

# TYRONE GLEANINGS

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## Maynard's Ramblings:

It's been three short months since I wrote my Ramblings, and what a hot summer that was. I didn't complain too much because I know what is coming – lots of snow, "I predict".

We have been real busy at the Historical building. Casey Patterson has built and installed shelves and they are something to be proud of. On July 24<sup>th</sup> the Kent City High School class of 1960 visited our Museum as they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We also held an open house during Kent City Fall Festival but it rained all day which put a damper on things.

I want to thank everyone for their help, all their donations and generous gifts for the Society. There just isn't room enough to thank each of you personally. I sure appreciated Lone Stark for writing a nice article for the Gleanings. I would like to add to the article that O & M is no longer with us. It has been completely demolished and all cleaned up. It's hard to realize that Wilders used to be there and Whitney's Flour Mill before that. I don't think any of us remember Whitney's, but we all remember the wonderful ice cream that Wilders made.

Dora Haney of White Cloud called one day asking about a restaurant operating around 1960 called Dora's Kitchen. It was somewhere near the present Post Office. No one recalls it. If anyone of our reader's remembers please let me know.

Thanks for reading my Ramblings during the past year and I hope to be back with you in 2011.



**Please mark your 2010 calendar for the next 3 meetings at 1:00pm  
October 12, November 9, December 14**

We lost a member, Jerome Malfroid. Jerry and his wife, Merry, have been members for about 3 years. Jerry was real interested in historical memorabilia. He passed away Aug. 15, 2010 after a short illness from cancer. Jerry retired from the Grand Rapids Public Schools in 1992 where he was a foreman in the supply department. He was a Navy Seabee in the Korean War. Before his death, Jerry was working to help build an endowment for the Kent County 4-H Youth Development. Jerry restored and refurnished the old Johnson School to its original condition. Jerry lived on the farm, which at one time was owned by John Bowen who also owned the old Kent City Hotel.

HISTORY NOW

Hello: I'm going to give Maynard a bit of a helping hand and bring all of you up to speed on what is and what will happen on the streets of Kent City during 2010 and 2011.

First we give kudos to John Petruska - Village President and the Village Council. ALSO kudos to Kathy Ignasiak - Chairperson of the DDA and her committee for the face-lifting in "Downtown" Kent City. The new curbs and sidewalks look wonderful. Did you know that there were tubes placed under the new concrete so that when the second phase takes place next year (2011) all of the overhead wires will be placed in the tubes underground and all of the ugly poles will be eliminated? The Village will not look like Dodge City anymore. It is great to see that the Village leaders are demonstrating vision.

This was all done with no cost to village taxpayers. The project is being paid for by the Federal Stimulus funds, DDA funds as well as the village street funds which come from gas taxes. What a tremendous way to use these available monies. These funds are all earmarked to be used for this kind of a project. One penny did not come from the Village operating funds. Again – Kudos to you all who have been instrumental getting this project off the ground. (I'm sure that the downtown business owners are grateful also)

If anyone watches TV – and who doesn't – you all know that there is an important election on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are being bombarded with TV ads and no relief until Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Whatever way that you wish to vote is ok but it is important that you vote. It's been made very simple for seniors. You do not have to stand in line anymore. Vote absentee. If you haven't applied for an absentee ballot yet you can do so by calling the Township Office at 616-678-4779. They will send you one. It makes life easy and gives us no excuse for not voting. Actually, most seniors are known to have good voting records.

Until next time: DON'T LET YOUR WORRIES GET THE BEST OF YOU. REMEMBER -MOSES STARTED OUT AS A BASKET CASE.

SMILE AND ENJOY THE DAY. HAPPY TRAILS - IONE



**Traditional Norwegian blessing:**  
*"Jeg er sulten"*  
*("I am hungry")*



OFFICER BUZZARD

Roy Buzzard was born May 21, 1888 at his farm home north of Kent City, worked there as a farmer until he became a Warden July 16, 1919. He served with Allen J Titus of Grant and Wilbur C Kidder of Tustin when they were the only Wardens in the Lower Peninsula. They served under appointment of the fish and game division. When the Conservation department was reorganized under Civil Service he became an Officer instead of a Warden. He served from 1919 until his death March 19, 1954. In point of service Roy was the oldest Conservation Officer in Michigan at the time of his death.

Roy was known for his sound judgment and willingness to apply the golden rule to his work. He had that rare faculty for enforcing the law conscientiously and making friends while doing it, although he had a firm hand when necessary. He was especially valuable in working with minors and made sportsmen of many would-be young violators.

This article was printed in the Jan. 10, 1946 Sentinel Leader. Instead of Lutefish it should be Lutefisk (K instead of an H) at the end. This is an old Swedish Tradition. How many remember at Christmastime Saur's Store always had a wooden barrel setting in front of the store with dried fish stacked in it? This was called Lutefisk. The lutefisk had to be soaked in lye water to soften it up. When prepared properly it was delicious according to the old Swedes. I wouldn't know as my Mother wouldn't have anything to do with it.

### LUTEFISH PARTY

The annual lutefish party held each winter at the Roy Buzzard farm drew the usual fine attendance. Mr. Buzzard, local conservation officer, looks forward to these joyful sessions with the same interest shown by his guests.

Mr. Buzzard makes all the arrangements and with the aid of his special "cooks" serves a delicious lutefish dinner. Numbered among the guests are state police officers, county and local officials.

### Winfield "Win" H. Hubbell

Winfield "Win" H. Hubbell, 94, of Ionia, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Monday, March 29, 2010. He was born on Sept. 2, 1915, in Muskegon, the son of Winfield and Jeanette (Kocher) Hubbell.

Mr. Hubbell was a Veteran of World War II serving as a Staff Sgt. in the Army Air Force, 333rd Bombardment Group. He was also a past commander of the Ionia County Council of the VFW, and was a member of the Portland American Legion Post, the Ionia VFW Post, and the D.A.V. in Palm Bay, Fla. He was also a former member of the Portland United Methodist Church and a current member of the First Christian Church of Ionia. He worked for many years as a bookkeeper/accountant in the manufacturing industry after graduating from Davenport College.

The Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at the First Christian Church of Ionia with Pastor Armand Aronson, presiding. Military Honors will be provided by the Ionia VFW Post #12082. Private interment will take place at Newaygo Cemetery in Newaygo. The family will receive friends at the church on Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m.

We received this letter dated March 31, 2010 from Grayden Slowins, Editor of the Sebewa Recollector at Lake Odessa, Michigan. They are one of the societies we exchange papers with.

*Dear Folks,*

*We thought you would want to know about the death of your star basketball player from the 1930's. He was a well-respected member of the Portland Michigan Methodist Church and community in the 1940's and of the Ionia First Christian Church and community in the 1980's-1990's-2000's. In between he worked and lived further south in Michigan.*

*Sincerely, Grayden D Slowins*

Winfield Hubbell graduated from Kent City High in 1933.

I certify that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1876 at the Township of Tyrone in the County aforesaid, I, Ammon Fox, J.P. joined in marriage Charles A. Wylie of Kent County in the State of Michigan, aged 23 years, born in Kent County, State of Michigan, color white, occupation a farmer, and, S. Jennie Rusco of Kent County, State of Michigan aged 18 years, color white, born in Schuyler Co., in the State of New York; that the parties then and there did solemnly declare that they took each other as—Husband and Wife—and that there were present as witnesses Henry J. Barrett of Tyrone, Kent County, and Elbridge G. Cilley of Tyrone, Kent County.

Dated at Tyrone this 17 day of September A.D. 1876.

Ammon Fox, Justice of the Peace.

Full name of Bridegroom: David Reamen (Reamin?)

Residence at time of marriage: Tyrone, Kent Co., Michigan

Age at last birthday: 26 years

Color of Bridegroom: White

Birthplace: Canada West, Waterlou Co.

Occupation: Farmer

Full name of Bride: Esther Rexford

Residence at time of marriage: Tyrone, Kent Co., Mich.

Age at last birthday: 19 years

Color: White

Birthplace: Steuben Co., NY

The parties above-named were joined in matrimony by me at Tyrone Township, Kent County in the presence of Daniel Rexford of Tyrone, Kent County, and David Rexford of Tyrone, Kent County, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1876.

Ammon Fox, Justice of the Peace.

Full name of Bridegroom: Washington Brott

Residence at time of marriage: Tyrone, Kent Co., Michigan

Age at last birthday: 30 years

Color of Bridegroom: white

Birthplace: Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

Occupation: Farmer

Full name of Bride: Laura A. Colby

Residence at time of marriage: Tyrone, Kent Co., Mich.

Age at last birthday: 19 years

Color of Bride: white

Birthplace: Somerset County, Maine

The parties above-named were joined in matrimony by me at Tyrone Township, Kent County, in the presence of Amos Rexford of Tyrone, Kent County, and, Hartwell Churchell, Tyrone, Kent County, this 21<sup>st</sup> day March A.D. 1877.

Ammon Fox, Justice of the Peace.