340** | Location: **Downers Grove IL** | Registered: **November**

26, 2007

**stixnstones**

Old Pro

Posted February 10, 2009 16:56

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quote:

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Originally posted by Downtowngal:

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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted February 10, 2009 17:25

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Bigger Jigger is still open, new location and now it's just Jerry's Grill & Bar but still great food...

quote:

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Originally posted by Germann85:

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Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**bill\_is\_back**

Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2009 19:55

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Originally posted by stixnstones:

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Dick Sanders was nice enough to show me how his worked.

Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**Buck**

Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2009 20:33

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**bill\_is\_back**

Old Pro

Posted February 10, 2009 21:00

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I bet you remember Dick, huh Buck.



Posts: **4701** | Location: **savannah, ga** | Registered: **July 17, 2006**

**Al Key**  
Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2009 21:03

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MMMMMISTER Bill Priest left his signature on my arse, and you can bet your sweet arse I didn't get in any more fights on the Casey school ground again.

Posts: **2894** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

**wclark**  
Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2009 21:14

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quote:

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Originally posted by Downtowngal:  
Peno's????

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They had a great drink called a "strip and go naked". Served it in a Mason jar.

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2009 22:08

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quote:

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Originally posted by bill\_is\_back:  
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Oh yeah! I remeber him. I had him for sixth grade. I won't say he disliked me but he was more selective. He was the coach and I was still trying to catch up on my growth after being run over by a car when I was four. It broke my pelvis in tow places. It was five and a half months of recooperation. I was pretty small in the sixth grade and I didn't really fit into a coaches' viewpoint.

I also had a visit with Mr. Priest. He did Mr. French's dirty work one day.



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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted February 11, 2009 10:37

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:

quote:

Originally posted by Downtowngal:  
Peno's????

They had a great drink called a "strip and go naked". Served it in a Mason jar.

That was pretty "risque" back in the old days.... I knew the Castellari boys also...Uncle Peno.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

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**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

Posted February 11, 2009 10:41

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Originally posted by bill\_is\_back:

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Originally posted by Downtowngal:  
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switched over to the little skinny wiffle ball bats.

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Yea buddy--Sanders, Larry Hill, Gary Sweetin and Mr. Inskeep--all proud of those slabs of wood. 😊

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**wclark**  
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2009 13:43

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Don't ever forget the swatter that Noble Thomas carried. 🤖

we ain't what we should be, we ain't what we're gonna be, but at least we ain't what we were.....

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

**johnj229**  
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2009 13:52

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David Thomas and I were best "buds" and I was either at his house or he was at mine. I was over there one afternoon after school and thought it would be alot of fun teasing David's sister. Her name slips my mine right now. Anyway, I has teased aand taunted her for about an hour. Dad, Noble, came home and daughter went running to him and told on me. Mr. Thomas porceeded to dust my britches real good and I never teased or taunted her again. End of that story.

Posts: **8009** | Location: **Illinois** | Registered: **December 15, 2005**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2009 14:00

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Any of the guys here ever catch a swat or two fro Scotty Gill for having dirty gym shorts?

That paddle had nole in it for "imphasis!"

He had a good memory too. He never got me in four years. The last day of gym for me at MTVTHS he decided to give me one anyway.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted February 11, 2009 14:05

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Buck - didn't you do gymnastics in HS ???

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**MVanSluyters**  
Regular

Posted February 11, 2009 14:21

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I got it from Coach Gill only one time for chewing gum. But, I recall a Whiffle Ball bat with the end cut off not a paddle!  
That too was back when teaching was fun and made a REAL impression on kids!

Posts: **151** | Location: **Upstate NY** | Registered: **March 04, 2008**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2009 14:29

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quote:

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Originally posted by Downtowngal:  
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I did gymnastic all four years at the high school. I did tumbling, floor exercise, trampoline and the long horse vault. My cousin and I were the co-captains in our senoir year. We competed againt Roxanna, Wood River and Edwardsville. I was also a gymnastic lead for the cheerleading squad for two years.

One spring after the school day was over coach McGhee would ocaasionally take us with him to S.I.U. while he took classes. He had arranged for us to work out with the S.I.U. gymnastics team. At that time in (NCAA) history, the S.I.U. team was finishing either first or second in the country for about an eight to ten year period. That was an experience to be able to learn from the best in the country.

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Posts: **2517** | Location: **Woodlawn,IL.** | Registered: **May 25, 2007**

**JiminPA**

Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2009 15:01

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Got two swats from Mr. Thomas in my Junior year, as I recall.

Bill, have you "signed your papers" or are you still a little "short"? 😊

Posts: **2510** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **October 26, 2007**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted February 11, 2009 16:38

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Buck - I thought my rememberer was doing good today... Some days it works good , some days it's crappy...

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted February 26, 2009 09:55

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"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.

<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**Bugman**

Old Pro



Posted February 26, 2009 09:56

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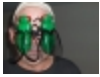
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**Bugman**

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Posts: **2497** | Location: **Mousetown** | Registered: **January 30, 2007**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted February 26, 2009 10:03

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Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6356** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**wclark**  
Old Pro



Posted February 26, 2009 10:14

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Signed, sealed and delivered!!! Life is good!

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Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66** | Registered: **January 13, 2006**

**xminer**  
Old Pro

Posted February 26, 2009 10:59

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I received "swats" from Noble, Scotty, J.D. Shields and Will Lee. But the all time, hardest I was hit was from George Kuhn. I rode a bus and couldn't really serve dentention or I had to hitchhike home. I had three sessions with

Mr. Kuhn and that was enough for me. He didn't even get out of his chair. Just opened that bottom drawer, got the paddle out and gave a left hand "swat" that would raise my feet off the ground.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

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**one-voice**  
Old Pro



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Originally posted by jlmer:  
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If the rumor is true then this is the house you are speaking of. It has a really nice fence with dragon gates around it now.

"I'll be long gone before some smart person ever figures out what happened inside this Oval Office." --George W. Bush, Washington, D.C., May 12, 2008

Posts: **1247** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro

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I believe it's next door to it on the West side.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted February 26, 2009 13:47

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I never heard of this one being a funeral parlor. Mr. Arthurs had it built, ( carshops) Then the Summers lived there ( dimestore) Then Jim Dennis bought it and remodeled some, now Dr. Willis owns it and has done major remodels and build ons. It is beautiful & very classy.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**Downtowngal**

Educated

Posted February 26, 2009 13:47

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Hugheys used to be a private residence. but has been a funeral home for many years.

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**undertaker's  
dtr**  
Member

Posted February 26, 2009 19:57

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quote:

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funeral home for many years.

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My parents came to Mt. Vernon in 1940 to run the Hawkins Funeral Home at 1314 Main Street. Until Mr. Hawkins decided he was going to include the home in the deal, my father briefly considered purchasing the Summers Mansion to use as a funeral home. Once Mr. Hawkins decided to include both the home and the business, the funeral home stayed at its present location and the name was changed to Pulley's.

That home was built by Thomas Casey and I was always told that he ordered the lumber on his way home from the Civil War. It's a beautiful old home and it was a great place to live as a child.

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Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2009 10:28

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Virgil Pulley took Charles Hughey on as a partner and then when Pulley died it became Hughey's.

The house I was talking about on Harrison was pre 40s. As I said I was told it was rumor about it being a funeral home but the way the carport looked a hearse could have very easily unloaded there.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted February 27, 2009 10:49

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Undertakers Dau- I knew your father well. I was small... but he had helped my sister through being a Shriner I believe. She had polio when she was 3... He made connections and got her a lot of help...

Yes, the funeral home was a beautiful residence and still is. I always loved the stairway.. Wan't the carpet up the stairs red when you lived there?

I also always loved the Summers/ Arthurs house. My dad said that he would like to buy it someday to live there.. BUT he passed away very young. When your dad still had the funeral home. Didn'ta Mr. Gutzler,

Alvie have the home for a few years before Hugheys?

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**xminer**  
Old Pro

Posted February 27, 2009 11:08

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Jlmer, the house that you are referring to, I believe, is located about 1/2 block east of 7th, on Harrison on the north side. In 1963 or '64 I was friends with a married couple who lived in the upstairs. There was a carport like you described and they were told that it had been a funeral home before and that the embalming was done in the basement.

Posts: **1830** | Location: **mt. vernon** | Registered: **January 06, 2006**

**stixnstones**  
Old Pro

Posted February 27, 2009 11:32

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quote:

Originally posted by xminer:

Jlmer, the house that you are referring to, I believe, is located about 1/2 block east of 7th, on Harrison on the north side. In 1963 or '64 I was friends with a married couple who lived in the upstairs. There was a carport like you described and they were told that it had been a funeral home before and that the embalming was done in the basement.

Jerry Willis lives there now. Been there a few times for kids Halloween parties and a birthday party or two.

Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

**undertaker's  
dtr**  
Member

Posted February 27, 2009 12:28

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

Virgil Pulley took Charles Hughey on as a partner and then when Pulley died it became Hughey's. The house I was talking about on Harrison was pre 40s. As I said I was told it was rumor about it being a funeral home but the way the carport looked a hearse could have very easily unloaded there.

I beg to differ, sir. Virgil Pulley, my father, died in 1959. Charles was just finishing his apprenticeship with us at that time. My mother maintained the funeral home along with the assistance of Alve Gutzler and Don Reid. For a while Mr. Gutzler was part owner in the business. In January of 1969, my mother sold the business to Charles and Susan Hughey.

Posts: **69** | Location: **so il** | Registered: **July 02, 2007**

**Downtowngal**  
Educated

Posted February 27, 2009 15:52

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Thats the way I remember it too....

Posts: **619** | Location: **Downtown** | Registered: **October 11, 2007**

**jlmer**  
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2009 15:58

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quote:

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Your dad and mine were friends. Why was it called Pulley/Hughey or Hughey/Pulley in the 60s?

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

Posts: **6351** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **March 18, 2006**

**Buck**  
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2009 16:59

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I believe in the 60s it was called Pulley/Gutzler. Mr. Gutzler's son, Donnie, was a friend of mine and a member of the high school gymnastics team. He went on to coach the U.S.A. Junior Olympic team which included Kurt Thomas.

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"Never waste your time on fools... Arguments are the worst type of conversations. Use your time wisely"

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After Charles purchased the funeral home, he wanted to retain the name so people would realize that it was the same business and that they could expect the same service they had always received. Needless to say, Charles and now his family have always provided an excellent service to their patrons.

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