



Charles Moyer is shown holding a couple of large cucumbers he grew in his garden this summer. The long one measured 26 inches long. The other weighed nine pounds.

Charlie obtained the seed from his brother-in-law in Arizona. The cucumbers are often dined and made into sweet pickles. (dated Sept. 4, 1969)

S.E. Herald, July 24, 1941 - Pad Sheaffer and Bill Higgins left for Texas Tuesday taking a truckload of monument stones for the Sloan Monument Works.

S.E. Herald, Oct. 16, 1941 - The town had a car-load of crushed rock unloaded and spread on the streets Wednesday.



The Dartball team has collected eleven trophies over the years.

#### DARTBALL TEAM WINS MANY TROPHIES

The Dartball team of the Union Church has been playing since 1965. They joined a league with seven other teams from the following churches: Webster Methodist, Keswick Lady of our Lourdes, Keswick Methodist, Thornburg Methodist, What Cheer Methodist, What Cheer St. Joseph and Indianapolis

Christian.

They won 2nd place trophy in 1966-'67 season; 2nd place in 1968-'69; 4th place in 1969-'70; 1st place in 1970-'71; 1st place in 1971-'72; 4th place in 1973-'74; 5th place in 1974-'75; 1st place in 1975-'76.

Some of the players who have taken part over the years are: Lewis Bower (long time captain of the team), Don Hervey (the

present captain), Bill Evans, Mike Holmes, Arthur Evans, Garrett Bremer, George Herr, Archie Robison, Bill Axmear, Harry Riddle, Dale Robison, Junior Robison, Henry Mumm, Dick Garrett, Charles Van Fleet, C.L. Cox, C.E. Stansbury, Fred LeFever, Harry Riddle Jr., Fred Spiess, Ricky Hervey, Larry Strasser, Warren Howard and Paul Ruth.



Paul Roberts when he was doing business at the Corner Store.

#### ROBERTS CORNER GROCERY CLOSES

The Roberts Grocery Store in South English is closed, due to health reasons of the owners, Paul Roberts, after having been in business for the past forty-seven years. Paul has been the owner and operator for the past 21 years. Prior to that it was owned by his mother, Mrs. E.L. Roberts.

Mrs. E.L. Roberts and family of seven children came to South English from Brighton, Iowa, February 21, 1921 and opened her grocery store, which she had previously purchased from Charles Fauler, with Paul her steady helper. Paul was then a sophomore in the South English High School, helping at the store evenings, week ends and vacations, staying on after graduation in 1923.

Mrs. Roberts decided to sell the business at two different times, only to buy it back shortly. The first time was to A.K. Zehr, then to a daughter and

son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cheney. After this time Paul became a partnership owner and in 1947, sole owner.

In June, 1930 he was married to Irene Saxton of South English who was Assistant Cashier and bookkeeper in the Farmers Savings Bank. They have a daughter, Sue, (Mrs. Ric Stuhlman). She and her husband and young son, Kevin, live in Chicago.

Others of the Roberts family helped out with duties at the store while going to school and growing to adulthood. Everett, who now lives at Corydon, Iowa, and Grace, now Mrs. Doyle Wagamon. Her husband, Doyle, also worked in the store several years.

Paul and his wife Irene have served their community well. The "Roberts Store on the Corner" will be missed by all. The doors to Roberts Grocery, a landmark in South English, were closed August 31, 1968.

April 7, 1938 - Earnest Lane who is now with the Smythe Neon Co. in Cedar Rapids, was home for a short visit Saturday. He is engaged in making and installing Neon Electric Light signs.

S.E. Herald, Dec. 4, 1941 - Eighteen shopping days till Christmas - and time to buy auto license. J.F. White has \$4-13 again this year.

S.E. Herald, Nov. 21, 1940 - Thirteen turkeys will be given away on the streets of South English on Wednesday afternoon November 27th. Be on hand to get one. Those Merchants and Businessmen giving turkeys are: CHARLES MOYER, ROBERT'S STORE, SAMMY SLATE, NORM WALK, L.J. POWELL, WHITE STATE BANK, R.A. SLOAN, FARMER'S GRAIN & LUMBER CO., DUNN AUTO CO., CENTRAL FOOD MARKET, HOWARD SPIVEY, ART GREEN, and ZONA DIXON.



Two of the large stained glass windows in the Union Church bear names of persons who probably contributed greatly when the M.E. Church was built in 1910. The east window: "In honor of Samuel B. & Annie

#### South English Wins Dartball Tournament

March 25, 1971







South English had flying enthusiasts as far back as 1914. Some of the pictures were taken by Elip Sigafosne. The flying was

done in what is now Podge Cox's field at the southwest part of town. Bottom picture, down for repairs. Left to right: Logan

Stall, Ern Lane, Clarence Lane, Vaughn Bell, Dave Flockey, Bert Fattig, George Sauer, Warren Stall and Ray Fattig.

Post Office, South English  
Keokuk County, Iowa  
Established-Jan. 17, 1850  
Postmasters and appointment  
Dates

Robert Ardrey  
January 17, 1850  
Hugh H. Rodman  
May 28, 1850  
Andrew Neffsinger

James M. Adams  
March 24, 1858  
Jonathan F. White  
September 16, 1858  
Tunstal Q. Matthews  
September 25, 1863  
Isaac H. McCormack  
December 28, 1864  
Abraham Troup  
February 22, 1865  
Jonathan F. White  
October 24, 1865

Abraham Troup  
December 8, 1869  
Gould J. Brown  
January 20, 1874  
Wolford H. Hotchkiss  
August 4, 1876  
Charles F. Cosby  
April 12, 1877  
William H. Holder  
September 25, 1882  
W.T. Coffman  
March 23, 1885



Postmaster Warren D. Evans working in the modern brick office building.

Jennie M. Miller  
July 26, 1893  
William N. Horn  
July 22, 1897  
Leila N. Horn  
May 26, 1930  
Jonathan F. White  
August 20, 1935 (confirmed)  
Oct. 1, 1935 (assumed charge)  
Arlan E. Brower  
Oct. 31, 1956 (assumed  
charge)  
Nov. 5, 1956 (acting)

Norman O. Walk  
Mar. 19, 1958 (confirmed)  
Mar. 20, 1958 (acting)  
Apr. 18, 1958 (assumed  
charge)  
Warren D. Evans  
June 29, 1973 (acting)  
Nov. 10, 1973 (confirmed)



## SCHOOL

### MUSIC

Music has always received a certain amount of interest in the school. At different times there have been orchestras organized. Glee Clubs, trios and quartets have always been popular. In 1937-1938, under the direction of Mrs. Anderson, the students entered their first music contest, held at Kalena.

The boys' group rated good. Those singing were: Earl Coffman, J.B. Miller, Harold Keiser, Junior Good, Glen Brower, Billy Van Dunn and Donald Robison.

The girls' sextette rated average. They were: Helen Jean Radebaugh, Ruth Holsopple, Jean Evans, Dorothy Keiser, Mary Jaeger, and Cordelle Reade.

The girls' glee club rated good. Including the sextette they were: Kathryn Ann Sloan, Beth Brower, Betty Jean Raplinger, Barbara Ann Coffman, Dorothy Dee Hotchkiss, Wilma Wenger, Allie Robison, Arlene Robison and Nona Dixon.

Operettas: 1925-26 - "Polished Pebbles" - Directed by Mildred Robinson. 1926-27 - "Love Pirates of Hawaii" - Directed by Mildred Robinson. 1927-28 - "Sailor Maids" - Directed by Edith Brown. 1934-35 - "Gypsy Rovers" - Directed by Mrs. Mildred Grove.

S.E. Herald, Sept. 10, 1936 - Mr. E. Donathan of Washington, house mover, was here several days last week engaged in moving the Wenger Seed House from the corner north of the depot to the "Old Town" corner. It now occupies the same location which the J.F. White store building occupied 58 years ago. The J.F. White building was moved when the B.C.R. & N. railroad was built in to our town in 1879.

Mr. Wenger is arranging with a lot of farmers who were fortunate in raising seed corn from the seed corn he furnished last spring. Corn that was grown on north hill sides and river bottoms lands escaped the extreme hot winds and some of it is reported as producing 40 to 50 bushel per acre.

Mr. Wenger is an old seed corn man and is arranging the building for heating and circulating air for especially drying and preserving the seed. He expects to put up at least 1000 bushel for next season's planting.

### March 24, 1938 - CCC TAKING BOYS APRIL 1 TO 20

Applications will be received at once in the Keokuk County Relief office. Boys seventeen to twenty-three years of age are eligible if they are unemployed, unmarried and in need of employment. Enrollees with

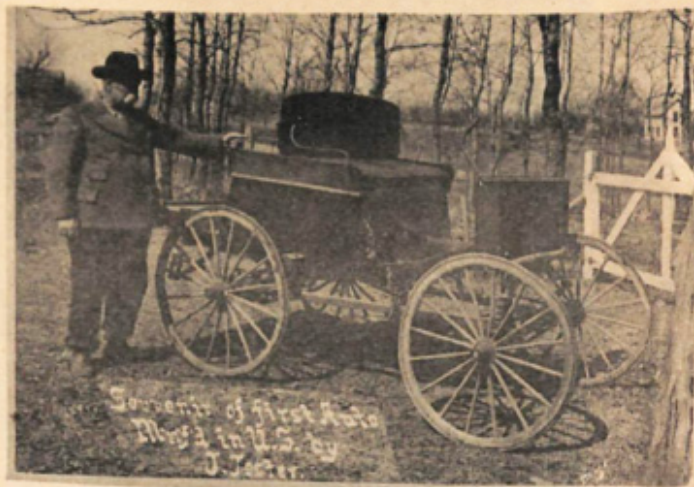
dependents are required to make allotments to such dependents. Enrollees without dependents must make deposits of pay with the Chief of Finance, War Department, to be repaid to them upon completion of their term of enrollment.

### NORM'S STANDARD SERVICE

N.O. Walk began business in 1933 in a building previously used by Mart Keiser. In 1945 he expanded the business to parts and service for International Trucks. It was the only authorized International service between Davenport and Des

Moines. The building was remodeled and added onto at that time. He also handled International appliances.

He operated the business until 1956, when he sold the equipment at auction and sold the building to H.C. Spivey.



John Jester was a resident of the community near South English

which today is referred to as "North Wood".



The Keiser garage building was converted to a service station in the 1930's by Huber and Walk.



Many who attended the South English School remember the Keiser Garage. More than once a baseball rolling across the street

had to be retrieved from the garage doorway. Mart Keiser and Roy Knapp can be seen standing in the door.



Carol and Charlie Trier are now proprietors of the C & C Automotive. They are shown in the office of their place of



J.W. Sloan purchased the concrete garage building from John Wenger. George Barnhart and John Grove had their real estate and insurance business in

the corner office. Standing left to right: George Sauer, Hips Sigafosse, Paul Sloan and in the doorway, unidentified.





An 1895 picture. From left to right: Anne Horn, two are unidentified, Mrs. W.N. Horn

with Edna Horn in carriage, Earl Westenhaver, C.G. Clark, W.N. Horn, Mrs. Frank Westenhaver,

last lady unidentified. First child is Irma Westenhaver and third is Lella Horn. Others unidentified.

#### Horn and Clark

The following is "verbatim", from the 1886 (Oct. 8) "South English Herald".

"Z.T. Baker has sold his merchandise stock to W.N. Horn and Dr. C.G. Clark. These gentlemen need no introduction to the people of this locality - W.N. Horn having been chief clerk for Mr. Baker the past four years and the latter has practised dentistry here for about five years, and until lately being in partnership with Dr. Smith in a drug store at Wellman, spending a week here in each month. That will make a strong and popular business firm, there is not a doubt.

Mr. Baker, we are pleased to learn, does not contemplate leaving South English, but will devote his time to the Tile factory and make a specialty of the Agricultural implement business."

The exact location of the Horn and Clark store was where the "feed ware-house" of the Farmers' Grain and Lumber Company now stands on Main Street. They owned two lots there, one was the main store building and the one east was the waterroom. For the size of the town, H & C had a fine dry-goods department.

There was an enormous rack of calicos in all designs and colors at 5 cents per yard. This rack was huge and turned on a pivot displaying the bolts and volumes of calico were sold - sometimes an entire bolt. The dry goods was on the east side of the store and

enclosed in the northwest corner of the store. Here the large iron safe was kept and the firm's books as well. Here also C.G. Clark would sometimes pull a farmer's tooth. When this happened, the youngsters in the H & C families made themselves scarce. They were afraid to tarry!

Both men and women's wear was sold, even the fashionable high silk hats and the derbies. When men wanted dress suits, their measurements were taken and the suits were ordered. Shoes, boots, overshoes, and leggins were much in demand for all ages and sexes.

It was a common occurrence for the store to remain open on Saturday nights until midnight - usually waiting for some man to get through his neighborly visit, and pick up his waiting wife and family.

W.N. Horn became postmaster under Pres. McKinley's term and C.G. Clark was his deputy. W.N. Horn remained in office until his death in May 1930. At first the postoffice was located in the southwest corner of the store (left of the entrance). After some years a law was passed that the post office must be in a separate building. The southeast part of the warehouse was remodelled for this. It had a south side front entrance as well as an inside entrance. The post office was open at all hours - from opening of the store in the morning until closing at night. If a busy farmer came in at 10 P.M. and wanted a money order (often to Sears Roebuck) he got it in all good

Many humorous things come to mind in connection with Horn and Clark's business days. One was the time when there was such an overflow of eggs on the market. They were selling at 10 cents per dozen and even then they could not dispose of them. I recall a friend in Fremont, Iowa, also a merchant, telling H & C that he hauled a load of eggs to the river. Well, H & C gave some to the needy and disposed of some to customers. In the warehouse, there was a sky-light in the ceiling. It had been used for taking pictures by a photographer and it was under this light where we counted eggs. It produced light and sun's heat. One day a chirping noise was heard and it was found that some baby chicks were hatching. Doc. Clark took them home with him, and later enjoyed fried chicken.

The store was sold Dec. 2, 1936 to Dave and Charley Moyer. In 1949 it burned to the ground, along with other business houses.

Edna McGowan's grandfather, Andrew Noffsinger, lived on a farm west of town. He had charge of the mail for four to six families. The small desk and boxes were kept in his house. Mail was carried on horseback. The letters were not stamped or cancelled but had something drawn on them.

Before automobiles and smooth roads the farmers had a problem of getting their buckets of eggs to market, hauling them to town in wagons over rough roads. The situation was taken care of by packing the eggs in oats. After the eggs were sorted from the oats at the store in town, the oats were simply dumped out the back door. Many people living in town had a milk cow but there were no fences. The town cows would wander to the back of the stores and eat the oats that had been dumped out. This little story was told to us by Chet Mendenhall.

We enjoyed many conversations with Dr. C.G. Clark and one particular story interested us greatly. He said that as a young man he had helped build the road bed for the railroad track. His job was driving a team of mules hitched to a scraper. He said they were a very "hardmouthed" team and that he had to throw his weight on the lines to make them go where he wanted them to go. Their mouths had become so calloused and hardened that when he took them to the water trough he had to hold the corners of their lips together with his fingers to keep the water from squirting out.

Dec. 31 - The G.L. Irwin company of Cedar Rapids completed selling the stock of the Horn and Clark general store Tuesday. This marks the final episode in the history of one of the oldest firms in the county. Folks who have made a life-long habit of trading at this store tell us that it just doesn't seem right to go past and find the doors locked, and to those of us who are relative new comers in the community, it just doesn't seem right either.



Many people owned 5-acre wood lots which furnished fuel for the winter. This is a sled load of cord wood.



The logs had to be sawed into stovewood lengths, usually about 16 inches. Harley and Bud





#### HIGH SPOTS OF SOUTH ENGLISH EVOLUTION - Interesting Story of Changes made in South English Since the Early Days.

(Accredited to May Lester)

Fortunately, or unfortunately, I was not born in famous English River Township. My birthplace was on the banks of old English River down in Liberty. Father was a Virginian and came to Iowa in '50. Mother was born in Allen county, Ohio, and arrived here via covered wagon in 1854.

So after living in this county sixty years I may really be called a pioneer, and have truly witnessed some tremendous changes.

My father who operated a grist mill disposed of same and moved to South English in 1871, when I was five years old. Memories of life on the river are faint, the mill and great tubs of fish which had been scined out of the river and stood in the door-yard being all of my recollections. A lot was bought from Sam Noffsinger and a two room house built. From memory I can completely re-furnish the home from the drop leaf walnut table, made by my grandfather, wine to the old safe, the clock, rocker, chairs, sewing machine, pictures on the wall and my play-house under the table. I could easily re-plant the garden with strawberry and vegetable beds, set out raspberry vines, cherry trees, and currant bushes. And I know the exact spot to plant the red roses, weigela bush, clematises, fern bed and ribbon grass.

J. F. White was proprietor of a general store in the old town, and it was here my father clerked until 1879, when the B.C. & M. railroad was built. In some manner he was given the appointment as Agent, and my schooling ended abruptly at the age of 13, as father soon discovered he could not master the art of telegraphy, so he turned that job over to me.

The older people of this community well remember October 17, '79, the day of the big Barbeque, when the opening of this territory to railroad facilities was celebrated. Excursion trains

High School in 1905. Front row: Lynn Slate, Bert Campbell, Byron Hardenbrook, J.F. White, Dave Van Aiken, Harold White, Grover Hamerly, Walter Huxford, John Slate. Middle row:

Emch Stoner, Lottie Lester, Tressie Wolfe, Ava Shaw, Myrtle Stansbury, Vonnie Stull, Carrie Fry, Jess Stoner, Harley Blaylock. Back row: Warren Stull, Pearl Linebarger, Edith

Wales, Hattie Elder, Supt. Owen Hamerly, Helen Clark, Gladys Flory, Mary Hervey, May Shipman, Jennie Dillon, Glenn Kirkpatrick, Paul Sassaman.

people.

The ox was roasted and buns baked by W.N. Hotchkiss the restaurant man, and lunch served on the present school grounds. Many carried basket dinners and our table was removed out in the yard after our using it and a big family party ate dinner from it in the yard.

E.L. Rankin gave the address of welcome and it was a very good one. (Mr. Rankin was found dead a week later.) Silver tongued John P. Irish of Iowa City was chief speaker of the day and those who heard him always felt it had been a real privilege. Fred White followed Mr. Irish and began his remarks after this fashion, "I don't know why you called on me unless it is because you have heard from the Irish, and now you want to hear from the Dutch." Mr. White was a natural orator and gave one of his splendid talks equally as good as the one given by Mr. Irish.

There was plenty of good music that day with five bands on the job some time or some where: Kimball's Cornet Band of South English were on their toes, playing against Iowa City, Muscatine, Wellman, and Mil-harburg. While the first named organization was home folds they were known far and near for their excellent music.

The Fireman and Military organizations of Muscatine were here in uniform and marched and put on their drills out on the Noffsinger meadows. It was a great day, the biggest South English ever had.

A little bit of verse written by one of our guests in my old autograph album summed the affair up thus:

"Today will be remembered long by people all around,  
The crowd so great, the train so long, A barbeque in town;  
I'll not forget the pleasant

and warm."

The coming of the railroad caused a real upheaval here. The business houses were all in the old town. Mr. White platted and laid out a new addition and the business houses were put on wheels and practically all moved to the present location. Bitter feelings grew out of this change, which in many cases were only wiped out by death. The postoffice came half way and was placed north of the school house where it remained possibly five years. During the moving of White's big store, vandals cut the heavy ropes, which stopped proceedings for a time.

Not only was the location changed but new-comers moved in changing the personnel of South English. The new-comers were: Willis Shepard, Hugh and Will Berryhill, J.Q. Lewis, J.C. Evans, Dr. Davis, D.W. Roberts, Dr. Conklin, J.R. Burlingame, Mr. Donaker, W.D. Platt, O.W. and Nat. Sheaffer, J.H. Lester, Richard Devoe, Z.T. Baker and others.

New business houses were built, a new hotel owned by Mr. White and christened "The Dillaway" occupied a prominent corner. An Opera House owned by the Odd Fellows followed, later White's State Bank and then The Farmers - churches were built and re-modeled. We now have three: Baptist, Methodist, and Christian. Talking of churches recalls a funny incident which happened in the old Methodist church.

A faker came to town who claimed to do marvelous things. So he gave an exhibition: The church was packed! The lights turned out and he proceeded to write upon the ceiling without help. He had previously provided himself with an assistant, a negro barber, a resident. Well, the writing was on the ceiling and he made the table dance, doing other mystifying things besides, but finally the negro



John Wenger, Joe Troutman and Homer Wenger. Probably the Wenger orchestra referred to in early issues of the Herald.

"The Western Herald" with some verses running like this: "He danced and tipped the table o'er and threw the nigger on the floor."

Which makes us think of the excellent papers we have had in the past. The Western Herald edited by Gould Brown for many years. Dan Evans then took a turn at the paper and Editor Ives was here for some years. Doc Young was the last person who

so I have forgotten them.

It may be of interest to some to know who lived here away back in 1871. These names are given from memory with nothing to check up on so I may be pardoned if some are forgotten, or errors made.

John Nyswaner, Charley Cosby, J.F. White, August Kleinschmidt, Thomas and C.H. Coffman, Mollie Boyd, Phil Miller, Dr. W.W. Newsome, Dr. Heald, Amos and Aaron Fluckey,





High School before 1902. First row: Yonnie Stull, Effie Cabler, Mary Strong, Addie Bahr, Emma Brower, Katie Bowser, Emma Lester. Second row: Martin, Ella Kirkpatrick, Byron Hardenbrook, Alvin Strong, Supt. Doll

Young, Fred Jester, J.F. White, Roy Lawler. Third row: Mary Hervey, Lynn Slate, Edith Shanafelt, Glenn Kirkpatrick, Everett Grove, Lella Horn, Richard Stoner, Fred Bahr, Lola Hall, Everett Shanafelt, May

Shipman. Fourth row: Sam Teeters, Minnie Watkins, Virgil Simmers, Myrtle Watkins, Sam Flory, Coral Swails, Cleon Noffsinger, Alma Kalous, Roy Sprague, Clarence Brower.

#### HIGH SPOTS (continued)

Sprague, C. Glandons, John Mead, W.D. Miller, Fasoldi, Trope, Thomas Shipman, Ma Haper, James Hennon, Huttons, Mrs. Richmond, Wm. Baker, C.D. Kimball, God Brown, N. Sloan, G. Brumbach, E. Cabler, Sigafosses, Set Kirkpatrick, J. McAfferty, Edward Wiggins, Griffins, Mannans, J.D. and Wm. Stul, James and Elizabeth White. Nearby country residents included the Jenkins, Horns, Shubargers, Noffsingers, DeGambros, Seerleys, Waits, Hardenbrooks, McWilliams, Parnell, Gores, Browers, Moores, Mays, Henry Root, Longwell, Groves, Slates, Greenlees, D.N.C. Miller, Huxfords, S. and Joel Flory, Solomon Wise, Joseph Wengers and doubtless many others.

There are so many things of interest in the past history of our town, its amusements, homecomings, revivals, the instituting of the various orders, each has a history all its own; and then there is the graveside of South English where all these old friends and relatives lie sleeping.

How easily we have accepted the telegraph, telephone, photographs, radios and automobiles coming in rapid succession, scarcely realizing or caring for the wonders of it all. Even hearing the President speak as casually as we listen to a neighbor.

Are we unappreciative of our many blessings, failing to realize that "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform?"



1905 Commencement Exercises were held at the Opera House. Left to right: Lynn Slate, Glen

Kirkpatrick, Owen Hamersly Supt., Yonnie Stull, Byron Hardenbrook and J.F. White.



J.F. White in Parade, July 4, 1912. Very large crowd at South English celebration, 3000 people. 87 Avenue.

A selection from a notebook, Mabel Sigafosse writing memoirs for her daughter Edna Brock.

The building on the corner in the Old Town now occupied by Hannah Glandon was a drug store in the old town run by Dr. Newsome. There was a blacksmith shop in the corner of where Bill Brock now has garden, east of Harris', run by John Mead.

There was a house just east of where Alice Grove lives where Moses Hall lived on top of the hill.

There is where Sophia Moody lived when Hudson Sloan staid and took care of her. She died and he never married.

The old Roach house stood east of the old Stull place. It

burned down.

Felty Bowser's house stood south of the house on the corner where Hannah lived with an alley between. It was at the crossing where the road and alley met where Talley was shot. Melick's hotel stood west of the Old Town corner where Andy Covey owned and it was out of an upstairs window of it where they said Talley was shot. Edd Cabler and Jim Glandon were two of the ones up there.

At one time there was a schoolhouse one-half mile north of the Old Town corner and a board sidewalk out to it. Then there was a schoolhouse just south of the Rail Road Track. (John Jester bought it and it is the front part of Mike Holmes' house.) Your Dad went there to

Two adjoining buildings were also used to sell buggies, wagons and farm implements. The last

school some but I never went to any other school than the one that is here now in 1963. When I started there 80 years ago there was just three rooms finished.

At one time there was a train through here each day. The Bumble-bee passenger in the morning and evening. Passengers at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. A Freight in the morning and afternoon and on Sunday a Stock Train.

Each day a big crowd gathered at the depot to get the time at 11 a.m., there being no other way to get the time.

Before the Methodist Church was built they held services in Johnson Locker. After that it was razed and the new postoffice built there.

this picture was probably taken in the 1890's. D.N. Coffman was proprietor of the corner store.

J.H. Lester operated a telegraph office in the upper story. The telephone office was located

had his drug store here for many years. Sitting in the chair is Jim Lester's father, who preceded



S.E. Herald, Feb. 22, 1940

**AFTER ALL:** Walt Lane dropped into the office the other day and left a copy of the "Western Herald" published in South English, by Gould L. Brown, J.F. White, proprietor. The date of this copy is Feb. 3, 1881, which makes it a little over 59 years old. It is quite interesting to look over the old copy, the advertising covering about everything from Meats and Groceries to Organs and Ready-made Coffins. A few short ads are as follows: "Are You troubled with Rheumatism? If so use Dr. Bosanko's Rheumatic Cure. It never fails." "Ask your Dealer for the diamond boots and shoes. They are the best. Rosenthal Bros., Chicago." "The Frazer axle grease is the best and only genuine. We know it."

Some local items were: "Those who put in fall wheat are anticipating a good crop." "Sleighting was never better." "Frank Shinnabarger was kicked on the knee by a mule last week." "Don't fail to hear Porte Welch on 'The Terror of Truth' at the Christian Church Saturday evening. Free." "On Tuesday afternoon while Fay Younklin was unhitching a team at Sheaffer Bros. livery stable, one of the horses gave him a severe kick in the groin, which will probably lay him up for several days. It was a narrow escape for him."

And here is something that was news then: How to Prevent Horses Slipping. The methods adopted in Germany for preventing the slipping and falling of horses on the public roads is as unique as it is simple. The smith, when finishing the shoe, punches a hole in two ends; as soon as the shoe is made he taps in a screw thread and screws into the shoes, when on the horse's foot, a sharp-pointed stud an inch in length. With shoes thus fitted the horse can travel securely over the worst possible roads. When the horse comes to the stable the pointed stud is unscrewed and a button screwed in. No damage can thus happen to the horse and the screw holes are prevented from filling in.



This grist mill stood on the corner where the home of the late Otha Huber now stands. It was powered with a steam engine. From old files of the newspapers it may have been

owned by Mr. Lester with some of the operators being a Mr. Swails and also Jim Keiser and his son Mart. Walter Robinson has been identified standing on the platform.

S.E. Herald 1893-Allan & Coffman bought the Griegg shoe and clothing business.

S.E. Herald 1895-D.N. Coffman changed business. He sold the shoes and clothing to Jesse Griegg.

English River township was still voting as one precinct in 1893. Quoting from the Nov. 17th Herald: "South English people had to go to Webster to vote. The Herald is of the opinion a larger vote would be polled by both parties if the township was divided."

S.E. Herald, August 1, 1940 - The Brower Sister, Edith, Ann and Leta, who appeared in the WHO Home Talent program at What Cheer recently will be heard on the home talent broadcast over WHO, Des Moines, Saturday, August 3. This program is on the air from 10:30 till 11:00 a.m. each Saturday presenting talent chosen from the shows held in various towns.

S.E. Herald 1894-Amos W. McGee, Barber, in Fluckey Building.

Advertising in the Herald 1893-J.M. Black, Stockbuyer. Seth Talbot, Barber. R.H. McLain, Dray. S.W. & J.C. Stoner, Agents for wire fence. Wells bored. Hobby & Hotchkiss are now prepared to bore wells. Can bore wells 4 inch in diameter. Coder & Brower, Farm machinery and coal.

South English Herald 1893-Ed Shipman moved his shoe and harness business from the Sloan building to his own building.

S.E. Herald 1894-The ball team went to Riverside to play baseball. They lost the game. Pitcher Evans struck out 12 men. James Lester was the Umpire.

S.E. Herald Feb. 16, 1884

Attention Farmers - Having concluded not to sell the Feed Mill I have engaged C.W. Swails to run it for me. The mill will be run sure every Saturday and Monday, and all other days that the grists on hand will justify steaming up. Now bring in your grain.

J.H. Lester

The Western Herald

April 29, 1880

South English Markets:

Corn	20 at 22
Hogs	3.50 at 3.85
Salt per barrel	1.85
Flour	3.00 at 3.50
Hides (green)	5 cents
Potatoes	20 at 25
Butter, liable to change	12
Eggs	7



probably taken

J.H. Lester operated a tele-

had his drug store here for many

Two adjoining buildings were

Johnson Locker. After that it was





During the school year of 1904-1905, under the direction of Supt. Owen Hamersly, the fund of \$300 was raised for the purchase of a piano for the school. Means used to help raise the fund were box socials and suppers. Also an interesting piece of work was the pink and white quilt made by the school girls under the supervision of Mrs. Harkensly. Each girl furnished a block with her name worked upon it. The blocks were sewed together and the quilt was tied-out one evening at the Lester home. Numbers were sold for 10 cents each. This project netted \$30.

This picture might have been taken about 1906. They are elementary students of the South English school. Front row: Paul Sloan, Lena Hubbell, Elva Brewer, Edna Horn, Everett Hardenbrook, Harlan Campbell. Second row: Merle Sheaffer, Etta Fattig, Lawrence White, Dean Brower, Grover Wales, Roy Fattig, Clarence Lane. Third row: Marguerite White, Mary Van Anken, May Cabler, Mary Elder, Alice Noffalinger, Clarence Hotchkiss. Fourth row: Unidentified, Gladys Parks, Alfred Hoskins, Iola Berry, Louise Boot teacher, Sherman Strong, Virgil White, Elroy White.



The High School football team of 1917. First row: Phil Newsome, Hurlburt Slate, Lester Garrett. Second row: Leon Brady, Emmet Smothers, Giles Garrett. Third row: Bob McLain, Pete Stansbury, Clemmet Smothers, Ralph Blaylock, Lester Plasmussen, Supt. O.B. Quigg.



1949 Boys basketball team. Seated left to right: John

Green. Standing: Don Coffman, James Fattig, coach Clair

S.E. Herald, August 21, 1941 - The South English Community Band played its last concert of the season, Saturday night. This completed a series of ten concerts, nine Saturday evening and one Sunday afternoon concert. Special commendation should be made of the perfect attendance at all concerts and rehearsals by Cleita Keiser and Charles and Wayne Coffman. Several other members missed only once. Due to the high average attendance the band was able to practice and concert some fairly difficult numbers.

S.E. Herald, Jan. 23, 1941 - Albert Higgins and Ross Truster of South English are scheduled to appear at a preliminary Golden Gloves Meet at Blairtown on February 5. The boxing is sanctioned by the A.A. U. officials. Higgins has entered at





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J.F. White is in receipt of a postal card from F.E. White written on the top of Eiffel Tower in Paris. J.F. purposes filing it among his archives.

Oct. 20, 1938 - THE TALL CORN GROWS? - S.E. Brower raises 132.3 Bu.

Under the sponsorship of the Keota Community Club, a 10-acre corn-yield contest was held for the farmers surrounding Keota. The yields were all based on dry corn and the original weights were reduced to 15 per cent moisture content in estimating the actual yields. The contest was conducted under the rules of the Iowa Corn and Small Grain Growers' Association.

The record for the contestants was 135.53 bushels to the acre, produced by J.H. Greiner, who lives northwest of Keota. The high yield for corn tested outside the contest territory was 132.3, produced by S.E. Brower of South English.

The high-yielding corn grown by Mr. Brower will be noticed by the local folks as the field on the north side of the Highway 149 - 1/2 mile west of town. The corn is from Hybrid seed, and was planted in soil which grew alfalfa last year.

Another remarkable feature of the Keota contest was that in the six townships in the contest territory, they reported 43 farmers with corn yielding better than 100 bu. per acre. Some of those close to our own community are: Paul Bouslog, 120.05; Walter Greiner, 119.16; W.G. Baumert, 105.36; E.M. Bouslog, 103.37; Dale Mikesell's of Webster tested a yield of 105.9 bu. per acre.

This picture is dated Nov. 20, 1884. The setting is the intersection of Ives and Broadway, where the band stand was later built. Grover Cleveland and Thomas Hendricks were running for election. Elvina Heald is the queen with the flag on the float. Some of the other girls with sashes are: Blanche Miller, Jennie Miller, Addie White, Lottie White, Mary Horn, Emma Clark, Nook Smawley, Clara McWilliams, Kate Slato and others. Note how small the trees are and there are no stairs to the upper floor of White's Store on the east side.



At right: The Hon. Fred White, U.S. Congressman, entertained his friends at his farm home. Seated on Mr. White's right are Margaret Harris, William Harris, Elvina Heald, Dr. Clarence Heald. Standing behind the Harrises is Alice Mendenhall. Across the table is Mrs. Fred White, Ida White, W.W. White, Mary Hoot, and standing is Theodore White.

S.E. Herald, October, 24, 1940 - The regular meeting of Rosalind Chapter, O.E.S., was held last Thursday evening. A special program was given later in the evening honoring the charter members. Three of the twelve living members were present: Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Parke and Mrs. May Lester. After an impressive ceremony presented by Mrs. James Stoner and her officers, Mrs. Lester gave a talk concerning the instituting of the chapter 40 years ago on August 13. The charter was granted on October 24, the same year. Visitors from other towns gave short talks. Refreshments were served during the evening by the committee.





S.E. Herald, August 13, 1936  
South English experienced its first jury trial in Justice of the Peace Court since Judge Garrett has been on the bench, Wednesday afternoon.

An action was brought, by Bill Lawler of North English to recover a real estate brokers commission of \$85.00 on an alleged sale of the restaurant formerly owned and operated by John and Rose Agnew to Arthur Green.

The jury, subpoenaed by Bailiff John Simmons, was composed of Everett Niswander, Fred Brock, Don Buchanan, Howard Lane, Himsey Hotchkiss and ye editor. (Ellis Rickey) with Red Evans alternate.

The plaintiff was represented by Charles Crawley of North English and the defendants by Cag Lambert of Sigourney.

A verdict in favor of the defendants was found, the jury report reading that no conclusive evidence was found to establish that the property had ever been listed for sale with Mr. Lawler.

S.E. Herald, March 14, 1940  
The Keokuk County spelling bee will be held at the Memorial Hall in Sigourney on Saturday, March 23, under the supervision of the county superintendent.

Some of the boys and girls with their alternates, are listed here: South English: Melvin Perrin and Beatrice Perrin; Webster: Frances Hubbell and Wilmer Clingan; Kinross: Lavonne Garrett and Dorothy Polton; Plank No. 1: Phyllis Cave and Wayne Garrett; Franklin: Margaret Morris and Bernice Hervey; Grant: Richard Harris and Bernadine McCombs; Green Valley: Betty Dillon and Junior Coble; Scotland: David Bouslog and Neva Dobbins; Locust Grove: Mary Virginia Coffman and Charles Wm. Coffman.

S.E. Herald - 8-27-42  
Bill Higgin's truck was decorated as a float and took part in the Victory Bond Parade in Sigourney Wednesday. Rain spoiled some of the plans for decorating the truck.

The steam locomotives on the Milwaukee line would replenish their water supply at Cuba. In cold weather icicles formed from leaks in the tank.

Second right: Water filled the pits left by the removal of the gumbo. Swimming, fishing, boating and ice skating became popular there. Young people would often come on the trails in the evening and then catch the late train home.

Third right: Merle Rubens and Guy Stanbury enjoying the winter sport.

Bottom right: Rabbit hunting near South English.



Top below: Jim Lester enjoying a shooting match.

Lower picture: Warren still and Guy Kling knew how to catch fish.

