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## 2. Social Service Recreational

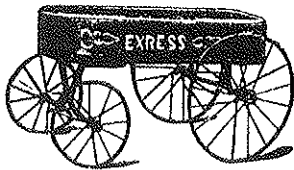
### Introduction

Grimes has always had an interest in recreation, for soon after the founding of the town we had a band and once each year a celebration on the 4th of July.

Grimes initiated a summer recreation program, June and July 1977. The program financed by contributions of private interests. Also by a carnival once each year.

The Grimes old recreation area (park) was located just south of the old school building. It was ground given to the city by several people just after the turn of the century. Our recreation area today consists of what we call "Waterworks Park" so named by City Councilwoman Irene Wright, because at that time there were several wells in this area.

Grimes' proximity to Des Moines, Camp Dodge swimming area, Jester Park and Saylorville Reservoir removes a financial burden of providing major recreation facilities such as golf, boating, swimming, fishing, camping, etc.



a. **Band - Music:** Grimes has had an active musical program from the founding of the town, and continues still in the Dallas Center-Grimes school program. Today our students have a music program in all grades. Our Grimes Cornet Band of 1880's and early 1890's led the Presidential parades in Des Moines, even though many bands participated.

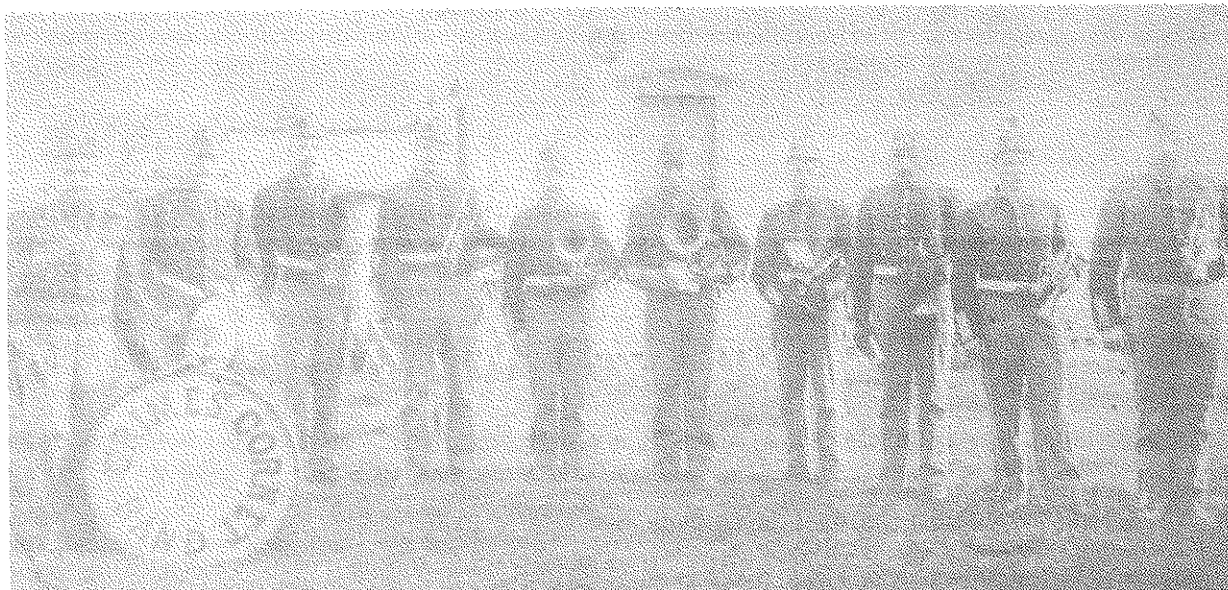
Mr. White, a blind musician, led our band from 1905 to 1925. He also gave music lessons in Grimes area. However, he lived in the 3700 block of 2nd Avenue, in Des Moines.



1980 Grimes Elementary soloists performers, front row, from the left, Jodi Kimsey, Nancy Loudon, Missy Dunlap, Joan Greif, Lisa Eng, Chrissy Snyder, Kim Courtney, back row, Matt Coleman, Eric Weiser, Celeste Evans, Shelley Schlegel, T. J. Fitzgerald, Tim Skinner, Debbie Andreini.



Bennie's Band, Grimes, 1906. Back row, Joe Reed, Eugene Spear, Roy Spear, Ray Shiffer, Adolph Aulich, Verne Knight, Will Anderson, Guy Crispin. Front row, Otto Aulich, Tracy Grimm, Roy Hoff, Neil Black, Oscar Wall, Jesse Reed, Bud Bates, Ben Reed, Frank White, Instructor.



Left to right, Dr. B. B. Grover, Sam Drury, Paul Betz, Arthur Whitehouse, Chris Betz, George Stewart, A. L. Rosenberg, Elmer Clark, Fred West and Charles W. Reed. Picture date is late 1880's.

b. Baseball: Grimes has always had an interest in sports through the years, according to our information it was back in 1909 that Albert, Harry and Charles Seibert and Frank, James and Matt Meneough were playing on an organized ball team. It was reported that our 1912 baseball team was very good and had a high win and low loss average.

Then there was our famous girls softball team of 1931-1935. The girls softball team played in tournaments during these years. They won honors in the Riverview Park meet, the Grimes tournament and the Woodward tournament, and finished second in the Madrid tournament. One season they won 37 games out of 43.

There is the baseball program for our younger citizens, which we have today. In 1980 there were six ball teams for boys and two for girls besides baseball teams for adults. Most of these programs start in April and go to the third week in June. They spend 2 or 3 weeks in class room studying techniques and rules, then two weeks working on the field and in practice on the field, before they go into competition.

The Grimes Cardinals finished a perfect record of 14 - 0 in 1980, 1979, 13 - 2 season, 1978, 15 - 0 season, and some of the members have been together all three years.

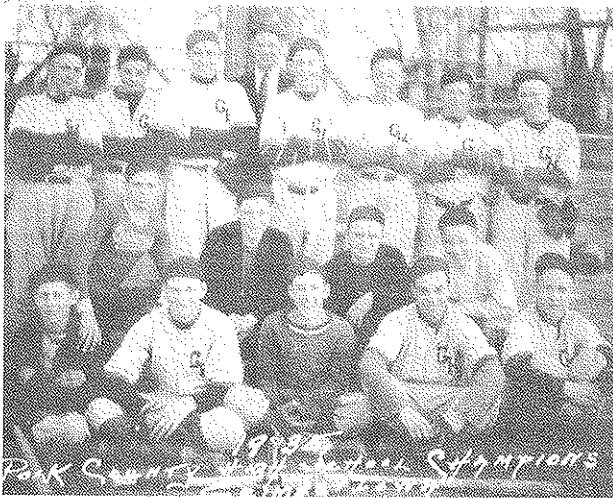
In recent years there has been a revival of ladies softball here in Grimes. This began in 1979 when they had games among the ladies here in Grimes. However, in the month of July 1980 they organized themselves and joined in league games.



1912 Baseball Team, left to right, top row, Warren Anderson, Albert Seibert, Andy Kean, J. E. Knight (captain), A. M. Parmenter (manager), Harry Seibert, Bert Knight, Ray Shiffer, bottom row, left to right, Neil Black, Albert Rosenberg (mascot), Floyd E. Shiffer, George Proctor.



1932 Ladies ball team, back row, left to right, Margaret Smith, Louise DeZorzi, Dot Robinson, Coach, Joe Slaughter, Vera Shiffer, Grace Shiffer, Assistant Coach, Frank Royce, Pauline DeLazzer, middle row, Esther DeLazzer, Helen Smith, Edna Bauman, front row, Mascot, Dorothy Slaughter, Doris DeLazzer, Lucille Robinson, Gertrude Reed, Rose Vranich. Not in picture was Sue Fry, Virginia VanDorn and Dorothy Kuehl.



1935, left to right, top row, Louis Seibert, Haxel Hull, Ernest Knoll (coach), Paul Johnson, Claude Price, Berl Koch, Burton Robertson, Bill Morris, middle row, Eldon Ellis, Ted Mills, Herman Bartlett, John Rittgers, front row, Kern, Maurice Nelson, Marvin Hart, Reno Massarini, Murray Friar.



1979 Cardinals ball team, back row, left to right, Travis Beam, Mark Havnen, Chris Tidwell, Jerry Tidwell (mgr.), Pat Ferguson, Scott Main, front row, Eric Weiser, Missy Lund, Scott Wallace, Brett McCoy, Jacque Blackman.

## C. Scout Groups

**The Boy Scouts:** Troop 171 of Grimes was founded in 1954 and the sponsor of the troop was the P.T.A. of Grimes, with Scout Master Joseph Savage, Sr., then followed Aldo Forneris. In 1961 the Beaver Canning Company became the sponsors of the troop, with Fred Houser as Scout Master, in 1975 Dave Draper, in 1977 Rick Hutcheson. In 1978 the Presbyterian Church became the sponsor, and 1979 James Evans became the Scout Master.

The scouts raise their own money with the flag sales and this includes the placing of the flag on certain days, also sales of Tootsie rolls, bake sales, and paper drives. They have a camp-out each month the year around, and meet once a week.

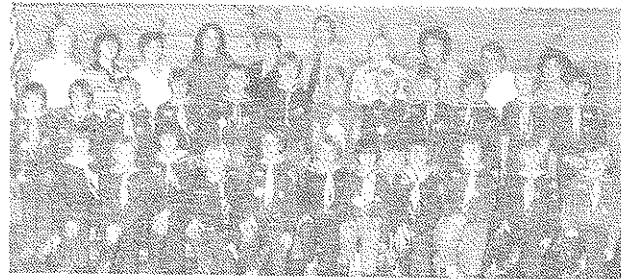
**The Cub Scouts:** The "pack" consists of all the "dens". Dens meet weekly in the home of the den mother. The size of the den should be 5 - 8 boys, with two den mothers. The "pack" meets once a month for business and presenting of awards. The parents attend with their children.

Cub Scout activities include Christmas carolling, the annual Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, field trips, maybe an overnight outing, and fun-raiser, etc.

When boys are 10 they become Webelos, the next step toward becoming a Boy Scout.

**The Junior Girl Scouts:** Troop 702 Badge work is the main activity that Junior Girl Scouts are concerned with. Badges are earned by various activities. The girls are mainly concerned with working with and knowing people of all ages. They have a Halloween party for 3 - 5 year old girls and a Valentine party for elderly citizens.

Left to right, Kathy Atchison, Heather Gilleney, Peggy Olson, Kathy Whitten, Shelly Lund, Celeste Evans, Melody Shriner, Missy Dunlap, Shelly Schlegel, Amy Dunlap. Leaders Linda Atchison, Karilee Shriner.



Cub Scout Pack 171, front row, left to right, Byran Walker, Eric Rehm, Kevin Haugh, Sean Smith, Darrin Otto, Erik Eng, John Quinn, Scott Maasen, David Blackman, Barry Lull, Kurdeh Batt, second row, Scott Main, Jeremy Wyld, Brian Leners, Chris Tidwell, Brad Randall, Erik Rocksvold, Shane Teagarden, Jacque Blackman, Marc Havnen, Brandon Rickey, Todd Grantham, Chad Black, third row, Jeanie Havnen (den mother) Diane Quinn (treasurer) Sandra Tidwell (den mother) Peggy Main (den mother) Sara Otto (den mother) Harley Otto (cubmaster) Donna Maasen (assistant cubmaster) Margaret Rickey (den mother) Mary Rehm (den mother) Marilyn Haugh (den mother).



### 3. Other Social Service Groups

a. **Farmers Institute:** There have been two "Farmers Institutes". The first was started around 1890 here in Grimes under the leadership of the Stewart and Findley families. The purpose of this group was to educate farmers on new ideas and ways of improving their farming operation. They met once a month in the off farming season. The story is told that one farmer near Andrew said, "I will not join that group. They tell me that there is a machine that can spread manure and I know it can't be done."

This Farmers Institute disbanded around the time when the creamery closed, but when did the creamery close? No one seems to know. The Institute was disbanded around 1912.

The second Farmers Institute was more like a County Fair, some have said it was a fore runner of our 4H annual Fair. There was judging for livestock, cooking, sewing, etc. Main Street (then called John Street) was blocked off and some of the displays were held in the I.O.O.F. hall. This Farmers Institute was held during the 1920's and extended into the 1930's.

b. **4-H:** In 1925 the Farm Bureau was having an annual picnic, and this seemed to take over from our Institute and work into their having 4-H groups. Both groups were seeking the same goals and the second Farmers Institute faded away.



1912 4-H, left to right, Dorothy Westbrook, Pauline Kochheiser, Phyllis Peitzman, Betty Harding, Charlotte Seibert, Lorene Kohls, Doris Bear, Nadine Peitzman, Helen Bauman, and Junior member Carol Baer.



Robert Wright with 4-H project.

c. **Fannie Merit Farmers Club:** was started in the early 20's. It was so named because of a cook book. Then instead of the Betty Crocker Cook Book they had the Fannie Merit Cook Book and this group met bringing recipes and doing their fancy work. Later the name was changed to the Thursday Club as they seemed to always meet on Thursday.



Merit Farmers Club, changed to Thursday Fannie Club. Picture taken early in 1940. Left to right, Gladys Friar, Gladys Kohls, Madge Brown, Irene Shiffer, Pauline Beauchamp, Hildred Kinsey, Verna O'Donnell, Laura Peitzman, Dorothy Ellis, Mae Osterhout, Clara Meneough, Irene Wright.

d. **The Wi-Mo-Da-Si Club:** This name means Wife-Mother-Daughter-Sister. One had to be all four to be a member. This group organized in the early 30's. Their objective was to meet for fellowship and provide gifts for newly wedded young ladies.



Wi-Mo-Da-Si Club picture of 1942 group. Seated Sadie Shawver, Lena Baer, Katherine Glascock, Gretchen Ritchhart, Annie Temple. Standing, Clara Peitzman, Blanche Parmenter, Rose Watts, Nellie Kinsey, Emma Knight. By 1962 the club consisted of the following: Catherine Bauman, Helen Reynolds, Laura Wipperman, Grason Peitzman, Alberta Woodring, Carrie Kuehl, Irene Stewart, Grace Allen, Nellie Peitzman and Matilda Wipperman, Madge Brown, Ella Shiffer, Alta Worster and Elizabeth Hall.



e. Library: Rev. Donald Welsh called eight interested citizens together February 2, 1972, to discuss the possibility of a library in Grimes. June 15, 1972, an ordinance was passed establishing a library, approving a budget and appointing the first board members.

July 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meadows offered to donate \$2,000, which was half the purchase price of the building at 213 S. Main, if the citizens of Grimes would donate the other half. On July 10, 1973 the necessary funds were on hand and the library was opened. Currently the library is open 13 hours a week, has a paid librarian, and 421 library card holders.

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#### 4. Miscellaneous Service

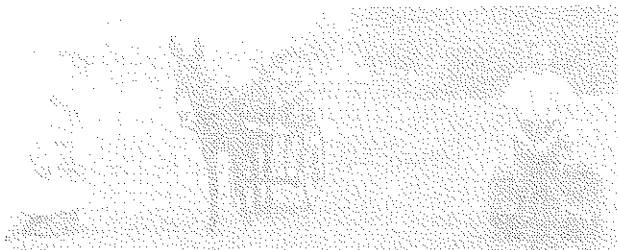
a. Prairie Village is a Farmers Home Administration Rural Rental Housing program for senior citizens, and is managed by Hartland Management Company of Des Moines. There are 10 fourplexes nestled along the picturesque creek at 4th and Jacobs Street. A resident manager lives on site to take care of all maintenance as well as the grounds.



b. Annual release of Balloons: For several years the students of the lower grades have released balloons, with the name and address of a student in each balloon, with the student hoping to get a pen pal. In 1980 they sent aloft some 280 balloons. Jody Howrey received a letter.

The first grade students from Roanoke, Indiana sent letters from Roanoke, Indiana. Their letters were all stapled together and rolled up. When it was unrolled there were 44 feet of letters to read. Roanoke is approximately 470 miles from Grimes.

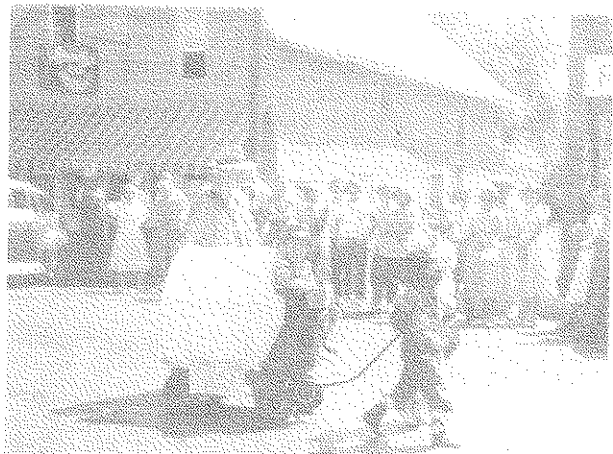
c. Celebrations of the past and misc. pictures:



Barbara Baer, Rolland and Karen Garlock, and Gene Seibert, August 1947.



Scene in old park - James and Fred Stickle, 1949



1952 - Merlin Perdue in wagon, Gerald Perdue and Sharon Hegins pulling wagon.



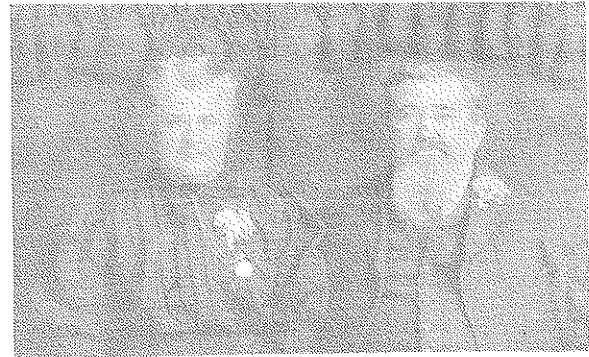
1976 snow drift on Highway 44 between Trail Ridge Road and Harvey.



1936 snow drift on Highway 44 between Trail Ridge Road and Harvey.



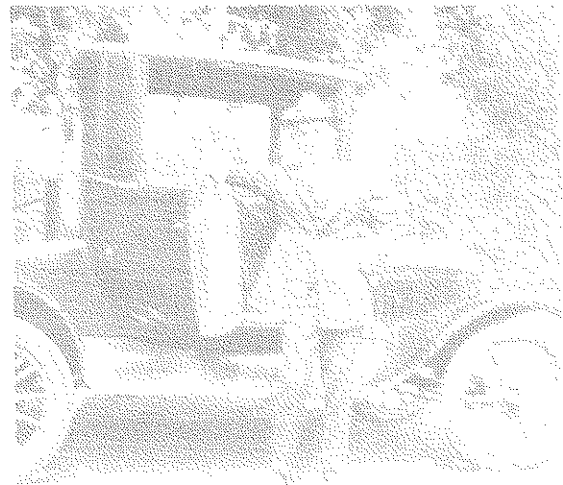
He now operates a business on Main St.



Mr. and Mrs. Will Seymoure, he was a Civil War vet and they were charter members of the Christian Church.



Memorial Day Services 1980



Bert Baer



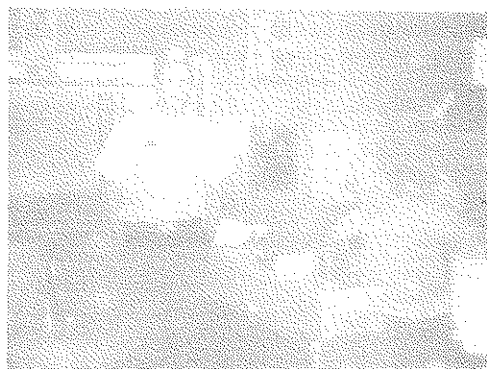
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rosenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosenberg. A. L. was a butter maker and later printer, in business with his sons Albert and Hiram.



Iowa Champion Pulling Team 1927-28-29 C. F. Peitzman



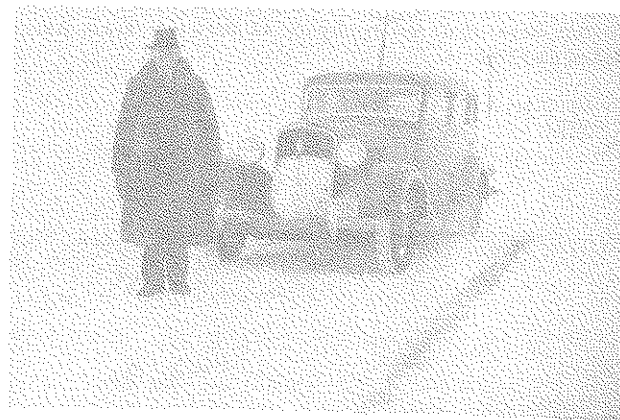
Eva Tuller and flower garden



Father and son own a business



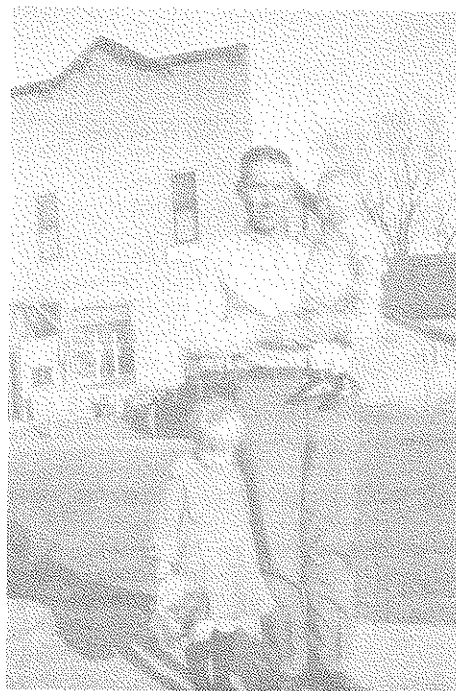
Back row, left to right, Mmes. Robertson, Jackson, Allen, Martha Thatcher, Mmes. Smith, Peacock, Ritchhart, Zornes. Middle row, Mrs. Ray Findley, Emma Knight, Sara Ellis, Mmes. Herrick, Stewart, Ella Stewart, Mrs. Findley, Mother Black. Front row, Mrs. Chas. Findley, Esther Briggs, Mona Shawver, Lora Zornes, Edith Herrick, Mrs. Denton's sister, Charlotte Peacock, Verva Briggs, Mrs. Denton, Bobbie Denton.



Ed Temple in 1936 snow storm



R.F.D. carrier Ray Shiffer

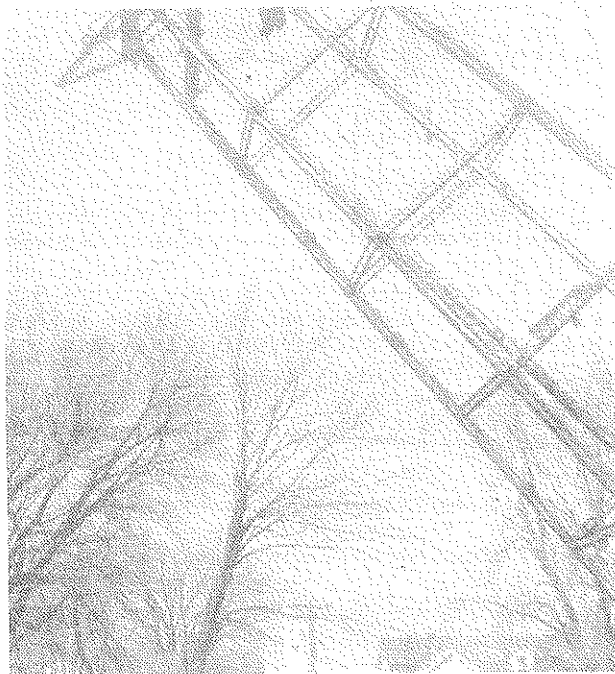


In front of her grandfather's store. She now works at the bank.

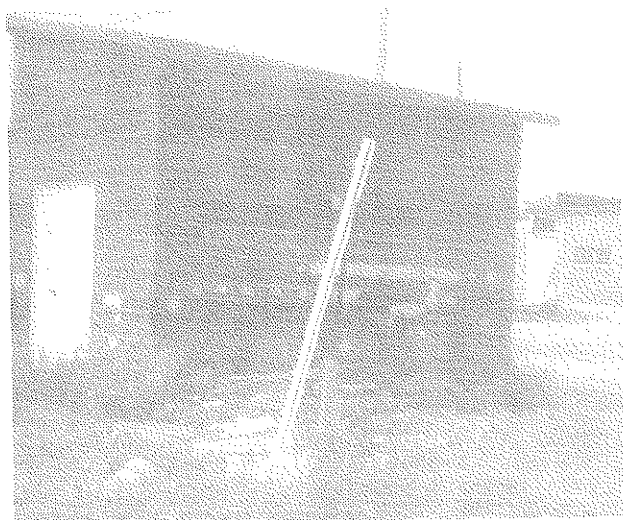




Eagle Scout Rick Hutcheson



Down came the old Tower



Where Grimes' first city well was. Note white pole.



In goes the storm sewer



Up comes the old paving



The way Highway 44 probably looked in the early 1900's.

# Chapter 3

## III. Growth

### A. Main Street

1. They say business districts move. For example in Boone we understand that at one time the business district was where the Courthouse is now which is W of the present business district. There is some evidence that Grimes, business district was forming along Stewart but changed to John St., and the D.O.T. predicts that our future district will be on Highway 44.

2. "Grimes is known far and wide having its own electric light plant, its own telephone system, a magnificent two line canning factory, one of the oldest and largest creameries in the state, a complete city water system with stand pipe and chemical engine fire protection, a commercial exchange, a corrosive sublimate tablet laboratory with an output of 3 million tablets a year supplying the entire U.S. as well as foreign countries, besides the usual merchantile business of the ordinary town." from the Grimes Advocate 1906.

3. Some changes.



Thelma Benshoff - Note hotel



Friars store, note hitching post. This now is Presbyterian parking lot.



Note picket fence, this was Shiffers East side restaurant. That is Grace and Bobby. This was the "Flour" store on the map. We know that the Grist mill was gone at this date, 1904, so it can be assumed that there could have been grinding mills at this business. This picture taken in 1921.



This now is our Library. The man is Mr. Black, note the Hotel and Livery stable. Probably taken after Halloween, note the wagon. The Post Office and P.O. loading area now where the hotel and livery barn was.



East side of street, Bob Shiffer. Telephone building and Pressley building to the left.