"Rememberances of Days Gone By"

Pictorial Review of Days Gone By



The 1892 Madrid Fire Department, equipped with hose, pails, ladders and axes are ready for any emergency. The fire engine was one of the most modern for its day. C. G. Johnson is the third man from the left while Mr. Lucas is found on the far right side of the photo.



This is the Madrid Volunteer Fire Department as it looked back in 1910. Their headquarters was located where the Copper Dollar and Pittman Shoe are today. Edwin Sundberg is the second from the right end and C. G. Johnson is the fifth person from the right.



Even in the early 1900's, the city of Madrid owned the latest in fire-fighting equipment, as evidenced by this picture taken back in 1908. Powered by all-weather horsepower and manned with able-bodied citizens, the outfit was ready for any emergency. I ooking closely at the photo, you can see dried mud on the wheels, impressing one with the idea that a call had been recently answered.

Extension ladders were the ultimate fire-fighting equipment and lights were provided by kerosene lamps. Other equipment included hose and pipes and also pails for the bucket brigade. Men shown in the picture are Harry Metcalf, driver, Edwin Sundberg, W. A. Carlson, Elmer Cassel, C. G. Johnson and Wally Morning.



Mrs. William Webb supplied this picture of the 1924 Madrid Band, under the directorship of Gus Krantz. Back row: Krantz, La Verne Reed, Carl Steinhaus, Will Webb, Herman Hegberg, Harlan Olson, Mr. Ward, Ray Jones, Harold Peterson, Otto Goodman, Virgil Sexauer, Marvin Westerburg, Perry Krantz and Professor Osborn.

Front row: Will Sexauer, Mr. Scottie, Kenellworth Kinsey, Clarence Caskey, Bill Caskey, Eldon Boone, Mr. Anderson, Joe Lewis, Bob Emery, Harold Reckseen, Vaughn Lucas, Billy Chittendan, Ray Sturdivant and Pete Peterson.

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Darwin Anderson: Insurance Salesman Since 1963

In 1962, following the retirement of Harry Graves, Madrid had no fulltime life insurance salesman. Darwin Anderson was just completing a 3-year carry-over with the McNess Company, who had bought out the G. W. York Company in 1959. It was under Graves' guidance that he began selling life insurance on January 1, 1963 and continues to do so today.

"I was always conscious of insurance needs," said Anderson. "I was sold on New York Life because of my personal experience with them and with Harry Graves, a former agent. Realizing this was a fulltime career and that one was needed in Madrid, I began selling life insurance. It was also an opportune way to be of service to the community."

Anderson explained that in many ways his agency was a "guinea pig" operation for New York Life. "They really didn't think an agency would survive in a town the size of Madrid," he explained. But it fooled everyone, and since that time, Darwin has been

consistently among the top 10-15 percent of the 9000 agents throughout the years.

During his first year, his home south of town also doubled as an office, but space was available in the back of the United Mutual building, so he was there for some time before moving to his present location at 124 S. State.

Throughout his nine years, Darwin has had the privilege of working with top management in the creation of advertising programs for farm magazines, promoting New York Life Insurance. It was also his idea that pictures begin running in the ads, and they continue to do so today.

Employees include his wife, June as bookkeeper and record keeper and Mrs. Gary Carlson, secretary for the past two years.

In his sparetime, Darwin enjoys showing his antique cars which include a 1931 Ford Station wagon and a 1935 Ford 2-door sedan among others.