



CORNOUNCEMENTS

- January 30rd, 1993 - 80th annual Boone Luncheon... For our 80th, I would like to put more emphasis on all of Boone County... Ogden, Pilot Mound, Madrid, Boxholm, Moingona (Some great Boone Society current president's were born there), etc.
- Homemade/handmade door prizes wanted for our luncheon
- If you go to Boone before February, please remember to notice anything different, new or old, and let me know, so it can be included in our next *Corn Shucker*.
- Bring or send me any news items you think our So. Cal. Boone-ites might enjoy about Boone or folks from Boone.
- Send me any newsworthy articles about your Boone history to be included in a future edition.

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ALL THE NUTS FROM BOONE WILL GATHER

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AT KNOTT'S BERRY FARM.

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A MESSAGE FROM
THE BOONE SOCIETY PRESIDENT
JOHN WAYNE SPARKS



December 20, 1992

Dear Boone Friends:

My Macintosh Computer and I started preparing this Newsletter after last year's luncheon! Where on earth does the time go? It was just Christmas, '91 about a month ago wasn't it? I suppose Christmas '93 will be here in about two months. They tell me time flies when you're having fun...I have an idea that time flies at our age, even if you're not having fun. Marlena and I are fast approaching the age when time goes faster and faster. (We're crowding 35 now, in fact we crowded 35 out around 20 years ago).

I did hope to get this Newsletter out twice last year. Maybe next year! I would love to have you contribute thoughts about Boone for our next publication of the "*Cornshucker*". Any and all articles, or memories will be carefully considered and edited by our editorial staff, Marlena and me!

I do hope you can be present for our **80th Boone Luncheon!** We're planning some entertainment for you that I know you will enjoy. We need more home-made door prizes. Please bring your specialty!

THE CORN CORNER

SHUCKIN' &
JIVIN'

- What do you get when you cross an alligator with an abilone?
A crock-a-balone...And that's what this column is...
- Life isn't complete until you get married—Then it's finished.
- "You remind me of the sea". "You mean dark, restless and romantic?" "No!" "You make me sick!"
- "Darling, say those three little words that will send me out of this world". "OK!" "Go hang yourself!"
- Men! If you're bald in the front you're a lover. If you're bald in back, you're a thinker. If you're bald all over, you just think you're a lover.
- "I have a furniture problem!" "My chest has slipped down into my drawers".

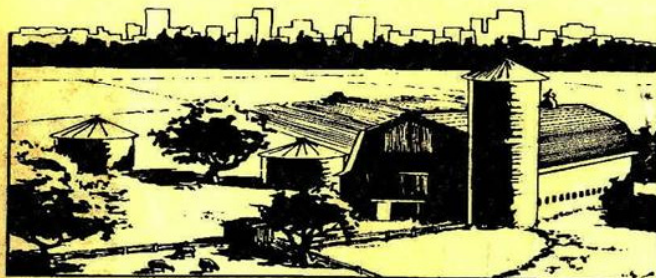


Published Quarterly or as the Spirit leads, or as we have money for stamps...
John Wayne Sparks, Editor, Typist, Printer, Stamp-licker, and Deliverer to Post Office with a little help from my Boone friends...Moreno Valley, CA.

THE I-O-WAY SONG

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STATE OF ALL THE LAND, JOY ON EVERY HAND.
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TRY BOONE, YOU'LL STAY

By John Wayne Sparks

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And plow the field today?
How ya gonna keep em in good ol' Boone,
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"Hey, Buzz, you've just won the superbowl of hog
callin'. What're you gonna do now? "
"I'm goin' to Disneyland...and I'm gonna stay!"

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

MY BEST MEMORIES OF BOONE
COUNTY: ???



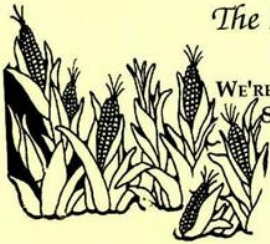
I remember the two-gun totin' Pappy Papadoulos, Tubby Olson, Dummy Woods, and Edwin Hontoon Alouishess Zanderholm. I remember Mexiburgers from the A&W, Tenderloins from Bob Culver's Cookie Jar Drive. I remember Boyd's Ice Cream. I remember Frank Otis and his dirty, old car, I worked for him delivering milk one summer. I remember the old cracker-box city bus we used to ride to school in. I remember fireworks at the park on the 4th of July. I remember my paper route, I carried from Echternach's Groceriteria all the way down 5th street to West Boone. I remember Coach Jones and Coach Baldus and Bucky O'Connor. I remember Miss Woodward, we had a nickname for her, remember?? I remember racing through the little streams at McHose Park. I remember the Ledges, lover's leap, and the Zoo, and picnics and hikes and on and on and on.

Larry Moore reminded me of Mrs Fox' Popcorn stand, The Coney Island Restaurant, I ate 15 Coney's on a dare one night, could have eaten more but I drank too much milk to wash them down! He also reminded me of the Lincoln Restaurant, and McCaskey's, the Bon

Appetite, I don't remember 5 mile drive, but it seemed to be a keen recollection in his mind...But if there is one memory that sticks in my mind it would be:



I remember Spring, when the warm breezes had just about melted all of the snow. The little blades of green were peeking out from the frozen ground. Birds could be heard rejoicing with melodies too complicated for even the greatest musician to duplicate. The trees, just days before were dark and bleak now were sporting just the faintest hint

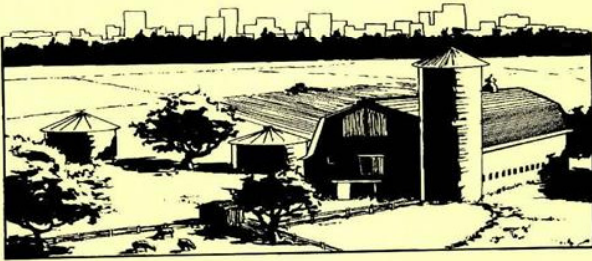
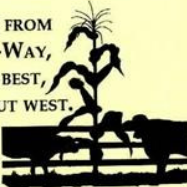


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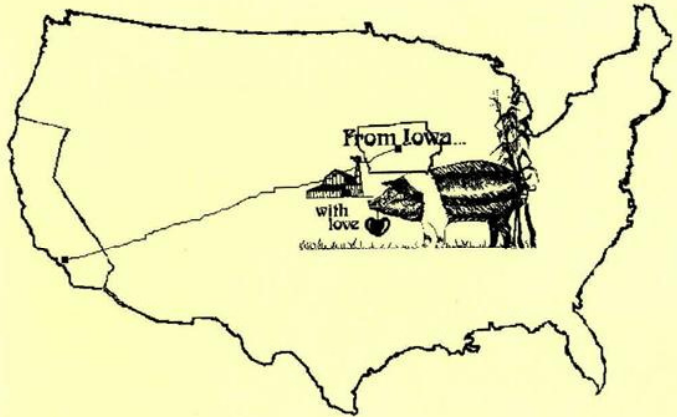


How Ya' Gonna Keep 'Em In Good Ole Boone?

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OF Southern California

80TH ANNUAL
LUNCHEON

KNOTTS BERRY FARM, JANUARY 30, 1993



FIVE MILE DRIVE

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS SENT TO ME
BY WALT GOEPPINGER ENTITLED:

"NAME HONORS A MEMORABLE DRIVE"

For over half a century we have been receiving our mail at our farm home on "Five Mile Drive" and addressed to "Route One" Boone, Iowa 50036.

Last fall, running short on stationary, we had Marvin Lestina print a new batch that should last us at least five or six years. Then what happened? You guessed it. In March we received a postal notice that from now on our address would be "2206 Five Mile Drive." With the whole country getting new addresses in order to make rural emergency calls more quickly effective we are all in the same boat. Actually our new address designates something involving five miles. What is it? Here is the answer.

In the early days of Iowa when the Indians constituted a threat to the settlers, U.S. Military forces were used to protect the white newcomers. At that time Fort Des Moines was established, as was Fort Dodge, and there was a military road connecting the two forts. This road went diagonally through our farm after fording Pease Creek near where the narrow concrete bridge is west of our home.

When the military road was still being used by some brave travelers as well as the soldiers, an Inn was built on the road across from where our home now stands. It has been remodeled several times and is now the home of Mrs. S.N. Tompkins. According to Everett Day, whose home was built in 1874 and was about 600 feet west of the state road where Dr. James Jordan's new home now stands, the Inn was there before he built his home. The travelers could stay at the Inn and have shelter for themselves and their horses.

After the military protection was no longer needed, the state utilized some sections of the military road and straightened it to proceed north on what is now Cpl. Sneddon Drive to what was formerly called the Lincoln Highway and is now known as Mamie Eisenhower Avenue. At this junction a

concrete marker was erected many years ago and still stands there with "State Road" on the west side of the marker and "Lincoln Highway" on the north side. Through the efforts and thoughtfulness of Gina Springis and her staff at Lowe Berry Garden Center the marker is kept decorated with flowers, shrubs and a tree.

The portion of military road that existed going west from Cpl. Sneddon Drive (Now about 700 feet north of New Highway 30) continued as a dirt road going west and north to finally join the south end of Story Street at approximately Hancock Drive. At first a plank bridge was built across Pease Creek, which was about a quarter of a mile west of the state road. After the turn of the century but before common use of automobiles, the present narrow bridge was built.

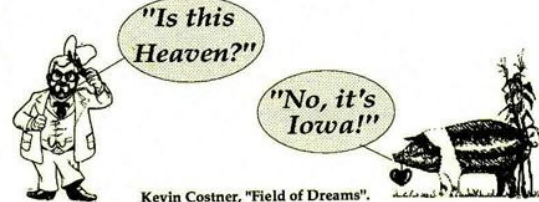
A horse and buggy ride on Sunday afternoon was a favorite outing for many Boone families. In the early years of this century one of the most often used routes included the Five Mile Drive.

Before my father bought the family's first car, a 1921 Studebaker Touring, he often rented a two seated buggy from the Payne Livery Stable, located where the present livery is on Seventh Street in downtown Boone. Our favorite team of horses was called "Tom and Jerry." Helen and I would sit in the front with Dad, and Kay and Julius sat in the back with Mother. The trip began at Eighth and Story streets, thence east to Benton, south to Fourth (Mamie Eisenhower Avenue) east to the old state road (Cpl. Sneddon Drive) south to the corner where the old military road went west (now called Five Mile Drive) across the bridge and on to Boone's south east city limits, passing meadows and grain fields until we reached South Story Street and then north on Story Street on dirt until we came to the old brick paving at Union Street. Leaving the dust behind, we had smooth sailing to our starting point at Eighth and Story streets—A round trip total of five miles—and that's how come Five Mile Drive received its name.



MORE BOONE STUFF

- IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS PLEASE LET US KNOW.
- IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER, "CORNSHUCKER" GIVE US YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.
- IF YOU CAN HELP WITH SOME EXTRA \$\$\$ FOR PRINTING, MAILING, ETC. PLEASE GIVE AS LIBERALLY AS POSSIBLE!
- IF YOU HAVE NEWS FROM BOONE, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE SOME MEMORIES FOR OUR "CORNSHUCKER" YOU CAN WRITE TO THE SPARKS' AT 25413 ALPHA STREET, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557
- IF WE HAVE THE MONEY WE WILL SEND TWO MAILERS OUT THIS YEAR... COST IS ABOUT \$250.00 PER MAILING. HELP! WE DON'T MIND THE WORK, JUST NEED THE MOOLAH!
- WE NEED MORE HOME-MADE DOOR PRIZES FOR NEXT YEAR!
- ANY SUGGESTIONS TO HELP WITH OUR PROGRAM, ETC ARE WELCOMED.





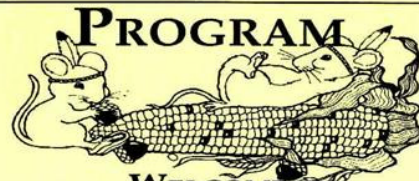
80 YEARS

1913!

Many of us weren't even thought of yet. Look at the way the world has changed in the past 80 years... My parents were married in 1912, and I didn't come along for another 22 years. I'm just a youngster of 58 years and a lot has happened in my lifetime... Guess we'll just have to ask Norma Echternach what it was like in 1913. How many presidents? How many wars? How the prices have changed. This past week Sears, Roebuck & Co. closed its catalog stores after 93 years. I can remember when my dad bought his overalls, shoes, long johns, and a thousand and one items from the Sears catalog (or from "Monkey Wards"). The newspaper this week gave some comparison prices from the old Sears catalogs and the current Sears price: •1905: "Acme Queen Parlor Organ" \$25.95, today the Yamaha PSR300 "touch sensitive" keyboard sells for \$379.99. The Coffman's Pocket Typewriter, which could be folded up and carried in the pocket, cost \$3.90, today a Packard Bell Notebook Computer is \$1,899.00. A pink corset sold in 1905 for \$1.79, today a zipper style, etc. sells for \$26.00. The Acme Star Ringer Washer was \$2.08 in 1905, a new Kenmore is \$499.99. The "Three Crown Nickel Joint Napoleon Bicycle" was \$13.85, today, a men's 26" "Recon 21 Speed Mountain Bike" is \$499.99. •1915: a ready-made garage, built of steel or wood was \$59.75, now a Sears garage door opener is \$199.99. •1925: A flapper style all wool worsted bathing suit for women was \$3.14, in 1993 a floral print tank suit is \$35.00. A "Stradivarius model" Violin, \$6.10. The complete works of Dickens, \$2.69. French dresses for girls, 39 cents. I would say those were the good old days but...You would have had to work for at least a week to purchase that \$6 Violin.

Here's what happened in 1913

- First the bad news: Income tax was voted into law as the 16th amendment.
- Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated as the 28th President.
- Japanese in California were excluded from owning land.
- Federal reserve Act signed by President Wilson.
- Robert Frost published his first book of poetry.
- Mack Sennet began the slapstick "Keystone Cops".
- Charlie Chaplin made his first movie.
- Parcel Post begins, zipper becomes popular, 1st anti-knock gasoline produced.
- Grand Central Station opens in NY, 1st use of Diesel Electric Railroad engines.
- Geiger Counter invented by Hans Geiger...Aren't you glad his name was Geiger, we could have been looking for treasure on the beach with a Kitchen Counter or a Cosmetics Counter, etc.
- Mammography invented
- Philadelphia Athletics defeat NY in world series 4-1. Knute Rockne and Notre Dame use the forward pass for the first time defeating Army 35-13.
- Jack Johnson was Heavyweight Champion, Francis Ouimet won the US open Golf Championship. Anthony Wilding won Wimbledon, US won the Davis Cup, Maurice McLoughlin, the US open Tennis Championship and Walter Johnson pitched 56 consecutive scoreless innings.
- Henry Ford developed the Assembly Line producing 1000 "Model Ts" a day. He also pays an unheard of \$5. per day and begins the 40 hour work week.
- First Boone Iowa Society of Southern California Luncheon.



PROGRAM

WELCOME TO OUR 80TH BOONE LUNCHEON

John Wayne Sparks, President

- INVOCATION
Larry Moore
- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
Terry Culler
- IOWA SONG
- LUNCH
- THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT
Dirk Stewart, Worship leader
Sunrise Church, Moreno Valley
- INTRODUCTIONS
- DOOR & RAFFLE PRIZES
- SPECIAL PRESENTATION
- BENEDICTION

THE REVEREND WILL B. DUNN

