

phone rang and his first official duty was a demand from an irate citizen to come and get a dead horse out of the way.

Jerry **Tant** was mayor through several years, still assisted by Frank **Farrell** as clerk. They signed many ordinances, one of which was to include \$700 a year for establishing, maintaining and conducting a playground and recreation system in the Village of Louisville. It was around or before this period that Guy **Magill**, Bob **Bunnell** and George **Younger** were working to start the City Park at the south edge of town. The annual budget was over \$10,000 in 1947 but dropped back to \$9750 in 1948. On April 1, 1948, Jerry **Tant** signed an ordinance to borrow and issue bonds for \$10,000 to construct a complete sanitary sewer system and treatment plant for Louisville.

Frank **Farrell** stayed on as Clerk when Ralph (Mike) **Harrell** became Village President. It was said that Mike didn't particularly want the thankless job but that Jerry **Tant** had talked him into it. Nevertheless, he served two terms. It was on July 1, 1949 that Mike **Harrell** signed the ordinance to make one way streets around the square, and on July 1, 1949 to annex the territory now occupied by the North Clay High School. The annual appropriation in 1952 had grown to \$11,213.

Brice **Jones** was the next president of the Louisville Village Board and Terry **Riley** became clerk. Brice **Jones** was in attendance at the gathering in 1976, and as such, was the towns first living ex-mayor. During 1953 to 1956, Brice **Jones** signed several important ordinances. On March 28, 1955, he signed one granting a telephone franchise to Wabash Telephone Cooperative. Vaughn **Brown** was manager of the system that became the first direct-dial system in the country.

On April 1, 1955, the annual appropriation advanced to \$13,865 but that included labor to reccondition and restore the cemetery owned by the city. On this date, the appropriation jumped to \$20,890 but that included \$7000 for repairs and improvement to the Water Works, a figure that went up to \$14,000 on April 1, 1957 when George **Montgomery** became President of the Village Board when Brice **Jones** resigned to move out of the city limits.

George served the rest of that term and was elected twice on his own. To quickly list a few of his accomplishments during the **Montgomery** term: The Woods subdivision, Buttonville and east of town were annexed, voters authorized the ownership and operation of a municipal gas public utility by the village, and issued \$265,000 in Gas certificates payable from revenues. On May 1, 1961, George signed the ordinance to provide for the combination of the existing waterworks and a sanitary sewage system to be constructed. The Turner addition and the D, S. **Moore** subdivision were annexed, a municipal plan commission and citizens advisory committee were established and a zoning commission created, all during the terms of George **Montgomery**. He resigned on June 7, 1963, to take another job as head of the