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Pogo,you are mlee's brother?	
Posts: 869 Location: North Pole Registered: January 03, 2007	
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Wow,we(a secret society of reptilian overlords that rule the world)on another thread were conjecturing on your collective identities! I was wrong,but darn close ! LOL !	
I don't suppose I I ever met you in person.	
My dad foolish???????????Naaaaaaaaaaaaah.Never.LOL !!!	

He is a hoot huh?
He is a pretty cool dude.
I could be a bit biased. 😊

Tell the folks hello for me when you run into him/them again.

Posts: **869** | Location: **North Pole** | Registered: **January 03, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 03, 2007 20:47

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quote:

held several oil-field related jobs around here when the oil patch was booming. Then later (1962 through 1968) I operated a T.V. Repair Shop.

Ok, I don't know if we've ever met but I know where your shop was. I started out in my basement and outgrew it so I rented a space in the same building as the mission. I out grew that and bought the old Jenkins TV building and house combination. Started having break-ins pretty regular so I moved downtown.

I sold Sylvania TVs, Muntz, Gibson appliances and Panasonic microwaves, CBs, etc. was a full fledged appliance store. Before that I had the Tackle Shack and to carry me through the winter I opened the Sinclair station with the tackle across from Dobbs.

Tell Jean I said hi! It's a small world isn't it? I thought I knew who Baseball Mom is but now not so sure.

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

**Campfollower
in VA**
Regular



Posted September 04, 2007 07:57

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I thought I knew a lot of people in Mt. Vernon, but as it turns out, I know hardly anyone. Jlmer, I would think you graduated from high school around 1958 - a neighbor of mine, Rita Brake, was in that class.

As for figuring out who the members of this forum are, I know very few. I would love to know who some are but the mystery is part of the charm.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

**zeke
price**
Newcomer

Posted September 04, 2007 13:30

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quote:

Originally posted by Pogo:

Sullivan was the second owner. It was built by a private company owned by an investment group. It was first named Mt. Vernon Cable TV. Ed Sullivan's investment company bought it since they realized it would make money. The original developer got his quick buck so it was a win - win deal as they say.

Johnny Manion was instrumental in orchestrating the deal so he got a cushy job out of it. I sat with him at the cabin retreat you have mentioned. I chugged a couple beers while he drank the best part of a fifth of whiskey. He could drink more and show it less than anyone I have ever known. I always thought he had the world by the tail. He had money, brains, good looks, a good job, nice home, and a great cabin retreat. 😊 It didn't hurt that his dad, John Manion, was mayor at one time.

Posts: **5** | Location: **florida** | Registered: **February 25, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 05, 2007 13:26

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

tyrone
Free Time



Posted September 05, 2007 15:29

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Does anyone recall a person years ago that was always at the Plaza every Saturday afternoon ? He was confined to a wheelchair that was one of a kind that I had never seen before or since. The chair had two cranks mounted in front of the person and was connected to the axle of the chair by bicycle chains. He propelled the chair by cranking the two cranks. I think he used to live East of town. His first or last name might have been Judd.

I also recall a blind man that would be on the south side of the square, near Culli & McAtees shoe store, selling pencil's out of a tin cup. And at one time for several months a legless man on a board that he had fastened roller skates to and propelled himself with two large leather pads that were attached to his hands. He normally was near the old Morris Dime Store. Then there was the loud yelling preacher that would preach every Saturday on the NE corner of 9th and Main. I mean this man was a screamer ! He

gave real meaning to the expression "bible thumper". These things happened back in the 40's or early 50's. I recall these thing because these people were a marvel to me and I would enjoy seeing them on the square every Saturday when I was headed to the old Plaza to see Johnny Mack Brown catch them no account cattle rustlers ! And the second feature would hopefully be "Red Ryder" If they showed two cartoons too it was pure heaven on earth. And all for only 10 cents.

I sure hope someone out there can also remember some of these crazy things that have stuck with me all these years. Why I remember such stuff I'll never know. The memories are also a lot more detailed and complicated than I stated above.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

**Campfollower
in VA**
Regular



Posted September 05, 2007 18:39

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You may well know me. I was in the class of 66. Rita lived on the NW corner of College and what is now 27th, facing 27th. Our house is three houses east of 27th on the south side of College. Rita used to babysit my brother and I occassionally. Rita got married about 1962 or 63. Her husband was is a newspaper man. I am not sure where they are. My mom kind of lost track after Rita's mom passed away.

The Williams lived further east on college toward 24th. Don's Jerry's sister is Michelle, class of 65.

I knew Roger Marvel. I took piano lessons from his older sister, Mildred Cox.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered:

February 26, 2007

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 06, 2007 09:25

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There may have been more than one "blind" guy selling pencils. My dad was a pastor of Harmony FWBC in W. City and there was an old guy we called Uncle Tom Pud who would come here and act blind, selling pencils. Dad and I walked by him one day while he was in his "blind" mode and when dad spoke to him I thought the old guy was going to pass out.

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 06, 2007 09:28

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in VA

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I can see the house in my mind but the name VanPelt is not familiar.

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The "trailer park" was right behind my parent's house. All that went away and they built the Huck's. I am not sure what is in that building now.

I am trying to think of others in the neighborhood you might know.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

joyful1
Free Time



Posted September 06, 2007 12:10

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Posts: **374** | Location: **Jefferson County** | Registered: **May 01, 2007**

Campfollower
in VA
Regular

Posted September 06, 2007 12:20

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Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

enlightened
Free Time



Posted September 06, 2007 12:42

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

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Brothers Johnson

Old Pro



Posted September 06, 2007 13:34

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"Are you police officers"?

"No ma'am."

"We're musicians".

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

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted September 07, 2007 13:56

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

Big Hall
Free Time



Posted September 07, 2007 13:58

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Posts: **412** | Location: **Mt. Vernon, IL** | Registered: **September 04, 2007**

joyful1
Free Time



Posted September 07, 2007 14:58

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Ya'll better behave now!!!! 😊🇺🇸

Posts: **374** | Location: **Jefferson County** | Registered: **May 01, 2007**

BlueJean
Member



Posted September 07, 2007 16:27

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quote:

There was a Wayne Arnold who lived in the stone house on College, Bernadean, Betty and Vanetta Burns lived in the other funny looking stone house on College towards 24th St.

Reading this post reminded me of something I had long forgotten. The "funny looking stone house" was built by a gentlemen with red hair and a long red beard when I was a child (probably in the 30's). I don't remember what religion he was but was always told he belonged to one that said the

men could not cut their hair. The couple were very quite, respectable people. I lived in the next block, across 24th St. and often passed the house with it's lovely flowers and impressive looking owner on the way up the hill to play with a classmate. Does anyone else other than myself remember this man? He must have been a stone mason.

Posts: **47** | Location: **Napa Valley CA** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 07, 2007 17:30

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You left out Jane and June Byrne (note correct spelling of last name). They were all beautiful girls but I especially thought Bernadeane was the cutest. She worked at the BBQ Haven in '57 and I used to go there to eat just to get to talk to her. My God that girl was beautiful! I think I must have stuck my fork in my eye more than once from paying more attention to her than to my eating. 😊

Actually the food there was great too. Gib Sherman and his wife ran the place and I was somewhat related to his wife June. Her maiden name was June Youngblood and we were 3rd cousins, which isn't a lot of relationship but she mentioned it to me. She was from Horse Creek and knew how to cook very well.

EDIT. As a footnote, I first saw Bernadeane when she worked for her dad at his restaurant on south 10th just north of the Waltonville Rd. on the west side. It was called Larry's Grill. Larry was quite a character and I enjoyed eating there. That would have been in 1952 and Bernadeane was only 13 then and already a knockout.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Pogo](#), September 07, 2007 17:48

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

**Campfollower
in VA**
Regular



Posted September 07, 2007 19:45

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Originally posted by jlmer:

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There were some Arnolds that lived further west on College on the north side of the street, about 2516 maybe. There was an older son and a younger one. I remember the stone house near 24th well. It was pretty well deserted when I was growing up. I remember the Martins - Mom used to get eggs from them. I remember people named Quinn across from the Martins. We used to ride our sleds on that hill. The Williams were next to the Quinns. The stone house further up the street across from Mom is still there and had been renovated several times. There was a huge tree in back of it - at least 60+ years old that went down in the storm you had last year. The tree had been huge as long as I remember. My parents moved into the house when I was two. Mom has been there 57 years.

I remember the cherries - made myself sick more than once. They were sure good.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

EastTex
Member

Posted September 07, 2007 20:28

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I also remember sledding down the steep hill on College. I was just reminiscing about this to my Dad a few weeks ago. Santa had brought us a sled for Christmas that year (1949 or 1950) and we were blessed with a big snowfall that week and I remember there were so many of the neighborhood kids enjoying their sleds with their fathers on that hill that week. At that time our family was living at 2520 College and my friend Frances Laird lived across the street. We walked together to Horace Mann School everyday in first grade and to the new Field School during our second grade. Construction on the brand new Field School was supposed to be completed in time for the 1949-1950 school year but was not finished in time so we had to attend Horace Mann that year. Next year we had the brand new school to attend. Frances and I were always scared to walk past the rock house on College near 24th Street because we believed a witch lived there. Don't remember now why we were so convinced, but we always ran by it as

fast as we could!

Posts: **44** | Location: **East Texas** | Registered: **June 30, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 07, 2007 20:41

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I should clarify a couple of things. The man named Larry that I previously said was Bernadeane's dad was actually her step-dad. His name was Larry Lawrence.

They lived at 2407 College in 1956. No witches there at that time for sure.


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

**Campfollower
in VA**
Regular



Posted September 07, 2007 21:47

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I should maybe know you then. I was two when my parents moved to 2525 College in 1950. Was your family named Skinner? What year did you move away?

I remember thinking the stone house was haunted or there was a witch. We always walked very rapidly past the house also.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered:
February 26, 2007

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 07, 2007 21:55

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I am sorry to be the bearer of sad news but this thread prompted me to do a search for Bernadeane Byrne and although it was a convoluted search it led to the following bad news:

Bernadeane Byrne Alderson

Bernadeane Byrne Alderson, 68, of El Dorado died Friday, August 24, 2007 at University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock.

Bernadeane was born April 17, 1939 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois to Thomas A. and Marie Elizabeth Merritt Byrne. She was a loving and devoted mother, friend, homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan K. Alderson and her father, Thomas A. Byrne.

Survivors include her mother, Marie Elizabeth Merritt Byrne of Mt. Vernon, IL; a son, Ted Botner and wife Teresa Long Botner of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; daughter, Melanie Dennis and husband John Allen Dennis of El Dorado; brother; Alvin John Byrne and wife Catherine of Centralia, IL; sisters, June Byrne of Dallas, TX, Janie Bachert and husband Tony of Bartlett, IL, Betty Lou Fitts and husband Charles of Indianapolis, IN, Anna Slagley of Carlisle, IL; grandchildren, Kendall Marie Kercher, Lacey Merritt Kercher, Callie Elizabeth Kercher, Norman Lee Kercher III, Sidney Byrne Botner; great-granddaughter, Kaleigh Lynn Kercher-Miller; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. E. Boyd Alderson of El Dorado.

A Memorial visitation will be Monday, Aug. 27th, 2007 from 6-8 pm at Young's.

For those desiring, memorial may be made to UCAPS, 1000 Sunset Rd., El Dorado, AR 71730.

An online guest registry is available at <http://.youngsfuneralhome.com/>

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

jlmer
Old Pro

Posted September 08, 2007 10:13

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Geez, my heart sank when I read about Bernadeane but thanks for sharing. Was hoping to see her at our class reunion the last of this month. I never



knew anything about the family and Vanetta was older than I so didn't know her very well but Betty was only a year older so knew her a little better but the little brown eyed doll was my favorite.

I lived on Casey in the 2500 block and would go to the big hill on College when it snowed looking for the thrill of fast sledding. In the summer we'd ride out bikes down the hill. There'd be two of us going side by side and like in the movies the one on the outside would jump on the inside rider and take him off his bike. We'd make sure we landed in the ditch instead of on the hard road though. A lot of skinned elbows and knees.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 08, 2007 10:19

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I hope that you've all read the write up in the RN about our forum "Old Mt. Vernon". I never dreamed it would grow as it did when ever I started it. This shows how great a forum can be when good people get together for common thoughts and memories.

It's been pretty well on topic all of the time. It slows down at times but then comes back.

I just want to thank everyone for being great participants, sports and sharing memories.

I just hope we can keep it going for a long time.

JLMER

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted September 08, 2007 10:35

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I don't see this thread ever going away. As we get older and pass along, the youngsters will want to talk about their "old" Mt. Vernon. It's a great thread and I'm glad you started it for us.

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

sbevis
Free Time



Posted September 08, 2007 16:49

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Yes, thanks for giving us out of towners a place to come back to.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

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Pogo
Old Pro



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Thanks **jlmer**,

This thread is a treasure for all times! It gives some valuable insight into how much the community has changed down through the years and documents some things that might have been lost forever without this resource.

aah... the memories this thread evokes, I think they may be sweeter than the reality since we tend to forget the painful parts.

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

Sassafras
Regular



Posted September 08, 2007 17:18

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Thanks "j".

I don't read all the threads, but I look forward to this one. It keeps me coming back and reminds me where I came from. 😊

Is that creepy stone house still standing. I haven't been down that street in years.

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

EastTex
Member

Posted September 08, 2007 19:26

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Campfollower, to reply to your inquiry: No, my name was not Skinner. We moved away in 1950, to Ina, so my parents could be near my ailing grandfather and lend a helping hand to him. We moved back to Mt. Vernon a couple years later. Sorry I don't remember you. I guess we were both too young at that time.

Posts: **44** | Location: **East Texas** | Registered: **June 30, 2006**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted September 08, 2007 19:40

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I did not know that Roger had died. His mother lived on Cherry. His sister, Mildred, was married to the former mayor, Ivan "Jake" Cox.

His mother died a few years ago and Roger's been dead about 3 years now. Don had a get to gether at the bar Roger owned for a memorial.

There was a Wayne Arnold who lived in the stone house on College, Bernadean, Betty and Vanetta Burns lived in the other funny looking stone house on College towards 24th St. Carl Martin lived on the house on the hill on College across from Lee Sicklefuss. Carl's been dead for some time and Lee has also died. Haven't seen or heard anything of the Burns girls since school. Bernadean was a little doll. Dark skinned, dark hair, dark eyes and as pretty as could be.

We used to stop and eat cherries at the trailer park. All of the cherry trees are gone now and the park isn't much any more. No animals, etc.

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

sbevis
Free Time



Posted September 09, 2007 11:56

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Are there still cherry trees anywhere? There used to be a couple on every block.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted September 09, 2007 15:01

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Remember when Super-X started staying open on Sunday? There was all the heck about our "Blue Law". Before that the only places open was Blades Walgreen and Grigg's. There was also driving to Ashley to get refreshments on Sunday.

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

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted September 09, 2007 15:23

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I've often wondered how many people died due to the "Blue Law" closing of the joints in Mousetown at midnight and not allowing Sunday sales. Those roads to Ashley, Centralia or the Wayne City "Woods" were narrow and crooked and the body count was terribly high.

Harold Anderson and Dody Stevens come to mind...Gerald Hale...Jim Boyd...others

You can argue that both ways though.

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted September 09, 2007 21:57

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How about Leapin Leanas (SP) across the street from the old Masonic hall behind Washington school? If you could walk up and ask you could get it! Speaking of Washington school??? Mousetowns blacks only school. Later the YMCA. ? Mark and the Mysterians played there.

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

Sh33na

Free Time



Posted September 09, 2007 23:26

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[QUOTE]Originally posted by beaukitty:
...My grandfather was a city policeman for 18yrs. before retiring, Then he moved on to the Sheriff's office..There used to be a glass case in the center of the court house with a bear in it ??? I think...My grandfather was one of the deputies that helped capture the bear..Does the name "Fairchild" ring any bells?? [QUOTE]

Oh, my! Your grandfather and my father worked together. Hrm.. Fairchild, then there were Martin, Miller, Mills, Barger, Dedman, and Warren. That's all I remember. I **do** remember that bear, but I had forgotten about it long ago. Thanks for the memories.

Posts: **404** | Location: **Saint Louis - MtVTHS Class of**

'74 | Registered: **June 29, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 10, 2007 15:55

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quote:

Originally posted by sbevis:
Are there still cherry trees anywhere? There used to be a couple on every block.

Those trees are long gone. There was a cherry orchard on the corner of 26th (27th now) and Cherry and they took most of the trees out when they turned it into a trailer park. Then it went to a Hucks and they took the rest of them out.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 10, 2007 15:59

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quote:

s that creepy stone house still standing. I haven't been down that street in years.

If you're talking about the one on College, no, it's gone. The Cherry Street Church of Christ sold out and was turned into a factory of some sort then the factory bought the house and tore it down for a parking lot. Then it went out and the church bought the property back and the house property is now a part of the Church's parking lot. That's the house that Bernadeane Byrnes, mentioned above, lived in. If it was haunted they were some pretty ghosts!

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 10, 2007 16:04

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
Remember when Super-X started staying open on Sunday?
There was all the heck about our "Blue Law". Before that the only places open was Blades Walgreen and Grigg's.
There was aslo driving to Ashely to get refreshments on Sunday.

That was when Joe Martin was mayor. He led a parade of sorts to Super Xs door one Sunday afternoon and forced them to close I believe.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 10, 2007 21:54

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Pogo concerning the obit of Bernadeane Byrnes, was there by chance a pic of her also? I'm going to see if I can get a phone number on her mother as we just may be related.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 10:10

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:
Pogo concerning the obit of Bernadeane Byrnes, was there by chance a pic of her also? I'm going to see if I can get a phone number on her mother as we just may be related.

Nope, no pix. 😞

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 10:22

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quote:

Originally posted by Pogo: Nope, no pix. 😞

I found the obit last night and read the tributes. Too bad there wasn't a pic or video on her. I hadn't seen her since around '55 or so. I looked in the phone book and her mom isn't listed either.

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

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 10:25

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In the 50s there was a little cafe that had the bus stop in the back of it. It was around Holeman and Bayer motors on N. 10th St. and on Sat. mornings WMIX would have a live remote there and discuss the ballgame the MTV Rams played on Friday night. There would be free doughnuts and coffee during this broadcast.

The building was big glass windows on 3 sides and the West side was brick where the bus terminal was. Does anyone remember just where this building was? I was thinking it was between Bayers and Holemans but now am not so sure.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 11:06

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My memory places it just north of Holman's.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 11:21

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I think you're right, Pogo. I remember going there every Saturday night



around 10 pm with my dad to pick up the StL Sunday papers. Was always a big deal and I usually got a candy bar. Or, we'd stop and get some Mel-O-Cream donuts. 1955'ish. I can see the building clearly, but not exactly where it was. It was across the street from the north edge of what I believe was the Kroger store. If I were to come to MtV I could point it out. I believe the building (remodeled) is still there.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 13:27

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I can guarantee it was there. I left from there on a Greyhound bus to St. Louis for induction into the Army in 1957. It had been there for about a year at that time.

Prior to that (circa 1955)it was in the 800 block of Main street, just east of the Hotel Emmerson. They tore that building down and built the new Bell Telephone building there when the dial system came to Mt. Vernon.

You are right **wclark**, the building is still there on north 10th. It's now a dry cleaning establishment. You could well have went there in 1954 although it wasn't a bus station yet. It was a small coffee shop/donut bakery type of business then.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Pogo](#), September 11, 2007 14:03

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

BlueJean
Member



Posted September 11, 2007 15:04

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OK, all you "old timers" there was a coffee shop west of 10th St., on Broadway, by a Drug Store in the 40's and early 50's, owned by a Greek (I think) family. They made the best sandwiches for lunch. The two daughters were the waitresses, very large, pretty women. What was the name of that family? Also, there was a good family type restaurant in the next block or so (I think across from an appliance store) that did a great business at lunch. When I worked downtown on Sat. & in the summer when high school was out I ate at both places often. Also, what caused the fire that burned the south side of the square where the Register News Bldg. is now? Also, why didn't someone design the RN building in keeping with the old style buildings instead of the modern (ugh) type?

Posts: **47** | Location: **Napa Valley CA** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 16:23

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Here's what I remember:

The first place you mentioned was likely "The American" since it was located behind the First National Bank bldg. in the early 40's. That's when the bank was on the corner of 10th and Main and not where it is now. My aunt worked there for a while as a waitress in 1942. It closed sometime near the mid-40's. The name came back to life in the 50's when "Tiny's Steak House" closed and was reopened some time later as "The American." That location was on the north side of the square. It became a popular watering hole throughout the 50's and 60's until it finally got dozed when the north side of the square was redeveloped.

The other place you are referring to on the north side of Main street was probably the "Blue Goose." It's still open but is called "Jimmie James Blue Goose" now. That's at 1014 Main and would have been across the street from the Firestone store.

I'm not sure but I think some of the Hassakis family may have originally owned both of those places you asked about.

I can't answer your last two questions since I was away from here at that time.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 16:53

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quote:

That's at 1014 Main and would have been across the street from the Firestone store.

Do you remember the Firestone store when it was on 11th and Bwdy? It was next to the liquor store the had the wooden indian in front and my Uncle managed it for awhile. It was a pretty narrow store and was about where Kent Renshaw has his law practice. Then Benoist Bros. had a nice store on the N.W. corner of 10th & Bwdy.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 17:03

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Yeah, I vaguely remember that the Wooden Indian moved there after the east side of the square had that burn out in 1950.

I doubt my reference to the Firestone store given to Blue Jean is correct. That probably was some other appliance business that she was referring to but I can't recall that.

I do know that the Firestone store was on Main street at that location in the 60's but I can't say when it moved there.

Yeah, I remember the Benoist Brothers Hardware store being where the bank is now. I suppose you could say Benoist's was next to the popcorn stand that was parked on the corner. 😊

As we have noted before, the businesses in this town have moved around a lot.

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

sbevis
Free Time



Posted September 11, 2007 17:45

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quote:

I think you're right, Pogo. I remember going there every Saturday night around 10 pm with my dad to pick up the StL Sunday papers.

We always bought the Sunday papers from a vendor in front of the Appellate Court House.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

BlueJean
Member



Posted September 11, 2007 17:48

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Then Benoist Bros. had a nice store on the N.W. corner of 10th & Bwdy.

That is where Greenberg Corp. located the Illinois Brokerage Store after it was burned out in December 1950 when the East side of the square burned.

No Pogo, it wasn't the Blue Goose Cafe. This one was beside a drug store on Broadway (not Main) just the second business from the corner. The Greek family you mentioned sounds familiar. Did they have two unmarried daughters who served the customers (very large, but very attractive)? I left Mt.V. in 1951-51 so it was before that time.

Posts: **47** | Location: **Napa Valley CA** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 18:07

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quote:

No Pogo, it wasn't the Blue Goose Cafe. This one was beside a drug store on Broadway (not Main) just the second business from the corner

That's different. That was called the "Deluxe Candy Kitchen." It occupied the space at 1003 Broadway that before was a shoe shop owned by a man named Gus Tchizopolis. The restaurant was operated by John Lewis and his wife Alexandria. Her maiden name was Cheolas. It closed in 1952. It was a popular high school crowd hangout in the 40's.

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted September 11, 2007 18:12

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[quote]Also, why didn't someone design the RN building in keeping with the old style buildings instead of the modern (ugh) type?
(See other forum -You can't fix stupid)

When the Wooden Indian closed there was a "Disco" there for awhile. What was it called? Who ran it? Rodger Marvel?

How about "Laird's Lads and Dads" next to Laird's Jewelers. Jerry "Moody" Blue worked there - RIP!!! Then he got a job running the Bull Shed on 7th Street at the L&N tracks.

Then there was Gus's shoe shine shop. Where Girolamo Pizzeria is now (THE BEST PIZZA IN TOWN!!!!)

Speaking of shoe shine shops how about the one under the Rodger's building. Later that local became "The Sub". Or did Gus move there after the "Sub"? Didn't Paula Dykas (sp)mother run it? Then they opened a "Sub" below the Lynn Ann Shop. Before that, below the Lynn Ann Shop was the VFW.

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

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted September 12, 2007 09:29

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quote:

Joe Thompson's dad ran a shoe repair in one of the long narrow buildings by the liquor/cigar store about where Renshaw's is now on Bwdy. There was a shoe sales store further towards 10th St. around 1009 Bwdy. It had squeaky floors, bare light bulbs hanging down and shoes on the W. wall, in boxes, a counter with rows of shoes on the E. wall and shoes stacked in the middle along with chairs. I can't remember the name.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 12, 2007 09:31

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Anyone remember the guy who couldn't hear/speak who had a shoe repair place behind where the Victory church is now? It was a gray block building and he kept pencils and paper on the counter so you could write down what you needed done. George Hydreniche (? spelling) could have been his name. He was a really nice guy and dead great work.

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

Jim in PA
Free Time



Posted September 12, 2007 14:57

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Blue Jean, I am so glad to hear someone else express mortification at the design of the R-N building(?), as I was beginning I was a lone snobby voice in the architectural wilderness. If they had put up(I will not say built...) a building such as that in Napa Valley, CA, I believe there would have been charges brought against the "ugly" clause of the local zoning ordinances.I guess that it's the best of the "Agway School of Architectural Design", and it reflects very poorly on the idea of Mt. Vernon taking its rightful place as the King City.

Posts: **405** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **July 14, 2006**

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BlueJean
Member



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Believe me, the Planning Commission in any well run city will try to get buildings that fit in with the city. I'm sure it was built such as it is in keeping with a low budget but I was stunned when I first visited Mt. V. and saw it. A nice brick building would have been much better. I'm wondering what the new post office looks like - hope to check it out when I visit in the next few years.

Posts: **47** | Location: **Napa Valley CA** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 14, 2007 11:25

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The new post office isn't so bad. The inside is nice. The only problem is the parking lot is in disrepair. It needs holes filled and new stripes and enforce the people who park in front and either go in or wait for someone. Too lazy to park like everyone else. I'd like to see them enforce that everywhere though.

It's really too bad the old shopping center has gotten in such bad shape when it was pretty nice to start with.

My Aunt had the Mode O Day and the roof there always leaked so I can imagine what the other empty buildings look like on the inside.

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

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted September 14, 2007 11:30

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Is the new post office down in 10th street? I can't even remember where the old post office was.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted September 14, 2007 11:36

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The "old" post office was across the street from the "old" police dept. 11th street, maybe? I have the clock that used to hang in it. The new old post office was three block east and one block south of that. I believe the new one is on south 10th.

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

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted September 14, 2007 11:44

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Thanks, now it is coming back to me. I lived in the apartment building on east main next door the chiropractor[sp] and north of the VFW parking lot. The motel was almost directly across the street. I would walk across the street to the Legion and bend the elbow. After getting my buzz on I would stop at the motel and buy my half dozen Zagnut candy bars.

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

joyful1
Free Time



Posted September 14, 2007 12:05

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quote:

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The new one is in the old shopping center that is accross the road from the Big Lots (the old 3D store). I think there used to be a Montgomery Wards in there or maybe it was Coast to Coast.

Posts: **374** | Location: **Jefferson County** | Registered: **May 01, 2007**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted September 14, 2007 13:04

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It was Wards.

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

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted September 14, 2007 14:51

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Here's the way I remember it:

In 1954 when I was required to register for the draft, the post office (opened in 1916) was located at 1103 Main street. That was directly across the street from the City Hall (which opened in 1939) which was at 1100 Main street. The police station and fire department were also in the City Hall building with the sally port and fire dept. doors opening onto 11th street.

Then sometime in the 60's a new post office was built at 1301 Broadway (2 blocks west and 1 block south of the previous one)and the previous one was closed.

Then just recently the post office moved to its present location in what was once the Montgomery Ward store on south 10th street.

The Broadway facility remains in use as a sorting and distribution center but has no general public access for services.

johnj229, The area you described would likely be in the 700 block of Main street. You must have lived on the south side of Main street in one of those

2 story buildings between the library and the telephone building. The Mt. Vernon Motel was a tad west of you diagonally and the American Legion a bit further west of that. I can picture your path as you described it. The American Legion is still there at 816 Main but the motel has closed down completely.

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted September 14, 2007 17:21

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It was Wards.

No it was the Hamper and Dr. Clark's the optometrists.

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

Jim in PA

Free Time



Posted September 14, 2007 17:26

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Don't build up the "new" post office too much by thinking it is in the same space as the Ward's store. It is in the VERY small space that lies at what would have been the north exit of the Ward's store, where you entered from the walkway fronting the other, smaller store fronts. It's a shame, as it is onlt about two-thirds the size (floor space and boxes) as the old, old post office that was opened during World War One. WC, you sneak, L.B. Williams and I tried for months to score that darned clock. Take good care of it...

Posts: **405** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **July 14, 2006**

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted September 14, 2007 21:13

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quote:

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jim, That may well be a sign of the times. E-mail is replacing snail mail to a great extent and justifiably so.

When the entire population gets up to speed with computers, the posting of physical letter type mail will cease to exist except for some narrowly defined areas.

The rest of the service will be in direct competition with the likes of UPS or DAHL and it won't be the gold mine that it has been in the past.

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

Black Pearl 2

Old Pro



Posted September 14, 2007 21:30

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do they still have the most wanted pictures in the new office? or is that covered by the internet being available, too?

Posts: **1828** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **May 23, 2006**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted September 15, 2007 00:15

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quote:

Originally posted by Jim in PA:
WC, you sneak, L.B. Williams and I tried for months to score that darned clock. Take good care of it...

Jim, they brought it in to my dad for repair and then decided they didn't need it in the old new post office. So, they let him keep it. I got it after he passed. It will be well taken care of.

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

RaneyOnline

Old Pro



Posted September 15, 2007 13:46

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I would like to see the city and a private developer work together to rebuild the Park Plaza Shopping Center by opening it up to downtown and creating a "new" downtown that the city could be proud of.

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]New Downtown Center[/URL]

On the right side of the shopping center (just South of the water tower) would be the Post Office but room to ad a new city hall, police station, or other civic buildings.

A small park with water feature would be in the center of the plaza surrounded by shops with offices above.

To the West (but facing East) of the park would be big box retailers like a grocery store, sporting goods store, Target, or Best Buy.

Along 10th Street would be fast food restaurants, banks, etc.

Johnson Alley would be extend thru the development with one-way traffic heading South and 8th Street would carry Northbound traffic thru the plaza. I would tear down the old Mt.Vernon Motel and extend the street Northward and continue the

one-way traffic pattern to Optimist Park.

Posts: **1005** | Location: **Pennsylvania** | Registered: **May 11, 2006**

Jim in PA
Free Time



Posted September 15, 2007 16:59

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WClark: That old bldg was a treasure house. When the Postal Service announced it was going to be demolished, Lyle Williams, Mont Murry and I went to the Postmaster and asked if we could salvage any of the brass railings and some other fixtures, or whether we would have to bid on them. The Postmaster(forgot his name) said he would let us know. About three weeks later, I went in again and was told, as far as they knew , it was all going to be hauled off into a landfill. What a great waste. I'm glad that at least the clock will be around to have a history. That will be something to leave your son,indeed. It'll be a century old in another six or seven years.

Posts: **405** | Location: **Harrisburg, PA** | Registered: **July 14, 2006**

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 15, 2007 17:18

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quote:

I'm glad that at least the clock will be around to have a history. That will be something to leave your son, indeed. It'll be a century old in another six or seven years.

All of the marble in the building should have been worth a fortune. It was a far better P.O. than what we'll ever have again as far as building wise. It was indeed a waste to tear it down.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 18, 2007 08:55

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Does anyone know why the "stage" and foundations for seats were ever put in the park behind the pool? It was never finished and used very little as it is now.

I know at one time there was a stage further West and we used to put on school plays and scout programs and the parents would set in the bleachers and make us feel like stars. I remember they had a magician and other acts

on the old stage.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted September 18, 2007 10:27

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I believe that the "ampitheater" was not finished because people who lived around that area did not want to be disturbed. That stage and seating was there as early as the late '50s' and early '60s'. I know. I used to play on them all the time and run down the seating like an obstacle course.

I think that loud music of the '60s' and '70s' had a great influence on the neighbors. Even so, the stage and seating was used and there was never any further costs for the upkeep of a roof that never was.

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

mousegrInfl
Free Time



Posted September 18, 2007 12:26

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Didn't they have various events there during the carnival (which was always the week leading up to the 4th of July)? It may have been local talent shows and a beauty pageant.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted September 18, 2007 17:48

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Those were the days, my friend
We thought they'd never end

We'd sing and dance forever and a day
We'd live the life we'd choose
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For we were young and sure to have our way

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

Sassafras
Regular



Posted September 18, 2007 19:00

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I remember, Bugman... It was a great time to be a teenager in Mt. Vernon! And, at the time, we had the nerve to think there was nothing to do in "Mousetown." I remember some dances at that old skating rink east of town, too... and one rockin' New Year's Eve Party there, put on by some entrepreneurial young men, in about 1966. I believe the "Egyptian Combo"

played that night. Any body else remember that one? 😊

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

Buck

Old Pro



Posted September 18, 2007 21:56

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The REO/Coal Kitchen concert was on January 22nd, 1971. It almost didn't happen. There was bad weather and we almost called it off. The weather cleared up later in the day and we went on with the show. The show was put on by the Veterans club at Rend Lake College.

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

joyful1

Free Time



Posted September 19, 2007 10:56

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I don't think I have ever seen a picture of the old post office that you guys are talking about. Is there one somewhere? If so, can it be posted on here? It sounds like it was a beautiful building.

Posts: **374** | Location: **Jefferson County** | Registered: **May 01, 2007**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted September 19, 2007 12:35

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Tom Pucket has one in his book of Mt. Vernon and I believe there might be one hanging in the Hitchin' Post and possibly the Mayor's office.

It was a nice building and inside was all brass and marble. Was a building that shouldn't have been torn down for a parking lot.

Next will be the Appellate Court building. From the pic in the RN it will be overshadowed by a building the Catholic church is wanting to put up, closing a street as well.

I hope that never gets off the drawing board.

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

**Standing
Bye**

Free Time



Posted September 19, 2007 14:46

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Bugman, I went to those dances all the time. I was there for ?. What did we pay that night, \$2 to get in? Of course we only knew their one song, "96 Tears".

Posts: **374** | Location: **Broadway** | Registered: **May 11, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted September 19, 2007 14:51

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Frank Jones (Class of '66) on his bass with any band that would let him play. He could thump that thing! 🤖

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

jlmer
Old Pro

Posted September 20, 2007 09:17

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In the 50s I believe the hot spots in the park was the dance hall and the



skating rink. The animals drew crowds but I'm talking about the teens here. The lights at the skating rink was bare light bulbs and the wiring was run down the sides of the outside posts of the tent roof and into a fuse box. One of these wires was bare and we'd form a chain with one hanging onto the bare wire and if we'd grab each others hand quickly it wouldn't shock. We'd wait until our "target" would skate by and the end guy would reach out and touch him giving him a shock and usually scaring him enough that he'd take a tumble.
I can't remember ever shocking a girl but we nailed a lot of guys until they fixed the wire.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted September 20, 2007 17:39

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

tyrone
Free Time



Posted September 20, 2007 19:58

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
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I used to eat at Reban's three or four times a week back when I lived in North town and I never seen a juke box in the joint. Place was to darn small for anything but about 10 counter stools. They did have a walk up window though. At one time they served breakfast opening about 6AM. Biscuits & gravy almost as good as Ellis Cafe.

Are you referring to Daniel's Hill as Hippie Hill ? Reban's wasn't next to Daniel's Hill for sure.

I had almost forgotten the name Daniel's Hill maybe some of you remember it also. It's the hill with the wall that used to be decorated by our local graffetti artists. I think it is in the 400 block of North Tenth or Salem Road as there is a street split just north of the hill.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

wclark
Old Pro

Posted September 20, 2007 22:39

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not, but..... 😞

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

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Sh33na
Free Time



Posted September 20, 2007 22:56

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:
I seem to remember a juke box in the northwest corner of
Rebans. Maybe not, but..... ☹

Remember the juke box out in the park, inside the dance hall place?
Sometimes it would be stuck in the "On" mode and play for free.

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

hardcoreholly
Regular



Posted September 21, 2007 01:33

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Uggghhh...I can only HOPE that I dont remember this town in 30 years.

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 07:12

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quote:

Originally posted by hardcoreholly:
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I find it sad that you are so angry/unhappy. 😞

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

hardcoreholly

Regular



Posted September 21, 2007 11:28

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Originally posted by wclark:

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-That is your opinion. However, you do not know me, so therefor how can you conclude that I am angry/unhappy. Actually I am neither of those two things. I have a wonderful husband, and a beautiful baby boy, and a awesome job, it is Mt.Vernon that I am unhappy with. Now that we have that all cleared up, next time you probably shouldn't insinuwait these things.

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 11:38

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I didn't insinuate anthing. I said it very plain and simple. You are a very angry person. One only has to read you words to know that. If you are that unhappy, possibly you and hubby should find another area. Congrats on the son.

Posts: **2007** | Location: **Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of**

hardcoreholly

Regular



Posted September 21, 2007 12:47

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:

I didn't insinuate anything. I said it very plain and simple. You are a very angry person. One only has to read your words to know that. If you are that unhappy, possibly you and hubby should find another area. Congrats on the son.

Tell me wclark, is your profession that of a psychologist? Certainly not, so therefore you cannot accurately claim that I am sad or unhappy. One can only assume that you judge a book by its cover. Nice try though. My family is currently looking into other locations to live besides Mount Vernon. With that said, and I'll say it again, I am not an angry person. I am angry at the corrupt politics, the citizens in poverty who will not look for a job, and most of all - arrogant people like you Clark in Mt. Vernon. Being an "angry" person, and being angry at something are two totally different things. Thank-you for the congrats too btw.

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 12:55

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

UNCLEB

Educated



Posted September 21, 2007 13:01

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Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

**Standing
Bye**

Free Time



Posted September 21, 2007 13:34

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:

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in agreement.

Bill, I agree with you.

Posts: **374** | Location: **Broadway** | Registered: **May 11, 2007**

hardcoreholly
Regular



Posted September 21, 2007 13:53

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:
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Good for "the rest of the board". And that is supposed to effect me HOW? I guess "the majority of the board" are psychologist, and can tell when people are angry. Try again.

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

hardcoreholly
Regular



Posted September 21, 2007 13:55

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:
I just call 'em like I see 'em. Seems the majority of the board is in agreement.

You call 'em like you see 'em? Tell me clark, have you ever seen me before? NO. Have you ever talked to me in person? NO. Therefor, you or no one else has the right to conclude that I am a angry person.

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

hardcoreholly
Regular



Posted September 21, 2007 14:02

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quote:

Originally posted by Standing Bye:

quote:

Originally posted by wclark:
I just call 'em like I see 'em. Seems the majority of the board is in agreement.

Bill, I agree with you.

-That is all you have to say for yourself? That you agree. How shallow. You do not even know me...well you might, but you would be surprised that I am quite opposite of "angry" as clark seems to think. People like you and clark who "judge" people will have to answer to the higher power one day, and for that I can get a chuckle. AMEN.

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 14:05

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Possibly you need to learn to read a little closer. I didn't at first say you were an angry person. I said that I was sad that you were angry. Only later, after your tirade, did I say you were an angry person. You don't have to see, meet or talk to a person to sense the anger in them. As for my rights, my opinion is mine and my right. You are a very angry person, in my opinion. It is painfully obvious. By the way, you can call me Bill.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [wclark](#), September 21, 2007 14:24

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

wclark

Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 14:08

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'nuff said.

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

hardcoreholly

Regular



Posted September 21, 2007 14:17

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Enough said on your part maybe. But when someone says "I seem like an angry person," I am not going to let them publicly bash me for something that I am not. You saying that I "seem" like an angry person is equal to saying that I AM a angry person. If you ever met me you would feel silly. I am always smiling. Perhaps you should be the one to read futher into it, Bill. I said I was "angry" AT the corrupted polictics, ect. And yes you are correct that your opinions are your own, as I clearly stated earlier...it IS your opinion to think that I am a angry person, but for you to sit here and say these things is called judging, and that is clearly a sin in the bible.

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

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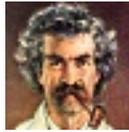
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Educated



Posted September 21, 2007 14:42

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Gee Whiz Holly - Clark & Pogo generally don't put a "dig" on anyone that doesn't ask for it. In this case, I don't they have tried to put one on you and you, as far as I can see from your original post, didn't really ask for it. In another thread (not sure if it's on the Jail or Conser District or what) J. Shaw said there's 3 uses for the forum - it looks like you may have stumbled into the third.....it was about the jail on Sept 20 @ 8:28.....

I do understand how you can be angry AT something and still not be an angry person, but it starting to look a little like Ralph Cramdon having a discussion with Ed Norton and not being able to get his point across - just saying what it looks like..... 😊

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Posts: **528** | Location: **Paradise** | Registered: **May 06, 2007**

????

Educated



Posted September 21, 2007 15:20

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I almost forgot - I think the appropriate comment now is BUMP

Posts: **528** | Location: **Paradise** | Registered: **May 06, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 15:32

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quote:

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Now there's an analogy I can appreciate! 🤔 LOL

I usually don't feel obligated to explain myself but I will explain my posts and my motive.

When I read the following:

quote:

The quicker I die the quicker I'll be out of this awful town. Actually, I'm looking foward to it.

I was concerned that this person might be crying out for help. She sounded almost suicidal and I couldn't resist trying to get her to talk about it.

The tactics I used worked well to get the information I was after. I doubt Holly will be angry with me for that.

Holly can be angry with anyone she likes however.

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

joyful1
Free Time



Posted September 21, 2007 15:54

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quote:

Originally posted by UNCLEB:
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They won't let you leave or come to the campus now as Lincoln school is closed, right??? Isn't that were the YMCA moved to (but they have moved again, haven't they)?

btw, Pogo & Bill, you know I think you rock!!! 😊

This probably goes along with the other thread, but I'm going to say it on this one, anyway. This town has lots of marks against it, probably every town does. However, if you are relying on the prosperity of a town to provide you with your happiness, you will be sadly disappointed. I do hope that in 30 years, I am able to remember this town - especially since I will probably still be living in the county and working in town). For me, it's way more than the city officials, prosperity, etc., it's the people. For the most part, the people I have come across are genuinely friendly and kind. I hope that in 30 years, I am able to share memories with my contemporaries the way all these fine people on here are able to. And I hope that there are younger ones that will ask silly questions, such as "What's bushwacking?" 😊 I can only hope that my memory will be clear enough, my wit witty enough and my body able enough to get on the computer (or whatever communication devices we have at the time) and share with everyone.

And a big thanks to the ones who do share with us so that we can get a glimpse of what life in Mt. Vernon was like 20, 30, 40+ years ago.

Posts: **374** | Location: **Jefferson County** | Registered: **May 01, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 16:44

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Wow I think that both of you are angry now.

Heck, I hope I'm alive and remember anything in 30 years!!!!

Reban's did have a Juke box in the NW corner, you had to squeeze around it to get to the north seats. It did have 96 tears on it. Hippie Hill was on the hill just to the north, where the apartments are now. From 1970 to about 74' or 75'.

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

beaukitty
Basic
training



Posted September 21, 2007 17:34

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😊 Does anyone remember a man by the name of Hadley that had the Reabens franchise before it became Jo Burgers...Could HIPPIE HILL have been located behind Jo Burgers in a wooded lot? The juke box as my husband remembers it was located in 3 different areas of the place..On the West wall to the right as you came in the door, in the northwest corner where. And the north wall where the counter ended.

Who remembers the FOSTER SINCLAIR service station that was located across the street from Jo-Burgers?

Does anyone remember IKE Mendenhall's grocery store that was located behind Foster's service station with the store facing South toward OAKLAND?

Posts: **27** | Location: **Tennessee** | Registered: **January 25, 2007**

beaukitty

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Posted September 21, 2007 17:41

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quote:

Originally posted by Sh33na:

[QUOTE]Originally posted by beaukitty:

...My grandfather was a city policeman for 18yrs. before retiring, Then he moved on to the Sheriff's office..There used to be a glass case in the center of the court house with a bear in it ??? I think...My grandfather was one of the deputies that helped capture the bear..Does the name "Fairchild" ring any bells?? [QUOTE]

Oh, my! Your grandfather and my father worked together. Hrm.. Fairchild, then there were Martin, Miller, Mills, Barger, Dedman, and Warren. That's all I remember. I **do** remember that bear, but I had forgotten about it long ago. Thanks for the memories.

Posts: **27** | Location: **Tennessee** | Registered: **January 25, 2007**

beaukitty

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Posted September 21, 2007 17:44

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Posts: **27** | Location: **Tennessee** | Registered: **January 25, 2007**

beaukitty
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Posted September 21, 2007 18:00

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Originally posted by hardcoreholly:

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Originally posted by wclark:

I didn't insinuate anything. I said it very plain and simple. You are a very angry person. One only has to read your words to know that. If you are that unhappy, possibly you and hubby should find another area. Congrats on the son.

Tell me wclark, is your profession that of a psychologist? Certainly not, so therefore you cannot accurately claim that I am sad or unhappy. One can only assume that you judge a book by its cover. Nice try though. My family is currently looking into other locations to live besides Mount Vernon. With that said, and I'll say it again, I am not an angry person. I am angry at the corrupt politics, the citizens in poverty who will not look for a job, and most of all - arrogant people like you Clark in Mt.Vernon. Being a "angry" person, and being angry at something are two totally different things. Thank-you for the congrats too btw.

Normally I do not get into these types of discussions, But if you are so unhappy about the things you mentioned, then do something about it..Run for office, Maybe you can change things, Go to City Council meetings and voice your opinions..Try making yourself an advocate to some of those citizens, help them to look for a job..Maybe they need someone to help them find a job..Don't take your angry feelings and frustrations out on people, Don't be part of the problem, Be a part of the solution..Maybe you can MAKE a difference..Try setting examples for other people by your actions of wanting to help..You just might get a lot of support from other people that are also willing to help....And then if all else fails, Maybe you should look for another place to live.

Posts: **27** | Location: **Tennessee** | Registered: **January 25, 2007**

T-Ray
Stranger



Posted September 21, 2007 18:13

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It was interesting to read your comments about the Mt. Vernon PD. I was on the department in the early '60s with all those people when the department was in the City Hall Building: Jack Fairchild, Roy Barger, Fred Dedman, Wendell Warren, Richard Miller, Jack Edson, Harold Albright and two or three others. John Wielt was chief at the time. I am the "Mills" (Bill) you mentioned.

I left there and had a career with the Los Angeles Police Department for 20 years. I still live in Southern California, but make it back to Mousetown once or twice a year for reunions or the visit family.

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Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 19:13

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 19:19

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I apologize for what I feel is a thread hijacking on the part of Holly and myself. I'm sure neither of us intended to do so. This thread isn't about angry/unhappy folks or anything other than old MtV. If Holly wants to start an "I hate MtV" thread, I'll meet her there and we can continue. Old MtV was a great place to live and I enjoyed every minute of it. I still have some plans to return there when I retire. Time will tell.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 19:27

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 20:07

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quote:

Who remembers the FOSTER SINCLAIR service station that was

located across the street from Jo-Burgers?

Does anyone remember IKE Mendenhall's grocery store that was located behind Foster's service station with the store facing South toward OAKLAND?

Beaukitty, It's strange how much time can change an area. I missed some 36 years here (1968 to 2004) but do remember the area you mentioned from the days prior to 1968. I guess I missed the whole Jo-Burgers era since I have never heard of it. I went to Lincoln school in the mid 40's and remember Foster's service station very well. The place behind it wasn't a grocery store then though, it was a tavern and restaurant called the North Shell. I think Foster's station must have been a Shell station back then but I'm not sure since I was more concerned with bicycles than cars at that time. How else would the tavern have gotten the name "The North Shell?" The grocery store I remember there during the 50's was just west of the tavern and was known as Jackson's and Martin's. It might have been named Mendenhall's at one time but I don't remember that. They later moved their business directly across Oakland Avenue and it then faced the Salem Road. It was one of the most popular groceries of the '50's and 60's.

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

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 21:47

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If memory serves me right. There was a shoe store on the north side of the square that had one of those x-ray machines that you put your foot in. Every Saturday afternoon a bunch of my buddies and I would go to the movies and would go in and look at our feet. Why???? who knows we were 8 and 9 year old kids. We would go to either of the 2 theaters sometimes both if we had the extra quarter to get in. After that it was a quick stop off at the Ben Franklin to buy some candy sold by the pound[generally I would have enough for a dimes worth] and play with the toys until the sales lady run us out. We would head down 10th street and go to the old Dobbs that was in a house and play army until we got run out of there. We would generally head toward the park and look at the alligator then to the fruitbowl where most of the guys lived and then I would head home to Central Ave. where I lived. Those were good carefree days those memories has stayed with this 62 year old body.

Freddie Alexander and I were best friends. We kept in contact after I moved until after high school and the next thing I know he was gone. Freddie was a very smart guy and his IQ was probably 2 as high as mine but that didn't make any difference as we both like fishing, playing army, whiffle ball and all the things kids did for entertainment back in the 50's. My most humble feeling was when I made the trip to the "Wall" in DC and saw Freddie's name. I have never had a hurt hit me so hard. He was the first person that I known that was killed in Nam. I went over for 18 months and often wondered if i was walking on the same ground as a dear friend did.

For all the trouble in MTV I have been reading about lately it is a shame but in all honesty these things are also happening all over the US. I hope that all of us can learn AGAIN how to live and respect each other.

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

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johnj229
Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 21:51

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I have no idea why I put Alexander when it was Beckemeyer. The years have taken a toll on these brain cells and sometimes I slip up. Oh well that's the way it goes.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 22:02

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 21, 2007 22:10

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[How naive we all were.](#)

You can only wonder how many shoe clerks died early as a result of this super salesmanship. 😊

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

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted September 21, 2007 22:23

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T-Ray: I'm Richard Miller's daughter. He and Roy Barger and you went out to California. I remember stopping by your house on my 10th birthday. How are your boys? Dad and Barger moved back, worked at Breckinridge in Kentucky. Barger killed himself. I don't know what happened to make everyone on the police force leave at the same time, but I'm all ears if you ever want to talk, Bill.

My mother is now married to Wendell Warren. They eloped two years ago, the sneaky lil lovebugs. They are so cute together.

I guess you've kept up with the news about Brent Hahn. I haven't seen Dale Martin for eons or heard anything about him, but Vera kept up with Mom for years, even vacationed with her often.

Beaukitty: I know your hubby very well. Tell him "Marfta's daughter" says HELLO. Patrick stopped by my mother's several weeks ago when I happened to be there. I almost fell over! Lisa used to call me Mommy Jean. I always say I never had kids because I got to be a mommy to those 4. Great birth control. LOL!! Just kidding. Sort of. 😊

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

hardcoreholly
Regular



Posted September 21, 2007 23:30

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quote:

Originally posted by Pogo:

quote:

but it starting to look a little like Ralph Cramdon having a discussion with Ed Norton and not being able to get his point across

Now there's an analogy I can appreciate! 🤔 LOL

I usually don't feel obligated to explain myself but I will explain my posts and my motive.

When I read the following:

quote:

The quicker I die the quicker I'll be out of this awful town. Actually, I'm looking forward to it.

I was concerned that this person might be crying out for help. She sounded almost suicidal and I couldn't resist trying to get her to talk about it.

The tactics I used worked well to get the information I was after. I doubt Holly will be angry with me for that.

Holly can be angry with anyone she likes however.

Well whatever makes you feel better I suppose. Your words do not bother me, and personally I do not care if you guys think I am an angry person anymore. Haha suicidal, that's too funny. It is very obvious that you know very little about me. When my sister and my family who post on these boards also read these things, they got a awful good laugh. Too funny you are Pogo.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [hardcoreholly](#), September 22, 2007 01:25

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

**undertaker's
dtr**
Member

Posted September 21, 2007 23:36

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

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted September 21, 2007 23:59

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I think you are talking about the Farthings. Hyla was my best friend in grade school.

We used to go to your father's station to buy Double Cola and Royal Crown

Cola. Back then, sodas were in glass bottles, and we would turn them in for cash.

quote:

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The (then future)preacher I was referring to lived on the southwest corner in the house that coach Harold Hutchins previously lived in for many years.

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wclark

Old Pro



Posted September 22, 2007 01:09

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

hardcoreholly

Regular



Posted September 22, 2007 02:06

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This message has been edited. Last edited by: [hardcoreholly](#), September 22, 2007 02:43

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

hardcoreholly

Regular



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I have been "tough" enough to live here for a long time. Believe me. I am just now able to start looking in other locations. And for your paragraph making Mt.Vernon to seem like the most wonderful town in the world, I have lived here for almost 30 years, I think I have experienced the "atmosphere" of Mt.Vernon. I HAVE met a lot nicer people, in a few towns that are A LOT more lovely then Mt.Vernon, and hopefully one day I can live in peace in one of those towns. I will never sell MTV short, you can count on that, in fact, I wouldn't even TRY to sell it. The fact that you moved back to MTV from California just probably means that you realized California is in worse shape than Illinois. Oh yes, and I just wanted to point out Pogo, that it is Friday night, and I am not drinking, instead I am at home taking care of my son whom is not even a year old. You know how I do it, chugging my beers while doing motherly duties, yep thats me alright. Just so you know, my drinking problem has not taken over my life yet(*sarcasm*)(now that I realize I must point that out). Last of all, have you ever thought of the idea that the reason 43,580 people have viewed it is because its you same folks viewing it over and over and over and over and over and over ...well....you should get the point.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [hardcoreholly](#), September

22, 2007 02:42

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

hardcoreholly

Regular



Posted September 22, 2007 02:17

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The quicker I die the quicker I'll be out of this awful town. Actually, I'm looking forward to it.

-Ever heard of sarcasm, Pogo?

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

hardcoreholly

Regular



Posted September 22, 2007 02:37

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Originally posted by ????:
Gee Whiz Holly - Clark & Pogo generally don't put a "dig" on anyone that doesn't ask for it. In this case, I don't they have tried to put one on you and you, as far as I can see from your original post, didn't really ask for it. In another thread (not sure if it's on the Jail or Conser District or what) J. Shaw said there's 3 uses for the forum - it looks like you may have stumbled into the third.....it was about the jail on Sept 20 @ 8:28.....

I do understand how you can be angry AT something and still not be an angry person, but it starting to look a little like Ralph Cramdon having a discussion with Ed Norton and not being able to get his point across - just saying what it looks

like..... 😊

Your opinion is your opinion, however the third rule she clearly stated, "third it is a place where a game is played. The game is called "Gotcha". "Gotcha" is game where you match intellectual wits with an opponent in which you try to make him look foolish." With that said, no one confronted me with "intellectual wits" from what I have seen. One person said I was angry/unhappy for being sarcastic. The other said I had a "drinking" problem, and still cannot figure where he got it from. Yet neither of these two people know a lick about me. So, please show me where the intellect was? Because if intellectual wits were used, Einstein must have been dumb.(*sarcasm*)

Posts: **132** | Location: **mt.vernon** | Registered: **September 15, 2007**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted September 22, 2007 05:17

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Is this thread "Old Mt Vernon" or is it becoming "Dear Abby" ?

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted September 22, 2007 05:21

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Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 22, 2007 10:52

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Live and learn. I didn't know that!!!
A friend of mine from school used to work at Musgroves, Ronnie Mahnke!! I know the Mammoth used to carry a lot of Boy/Girl scout items such as uniforms, manuals, etc. They carried little plastic strips that we'd make bracelets and necklaces out of. Wise's carried some of the scout stuff but the Mammoth was the biggie. I enjoyed watching the money "tubes" at the Mammoth. Only store I ever saw that had them.

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

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 22, 2007 11:19

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted September 22, 2007 12:20

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I saw the same thing. And heard they are going to have to relocate the bank per government regulations. At the very least, take the antennas down.

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

**undertaker's
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Posted September 22, 2007 12:58

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The more I think about it, I think you are right about the name...Musgroves, but I'm sure Don's last name was Schafer because he had a son in my class. It's always good to hear when you are right and someone else is wrong.

Speaking of the Mammoth, did the men's room have pay toilets or just the ladies' room?

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted September 22, 2007 13:05

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How about us all going in this direction?

Remember Dave (I think) Miller's blue Corvette with the blower? Wasn't it a 67'? Glenda Bond's Vette? How about Rick Mason's 396 Chevelle? Jackie Cates Cudas? One Yellow one Purple!!One 383 one 440!! Lonnie Robert's 396 Chevelle The Newell guy's from Waltonville Hemi? Terry Nixon's GTX. Goforth's GTX(or was it a Road Runner?) David Laird's GSS Stage 1. Jack Crouch's GTO.Mark Marting and his dad's Cutlass's.Dickie Green and the old orange 42 (?) Drag races on Richview Road at the church. Even : Donnie Gray's Bucket VW. Red Gray's yellow Ghia with a Porsche engine? Donnie Gibson's dune buggy? How about Kathy Tibbs 62 Impala? Who was the girl that had a white and orange pace car Camaro, Angie something?

All of these cruising the Mug from Friday night to Sunday afternoon when gas was \$.25 a gallon!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Backed up to what became Harpers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Those were the days, my friend

We thought they'd never end
We'd sing and dance forever and a day
We'd live the life we'd choose
We'd fight and never lose
For we were young and sure to have our way

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

tyrone
Free Time



Posted September 22, 2007 16:18

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I remember the vacuum tubes also but I even remember back when they were not vacuum but had a small wheeled dolly car that ran on two small cable's. It was launched by the clerk by pulling down on a short rope with a wooden handle. They had a sound all their own and I was always facinated watching them. The cashier sat in a small caged enclosure on the second floor and handled all the purchase transactions and returned the dolly with the change. I think they had about four or five such stations a the different departments. Christmas at The Mammoth toyland was a sight to behold. Almost the entire second floor was devoted to the display of Christmas decorations and children's toys. You could actually play with the toys (no bubble wrap back then) and in fact they encouraged the kids to try out the latest toys.

The front window displays at The Mammoth were always in the best of taste and beautifully done and especially at Christmas. Big toy trains, dolls, airplanes they were all there. The local ladies always would have to check out the latest fashions when they were on display in the front windows. Us boys always acted a little shy when we would walk by when they were dressing the female mannequin's but always managed to sneak a peek.

The Mt Vernon square in those days had it all and everyone that was anyone was there shopping and visiting. You can't imagine just how busy it really was back then. Every parking space filled and the sidewalk was crowded with shoppers carrying their bags and bundles. Sidewalk sales on Saturday were a sight to behold. So many shoppers you could hardly get down the sidewalk especially on the south side where the 5 & 10 cent stores were (Morris and Woolworth) Every one was always awe struck by the vast selection of jewelery on display in the window at Jacksons Jewelery Store. All the girls would be saying "Oh, I love this one, come and see it"

No wonder I am so filled with memories as I get older. There were so many good things that were happening you were always able to make those memories that seem to have the stuff that just counted and were there before you.

Sometimes I'm sorry that times have changed so much that the younger generation missed those happier times.

I'm just glad I didn't.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

**undertaker's
dtr**
Member

Posted September 22, 2007 17:14

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
How about us all going in this direction?

Remember Dave (I think) Miller's blue Corvette with the blower? Wasn't it a 67'? Glenda Bond's Vette? How about Rick Mason's 396 Chevelle? Jackie Cates Cudas? One Yellow one Purple!!One 383 one 440!! Lonnie Robert's 396 Chevelle The Newell guy's from Waltonville Hemi? Terry Nixon's GTX. Goforth's GTX(or was it a Road Runner?) David Laird's GSS Stage 1. Jack Crouch's GTO.Mark Marting and his dad's Cutlass's.Dickie Green and the old orange 42 (?) Drag races on Richview Road at the church. Even : Donnie Gray's Bucket VW. Red Gray's yellow Ghia with a Porsche engine? Donnie Gibson's dune buggy? How about Kathy Tibbs 62 Impala? Who was the girl that had a white and orange pace car Camaro, Angie something?

All of these cruising the Mug from Friday night to Sunday afternoon when gas was \$.25 a gallon!!!!!!!!!!!!Backed up to what became Harpers!!!!!!!!!!!!

Those were the days, my friend
We thought they'd never end
We'd sing and dance forever and a day

We'd live the life we'd choose
We'd fight and never lose
For we were young and sure to have our way

Angie with the white car with orange stripes--would that have been Angie Pipes? Answer this, where did Dave Miller come from? Was he a local guy who was just enough older that no one knew or did he move to MtV? Didn't he also have an old roadster?

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted September 22, 2007 18:56

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Something tells me that Dave Miller was from Car-bon-da-le. I think he was in a speed shop or used car lot down there on rte. 13 just to the east side of town. I think he did have a roadster with a "keg" on the back.

Danny Anderson once had a turquoise '57' Chevy with Tijuana tuck n roll interior and Hurst linkage. Duane Sink had a really nice all black '57' Chevy that, unfortunately burned up in a garage fire. Later on Danny had a black GTO, I think' that he used to take to the drags in Nashville. The problem with this from what I remember was that he had terrible luck with rear ends. I guess he needed a new one about every couple weeks or so. Me I had a '52' Dodge flathead with a fluid clutch. LOL!

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

EastTex
Member

Posted September 22, 2007 20:32

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If I remember correctly, Montgomery Ward shoe dept. also had the x-ray machine for looking at your feet to determine if you had enough "wiggle room" for your toes. This procedure was discontinued when it was learned that all those x-rays were harmful to young children. But, who knew? This was the 1950's and those were the days when everyone was still cooking with LARD cuz no one had even heard the word cholesterol.

Posts: **44** | Location: **East Texas** | Registered: **June 30, 2006**

BlueJean
Member



Posted September 22, 2007 23:01

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quote:

The Mt Vernon square in those days had it all and everyone that was anyone was there shopping and visiting. You can't amagine just how busy it really was back then. Every parking space filled and the sidewalk was crowded with shoppers carrying their bags

and bundles. Sidewalk sales on Saturday were a sight to behold.

How many of you remember, in the late 40's & 50's the big Egg Day Sales downtown? It seems all merchants got into the swing of it offering great bargains for the day. We clerks at Illinois Brokerage had to dress in jeans and work shirts that day. Also we who worked on commission (an extra \$1.00 for every \$100 we sold) loved the day but were really done end at the end of the day. I have posted a picture of some of us after the close of the store on Egg Day 1950 (before that side of the square burned down in December). On Egg Day it seemed every farmer and their families came from miles around to take advantage of the sales.

Also, you mentioned Jackson's - I still have an old watch that my parents bought me from there. Of course it quit working years ago but kept it because my folks gave it to me on a special day. Remember when girls that were graduating from high school could register there for the gifts they would like for their hope chest - china, crystal, etc? I still have some crystal given to me on my graduation in 1950.

Posts: **47** | Location: **Napa Valley CA** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

BlueJean
Member



Posted September 22, 2007 23:02

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quote:

I have posted a picture of some of us after the close of the store on Egg Day 1950 (before that side of the square burned down in December).

Opps, forgot to say I posted the picture on the Jefferson CO Genweb.

Posts: **47** | Location: **Napa Valley CA** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 23, 2007 10:00

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I'd forgotten about the "Egg Days". I remember the sidewald sales that the stores used to have. Those were big sale days and mom always looked forward to them. Didn't the farmers bring their eggs to town and trade for merchandise? I wonder what happened to all of those eggs.

I can remember many days of going to town with mom for a sale and being home by 1:00PM so I could head for the swimming pool. At times I can smell the downtown fumes and the chlorine in the old pool.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted September 23, 2007 11:57

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Dave Miller was from Centralia before he moved to Mt. Vernon and opened a Speed Shop. He built three "T" Buckets out of kits and they all had "Pony Keg" beer barrells for gas tanks and Chevy engines. We were riding around Ina in the late 60's in one of them and a gas leak caused it to catch on fire and, being almost completely fiberglass, it was totally destroyed. Later he moved to Carbondale, then to Florida. He was flying back north to Florida when the plane crashed in the Everglades (I think) and was never heard from again as far as I know. Jim Hutchison opened his speed shop on Jordon street where the Elks Lodge is located now. He had a 'Vette that he used to take to St. Louis International Raceway and other drag strips and competed with it. Many of us used to go to the drag strip in Marion or Sturgis Kentucky (Concrete strip, very bad on trannys and rear ends)and once a year we would go to Indy for the US Nationals. If we couldn't get to one of the sanctioned strips there was always the Shiloh Church on Richview road or Tolle Road. Before I-57 opened for traffic we would go to a stretch of that highway but again, hard on the trannys and rear ends. Tom Glover had the Green Ford (Chevy engine), Pure Hell, with Louie Grothoff in his Chevelle, Dwaine Sink in his '57 Chevy, Benny Harlan in the Yellow Four Door and Richard (?) Jansen in his green 60 Chevy which Benny ended up buying. The Mug probably had as many drag races arranged as any sanctioned strip. During that time Hutch and a few of the boys met me at the Mug and asked if I wanted to go to the drags, of course. Having had a few tastes of the grog I went to sleep and told them to wake me when we got to Shiloh Church. They woke me, in TERRE HAUTE, IND. They were going to Indy. I had left the keys in my new Mustang and had to call home and have my family pick it up as we didn't make it back to Mouse Town for four days. What memories. I didn't think that I would live long enough to even get my dirver's license and now in a month I'll be on Social Security. Many of us are way ahead of the game.

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

**Campfollower
in VA**
Regular



Posted September 23, 2007 12:45

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:

quote:

Originally posted by undertaker's dtr:

Actually, it was Musgrave's Shoe store and Don Schafer ran it. I think Danny Anderson worked there when he was in high school...washing windows and such. Wasn't he your age?

Thanks for the correction. You are absolutely right. Yes, I'm pretty sure Danny and I are the same age (59).

Bill, just checked the 1965 yearbook, Danny Anderson was a year ahead of us in the Class of '65.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted September 24, 2007 07:41

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

Campfollower in VA
Regular



Posted September 24, 2007 07:50

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{/QUOTE]Thanks. The old cells aren't what they used to be. 😊[/QUOTE]

Mine either - that's why I check things. Hope you are well - haven't seen you in years. I have been on the east coast, from Maine to Florida and in between, for most of the past 40 years.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

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Pogo Old Pro 	<input type="checkbox"/> Posted September 24, 2007 14:09 Hide Post
	I'll bet there aren't many here who remember the Cho-Cho from the 40's and 50's. I'll give you a hint - it was edible.
	Posts: 2030 Location: 62864 Registered: January 16, 2006
wclark Old Pro 	<input type="checkbox"/> Posted September 24, 2007 14:26 Hide Post
	I seem to vaguely remember it. Wasn't it an ice cream/malt on a stick or something like that? 😊
	Posts: 2007 Location: Decatur, IL - MtVHS Class of '66 Registered: January 13, 2006
Pogo Old Pro 	<input type="checkbox"/> Posted September 24, 2007 14:43 Hide Post
	Yes, you got it Bill! It was a chocolate malt on a stick and in a cup. You would roll the cup between the palms of your hands to warm the ice cream and it would come free of the cup so you could hold the stick and eat away. Smooth and delicious!

Of course I liked the Nutty Buddy bar just about as well. Thet's not to mention the Dixie Cup which had ice cream as well as another enticement.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted September 24, 2007 14:46

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Nutty Buddy Bar was the absolutely bestest!!!!. 🍪

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

T-Ray
Stranger



Posted September 24, 2007 15:40

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LOL!! Just kidding. Sort of. 😄

Posts: **3** | Location: **Mission Viejo, CA** | Registered: **June 27, 2007**

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted September 24, 2007 16:33

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T-Ray, close -- the house was on 24th, still is. That is where they are living. You are liable to find them sitting on the front porch holding hands if you drive by.

I remember that T-Bird and its plastic back window. On our move back to Mt. Vernon, we picked up a hitchhiker. I'd imagine the car was very crowded with both parents, 3 kids, a fat beagle, and an extra rider. Maybe we had a different car coming back.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted September 24, 2007 22:10

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How about Val-O-Milks and frozen Snickers from Fitts DX at 17th and Broadway. Ski sodas (in the bottle , out of the cooler with ice) from Stevens Texaco across the street. Frostie Root Beer bottled in Mousetown on south 10th, from anywhere!!! (I still have a few old bottles) Dr. Pepper with peanuts from the Jr. High concession stand. Man we used to eat some major junk food!!

So in everyones opinion what was the baddest street car in Mousetown???

(Had to have been at Shiloh church or at least around the Mug)

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

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted September 24, 2007 22:48

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Can anyone tell me about the FRostee root beer bottled on south 10th? Somewhere I have a bottle of it unopened, I found it in an old house in about 1978.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 25, 2007 10:00

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The plant bottled Dr. Pepper and Frostee Root Beer and was managed by Mr. Homer Thompson (I went to school with his daughter). I am not sure when it closed but I think it was in the mid to late 60s.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered:

February 26, 2007

tyrone
Free Time



Posted September 25, 2007 19:57

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Dr Pepper Bottling Co was located in the 1400 block of south tenth. I think it was next to a help yourself laundry (Russell's)

Besides Dr Pepper they bottled Frostie Root beer in those short big bottom bottles, also a small (7oz?) grape soda called Million Dollar Grape in a tapered extra small bottle. They also bottled a line of orange and strawberry soda's but I can't recall the brand name.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 25, 2007 20:16

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

tyrone
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Do you remember Swader's Welding Shop that was located in that area ? I went to school with Jim Swader at Bethel in 1942 or 43 . I think his dad was named Earl. I believe later it sold and was named P&M Welding. There also was a motorcycle shop along in there someplace on the west side of tenth, it seems as it was in an old grocery stor building. Back then I think Jasper's in Centralia was the Harley dealer in this area.

Also along in that same area was a small soft ice cream joint called Zesto Drive In. It was owned for a short while, in the mid 50's , by Ben and Millie Jackson, the one time owners of the Blue Front Cafe(in the early 30's) then the Green Tree Tavern (in the late 30's and early 40's) then the B&M Liquor Store (in the mid 40's)then Jackson's Hardware (in the wartime years)then the Oasis (in the early 50's) all of them in the building located at 801 South Tenth. A lot of history in that old building that was at one time the residence of Mrs Dottery, Millie Jackson's mother) The building is now gone and all that remains are memories.

Behind the 801 at 1007 Prairie a was a harness shop run by Mr Dottery.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted September 26, 2007 21:33

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quote:

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Yeah, I think that may have been where Bonner (not sure about that name) was located in the late 50's before he moved to Irvington. I can't be sure since I was in the Army at the time.

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I remember that welding shop very well. My dad had a truck frame fish-plated and extended there so he could add an "Arkansas tandem." That was common in the early 40's. I also had some work done there in 1957 when I was mounting the blower on my '57 Ford so the guy evidently hung around for several years. Incidentally, the old Ford turned 92 in the quarter mile and I was never left behind by anyone.

You may also recall that Arch Mandrel had a machine shop directly across the street to the south. The sign was still there (MACHINE SHOP) the last time I went by but no trace of either building.

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I'll not be able to shine any more light on that. I do know that Dr. Pepper and Frostee Root Beer were bottled on the south 10th street location next door to Russel's Help-Your-Self Laundry. I think (but only guessing) that Grapette was the only grape soda bottled here and it was done on south Johnson between Jordan and Casey.

Update: I just drove down Johnson avenue and the building that was the Grapette bottling plant is now occupied by the Byford Wilson Body Shop. That was 314 S. Johnson avenue.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Pogo](#), October 03, 2007 16:21

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

johnj229

Old Pro



Posted September 26, 2007 21:42

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Grapette memories:

<http://.grapette.com/memories/photo>

Lots more to see and read by poking around the site.

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

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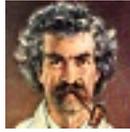
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johnj229
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Posted September 26, 2007 22:43

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Grapette and Orangette are available exclusively at Wal-Mart stores nationwide. Wal-Mart will distribute the original flavors of Grapette and Orangette under the names Sam's Choice Grapette and Sam's Choice Orangette. Both products are available in 2-liter bottles and 12-pack cans. Sam's Choice Orangette is occasionally sold in six-packs of 8 oz. cans as well.

If these products aren't available in your local Wal-Mart now, they should be soon. Even though the names have slightly changed, the flavors have not. You should enjoy the taste of Sam's Choice Grapette and Sam's Choice Orangette as much as you did before. The only real difference is that for practically the first time ever, you will be able to find Grapette and Orangette almost anywhere in the country.

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beaukitty
Basic training



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Sheena: Bill said to say Hello, talked with Patrick this week....I asked him if he remembered you...He said "Yes, She used to be my babysitter" Being a stepmother to him, has certainly been a challenge for 18 years...He said he also remembered Ralph..Pat has good days and bad..He falls a lot, and seems to have seizures more frequently..I'm sure you know the other kids are all in Texas...with Lisa being in the St.Louis area..We certainly enjoy where we live, The mountains and the scenery are things we never get tired of..Come see us sometime!

Posts: **27** | Location: **Tennessee** | Registered: **January 25, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted September 28, 2007 09:28

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Does anyone remember what stores were in the old shopping center? I remember Mode O Day, Singer and Wards but can't remember the names of any of the others.

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

beaukitty
Basic
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Posted September 28, 2007 10:37

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Originally posted by jlmer:
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I think some of the other stores were SUPER X drug store, along with WOOLWORTH'S, Was there at one time a greeting card store located there? What was the name of the store that had the luncheon counter? Was that WOOLWORTH'S? Memories are good.....Love this forum....Fun to read..

Posts: **27** | Location: **Tennessee** | Registered: **January 25, 2007**

joyful1
Free Time



Posted September 28, 2007 12:55

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Posts: **374** | Location: **Jefferson County** | Registered: **May 01, 2007**

enlightened
Free Time



Posted September 28, 2007 13:01

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

RobH
Old Pro



Posted September 28, 2007 13:36

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Originally posted by jlmer:
Does anyone remember what stores were in the old shopping center? I remember Mode O Day, Singer and Wards but can't remember the names of any of the others.

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Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

knightpowlr
Free Time



Posted September 28, 2007 15:08

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Posts: **204** | Location: **In my chair** | Registered: **January 09, 2006**

RobH
Old Pro



Posted September 28, 2007 15:18

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Yup. That is who it was.

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Buck
Old Pro



Posted September 28, 2007 19:35

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Nobil Shoes was near the east end of the Mall. Carps was just west of it and I believe that Coast to Coast was just to the east. I worked part time as a shoe salesman at Nobil's. The building ran on an east/ southeast angle and then kicked south after Coast to Coast. I think that the Doctor's office was just after the building kicked to the south (about where the new Post Office is now) and the Montgomery Ward was on that end.

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

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted September 28, 2007 21:26

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Beaukitty: if there is a way to PM people here, I haven't found it. If you'll send me an e-mail at sheenaspam @ yahoo.com I'll give you my real e-mail so we can chat a bit and not hog this thread. 😊 I'm trying to figure out if we've met. I **should** know you, but my brain is a-gettin' old, and I'm drawing a blank!

I'll be visiting my mother in MV on Sunday. That's as close to Tenn. as I'll be for awhile. When Mr. Sheena has vacations, we stick close to home. He says we work to get all of our stuff, so we should hang around and enjoy it. Sometimes I sneak off to Omaha for a little Me Time, and that's about it.

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Originally posted by beaukitty:

Sheena: Bill said to say Hello, talked with Patrick this week....I asked him if he remembered you...He said "Yes, She used to be my babysitter" Being a stepmother to him, has certainly been a challenge for 18 years...He said he also remembered Ralph..Pat has good days and bad..He falls a lot, and seems to have seizures more frequently..I'm sure you know the other kids are all in Texas...with Lisa being in the St.Louis area..We certainly enjoy where we live, The mountains and the scenery are things we never get tired of..Come see us sometime!

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted October 01, 2007 08:19

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Bump, 'cause I like to see this thread on top. 🇺🇸

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

jlmer
Old Pro



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Newcomer

Posted October 01, 2007 16:45

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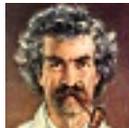
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Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

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Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

BlueBelly
Educated

Posted October 01, 2007 21:34

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Posts: **869** | Location: **North Pole** | Registered: **January 03, 2007**

Mike1
Newcomer

Posted October 01, 2007 23:05

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RobH
Old Pro



Posted October 01, 2007 23:27

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Come to think of it there was a Star Market somewhere in my past. Not sure tho when I saw it or where but it had to be years and years ago. I remember it having an old neon sign that had the star shoot across then Star Market would light up.

Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 02, 2007 09:40

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 02, 2007 09:51

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On another forum someone was talking about Dements. At one time there was an old house, setting next to the alley between 10th. & 11th St. on Jordan. It was Allens Ice Cream Parlor.

They sold all flavors of home made ice cream and it was delicious. There were a few tables and chairs inside and a counter where you ordered your ice cream.

Later, I think Mr. Allen died and Dement bought it and ran it for awhile before moving it between 9th & 10th street. He had the same home made ice cream and brought the tables and chairs with him. Then he added sandwiches, fries, etc. and had a good business.

Would love to see a homey place like that open here again. It would be a great investment for someone who's retired and just wants a hobby instead of a job.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 02, 2007 10:02

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The GRANADA was the top theater here until the Stadium opened. Of course, with the Stadium being the new kid on the block most of the older crowd went there, trying to impress their dates or wives.

We kids still stayed at the Granada. The Plaza was a run down theater and showed mostly B movies so that was the afternoon hangout with their westerns.

Friday nights were date nights at the skating rink at the city park but Sat. was the big night for romance and everyone headed for the Granada. It was a pretty and fancy theater and showed good, top movies. There was a section in the middle as you walked in, that was sectioned off for the blacks. Funny thing (not really) was, the whites could set there or anywhere but the black folks had to set in the piped area.

The lobby of the Granada was huge by Mt. Vernon standards and always had interesting posters of movies to come. It was always interesting to stand in

the lobby and see who all was coming in. You could smoke there too as well as in the plush bathrooms.

On the left side of the seating area was a section which ran from the back to over 3/4s of the way to the stage and then another aisle seperating the big tier of seats and a smaller tier of about 3 rows of seats. This 3 rows were the make-out section. If you had a date and didn't want to watch the movie that's where you'd set. Holding hands and kissing. The rest of us were usually on the S. side rows of seats just holding hands, visiting and having a good time. We were very seldom noisy and had to be shhh'd.

Once in awhile there would be a name star brought in to perform, usually in the afternoon but sometimes in the evening. The stage was nice and it had a great sound system.

It would be a shame to let this theater go to pot. It's a landmark for this city and brought us up to par with any city in Il.

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

tyrone
Free Time



Posted October 02, 2007 10:10

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Just across the street was a market also. It was owned by the Lochart's(sp)and was open back in the early 50's.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

BlueBelly
Educated

Posted October 02, 2007 10:40

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Beechie lost his ear in a gun battle with the Shelton Gang over in Wayne County in 1934. Or else it was lost when he was attacked by a man trying to rob him and the robber ripped his ear right off his head. Or else it was lost when he worked at the old Car Shops and was catching hot rivets and one landed in his ear. He actually was born with only one ear on his head the other ear was located on the back of his neck, he caught a lot of people talking behind his back too.

No, actually he lost his ear in an a god awful car crash that I think happened back in the 60's. They found his ear in the smashed car and tried to re-attach it but back then they didn't have the doctor's and the know how to get it done.

Beechie was one of a kind and probably was one of the all time biggest gamblers that ever lived in this area. He would bet on anything. But election bets were his forte. The candidates seeking office would always check with him to see how he was calling the election and how he was betting. He would always set the line on all high school basketball games and never missed the state final play-off games. He was better than any computer in remembering sport stats and election reviews. Loved the racetrack and the

horses. I always enjoyed sitting with him talking about some of the things he remembered about some of the elite of the town and how he placed bets for/with them.

Do you remember the old coal heating stove that was used to heat the hardware store ?

BTW his supply of hardware was so old and out of date it would have probably qualified as antique.

His biggest seller was stove pipe and rifle and shotgun shells.

His wife was called Nettie and she was a dear.

A little know fact is that at one time in the south end of the old building where the hardware store was on south tenth was the "South Side Pool Hall" This would have been most likely in the 40's.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

BlueBelly
Educated

Posted October 02, 2007 15:45

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I do remember pop going there to pay on his "account".
Seems it went to Alaxanders Wholesale,hmmmmmmm.....didn't there be a big Rummy game there sometimes??????LOL ! ! !

Nah.must have been Slap Jack or Old Maid.
I think those were the only two games he knew how to play as they were the only card games he played with me and the brothers!!!! 😊

Posts: **869** | Location: **North Pole** | Registered: **January 03, 2007**

bill_is_back
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**undertaker's
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Member

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Well, there is a little spot in the road called Rend City. It would be south and a little west of the spillway.

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

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Educated



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My Mom said the same thing about the graveyards under the lake. Till the day she passed she would not drink tap water. She'd say "I ain't drinking off no dead bodies"

Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted October 02, 2007 20:54

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I doubt they covered up any graveyards since that's not legal. I'm more worried about all the old pit toilet outhouses those residents had. Do you suppose they located all of those and "sanitized" them? 🇺🇸

Maybe we should also be concerned that the outflow from our sewage plant is running into the lake and we get to recycle our own waste. I have installed a charcoal filter on my kitchen sink cold water supply line but I still wonder if you can really make that stuff safe to drink. I must say the filter gets rid of that awful smell.

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

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My folks (Al Webb) owned Star Market for about three years prior to the Lockwoods owning it. They sold out to Lockwoods when my Dad started working for the U.S. Postal Service. Also, Dad had heard there was a big new supermarket going to be built in the car shops area and Dad figured they would eventually put him out of business and so sold out to the Lockwoods. Turned out he was right. Big Star Market was constructed a few years later in the shopping center on the old car shops property.

Posts: **44** | Location: **East Texas** | Registered: **June 30, 2006**

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 03, 2007 19:41

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Mike 1, You'll find the name Tom Puckett in the Mt. Vernon phone book. Call him as he knows more about Mt. Vernon than anyone living now and he's always ready and willing to talk about it with who ever will listen. He's a super nice guy and you'll learn alot.

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

jlmer
Old Pro

Posted October 04, 2007 10:35

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Talking about cable interference on another forum brought to mind that in the 50s we were able to receive only one channel at that was mostly at night. It was channel 5 out of St. Louis. During the day it was so snowy you could barely make out anything but once in awhile the wind would blow just right and you'd get a flicker of a picture.

We happened to have a high-line in front of our house and we'd get bars of static lines across our tv screen. When it would rain we could get channel 5 pretty good and at times we could get the Champagne channel on UHF even. When Channel 3 came into existence we then realized that we were a TV receiving city. Then Paducah came into existence and soon we had 12, 4, 11, and finally all we needed then was a rotor for our antennas.

Finally, Manions brought cable TV to our city and those who could afford it snatched it up. Unfortunately, my folks never got on cable until I'd married and left home. In fact, they never put up a tower. Dad bought a fancy antenna from somewhere and strapped it to our chimney. It didn't get much but what it got we watched. Now, we have so many choices that we forget how lucky we really are.

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

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Free Time



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I remember the 12-pack, but not the free movie deal. There is something rattling around in my head, but I just can't bring it out. 🤔

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BlueBelly
Educated

Posted October 04, 2007 22:48

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Larry and Basil Meyers.....Larry was a a fireman and always reminded me of.....I was a kid give me a break.....larry of the Three Stooges fame.

He was a good neighbor and guy as far as I could tell.
Basil's front yard was covered with everything but grass!
Front back and sides.
Seems to me he had a white '58 Chevy wagon and a panel truck he worked out of.Another Chevrolet of course.

It is foggy but i seem to recall a guy falling on our house that was trying to install a tower and died.

I remember my mother making us go back in the house as we were watching the action of the install. Little boys love that dangerous business. Maybe I am confused but I will call my mother Friday and ask her about it. All this was in the mid '60's and I was born in '60.....I was a tyke!(handsome then too!)

A storm had come and knocked the tower down on the north of the house roof top.

Then the install went wrong(?)

Later we had a tower on the ground at the side of the house on the east.....my memory will have to be verified by the owners of the home!

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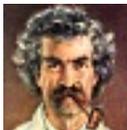
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Pogo
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Posted October 05, 2007 09:03

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That was in either 51 or 52 if it's this one, and he was an 18 year old named Hill, I believe. There was a house between mine and where he got electrocuted.

It was one of the trial towers that Featherstuns had on a two wheeled trailer. If you wanted to try out a tv or tower they would bring it out.

Hill was taking the tower down to move it out and there were a couple of his friends watching him. It fell against the high line, knocked the friends across Casey and stuck Hill to the tower or whatever part he had hold of. The power cut off for a few seconds or a minute and then kicked back on getting him again. The fire dept. worked on him for a long time and finally his dad told them it was no use. He was really fried and had no blood in him.

I was in the 7th or 8th grade at the time and was in class at Casey Jr. High when we heard the sirens pass by going West. He had two twin sisters who was in my class at that time but we had no idea of what was happening. I walked home and as I got to about 22nd & Casey and saw all of the emergency vehicles in front of my house. Scared me!!!

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

BlueBelly
Educated

Posted October 05, 2007 11:08

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Not the same incident.

I was born in '60.

That is why my memory is in a fog.
I was 5 years old or less I think.

Posts: **869** | Location: **North Pole** | Registered: **January 03, 2007**

Bull Rider
Stranger

Posted October 05, 2007 14:50

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Where did Mt. Vernon get the name of Mousetown?

Posts: **1** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **October 05, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted October 05, 2007 14:59

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quote:

Originally posted by Bull Rider:
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You'll get a hundred different answers to that, and all of them and none of them will be right. It is just one of those tags that got stuck on and stayed. It can be seen as a "Mickey Mouse" town. Hence, Mousetown. 😊

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted October 05, 2007 15:43

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quote:

I actually remember the guy who coined that infamous nickname for Mt. Vernon. His name was Walter Cook and he was quite an innovative character. The year was 1951 and the place was Butch's on the corner of 7th & Casey. I don't think old Walt realize what he had created, if he did he never paused long enough to appreciate it. I often wonder what became of him.

Walt's intent was not likely to create a "Term of Affection" but most likely to compare Mt. Vernon to something that was less than top notch, ala the Mickey Mouse watch, but the years have mellowed the meaning and it now seems to be used mostly by those who can recall the glory days of the 50's when Mt. Vernon was quite different than today.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it. If you heard the term prior to 1951 I'll believe your version.

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Krumudgeon
Free Time



Posted October 05, 2007 18:14

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jImer
Old Pro

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

tyrone
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Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

Mike1
Newcomer

Posted October 07, 2007 22:52

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No No a little young to be that Mike. Sorry.

Posts: **5** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **September 26, 2007**

**Standing
Bye**
Free Time



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Posts: **374** | Location: **Broadway** | Registered: **May 11, 2007**

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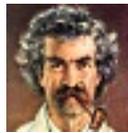
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in VA**
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Bump - jlmer, more of your memories of Mt. Vernon in the good ole days, please.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted October 15, 2007 09:28

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Bump

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 18, 2007 16:11

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Bump! Bump! When I was in Jr. High and High School during the 50s, around Halloween time the merchants around the square would let the kids paint different pictures on their store front windows. It wasn't the hard to get off type of paint but there was all different colors and they were mostly Halloween pictures and actually quite good. I'm not sure what the prizes

were, if any, as I wasn't artistic and only enjoyed seeing them. The people shopping would ooh and ahh over them and then on Halloween night Main St. by the Court House would be roped off and a truck trailer would be set up for judges of the Halloween dress up contest. Adults, kids and some animals would be dressed up and would start parading wound the Court House. This would usually last until around 8pm concluding with a parade and the judging. The Granada had their regular shows going until around 10 or 11pm and then you'd pay around a dollar for a ticket and they'd have 3 spook movies lasting until around 1am or so. Usually Frankenstein, The Wolfman and some other scary movie. There were a lot of highschool kids that would be able to go as well as a lot of adults.

Back then Halloween was a big night with very little restrictions. We kids could start going trick or treating for a week before the big night and the worst we'd get would be a chocolate bon bon with soap or exlax in it. No one ever did anything to hurt anyone and everyone had a sense of humor. We soap windows and if we were bad we'd use parafin as it was hard to get off and if we got caught using that we'd get a good scolding. Very few people would tear anything up. It was a good time for all and everyone pretty well participated. Now the downtown area has pretty well isolated themselves from anything like that but I feel it's by their own hand. If they'd try to resurect it again I believe they'd be successful. Maybe once the Granada is finished someone may be willing to try.

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

Dolly
Basic
training



Posted October 18, 2007 20:06

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I've enjoyed this forum so very much. I grew up in this area during the 50's and 60's and remember a lot of the different topics discussed. I used to hang out on the Tri-City parking lot and make the run between the Maid-Rite and the Mug. It was a fun time in the late 60's.

Posts: **21** | Location: **On Main Street** | Registered: **October 18, 2007**

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted October 19, 2007 12:03

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I am enjoying this, too. Please keep it going.

When we were kids, MV had 2 nights for us to go trick-or-treating. Hubby thinks that is very odd. We liked it as kids.

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

wclark
Old Pro

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

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Posted October 19, 2007 13:13

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Posts: **374** | Location: **Jefferson County** | Registered: **May 01, 2007**

RAMbunctious

Educated



Posted October 19, 2007 14:45

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

Dolly

Basic
training

Posted October 19, 2007 15:55

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Posts: **21** | Location: **On Main Street** | Registered: **October 18, 2007**

joyful1
Free Time



Posted October 19, 2007 16:22

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Yep! That's the one! He's a great guy. I have never heard him speak at a church, but I have heard that he can preach with the best of 'em, too.

Posts: **374** | Location: **Jefferson County** | Registered: **May 01, 2007**

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted October 19, 2007 16:39

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Originally posted by wclark:

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Originally posted by Sh33na:
-typing with one paw for awile

Why?

Rotator cuff repair. There goes my pitching career! You should see the contraption they have me in. Doing everything with my non-dominant arm is very um .. interesting.

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

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted October 19, 2007 16:48

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We were watching *Little People, Big World* yesterday, and I thought of Morris. Does anyone remember him? He streaked at some high school event with a paper bag over his head. I don't know if I saw it or just heard about it so much that I think I remember seeing it. Anyone??

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted October 19, 2007 17:50

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

RAMbunctious
Educated



Posted October 19, 2007 17:57

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

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Pogo
Old Pro



Posted October 19, 2007 18:09

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quote:

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To me it brings to mind the scripture:

Ecclesiastes III (King James Version):

3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
3:2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
3:3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
3:4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
3:5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

3:6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
3:7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
3:8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

It sounds like Morris did what he thought was right for the season and is doing what's right to this day. You can't get much better than that! 😊 I didn't know him but do know of others like him. More power to them! There is a time to streak! 🇺🇸

Some may remember that this concept was set to music in 1952 by Pete Seeger in his song 'Turn!, Turn!, Turn!'

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

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted October 19, 2007 18:42

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Let me say that in no way did/do I consider that streaking back in 1974 or so was in any way showing a character flaw. Quite the opposite, in fact. I didn't know him well, but he had team spirit! It's good to hear he is still in town.

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

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted October 19, 2007 18:52

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I see nothing wrong with streaking if its done right and by the right people.. 😊

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted October 19, 2007 19:13

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[This ain't Pete Seeger but it's free!](#)

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

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted October 19, 2007 19:37

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I remember the Byrds' singing Turn, Turn, Turn too.

At one time Morris or Maurice whichever way it's spelled was preaching.

Simmer down Uncleb. 😊

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

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Buck
Old Pro



Posted October 20, 2007 00:14

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Most of my life when I spoke to someone I was familiar with I would say their name with an added bit of flare. Jim might always turn out to be "James, me boy!" I once knew a guy by the last name of Osborne that I called "Chadborne" after the rich kid on Dobie Gillis. I started calling Morris - Maurice way back when I would also say "I remember you! 1943, back in the Black forest!" I think if any one said something like that he would probably laugh. I didn't know where Morris was going to church. I am glad that he is going there.

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

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted October 20, 2007 19:55

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 21, 2007 09:39

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quote:

Originally posted by chickenbite:
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Wasn't Pogo! I would imagine they quit when all of them started moving to the malls. That would have been in the 60s.
Maybe if someone would contact some of the businesses in the downtown area and then the art department at the highschool it might be resurrected.

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted October 21, 2007 10:03

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Anyone remember when Rick streaked the city hall cop shop? Or Morris streaked the Oasis? Neither one of those where right at all. LOL!!!!

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

tyrone

Free Time



Posted October 21, 2007 13:05

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Yeah, I remember the time Morris streaked the big "O". I was there and saw the whole thing ! Them little cheeks of his butt were really pumping. Over the years since I have talked to several people that said they were there and if they all were telling the truth Yankee Stadium wouldn't have held them. I see Morris on occasion but we never bring up the streaking insident. BTW Morris was at one time the ID checker there at the Oasis. Some called him the "bouncer". He was then and still is a great guy and I wish him the very best.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

sbevis

Free Time



Posted October 22, 2007 22:13

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Does anyone remember Joe Sekardi or Frankie Yankovich playing the local small towns in the late 50's early 60's?

Polka bands used to play Nason or other small towns in the area. I can vaguely remember them visiting at my Grandmother's house.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

chickenbite

Free Time

Posted October 23, 2007 14:47

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jlmer, sorry about the mixup. 😊

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2007 14:58

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quote:

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That's alright. Like others, I'd like to see some of the old ways come back. Like adults getting involved with the kids in Halloween parades, the artwork on the store windows, etc. It could be the adults need to interact with the teens more so we'd all learn about each other. Boy Scout day was a biggie in the 50s, Santa coming to Holeman Motors, dances at the Armory, there were a lot of things that just suddenly disappeared.

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

MTV_Shorty
Member



Posted October 23, 2007 17:22

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Posts: **60** | Location: **St. Louis** | Registered: **March 21, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2007 18:13

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jlmer, You mentioned the window painting at Halloween back on the old days and it brought back memories for me. My assigned window was one on the front of Starr Brothers Bottling Plant on Broadway. There were three others assigned to the rest of the windows and I was fortunate enough to be declared the big blue ribbon winner! Lester Starr handed me the prize, a shiny silver dollar! Taking inflation into account, that worth \$8.56 in todays dollars. Actually the silver dollars had silver in them at that time so it would bring around \$16 in the coin bullion market today.

That blew my amateur status but no matter, it was my first and last Rembrandt. 😊

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

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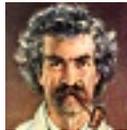
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Bugman
Old Pro



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Don't know about that but I remember soap being put in to fountain at Mt. Vernon Savings and Loan at 12th and Broadway and the fountain at the industrial park south of town. Both of which are now filled in. I guess the pumps wouldn't take it.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted October 23, 2007 19:20

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Well, since it is almost Halloween, how about some of those pranks from the old days. Privy tipping and moving (to the middle of a road maybe?) were big many years ago. My dad told me that when he was a kid (about 1920) they took a buggy apart over night and put it back together on top of a local

grocery store. Of course there were those who would putt doo doo in a bag, light the bag and ring a door bell. Golly gee, what kids will do for a laugh.

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

kb9vve
Member



Posted October 23, 2007 19:35

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Shrink wrapping people's home's, so they have a hard time getting out. Doing their car's are fun also.

Posts: **47** | Location: **Salem** | Registered: **August 01, 2006**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted October 24, 2007 15:22

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I grew up in MTV in the 60's and 70's. Halloween was almost as good as Christmas. I lived on Pace Ave and our boundries were Good Sam to the south, rt 37 to the west, the Methodist Childrens Home to the East and Richview Rd to the North. We were not concerned about what door we knocked on, who we ran into etc. Our biggest concern was getting to certain houses before they ran out of candy and making sure the popcorn ball and caramel apple were the last stop of the night.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 24, 2007 21:56

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I never did know if the artists got anything for their work or not and I'm not even sure they realized how appreciated they were by us who never had the artistic talent they had but certainly enjoyed their pictures. Sure wish they'd do it again.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 24, 2007 22:03

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I remember one year around Christmas in the early 50s that the car shops put on a dance at the armory. They had a band and was giving out sacks of candy with an apple and orange. This was on a Sat. night and of course everyone was shopping at Woolworth, Murphys, The Mammoth and Wards around the square. The busses were busy bring crowds to the square and the downtown area was loaded. Around 8pm the guys who worked at the shops, along with their families, headed to the armory and the party begin. My dad, being a preacher, didn't dance but he and mom stood by the door visiting while I went to get my bag of candy. I can remember hearing the band but have no idea of who they were. The place was packed and everyone was laughing and having a good time. I do remember that I wanted ski's for Christmas that year but never got them.

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

sbevis
Free Time



Posted October 24, 2007 22:31

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Christmas at the American Legion was always a good time. Still remember the bags of candy with the orange. Good times.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted October 24, 2007 22:53

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

BlueBelly
Educated

Posted October 25, 2007 07:15

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quote:

Originally posted by kb9vve:
Shrink wrapping people's home's, so they have a hard time getting out. Doing their car's are fun also.

We wrapped the neighbors truck two years ago. He was 34 and had never seen it done before. I was high on his list after that as a favorite around the 'hood. I shrank wrapped his truck in retaliation for a prank he pulled a couple months earlier. I had acquired 9,eight by eight inch timbers from a demo job and they were loaded in my truck. I didn't unload them that night and left my truck parked in the street over night. I woke up and poured a cup of coffe at 6 am in the next morning and went out to fetch the morning paper as was my habit. I saw the truck and under it were four of the timbers! I thought those idiots(Greg and Troy my much younger neighbors) they unloaded my truck and put the timbers underneath ! I looked again and cracked up,my rear tires were about 10 inches off the ground!!!! 😊 It was an excellent prank and laughed so hard I spilled my coffee. It took me a couple of months to come up with the shrink wrap prank.He had a new big truck and I didn't want to damage the paint so,shrink wrap it was!. Next week i am going to use "post it " note pads and cover his truck after I get him drunk and he passes out. He will have to take a long time to hand pick each note of his truck!!!! The shrink wrap only took a few minutes with scissors to cut of his truck. It is good to stay young at heart and have decent neighbors that won't shoot

you for slowing down their day for a good hoot!

Posts: **869** | Location: **North Pole** | Registered: **January 03, 2007**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted October 25, 2007 08:45

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My sister was friends with Jane Bayer, I always liked driving by their house at Christmas and seeing the big flocked tree in the window.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 25, 2007 12:17

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I was with David about 3 weeks ago at our class reunion.

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

EastTex
Member

Posted October 26, 2007 02:19

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I always get so homesick for So. Ill. this time of year when the autumn leaves are putting on a beautiful show. I have many fond memories of family outings each autumn in the 1950's and 60's to gather hickory nuts. Things were much simpler back then and we were easily entertained. Big Muddy river bottoms was our favorite place to hunt because they were always plentiful in that spot. I don't think my siblings and I accomplished much nut gathering, though, cause we were usually busy having fun exploring the woods or "playing Indians" or looking for arrowheads along the riverbanks or swinging on grape vines. But we always managed to find enough hickory nuts for my mom to use in her holiday baking and we made numerous batches of homemade fudge loaded up with plenty of hickory nuts. Yum! Wish I had a sackful right now. Here in E. Tx. the only hickory trees we have

are the kind that produce what we call "pig" nuts. Much too difficult to crack and pick out the nutmeats to make them worthwhile.

Posts: **44** | Location: **East Texas** | Registered: **June 30, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 26, 2007 12:45

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Oakwood and the City Park used to have great Hickory Nut trees but they keep cutting them down at the park for some reason. Oakwood is becoming pretty crowded so not sure how long there'll be any trees anywhere adding Ameren to the mix, they love to whack our trees down. I have a friend in Elisian Fields which is E. Texas. I think the spelling is correct.

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

EastTex
Member

Posted October 26, 2007 20:20

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I have a friend in Elisian Fields which is E. Texas. I think the spelling is correct. [/QUOTE]

Yep, Elysian Fields is close to Marshall, TX, which is home to the Marshall Pottery Factory (quite a tourist attraction) and the town is also well-known for its widespread, massive display of Christmas lights each year. If you ever have a chance to visit your friend, the month of December would be the perfect time to visit.

Posts: **44** | Location: **East Texas** | Registered: **June 30, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted October 26, 2007 20:50

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EastTex, It has been a very dry year back here so you may not be missing anything in regard to the normal beautiful fall colors in this area. The "hicker" nuts and acorns are very undersized this year. Put your money in acorn futures and you'll make a killing!

The open range growth is also pretty well brown so the cattle will need more grain and that'll run the price of beef up some. I think I'll buy up a few dozen Big Mac's and put them away in case the future price gets out of reach. 🌎

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

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RAMbunctious
Educated



Posted October 26, 2007 21:18

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

quote:

it's called Seven Mile Creek that finally ends up in Casey Creek that runs south of MtV. I did a lot of exploring myself along Casey Creek in about 1943.

It sounds like we're about the same era. The swimming place I was talking about was at a house on a hill on the North side of old 15. I believe the people who lived there was named Crow. It was a regular swimming pool and had a big concrete ball that was hollow with a couple of cutouts for windows and a doorway so you could picnic inside it. The ball was still there a few years ago but not sure any more. I believe it was past Eastside Lumber a ways. I think I have a picture of it that my sister took as she's 16 years older than I am.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted October 26, 2007 21:32

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That was known as Goin's Place and was very popular in the 30's and 40's. Rumor has it that a boy took a dive from the high board and missed the pool and died from a broken neck. The place closed some time after that.

Look in your copy of "Mt. Vernon, A Pictorial History," by Thomas Puckett and on page 25 and page 100 you'll find some random information on Charles Goin and his enterprises.

If you have no copy of that priceless book, you'll find one at the local library.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted October 28, 2007 11:28

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

tyrone
Free Time



Posted October 30, 2007 08:06

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My memory is rather foggy about this but it seems as I remember that a young man was killed in a diving accident there. As I recall it might have been a local school teacher's or a school principal's son. The name Smith comes to mind but I may be mistaken. This may have had some bearing on the final closing of Goin's.

I have also heard that at one time it was a health club with several local members. I suspect it may have been "members only" when it first was built. The old Country Club and Goin's must have been where the elite hung out back then.

I always wondered if maybe it might have been a "speakeasy" back in the proabition era.

I can remember the building there and it seemed like they also sold gas at a gas pump that was located under a covered roof extending from the building.

The establishment must have closed in the late 30's or early 40's.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted November 03, 2007 10:18

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Did anyone catch the "Most Evil" special on the Discovery Channel where they interviewed Tommy Lynn Sells? He all but admitted to 70+ murders. They gave him a 22 on the most evil scale of 1 to 22. Only John Wayne Gacy got a 22 besides Sells.

I still can't drive south of Ina without thinking about the Dardeens.

Didn't America's Most Wanted do a segment on the murders?

For more info Google search him. It will chill your bones.

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

Sh33na

Free Time



Posted November 03, 2007 17:25

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FYI, they are rerunning that episode next Friday Nov. 9th at 5 a.m., 8 a.m, 12 p.m., and 3 p.m. on the Discovery Times channel. I've been sleeping poorly and watching that series while my arm is bungled up, but I missed last night's shows. Slept! Thanks for the post.

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

Black Pearl 2

Old Pro



Posted November 04, 2007 01:15

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Wasn't there a raquetball club in town?

Posts: **1828** | Location: **Mt. Vernon** | Registered: **May 23, 2006**

UNCLEB

Educated



Posted November 04, 2007 05:26

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quote:

Originally posted by Black Pearl 2:
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Yes it was where ACS is now, on 42.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted November 05, 2007 10:16

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Does anyone know where I could find pictures of Mt. Vernon from the 60's at Christmas time? I seem to remember a section of Broadway being lined with real trees decorated in mulit color lights before they started the garland trees on the light poles. I'd also like to find any of the Courthouse. I remember there was a contest sponsored by the Jaycees (I think) for the best outdoor decorations.

Thanks.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted November 05, 2007 11:14

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I remember that back in those days there was also a little train that ran around the county courthouse. Yes, Broadway did have little Christmas trees with lighting. Christmas on the square and in Mt. Vernon then was a beautiful time of year.

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted November 05, 2007 11:17

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I grew up in Mt Vernon, I was just talking with my family about the train around the courthouse and the little red/white building they had for Santa. They all looked at me like I was nuts. Thanks for confirming that on this topic at least, I'm quite sane.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 05, 2007 13:18

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Speaking of Christmas time in Mt. Vernon, it was always a thrill to be downtown and walk around the square with my parents. We would look in all

of the different windows and ohh and aah over all of the new things. Murphy's and Woolworths had good displays and the aromas of the different candies would flood the square as did the popcorn stand at 10th and Bwdy. The bus would let people off at the corner by the Court House and go back to their route to pick up more folks comin' to town.

Sears on N. 10th. was always packed as was Montgomery Wards both upstairs and downstairs. Benoist Bros. on the corner, Porter & Bonds would be full of people eating a hamburger or drinking a coke. The square would be decorated, D.H. Wises would be busy as would the Mammoth, Summers Variety Store would have the toys in the windows and Featherstens would have their tv in the window going with music playing from some of the other businesses. Western Auto on 9th St. would have men inside looking at car accessories and the Hollywood shop would have the ladies dreaming of new clothes. Firestone would put their tires on sale and Alberts would have their fancy womens clothes on display. Many people would be waiting for show time at the Plaza, Granada or Stadium theaters to wind up their night. You could put your packages in your car, leave it unlocked and go to the show with nothing to worry about. Great was downtown Mt. Vernon at Christmas time.

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

candess
Stranger

Posted November 08, 2007 00:47

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

quote:

Charles (Tuffy) Henry

Gee! I never connected the names. Of course with the age difference we weren't seen around together. She'd always pick me up and we'd get a six pack and head for JC Lake. She worked days during the week.

At nights we'd go to the lake and listen to Ernie's and Randy's record mart out of Nashville, TN. I'm sure you remember them. I've spent many a night listening to them play the best in R&Bs. Fats Domino was just coming into popularity as was Elvis and Little Richard.

My dad would wonder how I could listen to such stuff and then he'd turn on the Grand Ole Opry with Eddie Arnold and Little Jimmie Dickens. Ha!

In those days WMIX was a pretty good station. They had good DJs and a lot of personality plus you could call in and visit with them and request a song. Every morning I'd wake up to the sound of "Wake up, wake up you sleepy head, get up get out of bed". That was my cue to get up and start getting ready for

school.

DO ANY OF YOU REMEMBER A FELLOW THAT HAD THE NICK NAME (LUCKY LEROY) HE HAD A TV PROGRAM ON CHANNEL 3 HARRISBURG. MY DAUGHTER USED TO COME RUNNING IN THE HOUSE WHEN SHE WOULD HEAR THAT OLD FAMILAR CRY (GET IN THE HOUSE LUCKY"S HERE) ONE DAY BY CHANCE HE AND HIS WIFE CAME WALKING UP THE ROAD AND WHEN MY DAUGHTER REAKIZED IT WAS REALLY HIM, SHE GOT SO SHOOK UP THAT SHE RAN IN THE HOUSE AND HID. HE PASSED AWAY ABOUT6 YRS AGO I BELIEVE

Posts: **4** | Location: **dix** | Registered: **November 07, 2007**

candess
Stranger

Posted November 08, 2007 00:54

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quote:

Originally posted by tyrone:
Samtonight wrote:

"I'm still trying to find out the name of the car lot that's on the corner of Highland and Salem Road. The building is still there and has the Pontic emblem on it and a "R" on it towards the front. It sits back off Salem Road so I guess it would be on Highland."

The Car lot was Meyer Motor Co when I remember it back in the 50's and Walter (Bubby) Rhodes was the manager and I think he finally bought the lot from Meyer. Bubby had sold cars and trucks for Jefferson Motor's (on Jordon Ave) and finally moved to Farmer City, IL. and became a car dealer there. He was one hell of a car salesman, selling my dad several cars and trucks over the years.

The hamburger joint I remember out Salem Road was "Jo Burger" at Salem Road and Oakland Ave. .15 cent burgers ! The building they were in was for a very short time prior to the Cafe was the Studebaker Auto Dealer owner was Clayton Johnson. He had a daughter named Judy and was a shy and retiring young lady that worked at the Security Bank in the 80's. She never married ! Her grandpa once was sheriff of Jefferson County. The Studebaker garage was moved to North 9th next to where the Cottage Inn was. The Johnson's ran a grocery store on North 9th where Al Easton later had his flower shop and is now a parking lot.

Does anyone remember the old North Shell at Salem Rd and Oakland ? There was a small Shell station on the NW corner and

behind it was the North Shell Cafe owned by a man named Doc Moore. Great food and good service. I know this for a fact as my mother waited tables and helped do some of the cooking there back in the early 50's. She got paid \$15 a week(6 day week) plus tips. I would sometimes help count her tips on Sunday morning and sometimes she would as much a 8 or 9 dollars a week in tips. Not all memories are as good as others for me.

I BELIEVE AT ONE TIME THE BUILDING USED TO BE A DEALERSHIP CALL WG MOTORS

Posts: 4 | Location: **dix** | Registered: **November 07, 2007**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted November 08, 2007 07:52

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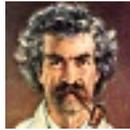
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jlmer
Old Pro



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There's a column about Dix and Scheller about once a week. That might be interesting to you.

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

mousegrINfl
Free Time



Posted November 08, 2007 14:06

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[QUOTE]Originally posted by StI Todd:
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We had a cabin at Miller Lake. For many years we relied on your great-grandmother during those summers for emergency phone calls. We would have to go to the Sportsman's Club and they would ring her...sometimes it would take alot of ringing to get her on the line. The "story" was that she was working in the her garden. Everyone seemed to knowher.

Years later when we finally had phone service in the cabin, it was a party line and for many years she still put the calls through. I don't remember exactly when we were able to dial our selves, maybe late 60's or early 70's.

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

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted November 09, 2007 01:08

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Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

BlueBelly
Educated

Posted November 09, 2007 03:40

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Hey Deputy Dogg,don't go away mad,just go away!

Posts: **869** | Location: **North Pole** | Registered: **January 03, 2007**

RobH
Old Pro



Posted November 09, 2007 08:03

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Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

enlightened
Free Time



Posted November 09, 2007 08:54

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

RobH
Old Pro



Posted November 09, 2007 09:00

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Now I just had to hunt up Lucky Leroy and I found these things on the internet.

<http://.melindashairhouse.com/luckyleroy.html>

The above has his obit and some of his life.

And also this bit of music.

<http://rcs.law.emory.edu/rcs/artists/l/luck5000.htm> It has been so long I can't remember his voice. Is this him? I am pretty sure it is because of the song writing credits.

Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted November 09, 2007 09:01

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quote:

Originally posted by candess:

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WG was on S. 10th Street and them moved to the west side of town. The location is still a dealership, but I can't tell you the name. It's beside what was, and still may be, WMIX. The G was for Garrison, as in Jack. Had two daughters, Judy ('66) and Janet. Wife was Ann.

My dad dealt with WG Motors for as long as they were in business. He loved them big Mercs.

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

Krumudgeon
Free Time



Posted November 09, 2007 11:59

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For several years, W-G Motors led the nation in per capita sales within its marketing area of Lincolns.

Posts: **396** | Location: **Texas** | Registered: **March 12, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 09, 2007 11:59

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quote:

Originally posted by UNCLEB:

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Lucky lived just down the street from me and his wife is still living there. Their son LeRoy Jr. visits her often and is a really nice guy. Lucky was a staple of Mt. Vernon and I can still hear him sing Jambalya! He later was ordained in the Baptist denomination and in the '80s I was holding revivals each year at the city park and LeRoy preached for me one night. He was as good of a preacher as he was an entertainer. It was a loss to Southern IL. when LeRoy died.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 09, 2007 12:07

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted November 09, 2007 17:53

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Hey tyrone remember the Horse Creek Festivals the Nixon's used to have in the late 70's?

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

RAMbunctious

Educated



Posted November 09, 2007 18:05

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You may be right about W-G moving to the Brehm-Hanna building, but I think you may be mistaken. Bayer Olds moved into the Salem Rd Brehm-Hanna building after B-H went out of business. I thought W-G moved to the West Broadway location after they left S. 10th. A Volkswagon dealership opened briefly at the old W-G building on S. 10th. That building now houses a carpet and tile business.

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

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted November 09, 2007 23:56

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W-G Motors was located in the 200 block of North 9th during the early 50's. They moved from there to the Salem Road location where they stayed until late 1955 or early 1956. From there they moved to the South 10th Street location. Their last move was from south 10th to the west Broadway

location.

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

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted November 10, 2007 07:48

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Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

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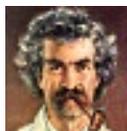
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That's right. I had forgotten about them. I knew there was another Olds dealership here other than Bayer.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 10, 2007 20:25

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You're right, now I'm not sure about Svanda being in the old Brehm Hanna building. I was thinking they were there before moving to Bwdy. but I believe they were on the corner of 36th & Bwdy. before moving to the WG building.

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

tyrone

Posted November 11, 2007 17:05

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
Hey tyrone remember the Horse Creek Festivals the Nixon's used to have in the late 70's?

I am sorry to say I have no memory of such festival's. Could you elaborate ? Nixon's ?

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone

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You're right, now I'm not sure about Svanda being in the old Brehm Hanna building. I was thinking they were there before moving to Bwdy. but I believe they were on the corner or 36th & Bwdy. before moving to the WG building.

Svanda was in the old Brehm-Hanna building in 1978 because I bought a new car there. The salesman that sold me the car was Gene White, Bert Borden's son-in-law.

I think Clarence Brehm sold out and on the last it was just Darrel Hanna who then sold out to Svanda.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

retnavyphoto

Basic training



Posted November 12, 2007 18:57

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This is in reference to a closed thread "Lights and roads and idiots and morons". But concerns Old Mt. Vernon too.

I lived in Summerville in the late 50's and 60's. We were on Bel Air right behind the school. All I had to do was jump over our fence. No excuse for being late.

Anyway the county would plow up the roads each summer. Wait a few

days until everyone drove it "smooth" and then come in and spray oil over it. Then everyone had to park a block or so away until it dried. I don't remember any gravel being put down. They did the same thing to the school playground. Except for the area used for softball. Coach and teacher Lee Boswell had a rig he pulled behind his car to smooth it out. He let us kids ride on to provide weight. He'd be locked up for child abuse for that now. But it was fun and nice and dirty! Also haven't heard the term "chat" since I left for the Service in 1965.

Posts: **18** | Location: **West Virginia** | Registered: **October 23, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 12, 2007 21:07

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

retnavyphoto
Basic training



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I'm sorry, maybe I should have said "I don't remember any CHAT being put down."

Posts: **18** | Location: **West Virginia** | Registered: **October 23, 2007**

BlueBelly
Educated

Posted November 13, 2007 09:04

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I vividly recall helping my Grandad shovel sawdust down 42nd street after the oil trucks did their thing.Had to drive backwards in the dump truck and shovel sawdust tracks for the dual rear tires to travel over.If a ignorant "city slicker " that was new to the area drove down the fresh oil before the sawdust was down,the oil came up with the tires of their car and that winter there would be mud ruts in the road and lots of not nice conversation about the newcomers that drove on the oil too soon!
We thought it was a blast riding in the dump truck bed throwing sawdust on a hot,humid summer morn.
Several of my oldest sons friends don't know what fun is,don't have and never have had chores.

On a diferent topic,Sunday afternoon i went to a couples home to "blow out" their sprinkler irrigation system.
With a house full of teenagers that wanted dogs,there were "land mines EVERYWHERE!
Weeds,****elburs,and vines all over a large back yard.Took me more time to chop weeds away from the irrigation manifold than it did to clear the system of water.What a mess.
Usually I charge \$35.00,this was billed out at \$50.00.
The couple was my age(late 40's)and I could not believe they let the teenagers sit on their hineys all summer and?????????????
All my kids work with me!Even the teenage boy.
Hillary and her "quality" time my aching you know what! I don't need no stinking village to raise decent kids,I spawned a village LOL !!!!

Posts: **869** | Location: **North Pole** | Registered: **January 03, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 13, 2007 10:18

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My grandad kept some cows and horses in the "field" in the area of where the drive-in theater was behind K-Mart when I was a kid. I used to ride in the wagon with him to go feed them.
It doesn't take a village to raise kids, only parents, two preferrably. It doesn't take a school to teach family values as that too is the parents job. The only sex education I got in school was from the guys and it was hard to separate truth from brag for me.

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

cl68
Free Time



Posted November 16, 2007 14:11

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I agree with you. It doesn't take a village. Two caring parents work best but a few support people like a good school teacher, Sunday school teacher can help also.
I read all 81 pages of the old mt. vernon forum. What memories it brought back and makes me remember why I call this home. I wonder what our grandkids will say 20 to 30 years from now about "old Mt. Vernon".
Nostalgia tends to make you forget the bad and remember the good but it

was really good for many of us growing up in the 50's and 60's here. Mt. Vernon may not be the best place in the world but it has survived losing the car shops, Million Dollar hen, Viking truck line, Wilson truck line, General Radiator, several coal mines, Dowzer Electric and World Color Press and probably many others just in my limited lifetime or that of my grandparents and parents. I am sure Mt. vernon will still be here when we're all gone. I just hope the memories of some of our kids are a fond as some of those I have read here.

I was proud to have graduated from one of the best high schools in southern illinois and probably the state. I KNOW the music program was as good or better than the huge schools up north as I went to college with many of those grads. Mt. Vernon grads could kick their you know whats.

It was fun thanks to old WH Beckmeyer.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted November 16, 2007 14:51

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I was reading the "As you were" section a couple days ago and was reminded of the big Christmas tree that used to be at "Daniel's Hills". It was just another reminded of how "personal" Christmas used to be and how commercial it is today.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted November 16, 2007 21:20

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Yes **Buck**, the Mt. Vernon of the Christmases past was a lot more impressive than today's. So true, now we have Wal-Mart and have lost the small business men who had a vested interest in making the city attractive for the holiday shoppers.

I suppose if we weren't so price conscious we might have kept the small businesses alive with our patronage and had a more caring community today but the low dollar seller seems to have all the juice.

The bottom line is, you get what you're willing to pay for, not much else. No business based out of state is going to decorate any small town in Illinois where they hold a monopoly.

It's just a sign of the times and we'll have to accept those changes. Still, it makes me feel very grateful for having known this town in better times. I'll hold that thought for my Thanksgiving dinner theme. 😊

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted November 17, 2007 11:32

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Anyone remember Wilson Motors? Mutt and Geraldine? My Dad used to work for them. Some of my earliest memories are being there playing on the floor jacks.

How about the goldfish at Myers Funeral home. And the garden in between there and the Masonic Hall. Or the Masonic Hall behind Washington School? Right across from Leapn' Leana's!! Or Washington School?

Remember when about every Saturday and Sunday morning someone had driven through the iron fence in front of the Appellate Court House? And the guy that had a welding shop at 10th and Waltonville Road would spend all morning fixing it. He was a short guy, maybe "Gus?"

Does anyone remember when the jet crashed on Walnut Hill Rd east of 37? It was about 1956 or 57.

What year did the car shops and Auto-Lite close?

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

cl68

Free Time



Posted November 17, 2007 12:42

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I remember Wilson's very well. I think they were are 9th and Casey at least in the 50's. My grandfather drove a wrecker once will a while for Mutt. When did the goldfish disappear from Meyer's? Was it when Ray Baril owned it or later?

According to what I read, the car shops closed around 1944. Not sure about Auto-Lite.

Remember Wagner Electic at Shawnee and Perkins?

They built large steel tanks that were shipped to St. Louis on rail cars for their transformer business.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted November 17, 2007 19:48

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quote:

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The car shops closed in the '50s. My dad worked there and when they closed he and some of the others went to Indy to work. My dad then transferred to Washington, IN. until he had to retire due to health reasons. I'd say it was about '54 when the shops closed down.

Mutt Wilson was the only big wrecker service in town. I had a service station/tackle/bait place across from Dobbs and a large truck full of watermelons pulled in front of my station. He came and bought candy or something and when he started to leave he was too far down the embankment to pull onto the highway without turning over the trailer. He called Wilson and the driver hooked onto the high-end of the bumper of the truck and turned the trailer over. I had hundreds of watermelons. I bought the entire load for \$35 and spent the next couple of weeks selling watermelons. I made good money on that deal.

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

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Buck
Old Pro



Posted November 17, 2007 19:53 [Hide Post](#)

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As for the car shops, I believe that they were still active into the '50s'. They were involved in the war effort through '44'

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

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted November 17, 2007 21:43 [Hide Post](#)

It was where Dennys is now

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 18, 2007 11:20 [Hide Post](#)

quote:

Originally posted by UNCLEB:
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I'm not sure they really left town but that they changed their name and locations. I may be wrong about the moving part though. I can't understand why we can't get a Ponderosa, not sure I'd like it any better than I did Bonanza but...

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

RobH

Old Pro



Posted November 18, 2007 11:41

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Denny's bought 800 Sambo's franchises in 1984. They renamed them all Denny's. Sambo's had had a lot of tough times. Mt. Vernon's was one of those I think.

In 1978, the chain received multiple lawsuit threats due to its choice of decor. The "Sambo" character, as portrayed in the children's book, had very dark skin and it was perceived that Sambo was a stereotype of people of African descent. The story itself was also described as being racially insensitive, as Sambo makes some questionable choices in the story; this contributed to the perception of Sambo as a racial stereotype.

Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted November 18, 2007 18:21

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

Stl Todd

Posted November 19, 2007 10:43

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:
Thirty years ago there was a "Sambos" Restaurant in Mt. Vernon according to the paper.

When Sambo's opened in Mt Vernon they had already changed the look to not include the story of Sambo and the tiger. However they did have the tiger as their mascot and pancakes were still the main feature. I worked there for 2 years as a waiter when they first opened.

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

RobH
Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 11:26

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People think they can rewrite history by ignoring it. It is just too hard for some to understand that things were different in the past so they try to ignore it. It is like Amos N Andy. Sorry folks the radio and TV shows were funny.

Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

Brothers Johnson
Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 11:35

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I remember Sambo's. Dined there many times. Times WERE different. Perhaps times were BETTER. I was not offended by Sambo's at all. It was a story and it is part of our evolution as a society.

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 11:36

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How about Lum's on South 10th Street. They had the the hot dogs steamed in beer.

Walgreen's lunch was some of the best food in town! We used to ride our bikes there at noon from Casey. Cora Steven's was the cook.

How about Sandy's that was at 18th and Broadway. Charcoal cooked burgers.

Or the 3 mile house that later became Richardson antiques. John and Marie Richardson ran it. He was Deputy Corner and Deputy Sheriff. They also had a shop south on 148 and what is Freesia Road now. They had a HUGE Siamese cat that would walk through the antiques and never move one of them.

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

Brothers Johnson

Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 11:50

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Walgreen's was great. Sandy's was one of the 1st fast food joints in MTV, was it not?

And yes, I used to ride my bike all over town. West to east, north to south. It doesn't seem safe for kids to do that these days. Does anyone agree or is the safety issue just my perception?

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

wclark

Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 11:53

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The 3 Mile House was where I first tasted pizza. They also had some of the best fried chicken I've ever tasted.

Bro Johnson, I don't think it's your perception. We aren't as safe as we were back in the day. Like you, I traversed from one end of MtV to the other on my bike. Never thought twice about doing so. Even as an adult, I wouldn't want to do it today. When my grandpups are out, I'm usually out watching them. Sad where we have gone.

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

RobH

Posted November 19, 2007 11:54

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quote:

Old Pro



Originally posted by wclark:
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Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

wclark

Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 11:56

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quote:

Originally posted by RobH:

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It was always the 3 Mile House to me. Possibly that was a later name?

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

cl68

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Posted November 19, 2007 12:11

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Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

Stl Todd

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Posted November 19, 2007 12:15

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I grew up near Good Sam, we would cut through the fields by the spillway, up through the woods behind the cemetery and 1st Pres then head out to the mall. Or we'd walk to 3-D. I remember riding my bike up the back way to my

Great grandmother's house in Dix or Hawkins Orchard on a Sunday afternoon. And any trouble we got into was know by my parents before I made it home.

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

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 12:51

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 12:57

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I used to ride my bike to Eugene Field School, later named Andy Hall School, I rode it to Casey Jr. High School and to High School and never had to worry about anyone taking it. Sometimes someone would move it just as a prank but they didn't steal or tear things up.

One day at noon from Field School I walked to the woodshop window at the Jr. High and asked a boy if he'd make me a "rubber" gun. He said yes and that I could pick it up the next day. At noon the next day I went back to the same window and they boy handed me my "rubber" gun. I never knew him but that was just the way things were back then. No charge and from someone I didn't know.

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

RobH
Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 13:08

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If I remember correctly they moved after being at the 3 mile house. My Mom never took me tho after it was moved but would still speak about it.

Posts: **2045** | Location: **Escaped** | Registered: **March 11, 2006**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 15:19

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Do you know what year they built the glasshouse?

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Originally posted by jlmer:

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

cl68
Free Time



Posted November 19, 2007 16:10

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I think the Irvin Mac was after the Glass House.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted November 19, 2007 20:44

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What was the name of the restaurant where the Hitchin Post is now? When I was young I remember a big sign on it, I thought it said the Irvin Mac. I'm probably wrong. Just wondering

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted November 19, 2007 21:11

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I believe you're right.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted November 19, 2007 22:27

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I believe you are right as well.

wclark was not the only person here that had their first piece of pizza at the three mile house which was run by the McLaughlin's (jim). They later had the restaurant on Broadway across from Oakwood Cemetery. I do not remember if they built it or not but that does seem to ring a bell.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted November 20, 2007 08:44

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David Laird opened a liquor in the restaurant on Broadway didn't he?

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

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted November 20, 2007 10:45

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One of my best friends was Richard Morrison. His dad was named Jim and had his own business either at the south edge of Dobb's big store or Dobb's bought his place of business or some kind of bulk chemical business went in

there. If my memory serves me right Jim was in the cylinder gas and oxygen business. Every other Sunday after church we would spend the afternoon's together either at his house or mine. When we were at his house most of the time was spent at the Rocket Cafe playing the jukebox, my song at that time was "Party Doll" by Buddy Knox {I think that was his name} and the pinball machines. Coke and french fries for our afternoon snack. Without fail, we would get out of church and go to the old L&N Cafe first for Sunday chicken dinner. I can still taste those homemade mash potatoes and the best white chicken gravy I have ever ate. Back then the kids plate was \$1.00 including your drink of choice. Sometimes we would wander down to Epler's [sp] and nose around. Oh, those good ole carefree days not knowing what a world was a waiting for the adult in me.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 20, 2007 11:07

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quote:

Originally posted by chickenbite:
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That was the Irvin Mack and my uncle ran it in the '70s, Harry & Theo Terry. He went into the hospital and died so it was then sold to the Melton's.

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

cl68

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Posted November 20, 2007 11:11

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Thanks. Obviously my memory was flawed. (nothing new) Now that you all cleared it up, I remember the sign there also.

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In the 70's there was also a restaurant in that old building also. It was called

YE OLDE LANTERN and didn't last long. Then there was a gun shop and sporting goods store in one end an a CB radio store in the other.

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Buck
Old Pro



Posted November 20, 2007 11:22

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Rocket's Cafe was across the street north of where Southern Illinois Tire was more recently located. It was pretty much buried behind many junk cars for many years when McDermotts owned (or leased-I don't know for sure which) the property. Thank you Lady Bird!

I can remember back to the early '50s' when I was about 5 or 6 going there on a Sunday after morning church. It was the first time that I remember ever going out to eat. Of course, people seldom went out to eat in those days like they do now. I remember sitting back in the southeast corner. I remember the place was full and the fried chicken dinner was great.

I never had a fried chicken dinner at the L&N but I had some good hamburgers and fries there after evening church on Sundays during the '60s'. I did have some really good fried chicken dinners across the street at the Barbeque Haven. Back in the '50s', though, the drive inn that later became the Salad Bowl was open and I would enjoy their chilidogs and was in hog heaven the day I got my first big mug of root beer instead of the "kid's" mug. They kept the mugs in a freezer and they were frosty when they came. COOL! Then, later on, the thing for me was the hamburgers across the street at the Parkmore Grill and drive inn. Then, later on it was the "hamburger steak" at Hunts Restaurant.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted November 20, 2007 19:51

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the "kid's" mug. They kept the mugs in a freezer and they were frosty when they came. COOL!

That was Howard's Drive In in the 50's just across the road from the Parkmore Grill. Not to forget the Mug Drive In that was just a block farther north and on the same side as Howards.

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

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted November 20, 2007 21:26

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Buck, the BBQ Haven had some fantastic fried chicken for sure.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 20, 2007 22:23

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I remember that. She lived at Rose Lane after Harry died. They married right after Harry got out of the service. He was captured at the Battle Of The Bulge and spent some time in a POW camp. Some interesting stories about that.

He was a character as was Theo. She worked at Jimmy's Blue Goose for a long time. Harry was a cook at Walgreens on the square, had a resteraunt on S. 10th St. Sold Family Stamps and had the Hitchin' Post when he died. It wasn't the Hitchin' Post then though and I can't remember the name of it off hand.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 21, 2007 09:05

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Gee! Tomorrow's Thanksgiving already. The older we get the faster it goes. This holiday reminds me of when I was a kid and the hustle and bustle of mom fixing a big dinner for all of us and the smell of the turkey, dressing, etc. flowing throughout the house. Everyone was in a good mood and talking about all of the stuff of the past year.

The day after Thanksgiving Murphy's & Woolworth's would have their Christmas items slowly merging into their regular inventory. It wasn't full blown Christmas season the day after but the stores put you in the mood by getting just enough Christmas stuff out to get people to start thinking about it. Usually, if memory serves me right, by the end of the first week after Thanksgiving the ornaments would be out, the fancy perfumes, toys and ties and hats for men would be on the shelves and their Christmas decorations would be put up and we kids knew that Christmas was coming s-l-o-w-l-y. The closer it got the more "smells" these stores would put out. The Christmas music playing inside the stores, there was usually snow so they had their mats by the doors and not one clerk was afraid or forbidden to wish anyone and everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR. Funny thing, no one got their feelings hurt either.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted November 21, 2007 10:08

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Have you all looked that there has been 1250 Post and almost 56,000 views on this forum?

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted November 21, 2007 11:50

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I have noticed that but put more credence into the number of posts that to the views. I have probably viewer it a thousand times myself. Well, maybe not a thousand but I know that there were probably several hundred times.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted November 21, 2007 17:35

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It's Basketball time again!!!! When I was in school we had two rivals, Centralia and Pinkneyville. Pinkneyville was always considered a "dirty" team as they played rough with a lot of elbows and knees while Centralia was, well, Centralia.

When we played either team the gym was always full and the fun would begin. We'd yell and carry on but no-one ever got nasty or too disrespectful but there were, at times, action in the parking lot.

It seems to be a feeling you only get at that age when you leave a basketball game with your team the winner or loser. It's funny how priorities can

change.

I can smell the popcorn when first entering the gym and then the girls running the concession stand, the excitement of the cheerleaders getting ready for the game. Even the teachers looked different at the ballgame than they did at school. I was lucky as being in the band got me into all of the games free and all I had to do was about 15 minutes at halftime.

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted December 03, 2007 13:13

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Does Mt Vernon still have a Christmas Light Contest? I remember growing up my Dad would get the list of houses that entered and we would drive around town to check them all out. Al Easton always had great lights, I remember he spelled out Season's Greetings in blue lights. I miss small town Christmas.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 03, 2007 21:31

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted December 04, 2007 08:30

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I remember the Kents. Bob Kent, his wife and mother were members of the Church I grew up in. Dairy farmers, right? And I was gone before anything happened in the park, but I do remember the Church on 10th near Jackson/Martin IGA having a live nativity every year.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 04, 2007 13:47

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quote:

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That's Central Christian Church. You should see it now, it's taken over the entire block West of it. They have a huge auditorium that would compete with Keil Auditorium in St. Louis. They've spent a lot of money and it really looks nice. I don't know how long since you've been here but the little town has grown up in several ways. They just had the Christmas parade last Sat.

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted December 04, 2007 14:24

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My family moved to Chicago in 79. My sister and her husband stayed in the area until 85. I've been back about once a year to visit some family friends or pick up some King Barbaquoa. It was sad to see Peggy Wells in the obits today, she and Doc lived down the street from us and her daughters and my sister were great friends.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted December 04, 2007 14:27

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When I lived on Magnolia, Doc & Peggy lived right behind us. Sorry to see she has passed.

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

**Campfollower
in VA**

Regular



Posted December 04, 2007 14:42

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:
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Sorry to see she has passed.

I am sad to hear of Peggy's passing also. Doc took care of me from the time I was a month old until I moved away from Mt. Vernon. His father delivered me as Doc had only been in practice a month when I was born in June 1948. I remember when Peggy became Doc's nurse. She was kind and gentle.

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered:
February 26, 2007

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 04, 2007 17:20

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I believe the passing of Peggy was also the demise of Dukes. They were closed for sometime after the funeral and then decided to open but we've been there twice and they weren't open. Too bad!

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 07, 2007 14:25

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Was glad to read the display at the City Park, by the church's will be held again this year. There were 9 churches which participated last year and will be 12 this year. This is a throw back to the olden days. Every Christmas a lot of the churches would have live nativity scenes and other decorations at their church and now it's being condensed, so to speak, to the park. Hopefully, next year even more churches will join in and help unite the community.

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

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted December 14, 2007 04:10

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Anyone remember the big Pepsi sign that use to be downtown? When it was put up and taken down. I know it was there from the late 50's thru the late 70's. I wish we could have signs like that again. The one of Wimpy eating the hamburgers? Or the one on the old Lawerce Motel. All these would light up and blink and so forth. I guess the one at the Granadas about the only one left.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

jlmer



Posted December 14, 2007 10:05

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When Lady Bird Johnson started her crusade about the billboards and flashing signs, that was the demise of all of our intertaining signs, even Burma Shave signs. The end of an era. That's what happens when someone has way too much time on their hands. She said the flashing signs were distracting to drivers. The next crusade will probably be outdoor Christmas lights or indoor lights that can be seen from the outside.

I imagine Pepsi has that sign and I heard that Mike Walker has the Wimpy sign. I emailed him about it but never recieved an answer.

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

UNCLEB

Educated



Posted December 14, 2007 15:13

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I think all these message board signs are more distracting. Your trying to read whats on them, when all I want to know is the temp.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

Buck

Old Pro



Posted December 14, 2007 15:22

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I was the one that posted that A Mike Walker was given the "Wimpy" sign. I was told that by Jimmy Ellis. There could be other Mike Walkers in this world and in this area and probably are. What I said did not necessarily mean that it was that Mike Walker.

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

UNCLEB

Educated



Posted December 15, 2007 06:02

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I saw the Granada sign last night, it looked great!!

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

Bugman

Posted December 15, 2007 11:20

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Old Pro



Anyone remember the X-mas parties that (I think) Metropolitan Ins. used to have in the up stairs at the City Hall? I remember the Brach's candy and Santa.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 15, 2007 12:38

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
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I remember that it was so packed that you couldn't move. I can understand why they don't do it anymore but it was great for that period of time.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2007 10:22

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Snow on the ground today reminds me of when I was a kid. The old L&N pond would freeze over and the ice skaters would be out in numbers. People would build fires around the lake and bring warm drinks and spend a day skating.

If the ice got really thick some of the more daring guys would put their cars on the lake and slide all over the place. There were a lot of people who would hear of it all going on and just drive there to watch all of the action.

People having fun!

I don't remember when or why all of that quit unless the city decided they could be sued if someone got hurt. It was like a Mt. Vernon tradition back then and no one really worried about suing or being sued. It was all in good fun and no one wanted to spoil it.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted December 16, 2007 11:06

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Maybe because it doesn't freeze over anymore.

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

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted December 17, 2007 09:23

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I and a bunch of my buddies almost lived at the old L&N pond when it was froze over. That would be back in the early 1950's. We will take a few cans of vegetable soup and some pork and beans with us. We would build a fire and cook that all up together in a old pan my mom had gave us. Boy, it tasted good and being hot helped too. When we got ready to go home, we would just hide the pan in the bushes for the next time we came. Didn't even clean the pan out. Never got sick and had a blast out on the ice playing tin can hockey.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 17, 2007 09:55

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I never did ice skate but used to spend every Friday night at the skating rink at the park in the 50s. I used to fish the L&N almost every evening after school. Joe Frank Shields, my cousin, and his dad used to fish it about every evening too.

Back then there were a lot of people fishing but very few catching. I could catch the bluegill but always tried for a bass but not even sure there were any in there. Those buffalo was pretty big though.

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted December 20, 2007 08:33

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Where is the L&N Pond?

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

BlueBelly
Educated

Posted December 20, 2007 08:38

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North of the Little League Baseball fields, under the water tower if it is still there.

Posts: **869** | Location: **North Pole** | Registered: **January 03, 2007**

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Stl Todd
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Posted December 20, 2007 08:55

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quote:

Originally posted by BlueBelly:
North of the Little League Baseball fields, under the water tower if it is still there.

Thanks, we just called it the reservoir, we used to go sledding down their. I ended up in the creek more than once.

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

photog
Basic training

Posted December 20, 2007 09:46

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As I recall, the reservoir was the bigger body of water and that was where the sledding took place by the TB Sanitarium. The L&N Pond was on the south side of the RR tracks, right behind the cemetery.

Posts: **34** | Location: **Tennessee** | Registered: **August 21, 2006**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted December 20, 2007 09:47

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quote:

Originally posted by photog:
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Pond was on the south side of the RR tracks, right behind the cemetery.

Thanks for the clarification.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 20, 2007 09:50

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quote:

Originally posted by photog:
As I recall, the reservoir was the bigger body of water and that was where the sledding took place by the TB Sanitarium. The L&N Pond was on the south side of the RR tracks, right behind the cemetery.

How long have you been away? The RR splits the L&N now. They call the N. of it the new L&N but it's been there years and years. Maybe someone can remember when it was built.
Actually, we have no reservoirs as we get our polluted water from Rend Lake. We have to use either heavily filtered or bottled water now.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted December 20, 2007 11:19

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photog, you are correct. I lived by the reservoir in 1957 and it was split by the tracks at that time. The spillway and levee was, obviously, in place. There was some great sledding on that levee. Even better in the summer going down the levee on a piece of cardboard. The L&N pond, as we called it, was on the south side of the tracks and the reservoir was on the north side. Rend Lake wasn't built at that time and the reservoir was where MtV got its water supply. You didn't want to skate on the reservoir because the water would be pumped out from under the ice leaving a gap between the water and ice. Not good for a fall in.

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted December 20, 2007 11:29

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:
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I remember sledding on that levee as well. There were a few different runs that had various degrees of steepness. One thing was for sure, if you hit the creek you got wet and it was a **long cold walk** back home.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted December 20, 2007 11:59

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I remember being over there one time with my dad, brother and Roland Cole, a guy I mentioned in an earlier post. Roland went down the slope and as he hit the creek bank on the opposite side his sweat shirt hooked to the sled and tore just enough to flip him end over end. He was a pretty tough cookie and laughed it off as we all did.

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

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted December 21, 2007 10:43

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That's how we got to the L&N pond. Through the cemetery. If memory serves me right, coming from the east you walked the first drive and it took you right back to the pond. At the back of the cemetery there was always a big pile of those heavy cardboard floral baskets and trees limbs where they had trimmed. We would make forts out them and the limbs. Every once in a while the caretaker would see us back there playing and gently remind us to stack all the stuff back like we found it when we were done. I generally rode my bike and if the folks needed me dad would drive his Packard back there and load my bike up in that huge trunk and off we would go.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 21, 2007 11:16

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I was under the impression that we got our water from Hiel and Millers lake. Now called the J.C. lake and Sportsmans lakes.
The L&N was owned by the L&N railroad and was never a reservoir for the city unless they used to new part (North end).
I remember when I'd be fishing it there would be a lot of people walking in from the tracks East.
I'd always go through the cemetery as I lived S. of Bwdy on Casey.
We used to play football in Oakwood in the SW corner of the cemetery as it wasn't being used but had no trees and was pretty flat.

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

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted December 21, 2007 15:35

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Sometime in the mid to late 90's my brother-in-law and my nephews went fishing there. They parked on the west end, at the end of Windcrest. At that time there wasn't any homes at that end. Anyway they cut through the vacant land to fish, while they were fishing the police came and made them move along. We've really changed alot and not for the better at times. 😞

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I don't see how they could make anyone move unless they were on private property. No-one owns the bank for so many feet all of the way around them. The West end is where all of the Bluegill were when I was a kid. Wade out about 10 feet.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted December 22, 2007 11:12

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I check this out every once in awhile. Thought you guys might want to check it out too.

<http://.crh.noaa.gov/ilx/trivia/trivia.php>

I have tried to find something on just MtV but have never been able to find anything.
Remember the 24" of snow sometime about 1982 or 83? How about the ice storm around 1977? Or the chill factor of -66 in the late 1980's?

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

Bugman
Old Pro



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quote:

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The deal was that water from Hiel and Miller "reservoirs" was regulated into Casey creek. That is what the thing was by the spillway at Hiel. They could let water go. Then the water was pumped to L&N "reservoir" from the pump house at Pump House road. That is what the little dam is for. I remember being at the L&N and water was being pumped in just north of the spillway. Speaking of sliding down the dam at the L&N. Have any of you been back and looked how small the dam is? Back in the day it seemed so big. Now I wonder why we where some intermediated?

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

xminer
Old Pro

 Posted December 22, 2007 11:43

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The city did get the water from two lakes north of town. Miller was built as a catch basin but couldn't sustain the demand as there was no creek feeding it. Then Heil (Jaycee) was damned up because Casey Creek fed it along with Miller Lake. The water was pumped to the city lake out of Casey Creek by the Pump House where the spillway is now located next to the Southern railroad tracks (hence the name "Pumphouse Road"). My father-in-law used to swim in Casey Creek where Green Road now crosses it. He said that they knew when the water was released from Heil because it got colder and started to rise. If a person crosses the dam at Jaycee they can look down on the south side of the dam and see the building that used to control the release of water. The old walkway on the north side of the dam was used to check the water level and also to raise the gates to release the water. There is, I believe, a 12" water main passing through the dam in order to get the water from the lake to the creek.

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

Bradstik
Regular

 Posted December 22, 2007 16:42

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I'm weighing in late on this one, but David Lairds' place was called Daves' Tap and he had this slogan; "If you've got the fever and you're looking for beaver, you can bet your hat that it is at Daves' Tap!!" And he had 100s of hats hanging from the ceiling, or so I've heard, as a good God-fearing man I would never go in a place like that...

Well, the story I've heard was that this young lady entered the wet tee-shirt contest, and one of her bosoms was bigger than the other, so she won first AND third place!!

Unfortunately for Dave, the young lady was too young, like fifteen, so they closed him down.

RON PAUL OR NONE AT ALL!!!!

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

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Buck
Old Pro



Posted December 22, 2007 17:02

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quote:

Originally posted by Bradstik:

I'm weighing in late on this one, but David Lairds' place was called Daves' Tap and he had this slogan; "If you've got the fever and you're looking for beaver, you can bet your hat that it is at Daves' Tap!!" And he had 100s of hats hanging from the ceiling, or so I've heard, as a good God-fearing man I would never go in a place like that...

Well, the story I've heard was that this young lady entered the wet tee-shirt contest, and one of her bosoms was bigger than the other, so she won first AND third place!!

Unfortunately for Dave, the young lady was too young, like fifteen, so they closed him down.

RON PAUL OR NONE AT ALL!!!!

This is a guess but I think it's an educated guess. If I'm right, I'm right. If I'm wrong, I'm wrong. Bradstik, How are Ron and Steve doing?

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

Bug man

Old Pro



Posted December 23, 2007 18:57

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Very cool site for MtV history:

<http://.googlesyndicatedsearch.com/u/ipo?q=mt.+vernon+illinois&sa=Google+Search&hq=inurl%3A.lib.niu.edu%2Fipo%2F>

PS Buck your right!! 😊

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 24, 2007 12:26

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PS Buck your right!! 😊

Nice link! Thanks!

I used to spend a lot of Sat. afternoons in the old Plaza Theater watching the westerns but never knew it ever had the pipe organ, etc.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted December 30, 2007 12:43

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Not "Old MtV" but does anyone remember the story about Thomas Dewey making a speech at Beaucoup Illinois off the back of the train? When suddenly the train backed up into the crowd. Dewey remarked "That was the first lunatic I've had for an engineer. He should probably be shot at sunrise." That remark is credited for him loosing the 1948 presidential race. The "DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN" headline race.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted December 31, 2007 17:51

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Dewey always seemed to come across as a shyster in looks, dress and speech. Truman was here and had a stability about him that seemed to put people to rest.

Nixon was here when I was in Jr. High and since it was noon break a lot of us kids went to see/hear him. He too was stumping from the back of a train on the L & N railroad.

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

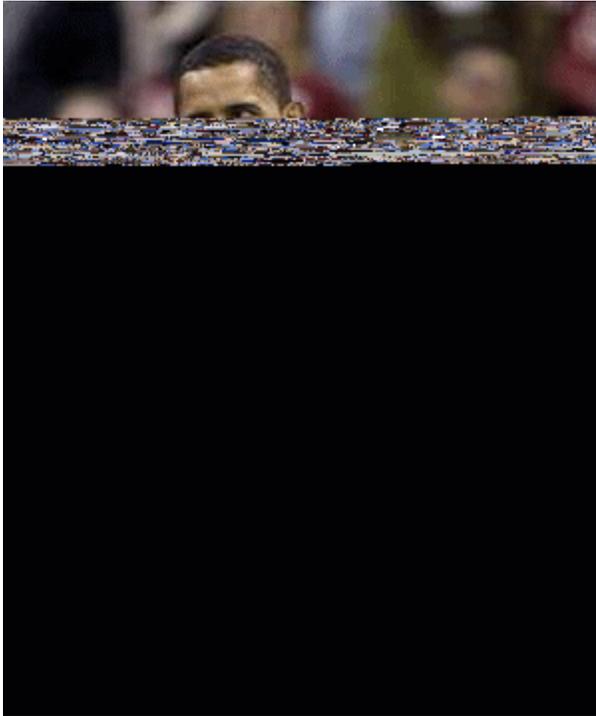
The Punisher

Posted December 31,
2007 20:17

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Vote for Rue Paul!!!!!!!!!!

Old Pro



Posts: **1087** | Location:
Hell | Registered: **February 02, 2007**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted January 23, 2008 00:30

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BUMP!!

With all the election talk, how about talkin about past politicians of the area, or when national ones came to town.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted January 23, 2008 08:30

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When I was in Jr. High here, Richard Nixon came through on a whistle stop. At the same time, right after his speech they had a plane fly over, low, and drop paper plates over the crowd and if it had something written on it, don't remember what, you could redeem it for something. Was around '52 or '53. It'd be nice to get this forum back on topic!

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted January 23, 2008 09:22

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In the 1960 election CBS news contacted me about calling in the election results in Spring Garden, precinct 1 located in Ina. Evidently this was a forerunner of the "targeted" precincts that they used to determine the

winner. At the time I didn't have any idea what was happening but they paid me, I don't remember how much, and that was all I cared about. Our family watched the election returns all night and my older brother razzed me about padding the returns for Kennedy and messing up the entire process. I hadn't padded anything but that didn't stop all my friends from accusing me. If I remember correctly the winner wasn't declared until early Wednesday morning because of the close race.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted January 23, 2008 13:57

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Before becoming an election judge I'd always wait for my wife to come home from work to vote, usually around 5pm. This particular election night as we pulled in the drive, coming from our poll, they announced the winner of the presidential election. It made us feel like we had wasted our time voting.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted January 23, 2008 14:10

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted January 23, 2008 14:46

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:

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I remember that now that you mention it. Not the "here ye" part but it being a polling place. I was just a couple of doors down.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted January 23, 2008 21:11

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You keep mentioning your familiarity but I am at a loss. Would you be interested in possibly a clue such as a last name initial and street. If not the main drag list north or south of the main drag.

Any other clues you might be willing to offer would be appreciated.

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

sbevis
Free Time



Posted January 23, 2008 21:55

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Johnson Motors on Ninth Street used to be a polling place. It was a garage.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted January 24, 2008 09:15

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quote:

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Sure---no problem and here is one only you should know. We talked at the BY The Tree concert for a while--in fact I sat right across the aisle from you.

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

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Buck

Old Pro



Posted January 24, 2008 09:37

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Now I know why you like that local group so much. Tell Gerald I said hi.

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

stixnstones

Old Pro



Posted January 24, 2008 10:20

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:

Now I know why you like that local group so much. Tell Gerald I said hi.

Nah----AS old as those guys are getting, they need all the support they can get. ha ha.

I do enjoy your posts---very educating. I mean that.

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted January 26, 2008 11:22

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Yes VERY old!!~!!

Does anyone know what's going on in the old Jensen laundry building? 😊

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

JiminPA

Old Pro



Posted January 27, 2008 15:42

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I just saw the obit for Mr. Sandusky, the long-time proprietor of Sandusky's Market. Man, does that take me back to the days of picking up soda bottles for the deposits.... Sad to see those people pass.

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

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted January 27, 2008 15:53

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I lived around the corner from Sandusky's Market back in 1950. We lived on 7th & Dewey Ave. and Sandusky's was located on the north east corner of 8th (Tolle Rd.) & Park Ave. at that time. He later moved the business 1/2 block north (where it's located now) and opened a new store. For a while, at the new location, he had a soda fountain, complete with counter and stools, and he served the best banana splits I ever tasted.

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

sbevis

Free Time



Posted January 27, 2008 19:10

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Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted January 28, 2008 10:11

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quote:

Originally posted by sbevis:
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Kenny was sort of an institution here. I lived on the other side of town so never got to know him very well. I used to buy fishing license from him and see him at the bowling alley and he was always a friendly fellow and interesting to visit with.

Nelson Cowen is another 97 year old landmark here. I see him every day almost and he still drives and gets around pretty doggone good.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted January 28, 2008 17:37

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I saw where Evalina King died too. How about the real donuts, rolls, cookies and beard from Kings Bakery. There has never been anything even close to them!! The Bear Caws where the BEST!

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

Sassafras

Regular



Posted January 28, 2008 18:47

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
from Kings Bakery. There has never been anything even close to them!! The Bear Caws where the BEST!

Ah yes... the Bear Claws! 😊

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

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted January 28, 2008 19:11

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With all due respect to Evalina, her son Gary Stover made the bear claws. You may remember Gary as the city inspector before Nathan Pigg.

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

Buck

Posted January 28, 2008 19:50

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I used to live for the "cherry rolls" that were baked at Kings Bakery. My dad was big on the bear claws and the caramel nut rolls. I have looked the world

Old Pro



over, well not really, for something similar but no luck. I must say that the old Copia had some that looked close but I never had the opportunity to try them. They had real white icing on them and the cherries were real rather than filling. I was in pure heaven with a "cherry roll" in hand. It doesn't matter if ya call them rolls or danishes just just ain't the same anymore. Thanks Kings Bakery for the memories

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

rickhicks
Educated



Posted January 28, 2008 19:57

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:

Our garage was a polling place. I would always wake up on election day to "Here ye! Here ye! The polls are now open.

Was that at 24th and Perkins?

I used to vote at 24th and Logan in Gleason's(?) garage before they moved voting to Logan St. Church.

Posts: **749** | Location: **Da Vern** | Registered: **January 23, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted January 28, 2008 20:38

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That was the middle of the 2400 block of Perkins on the north side. That was a half block west of that intersection of 24th and Perkins.

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

UNCLEB

Posted January 28, 2008 21:17

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I read all these stories about different bakeries and restaurants with fresh baked pastries and bread and homemade food makes me wish I was older to

Educated



have enjoyed them.
I asked the lady at Krogers one day about thier deli and bakery goods. The bakery stuffs mostly frozen. The deli the different stuff mostly comes in like 5 gallon buckets. Until then I thought it was all "fresh".

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted January 29, 2008 09:41

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Enjoy the music & pay the band!



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stixnstones
Old Pro



Posted January 29, 2008 13:23

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted January 29, 2008 14:21

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What was the time period of that bakery on Broadway. I don't remember it. I remember when Dixie Cream was in the building just across the L&N tracks west when BoBo's was there but not the other bakery.

I remember (east to west from 11th) the gas station, Harry's Billiards and then Western Auto. I also remember Starr Brothers (then after the fire Rusty's and then the Savings and Loan when Rusty's moved a block north and crossed the street) on the other end of the block but the rest of the block on that side is a blank.

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

stixnstones
Old Pro



Posted January 29, 2008 14:30

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

stixnstones
Old Pro



Posted January 29, 2008 14:34

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[QUOTE]Originally posted by Buck:

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South

Buck---King's was on 10th when I was little---I mean kindergarten or so.

Not sure how long or what span of my life it existed but I do remember we had to go there every Sunday and get rolls, milk and a Sunday paper and I especially still recall all of the specialty cookies, etc. Just one of those great things about being a kid back then.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted January 29, 2008 14:51

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Hawkin's Bakery. They used to take the bread out at 1-2 am and we were always around to but a loaf fresh out of the oven. It hadn't even been sliced yet. We would hollow the loaf out and take a stick of butter and put in. Yum, yum. I don't remember when they closed but I believe it was being used by Stan's Tires for storage. The building burned when the Stan The Tire Man's place burned. I was tending bar at the AmVets that night and as I left I smelled the smoke and looked down the street and saw the fire. I called back into the bar and told them to call the Fire Department and then ran and helped fight the fire until 6-7 am.

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted January 29, 2008 15:10

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[QUOTE]Originally posted by xminer:
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Now I remember that name but I can't place where it was. I know where the old STM was right across from Purcell's now--it is a little empty lot for the church. I remember there was a business right behind STM on the north side but I want to think that was a barber shop??? I also remember Ranmar Tire being in a little white building one block east of the STM where the glass bank parking garage is now. I saw my first Schwinn Sting Ray bicycle in there.

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

tyrone
Free Time



Posted January 29, 2008 15:13

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Harry's Billiards was on South Tenth street just south of Jordon back when I was loafing around the pool halls. I pretty sure Harry Mullinax bought it from Dewey Barton sometime around 1956 or 57. He could have moved to the Broadway address later but I can't recall that.

I do remember the block of Broadway you are referring to and the way I remember in it about 1954 or 55 the service station on the corner of 11th and Broadway was Broadway Gulf and there was a paint store (D C West I think) next to it and then Western Auto, then Welborn and Carr Ins, and then a small cafe called Rosies Royal Cafe, then Peerless Cleaners, then Ideal Cleaners, and then Fenton's Music Store, and finally Starr Bros. All these were on the south side of Broadway.

On the north side of Broadway there was Texaco Station on the corner with Featherstun's next door, and then an office building with Mason

Typewriter occupying the lower floor and the upper floor occupied by offices, and on the corner was Stan the Tire Man (where the Methodist Church Rest Park in now located)

I remember that the American Laundry was located where Stan the Tire Man is now and across the street (13th) was the old Jefferson Lumber Co. and directly across the street north was the Buick car dealer (Jake Cox, later to become Mayor of Mt Vernon)

Iâ€™m sorry to run on and on but I couldnâ€™t stop from opening those old memory doors.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted January 29, 2008 15:18

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Hawkins Bakery was located on Main Street west of City Hall

You must have bee at the Western Auto wheb you saw that Schwinn.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted January 29, 2008 15:33

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Ok I remember that now.
On the bike---I saw it in the little Ranmar's building--they used to have bikes there---or someone in that building did. I remember going to Western Auto regularly though.

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted January 29, 2008 15:40

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Originally posted by jlmer:

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted January 29, 2008 15:57

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Yes, Harry's was in the place, Tyrone, that you said was a paint store. This was the mid '60s'. I remember, also, going down to Hawkins Bakery down the alley to the back door on weekend nights while hanging out at "The Sub" to get fresh hot bread.

Stixnstones - I never knew of Kings ever being anywhere else. I can remember it as a kid in the early '50s' and I remember it being there after I came home from the service in '69'.

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stixnstones
Old Pro

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Ok---so refresh me since your memory is amazing and enlightening---I do mean that. So did Western Auto used to be in the little white building before they moved over across from the Stadium Theatre?

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

tyrone
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Yes, I do remember the old IC Roundhouse at Bluford. The exact location escapes me at the moment but it was in the railroad yard just south of the ice loading dock.

I in fact have a short four foot section of rail taken from the old roundhouse.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

tyrone
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Posted January 29, 2008 16:21

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Buck and etal's, Do any recall a bar in that block (1100) of Broadway ? It was opened in about 1956 by Frank Bond and Clint Fleener an was named "The Derrick" Later on it was sold and renamed the "Three Coins" I think Bill Marlin had some kind of ownership in it.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted January 29, 2008 16:48

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Don't recall that one. I remember the old Sportsman's that was down by Steppin Out, The Blue Goose, Hunt's--although that had an eating area as well, a couple of little bars in the alley along the tracks by the high school, The Brass Key, There was another at the corner of 10th and Perkins where the nail place is now. HoW BOUT OLE ROLLIE'S BURGER JOINT AT 12TH AND PERKINS?

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xminer
Old Pro



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The Park Inn was one of the bars along side the tracks east of the highschool.

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

cl68
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Posted January 29, 2008 17:17

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quote:

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I think this place was the MY O MY.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted January 29, 2008 18:38

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted January 29, 2008 18:50

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That was called "The Big 4".

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

**undertaker's
dtr**
Member

Posted January 29, 2008 19:13

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

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Posted January 29, 2008 19:15

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Oops...let's try this again. King's Bakery was on South 10th Street when I was a kid. I remember going there with my dad before we would head out to the lake. No one has ever made better cream horns.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 08:53

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And then there was Davidsons Bread Co.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted January 30, 2008 09:25

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I don't remember the "Big 4" tavern. Who ran it? The last one I remember in that area is the "My 'O My". I also remember when the Spot was in the basement next to Ellis' Cafe. There was a post about Clint Fleener earlier. I was a friend of the family when he died in the doctor's office. I don't remember him running the Derrick, before my time, but I do remember that he owned Eddie's Bar before Ed Palmer. I think that it was named the Top of The Town. One of the more memorable places was the Wooden Indian liquor store on Broadway. It had an actual wooden indian in front. If I remember correctly Frank Moore and Jim Yates opened it up after running a liquor store located at Salem Road and Oakland on the NW corner. It had been a Gulf Station before that. I also remember the Texico station located where Larry's Auto Sales is now. Bob Kolmer ran it for a while. People state that we have a lot of gas stations now, but during the 50's and 60's it seemed that there was one located on every corner.

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted January 30, 2008 10:28

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[QUOTE]Originally posted by xminer:
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Yea---the My O My---that's the one I couldn't remember the name of---nor the two down by the high school. Do you remember the Broadway Drive Inn? Dewitt's Lumber YArD was next to it---I think it was Dewitt's. There used to be another Lumber right next to where the Crossing bar is now.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 10:38

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The Broadway Drive Inn was owned by Bernie Tapocik. His son, Jim, graduated with me in '66. Great place with super food.

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**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 10:40

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Mt. Vernon Lumber was on S. 9th St. in that lot across from the jail. DeWitts was on Bwdy. by the L & N tracks. then there was the Top of The Town one block North of the My O My. Mutt Wilson had his wrecker service across from Mt. Vernon Lumber.

The house next to where Larrys Auto Sales is was at one time a restaurant that sold hamburgers @ 10 for a dollar. The parking was too steep so it never really caught on. I believe the corner of Salem Rd and Oakland was another little drive in, I believe it was a Rebuans, xminer mentioned that corner. I need to look some of those old businesses up as I have a '61 City Directory. then I'd know for sure the addresses.

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 10:42

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 10:50

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Xminer mentioned the Northwest corner. Rebans/Joeburger was on the northeast corner. Dewitt's was, in fact, where Willy's Restaurant is now just off Broadway north on 17th.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 10:52

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The corner I am speaking of is the southwest corner of 10th and Perkins, across the street to the south from the nail place.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted January 30, 2008 11:48

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Yes, that was the My 'O My. The Reban's was where you stated then was taken by Joe? and called Joe Burger. Most of us recall The Mug Drive-In. Don DeMent ran it then later on moved to Jordan and opened DeMent's Ice Cream. It was an all night affair driving from the Mug to the Taco Villa on 10th street. The Taco Villa's car hops wore roller skates. This is now the fad in LA. As was mentioned before, Bob and Betty Green ran the Maid Rite. Later Rose Hill, former wife of the Sheriff, Bill, took it over. I think there was one or two between the Greens and Rose but I can't recall who had it. Also there was the Brass Key across from Opal's and Larry Williams took it over and renamed it The Inn Crowd. Gary and Paula Toney opened a place named Someplace Else on Broadway just west of JR's TV and Appliance. I remember Dick the shoeshine man on that block and Laird's Jeweler's. I also remember Bennie Carpenter who worked for Star Brother's then opened the news stand in the Emmerson Hotel. After the hotel closed Bennie and Gerry moved to North 9th Street and called it B&B News. I have a friend who still has the old phone booth from The Emmerson, phone and all.

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

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wclark
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 12:16

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In the 100 block of N 10th, there was a shoe shine/repair shop. All I can remember was the owner was named Gus. I believe he was Greek. Did one hell of a job on a pair of shoes.

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

Brothers Johnson
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 12:46

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Yes, I remember Gus and his shoe repair shop.

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

chickenbite
Free Time



Posted January 30, 2008 13:32

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Actually it was Gale and Maxine Dement who ran Dement's Ice Cream. He and Don Dement who ran the Mug were brothers.

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted January 30, 2008 13:39

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Taco Villa on 10th street. The Taco Villa's car hops wore roller skates.

Hey Miner---here's a little known fact and I know Buck can back it up but Taco Villa actually started out as a little drive in at the corner of 24th and Perkins where the laundromat/carwash now sits. They didn't skate then, it was just a regular drive up but when they went to So. 10th, then they started skating.

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted January 30, 2008 13:45

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Speaking of the Mug and the Roger's building. It was "Mack" Roger's that owned/ran the mug in the 70's. She lived with her sister, Hettie Arthur across the street from me when I was growing up.

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

Dolly
Basic training



Posted January 30, 2008 13:52

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You all are talking about all the taverns along 10th street-- but I don't believe you have mentioned the Oasis-- Remember when the other side was opened for the younger drinkers and only beer and wine was served on that side?

Posts: **21** | Location: **On Main Street** | Registered: **October 18, 2007**

Dolly
Basic training



Posted January 30, 2008 13:56

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Also the Someplace Else was a great place to hang out in the early 70s. Somebody mentioned the cream horns at King's Bakery. My grandma would take me there on weekends to get Sunday morning treats-- the cream horns were the best and she always wanted bear claws. I always got a big chocolate layer cake with all the decorations for my birthday.

Posts: **21** | Location: **On Main Street** | Registered: **October 18, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 14:46

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The first Taco Villa was indeed at 24th and Perkins. It was owned and operated by Harry Menefee. It was in the old Merle and Jean's Drive Inn. In fact, I used to do a lot of skating in those days and Harry asked me long before the building started on the new Taco Villa if I wanted to be his head car hop. I wasn't ready to be a part of the working world yet and the distinguishment of being the first male car hop in Mt. Vernon did not roll easily off the tongue.

In those days there was a young lady that had worked there that I came to know over the years. I now understand that she (and her daughter as well-heart problems) is undergoing serious health issues that will probably leave her institutionalized for the rest of her life. May God bless her.

As for Helen Morton, her son was Russell Morton. I first remember her from trips to Doctor Setzkorn's dental office. Russell used to have a rust colored and white 57 chevy and was somewhat involved in Gymnastics and was a heck of a piano player. I remember him doing a Ramsey Lewis Trio number during the High School Variety show one year that was just killer. If I also remember correctly Frank Jones, who was killer on a bass fiddle, accompanied him. The last I heard of Russell was that he was playing the piano on some religious shows on the radio in St. Louis. I met his mother several times and she was always a pleasure to talk to.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 17:15

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quote:

Originally posted by Brothers Johnson:
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I may be mistaken on this but I believe Gus had his shop in what was later to become the Sub. Mitchel Moore ran the elevator at the John B. Rogers building when it closed, I think. He was pretty patient and would let us ride up and down.

when Merle and Jean shut the drive in down he opened his barbershop?

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 17:36

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Speaking of the Mug. Remember when Randy and Noble bought it and stopped traffic from being able to circle? That was "The End" of the Mug.

How about when the Double "J" was just north of Perkins on 10th. Johnny B. was one of the J's who was the other?

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

xminer

Old Pro

Posted January 30, 2008 18:09

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Bugman, it was John Bannister and Charlie Jay. MR. Jay was a French teacher at the highschool. Marsha, John's sister has had some health problems but I hope that she's on the mend. Dolly, I was one of the managers of the Warehouse when the 19 year olds could drink beer and wine. What a pain in the butt. Every night we had a fight (or four) and trying to figure out who was 19 and who was 21 was a real problem. We had two different colors of stamps for the hand but in the dark, who could tell? That was an idea gone bad.

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 18:17

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Oh the Warehouse --- now that opens a whole new can of worms. The "Disco" era and fights. What can we all say? The best fight I ever saw there was when one guy I knew owed another guy I knew money and after he kicked his butt he told him ---"That was one less dollar that he owed him." Needless to say he got paid in full the next day. Minus the dollar!!!

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted January 30, 2008 18:52

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Gus had the shoe shine shop after the days of "The Sub." I remember going there after I came home from the service and getting a shine. It was interesting being there after all the time I spent there in high school. I spent a couple of really solemn nights in there. JFK was killed on a Thursday and that Friday and Saturday were quite interesting down there as kids tried to be kids but were being forced to grow up little quicker than we wanted.

I saw Marsha a couple weeks ago. She is recovering but she will have a battle on her hands.

One thing is for sure. When they moved to the old L&N they would have some really great chow on the holidays. I remember one Halloween Charlie dressed up like an Arabian Shek and said he was going to buy all the gas stations in town. We counted them according to what we remembered from several years before and figured that at one time there were probably at least sixty stations going at one time. I saw this point brought up earlier in some thread. So I thought that I would follow up on that as well.

Oh yeah! Did I see that the old L&N Restaurant building has come down now for the Catholic church? I had some good cheese burgers there. I remember getting drunk with Russell Morton and Gene Ralph one night before we all went to the service. I was really drunk and dad tried to teach me a lesson by taking me to the L&N for lunch the next day. Needless to say I not only never ate much but also almost left behind more than I took away.

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

Dolly
Basic training



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I used to know Marsha. In the mid 70s we took a trip to the south together with several others. I still have pictures from that trip. I always liked her and I wish her well now. I saw her picture in the paper not long ago, I believe for their anniversary.

I can remember doing some great dancing at the Warehouse. It was a fun place. BTW XMINER I was not one of those--I was over 21 by this time.

Posts: **21** | Location: **On Main Street** | Registered: **October 18, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted January 31, 2008 07:57

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I had been tending bar in Marion once in a while and we booked a small band that played good music and brought in the customers. I contacted them and booked them for the Warehouse and they stayed for months-Philthy McNasty, they were one of our main bands. We also had Eastern Standard Time and Tall Paul. We contacted a booking agent in the Metro East area and he provided us with some good entertainment but they cost quite a bit. After I went back to work on construction Soap Marlow then Harry Lynn Shields tried it but I don't think either one had the crowds that we had.

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

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted January 31, 2008 09:45

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Harry Lynn is a cousin. He could have been good if he'd have listened to anyone and got his ego under control. We used to play the Legion in Marion and the Red Lion Inn. The gal that ran the Red Lion was nutty though and the lady that ran the American Legion was nice enough but I hear she died.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

xminer
Old Pro



Posted January 31, 2008 10:46

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Is Harry Lynn still around? The last I heard he was in the south somewhere. I still see Larry (Shakey). His telecom business seems to be doing pretty good. I still talk to his son-in-law (Buzz) at least once a week. I remember their house south of the Jr. High. During the bad storm a couple of years back I cleaned up a lot of storm damage in that area for elderly people. I went by their house but couldn't raise anyone. Is Harry's widow still alive? Harry and I played a lot of golf together after he retired and when golf was fun.

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

stixnstones
Old Pro



Posted January 31, 2008 15:03

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I recall a great road band named Monterey---saw them there and around the St. Louis area.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted January 31, 2008 15:20

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mousegrINfl
Free Time



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<http://.countryrockin.com/about.html> Is this him?

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted January 31, 2008 20:00

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mornings.

It sounds like him but he surely wrote the article himself. He left
Mt. Vernon just ahead of some people who were going to break
his leg for the money he owed them.

We grew up together and always got along good but when he
started getting a local following he soon developed an ego the
size of Texas. He was good and had some opportunities a lot of
people would love to have but he just wouldn't listen to the
people in the business who were trying to help him.

Thanks for the link. Enjoyed reading it.

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted February 01, 2008 17:52

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Does anyone KNOW when J.C and Miller lakes where built?
I know!!! JC was Hiel Miller was something. But when?

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

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted February 01, 2008 18:19

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Miller's Lake was dedicated in 1948, to the memory of Joseph Miller, the engineer for the Illinois Commerce Comission.

Heil Lake, or Jacee's Lake as it is now known, was constructed in 1904. It was built on land owned by the Stratton family.

This info came from the book, "Mt. Vernon Remembers", written by Tom Puckett. Pages 10 through 13 have a good time line of the Mt. Vernon water system. I trust it is accurate.

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

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted February 01, 2008 20:05

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POGO, this is off topic so I'll keep it short. Do you know anyone who can work on the mechanics of a Fostex 4-track recorder? I have one that won't eject the tape.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

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

datarep

Stranger

Posted February 02, 2008 08:35

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<http://.countryrockin.com/about.html> Is this him?

He misspelled Texico

Posts: **3** | Location: **tx** | Registered: **September 23, 2007**

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted February 02, 2008 14:00

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Thanks for the link. I needed a good laugh. Looks like he's still using black shoe polish on that hair. 🤔

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 07, 2008 10:36

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I am sure many of you have looked at this but maybe some have not.
Wikipedia on MtV

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Vernon,_Illinois

Has anyone heard how Tom Puckett is doing? I wish we could never loose him. He is MR. OLD MT. VERNON!!!!!!!

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

Lost Ram
Free Time



Posted February 09, 2008 07:01

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I wanted to all of y'all a personal invitation to a new website!

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ctcfl
Stranger

Posted February 10, 2008 09:34

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This info came from the book, "Mt. Vernon Remembers", written by Tom Puckett. Pages 10 through 13 have a good time

Could anyone help me get a copy of this book? I would love to buy one.....If someone knows where I could order one through the mail please let me know....Thanks!

Posts: **3** | Location: **FI.** | Registered: **February 10, 2008**

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xminer
Old Pro



Posted February 10, 2008 09:49

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I see you are located in Florida. If you have any connections locally you may have them try the Jefferson County Historical Village, or call 618-246-0033. Tom was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Village and they may have information for you. They have a web page or can be located on the Mt. Vernon web site for hours of operation during the winter months.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2008 11:05

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Hey xminer wclark and Wayne Grant

Do you guys remember Paul Mihelic, Phil Earthal(SP) Wayne and Mark Marting, Karen Machavich, Joy Grant, Jane McClintock

xminer you said Tom Puckett was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Village does that mean he is gone?

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

xminer
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2008 11:16

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I don't remember any of the people that you mentioned. Tom is alive as far as I know. I talked to Michelle, his daughter, at the polling place last Tuesday

and she didn't mention anything about him. I'm sure if Tom passed the news would be broadcast widely. As far as "driving force", he helped to get the thing in gear and to acquire some of the buildings at the Village. In addition he provided much of the history surrounding those buildings. One of my passle of marriages was at the old church at the Village. I first knew Tom in the late 60's and early 70's. Some people may not know but he built the original Indian Hills golf course. Tom was a club pro before and decided to build his own course. He told me one time that he had always had a slice and he designed the course so a right hander with a slice couldn't get into trouble. If you played that course you know what he was talking about.

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

**undertaker's
dtr**

Member

Posted February 11, 2008 12:50

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
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Aren't Mihelic and Erthall names from Rend Lake when it was in Mt. Vernon? If so, Phil Erthall lives in West Frankfort although I haven't thought of Paul Mihelic in years. The last time I talked to Karen Mahkovtz's brother, she still lives in AZ. Seems like her husband died--maybe was murdered. Haven't seen Joy Grant in years. We were room mates in college. She was married to a guy named Bob Alexander from Fairbury. Last I heard, they were still together.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2008 13:19

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There are a couple of those names that sound familiar, but I can't really say that I know any of them too well other than Wayne. Have no idea what happened to him or where he went. He was originally from Springfield and his family managed a motel on S10th.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [wclark](#), February 11, 2008 13:35

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**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2008 13:21

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quote:

Originally posted by ctcfl:
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I would certainly second that!! I'd love to find a copy.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2008 13:40

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I saw Tom Puckett at Bob Troutt's funeral in August. He did seem like the years were catching up with him. Yes, Tom did build Indian Hills and I have used that right side of the fairways MANY times when I used to play. My mother used to work in the club house for Tom.

After Joy Grant was a room mate at SIU with undertaker's dtr I roomed with Joy and Bob. The last time I spoke with her was when her brother, George, died. The last I knew they were living in North Carolina near Maggie Valley.

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

stixnstones

Old Pro

Posted February 11, 2008 13:57

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[My mother used to work in the club house for Tom.

So is that where the golf balls for sale came from---Indian Hills lakes, etc.?

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

johnj229

Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2008 15:03

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I found this for ordering Tom Puckett's book.

<http://.shop.gbradleypublishing.com/product.sc?productId=7&categoryId=4>

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

jlme

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Old
Pro



Posted February 11, 2008 15:22

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quote:

Originally posted by johnj229:

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<http://.shop.gbradleypublishing.com/product.sc?productId=7&categoryId=4>

I picked one up at his house about 3 years ago and he only had a couple left. I'd call him and then contact the publisher if Tom doesn't have any left.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

**Standing
Bye**

Free Time



Posted February 11, 2008 16:28

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:

Tom did build Indian Hills and I have used that right side of the fairways MANY times when I used to play.

I, too, use the right side a lot. I am pretty sure that my father did the excavating work on that course. I can't remember the year (mid 1960's to early 1970's), but I remember being there and watching him tell dad which trees to leave and which ones to knock down.

Is Marty Puckett Tom's daughter?

Posts: **374** | Location: **Broadway** | Registered: **May 11, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2008 16:54

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Tom's daughter's name is Karen. As I remember she had a heart condition. I am not SURE how but Michele Mitchell is a part of the family. My thoughts are that Tom's previous wife was Michele's mother by a previous marriage. I believe that Marge passed on and Tom remarried a woman whose first name eludes me. Her first husband, Jim Stbblefield, passed away as well.

S&S - The golf balls actually came from Bob Troutt's property. Dad would walk the north side of the golf course on the north side of the fence, out of bounds and pick up golf balls. You can't imagine how many people would rather just reach back in the bag as to go five the other side of the fence. As for collecting golf balls, I think that dad started doing that long after mother quit working there. She was there in the late '60s' and maybe early '70s'.

There is an interesting story about the sign advertizing golf balls for sale. Som one used to drive by and knock the sign down. Dad was not one to allow someone to get the upper hand on them. He put a piece of pipe in the ground and a single thick piece of wood up for the sign. I am sure that if anyone ever again came along and hit that sign, they no doubt got their bell rung.

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

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted February 11, 2008 17:24

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Heres on for you....do you remember the old Carps store on 9th? Do you remember being able to go in to the shoe department, putting on a pair of shoes and sticking your feet into this machine that xrayed your feet to show you how they fit in the shoe. They finally wised up and took that out once they figured out that we were absorbing radiation. Guess thats why a whole generation of Carps shoppers have deformed feet. LOL have deformed feet

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 11, 2008 18:37

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Buck, you are exactly right! Karen was the first successful open heart surgery at Wash. U. (I think, Wash. U). I remember Michelle in the 70's and she had a "killer" 'vette. As I mentioned before, I talked to Michelle last election day. The golf balls didn't only come from Bob's place, they came from the acreage that is now owned by Dr. Desai on the south, from the woods behind #3 green and 4 tee. Also Duck Mays and Frank Moore and some of the other divers used to go SCUBA diving and get balls from the pond on #16 fairway on the halves. John Boyd, a retired State Trooper used to hunt for them each day while walking his dog and brought quite a few back. I could never find a ball after I hit it into the woods, give me a day or two and I could find it in addition to a dozen more.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2008 20:03

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Y'all keep hittin back into my end of the court. Before mother worked for Tom she worked at Carps for several years. When I was in Vietnam I had an acquaintance in the Public Information section of the 11th Armored Cavalry. I was "verbally" attached to the 11th Cav and this guy took a picture of me and sent it as an AP wirephoto out. I don't know how it was done but it was on the front page one day. This guy that worked at Carps came running in shouting Your son is on the front page. She just knew it was bad news and became real upset. She said she never spoke to that guy again for scaring her half to death.

John Boyd was married to my cousin. His son, Mike, Bob Troutt and I were all on the Gymnastics team together. In fact, Mike and I were co-captains in 1965.

Here's a funny story about diving for golf balls. One weekend night during the highschool years Bill Bullard, Mark Malene, John Dulaney and I stayed out all night. About three o'clock in the morning we were wandering around on what used to be known as Homestead golf course. Mark and I were standing down by the pond when we heard a noise coming from the pond. We were not in proper frames of mind and didn't know what to think. Gradually, as the other two showed up, this figure starts rising out of the water. Of course, we didn't know whether we should run or stay and see what was going on. As it turns out, this guy comes walking out of the pond with scuba gear on and a big sack of golf balls. He looked at us and said, "don't say anything." Like we were gonna say somethin. Yeah, right!

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johnj229
Old Pro



Posted February 11, 2008 21:44

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Speaking of Homestead Golf Course. Two guys and I worked close enough to the course to go there during our lunch hour and get 3 or 4 holes in. We were playing one day and the next thing I know I am waking up in the emergency room at Good Sam. I got knock out by a wayward ball. What was funny was I got hit in the index finger on my right hand and then it hit me in the head. Anyway, they got me revived and then wanted me to sign papers to set my broken finger. I politely ask them why in the he!! they didn't do that why I way out and they that they needed permission before they could do it. I declined and my finger makes two of the funniest crooks anybody would want to see. My boss put a stop to our lunch hour golfing after that.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 12, 2008 09:08

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My sister-in-law's husband live on the grounds of Homestead in the 40's (I think 40's). His dad was the greenskeeper and helped to build the course. Bill told me that the family used horses to move the dirt. He also stated that the house they live in was a log cabin and the existing clubhouse was built around this. Evidently the log cabin was on the north side of the house.

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

StI Todd
Free Time



Posted February 12, 2008 09:25

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[QUOTE]Originally posted by Buck:
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My brother n law was the head greens keeper for Indian Hills in the late 70's/early 80's.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 12, 2008 10:08

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Does anyone remember Morgans Jewelery and where it was located?

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 12, 2008 10:09

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Do you guys remember Paul Mihelic, Phil Erthall, Wayne and Mark Marting, Karen Mahkovtz, Joy Grant, Jane McClinton.

Paul was from Royalton, the last time I talked to him he was managing a Jag dealership in Peoria. Him and Jane got married and divorced. Phil was from West Frankfort, thanks for the tip that he is still there. The Martings parents ran the Travel Lodge and always drove Cutlass's that Mark would destroy. I "heard" that Mark died in a car crash, go figure. Thinking of these names made me think about Dickie's old orange hot rod.

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<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted February 12, 2008 10:19

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 12, 2008 10:40

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Jackson's did seem like the "only" jewelery store for a lot of us. Seemed like every girl I dated had a birthday in October. I think that I still have the record for buying opals at Jackson's. Between those opals and engagement rings I had to have a running account with them. I was on Jim Jackson's Christmas card list. Alas, now it's Ed Breeze's card list for the Prep. H, Geritol and Polident.

Im's sure someone remembers the laundry at 12th and Perkins. Scott Toney ran it. But before it was a laundry it was a sale barn for livestock. Did Roy Taylor run this place before he moved to Campground?

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 12, 2008 10:54

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quote:

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No there was Laird's and if you beat David at Jim's he would get you a new watch in 15 minutes or less. Better than Domino's.

Speaking of Roy Taylor. I remember him on the east side of the Court House with bible in hand. Busting up slot machines with an ax.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 12, 2008 10:58

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Jim's? "As in RACK IN THE BACK BUCK"? Parson's Poison Puppies!!!!

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 12, 2008 11:01

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Right!!!!!!

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted February 12, 2008 11:07

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
[QUOTE]I thought the ONLY jewelery store in town was M. E. Jackson!

No there was Laird's and if you beat David at Jim's he would get you a new watch in 15 minutes or less. Better than Domino's.

There was also Clark's for many years

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted February 12, 2008 11:17

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quote:

Originally posted by stixnstones:
There was also Clark's for many years

Oh, how quickly they forget.

My father managed the Gift Chest jewelry store on 10th for many years. In 1957 he opened his own store - Clark's Jewelry, on N 9th beside the Granada. Sometime in the early 60's he moved to the old DH Wise store where he was in business until the time of his death a couple of years ago. I closed the store shortly thereafter and sold the building to a local attorney.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted February 12, 2008 11:18

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quote:

Originally posted by xminer:
Jim's? "As in RACK IN THE BACK BUCK"? Parson's Poison
Puppies!!!!

The Poison Pups. Damn, weren't they the worst you ever had. 😊 I must have eaten a ton of them. 🐕

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

Baseball Mom

Old Pro



Posted February 12, 2008 11:24

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One of my favorite places! Wish Bill or Jim would have come home to run it instead of selling the building but I understand the economics.

Posts: **2166** | Location: **Left Field** | Registered: **May 02, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 12, 2008 11:46

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Isn't Powell's still operating?

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

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stixnstones
Old Pro



Posted February 12, 2008 11:52

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quote:

Originally posted by xminer:
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Yes it is.

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

Baseball Mom

Old Pro



Posted February 12, 2008 11:55

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Originally posted by wclark:

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his death a couple of years ago. I closed the store shortly thereafter and sold the building to a local attorney.

Sorry, I missed your post. Really wish you would have come back as I think alot of you. You were always a great comfort to me and we had some good times!

Posts: **2166** | Location: **Left Field** | Registered: **May 02, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted February 12, 2008 12:11

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quote:

Originally posted by Baseball Mom:

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That's pretty well all it was. I'm established here in Decatur and only a year or so away from retiring from Caterpillar. Jim is in the Chicago area and just didn't want to do retail. I thought long and hard about it and decided it wasn't the best move for me. I miss MtV a great deal and it will always be home for me.

Maybe after I retire.....

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**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted February 12, 2008 14:56

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Speaking of shops on north 9th by the Granada; wasn't there a Red Goose Shoe on that block in the late 60's early 70's and later become a Thom McAn? And wasn't Western Auto on Broadway near the old Sears? (I think Simmons ran it then).

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

Bug man

Posted February 13, 2008 10:23

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Old Pro

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted February 13, 2008 10:34

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

stixnstones

Old Pro



Posted February 13, 2008 10:51

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quote:

Originally posted by StI Todd:

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I vaguely remember that store but can't place it exactly. I'll test my mom's memory later. She's lived here forever. I have too but this has to be some years ago.

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

StI Todd



Posted February 13, 2008 10:55

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Thanks, I recently found a box of things and among them were some of the eggs you would get when you purchased the shoes.

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

xminer
Old Pro



Posted February 13, 2008 11:02

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I seem to remember the Red Goose Shoe place. But I think it was in the 1000 block of Broadway two or three doors west of 10th street. Don Shafer worked there before he went to the Musgrove Shoes on Main just west of the Security Bank. I also seem to remember that Musgrove's had the x-ray machine just like Red Goose.

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

chickenbite
Free Time



Posted February 13, 2008 11:43

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Was it Dollins or Dollens?

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted February 13, 2008 11:46

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quote:

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No, I don't, but what are you looking for? We have a Cat Gift Store in Peoria and I can probably get the number if you want it.

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

wclark



Posted February 13, 2008 11:46

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quote:

Originally posted by chickenbite:
Was it Dollins or Dollens?

I'm pretty sure it was Dollens, but not 100%.

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

wclark

Old Pro



Posted February 13, 2008 11:48

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Originally posted by xminer:
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Yeah, they did. I think about every shoe store had one of those. Neat machines.

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

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted February 13, 2008 12:35

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jlmer007@gmail.com

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Originally posted by jlmer:
I keep getting a flash of Community Chest Jewelers but not sure there was ever such a place. It seems that it was on the square somewhere. I know there was a Morgans but don't know just where.

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

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lettersfromhome
Basic training



Posted February 13, 2008 15:12

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:

quote:

Originally posted by chickenbite:
Was it Dollins or Dollens?

I'm pretty sure it was Dollens, but not 100%.

I beleive it was spelled Dolen's and was one door west of 10th on the south side of B'way. They also sold Hush Puppies. Bill was the clerk's name who later went on to sell office products for a local store, maybe Office Furniture Warehouse. Later in life he developed diabetes and Parkinson's. I believe he may have passed on. BFC was there for a while. Bernie Dichniet (sp last name) was there before he moved across from Zadok.

Posts: **38** | Location: **her and now** | Registered: **September 07, 2007**

mousegrINfl
Free Time



Posted February 13, 2008 15:29

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted February 13, 2008 15:51

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Didn't a Schaefer(sp) own Musgrove's in the 70's? Seems I remember a guy in my class who's dad owned/managed etc the store.

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

Dolly
Basic training



Posted February 13, 2008 15:56

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I am going with the spelling of "Dollens" Shoe Store. Mr. Dollens' daughter was Delores, and she was called "Doty". She was a very talented singer and married Chuck Render. They now live in Tennessee. They were both teachers in this area for several years in the 60s.

Posts: **21** | Location: **On Main Street** | Registered: **October 18, 2007**

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted February 13, 2008 16:02

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Originally posted by Stl Todd:

[QUOTE]Originally posted by mousegrlNfl:

[QUOTE]Originally posted by lettersfromhome:

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on the south side of B'way. They also sold Hush Puppies.

STL---checked with mom and she remembered Dollen's as well---she said it was close to where Powell's is so that would coincide with the above post.

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

xminer

Old Pro

Posted February 13, 2008 17:11

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Dollen's was the Red Goose francise. Charlie Sammons was the manager. I did some additional checking and it was located just west of 10th street on Broadway. If you remember Charlie Sammons, he had a daughter named Cynthia and his wife was named Roxie. The jewelry store close to it was Laird's Jewelers.

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted February 13, 2008 19:45

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No wonder our feet keep getting bigger.

<http://.wisconsinhistory.org/museum/artifacts/archives/002457.asp> 😊

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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**

JiminPA

Old Pro



Posted February 13, 2008 22:04

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xminer: ..."rack in the back..." brought to mind the smell of pool chalk and the sight of a snooker table...ah, the memories. Nary a snooker to be found within a hundred miles of Harrisburg, PA. It's wonderful to hear Dolores Powell is still among us. I have many fond memories of her and Jim at about

a thousand Montgomery Ward foins over the years. It was a good time to be a kid in a town where, if someone was looking for a shotgun, rifle, boat or hardware that my Dad couldn't fit them out with at Monkies, then he would send them down to Sears, always calling ahead to make sure they were taken care of, or, in some cases, sending the customer over to Western Auto and letting his cousin, Claude, help them out. Retail is just not the same honorable world that it used to be. BOY, does this all bring back memories.....I hope I never forget. PLEASE keep up the wonderful posts..and thanks from the bottom of my heart.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 13, 2008 22:13

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My first (of many) "motorcycle" came from Monkey Wards. I had to put it up on a stand and pedal like hell to get the engine started, then push off the stand and "away you go". Top speed of 42 mph but I still managed to break my hand when I straightened a curve out and hit a culvert. I could also pedal it like a bike but it was a tedious job. A friend of mine had a Cushman scooter with a centrifical clutch. I didn't think much of it at the time but that clutch was the forerunner of many of our machines today. If I remember correctly, Western Auto had their own brand of bicycle, Western Flyer, I think. Someone mentioned that it had been located on Broadway but the only place I remember was on S. 9th Street across from Summers 5 and dime.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 13, 2008 22:34

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Western Auto had three locations that I remember. The earliest (40's) was in the 100 block of north 10th (west side) next to the old Sears store.

Then it moved to west Broadway (50's)in the 1100 block on the south side.

From there it went to south 9th (60's) across from the Stadium theater or Summers Variety store. The last location was run by Lowell Simmons and his brother. I doubt Lowell ever had a dissatisfied customer. He was one genuine nice guy.

Now that I think about it, they were also located on the west side of the square for a time in the 40's or 50's.

Anybody remember any more?

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

cl68

Posted February 14, 2008 10:24

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Wow, what a bunch of memories this brings back. We bought almost everything from Monkey Ward. Mostly because Freddie (your Dad) was a great guy and he was also my Mom's cousin. Wasn't there also a guy who worked there named Bennie? Was his last name Purcell??

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 10:40

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quote:

Originally posted by cl68:
Wasn't there also a guy who worked there named Bennie? Was his last name Purcell??

The only Bennie Purcell I remember was the high school basketball coach for a couple of years. Don't know if he had a part-time gig at Wards or not.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bennie_Purcell

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

sbevis

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Posted February 14, 2008 10:41

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Last name Glatz. He raised sweet corn and it was a summer treat when he would give some of it away.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 11:06

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Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

stixnstones

Old Pro

Posted February 14, 2008 11:11

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Here's another one for you--do you remember when Dobbs was in the building that the current Rural Fire Department is in now? That was when it

was really an outdoor store---real rafts, life vests--ski stuff---you name it. Then it moved on down the road and became the department store.

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

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 11:18

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Starting with Delores Dollens, she did marry Chuck Render. I went through school with both of them. Chucks dad was named Vernon and he taught music in the grade schools. I had him startiing in 5th grade and through 7-8 grades at Jr High. Then Charles Gregg had the Hightschool band. The Western Auto was next to Manion Appliance on 9th. St. Not sure if the building is still there or not but it was where that kiddie place was. Sears used to sell those Allstate motor scooters. A friend of mine then, Bill Norris had one and we'd ride all over town on it. It wasn't pretty but it was transportation. I'm not sure if Wards ever came out with any type scooters or not. I know Cushman was a good scooter but have no idea of who sold them. Wasn't there another shoe store on the North side of the square that advertised Buster Brown Shoes? I was thinking there was one next door to Musgraves. Charlie Sammons was a character. He and Delores Powell were in my grand opening picture. Jim Powell had a machine at home and he'd align the telescopic sights on rifles and work on guns at home. I learned the other day that Ken, who worked for Radio Shack next to Powells had died some years back. Radio Shack was only about 10-12 feet wide but pretty long. They moved from that location (1011 Bwdy) to the mall.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



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

bobbyjohn
Free Time



Posted February 14, 2008 11:19

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later there were some at Flota's on Perkins.
Does Flota still run the facility on Perkins or is he even in the business any more?

Posts: **190** | Location: **The thin gry line between earth and air.** | Registered: **January 09, 2008**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted February 14, 2008 11:21

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Originally posted by Bugman:
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Yes, there was a Webbs Book Store on the north side of the square. It was about the only place that you could buy your school books back in the 40's if you went to a country school. They sold new and used school text books and some of them babies were really used too. The only stipulation was that they had to have a cover on them. I don't think I ever had a new school book back then. You could also sell the used books to the book store for about a third of what you paid for it. I remember the old Geography and Atlas book was a real large book, about 10X12 inches in size.

Some of the other owners had written their names and other grafetti all through some books. When my mom was buying the family supply of used book for us kids I would look through them and some of them had all the answers that some prior owner had written, arithmetic books were noted for this. It sure made "book learnin" a lot easier !

My older brother got the books first and then I would pass them along to my younger brother when I finished that grade. I'll bet some of them old school books are still around with all those names of them old timers still on display written there so many years ago. Do any of you have any of them around the house ? It would bring tears to my eyes to see my brothers and I names written in some of them.

I hated school back then but it seems that most of my memories of it now are nothing but good memories. I still remember some of my best school chum's and in fact I still have the honor of seeing some of them at Wal-Mart every now and then.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 11:22

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted February 14, 2008 11:26

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I remember both of those. The old Flota building on Perkins has not been occupied by them for years. Cochran Concrete is in that place now or at least that's who I thought was in it.

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

tyrone
Free Time



Posted February 14, 2008 11:31

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bobbyjohn
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wclark
Old Pro



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

tyrone

Posted February 14, 2008 12:06

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Dewight was the "whicker bill" of the Flota bunch ! He was a vacuum cleaner salesman by trade and one hell of a gambler by choice. A good friend of mine for years.

Folks tell the story of him selling a vacuum cleaner to a family over in Missouri that didn't have any electric power and when he found that out he took the vacuum and started to demonstrate how it worked and said this is how it will sound when you get the house wired, and went whhhirrrrrrrrrrr, whhhirrrrrrrrr ! as he moved the machine over their floor. He sold the vacuum too ! Hell of a salesman !

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 12:29

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The Flotas are out of the ice busniess now. They are still located on Rt. 15 East but are now in the propane gas and Prairie Farms business. I have Homeowner's insurance with Sharon Flota through Jafferson Mutual. I believe she and her husband had the antique store on 10th. I sure do remember the Dobb's Army and Navy store in the previous location.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 12:47

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Isn't that run by David's son since David died? I don't think Roland Lewis is part owner anymore either.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 12:48

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Originally posted by xminer:
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That was Dwight & Betty Flota! Very seldom open now since Dwight has died.

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

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 16:28

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I heard Doug is in bad health. I have his address and phone number if anyone wants it.

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

JiminPA

Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 17:16

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Jlmer: You mentioned a Bill Norris. Did he live on Taylor Avenue? Was his Dad the manager of the old "green awning" Montgomery Ward store on the corner of Tenth and Broadway? Where the R-N polebarn/garage is now? I grew up(so far as to learn to walk) living in a little house behind 425 N. Ninth and we fronted onto Taylor. I remember Bill and I seem to think he had red hair...? How are my grey cells doing? And FYI, Cushman was sold by Sears.

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

Buck

Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 19:11

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Doug Sapper is a very interesting character. The first time and only time I ever saw him was about the fall of 1964. He came walking on to the the MTVHS campus wearing an Army Airborne uniform, boots bloused and 101st patch on the shoulder. He had come to visit Ann Schmidt. She was the biology teacher and she and Doug had somewhat of a relationship regarding animals, particularly snakes. He had brought her a young rattlesnake from Arizona. It was in a jar with a screen on top but he had brought it with him from Arizona on the front seat of the car lying in a handkerchief. Ann Schmidt said that when he was a student , he had shown up one day with a "tator" sack of "water snakes" and would just reach in and grab one with no fear of being bitten. From early on Doug seemed to march to a different drummer.

Later on I had heard the he was well involved in Air America, the CIA's private airline in Vietnam, and very well may have been running it when the war came to an end. The one story I heard was that when his military time was served, it may have been more than one tour, he wanted to go back. Many times people like that find themselves involved in covert operations and quite often after the real war is over they hang on for more action.

The last story I heard was about him in the Mt. Vernon paper where he was being held in Katmandu, Nepal because of the Swiss watches he had smuggled into the country. It was never stated as fact but it was believed that he was "undercover" acting as a salesman in Nepal. There was a lot of Chinese influence happening at that time. It was believed that the watches were good bargaining material for information.

If I remember correctly, negotiations went on for some time before he was finally released. That was the last I had heard of him until today.

As for that one snooker table in the back at "Jim's," I believe that it was a 9x5 snooker table which means that it was large. There was a lot of green on it.

"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**

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xminer
Old Pro



Posted February 14, 2008 19:27

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Lotta green and pockets smaller than a mouse's ear. If you could learn to play 6 ball on a snooker table, you were good. How about those peas to determine who shot first and the wire up above to keep score on?

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

sbevis
Free Time



Posted February 14, 2008 20:08

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quote:

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I remember the sandwiches and the little music boxes on the tables, but I also remember that is where my blushing bride was working when I married her.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

Krumudgeon
Free Time



Posted February 14, 2008 20:43

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Google search finds this from late 2003:

In Search Of... UPDATE: Correct email address for Doug Sapper on the In Search Of... Page. If anyone knows where his team mates can be contacted, email Doug.

Douglas Sapper would Like to contact the following former team mates:
SSGT. Dobbins (Como Soui DA)
SFC. Avery Lealuex (INTEL Soui DA)

Capt. Jose Flores (Team Leader Soui Da)
Sp4 White (Junior Medic Soui Da)
SSGT. Leonard Mims (Senior medic Trang Sup)
1st Lt. David Rittenhouse (XO Trang Sup & Dong Xoai)
If you know about any of these men, contact Doug at:

dougsapper@cox.net

A possibility:

http://gallery.tdsatulsa.com/v/api0507/IMG_3732.jpg.html

Not a common name, but there could be more than one.

Posts: **396** | Location: **Texas** | Registered: **March 12, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 15, 2008 00:05

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This sounds to me like the makeup of a special Forces A team. The names of the villages remind me of the types of names in the IV Corps area which was the Camau peninsula.

tr would fall into line with other information that I had heard. Basically, some people did return to Vietnam for further service but generally speaking they were not allowed back in combat units if they had two extremely dangerous tours. Something in the back(fuzzy memory) of my head says that Doug probably went Green Beret after the first tour with the 101st.

The Special Operations command has a lot of their command and control directed by the CIA. The Green Berets and Psychological warfare were both under the Special Operations umbrella. We (PsyOps) received direction from the CIA just as Green Berets did only it was usually directed through MACV (Military Assistance Command Vietnam) and involved different styles of operations.

We had a Military Intelligence office in the building next to our Battalion headquarters in Bien Hoa. Air America was constantly using the same chopper pad that I was using for many of my missions. There was an NCO club very close to the M.I. (Mil. Intel.) building and I heard many stories about guys being recruited for Air America. You did necessarily have to be a pilot to work for them but if you didn't fly it usually meant that you were still doing covert operations dressing as civilians. That is where I think that Doug went after that second tour and how he ended up being involved in covert operations after the war. I may be off base on this but I think not. What ever the case, Doug Sapper was a true combat veteran and loyal in his service to his country. These types of people seldom if ever got thanked for their service.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 15, 2008 10:47

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Buck, I was under the impression that he received so many medals he couldn't wear them all. I could definitely be wrong about this though. I don't think he had a fear of anything or anyone. Waiting for the movie to finally give the Nam vets their due....where's Mel Gibson when ya need him. The only time I was ashamed of Americans was when our guys were coming home from Nam and the way they were treated. Now it's close to being the same way again. Grrr, I could go on and on about this. 🤬

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted February 15, 2008 13:17

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Originally posted by sbevis:

quote:

My uncle was a cook/manager at Blades counter.
Remember the hamburgers and fries there?

I remember the sandwiches and the little music boxes on the tables, but I also remember that is where my blushing bride was working when I married her.

Blades' was the happening place after school--cherry cokes and burgers. Also---Benoist Hardware was on the corner where the glass bank sit now.

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

Buck

Posted February 15, 2008 13:54

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

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted February 15, 2008 19:36

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

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted February 15, 2008 19:41

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

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted February 15, 2008 22:02

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Does anyone know the whereabouts of Jill Davis? Her father is Wilburn Davis. Last I heard she was in the St. Louis area. I think she graduated from MTV in the mid 70's. She was a dear running buddy back in the day.

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

bobbyjohn
Free Time

Posted February 15, 2008 23:42

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Think,Waynie,think. 😊

Posts: **190** | Location: **The thin gry line between earth and air.** | Registered: **January 09, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 15, 2008 23:45

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Bill - It was Jim. He said he ran around with Doug some.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 16, 2008 08:16

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I seem to remember a story in the RN a few years back about a former resident of MV originating the idea of the Hollywood sign that is so famous in that city. Seems that he worked for a publicity company and they had an account for Hollywood, California's tourism board. They had taken a picture of the hills over the city and he thought that it needed something to make it stand out and drew in the huge sign and it looked so well that they erected one to look like the picture. Does anyone else remember this story or did I dream this ?

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 16, 2008 08:38

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Speaking of landmarks, the Pepsi sign on top of the old Alberts building was the talk of the area for a while when it was first put up. People would drive here just to see it.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 16, 2008 08:53

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Oh yeah. And when Edsion's (I believe) put up the Conoco sign at 24th and Broadway the word was that the cost was an amazing \$10,000. Unheard of at that time. Now \$10,000 wouldn't even pay a year's maintenance agreement.

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 16, 2008 11:48

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Before Edson had his Conoco station there it was a wooden building with the door on the front, facing Bwdy. which was a brick street at that location. I was going S. on Bwdy and the vibration of driving on the bricks loosened a hub cap and it started rolling down the middle of Bwdy. It passed up my car and started making a curve towards the S. side of the street. It went directly towards the station. Luck have it, the door was open and it rolled between the gas pumps, hit something and turned sideways, hit the door frame sideways and sailed up through another door and into the lube room. It didn't hit anyone or break anything and I sheepishly retrieved my hub cap, put it inside the car and went home. I still remember the laughs from the guys hanging around there.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



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

Bradstik
Regular



Posted February 16, 2008 12:48

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I think Jill Davis married Chap Waters and they are in Carbondale. I used to give her guitar lessons. Hey, anyone remember Happy's Pet Shop on 27th and Old Centralia Road? His name was Merle Williamson and my dad is Merle Williams, so hardly a week would go by without someone calling us. He was a dog catcher.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted February 16, 2008 12:58

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Wasn't there a office supply store a couple doors east of Musgrove Shoes on Main. Maybe Webbs?
Randy Webb drowned in a hazing accident at Jaycee Lake, very sad.They went out of business after that.Webbs was two storied and had old creaky wooden floors
Don Shafer owned Musgroves and was one of the nicest guys, we'd go in and just hang out when it was hot. He was our scout leader.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 16, 2008 16:54

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Originally posted by Bradstik:

Hey, anyone remember Happy's Pet Shop on 27th and Old Centralia Road?
His name was Merle Williamson and my dad is Merle Williams, so hardly a week would go by without someone calling us.
He was a dog catcher.

Happy and I were fishing buddies. We'd all load up and head for Crab Orchard lake on a week end day.
One of the worst times we had was the night his shop caught fire. Several pets had to be put down and Happy was upset about all of that for quite awhile. He had two daughters Pat and Nancy. Pat married Ed Smith and she has since passed away. Nancy married and lived around Opdyke for awhile but I believe now lives in a Western state now.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



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

sbevis
Free Time



Posted February 16, 2008 21:13

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Happy used to have a chimpanzee chained in the lot. That was one funny monkey.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted February 16, 2008 22:32

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Minnesota Fats was from Johnson City.

He used to come to The Eight Ball and Joes Pool Hall in Mt Vernon.

He used to say "Gather round boys, I'll teach you how to shoot pool."

They used to pay us to watch for cops while they played for money.

I remember one grueling week when Fats and Willie Moscone played for money, and the stacks of \$100 bills were unreal.

"Youse boys come back tomorrow morning, hear?"

I have bad eyes, so I never got that good.

Jimmy Bourque got almost that good. The best was Darrell Moles, who got shot in the eye out by my parents house. Jimmy is in jail for murder. I took Darrell Moles to Flora and bankrolled him on a Saturday night and we made \$1000s!

Minnesota Fats came to RLC once for a pool demonstration and Raymond Tucker, this black guy from MV, kicked his ass like 5 times in a row.

At Joes Pool Hall was Pinky, this skinny old drunk that racked the balls.

Once, at the St Louis Airport, my dad and I ran into Pinky, and Pinky was wearing a tailored suit and manicured, GQ, everything. I said "Dad, that's Pinky, the drunk that racks balls at the pool hall."

And dad said "no, that's Joe Shields' boss and he's the richest man in the state of Illinois, and he doesn't drink!"

The campus cue had campus cue burgers that were reportedly cat meat.

So there you have- the rest of the story.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 16, 2008 23:22

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quote:

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The monkey's name was Jim. And he got MEAN!!!!We used to go out there and the damn thing would bite the hell out of your ankles!!!
One time he and my Dad de-scented a skunk. Then we took it home and named it Petunia (From Bambi). After we had Petunia a few days. My mom tried to pull Petunia out from underneath the old tub in the bathroom and low and behold Happy and Dad had not removed all of Petunia's stink glands. Needless to say I never saw Petunia again. 🙄

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Bugman](#), February 16, 2008 23:36

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

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

bobbyjohn
Free Time

Posted February 16, 2008 23:44

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One dark and stormy night.....as teenagers on the weekends we would (pre drivers license) go up town and run around or go to movies. On rainy nights we would seek shelter almost anywhere,including the pool hall.
We would steer clear of Pinky and pretend to play Snooker so he wouldn't run us out.
And be quiet!Or he would run you through the wringer too! Many a high dollar game was played on a Saturday night and any disturbance from teens were not tolerated.
On one such night we were having dinner from the vending machines Reese Cups and Baby Ruth's and a Dr.Peeper probably and were leaning against the table in the North West corner of the building .AS we munched away a large 3'x3' chunk of plaster fell i the middle of the table!
The building was never in the best of shape.And the bathroom,I have seen cleaner more pleasant smelling outhouses!
But we were "in the dry".
I remember Darrel,he was older than I.

Posts: **190** | Location: **The thin gry line between earth and air.** | Registered: **January 09, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 17, 2008 09:23

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Imer - I hate to say this but you mentioned in speaking about Edson's Conoco that you were going s. on Broadway. Broadway runs east and west.

Bradstik - I am sure that "Fats" spent a lot of time in Johnston City to the

point that people thought that he lived there. He actually lived in Buckner where he was known to have fed every stray dog around. There was a club in Johnston City that at one time was known as the Diamond Club. I think the name changed many times but the main attraction was still the high stake pool games. There was another place there that I do not remember the name of that had very large pool tournaments, the name Jansco's comes to mind. Whenever there was any wagering on the games I guess they went to the Diamond club, away from the tournament action.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 17, 2008 09:46

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Buck, Minnesota Fats actually lived in DeSoto on Rt. 51 just east of the road. But you are right about him feeding all strays around. His real name was Rudolph Wonderone and he was originally from Brooklyn, NY. but started calling himself Fats after the movie The Hustler came out. I met him a couple of times around the DeSoto area. He was a real package, all nervous and jerky and a bullshite artist supreme. He would come into Mt. Vernon and some of the other small towns and it wouldn't take long until the place was full and he entertained everyone. Fats gained his reputation as "the best" but he was mostly a hustler and when he ran up against Willy Moscone or Cicero Murphy, the real pros, he didn't stand a chance. I watched Fats and Moscone at Jansco's in Johnston City one year when ABC taped a Wide World of Sports episode. The Jansco brothers ran the club where a lot of tournaments were held and also had a golf course just south of the club. The club could have been named the Diamond Club, I just knew it as Jansco's. It has since turned into a strip club. During that time I ran around in a club in Johnston City named the Domino Club and many of the gamblers would come in there to "tune up".

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

rescue
Regular

Posted February 17, 2008 10:01

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I have spent one whole night reading most of the posts on "Old Mt Vernon" and just want to tell everyone that I really enjoyed the time spent. What wonderful memories a lot of you have of your city and the things that happened in it. I also have memories connected to Mt Vernon and might be able to add something now and then.

My best to everyone. I welcome you all as old and new friends.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 17, 2008 10:12

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Watch yourself Rescue. I too started just reading the interesting posts, now the first thing I do is check this page. It can be addicting.

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

bobbyjohn
Free Time

Posted February 17, 2008 11:20

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f a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes. (ed. note: if the rider's head is up the horse's ass, the rider died a politician.)

Posts: **190** | Location: **The thin gry line between earth and air.** | Registered: **January 09, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 17, 2008 13:34

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I went to Wikapedia and it showed that Rudolph, AKA "New York Fats", Brooklyn Fats" and just plain "Fats", also called Dowell home. I do not dispute what you have said but I do wonder if he didn't possibly move at some time. I do remember reading an article somewhere about him and the dogs that said that he lived in Buckner at one time. I don't think that "Fats" was one to stay in one place for any leangth of time. I saw the famed "Fats" vs. Moscone shootout on live TV and "Fats" was not any competition for Willie. "Fats" was always known as a hustler.

As for the club, it very well may have been the Domino club. This was about 1969 when I was do there and I very well may be mistaken that it was the Domino club.

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Bradstik
Regular

Posted February 17, 2008 14:26

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Rudolph Walter Wanderone Jr. (January 19, 1913 - January 15 or 18, 1996), best known as Minnesota Fats, was perhaps the best known pool player in the

United States, in spite of the fact that he never won a single major pool tournament.

Wanderone was born in New York to Rosa and Rudolph Wanderone, Swiss immigrants.[1] He was usually assigned 1913 as the year of his birth, but his obituary in the New York Times indicated that he may have been born prior to this year, perhaps by more than a decade, though it was impossible for the paper to confirm. His date of death has likewise been the subject of conflicting reports, some sources placing it at January 15, 1996[2] and others at January 18, 1996.[3]

He nicknamed himself "Minnesota Fats" after the fictitious character in the movie *The Hustler*. [4] He even went as far as to tell people that the character in the movie was based on him (claiming that he had previously had the nickname New York Fatty). Walter Tevis, the author of the book, denied this. Fast Eddie Parker, who provided much of the factual material for the book, said he told Tevis about Wanderone and believed this was the inspiration for the novel's Minnesota Fats. Ironically, Willie Mosconi, the technical advisor for the film and the most dominant straight pool player in history, helped make Wanderone's "Minnesota Fats" as famous as the movie's.

A watercolor of Wanderone, by the Birkbeck Twins Wanderone started playing pool as a child. He became a traveling pool hustler. He is remembered for saying, "Boys, the only difference between me and everybody else is that everybody else drives around in a Volkswagen, and Minnesota Fats drives around in a Duesenberg," when departing pool rooms in his travels.[5] Wanderone would go anywhere to help the game, and he was a crowd-pleaser.[6]

As "Minnesota Fats", he gained enough attention to appear in a televised exhibition match against Willie Mosconi. Mosconi beat Wanderone in the games. For a few years, there were rematches on TV with Wanderone and Mosconi, in which Mosconi beat Wanderone without much trouble. These proved to be popular with television audiences, and may also have contributed to his fame. He appeared on *What's My Line?* in the 1960s, successfully stumping the panel.

Wanderone, with his hustler persona, enjoyed promoting the so-called "feud" with the reserved Mosconi. He would publicly state, "I may have 'given away' a few games to deserving competitors, but I have never lost a real money game since I was old enough to spell 'Weeli Mesconi'". [7]

The flamboyant Wanderone once toured the country in a candied-apricot-over-carmel-plum Lincoln limo and had little trouble with identity recognition. His elongated nickname, "Minnesota Fats, King of Pool", on the side panels was done in translucent paint which changed colors with reflections from the sun as it moved. In 1980, Wanderone had to double his order of autographed pictures after he was stopped 37 times in a one-mile stretch while visiting St. Louis.[8]

Wanderone was notorious for his spontaneous wit. When he was named the

"uncrowned king" because he never got actively involved in tournament circles, because he was too busy out hustling, his reply on his new title was: "You judge a king by the size of his wallet and his palace. You can leave the crown in the toilet." [9]

The Resorts International Shoot-Out in 1984, commentated by sports broadcaster John Madden, began with a trick shot competition between Wanderone, Mosconi, Steve Mizerak, and Allen Hopkins. The next event was Hopkins and Fats against Mosconi and Mizerak in seven-ball and nine-ball, but it was the next event that really made history. Wanderone and Mosconi came out of the gate with both barrels blazing in a one-on-one game of seven-ball, and Wanderone won the match. During an interview after the match, Wanderone was asked about his strategy to defeat Mosconi, and he replied, "I'll make [the 7 ball] on the break and end it...then I'll help carry Willie out on a stretcher." [10] Willie Mosconi blocked out Wanderone's chatter by wearing ear plugs during the exhibition, which didn't stop Wanderone from putting on a show for the fans.[11]

The Billiard Congress of America inducted him into its Hall of Fame for recognition of his contributions to bringing popularity to the game of pool.

Singer Etta James has alleged that Wanderone is her father.

Wanderone lived for eight years in the Hermitage Hotel in downtown Nashville, Tennessee, and regularly challenged the hotel's guests and staff to pool matches at his table, which was set up in a mezzanine overlooking 6th Avenue. He also called Dowell, Illinois his home. The epitaph on his tombstone reads: "Beat everybody living on Earth. Now, St. Peter, rack â€™em up." [12]

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xminer
Old Pro



Posted February 17, 2008 22:00

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Wayne Grant
Old Pro



Posted February 17, 2008 22:05

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Hey xminer...we all get that way over time. My goal now is to live to be 100 and be shot by a jealous husband

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 18, 2008 09:04

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He was called "Minnasota Fats" before the Hustler movie came out. If I'm not mistaken he was IN the movie.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



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

xminer
Old Pro



Posted February 18, 2008 10:10

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If the phydelyics, alcohol and general debauchery haven't destroyed too mch of my grey matter, I remember that Willie Mosconi was the technical supervisor for the movie and it was his hands shown doing the trick shots. He staged most of the trick shots for both Newman and Gleason. Gleason was referred as "The Fat Man" or Minnesota Fats in the movie. I'm almost sure that Wondrone took the name of Minnesota Fats after the name became famous in the movie.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 18, 2008 12:34

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Gleason was a very skilled pool player and did do some of his own shots. I have seen him interviewed regarding that and have seen him shoot in that interview. There very well may have been some shots that Willie did.

The only thing that I wonder at this time is whether "Fats" ever ate one of Parson's "Poison puppies?"

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

xminer
Old Pro



Posted February 18, 2008 15:18

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If I remember right Fats and most of the other hustlers went to Joe Shields place on 9th. But if he or any others went to Parsons' place they just had to have a poison pup. How else did Buck get that "slim and trim" body, 5'7" and 235. RACK IN THE BACK

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

Buck



Posted February 18, 2008 19:19

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Old Pro



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Now, ya got me goin and wonderin. If you were referring to me as being 5'7" and 235, you were real close on half but quite a ways of on the weight. I am still pretty slim and trim at 163 lbs. I neve did go too close to those poison puppies. Iwas more for goin down to Rusties and havin a cheeseburger with a slice of green pepper on top.

I have a feelin that I should know you but I haven't figured that out yeAnd, yeah, I knew that all the "real" games were over at Eight Ball but I jesy had ta get a line in about "Fats" and the "poison puppies." Rack em'.

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

xminer
Old Pro



Posted February 18, 2008 20:02

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Nobody from that era would really remember me. I was just another of the snot nosed little creatures that passed through those "Hallowed Halls". In highschool I was 6'1" and 125. EVERYONE looked 235 to me. By the way. Wasn't that a Mt. Vernon Lumber nail apron that you wore?

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 18, 2008 22:53

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ow, I think that you have me confused with someone else. I never worked at a pool hall and I've never had need to wear anything like a nail pouch. I did once upon a time wear a coin changer (anyone remember those) on ocassion while working for dad.

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Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 19, 2008 09:44

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We have all forgot Devil's prop: (Seems like we brought it up long ago, if so lets go again)

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

**undertaker's
dtr**
Member

Posted February 19, 2008 13:25

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Always wondered if Devil's Prop was still accessible. It's been more than 45 years since I've been there. I figured some road had probably been put through the area.

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted February 19, 2008 13:33

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I remember her being called "grandma". My sister and her friends went quite a few times, they were 2 years older than me. By the time I got a chance to go all the stories had gotten so blown up I was terrified to be there. She had a mule that hadn't been tended to for some time, the nail on the hoofs had grown in a curl. I do remember having to take cigarettes for extra payment.

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted February 19, 2008 15:20

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Originally posted by Buck:

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

Bradstik
Regular

Posted February 19, 2008 15:20

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Grandma had a slab of a log with an eyeball painted on it. That's how we'd find her house.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted February 19, 2008 16:26

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Hey, does anyone remember the four old guys that would sit on the south side of the square and do synchronised movements? They'd all cross their legs at the same time, then fold their arms??

How about the old guy that whistled like a bird in the Krogers Store, and people would be looking for the bird!!

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Old Pro

Posted February 19, 2008 17:06

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

mousegrINfl
Free Time



Posted February 19, 2008 17:25

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Originally posted by undertaker's dtr:

... Devil's Prop

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

Germann85

Free Time



Posted February 19, 2008 17:47

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From stix: I thought that was Greers??? I do remember Beevo and the corn cob pipe.

I betcha you are right. Phil is my brother in law and he's told me that story.

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

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

Buck

Old Pro



Posted February 19, 2008 19:12

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Originally posted by stixnstones:

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

Bradstik
Regular

Posted February 19, 2008 21:49

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Anybody remember Hounddog that was at the skating rink at the park? He hit himself in the head with an axe chopping wood and gave himself a lobotomy, or maybe they just gave him a lobotomy. He would do a perfect standing backflip for a grape Nehi or a Chockola!

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 20, 2008 09:06

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Buck, sorry I had you confused with someone else. I kind of got off topic on the other thread, talking about the park. My memories are better when talking about the history out in the county, especially the southern part. I remember the "goat man" who used to travel on Route 37. He had a number of goats that he used to pull a litty covered wagon. I can still remember all the pots and pans that were hanging on the side of that wagon. In Ina there was the Toby Show annually. This was a tent show and they would give us free tickets for helping to erect the tent. I have since found out that "Toby Show" was a generic term to describe the type of show instead of a proper name. As a matter of fact there is still a Toby Show operating out of Wayne County. Another event was Ray Kniffen bring his donkeys to the gym for the annual Donkey Basketball game. He kept them in an old school bus and I can still remember the "aroma" that the bus had. We had a Friday Night movie which was held between the bank and restaurant. Entry was a quarter. There was a serial with Hop Along or some other star followed by the feature. All these events in a small town seem petty in the 21st century but it shows a simpler time without strippers, violence and mayhem. Of course the Mt. Vernon kids were the "city" kids, even Bethel, Dodds and McClellan were urban to us.

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

Buck
Old Pro

Posted February 20, 2008 09:31

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quote:

Originally posted by Bradstik:
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Brad, see my post on disintegration of a local business regarding "Hounddog" Roger. He heard "Hound dog man" at the skating rink and loved the song.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 20, 2008 10:23

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Devil's Prop

I know I have heard of it and if you were there, I must have been there, but I have no memory of where it was.[/quote]

Maybe this will jog your memory. Go south of the Texico/Dix/Tolle Rd. (Union Chapel Church) about 1 mile (Beal Rd.) turn east. Go to the T-road (old saw mill). Turn south about 1 mile on east side.

Last time I was there the state had taken it over. They had a sign, parking and had made a nice trail you could walk on. With the recent cuts who knows if it is still open?

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

urbaner
Free Time

Posted February 20, 2008 12:10

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We spent many a late summer night at the Prop listening to AeroSmith(SP)

and eating over the camp fire in the late '70's.
The sheriff came out a couple times and always let us be.
We were good at hiding the beer and Beam real fast!
Always packed out the trash long before it became a federal parks motto.
Miller lake spillway was a good place to hideout all night too!And we could fish there.

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 20, 2008 12:41

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We called the Miller's Lake Spillway area "The Tomb" back in the 50's. Had many a good weinie roast and beer party there! It was the place to go and escape the long nose of the law. Big campfire, 15.5 gal. keg of beer, food, girls, swimming, fishing, foolin' around - those were the good ol' days for sure! Just be sure to avoid the area to the immediate east since it's full of poison ivy. Not a good spot for a roll in the hay!

There was a concrete pedestal there with a brass plaque to commemorate the completion of the lake and dam. Someone has long since stolen the plaque but the pedestal still stands. The tree sprouts and weeds have nearly taken over the site now and you can barely find it unless you are really familiar with the area.

The area is cut off from the public now by a locked gate put up by the local dirt bikers who seem to have taken over the grounds in that area. I wonder if they know that the ingress and egress to the dam is supposed to be freely allowed. It makes me wonder if anyone is checking the dam for any dangerous conditions. I'd hate to think we could get a big Casey Creek tidal wave and wash Mousetown into Rend Lake. 😊

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

urbaner
Free Time

Posted February 20, 2008 12:45

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quote:

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And that would be a bad thing 😊🇺🇸

I don't know nothing about foolin' around and rolling in the hay,I am still a virgin.

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 20, 2008 12:58

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There was a post on another topic about Virginia Av. Pogo gave directions and I said to my self "Self, there ain't no Virginia Av. in Mt. Vernon". Self was, as usual, wrong. It's right there where Pogo described. I am 62 years old and have served papers for the Sheriff's Department and was a deputy for a while and had never helt,felt or smelt Virginia Avenue. I have probably driven by it a zillion times but didn't take any notice. It sure shows what a person can learn if they read instead of type, type, type all the time. 🤔

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

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted February 20, 2008 14:18

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Yeah xminer...the world started going to crap when the Dodgers left Brooklyn (the first major league team west of the Mississippi)

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

HickGirl76
Newcomer

Posted February 20, 2008 15:27

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Devils Prop is still definitely open. I was just there a couple of weeks ago.

Posts: **10** | Location: **Mt Vernon IL** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

Bradstik
Regular

Posted February 20, 2008 15:58

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Hey Urbaner,
Nice belly. Was that yours?? Can you rub it and pat your head at the same time?? 😊
I used to party at Devils Prop back then. Betcha I know you. I'm 52. Funny how one memory jogs another.
Hey, has anyone brought up the great tornado of 1957??
It was my earliest memory at 18 months, and I remember it vividly. Mom threw me and my twin and four year old brother in the bathtub, covered us up with a mattress, and laid on top.
When we came out, it looked like an atom bomb went off.
We lost our garage (carport?) and several big trees. We were lucky.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

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urbaner
Free Time

Posted February 20, 2008 16:29

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quote:

Nice belly. Was that yours?

What do you mean WAS?

After topping out the scales at 108 lbs at 26 years old ,I in my advanced stages of this disease called life,I am now a robust 165 and proud of all the exercises in the vice department to get me there!!!!!!! 🍷

You are older than I,a mere youngster at 47.

I knew a guy named Glen almost as OLD as you that drove a red fastback Mustang.....he would sometimes meet us there for a evening of canasta and tea.

You probably know of my older brother,but he is not as elderly as you!But if you saw him your failing memory might be rekindled with a spark of days never to come this way again. 😊

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and**

water. | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted February 20, 2008 17:30

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

Buck

Old Pro



Posted February 20, 2008 17:55

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Hey Wayne! The Cardinals have been west of the Mississippi a lot longer than the Dodgers. They may not be much west of the Mississippi but they are west of it.

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

Bradstik

Regular

Posted February 20, 2008 18:06

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quote:

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Did I mention the bathtub was full of water and that Mom cried when we got out?

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Wayne Grant
Old Pro



Posted February 20, 2008 18:09

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oops....you can tell I had Miss Hagee for geography....

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

stixnstones
Old Pro



Posted February 20, 2008 18:19

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[QUOTE]Originally posted by bill_is_back:
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Posts: **1756** | Location: **Mt.Vernon** | Registered: **November 08, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 20, 2008 19:15

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Hey now! Hold on there, just one minute! Just look what us baby boomers have done for you younger old guys. Today, 60 is the new 40. Baby boomers have changed the world!

Actually, I am very fortunate that I am able to spend time trying to keep physically fit while fighting with arthritis and tendonitis. I always take the opportunity when possible to let everyone know that it does make a difference if you eat properly. I started to say "watch what you eat" but I just know some one would have had a line for that. I also HIGHLY recommend a daily/weekly exercise program. It does matter how much you do but at least get into the habit of doing something each day. The doctors

have told me that because of a hyperactive parathyroid, calcium is being sapped from my bones. The parathyroid will be removed in a few months but the point is that it could cause osteoporosis. The doctors say that exercise strengthens bones. It is important to keep your bones from being brittle and they do get brittle, particularly if you drink a lot of caffiene.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 21, 2008 09:22

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Does anyone remember the name or any details of the livery that was where Johnsons Funeral Home is? Not sure how many years ago that was so don't know if anyone would be alive now from that era or not.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 21, 2008 09:58

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Again Tom Puckett could probably answer the question. But I'll try to go back and relate what I "think" I heard back in the late 1950's. It may take a while, but what the heck? I have all day. Billy Joe Hayes married Clayton Johnson's daughter, Betty, and worked for Clayton selling studebakers and other autos. I worked for Billy's dad at the elevator in Ina and many times he and his brother Paul would help me. It seems that one or the other related that Clayton or his father started in business selling Studebaker wagons and owned a livery business. I don't know if it was on 9th. Street where Johnson Motors was located or the location where you asked about. I don't believe that Clayton Johnson or Bruce and Bill Johnston, owners of the Funeral business are related. Bruce and Bill were orginially from Whittington and of course have a "T" in their name. Just a happenstance. Now a question for you. Was Easton's flowers located directly south of the funeral home where the Bank of America drive in is located now?

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

Sassafras
Regular

Posted February 21, 2008 10:20

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Devil's Prop... My grandmother was a Green, born in the 1800's, burried in the Union Chapel cemetary and grew up in the house that was adjacent to the north. She told stories about picnicing, as a girl, at Devil's Prop, so it has been called that for a long, long time.

Roger "Hound Dog"... I was told that his brain damage was caused by an accident right after he was born.

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

urbaner
Free Time

Posted February 21, 2008 10:26

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Originally posted by Sassafra:

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Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

wclark
Old Pro



Posted February 21, 2008 10:46

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quote:

Originally posted by Wayne Grant:

you can tell I had Miss Hagee for geography....

Didn't everybody? I thought she was there forever.

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**

jlmer
Old Pro

Posted February 21, 2008 12:17

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quote:

Was Easton's flowers located directly south of the funeral home where the Bank of America drive in is located now?

I'm not sure. Will check some of my books and see if I can find anything on it.

There was a garage in the upstairs around where the Rex was. It was either the first one or the second one and was started by my uncle Bob Smith. He later opened one in the garage behind his home on S. 10th St. and got so big he bought the quansit hut that's on the corner of 10th. and whatever the rt is going to Continental Tire.

It was sold to Sol Greenberg when Uncle Bob died and they moved it across the road, where Hucks is now, as a part of Sols junk yard. Then when Sol died it was sold again and moved back to the original location. It was closer to 10th St. in it's original place. I've been trying to remember what was where the Post Office is on Bwdy. The Post Office was on 12th. and Main back then.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted February 21, 2008 12:32

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

[QUOTE]Was Easton's flowers located directly south of the funeral home where the Bank of America drive in is located now?

Jlmer---Eastons would have been on the very corner--- on the east side of the road---north of the old Register News building. That is all parking lot now. Hunt's was right next to it I do believe--or maybe a door or two down. There were some apartments up above in that area.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 21, 2008 12:41

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Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 21, 2008 14:56

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
Does anyone remember when there was a sink hole by the tracks south of Castleton?

Yes, I walked by there many time, on the way to town to see the latest Plaza Theater western movie offering. That was in 1943.

That was the remains of the old Mt. Vernon Coal Mine. The shaft was abandoned and used for a garbage dump for a time and then fenced off to keep anyone from falling into it. I trust that it was finally taken care of according to all regulations for such. Just think what the EPA would do to the city if it wasn't! It may be one of those "Don't ask, don't tell issues".

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

Bugman
Old Pro

Posted February 21, 2008 15:14

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Pogo I wasn't born in 43' There was a sink hole in the 70's or 80's Maybe there will be one again? You are right, because of what my mom and dad told me it was the old Mt. Vernon Coal Mine shaft. But I am talking 70 to 80. But if there was one in the 40's and 70's or 80's look out!!!

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

Pogo
Old Pro

Posted February 21, 2008 15:20

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

Bugman
Old Pro

Posted February 21, 2008 15:25

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stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted February 21, 2008 15:49

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OOOHHHH OOOHHHH OOOHHHH--I do with hand raised!!!! 😊

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

**Standing
Bye**

Free Time



Posted February 21, 2008 16:53

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I have seen several UFOs over the years. The largest one was a huge triangular shaped black object with 3 red lights at each of the 3 "wing" tips. It was over 500 feet wide, traveling above Hwy 50, and totally silent. Everyone of us drivers pulled our cars over, got out and watched it go by. This was around 1992. My son asked me what kind of an airplane it was and I told him it was nothing in earth's inventory that I was aware of.

This same craft has been spotted on several other occasions near military installations, but it will Hoover for long periods of time and then suddenly moves 2 or 3 miles away in the blink of an eye.

That event started my son, now age 31, on a quest to learn as much as possible about UFOs.

Posts: **374** | Location: **Broadway** | Registered: **May 11, 2007**

knightpowlr

Free Time



Posted February 21, 2008 17:45

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Pogo VERY good Info!!!!!!!!!!

Concerning the August 4-5 1963 incident, Bugman do you know any of those people mentioned or was that just a news article you quoted?

Posts: **204** | Location: **In my chair** | Registered: **January 09, 2006**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 21, 2008 19:29

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quote:

Originally posted by stixnstones:
Jlmer---Eastons would have been on the very corner--- on the east side of the road---north of the old Register News building. That is all parking lot now. Hunt's was right next to it I do believe--or maybe a door or two down. There were some apartments up above in that area.

I was under the impression he was asking about Eastons before he moved on N. 9th. The one you mentioned was the only place I know of. We were relation to Ivan Pigg so we got all of our flowers from Ivan's on Bwdy.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted February 22, 2008 08:24

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Originally posted by jlmer:

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ooooopps--my bad. I want to think Hal had a little shop out of hsi house on Pace. COuld be wrong on that too but I think he didi--prior to 9th.

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

Sassafras
Regular



Posted February 22, 2008 11:01

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Originally posted by stixnstones:

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[QUOTE]Was Easton's flowers located directly south of the funeral home where the Bank of America drive in is located now?

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J... you are right! Easton's WAS just next-door south of what was then Meyers' Funeral Home on North 10th, in a little long skinny space, before moving to the North 9th location. It was in the '60s.

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

ctcfl
Stranger

Posted February 23, 2008 11:01

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Anyone remember a man named John that worked at the park skating rink (i think)?

Posts: **3** | Location: **Fl.** | Registered: **February 10, 2008**

Sassafras

Regular



Posted February 23, 2008 12:30

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quote:

Originally posted by ctcfl:
Anyone remember a man named John that worked at the park skating rink (i think)?

When and how old was he???

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted February 23, 2008 12:30

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knightpowlr I did not know all of the people in the article, just the ones in the car. However, I do know how, why and what the UFO's really were. Ain't that right stix?

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted February 23, 2008 13:11

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My Mom and Dad used to tell a story about a party that was in the 50's at the stone house that is on Idlewood road just before the wooden overpass. The story was that some kids got in the house when the owners where gone and trashed the place. Does anyone know anything about this? Where you there.LOL 😄

Idlewood is just north of the radio tower on 37.

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

JLG48
Educated



Posted February 23, 2008 15:23

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Thanks so much for the memories... it's been a long time since I was in Mt. Vernon.. still have many fond memories of my years there... I see a couple of Class of '66 folks here also.

I lived right off the park on Jamison..... loved the skating rink... and ice skating on the pond... games at the ball diamond.. and tennis.. lots of tennis.

Many runs by Taco Villa and the Mug... but I really loved the tenderloins and fries at the A&W... and it was close to school too!

Again.. thanks for all the stories about the "days long gone by" 😊

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

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Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 23, 2008 15:35

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I always wanted to own that place since it looked like a mansion or even a castle when considering the other homes available at the time.

I remember the incident you are referring to but never did hear the names of those involved since they were all juveniles. Mid 50's that was.

Rumor had it that they broke mirrors, toilet stools and sinks and punched holes in the drywall. I hope they got adequately rewarded for their efforts at trashing my "Dream Home".

The place still looks very impressive to this day!

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 23, 2008 21:13

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Does anyone remember the story about running around the mausoleum at Oakwood? You run around it so many times and someone from the inside would say something to you....not sure what it was about as I was to afraid to go into Oakwood after dark and by myself.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 23, 2008 21:26

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I think it went something like this:

You run around any of the mausoleums there three times and then shout in the doorway, "What's going on in there?" and the answer from inside would be, "Not a thing, not a thing." 🤪

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

Bradstik
Regular

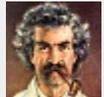
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About that UFO thing, I heard that Bugman was so full of hot air, that he filled a laundry bag and every body thought it was a UFO!!! LMFAO! Love you, Bugman!!

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted February 24, 2008 05:37

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So is the whole Eastside a sinkhole waiting to happen?

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted February 24, 2008 05:38

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Does anyone remember the Pumphouse Monster?

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

MTV_Shorty
Member

Posted February 24, 2008 08:55

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quote:

Originally posted by UNCLEB:
Does anyone remember the Pumphouse Monster?

I sure do. My grandpa would always tease me about it.

Posts: **60** | Location: **St. Louis** | Registered: **March 21, 2007**

JiminPA
Old Pro



Posted February 24, 2008 12:15

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JLG48, hope you keep coming back. The Class of '66 needs more representation. Keep tabs on how Mary Jane's doing, and support old Mt. Vernon.

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

JLG48
Educated



Posted February 24, 2008 15:28

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Thanks JiminPa.... talking about all the places sure is making the brain cells refire.... glad I stumbled on to this place.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 24, 2008 17:01

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quote:

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Not so sure it's just the East side. I'm sure it branched off under a lot of Mt. Vernon. There's supposed to be a map of where all of the shafts went but not sure it's accurate. People had a way of omitting something if it was good for the company. Where I live in Western Gardens was filled in by making it a dump and when it rains hard I pick up old tools, bottles and pieces of

different things. We also suspect that the mine went close to the house.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Bradstik
Regular

Posted February 24, 2008 17:29

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JLG48, where in Maine are you. I'm near Belfast.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 24, 2008 18:18

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There are maps of every mine in Jefferson County in the basement in Connie Simmons' office. I seriously doubt if there would be any subsidence this long after they finished production. Besides they didn't use the "room and pillar" method of mining back then and that is a major cause of subsidence. Over in the Belleville area the mines were quite a bit shallower, about 200' and they have a sink hole every now and then. Here they were well over 700'. As far as Western Gardens, I saw the map several years back and don't remember it going that far west. Just for the heck of it I will try to get up to the Courthouse next week and check it out. The name of the mine was The Mt. Venon Coal Company. But this is important in that the state inacted a law that provided that your homeowner's insurance must add the cost of subsidence from mining insurance to your policy and you must sign a paper to cancel if there is no danger of subsidence. If there is any doubt you can call the State Department of Mines and Minerals in Benton and they also have copies of all maps of mines in the entire state.

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

Pogo
Old Pro

Posted February 24, 2008 18:41

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cleaned up nor if the mine was capped according to State Mining guidelines.

I'd be interested in what you find xminer.

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

Bradstik
Regular

Posted February 24, 2008 18:46

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When the Register News built the new building they hit a seam of coal. The RN is sitting on solid coal.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 24, 2008 19:16

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Pogo, I got on the Mines and Minerals web site and found that there were 9 mines located in Mt. Vernon Twp. Range 3E Sec 32: Mt VernonCC (2), Jefferson County, Imperial (2), Orr, Watts and Roland. I didn't remember that many. I am unfamiliar with the exact location of the shaft that you talked about. I know it's in East town but can you give an approximate address? With that many mines in the same township, range and section it is very possible that there could have been mines in the Western Gardens area. Oh well, wrong again.

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

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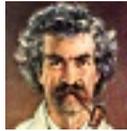
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JLG48
Educated



Posted February 24, 2008 19:19

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quote:

JLG48, where in Maine are you. I'm near Belfast.

Bradstik..... I'm in Fairfield.. not that far from you.. in fact I'll be in Belfast next week. Didn't know there were any Mt. Vernonites up this far!

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 24, 2008 19:37

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xminer, The shaft for the Mt. Vernon Coal Co. mine was near where the L&N and the C&EI railroads crossed, just east of the old Car Shops property. That area is still railroad property and likely will never be otherwise.

That should keep it safe from affecting any homes. No doubt using it as a city dump has contaminated the ground water but it's much too late to worry about that.

If you drive down 3rd street to where it dead ends at Walnut Ave., and look

directly south, the mine shaft was about 50 yards out there among all the railroad tracks in that area.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 24, 2008 19:44

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For further info, I checked more on the state site and found that all nine of the mine names had the state ID number. I would just assume that they changed hands to circumvent one or more laws. It looked like it was active from 1895 to 1916. Every couple of years the name was changed. Thanks for the location. I haave it pretty well pinpointed.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 24, 2008 20:08

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xminer, Thanks for the report.

quote:

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I think that's a safe assumption. 😊

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 24, 2008 20:49

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Here's a better location of the mine and the extent of it's mapped workings.

[Mt. Vernon Coal Company Map](#)

You'll have to zoom it in on section 32 to see the details.

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

JLG48
Educated



Posted February 24, 2008 22:21

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Pogo... love that map... I used to live in Sesser.. amazing to see all that area mined out. Thanks for the share!

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 25, 2008 03:01

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Pogo, that is a fantastic resource. It's exactly what I was looking for on the DNR site but couldn't connect. I wish that I had had this 10-15 years ago. It looks like the MtV Mine was bounded on the west by 10th st. south by Rt. 142, east under Casey Fork and the north by Main. If you are on the Jeff. Co. Forum I will PM you with more interesting facts about the map. This just saved me hours of searching documents in the basement of the courthouse. Thanks! It would be a good idea for people to check their property owner's insurance to make sure that they have subsidence insurance if they have property in this area. There are houses and business both in this within the boundry.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [xminer](#), February 25, 2008 03:29

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 25, 2008 09:45

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Xminer-were you working in the mines when the Orient caved in in the '40s? I doubt if you are that old but the reason I asked was my dad pastored a church in West City and the guy (deacon at the church) lived next door and worked that shift in that particular mine. For some reason he said that he called in sick and stayed home or he'd have been in the mine when it collapsed. His name was Frank Rice but has been dead for a long time.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 25, 2008 10:41

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I just finished the map but noticed there are several sections that are the same number and you mentioned details....where are they? I noticed the ones at the bottom of the page.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 25, 2008 10:57

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If you are referring to the numbers such as 765 or 827 (just examples) then that is the depth of the mine shaft in some cases and the seam (Herrin #6) in others. Various seams have differing depths numbered or named from the surface down. I believe the green shaded areas are the Springfield seam and the pink shaded areas are the Herrin #6 seam. The shafts are indicated by a square with a diagonal line drawn across the bottom half of it and blacked out. If the top half is blacked out I think that that denotes a bore hole for an oil or gas well. I may be confused as to your specific question and if this didn't answer it I will try to be again.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 25, 2008 11:38

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The numbers adjacent to the mine shaft symbol are the Illinois State Geological Survey index (ISGS) numbers.

There is a great deal more information about Jefferson county coal mines [HERE](#).

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

Al Key
Old Pro



Posted February 25, 2008 16:26

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quote:

Originally posted by Bradstik:

Hey, does anyone remember the four old guys that would sit on the south side of the square and do synchronised movements? They'd all cross their legs at the same time, then fold their arms??

How about the old guy that whistled like a bird in the Krogers Store, and people would be looking for the bird!!

One of the four was Gorley. Another was called Stargazer. The other two escape my memory.

Posts: **2894** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 25, 2008 16:26

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Pogo, you are correct in the numbering of the mines. I was making it way too difficult. I checked the mines that I knew the location and the numbering system came the way you said. For example, Inland #1 is 877 and the other part of the mine showed the same number.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 26, 2008 09:57

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quote:

One of the four was Gorley. Another was called Stargazer. The other two escape my memory.

When my dad worked for the car shops, every Saturday morning a bunch of them would meet at the Court House on the West side and set on the bench and swap pocket knives. They did that for years. Mt. Vernon did have some real characters at one time. Harmless but entertaining.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted February 26, 2008 17:21

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My father was a welder at the carshops back in the day...remember going to town on Saturday with Mom and Dad and becoming restless while he talked to all the old boys on the "spit and whittle" benches you are talking about while Mom went around the square shopping and paying bills. (He also had another name for those benches that I can mention in this forum.) The day ended with a trip to the A&P for groceries and then home.

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

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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 09:45

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Aaah, the aroma of all of the coffee beans at the A&P store. I loved to stand by the machines while the women ground the beans. Can almost smell the aroma now. I used to always get a laugh from my one aunt who'd yell out the front door "I'm going to the A & P, anyone want to go with me?" I don't think she ever realized how that sounded.

I also remember all of the sale bills taped on the front windows and they made it pretty dark inside.

That was one of the good stores of this city!

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 09:57

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jlmer, I've got to agree with you on the aroma of those coffee beans. My mom used to shop at the A & P. Great memories. They come back any time I smell fresh ground coffee beans.

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**

xminer
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 10:14

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Is the A&P the store that Kenny Bayer ran for years? I believe it was next to the L&N tracks.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 11:09

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quote:

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 11:45

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Bracy's was at 15th and Broadway and at Jordan and 9th. I remember Gerti (SP) and Mary work there and I think one of the Shelton's was a butcher, maybe John?.

Yes A&P was where the VFW is now. I saw where Kroger's has the 8 O'clock coffee that A&P used to sell.

How can we talk about grocery stores without mentioning Harry's "THE" meat market. They where so busy that you had to take a number and wait. Gerti worked there too!!

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

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

stixnstones

Old Pro

Posted February 27, 2008 12:05

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:

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A&P was where Borowiack's is now

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

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 12:09

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quote:

Originally posted by xminer:

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No, it was the building where the VFW is now.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 12:10

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quote:

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That was Tri-City I believe

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 12:23

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Yep Tri-City was built on 10th even before the rest of Park Plaza was built. I think that Gibson's Texaco was built in between them? (Time not location) He moved there from Broadway then to his house out at Bakersville. VW's ruled!!!!

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.

<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

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

wclark

Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 12:49

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

stixnstones

Old Pro

Posted February 27, 2008 13:04

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:

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That's correct--sorry. I was thinking of Tri-City

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 13:09

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The A&P was on the north east corner of 8th and Broadway. The front doors were on 8th St. facing west. It never moved.

It was Mousetown's first self-serv market. Many of the local grocers and residents predicted it would quickly go broke since people would steal a lot of things.

When it first opened, they didn't have carts, they provided baskets you carried and put your items in them. Then you brought it all to the counter for check-out. They had a carry-out crew that took your order to your car.

Later the carts appeared and it was like a whole new era had opened. The concept was heavily cussed and discussed.

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

**Standing
Bye**
Free Time



Posted February 27, 2008 14:06

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The only A & P I remember was the one across from Holman Motors, the Ford dealership.

Posts: **374** | Location: **Broadway** | Registered: **May 11, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 27, 2008 15:25

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

Sh33na
Free Time



Posted February 27, 2008 15:43

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I remember the name Bracy's, but I don't know if it was with A&P.

I, too, remember the smell of fresh ground coffee when I went with my grandmother (hi, Bobo!) to the A&P. I didn't know it was Eight O'Clock, but that would explain why I like that brand so much. We get it at Schnucks here. We grind ours at home, and it always reminds me of my grandmother. Great memories.

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

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Wayne Grant
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 17:11

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xminer...it was the old Bracy's (not A&P) and then it moved to where the pool hall used to be at the corner of 9th and Jordan.....anyone know the name of the grocery store on the corner of 4th and Castleton???

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 17:15

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quote:

Originally posted by Standing Bye:
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The store across from Holman's was for many years a Krogers store. I believe that I am correct that it was a Kroger as far back as '57' or '58' when I was in the Boy Scouts and was assigned to grind the coffee on Boy Scout Day. I was also under the impression that after Kroger pulled out, IGA pulled in. The age and the style of the building that Kroger was in seem to be of

the sort that would possibly indicate that Kroger built the building. Just my own humble assessment.

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

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<http://.the912project.com/>

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

**Standing
Bye**

Free Time



Posted February 27, 2008 17:38

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:

quote:

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Buck, you are correct! When I worked at Holman's it was an IGA. I am getting old!!!

Posts: **374** | Location: **Broadway** | Registered: **May 11, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 17:51

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Wayne Grant asked:

quote:

anyone know the name of the grocery store on the corner of 4th and Castleton???

I think you may mean south east corner of 4th and Opdyke. That was Tittle's Market.

The corner of 4th and Castleton has always been residential. I lived at 308 Castleton in the mid 40's.

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

Wayne Grant

Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 18:46

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You're right Pogo....it was Opdyke.

Anyone remember the Coca Cola Bottling Company (was it Starr bottling???) . As a little boy I remember walking by and standing watching the bottles go around on the conveyer.

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

xminer

Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 19:06

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My sister-in-law's father was the manager there for years. Every time we went over to her house there was plenty of Coke. Was that in the location where the Integra Bank is located now?

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

Pogo

Old Pro



Posted February 27, 2008 19:23

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No, it was west of the now Integra Bank by a block. The south east corner of 12th and Broadway was Starr Brothers Ice Cream and the Starr Brother's Coca-Cola Bottling Plant was the next door east.

Some will remember the lady that sat in the windows and inspected the washed bottles through a large fixed magnifying glass, while they passed by on some sort of drive mechanism.

I think there is an insurance company on that corner now.

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

JiminPA

Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 00:32

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Remember when that burned???

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

sbevis
Free Time



Posted February 28, 2008 07:18

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I remember standing in the yard in PJs watching the flames in the air.

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

**undertaker's
dtr**
Member

Posted February 28, 2008 09:00

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quote:

Originally posted by sbevis:
I remember standing in the yard in PJs watching the flames in the air.

The Starr Bottling Plant burned in July 1959. I think it was the night of the visitation and that was the topic of conversation when everyone came in to the funeral home. You could see the smoke from the front porch.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 10:47

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quote:

Originally posted by xminer:
OK, since I've caused all this confusion, was the one across the present Ford Square named "Bracys' A&P" or another spelling of the word?

Bracy's was on the corner of 15th & Bwdy. I worked there when I was in high school. Bill Maze was the manager. there was another Bracy's on 9th & Jordan. They were never A&P stores.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 10:51

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quote:

The corner of 4th and Castleton has always been residential. I lived at 308 Castleton in the mid 40's.

Hopkins was at 2nd and Castleton I believe. My Uncle, his wife and her dad lived at 301 Castleton then. My Uncle was Harry Terry, wife, Theo and her dad Kurt Hayes. I would go to their house on a Sat. morning and they had a big console radio, am/fm with a record player and she'd play all of their Glenn Miller and Harry James records for me.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 11:01

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Turner's Market was the one in the 200 block of Castleton as far as I ever knew.

They were the finest people you would ever meet.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted February 28, 2008 11:16

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It seems like Hopkins' Market is the one that turned into a flea market in the 80's. It wa right next to the Mo. Pacific tracks.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 11:31

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Yep, xminer, That just shows to go you, thing have changed some down through the years and different folks remember it differently. They are often all correct, just depends on what time frame you consider.

When I lived on Castleton in the 40's, it was Turners Market and the C&EI railroad. 😊

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

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Wayne Grant
Old Pro



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I have truly enjoyed reading the posts in this particular forum. Having left Mt. Vernon in 1968 and having lived all over the world with my military career, teaching, and now working in a remote part of Alaska I have lost my sense of "home". I attended a 30 year reunion about 12 years ago and visited with many people that had never really left Mt. Vernon or were gone only a short time. To them I seemed to be living an adventurous life...to me I envied them for having established roots. All these years I have had thoughts of Mt. Vernon and the way it was in the 50's and 60's. I guess the saying that "home is where the heart is" is so true...at least in my case. Buck, jlmer, xminer, I believe us to be about the same age. Pogo maybe a little older. Thanks for some of your posts. When this gig is over in Alaska I hope to return to Mt. Vernon. Maybe even have coffee with some of you.....

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

So. IL Lady n TN
Basic training



Posted February 28, 2008 15:21

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quote:

Originally posted by wclark:



Again, the A&P I remember was immediately west and a little south of the Library. On the corner. Isn't that where the VFW is now?

You are correct. I was working at what was once Roth Dairy, and had gone to lunch with a lady from our office. That day we stopped at the A&P, as she wanted to get a couple of things for her Thanksgiving dinner. When we came out and got into the car, we heard on the radio that President Kennedy and been shot in Dallas.

Posts: **29** | Location: **Tennessee** | Registered: **January 09, 2006**

AI Key
Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 15:41

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quote:

Originally posted by hoops360:

I too am very impressed with all the topics Iâ€™ve seen brought up on the Old Mt Vernon discussion and Iâ€™ve started the slow process of copying and pasting every post into a searchable word document so that I can quickly look up names and topics that have been mentioned.

I donâ€™t think there is any way to do it that doesnâ€™t take too much time.

I was surprised to see the original date of the discussion goes back more than a year to January 2007. I look forward to its continued growth and hope itâ€™s never removed but if it is I hope to have a copy.

If anyone knows of a shortcut let me know.

If you are only interested in copying the text you can copy all the messages on each page (but only one page at a time) by scroll highlighting from the bottom up (stop before all the headings at the top) and copy and paste into a notepad document. This eliminates the unwanted graphics etc. Then SELECT ALL, cut and paste into a wordpad file, which is nearly infinite, so you can continue adding thousands of pages if you desire, and you can use the "CTRL F" function to find anything you like.

Posts: **2894** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 16:15

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I have a stacking clipboard that will do that easily. I'll compile it and post it for downloading on my web space.

Give me 10 minutes or so.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 17:40

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Sorry for the delay. I got the early call to help fix supper. 😊 Beef and noodles tonight! Cornbread for a kicker! Laruptin' fine!

You can [Download the text file of all posts to date here.](#)

Edit: I cleaned it up a little and eliminated some of the useless white space and other junk. It's somewhat smaller now and easier to follow.

It's 1.1 megs so it'll take a while if you're on a dial-up connection.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Pogo](#), February 28, 2008 23:10

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 18:06

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I posted it in a plain text format so you can open it with any favorite word processor of your choice. Notepad is a bit spartan so I usually use Wordpad (Write.exe).

I'll update it occasionally when it seems justified.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 18:18

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jlmer, you're one reason people show up here, keep it going. I even agree with you now and then but I'll never tell. 😊

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted February 28, 2008 18:33

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<http://.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,934589,00.html>
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<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 29, 2008 08:30

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quote:

Originally posted by Pogo:
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Ok, our secret.
It came to me last night....Bracy's was an AG store....I believe.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted February 29, 2008 08:36

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quote:

Originally posted by Bugman:
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<http://.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,934589,00.html>
So, I guess that the Bracy's I remember was owned by Kroger's.
I never knew this.

After Bracy left Kroger he started his own small chain of stores. After he died the stores went to his son who couldn't handle the stores and they soon started going downhill until they were closed. This may not be right but the son either started the fiberglass place in Marion that made boats or started selling fishing equipment wholesale in Marion.
Mr. Bracy (Harry) was a friendly man and to look and talk with him you'd never think that he had a lot of money. He was just common folks.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

urbaner
Free Time

Posted February 29, 2008 08:43

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A little off local topic yet interesting to remember adults commenting about

Hippies and local drug raids, long greasy hair and riding around in cars that are now classics forever.
"My Three Sons?" What a hoot!
Uncle Charlie's story line today would evolve into a conviction of some pervy child abuse or him getting AIDS from a hooker.
I was just born in '60 and remember things from a child's perspective.

What do some of you more experienced people remember how the times were in the 60's?
Were you worried as much as today about what kind of nut would be elected president?
Did you deride the hippies as much as I remember adults doing that?
Did you have friends that "turned" hippie?
Did you try and turn hippie?

<http://objflicks.com/TakeMeBackToTheSixties.htm>

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

mimee2003
Newcomer



Posted February 29, 2008 11:43

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urbaner, thanks SO MUCH for the link to that amazing video!

Posts: **12** | Location: **my own little world** | Registered: **January 06, 2008**

RAMbunctious
Educated



Posted February 29, 2008 14:28

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Cool video urbaner. I remember those days well. Did jImmer have a band named the Crowns that played in Yakima, Wahington back then? 😊

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted February 29, 2008 19:07

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urbaner said:

quote:

I was just born in '60 and remember things from a child's perspective.

Well, I was born in the 30's so I saw the 60's as the time when our young people got heavily into drugs and ruined the American way of life. It just

keeps on keepin' on.

urbaner asked:

quote:

What do some of you more experienced people remember how the times were in the 60's?

The 60's started out great and went downhill fast. We had assassinations and a rapidly developing drug culture. Women's lib was gaining traction fast and before the decade ended, women not only had the right to work at any job, it became an economic necessity. Just when the drug threat was building, the kids often came home to a house with no parent to greet them.

urbaner asked:

quote:

Were you worried as much as today about what kind of nut would be elected president?

No, I think the candidates were more promising then as compared to now. They had our trust more so than today's candidates. In retrospect, I'd say some of that trust was misplaced.

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Did you deride the hippies as much as I remember adults doing that?

Yes, I regarded them as bums that cared only for their own enjoyment and lacked respect for all the normal rules of society. I still do.

urbaner asked:

quote:

Did you have friends that "turned" hippie?

Nope.

urbaner asked:

quote:

Did you try and turn hippie?

That'll be the day when the frost in hell kills all the snap beans.

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

butt2munch
Free Time



Posted February 29, 2008 19:19

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cl68
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Posted February 29, 2008 19:52

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Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 01, 2008 00:09

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Thanx for the responses.

I was much younger than most of you but that is about my view on the 60's too.

I tried to be and lived through the 70's (late) rebelling and fighting demons I called "the Man"!LOL !

I suppose trying to emulate the media supplied view of the counter culture. But never really having a dog in any fight as the Capt'n' would say. Just screwing up with no direction.

For many years now my view matches those expressed above.

The cause of the "End of The Innocence" was...drugs?...beats me but I am still a trusting fool,until you prove me different.

I would say selfishness.That is my opinion.

When it snows or storms and cars are in ditches some of us pull over and help out,some don't.

The folks that pull over and lend a hand to a snow bound road warrior are the ones from an older time...like me.

The ones that drive by and honk and roll their eyes because of the delay caused are from the era after what formed me,gave value to my life.

Does that make sense?

Just free thinking here.

I can remember Coach Tickner rolling his eyes at me when I was in school.....with good reason. 🤔
I knew what I was doing then and I do now.

Today I have a purpose and then I really did not.
I think maybe the 60's was the fork in the road for my generation.
For Pogo and others there was only one road.
But I don't know their generations trials and tribulations that may have caused them to form the value system they have, but I think theirs is closer to correct thinking than I had influencing my younger days.

Less options?(for older folks?)

No, people don't change over time.....time changes people if those people seek it.

The 60's did influence my life.....(and my pop in a big way)

You older guys share with us what was your major influence. WW2? Korean War? Buddy Holly?

Crawl on the floor with us babies for a bit 😊

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 07:31

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A very interesting post. I was part of the National Guard sent to restore calm. We marched against crowds with fixed bayonets while thinking we probably knew many of these students. Of course we had no bullets unlike Kent State. I can still remember a blond girl in a wheel chair yelling, get out of here you M Fers. Several guys were hit by rocks and other things thrown. Our unit (Mt. Vernon) used the library as our staging area.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 01, 2008 08:42

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I was a genuine product of the 60's. I was born in 1945 so I "came of age from 1960 to 1969. During that decade my life went from highschool soph., my first "public" job at WC Alexander's Wholesale building supplies, college

student and finally warrior, charging to "fight them over there, or fight them here" (sound familiar?). The Blind Lemon in Cincinnati where I thought I was tough because I had a shaved head and was a "Patriot" and about 15 "Peaceniks" beat the bejesus out of me when I tried to convince them that I was mean. The Mug, drag racing at the Shiloh church on Tolle Road, driving to Cairo to get a Whatta Burger. "LBJ all the way" who later sent me a letter that started out "Greetings, your friends and neighbors have selected you....". Murray State, where even the instructors would intimidate you by pointing out that if you screwed up you were bound for a fast train to Nam, so eat your Wheaties, say your prayers and do your homework. A good friend, Jack Crouch, KIA in Nam, just "gone". To hell with this hanging over my head all the time. I quit school, volunteered the draft and gave my life over to Uncle Sugar for 2 years. I was red meat to the Army, 21 years old and a junior in college while most of the poor suckers were 17-18 and barely out of high school. Fort Gordon Georgia for Military Police training. Training with National Guard and Enlisted Reserve who couldn't wait to tell us Regular Army guys that they were going home and would take care of our wives and girl friends while we were away. On to the great march on Washington "The Moratorium" in mid 1967 to protect the Pentagon because the "hippies" were marching on our country's leaders. Our unit, 518 MP, out of Fort Hood, Texas was the only riot trained unit in the Army. We went to Milwaukee, Chicago, Dallas. "Form the wedge" and open a can of whoop ass on these commie lovin' punks. Our M-14s were loaded and we used to make fun of the Guard, who would walk behind us for fear of one of those dangerous hippies from slinging poop on their uniforms. I was sent to Korea, for some reason, and saw first hand how our allies treated their own people; no Habeus Corpus, no trial by jury, just a certainty of jail. I came back and decided to get the message out and to re-consider my views on the war. The "dirty hippies" had a point, the war was a terrible waste, the draft wasn't fair to the poor and uneducated. Many of the "draft dodgers" who went to Canada gave up their personal lives for what they believed in. Meanwhile I was sent to Camp McCoy Wisc. and again was told by the members of the Guard how stupid I was for not going into the Guard. Again I was told that they took care of my girl while I was away. They arrived at 2 week Summer Camp with Deuce-and-a-half loads of beer and were drunk when they got there and when they left. Now the Guard is supplying troops by the thousands in this latest war. Supplying arms and legs, family ties and jobs and in many cases mental stability. Things sure have changed. The 60's had a lot of good times, but sure as hell had the bad times to go along with them. From a pencil necked 125 pound geek in 1960 to 185 pound "grizzled vet" in 1969. No "did it" medals, no welcome home parades. Just stick your finger in the leaking dike along with a few hundred thousand others. What a decade.

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

JLG48
Educated



Posted March 01, 2008 09:18

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Also a 60's kid.. born in 48..... truly a wild decade for a teenager... but the biggest thing that stood out for me.. outside of the assassinations was Viet Nam.... many of my friends went... some came back... and some of the ones

that did come home were so changed it was unbelievable. I spent most of my time writing to people over there and sending packages... and was truly ashamed of this country for the first time in my life about the way the vets were being treated... and to this very day.. I try to let them know how much I loved them for what they sacrificed.. not just their innocence - for some their lives.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 09:23

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quote:

Originally posted by butt2munch:
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thanks for the post, was really enjoyable and brought back a lot of old memories. He was about 5 years older than I but we were doing the same thing, music and at the same time. I only recently retired somewhat though.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 09:35

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quote:

Originally posted by RAMbunctious:
Cool video urbaner. I remember those days well. Did jlmer have a band named the Crowns that played in Yakima, Wahington back then? 😊

the closest I came to Yaikima was Portland, Or. My band played in the central states and some South.
I was in 3 bands. One an 18 piece dance band playing the old Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, etc. stuff, another while in high school was a 4 piece dixieland band with Bob Mayo, trombone, Roger Shurtz, tenor sax, Johnny Bob Neal, stringed bass and myself on trumpet. Lastly, I formed a 4 piece country/pop/rock band with Randy Henderson on bass, Brad Thackery on

drums,
Dale Taylor lead guitar, we added a keyboard with Stewert Clark and then I played rhythm guitar and tenor/alto sax. We were together for around 8 years with no changes in people. We played from Sikeston to Executive Inn in Vincennes as most were working other jobs and had families. We had no heavy drinkers, no drugs and no brawlers in our band. We liked each other and were together so long we knew pretty well what the other was going to do. All of the time we played there were no fights, the people came to dance and enjoy themselves and we did our best to see that they did and we kept our amps down enough that people could talk to each other and still hear the music. I'd say we were a success as after the first month we were in existence I never made many phone calls for bookings as they were calling us. It was fun for a long time and it isn't often a person gets to do what they really like and still get paid for it.

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

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 01, 2008 09:43

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What a coward I am.

When turning 18 I had to register for the draft while watching helicopters get the bums rush off buildings in Vietnam on TV news evacuating the last of the diplomats.

I had nightmares of getting drafted. Probably after watching Walter Cronkite show me pictures of VC soldiers carrying the severed heads of other young soldiers down the road.

And NVC blowing the brains out of people in the streets.

You guys know these photos, now famous photos.

I can not comprehend being there as I was ripe for the picking. The draft had been stopped but I still had nightmares.

I don't know how you guys did it. (kept sane, did your job in the middle of the media conflict let alone marching on pimply faced kids wanna be adults in your own back yard.)

From leave it to beaver to watching the news of the late 60's in one hour after school.

Why would a nine year old kid be so fascinated with the Vietnam war?

Ant of you people my age do that, watch the war clips every night?

My mother had a beauty shop and lots of the magazines of the day. They had pictures of the little girl walking down the road naked after her village was napalmed or bombed out of existence. And many other images that still pop up on the net and in the media.

And even "Star Trek"

got in an opinion on the war in an episode where two planets warring would fight the war on computers and when a battle was over the governments simply marched the required number of casualties into a machine that

disintegrated the people. That way no buildings were hurt.
A much less violent and civil way to go about war!
No freaking wonder I don't like TV to this day!!!!
Now I hear the media talk about the war and their spin on it and roll my eyes.
I roll my eyes because here at my finger tips I can see and hear videos of our troops video taping themselves and the Iraqi people in the streets of Baghdad and know our government press releases are full ****.
When people post about presidential candidates on this board spewing the same crap that the candidate spewed because the candidate got his info from press releases, I know they are full of **** too.
All the way from the voter to the candidate to the mainstream press, full of it.
I can watch on this computer what is really going on. I can read Pravda. I can read newspapers from around the globe.
Why are their accounts so much different than the media shows my spouse insists on watching every morning?
Maybe I am a bit cynical. (tongue firmly planted in cheek).
Some of you guys have "been there done that" and I have not. You fought for my freedom in a few years more than I will my whole life time.
Thanks dudes!
Did you ever stand on your own country's land after you got back and out of the service and scream "I fought for this mess!"?
I guess it is a free mess for us to make.
I have someone close to me that never was right after getting back from Vietnam. I am still sad when I think of him.
Did your parents even try and talk to you guys about WWII or stuff like that when you were little kids?
What formed your thoughts growing up. Or was it really a lot simpler then and you just did what you did to because it was what everyone did? What you were supposed to do?

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 09:57

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Unfortunately, the 60s ended the 50s, meaning that a simple, honest way of life had ended!

The day of leaving your home unlocked, the keys in the car, visiting with your neighbors, smiling at strangers, etc. came to an end in the early 60s. The days of hard work for teens who want the new car or clothes had come to an end and the days of "you owe me" or "gimme" had just began. The 60s were the days of the end for a simple America.
Progress started almost full blown in the 60s. Everything evolved at a rapid pace and in order to keep up with this progress people had to quicken their pace and that meant stopping the simple, enjoyable things in life such as shopping daily, the women went to work. Visiting neighbors in the front yard in the evenings, with the women working as well as the men people were too tired to visit. Leaving your house open and the keys in your car, by now knowing neighbors it was easy for some to steal from strangers. From then

on.....

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Al Key
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 10:12

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jlmer, In your country rock band, what are some songs you played? What other artists/bands inspired you?

Posts: **2894** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 10:43

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I, too, was a child of the sixties, a baby boomer. There has been for decades something of a truism that this country seems to end up in a war about every 20 years. In March/April of 1965 the first troops (Marines to the DaNang area) other than advisors started arriving in Vietnam. Within a couple months my class graduated from highschool. At that point in time I was much better at daydreaming than I was school. I tried junior college for a while but I just was not a student at that time. The spring of 1966 I enlisted in the army in a specified field rather than allowing the draft to put me into the infantry. I spent the next two years learning how to be a "soldier", mostly how to get drunk in my off time. I saw the big cities of New York, Seattle and San Francisco. I spent many weekends running around all on my own in New York City and Seattle and really thought after those experiences that I could tame most any beast. The Seattle area was my first experience with the new hippie generation. I had hung around in Greenwich Village around McDougal Street where the police had to patrol on horseback because the crowds were so thick and had seen many beatnik types. There was a new bred of kids mixing in with them as well. They were kids about my age and younger that were from outside the New York City area. They were what I called in that day commuter hippies. They had patches on their still new blue jeans and were trying to fit into a world that was changing as fast as Haight-Asbury was in "frisco". Little did they know that the world would begin spinning so fast that it would be real difficult trying to fit in anywhere except where you had come from. No one wanted to go back, though. I remember something from a Beatles tune that basicly said that it was not cool to be cool but it was cool to be yourself but everyone wanted to be cool and fit in. What was the old saying? This probably isn't right but it is close enough. Come in, sit down and drop out.

I think that urbaner hits well on what was happening. It was all about self. It was "I don't want to leave the comforts of home to fight in a war somewhere I never heard of." "I want to do what I want to do." Life had been pretty easy for the kids that age. The economy had been good since all the soldiers

cam home from WWII with lots of money saved from overseas duty. Most people's homes were paid for and people paid off everything they bought. Credit was not so much a part of life. It was easy for kids our age to get a misconception of how tough the world could really be.

Many people did not like the way things were going with our government. JFK's assassination was a last straw for some. My views on much of this would not develop until sometime after I was discharged.

I left for Vietnam in June of 1968 and was assigned to do something most Americans never knew about or understood. I went to a psychological warfare unit. During my time I was able to get a completely different view of the war than the average ground pounder. I worked in remote villages building school houses. I spent many hours and days flying in helicopters trying to talk the enemy into surrendering through the "Chieu Hoi" program or trying to get the villagers to support their government. I once saw the major city of Tay Ninh burning to the ground. I worked with dental and medical teams in these remote villages and I went on midnight "snatch" missions to extract enemy infrastructure who supported the VC and NVA with supplies. It was the only time that you could find them. Through these operations I came to know a man who had come over to our side but had previously been a Colonel in the North Vietnamese Army and a personal friend of Ho Chi Minh. I also worked with several combat units as we usually flew right to where the action was. The main thing I learned through this time was that the average villager just wanted to be left alone to farm their rice as their ancestors had for centuries. For all of these actions against the enemy they found that our disruption was worth placing rewards on our heads.

On the weekends I was fortunate enough to return to the battalion area and "regroup". It usually meant that we got bombed for two days. I remember being called in to the C.O.'s office one day with Sgt. Dickman and being told that we had a drinking problem. Sgt. Dickman just calmly looked at the Captain and said "Sir, I find it no problem at all. I just lift and pour, lift and pour." Needless to say, we received a verbal reprimand and was told to play cool when back in the battalion area. We were not very well liked by units we worked with because we "associated with the Vietnamese (enemy?)." The Captain understood that there was a lot of pressure on us.

After I had been home for a while, I had time to finally come to a summation of my thoughts. I even had the opportunity to express them to a Vietnamese expatriot in Washington D.C. one time. In short, the people of South Vietnam deserved the right to be free and deserved the right to be assisted in that endeavor. However, through that experience, I learned that graft, corruption, nepotism and under the table dealings were so rampant that it would have taken three generations at least of American support before the entire country at the leadership levels were trained to do things appropriately. Then there was the issue of all those big businesses that saw South Vietnam as the golden goose and didn't want to see an end to the profits. I told the Vietnamese gentleman that the best thing in the long run for the Vietnamese people was for the North to have taken over the south. They are a very prosperous country now. That does not mean that I forgive

the north for breaking the peace treaty in 1975 and crushing the south like an egg.

I came home on Memorial Day 1969. As I climbed into the cab at Oakland Army Terminal, I heard an announcer say "Gentlemen, start your engines!" I started my engine that day and never let off the gas until several years later. I came home to find that I did not know any one here any more. When I should have found this as a message to climb back into the church, I instead turned to alcohol and drugs for comfort. Once again, this carries back to urbaner's thoughts. I was only thinking of myself and did so for many years. I did go back to school for a time and was a much better student but money was an issue. \$156.00 a month from the GI bill was just not enough to get by on and for whatever reason I could not get a student guaranteed loan. At some point I was able to turn things around and even later on I was able to come back to church and find the true message that God had for me. There was an incident in Vietnam where a Chaplain's assistant for the 11th Armored Cavalry took my place on a night patrol. He was shot and killed that night while taking my place. I am now taking his place in God's house of worship. Sometimes it takes a long time for our lives to change but it is all in God's time.

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

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<http://.the912project.com/>

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 10:56

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Check out these old pics at the bottom of the page. Some are miss labeled as the Emerson though. There was an alley between that fire and the Emerson.

<http://.iafflocal738.org/index.cfm?dsp=gallery&categoryid=§ion=1&pagenum=127&page=4>

Here are other good sites for MtV:

<http://.rootsweb.com/~iljeffer/photos/5photo.htm>
<http://.rootsweb.com/~iljeffer/photos/Photoindex.htm>

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.

<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 11:44

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After I posted my post above, I read the post urbaner wrote while I was doing mine. I appreciate what he said about the American military people fighting for his freedom but one thing that I have a problem with and hear quite often is what he said. Please do not misunderstand but hold your thought until I am through. First example i will use is WWII. In some sense we did fight for our own freedom and way of life here at home but more than anything we fought WWII for the peoples of France and England and Australia and several other countries that wanted to remain free. That is what the United States has become loved for many cases, helping other less fortunate countries. That is the reason we went to Vietnam, to insure that those people would be able to live their lives in freedom. That is the reason we went to South Korea. That is the reason we went to Kuwait and that is why we went to Iraq. We went there to rid the country of a dispicable tyrant and despot. It was not so much for your freedom or mine per se. It was, however, more for world wide freedom and democracy.

We have two mighty oceans on either side of our country. Hitler found it too much to mount an invasion just across the English Channel and no other country or group of allies will ever be able to mount such a force as was assembled for D-Day. We will never be invaded and conquered in a true military sense of conventional warfare like "The Wolverines" had to fight in the movie. We may very experience terrorism on a large scale and we will always be concerned about nuclear war but the times of us being concerned about invasions, at least for the time being, are not that realistic. That does not mean that our way of life can be endangered. That is probably as much as anything the true reason we are in Iraq.

I do appreciate the thoughts that people do have when they say "Thank you for keeping me free" but I would probably rather see or hear our people say "I am glad we stood up for that country." We should always care more about others than ourselves. That is as Christ would want it.

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

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 11:48

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Bugman, I think you're mistaken about those pics being mislabeled. That's Joe Martin's insurance office shown and it was in the west side of the Hotel Emmerson building. That was previously the Western Union office.

The alley you spoke of is just west of there and ran between the hotel and the D.H. Wise Clothing store.

For further proof, please see page 43 of "Mt. Vernon A Pictorial History" by Tom Puckett.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 12:58

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I maybe wrong but, I don't think so. I don't think the Emmerson ever burnt. You used to be able to walk from the Western Union office (B&B's) directly into the lobby of the Emmerson. The Western Union office was part of the Emmerson Right? If you look at this you will see the Western Union sign.

http://i6.ebayimg.com/05/i/000/ag/21/1744_1_b.JPG

"When a minority abuses a right or privilege the majority will react.

<http://.theanimalrescuesite.com/>

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

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mousegrINfl
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Posted March 01, 2008 13:14

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quote:

Originally posted by urbaner:
What do some of you more experienced people remember how the times were in the 60's?

Urbaner, That's a **BIG** question for such a small space. For some it was a loss of innocence. For others, it was the end of our naiveté. It was a time that divided us and in many ways continues to divide us.

From my point of view, it was the war that drove the culture (or counterculture). The mainstream media presented a negative view of the counterculture. The counterculture was an underground movement. There was no internet then, no ticketmaster for Woodstock, no CNN, and the mainstream media was not about to help out. Underground newspapers sprung up. Music became the voice of the anti-war movement. Unlike today, youthful trends were not immediately picked up by mass marketers. We actually had to make our own tie-dye t-shirts!

Were people concerned about the presidential race? Look back to the Democratic convention in 1968 Convention in Chicago. The Chicago 8,

Bobby Seale. Two lawyers defending them did time.

After May 4 , 1970 my friends in the National Guard (avoiding the draft) were sent to Carbondale to quell the protests of my friends who were protesting the war and the events at Kent State, while somewhere in a rice paddy in Vietnam many of my childhood friends were just trying to survive. Some did like Buck and xminer, then there were those like Jack Crouch, Bill Settlemire, Jerry Witt, and others. All a part of what we remember as "Old Mt. Vernon"

Network television brought the war into our homes on the nightly news. The places and events that xminer and Buck talk about were what we heard every evening. My memories of this time are still so haunting that I cannot read the part of xminer's and Buck's posts that refer to the specifics of their time in Vietnam. Doug Sapper's brother was a close friend of mine and when Doug returned from his first tour, he brought photographs that were shocking then and which I still remember.

I have often wondered, if the people of this country had not stood up, protested, marched around the pentagon, and made such an issue, how long would this have gone on? How many more would have died?

I have had a front row seat to what may well be the greatest era of change in history; JFK, civil rights, MLK, RFK, Vietnam, Kent State the protests, the end of the war, the birth control pill, the space race, Richard Nixon, Title IX, Affirmative Action. Wow!..what an incredible time of change! I can't imagine a better time to have lived.

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

Krumudgeon

Free Time



Posted March 01, 2008 13:36

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Urbaner's questions started an extremely enlightening and heart-rendering thread, and xminer's move to transfer further responses to a new thread, "Veterans Memories," makes great sense to me.

I've read deep felt, honest, searing responses to urbaner's questions and I will try to put together my own perspective. I was six and a half years old when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and I still have vivid memories of World War II ... at least of news coverage of it and some of the home front effects ... I was listening to shortwave radio on June 25, 1950, when the Korean War broke out ... I was too young for Korea and too old for Vietnam, but after I'd volunteered for the draft in 1956, a couple of hot spots broke out ... the Suez Canal and the first Iron Curtain rebellion in Hungary and I was preparing myself mentally for what might happen ... I was a radio newsman in Cambridge, Mass., in 1967-1970, before moving to Mt. Vernon, and I spent a lot of time covering the protests on the Harvard and MIT campuses ... and believe me about this, Harvard University, the institution, is far more conservative than its image in the Midwest and in Texas would have us believe.

It'll be a while before I show up on the Veterans Memories thread ... but there's a lot more to be said, if we are going to find our bearings where all of us can start pulling together again instead of fragmenting off into different counterproductive directions.

Posts: **396** | Location: **Texas** | Registered: **March 12, 2007**

Pogo
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 13:46

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OK, bugman, I'll have to agree with you. It's hard to tell from the original pic but I doctored it up a little and it doesn't support my idea. I wasn't here when that happened so you probably know best.

Thanks for the enlightenment! 😊

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 14:02

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The sad part was that many of these same people stood up and protested when the vets came home from Viet Nam, calling them baby killers! I would have to say the 50s were the best times this nation has ever or will ever see. All things were good but change had to come in order to survive! Unfortunately, a lot of bad came with the good.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 14:03

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I was thinking they tore the Emmerson down and some people were outraged about it.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 16:01

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Very interesting post. I was born in 1946 and remember so many of those things and places you mentioned. TS is that you? When i heard about Jack, i thought what a waste. There were many more that met the same end. Off the subject but do you remember a Settle that drove a black Lark. AKA sug, wondered what happened to him.

quote:

Originally posted by xminer:

I was a genuine product of the 60's. I was born in 1945 so I "came of age from 1960 to 1969. During that decade my life went from highschool soph., my first "public" job at WC Alexander's Wholesale building supplies, college student and finally warrior, charging to "fight them over there, or fight them here" (sound familiar?). The Blind Lemon in Cincinnati where I thought I was tough because I had a shaved head and was a "Patriot" and about 15 "Peaceniks" beat the bejesus out of me when I tried to convince them that I was mean. The Mug, drag racing at the Shiloh church or Tolle Road, driving to Cairo to get a Whatta Burger. "LBJ all the way" who later sent me a letter that started out "Greetings, your friends and neighbors have selected you....". Murray State, where even the instructors would intimidate you by pointing out that if you screwed up you were bound for a fast train to Nam, so eat your Wheaties, say your prayers and do your homework. A good friend, Jack Crouch, KIA in Nam, just "gone". To hell with this hanging over my head all the time. I quit school, volunteered the draft and gave my life over to Uncle Sugar for 2 years. I was red meat to the Army, 21 years old and a junior in college while most of the poor suckers were 17-18 and barely out of highschool. Fort Gordon Georgia for Military Police training. Training with National Guard and Enlisted Reserve who couldn't wait to tell us Regular Army guys that they were going home and would take care of our wives and

girl friends while we were away. On to the great march on Washington "The Moritorium" in mid 1967 to protect the Pentagon because the "hippies" were marching on our country's leaders. Our unit, 518 MP, out of Fort Hood, Texas was the only riot trained unit in the Army. We went to Milwaukee, Chicago, Dallas. "Form the wedge" and open a can of whoop ass on these commie lovin' punks. Our M-14s were loaded and we used to make fun of the Guard, who would walk behind us for fear of one of those dangerous hippies from slinging poop on their uniforms. I was sent to Korea, for some reason, and saw first hand how our allies treated their own people; no Habeus Corpus, no trial by jury, just a certainty of jail. I came back and decided to get the message out and to re-consider my views on the war. The "dirty hippies" had a point, the war was a terrible waste, the draft wasn't fair to the poor and uneducated. Many of the "draft dodgers" who went to Canada gave up their personal lives for what they believed in. Meanwhile I was sent to Camp McCoy Wisc. and again was told by the members of the Guard how stupid I was for not going into the Guard. Again I was told that they took care of my girl while I was away. They arrived at 2 week Summer Camp with Deuce-and-a-half loads of beer and were drunk when they got there and when they left. Now the Guard is supplying troops by the thousands in this latest war. Supplying arms and legs, family ties and jobs and in many cases mental stability. Things sure have changed. The 60's had a lot of good times, but sure as hell had the bad times to go along with them. From a pencil necked 125 pound geek in 1960 to 185 pound "grizzled vet" in 1969. No "did it" medals, no welcome home parades. Just stick your finger in the leaking dike along with a few hundred thousand others. What a decade.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 01, 2008 17:11

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Yeah Bill, that's me. Sug Joined the Navy, got into aviation and flew off carriers. That's as far as I know. Oh, the Black Lark. We were probably the only two people that drove Studebakers "back then". Then the '56 Ford, the '60 Impala and the '65 Mustang.

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

xlawman
Free Time



Posted March 01, 2008 18:47

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Does anyone have any pictures of Mt.Vernon in the 19th century they could post here? I'd love to see what Mt.Vernon was like in the 1800's.

Posts: **232** | Location: **Mount Vernon** | Registered: **January 30,**

2007

mousegrINfl

Free Time



Posted March 01, 2008 18:50

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:
All things were good but change had to come in order to survive! Unfortunately, a lot of bad came with the good.

Maybe all things were good for you. Ask a child who was abused by a priest in the 50's. Ask a woman who was raped how the courts treated her in the 50's. Ask a woman who was beaten by her husband in the 50's. Ask a woman who was abandoned by her husband and left to raise children on her own. Ask the children of divorced women how they were treated in the 50's. Ask a black man about his life in Mt.V in the 50's. Ask a black woman what it was like to be a student at MVTHS in the 50's. Ask a gay who lived in a closet in fear of losing a job if discovered.

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

Buck

Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 19:47

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xminer - I played poker one night over at Larry Richmond's with Sug, Larry and Gordon Rhine. Did you ever get in on any of those games. The last time I saw Larry I teased him about that since he is a preacher now.

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

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 20:13

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Very good to know your still out there kicking. I haven't seen you in awhile but we always had a good time. I talk to Rita sometimes, i think she is your neighbor. I've often wondered if i went the right way being in the Guard but some tell me i'm still alive with all my major body parts. It meant a lot going into basic with guys from the same home town. It was always a threat about missing meetings and being told they would ship

you to Nam.

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

Al Key
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 21:34

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:

I, too, was a child of the sixties, a baby boomer. There has been for decades something of a truism that this country seems to end up in a war about every 20 years..... Sometimes it takes a long time for our lives to change but it is all in God's time.

Is that you D. Y.?

Posts: **2894** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 21:48

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Yup! Who be ye?

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

Al Key
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 21:53

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:

Yup! Who be ye?

hint: T.G.

Posts: **2894** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 22:07

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OH YEAH! Now I figured out the handle. It is good to here from you. How are you?

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AI Key
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 22:54

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quote:

Originally posted by Buck:
OH YEAH! Now I figured out the handle. It is good to here from you. How are you?

I'm doing great. I just discovered this forum recently, and I have enjoyed reliving the old days around MtV where I was born and raised. I miss it and all my old friends, including you. Yes, times have changed, and we all have changed, most for better, not forever. Tolerance for other points of view and lifestyles. It's part of the living, learning experience. I hope I can contribute a few pleasant memories, at least for some.

Posts: **2894** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 01, 2008 23:18

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I don't really want to bring you down but I must tell you I am sorry to hear of your losses. Talk to ya later.

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

urbaner
Free Time



Posted March 02, 2008 01:13

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Yes it is all white peoples fault you are screwed in the brain.
Handy but not realistic.It is 2008 not 1958.
Sorry.
I am glad you are not the mother of my kids.....

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

urbaner
Free Time



Posted March 02, 2008 09:48

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Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 02, 2008 10:24

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That's garbage! You very seldom heard of anyone being raped, burglaries, auto theft, homosexuals or much crime at all. It happened occasionally I'm sure but wasn't the norm like it is now.

I don't know your age but you certainly don't sound like you were around in the 50s.

We left our homes unlocked and the keys in the car! Everyone knew everyone and no-one tried to live off the other. If someone was needy people helped them. If they were lazy they got pretty hungry. We didn't have "gays" we had homosexuals or q****s. People then didn't disguise things with different words. If you were a thief you were called a thief and the only excuse was that you had a flaw in your character. Sing that song to someone who's just got off the banana boat!

I went to school with black kids. I can't remember any of them being mistreated by any white kids. They were on the sports teams, school activities, band, sit with whites in the cafeteria. They had the back of the bus and separate sections in the theaters, neighborhoods and some restaurants, if they were served but that was those times and part of the change to come in the 60s. they weren't beaten or made to work with out pay. Mistreated, yes! I had several black friends in school!

The homosexual, they were an unnatural group doing unnatural things. Anti Bible, anti society and were harassed if found out. What they did was condemned by society and should be. They were more or less open season. I never said the 50s were perfect but I will stand by my statements that the 50s were the best time in this country when things were open and moral in a young country coming of age after fighting two world wars and going into an undeclared war.

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Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 02, 2008 10:29

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quote:

Originally posted by urbaner:

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She is a classic example of someone who's talking about something she knows nothing about! Could be someone opened the closet door.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

mousegrINfl
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Posted March 02, 2008 11:10

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jlmer. You are so right that we didn't hear about "it", but that doesn't mean those things didn't occur. I don't know what I wrote to make you think I wasn't around in the 50's. I can assure you I was in MtV in the 50's. If you had been paying attention through this thread you would even know when and where I was born. Now just because you didn't read it doesn't mean it isn't there. Just because you weren't aware of what was going on doesn't mean it wasn't happening in the 50's.

jlmer - you go on and on about your church and being so moral and then as soon as you don't like something that I challenge you on, out comes the comment (in another post) about me being in the closet. Whether I am in or out of the closet, gay or straight has not one wit of relevance to my argument that the 50's were not as wonderful and safe for everyone as they were for you. It is interesting that this is how you try to silence me.

It may be that no one ever shared such incidents with you because of your lack of compassion. I can assure you that I know people in Mt. Vernon who have experienced all sorts of abuse and there was no outlet or help for them in the 50's. The usual treatment for any woman with problems was electro shock therapy....yes, there were many women from Mt.V sent to St. Louis for electro-shock therapy and I can name them and No, I won't.

Yes, the Dixie Cream donuts were wonderful, the friendships of our youth and our memories are lasting and that is really the point of the Old Mt. Vernon thread, but Urbaner asked a question and deserves to hear a point of view that is different than yours.

Given a choice between electro-shock or having to lock my door...I'll gladly lock my door.

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

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 02, 2008 11:35

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quote:

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Are any facilities still offering this valuable service.

I know several women who would benefit from this.

They started trying to think late in life and it has been going down hill steadily from then on.

Maybe you can help them,they get hystorical and can not get there minds of why they are always the victim just like on Oprah.

They want to go over and over and over why they are not treated right by

society as a whole,yet will not learn,read,or talk to an adult professional or otherwise about what the best way going about protecting yourself,pysche,and poop hole from getting abused.
It must be a good cure for lawsuits because now court actions are the norm as women seem to think lots of money will stop them from getting corn holed and slapped around by "Uncle Bob" or something.
If I don't hang out with gangsters and pedophiles,guess what?
You are correct.
I don't get plooked in the hiney and beat up!!!! 🤡
If you are 12 years old then you my be a victim.
Well at twelve I would suggest you start reading and looking around you and try and find a way to run like hell if you are smart enough to post here .
If you are an adult I would suggest you get a counselor and grow up.Learn to pick your friends better.
If it is family members abusing you,and you are an adult,you must like it.
Or you would move far far away and take responsibility for your own body,mind and spirit.(and pooper)
Try and get help before you take a broom stick to your own kids,break the chain of abuse,it starts with you.

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

Bradstik
Regular



Posted March 02, 2008 11:49

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Xminer,
I used to work for WC Alexander.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 02, 2008 15:16

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In any society there are things that will happen that others don't know. You've missed the the entire point of the original post as it wasn't meant for the delusional, mentally ill as any type of therapy.
Abuse wasn't the norm in the 50s, wasn't a way of life and is a lot worse now than it was then.
It's pretty clear that the shock treatments didn't work then, don't work now and will never work.
If a man/woman was abusing family members you better believe they kept it quite or they would have been visited by neighbors intent on stopping the problem then and there. That's the difference between then and now. Now, too many people wink and turn their head. Too many parents are buying their kids booze and Playboy and sending them to the bedroom to "experiment" with life.
You should have felt complimented by my saying you were younger...another sign of the times I suppose.
Compare our schools now and then, the politics, the law and society as a whole. We could discuss this for years to come.
Remember the movie "Blackboard Jungle"? In that time it was a pretty

radical movie. Now it's common place.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted March 02, 2008 15:25

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I worked there some but not full time. Remember the beer machines?

quote:

Originally posted by Bradstik:
Xminer,
I used to work for WC Alexander.

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

xminer

Old Pro

Posted March 02, 2008 18:54

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted March 02, 2008 22:18

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I didn't even work there and I remember it.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 03, 2008 08:33

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Never heard of them. Have I been sheltered or what? I always preferred the Kay-O drinks myself though.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 03, 2008 09:08

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

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wclark
Old Pro



Posted March 03, 2008 09:19

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"Never heard of Blatz? Hmmm, the best way to describe the taste was, yech. I think that it was brewed in Belleville"

Naw, it was make in Milwaukee, but you have the taste described correctly.

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**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 03, 2008 09:34

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Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted March 03, 2008 11:02

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What about Falstaff or Greisedick (sp?) Brothers beer ??? Anyone remember those???

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 03, 2008 11:32

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Of course I remember them Griesedk (or whatever) was brewed by an old German family. And I just had a brain burp, I think the the brewery in Belleville was Carling Black Label. In Evansville, Indiana they used to brew Sterling.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted March 03, 2008 11:37

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

I talked to the lady that used to have Morgans Jewelry and she said it was on the N. side of the square by Musgroves and and Albert's and they bought it from Clarks as they were moving. Sound right?

Actually, that was the second Gift Chest store that my father managed. Gift Chest "downsized" in 1955 or 56. Dad left that chain in 1957 and opened his own store on N 9th, in the building between the Granada and The B & B Hobby Shop. Moved from there when the D.H. Wise building came available.

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 03, 2008 11:40

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There was a beer in the 70s that was a cheap beer and a liquor store had it on sale for \$3.99 a case. Well, being the cheapie I was I bought a case, tried to drink one but only got half way through it and gave the rest of the case to my next door neighbor. Can't remember the name of the stuff though. Used to drink Strolls when I belonged to the Eagles. It was a good bottled beer and then in Mexico I drank some beer in a green bottle that was the best I'd ever drank.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

RAMbunctious
Educated



Posted March 03, 2008 11:44

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xminer: I remember the Stranski's. I was one of their son Scott's football coaches. Scott was a stud athlete for the Rams back in the mid 70's. He was drafted out of high school to play baseball, but went to Northwestern on a football scholarship & played quarterback for the Wildcats. After graduating from NU he then went on to a fairly long minor league baseball career. I believe his parents moved to Minnesota after Scott finished high school. I haven't heard from him in years. I would like to see him in the MVTSH sports hall of fame someday.

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

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 03, 2008 11:55

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Stag,yeeeeew!

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 03, 2008 12:11

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RAMbunctious, Scott's dad, Harry, pitched in the minor leagues and may have spent some time with the Cubs. He could hit a golf ball from Scheller to Thompsonville. I watched Scott play many games. He and Harry were two of

the most talented athletes that I ever saw. Golf, baseball and softball, basketball, bowling, pool, anything. Alexander's used to play fast pitch with some of the teams from the Carlyle and Breeze areas and those guys would comment on Harry's ability (also our ability to hold beer). I don't know if you know much about fast pitch or drinking beer in that area, but that's a huge compliment.

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

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted March 03, 2008 12:22

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jlmer...could the beer in Mexico have been San Miguel? I can remember in Tx in the 70' there was Jax beer, Buckhorn beer.

I am in Alaska now and there is no end to the different beers up here. Not really a drinker anymore but when you can go into an eatery and they have over 100 different types of beers on the wall to pick from....I'd say they are proud of their beer up here. Alaskan Amber seems to be the thing for beer drinkers up here.

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted March 03, 2008 12:25

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I grew up in Mt Vernon and left in 79. Now I'm back in St Louis and keep wanting to take a day and drive over and check things out.

I'm curious, what ever happened to Cussamano's fruit/produce on 10th? I went to High School with Jeff but didn't stay in touch after I left.

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

Bradstik
Regular

Posted March 03, 2008 12:27

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When I worked at Alexanders, Bill Wright would have a beer in his hand by 8 every morning. Pat would make everyone take vitamins. Rex kept a coffee can on his desk full of IOUs for beer and gambling debts.

Everyone there was rip-roaring drunk by 3PM.

I drove the only big truck.

One day near Fairfield I saw this huge balloon and gondola land in a beanfield so I pulled over to watch, and two men got out and walked towards my truck. They asked where the nearest airport was, and I gave them a ride.

It was Buzz Aldrin and Malcom Forbes in an aborted attempt at going around the world.

When I got back Rex said "what took you so long?" He was PO'd.

So I told him my story and he fired me for lying to him!!

Well, the next night Rex saw Buzz and Malcom on the CBS Evening News and they mentioned this truck driver that gave them a ride and Rex had to

re-hire me.

My favorite Alexander person was the late Billy Ray Krug.

Jack McDermott, Ricky Gockel, Smoky Lowrey, Jan Zedalis, Don Delany with the Marty Feldman eye.

My Brother married Bill Wrights daughter Angela.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Krumudgeon

Free Time



Posted March 03, 2008 12:35

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quote:

I believe his parents moved to Minnesota after Scott finished high school. I haven't heard from him in years. I would like to see him in the MVTHS sports hall of fame someday.

Scott Stranski was one of the best all-around athletes to play for the Rams during the time I broadcast football and basketball games. And you're right, RAMbunctious, the Stranski family moved eventually to Minnesota. I've got a terrible temporary glitch about the name of the restaurant/watering hole that was adjacent to the old R-N building ... wait ... it's come back to me, Hunt's, of course ... One night, following a basketball game, some of us had gathered at Hunt's when Harry Stranski walked in ... he was distributing Schlitz Beer at the time, if I remember correctly, and I, among others, did not behave wisely. If you ordered a Schlitz in Harry's presence, he'd pay for it and it wound up that the conviviality and the conversation was so enjoyable we somehow let the Friday night last call and closing time slip well past us, and didn't break up the conversation until somewhere around 4 a.m. (It wasn't a bar anymore, it became somebody's living room.)

On Saturday, I had 6:30, 7:05, 8:00, 11:00 and noon newscasts to do, plus the 7:30 weather and the Coach's Corner show, and Harry and others were betting that I would not be able to show up for work in a couple of hours. I did, but none of the group was listening to check on me.

Harry's wife, Susan, was a close friend of the legendary Daisy May May, one of the most colorful city council members to serve not only during the 30 years I was in Mt. Vernon but also in my entire time as a newsman. I think only Al Vellucci on the Cambridge, Mass., City Council rivaled Daisy in outspokenness ...

Daisy and Kenneth Martin were involved in the most unusual municipal election I've ever covered, when they resigned their remaining two-year terms to protest what they said Rolland Lewis, Billy King and Gail Martin, all unopposed on the ballot, were planning to do the Monday night before the election. Saturday stories produced a groundswell that resulted in

May and Martin agreeing to be write-in candidates for mayor and one of two four-year terms on the council, and the only way they could recruit a third write-in candidate was to insure Ray Baril, their eighth choice as I remember Daisy telling it to me, that they didn't stand a chance of being elected.

I certainly didn't think they had a chance, but the following Tuesday, the write-in candidates won by a three-to-one margin. I still believe that if voters had had a little bit longer to think about it, the incumbents would have been able to counter the groundswell ... Lewis was one of the most effective mayors it's been my privilege to cover and, eight years later, he made a comeback and one of his strongest supporters was Kenny Martin for another two terms. After Kenny chose not to run for re-election, Daisy May and Bill Thackrey ran for mayor in 1981, Thackrey won, and Daisy and her husband, Don, eventually moved away.

Their son, Byron May, was a linebacker on the Ram football team and later, though not a starter, was on the Clemson University team that was voted national champion in the early '80s.

Daisy May, in retrospect, told me she felt bad for Rolland and had second thoughts, too late, about what happened in the 1977 election.

Posts: **396** | Location: **Texas** | Registered: **March 12, 2007**

urbaner
Free Time

Posted March 03, 2008 12:40

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quote:

Smoky Lowrey

After Smoke's days at Alexander's he and I worked for Clyde Baker a while. We were digging holes under a house in Hawthorne Hill's to pour concrete in to support the house as we were going to dig a basement under it. It was winter and I don't remember how many pints of Peppermint Schnapps and cans of Budweisers it took to get a hole 3 feet round and 11 feet deep dug out and the dirt packed out in buckets. Seems like it took us a week or more. Can anyone guess who owned the house?

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 03, 2008 12:40

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urbaner
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Posted March 03, 2008 12:42

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I heard it was a friction fire,friction between the mortgage company and insurer!!! 😊

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted March 03, 2008 12:45

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Bugman

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Hey xminer sis and I were talking about when you and maxey were undercover agents for the IBI. That reminded me of the Charlie Daniels Band song Uneasy Rider. I remember coming home one time and there was all you cops in the back yard drinking Pabst and building the garage. Glad I didn't get searched. 😬

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [Bugman](#), March 03, 2008 13:37

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

xminer

Old Pro

Posted March 03, 2008 13:11

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DEA. And that Pabst cost \$3.00 a case. We had to use a church key to open it because the tabs would all tear off and we couldn't open them without the "key". Cops drink milk and eat cookies now. I miss Conrad. Best bud in the world.

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted March 03, 2008 13:29

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Tip a top to a Cop.. Conrad Rocked!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

JiminPA

Old Pro



Posted March 03, 2008 14:14

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Bradstik: Angela(Angel to family, neighbors, friends) grew up next door to us on Andy Hall (now HARlan)Road. Bill, in spite of some heroic efforts on

his part(resulting in at least one stroke...) is still around, and has improved his health. Every time I get home, he'll pop over to say hello. Where's Angel now?

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

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted March 03, 2008 14:16

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Don't forget Big John and i think Ron McGill worked there also.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 03, 2008 14:18

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I saw Bill and the missus the other day at the store. He still isn't driving but he knew me and we talked for a while. He's gotta be 80+ but don't look over 60. Just a few years back Bill, Richard and I would throw washers and have a hell of a good time.

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

RAMbunctious
Educated



Posted March 03, 2008 14:25

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Daisy May put on the best pre-game football meals I've ever eaten. We actually had to ask her to tone them down a little because the boys were to full to play. 😊

Actually John, Byron was a center for the Rams, he didn't really have the foot speed to be a linebacker in our 5-2 defensive scheme. He did play a little defensive tackle though. At Clemson he was a back-up long snapper. He was a walk on, but he still earned an Orange Bowl jersey and a National Championship ring. He was a teammate of William "The Fridge" Perry. Good folks, the May family. I believe Byron may be married to someone in Pistol Pete Maravich's family. It seems that I heard that from someone.

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

Germann85
Free Time



Posted March 03, 2008 14:30

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I'll never forget Daisy serving up the food at the pre-game meals.

Ever wonder if she was distantly related to Suzanne Pleshette?

Thank you driver for gettin' me here-Pete Townsend

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 03, 2008 14:35

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Drewry's was a well known CHEAP beer in the early '70s'. You could not afford to drink. You got almost as much back on bottle return as you paid for it.

"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**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 03, 2008 14:49

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Bottle returns. Now if you save your cans you can realize some money back for the alum. Back in the 1970's I lived on Cherry and we drank a tremendous amount of Bud. We saved cans for months. We had a picture window full of cans, we had cases lining our side walk and a huge stash in the back of the house. We finally gave them to Larry Niekrenz to cash in for us, thinking that we would drink free for weeks to come. Odd thing, back then the only thing on the Bud cans was the top and it cost us \$15.00 to have them hauled and dumped. So much for weeks of free drinking, but we managed.

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

Krumudgeon
Free Time



Posted March 03, 2008 16:34

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From RAMbunctious:

quote:

Actually John, Byron was a center for the Rams, he didn't really have the foot speed to be a linebacker in our 5-2 defensive scheme.

Your memory is better than mine in this case, and you, of course, were closer to the team than I. I also erred when I identified the beer Harry Stranski distributed. It was Pabst Blue Ribbon.

I had a little bit different preference in beer tastes from most here. Blatz, for example, had an almost sweet taste, and it tickled by taste buds. I drank my first Blatz at a bar in Milwaukee in 1965.

Up the road a ways in Eau Claire, Wis., I fell in love with a local brew, Leinenkuegel. Great name. Greater taste. In the late '90s, Leinenkuegel tried to go national, and was actually on tap at the Ball Park in Arlington, Texas. It wasn't the same. As Olympia Beer's slogan in the Pacific Northwest went, "It's the water," and for Leinenkuegel, it had to be the water in Eau Claire, which is Clearwater in French.

I liked Hamm's beer, too, and it's probably the only product a television commercial tempted me to buy. "From the land of sky blue waters ..." I cut my brewery bicuspids, though, on St. Louis' Falstaff Beer at the PX at Fort Ord, Calif., in 1956.

Best beer I ever tasted, though, was Rauchbiere, brewed at a monastery near Beyreuth, Germany, and served at the Schlenkerla, a 1,000-year-old tavern in Bamberg, to which I was introduced in 1957. We returned to Bamberg in 2003 and either Rauchbiere's smoky taste or my memory seemed to have been altered about as much as one or the other regarding Leinenkuegel.

Does Pabst Blue Ribbon still mention that prize it won in 1893 in its advertising?

If I were still buying beer, it'd probably be Michelob Dark or Dos X.

Posts: **396** | Location: **Texas** | Registered: **March 12, 2007**

mousegrINfl
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Posted March 04, 2008 11:25

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quote:

Originally posted by Al Key:
[I'm doing great. I just discovered this forum recently, and I have enjoyed reliving the old days around MtV where I was born and raised. I miss it and all my old friends, including you. Yes, times have changed, and we all have changed, most for better, not forever. Tolerance for other points of view and lifestyles. It's part of the living, learning experience. I hope I can contribute a few pleasant memories, at least for some.]

Even with all the change, it sounds like the wise, but gentle soul I remember from high school remains.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 04, 2008 11:51

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Agreed.

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Bradstik
Regular



Posted March 04, 2008 12:34

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Angel and Ronnie are in Nashville IL.
Angel has two teenaged daughters.
I think she works at The Spot.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Al Key
Old Pro



Posted March 04, 2008 13:47

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quote:

.....I remember from high school....

Hello, Mousegrl. I haven't seen you in what, 30+ years? I hope everything is good with you.

Posts: **2894** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

ctcfl
Stranger



Posted March 04, 2008 15:53

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quote:

Originally posted by xminer:
It seems like Hopkins' Market is the one that turned into a flea market in the 80's. It wa right next to the Mo. Pacific tracks.

Yep, That was my great grandfather....remember marking canned goods with a grease pencil as a kid....

Posts: **3** | Location: **Fl.** | Registered: **February 10, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 05, 2008 09:20

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And that reminds me, there was a lady and her husband who lived next door to the store. Her name was Ethyl and they would camp at Bluford Lake on weekends. We'd camp there occasionally and got to be good friends with them. She was a character but her husband was pretty quite. This was in the 70s when Bluford Lake was a sports club and had good fishing on the lake and the club house was going full blast.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 05, 2008 09:57

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I remember the old dude that ran that clubhouse. His name was Alex. My

family camped there a lot back then.

"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 March 05, 2008 10:02

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These are old MtV./You Tube but I think they are better posted here.

<http://.youtube.com/watch?v=Hmv9A2YirMQ>
<http://.youtube.com/watch?v=i0xCM-d8mE0>

Uncle Briggs rocked!! Put on those "cartoon eyes" and watch!!

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

mousegrINfl
Free Time



Posted March 05, 2008 13:09

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Originally posted by Al Key:

quote:

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Hello, Mousegrl. I haven't seen you in what, 30+ years? I hope everything is good with you.

Doing very well, thank you. Nice to have you join us. The people, places, and things some contributors have brought back some incredible memories for everyone.

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

butt2munch
Free Time

Posted March 05, 2008 23:14

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I can't believe no one else was talking about "cartoon eyes" besides bugman!! And watching more Deputy Dawg

Posts: **228** | Location: **Not There** | Registered: **February 17, 2008**

UNCLEB
Educated



Posted March 06, 2008 00:22

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What about 3 stooges eyes?
Never cared much for commercial eyes.

Posts: **512** | Location: **DA-VERN** | Registered: **September 19, 2007**

**So. IL
Lady n TN**
Basic
training



Posted March 06, 2008 06:17

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Was Paul Hopkins your great grandfather?

Posts: **29** | Location: **Tennessee** | Registered: **January 09, 2006**

ibjohn
Free Time



Posted March 06, 2008 08:16

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Krumudgeon said:

quote:

it's come back to me, Hunt's, of course ... One night, following a basketball game, some of us had gathered at Hunt's



I was washing dishes that night....

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Posts: **331** | Location: **Mt. Vernon,IL.** | Registered: **March 14, 2006**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 06, 2008 09:12

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Tuesday night I was one of the people who lost power for a few hours. It's amazing how a person gets to thinking while sitting the dark eating cold hot dogs. When I was raised in Ina in the 1950's our power would go out often. This was before generators. There was a young man who had polio and need an iron lung to do his breathing for him. When the power went off the iron lung, obviously, quit. It had a manual pump on it and his mother would have to pump just to keep him alive. We also had a "phone tree". No matter the time of day or night locals would go over there and relieve her and continue pumping until the power was restored, sometimes for hours. I would go over there with my dad and still remember the mom almost passing out from fatigue before anyone could arrive to help her. See, that pump was difficult to operate, a grown man would do good to last 15 minutes, but they kept it up to save this boy's life. So if your power goes off and you find yourself whining about spoiled food in the freezer or your beer getting hot or the airconditioner doesn't work, just think, you could be pumping that monster just to keep your child alive. I don't know why that particular event hit me. It's just amazing what your mind will do in the dark while eating a cold hot dog.

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

Al Key
Old Pro



Posted March 06, 2008 09:31

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I found some previous posts from other MtV newspaper carriers and I'd like to add my two cents worth.

I started carrying R-N newspapers when I was in 7th or 8th grade, and except for having to collect every week, it wasn't a bad job. But sometimes it could be thankless. My second day John McClure, the circulation manager, handed me a complaint slip. One of my customers complained because I hadn't put the paper inside her screen door, as the previous carrier had. From then on each day I parked my bike and climbed the steps to her doorway. A few weeks later John handed me another complaint slip from the same customer because I had awoken her from her nap when I closed the screen door. So from then on I tip-toed up the steps and gently closed the door. A few months later John handed me another complaint from the same customer because I had tracked up her pretty new snow. I told him I had run off and left my wings at home that day. John let me know in no uncertain terms how seriously he took customer complaints.

Posts: **2894** | Location: **Out West** | Registered: **February 25, 2008**

Krumudgeon

Free Time



Posted March 06, 2008 12:00

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ibjohn wrote:

quote:

I was washing dishes that night....

It must have been fun for a sober observor!

Posts: **396** | Location: **Texas** | Registered: **March 12, 2007**

Bradstik

Regular



Posted March 06, 2008 15:28

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No woman ever shot a man while he was doing dishes.

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

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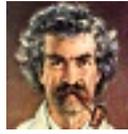
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Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 06, 2008 20:12

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Unless maybe it was "the other woman's" dishes.

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

xminer
Old Pro



Posted March 06, 2008 21:12

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Or if there were two other women and he was doing them.

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

Krumudgeon
Free Time



Posted March 06, 2008 22:31

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Hmmm. We're getting off into the word association can-you-top-this syndrome. What I was hinting at is that if the dishwasher on the night in question could share his observations of the people involved in the nearly

all-night escapade, it might be fun. We all thought the conversation was scintillating and sparkling, when it was probably slurrily silly.

Posts: **396** | Location: **Texas** | Registered: **March 12, 2007**

sbevis
Free Time



Posted March 06, 2008 22:36

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What year did Hunt's close?

Posts: **318** | Location: **hbg** | Registered: **March 31, 2007**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 07, 2008 08:52

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quote:

There was a young man who had polio and need an iron lung to do his breathing for him.

Was his name Marvin or Jim? When I was in highschool we had a speaker phone and there were 2 boys and a girl hooked up to it. All three had polio and couldn't attend school. All three have now passed on. The two boys early in life while the girl lived until only a few years ago.

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [jlmer](#), March 07, 2008 09:08

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 07, 2008 08:54

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quote:

Originally posted by sbevis:
What year did Hunt's close?

I always enjoyed the few times I could go to Hunts. They were pretty expensive for me so I never ate there. My speed was the old Cottage Inn. Anyone remember Eplers on S. 37 & Bethel Rd.?

This message has been edited. Last edited by: [jlmer](#), March 07, 2008 09:05

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 07, 2008 09:59

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quote:

Anyone remember Eplers on S. 37 & Bethel Rd.?

Oh yes. What a mess. He used to let you trade comic books 1 for 1. I also remember getting baby carriages there so we could take the wheels and make push carts. One time my older brother convinced me to ride one down the steep part of the L&N and it came apart and almost killed me (Or so I thought - I walked away). I remember when the building burnt and it smoldered for days. Didn't he live at the corner of 17th and Broadway in a big house across from the Broadway Drive Inn?
How about the factory outlet store in basement in McLeansboro. You could go there and buy clothes, that the Mammoth sold, at quite a discount.

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

wclark

Old Pro



Posted March 07, 2008 10:07

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quote:

Originally posted by sbevis:
What year did Hunt's close?

I can't give a definite, but I believe it was in the early 80's?
This message has been edited. Last edited by: [wclark](#), March 08, 2008 13:48

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**

cl68
Free Time



Posted March 07, 2008 10:34

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quote:

What year did Hunt's close?

I know it was still open in the early to mid 80's but not sure exactly when it closed. Good prime rib.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 07, 2008 10:39

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quote:

Originally posted by jlmer:

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His name was Richard and yes he did have a hook up to school.

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

Bradstik
Regular

Posted March 07, 2008 11:21

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I used to wash dishes at Hunts AND deliver papers for the RN....

Posts: **115** | Location: **MtVernon/Maine** | Registered: **August 17, 2007**

Krumudgeon
Free Time



Posted March 07, 2008 13:15

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Hunt's was still open when I moved from WMIX to the R-N and when WMIX moved to West Broadway. I went across the street to the newspaper in December '81 and WMIX moved about the same time,

assuming that the Christmas Party at the new facility to which I was invited despite the move was in '81 and not '82.

In early 1970, when I first moved to Mt. Vernon, (until my wife was able to move following the closing of school in mid June in Massachusetts, I used to eat breakfast every morning following the 8 o'clock news at Jim DeMent's restaurant across the street from the old WMIX location.

Had many a conversation about national politics and the Boston Celtics at Jim DeMent's with a young attorney just out of law school, Tee Sharp. And I first met Bob Trout over coffee at DeMent's. Bob had described in great detail the water garden he planned to build near Woodlawn and, later, when I saw a painting on some wall somewhere, I thought that looked like the water garden Bob had described ... sure enough, it was Bob Trout who had signed the painting.

Posts: **396** | Location: **Texas** | Registered: **March 12, 2007**

tyrone
Free Time



Posted March 07, 2008 14:44

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I don't think that Hunt's did anyone a favor(except maybe the Rackaway's and the Hunt's) by opening the lounge in the rear. Their food business was never as good as it was before the booze. It was a show to see some of the drunk's waddle out of the bar and leave out the front door while you were trying to enjoy your dinner. BTW Do you remember how the front door always was a bitch to get open. It was that way for years !

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

Krumudgeon
Free Time



Posted March 07, 2008 15:25

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I had forgotten the front door, even with the reminder. It was the obese drunks who waddled; the thinner ones merely wobbled. But I thought that was part of the ambience. Between Hunt's lounge in the rear and the hall across the alley, many a beer was consumed by many a local journalist. But you're right, it would have been better if the waddling and wobbling had been out the door that led to the alley.

Posts: **396** | Location: **Texas** | Registered: **March 12, 2007**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 07, 2008 19:12

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ever stole any hub caps. He said no. He said hey didn't have hub caps when he was a kid. I said "well, what did you do, steal wagon wheels?" The two older women sitting next to us gave me one of those "you insolent little brat" looks. Dad though it was funny and then told us about a time that overnight he and some other boys took a wagon apart and put it back together on top of the local grocers building. Oh yes, kids were much more innovative in those day.

I do remember seeing a lot of those guys coming in and out of the back room. I don't know that I remember and waddles or staggers but you could always look back that way and see a couple guys sitting at the bar. As I write this I looked back in that direction in my mind and I can still see that doorway.

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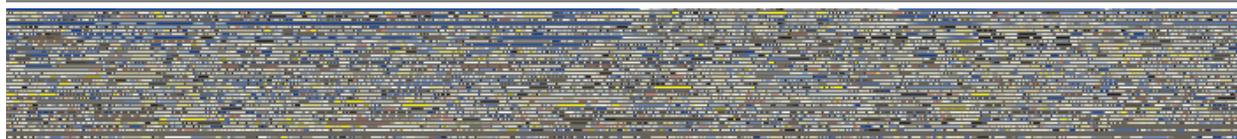
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jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 08, 2008 09:35

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quote:

His name was Richard and yes he did have a hook up to school.

That's right. I had the name wrong. He, Marvin Harpoole and Rosilee Anslinger were the three on the hook-up. The only class I can remember them in was Mrs. Echols World History Class. There's a pic of each of them in the '55 yearbook. I believe Richard died just a few years later. We were friends with the Harpooles and Anslingers but didn't really know Richard except through the "radio". Now, they could have video hook-ups.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

tyrone
Free Time

Posted March 08, 2008 11:37

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Anyone remember Eplers on S. 37 & Bethel Rd.?

Does anyone remember Epler's when his place of business was in the 200 block of south Ninth Street? It must have been in about 1943 or 44.

When the old ROYAL movie house burned (where Stadium is now) his store was close to the north side of the burning building and he was inside his business throwing out all kinds of things he thought was valuable. When the fire was finally put out the street and sidewalk in front of his store was about 3 foot deep with all kinds of wet used clothing, furniture, books, toys and junk. Shortly after that he moved into an old store building in the 600 block of south Tenth and then finally the old BILL'S PLACE tavern (Plantation Club later on) across from the Bethel Cemetery.

His given name was Elbert but everyone knew him as "Dick" and he did indeed live across from the Broadway Drive-In at 1702 Broadway.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

Bugman
an

Old Pro



Posted March 08, 2008 11:52

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Hey Pogo (or anyone)

Did you ever figure out where the fire is that is mislabeled - Emerson fire?

<http://.iafflocal738.org/index.cfm?dsp=gallery&categoryid=§ion=1&pagenum=127&page=4>

I talked to Mike at B&B's and what I said I was right about the Emerson standing by it's self. And you could walk from B&B's into the lobby of the Emerson. But I can not figure out where this fire is. The snorkel is a 1964 I think.

tyrone that is some good info about Epler's I never knew that!!!

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Pogo
Old Pro

Posted March 08, 2008 13:39

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Bugman, I'm guessing that picture of the fire was taken on north 10th. St.



just north of the J.B. Rogers building. I think the business to the right of Joe Martin's Insurance office is the Mt. Vernon Savings & Loan headquarters.

I was not here at the time of that fire but I have been able to enhance the picture enough to see details that place it where I suggest.

How that ever got labeled "Hotel Emerson" (sic) is anybody's guess. 😊
Thanks for pointing it out.

Perhaps someone will chime in that remembers where Joe's office was and that would clinch it.

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

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Posts: **29** | Location: **Tennessee** | Registered: **January 09, 2006**

Pogo
Old Pro

Posted March 08, 2008 15:20

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The Richard you all are referring to was Richard Taylor. (54 yearbook, pg. 98)

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 08, 2008 15:41

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quote:

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If I'm not mistaken he was relation to Roy & Vesta Taylor.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

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staggers but you could always look back that way and see a couple guys sitting at the bar. As I write this I looked back in that direction in my mind and I can still see that doorway.

Hey Buck---that waitress----was that Flo???? 😊
While we are back on the East side--how about the ole A&W? Man I loved tht place.

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

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted March 09, 2008 19:48

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What was the name of the drug sore on the corner across from the Shoe factory? Also I used to love Kings bakery. Anyone ever write on the wall at Daniels Hill? How 'bout the sign ..Kniffens Radiator, "Best Place in Town to Take a Leak." Boy Scout Pond and swinging on the big rope they had strung up in the tree. That was "way out" in the country. Man has that changed. Anyone ever eat whorehound candy...Gawd almighty. I think they poured Nyquil in a mold and made it. Whoever came up with that stuff????

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

JLG48
Educated



Posted March 09, 2008 21:18

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uh.. write on Daniel's Hill wall? Me? No never...lol
A&W.... my most favorite place.. loved the tenderloins and fries.... not to mention the frosted mug of root beer.... we could still get that good ole frosty mug when I lived in Canada... too bad the freis were different and there wasn't anymore tenderloins... ;-(

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 09, 2008 21:21

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While there are many great financial mistakes throughout the history of this country, in my humble opinion,, there are two that stand out to me. One would be when a company ,made a hostile takeover of the company that owned "Charlie's Chip". One of the best potato chips ever went straight up belly up. The other, again in my humble opinion, was when A&W closed all of their restaurants. The first I ever ate at was just outside the gate from Ft. Lewis, Washington. People out there put cole slaw on their burgers and That was what I had at that A&W. From that point on it was A&W for me. It was Papa burger here, mama burger there and a teen burger in between. Hey them fries were heaven and while I'm at it I'll just have a quat of Root Beef too, Yup! Seventh Heaven!

Stixnstones, No it wasn't Flo but I think that Mel was in the back.

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

bill_is_back

Old Pro



Posted March 09, 2008 21:22

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Max Stull ran a drug store across from Mann school. During the 50's.

quote:

Originally posted by Wayne Grant:
What was the name of the drug sore on the corner across from the Shoe factory? Also I used to love Kings bakery. Anyone ever write on the wall at Daniels Hill? How 'bout the sign ..Kniffens Radiator, "Best Place in Town to Take a Leak." Boy Scout Pond and swinging on the big rope they had strung up in the tree. That was "way out" in the country. Man has that changed. Anyone ever eat whorehound candy...Gawd almighty. I think they poured Nyquil in a mold and made it. Whoever came up with that stuff????

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

**Campfollower
in VA**

Regular



Posted March 09, 2008 21:27

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Rusty's was the tops - we always used to get our supper there on Sunday evening. It was Mom's evening off (chuckle).

Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

JLG48
Educated



Posted March 09, 2008 22:38

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Ah Rusty's.. would slip over there after MYF for a bite...hehehe

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

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted March 09, 2008 22:40

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Buck, the last time I was in Effingham they still had an A&W. No Papa Burgers though.

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

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xminer
Old Pro



Posted March 09, 2008 23:14

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I believe Faye Jones went to Hunt's after the Pizza Roma closed. Diane Reich (later VanMatre) worked at Hunt's for years. She passed away 2 months ago.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 07:45

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And Rusty's was the best burger in town. 😊

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**

**Campfollower
in VA**
Regular



Posted March 10, 2008 07:49

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Originally posted by wclark:

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Posts: **129** | Location: **Jefferson County, WBGV** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

**Conn
Bancroft**
Basic
training

Posted March 10, 2008 07:56

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Wayne, the drug store across from the shoe factory was West Side Drugs. I can't think of the man's name that had it before Max but when Max took it over then he opened another one at the corner of 22nd and Perkins that

later became the first KFC in town. Of course, the buildings at 19th Street and 22nd Street are both gone now but they remain clearly in the memories of those of us who lived in that part of town when it was a great place to live.

Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted March 10, 2008 08:19

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And they had the very best cony dogs ever!! I remember walking over for lunch from MVTHS on Tuesday for "special". I was recently at one in St. Louis and they just aren't the same.

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

wclark
Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 09:19

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quote:

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Is anything? 😊

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 09:33

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Humm, I was thinking the drug store owned by Max Stull on Perkins was Parkway. If not, where was the Parkway at?

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Bugman

Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 09:37

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

Stl Todd

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Posted March 10, 2008 09:47

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 09:53

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Conn - The drug store across Perkins from Horace Mann school and the shoe factory was the Parkway Drug Store and Max Stull was the owner. The drug store that was at 22nd street, across the street from Bolerjacks was owned by Mr. Hicks, Jerry's father. I remember that it did not go up quickly as I remember playing on the concrete block foundation for quite a while on my way home from school. The store did not remain open for very long and never had much stock.

We have discussed this location many pages back and, yes, it was the site of KFC at one time. It was the original site in MTV. It was started by George and Sarah Pace, Mike Pace's mother and father. I remember standing in line out front that first day the place opened. Mike was the guy that served as manager the basketball teams throughout the '61' thru '65' years.

As I mentioned in those earlier posts, the next location for KFC was in front of Harry's Market in that little ice cream stand that was out front.

Conn - glad to have you aboard. It has been a while since I last spoke with you. I would imagine that if you read through the last 118 pages (LOL!) you would figure out who I am.

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

chickenbite
Free Time

Posted March 10, 2008 09:53

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Bugman, I am not sure but seems like the Sugarine inventor's name was Doc Faulkner.

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

Bugman
Old Pro

Posted March 10, 2008 09:56

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The Salad Bowl, which got knocked down a couple of years ago. When they widened 37. You people that have not been to MtV in a few years are not going to believe how 37, from Oakland north, looks now!!!

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 10:02

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What was the name of the little restaurant on 37 just across from the CIT office but not quite as far north as the Mug?

I don't remember when it closed but there was the Parkmore Restaurant and drive inn just at the bottom of the hill on the right before you got to the Mug. It was on the southeast corner of that intersection. Of course, across the street from the Parkmore was the drive inn that later became known as the salad Bowl.

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

stixnstones

Old Pro

Posted March 10, 2008 10:02

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[QUOTE]Originally posted by bill_is_back:

Max Stull ran a drug store across from Mann school. During the 50's.

That's my old neighborhood and went school at Horace Mann. All of us loved the burgers, fries--cherry cokes, chocolate cokes---floats--oh man-- what a great memory.

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

jlmer

Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 10:03

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Hey Buck, Jerry had a brother, Freddie, we ran around together all through school and some out of school. I hear he's in a mental ward around Chicago now. Got to playing with spray paint from what I was told. His dad was quite a guy too. After closing the drug store down he went to work up North somewhere. After some years he decided to move back here, he had a wife and house here, rented a uhaul and passed up Mt. Vernon. When he figured out he'd went too far he did a u-turn and turned the trailer over. When the wrecker and Fred and Jerry got there to right the trailer they said it was full of sample boxes and bottles of perfume, cereal, etc. There was also a daughter too but can't remember her name. Wasn't Virgil Jerry's dads name? His brother had the L&N Cafe for years. Their mother, Inez, lived until a few years ago. She was a nice lady. I believe there was a relation

connection to Thomas Berry, sons Jimmie, Tommy and Johnny. I can't think of their mothers name but they lived the second house from the corner of 24th & College on the S.side going East.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

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quote:

Parkway Drug Store

Maybe "Parkway Sundries" I am not sure,I don't think "drug" was in the name.

Or "Parkway Sundries and Drug"?

Posts: **410** | Location: **The thin gray line between air and water.** | Registered: **February 20, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 10:09

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jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 10:16

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Freddy's and Jerry's dad's name was Virgil. He was a work alright and I think that Freddy had issues long before. The impression I had of Virgil was that he was always out to find an easier way to wealth and never found it. I think that the only time I ever met him was one day when Jerry and I stopped in the drug store on the way home from school. I did, however, see enough in the lives that the others of the family lived to have a pretty good idea regardless of my age. To this day I still do not believe that I was far off. I don't know that Jerry ever comes back here but the last I heard his mother had still been living in the their old home on 25th street. I am not aware of any paint issues but I think that there was some drinking involved. I will just say that it is my opinion that Freddy's problems were hereditary (sp?). His mother is/was a very fine woman. I went to school and church with Jerry and did visit their home several times. Virgil was never around. I think that Jerry and his mother both paid the price.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 10:25

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Are you talking about the place they knocked down when they built the Interstate?

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

Conn Bancroft
Basic training

Posted March 10, 2008 10:34

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Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

cl68
Free Time



Posted March 10, 2008 11:38

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quote:

My dad bought a Craig 4 track from him.

Yep. I bought one from him also. You had to pull a lever to engage the tape. I think Gary Maynor was his partner in the original business. Don and Gary's or Gary and Don's.

Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 10, 2008 12:39

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Donnie had a sign in his shop that went something like this: "Stereos installed, \$25.00, if you watch \$30.00, if you help \$50.00". I might be wrong on the prices but you get the idea. I bought one of those 8 tracks that I could remove and put in the trunk. I went through a car wash in Cincinnati, took the stereo out and put it in the trunk. When they finished the stereo was still in the trunk but I didn't notice that 50 tapes had been stolen until I got back to my brother's house.

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted March 10, 2008 13:16

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quote:

Originally posted by Conn Bancroft:
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I am having a hard time remembering one at 22nd? I don't doubt it--just

can't remember it. I do remember Kirk's store between 221st and 22nd and Ted Shaffer's store across from the gas station at 24th and Perkins.

Conn---you and I know each other. Go back about 35 years and think about Alice--I lived a couple of blocks toward the park from your house--on the other side of the road--across from Walker's.

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

Conn Bancroft
Basic training

Posted March 10, 2008 15:34

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Stixnstones, well you have me wondering. There was a guy on the corner of 25th and Perkins with the initials of GM that lived across the street from Buck. Is that you or am I way off base?

Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

Conn Bancroft
Basic training

Posted March 10, 2008 15:39

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Stixnstones It just came to me. I had the wrong Alice in mind. You must be MY?I think GM lived next door to where you lived several years before that.

Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 15:46

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Does anyone know what happened to Butch Lashbrook?

quote:

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 10, 2008 16:06

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The last time I talked to Orle Ray (Butch) he was working and living in the old Lawrence Motel. He and I would talk once and a while but I haven't seen him in about 4-5 years.

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

Stl Todd
Free Time



Posted March 10, 2008 16:11

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Was/is the Lawrence Motel on 37 on the north end of town? I seem to remember 2 motels almost across the street from each other.

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

Conn Bancroft
Basic training

Posted March 10, 2008 16:21

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Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 10, 2008 19:20

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Gary Milner did live at the corner of 25th and Perkins.

The Drugstore on the southwest corner of 22nd and perkins was not there very long. I doubt that it was open even close to a year. I think it sat empty for a while as well before KFC moved in. The KFC place was in there probably before I hit highschool in '61'. Like I said earlier, I stopped in there once with Jerry while it was open. That was probably the spring of '59', possibly even the spring of '58' or earlier. Of course, that was when kids walked to school.

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jlmer
Old Pro



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quote:

Originally posted by Conn Bancroft:
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I think you used to live next door to my dad on Casey! Small world still!

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 11, 2008 09:43

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The Beasley is next door, South, of the Hitchin' Post and owned by Rick Thomas. The Lawrence is owned by Steve Jones and son.

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jlmer007@gmail.com

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

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 11, 2008 09:48

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Don Gray started his business, with Gary, on E. Bwdy. on the North side of the street in a row of buildings which was next to the old Speedway Station on 15th. & Bwdy. the L&N tracks were between Speedway and Deep Rock stations. Behind the Deep Rock and across from the Appellate Court building was the Bar-B-Que Haven. There were a series of buildings on Bwdy hiding the BBQ Haven that were the Vaught buildings but they were soon empty and eventually torn down.

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Posts: **317** | Location: **quiet zone** | Registered: **November 13, 2007**

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Posted March 11, 2008 10:14

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JLMER, your're right that's me. I just passed the desk on to my uncle that you gave me several years ago. I miss the old neighborhood and your Dad as well. What a great guy he was and the best neighbor you could ask for.

Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

stixnstones
Old Pro

Posted March 11, 2008 10:51

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quote:

Originally posted by Conn Bancroft:
Stixnstones It just came to me. I had the wrong Alice in mind.
You must be MY?I think GM lived next door to where you lived
several years before that.

You got it. I knew I was taking you way back.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 11, 2008 11:03

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Us talking about Donnie Gray on "W" Broadway got me thinking about the Clark station that was at 16th and Broadway. And the old two store apartment building that they knocked down to build it. I think Clark's was the first station in MtV to have self-service. I also remember buying gas there for 15 cents per gallon during a gas war. Even when gas was full price you could get 4 people to pitch in \$1 each and circle town all night and have gas left so your parents wouldn't grip the next morning. For \$2.50 each you could get someone to buy for you or for yourself and still make it home with no trouble. LOL

Now that made me think about J.B./Jerry "Moody" Blue. Not that he ever bought for Stix, Bobby J or me. Now there was a character!!! 😊

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

Conn Bancroft
Basic training

Posted March 11, 2008 12:18

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Bugman, Didn't Jerry get killed in a motorcycle accidnet several year ago and I believe his older brother Barry has also passed as well?

Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 11, 2008 12:24

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No he died in a car wreck north of town. I don't know about Barry.

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Conn Bancroft
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Well then, I guess it was Barry that got killed on the motorcyle. Both great guys and a lot of fun to be around.

Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 11, 2008 13:20

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Jerry Blue died in the accident with Darrell Moles while heading north on 37. I always liked Jerry. He did have a great personality.

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

johnj229
Old Pro



Posted March 11, 2008 18:59

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Yes, Sugarine was invented by Doc Faulkner. My dad workd for Max Davis Printing and he printed the labels for Sugarine by the 1000's until Doc went with a self printed bottle. Doc started brewing Sugarine with a big pot and a boat oar and then bottled it by hand. He did this for a fairly long time then got a bottler out of St. Louis to do it for him. Doc also invented Sundrop Cola that was actually he sold eith to Coke or Pepsi and it became Mountain Dew or whatever the eqivilent in the Coke line-up is. RC brought, and maybe quit already, Sundrop by out a few ago.

On another note, I lived in Tolono Illinois which is the home of Monical's Pizza. Mom and Pop Monical started doing pizzas for the Eightball Pool Hall that Pop run. I ate many of the pizzas as they developed them. Some were extremely good and some really sucked. I still eat at Monical's as much as I can. I also think their salad dressing is the best around. Their son Ralph opened up the first Monical's Pizza Palor around 1964-65 in Tolono in the resturant part of a motel. He started slowly but wound up with a dozen or so palors he owned and the rest he franchised. His best buddy would build the buildings, that was part of the franchise, and it would be a turnkey operation. Back then the franchise fee was \$3000.00 plus the lease on the building and 1% of the monthly gross and you had to buy the pizza sauce,

sausage and cheese from Monical's. It may still be that way today. Ralph sold out several years ago but the name Monical's stayed as part of the deal. He is into seafood restaurants at present. I don't recall the name of them.

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

xminer
Old Pro

Posted March 11, 2008 19:04

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Wasn't the Suganine building on Main where Donnie Grey's Speed shop finally located?

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

bill_is_back
Old Pro



Posted March 11, 2008 20:14

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Does anyone remember Ulcare? The ulcer medicine that was made in Mt Vernon.

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

Bugman
Old Pro



Posted March 12, 2008 13:21

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Buck
Old Pro



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chickenbite
Free Time

Posted March 12, 2008 14:27

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Speaking of Butch Braddy, he was the first person I saw in Mt. Vernon with the hippy look. He hadn't been back from Viet Nam long and his hair was long. In fact I think you were in the car with him, Buck.

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

Buck
Old Pro



Posted March 12, 2008 14:34

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It was probably my car. Were we eating corndogs at the Maidrite?

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stixnstones
Old Pro

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I remember they would get the Indy style car out on Logan and street and run it a couple of blocks sometimes. It was so cool as a kid.

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

bill_is_back

Old Pro



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

Conn Bancroft

Basic training

Posted March 13, 2008 07:46

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I have noticed several references to neighborhood grocery stores. Of course, they used to be such a big part of our lives and are now gone like so many of the other interesting things discussed on this thread. I remember many of them but there were a few already gone by the time I was old enough to know what was going on around me. Some were empty or had been turned into something else.

I figured some of you such as JImer,Tyrone or Pogo who are a little bit older than I am may compile a list of such places for us here. I know that it will be quite a list for the whole city, but I know many have been forgotten about and yet were very much a part of our lives. Whether it be to buy liver at Shafer's to go crawdad fishing at the park or pushing around those funny little buggys that the stores used to have.

I know there were bunches of them, many were open up until the late sixties or even early seventies. I think they certainly deserve some acknowledgement here. So let's put what minds we have left and see what we can do.

Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

jlmer
Old Pro



Posted March 13, 2008 09:51

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Buck, I don't think I knew this Loren. He doesn't sound familiar. As far as groceries, in the early 40s there was the one where the gunshop is now on 24th St. between Casey & College, Pages ran it at one time but they were 3rd or 4th owners. Keeles was on what was 26th st. then, 27th st. now. Then Bill/Betty King bought it from them. There was a grocery where Odles Insurance is by the park on 27th. St. I went to Eugene Field School (Halls now) and there was a little store 2 doors from the then United Brethren Church at 17th & Casey but I can't remember the name. Another store was S. on 17th st a few blocks from the school. On Bell there was a store run by my dads sisters husband and boys. George Karsh and sons, Harry & Dewey. The building is still there but it's been incorporated into the house as a bedroom now. It had a brick kind of tar paper on it, narrow and long with the door on the front. The house had a fence around it and set back further from the street then. Of course, Jackson & Martins was on College by the alley in the 23rd hundred block. I think everyone knows where it was. They then moved to N. 10th st. to the IGA but didn't stay there too long until they closed it down. Burt Borden had his grocery between Main and Bwdy on 13th St. for several years. Not a grocery but I haven't heard anyone mention it, George Borders Watch repair. It was on the street W. of Fairmont at the very end. He was very good and a good man as well. An amazing thing now but back then was common place, if you went into one of the stores and needed a line of credit you got it on a handshake. Everyone knew everyone and people simply paid their bills.

Enjoy the music & pay the band!



jlmer007@gmail.com

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

Conn Bancroft
Basic training

Posted March 13, 2008 11:21

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Mentally driving down Perkins Ave. from Shawnee going west there was a store building that later was the drivers license office, then in the next block a building that was a bait shop in later years. Just across Tenth Street where Bowens Ice Cream stand was there was a building run by Fred Taylor. At 12th Street on the northwest corner was a store as well as on the south side of the street right on the alley. 14th on the South Side and 17th on the north across from Anchor Coal. North side between 20th and 21st, south side between 21st and 22nd, of course Bolerjack' at 22nd and Perkins, then Shafer's at 24th and Waslker's just before the park entrance. I probably have left some out along the way so if I did please fill in and supply any names you know. That of course is just one street. Soooooo many more all over town. Nearly every numbered street from 12th all they way to 26th had at least one and sometimes several.

North 8th (Tolle Road) had Sandusky's headed south then Mauldings, Millers and one in the brick building that is a day care now.

I thought I would mention a few and throw it back out there for others to fill in.

Posts: **21** | Location: **Mount Vernon,IL** | Registered: **March 05, 2008**

BlueJean
Member



Posted March 13, 2008 12:20

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(As far as groceries, in the early 40s there was the one where the gunshop is now on 24th St. between Casey & College, Pages ran it at one time but they were 3rd or 4th owners.)

In the 40's that market was run by a family called McGlaughin (sp?) some of the nicest and most kind people I ever knew. During WWII it was common for grocers to save "stoops" for their regular customers. This meant smokes of course as they were very scarce and most saved for the soldiers. Mother would send me to the store for groceries and I was to whisper "A package of stoops please" at the end. They would stoop down, bring up a package and quickly drop it in your sack. One of my first "crushers" worked there, Jimmy Hopkins, so I delighted in offering to go to the store for mother. Remember when meat was cut, wrapped in paper and tied with a string? You saved the string of course, never knew when you would need it. An old Irish couple lived in the strange little house next door and the lady would sit on the front porch and tat lace - so beautiful. I think every dress she made had tatting on the sleeves and collars. This is almost a lost art now. Sometimes I got "lost" watching her fingers fly and mother would come looking for me and the groceries.

Does anyone remember Allen's Ice Cream, off 10th St. on the side street going south from Broadway? They made the best ice cream ever.

Does anyone remember when the police use to raid places with slot machines and have them displayed around the Court House on Sat morning, all smashed in the late 40's, early 50's? I had an uncle who had a "road house", restaurant and bar, over near Ashley and he had a false wall to hide them in. He paid protection money to someone in the State Police to notify him when a raid was coming and the slots would be rolled behind the wall. I can remember seeing the editor of the Register News and his wife sitting at the bar in that restaurant, drinking until they would fall off the stools. I wonder how they ever drove home to Mt.V. Somehow the Moose Club could have their slots and escape raids.

Posts: **47** | Location: **Napa Valley CA** | Registered: **February 26, 2007**

wclark
Old Pro

Posted March 13, 2008 13:06

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

stixnstones
Old Pro

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Ok---Kirks would have been in the same block but on the very corner at the north end of that block---on the west side of the road.A two story building on the corner.

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

Wayne Grant
Old Pro

Posted March 13, 2008 14:51

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Taking this stroll down memory lane just reminds me what a bunch of old farts we are....LOL (Thats what all those in their 30's and 40's are thinking) I am an old fart and I hope to get a lot older

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

tyrone
Free Time



Posted March 13, 2008 15:42

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Circa 1955 Quite a list. But here goesâ€¦!â€¦!â€¦!â€¦!

Alexander Grocery
A&P
Bayers Market
Bolerjackâ€™s Market (2)
Bordens Market
Braceys (2)
Broadway Market
C & M Food Shop
Dodsonâ€™s Grocery
East Side Market
Ellis Grocery
The Fair Store

Gardners Grocery
Garrison's Food Brokerage
Gish Market
Goffinett Friendly Market
Golden Rule Grocery
Greggs Market
Haleys Grocery
Halls Grocery
Heinzmans Grocery
Hilltop Grocery
Jenkins Market
Johnson Grocery
Karch's Grocery
Keele's Market
Kirk & Son Grocery
Kroger
Liebengoods Grocery
Lipps Grocery
Lockwood Grocery
Mauldings Hill Top Grocery
Mays Grocery
Millers Market
North Side Market
Oakland Market
Page Grocery
Prince Market
Prince and Lowery Market
Rileys Market
Rocketts Market
Rogers Grocery
ShafersMarket
Skippy Grocery
Tittle Grocery
Turner Grocery
Van Horns Grocery
Veri-Best
Grocery
Walkers Market
Wente's Market
West Side Market
Woodens Grocery
Yandell Harrison Street Market
Yarbers Gtocery
Zora's Grocery

I purposely omitted one Grocery/Market. See if anyone can name it.

I will supply the addresses if you desire.

Posts: **498** | Location: **Horse Creek** | Registered: **January 05, 2006**

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