Horace Mann Educators Insurance Company No. 16 Rutledge Place

On March 15, 1945 a group of Illinois teachers and administrators in Springfield, Illinois formed the IEA Mutual Insurance Company. This company has become "the world's leading insurer of teachers." It began through the efforts of the Illinois Education Association. It was believed that "teachers were a select risk and should be able to secure special teacher-designed insurance in a group at a low cost, along with excellent service". In 1944, after careful study of several insurance companies' proposals, the IEA decided to form its own insurance company. Because of its multi-state growth, the company changed its name to the Horace Mann Insurance Company. In 1968 a holding company, Horace Mann Educators, was formed to serve the National Education Association and its affiliates.

Present management consists of: Dan W. Bannister, president; Jim DeRight, district manager; Ed Layhen, agency manager in Springfield; and William D. "Biff" Bower, regional representative in Western Illinois.

McDonald's Carry Out Restaurant

The "Sibe" in the corporation name McDonald's Sibe, Inc. is the nickname of "Dick" Schierling with which he was tagged while attending Purdue University. Schierling is the sparkplug of the McDonald operation here.

McDonald's opened in Quincy 21 May, 1963. Following a change of ownership 1 July 1964 the business expanded until it now is among the top ten of the chain. On 15 February 1972 a ground breaking ceremony was held—a rather unique expansion in which the establishment literally turned itself inside out, a new and much larger brick building was erected around the old concrete and glass structure. As they finished the new, they went inside and tore down most of the old building. The new structure now measures ninety by sixty feet, providng 5,400 square feet of floor space whereas the former roughly was sixty by forty feet with 2,400 square feet of floor space.

Today there are booths for those who are to eat under cover. "Dick" Schierling employs about forty persons, juniors and seniors in high school mainly, who work in two shifts.

"We have three boys working for us who have college degrees. They are staying on until they can find the kind of permanent position they want," said Mr. Schierling. "They prefer to remain in Quincy. About eight of our boys have been with us more than eight years."

The ranging red brick building with its dark brown mansard type of roof can be seen from quite a distance from its site at 3201 Broadway.

H.P. McLaughlin Furniture Company

The H.P. McLaughlin Furniture Company moved to Quincy and opened its doors in March 1926. The business had been started in Fairfield, Iowa, by H.P. McLaughlin who had had a background in the furniture and carpet business since 1896.

The original location of the store in Quincy was at 619 Maine and after several years the need for larger quarters was seen and in 1930-31 the business was moved to the larger building at 801-3-5-7 Maine Street. In 1936, the old Penney building at 615-17 Maine became available and the McLaughlin store moved into that location where they have been to the present time.

H.P. McLaughlin, the founder of the business, passed away in 1952 at which time the younger son, F.A. assumed active management of the business. This has been a continued retail operation in furniture and carpet in the same family since 1916.

Mercantile Trust and Savings Bank

The Auditor's Office of the State of Illinois granted permission on August 4, 1905, to Fred Wilms, H.C. Riggs, S. W. Eldred, Aldo Sommer, John L. Soebbing, Henry C. Pfeiffer and J.H. Best to organize a bank to be known as the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank located in Quincy, Illinois, with a capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.00) divided into two thouand (2,000) shares of stock of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each.

Accordingly, on April 9, 1906, the Bank's Charter was granted and Mercantile Trust and Savings Bank opened its doors. Deposits the first day totaled $52,325.00 and increased to $854,531.21 by the end of the first year.

Fifty-four investors, organized by Chauncey H. Castle and Fred Wilms, subscribed the capital of $200,000.00; Mr. Wilms became the Bank's first President and Harvey G. Riggs its first Cashier and Executive Officer. Bank Presidents through the years in order of term have been:

Fred Wilms 1906-19
John L. Soebbing 1911-19
Timothy P. Castle 1928-19
John H. Sieckmann 1933-19
(Served as Executive Officer from 1920-
Andrew C. Schnack 1953-19
Clarence A. Gerdes 1955-19
Lee M. Howerter ..... 1958-To D
(Served as Executive Officer from 1955 to D

The Bank's first Board of Directors was compri of the following men:

Fred Wilms, President of Wabash Coal Compa

Chauncey H. Castle, President of Comstock-C Stove Company

William Somerville, Superintendent of Illi Soldiers Home

Aldo Sommer, President of Aldo Sommer D Company (Wholesale)