



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/**

**PLACE:** August 1, 2006 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 21 plus Doris White, Vince Sartoris, John Bellot & Kate Schweizer

**SING-A-LONG:** The Band Played On - In The Good Old Summer Time

**LOTTO:** John Tollensdorf & Steve Weeks

## **ACTION ON THE AVENUES**

### **CLUB SERVICE**

**Programs:**

08-08	Jeff Schweizer - Kate
08-15	Jim Schahrer
08-22	OPEN
08-29	OPEN

**Membership:**



**Please - Pay bills A.S.A.P.** Our dues for District & International were due on August 1st.

### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Kate leaves in 9 days - Open House at 405 E. Chestnut, Sat. 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. to see her off.

### **Bits & Pieces**

In every conceivable manner, the family is the link to our past, and the bridge to our future.

### **AREA CLUB MEETINGS**

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wednesday	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tuesday	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wednesday	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wednesday	Bone Student Center
Piper City	6:15 p.m.	Monday	Azz Izz Tavern

# DOC'S DRUGS & HALLMARK

John Bellot and Vince Sartoris



John's pharmacy has been in business 24 years. Before that, it was owned by Ella's parents and run in the same building for 24 years. On August 26 they will stop operation and at 1:00 p.m. will close and count inventory. John and Ella also had two other busi-

nesses. The Soda Fountain - a Texas firm bought everything and it is now up and running in Texas and The Hallmark & Gift Shop. They were approached by Gary & Laurie Gauger to buy the Hallmark line. They will put their existing print shop on the Pharmacy side of the building. They will take over on the 26th of August. Hallmark rated this store in 1996 as Number 5 of 330 stores in the Chicago District. Their goal was to keep the pharmacy in Fairbury perpetual. Dave Sartoris had talked before with John and let him know when he was ready to retire, they would be ready.

Vince thanked us for the great support. They want to keep things as a local family oriented business. His father used to work at Walgreens and looked at a store in Pontiac to buy. They said NO. He saw this as an opportunity and started the family business. Vince has three brothers and three sisters and all but one sister are in the business. They started in 1978 servicing Central Illinois. Currently, they have 16 stores - this being number 17. They carry a full line of pharmacy, medical aid and equipment, photo shop, and bill payment center. Their hours will be:

Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday is up in the air yet. By the 28th they should know. All current employees will be transferred to the new store. They will use Doc's name for all stores. Initially they plan on 10 employees. They look at themselves as a family business with service. Service is and makes the difference. They will have a drive-up pharmacy. It will be a **wellness** pharmacy. They will not sell cigarettes. This building is 95 ft. x 86 ft.



I asked John to tell a historic recollection of Fairbury Rotary. Fifty years ago this fall some high school kids came to Rotary with George Fyke to see if Rotary would sponsor a teen center. They did the "Green Door". It was at the City Hall upstairs but soon had to be moved to the Honegger House. John and Larry Ambrose made the presentation. Rotary not only sponsored it but provided chaperones for them. It was a great success in 1957-58 even with rock & roll playing.