Magers, 1932-33; Pierre Aldersshoff, 1933-34; R.L. Brown, 1934-38; O.A. Dillon, 1938-39; J.A.E. Cunningham, 1939-40; L.W. Sachse, 1940-42; Wendall Lyness, 1942-43; Emory Wallace, 1943-44.

North English: C.S. Dewey, 1944-45; Glenn Parrott, 1945-49; Walter Sieck, 1949-53; Louis Joslin, 1953-54; C.E. McPherson, 1954-55.

Ernest Molloy was our pastor 1955-57.

Webster: Sam Cox, 1957-60; Merlin Howe, 1960-62.

Millersburg: B. Gordon Packard, 1962-63; Jerrold Swinton, 1963-68; Clifford Haider, 1968-72; L.B. Hawes, 1972 -

History of M.E. Aid Society, South English, Sept. 1924 presented by Elva Sheaffer - thought to be written by Effie Sloan.

The secretary's books up to 1917 were in a home where they had a contagious disease so they were burned, however I had a few facts.

This S.E.L.A. Society was organized in 1903 in the old Methodist church by Rev. John F. Robertson who was on the charge at that time. Mrs. Mollie Sorden, now of Webster, was our first President; Mandy Young, Secretary and Effie Sloan, Treasurer. The charter members were, as I remember them, Mollie Sorden, Mandy Young, Etta Coffman, Vina Parke, Josie Sassaman, Mrs. Blaylock and her mother, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Van Auken, Jessie Sprague and myself. Some of the past Presidents were: Mrs. Mollie Sorden - 1903; Etta Coffman - 1904; Mrs. Morgan - 1905; Mrs. Hardenbrook - 1906; Mrs. Vina Parke - 1907; Mrs. H.M. Austin - 1910; Mrs. Josie Sassaman - 1912; Mrs. H.M. Austin - 1913; Mrs. Effie Sloan - 1914; Mrs. Lulu Stoner - 1919; Mrs. Effie Sloan - 1920; Mrs. Gertrude Fitzsimmons - 1921; Mrs. May Lester - 1922; Mrs. Minnie Grove - 1923; Mrs. Maggie Coffman - 1924.

I think we worked harder in those days. We went early and stayed late, wore our gingham or percale dresses. We sewed carpet rags, knotted comforts, quilted quilts and made various things through the winter for the spring bazaar. We held bake sales, ice cream socials in the summer and oyster suppers in the winter. Our goal was a new church which was finally erected in 1910.

Mrs. H.M. Austin was president at that time, I think. The L.A. subscribed $300.00 on the new church. Then we wanted a piano which we purchased of D.B. Coffman for $205.00. That was in 1916. Then we finished a room in the basement, bought a stove (gasoline range), dishes, knives, forks and spoons. Later we got a much needed communion set, painted and wired the church, put in new light fixtures. Hired Saylor Good for janitor for one year. The last two years we have paid $200.00 on the pastor's salary. Not forgetting the different charity institutions.

You all remember the Golden Wedding Anniversary we served for Mr. and Mrs. Gemmill June 22, 1920. And the play (the last day of school) which was such a howling success and the many dinners and suppers we have served the public. So we wonder what our Methodist church would have done without the Ladies Aid.

And in conclusion I want to say that we have more young members in our society than ever

I.O.O.F.

The South English Lodge No. 263, I.O.O.F., was organized October 10, 1873. C.F. Crosby, T.A. Morgan, A. Klindschmit, F.E. White, John Nyswaner and J.C. Wilson being the charter members. During the first years, meetings were held in the hall above White's Store.

In 1896 the Lodge constructed a building of their own. The first floor a theater for 'shows' or 'opera'. The lodge hall was on the second story.

Lodge No. 263 continued until 1944 when declining membership caused the organization to sell the building and consolidate with the I.O.O.F. lodge at Keota.

A.F. & A.M.

Naphtali Lodge No. 188, A.F. & A.M., was organized August 10, 1865. A.D. Griffin, Henry Meeker, B.F. Black, W.P. Teeters, J.D. Kirby, J.G. Miles, S.M. Waters, S.M. White, J.F. White, Wallace Harmonson, Wm. Hartsock, James McLaughlin, Solomon Hallett, were the charter members.

The room above the White's Store was their meeting place until moving to the Opera House building in 1944. In 1963 the lodge closed and consolidated with the Webb Lodge of Sigourney.

REBEKAH LODGE

The Frances E. Willard Rebekah Lodge of South English was for many years an active organization. It was organized in 1898 and held meetings in the I.O.O.F. Hall on the second floor of the Opera House. In 1944 when the local Odd Fellow lodge closed the Rebekahs consolidated with the Keswick Rebekah Lodge.

S.E. Herald, Dec. 8, 1938 - The P.N.G. Club met at the home of Mrs. W.N. Horn last Wednesday afternoon with the following present: Mrs. Lester Spivey, Mrs. Charles Sprague, Mrs. Alice White, Lottie White, Mrs. Addie Horn, Mrs. Vic Safourek and Lorene Safourek.

S.E. Herald, April 17, 1941 - Rebakah Lodge Anniversary.

The Rebekahs observed the 43rd anniversary of their lodge Tuesday evening April 8th. The angel food cake was brought by Clara Simmons. The souvenir was won by Mrs. Kate Schreiner who will bring the anniversary cake for 1942.

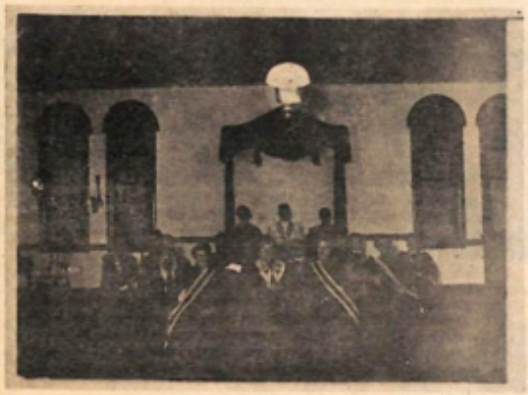
O.E.S.

Order of the Eastern Star

Rosalind Chapter, O.E.S., No. 292, began in August, 1900, with twenty-four charter members: William Strong, Mary Strong, Myrtle Strong, May Lester, Minnie Sheaffer, Vina Parke, A.T. Parke, Elvina Heald, C.L. Heald, Ira White, John Grimes, Elvira Grimes, Nellie Grimes, Anna Walker, Alice Mendenhall, E.L. Root, Gena Baughman, Mary Hall, Dollie Jenkins, F.O. Jenkins, Leah Coffman, Tillie Harris, Margaret Harris and Nell Newsome. The first Worthy Matron was Alice Mendenhall; the first Worthy Patron, A.T. Parke.

Meetings were held in the lodge rooms above White's Store until they moved to the second floor of the Opera House in 1944. The chapter was closed in 1963. Members went to Sigourney, North English, and Keota.

The upper floor of the Opera House was used by the lodges.



These are the officers of the Frances E. Willard Rebekah Lodge when Mary Horn was Noble Grand.

The Rosalind Chapter, O.E.S. observed their golden anniversary in 1950. Jessie Blaylock was Worthy Matron of the chapter at that time.

PAST MATRONS CLUB

The first meeting of the Past Matrons Club of Rosalind Chapter was held April 19, 1928 at the home of May Lester. The constitution and by-laws, drafted by a committee of Nellie Montz, May Lester, and Minnie Benedict, were adopted and officers elected. Alice Mendenhall, president; May Lester, vice-president; and Minnie Benedict, secretary were the first officers of the club.

Christmas dinner, which was held for many years in the home of Minnie Benedict. The tradition began in 1933, and with the exception of 1943 - the year that gas and tires were being conserved in the war efforts - was an annual event until Mrs. Benedict's death. Dinner was cooperative, followed by the gift exchange with Mrs. Benedict acting as Santa. Her own pack was always full of attractively wrapped gifts for everyone present.

Lizzie Niswander, Nellie Montz, May Lester, Iva Saxton, Ida White, Minnie Benedict, Mate Euler, Mollie Rowe, Hazel Coffman, Addie Horn, and Jessie White.

Meetings are held once a month in the homes of the members. Members at the present time reside in North English, Wellman, Webster, Kinross, Kalona, and South English, Iowa and Houston, Texas. One honorary member

M.E. Church

September 1851 was the date of the first Methodist organization in South English. The history of Keokuk County tells us that it was one of the first churches to be organized in the northern part of the county. Meetings were held in a schoolhouse near the present site of the Laurence Claypool home.

The church was built in 1858 at a cost of $600. The land was donated by Cordy Glandon. The first members were Joel, Mary, Louisa and Martin Slate, Stephen Glanden, and Rebecca and Hugh Rodman.

A history of this church would not be complete without mentioning the work done by Evangelist Dillavou, who held three weeks of meetings there and took in over 70 members.

In 1910, while Rev. E.V. Pike was pastor, the present building was put up. Four thousand dollars was raised on the day of the dedication; that completed paying for the new building.

UNION CHURCH

Keokuk County history also tells of a Union Sunday school in South English as early as 1857.

The Baptist and Christian churches met together for both church and Sunday School for quite some time prior to the time the Methodists entered into the Union in 1945.

Mrs. Owen Hamersly was the first superintendent of the Union Sunday School.

Those most instrumental in bringing about the union were John Coffman, Arthur Ferris, and H.W. Raplinger. The two ministers who guided the union were Rev. Clifford Dewey and Rev. Glenn Parrott.

That the union has worked very well is attested by the accomplishments of the congregation in solidifying the church and preparing the building as an adequate edifice for worship.

Since the union was perpetuated in 1945 the following projects have been completed: new furnace installed, new well dug, interior of building redecorated with new wood, a parking lot developed, the basement painted and the kitchen equipped for use. Forty acres of corn were planted for the church this spring.

The congregation also has some future plans which include: federating the church, securing a parsonage, securing a resident minister, and painting the exterior of the church building.

Excerpts from the Historical Statement, concerning the Methodist Episcopal Church, made in 1922, (original by Maggie Coffman, presented by Elva Sheaffer)

South English was the first class organized within the bounds of the Webster Circuit and the church was the first one built in the North part of the County. The first class was organized in September 1851 and the church built in 1858. Rev. Burley of Sigourney organized the class. The first members were Joel Slate, M. Mary Slate Hugh Rodman, Rebecca Rodman, Louisa F. Slate, Martin S. Slate and Stephen M. Glandon.

During the years 1852 - 53 - 54, it was connected with Sigourney and served by the following preachers, one year each, Rev. Skinner, John Orr, and Samuel Hestwood.

In 1857, Rev. Benjamin Shinn became pastor for two years and built, in 1858, the first church at South English. He was followed by Rev. I.P. Teeters. In 1864, Rev. D.C. Smith, who resides at the present time in Ottumwa, Ia., was appointed pastor. At this time, the Trustees at South English in 1864 were Charles Sprague, William McNeal, Martin Slate, Stephen Glandon and John Gibbons.

The present church was built under the pastorate of Rev. R.V. Pike and dedicated January 22nd, 1911.

We shared the following ministers with:

Webster: D.C. Smith, 1864-67; J.C. Coleman, 1867-68; W.H. Hawn, 1868-70; J.W. Robinson, 1870-72; John Elrod, 1872-73; J.C. Kendrick, 1873-74; H.F. Pugh, 1874-75; W.I. Miller, 1875-77; John Davis, 1877-79; H.E. Wycoff, 1879-80; S.F. Bishop, 1880-82; P.D. Bodkin, 1882 for two months; D.L. Howard, 1882 for 10 months; George Nulton, 1883-84; J.W. Slater, 1884 for 3 months; W.S. Gardner, 1884-87; E.S. Baly, 1887-88; W.N. Potter, 1888-92; G.F. Kelley, 1892-94; John Davis, 1894-95; W.F. Hughes, 1895-96; W.H. Jones, 1896-99; A.M. Smith, 1899-1902; J.F. Robertson, 1902-04; P.M. Conant, 1904-06; Frank Seeds, 1906-08; A.L. Jordan, 1908-09; R.V. Pike, 1909-14; J.H. Koch, 1914-15; W.J. Scott, 1915-18; H.E. Butler, 1918-19; J.D. O'Dell, 1919-20; L.R. Burdock, 1920-22; J.A. Worrell, 1922-26; H.H. Fletcher, 1926-27; J.W. Stevens, 1927-28; G.F. Meier, 1928-30; L.G. Channell, 1930-32; J.R.

The doors on the original M.E. Church opened on the north. It was built in 1858.

The building was remodeled in 1910.

Sunday School Class No. 5, was a group of girls taught by Mrs. Morgan Sassaman.

A group picture taken one Sunday morning in 1954 by Noel Montz of Webster.

The South English Band supplied part of the program as the people assembled to hear Eric Kollman speak.

Some of those who attended the unveiling of the honor roll were: Arlene, Aline and Edith Robison, Gertrude and Marie Ferris, Leita Roach, Nettie Lane, Bessie Hamersly, Kate Evans, Lois Coffman, Irene Cheney, John Claypool, Margaret Thompson, John Burkeeblne, Grace Brower, Will and Mabel Signfoose.

Chet Mendenhall did the painting and all the art work, including the spread eagle at the top. Chet was well known for his ability as a sign painter also.

S.E. Herald, August 13, 1942

About 200 people of South English and surrounding communities gathered in the park Sunday afternoon to hear the address given by Prof. Eric C. Kollman of Fairfield and observe the unveiling of the service roster.

A half-hour's concert by the band opened the program. The vocal trio, Mary Ann Brock, Helen Trusler, and Delores Fattig sang "I Hear America Singing". Mayor Elmer Evans presented the speaker, Prof. Kollman, whose subject "What We Are Really Fighting For" held the close attention of the audience. The song "America" was led by Mrs. Charles Coffman. The names of the boys in service were read by Mrs. Norm Walk. Prayer was offered by Rev. Fred Cowles. The service roster was unveiled by Beverly Jane Walk and Stanley Sloan with a flourish from the trumpets and drums. The playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" completed the program.

The decorating of the Honor Roll Board was done by Chet Mendenhall.

April 13, 1939 - Mr. George L. Bawn of Eagle Grove, Iowa, made a trip to the Cap Moore home recently to look over Eldon's collection of rough and cut gem minerals. Eldon has an excellent collection of stones.

This cottonwood tree almost reached its 100th birthday.

Cottonwood Tree
The North English Record - July 1, 1971

96-Year-Old Cottonwood is Memorial to Boy

One beautiful spring day in 1875, a father was harnessing his team, getting ready to go to the cornfield and cultivate the corn. His heart was swelling with the happy thought that one of his sons was getting big enough to follow him places about the farm.

That day the boy had accompanied him to the cornfield carrying a cottonwood switch, which in his imagination was anything he wished it to be - a prancing pony, a team plowing corn, a dagger to kill the lions that molested the team, or a gun to shoot the bears.

About eleven o'clock he became tired of playing with the switch and pushed it into the ground in the row of corn behind the cultivator. No one could know that before the fierce January winds would be sweeping the fields, he and his two little brothers would be cold in death caused by that then dreaded disease, diphtheria.

The following spring the grief-stricken father discovered the branch had taken root. Only God knew how the little switch had taken root and grown. It was out in the field where no tree should be, but as his little son had planted it, he nourished and protected it through the years.

As time went on, God was good to the parents and sent them three more little ones, Eva, Ellen and James. But again the dread diphtheria struck and took all three of them.

An older sister, older than the first three Parnell boys, had survived the disease. The eighth child to be born was a girl who died at birth.

The parents then gave a home and their love to a boy Sam Potts, whose mother had died. They always called him Sammie for one of their own little boys. (Sam Potts grew up to be Keokuk County Superintendent of Schools, and a school superintendent at Colfax and Muscatine. He is buried in the North English cemetery.)

The daughter's husband who farmed the place in later years knew how much the tree had meant to the family, and protected it.

In still later years a stepson became the owner and now his wife is left with the possession and care of the monument to so many memories.

Oren Blosser who has farmed the land for years, out of respect for the little fair-haired boy, gently guides his tractors around a living memorial to little Theodore Parnell, who planted it 96 years ago last spring.

July 21, 1938 - J.W. Sloan of McAllen, Texas called at the office. Looking over the establishment of the new Herald, he mentioned the fact that he, as a boy, helped publish the Herald which was edited by Mr. Brown 55 years ago.

August 16, 1938 - A Virginia picnic, will be held at the Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn, Iowa, onSunday, August 21. All people from Virginia, or who are interested, are invited.

Oct. 20, 1938 - Will and Earl Grove shipped in two car-loads of sheep while five car-loads were shipped in for C.E. Brower. Frank Brower shipped out two car-loads of cattle and Hal Huber, three car-loads to

S.E. Herald, Dec. 26, 1940

Jimmie Kirkpatrick was pleasantly surprised Monday, December 23, on his 13th birthday. He was presented with a lovely cake by Miss Leda Grove. Leda also made his birthday cake last year. He received a pie from Mrs. Will Evans, a box from Mrs. Newsome, some cards and gifts. He sincerely wishes to thank those who remembered him.

S.E. Herald, July 18, 1940

Chinch bugs are now taking a heavy toll of the green corn in many of the fields. The most damage has been done where the corn field has been next to barley, which ripens early and has been cut and threshed. The bugs leave the dry fields to go to the green corn. Farmers are fighting to check the bugs by barriers and some are spraying with a solution of nicotine

This is W.E. [Burley] Dunn as he appeared in his garage in the 1940's. With him, from left to right are: Carroll Stiler, Dave Moyer, Dean Moyer, Percy Klockenteger and Don Buchanan. Burley was in business a long time and sold many radios and later, TV sets.

Roy Grove in his radio nook in Dunn's Garage.

An early (1882) business directory lists W.H. Sloan, Furniture. We have been told that he had a sawmill located somewhere back of the Charles Moyer residence, where he sawed out native walnut lumber to make coffins. There was a pond and he used water for power. The stream there at that time contained fish which were caught by some of the townspeople.

Roy [Able] Grove in his Electronic Shop. In the picture at the left is Harold Reinert.

Ebion Moore Barbered in South English for many years. He is ready to give Mark Brock his first haircut.

In 1926 Roy Grove started to High School and began his study of radio. A manual training project was to build a radio set. He became very proficient in keeping radios going and Burley Dunn had a bench in his garage especially for 'Abie' to work at.

After World War II, he returned to South English and purchased the Coffman building on the north side of the street. The building burned in the 1949 town fire. He immediately rebuilt, and keeping pace with TV development, has built a thriving business there.

In the early days of the radio Roy tells of a neighbor who had a battery set with earphones. The man was Lish Brumback and he would invite Roy and the other neighbor boys to come in and listen. When another guest came he would get another set of earphones. When the set became overloaded he started adding more batteries. . . . .pop went the tube!

Bill Higgins and Burley leaning on Jim Stoner's mail car that he used for rural mail delivery.

Howard W. Raplinger

Howard Raplinger came to South English in June of 1921 and was assistant cashier at the White State Bank. He later became cashier, and retired January 1, 1962, after 42 years at the bank. He continued his Insurance and Farm Loan business from an office in his

ALUMNI ORGANIZATION

On June 4, 1938, under the sponsorship of the 20th Century Club, the Alumni of the South English High School met for their first banquet. The group gathered at the M.E. Church basement where the Ladies Aid served one hundred ninety people. The group included about 125 alumni and their guests. All classes except three had representatives present.

With Vernon Price as toastmaster the following program was given: Welcome--Mrs. Wayne Hurst; Senior Response--Arlene Robison; Alumni Response--Clara Simmons; Scholastic Ideals--Gerald Lineweaver; Education--M. Glen Kirkpatrick; History--Lynn Brower; School Memories--J.F. White, Leila Horn and Minnie Grove. George Grove acted as song leader and as temporary chairman for organization of an Alumni Association.

The following officers were selected: Pres.-Dorothy Grove; 1st V.P.-Lynn Brower; 2nd V.P.-Leila Horn; Sec.-Lois Brower; Treas.-Ralph Herr; Historian-Irene Sloan.

LIGHTS IN SCHOOL

The lighting system used in the school until 1911-1912, was kerosene lamps and lanterns. At that time a Patriotic group of young men devoted some of their time and talent to secure and install hollow-wire gas lights. "George Conkrite's Nigger Minstrel and Colored Opera" was presented and yielded the necessary $50. The players were: Roy Sprague, J.F. White, Charles Pryor, Omer Clannon, Lawrence White, O.K. Morrison, George Sauers, Clarence Hotchkiss, Gill Coffman and Prof. Seibert.

Front: Verle Brubaker. 1st row: Eldon Feckly, Ross Trusler, Kay Sloan, Mary Evans, Mary Hohl, Cordell Reed, Grace Robison, Gladys Reed, Arlo Feckly. 2nd row: Amos Blosser, Wayne Wenger, Maxine Lane, Aline Robison, Glenn Brower, Lois Brower, Opal Ballard, Dorothy Keiser, Billie Van Dunn. 3rd row: Bill Clark, Earl Coffman, Beth Brower, Arlene Robison, Ruth Holsopple, Oliver Good, Francena Cox, Lyle Keiser, Dale Burkenbine. Top row: Harold Keiser, Dale Robison, Eldon Kirkpatrick, Carl Hamer teacher, Ruth Clark, Marvin Lane, Jessie Downing, Geraldine Reints teacher, Junior Good, Supt. Hamersly. 1936

↑ Uncle Bill

Picture below, Boy's basketball 1939. Front row: Ross Trusler, Harold Keiser, Bill Clark, Marvin Lane, Dale Robison. Back row: Supt. Gardner, Bill Claypool, Bill Dunn, Donald Robison, Coach Hookam.

Boy's basketball 1942. Front row: Donald L. Garrett, Bill Brock, Donald Raplinger, Paul Dobbins, Bud Sloan. Back row: Bob Sheaffer, Keith Pence, Vernon Brower, Daryl Wenger, Jim Grove.

At right. This South English Junior High team took second place in the Keokuk County basketball tournament in 1955. Tim Slate, Gary Wyant, Gary Wagamon, Dyle Van Fleet, Slabaugh, Bill Grove, Fred Axmear, Coach Arlan Brower, Evan Garrett, Jerry Powell.

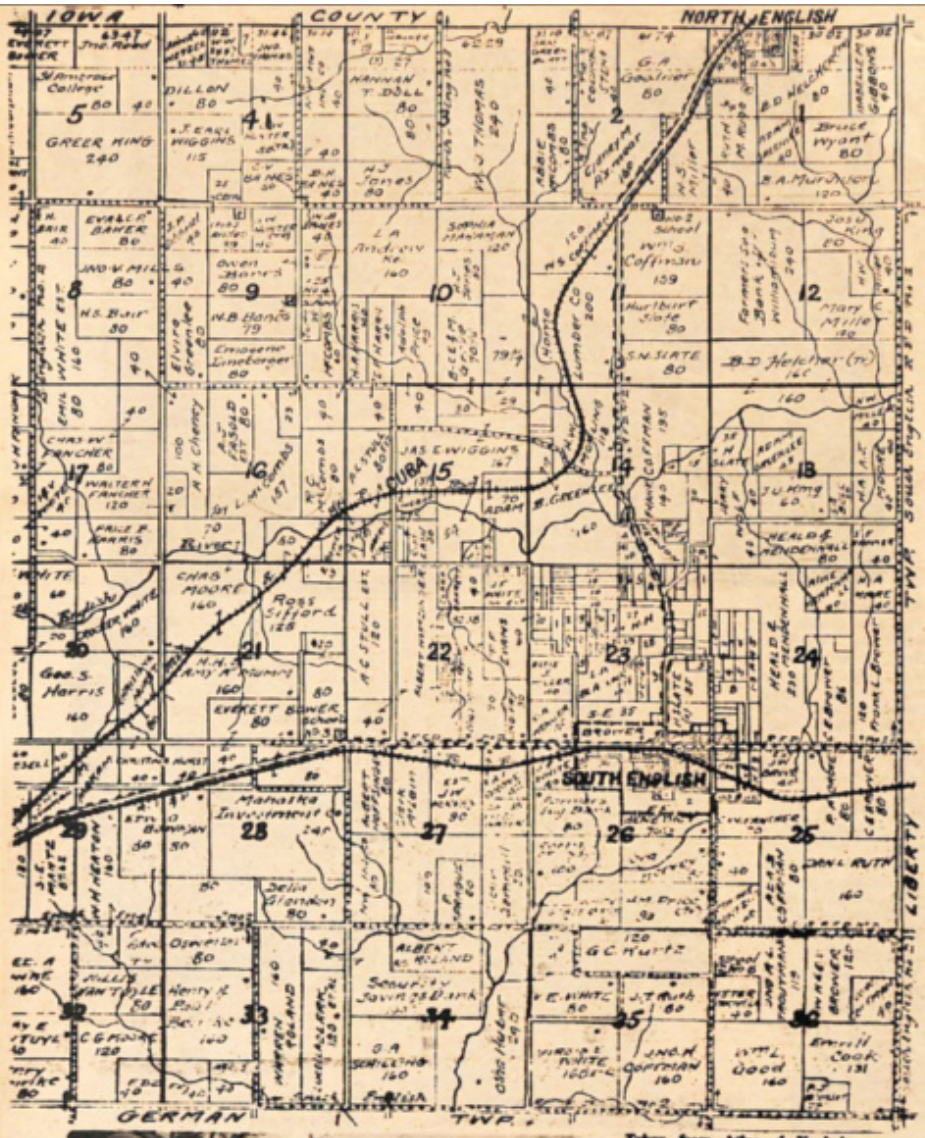
Billy

Little League team. Front: Steve Grove, Billy Brock, Garth Grove, unidentified, Jim Custer. Back: Mickey Voss, Terry Popham, Doug Powell, Ron Cox, Dave

Paul Custer, Rural Route No. 2 Mail Carrier out of South English coached the Little League Baseball team for several years.

At right. This group of girls played softball in the South English community in the later 1940's.

March 30, 1939 - NOTICE - Parties having chickens running at large are hereby notified to take care of same or Ordinance No. 19 will be enforced. (signed) Don Buchanan, Mayor.



Taken from Atlas of Keokuk County, published by The Sigourney Review, 1921

At left--John, June and Cora Wenger in 1922.

BALLARD TARGET RIFLE with an unusual adjustable hand-rest is 90 years old. It is a .32-40-caliber weapon. Slate also

In Business 35 Years

Sammy and Joy Slate who are observing their 35th year in business in South English in 1970, are inviting their many friends to open house on November 19 and 20. The invitation is to visit them at the Slate's Trading Post on Highway 22. They have a collection of many interesting items, including museum pieces and rare primitives.

Back in 1935, the Slates were farmers, and things were mighty tough, as Sammy will tell you. "We decided if we could come to town and make a dollar a day - that's right, just a dollar a day - we'd be better off than we were on the farm. Prices were shot and we had a drouth that year."

They had to sell everything they had to pay their debts, pay the rent and make the move to town where they took over a one-pump filling station that had just been set up in front of one of South English's one-story residences. The pump and the house and an antiquated air compressor which had to be started by hand was about all they got in the deal.

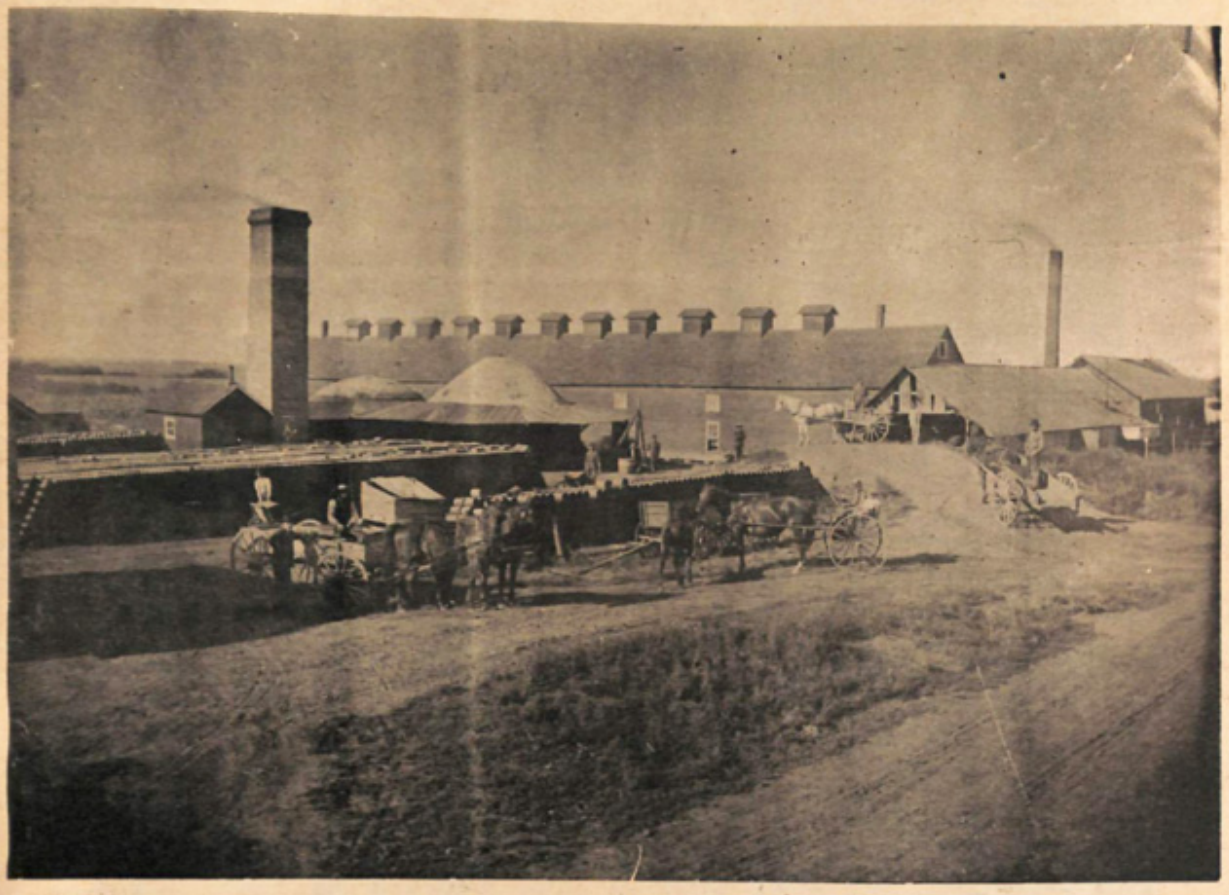
"I'd guess there was about an $80 inventory - something like that," Sammy remembers. "We had one box of cigars, one box of candy, 11 quarts of oil, 20 gallons of kerosene and 120 gallons of gasoline."

The Slates can tell you of many things happening through the thirty-five years. Their son, Tim, has grown up, married, and now lives in Birmingham, Alabama.

In the fall of 1963 they sold their original place of business to Dale Robison and Warren Howard and moved the Slate's Trading Post two blocks east on Highway 22 into a new building, built especially to display their collections and merchandise.

Their main line of business was guns and hunting equipment until October of 1969 when they had an auction and sold 230 guns. They are now stocking more antiques, primitives and collectible items, but, of course, Sammy's first love is guns and he still deals in them.

After the sudden death of Mr. Slate in July, 1973, Mrs. Slate closed out the business, keeping only a few items for her own personal collection.



Some of the crew at the Tile Factory. Front row: Owen Huxford, John Stansbury, Jim Good, Jess Craven and Pade Stansbury. Standing: Charley Keiser, Dave Good and Will

Only a few people are present now who can recall the scene presented by the Lawler Brother's tile factory in the 1880's. Almost like a ghost from out of the past, the picture shows the activity which took place there.

The plant was located south of Miller Street, between Davis and Broadway (south of Otha Huber's house). The large drying shed stood north and south with a later addition extending back to the west. Also the kilns were fully enclosed.

One-horse, two-wheeled carts were used to move the raw clay to the processing machinery. Later on, a small railway track was laid for several blocks to lots 5, 6, and 7 on Lyman Street where they obtained raw clay.

After the Lawler brothers, Jim and Dave Good operated the plant, and following that manufactured cement blocks, tile and brick at the location where the Standard Oil bulk station now stands.

S.E. Herald, June 9 - 1883

The tile and brick machine arrived on Tuesday and was put in place, and on Thursday the engine was started and the first tile made. Everything appears to work like a charm, and denotes a success. - The mention of a tile factory may appear small, but there is more in this than one would suppose, and there are but few in the state on a larger scale; everything is complete and the machinery of the latest patterns. Our readers can better judge of its extent when they understand that it has cost nearly $5000.00 to put it in running order. They will next week commence making brick, and expect, by the middle of July to supply the home demand, at least, for both brick and tile. We bespeak for these gentlemen that success which pluck and enterprise is deserving of.

S.E. Herald, June 30, 1883

The tile factory now presents a busy scene, and while the tiling is rapidly being ground out every day, a large force of men are at work putting up the furnaces for burning. About 80,000 brick are required to construct them.

SOUTH ENGLISH BRICK
AND TILE FACTORY
Lawler Bros & Co.
Proprietors

Bert Hubbell in the horse and

Frank Euler came to South English in 1900 and opened a drug store on the north side of Ives Street. After a few years O.W. Sheaffer purchased that building and Euler moved to the corner of Broadway and Ives where this picture was taken. After the Sheaffer Store closed, Frank returned to his original location until it was destroyed by fire in 1949.

Miss Lena Richardson's group of school children on the school house steps, taken in 1908.

One Sunday morning on the street in South English. Left to right: Harley Cox, Dr. Galloway, [illegible] kiss, Dave Fluckey, Lauren Coffman, Phil Newsome, Billy McGee, Ray Fattig, Leon Brady and Bill Redebaugh.

In front of White's Store about 1919. From left: Theodore Miller, Bert Fattig, George Morton, Ray Fattig, Ralph Greenlee, Laurence Claypool, Maurice Lane, Pete Stansbury and Leo Kirkpatrick.

1920 - 1921
Coach - Michael Cornwall
BASKETBALL

Boys - Won about fifty per cent of their games. Were defeated on the home floor by Thornburg, first game to be lost in the new gymnasium.

Players: Virgil Smith, Paul Ruth, Charles Coffman, Gerald Lineweaver, Lawrence Claypool, Wayne McLain, Roderick Graham, Harry Coffman, Donald Sigafoose, Harold Miller, Ellsworth Coffman, Leland Bower.

Coach - Clara Zeuch

Girls - Played 12 games and won all. No tournament was played.

Players: Cleo Ruth, Marvel McLain, Vivian Grove, Mae Garrett, Thelma Mumm, Cleo Smith, Eva Smith, Pansy Garrett, Freda Neis, Mae Stoner, Edna Brower, Edna Bower, Abbie Mumm.

1921 - 1922
Coach - Charles Ott
BASKETBALL

Boys - First county tournament to be held for a number of years. The team defeated Webster and lost the second game to Hedrick, who became county champions.

Players: Wayne McLain, Harry Coffman, Roderick Graham, Lawrence Claypool, Leland Bower, Ernest Lane, Maurice Lane, Wilmer Troutman.

Coach - Clara Zeuch

Girls - Played 16 games, winning 15 and tieing the other (Keswick). The team entered the county tournament at Ollie. Defeated Hedrick 12 - 10, Ollie 16 - 8 and Richland, to become champions.

Players: Mae Garrett, Cleo Smith, Freda Neis, Pansy Garrett, Eva Smith, Sylvia Glanz, Bernice Rowe, Thelma Mumm, Abbie Mumm, Ruth Mumm.

1922 - 1923
Coach - Hale Reid
BASKETBALL

Boys - A team winning slightly more than half their games. Did not play in any tournament.

Players: Herman Euler, Winston Williams, Mahlon Cook, Maurice Lane, Ernest Lane, Buzz Safourek, Darvin Cave.

Girls - Won all scheduled games played. No county tournament held. The team entered the State Tournament held at Audubon on March 7, 8 and 9. Defeated Corydon and Ida Grove to reach the semi-finals and lose to Audubon. Forfeited consolation game to Cresco.

Players making the trip: Aline Heald, Eva Smith, Pansy Garrett, Bernice Rowe, Mary Moore, Sylvia Glanz, Freda Neis. Others who played: Marvel Glanz, Helen Keiser, Dorothy Fitzsimmons, Beatrice Buchanan, Cleo Cook, Abbie Mumm, Ruth Mumm.

A display of the work of Mrs. Hotchkiss in a window at Killians in Cedar Rapids in 1940.

SOUTH ENGLISH WOMAN WIDELY KNOWN FOR HER HOOKED RUGS

Excerpts from newspaper clippings:
Cedar Rapids Gazette - June 12, 1938; Democrat Independent, Washington, Iowa, May 5, 1938; Des Moines Tribune - Sept. 23, 1947

A desire to reproduce a cherished family possession - a hooked rug which was destroyed by fire - set Mrs. Lottie M. Hotchkiss of South English off on a hobby which has brought her national recognition. The rug was a prize-winning one woven in 1884 by her mother, Mr. A.C. Slate. She tried to make a replica but was disappointed in her work. She made her first two hooked rugs in 1899 and 1905, but they weren't satisfactory, so she just forgot the hobby until 1930. At that time she made a rug to preserve the clothing of her dead father.

"When we moved into a larger home, we needed more rugs - so I started making them, hooked and braided," she said. "By 1938 I had made over 100 of them, most of them from my own designs. I first entered one in the state fair in 1933. One year at the state fair, before the war, my work took nine of 11 first prizes. Some women complained - so when they decided not to award more than two firsts to me after that, I decided it wasn't worth the trouble to send them." She won 92 ribbon awards with her rugs in competition before she quit entering them in fairs.

Her hooked rugs are made entirely from silks and woolens, but she uses only old materials. She buys her materials from people who have them and pays a very nominal sum - five cents a pound.

Besides her own designs, Mrs. Hotchkiss has custom made rugs to order, copying the designs of antique shawls and scarfs which patrons have brought to her. One of her patterns was copied from a Paisley shawl and there were two winter designs that were great favorites with her audiences when she displayed her rugs and gave demonstrations in rug-making. The snow in the winter scenes was made from white outing flannel, the only new material she had used.

"An artist once told me it was my way of blending the colors which made them good - the thing which made rivers 'lay down' in the rug - but I never had a drawing lesson in my life and I know nothing of mixing colors. My husband's a painter and doesn't want the smell of paint around the house," she said.

Travelers from all parts of the nation have been drawn here to view the works of this genial gray-haired woman. Her rugs have been exhibited in 13 states, including the Eastern States Exposition at West Springfield, Mass., the Strassburg, Ohio, fair and the World's Fair at New York.

Dick shoeing a mare in his shop north of town.

The English Valleys Saddle Club has always been a great help in making parades. Some members are shown here at Kinross on July 4, 1961.

Richard Harris (everyone calls im Dick) has been at the horse hoeing business since 1940. He rew up on the farm and was lways interested in handling nimals. In fact, he used to ride ye bucking bronchos at rodeos i his younger days. In 1967 he urchased an acreage just north f South English and has devoted all time to shoeing. Some horses re brought to his place in railers. Much of the time he oads his tools, forge and anvil nto a pickup camper and travels ver much of eastern Iowa.

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une 16 - Merry Maids win honors at Rally Day

At their annual Rally Day, held t Sigourney last Friday, the Keokuk County organization of he 4-H club, elected Beth Brower as their new president. Beth is a member of the Merry Maids Club of South English, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Elva Sheaffer.

In the singing and recognition tests in which all clubs of the county contested, the Merry Maids won first.

This club was also in charge of the initiatory ceremony during which Maurine Brower sang one of the official 4-H songs.

Beth Brower and Kathryn Ann Sloan were selected as delegates from the Merry Maids Club to attend the state meeting at Ames. They and Mrs. Sheaffer left Wednesday morning for Ames and will stay until Saturday.

ENGLISH VALLEYS SADDLE CLUB FULLY ORGANIZED, OCT. 12, 1964

At a meeting held Monday evening, Oct. 12, at Lemley's Hall in South English, the English Valleys Saddle Club held election of officers. They are: Pres. - Warren Howard; Vice. Pres. - George Lawrence; Secretary - Jean Harris; Treas. - Opal Popham; and Reporter - Amy Hervey.

A board of trustees was also chosen: Dick Harris, for two years; Al Simmons, Harold de Wolfe and Wayne Coffman for one year.

Meetings will be held at 7:30 at the hall on the second Monday of each month.

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The old stucco siding has been removed from the school building and replaced by white asbestos siding. The building was also re-roofed and all the woodwork and windows repaired. The building so improved, now stands out as a landmark of the community. Work was done by Harold Bucher of North English and his men. The painting was done by the Hotchkisses. These are the first major repairs done on the building since it was erected in 1917. At that time it was enlarged from a 4-room building to its present size.

As Lee Long hands the saddle bags to Dick Harris, the Saddle Club members start the Pony Express Ride to raise funds for the Crippled Children's Organization in 1976.

S.E. Herald, July 11, 1940 - The old corn crib that stood near the stock yards and elevator, was razed last week. The building belonged to the Farmer's Grain and Lumber Co. The lumber salvaged from the crib will be used to construct a warehouse east of the lumber shed.

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May 12, 1938 - John McAfferty came to Iowa when under a year old. He died April 30, 1938 just 14 days less than 90 yrs. Son of James and Fanny McAfferty. In 1855 came to S.E. where the father built and operated the historic old South English hotel.

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Feb. 23, 1939 - A crew of men were busy last week putting up ice at the John Coffman farm. The ice was taken from the river and was from fourteen to sixteen inches thick. The ice was sawed by hand.

A long-time supporter of the Saddle Club, Warren Howard is behind Old Blue in a parade at What Cheer.

S.E. Herald, May 8, 1941 - The Town Council held its first meeting in the new town hall last Monday evening. The building is almost completed and provides a room in the basement where the Fire trailer can be kept ready for immediate use, summer and winter. The key will be kept at the telephone central office in case of fire calls.

S.E. Herald, July 10, 1941 - Most everyone knew Jenny and Billy. Some time in the past twenty-some years, you have seen them plowing your garden or just across the alley plowing the neighbor's potato patch, for Charley Cabler and later, Ote Bair, did a lot of work in town with those mules. Late Sunday afternoon, Jenny and Billy were standing under a tree near the house, when the thunder storm came. There was one bolt of lightning and both mules fell to the ground lifeless. Ote had just entered the house and was knocked to his knees and stunned by the charge.

S.E. Herald, July 10, 1941 - A.H. Ferris has been elected superintendent of the