

**AS TIME GOES BY**

**100 years ago**

G.R. Trenchard closed a deal where he became the owner of the old Stephenson 160 acre farm, paying \$240 per acre. The new ice plant is now in operation and is a distinct advantage to the business interests of this city. July 4 was the 88th birthday of Dave Dawson, the oldest man in Bement. Mr. Dawson was down in Delaware, Ohio. He came to Bement from Winchester, Ill. In 1850. Andrew J. Wysong, 60, of Decatur was found dead in the barn in the rear of his home Monday evening. He was a successful contractor, building the Vendome Hotel in Bement and the homes of L.M. and D.W. Fairbanks of Mansfield. He married Levia Hilligoss and resided in Mansfield many years. A new firm has been added to the list of business firms this week by the opening of a new music store on W. Washington St. by Frank Combes and Del Frisinger. Elijah Trotter died Sunday evening of paralysis. He was born in West Virginia on Sept. 25, 1831 and is buried in Monticello Cemetery.

**75 years ago**

Cecil Drawhorn, and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Drawhorn, are recovering from injuries after their automobile hit a culvert near

Gilman. Ralph Smith, Kenneth Gale, Richard Stratman and Odell Netleship are recuperating from injuries when their car hit a culvert near Bement. Monticello's Centennial Celebration was attended by thousands every day. No prisoners have been held in the county jail since July 1, Sheriff E.E. Lindsley reported. One injury from fireworks was reported here Monday when the 6-year-old of Arnold Gregory received a burn on his neck from a Roman candle fired Saturday night. Harold Jordan received a skin burn around the eye when a firecracker burst in his face Monday. Harry Combes signed a contract with Champaign High School for a yearly salary of \$1,700. Charles Moyer, city employee, received a broken toe and a mashed foot while working on a leveling drag on E. Center St. Marion Luscalet, daughter of James Luscalet, and William Piatt, son of Wallace Piatt, were married June 26 in Decatur. Moore Memorial Gymnasium swimming pool will be open to people of Monticello July 9.

**50 years ago**

A daughter was born Sunday in Carle Hospital to Robert Musherush of DeLand. Loren Tate and daughters of Munster, Ind. arrived in

Monticello for a visit with their parents. Mr. Tate is a sports writer for the Hammond, Ind. Times. Marriage licenses were issued for Harold Brown and Betty Thompson of Monticello, and John Dean of DeLand and Mary Etta Houser of Mansfield. Judges for the state 4-H judging contest from Piatt County include Larry Cross, Bill Scott, Larry Hall, Fred Perry and Tom Fogel.

**25 years ago**

The Piatt County Junior Fair will take place July 9-12. There are 12 entries vying for the title of queen. The Jail and Bail event is scheduled for July 17-18. Sesquicentennial Belles and Brothers of the Brush (males with beards) are encouraged to promenade in costume every Friday during July to keep the interest in the 150th celebration at high level. Monticello School District 25 has published its philosophy and objectives in a lengthy paper. The Joyous Sounds Choir of Ashland, Ky. presented a program at Monticello Methodist Church. The Marching Sages of MHS performed in the Champaign-Urbana Fourth of July parade, wearing their full uniforms even though the temperature was very high. The crowd seemed to appreciate their uniforms.

**PEACE MEAL MENUS**

Lunch is served at noon each day at the city center on Livingston Street. Call 762-7733 for reservations a day in advance.

**Wednesday, July 11** - Open-faced turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans,

peach crumble  
**Thursday, July 12** - Roast pork, baked sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas, Mandarin oranges and bananas, bread  
**Friday, July 13** - Rotini and Italian sausage, steamed vegetables, coleslaw, blushing pears  
**Monday, July 16** - Ham slice,

roasted potatoes, spinach salad, cornbread, fruit crisp  
**Tuesday, July 17** - Beef and noodles, broccoli, blackeyed peas, seasonal fresh fruit  
**Wednesday, July 18** - Honey glazed pork chop, mashed sweet potatoes, vegetable medley, angel peach dessert bread

**Chatter** from 6

The usage of Intergovernmental Agreements, where Monticello local governments share equipment, manpower and facilities, saving taxpayer dollars; Our Monticello Arts Council; Piatt County Nursing Home, Maple Point Assisted Living Center and Tatman Village; Monticello Chamber of Commerce and its "Lunch with Santa on the Train"; Monticello Township and the Monticello Township Highway Department with its dedicated full & part time staff; EDS Gas Station, one of the few "full service" gas stations still in operation in the state; The Annual Piatt County Barn Tours; Historic Wabash Depot/ Chamber of Commerce Office; Monticello School District # 25 and it's entire dedicated staff; One of only four counties (Piatt, Douglas, Moultrie & Coles) in the State of Illinois, where the county's township highway maintenance departments, including Monticello Township, maintain all of the county's roads within its respective township. And last, but not least, - the mascot for Monticello School District # 25 is the "Sages", which is often represented by

as a wise owl or "Sammy Sage". The basis of this representation coming from the Thomas Jefferson nickname "Sage of Monticello", which is also the town's namesake. It is one of the more "unique" mascot names, not just in Illinois, but in the United States. So just like "Mayberry", our community of Monticello and Monticello Township definitely fits the definition of "unique" in being very "distinctive" with its own heart-warming, welcoming residents, businesses, local government bodies, homes, sites and events. As I close, and since this is a "Rural Road Chatter", I am trying to think of something positive about the consistently hot weather conditions that our area has experienced lately pertaining to rural road work and all I can think of is; when oil & chip sealing your rural roads this summer, the hot oil sure has been flowing well, even after it comes out of the hot oil tanker truck. Have a safe and "cooler" summer. And just sit back, relaxing in the air conditioning and reminisce by watching some old "Andy of Mayberry" reruns.

Charlie Montgomery is the Monticello Township Highway Department Commissioner and a resident of Monticello.

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