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WOOD HILL HERALD

FEBRUARY 1962
The first of the year saw Wood Hill pretty well settled down for the rest of the winter.

Snow had fallen; the water, dust and mud was now a memory. Kids had made friends with the "green hill" back of Union and below Hickok. Even before Christmas morning they knew it was the place for new sleds.

There were other signs too, that the "pioneers" were in. Christmas lights sparkled around the outside of homes and Santa's reindeer danced across a lawn on Circle Drive.

Children were in school. The elementary school was in Monee or Saint Mary's in Park Forest or the Lutheran School in Crete.

Buses (first one, now two because there were too many kids for one) made their regular stops.

But, not all went to school---
EDITORIAL

PROBLEMS ARE GOOD....it didn't seem that way when the water rolled in the basement door; or when all the owners on Union Drive pushed stuck cars on Sunday, January 7, but we still say...PROBLEMS ARE GOOD.

It gets us all in the habit of working together. By working together we can make Wood Hill a happy and good community. By working together we can assure a civic government that will attend first to the problems of those who live here; we can help in the establishment of good schools, churches and service organizations.

Wood Hill has a good start. The organization of the "Home Owners" is one approach to solving problems before they become overbearing or overpowering. The approach taken here plus the organizing of the Fire Department and the Police Department, shows that people in Wood Hill can and do make good of their problems.

Let us keep it that way.

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The WOOD HILL Herald is being published in answer to a problem. Rumors have flown faster than a dog with a can tied to its tail. There has been much misinformation about plans for Wood Hill, what was to be done; what was done; or what might be done.

The Herald is being published with one basic editorial policy——tell about Wood Hill, the things that are going on, and the things that are to come to pass.

This is our only policy.

A Wood Hill home owners association is being organized.

The purpose is said to be to promote the private and civic interests of the home owner.

The activity has been spearheaded by a group of men interested in the organization of such a group. It is thought that the group will have a number of committees that will concern themselves with social activities; organization and by-laws; and such other activities as may be desired by the membership.

A survey has been made by the temporary committee. This covered more than 90% of the Wood Hill residents; there was an overwhelming majority in favor of the organization.

A meeting of all residents is scheduled for February 21, when the purpose and a preliminary report of the temporary committee chairmen will be given.

Four meetings have been held by the group. The first was held at Ray Wroblewski's, Hickok; the second was held at the north end of Union at Red Black's; the third again on Hickok at Jim McCormack's; the fourth, moved back to Union, in the middle, at Dave Coon's.

Plans for the general meeting call for a presentation of the reasons for the organization; constitution, by-laws and other activities. It is hoped that the group can have completed its preliminary steps and be working by the end of March.

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Funeral services were held January 22, 1962, for Raymond Gene Narcisi, 18, of 546 Hickok. He was the victim of an auto crash, January 18.

Services were conducted at St. Agnes church in Chicago Heights by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter E. Croarkin.

He was born April 17, 1943 in Chicago Heights and graduated from Bloom High School last June.
This is Warner Richey, reliable route salesman for the Dixie Dairy Company. He has been a route salesman with Dixie Dairy for the past six years.

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Wood Hill took on a rosy pink hue, trimmed in blue, the last three months. Our known count to date is one boy and four girls. If any newcomer has been missed it's because we have no hospital in Wood Hill and our wee ones are making their grand entrances where it is most convenient for Momma. Maybe next month the proud parents can let us in on the happy news and we'll pass it on.

The smug gentleman pictured above is the first born "native" of Wood Hill. He is Micheal David Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Price, 803 Union Drive. Micheal was born in St. Margaret's Hospital, Hammond, Ind. on November 22, 1961. He weighed eight pounds, twelve ounces, about the size of the turkey his mother had prepared for the family Thanksgiving dinner. Micheal will be guided, protected and buffeted throughout his life by his two older brothers, Butch (Byron, Jr.) and Joe.

The "first lady" of Wood Hill is Carol Ann Galbraith, born in the Chicago Lying-In Hospital, January 6, 1962. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. Gibb Galbraith, 921 Union Drive. Prouder of their new baby than the parents are her sister Kathy and her brother Billy.
Mr. and Mrs. James Burt came through with the first "double header" of the year. The little doll on the left is Linda Ann, the slightly smaller doll on the right is Lauri Beth. The girls were born on January 9, in Ingalls Hospital, Harvey. Linda was six pounds, two ounces; Lauri was five pounds, eleven ounces. If you stop in at the Burt's, 539 Hickok, Jami Lynn, Lee Ann, and Dennis will be delighted to show you the babies.

We have it on good authority that after the initial shock of being told that he was the father of twins Jim waxed poetic: "Who hee--not me!"

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The first daughter, and second child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jennings of 702 Circle Drive on January 10, 1962.

Pamala Mary was born at Ingalls Hospital in Harvey. She weighed nine pounds, two ounces.

Her brother, Mark Allen is also very happy about the entire affair, as is his Uncle (and Aunt), the Del Jennings who also live on Circle Drive.

A volunteer fire department to serve the Wood Hill area is being organized. Acting Chief is Red Black of 720 Union Drive. Red was active in the Hazel Crest Fire Department until he moved here last fall. Also active is Ken Gibbons who was too a member of Hazel Crest.

Shown is the 1928 Seagrave pumper the department has leased from Hazel Crest. According to Ken Gibbons, 723 Union, Acting Chief Engineer, the truck is capable of pumping about 350 gallons per minute. However, it is thought that the main fire calls will be for burning roasts and grass fires.

There are at least 15 members now training. Acting Capt. is Jim Burt, 539 Hickok; Acting Lts. are Jim McCormack, 523 Hickok and Ray O'Guinn, 552 Hickok. Additional volunteers will be welcomed, particularly anyone working a night shift.

For more information about joining, call Acting Chief Black at 563-8482.

Equipment is stationed in the quonset garage just north of the model homes, across Exchange. Training sessions are also held there.

A considerable amount of paper work is required to get the department to function "legally" and to conform to Illinois regulations. However, it is thought that Wood Hill should have its own Fire Department, all set and ready to roll, in about one month or so.

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Wood Hill is moving forward. The signs pictured here tell but part of the story.

As spring comes, more and more families will be moving in. You will see plans for new business, schools, and churches unfold.

The WOOD HILL Herald will bring you news about these activities.

Wood Hill will have around-the-clock police protection.

Seventeen people have completed an FBI course to help in their training as members of the Wood Hill Police Department. Chief is Ben Brandom, a deputy of the Will County Sheriff's Department. Ben came to Wood Hill to provide protection for the project; saw a need and has done something about it. (Ben is above)

There is of course, need for equipment to outfit the police department. Various methods of raising funds are being considered. One idea has been "pioneer days". It is discussed by, left to right, Lt. Bob Melcher; F. W. McDermott; and Lt. Tom Pitts.

Three advertisers have helped make the first issue of the WOOD HILL Herald possible. They have expressed confidence in the publication, but more important, they have expressed confidence in Wood Hill itself. In a concrete way they have said, "Wood Hill will grow, and we want to be a part of that growth".

May we say "thank you" to them, not only as publishers of the Herald, but as residents of Wood Hill, who, too, think that Wood Hill will grow, and be a wonderful place to live and to raise a family.

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Seehausen's is a very unusual store. Behind the modern store front, indirect lighting and large parking lot are some wonderful old fashioned and hard to find concepts.

Their meat department is a budget watchers dream. No more buying eight pork chops in pretty packages when she needs five. The butchers at Seehausen's not only cut meat to your needs, but do it with a smile and will give cooking advice if asked.

Seehausen's produce department is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever".

The frozen food department is one of the most complete in the area, and even includes frozen frog legs.

Seehausen's has supermarket prices with neighborhood store friendliness. It is really a pleasure to shop in a store where the sales staff is genuinely pleased to serve.
Hazel Crest Scavenger provides weekly pick up of refuse, for Wood Hill.

Collections are made every Saturday, a particularly convenient time---Dad is home then (or the kids) so that it is no problem to "get the garbage cut".

Receptacles are provided by Hazel Crest; billings for service are monthly, or may be paid in advance for additional savings.

Residents of Wood Hill work for the Hazel Crest Scavenger. Shown, both above and at left, left to right, is Ken Gibbons and Lou Koelsch.

For service see Ken Gibbons at 721 Union Drive or call Hazel Crest Scavenger in Hazel Crest---335-4240.

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