

# Silvis News 1948

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## New Community Building of V.F.W To Be Open Soon

The Drier Whitney Post No. 1933 Veteran of Foreign Wars, Silvis, recently purchased the building owned by the Yager Implement Co. at 1031 First Avenue. At present an addition is being added to the west side of the building to increase the floor space available to the post for making this a community building for use by the different organizations of Silvis and the surrounding communities.

The large room in the rear of the building formerly used for repairing of farm implements is being remodeled so that it can be used for various athletic events and especially for activities for the young people of the community.

The rest of the building is being remodeled completely and the post hopes that it will be done soon so that the building will be ready for use within the next month.

The post wishes to express its gratitude to the citizens and business people for their contributions which have made this community building possible.

Excavation work on the two new structures, one at Seventh street and First Avenue and another at 913 First Avenue was done by Marlin Laity, excavation contractor of Silvis.

## AMVETS Again Sponsoring Christmas Caroling Here

This year as last year, the Silvis AMVET Post No. 145 will sponsor Christmas caroling. Singing will be for all Silvis shut-ins. Singing will be carried by members of the post as well as boy scouts and girl scouts of Silvis.

**Chuck's Standard Station**

901 1st Ave. Tel. Sil. 1541

Batteries—Tires—Accessories

**C.I. Josephson**

Philco Radios, Refrigerator

Speed Queen Washers

Completed Line of Jewelry

And Watches

## New Cleaners for Silvis Patron Opened Recently

One of the new business firms to be recently opened in Silvis is a cleaning establishment owned and operated by Emery Kruger, a Silvis resident. The new firm under the name Emery's Cleaners is located at 814 First Avenue in a completely new building. Mr. Kruger had a considerable difficulty in getting the construction work of the building completed, so he finished the task himself.

Although cleaning and pressing is their main line, they also make alteration and repairs on clothing.

## Report Fire Loss In Silvis at New High During 1948

Fire loss in the City of Silvis reached a new high during 1948. The main reason for this is the \$50,000 fire which nearly destroyed the Globe Lumber and Supply Company at 1501 First Avenue several months ago.

Fire of an unknown origin swept through the office building and main warehouse building destroying a large amount of paint and hardware. The lumber storage building was saved but nevertheless the loss ran high because of the high value of materials stored in the main warehouse. But for the fast action on the part of the Silvis Volunteer Fire Department, the loss would have been considerably higher.

## Two Used Car Firms Open New Businesses in Silvis

During recent months two dealers in used cars have started business in Silvis. This brings to a total number of three such businesses being conducted in Silvis.

The two new dealers in used cars are Jerry Christopher of Jerry's Auto Sales located at 809 First Avenue and Silvis Auto Sales located at 801 First Avenue, operated by Morris Cohen.

**Steak House**

715 1st Ave. Tel. Sil. 3074

Steaks, Chops and Cocktails

## New Tourist Motel Being Built for Davenport Man

A new structure nearing completion a 707 First Avenue is the motel for the traveling motorists. The building will have accommodations for 12 people, with hot and cold water and bath for each unit. Levi Graver, who will operate the new business is from Davenport. Cost of the building will be approximately \$14,000.

## Baecke Food Store No. 2 One of City's Newcomers

Although it has been several months now since the Baecke Food Store No. 2 has opened its doors, nevertheless it is the latest addition of its kind to Silvis.

The store owned by Robert Baecke of East Moline and Wallace Roeschmann of Silvis is managed by Mr. Roeschmann. It is a member of the I.G.A. Legion market group. The Silvis Business Association welcome the new store to Silvis and glad to have it as a member of its organization.

## Eagle Lodge is Installing New Air Filter Equipment

Although not visible from the outside considerable work is being done to make the Silvis Eagles room at 821 First Avenue more comfortable for all who enter.

At considerable expense, a new air conditioning unit is being installed. The new unit which has a weight of 25 tons will allow a more even temperature to be maintained throughout the entire year and will give more pure air for those inside. The new unit will make summer days cooler for all and attendance for summer activities should increase considerably.

**Joe's Bootery**

Shoe Repairing

Complete Line of Shoes

And Rubber Footwear

1008 1st Ave. Tel. 2506-W1

**Suss Hardware**

Sherwin Williams Paint

714 1st Ave. Tel. Sil. 343

## French Car Sold By Local Dealer

Perhaps you have noticed the very small auto that have been making their appearance on the streets of Silvis lately. If so, no doubt you looked several times and still didn't know what kind of car it was. The strange-looking car with the motor in the rear is a French Renault imported to this country for sale to Americans. These cars can be seen at Smith's Cars and Trailers, 1440 First avenue, who are dealers for the French made auto in the quad city area.

Because of his expanding business Mr. Smith recently purchased the Griffith Service Garage at 1302 first avenue and now operates it as a Smith Garage.

Besides dealing in used cars and new trailers, Mr. Smith also has a midget racer which saw considerable action during the racing season just closed. The Smith-owned racer completed a very successful season having won many races at quad city and surrounding tracks.

## Expected Record Volume of Mail at Silvis Post Office

According to Monroe Hanneman, local postmaster, the volume of mail handled by the post office will reach an all time high during the Christmas holiday rush.

To offset the expected heavy mail and so that the people may receive their cards and packages before December 25th, one extra clerk and two extra carriers have been added to the regular staff.

Hannamen estimated that stamp sales will reach a new high in local post office history during the December quarter which consists of the months of October, November and December. Expected

## McKinley School Boast Best Rating from State

The Silvis elementary school consisting of kindergarten through grade eight carries the highest rating a school can receive from the State, it was revealed today by George O. Barr, superintendent. Three members of the faculty have Master's degrees. This gives us one of the best trained staffs of teachers of any elementary schools in the State, says Mr. Barr.

## Implement Company Begins Construction of Building

The Wiershing-Morrison Implement Company of East Moline recently began construction of a new home to be located on the south side of first avenue in the 1400 block.

This new building is to be of modern design and although work has been halted at present, it will be completed in the coming spring.

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**Jerry Auto Sales 809 1st Ave, Silvis**  
**New and Used Cars Tel. 811**

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**Blackstone Tavern**  
**Robert Peyvich**  
**721 1st Ave. Tel. 3031**

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**Silvis Auto Wreckers**  
**New and used Parts For All Cars**  
**401 1st Ave. Tel. 784**  
**Vernon (Red) Bein**

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Thank you to Joyce Swanson for handing me this piece of Silvis history. I hope everyone enjoyed reading a little bit of the Silvis's past as much as I have.

Mayor Matt Carter

## New LED Street Lights



The switch from high pressure sodium street lights to more energy efficient LED lights will continue in Silvis for the next few weeks. If you experience a street light out in your neighborhood. Please contact Mid American Energy [www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com) or 1-888-427-5632



## Silvis June Raffle Winners

\$300 Dan Mayborne

\$50 Ed Long

\$50 Nate Johnson

\$25 Troy Meyers/Dave Rice

\$25 Jeff Bernat

\$25 Dave Emerick

\$25 Freeburn Chiropractic

\$25 bonus winners: Pat Young/John VanHyning, Rea Fluegel, Kolin Mayborne, Barb Fox, Brian Lopez, Ella May Wenger/Dawn Daugherty, Eric Lindquist, Jessica Teichman, Caryn Unsicker, Lily Bromeland.



The City of Silvis would like to encourage all to write to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee and offer your thoughts on why you think Hero Street should be featured as a stamp!

Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee

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## Silvis Moonlight Parade August 25th

Float entry forms at  
City Hall



37th Annual Silvis Family Run  
Saturday, August 25th. Kiddie Run  
half mile run 8:00 am followed by the  
5K race at 8:30 am. Packet pick-up  
August 24th, 2-6 pm, Silvis Fire Sta-  
tion 2010 10th Street, or 6:30 am-  
8:15 am at the day of the race.