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President's Report

Mary Hill, President



Dear Members and Readers,
2009 has been a precarious and cautious year, deserving of assessing and evaluating where we are and where we are going. Through careful financial management, EAHS is doing OK. Your generous response to the Annual Giving Drive along with an increase in volunteers to help

with the numerous aspects of the Museum's purpose and functioning are indeed gratifying.

In my lifetime, media to convey information have gone from television to Blackberries, and have been expanded by the Internet. To keep pace with ways to share information with varied age groups, EAHS is now on Facebook! It serves to present history and the Society's and Museum's activities in a format likely to be viewed/used by young people and is another means to spread the word. See inside this issue for website and Facebook access and give it a look.

Museum Closed January and February

Elizabeth Marston, Museum Director

The Elgin History Museum will be closed for exhibit renovation during the months of January and February. Please call to schedule an appointment for any of the Museum's services including the gift shop, research, education or even a guided tour (if you don't mind a little construction!). Although the Museum is closed, staff and volunteers are in Old Main, busily working to create new historical environments for you to explore. The Museum will open again on March 3, 2010. The new exhibits on Elgin architecture and Elgin in the 1850s and '60s will open on Sunday, March 21, 2010.

Welcome New Members!

Jerri Barnhart, Membership Chair

- Scott and Moira Savel
- Jodi and Eric Perkins

A Tip of the Hat!

Mary Hill, President

Congratulations Board member Miriam Lytle in celebrating the achievement of her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science. Miriam received her degree from Dominican University; she is the Program Coordinator at Gail Borden Public Library.

Media of All Sorts for Your Amusement and Amazement

Mary Hill, President

Be sure to listen to WRMN 1410AM daily around 1215-1230 pm. "Elgin 100 Years Ago" is a delight of information, stories, and news bits from the past.

While you are at it, check out the website at www.elginhistory.org. Audio clips of past "Elgin 100 Years Ago" broadcasts are now posted on the Radio Show page. We will continue adding clips as the station makes the mp3 files available to us. The link to the radio program page is http://www.elginhistory.org/events_radio_program.html.

Something new!!! Check us out on Facebook—become a "friend" of the Society.

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Upcoming Programs for 2010

David Nelson, Program Director

The following schedule of events for 2010 is tentative. Check the website for the latest details.

<http://www.elginhistory.org/events.html>

February 27: Volunteer Luncheon, details TBD.

March 3: Museum re-opening

March 21, 12 - 4 pm: General Meeting & Exhibit Grand Opening 12-4pm. Dan Miller of Gifford Park Association will be the guest speaker.

April 18: General Meeting: WWII Pearl Harbor Survivor Charles May

May 7, 7 pm: Observatory Program at Watch Factory Observatory

May 15: Artifact Garden at Museum: Watch Factory Bell, Cornerstone, Road Marker

May 20, 12 noon: Brown Bag Lunch: International Museum Day; Depression Glass Presentation

June 13: Outing/Aubrey Neville
Details TBD

June 17, 1pm: Brown Bag Lunch
Columbian Exposition of 1893

June: Walking Tour of Elgin: Date TBD

July 4: Fourth of July Parade

July 15, 12 noon: Brown Bag Lunch
Made in Elgin

August 19, 12 noon: Brown Bag Lunch
Mike Alft, Slide Show

August: Walking Tour of Elgin - Date TBD

September 12, 1-3 pm: General Meeting
Program: Bertha Palmer

September 26, 12-5 pm: Cemetery Walk
Bluff City Cemetery

October: Elgin History Fair/Extension Date TBD

October 17: General Meeting, time TBD:
Program: Woody Guthrie (tentative)

November 7: Annual Brunch/Auction & General Meeting. Program: Teddy Roosevelt

December 4, 2010: Holiday Tea
Featuring Elgin Children's Chorus

Elgin 100 Years Ago

Mary Hill, President

The Elgin Daily News of January 1910 offers a snapshot of how hard life it was back then. At the mercy of weather, people went about their daily lives doing the best they could. 1910 was a time of no radio, no TV, and no computers.

January 13, 1910

The snow fell all yesterday afternoon and today railroads issued an appeal for shovelers. The Aurora, Elgin, and Chicago Co. hired every available man and sent a big gang toward Aurora (to shovel snow off the tracks). The Elgin-Belvidere Co. abandoned all effort to operate its line this morning and sent its 50 shovelers to help clean the Aurora line.

Paralysis of traffic which accompanied today's snow storm brought consternation to Elgin's wholesale coal consumers. There is danger of a shutdown at the Watch Factory. Fuel is nearly exhausted at Elgin State Hospital and a dozen public buildings. Aurora is in the throes of a coal famine such as has not been experienced there for years and which may result in real misery.

January 14

The headline in today's Daily News reads "Elgin Worst Blizzard in Twenty Years Record." Driven by a furious 50 mile gale, the most severe blizzard of the winter and perhaps the worst in 20 years, swept Elgin last night. Today railroad and streetcar traffic is crippled; light and telephone wires are down throughout the vicinity. 77 passengers on the 3rd rail left Chicago last night and arrived in Elgin before 9 o'clock this morning. They passed the night in the cold train cars in snow drifts one mile east of Wayne.

The Importance Of New Years In Elgin History

Reprinted From "Old Elgin Tales" by Hazel Belle Perry, 28 December 1966

New Year's should be a very special day in Elgin because the founder of our city was born on that day, and not just the first day of the new year but the first day of a new century—Jan. 1, 1800. Such a birthday was most appropriate for James Talcott Gifford, a pioneer with courage to venture into the unknown. A man with extraordinary vision which enabled him to choose wisely the location of his dream city, a genuine for inventing implements needed by pioneer farmers and industrial workers, a promoter of subdivisions, developer of hydraulic power, builder of roads, bridges, dams and cities, patron of churches, schools, libraries and other cultural institutions, a born leader of men with a talent for inspiring enthusiasm and cooperation among all who worked on his projects.

The other New Year's date of importance in Mr. Gifford's annals was Jan. 1, 1823 when he was married to Laura Raymond, daughter of the Newcomb Raymonds who were neighbors of the Giffords in Sherburne, N. Y. Neither the bride nor the groom looked to be the rugged type we expect in pioneers. Laura was petite and charming, with dark eyes and dark hair and a feminine daintiness that belied the stamina and courage she showed in those early Elgin days. Years later when she used to tell her grandchildren about her wedding, she shyly confessed that her wedding gown was of "peach-blow crepe" and that she loved it because it was "so delightfully unserviceable."

Most pioneer women chose their wedding gowns with the thought of cutting them down for the childrens' dresses in a few years. Certain it is that the tall, thin bridegroom, with the rather stern mouth, must have melted into tender admiration and wondrous gratitude as he looked down at his lovely little pink bride. The gratitude and tenderness never left him throughout his years of rough pioneering. But it was equally true that his burning desire to build cities in the wilderness was always at odds with his yearning for more time to be with his precious family.

The story of the life-long conflict in this pioneer's heart is revealed to us in a packet of old letters which James T. Gifford wrote to his wife Laura throughout the years when they were moving restlessly from one town to another, each town a little farther west—Sherburne, Holley, Millport, Pine Valley, Vetran, Geneva, Starkey and Dundee, all in New York State, and then the long trek to Elgin, Illinois. In 1832 James T. was working for a few weeks in their former home at Mill-

port and wrote to Laura at Geneva: "I have been feeling very anxious about my dear little ones and her who gave them to me. Do write me how you all are. I am staying now in our old snug little house which, with its water and conveniences, I should heartily covet was it situated in a different country. I feel very anxious about getting a home somewhere. If I could come in from work and have my little chatterboxes climbing around me, it would give me much pleasure."

Washington's Birthday Celebrations

Reprinted from "Old Elgin Tales" by Hazel Belle Perry, February 18, 1970

On January 1, 1853, William C. Kimball, brother of Samuel Kimball, opened the large hotel which he had built and invited the people of the town to a grand ball in what was called Waverly House. More than one hundred people attended and all of them declared it the finest ball that had ever been held in the town and expressed the hope that there would be more of such parties. Thus a few weeks later, on Washington's birthday, a second grand ball was held in Waverly House and again the guests were delighted so much that they urged that a ball be held each Washington's Birthday in the Waverly House.

Military balls became especially popular and before long trainloads of people from Chicago were coming out to these birthday balls each February 22 to attend the balls and to see Elgin in its winter dress. A group from Batavia also enjoyed coming to the birthday balls and they found it great fun to make the trip in sleighs with bells jingling on the harness of the horses. It was afterward said of the Waverly House that it was never a financial success but that socially it became one of Elgin's finest assets. Sometimes the snow was very deep on February 22 and the thermometer frequently fell far below zero, but that never seemed to put a damper on the celebration.

On Washington's Birthday of 1855, the snow was so deep that no trains were able to run from Chicago to Elgin. The Kimballs hauled a lot of wood to their homes in the morning so that they could keep up a good fire and then in the afternoon they got into their sleighs and with bells jingling on the horses, they dashed off to call on all the shut-ins they knew and other friends who welcomed them with hot tea and biscuits or Johnnie cake. For those were the days when ordinary friendly calls were in high fashion. On this particular day, in the late afternoon, 150 guests attended a delightful party at the Orlando Davidson "stone cottage" which Caroline and Orlando had moved into a few months before. The ball at Waverly House in the evening finished up a full day of fun.

One of the most elaborate of the February 22 celebrations was the one held in 1858. There was about a foot of snow on the ground and the thermometer stood below zero all day. But about everybody in town turned out for the big parade in the morning and stayed until the evening affairs were over. The big attraction of the parade was the Washington Continentals, an Elgin military unit which had been organized two years before and which, under the training and discipline of Col. E. E. Ellsworth had become the crack military company of northern Illinois. The boys were dressed in knickerbockers and three cornered hats and marched to the music of "Yankee Doodle" and "The White Cockade" played by the Great Western band. Marching with the Continentals as their guests for the day were the Chicago National Guard Cadets. Dinner was served at the Kimball House with appropriate toasts and commendations from the city council. Besides the military ball at the Waverly House that night, there was dancing, with Fiddler Joe furnishing music in the hall over Seidel's bakery.

In the year 1859, Samuel Kimball missed the Elgin celebration because he went to Chicago to see the parade there. He arrived in time to see the parade passing over Randolph Street bridge and he was amazed at the seemingly endless line of people representing all kinds of units such as military, industry groups, orders such as Masons, Sons of Temperance, school children and political organizations. He ends his comment with the remark: "It was said to be the longest parade ever witnessed in Chicago."

2009 Program Committee Report

David J. Nelson, Program Chairman.

2009 was a successful year for programs, with 1600 people attending! Some of the programs were The Sinking of the WW2 battleship "Indianapolis," the bus trip to Cuneo Museum in Vernon Hills, IL., and the opening of the new exhibits. Various Brown Bag lunches informed us of early Elgin scandals, histories of Elgin's fire and police Departments, early Victrolas, and "mom and pop" stores in Elgin. Walking tours of Downtown and West Elgin continued to draw the curious, and Elgin-made compacts as well as personal collections of various items were well received.

The Hickory Stick Restaurant was the location of the Annual Meeting where 68 members and guests enjoyed the beautiful weather and the silent auction on the outdoor terrace. The auction proceeds of \$1,800, which broke all records, will help support the Museum. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wacholz and Susan Decker, founders of the Eastland Historical society, presented a well-planned and interesting program on the Eastland Disaster of July 24th, 1915 in Chicago.

The Annual Holiday Tea was held at the Museum on December 5. A large group enjoyed the music of the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet. Delicious refreshments planned by Mary Ellen Flaks and Joyce Pellicore were enjoyed by all.



Elgin Youth Symphony Brass Quintet

We have some exciting programs planned for 2010. The Museum honors volunteers at the "We Love You" lunch on Saturday, February 27. The first General Meeting of the year will be held in March 2010, with the opening of the Architecture exhibit, featuring Elginite Dan Miller of the Gifford Park Association. In April Charles May, a survivor of Pearl Harbor, will speak about his experiences. The program schedule for 2010 will be updated in the Crackerbarrel and on the website as it becomes finalized.

Treasurer's Report: 2009 Summary

Bill Briska, Treasurer

At this writing the end of our fiscal year is still a few weeks off, however, with some degree of certainty, we can comment on 2009. Once again I'm pleased to report that the Society is in sound financial condition.

We have no debt. We pay our bills on time. We have appropriate insurance coverage. We maintain adequate amount of money in our emergency reserve fund.

Income this year will likely come in at just under \$100,000. Expenditures will be slightly more than that. Both are consistent with our overall budgeted expectations. Our expenditures are higher than our income this year because we are finishing up some large projects for which we had saved the money over the last few years.

Our income sources are diverse and well balanced. Membership dues account for about 12% of income. Donations are another 12%. Grants are about 25% and the remaining 50% comes from earned income. Earned income is revenue, such as fees for services, Museum Store sales, publishing, proceeds from events, admission fees and so on. This diversified income strategy

has been a successful business model for us. Along with careful control of expenses, it has allowed us to avoid the financial crisis that many other museums are now in. Looking back over the last decade we have enjoyed slow but steady growth and expanded our educational programs, publishing research services, and exhibits.

The condition of the overall economy remains a concern. Our endowment fund, which is conservatively invested in stocks and bonds, suffered during the economic downturn but has substantially recovered in value. We have not used the endowment or its income to support operations – it is still too small for that. We continue to reinvest the endowment earnings in an effort to grow the principal. The endowment fund is a long term investment in the Society's future.

Budget planning for 2010 is nearly complete. The process brings into sharp focus the Society's many non-monetary assets. Foremost among these is the tremendous number of volunteer hours spent operating the Society and Museum. This gift of talent and labor allows the Society to function at a level far above what its financial assets could otherwise support.

Thanks to our Donors

Cash Donations

- A longtime Society Member and Board Member Jeanette Fehn bequeathed \$5,000 to the Society from her estate. The donation will go into the Society's endowment.
- Walter and Patricia Rust donated \$400 toward the construction of new exhibits in 2010.
- Richard Renner donated \$200.
- ABODE donated \$100 in memory of Alice Roudenbush, mother of ABODE member Evelyn Chapman.
- Keith and Susan Farnham, John and Nancy Rondag, Ruth Werst, Karen and Dan Maki, Jeanne and Richard Breslich and Doug Tomsha made contributions in honor of Board Member Miriam Lytle's completion of her Master's Degree.

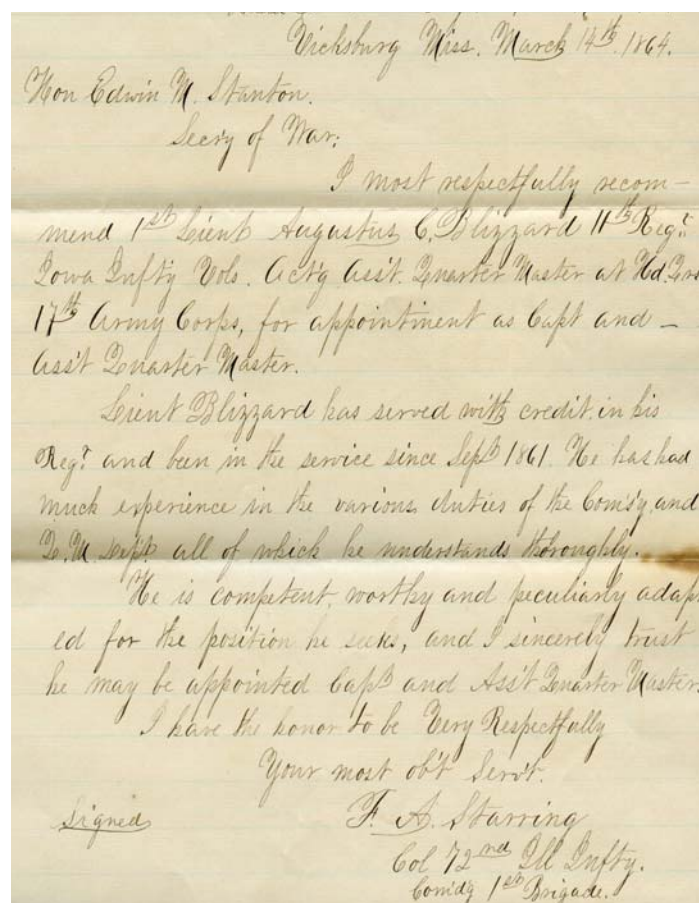
Wish List Donations

Members and friends responded to the Museum Wish List with lots of filing cabinets! They're great for the collections!

- Members Hugh and Connie McGowan offered the Museum 4-drawer and lateral files.
- Charlene and Marvin Breitlow, friends of member Don Pielin, brought over a 4-drawer file cabinet and several lateral files.

Historical Collection Donations

- Linda Rock donated the book, *The Streptococci*, written by Mildred Engelbrecht in 1940. Mildred grew up in a family of sisters in Elgin and became a noted scientist and teacher. She was the first head of the Bacteriology Department at the University of Alabama. Linda portrayed Ms. Engelbrecht in the 2009 Cemetery Walk and collected this book at that time.
- Harry Blizzard donated one of his family's Civil War letters that has a connection to Elgin. The letter is a recommendation of Harry's great-grandfather, Augustus Blizzard, written by Colonel Frederick Starring, a future general in the United States Army from Elgin. This letter will be featured in the Museum's new Civil War exhibit.



Newly donated Civil War letter

- Linda Crinigan donated a beautiful silver butter knife engraved to "Emma." The back is engraved with "Christmas 1867." Emma Kimball Hawkins was related to Linda through her great-great aunt Amy Hawkins. Amy Beverly married William J. Hawkins, whose parents were Charles and Emma Hawkins. Emma Hawkins was the daughter of the prominent Elgin businessman and mayor, William C. Kimball. Look for this butter knife in the new exhibit on Elgin in the 1850s and '60s.



1867 Butterknife

Silent Auction Recap

By Marge Rowe

The 4th annual silent auction held at the annual dinner on November 9 raised \$1836; a four year high! Hot items included Elgin watch dials, *Watch Words*, vintage and out of print books, stock certificate for the Opera, interior photos of Sheele's, photos of local landmarks, Klein's produce basket and much more. Thank you to all who contributed by bidding on items. If you missed out on donating or bidding, mark your calendars for November 2010. If you are interested in helping with the auction contact Marge Rowe at mrowe1954@wowway.com or 847-927-1009.

Thank you to the following individuals and area businesses for your gracious and generous donations to the 2009 auction:

- Sara Ellen and Jim Anderson
- Rebekka Antonson
- Jerri & Ken Barnhart
- Dave Buck
- City of Elgin
- Chicago Pizza Authority
- Maurice Dyer
- Barry Danielson
- Elgin Choral Union
- Elgin Symphony Orchestra
- Elgin Youth Symphony
- Mark & Lucy Elliott
- Carl & Mary Ellen Flaks

- Terry Gabel
- Ricky Harris
- Marcus Cinema
- Mary Hill
- Karina's Spa
- Klein's Market
- David & Delores Nelson
- Richard Renner
- Marge & George Rowe
- Studio One
- Village Pizza
- Wolff Fitness
- Carol Zamie
- Jackie Vossler

Willis "Pee Wee" Jacobs: More than an Athlete

Chuck Emmert

Pee Wee Jacobs was born February 14, 1914 and passed away September 4, 2007. He played all four years in basketball and all four years in football while attending Elgin High School. He was the quarterback and captain of the football team that won the Big Eight conference and were undefeated in 1932.

He was named all-conference quarterback in *both* his junior and senior years. He was still playing basketball for the Elgin Watch Co. main plant team more than 12 years later.

Because of his concern that football players would not have the opportunity to play after high school and few got into college, he organized and coached the Elgin Torpedoes semi-pro football team. Two things came into his mind to name the team the Torpedoes: his brother was killed at Pearl Harbor and he worked in a plant at Forest Park that made torpedoes. The team also attracted guys returning from the service and even some returning from college.

Pee Wee and Tom Kennell's father organized a board of directors. The first organization was formed on August 28, 1947. They were Fletch Lamphere, Atty. Joseph Wiedeman, Merrill Calame, Pee Wee Jacobs, Tom Kennell Sr., Tom Kennell Jr., Roy Flora and William Hill. They requested all interested players to come to the Lord's Park baseball diamond on that following Sunday for a practice. Pee Wee was the unpaid coach and the manager. They contracted to rent Maroon Field to play home games on Wednesday nights, the only time they could get. Practices could not be held there so they were held wherever space was available: Abbott Field, Lord's Park or Wing park.

A great many men came out for the team and at one time Pee Wee had as many as 60 new candidates. He scheduled eleven games that first year, the first on October 5th against the Westmont Eagles. That gave them one month to get organized, acquire uniforms and do the many other things necessary to start a team. They won their first game 32-19. Other games were against the Glenview Naval Training Center, the Delavan Red Devils (a farm team for the Chicago Bears), The Edison Park Bears, The Skulls Athletic club, the East Side Trojans, The Winkler Motor Athletic Club, The Northwest Wildcats, The Austin Blues, The Chicago Panthers, The Blue Island Boosters and the Aurora Clippers.

From the first day they had financial problems and lacked a regular field and practice area. Due to issues with the Board of Education, in 1948 they were only allowed a couple of games and at least one game was held in Dundee. The Park District allowed them to play on a baseball diamond in Wing Park. The team borrowed a sod cutter and cut and laid sod over the infield. This then became the place where most of their games were played under the lights. The Park District did not charge them for using the field, but the school district did.

The ticket price for a game was \$1.00 and a child or a student was 50 cents. Fletch Lamphere, the first treasurer, said "I took tickets at the gate and comparing tickets to people there, I believe that many came in over or under the fence."

No one in the organization, players or coach, were paid. Pee Wee said he never wanted or asked to be paid. His workload was tremendous, not just coaching but also the managing and all the phone work and scheduling. After a game in the rain and the mud he took all 33 jerseys home and washed them to save money. Dry cleaning was done by Bazos Cleaners, but the team had a hard time paying the bills. They had to pay for field rental, the visitor's bus cost, and their own bus cost to the field. They always dressed at the old YMCA on Chicago Street. There were also other costs for officials, police, and insurance. Per columnist Gun Clifford, it took about \$10,000 to run a 10-game season with no one being paid a salary. The first year, 1947, they played eleven games, won six, and lost five. They ended up with \$20.13 in the bank. In 1948 the team won six, lost five, and had one tied game. That year they lost \$738.51.

In 1948 they played the Evanston Rams, an all-black team of the Central States Professional League, and won 7 to 6.

By 1949 the board of directors were: President Ray A. Smith, Vice President Wiedeman, Treasurer Earnest Ludwig, and Secretary, Atty. Al Kirkland. Other direc-

tors were Tom Kennell Sr., Pee Wee Jacobs, Merrill O. Calame, Robert Morrison and also Paul Siers, the team representative.

Later, the board included Milt Rein as Vice President and Marve Kuhlman as Treasurer and added John Eschelman, sports editor of the Courier News, as a director.

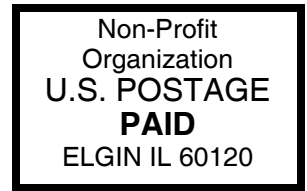
It is interesting that the club used the single wing formation, probably because the high school used that formation at least through 1947 and it was familiar to them. The first three years, the playbook consisted of 35 mimeographed plays given to each player. During the 1950 season, the team began the use of the T Formation. During 1949 and 1950 they lost a number of close games to compile a losing record. In 1950 the board of directors hired a new coach and for the first time paid him a salary. They hired Frank L. Myers, formerly the athletic director of Abbott Junior High School, who was introducing the T formation there for the first time. They offered the title of general manager of the team to Pee Wee but he declined. The win-loss record of the team under Myers did not improve. In 1949 they were 3 and 8 with one tie. In 1950 they were 2 and 9. A number of players left the team because of their loyalty to Pee Wee. A top player, John Hans Denk, who was close to Pee Wee remembered that he wanted to leave also but that he very much wanted to keep playing, so he stayed.

The players liked Pee Wee, and he performed under a very heavy workload for three and a half years with little or no help and was never paid for any of his work. As the paper noted at the time, "few realized his given time in practices, the reams of correspondence, the mountains of weighty problems and the sea of preparation preparing for each game. To save money he also did some equipment repair himself."

He tried to get several people to assist him, but they all refused because they all wanted to be paid so he carried on alone. If not for Pee Wee Jacobs there would never have been an Elgin Torpedoes team.

In 1950 the board of directors were "Bozo" Westerman, President, Robert Morrison, Secretary, Earnest Ludwig, Treasurer, and directors Clarence Timm, Paul Siers, John Eschelman, (sports editor of the Elgin Courier News), Pee Wee Jacobs, Lester Culverson, Chris Bazos and Elber Jernnberg Jr.

The 1951 season began with an overhanging debt, and no buyer for the team could be found. The five players agreed to take on the debt and by doing so took ownership of the team. The older board submitted their resignations to make it possible. The five were John "Hans" Denk, Dell and Harold Johnson, Ed "Eggy" Bell and Art Hedlund. Wally Graf, who had attended



the University of Illinois and the University of Nevada and was familiar with the T formation, was hired as Player Manager.

Just as they had in prior years, directors and players went to auto dealers and other businesses to get contributions to finance the team. In 1951 the team did better and won a few more games.

However, they had a bad occurrence early in the season. Eggy Bell told them he was going on vacation so they had the team blanket insurance changed to cover his replacement. Eggy delayed leaving for a day and came out and suited up and started the game. On the second play he suffered a broken leg and unfortunately was not covered because the insurance had not been changed back. The circumstances were not well understood and a number of mothers and wives became very concerned and rumors persisted that the team had no insurance.

The 1951 team won 6 and lost 3, their best year. There were many outstanding players; probably the best were Wally Graf and Bob Survant. Some of the players on the opposing teams had been top college athletes and starting players at major universities. One had even played in the Rose Bowl.

Here are just a few of the many outstanding players.

Milt Rein the MVP of the 1939-40-41 high school teams and also the conference, who spent 4 years in the Navy in the South Pacific but played there under Bernie Berman. Coming to the Torpedoes at the beginning in 1947, his weight had increased some 30 pounds from high school, and he played though 1949, but was out with leg injuries for part of 1949. Tom Tommerson, who had played with the Pittsburgh Steelers and was the coach of the Delavan Red Devils, commented that Milt was the best open field runner he had ever seen.

John "Hans" Denk was the iron man guard through all seasons. He had a top record in high school for football and wrestling, winning wrestling titles in conference and sectionals several times and taking second in the state. He later played football at Iowa State. Many of us remember him in the summertime swimming in the quarry, the Wing Park pool and the river in his leopard skin bathing suit (Tarzan?). What an awesome, fearsome sight! What a disappointment that Elgin could not continue Pee Wee's dream.