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Charlene (Martzluf) Kelley
Interviewed 15 July 2022

Class of 1959 – Charlene (Martzluf) Kelley



50th Wedding Anniversary Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martzluf observed their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at noon Sunday, Oct. 20th, followed by a surprise celebration of relatives and friends from 2 to 5 p.m. 1974
They were married in Peoria Oct. 23. They have one daughter Mrs. David (Charlene) Kelley of Tustin, Cal. and three grandsons David, Jeffry and Thomas.

Brimfield Grade School, Brimfield, Illinois



From the Charlotte Fletcher collection.

Community Building, Brimfield, Illinois



Old Settlers – Behind Old High School





Union Church
Brimfield, Illinois

From the Charlene Fletcher collection.

Lucky's Grill – north side of Knoxville, Brimfield, Illinois



Old Settlers Parade 1945

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Lucky's Grill – north side of Knoxville, Brimfield, Illinois



Old Settler's Parade – 1945; Lucksy's Grill in background on right.

Lucky's Grill – north side of Knoxville, Brimfield, Illinois (undated and unknown man)

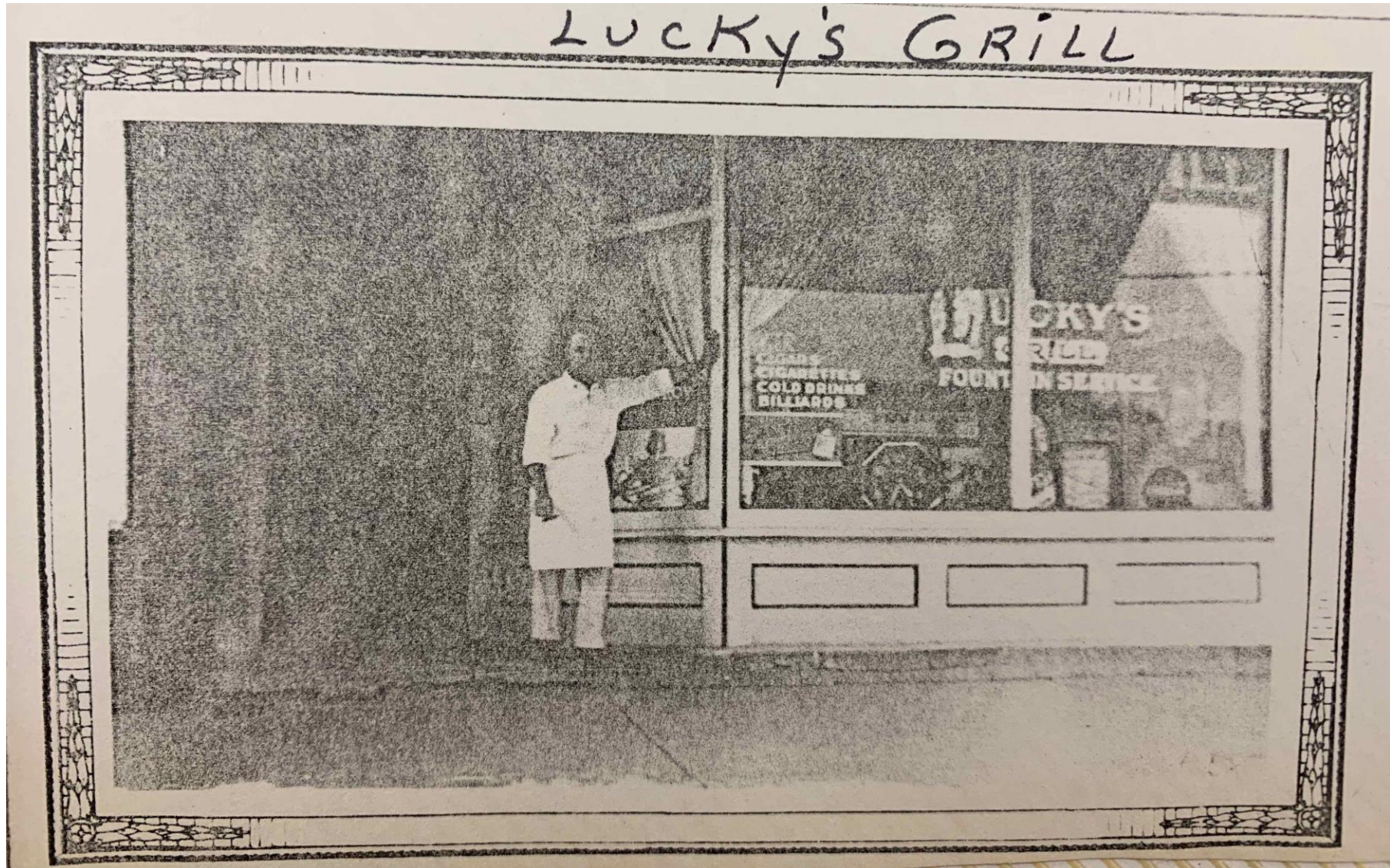



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Lucky's Grill In the *Brimfield News*.....

Ladies' League			
Lucky's Grill	60	18	51396
Ewatts Recreation	53	28	56733
Vale's Market	51	30	57867
Brimfield Elevator	46	35	56634
Midway Tap	35	46	56678
Welcome Inn	28	53	54294
Jerry's Service	25	56	53385
Dinga Lumber	24	54	51440
Hi game	L Cady	177	
High Series	L Cady	413	

Bowling League Standings, *Brimfield News*, 26 Apr 1951, p. 4, col. 3.



to one
and
all
Joy at

YULETIDE

"Let not one heart be sad today,
May every child be glad and gay,
God bless thy children, great and
small,
In lowly hut or castle hall,
And may each soul keep festival
At Christmastime."

We wish all of our
friends a

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

Lucky's Grill

Charlie Martzluf, Prop.

Lucky's Grill advertisement, *Brimfield News*, 20 Dec 1945, p. 8, col. 2.

The Lucky Grill operated by Charlie Martzluf, has been closed for redecoration a few days, but opened up resplendent in a new color scheme Wednesday.

Lucky Grill, *Brimfield News*, 9 May 1946.

Parkside Café – southside of Knoxville, Brimfield, Illinois



Knoxville Avenue – looking east



From the Charlotte Fletcher collection.

Parkside Café In the *Brimfield News*.....

Mr and Mrs Willard Gibson and Judy will soon be moving to Williams field, where they have purchased a home. Mr and Mrs Charlie Martzlef have leased the **Parkside** Cafe, and are now operating the restaurant.

Everybody's Business, *Brimfield News*, 7 Aug 1952, p 4, col. 2.

Parkside Cafe

Open every day from 5:30 a m to 11:00 p m. Regular meals and short orders. Week end specials—Steak Fish, Chicken. Special Sunday dinner.

"Parkside Café," *Brimfield News*, 22 Apr 1954, p. 4, col. 4.

Change in **Parkside** Restaurant Management

Mr and Mrs Robert Doran and two sons are moving into the **Parkside** Cafe this week, having purchased the restaurant from Mrs Ethel Pollock. Mrs Doran has been employed in the restaurant for the past six months and will assume the proprietorship on July 1. Since coming to Brimfield early in 1954 Mrs Pollock has made many improvements in the building, redecorating the main room and installing a new floor.

The Doran's plan to continue the improvement and expect to provide the community with good food served in pleasant surroundings.

"Change in Parkside Restaurant Management," *Brimfield News*, 30 Jun 1955, p. 1, col. 5.

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The band park in the business section of Brimfield was donated to the village by E. L. Howard, blind music teacher, who moved to Texas many years ago.—Star photo.

Saturday Night Movies

DEDICATION



We, the 1964 senior class of Brimfield High School, dedicate this yearbook to our faithful custodians, Mr. Lewis Denny Aldrich and Mr. Charles Dewey Martzluf. They put in many hard and long hours a day in order to keep our school running efficiently. Besides doing their jobs faithfully and well, they are always friendly and willing to help out. They are often up here late at night while we have our play practices and many other school events. They are very hard working and well deserve this recognition.

WE SALUTE MR. ALDRICH AND MR. MARTZLUF!

Chieftain, 1964, yearbook of Brimfield High School (Illinois), p. 2, dedication to Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Martzluf.

Brimfield High School

All Other Salaried Personnel:

Robert Shipley	-----	\$	50 00
Henry DeVries	-----		80.00
Kathryn Linn	-----		96.25
Jane Sauerwein	-----		35 00
Mary Best	-----		35 00
Barbara Fitzsimmons	---		768 75
Ann Cox	-----		35 00
Kathryn Cluskey	-----		157 50
Mary Louise Jensen	-----		2 700 00
Charles Martzluf	-----		3,540 00
Lewis Aldrich	-----		3,900 00
Joseph Blundy	-----		250 00
Harriett Peters	-----		300 00

Annual Financial Statement for Brimfield Unit No. 309, *Brimfield News*, 21, Nov 1963, p. 1, col. 6.

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