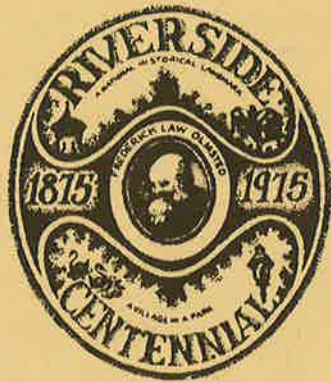


Riverside Centennial



This souvenir booklet has been prepared and published by the Riverside Centennial Commission in order that residents may have a handy reference to the events connected with the celebration of the one-hundredth year of incorporation of Riverside, Illinois.

The pride and involvement of the citizens of this historical, picturesque and unique village has been outstanding, indicating that Riverside is more than an attractive place in which to live; to put it simply . . . it has its own . . . mystique!

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The Village of Riverside, like a many-faceted jewel, is made up of countless shining lights. These are fractured into a myriad of colors, reflecting the efforts of many to achieve one effect — the success of the Riverside Centennial Celebration.

Not the least of these efforts has been in public relations. Among those we must mention in this regard are Congressman Henry Hyde of the United States House of Representatives, 6th District, Illinois, who had the Riverside story read into the February 6, 1975 issue of the *Congressional Record*. We thank Paul Donars and the *Suburban Life/Citizen* newspapers who gave us so much publicity; and the publicity chairmen of various committees, including June Reyes of Headquarters who made sure everyone knew what was going on.

Schofield Gross and Pat Creadon, Chairmen of the Special Events Committee, have done much to add color and glamour to our celebration.

Selling the Centennial has been vested in persons such as Mae and Francis Creadon, Nancy Van Cura, Hedy Zeigler and Clark Norris (to name just a few) who sold merchandise before the Centennial Headquarters was opened. Cooperation from members of the Village Offices and Village Clerk Emily Meyers has also been noteworthy.

To those who joined our ranks but found the pressures of business or family too heavy to continue, our many thanks for their assistance. And to Herbert Bassman, a member of our original *Ad Hoc* Committee and Publicity Chairman who moved to Milwaukee, a warm thank you. Herbert has presented the Committee his *History of Riverside*.

To those who will join our ranks to serve in events yet to come, and to those unsung heroes and heroines who have worked quietly without fanfare, we say thank you — you are indeed the lights that make our jewel of Riverside sparkle so brightly.

— Compiled and Edited by
Valerie Melius Kunz



A view of the Railroad Bridge from Bloomingbank Road as illustrated in The Riverside Improvement Company Prospectus, 1871.

balloon will be allowed to rise another 50 feet into the air to carry passengers for a fine look around the 100-year-old Village of Riverside and surrounding terrain.

In charge of this ambitious project relating to the Centennial Celebration are Cheryl Zubor, Cherie Simo and Priscilla Griffin. Aw, c'mon . . . take a chance!

August 9 and 10 *Tenth Annual Riverside Art Fair*

"A Day in the Park", the tenth annual Riverside Art Fair, will be held in Guthrie Park under the shade of the beautiful oaks and elms. The 1975 Art Fair promises to be the best ever, with over 100 exhibiting artists — another salute to Riverside's Centennial.

The Riverside Art Fair is under the direction of Michael West and Clyde Moravec.

August 10 *The Centennial Parade*

The climax of the Riverside Centennial Celebration will be the Centennial Parade. Rivaling the greatest show on earth, it will be spectacular, exciting and, by far, the most dramatic Parade ever staged in the 100-year-old Village of Riverside.

Included in the parade are marching bands, clowns, antique cars, fire trucks, and horse-drawn carriages from olden days. There will be floats sponsored by schools, local clubs, businesses, neighborhood groups and individuals. Truly, a never-again-to-be-witnessed spectacle to be remembered for a lifetime!

The Parade is under the direction of Mark Zubor and David Creadon with the assistance of Howard Bernstein, Ken Kaval, Denny Pankros, Tom Baur, Ed Zak, Russ Johnstone and Bert Austin . . . and a cast of thousands!

The Parade begins at 1:30 p.m. followed by entertainment and the Centennial Program at the Ball Park. See you there!

August 10 *The Centennial Program*

Immediately following the parade, the Centennial Program will be presented in Longcommon Park. Don Clawson, General Chairman of the Centennial Celebration, and Trustee Edward Meksto are handling this exciting event. It will be the very essence of our Centennial Celebration! Former Riversider, Congressman Robert McClory, U. S. House of Representatives, will address the audience.

At 3:45 p.m., William Earl, Director of the Recreation Department, will supervise an "Old-Timers" Ball Game. This will be reminiscent of the good old days of Sunday afternoon baseball, as espoused by Abner Doubleday, founder of baseball!

At 6:00 p.m., plan to attend the village-wide Centennial Barbeque to be held in Indian Gardens at the Scout cabin on the banks of the Aux Plaines (today known as the Des Plaines) River.

At this closing event, the August recipient of the *Citizen of the Month* award will be honored. Each month until the closing of 1975, a prominent Riversider will receive the *Citizen of the Month* award. Enter the names into this souvenir booklet as they are announced so that your record may be complete.

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VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE



Office of the President

RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS

May 23, 1975

CONGRATULATIONS ON OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Riverside is made up of people, you and me, our neighbors and our friends, and together we are celebrating the Centennial of our organized beginning. Together we can be justly proud of our history and of the steps our forefathers took to maintain the beauty and friendliness which we enjoy. Again, congratulations to us all.

TO THE RIVERSIDE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

You have demonstrated the true "Riverside Spirit", literally hundreds of you, working through many active Committees, have given much time, effort and creative ability to make our celebration outstanding. Under the leadership of Charles "Don" Clawson, Francis P. Creadon and Edward Meksto, you have aroused the interest of all of Riverside with the result that we have again shown that working together in the spirit of neighborliness, anything can be accomplished.

All of Riverside joins me in thanking you for your efforts.

To us all, the celebration of this Centennial can be the doorway to years, even a century, of continued neighborliness and co-operation in continuing the true "Spirit of Riverside".

Sincerely,

Louis J. Komorous

Louis J. Komorous,
Village President

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In the beginning . . .

August 8, 1875, Carol Gaytes was elected the first president of the village of Riverside, Illinois. One of his remarks referred to the Riverside of 100 years hence: "When they celebrate the centennial of Riverside's first election, will this be the park it now is?"

The resounding answer will be heard throughout 1975 — our grateful acknowledgement of the heritage that stems from the foresight of Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, and all those who have gone before us, protecting this unique "Village in a Park" in order that this celebration might be held.

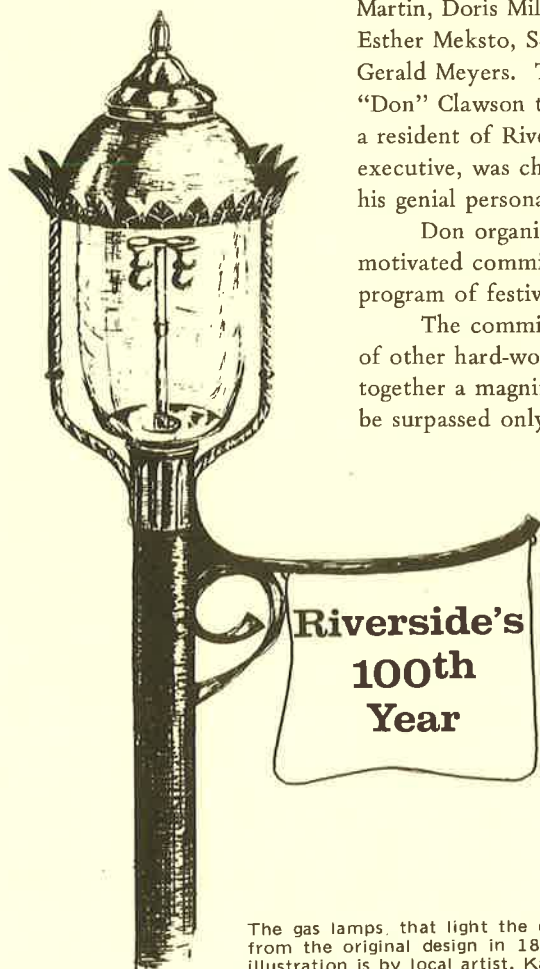
On May 17, 1971, the Board of Trustees and Village President Louis Komorous created the Riverside Historical Commission. This official arm appointed Trustee Edward Meksto to begin exploring ideas relevant to the celebration in 1975 of Riverside's Centennial year.

After many discussions, it was decided the celebration should be handled entirely by the celebrants themselves — the people of Riverside, Illinois.

An *Ad Hoc* Committee was formed; members included Herbert Bassman, Francis Creadon, Violet Martin, Doris Miller, Joanne Kosey, Edward Meksto, Esther Meksto, Schofield Gross, William Jansky and Gerald Meyers. The committee appointed Charles "Don" Clawson to act as general chairman. Clawson, a resident of Riverside and a Chicago insurance executive, was chosen for his organizational ability and his genial personality.

Don organized a staff of talented and highly-motivated committee chairmen to implement a viable program of festivities.

The committee chairmen, in turn, enlisted the aid of other hard-working and talented citizens who put together a magnificent, year-long celebration which will be surpassed only, we trust, in the year 2075.



The gas lamps, that light the curving streets of Riverside date from the original design in 1869 by Olmsted and Vaux. This illustration is by local artist, Kay Sordel.

and maintained. The Olmsted Society has chosen to exhibit Victorian homes in keeping with the Celebration. In charge of this event are Mrs. Wendell (Judy) Jisa, chairman, and Mrs. William (Norma) VandeMerkt, co-chairman. Refreshments will be served.

August 3 *Centennial Sunday*

Each church will consider its history and its relationship to the community: Where did we begin? How have we changed? Who were our leaders? Who are our leaders? Who will our leaders be? And, how will we act in the future? Plan to attend services this day.

August 6 *Children's Day*

Children's Day of the Centennial Celebration is sponsored by the joint Parent Teacher Association, Hauser Council of Parents and Teachers, and St. Mary's Parents' Group. The excitement begins in the morning at 10 o'clock with a Beautiful Baby Contest. The babies will be in old-fashioned costumes; bring a camera. There will be old-fashioned games, an old-fashioned costume contest for older children, a show by the Riverside-Brookfield NuVoux Free Street Theater, and a puppet show presented by St. Mary's Girl Scout group.

Hunger and thirst will be satiated with plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob and liquid refreshments. Entertainment will be provided during the day by Miss Suzanne Harris, guitarist.

In the evening, a live band will provide music for a dance for high school students . . . and everything takes place on the playground of Hauser Junior High School.

This ambitious program is under the guidance of Mrs. Charles (Marlene) Carey, assisted by Mrs. Edward (Judi) Sutryk, Mrs. Kenneth (Jean) Kuratko, Mrs. Gerald (Carroll) Steinhaus, Mrs. Robert (Bonnie) Hutchison and Mrs. Paul (June) Reyes.

August 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 *Exhibit: The Minnetonka*

One of the first steam locomotives purchased by the Northern Pacific Railroad — The Minnetonka — will be on exhibit at the Midwest Railway Historical Society headquarters located just west of the Riverside Railroad Station.

The Midwest Railway Historical Society headquarters and museum will be open to the public August 6, 7 and 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and again on August 9 and 10 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

It might be noted that the Railway Museum is located in Riverside at the request of the Midwest Railway Historical Society, in view of the fact that the Burlington Railroad played a large part in the development of Riverside Park, which later became Riverside, Illinois.

August 9 *Hot-Air Balloon*

It will be "up, up, but not away" when the Riverside Newcomers Club raises "Old Glory", the 80-foot-high hot-air balloon, which will be tethered in Longcommon Park (big ball diamond) from 9 a.m. until after dark on Saturday, August 9. The



One of the early residences by Architect William LeBaron Jenney. (Illustration is from The Riverside Improvement Company Prospectus, 1871.)

service and entertainment. Orgler promises ethnic food — always the best kind! Fred DeHart, Milt Paluch, and Gene Kelly have been working hard to make this a great celebration, as has John Pobuda. Andy Philotis is entertainment chairman and promises a different ethnic program each night. Be there every night for fun, fun, fun.

July 31 and August 1

August 7 and August 8 *Centennial Pageant*

One of the highlights of the Centennial Celebration will be Riverside's own pageant, *At the Bend in the River*, to be presented in the auditorium of the Riverside-Brookfield High School on the above dates at 8:00 p.m.

Written by Valerie Melius Kunz, with original music by Inez Altman Crofts, the pageant will trace the history of Riverside from the time of Father Marquette and Louis Jolliet through the present period and into the next century.

Sandra L. Fulscher is chairman of the pageant. Mrs. Fulscher has engaged William J. O'Connor as director, James Highland as technical director, and Coletta Doherty as ticket chairman. (Tickets on sale at Centennial office.) This entire production will be handled exclusively by Riversiders . . . a debut not to be missed!

August 1, 2 and 3 *Old-Timers' Weekend*

By land, by sea, and by air . . . they're all returning home to Riverside. Keith Evans and Bill Miller will be welcoming all former Riversiders to Old-Timers' Weekend!

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn, Hillside, especially for this Centennial event. Guests will receive a special rate which was arranged by the committee. A dinner in the Churchill Room at the hotel is planned for 7:30 p.m. on August 2. Reservations can be made by sending a check for \$6.75 before July 27 to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society, P.O. Box 65, Riverside, Illinois.

Those people who need transportation to Riverside from the hotel should call Centennial Headquarters and make arrangements.

August 2 and 3 *Photo Exhibit and Contests*

The halls of time are lined with cherished photographs. If you have photos of Riverside or Riversiders, enter them in the Riverside Centennial Photo Exhibit scheduled for August 2 and 3 at the Township Hall from noon to 5 p.m. There are four categories:

- Riverside then:* 1. Early years — 1875 to 1925
2. Later years — 1926 to 1950
Riverside now: 3. Recent years — 1951 to 1974
4. Centennial year — 1975

It is required that all photos in categories 3 and 4 be the work of the exhibitor. Each photo should be identified with all available data as to names of subjects, location and year taken.

Certificates will be awarded for first, second and third places in each of the four categories above. Centennial plaques will be awarded as "best of show" prizes in each of the four categories. Contest under the direction of James Howlett and Joseph Kulis.

Stop at the Centennial office for details regarding mounting and application forms.

August 3 *Housewalk*

Another event sponsored by the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is a housewalk that includes five architecturally significant homes, each privately owned



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From the desk of Don Clawson, General Chairman:

The success of the general chairman can be measured by the quality of his committee chairmen. In this regard I have been eminently successful.

Having launched the Centennial Celebration program it became imperative that funds be raised in order that the events planned would be largely self-funding, and that those that were not self-funding would be supported by those that could make a small profit. This souvenir booklet is an example of the type of project supported by other funding events.

The Finance Committee of the Riverside Centennial Commission, Gerald Meyers and Francis Creadon, approached the problem of raising funds for the Centennial Celebration in two ways. First, all villagers were invited to become members of The Century Club. Qualification for membership was a contribution in some form of 100 . . . one thousand dollars, one hundred dollars, one hundred half-dollars, one hundred quarters, one hundred dimes, or even, one hundred pennies.

Nearly 500 people are members of The Century Club as this Centennial souvenir booklet goes out to you. We hope that those of you who have not joined will take a minute to become a member — send your check to the Centennial Commission, P.O. Box 1875, Riverside, Illinois. Your contribution will be acknowledged with thanks!

Second, in an effort to spread the mystique of the Riverside Centennial, souvenir items have been placed on sale at Centennial Headquarters, and will be sold to celebrants at booths during Centennial Week, July 27 through August 10, 1975. Offered for sale are the heirloom-quality Wilton Armetale Centennial souvenir plate, specially-designed by artist Lynn Newman. Other souvenir items include Christmas cards, Centennial note paper, playing cards, pennants, beer mugs (with an insert entitling the purchaser to a free drink), barbeque aprons, straw hats, balloons and pencils, each with a distinctive Centennial design. As soon as the Centennial Celebration is over, all souvenirs will become "collectors items" and will escalate in value. The supply is limited and no more will be available.

Currently, all souvenir items are on display at Centennial Headquarters in the Water Tower. Dolly Gustafson has manned Headquarters with an outstanding group of volunteers.

When you purchase these souvenir items you will not only contribute to the success of the programs presented for the enjoyment of the community, but these souvenirs will make a fine keepsake of our 100th year.

It has been my pleasure to work with so many interesting and talented Riversiders in this Centennial Year, and the experience has enriched my life!

Sincerely,

Don Clawson

A GREETING PLACE WITH A SMILING FACE

Riverside Centennial Headquarters, located in the historic Water Tower designed by famous architect William LeBaron Jenney, has been the focal point for all activity connected with the celebration of Riverside's Centennial.

Manned entirely by a volunteer staff under the direction of Chairman Mrs. Philip (Dolly) Gustafson, the room was redecorated in a charming Victorian setting under the watchful eyes of Mrs. Edward Barcal, Mrs. Andrew Dunlop, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Svihla.

The office staff, Mrs. Lynn Harris, Mrs. Kay Russell and Mrs. Betty Fuerst handled the countless mailings, phone calls, and other details connected with the Centennial, made doubly difficult because the celebration is a one-time event where there is no time for mistakes.

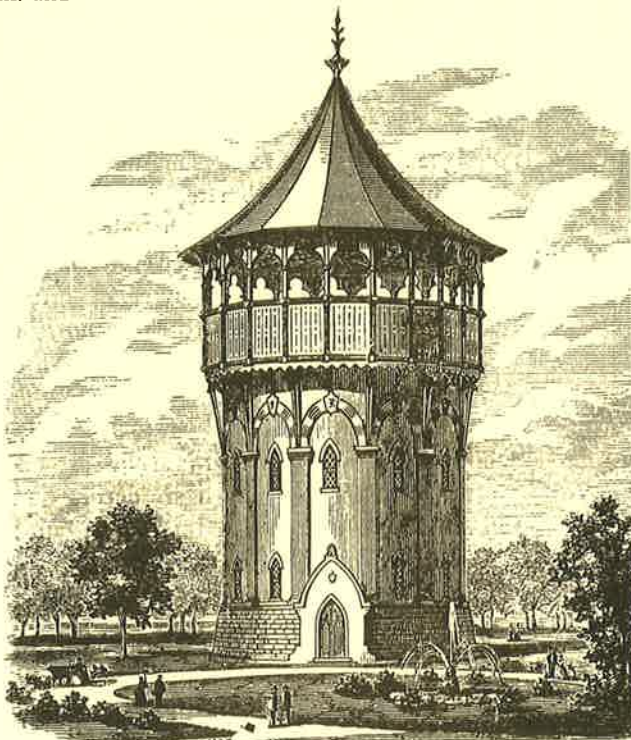
Without the services of Mrs. Myrna Latham who handled the financial records of the office, and the Golden Agers under the direction of their co-presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Math Martinek, we would have been lost!

The committee was most fortunate to benefit from donations of furniture and other artifacts, a project which was supervised by John and Suzanne Lakosil, Edwin and Stephany Klimczak and Schofield Gross.

With the exception of some sales made at the village office, all Centennial souvenirs have been offered for sale from headquarters.

Each month a new staff of 22 volunteers reported for duty to greet visitors, sell Centennial souvenirs, and handle details (problems, too!), between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. A cup of coffee awaited all wayfarers who entered . . . a welcome treat on cold winter days.

Mrs. Gustafson and the volunteers in the Hospitality Center expressed their appreciation for the invaluable assistance of Trustees Francis Creadon and Ed Meksto, Assistant Village Manager Bruce Barcal, and Gaylord Gee of the Village Water Department.



The famous Water Tower designed by William LeBaron Jenney.

July 21 through July 26

Under the auspices of the Riverside Chamber of Commerce, local merchants will participate in the celebration of the Centennial with Merchant Days! A feature of the celebration will be the awarding of four tandem bicycles to winners chosen by drawing.

Special discounts at Fairyland Park will be offered in conjunction with Merchant Days. William Jansky is chairman of this event; Ted Osberg, co-chairman.

The Riverside Centennial Celebration

July 27 *The Village Fair*

On this date, the Frederick Law Olmsted Society will hold its second annual Village Fair in the Township Hall, with an exhibit of vegetables and flowers grown in local gardens. Homemaking arts including canning, quilt-making, and garment construction will be included. There will be an exhibit of arts and crafts and a special children's exhibit. Entries will be judged and ribbons awarded.

Meanwhile, in Guthrie Park, all manner of excitement will be taking place: an old-fashioned popcorn wagon to feed the hungry; a balloon contest to delight the young; and an old-fashioned stagecoach (to lend an old-fashioned atmosphere) will offer rides.

The Village Fair is under the direction of Mrs. George (Ann) Denniston, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kreml, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vesley, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zidlicky, Mrs. Theodore (Ruth) Brenneman, Mrs. Paul (June) Reyes, and Mrs. John (Albertia) McCabe.

July 27 *Ecumenical Worship Service*

At 4:30 in the afternoon on Sunday, July 27, other activities will cease while the entire village joins in an Ecumenical Worship Service to be held, weather permitting, at Swan Pond.

The theme of the service will be "Thanksgiving for the past, affirmation of the present, and dream for the future". All churches in Riverside are participating in this service.

The Reverend Paul Landahl of Ascension Lutheran Church, Ecumenical Chairman of the Centennial, will be assisted by the Reverend Carl Sattelberg of the United Methodist Church and the Reverend Cyril Hurnyak of Saints Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Riverside.

In the event of rain, the service will be held at the Riverside Presbyterian Church, 116 Barry Point Road, Riverside.

July 28, 29, 30

August 4, 5, 6 **RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL DAYS**

Plan for good old-time family fun and fellowship at Cook County Forest Preserve, National Groves 1 and 2 in North Riverside on the above dates from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Fire Chief Tony Fridrych and his helpers will quench thirsts as readily as he quenches fires at special booths set up in the groves. Centennial souvenir mugs will be on sale — filled! There will be soft drinks for the children.

President Bob Orgler and the members of his Kiwanis Club will handle the food



Artwork by Joan A. Davies

The events will include a bowling tournament, a tennis tournament, and a basketball free throw contest. Contestants will try their skills in a "punt, pass and kick contest", a ladies' baseball throw, a ping-pong tournament and a horseshoe tournament. There are scheduled a ladies' dart tournament, bike races and swimming races. Canoe races and track events will be held, as well as an obstacle course race. And there will be a baseball distance-hitting contest, ladies' shuffleboard, and a golf tournament.

Each tournament will be under the supervision of Riversiders who excel in that particular sport or game.

To register, contact the Riverside Recreation Department Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. Good luck, you superstars!

July 10

Reminiscent of the celebrations held at churches throughout America in the 19th Century, the Riverside Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Strawberry Festival beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the church lawn. The program will be directed by the deacons of the church.

This year the Strawberry Festival will salute Riverside's Centennial. The annual cake contest should bring out some spectacular entries! As always, the public is invited and the evening promises to be memorable.



July 19 and 20

The Honorable Henry Hyde of the United States House of Representatives is slated as guest of honor at the dinner to be held July 19 in the Riverside Township Hall in conjunction with the Centennial Stamp Show.

Banquet Chairman, Mrs. Joseph Janecka, has promised delicious ethnic food — most appropriate because the Stamp Show will be sponsored by the First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America of which Joseph Janecka is president.

Featured at the Stamp Show on July 20 will be hand-cancellation of first-day covers by personnel from the Riverside Post Office, with a specially-designed hand-stamp commemorating the Riverside Centennial.

John Jezek is Exhibition Chairman. Schofield Gross and Pat Creadon are committee members. To exhibit stamps, philatelists are to communicate with anyone on the committee. Banquet reservations can be made with Mrs. Joseph Janecka.

July 19 through August 10

The annual Riverside Tennis Tournament will be a round-robin contest which will run from July 19 through August 10. It is under the direction of Bob Earl, Dick Gurzynski and Joyce Damore. Call the Riverside Recreation office for details. Tennis ... anyone?

July 20

Recalling the days of the Indian, Marquette and Jolliet, and others who have used the Des Plaines River for transportation and water sports, the District 208 Youth Center will sponsor a Canoe Race. The course will begin at 31st Street and end at the Scout cabin in Indian Gardens.

There will be two people to a canoe. Bring your own canoe and be at the river at 31st Street at 1:00 p.m. Mary Clarke is in charge of the event. Entries will be registered at Centennial Headquarters.

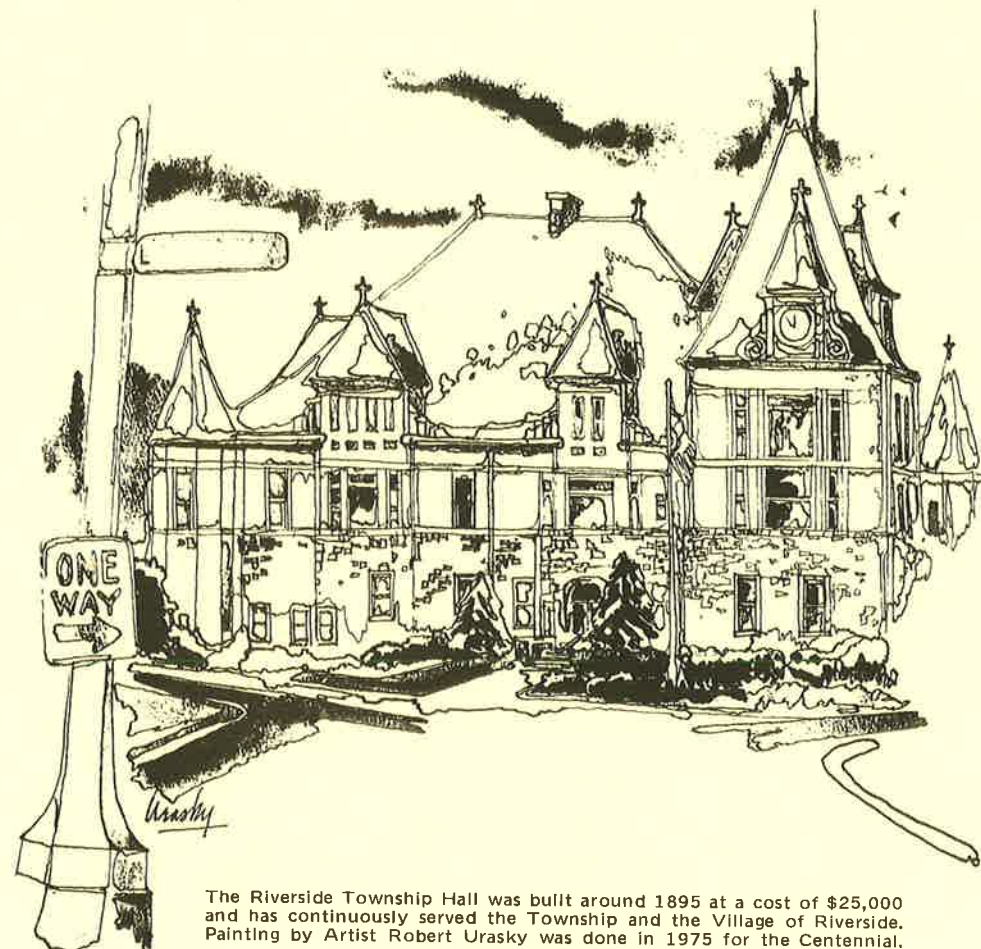
ARTISTS AND ARTWORK FOR THE CENTENNIAL

Under the direction of Hedy Zeigler, village artists generously contributed to the graphics used in promoting the advertising and the design of souvenirs for the Centennial Celebration.

In a village-wide contest, local artists were asked to submit designs depicting Riverside's first century. From these entries a symbol was selected and reproduced on a souvenir plate. Lynn Newman submitted the winning entry, and the design became the logo for the Centennial. The Centennial letterhead was designed by Mrs. Zeigler.

Other artists working on the Riverside Centennial Celebration include Jack Redpath, Shirley Bickel, Clark Norris, Ron Kowlek, Robert Urasky, Joan Davis, Barbara Zidlicky, Kay Sordel, Richard West, Rudolph Fagerburg, Joan Shurtleff, Marjorie Sayon and Greg Soohov. Bill and Dee Pease have been very generous with their photography and have aided greatly in the art work reproductions. Helping in many ways were Burton Frick, Fred Vacek and Jim Szczecny.

Together these talented people have created artwork which will be enjoyed in future generations. They have caught the Riverside mystique and recorded it for all time.



The Riverside Township Hall was built around 1895 at a cost of \$25,000 and has continuously served the Township and the Village of Riverside. Painting by Artist Robert Urasky was done in 1975 for the Centennial.



THE CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR PLATE

Perhaps one of the most significant and lasting exhibits of our Centennial will be the Riverside Souvenir Plate, an attractive and distinctive collector's piece designed by artist Lynn Newman of Riverside. Mrs. Dorothy Unger was instrumental in the execution and selection of this attractive souvenir of our 100th birthday.

The committee reviewed countless materials as possibilities for the plate; however, metal was the chosen medium as it connotes an Early American feeling. Although the pewter manufacturers were engulfed in orders as a result of the United States Bicentennial celebration, they were able to secure the services of a top-notch metals worker, Wilton Armetale. The plate selected is one that could withstand all sorts of improbable abuse.

The plate selection committee included Mrs. Hugo (Genevieve) Chott, Mrs. John (Martha) Kalny, Mrs. William C. (Doris) Miller, Mrs. Merrill C. (Laura) Norris, Mrs. Louis (Annette) Schmerling, Mrs. Richard (Alice) Todd, and Mrs. Harold F. (Hedy) Zeigler.

Serving on the financial committee were Mrs. Paul (Myrna) Latham and Mrs. Unger. Engraving, labeling and packaging workers included the artist Mrs. David (Lynn) Newman, Mrs. Edward (Judi) Sutryk, Mrs. Philip H. (Kathy) Suess, Mrs. Kenneth (Dorothy) Thompson, and Mrs. Thomas J. (Barbara) Zidlicky. One of the angels of the Centennial Celebration, Mrs. Ed (Esther) Meksto, polished all the plates.

Another angel, Ralph M. Hill, managed to rush a special printing job so the plates could go on sale before Christmas by way of a gift certificate . . . just another example of that old Riverside mystique.

April 23

Co-chairman of the Riverside Centennial Committee, Village Trustee Edward Meksto, presented Centennial flags to Dr. James Trost, Superintendent of Riverside-Brookfield High School; Dr. J. Luster Godbey, Superintendent of Riverside School District 96; and to Sister Janet, Principal of St. Mary's School in Riverside.

The Centennial flags, specially-designed by Jack Redpath and Hedy Zeigler, will be flown at the schools for the remainder of the school year.

April 23 and 30

The Centennial Bridge Tournament attracted 176 bridge players on April 23 and April 30. Mrs. Robert Jackson, assisted by Mrs. James McCoy, Mrs. Donald Norman, and Mrs. Wendell Jisa (all excellent bridge players) handled the competition.

First place was won by Mrs. John Scully and Mrs. E. S. Lindau; second place was captured by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kazda; and third place went to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jisa. Fourth place was taken by a husband and wife team, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alonge. Fifth place was won by Mrs. David C. Newman and Mrs. Hans Griebel.

The specially-designed playing cards used in the tournament carried the Riverside Centennial logo and were sold following the tournament.

May 10

The Riverside Garden Club, founded in 1921 with Miss Josephine Sherman as its first president, contributed landscaping and plantings to beautify Centennial Square for the Riverside Centennial Celebration. It is here that the Riverside Historical Museum and Centennial Headquarters are located within the famed William LeBaron Jenney-designed Water Tower complex.

To finance the landscaping, the club held a flower and plant sale on May 10 in Guthrie Park, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale was under the direction of Mrs. Herbert Lederer, President, and Mrs. Robert Hutchinson, Ways and Means Director. The Riverside Garden Club will continue to maintain this area as their ongoing gift to the Village of Riverside.

May 28

Under clear skies and the finest weather, a "thank you" concert by musicians in the Riverside-Brookfield High School band was enjoyed by a capacity crowd on a pleasant spring evening at Swan Pond.

Under the direction of Angelo Iovinelli, the students "played their hearts out" in appreciation of the support given them by the public in their effort to raise money for new band uniforms. Mrs. Arthur Fischer was chairman.

At this event, the *Citizen of the Month* pin was presented to Robert S. Sheehan, "Mr. Music of Riverside". Sheehan founded the Madrigal Club at the Junior High School and, for many years, was the driving force behind student productions of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.

June 7 through July 6

A series of events, hailed as Superstar Competition, will be held to determine who in Riverside can be considered Centennial Year Superstars. This program is under the direction of the Riverside Recreation Department.

Contestants must enter a given number of contests categorized by age and those who excel will be named winners in August.

under Captain Judy Lanza, was awarded first place. The Chubettes, under Captain Karen Farnan, won second place.

March 19

The Village of Riverside joined in the celebration of the Centennial at a special presentation of *Carousel*, a musical presented at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse in Summit. Over 500 theatergoers saw the *Citizen of the Month* pin awarded to Sherman Taylor, senior member of the Taylor Plumbing Company. Taylor Plumbing is the oldest business in Riverside and has been operated by the Taylor family since 1892. The pin was received by William Taylor in the absence of Sherman Taylor.

This event was sponsored in cooperation with the Riverside Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Lions Club, and the Junior and Senior Woman's Clubs of Riverside.

March 19

The Ladies' Volleyball Tournament was held on March 19 as part of the Riverside Recreation Department celebration of the Centennial. Several teams participated. The Hustlers, under Captain Lyn Stephan, won first prize; The Broadtails, under Captain Joan Carmignani, won second place.

April 5

The first in a series of Centennial trees to be planted in Riverside was dedicated on this date by Louis Komorous to former village presidents. At the dedication were Joseph Juric and William Hajek, past presidents of the village.

Miss Violet Martin, a member of the Riverside Historical Commission, read the poem *Trees* by Joyce Kilmer; Robert Falconer, Commander of the American Legion Post, announced that the Post would donate a Centennial tree.

April 10

The History of the Riverside Schools program was organized by Joan Shurtleff. She busily swept the cobwebs from the corridors of the schools in Riverside to find the students of yore — who they were, what they did, and who their teachers were.

The program began with a visit to the old-fashioned classroom on the second floor of Central School which was furnished by Mrs. Herbert (Dorrie) Lederer and Mrs. John (Joan) Shurtleff. The program, held at the Robert S. Sheehan Center for the Performing Arts, attracted former teachers and students from as far away as Alabama. Mrs. A. R. (Ethel) Owen, a former Riverside teacher under the first Superintendent of Schools A. F. Ames, was present at the reunion. Talks were given by Mrs. Betty Kirby, Dr. J. Luster Godbey, Mark Lies, Sr., Dr. James R. Trost, and Jerome Long.

The winners of the Centennial Art and Essay Contest sponsored by Riverside schools, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Charles (Marlene) Carey, were announced during this program. Winners of the Art Contest were Giles Pope and Terry Lydon. Art Contest judges were Robert Urasky, Mrs. Edward (Alice) Barcal and Mrs. Harold F. (Hedy) Zeigler. John Keene was winner of the Essay Contest. Essay Contest judges were Miss Suzanne Harris, Steven Olderr, and Mrs. Edward J. (Marcella) Nell.

April 15

Mrs. Jordan (Harriet) Hunt, first woman Village Trustee in the 100-year history of Riverside, Illinois, was named *Citizen of the Month* at the Riverside Board Meeting.

RIVERSIDE CENTENNIAL

Chronology of Events

January 24

The spectacular success of the Centennial Ball set the pace for succeeding celebrations in the year-long festivities marking Riverside's 100th birthday. A *fin de siecle* setting, complete with a specially constructed gazebo, added to the gala atmosphere of the dinner dance. It was attended by over 700, including many former residents who returned with family and friends for the party of the century.

A short program featured an address by the Honorable Robert McClory, a member of the United States House of Representatives and former Riversider. The *Citizen of the Month* pin was awarded to Village President Louis Komorous. Invocation was led by the Reverend Paul R. Landahl. Each guest received a souvenir dance program and a specially-designed napkin ring.

The ball was a great credit to the following committee which was relatively small in size:

Chairman of the Ball: Mrs. Wallace (Noel) Kemp

Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Mark (Cheryl) Zubor; assisted by Mrs. Harold (Yvonne)

Lindahl, Mrs. L. T. (Martha) Heine, Mrs. Rick (Patty) Steinman

Decorations Chairman: Mrs. Alan (Janet) Ashby; assisted by Mrs. Clyde (Joanne)

Jantze, Mrs. Andrew (Cherie) Simo

Graphics: James T. Zidlicky

Arrangements: Mrs. Carl (Marguerite) Rauschert

Publicity: William Kiedaisch, Sr.

February 14

The Riverside Golden Age St. Valentine's Day party was held on this date. The program highlighted the Riverside couple who had been married the longest. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nielsen, wed on December 26, 1907, walked away with the honors and were awarded the *Citizen of the Month* pin which was passed to them from Village President Louis Komorous. The Valentine's Day party featured entertainment with Mrs. Leonard Shimandle at the piano, Assistant Village Manager Bruce Barcal who led group singing as he strummed his banjo, and Francis Creadon as master-of-ceremonies. The Riverside Junior Woman's Club provided refreshments for the 150 guests.

February 15

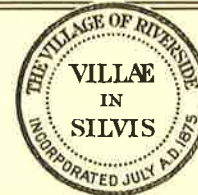
The High School Boys' Basketball Tournament under the guidance of William Earl, Director of the Riverside Recreation Department, was held on this date. The well-attended affair took place at Riverside-Brookfield High School. The Tippers, under Captain Jeff Russo took first place and The Lakers, under Captain Jay Kaiser won second place.

March 18

The Centennial Recreation Department High School and College Girls' Volleyball Tournament was held at A. F. Ames School. In a round-robin competition, The Rocketts,



Riverside Centennial Chronology of Events



PRIOR TO 1975
Ad Hoc Committee selects Chairman
of Riverside Centennial Celebration
Contest to choose Logo design
DECEMBER
Centennial Plate and souvenir items
offered for sale
Committees formed
JANUARY 1975
Centennial Ball, January 24
Citizen of the Month Award
FEBRUARY
Golden Age St. Valentine's Day Party

Citizen of the Month Award
Boys' Basketball Tournament
Essay and Art Contests initiated
in schools
MARCH
Girls' and Ladies Volleyball Tournament
Centennial Theater Party
Citizen of the Month Award
APRIL
First of Centennial Trees planted in
honor of former village presidents
The *History of Riverside Schools* Program
Presentation of Centennial Flags

First woman village trustee receives
Citizen of the Month Award
Centennial Bridge Tournament
MAY
Garden Club Benefit to beautify
Centennial Square
Riverside-Brookfield Band Concert
Citizen of the Month Award
JUNE
Superstar competition begins
Citizen of the Month Award
Casting begins for Pageant
Riverside Map of Historical Buildings

JULY
Strawberry Festival
Citizen of the Month Award
Stamp Show and Dinner
Tennis Tournament
Canoe Race
Merchant Days
Village Fair
Ecumenical Worship Service
Pageant
Riverside Festival Days
AUGUST
Old-Timers' Weekend

Housewalk
Photo Exhibit
Centennial Sunday Worship
Children's Day
Railway Exhibit
Balloon Rides
Art Fair
Centennial Parade
Centennial Program
Riverside Festival Days
Old-Timers' Ball Game
Village Barbeque
Citizen of the Month Award

The Riverside Centennial Celebration

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| JULY 27 Frederick Law Olmsted Society Village Fair 4:30 Ecumenical Worship Service | JULY 28 Riverside Festival Days | JULY 29 Riverside Festival Days | JULY 30 Riverside Festival Days | JULY 31 Centennial Pageant at Riverside/Brookfield High School | AUG 1 Old-Timers' Weekend Centennial Pageant at Riverside/Brookfield High School | AUG 2 Old-Timers' Dinner Party Photo Exhibit |
| AUG 3 Centennial Sunday Worship Photo Exhibit Housewalk Old-Timers' Weekend | AUG 4 Riverside Festival Days | AUG 5 Riverside Festival Days | AUG 6 Riverside Festival Days Railroad Historical Society Display Children's Day Teen-Age Dance | AUG 7 Railroad Historical Society Display Centennial Pageant at Riverside/Brookfield High School | AUG 8 Railroad Historical Society Display Centennial Pageant at Riverside/Brookfield High School | AUG 9 Riverside Art Fair "Old Glory" Balloon at Big Ball Park Railroad Historical Society Display Library Book Sale |
| AUG 10 Citizen of the Month Award Centennial Parade Railroad Historical Society Display Centennial Program Old-Timers Ball Game Village Barbeque Riverside Art Fair | <p>After the close of the Centennial Celebration period, various events will be scheduled which, no doubt, will have a Centennial theme. Although these will not be under the auspices of the Riverside Centennial Commission, you will be notified by the organizations responsible for the events. We look forward to participating in these future celebrations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Charles D. Clawson, General Chairman Riverside Centennial Commission</p> | | | | | |

