

Brimfield

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History

Project



Henry Peters

Interviewed 11 February 2023

Growing up

3 Year old

Farm

BIG family

Lutheran Church

Bramble School

Brimfield High School

...with the refreshing process.

Little three year old Henry Peters is ill with pneumonia. This is the boy's third experience with this disease, as he had it twice last winter

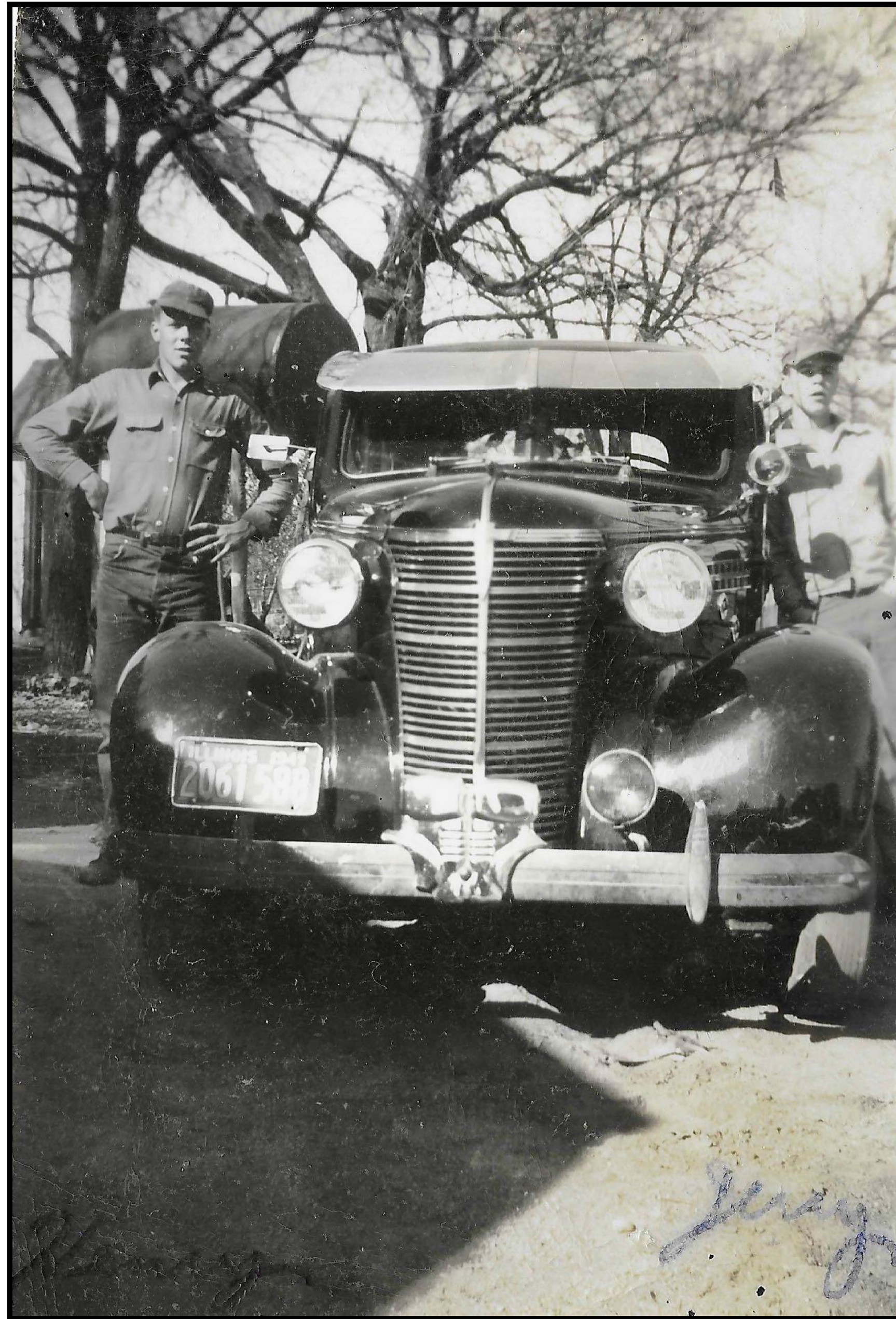
Brimfield News, page 4, Thursday, Nov 21, 1935,
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Current farm at Harry H Peters Farm off Thousand Dollar Road.
Photo by kmhanks





Left: Henry's car 1948,
Middle: Henry,
Right-basketball hoop on barn
Photos courtesy of Henry Peters



Photos show barnyard, old cars,
Basketball hoop





Above: Harry Peters Sr. (father), 1939 Hudson

Right: Henry

Photos courtesy of Henry Peters

Peters Family
Harry H. Sr.
and Sena A.
Behrends
Peters

1942
Photo from Wilma
Shipley



Hilda 24 yrs, Reika 22 yrs, Heye 21 yrs, Viola 19 yrs, Carrie 17 yrs, Henrietta 15 yrs, Wilma 8 yrs, Henry 11 yrs, Harry Jr. 12 yrs, Everett 4 yrs Ralph 1yr.



The Harry Sr & Sena Peters family

Front: Sena (mother), Harry Sr (father); Middle L-R: Viola, Carrie, Hilda, Rieka, Wilma, Henrietta; Back L-R: Heye Sr, Ralph, Harry Jr, Henry, Everett; probably 50th anniversary 1967

Spouses of the Peters children: Mrs. Frank (Viola) Binder, Mrs. Virgil (Carrie) Hanlon, Mrs. Wayne (Hilda) Stretch, Mrs. Carl (Rieka) Schmitt, Mrs. Wilma (Robert) Shipley, Mrs. Leonard (Henrietta) Asbell, Harry (Phyllis Erikson) Peters, Heye H. (Darlene Bigger) Peters Sr., Ralph (Joyce Plack) Peters, Henry (Harriett Clark) Peters, Everett (Jeanne Terry) Peters

Photos courtesy⁶ of Henry Peters



Harry Sr & Sena Peter's at Fairview Farms.

L-R Front: Wilma, Henrietta, Sena (mother), Harry Sr (father), Hilda, Viola; Back L-R: Heye Sr, Ralph, Henry, Reika, Carrie, Harry, Everett. Labeled 70th wedding anniversary, but make not be correct.



St. Paul Lutheran Church, Brimfield, IL
Photo taken 2021 KmHanks

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peters, Ricky be
and Lori, Mrs. Frank Binder, and th
Billy. Mr and Mrs. Heye Peters, Heye P
Jr and Mary Lou, Mrs. Virgil Hanlon, m
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peters, and Mr re
and Mrs. Robert Shipley, Stephen, re

David and Barbara were among the
many that attended the dedication of
the tower carillon in St. John's Luth-
eran church Sunday and the reception
in honor of the 55th wedding anni-
versary of Mr and Mrs. Claus Heuer-
mann at the Fairview Farm. Mrs.
Heuermann is a sister of Mrs. Harry
Peters.

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MEMBERS UNIT MEETS

Princeville Telephone, page 5,
Thursday, May 19, 1966, retrieved
online [brimfield.advantage-
preservation.com](http://brimfield.advantage-preservation.com)

Harry Peters Sr. Memorials (1975)
Donated to St. Paul Lutheran Church
For the chimes. You can still hear them today.

Abandoned School W. of
Kickapoo on Rt. 150



**Bramble School
District 48
Near Jubilee Road, Rt 150**

All the Peters children attended
This one room country school
House. It no longer exists.

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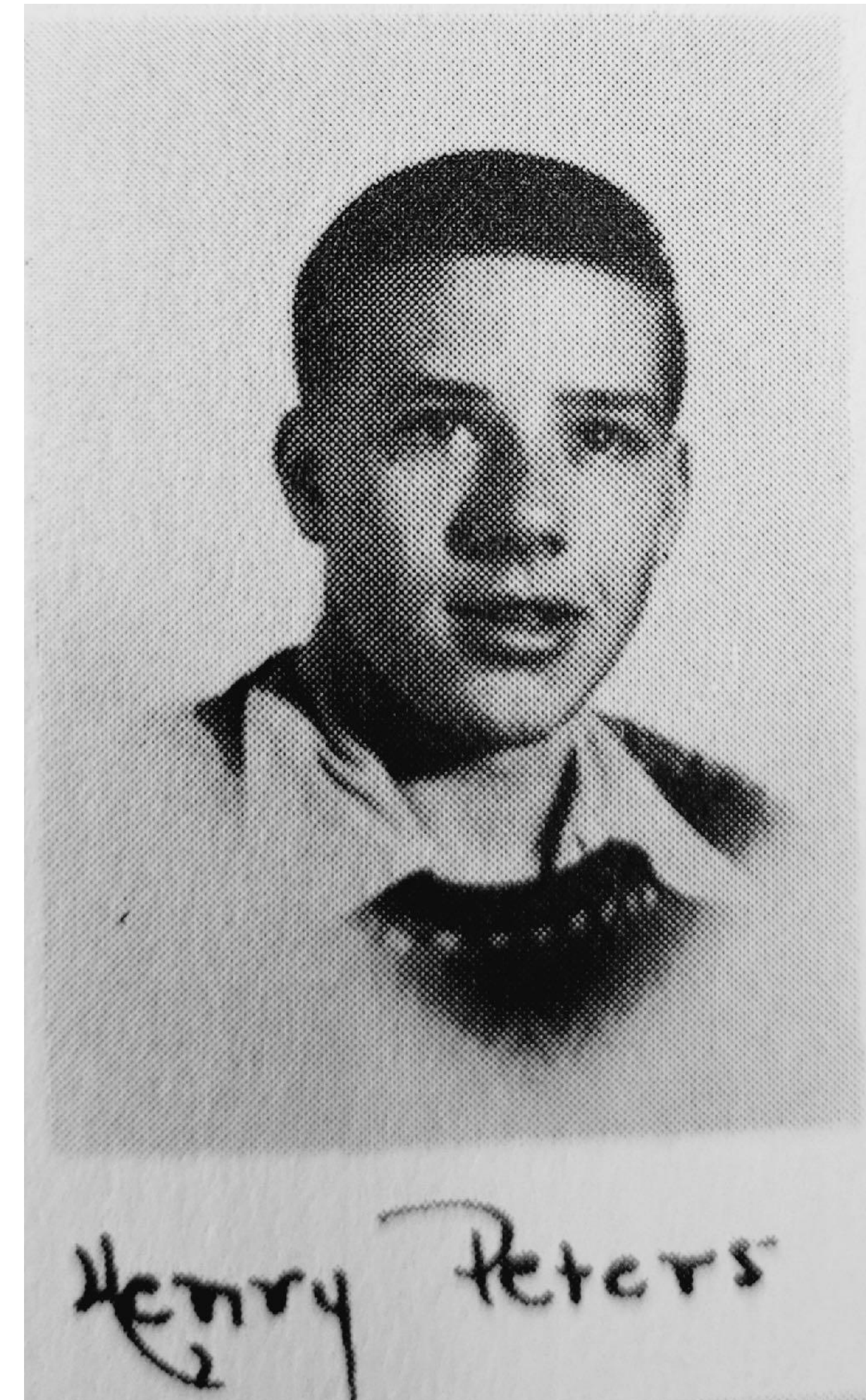
Bramble School
Top Row: **Reaka Peters,**
Hilda Peters, Kathryn
Reents, Edna Holmes,
Willard Hasselbacher, Lowell
Notkze, Roy Hasselbacher,
Eileen Fussner, Ruth
Hasselbacher, Teresa
Fussier, Dorothy Notkze,
Edwin Hasselbacher, Harold
Fussner, Merle Johnson,
Heye Peters, William
Fussner, **Henrietta Peters,**
Carl Hasselbacher, Clifford
Hasselbacher, **Viola Peters,**
Rosalia Fussner, Pauli
Johnson

Bramble School

Photo from Wilma Peters Shipley. Used with
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Brimfield High School Class of 1950

Unfortunately no BHS yearbook exists for the year 1950. Henry tells us that no teacher would volunteer to sponsor the publication. The 1949 yearbook *The Spectator* does exist, but most of the group photos had no name labels.



Henry Peters, 1949 yearbook photo
1949 *The Spectator* was found in the Brimfield Public Library

1949 Brimfield FFA Chapter

2nd row from back,
L-R: ?, ?, ?,

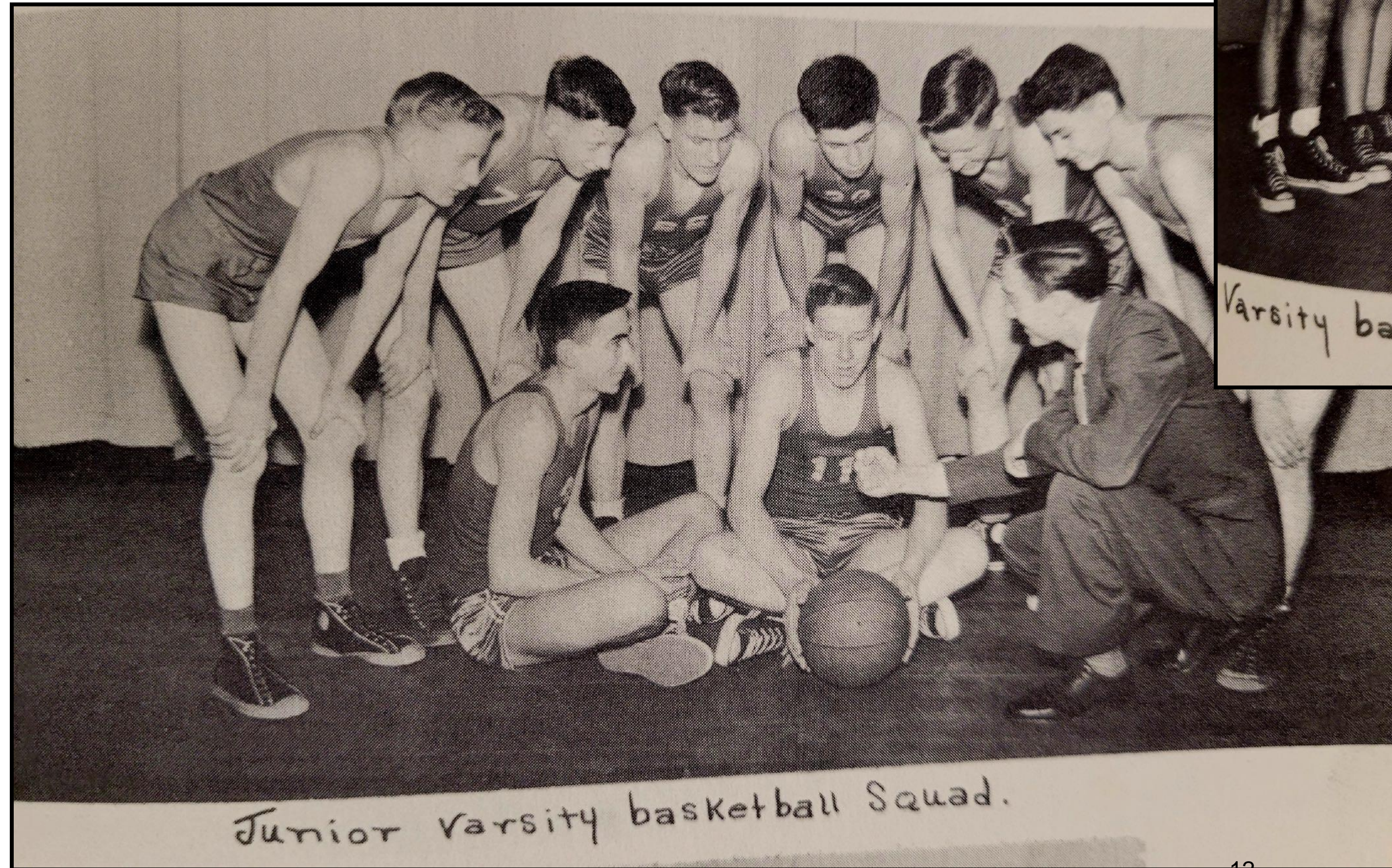
Jim Reed, Henry
Peters, Jack Sloan, ?
Coach,



The Spectator yearbook 1949
Brimfield High School
Junior Varsity Basketball team
Henry Peters holding BB in front
Photo below



Varsity basketball Squad and cheerleaders.



Junior Varsity basketball Squad.

Spectator yearbook 1949
Brimfield High School
Varsity BB
L-R: George Wagner, Henry Peters,
? Ray Hanlon, ? ? ? ? Dick Reinhart, Jim Reed ?

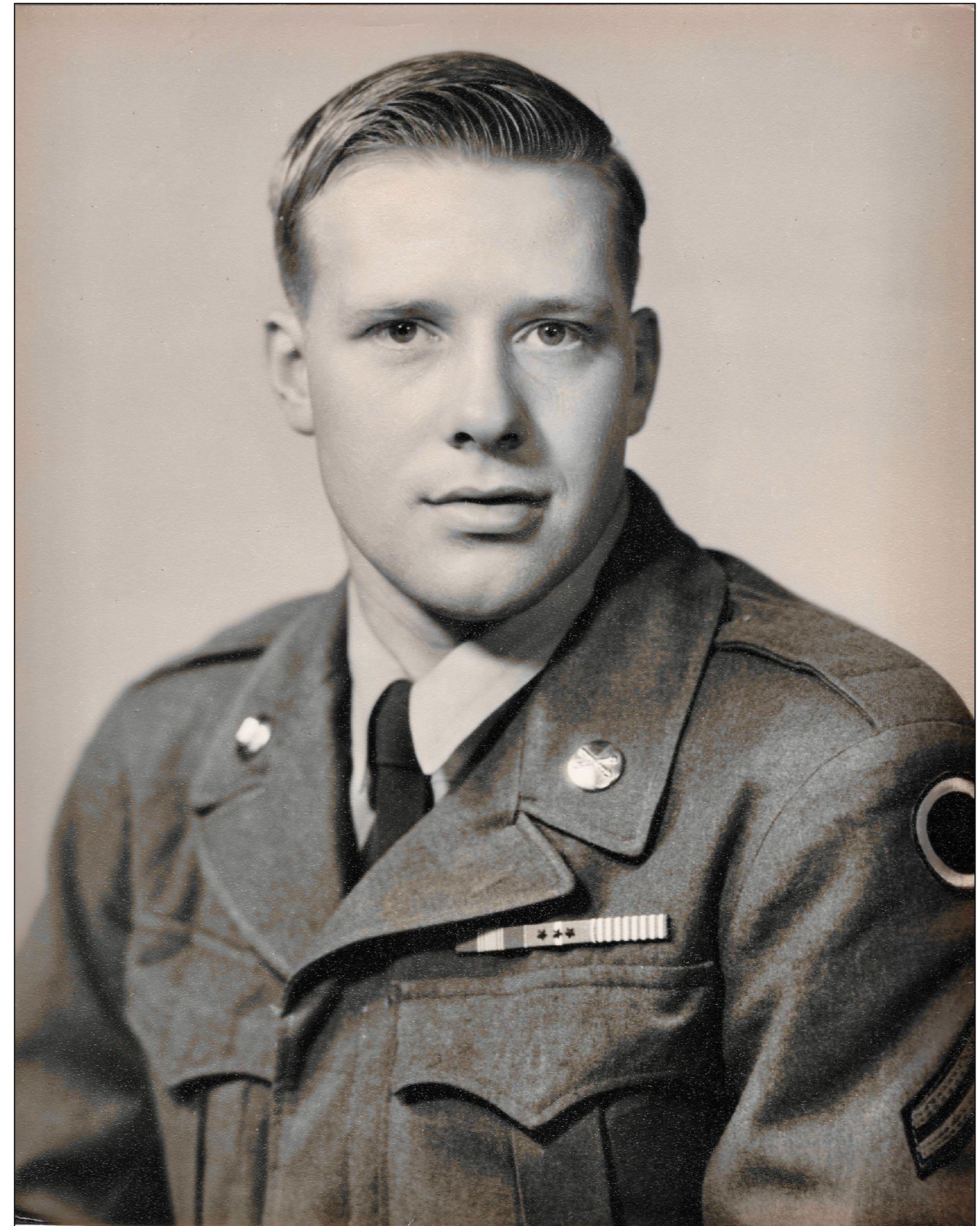
Military Service

Harriet Clark was hostess Saturday night to a large group of young friends honoring Henry Peters, who leaves Tuesday for military service

Page 1, Brimfield News, June 19, 1952,
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Recently returned from Korean duty and released from the army is Henry Peters

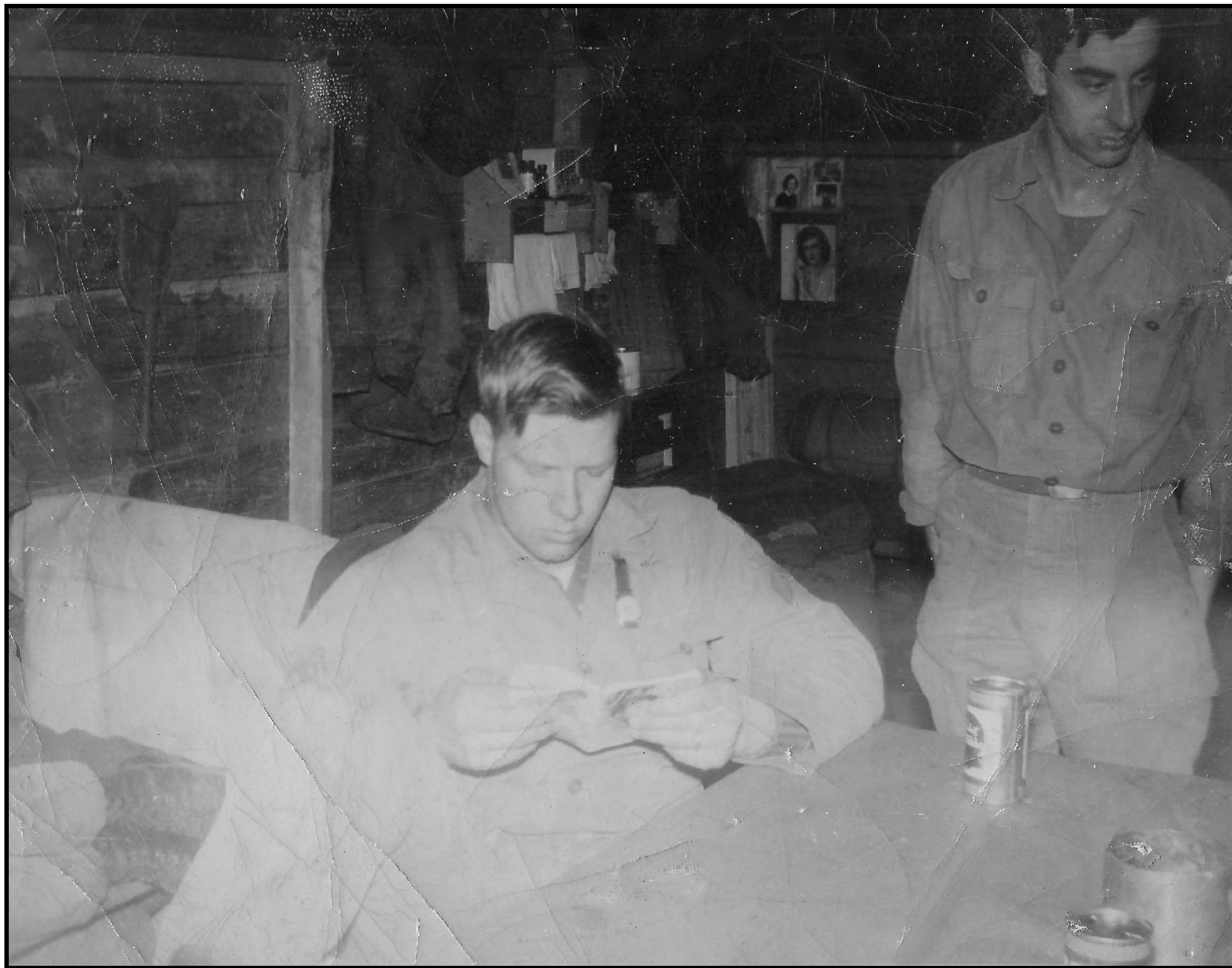
Page 4 Brimfield News, Thursday, June 24, 1954,
Retrieved online brimfield.advantage-preservation.com
Photos courtesy of Henry Peters





17th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea

Photos courtesy of Henry Peters



Note the little bit of home:
PBR and photos of Harriett!

Photos courtesy of Henry Peters



American Smelting Buys Four Coal Mines From Peabody

American Smelting and Refining Company (Asarco), one of the world's leading producers of nonferrous metals, has purchased four coal mines of the Peabody Coal Company for approximately \$24,000,000 in cash subject to a pre-existing obligation of \$3,000,000. The mines are located in northwestern Illinois and a new division, Midland Coal Company, has been formed to operate them.

Headquarters of Asarco's Midland Coal division will be at the Elm mine in Peoria county. The other properties acquired are the Allendale Mine in Stark county, the Mecco Mine in Knox county, and the Edwards Mine in Peoria county. Production of the mines is sold largely to electric utility companies and industry in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin under long term contracts. These mines were sold by Peabody, a subsidiary of Kennecott Copper Corporation, in compliance with a 1987 Federal court divestiture order.

"Midland Coal Company's major objective will be to maintain production at the four mines at their full rated capacity of approximately 8,000,000 tons a year," Robert Devlin, newly appointed president of the Midland Company, stated. Mr. Devlin is a veteran of the mining industry and brings to his present position a background of senior management and consultation in the mining industries of this country and Canada as well as abroad. His coal mining experience was gained in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia.

In announcing Asarco's acquisition of the mines, Mr. Devlin stated:

"Asarco brings to this area strong financial resources developed over its lengthy and very successful history in the mining industry, technical mining skills, and sound management practices.

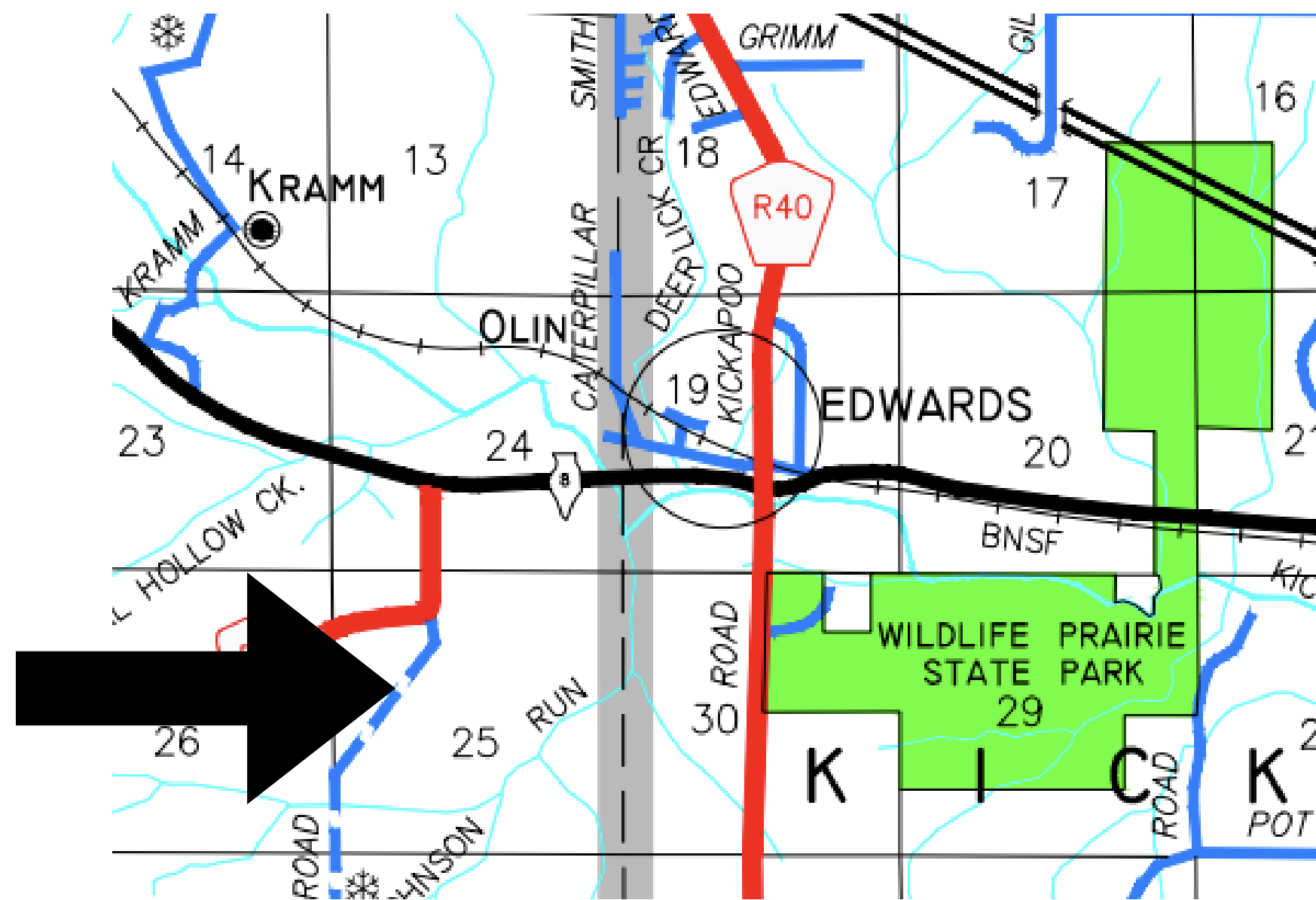
"We intend to be good citizens of Illinois and the coal community. We expect to maintain employment at the mines. We place a high value on the dedication and skills exemplified by the employees of the four mines we have acquired.

"'Operation Green Earth' instituted by Peabody to restore the terrain and preserve the ecology after mining will be continued and extended by Asarco's Midland Coal Company division.

"Midland Coal plans to install new equipment to assure capacity production and operating efficiency at the mines," Mr. Devlin stated.

"Estimated reserves of the four properties," he added, "are well over 120 million tons, which assures in excess of 20 years of operation at current rates of production."

Through operations in the United States and abroad, Asarco is the world's most diversified producer of nonferrous metals—copper, silver, lead, zinc, gold, and some 16 by products.



Peabody Coal, Edwards Mine, Peoria County, 1952-1975 Two 9N, R6E, S25

The Princeville Telephone, page 1, Thursday, December 3, 1970,

retrieved online brimfield.advantage-preservation.com

Map:

<https://peoriacounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/445/County-Map-PDF>



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Rapatee Mine-tipple-1/16/1983

Fulton County, Farmington, IL, Rapatee, Middlegrove Mines. 2nd photo 1983, top photo:

REAL PHOTO Midland Electric Coal Steam Shovel, Farmington Illinois Vintage PC, posted by Roger Kujawa retrieved online from Towns and Nature blog, 10 August 2019 post, <http://towns-and-nature.blogspot.com/2019/08/farmington-il-midland-electric-coals.html>

Old Settlers Parade American Legion



L-R. Bud Kingdon, Henry Peters with flag, John O'toole behind, George Wagner ? behind him , Don Bride-Navy

Photo courtesy of Ruth Plack Kingdon , date unknown c 1950's

American Legion Brimfield Post 452

Established February 1923

Membership Roll 1923

- H.A. Arnold, Jr.
- Donald Best
- Clifford Blundy
- Reed Blundy
- Edward Fussner
- John Fuchs
- Dudley Freeman
- Ray Goudy
- William Harding
- Charles Huey
- Charles Kingdon
- Willis Kingdon
- Florian Kligner
- Raymond Martin
- William Arnold
- Harry Mulvaney
- William Murdock
- Elwood Overen
- Leland Lacey
- Walter Lacey
- Leland Plummer
- Lester Rusk
- Everett Rook
- Perry Reek
- Philip Smith
- Charles Sears
- Harold Burt
- Floyd Wyman
- Falbert Yerby
- Elmer Hunkler

father preceded him in death.

Two Great Games Slated For Gym Here Friday At 6:45 P.M.

Friday night basketball fans may come to the high school gym to cheer for the "Old Timers" who will play the "Junior Varsity" team or the "American Legion" who will play the "Varsity" team

This promises to be a rousing couple of games with many former basketball stars in the lineups.

On the Old Timers team are Fred Johnson, Jack Welch, Roland Cady, Raymond Blundy, Dick Reinhart, Nyle Cecil, and Jim Reed.

The American Legion boasts a hearty lineup of Henry Peters, Jerry Pillman, Ralph Peters, Bob Porter, Mart Maher, Ralph Kingdon, and Frank Kingdon

Don't miss this Friday, February 9, game in the Brimfield high school gym. Game time is 6:45 p.m. Admission will be 25 and 50 cents.

Place Fourth In State Bowling Tourney Of Legion

The Brimfield American Legion Post 452 won fourth place in the state Legion bowling tournament in LaSalle with a total of 3163 pins, winning \$100 in prize money

The team consisted of Henry Peters, John Powers, Ray Blundy, Dean Miller, and John Powers. The latter won eighth place with 1254 pins for \$34

Also bowling in the doubles were Eugene Cayle and Ray Blundy, and Jack Sloan and Henry Peters.

Princeville telephone, Thursday, Jan 25, 1968. Retrieved online brimfield.advantage-preservation.com

Community Service

Brimfield Area Men's Club

**Remodeled building next to
Sherman's Pharmacy to house a
physician**



Henry Peters
X ray room Brimfield Health Center
1981

Photos from Brimfield Area Men's Club at the Brimfield Public Library



Brimfield Area Men's Club work on Health Center 1981.
Larry Burnett, Don Bride, Kenneth Wertz, Henry Peters
Photos from Brimfield Men's Club at the Brimfield Public Library, accessed 2022



Brimfield Area Men's Club at Health Center 1981
Kenneth Allen, Henry Peters, Kenneth Wetz,
Larry Burdett,
Donald Bride, J. Victor Miller, Bernard Beaver