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Old Village Hall To Be Renovated

On June 13, the Village Board approved up to a \$100,000 expenditure for the renovation of the Old Village Hall on Lake Street.

The fate of the historic structure has been undecided since the Village moved to its new facilities early this year. Originally constructed as a school in 1894, the building is regarded as one of the key factors in the rejuvenation of the Old Town area as a commercial center. The Village Board is seeking a use for the building which would be in keeping with the Old Town concept as proposed in a study by Village Planner, Allan Kracower.

Renovation of the Village Hall will include gutting the interior walls, and replacing the wiring, plumbing, and insulation. On the exterior, painting and landscaping will provide the finishing touches.

Although a timetable has not been determined, officials hope to have the building ready for occupancy by late fall.

Further information about Old Town and leasing arrangements for the Old Village Hall may be obtained by calling the new Village Hall, 893-7000.

VFW Plans Parade, Picnic, Fireworks

Bloomington residents will find a wide variety of activities scheduled for July 3rd to keep them busy from morning until night.

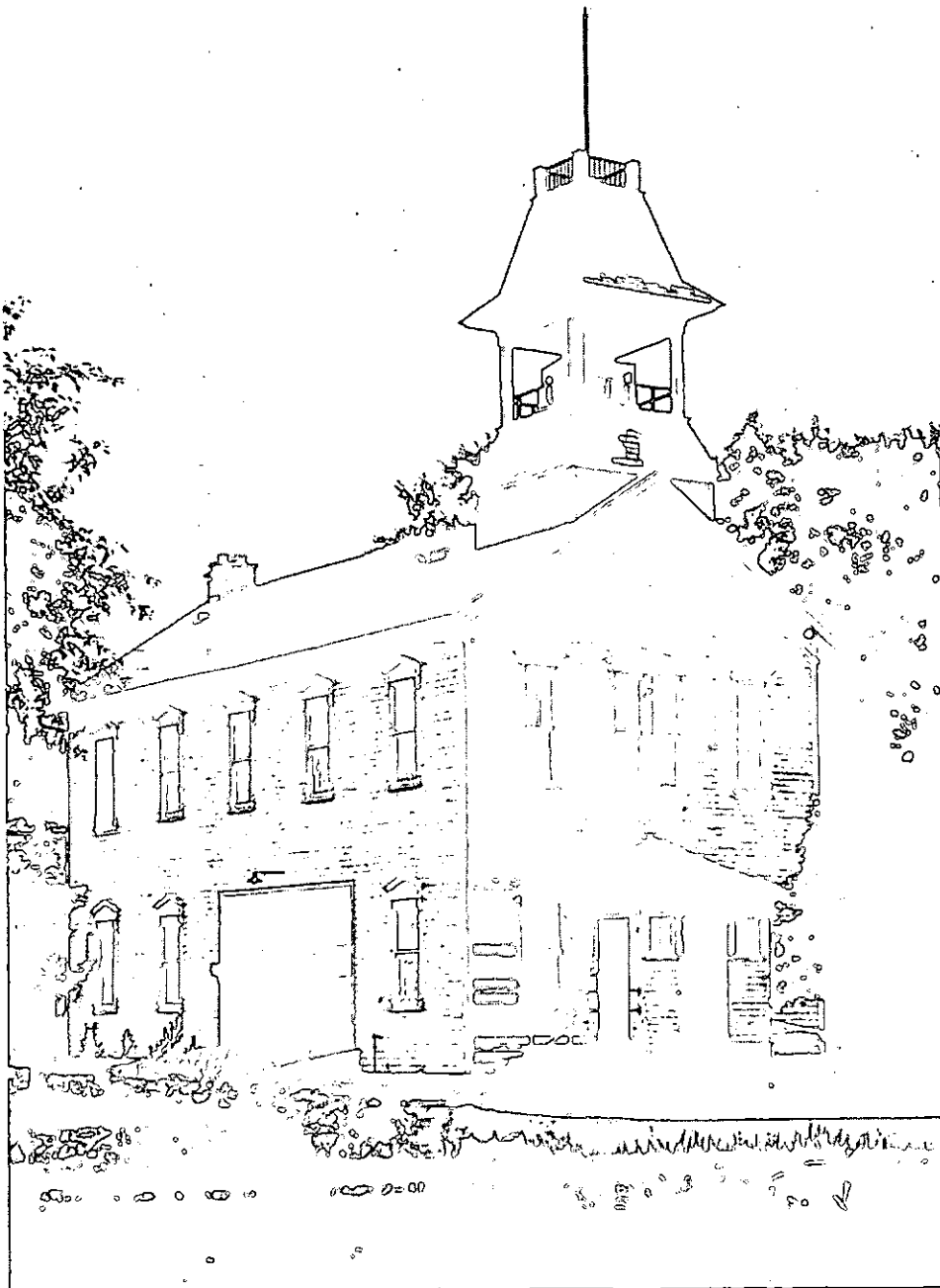
Starting at 11:00 a.m., a parade with floats, Boy and Girl Scouts, antique cars and the Glenbard North High School Marching Band will entertain individuals on a lengthy parade route starting at Fairfield and Schick Road.

The parade will continue east on Schick toward Glen Ellyn Road, and then wind down Warren and Circle. It will continue west on Circle to Edgewater by way of Lakeview, go north on Winston Lane past the water tower, and then turn east again on Fairfield back to the starting point.

At 1:00 p.m., a community picnic will be held on the southwest corner of Schick and Fairfield. Food may be purchased at the picnic area.

Evening activities feature a fireworks display beginning at approximately 8:15 p.m. at the same location.

Duane Wardlow, outgoing Post Commander of the Bloomington VFW, explained, "We are trying to have something for everybody." He also mentioned that the new Post Commander, John Kaiser, will be sworn in at the festivities.



THE OLD VILLAGE HALL CIRCA 1940

Know Your Village Government

By Paul Greening

Of the approximately 1270 municipalities in Illinois, 23 per cent are classified as cities, 75 per cent as villages and 2 per cent as towns. Bloomingdale assumed its present status as an incorporated village in 1923 although its inception may be traced back to the 1830's.

In villages such as Bloomingdale the six trustees elected at large are the legislative body. The village president - mayor - (the terms are interchangeable under state statute) is the chief executive officer of the Village. The mayor is a member of the Village board but only so far as it pertains to his duties to preside over its deliberation. He casts a vote in the event of a tie, or if a measure has received a favorable vote of one half of the council and there is no tie, or where a vote greater than a majority is required.

The mayor and trustees are known as the "corporate authorities." As such they retain all municipal powers which have not been specifically delegated to some other office or board of the municipality.

With the exception of the village trustees, the mayor, and the village clerk, all other village officials serve by appointment of the mayor and consent of a majority of the village trustees.

The village trustees by ordinance prescribe the duties, define the powers and fix the term, salary and bond of the appointed officers.

The Village Administrator is responsible for conducting the day to day activities of the Village. This position is established by Village ordinance and is filled by appointment of the mayor and the approval of the trustees.

(Next issue: The Village Plan Commission)

Bi-Monthly Almanac

Starting with the May 1st, 1977 issue, the Village Almanac now comes to your door six times each year. With more frequent publication, we hope to keep you better informed of Village business and events. Thanks to our sponsors, the Almanac costs each resident only about six cents an issue.

If you have an idea or an article for the Almanac, contact Bill Hicks at the Village Hall, 893-7000.

Village Notes

Garden Club Show

The Bloomingdale Garden Club is coming into full bloom again this year with their annual Flower Show. The theme of this year's event is "Everything Old is New Again." It will be held at DuJardin School on Friday, August 19 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to enter the show and display arrangements of flowers, fruits, and vegetable horticulture. Contact Ethel Williamson for the scheduling and registration. Entries will be accepted at the School from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, August 19.

There will be six qualified judges from the Garden Club of Illinois to award ribbons for the winners of each division. Admission to the Show is free; however, donations are gratefully accepted to defray the production costs.

In addition to the Show, the Garden Club is always looking for new members to take part in the year's schedule of activities. For example, there will be a Workshop for arrangements on July 20 at 1 p.m. in preparation for the Flower Show. For further information, regarding the flower show or workshop, call Ethel Williamson at 529-6140.

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Festival of Arts

The Bloomingdale Women's Club asks everyone to save Sunday, September 18, for the Festival of Arts to be held at the Bloomingdale State Bank, 114 E. Lake Street, Bloomingdale. There will be fun for everyone with over 75 art exhibits, a bake sale, refreshments, and a special "Kiddie Korner" with games and prizes for the youngsters. A portable TV will be given away in the Grand Prize Raffle, and a painting by Mary Thrasher, a former Bloomingdale resident, will be given as second prize.

All proceeds from the Festival will be donated to the Bloomingdale Park District.

Library Prepares For Summer

A new series of Story Hours for children 3-5 years will begin in July. They will be held Saturday, July 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 1 p.m. in the library. The series will be given by Roberta Homola, a senior in education at Northern Illinois University. Please sign up for this program at the library.

In August a series of movies for children of all ages will be held at the library on Tuesday, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 1:30 p.m. It is not necessary to register for this program.

Sue Schlaff, librarian, announced that the library now subscribes to several publications from Standard & Poors Corporation. These publications provide information for those interested in stocks, bonds and other investments.

A Workshop for Librarians was held in May at Sangamon State University in Springfield. Carolyn Sommerville, library board, and Sue Schlaff, librarian, were invited to represent the DuPage Library System. The workshop dealt with library management and a follow up meeting is set for October. Only 34 members were invited from all of Illinois.

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Final Results — EDC Survey

Again the Economic Development Commission wishes to thank all of the citizens of Bloomingdale who participated in the recent EDC Opinion Survey. Although space prohibits publication in detail of the numerical results, we have provided statistical data in chart and tabular form.

We have also reprinted a random sample of over 500 write-in comments received. These comments do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Village Almanac, the corporate authorities of the Village of Bloomingdale or the Economic Development Commission.

"Bread and butter, Gentlemen! After 18 years of growth (the) village should have at least one major supermarket."

"As you add new businesses and professional services, please remember the retired and those who can't drive. A bus service with pick-up at housing developments, and apartments, would boost revenue by enabling these people to get to the stores and home again. It would also help the oil problem by providing a cheaper and better way for even those who drive to shop. I know if such a service was started along with the new businesses I would be one of the first to use it."

"Please establish firm standards of appearance and quality, lighting, advertising (outdoor) and parking."

"I commend your first step in commercial development - the taking of a survey. Bloomingdale's commercial development badly lags its residential growth. I would hope that the Village will move with greater speed in the future in attracting stores and other commercial activity."

"I feel our village has an excellent reputation as is evidenced by an incredible increase in property values. We are lacking in some areas of shopping and recreational facilities, but I trust these items will come to be in our Village."

"The Village had better get moving; have lived in the area for over 12 years and watched Glendale Heights encroach on Bloomingdale in every way. Considering moving back to a Village that is more progressive."

"We would rather pay higher taxes than have high sales tax revenue at the expense of Bloomingdale's aesthetic development, i.e., the establishment of an unattractive commercial strip as in Addison, Lombard, Villa Park, etc."

"More recreation for children. Theatres, bowling, roller skating, pee-wee golf, etc."

"I realize the institution of the aforementioned businesses, etc., takes time, but I hope this survey establishes the most beneficial services needed in Bloomingdale and is a catalyst to acquiring the business needed."

"Get the sewers in on Lake St. and push Urban to develop the shopping center and our commercial needs would virtually be solved. It is very discouraging to see my shopping tax dollars going to better other villages."

"The Village Board must provide the incentives and take the action that is required to truly attract business and encourage investment in the Bloomingdale area. Namely, rezoning and assistance in financing."

"I would be in favor of building of retail stores, professional and office buildings, and light manufacturing. I would not be in favor of heavy manufacturing or a high concentration of say, fast food outlets."

"I would like to see more of a community center- a "downtown" with small shops, movie theatre, ice-cream parlor, etc. Our children have no sense of belonging to a community. Neither do I."

"We like Bloomingdale very much. The people are very friendly unlike other towns which have grown in population. We would like very much for more businesses to open up here so we would not have to travel so far."

"If you were to establish any business, they would have to be decent shops or stores or well known or I wouldn't bother going to them. This township I really don't care for. It grew too fast and there really isn't anything around for shopping convenience."

"I like Bloomingdale as it is now; that's why I moved here. It doesn't have that business atmosphere. I don't want it to be another Hanover Park or Glendale Heights."

"Let's get some essential services in town, if only to save gas."

"Please keep us informed future and present."

"Commercial development is essential to the growth of this community. Light industry would help the tax base. Without shopping facilities future residents will not choose this town and we will lose potential growth."

"When and if you make these services available, please don't make it look like Ogden Ave. in Downers Grove or Lincoln Ave. in Chicago."

"What we need is some local transportation for children to get from one place to another, for adults who do not drive. Impossible to go bowling, shopping, church, movies, doctor, dentist, etc.. Everyone does not have several cars at their disposal."

Village Hall Happenings

Lake Street Water & Sewer

The commercial development of Lake Street in Bloomingdale has been stalled for many years due to a lack of water and sewer services. Now it appears that construction to provide these services will soon be under way.

A public hearing on the project was held June 25th; no significant opposition to the plan was anticipated because of the mutual benefit to both property owners and the Village. Construction is to begin in early fall with completion of the project expected late next summer.

Village officials concede that the project is costly, but stressed the importance of the services for the future commercial development of the Village. Total cost of the 7500 feet of water and sewer line is approximately 1.5 million dollars. The construction will be financed entirely by special assessments of the properties served by the new lines.

The project will be supervised by Wight Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Barrington.

Building Permits Increase

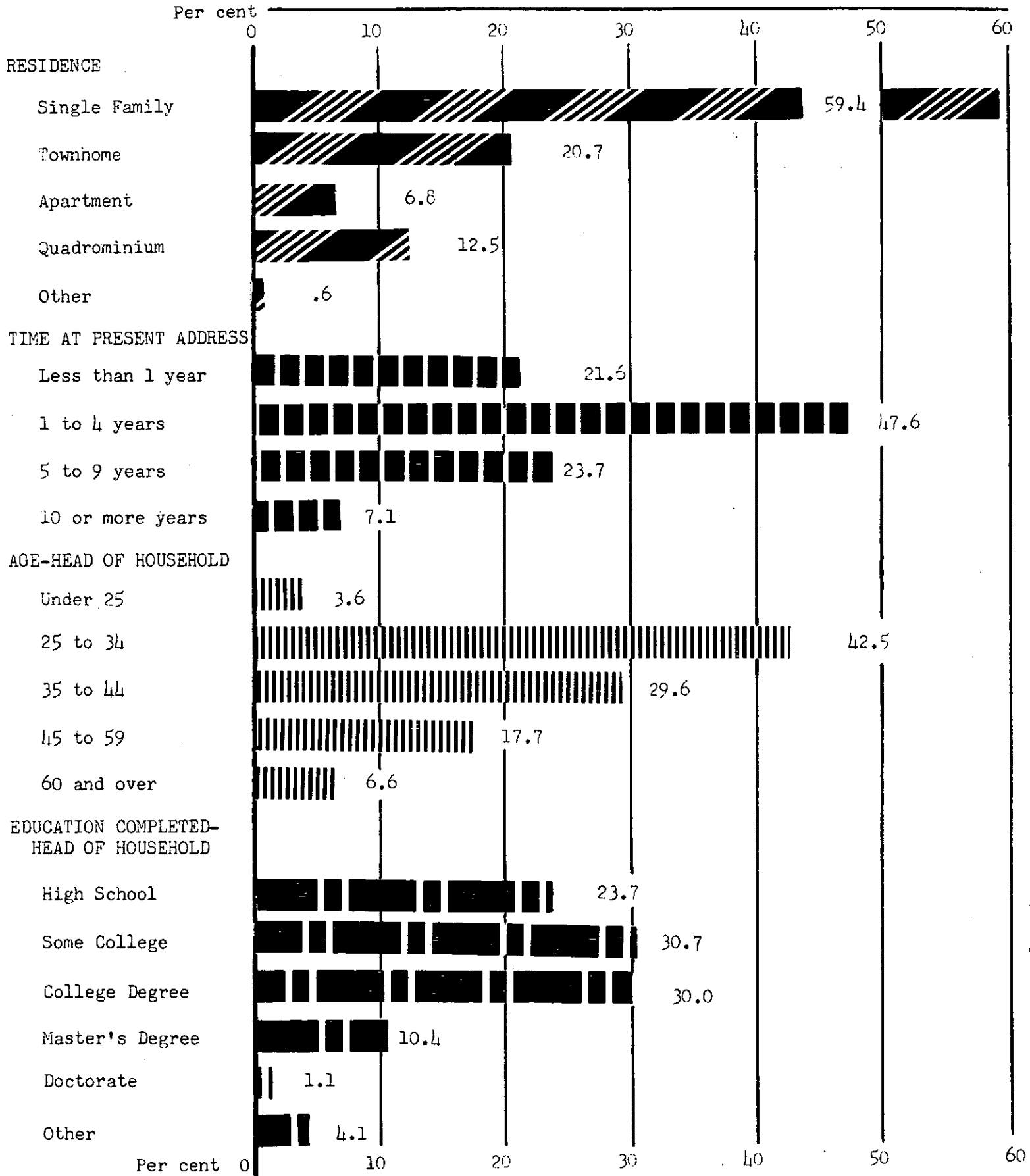
Bloomingdale is booming! In June 1976, forty permits were issued for single family homes. As of June 18, 1977, ninety-three permits have been issued. This represents a dramatic increase in new home construction. Developers expect the pace to continue unabated for another 18 months.

Cardinal Drive Contract Award

At its regular meeting of June 13, 1977 the Village Board unanimously awarded the contract for Cardinal Drive road improvements to the low bidder, Arrow Road Construction Co. of Mt. Prospect.

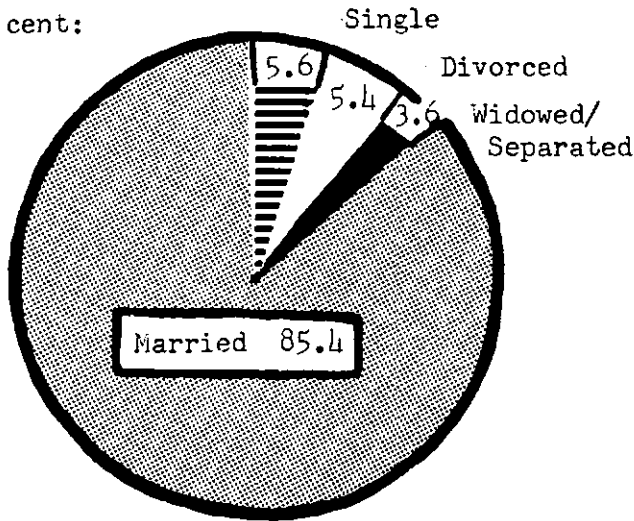
According to Village Administrator Bob Reeves the contract calls for a maximum of 40 work days beginning the second week of July. Upon completion all weaknesses in the roadbed will have been repaired and the entire length of Cardinal Drive as well as the intersections will have been finish asphalted.

Village Profile



Marital Status:

Per cent:

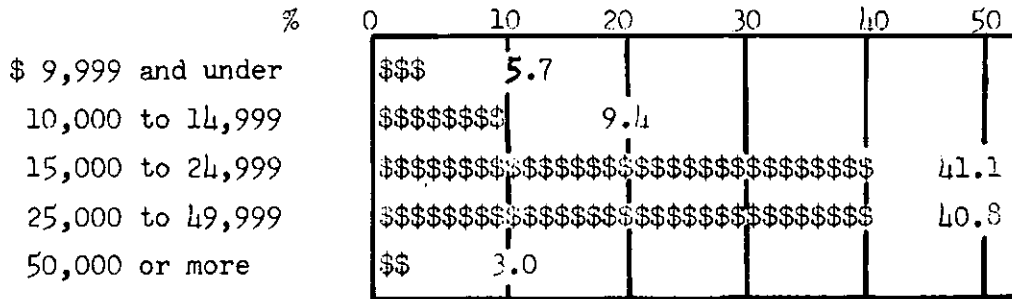


Occupation - Chief Wage Earner:

Tradesman	17.3%
Sales (Non-retail)	16.5
Management (Excl. 1st Line supvsn.)	12.5
Supervision (1st Line)	10.2
Engineers	8.4
Office Personnel	7.7
Retired	4.9

*These categories represent 77.5% of total responses.

Annual Income - Household:



Which products or services would you purchase in Bloomingdale if businesses were established? Rate in order of preference with Number 1 more desirable, 2 next, etc.

Mentioned in first 5	Total mentions
1. Groceries	1. Groceries
2. Meat	2. Restaurants
3. Medicine, prescriptions	3. Medicine, prescriptions
4. Sundries	4. Theatres
5. Clothing	5. Clothing
6. Hardware	6. Hardware
7. Medical Care	7. Meat
8. Restaurants	8. Sundries
9. Theatres	9. Medical Care
10. Shoes	10. Shoes

NOTE: All data and percentages represented in the above are based on the tallied returns of more than 1500 survey forms. This number represents approximately 50% of the total households in the Village of Bloomingdale as of June 1, 1977.

The Chief's Desk

The advent of the vacation months of July and August cause the Police Department much concern, for it is during that period that residential burglaries increase appreciably. However, cooperation from the homeowners can be an invaluable assistance to the police in checking the expected increase. By learning and practicing a few simple home protection hints, residents can prevent their property from falling into the hands of a burglar.

Burglary is a crime of stealth and opportunity. A burglar will search for the easiest target and wait for the most opportune time to strike. To be successful, a burglar must get in fast, make a quick search for property and get out undetected. Any effort or device which lengthens the time factor or increases the possibility of detection will discourage the thief and probably cause him to search out another victim.

The following precautionary steps can reduce the possibility of your home being selected as a burglar's target:

- Close and lock all doors, including porch, basement and garage. Use pin-tumble cylinder locks on outside entrances and safety latches on the windows.
- Connect a lamp to an automatic timer to turn lights in the home on and off each evening. Since noise is a deterrent, connect radio or television to a timer.
- Protect all doors and windows with an

inexpensive, portable burglar alarm which sounds whenever someone attempts to break in.

- Light up your porch and yard with outdoor lights to increase the likelihood that an attempted burglary would be seen. These lights can also be timer-controlled, if desired.

- Cancel all deliveries, such as the milk, laundry, cleaning, etc. Also, be sure to discontinue your newspaper delivery or arrange to have it sent to your vacation address.

- Have a neighbor, or your post office, hold all mail until your return.

- Arrange with a friend to mow the lawn and sweep your sidewalks once a week. Also, ask him if he'll pick up any circulars or handbills that may be left on your property.

- Leave your shades and blinds as you normally do. Closed blinds keep the sun out, but also make an effective screen for the burglar.

- Never advertise your departure with an item in the local paper. Give the story about your vacation to the newspapers after you've returned.

- Never leave valuables lying around, keep them in a safety deposit box.

- Notify your police department of the dates you will be away and what vehicles are to be expected in your driveway. Patrols will take special notice of your dwelling and question any suspicious occurrences.

There is no such thing as a "burglar proof" home, but by following the above precautions the homeowner will greatly reduce the possibility that he will be the next victim.

Patrick J. McMahon
Chief of Police



ROBERT L. MUNDO

New Director For Public Works

If you ask Bob Mundo what he intends to accomplish in his new position as Director of Public Works, be prepared for a lengthy response. Bob is full of ideas.

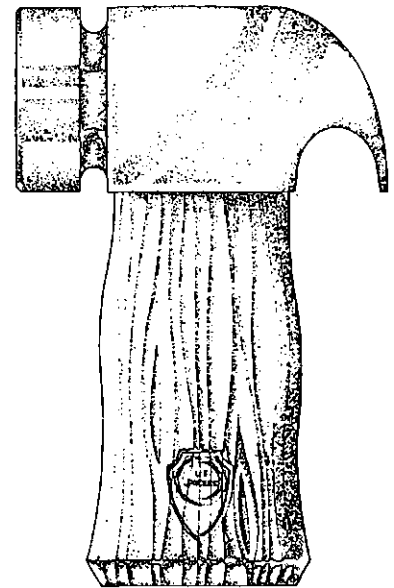
His primary concern is maintaining and upgrading the current level of services by the department, but in addition he has some specific goals.

"When someone calls with a problem, we want to give an immediate response if possible. We will do our best to solve the problem quickly," he explained.

Beginning his fourth year with the Public Works Department, Bob served as Street Foreman prior to his appointment as Director on June 13.

Former Director, Bill Carroll, is now serving as Village Engineer, and Gene Woehrl was promoted to the position of Street Foreman.

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For Further Information Contact:
Jerry Hussey 894-5778
Rod Pedersen 529-1404

Clover Leaf Towers Office

The Clover-Leaf Towers Office Plaza, a million-dollar office building located at 201 East Army Trail Road, is now in final construction stages and ready for leasing.

The plaza, designed by Schaffer-Bonavolonta Architects, consists of a three-story structure with 30,000 square feet of office and commercial space. Bloomingdale residents will be pleased to note that the two top floors, reached by elevator, will house eight to ten medical and professional offices. A quality full-service restaurant is planned for the first floor, along with the occupancy of Thorsen Realtors. The ground floor includes a recessed wall of glass to create a covered arcade.

The developer of the complex is Clover-Leaf Enterprises; the leasing and management agent is Dominic Buttitta, Clover-Leaf Realty, Addison.

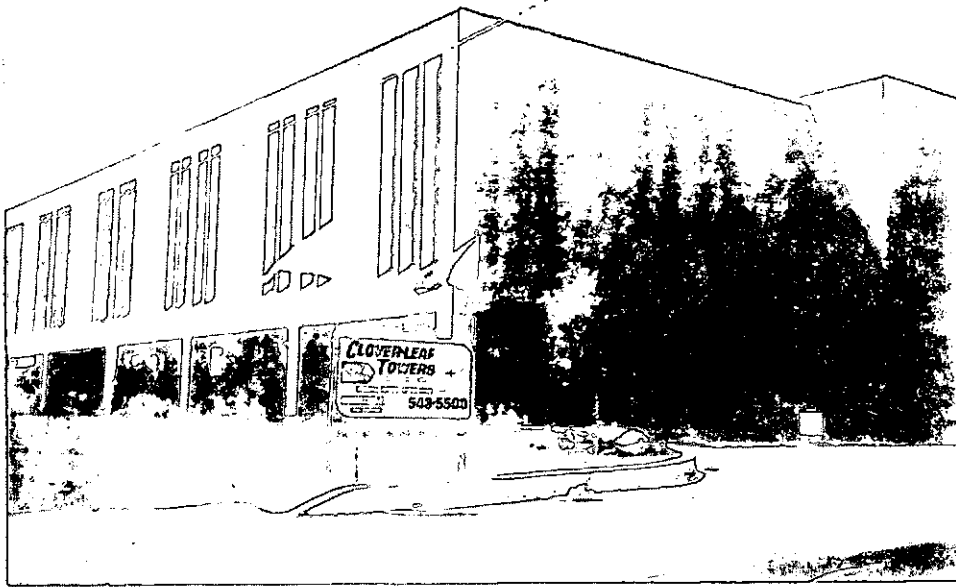
Camp Fire Girl's Outings

The Camp Fire Girls of Greater DuPage held their annual day camp on June 20-23 at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve. The camp afforded the girls the opportunity to learn outdoor skills, to hike, cook on various fires, make crafts, visit a nature center and enjoy the friendship of others. The camp was open to all girls from second through fifth grades.

A one day outing for first graders was held at Churchill, while the sixth graders enjoyed a two night stay at the Council property near Ottawa, Illinois.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will stay overnight at the Council Camp on August 19 and 20th, and a canoe trip for seventh and eighth graders is planned for August 12-14. The young people will canoe the Fox River and spend two nights at the Inter-Council Camp near Ottawa. High school students will also enjoy a canoe trip in August.

Invitations to the outings were sent to the mayors or town officials this year, so they could join the girls and see their camping skills first hand.



Teen Work Program

By PAT SODOMKA

The summer months are upon us, and along with the sunshine, vacation planning and other leisurely activities, homeowners have additional household chores which sometimes keep them from enjoying as much of the season as they would like to. And many teens in the area are searching for employment opportunities to earn extra money and occupy some of their time.

This summer, the Bloomingdale Women's Club seeks to help both the homeowner and the teens in the community by sponsoring a work program designed to connect those interested teens with individuals who would like jobs done around their home.

The program is open to local boys and girls, ages twelve and up, who are interested in earning extra money doing

yard work, domestic tasks and babysitting in the Bloomingdale area. The teens will be paid by the recipient of the service, immediately upon completion of the job, at a rate agreed upon by both.

Mickey Buttitta, Chairperson of the Teen Work Program, hopes the community will be receptive to the idea of letting the teens be of service to their village.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this program, please fill out the questionnaire on page eight, and mail it to Bloomingdale Women's Club Work Program, Post Office Box 271, Bloomingdale, Illinois, 60108.

For further information, or if you are interested in having a teen do a job, please call 529-1700, 529-6699, 529-7900 or 893-3618.

New Racquetball Club

The construction of KILLSHOT, a new racquetball-handball club in Bloomingdale officially began with the groundbreaking which took place on June 7, 1977. The recreational facility to be located at Glen Ellyn Road and Edgewater Drive, in the Westlake Subdivision of Bloomingdale, will be open for use by September, 1977.

KILLSHOT will provide eight racquetball-handball courts, a lounge and bar area, whirlpools, saunas and spacious viewing for its members. According to the

owners of KILLSHOT, the playing surfaces of the courts will be 8 inches of concrete and will set a standard of play unequalled in the Midwest.

Present at the groundbreaking for KILLSHOT were: Owners, Matthew J. Gryzlc, Frank R. Szatkowski; Architect, Edward Jaskowiak; General Contractor of Precision Concrete, Richard Cotte; owner Richard T. Green; V.P. of Hoffman Properties, Bruce A. McLennan; and owner, Paul A. Nicotra.



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QUESTIONNAIRE

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL—NAMES AND/OR PHONE
NUMBERS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED OR DUPLICATED

NAME OF CHILD _____ AGE _____

Female

Male

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

JOB CATEGORIES INTERESTED IN:

- (1) YARD WORK (Grass, fertilizing, windows, etc.)
- (2) DOMESTIC TASKS (Washing Floors, Dishes, etc.)
- (3) BABYSITTING

Parent recognizes the Bloomingdale Women's Club shall not be held responsible or liable for any accident and/or damage occurring when child is working.

PARENTS PERMISSION: _____, DATE _____

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