

WARREN O. BILLHARTZ

Warren O. Billhartz was born in Centralia, Illinois on January 3, 1927, the son of O. W. Billhartz and Marie (Engelhart) Billhartz. He has been a life-long resident of New Baden; attended grade school and high school in New Baden and graduated from high school in May 1944.

During World War II, he served for twenty-two months in the U. S. Merchant Marine aboard Army Transport ships in the North Atlantic area. He attended Shurtleff College and Illinois College, graduating with final honors from Illinois College in 1949. In 1951, he graduated from Washington University Law School. While attending law school, he worked in the law offices of Johnson & Johnson in Belleville. He became associated with the New Baden Bank in 1953.

Mr. Billhartz is actively engaged in the practice of law and maintains law offices in New Baden. He was named president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of New Baden in January 1954; is vice-president and member of the board of directors of the New Baden Milling Company and a member of the board of directors of the New Baden Building and Loan Association.

He has been active in local and state governmental service. In February 1953, he was named Assistant Attorney General of the State of Illinois; was elected to the Clinton County Board of School Trustees and became the first president of that board for a two-year term which expired July 1, 1954; is now serving his second term as Republican Precinct Committeeman in Lookingglass Township Precinct No. 1. He is a third generation precinct committeeman in Clinton County, his grandfather Fred A. Billhartz and his uncle Fred H. Billhartz having also served in that capacity.

In November 1954, he was elected to the General Assembly as Representative from the 42nd Senatorial District (Clay, Clinton, Effingham and Marion Counties). He received the highest number of votes cast of the tree successful candidates from the 42nd District.

LUCY LINCK

Mrs. Linck is the oldest native-born resident who has lived her entire lifetime in New Baden. She was born March 10, 1877, the daughter of William and Louisa Griesbaum. Her father, William Griesbaum, came from Germany in 1852. He laid out the Griesbaum Addition to New Baden in 1890. Mrs. Linck's husband, William Linck, was a schoolteacher, served as village president, and later operated a tavern. Mrs. Linck is the eldest member of four generations in her family.