



Hawthorne Place
Neighborhood Association
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Life in Historic Hawthorne



Harlington Wood, Jr. (1920-2008) was universally admired as an individual of rare integrity and accomplishment. His career as a lawyer, judge and public servant took him around the world. But he chose to make central Illinois his home. His formative years were in Springfield. He grew up at 1404 Whittier. As a child he developed a fascination for photography. It would be a lifelong hobby. Cathryn Wood, Mrs. Harlington Wood, Jr., shares photos from the family albums beginning on page 4. The photograph above is from February 1943. Wood was on leave from the service. He is standing in front of the family home on Whittier with a view northward toward South Grand Avenue.

Winter Fest

(Sunday, December 5, 3 to 6 PM)

Plans are underway for a repeat of last year's winter fest with carriage rides, a holiday lighting contest, a bonfire, and a visit from St. Nick. Again, the center of activity will be the north end of Lowell just south of South Grand Avenue. A couple of homes will be open as warming and refreshment stations, features which, it is hoped, will encourage our older residents to attend this year's festivities. Do attend. It will be fun. A flyer with more details of the event will be distributed this week.



Hanging of the Greens

(Saturday, December 4, 10 AM)

Volunteers are always needed to help hang garlands and lights around the Hawthorne signs. The intent is to have everything on display for Winter Fest on the following day. Cookies and hot drinks will be available to all who volunteer on Saturday morning. This morning project will begin at Lowell & South Grand.

Luminary Display

(evening of December 24)

The neighborhood has not always been successful in getting every household to participate in the Christmas Eve luminary display. It has been a patchy effort and many candles went unused. This year there will be a different approach. The luminaries will only be set out around the four flower beds on the boulevard.



Mindy Bumgarner and Friends

"Big Ten" Neighborhood Picnic

A multi-neighborhood picnic took place on the school ground of Harvard Park on September 11. About 125 people attended the event. The evening included a potluck dinner, informational displays about the various neighborhoods and their histories, games for kids, an evening bonfire, and music provided by the South Fork Travelers and Mindy Bumgarner and Friends (pictured above.) Thanks to Marty Vandiver and Chris Oliver for representing Hawthorne Place in the planning of this event.

Movie Night



Judy Garland projected on two drop cloths and scaffolding.

Just as the movie was about to begin the rains came. It rained throughout the evening on September 18, effectively cancelling the entertainment. Defying defeat, the event was rescheduled three weeks later. It was a perfect evening. Grainne Mahoney popped

popcorn. Marty Vandiver prepared hot dogs. There were a variety of soft drinks in the coolers. Jeff Clines brought a bounce house for the enjoyment of our youngest neighbors. And there were film shorts along with the feature presentation of the 1939 family classic, *The Wizard of Oz*. Chris Oliver provided the sound system and the technical know-how. The “movie screen” was comprised of two drop cloths from Jim Huston’s garage which were then suspended on Mike Trojahn’s scaffolding. The entire event was organized by Mark Mahoney who pulled together simple, available resources with neighborhood participation. It was a fun evening and all at little cost. Maybe it can happen again next year.



The Mahoney family – Niamh, Grainne, and Cian - roasting marshmallows at the fire pit during “Movie Night in Hawthorne.”

Halloween in Hawthorne

For a second consecutive year the weather provided a perfect evening for trick or treaters. They were able to enjoy the outside as they journeyed from door-to-door. Many households got into the spirit of Halloween with lights, carved pumpkins, festive displays, and, of course, by handing out treats to the youngsters.



Among the most memorable costumes were this crayon set of Kate, Hannah, Grace, and Caroline Lambert., each representing a different color. Their father, Andy, was the Crayola box.

Next HPNA Board Meeting

(Wednesday, January 5, 7 PM)

There will be a Hawthorne Place Neighborhood Association board meeting at the home of Chelsy Hopper (1620 Holmes) on January 5. The board will be planning events and a budget for 2011. All are welcome.



1404 Whittier in 1937

The Harlington Wood Family in Hawthorne Place

Harlington Wood, Sr., (1884-1974) and his wife, Marie (1897-1984), moved to 1404 Whittier in 1926. They arrived with their only child, a six-year-old Harlington Wood, Jr. Mr. Wood had been raised on the family farm in Petersburg. He graduated from the University of Illinois Law School in 1908 and began practicing law in Springfield that same year. He would serve as a Sangamon County judge for sixteen years in four consecutive terms between 1934 and 1950. His son would write that his father campaigned for the office to keep his family secure through the years of the Great Depression and to fund Harlington Junior's education through college and law school. He was a widely admired jurist whose humanitarian reputation on the bench would be lauded in a 1948 issue of McCall's Magazine.

Harlington and Marie lived at 1404 Whittier from 1926 to 1959. Their son attended Lawrence School, Springfield High School, and the University of Illinois, and would eventually begin his own, even more remarkable career in law and public service.

The photographs in this issue of the neighborhood newsletter are from Harlington Wood, Junior's albums and from the early years of his family's residence in Hawthorne Place.



New in the neighborhood. Members of the Wood family gathered in back of 1404 Whittier.



1930: HW in a bathing suit



1937: the family's 1936 Packard



1920



1930



1941

Father & Son

They were each an only son but there was much more that they had in common. Both Harlington Wood Sr. & Jr. graduated from the University of Illinois. They both lettered in athletics. They both received law degrees from the U of I. They practiced law together. Senior would serve as a county judge. Junior would serve as a federal judge. They were both six feet four inches tall. That height was Lincoln's height and they were both described as Lincolnesque in their demeanor.

Harlington, Jr., who would leave the military with the rank of major, had been present at the 1945 surrender of Japanese forces in the Philippines. In 1958, he was appointed U. S. attorney for the Southern District of Illinois by President Eisenhower. Several higher federal appointments would follow by Presidents Nixon and Ford. He earned wide respect for his peacemaking efforts as head of the civil division of the U. S. Department of Justice, particularly in the Native American armed occupation of Alcatraz Island in 1969 and at the Wounded Knee reservation in 1973.

Harlington, Jr. was an associate judge on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit from 1976 until his death in 2008. He retired from active service on that court in 2003. He was also an inveterate traveler, making three trips around the world.

In the last year of his life, Harlington Wood, Jr., with the help of his wife Cathryn, related events from his remarkable life in *An Unmarked Trail: The Odyssey of a Federal Judge*.



February 1938: Jack Supthin and Ed Feldhausen jumping for the basketball.

These photographs may suggest a Norman Rockwell America. But they also illustrate a total engagement with life, of mind and body and friendships. Many years later, Harlingrton Wood, Jr., would remark to a high school assembly of the importance of preparing for the possibilities of the future and of how "friends and events make big differences in real life."



Summer 1938: Bob Phillips in HW's chug built in 1934.



Spring 1939: "plane crash" in Monk's yard
A photo which begs for explanation.



June 1939: Worm Weld in the iron horse built for polo practice.

HW, Jr., was the captain of the polo team at the U of I. He had a lifelong interest in horses and horsemanship.



1939: HW horse jumping



May 1937: Ed Feldhausen (above) and HW, Jr., practiced jumping in the back yard. The long-legged HW. Sr., had excelled in the high jump at the U of I.



1937: Worm Weld & Ed Feldhausen studying in HW's room.



1938: Economics class at SHS: Pete Milligan, Chick Chapin & Jack Catlin



May 1938: Ed Feldhausen eating spaghetti prepared over a fire at Carpenter Park. The Feldhausens lived next door to the Wood family on Whittier.

Harlington Wood's friendships of his youth were friendships of his entire life.



February 1938: HW shooting a basket.



March 1938: HW in costume for “Wutzel Flummery,” a play for drama class. Fourteen years later he would portray Lincoln in *Forever This Land* at New Salem, for which he received a positive review from Brooks Atkinson in the *New York Times*.



May 1938: HW with dog on front porch on way to high school graduation.



May 1938: “taken of myself by myself during the graduation services on the stage of SHS.”

In 1974, Harlington Wood, Jr., was elected to the Springfield High School Hall of Fame.



Summer 1938: Governor Henry Horner (1878-1940) at the funeral of former Lt. Governor John Oglesby (1873-1938) in Elkhart.



Summer 1938: Douglas “Wrong Way” Corrigan (1907-1995) at the corner of Whittier and South Grand. Corrigan was one of the builders of Lindbergh’s *Spirit of St. Louis*. When, in July of 1938, he flew from New York to Ireland instead of New York to California, he certainly knew where he was going. But the stunt brought him enormous publicity.



Summer 1939: Crown Prince Olaf (1903-1991) of Norway in front of the Leland Hotel.



Thanksgiving 1937: Mr. & Mrs. Wood



January 1940: Mrs. Wood and son in HW's room – just before going back to U of I.

Senator Dick Durbin wrote of Harlington Wood, Jr., that he “left his mark not just on this attorney (Durbin), but on our nation. Abe Lincoln was his hero and Wood played him convincingly in local theatre. But his connection with that great Prairie lawyer is more than just a dramatic pose. Harlington Wood’s public life brought this great Lincoln tradition to his courtrooms and to all who were fortunate to share his journey.”

These photos are but a glimpse from the earliest years of that journey.



May 1938: Wood family at Lake Springfield



Christmas 1940: Mr. & Mrs. Wood



February 1943: HW, Jr. & Mark Foutch in front of 1404 Whittier.

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HAWTHORNE PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

What is it? – The Hawthorne Place Neighborhood Association is an organization for residents of Whittier, Lowell and Holmes between South Grand and Laurel – the boundaries of the 1902 Hawthorne Place subdivision. The organization advocates for the neighborhood, sponsors social activities, and is a forum for working on neighborhood issues.

History – The Hawthorne Place Neighborhood Association held its first meeting at Laurel Methodist Church on October 27, 1994. The organization grew out of the effort to get a stop sign installed at Holmes and Cedar. Neighbors discovered the benefits of a group effort and a group voice.

How to join – Membership is \$20 per family for a first time membership and \$10 per family for a renewing membership. To join, contact Membership chair Burnell Heinecke (522-3842). Also, let Burnell know if you do not want to be listed in the neighborhood directory.

Directories – Neighborhood directories are available to members. Contact your block captain if you need a directory.

Neighborhood Officer – Hawthorne Place is protected by the Springfield Police Department. Donald Bevins, our Neighborhood Police Officer, can be reached at 741-0988. If there is an emergency situation call 911.

Alderman – Hawthorne Place is in Ward 6. Our alderman is Mark Mahoney. He can be reached by phone (544-7944), email (mmahoney67@hotmail.com), or regular mail (1520 Lowell).

Webpage – www.hawthorneplace.us
The webpage is maintained by Chris Oliver.

Newsletter – The neighborhood newsletter is published quarterly. And the newsletter is self-supporting – thanks to our advertisers. Three cheers to them! Rates are \$10 per issue for a business card space or \$40 per year. Interested? Call Marty Vandiver, the HPNA treasurer, at 523-3544.

Block Captains – The neighborhood is divided into six “blocks,” with block captains elected to represent each block on the association board. The blocks consist of the north or south section of a street, separated by Cedar Street. Three block captains are elected each year to a two-year term at the annual meeting in the spring.

The following is a list of the current block captains.

N. Holmes
Beth Faulkner – 1420 Holmes (744-0295)

S. Holmes
Chelsy Hopper – 1620 Holmes (528-7110)

N. Lowell
Beth & Mike Trojahn - 1314 Lowell
(744-7303)

N. Whittier
Lindsey Trojahn – 1317 Whittier (789-1315)

S. Whittier
Linda Riebling – 1500 Whittier (523-1450)
Marty Vandiver – 1528 Whittier
(523-3544)

Jim Huston – 1524 Lowell (528-5256)
(HPNA newsletter since 2006)

Volunteer. Get involved.
Your neighborhood needs you.