

Clemons where they were unloaded at the stockyard. The cattle were then driven through town to the farmers' lots to be fattened. Occasionally these cattle were rather wild and hard to control, cutting across lawns, through fences or under clothes lines, much to the displeasure of town residents.



Sidewalk Superintendents!

"OUT ON THE TOWN"

The traditional nights to go to town were Wednesday and Saturday nights. That was also a busy night for the barber, as the men came to town, many would stop to get a haircut. It was usually a long wait. They would stop and get their place in line and then go play pool or cards at the pool hall until their turn arrived. The barber spent many late nights giving haircuts while others enjoyed the show or movie or a game of pool. Many times he didn't finish until after midnight.

Up until about 1940 the barber shop also maintained facilities for men to take a bath. As most farms did not have indoor plumbing, the facilities for baths were limited and many hired men used the barber's facilities to take a hot bath and clean up.

SLEDDING

How many remember the Saturday, Sunday and nights after school spent sledding on the Clemons hill north or west of town? During the winter the area west of town in front of the old Clemons house where the John Davis live now, or in the timber pasture (or what used to be timber pasture) on the north side of the road by the house was a popular place to go sledding by area youngsters. It was not an uncommon sight to see 10 or 12 kids there. Occasionally, a school or church group held sledding parties on the hill.

SKATING PARTIES

Another popular event was ice skating parties. Minerva Creek has provided a popular place to ice skate since early times. The creek in the park or behind the creamery dam or north and east of Minerva in Nichols timber were all popular spots (NW¼ NE¼, Section 4,

Marietta Township) and many skating parties were held there.

PICNICKING

For many years the Bartine family has had a picnic grounds on the SW¼ NE¼, Sec. 35, Liberty Township. This has been a popular spot for picnics for many years. The Bartine family used to hold numerous Sunday picnics there every summer and when they weren't there, others used it. Many school and youth groups have used the grounds through the years. The old fireplace has provided many enjoyable hours of picnicing and visiting around the fireside.

THE ROOSTER'S CROW

Before 1940 it was not uncommon for residents of town to be awakened by crowing of roosters. Prior to the coming of the automobile, most residences in town consisted of a lot with a house and barn and chicken house in the area near the alley. These barns and sheds were used to keep the horse and buggy. It was also not uncommon for the residents to keep a cow and a few chickens. Vacant lots were almost all used to graze horses or cows.

MILLS

It does not appear that Minerva Creek ever had a mill or saw mill located on it driven by water power except early accounts indicate a Dr. Hixson built and operated a flouring mill in an earlier day near the south of Minerva Creek. The accounts state the mill was not too successful and was discontinued soon after being started.

OUT OF THE MUD

On August 14, 1924, five miles of the Eldora-Colfax trail (old stagecoach route) was to be graveled from Bevins Grove corner to the Hardin County line. This was made possible by the enterprising businessmen of Clemons who raised over \$1000 to pay for part of the cost, with the township and farmers paying the balance. The gravel came from the Moore-Eldridge Gravel pit at Clemons. The Hartland road (now E-29) was already graveled at this time.



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Bob Sledding - 1933

Sherb Noble, Hube Christensen, Kermit Shaw (H. S. Coach), Ms. Brandstrom (school teacher), ? school teacher, Helen Brachney, Gene Beckwith, Ms. Snead (music teacher), Roland Camp, Katherine Hiatt, Dorothy Noble, Bert Meier (driver).

Chapter 11

Century Farms

The Century Farms Program began in 1976 when over 5,000 certificates and farm markers were distributed across Iowa at local ceremonies. The program continued in 1977 when over 700 certificates and farm markers were distributed in ceremonies held at the Iowa State Fair. The number leveled off in 1978, 1979, and 1980 to just over 200 per year. This year (1981) there are 275 new Century Farms Award recipients.

The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

Honoring families which have owned Iowa farmland for 100 years or more.

Century Farm Recipients:

BARTLETT, Margaret E. Clemons, Iowa 50051 *714 Maple, Osage 50461	1867
BARTINE, Hulda (Mrs. Wm. D.) R. R. Clemons, Iowa 50051 (Clemons family)	1877
ECKHART, Elnora R. R. 1 State Center, Iowa 50247	1872
EGGERS, Glen R. R. State Center, Iowa 50247 (Fricke family)	1875
HALL, Joseph R. R. 1 Albion, Iowa 50005	1864
JOHNSON, Rosalie A. R. R. Clemons, Iowa 50051 (Ingledue)	1863
JONES, Edna M. R. R. 1 Clemons, Iowa 50051 *304 N. 4th Street Marshalltown, Iowa 50158 (Tucker family)	1865
NICHOLS, Clifford D. R. R. 1 Albion, Iowa 50005	1866

NICHOLS, Stacy (Jr.) R. R. 1 Clemons, Iowa 50051 *309 New Castle Road Marshalltown, Iowa 50158	1853
NORELL, Carol B. and Laura R. R. 1 State Center, Iowa 50247	1869
PFANTZ, Ivan R. R. 1 State Center, Iowa 50247	1869
PFANTZ, Kenneth R. R. 1 State Center, Iowa 50247	1871
SCHAPER, Clifford R. R. 1 State Center, Iowa 50247	1868
WITT, Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Clemons, Iowa 50051 (Ingledue family)	1867

BICENTENNIAL

Clemons celebrated the nation's Bicentennial on June 23, 1976, in the evening with a picnic enjoyed by all. The Town Park was the setting with a large group of friends and neighbors attending.

The town was presented a Bicentennial Flag for recognition in observing the national celebration.

A souvenir edition of the 1901 "Clemons Bugle" was written and published by Debbie Jones, Edwin Bartine, and Lois Shives. It gave the history of the founding of the community and more recent years. The "Clemons Bugle" was the town paper published from 1898-1901.

The Memorial Park was dedicated at this celebration in honor of a friend of all, Gary Harding, son of Leland and Alberta Harding, who lost his life in a truck accident.

The program of the events follows.

FRIDAY - June 25, 1982
Alumni Banquet
Lincoln Valley Golf

6:00

CLEMONS GROVE CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

SATURDAY - June 26, 1982

Flag raising ceremonies	8:00
Slo Pitch Softball Tournament	8:00
Parade	10:00
Scottish Hilanders	11:00
Noon - Food stands on Main Street	12:00
Auction	1:00
Family Games	2:00
Tug of War	3:00
Floppy	4:00
Barbeque	4:30
Program and Beard Contest	7:30
Dance	9:00

SUNDAY - June 27, 1982

Tractor pull	6:00
Church Services	9:00
Tractor Pull	10:00

ALL DAY SATURDAY

Flea Market
Softball Tournament

ALL DAY SUNDAY

Tractor Pull
Flea Market
Softball Tournament

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AMERICA

"My country 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

"Our father's God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King."

- Samuel F. Smith

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

"O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves
of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited
plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

"O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond
the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by
human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea."

- Katherine Lee Bates



THE
BICENTENNIAL FLAG
PRESENTATION
AND
MEMORIAL PARK
DEDICATION

CLEMONS, IOWA
JUNE 23, 1976
6:00 P.M.



WHO'S WHO?

Wendell Price, President of Community Club
George W. Campbell, Pastor of United Church of Christ
Kathy, Jennie, Susie Bartine, daughters of the
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bartine
Jim West, State Representative of the 40th District
Jack Mackin, Mayor of Clemons, Iowa
Janet Patterson, Vice chairman of Marshall County
Bicentennial Committee
Lester Proctor, Pastor of Hartland Friends Church

WELCOME

We of the Clemons Community do well in gathering
together in joy and appreciation of being chosen
as a community to receive a Bicentennial Flag.
May we realize we are not unique but are joined
by countless other communities across this great
land of ours. Realizing this, may we pledge our-
selves anew that our land will be great because
of the way we live with each other within our
country and be concerned about our relationship
with other nations of the world.

WELCOME Mr. Wendell Price

INVOCATION AND BLESSING Rev. George W. Campbell

SHARING THE COOPERATIVE MEAL

MUSICAL SELECTION Kathy Bartine

BICENTENNIAL FLAG PRESENTATION Mr. Jim West

RESPONSE Mr. Jack Mackin

SINGING OF "AMERICA" The Assembly

REMARKS Mrs. Janet Patterson

MUSICAL SELECTION Jennie Bartine

HISTORICAL REVIEW Rev. Lester Proctor

MUSICAL SELECTION Susie Bartine

DEDICATION OF THE PARK Rev. George W. Campbell

SINGING OF "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" The Assembly

DISMISSAL Mr. Wendell Price

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This is the land where hate should die -
This is the land where strife should cease,
Where foul, suspicious fear should fly
Before our flag of light and peace.
Then let us purge from poisoned thought
That service to the state we give,
And so be worthy as we ought
Of this great land in which we live!

- Denis A. McCarthy

BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM
1976