

PALATINE PALAVER

Newsletter of the Palatine Historical Society



December, 2019



1950s Palatine Room
Lava lamp, silver tree
(1996)

Come enjoy our Holiday Open House
Sunday, December 1, 2019, 1-4 p.m.

Featuring

“Christmas through the Decades”

Decorations, Music, Refreshments
224 E. Palatine Road

40 YEARS OF HOLIDAYS AT CLAYSON HOUSE

1979 - *A Christmas Garden*

1984 - *A Victorian Christmas*



1980- Ann Oswald
Christmas in Old Palatine
1988 - *Twas the Night*

Before Christmas - Gene and LaVira
Lehman, Cleis Jensen, Denise Limburg,
Bernadette Sobey, Marilyn Pedersen



1991 - *A Civil War Christmas*

1992 - *A White Christmas*

1995 - *An Angel Christmas*

2001 - *A Jolly Dolly Christmas*

2005 - *Sing a Song of Christmas*

2006 - *Christmas Traditions*

2007 - *Scenes from The Nutcracker Suite*

2010 - *A Winter Ball*

2017 - *A Dickens of a Christmas*



HAPPY THANKSGIVING November 28, 2019



On October 3, 1789 George Washington proclaimed the first Thanksgiving Day to be November 26. Some other presidents proclaimed Thanksgiving Day, but not always in November. During the Civil War, prompted by a series of editorials by Sarah Josepha Hale (editor of the popular *Godey's Lady's Book*), President Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be celebrated on the final Thursday of November (November 26, 1873). There were some deviations over the years, but in 1941 Congress passed a resolution making Thanksgiving a federal holiday on the fourth Thursday of November.

Christmas Traditions

Christmas Cards

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In England in 1843, Sir Henry Cole and artist John Horsley created the first Christmas card as a way of encouraging people to use the new postal service. Advances in printing brought the price of cards down and by 1860 they became quite popular.



Holly and Ivy

Both holly and ivy were used in pre-Christian times to celebrate the winter solstice. As they provide a rare splash of color in the darkest month of the year, their popularity has survived.



Mistletoe

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Hanging mistletoe was an ancient pagan practice adopted by early Christians. The tradition of kissing under the mistletoe originated in England. Each kiss required a berry to be plucked until none remained.



Christmas Carols

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Carols were songs and dances of praise and joy in pagan times and the practice of carol singing carried over into the Christian era.

Christmas Cracker on the Table

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London sweet maker Thomas Smith invented Christmas crackers in the late 1840s, inspired by traditional, paper-wrapped French bonbons. Even though he included mottos and riddles inside each, it was not until he found a way to make them “crack” when pulled apart that sales took off. His sons later added hats and novelty gifts.



DEDE'S

SWEET

SHOP

Complete Line of Christmas
Candies and Nuts

Box Candies a Specialty

BROCKWAY STREET

PHONE 141-J

Two 1926 Christmas ads in the local newspaper

**In 1958
this was the
new parking
lot on the
south side of
Palatine Road
between Bothwell
and Brockway.**

COMPLETE LINE OF HOLIDAY
GOODS AT

SCHERING'S

Phone 10

FREE PARKING EVERYDAY UNTIL CHRISTMAS
in Palatine's Big New Parking Lot

CHASO WORE

BOTHWELL and BROCKWAY STREETS

FREE

Just Drive In And Park!

— **First Lady in Paris** — **WILLIAMS**

Parties to be the crowd in the new
opening for them. Therefore, they'll
with no school. "The President
Parties. Government are today in
providing for **JOHN PATRICK** in the
city for the opportunity of new



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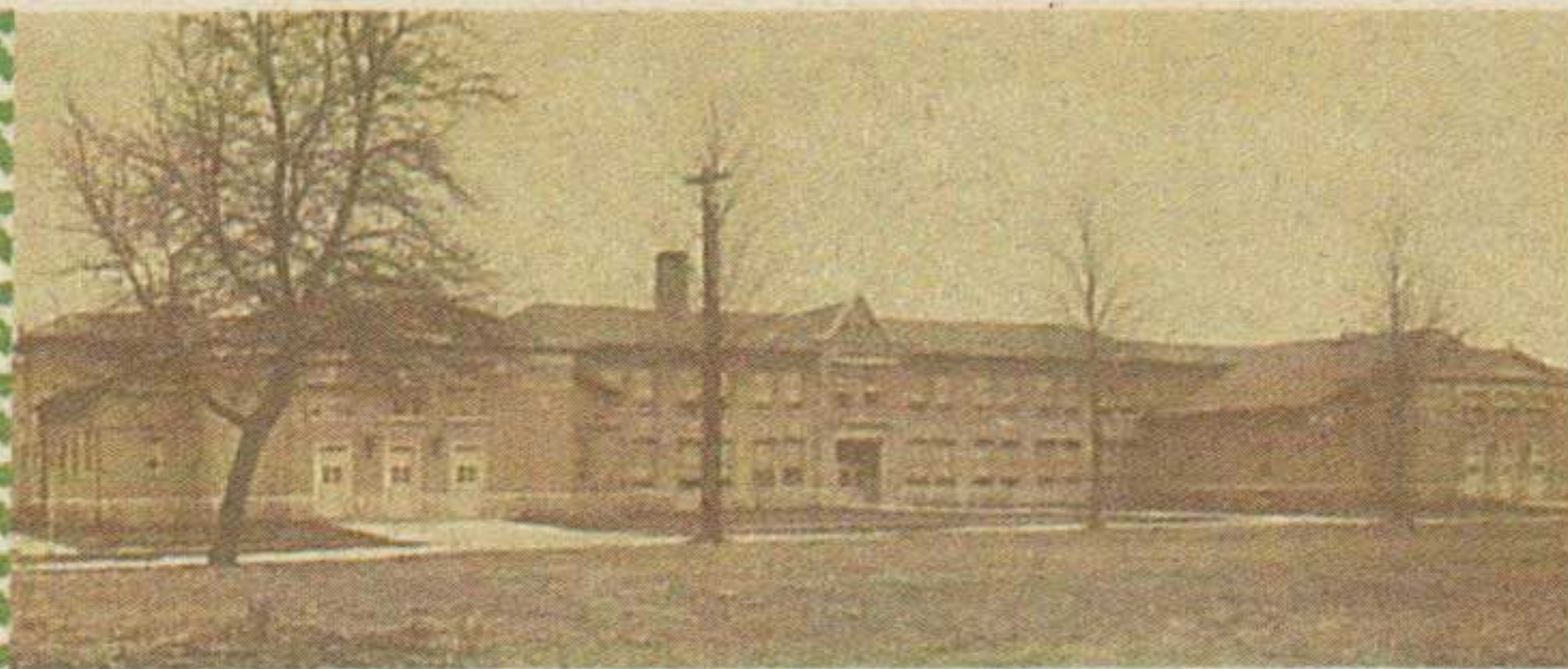
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Radio Station 1000 Broadway	Picture Palace Shop 1000 Broadway	Daily News Center 1000 Broadway
123 Main & First Street 1000 Broadway	Picture Palace Shop 1000 Broadway	Picture Palace Shop 1000 Broadway
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DOWN TOWN
Picture
Stores
Until
Christmas

HOLIDAYS PAST IN OUR SCHOOLS



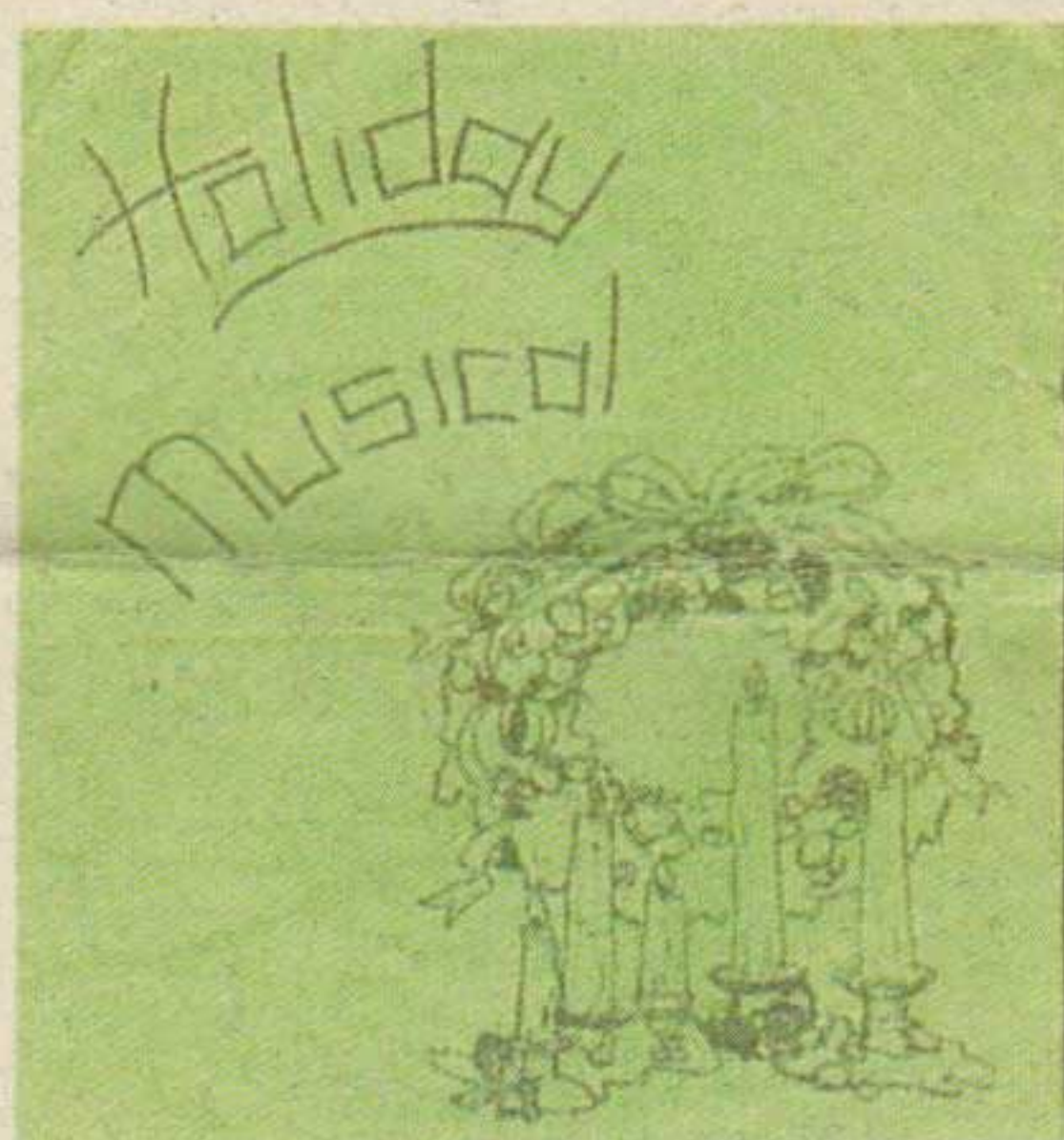
From the *Spotlight* of Palatine High School November, 1935
 THANKSGIVING, ARMISTICE DAY, TEACHER'S MEETING !!!
 What a lot of things to be thankful for in November!!!
 Ouch!! We forgot about report cards being due, but we can be
 thankful, anyway, they come out after Thanksgiving.

December 20, 1935

The assembly on Tuesday, December 17 was given by the Woman's Club of Palatine. Pictures pertaining to the birth of Christ and his life shortly after were shown. During the time that each picture was shown, an appropriate song was sung. The program was most interesting to the audience and all considered it beautifully performed. The students of P.T.H.S. were honored to be considered their guests.

From December, 1958 *Cutlass* newspaper of Palatine High School

Sunday, December 14, the Music Department presented the annual Christmas music. The concert featured the 200 music students and included: the mixed choir, girls' glee club and the symphonic band in a varied selection of Christmas music from the 17th and 18th centuries, as well as traditional Christmas carols.

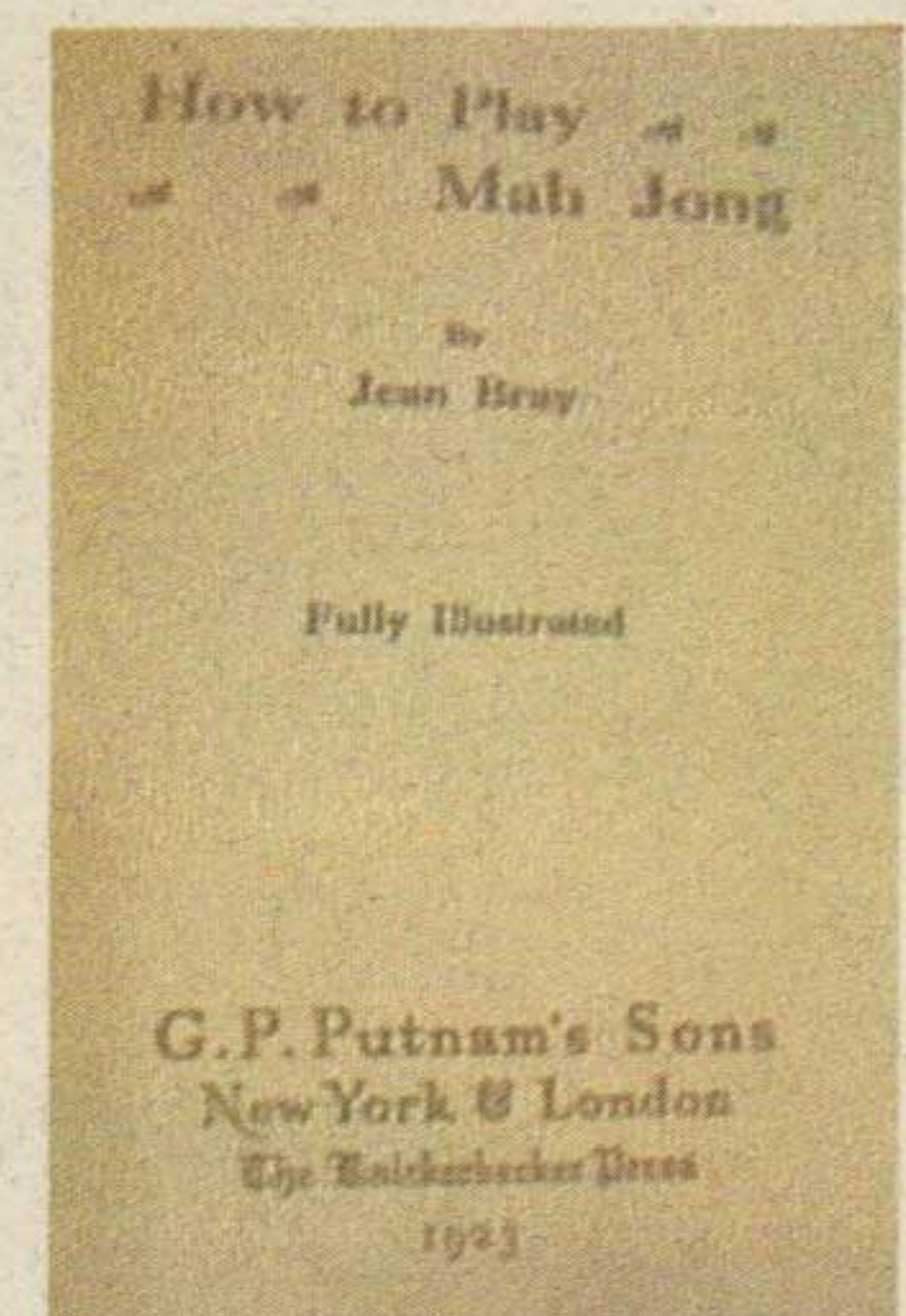
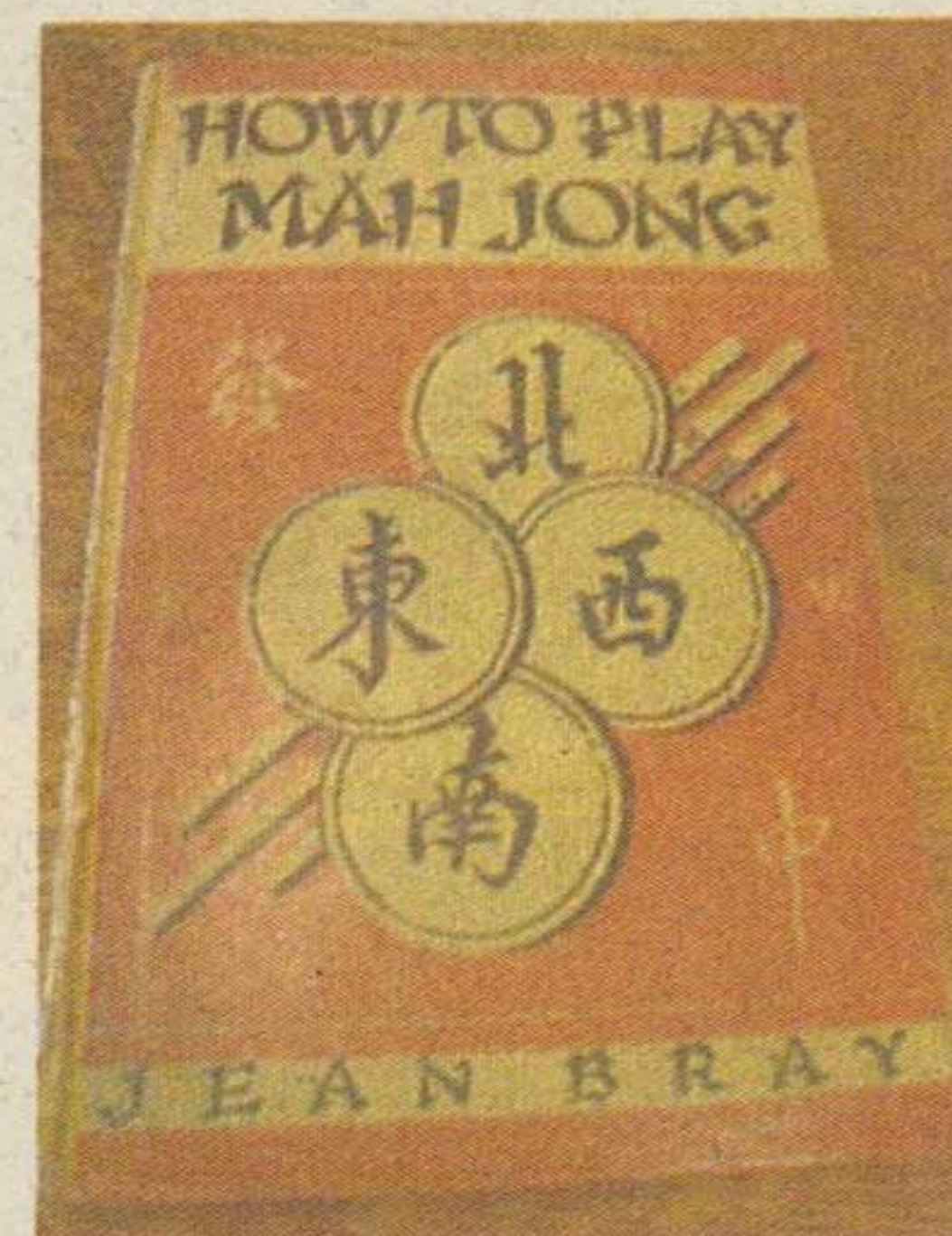


Winston Park Junior High December 14 and 15, 1977

Christmas Program

Woodwind ensemble
 Chorus A
 Jazz Band
 Chorus B
 Symphonic Band
 Symphonic Band and
 Choruses

The Student Council will hold the popular New Year's Eve Dance on December 31. This biggest all-school dance of the year is semi-formal and includes a professional band, dancing, a complete smorgasboard, and lasts from 9 p.m. toto 1 a.m., longer than last year. Tickets are \$2 per couple.



Thank You to Libby Deskins for her Grandmother

Elizabeth (Betty) Smith's mah jong set which she used to play the game in the 1930s. The set is complete with racks, tiles, markers and a 1923 mah jong instruction book. She also donated her mother Sara Evelyn (Smith) Hunter's wedding dress which she wore on August 9, 1947 in a Wauconda wedding, a shawl circa 1900, a baby dress and sweater set from 1950, a little red suitcase, a 1927 doll complete with original clothes, shoes, hair, and a 1958 home-made doll bed.

CEMETERY WALK

Our tradespeople did a great job at September's Cemetery Walk. The weather was nice in spite of earlier rain. Thanks to our cast for memorizing their scripts and for sharing their time with us to do living history for the community.

Thank you to Kathie McCarthy and Christine Hubka for their roles as seamstresses. Marlee Buenrrostro looked the perfect Victorian baker with her rolling pin and high topped boots...thank you! Also thanks to Jim Frost for selling farm equipment, Model T Fords and Pontiacs.

Kathie McCarthy and Christine Hubka



Marlee Buenrrostro

Thank you to Audrey Olsen for coming dressed as a delivery truck driver and member of the Teamsters Union and to our local barber Nathan Etter for bringing his strop and razor and telling us what an old style barber shop was like.

Lastly, Ken Gorham, we thank you for playing a hardware store owner and for all the years you have acted in our cemetery walks.

Thanks to Marg Plank, ticket seller, and our tour guides Felicity Gorham and Rachael Laing.

Connie Rawa



**Our First
Garden Party**

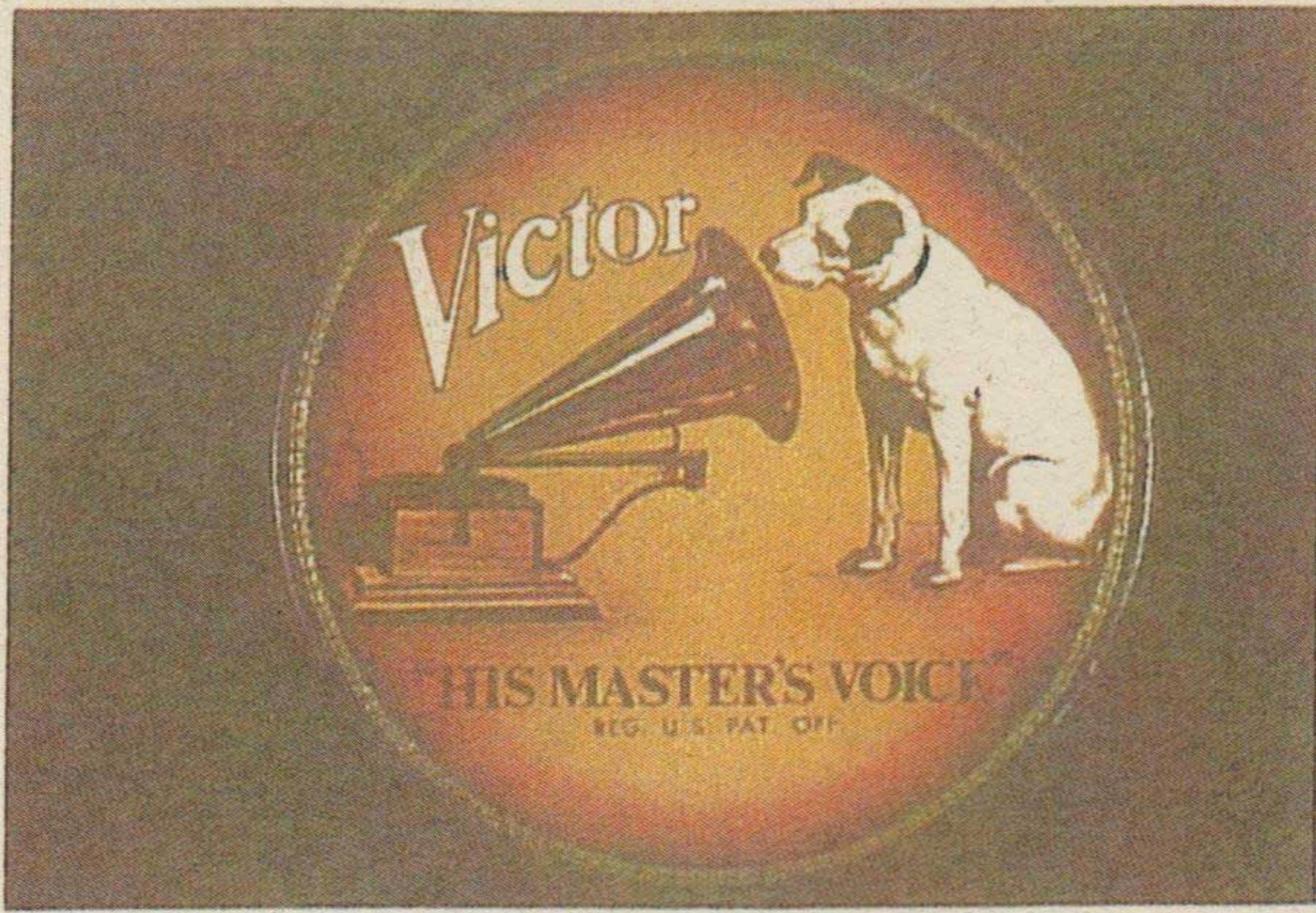
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CALENDAR

Open house every Sunday 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Clayson's Kids Day every second Sunday 2 to 4 p.m.

Holiday Open House - December 1, 1 to 4 p.m.



The Story Behind Clayson's New Trading Card

Clayson's new trading card may look familiar, like something you have seen before. If so, you are right! It's a takeoff on the iconic RCA dog, Nipper. As our mascot is a history buff and an inquisitive pup, he thought you might like to know the story of the dog and one of the most recognizable logos in the world.

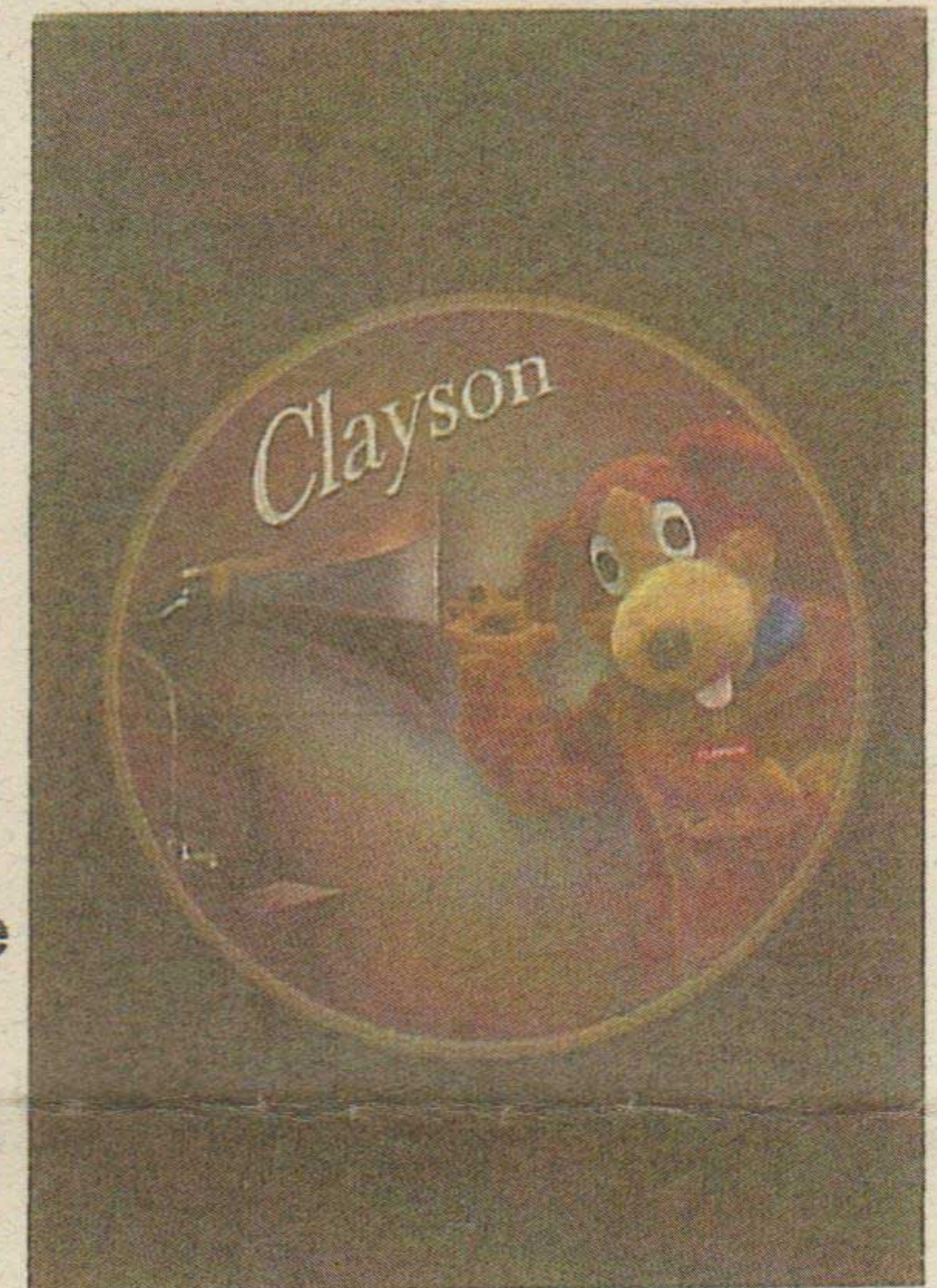
Nipper was a small terrier found on the streets of Bristol, England, who was adopted by Marc Barraud, a theater and set designer. He got his name because he had a habit of biting at people's ankles. After Barraud died in 1887, Nipper went to live with Marc's brother Francis, a painter who lived in London. Francis inherited Marc's phonograph and noticed that Nipper cocked his head and seemed to listen to the music.

In the 1890s, Francis created a painting of Nipper as he listened to the sound coming from the horn of the phonograph, which was he titled *His Master's Voice*, the idea being that Nipper missed his owner Marc and the sound he heard was that of his deceased owner. Nipper died in 1895.

With the growing popularity of this new sound recording technology, Barraud offered his painting to the Edison Bell Company whose executives could not see a benefit to sales since dogs don't listen to phonographs. The Gramophone Company Ltd. of London adopted *His Master's Voice* as its trademark and in 1929 the American rights were acquired by RCA.

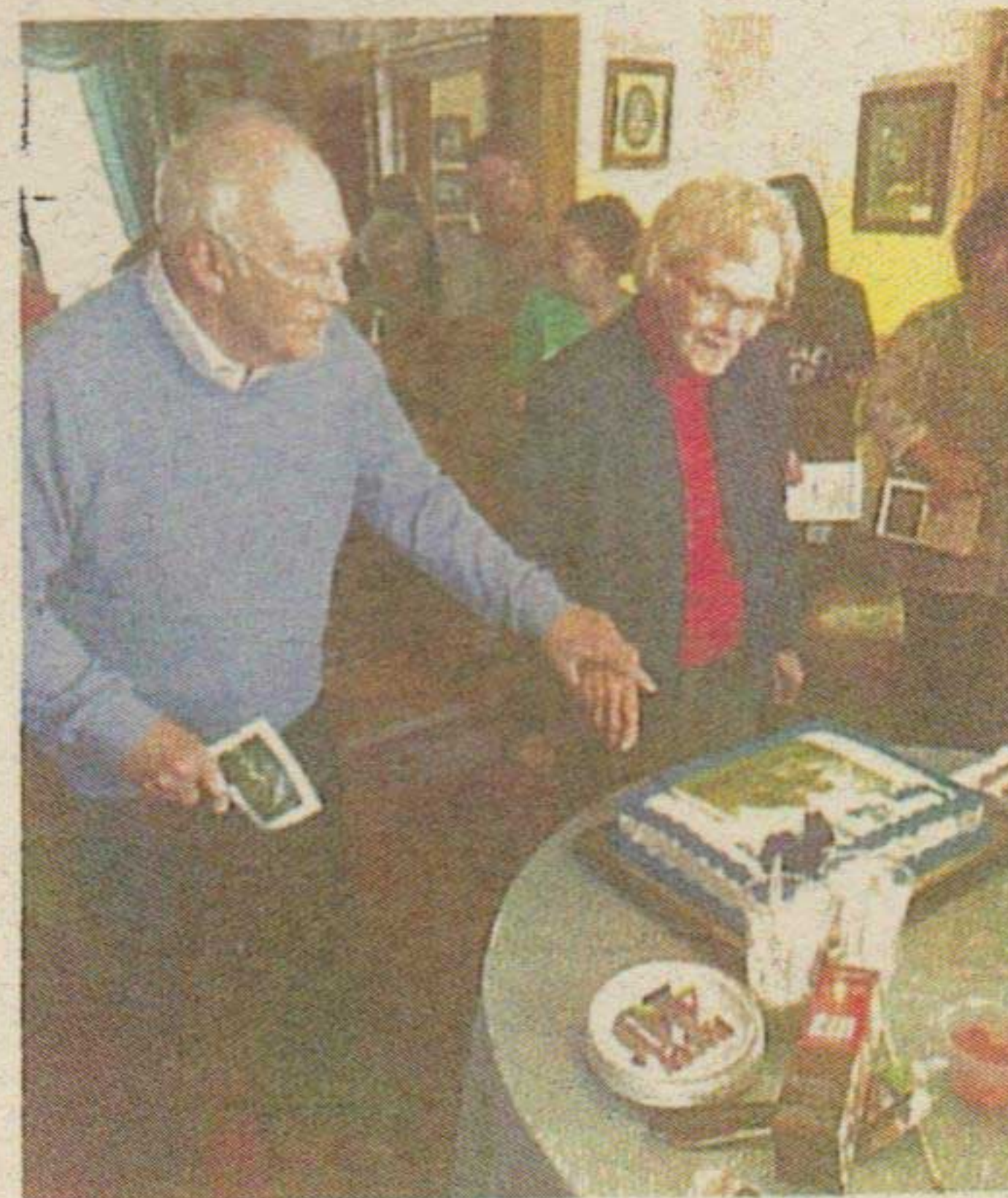
Nipper, the pet, became a marketing icon. The company also used the dog for other company products, letterheads and advertising and promotional materials. "Nipper" collectibles are still sought after today and he remains one of the most memorable dogs in history.

Note: The Thomas A. Edison Gramophone featured in Clayson's trading card is part of the collection at the George H. Clayson House Museum.....Linni Pesch



BUSINESS MEMBERS

Ahlgrim Funeral Home
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
Cornerstone National Bank and Trust Company
Culver's of Palatine
William Fremd High School Social Studies
Warren Johnson, Architect
Kick Factory, Inc.
Lamplighter Inn and Tavern
Holly Petersen "Designs for You"
Smith Corcoran Funeral Home
Von Sydow Moving and Storage
J. P. Wood Martial Arts



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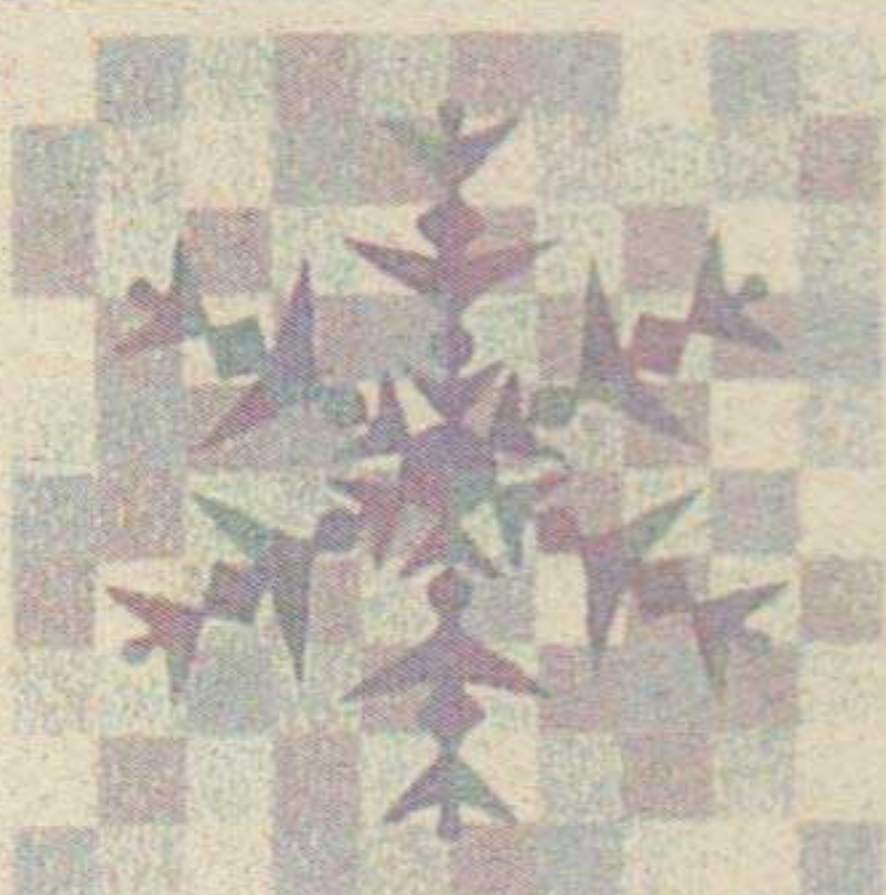
CLAYSON HOUSE
40TH
ANNIVERSARY

OPEN HOUSE

Note:

**Our membership application
now has a space for your
e-mail address.**

We would appreciate this information.



**PLEASE WATCH YOUR
STEP WHEN WALKING
FROM THE PARKING
LOT TO THE HOUSE.**

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**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
DECEMBER 1, 2019
"CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE DECADES"**

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