

Brimfield

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**Jeanne (Clark) Challacombe**  
Interviewed 7 April 2022

# Clark Family and Birth Home

John and Genevieve (Maher) Clark



Photo from Jeanne Challacombe collection.

Hamilton House – 19014 U.S. Route 150, Brimfield



Photo taken by Diane Minor, April 2022



# Clark Family homes



227 North Adams Street, Brimfield  
(Lot where Clark family home stood in  
1930s and 1940s.)



224 North Galena Ave, Brimfield



# Brimfield Grade School, Brimfield, Illinois



From the Charlotte Fletcher collection.

# Artistic Talents



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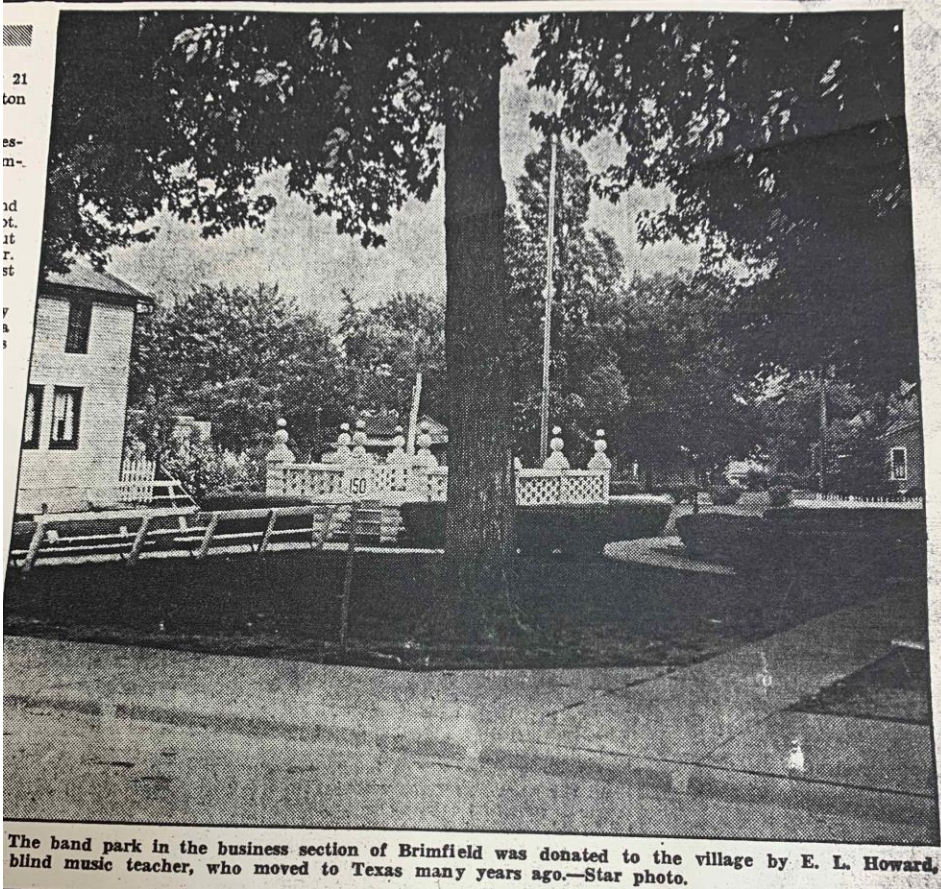


# Old Settlers – Behind Old High School





# Fire at St Joseph's Church – May, 1948



Church photo from the Charlotte Fletcher collection.





# Marriage and Family



Kenneth and Jeanne Challacombe  
Photo from the Jeanne Challacombe collection.



Challacombe Home – 305 W Clay, Brimfield  
Photo by Diane Minor



# Correspondent for the *Brimfield News* First Edition

Previous  
correspondent  
was Sara  
Maher.

# THE BRIMFIELD NEWS

BRIMFIELD, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1961

MRS. KENNETH CHALLACOMBE, CORRESPONDENT, PHONE 3522

## Announce High School Honor Rolls For Fifth Six Weeks

Honor rolls for the fifth six weeks of the school year have been announced at Brimfield high school. There are 15 students on the A honor roll and 16 on the B honor roll.

Students on the A honor roll are: Seniors: Ellen Brumling, Carol Cluskey, Betty Rae Harlan, Anita Hasselbacher, and Darlene Nauman. Juniors: Jean DeWulf and Judy Schlink.

Sophomores: Martha Carroll, Janet Cluskey, Terry Dunagan, Sam Neilson, Joyce Pullen, and Kay Stretch. Freshmen: John Aller and John Ooon.

Students on the B honor roll are: Senior: Mary Joan Hayes. Juniors: Sharon Beyer, Fred Cluskey, Thelma Courtwright, Mary Mills, Jacquelyn Stahl, and Teresa Streitmatter.

Sophomores: Judy Aller, Ronnie Johnston, Joyce Mills, and Sara Smith. Freshmen: George Brumling, Marilyn Johnson, Michael Miller, Eleanor Savage, and Rose Streitmatter.

\*Students carrying five academic subjects.

## Last Rites For Mrs. Leah Curran Are Held Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Leah Curran were held Thursday, April 20, at 2 p.m. from the Patterson Funeral Home with Rev. Thomas Lindeman officiating. Russell Remme played "Beyond the Sunset" and "Whispering

## News Of Brimfield High Senior Class

The seniors are reaching their goal of selling 200 yearbooks. They now have only ten yearbooks left. If you wish to buy one, contact Anita Hasselbacher as soon as possible. The price is \$2.00 down, \$1.50 when you receive your yearbook.

The class also wishes to thank everyone who made their April 20 dance a success. There was a very good turn-out and they made \$40.00.

The class has been working on many varied projects this semester to raise the necessary money for the trip they are planning to Colorado Springs, Colo. They are scheduled to leave Galesburg by train May 28 for a five day trip. They plan to visit Pike's Peak and the United States Air Force Academy.

## Community Calendar

April 27—Legion Auxiliary in Legion Hall at 10:30 a.m. Potluck dinner.

April 27—Blue Cross circle in the home of Mrs. Gerald Heinz at 1:30. Charles Marks at 2 p.m.

April 28—Three Table Pinochle Club meets.

April 28—Senior class play at 8 p.m. in high school auditorium.

April 29—Awards banquet. May 1—F.H.A. style show. May 1—Village meeting.

May 2—Home Bureau meeting at Wilma Kratzer's.

May 3—Two Table Pinochle Club meets.

May 3—Pinochle Club meets. May 4—H meeting. May 4—600 Club meets.

## 400 Attend Mothers Club Variety Show Which Nets \$200

A crowd of 400 attended the Brimfield School Mothers Club variety show Saturday night in the high school gym. The club reports a profit of approximately \$200.00 on the affair. The money will be used to benefit the children of the Brimfield schools. Last year the group purchased a movie projector for use in the grade school.

Betty Hasselbacher, the general chairman, would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and help which was so necessary for the program being such a great success. A special thanks to Rev. E. C. Tolch and the Peoria Musical Co. for the beautiful organ music, Donald Bride for his excellent sound system, and to Terry Dunagan and Mary Nell Archibald for their choreography.

The final meeting of the year will be a potluck picnic in Jubilee park at 12:30 Wednesday, May 10.

## Churches

**BRIMFIELD UNION**  
Rev. Henry Hansen, pastor  
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Mrs. John Tucker, superintendent.

Church services at 11 a.m. Sermon topic "Christianity and Democracy."

Sunday, May 7, Resurrection Faith (Ascension Sunday).

Sunday, May 7, Junior Pilgrim Fellowship tea.

May 23-4, Annual state conference in Springfield, minister and two delegates to attend.

## Senior Play To Be Presented Friday

Don't forget the senior class play being presented in the high school auditorium this Friday, April 28. The play, entitled *The Little Foxes*, is being directed by Miss Helen France, and the cast includes many members of the senior high class. Donation 35c for grade school, and 65c for adults.

The play is a three act drama set in the South in the spring of 1900.

## Funeral Services For Harland E. Pemble Are Held Saturday

Harland E. (Scout) Pemble, 79, a resident of Brimfield for 54 years, passed away in the Methodist hospital in Peoria at 1:20 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 1961. He had been in failing health about a year and a half.

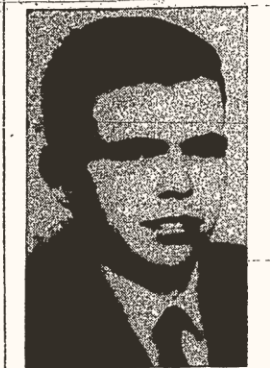
Mr. Pemble had been employed by the Brimfield Telephone Co. for 25 years and for many years had been Brimfield fire chief.

He was born in Jubilee township September 11, 1881, a son of James and Mary Cavender Pemble. He married Clara Wizeman in Peoria May 15, 1907.

Surviving are his wife in Brimfield; seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Ten brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Taylor-Schreiner Funeral Home in Brimfield with Rev. Henry Hansen officiating. Mrs. Murray Miller was the organist. Pallbearers were Murray Miller, Hugh Bowman, John Fox, William Thomas,

## Winner Of DeKalb Ag Accomplishment Award For 1961



Gerald Carroll has been announced as the winner of the 1961 DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award given to outstanding agriculture sponsors. To receive this award, he excelled in scholarship, leadership, and farm program activities during his four years in high school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carroll of Brimfield. Gerald attends Brimfield high school and has been FFA president; chairman of committees; section V sentinel; 4-H president; Peoria County treasurer and vice president. He attended the FFA state and national conventions; and director of the Peoria county for American Junior Angus

## Awards Banquet To Be Held Saturday

The awards banquet will be held in the high school auditorium Saturday, April 29. There will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a musical program presented by the students. Leo Traister, teacher from Eureka college, will be the guest speaker.

Presentation of the awards, earned for various achievements during the school year by the students, will be the special event of the evening.

## Will Hold Exam For Rural Carrier For Local Post Office

An examination for rural carrier for the post office in Brimfield will be open for acceptance of applications until May 29, 1961, the Commission announced today.

Applicants must take a written test for this position. They must have resided within the delivery of the office for one year immediately preceding the closing date of the examination. In addition, they must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date for acceptance of applications. There is no maximum age limit. However, persons who have passed the age of 70 may be considered only for temporary renewable appointments of one year.

Complete information about the examination requirements and instructions for filing applications may be obtained in the Brimfield post office. Application forms must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. and must be

## Funeral Services For Mrs. Myers, 77, Are Held Saturday

Mrs. Bertha R. Myers, 77, died at 11:40 a.m. Thursday in the Bellwood Nursing Home.

She was born December 28, 1882, in Elba Center in Salem township, Knox county, the daughter of Miles and Elizabeth King Sexton. She was married to Charles Edward Myers in April 1904. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two children, Orval Myers of Farmington and Mrs. Doris Murphy of Manito, four grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

She lived most of her life in the Brimfield, Laura, and Elmwood vicinity.

Funeral services were Saturday in the Patterson Funeral Home. Rev. Thomas Lindeman, pastor of Elmwood Methodist church, officiated. Burial was in the Elmwood cemetery.

## High School Band To Give Concert In Gym Friday, May 5

The concert band of Brimfield high school will present a concert of selected band music for your listening enjoyment in the high school gym Friday, May 5, at 8 p.m.

The program will be selected from the following musical compositions.

March Onward by Ernst Lathold, Tocatta for Band by Frank Erickson, Lustspiel by Karel Bala, Blue-Tango by Leroy Anderson, I'm Always Chasing Rainbows by McCarthy and Carroll, Night Beat by Harold Walters, Over the Rainbow by Harburg and



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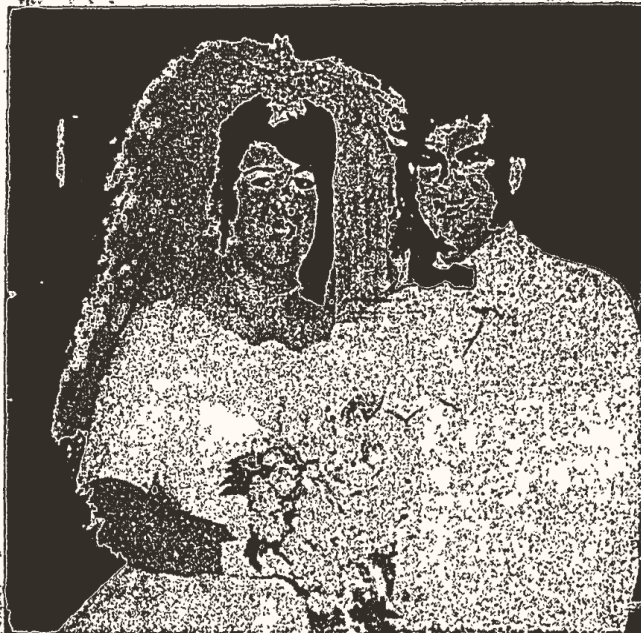
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correspondent was  
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## THE BRIMFIELD NEWS

BRIMFIELD, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1964

MRS. KENNETH CHALLACOMBE, CORRESPONDENT, PHONE 3622

### Are United In Marriage June 27



### Completes First Phase Of Training

United in marriage June 27 in the Methodist church in Brimfield were Betty Joan Salyers of Peoria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Salyers of Biggsville, and George Richard Archibald of Brimfield, son of Mr. and Mrs.



**WILLIAMSFIELD ST. JAMES**  
Rev. Thomas C. Harrison, pastor  
Mass every Sunday at 9 a.m. with confessions before mass.

**BRIMFIELD UNION**  
Rev. Kenneth Stuckey, pastor  
Sunday school at 9 45 a.m. Jim Munton, superintendent.  
Church services at 11 a.m.

**BRIMFIELD ST. JOSEPH'S**  
Rev. Thomas C. Harrison, pastor  
Mass every Sunday at 7.30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Week day masses at 7 30 a.m.  
Confession heard before all masses  
First Friday masses August 7 are at 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**BRIMFIELD METHODIST**  
Rev. Wayne Nordstrom, minister  
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Robert Howard, superintendent.  
Church services at 10 45 a.m.

**ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
Brimfield



### Shown Below Is Another Group Of Future Leaders Of The Brimfield Community



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Here is the fifth group of "Future Citizens" of Brimfield. In the top left are the three children of Mr. and

ation	3,000.00
(d) For Fire Chief's Compensation	600.00
Total salaries	4,000.00
5. For insurance:	
(a) For Workmen's Compensation insurance on firemen	175.00
(b) For insurance on fire trucks	375.00
(c) For insurance on fire house	60.00
(d) For public liability insurance	50.00
(e) For personal accident insurance on firemen	190.00
Total insurance	850.00
6. For upkeep of fire house:	
(a) For telephone	350.00
(b) For heat	450.00
(b) For heat	450.00
(d) For supplies	100.00
(e) For electricity	175.00
(f) For sewer connections	400.00
Total upkeep of fire house	1,515.00
7. For upkeep of radio equipment	200.00
8. For new fire fighting-equipment	7,000.00
9. For construction of addition to fire house -	6,200.00
10. For miscellaneous and-contingent corporate expenses	350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,238.00</b>



# Village of Brimfield – A Family Affair



Photo by Diane Minor

### Brimfield Annual Report

**Village of Brimfield Annual Report  
Treasurer's Report from May 1, 1975  
to April 30, 1976**

<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		McDougal Hartman	6,724.88
Balance on hand May 1, 1975	\$4,448.66	K F M Engineers	971.50
Revenue:		Long Rock Co.	40.20
Sales Tax	\$13,773.63		\$8,638.34
Income Tax	8,113.85	Balance on hand April 30, 1976	\$4,168.82
Peoria County Treas	18,753.38	DELUXE PASSBOOK	\$4,450.53
Licenses	327.00	<b>CONSTRUCTION &amp; IMPROVEMENT AC- COUNT:</b>	
Insurance refunds	73.58	Balance on hand May 1, 1975	\$1,097.69
Copies of police tickets	10.00	Revenue: Tax Money	1,002.98
Fines	215.00		\$2,100.65
Collectors refund	231.88	Paid Out	
From savings	4,000.00	Savings	1,000.00
Ill Mun League, Fire Ins Co	282.83	Bicentennial Committee	100.00
Back tax	104.11	Miracle Mart, rock	98.70
Forfeit tax	31.43		\$1,198.70
Polling place rent	25.00	Balance on hand April 30, 1976	\$ 901.95
Library Soc Sec	222.32	DELUXE SAVINGS \$1,032.39	
Water & Sewer Soc Sec	1,000.22	CD	\$5,824.80
Water & Sewer Fed WHT	123.90	CD - \$5,824.80	
Water & Sewer State WHT	53.19	CD - \$5,824.80	
Culvert sold	36.00	CD - \$7,613.65	
Total Revenue	47,357.32	<b>GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ACCOUNT:</b>	
	\$51,805.98	Balance on hand May 1, 1975	\$2,209.44

Paid Out  
 Central Ill Light Co  
 General Telephone  
 Kenneth Challacombe, Supt  
 Jeanne Challacombe Collector  
 Keith Challacombe, labor  
 K F M Engineers  
 Jeanne Challacombe, postage  
 William Rodenbeck, labor

Paid Out  
 Robert Kreiter, police  
 Milt Rasmussen, police  
 Scott Kedzior, police  
 Jeanne Challacombe, clerk & sec  
 Kenneth Allen, mayor  
 Robert Powers, trustee  
 James Coon, trustee  
 Robert Luedtke, trustee  
 Don Bride, trustee  
 Morris Crocker, trustee  
 Donald Doering, trustee  
 Glenn Barnes, trustee  
 Marie McCoy, treas  
 Kenneth Challacombe, superintendent  
 George Wyman, crossing guard  
 Lewis Aldrich, crossing guard  
 William Rodenbeck, labor  
 Kent Montag, labor  
 John Clark, labor  
 Keith Challacombe, labor  
 Orville Hasselbacher, labor  
 Mark Catton, labor  
 Steve Elliott, labor



Interviewee: Jeanne (Clark) Challacombe

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