

LaMoille
AmVet's Auxiliary
Dream
for
Billboard of Honor

**THE
HONOR
ROLL
BILLBOARD**

The LaMoille Amvets Auxiliary erected the first billboard on this site during World War II.

They posted the names of the twenty-two men from this community who served their country in World War I.

One hundred twenty-seven more names were added as young men from the community left to serve during World War II.

Thirty-seven more names were added during the Korean conflict.

Twenty-five more names were added during the Vietnam War.

The original board was rebuilt and repainted several times during its 50 years of service.

Now, it is replaced by this permanent monument and dedicated on June 3, 2000.

A project of the LaMoille Alumni Association

Dedicate Armed Service Board At Lamoille

June 24, 1945

Lamoille — (Special) — Climaxing six months planning and work on the part of the United Service Women of Lamoille, the dedication of the Lamoille service board, recently completed, took place Sunday evening in the high school gymnasium since a rainstorm made it impossible to hold the ceremony outside as planned.

Principal speakers were Rev. P. G. Dennis, president of Pioneer Chapter of Iowa No. 1, American War Dads, and Rev. Z. M. Bressler, local minister. The newly erected board bears the names of 106 young persons representing the Lamoille community in the armed forces.

MRS. LIVELY TALKS.

Opening the program, the audience repeated the pledge of allegiance to the flag, led by Mrs. Leland Parsons, sergeant-at-arms of the U. S. W. "America" was sung in unison preceding the invocation by Rev. Mr. Bressler.

Mrs. Ira Lively, president of the unit, told about the work and read the purposes of the organization, and Mrs. Parsons gave a report on the Red Cross work which had been completed by the unit.

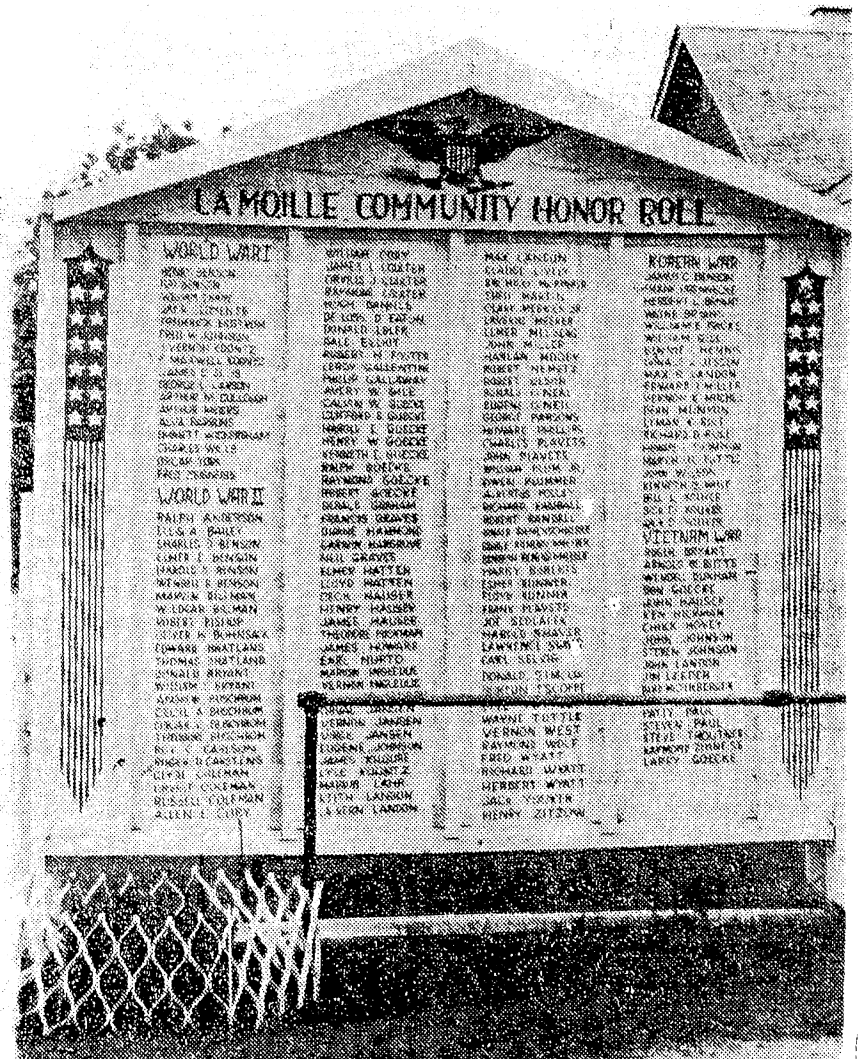
Following talks by Rev. Mr. Dennis and Rev. Mr. Bressler, Jane and Joan Olson sang "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There." The dedicatory ceremonies closed with the benediction and "Star Spangled Banner."

WORK OF FIVE MEN.

The honor roll has been erected on the northeast corner of the school lawn and was built by Charles A. Smith, Walter Benson and Ira Lively, with lighting in charge of Dan McDonald. By Coolidge of Marshalltown did the lettering and decorating.

According to Mrs. R. B. Landon, chairman of the U. S. W. committee in charge of building the board, the light will be turned on each evening above the structure. Assisting Mrs. Landon on her committee were Mrs. Ira Lively, Mrs. Mary Wyatt and Mrs. Roy Hickman.

"We on the committee would like to express our appreciation to the personnel who aided in soliciting for the project and to those who gave both time and money toward its completion," Mrs. Landon added.



THE COMMUNITY HONOR roll at Lamoille has been restored and again reveals the names of those from the community who served in four wars or conflicts. It is now in the Congregational

Church lot. At the left is the juniper shrub, which has been planted by the Lamoille Women's Club as a project and as it grows will enhance the appearance of the honor roll. (Staff Photo)

Lamoille Restores Military Honor List

LAMOILLE - In the 1940s it wasn't unusual to see a community honor roll in nearly every Iowa town honoring the veterans of various wars. Today such honor rolls are scarce.

But in Lamoille the honor roll is again listing the names of those who have served their country, having been repainted, restored and put in the Congregational Church lot.

Restoring of the honor roll was done for the Bicentennial in 1976, after the honor list was taken down from the schoolhouse, where it had been placed during World War II and left to decay.

Recently the Lamoille Women's Club planted a juniper shrub near the honor roll as a community project.

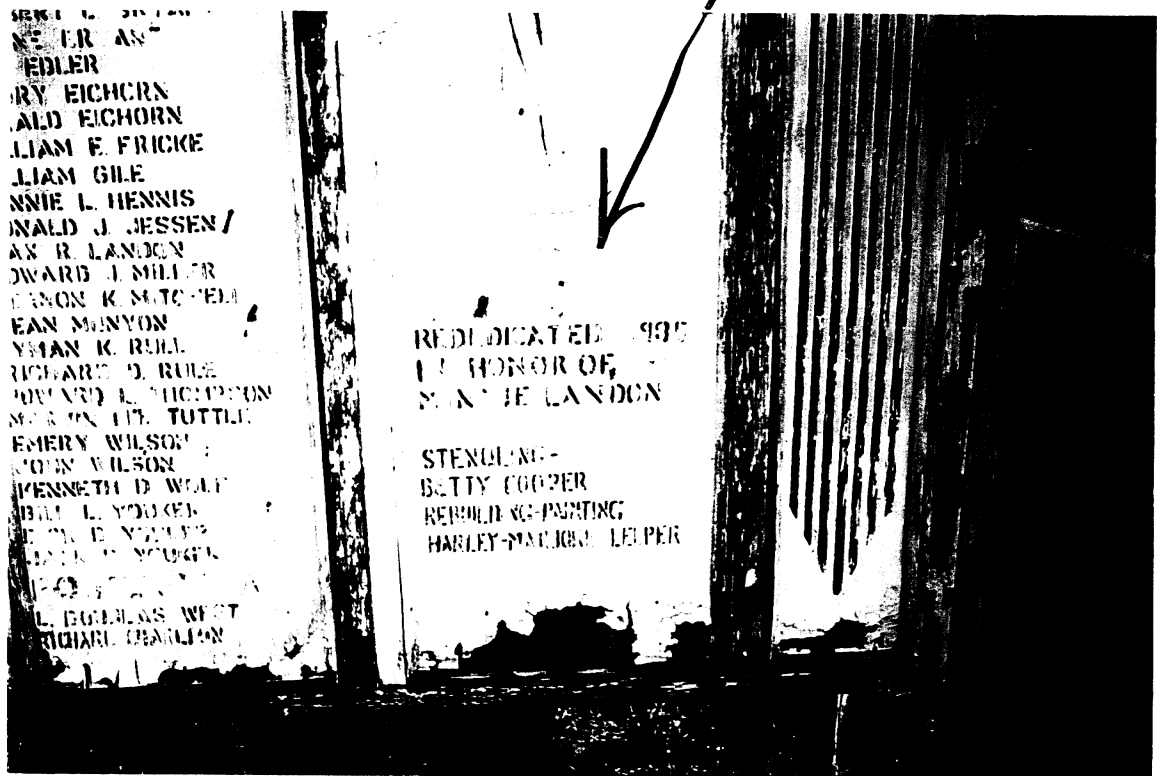
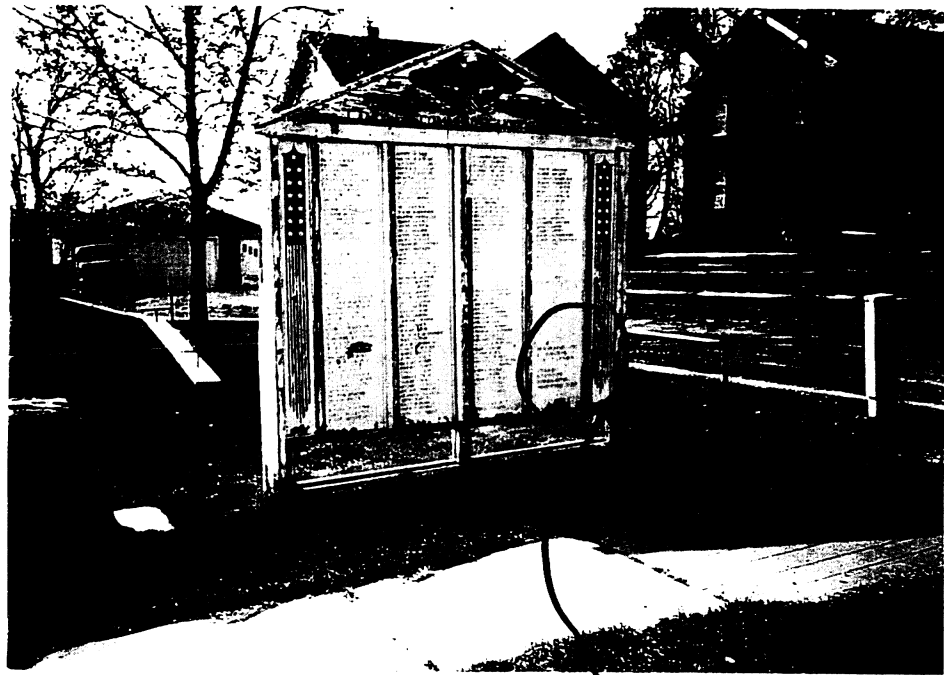
According to Mrs. Ralph Landon, project chairman, the honor roll started

"when the boys were in the service around 1941. No one looked after it, it needed repair and so it was stored in our garage for many years."

She explained that in 1976, David and Dennis Benson thought the honor roll ought to be restored, so repainted it, adding the names of those who had served in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. It looks much like it did when it was first erected in the 1940s.

Mrs. Landon, whose co-chairman on the community project is Mrs. Fred Willis, says the honor roll is one of a few such boards still standing, recalling that all the small towns in Marshall County had such an honor listing at one time.

The original board was paid for by the Lamoille AmVets Auxiliary No. 25A, according to Mrs. Landon.



One of the early LaMoille Military Service Boards put up by LaMoille Amvet Auxilliary. It was dedicated in honor of Minnie Landon, stenciled by Betty Cooper and rebuilt/painted by Harley & Marjorie Leeper.



LaMoille Auxiliary #25A at work at Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown.

Left to right: Kate Benson, Genevieve Goecke, Mary Wyatt, Iona Howard at sewing machine, Eva Clark

LaMOILLE, IOWA, AMVET AUXILIARY 25A

A partial list of membership through the years

Kate Benson
Stella Benson
Mildred Brennecke
Allene Charlton
Mary J. Charlton
Mathilda J. Darrow - Life
Boneata Kautz - Life
Catherine Dunn
Mabel Foster
Gertrude Hansen
Candi C. Haye
Karyol Haye
Helen Landon
Nellie Lawler
Cathy Leeper
Marjorie Leeper
Betty Miltenberger
Vivian Mitchell
Myrtle Olsen
Sherry Reid
Nancy Springer
Jolene Tratchel
Jessie Wilson
Mabel Wolf
Mary Wyatt
Cecyle Gustafson - Honorary
Genevieve Goecke
Minnie Goecke
Thelma Jackson
Minnie Landon - Longest Member
Doris Reid
Dorothy Seim
Barbara Baltisberger
Eleanore Hargrove
Elizabeth Miller
Nina Plummer
Stella Hickman
Mrs. Clyde Galloway
Iona Howard

*One of the projects of these women was making convalescent pillows for the veterans.
In later years they did volunteer sewing at the Iowa Veterans Home.*

Amvet Group Slates White Clover Sale

LAMOILLE — Members of the LaMoille Amvets and Auxiliary will sell white clovers at Melbourne Aug. 11 and at Albion. Aug. 18, it was announced this week.

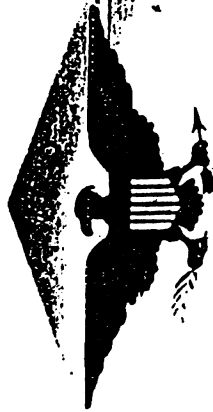
Proceeds from the sale are

The white clover was selected used for local emergency aid and as "sunshine funds" for disabled World Wars I and II and Korean war veterans.

The mayors and town councils of Melbourne and Albion are supporting the clover sale.

During the last year the LaMoille auxiliary helped a needy family Christmas time; helped a veteran's child at Council Bluffs; provided cookies and candy monthly for the Iowa Soldiers Home; sent items to the Des Moines Veterans Hospital. Members also go monthly to help at the Soldiers Home.

The white clover was selected by the Amvets as the official flower, because it grows in profusion on the coast of Normandy. The Amvets is the only nationally chartered veterans organization of World War II.



AMOILLE COMMUNITY HONOR ROLL

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HENRY BENSON
RAY BENSON
WILLIAM CHAIN
JAY R. CLEMENTS
FREDERICK EKSTROM
FRED W. JOHNSON
J. VERNON KOONTZ
F. MAXWELL KOONTZ
JAMES C. ELLIS
GEORGE L. LARSON
ARTHUR M. CLUDGHE
ARTHUR MEERS
ALVA PARSONS
EMMETT WICKERSHAM
CHARLES WILLS
OSCAR YORK
FRED ZEISNEISS

WORLD WAR II

RALPH ANDERSON
ELLIS A. BAILEY
CHARLES D. BENSON
ELMER E. BENSON
HAROLD D. BENSON
WENDELL R. BENSON
MARVIN BILLMAN
W. EDGAR BILLMAN
ROBERT BISHOP
OLIVER H. BOHNSACK
EDWARD BRATLAND
THOMAS BRATLAND
DONALD BRYANT
WILLIAM L. BRYANT
ANDREW BUSCHROM
CECIL A. BUSCHROM
OSCAR L. BUSCHROM
THEODORE BUSCHROM
ROY C. CARLSON
ROGER D. CARSTENS
CLYDE COLEMAN
ORVILLE COLEMAN
RUSSELL COLEMAN
ALLEN E. CORY

WILLIAM CORY
JAMES L. COUTER
ORVILLE J. COUTER
RAYMOND COUTER
HUGH DANIELS
DE LOSS D. EATON
DONALD EDLER
DAVE ELLIOT
ROBERT H. FOSTER
LEROY GALLENTINE
PHILIP GALLAWAY
AVERY W. GILE
CALVIN W. GOECKE
CLIFFORD D. GOECKE
HAROLD E. GOECKE
HENRY W. GOECKE
KENNETH E. GOECKE
RALPH GOECKE
RAYMOND GOECKE
ROBERT GOECKE
GERALD GRAHAM
FRANCIS GRAVES
DUANE HAMMOND
GARWIN HARGROVE
NEIL GRAVES
ELMER HATTEN
LLOYD HATTEN
CECIL HAUSER
HENRY HAUSER
JAMES HAUSER
THEODORE HICKMAN
JAMES HOWARD
EARL HURTO
MARION INGLEDUE
VERNON INGLEDUE
CLARENCE JANSEN
ORVAL JANSEN
VERNON JANSEN
VIRGIL JANSEN
EUGENE JOHNSON
JAMES KILGORE
LYLE KOONTZ
MARVIN LAHR
KEITH LONDON
LA VERN LONDON

MAX LANDON
CLAUDE LIVERY
R.W. MICKY M. DINALD
THEO MARTIN
CLARK MEEKER JR.
LAVERNE MEEKER
ELMER MELBERG
JOHN MILLER
HARLAN MOODY
ROBERT NEMETZ
ROBERT OLSON
DONALD O'NEAL
EUGENE O'NEAL
GEORGE PARSONS
HOWARD PHILLIPS
CHARLES PLAVETS
JOHN PLAVETS
WILLIAM PLUM JR.
OWEN PLUMMER
ALBERTUS POLLEY
RICHARD RANDALL
ROBERT RANDALL
DONALD RIEMENSCHNEIDER
GEORGE RIEMENSCHNEIDER
KENNETH RIEMENSCHNEIDER
HARRY ROBERTS
ELMER RUNNER
FLOYD RUNNER
FRANK PLAVETS
JOE SEDLACEK
HAROLD SHAVER
LAWRENCE SHAVER
CARL SELVIG
DONALD SIMCOX
BURTON TSCOPPE
LYLE TUTTLE
WAYNE TUTTLE
VERNON WEST
RAYMOND WOLF
FRED WYATT
RICHARD WYATT
HERBERT WYATT
JACK YOUKER
HENRY ZITZOW

KOREAN WAR
JAMES C. BENSON
FRANK BRENECKE
HERBERT L. BRYANT
WAYNE BRYANT
WILLIAM E. FRICKE
WILLIAM GILE
BENNIE L. HENNIS
DONALD J. JESSEN
MAX R. LONDON
EDWARD J. MILLER
VERNON K. MITCHELL
DEAN MUNYON
LYMAN K. RULE
RICHARD D. RULE
HOWARD L. THOMPSON
MARVIN LEE TUTTLE
JOHN WILSON
KENNETH D. WOLF
BILL L. YOUKER
DICK D. YOUKER
JACK D. YOUKER
VIETNAM WAR
ROGER BRYANT
ARNOLD DE BUTTS
WENDELL DUNHAM
DON GOECKE
JOHN HAUSER
KEN HICKMAN
CHUCK HOVEY
JOHN JOHNSON
STEVEN JOHNSON
JOHN LONDON
JIM LEEPER
DAVID MILTENBERGER
ROBERT MILTENBERGER
PATTY PAUL
STEVEN PAUL
STEVE TROUTNER
RAYMOND ZEISNEISS
LARRY GOECKE

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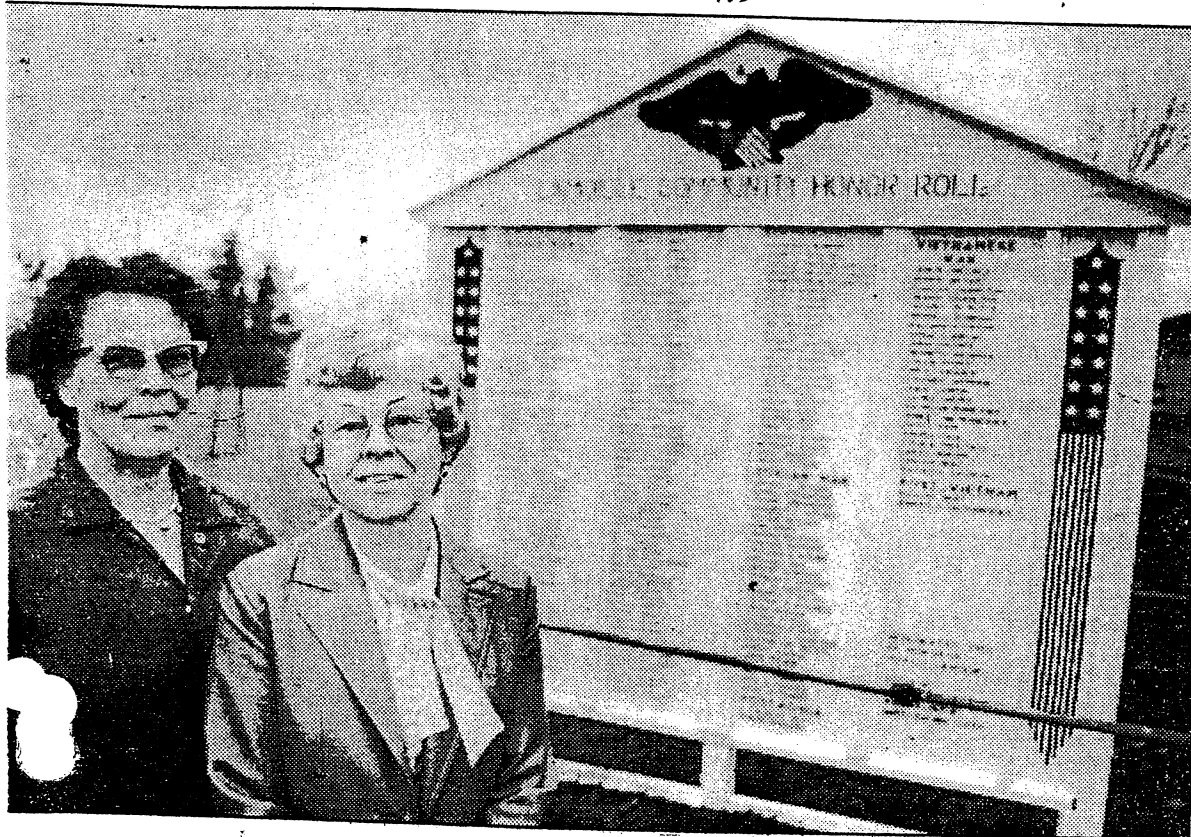


Photo by Jim Hamann

MEMORIAL DEDICATION—Marjorie Leeper, and Betty Cooper, stand by the newly refurbished Lamoille Community Honor Roll memorial. The memorial lists all of Lamoille's citizens who fought in past wars. First assembled in 1943, the memorial was taken apart, rebuilt, repainted,

and updated. Mrs. Leeper and her husband did the rebuilding and painting, Mrs. Cooper did the stenciling of the names. A rededication ceremony will be held November 10 at 2 p.m. at the memorial site next to the Lamoille Community Congregational Church.

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LaMoille memorial service board targeted for replacement

LaMOILLE ¹⁹⁷⁹ The LaMoille Alumni Association has taken on the project of replacing the old memorial service board on the grounds near the LaMoille Church with a permanent granite memorial.

The LaMoille AmVets Auxiliary erected the original service board. The AmVets Auxiliary has since disbanded. Several boards have been erected in the past, but have deteriorated.

The permanent historical marker will be six-feet by six-feet, and will list around 200 names of those who lived in the LaMoille community and were inducted from Marshall County starting with World War I. The granite memorial will be a community project.

A committee has been formed to work on collecting monies to fund the project. Committee members are Jim Benson, Lyman Rule, Barbara Baltisberger, Barbara Scafferi, Hazel Hickman, Don Wills, and Max Landon.

The memorial will cost approximately \$10,000. The committee is trying to contact friends and relatives of those whose names are listed on the board so they may contribute to honor them. Donations in remembrance of a deceased per-



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The women of the LaMoille AmVets Auxiliary initiated the original memorial service board. Pictured are, from left, Mary Wyatt, Stella Hickman, Eleanor Hargrove, Kate Benson, Minnie Landon, Nina Plummer and Elizabeth Miller.

son will also be listed in a special memory book.

The public is invited to participate in this endeavor as it will be a patriotic, historical site, not only for

LaMoille, but for Marshall County.

Checks should be made out to the LaMoille Alumni and sent to Hazel Hickman, 1214 W. Anson St. 50158.