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Look for them outside both doors at
3C's and City Hall!



MISSION STATEMENT: *To engage and support the Community of Huxley, Iowa in the preservation, education, and celebration of our heritage and ancestry. To preserve for research and education, the artifacts, information, and verbal histories about the lives of the people of Huxley from its pioneer origins to the present day and into our future.*

Huxley High School and Ballard Community High School Teachers and Administrators— Mrs. Maywald

Part 3 of a series by Nels A. Nord, Treas. and Historian



One of the best teachers at Huxley High School and Ballard Community High School was Hazel Maywald. Hazel Ferne Maywald was born on November 1, 1899, in Cambridge, Iowa, to Jasper Cook and Cora Dell Harrison Cook. Hazel had 4 sisters: Ava Cook, Elsie Cook, Irma Cook, Carmen Cook, and one brother, Lester Cook.

Hazel graduated from Cambridge High School and then attended Iowa University in Iowa City where she received a bachelor of arts degree in 1923. She taught at Eldora, Scranton, Boone, Shipley, Cambridge and 10 years at Huxley High and Ballard High from 1948 to 1968. Her main subject at Huxley High and Ballard High was English. She was an exceptional teacher. She also taught physics and biology at the other schools listed.

Hazel married Herman Maywald and they lived on a farm on the west end of Cambridge. Herman and Hazel had two daughters: Marilyn Elaine and Joyce Joan who graduated from Cambridge High school.

Hazel had a great impact on hundreds of students from Huxley and Ballard High schools. She had a special way of teaching English and literature and vocabulary and is remembered and respected by all.

Hazel passed away on November 3, 1971, in Cambridge and is buried in the Cambridge cemetery. ***

THEATER CAMP

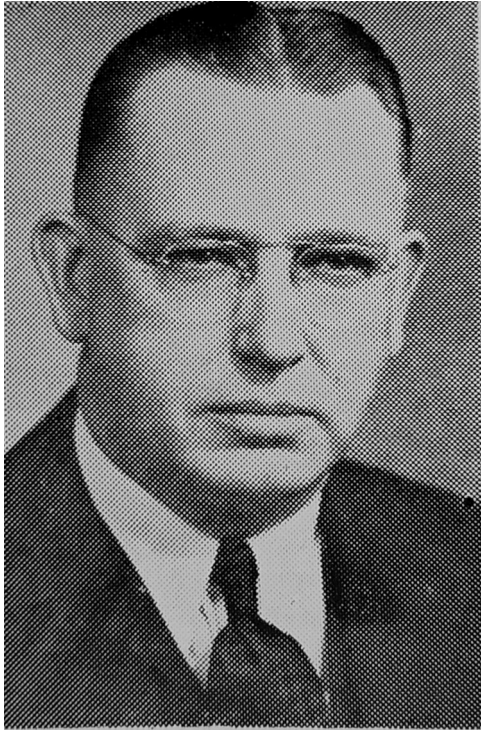
The Huxley Public Library offered a week-long theater camp during the summer of 2021 as part of the summer reading program. They rehearsed and performed the classic "Treasure Island". This great adventure required a ship, so the cast "borrowed" the old Fjord Viking Buffett Boat to become their Hispionla sailing off to Treasure Island. Upon learning the history of this particular "boat", the kids dubbed her the USS Salad Bar! She was a great pirate ship and added a special element to the performance.

THANK YOU!



Reverend Hiram E. Jacobson Palestine Lutheran Church

By -Nels A. Nord, Treas. and Historian



REV. H. E. JACOBSON

In the fall of 1938, Reverend Peder Buland resigned as Pastor of the Palestine Lutheran Church. He had served the church from 1913 to 1939. He would be the superintendent of Sunset Home in Story City. Reverend Hiram Jacobson succeeded Pastor Buland on April 6, 1939.

Hiram Edward Jacobson was born November 12, 1902, in Allamakee County and was baptized on December 2, 1902, at the East Clermont Lutheran Church, Clermont, Iowa. His father was John E. Jacobson and Julia Jorgina Skarsbarry Jacobson was his mother. Hiram had one sister, Grace and two brothers, Clarence and Louis.



Reverend Jacobson was a minister in Williams, Iowa when he married Marjorie Kate Peterson of Roland, Iowa, June 14, 1928. Reverend Jacobson and Marjorie had one son, Paul Joseph Jacobson, born April 30, 1929. Paul was a First Lieutenant in the Air Force when he was shot down while piloting an F-86 Fighter jet over North Korea on

February 12, 1953. He was never located. Missing in action, Paul was a 1947 graduate of Huxley High School.



Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Jacobson and Paul Joseph

Reverend Jacobson served Palestine from April 16, 1939 to 1949 when he accepted a call to serve two congregations in Elmore, Minnesota. Reverend Jacobson passed away at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in 1977 at the age of 75 and was buried in Palestine Lutheran Church cemetery.

Tom and Wilma Erickson—By -Nels A. Nord, Treas. and Historian

Tom Erickson was born October 4, 1905, in Huxley to Lars and Lena Erickson. Lars (Egge, his Norwegian name) Erickson, came to America in 1891 from Stavanger, Norway at the age of 20. Lena (Larson) Erickson was born to Tom and Carrie Larson in Huxley.

Wilma (Moore) Erickson, Tom's wife, was born in Milso, Missouri on July 10, 1908. Wilma lost her mother, Sarah Franen Johnson, at the age of four. Wilma moved to a rural area in Richland Township in Story County and graduated from Milford Township. At the age of 21 she married Tom Erickson on September 14, 1929. Wilma was baptized on May 7, 1939, at the Fjeldberg Lutheran Church in Huxley.

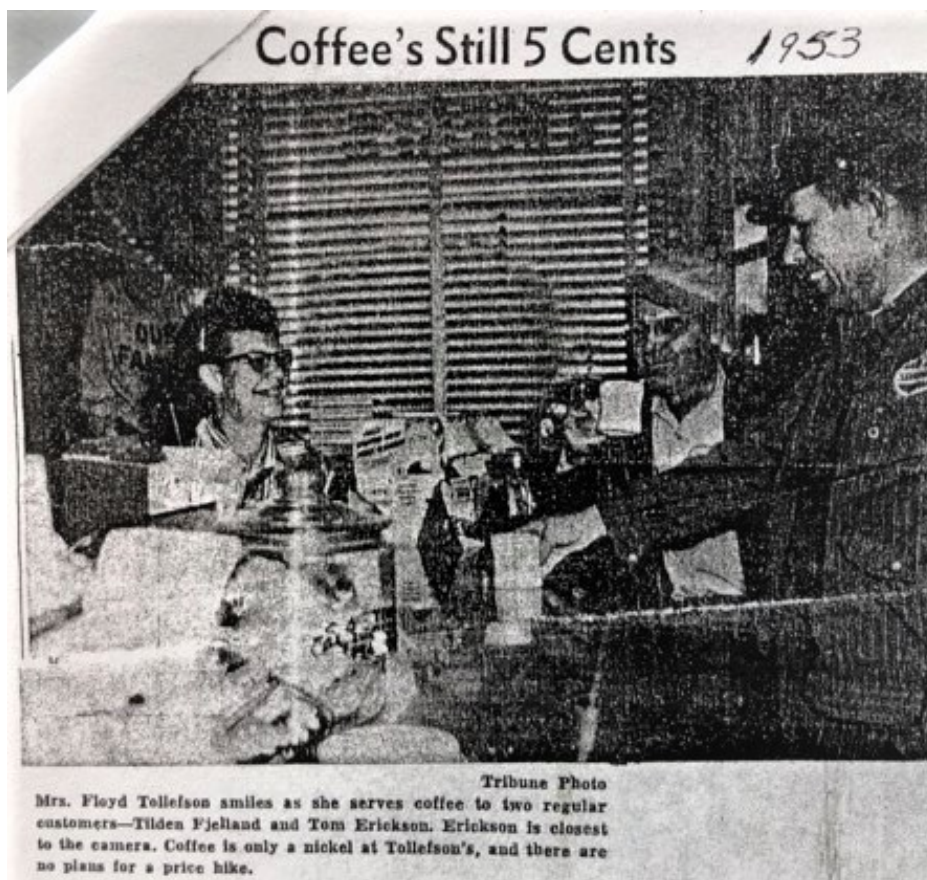
Tom and Wilma had four children, Bonnie (a 1949 graduate of Huxley High), Tommy (1954 Huxley graduate), Larry (1957 Huxley graduate) and Mary (a 1961 Ballard Community High School graduate).

Tom, who was known for his kindness and friendly smile, began in a Standard Service station on Highway 69 on the east side of Huxley in 1935.

In 1937, he began delivering Standard Oil petroleum products in a bulk truck. This continued for 30 years until his retirement in 1967. There were many changes that took place in the oil delivery business

from the time he began with a 600 gallon tank truck and carried 5 gallon buckets of fuel to the time he returned with two 1,500 gallon tank trucks that were equipped with automatic meters and electric reels to roll up the many feet of heavy hose.

During World War II, it was a difficult time for the petroleum industry. Rationing meant many long evening hours for Tom, Wilma, and family as they pasted ration stamps into books that had to be inspected by the federal government. With the fuel shortage, Tom would have to leave early in the morning for the Clive oil depot in West Des Moines to wait in line to get a truck load of fuel. He would return to Huxley area to deliver 5 to 10 gallons per customer till late into the night – to spread the supply around enough so that no one had to be left without fuel.



The Nord family was lucky because we lived across the alley from the Ericksons on West 5th Street. They were a great family and over the years the 5 Nord kids and the 4 Erickson kids were like brothers and sisters. Tom and Wilma were very nice people, the best of the best. As kids the Nord boys got to ride with Tom to deliver fuel, and Wilma made the best ham and bean soup ever. It was a tight-knit neighborhood and it grew adding the Tillie Steensland family, Chris Wee family, Syvert Westvold family, Dr. Scott family, Ed and Henrietta Helland, Roy Ashbaugh family, Sanford Dobbe family, and the high school coaches that lived in the house east of the school. (This is what was so rewarding living and growing up in Huxley. It was such a great and friendly town and you knew everybody and Tom and Wilma were part of that.

Tom and Wilma were in a terrible auto accident in 1968 in Milo, Missouri. Wilma passed away due to injuries from the accident and Tom passed away in 1971. ***

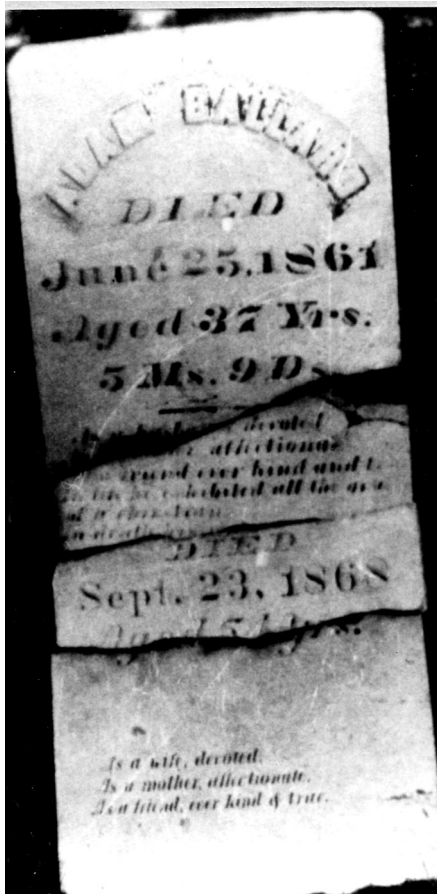
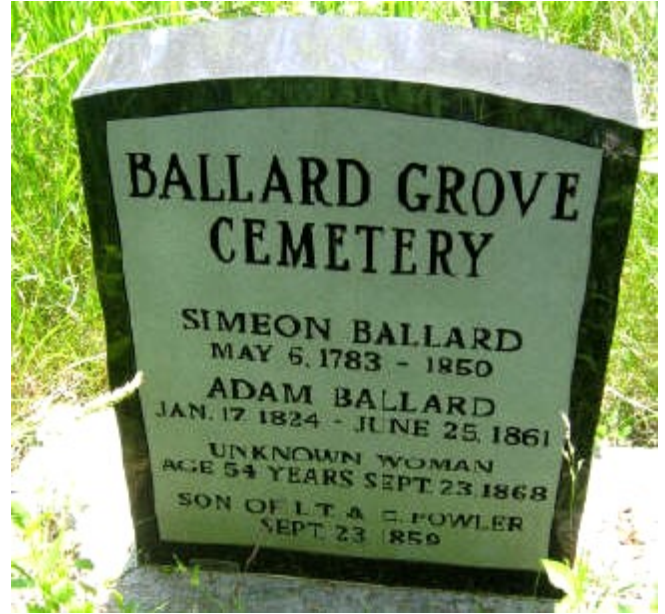
AMES DAILY TRIBUNE



In Huxley's Gay Ninety show Saturday will be: front row, left to right mesdames Fritz Erickson, Lawrence Alvis, Burton Fjelland, Tom Erickson, Vernon Bailey, Alem Tesdall, Ben Anfinson; back row, left to right Vernon Bailey, Art Kalsem, Bob Christianson, Averal Fjelland.

Big Goings on at Ballard Cemetery

The marker pictured may not grab your attention, but the Huxley Historical Society has focused attention on the Ballard Cemetery project with the following updates: On September 10, 2021, Chad Goings, an archeologist with Rolling Hills Consulting, met with David Ballard, Jolene Lettow and Nels Nord at the Ballard Cemetery (see additional pictures). Mr. Goings conducted a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey at the cemetery. This resulted in GPS coordinates of burials and a printed map of those. Prior to the GPR it was thought only 5 graves were included at the cemetery, although now we know of 7. Mr. Ballard will mark the gravesites so that HHS might place permanent markers. Future plans involve a sign placement so that visitors will be able to read all the information gathered to this point regarding the cemetery.



Pictured left is the only evidence we have of Adam Ballard's burial site. We no longer have this stone nor its original location.

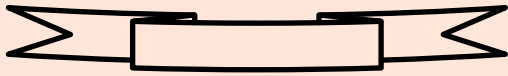
Pictured right and opposite page is Chad Goings and David Ballard (blue ball cap) while they work with the GPR at the Cemetery.

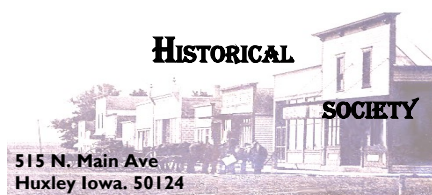
Rolling Hills and The David Ballard's family have marked 7 locations in the cemetery.





We want to thank David, Joan and Jeremy Ballard for their generous donation in covering the cost of the consultant and their gracious time commitment to this project.



HUXLEY

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