



## Newsletter

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### Historic Street Light

The Jewell Historical Society recently received a donation of a historic street light which was in use on Jewell's Main Street in years gone by. Thanks to the Hagen family for this donation, and to Rusty Hockman for arranging its transport to the Jewell History Museum. The lamp post is currently residing outside the Museum building, while the globe is being stored inside. Plans are afoot to install the street light outside the Museum, near the flagpole.



### Recent Events & Acquisitions

The Jewell history Museum recently hosted a virtual reprise of the Jewell cemetery Walk which was held during the town's Quasquicentennial (2006). The event was hosted by museum Curator Dick Steffen and his wife Sylvia on August 27. The digital videodisc of the event, produced by Jim Peterson, was played on museum audiovisual equipment and enjoyed by a large audience.

Dick and Sylvia also hosted on September 6 a gathering of alumni from the former Jewell High School, Attendees were able to hear about the museum and tour the many exhibits.

Meanwhile, the Museum continues to add to its collection of exhibits, and has recently received many acquisitions. One such item celebrates the Mathison-Sawyer automobile dealership, formerly on Jewell's Main Street. See the Quasquicentennial Book article below for more on this business. Also, see next article.

### **Annual Open Hours a Success**

Once again, the Jewell Historical Society hosted weekly open hours at the Jewell History Museum during this past summer. The facility was open from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, every Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Dozens of people toured the building and its many exhibits.

### **Dead Trees Removed**

When the former Victory Christian Fellowship Church building was acquired six years ago and became the Jewell History Museum, it included some attractive shade trees on the portion of the lot to the east. Unfortunately, these were Ash trees which, as everybody knows, are susceptible to a disease spread by an insect called the Emerald Ash Borer. Such was the fate of these trees. In recent years, they succumbed to the disease and died, leaving them unsightly and hazardous to the integrity of the building. Thanks to efforts of the City of Jewell, the now-dead trees have been removed.



Tree Removal Begins



Last Tree Comes Down



East Ash Trees in Better Days



Removal Complete



## JHS Website News

Excerpted from the JHS website, this news article was published May 4, 1916 on the front page of The Jewell Record.

### *BOY SCOUTS ORGANIZED WILL GET A NATIONAL CHARTER*

*Eleven Jewell Boys With Rev. Norstrad As Scout Master Started Movement Friday Night. All Boys Invited To Join*

*Last Friday night a number of Jewell boys met at the home of Rev. Martin Norstad to take preliminary steps towards organizing a Boy Scouts troop in Jewell. Eleven boys were present.*

*There has been some talk among various interested people for some time in regard to organizing a Boy Scouts troop here, and many of the boys have frequently urged Rev. Norstad to organize a troop and to serve as Scout Master. Several of the parents have also urged the matter. Rev. Norstad finally consented to do so and the meeting last Friday evening was the result.*

*Rev. Norstad is to be Scout Master and the following named gentlemen have been selected as Scout Council, as required by the rules of the organization: Gilbert Knudson, E. G. Clark, M. J. Severson, F. N. Taylor, W. F. Tepler, Wm. Anderson, W. K. Jackson, S. Louis Ostrem, Magnus Johnson, and Theodore Jacobson.*

*The eleven boys who attended the first organization meeting Friday night were: Tenner Jacobson, Gifford Rullestad, York Johnson, Stewart Sidenstucker, Donald Severson, Raymond Lear, Victor Norstad, Irving Andersen, and Bernard Peterson. Under the rules of the national Boy Scouts organization, eight boys constitute a patrol, and a troop consists of any number of patrols up to four.*

*The Scout Master has charge of one troop. The first named eight boys of the above list constitute the first patrol, and they chose Tenner Jacobson as their patrol leader and Gifford Rullestad as assistant patrol leader. The other three boys, Arlin Thompson, Harold Christensen and Berard Peterson, will belong to the second patrol, of which Arling Thompson is leader. If enough boys join, a full troop of four patrols will be organized. If more than 32 boys join, a second troop will have to be organized with a Scout Master in charge of the second troop.*

An application has been sent to the National Council of Boy Scout of America asking for a charter. The next meeting will not be held until the charter is secured. In the meantime all other boys in Jewell who wish to join are urged to hand their names in to Scout Master Rev. Norstad, and they will also be able to be charter members. Five more boys are needed to make up the second patrol, and it is hoped that enough will join to make a full troop of four patrols.

*To join the Boy Scouts it is necessary that a boy secure the permission of his parents. He is also required to be a member in good standing of some Sunday School. The Boy Scouts will have the regulation uniforms of the National Boy Scout organization of America, each boy will also have a Boy Scout badge, and they will have a fine big troop banner and banners or flags for each patrol.*

This and other stories of interest can be found on [www.JewellJunctionHistory.org](http://www.JewellJunctionHistory.org). The site was developed, is maintained and is frequently updated by the Society's Webmaster, JHS Board member Alan Spohnheimer.



## A Blast from the Past

The following is a brief excerpt from the Quasquicentennial Book (p. 86 & 87), published in 2006. This and the Centennial Book (published in 1981) are available for review in the Jewell History Museum. In addition, copies can be found at the Montgomery Memorial Library, from where they can also be checked out by Library cardholders.



*Hood and Snyder sold cars from 1910 to 1918. The dealership was J. P. Snyder's in 1918 and Maxon Ford in 1919. In 1932, Maxon sold the dealership to Mathison-Sawyer Ford and took over management of the Strand Theater. Mathison moved on to an Ames dealership. Roy Nelson married Eileen Sawyer. The family-run business provided a lengthy and steady dealership for Jewell from 1959 until 1976.*



*This 1957 photo, from the cover of an ISU Extension booklet, clearly showed the newly*

*erected Dave's Place, the Becker Furniture Store, the Maid Rite, Iowa Electric Light and Power that had bought out Central States in 1951, and the new sign of the Coffee Cup Café. The Ford Garage sign was to the left of the Imlay Mobil Station on the corner.*



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