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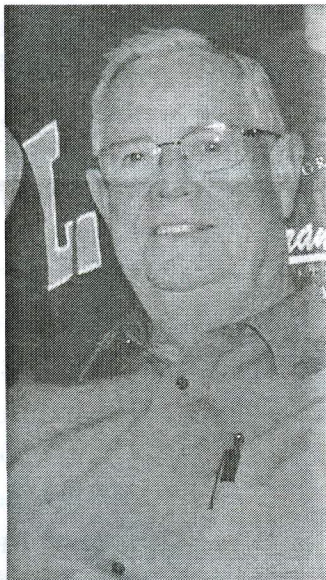
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## Dan Poulson is 2013 Old Settler

**The 129th Old Settlers' Day:  
Socializing Begins at Noon, Sunday,  
July 28 at Village Park in Palmyra**



### A Man of the Land

Howard "Dan" Poulson  
Honored Old Settler of 2013

By Terry Tutton

In 1946, Leo and Dorothy Poulson and their three children, Carolyn, Howard "Dan," and Suzanne moved from their farm near Onarga, Illinois to a farm just outside of Palmyra on Tamarack Road across the road from the A.X. Cummings place. Leo had gotten dissatisfied with the situation in Illinois and was looking around for another farm when he spotted an ad in the *Palmyra Enterprise* for a farm handled by real estate agent Dolf Bannerman. The Poulsons bought the farm and made the trek north to Palmyra.

In 1946, Dan (and I) entered 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the old monolith that was the Palmyra K-12 School. Our teacher was Velma Kelly, wife of Rev. Clarence Kelly of the Methodist Church. By the time Dan graduated in 1954 he had built up a long, distinguished list of credits including such

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