



ERNEST E. TOSOVSKY AND HOME NURSERY

Home Nursery, Inc., a highly successful horticultural business now located in Clinton County, Illinois, was founded in Madison County by Ernest Emanuel "Ernie" Tosovsky, whose history is an inspiring "rags to riches" immigrant story.

Ernie, son of Jan and Emilie (Ruta) Tosovsky, was born Nov. 20, 1897, in Litomeric, a town northwest of Prague in northern Czechia. In 1903, when his family was forced to flee their home country, they sought refuge in America.

Stories about Jan Tosovsky differ slightly, but all agree he was an officer in the Austrian military. The family lived in an area of Eastern Europe which changed hands several times, so that Ernie referred to himself as Austrian, Bohemian, and Czechoslovakian in various census records. In 1903, the

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The first Home Nursery Garden Center on Route 66 was located across from Lewis Road in Edwardsville from 1930-1976. (Richard Donner)

ART FROM THE VAULT: A NEW MUSEUM EXHIBIT

"Art from the Vault," a new exhibit at the Madison County History Museum, features various forms of art from the museum collections, including some pieces which are rarely seen. The exhibit opened recently and will run through November 15. Exhibit hours are Wed.-Fri., Noon – 4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

The exhibit has paintings, sculptures, prehistoric pottery, trench art, and more. A stroll through the exhibit reveals portraits of early Madison County residents, the art of poster artist James Kane, and an example of the art of Miriam McKinnie whose colorful, imaginative, murals have brightened the children's department at the Edwardsville Public Library for more than 60 years.

There are needlework creations more than a century old, including an 1873 embroidered map depicting part of

Hamel Township. Children's art in the form of a young Nancy Dippold's 1897 childhood drawings are in the exhibit. Another artifact is an example of trench art, decorative items created by soldiers or prisoners of war. The MCHS piece is a decorated shell casing from WW I.



An early piece included in the exhibit is a replica of a sandstone tablet found on the farm of Thomas Ramey, whose farm was next to Mound 18 at the Cahokia Mounds Historic Site. Unlike the "Birdman" tablet at Cahokia Mounds, the Ramey Peet tablet has figures inscribed on both

sides. In 1994, the tablet was molded and two castings made. One was given to Cahokia Mounds and this replica, along with the original remains in the MCHS collections.

Please call the library if interested in volunteering as a docent for this exhibit: 618-656-7569.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOW THAT THE MUSEUM IS OPEN...

Volunteer docents are needed to staff the museum. The museum is open Wednesday-Friday and Sunday afternoons. If you are able to volunteer one day per week, one day per month, or any time at all, your help will be greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

Incredibly, the number of volunteers for MCHS events and projects this year has increased to more than 75 people! The Society is very grateful since the library and museum could not operate without them! There will be a complete list in an upcoming annual report.

MCHS TEACHER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Bob Daiber, Chair of the MCHS Teacher Development Program, reports a five-and-a-half hour teacher workshop was given last month for Alton School District teachers. These workshops provide lesson plans which use MCHS resources to teach local history in schools.

Other districts have expressed interest for in-service workshops of this type, which can be used for Teacher Development Days.

These workshops focus on State of Illinois mandated subjects. The current format for the workshops includes a lesson plan and an emphasis on MCHS resources.

LUSK MARKER DEDICATION

MCHS invites the public to attend the dedication of an Illinois State Historic Marker at Lusk Memorial Park in Edwardsville on Sunday, September 28 at 10 a.m. Lusk Park is one of the oldest cemeteries in Edwardsville, although most of the gravestones are no longer there, removed during a cemetery clean-up in the 1930s; The marker was purchased by MCHS with funds from by the Lusk Memorial Cemetery Association.



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THANKS TO MASONIC LODGE

By the time this newsletter arrives, the breakfast fundraiser will be over, but even though it's too late to encourage people to go, it's never too late to say, "THANK YOU!" to the Edwardsville Masons. Biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs were on the menu on September 21, with 100% of proceeds donated to MCHS. We are very grateful.

2024 SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURES (PHOTOS BY CARA LANE)



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VOLUNTEERS

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MEMBERSHIPS

Several membership levels are available to those interested in supporting the work of preserving Madison County history through a MCHS membership. Memberships run on the calendar year, Jan 1-Dec 31. Applications are available on the MCHS website, or at the Library.

THE Madison County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

ILLINOIS HUMANITIES GRANT

MCHS is grateful to the Illinois Humanities Council for a \$2,600 grant to cover expenses in connection with the Family History Walk on September 14. This year the walk was held in the LeClaire National Historic District in Edwardsville.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Work on the MCHS campus continues with most of the repairs related to the April hail storm nearly complete. The last item on that agenda will be the Weir House (museum building) roof.

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, painting will be completed on the Weir House addition. It has been scraped and a primer applied. The painter is waiting two weeks before applying the final coat.

The Weir House restroom is complete, except for some cosmetic details.

President Fred Faust and his grandson, Carter, have been painstakingly removing paint from the floors in the Weir House. They are also finishing interior trim painting.

Fred has been either supervising or personally volunteering to complete all of the above. We are fortunate to have Board members with skills!

Also in the Weir House, Director Bob Clouse has applied UV film protection to all the first-floor storm windows to protect items on display in the museum from sun damage. He has also installed more track lighting, a huge improvement over the small chandeliers which previously lit exhibits.



15-year-old Carter helps his grandfather remove paint splatters from the floor in Dr. Weir's office. (Fred Faust)



CALLING ALL STITCHERS!

MCHS Board members Candace Ladd and Donna Bisset are planning to make a Sunbonnet Sue lap quilt which will be sold in the silent auction at the 2025 Dining in History. The pattern chosen has 12 squares showing Sue doing various activities. The squares require simple embroidery stitches.

They are inviting any fellow-stitchers to join them in making the quilt. They plan to have a gathering to choose a square to be sewn and to decide if the stitchers might like to sew the quilt as a group. If you would like more information or if you are ready to add your name to the list – remember there are only 12 squares! They would like to be ready to start the project by the end of October. Please call Donna Bisset before October 15, at 570-994-2973.

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

MCHS is very grateful for all the sponsors who have helped defray the cost of the newsletter this year or stepped forward to sponsor MCHS events.

There were individual sponsors who gave memorials and the corporate sponsorship provided by the Bank of Madison County. We are also grateful for all those who have sponsored MCHS events including the MCHS preferred printer, Minuteman Press, who is a sponsor for this year's Dining in History.

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THE TOSOVSKY STORY (CONT. FROM PAGE 1)

country was being taken over by the Germans who didn't trust Austrian military officers. After being warned that his arrest was imminent, Jan was immediately secreted out of the country. He landed in New York in August 1903, and in late September, arrived in Edwardsville, where he knew people from the old country. Although he had no experience as a miner, friends helped him get a job at the Henrietta Coal Mine in Edwardsville.

In the meantime, six-year-old Ernie and his mother collected the money needed to follow Jan to America. They arrived in New York on Dec. 22, 1903, then boarded a train for Edwardsville, Illinois, with great anticipation for the coming reunion with Jan.

In a 1927 interview with R. Louise Travous, Ernie said he and his mother arrived at the Clover Leaf Station in Edwardsville on Christmas Day, 1903. A driver took them to the Ackermann boarding house where his father had been staying. It was there that they learned they would not be seeing Ernie's father for Christmas.

Jan Tosovsky and another Bohemian miner, John Nockman, were killed in a collapse at the Henrietta Mine on Sep. 28, 1903. Both immigrants had families on their way to Edwardsville who could not be notified their husbands and fathers were killed until they arrived. Jan had only been in Edwardsville for three days.

Ernie and his mother were now on their own in a new country where they didn't speak the language, but the Czech community provided support. Dr. Edward Fiegenbaum found a job for Emilie at a laundry. Sometime later Ernest came down with typhoid fever. The good doctor gave Mrs. Tosovsky a month's rent and told her she needed to stay home with her boy. In numerous articles over the years, Ernie related how the Bohemian community provided support for their small family.

In 1905, Emilie married a local fruit grower, William (aka Vaclav) Korbelik. That same year they paid \$1,400 for a farm property southwest of Edwardsville on St. Louis Road. Their farmhouse was located on what is now University Drive, roughly near the intersection with Devon Court.

Ernie was enrolled in Center Grove School, which he attended through 8th grade. Even when attending school, he worked with his stepfather in the orchards, learning the trade.

In 1909, the deed for the farm was revised to correct an error which put the property only in William's name when it was purchased. The corrected deed said, "...the property was in fact purchased out of the joint funds and moneys of the undersigned William Korbelik and his wife, Emilie Korbelik, and it had been intended to insert the names of both of said parties in said deed so as to convey an undivided one-half interest to each of them."

It was a good thing for the Tosovskys the correction was made because a few years later William and Emilie's marriage began to fray. Ernie, in his 1927 interview with Louise

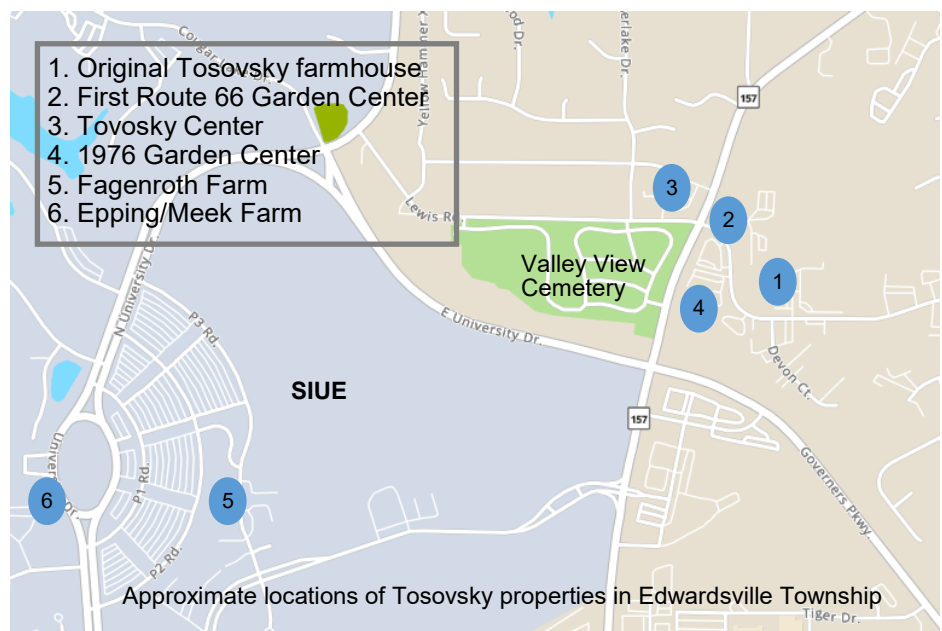
Travous, said that William began to drink too much and threatened to kill Emilie on numerous occasions.

By then, Ernie had been told to leave the house after defending his mother. He had a job with Wayne's Grocery in Edwardsville and saved enough money to make a home for himself and his mother. According to the Travous interview, one day he went to the house under the guise of getting the last of his belongings, but instead took his mother's possessions. The next day, she pretended to be going out to visit a neighbor, taking nothing with her, but kept going into town to meet her son. William and Emilie were divorced in 1919.

In April of that year, William signed over half of the farm title to Emilie (her portion) and sold his one-half interest to Ernie and Emilie for \$4,000. Ernie, with his mother, now had their own fruit farm, and, thanks to William, the knowledge and skill to operate it successfully. It was the very humble beginning of what would later become Home Nursery, Inc.

It should be mentioned that although William Korbelik was allegedly an abusive drunk at the time of the divorce, he later turned his life around, buying another farm where he raised and sold grapes and berries. In 1923, he remarried. Relations between Ernie and his former stepfather improved with Ernie being appointed probate administrator for William when he died in 1939. In William's obituary, Ernie was listed as his stepson, 20 years after William and Emilie divorced.

In addition to purchasing the farm, 1919 was a milestone year in other ways, as well. In November, Ernie married a local girl, Mary Meek. While Ernie was an immigrant, his wife was from pioneer stock. Mary Minnie Meek, the daughter of John and Margaret "Maggie" Epping Meek, was born Feb. 7, 1898, in Fort Russell Township near Edwardsville. Her maternal grandfather, Henry Epping, arrived in Madison County from Germany in 1844, and her paternal grandfather came from Bohemia at the end of the Civil War. She grew up on a farm purchased by her Epping grandfather in 1874, located at what is now the heart of the SIUE campus.



HOME NURSERY - THE EARLY YEARS

Ernie submitted his naturalization application to be a U.S. citizen in 1918, but was initially refused because his name was incomplete on the application (middle name not included) and he had recorded an incorrect birth date. He reapplied in 1921, and this time the application was approved. William Wayne, his boss at the grocery store, was a witness who would appear often in Ernie's life. Wayne gave Ernie and his mother the mortgage they needed to buy the farm. (Note that it was not unusual to obtain a mortgage from an individual rather than from a bank.)

In the Travous interview, Ernie said, when he married, his mother Emilie "desired amicably to move out," although she is still listed as living on the farm in the 1920 census. In June 1920, Emilie also found happiness, marrying a widower, Michael Ackermann, whom she had known in the old country, and moving to his home in Price County, Wisconsin. Ernie eventually bought his mother's interest in the fruit farm, but it should be noted that the beginnings of Ernie's business were a team effort, mother and son. The two remained close and there were many visits between Price County in northern Wisconsin and Edwardsville until 1944, when Emilie's husband passed away. Emilie then returned to Edwardsville where she died in 1946.

Having grown up in the orchard business, Ernie had years of experience in growing and propagating fruit trees, but he wanted to expand his business to related fields. He became friends with J. Fred Ammann, a recognized national leader in the florist trade. Ammann, who also lost his father at a young age, mentored Ernie in those early years. Like Ammann, Ernie and later his sons, became active in state and national trade associations.

In February 1924, Ernie announced he had taken a landscaping course and was expanding his business to include propagation of other trees and shrubs as well as landscaping services. He called the new business "Home Nursery."

The expanded business now began advertising perennials, roses, shrubbery, and all varieties of trees, including the fruit trees, which they had always sold. Initially, they also continued to sell fruit at "Home Nursery: The Fruit Farm on St. Louis Road."

At that time, the farm included two parcels of ground on the east side of the highway which totaled about 30 acres. Most of the ground was an orchard, but, in addition to the farmhouse, there were buildings for maintenance equipment and plant propagation. At some point, a retention pond, still there today, was created for irrigation. Water could be

pumped from the pond to irrigate fields and excess runoff would naturally return to the pond. The company still recycles water in this way. Some of the businesses occupying the former Tosovsky property today are Stillwater Senior Living and Heartland Healthcare, as well as Re/Max Alliance.

A company history written in the mid-1970s said the first greenhouse was built in 1926, followed by a range of glass greenhouses totaling 14,000 square feet constructed the following year. These were located a short distance off St. Louis Road, which in 1926 became Route 66. A small florist shop was built adjoining the greenhouses and on Armistice Day 1927, the company held a grand opening where they

also announced a name change to "Home Nursery and Greenhouses."

Ernie continued to take courses in floriculture. It's interesting to note, in 1927, owners of the Ammann, Blixen, and Tosovsky nurseries carpooled to the University of Illinois to take a state course. Relations among the local nurserymen remained cordial. Ernie also took a correspondence course from Brown's Business College.

Home Nursery and Greenhouse continued to grow through the Great Depression, and so did the Tosovsky family. Ernie and Mary had four children, Ernest Jr. (1921), Edward (1923), Dorothy (1927) and Charles (1931). Unfortunately,

Edward died at eight-months old, but their surviving children would all participate in the family business.

Despite the stock market crash in October 1929, Home Nursery opened a Garden Center and Greenhouse on Route 66, across from Valley View Garden of Memories (cemetery) just four months later. All through the 30s, 40s, and 50s, the company continued to acquire properties for retail outlets, for propagation, greenhouses, and field crops. Of interest with the opening of the new garden center was the promotion of Joseph Foucek as their new landscape designer and Edwin Burns, a 16-year-old floral helper. Both men would later have their own nursery businesses. Edwin Burns was Mary Meek Tosovsky's first cousin.

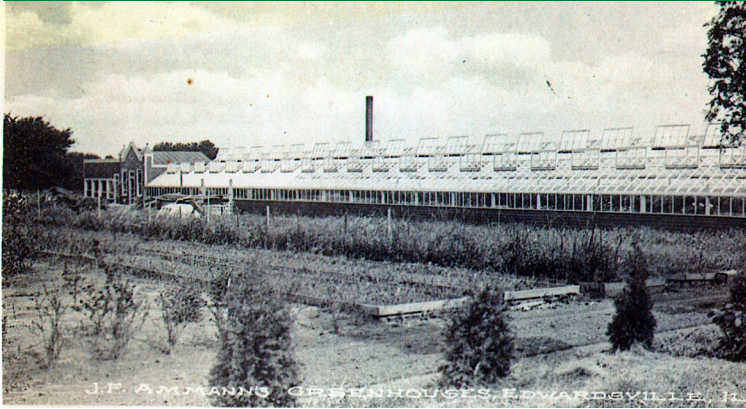
One of the properties purchased for nursery stock was across the road from the company's garden center. In 1935, Ernie purchased over 100 acres on Lewis Road north of Valley View cemetery.

In 1938, nurseryman J. Fred Ammann retired and named Ernie (Home Nursery) as the new manager of the large range of greenhouses behind his home at 1306 St. Louis Street in Edwardsville. Three years later, Home Nursery purchased the greenhouses which had been known



*Like many families with a son leaving for WW II, the Tosovskys had a family portrait taken, just in case... From left to right standing are Charles (Chuck), Ernest Jr. and Ernest Sr.; Seated are Mary Minnie Meek Tosovsky, and Dorothy .
(Richard Donner)*

HOME NURSERY



Undated photograph of the Ammann greenhouses in Edwardsville on St. Louis Street. (MCHS)

for decades for their award-winning cut roses. Home Nursery became the largest distributor of cut roses in the St. Louis area at the time.

The Tosovsky boys, Ernie Jr. and Charles, known as Chuck, began working in the business early. Ernie Jr. was attending the University of Illinois studying landscaping and greenhouse management when his education was interrupted by WW II. He served in the medical corps from 1942, through the end of the war, with two years overseas in North Africa and Italy. When he returned home, he went directly back into the family business. Chuck, a decade younger than his brother, also attended university and served in the military. His service was during the Korean conflict. Their sister, Dorothy, also worked at the business for a time as a floral designer.

A 1949 advertisement showed customers of Home Nursery could find any landscaping or floral needs from lawnmowers to cut flowers to plants and design services.

In the late 1940s, a portion of the nursery property purchased in 1935, next to Valley View Cemetery, was subdivided to create building lots for the Tosovsky family. Ernest and Mary, their daughter Dorothy Tosovsky Donner and her family, and later Chuck Tosovsky's family, all built homes in that area. In 1954, Ernest Jr. and his family built a home at 1310 St. Louis Street next to the greenhouses purchased from Fred Ammann. The latter is still owned and occupied by members of the Tosovsky family.

Ernie Sr. and Ernie Jr. together purchased Valley View Garden of Memories in 1948. Prior to this, they had been renting undeveloped portions of the cemetery and using it to grow nursery stock. They continued this after purchasing the cemetery.

The company was first incorporated on July 1, 1950, as Home Nursery Greenhouses. In 1989, the company returned to its original name "Home Nursery." (Home Nursery, Inc.) These changes affected land purchases which prior to 1950 were all in the name of Ernest and Mary Tosovsky. In 1951, Ernie began deeding the many retail



Interior view of the Home Nursery Garden Center shop in Edwardsville. Undated. (Home Nursery, Inc.)

shops and other properties across Madison County to corporate ownership.

As that property was developed, the company needed additional farm ground. In 1958, they bought what was known as the Fagenroth farm, 80 acres located southwest of Valley View Cemetery. It was about half planted in nursery stock when the announcement of SIUE's location was announced. The Tosovskys were among the first to sign a contract to sell their property to the SIU Foundation. The farm was located in the general vicinity of what is now University Park.

With the sale of the Fagenroth property, the company bought another farm, 120 acres located in Pin Oak Township at the intersection of Route 143 and Interstate 55. Today, it is fittingly the site of Hortica, the company which was originally the Florists Hail Insurance Co.



Ernie Tosovsky at the podium was a familiar sight in Madison County whether he was leading a board meeting, giving a program on plant care, or entertaining a local organization with stories of his travels. Ernie and his wife travelled often, including a return to his birthplace in 1953. (Donner)

Ernie Tosovsky's dedication to causes in support of education included more than just serving on boards. In addition to the sale of the Fagenroth farm, in 1963 he negotiated a land swap where he turned over the south side of Valley View Cemetery in exchange for equal acreage on the west side of the cemetery. This gave SIUE the space to create its primary entrance off Route 157. Ten years later, he sold his home and acreage at the corner of Route 157 and Lewis Road to the SIU Foundation. The university paid \$35,000 for property valued at \$120,000. Basically, Ernie sold his house to the Foundation (below value), then donated the surrounding three acres. According to family members, it was not a transaction which pleased the family, but, since his wife loved the house, he had an identical one built for her in ESIC.

Their house became the SIUE Tosovsky Center, housing offices for the Alumni Association and University Foundation until Birger Hall opened in 2001. It was also used as a center for international students who were supported

A FAMILY LEGACY

by the Tosovskys in many ways. As an immigrant, Ernie identified with issues experienced by international students. A landscaped area for socializing at Birger Hall called Tosovsky Terrace was dedicated in 2001.

In 1970, in a major expansion, Home Nursery purchased 230 acres of farm ground in Albers, Illinois in Clinton County. Unknown at that time was that Albers would eventually become the permanent location for Home Nursery.

The Edwardsville Garden Center and Greenhouse was expanded in 1976. Before beginning the work, they learned that the State of Illinois was going to widen Highway 157, adjust intersections, and straighten the road (formerly Route 66) in front of the business. This would make the current garden center location untenable, so the new facility was built about a block south of the previous location. When road work was completed, the University Drive intersection was moved north so that it was directly across from Lewis Road. The new garden center, located between Route 157 and the new University Drive, now had a University Drive address instead of St. Louis Road or Route 157 as in previous years. Today, the 1976 garden center is home to G. C. Cuisine and their Crystal Garden event space. Crystal Garden is built in the style of a greenhouse on the footprint of the Home Nursery greenhouse. The actual 1976 greenhouse building was sold to another nursery and a new "greenhouse" was built to make a "pretty" dining space. The old greenhouse was very functional, but not aesthetically pleasing for fine dining.

As the business grew and thrived, Ernie began giving back to the community which had embraced him and his mother when they came to Edwardsville. He gave lectures to clubs and organizations all over the county on how to care for trees, shrubs and flowers. Home Nursery often hosted meetings for local organizations as well. With every early frost, local newspapers would call on Ernie to advise the community of any ill-effects of the weather.

During WW II, Home Nursery provided land for Victory Gardens. He was an early and active member of Edwardsville Rotary and the local Chamber of Commerce. He was president of the Edwardsville YMCA Board, when funds were raised for its first permanent facility in ESIC. He was an early proponent of turning railbeds into bike trails. Ernie and Mary Tosovsky established a scholarship fund for foreign students. These accomplishments were generational as their sons followed the lead of their parents, serving in leadership positions for numerous organizations and in many ways shaping the community for future generations.

Ernest Tosovsky died March 31, 1977. An immigrant who began with nothing, he created one of the largest nursery businesses in the country. Along the way, he

developed a family legacy, mentored many career nurserymen, and received numerous awards from local organizations in appreciation for his unselfish contributions. He generously gave back to the community which embraced a poor young immigrant and his widowed mother.

Seven months after Ernie's death, there was a devastating fire at the former Ammann greenhouses on St. Louis Street. They were not rebuilt and the property was later sold to Woodlawn Cemetery for a much needed expansion.

The Hittner farm property on Sand Road in Poag was purchased to make up for the loss, but by then the business was changing.

By 1984, all of the retail outlets, except the one in Edwardsville, had been sold. Since most of the business was wholesale, it didn't seem right to compete with its own customers. The Edwardsville retail division closed in 1998, and corporate offices were moved to Albers in 2003.

Home Nursery today has a farm of over 500 acres in Albers with field and container production as well as room for growth. Its facilities include the Albers farm, a wholesale distribution center in O'Fallon, Illinois, and a recently purchased farm in Tennessee. The company recognizes 1921 as the

anniversary of its business, which is as good a date as any because the business evolved over time from a fruit farm to a nursery and gave various dates for its founding over the years. In any case, the company has surpassed the century mark and remains in the same family, currently led by Ann Tosovsky, daughter of Charles and Eugenia Tosovsky, and granddaughter of Ernest and Mary Meek Tosovsky.



The Tosovsky team responsible for the early success of Home Nursery includes Ernest Jr., Ernie Sr. and Chuck Tosovsky. Circa 1965. (Donner)



Mary and Ernest Tosovsky (Donner)



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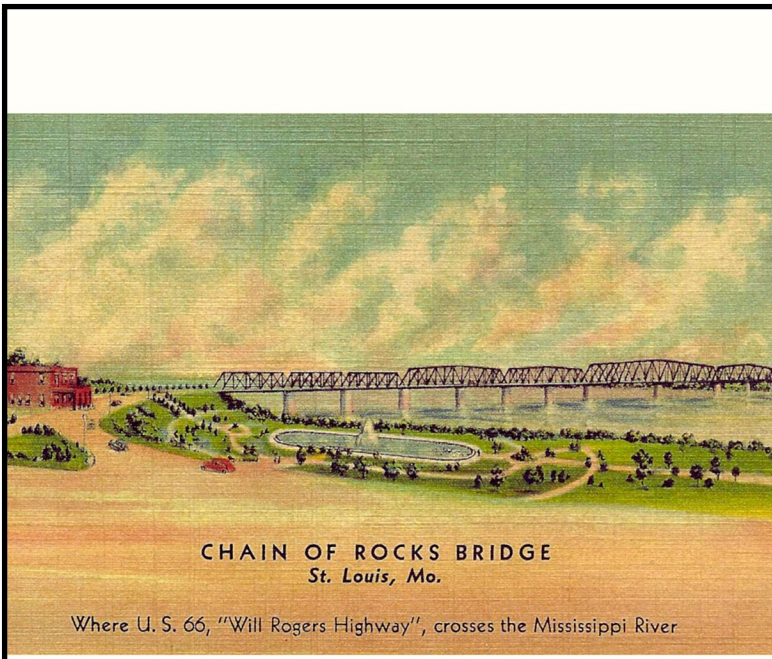
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ROUTE 66 EXHIBIT COMING IN OCTOBER

In addition to the Art From the Vault exhibit, a second exhibit Route 66 in Madison County, will be installed next month. This exhibit is being prepared in conjunction with a Route 66 conference which will be in Edwardsville Oct 31-Nov 2. MCHS will be providing tour guides for the conference, which will be held at the Wildey Theatre. If interested in attending the conference, go to:

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The September issue of the MCHS News traditionally has ties to the venue where the MCHS Dining in History event is held, and this one is no different. Crystal Garden in Edwardsville, where this year's DIH will be held on November 3, was the last Home Nursery Garden Center.

As it turns out, Home Nursery has a fascinating origin story with all the elements of a bestselling novel. Company founder, Ernest Tosovsky, represents a true Horatio Alger story, which symbolizes the belief that hard work and honesty will help overcome all obstacles and lead to success.

He was given many well-deserved accolades during his lifetime, including recognition as a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and Rotary Governor, an award from the Slavic and East European Friends of SIUE, a Special Service Award from the YMCA, and the SIU Distinguished Service Award.

2024 FALL CALENDAR

September 4-November 15
New Exhibit: Art from the Vault
Wed. - Fri. Noon - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m.
Madison County History Museum

Saturday, September 28
10 a.m.
State Historic Marker Dedication
Lusk Memorial Park
535 Randle Street, Edwardsville

Opening October 2
New Exhibit: The Mother Road
Route 66 in Madison County
Wed. - Fri. Noon - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m.
Madison County History Museum

Friday- Sunday, Oct 4-6
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(See insert or check website for details)

Sunday, November 3
Dining in History: Stories of Route 66
Presenters: Joe Sonderman and Cheryl Eichar Jett
Crystal Garden, Edwardsville