

Rhodes 1928-1983

Mayor's Proclamation

To the people of Rhodes and Community:

Whereas, the continued depression has created a severe strain upon all classes of people and upon all kinds of business, including banks, and

Whereas, the welfare of the entire community is to a great extent dependent upon the continued and successful operation of the banks, so that they may continue to carry their loans without resorting to unduly severe measures of collection, and

Whereas, at no time within the memory of this generation has it been more essential to business men and farmers to have banks finance their operations, and

Whereas, such financial aid may be impossible if the depositors call for their money faster than the banks can make their collections, and

Whereas, it is desirable that the people of this community abstain from their usual employment to give thought and to counsel with each other for their mutual welfare and prosperity.

Now therefore, I, H. G. Buck, mayor of the town of Rhodes, Iowa, do hereby proclaim and declare Thursday, June 30, 1932, and each succeeding day thereafter for a period of one week ending Wednesday evening, July 6, to be a time of public holiday and that, during the whole of which, subject to further orders, all places of business thruout the said town shall be and remain closed except gasoline stations, food stores and drug stores may serve the absolute requirements of their clientele.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said town to be hereunto affixed this 30th day of June, A. D., 1932.
(Signed)

H. G. BUCK,
Mayor

Interest was added to the town election in 1928 at Rhodes through a proposal to officially recognize the name of the town. The original name of Edenville never had been discarded, although the town had been known as Rhodes for many years. Another election in the history of Rhodes that is remembered, was the year of 1938, when there was an all women ticket. Two of the ladies, Ethel Luing and Betty Hildreth, gained seats on the council.

JOIN THE
NEW DEAL
VOTE A
STRAIGHT LADIES'
TICKET

1938

Tragedy was a part of the history of the town. On a summer evening in 1915, Everett Kelly went for a swim in the Rhodes pond, had cramps and drowned. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to find the body. Word was sent to the Indian settlement at Tama for divers. Cars ringed the pond with their lights shining on the water and in early morning, the body was found.

The Rhodes Pond played a big part in the recreational life of the people of Rhodes. In the summer, it provided swimming and fishing and in the winter, ice for local ice houses and skating. The gold fish (see Railroad history) in the pond multiplied and finally had to be seined out and supplied many farm stock tanks and family fish bowls.

✓ 1340 CHANGE OF NAME
Town Clerk, F.E.Bentley, Filed for Record March 29, 1928 at 8 AM
to Theresa Stepan - Recorder
Town of Rhodes Rose Rook - Deputy

INCORPORATED TOWN OF EDENVILLE, IOWA
Rhodes, Iowa, March 27, 1928

County Recorder
Marshalltown, Ia.

At a regular election of the qualified voters of the Incorporated Town of Edenville, Marshall County, Iowa held March 26th 1928. The following question "Shall the Proposition to change the name of "Edenville" to "Rhodes" be adopted" was carried, there being 141 votes in favor of the change 18 against the change and 3 spoiled ballots.
Will you please arrange your records accordingly and send me a receipt for my files.
(Clerk Seal Town)

F.E.Bentley, town Clerk

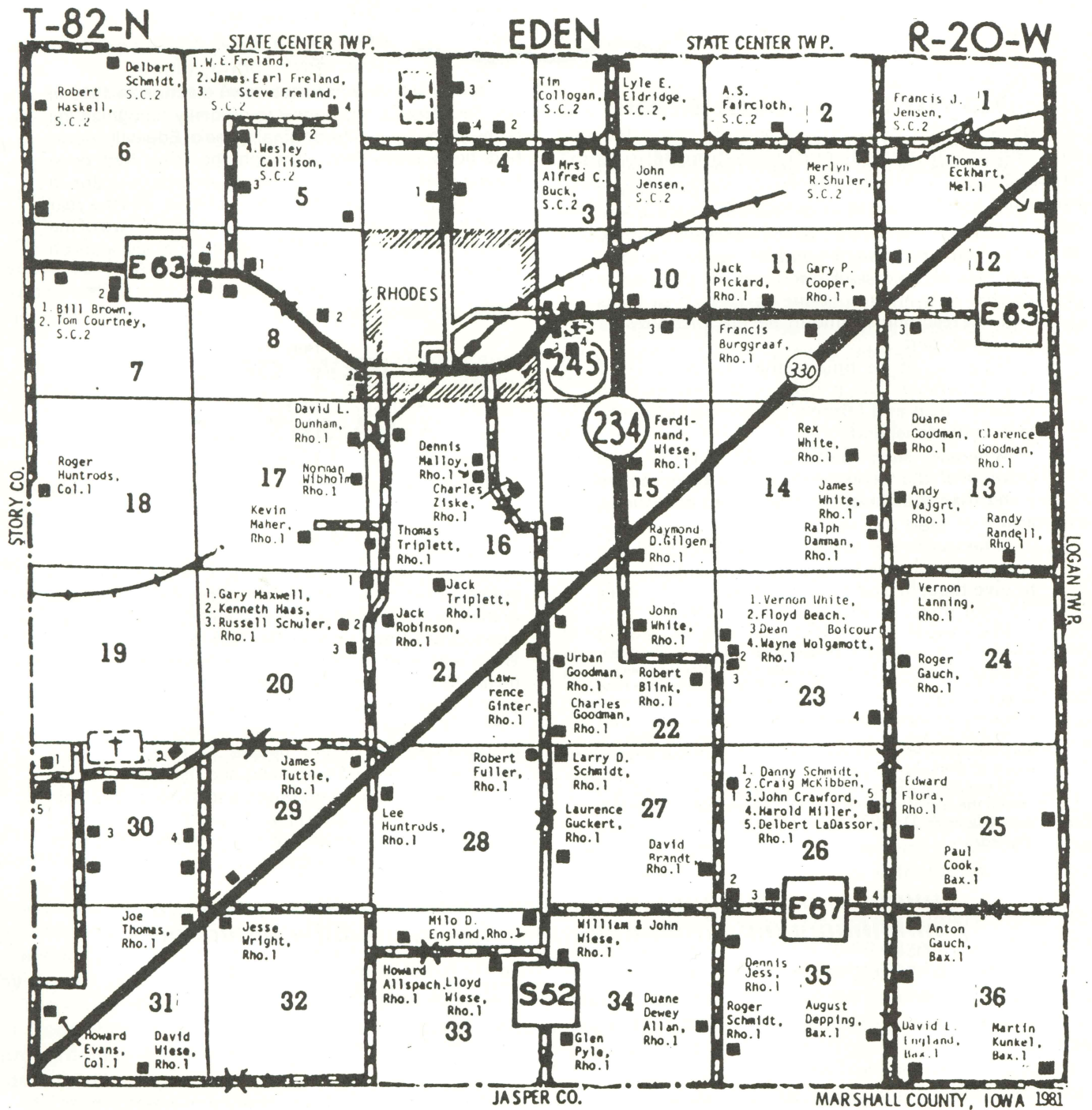
STATE OF IOWA, Marshall County.

On the 28th of March 1928 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, with and for said county and State, personally appeared F.E.Bentley, to me personally known to be the identical person who executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his voluntary act and deed.
Witness my hand and seal the date last above written.

(L.S.)

L. A. Baie
Notary Public in and for Marshall Co. Ia.

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- SECTION 4
1. Dean & Norman Buck.
2. Donald Buck,
3. Leonard Dannen,
4. Russell Faircloth,
S.C.2
SECTION 8
1. Mike Alexander,
S.C.2
2. Mrs. Edith Alexander.

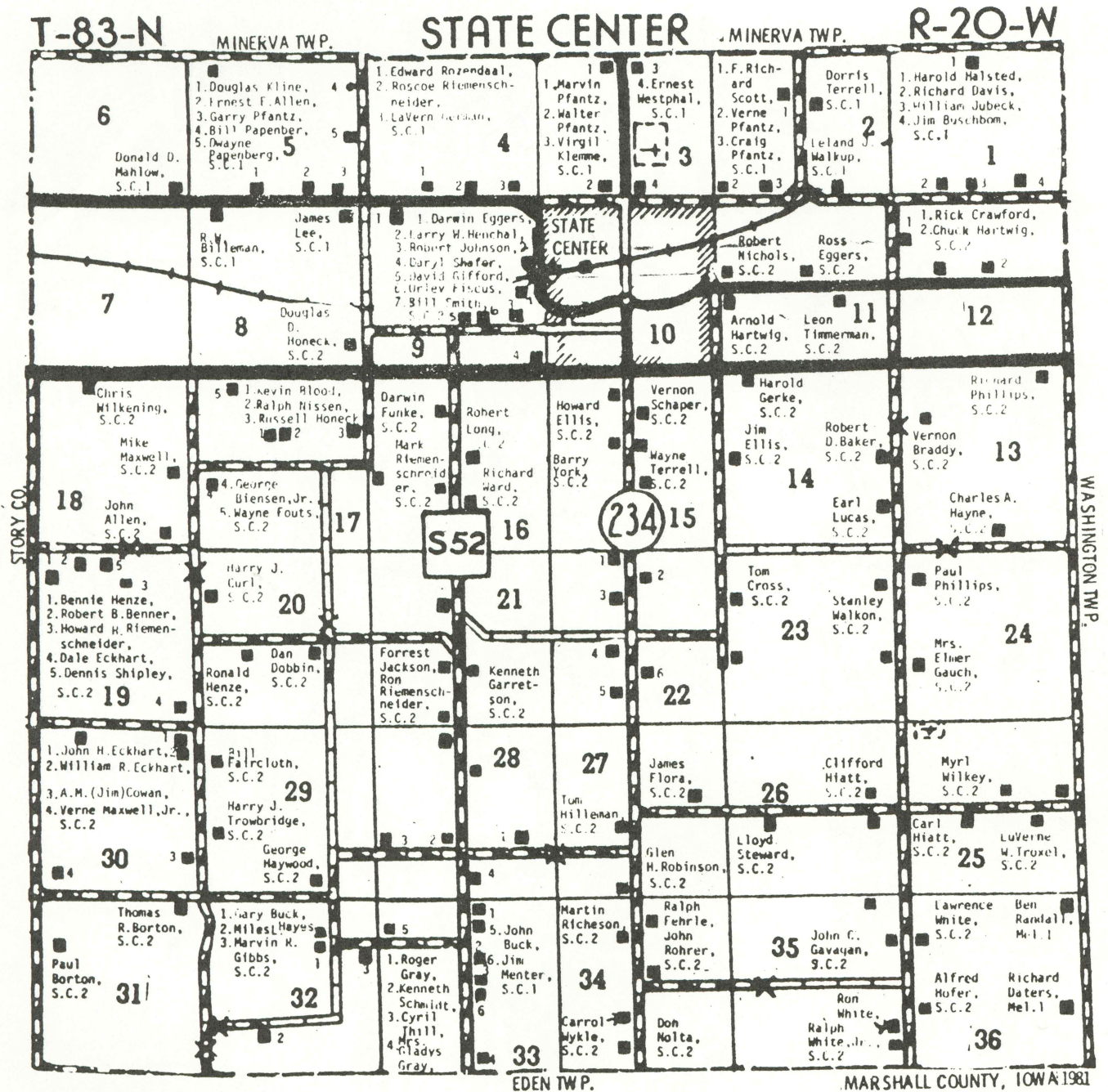
3. Claire E. Gibbs,
Rho.1
4. Merlin Klaas,
5. Howard Eldridge,
S.C.2
SECTION 10
1. Francis Klaas,
2. Leo Malloy,
3. Carroll White,
4. Tom Malloy,
Rho.1

- SECTION 12
1. Jim Halter,
2. Jerry Halter,
Rho.1
3. Stanley C. Randall,
Mel.1
SECTION 30
1. Donald Wilson,
2. LeRoy Corwin,
3. Harold Etnier,
4. John Haas, Col.1
5. Bruce Pearson,
Rho.1

Aerial view of Rhodes in early 1970.



1983



Population Growth 1875-1980

Eden Township

1875	693
Males — 380	
Female — 313	
# born in Iowa — 239	
# born in U.S. but not in Iowa — 390	
Foreign — 54	
Voters — 159	
1890	1007
1900	1126
1910	968
1930	550
1940	510
1950	442
1960	428
1970	417
1980	367

Rhodes

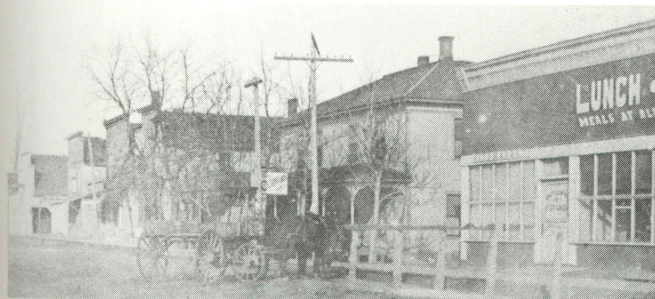
1885	423
1890	434
1895	451
1900	476
1905	480
1910	496
1930	450
1940	379
1950	369
1960	358
1970	347
1980	367

With the loss of most of the town records, the later history of Rhodes is from memories, news items and family scrapbooks.

*Submitted by
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Alice Ginter
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West side, Main Street, early 1900's, looking north.



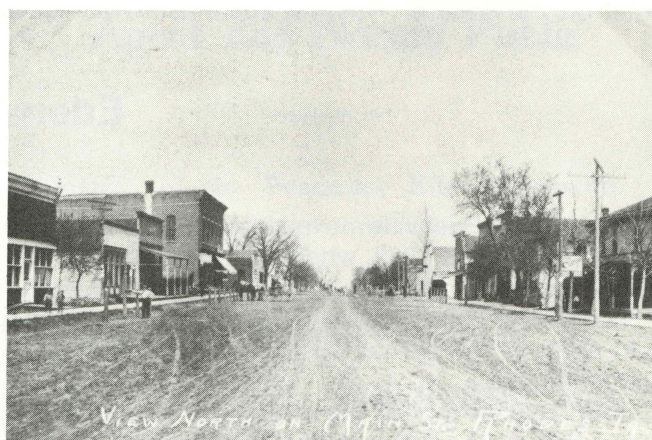
East side of Main Street, early 1900's looking north



Main Street looking south.



Early Days' in Rhodes, east side of Main Street looking south.



Looking north on Main Street, in 1909.