

II. Groups

A. Professional

1. Doctors

Dr. B. B. Grover came from New York state to Des Moines looking for a location, and Charlie Bogg an early druggist in Des Moines told Dr. Grover about the newly formed town of Grimes. He came to Grimes on the "Ft. Dodge Stage", coming to Ayres Grove then walking to Grimes the rest of the way. He liked the community, and arranged with W. J. Stewart to have his office in the Drug store (which was under construction) and the family would live on the second floor, W. J. Stewart being a widower would live in the rear of the store. The Dr. returned from New York with his wife and daughter, in the late fall of 1881, then building their home in 1882 or 1883. This home still stands and was moved from the corner of Main and 1st street to its present location which is the first house north of the Legion Hall. In 1892 Mrs. Grover developed T.B. and the family moved West, however, Mrs. Grover died in 1894.

Dr. Frederick W. Ewing purchased Dr. Grover's practice in 1892. He was born in Winterset, Iowa, May 18, 1859. His father was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Winterset. Dr. Ewing graduated from the Winterset High School in 1875 and Michigan University Medical school in 1881, he served as a Government Doctor to the Indians from 1881-1885, returned to Winterset and operated a Drug store, from 1885-1892. In March 1887 he married Miss Effie J. Torbell, of Winterset. To this union were born six children, Dwight T., June 13, 1888; Warren W., November 4, 1889; Irene, July 20, 1892; Lester M., May 13, 1895; Clara, October 9, 1897; and Frederick, October 12, 1900. Mrs. Ewing passed away in 1909 and Dr. Ewing in 1912, due to an illness contracted in the line of his profession. Two streets are named after Dr. Ewing, they are Frederick and Ewing.

Dr. Abraham L. Peacock was born in Howard County, Indiana, November 27, 1854. He married Miss Elvira Ford, who passed away in 1888. To this union was born one child. However in 1880 both Peacock families moved to Dallas County, where father and son engaged in farming. From 1887-1893 Dr. Peacock attended Eclectic Medical school in Des Moines, where-up-on he moved to Grimes. On June 21, 1899 Dr. Peacock married Miss Grace A. Rittgers, and to this union was born one daughter Charlotte.



"Aunt Rose" Anderson assisted Dr. Peacock and Dr. Smith as a "mid-wife"

Mrs. (Aunt Rose) Anderson, assisted Dr. Peacock as "mid-wife" for many years, also Berl Butler was Dr. Peacock's chauffeur for years.

Dr. Ward came in 1924 or 1925 and his practice was shortened when he contacted polio. Then in 1932 Dr. Springer came, and in 1939 Dr. Snyder became our doctor. The Doctor to serve the community the longest was Dr. Templeton from 1942 - 1975. In more recent years our community has depended on Dr. Castles, and Dr. Lister for our medical needs.

Congratulations

Grimes
on your 100 years of history

It has been our pleasure to be of
service to you through the years.

Dr W. A. Castles

(35 years of service)

Dr. Eugene Lister

(29 years of service)

2. Veterinarians

We have had three veterinarians, Dr. C. C. Franks who graduated from Chicago Veterinarian's college in 1910 and served Grimes from 1910 to 1941. He purchased a small bungalow at 724 1st Street. The garage was made into a one room office. He added a second story to the 1/2 office with other additions he had made in the past all with the idea of having a junior partner, however, he did not carry out this plan for he became State Veterinarian from 1941-1947. Dr. I. C. Hember was our Veterinarian from 1941-1947.

Dr. Robert Finch was our Veterinarian from 1947-1974. When in 1974 he became Central District State Veterinarian for Iowa, making his home in Carroll. Dr. Finch tells us that the office has not been changed from the way Dr. Franks had it, however, the residence has been completely rebuilt. The practice dealt mostly with dairy cows, swine, draft horses (In Dr. Franks days) and pleasure horses and ponies later. Beef herds replaced the dairy in later years. From 1965 there was a natural

growth of Des Moines, and urbanization movement which encroached upon the Grimes practice area. This resulted in a dramatic decrease in the livestock population and an increase in cash grain farming, this was the real reason for the demise of the large animal practice which had been the veterinarian practice for Grimes area for over 60 years. Dr. Finch used seven Fords, one Chevrolet and four Dodge cars during the 27 years of his practice in Grimes. Dr. Finch further adds that swine practice also made an evolutionary change very much to the detriment of the veterinarian's livelihood with the eradication of hog cholera. Preventive hog cholera vaccination was a major source of income for most all large animal practices, including Grimes, which was predominantly a large animal practice.

3. Dentists

Grimes had only one resident dentist, who was Dr. Booth. He had his office on the north section of the second floor of the bank building, this was during the 1920's. However the bank building today has just one floor.

The building in which the present Grimes Dental office is located was originally built in the late 1940's. It was a beauty shop then a home. In July 1977 Dr. Eugene W. Young, D.D.S. remodeled the building for a dental office, and opened December 2, 1979. Their staff consists of several dentists, a dental hygienist, dental assistants, and a receptionist.



Office of Veterinarians



Dr. Finch vaccination of Bloomfield dog



Congratulations

Grimes On Your 100th Year



Eugene W. Young, D. D. S.

R. Douglas Rittler, D. D. S.

Philip Young, D.D.S.

(now serving in the U. S. Army)
Jeffrey O. Young

(student in Dental School)

Present Staff

Hygienist: Stacy Skoglund

Dental Assistant: Debra Hurd

Receptionists: Nedra Hall

& Nancy Young

**Family Dental
Practice**

According to preliminary research there are only three towns in the world named Grimes.

Grimes, Calif. Started in 1851

Named after Cleaton Grimes
founder of town first called
Grimes Landing.

Population: 350

Grimes, Okla. Started in 1901

Named after William Grimes,
Territorial Secy. of the State

Population: 8

Grimes, Iowa. Started 1881

Named after James Grimes,
fourth Governor of the state of Iowa
Population 1951

Congratulations

Grimes, Iowa

**John C. McDonald,
Peter A. Keller
Ralph R. Brown**

B. Churches

Introduction: Where did people in Grimes area go to church before 1882? Those living in Dallas county attended the services at the Prairie Home School which was one mile west and one mile south the Dallas-Polk county line on Highway 44, and those living in Polk county attended services in a school house which was located a mile north on James Street, the school being located about across from the road that leads to the disposal plant. Both groups were served by a Methodist minister, Prairie Home pastor from Waukee, and the other group a pastor from Dallas Center.

1. Presbyterian

The Rev. Alexander Scott who lived on a farm near Grimes, and who in 1880-1883 served as Stated Supply and pastor of the South Des Moines (now Clifton Heights) Presbyterian church informed the Presbytery that there were those of the Presbyterian preference in the Grimes area and he received permission to start preaching services in the area. He held a service every two weeks at first in the North Walnut School, then services were held at the school house south of Grimes, then the congregation moved to Grimes. At first, meeting in the Grimes depot, then using the second floor of the McClain store. After services on September 3, 1882, having been previously authorized by the Presbytery of Des Moines organized the church at Grimes and Rev. Mr. Scott was appointed Stated Supply of the church. From 1883-1885 the Rev. Mr. Scott served Grimes and Dallas Center churches.

The Presbyterian church was built around 1872 in the town of DeSoto. The congregation there became discouraged when a cyclone destroyed most of their town although the church received little damage. Their pastor left in 1876 and in 1880 the congregation was dissolved. In 1882 the Grimes congregation through the Presbyterian Board of National Missions purchased the DeSoto church, moving it during the winter over the open prairie on skids in four sections, including also two oak stoves for heating and oil lamps. From the very first the Grimes church had a Sunday School, and in 1912 the Sunday School room, choir loft, a new belfry, new siding, and the entrance added and changed. In 1928 the basement was dug out and finished. In 1962 the educational building was added. The church has a membership of 250. The Pastors are:

Alexander Scott 1882
Eugene A. Walker 1885
U. G. Evans 1893
A. W. Haines 1894
W. A. Scott 1896
Andrew McMillan 1902
Fred H. Crandall 1904
George G. Bruce 1905
Wm. Shoesmith 1908
Claude G. Denton 1910
Duncan Black 1916
John W. Chase 1919

M. G. Wilkinson 1923
L. W. Kurtz 1936
Gaylord Couchman 1934
Theo. F. Romig 1936
Loran Shonfelt 1937
E. O. DeHaven 1940
Harry Stickle 1943
Sherwood Roser 1948
Harold S. Gilleney 1952
Donald Welch 1970
Robert Poland 1975
John Brown 1980



Presbyterian Church and parsonage after 1912



North Walnut school where both Presbyterians in 1881 and Lutherans in 1884 held services. This is not the original building but was built later. The man standing in the door is Theo. Tuller, father of Hazel Smith. This building is now a part of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shipley.



Presbyterian Church and parsonage 1882 - 1912

2. Lutherans

"St. Peter's Lutheran Church"

At a meeting held in August, 1884 a group of Lutherans from Polk and Dallas counties, living in the vicinity of Grimes, organized a congregation with the name "St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church." For the first several years it was necessary for the congregation to conduct its services in school houses, sometimes at the Perdue school N.W. of Grimes, also sometimes at the North Walnut school located S.E. of Grimes. Pastor Kleinlein of Zion Lutheran Church, of Des Moines, was the first pastor.

At a congregational meeting held on September 4, 1887 a resolution was passed "to build a church of God with God's help." It was decided that the church should be built in Grimes, a central point for the two groups of German settlers. During the fall and winter the construction was carried on under the general supervision of Charles Weiser. It was a frame building 28' x 42' with an altar six feet deep, and a hall 12' x 12' and a tower 50' high. The total cost was \$1,462.07, leaving an indebtedness of \$500.

Pastor Scheider was the first resident pastor in 1888, during his time a parsonage was acquired at a cost of \$350.00, still standing at the S.W. corner of Jacobs and S 2nd. The Sunday School was organized in October 1891. In 1911 a new organ was purchased for the church. In the fall of 1913 a basement was placed under the church. The present parsonage was purchased in 1924, and located one block north of the church, purchase price was \$6,000. The present church was constructed in 1938. The church has 250 confirmed members and 350 baptized members. The Pastors have been:

A. Kleinlein 1884
F. W. Scheider 1888
Paul Hanson 1893
Henry Schoenlein 1895

F. O. Bunge 1924
George Dirks 1933

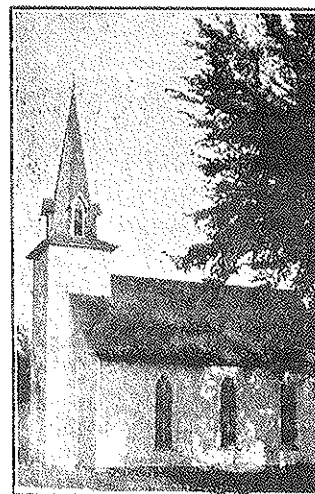
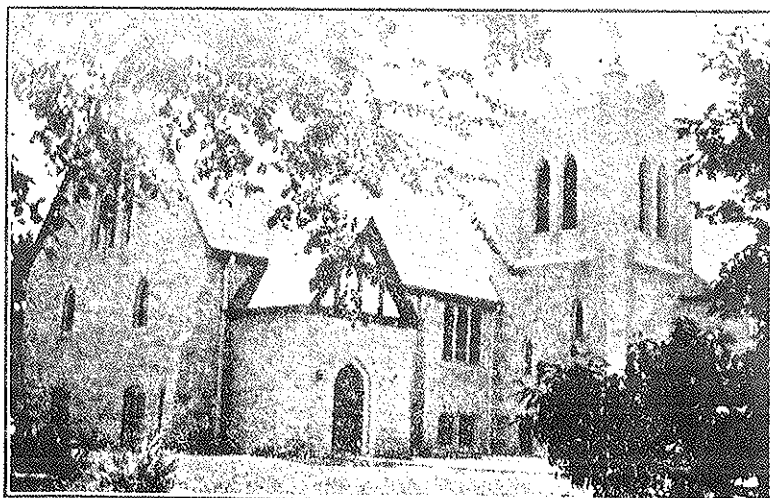
Fritz Voss 1940
Paul T. Meyer 1942
Leo Widdel 1954
Werner Frischel 1958
Passed away 12-60
Percy Kvitne 1961
Delmar Niemuth 1978



Perdue School was in Dallas County, note its location in Grant Twp. in early 1930's. This school was moved to Grimes and is now at 305 N. Main.



Pastor H. W. Schoenlein
pastor of St. Peter's
(1895 - 1924)



First St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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3. Christian Church

Around 1890-1895 there were a number of families living in the Grimes area who were of the Christian Church persuasion. There was S. L. Wall, Preme Spear, Francis Spear, John Denny, S. D. Drury, Elcander Reed, John Hufford, W. Seymour families etc. They under the leadership of S. L. Wall formed into a church, meeting for a while in homes, later using the second floor in the McClain store. Around 1896-1897 they were looking for a building site to build a new church, and Will Channon who was interested in housing development in Jefferson township, north of what it now Highway 44 gave to this new church four lots on Main Street what was then called John. This property was between N. 2nd and N 3rd on the east side of the street.

A fine church was built in 1897 with an addition to the south of the church in 1914.



Christian Church (Main and N. 2nd)

At first they looked to Drake University Bible College for students to pastor and preach at the church. The church flourished quite well for a number of years. After 40 years ministering to the people of Grimes area it became advisable that the Christian Church organization be dissolved. Around 1945 the church was rased to make way for homes that were later built on that site. The Pastors have been:

George Roberts 1902
 Pastor Enders 1905
 Pastor Veach 1907
 Pastor Pond 1909
 William Shoesmith 1910
 Pastor Findley 1914

Pastor Williams 1918
 Pastor Stiles 1921
 R. F. Markin 1923
 W. L. Cannom 1927
 Hermon Bockmuth 1932



Mr. and Mrs. "Curg" Wall, charter members of Christian Church.

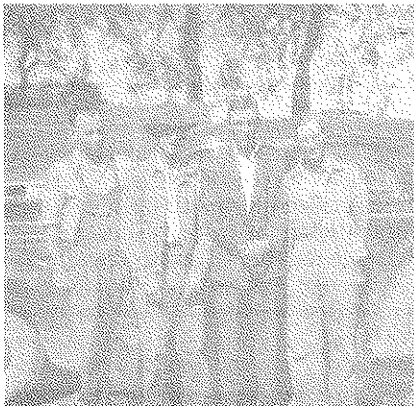
4. Open Bible Church

The Open Bible Church had its formal beginning in 1945, however, there had been cottage prayer meetings from time to time for ten years prior, first under the leadership of Pastor Cornman from the Open Bible Church of Urbandale.

In 1945 the Rev. Lyle Anderson came and held meetings in the old Hotel, with Rev. Jack Card as evangelist, and from this starting the church was organized.

Under the leadership of Pastor Lyle Anderson the church purchased four lots at the corner of Main and S. 3rd Street. In 1945, a church building was started and finished that year. The size of the church was 24' x 32', later a 10' x 14' platform and pulpit was built just west of the present church. Then in 1966-1967 the north wing was added which more than doubled the floor space of their church. The pastors have been:

Lyle Anderson 1945	Melvin Kelderman 1955
Russell Boyles 1947	Max Noe 1959
Ralph Chandler 1949	LeRoy Clark 1959
Neal Gail 1949	LeRoy Clark 1959
Bruce Shole 1951	Lawrence Gentry 1961
Melvin Snitcheler 1952	Phil Palassio 1971
Clarence Louft 1953	Richard Kopp 1973
Donald Bryan 1954	



First Board of Open Bible Church, Oval and Alva Riggle, Charlie Pottor and Oscar Danilson.



Evangelist and Mrs. Card and Pastor and Mrs. Anderson and son, standing in front of Church the Old Hotel.



Some ladies of the Open Bible Church, Mrs. Danilson, Mrs. Lint, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Walker, Helen Sheets, Mrs. Grief, and Mrs. Clark.

C. Postal Service

1. The Grimes Office

After the name of the town was changed from Stewart to Grimes it did not take long to get official postal service in Grimes which was February 1882. It was soon that the postoffices at Hoff, Ayers Grove were closed, then in 1885 Towners Lake office was closed.

At first the postoffice was located in the Presley store building then it went to the McClain and from store to store building until a postoffice was built. The first postoffice building was built in 1959. However, the U.S. Postoffice did rent a regular postoffice in the early 1930's when Lester Friar was postmaster. The place was the old Farmers Bank Building. The postmasters have been:



Grimes first postmaster Mr. J. N. Pressley, only known picture. Taken from history book.

James N. Pressley - Feb. 13, 1882
 Silas W. McCalin - Nov. 13, 1885 and Aug. 14, 1894
 Dr. B. B. Grover - Apr. 3, 1889
 Joseph W. Norris - Oct. 12, 1892
 Edward F. Page - Dec. 8, 1892
 David T. Jefferies - July 1, 1897
 Carl L. Black - Nov. 9, 1907
 Daniel O'Donnell - Mar. 25, 1910
 Thomas H. Friar - Jan. 27, 1912
 Ruth B. Weiser - Sept. 12, 1914
 Daisy A. Bester - April 3, 1918
 Lee E. Friar - Nov. 1, 1923
 Henry M. Menough - April 2, 1934
 Ewing E. Shiffer - June 5, 1959



Grimes present postmaster Ewing Shiffer

R.F.D. Routes

The Ridgedale postoffice closed in 1902 when the R.F.D. service was started. Mr. Jim Zornes was one of the first R.F.D. postal carrier. Later there was more added to the route and within a few years there were two R.F.D. routes. There were two routes for around 30 years. Grimes had two R.F.D. carriers who between them had a total of 74 years, the two were Mr. Zornes who carried for 32 years and Ray Shiffer who carried for 42 years.

D. City

1. The Council

As stated, the city of Grimes was incorporated in 1894, with the voting in the home of Mr. Atkins, and the council had their meetings in the hotel for a few years, until the Grimes Bank building was built. Then for years they held their meetings in the North West room of the bank building. It was during this time that the old records of the city were destroyed when the basement of the bank building flooded, for it was in the basement that old records were kept. The reason for the flooding was that the water came in through the outside basement stairs. After meeting in the Bank building for nearly fifty years the city council had their meetings for a few years in the city water pump house near the old water tower. Then in 1956 the city hall was built with a new fire station.

The City Council organization for 1902:

S. L. Wall - Mayor
 L. E. Bennett - Recorder
 Frank Norman - Marshall
 J. W. Beaman - Health officer
 S. M. Chipman - Street and sidewalk commissioner
 G. A. Stewart - Treasurer

S. D. Drury - Assessor

Councilmen: W. J. Stewart, H. E. Shafer, W. H. Anderson, R. G. Stewart, J. W. Beaman.

The mayors of Grimes and partial dates.

W. J. Stewart 1894	Loren Denton 1950
S. L. Wall 1902	Robert Bloomfield 1958
S. W. McClain 1906	Edward Braniff 1968
	Passed away 1972
H. F. Peitzman 1920	Wayne Patterson 1972
Passed away 2-3-36	
W. F. Dammon 1936	Lawrance Gentry 1972
J. E. O'Donnell 1936	David Draper 1976
T. H. Friar 1942	Ronald Kramer 1980
Dr. I. Hember 1946	



The night the city received \$190,000 from the Iowa Public Service for our Light Plant, etc. The council then decided to dig to the Jordan "lake" with part of the money. The council members are William Young, Len Daib, Charles Fletchall, Dale Lint, Don Friar and Mayor Wayne Patterson. The man from Iowa Public Service handing check to the Mayor is not identified. Date 1956.

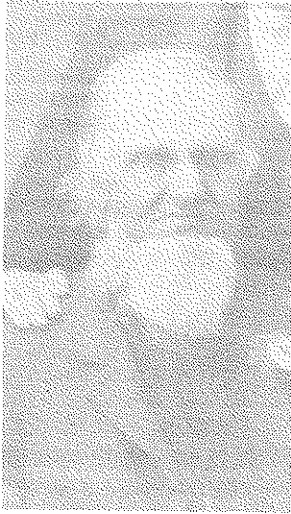


Our Centennial Year City Council, Messers Bergsma, Sturdevant, Quinn, Maasen, and Merrill Brown. City Attorney Meadows, Mayor Kramer and Clerk M. Hutcheson.

2. Water

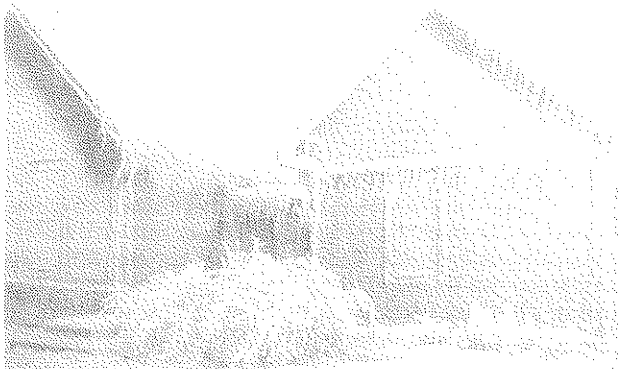
Before long the town needed (city) water and it was soon after the town was started that there was city water, sometime before 1883. Evidence of where our first city well stood can be seen today. You will notice it just a few feet north of the old well pump house. This well was 60 feet deep, and was often referred to as Charles Reed's well. This is where Mr. Coburn who operated a restaurant in the old Presley building would go to get water for his business. Then there was a second well which was dug

around the turn of the century and was 75 feet deep. This is where the old pump house is today. However, there were people who had their own well and every town had a "water-witch", ours for Grimes was K. F. Houghtaling.



Grimes "Water Witch" K. F. Houghtaling, Hazel's great-grandfather, who also built the first Apartment house.

The first water tower was located just east of our present postoffice. This tower was wooden, and had a capacity of around 40,000 gallon. Around 1946 a new 60,000 gallon water tower was built, on James Street and south of the highway. Then in 1978, we built another tower, a 1,000,000 gallon water tower which stands along side the 60,000 gallon tower. This new tank is the first in the state of Iowa to have the official "sign" of Iowa. It was soon after the 60,000 gallon tank was built that there was an accident. The pump did not shut-off and water over-flowed causing much damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Woodring. Grimes has two auxiliary wells which are located south of the home, these two well pumps can be seen today.



When the water did not shut off and result on Woodrings house.

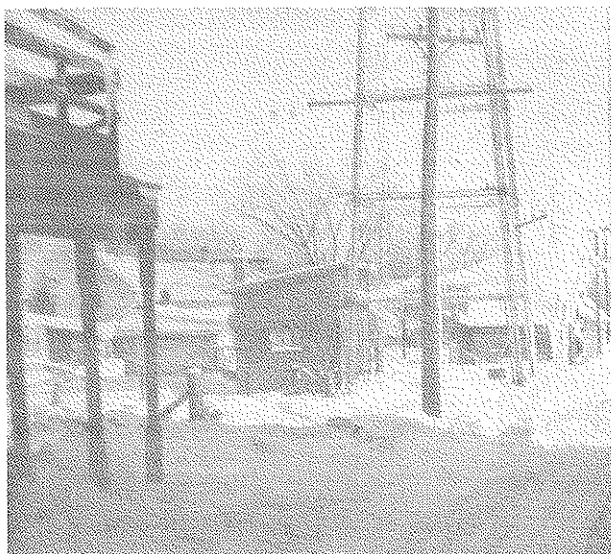


The old water tower. That is Hazel Stickle and James in front of Friar Store.

Our main well was drilled into the Jordon Aquifer. This aquifer originates from the Hudson Bay. The well at Grimes is around 2,700 feet deep. Here is an outlook of our Jordon Aquifer; from the Iowa Geological survey: "The initial pumping test delivered 820 gpm (gallons per minute) with only 15 feet of drawdown from a static water level of 215 feet below the surface. However, in 1974 the static water level had dropped to 240 feet indicating a loss of pressure in the aquifer of about three feet per year. This pressure decline is continuing at a faster rate in the Des Moines area than at most other parts of the state because of the large withdrawal. This pressure loss necessitates lowering the pump occasionally. The latest report indicates that the pump is now set at 310 feet. Before that it was set at 260 feet and with the pumping water level at 254 feet the pump was breaking suction. The current flow rate is about 650 gpm. There are as many as 200 wells drawing water from the Jordon Aquifer in use in Iowa."



Our two new Towers



City Hall in the early 1950's, also the pump house and to the left a portion of the Old Hotel.



City Treasurer and City Clerk, what are they up to?

3. Sewage Treatment

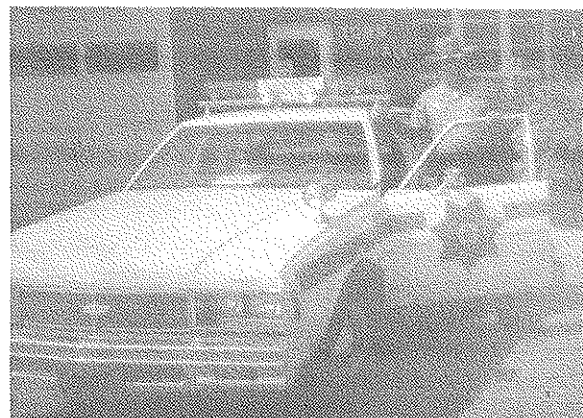
Let us not forget some of the things we take for granted, for it was not until 1956 we put in a sewage line and disposal plant. The new disposal plant was put in, in 1976. Before 1956 we all used septic tanks in Grimes, and if no septic tank, there was the traditional path that could be seen often in Grimes.

The present facilities should adequately serve the community and future growth until the completion of a regional sewer system expected to be completed in 1990. With the present growth pattern of the community, sewage lines can be extended as needed without any great single cost outlay. If the city wishes to promote development to the extreme south before the gradual development reaches that area, then it would be necessary to complete a larger portion of extensions to the existing lines.

A new sewage treatment plant to serve the municipality is completed and in full operation near the north boundary of the corporate limits. This facility was designed and constructed to specification of a 1971 engineering study of the sewerage system improvements.

4. Police Protection:

The City of Grimes presently contracts with the Polk County Sheriff department for police protection. The contract, which began in September of 1977 under Sheriff Clemons, provides for 63 hours per week of patrol. The Sheriff's officers are on call 24 hours per day 7 days per week. The service began in September, 1976, with Sgt. Bill Kizer, Jr., being the first assigned to Grimes, and Sgt. Kizer is still serving Grimes.



Sgt. William Kizer, our first assigned policeman from the county, and still on duty here in Grimes.

5. Fire and Rescue.

Grimes as with all small towns had their fire department. We have, however, an early story about a fire in the down-town business district we wish to relate. This fire happened when the town of Grimes was just over 20 years old. There was a fire that started in the office of Dr. Peacock and soon spread through the business district on the west side of main street before it was extinguished. There is a report of the losses. "The heaviest losers are H. F. Reynolds and son, loss, \$4,000, and insurance of \$1,800; W. J. Stewart, loss \$5,000, and insurance \$2,000; S. W. McClain, implements and two buildings estimated value \$16,000, insurance \$8,000; Prunty and Iseminger, hardware and furniture, \$2,000, insurance \$1,300; C. Coburn, cigars, \$300, insurance \$150; Dr. Peacock, loss, \$200, insurance unknown; G. A. Iseminger, and W. J. Stewart household goods, loss not estimated."

Another large fire was when the elevator burned down. There are a number of people who remember the fire but unable to remember the year of the elevator fire. The elevator was located near where the depot is located, however, it never was rebuilt.

On December 25, 1923, there was the fire, most do remember, and that is the Canning Factory fire. From the Des Moines Tribune, December 26, 1923 come this report of the fire: "Although more, than \$200,000. worth of buildings, equipment and stored goods, belonging to the Grimes Canning company at Grimes were swept away by flames of an unknown origin, yesterday the plant probably will be in full operation again within sixty days. "Mac" McNellis, watchman, first discovered a small stream of smoke coming through a crack in the large 64 x 100 foot two story building at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The buildings which were destroyed were, one 50 x 100 feet two stories high; one 64 x 100 feet two stories high and one 60 x 275 feet, one story.



Factory fire Dec. 25, 1923

Aside from these two fires Grimes has had no major fires for years aside from a fire in the hotel in the 1930's. There have been house fires but rather than name a few we might miss some thus we would rather name none. Through the years Grimes has cooperated with Dallas Center, Johnston and Waukee fire departments in rural fires, and even in town fires.

As Grimes entered the decade of the 1970's its citizens began to talk of better emergency health care. In 1972 the Grimes Fire Department began making plans for a rescue unit. Owning and operating a rescue unit was "wishful thinking" the cost of a unit would be around \$10,000.

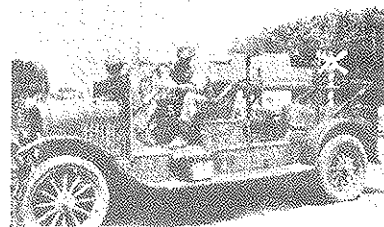
Jim Hutcheson a member of the City Council during the early 70's helped a great deal, however, it was his untimely death in the summer of 1973 that was to be the motivating force for concentrated fund raising drive.

In 1973 the Jaycees voted to accept the responsibility of organizing and fund raising drive. They raised \$13,000. and their ambitious drive gave them recognition in the State of Iowa.

To qualify as a member of the rescue unit a person must take 42 hours of advanced First Aid and an 8 hour course in basic life support, then an Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance course of 144 hours must be taken.



Mildred Bauman waiting for an emergency call



Leno Massarini
on fire truck in 1950's

Also each person must take a review course every so often, all this at their own expense unless the Rescue Organization pays for the expense. Rescue meetings are held each year and training sessions at each meeting.

Seventy-eight runs were made in 1975 and 107 in 1979. Each run transported someone to the hospital. Each run takes an average of 1 - 1½ hours of time.

It has been through our efficient fire fighting force we have had no major fires but also through our faithful operator for the fire-rescue and police communication system that has been such a help in the success of our fire and rescue service. We have reference to Mildred Bauman who operates our base communication station 24 hours a day.

When the fire or rescue units are on call Mildred stays by her Citizen Band two way radios. She also has a City Hall extension phone and keeps in touch with city employees. Also, a call in service for some businesses.

"God Bless you Mildred for your untiring and faithful service to the community. Your knowledge of Grimes and its citizens, and the surrounding countryside has contributed to the success of our Fire and Rescue Department. Thank you for your friendliness and warmth in your home for your availability 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 12 months per year."



Our Fire and Rescue equipment, 1980