

# Franklin Sixth Grader Writes Ode to Town

Editor's Note: The author of this poem loves the village in which she lives and so "immortalizes" it with the following poem. Gail is a student at Franklin School.

*The Spirit of a Little Town*  
By GAIL GRIFFIN

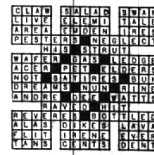
Before white men in Franklin Wood,  
In deep green forests teepees stood,  
And Indians, bronze skinned, fiery, bold,  
Roamed the woods even tho't were old,  
And, hearing gifts, the white men came,  
French in manner,  
French in name,  
And settling here, in '25,  
The site of Franklin came alive.  
It gained its name in '28  
After an American, certainly great,  
And so the settlement grew and grew,  
And soon the people of Franklin knew  
Their first postmaster general, to aid communications  
With relatives in their homeland nation.  
As Franklin progressed, it knew more and more  
Places to shop  
Like William Huston store,  
There was Brington Wagon Shop,  
And there stood beside her,  
Van Every Mills, which now makes our cider.  
Several taverns our town did adorn,  
And two places to worship on Sunday morn.  
As the problem of slavery grew and grew,  
The Underground Railroad, our Franklin knew.  
For it was a part of this nightly scheme  
To help negroes reach their Canadian dream.  
With Ford's new auto and Edison's light,

Franklin was growing up overnight.  
Was it now big and bustling?  
No, it was not,  
And they called it,  
"The town that time forgot."  
And, in its drowsy yet friendly way,  
It followed the same schedule, day by day.  
And today, though we cannot see,  
An Indian teepee 'neath a spreading tree,  
We can see something that isn't gone . . .  
The Spirit of Franklin lingers,  
on  
and  
on.

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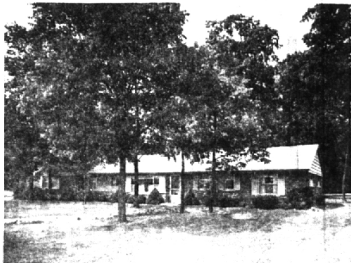
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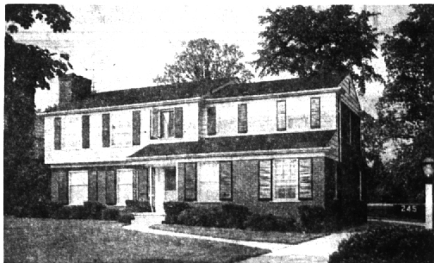
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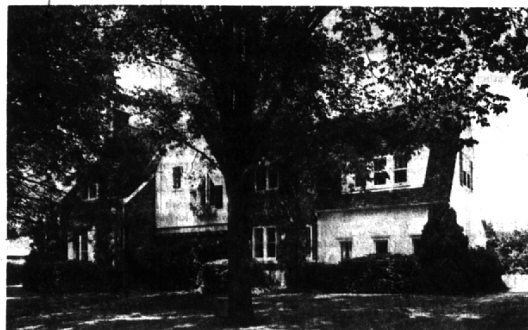
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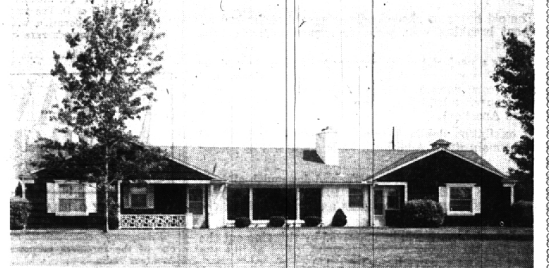
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