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## Primary election Tuesday

### Five vie for 88th District



John Fox



Burton Stencil



Donald Barr



Stanley Powell



Tom Reed

Among the positions on the Tuesday ballot will be the office of 88th District House of Representatives, a Primary race between 2 Democrats and 3 Republicans.

Two of the candidates have run before in efforts to unseat Stanley Powell, incumbent Republican.

Both are Democrats although 1 candidate ran in the last race as a Republican.

Seeking the Democratic nod are Burton (Bud) Stencil of Ionia and John Fox of St. Johns. Fox ran in the last election as a Republican.

Challenging Powell on the Republican side of the ballot are Donald Barr of Ionia and Tom Reed of Gratiot County.

Following are brief glimpses of each candidate from statements and materials used during the campaign.

#### DEMOCRATS

John Fox, 48, has expressed his concern with the cost of government and, in announcing his candidacy, stated, "The steady increase in the number of people that are on government payrolls must be supported by our tax dollars should be a matter of concern to all."

Fox is a graduate of Fowler High School and received a degree in business administration from Michigan State University in 1956. He is a director of Clinton National Bank, member of Michigan Farm Bureau, treasurer of Michigan for Higher Education at Lansing Community College and is a veteran of the Korean War.

Burton Stencil stresses that "I've been running on honesty and sincerity and my real ability through coming up through the ranks by serving in township and county government. I've always been active in community and county affairs all my life, including 4-H, St. Johns Lutheran Church and township and county government along with farm organizations. I've been involved with Stencil has campaigned on the slogan, "It's not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country that really counts."

#### REPUBLICANS

Donald Barr, 56, is a resident of Muir and, during the campaign, has indicated his stand on cost cutting in state government and law and order, particularly his belief that the death penalty should be reinstated. Concerning the cost of state government, Barr said, "I believe that if enough pruning (so to speak) of dead wood were done in the bureaucracy of our state government, that taxes could be reduced without cutting services." He also said, "I believe that the business climate in Michigan should be improved so that businesses which have their operations entirely within the state should also have their main offices within the state, rather than having them in some distant state such as New York."

Stanley Powell, a resident of Ionia, has served in the Michigan House of Representatives since 1964 and stresses his experience in state government. He said, "As you participate in a Primary election, particularly for a legislative office, I feel that you should be

concerned with the qualifications and record of public service of the various candidates. Of course, it is obvious that I am the only candidate who has a definite record as a member of the Legislature and I believe there is only one of the other candidates, and he is on the other party ticket, who has had much if any experience in government at the local or county level."

Tom Reed, 30-year-old Gratiot County farmer, in announcing his candidacy, indicated he feels it is time for a change in the 88th District. He said, "Many issues affecting

agriculture today are brought forth by special interest groups and seriously jeopardize the ability of the agricultural industry to survive. Effective dealing with these issues requires vigorous aggressive leadership in Lansing. I am confident I can give that leadership. It's time for a change." Reed works for Michigan Farm Bureau as a crops and livestock specialist. He is a graduate of MSU with a degree in animal husbandry. He was previously employed by the Michigan Livestock Exchange and MSU Agriculture Extension Service.

### Expect 5000 entries for 1976 4-H fair

ST. JOHNS—Over 5,000 entries are expected to be on exhibit during the Clinton County 4-H Youth Fair to be held August 16-18. The 1976 Fair will be opened with a special ceremony Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. when State Senator Richard Allen will make an address. The ceremony will be held at the new flag pole which will be dedicated.

### County office elections are anti-climatic

The Primary Election, for prosecuting attorney, sheriff, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and drain commissioner is anti-climatic—there are no races.

Other than county commissioner candidates, only 2 Democrats have filed to run for county office and are unopposed in the Primary as are the incumbent Republicans.

Allen L. Rosekrans is on the Democratic ballot for county treasurer and will oppose incumbent Gerald Shepard, Republican, in the November General Election. Shepard has no opposition in the Primary.

In the only other county officer race

that will be a contest in November, incumbent Republican Harry Harden is unopposed in the Primary for drain commissioner. He will race Charles Volk in November, a Democrat also unopposed in the Primary.

In other county races, the prosecuting attorney, sheriff, clerk, and register of deeds are unopposed in the Primary and in November.

Facing no competition, other than possible write-ins, in either election are Jon Newman, prosecuting attorney; Anthony Hufnagel, sheriff; Ernest Carter, clerk and Bonnie Wickerham, register of deeds. All are Republicans.

### Local youth wins top 4-H honors

ST. JOHNS—Jeanne Striz, 17, 4889 E. Pratt Road, St. Johns, has been named a state winner in the 1976 4-H awards program.

Jeanne won her honors for work in the dairy program, sponsored by the Insurance Company of North America.

She will receive an expense-paid trip to the 55th National 4-H Congress to be held in Chicago, November 28 to December 2. She will be joined at the big 4-H event by some 30 other winners throughout the state.

A seven-year 4-H member, Jeanne says, "Dairy cattle have played an important part in my growing-up

process, teaching me things about responsibility, hard work, losing, winning, love and many more."

Raising and showing Holsteins, Jeanne has shown dairy cattle many times and taken firsts in both open classes and showmanship.

Besides her dairy project, she has completed the foods, flower garden, clothing, and crocheting projects. Her parents are Mr. & Mrs. Alan Parker.

The awards program is arranged by the National 4-H Service Committee. Winners are selected by the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service.

Clinton County voters go to the polls Tuesday, Aug. 3 to vote in the Primary Election to select candidates to run in the November General Election.

On the ballot will be candidates seeking election to the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, State House of Representatives, and county offices. In the U.S. Senate race, eight candidates are seeking to take the spot

left up for grabs by Sen. Phillip Hart's announcement that he would not seek re-election.

Democrats running for their party's nomination in the Senate race are Richard H. Austin, James Leonard Elsmar, James G. O'Hara and Donald W. Riegle Jr.

Republicans seeking their place on the ballot in November for the Senate

seat are Deane Baker, Thomas E. Brennan, Marvin Esch and Robert J. Huber.

In the U.S. 10th District Congressional race, three Democrats are on the ballot—Donald J. Albosta, Patrick Casey and Samuel D. Marble. Republican incumbent, Elford A. Cederberg has his party's nod all sewn up—he's running opposed.

### Two contests on ballot for Commissioner posts

In the Primary election for Clinton County Commissioners, there are only 2 contests, one in District 4 and the other in District 6.

In District 4 Republican incumbent Maurice Gove, is opposed by Republican Robert Wood. The district covers Bingham Township and Precincts 2 and 3 of the City of St. Johns.

Unopposed on the Democratic ballot for District 4 is Cecil Smith, who will face Gove or Wood in the November election.

In District 6, Republican incumbent Duane Chamberlain is opposed in the Primary by Republican Vern E. Fosnight. There is no Democratic candidate in the District 6 election.

There are candidates for 6 other commissioner races, who do not face opposition in the Primary, but will in the Nov. 2 General Election.

Incumbent Harold Martin, Republican, District 3 will face Democrat Elaine Miller in November. District 3 includes Bengal, Riley and Westphalia Townships.

In District 5, Democratic incumbent Elaine M. Brockmyre will be opposed in the November election by Earl R. Lancaster. District 5 includes St. Johns Precincts, 1, 4 and 5.

In District 7, Republican incumbent Roger Overway will be opposed in November by Judy A. Sutton, Democrat. District 7 includes Olive Township, city of DeWitt and Precinct 6 of DeWitt Twp.

Democrat Max Calder, incumbent in the 9th District, will face opposition in the General Election from David Earl Whitlock, Republican. District 9 includes Precincts, 2, 4 and 5 of DeWitt Twp.

Republican Virginia Zeeb, incumbent in District 10, will be running against challenger Democrat Bruce E. Angell in November. District 10 is made up of

Precinct 1 and 3 of DeWitt Twp.

Incumbent Charles A. Gutzki, Democrat will seek reelection to the District 11 commissioner seat, opposed by Richard Hawkins, Republican. Bath Township makes up District 11.

Although there are two commissioner districts with no opposition in either Primary or General Election, a slight complication has arisen in one of the districts.

Leroy E. Vincent, incumbent Democratic candidate in District 1 is unopposed in the Primary and the General Election.

However, he has announced that he will run as a write-in candidate in the Primary. There are no other Republican candidates listed on the ballot. Following the Primary, the Democratic Party may designate a replacement for Vincent on the General Election ballot.

District 1 includes Duplain and Greenbush Townships.

In District 2, Republican Walter G. Nobis faces no Primary or General Election opposition.

District 2 includes Essex, Lebanon and Dallas Townships.

### Bargains on the sidewalks for area shoppers

ST. JOHNS—Area shoppers will have 2 days of big bargain hunting in St. Johns Thursday and Friday.

The Annual Sidewalk Sales will offer thousands of items displayed on the sidewalks with marked down prices for mid-summer shopping enjoyment.

The Sidewalk Sale is sponsored annually by the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce.

### Apprehend youth for armed robbery here

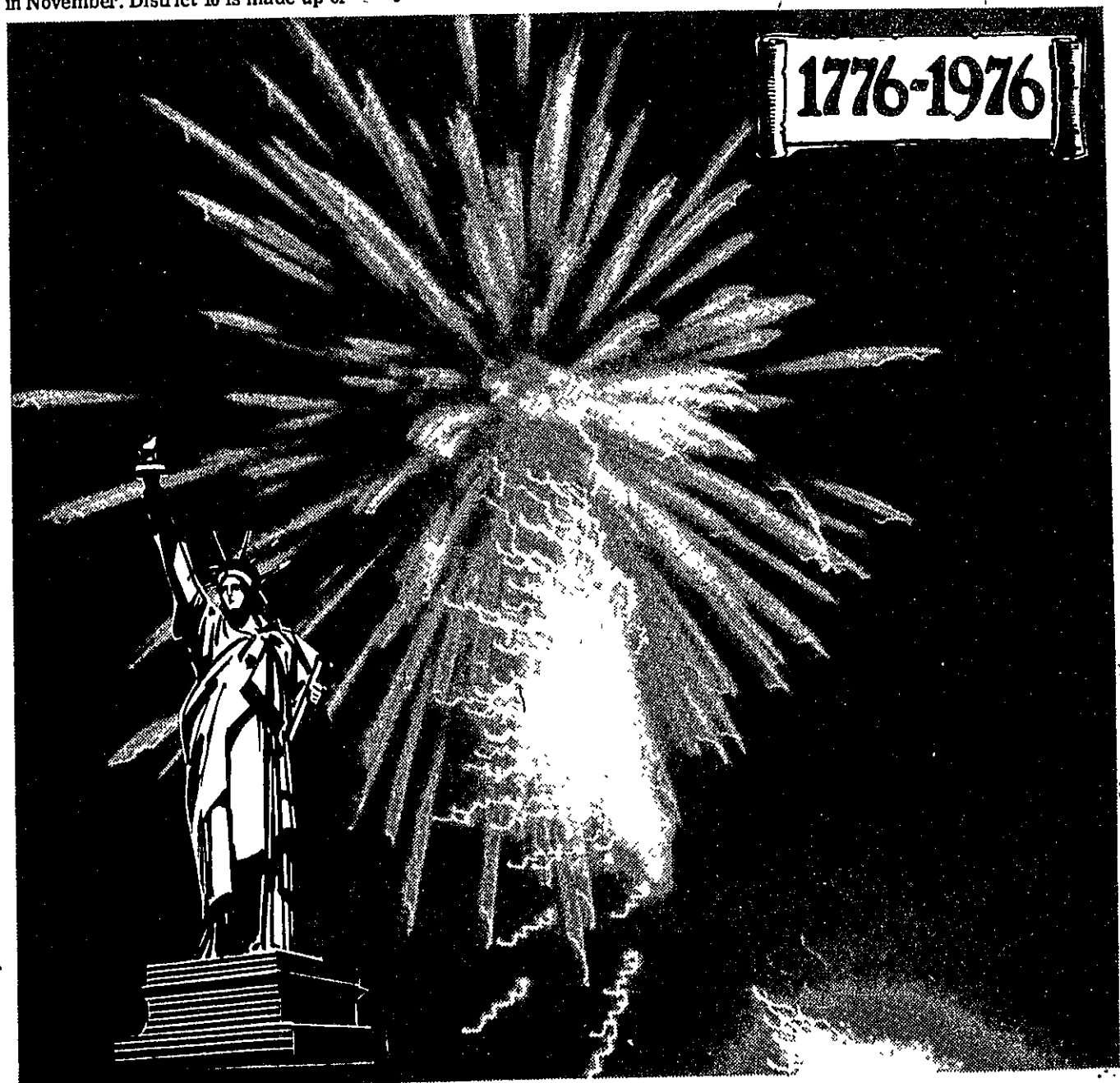
ST. JOHNS—A 16-year-old juvenile escapee from Whitmore Lake Boys Training School has been apprehended for the armed robbery of the K-P Store in St. Johns July 12.

State Police apprehended the juvenile in a roadblock set up following

another armed robbery reportedly committed by the same youth.

After he was apprehended, it was reported he admitted to committing the armed robbery at the K-P store at 2:38 a.m.

Taken in the robbery was \$105.51



### County News Bicentennial salute

--See Sections B, C and D--

## Plan CMU alumni golf outing

MT. PLEASANT - Central Michigan University alumni and friends from the Lansing and Jackson areas are invited to attend a golf outing at Highland Hills Golf Course in DeWitt Saturday, August 7.

Along with men's, women's and mixed flights, there will be clubhouse activities including bridge and gin rummy. Golfers may arrange their own foursome or be matched with CMU coaches, faculty members and other campus dignitaries. Prizes will be awarded to winning golfers.

Tee-off time is 1 p.m. Golf fees are \$3 for 9 holes and \$5 for 18 holes. (Highland Hills Golf Course is located at U.S.-27 and Alward Rd., approximately five miles north of Lansing).

There will also be late afternoon refreshments and an open cash bar as well as an evening buffet dinner at 7 p.m.

For more information or reservations, call Jim Jones, Lansing, at (517) 764-4180 or Charles Mills, Jr., Jackson, at (517) 493-0337.

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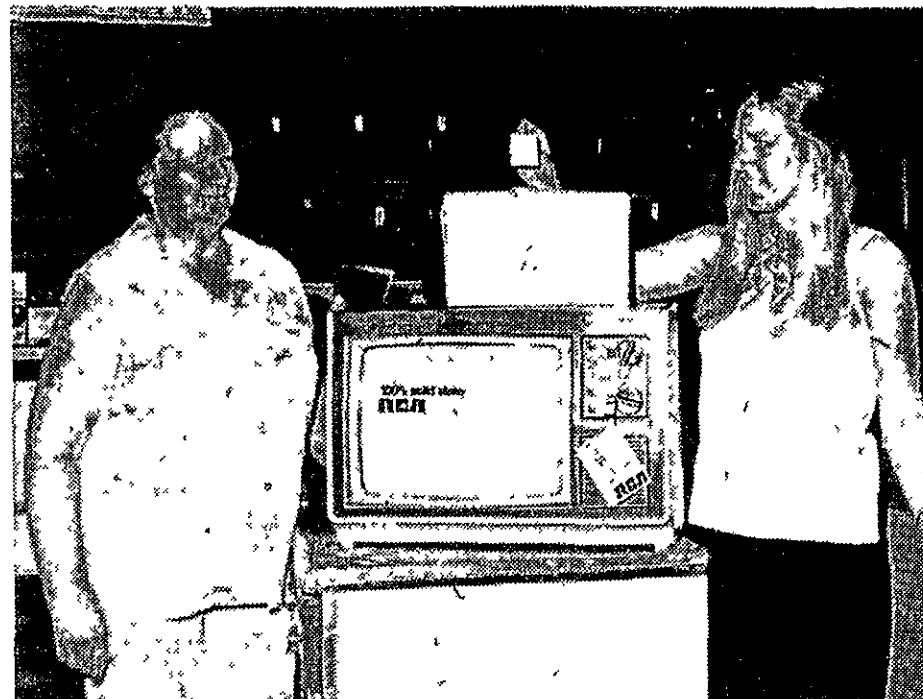
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ILENE WEBER of 1104 E. Hyde Rd., St. Johns (left) became the lucky winner of an RCA Color TV set during Kurt's Appliance Center's 11th Anniversary Sale drawing. Displaying the winning ticket she drew from the box of contestants is Denise Roof of Capitol Savings & Loan office staff. Other winners were: Muriel Gilson, gas grill; Mark Cuthbert, sweeper; Clemens Kloeckner, pyrex set; Garth Wilkie, cookware; Howard Mercer, pyrex set and Richard Feldpausch, hot water dispenser.

## Foran wins 'Superstars' contest

Central Michigan University senior Bill Foran, sparked by two first place finishes on the final day of competition, won the first annual Superstars contest held at Ovid-Elsie over the past two weekends.

Foran's victories in weightlifting and the 100 yard dash, plus second place in basketball shooting and tennis, lifted him past all the other participants for the win. Foran had already won the home-run hitting and placed fourth in canoeing for a total of 47 points.

Second place in the overall competition went to Mike Cole with 40 points. Cole, a teacher at Ovid-Elsie High School, won the basketball shooting and canoeing, and placed in four other events: the 440 yard dash, the 100-yard dash, weightlifting, and

the obstacle course.

First round leader Larry John Byrnes, also a CMU senior, finished third with 37 points with a victory in tennis and points in five other events: homerun hitting, bowling, basketball shooting, swimming, and weightlifting.

Although he didn't have a victory in any event, Tim Bolton, another CMU student, finished fourth in overall competition with 23 1/2 points by scoring in every event in which he entered. He was the only contestant to do so.

Doug Long, 1976 graduate of O-EHS, finished fifth with 22 points by winning the 440-yard dash and scoring points in the 100-yard dash and the obstacle course.

Other event winners who didn't finish in the top five were: Dave Long, bowling;

Tony Nastase, swimming; and David Kenney, obstacle course.

One of the most exciting events of the competition was the weight-lifting, according to Bob Foreback, Superstars director. Points were awarded according to weight lifted in comparison to body weight. Foran had to bench press 270 pounds for a 1.52 percentage to edge out Byrnes, whose 200 pound lift was good for a 1.48 percentage. At the conclusion of this event, Foran and Byrnes were tied for first place with only two events remaining.

Foreback considers this year's competition to be a success but hopes for a greater number of entrants for next year.

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## Area students on Dean's list

Three area students have been named to the University of Michigan College of Engineering Dean's Honor List for the past semester.

They are Kenneth D. Allen, 303 Gibbs; Jeffrey L. Hazle, 1300 S.-Airport Rd. and Alexander F. MacKinnon 304 E. Buchanan.

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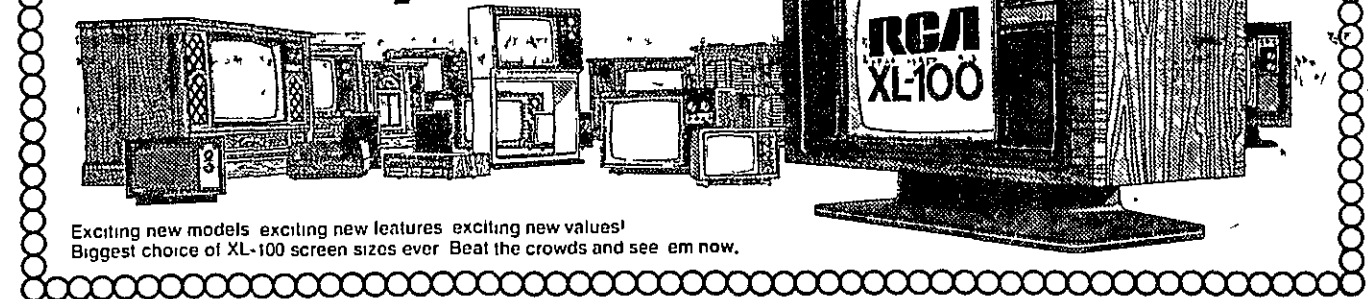
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# Recreation Round-up

With Dick Buggs



St. Johns City Recreation Director

The summer is progressing at a rapid pace for the recreation department with just a few weeks left for several activities. This is the last week for regular games for the women's softball league and the tennis instruction is in its final session. There still are many more children's recreation days left as well as men's softball games. Here's a brief rundown of the activities for the week of July 19:

### CHILDREN'S RECREATION

Because many of the children forgot to bring their bicycles, we had a bit of a problem holding the bike rodeo scheduled for the past week. Instead we played games and explored the nature trails found in the wooded area of the park. We identified several species of plants and insects including six species of mosquitoes, poison ivy and sumac. It was a great walk-pass the Calamine lotion...

This week we are having the bike safety clinic and rodeo. We are planning to teach the children the hand signals, rules of the road, and show a Walt Disney cartoon. The rodeo will be a chance for the kids to apply the things that they learn and win prizes and ribbons at the same time. Tricycles are welcome as are all children of elementary age. We meet at the city park at 10 am on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The pet show is scheduled for August 5 and is cosponsored by the S. Johns Jaycees. Dolls, stuffed animals, glass animals, etc. are encouraged for pet-less families. The show starts at 10 a.m. and parents are welcome to attend, especially if your child is planning to enter a St. Bernard, pony, pig or the like.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Come on tennis players, we need many more participants for our annual tennis tournament. The singles tournament is slated for July 31 and the doubles is August 7. There are numerous categories there's an age group for every player and ability. You may sign up at the city municipal building, or call Al Werbish, tournament director at 224-2248. Deadline for the singles is July 28 and August 4 has been set as the deadline for doubles.

### GIRL'S SOFTBALL

Our first week of competition in this three team league began this week and it looks like there will be many fine women players in the future. The girls have been practicing frequently and my hat is off to the team managers for the interest, patience and perspiration exhibited thus far. More next week after the teams have had a chance to play a few games.

### CITY SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Women:  
In women's action last week, one of the best games ever played in the league was witnessed by a record number of spectators. The contest was between two unbeaten-Clinton National (5-0) and Community Dodge (4-0). It was a well played game with Dodge taking it 8-7. Congratulations are in order for both teams for the fine sportsmanship shown. Other league scores and standings follow

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Rehmann's 27         | Mickey's 0        |
| EJ'S 12              | Buckeye 4         |
| Julie K.             | SJ Bay rained out |
| Community Dodge 5-0  |                   |
| Clinton National 5-1 |                   |
| Rehmann's 3-2        |                   |
| EJ Standard 3-3      |                   |
| SJ Bay 2-3           |                   |
| Buckeye 2-3          |                   |
| Julie K 0-4-1        |                   |
| Mickey's 0-5-1       |                   |
- The previously rained out games will be played Thursday, July 29. In the first game at 6:30 p.m. league leading Community Dodge battles a tough Rehmann's squad.

SJ Bay opposes Julie K in the second contest scheduled for 8 p.m.

### Men's League:

There were a few surprises in the men's league this week. Recreational League leading FC Mason was shot down 17-7 by an impressive WRBJ squad. In the Championship League, first place Sillman's was idle but Dry Dock'd was busy beating Hub Tire 24-14.

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|------------------------------|
| Deans 9 Bees 2               |
| Buckeyes 23 Moore Oil 5      |
| Dry Dock'd 24 Hub Tire 14    |
| Midstate 5 American Legion 9 |
| Bob's Bar 9 Wolverine 5      |
| WRBJ 17 FC Mason 7           |
| City 14 Randolph's 8         |
| SJ Oil 19 Clinton National 2 |
| Beck's 8 K of C 7            |

### STANDINGS CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| "A" Division    | "B" Division     |
| Dry Dock'd 15-0 | Sillman's 6-0    |
| Hub Tire 4-2    | Roadhouse 5-1    |
| Buckeye 3-3     | McKenzie 4-2     |
| Dean's 3-3      | Central Bank 3-3 |
| D & B 2-3       | Egan's 1-5       |
| Bee's 1-4       | Oldtimer's 0-6   |
| Moore Oil 1-5   |                  |

### RECREATION LEAGUE

- |                      |
|----------------------|
| WRBJ 4-1             |
| FC MASON 3-1         |
| BOB'S BAR 3-1        |
| RANDOLPH'S 3-2       |
| SJ OIL 3-2           |
| BECK'S 3-3           |
| CITY 2-2             |
| CENTRAL NATIONAL 2-3 |
| AM. LEGION 2-3       |
| WOLVERINE 1-3-1      |
| K of C 1-3-1         |
| MIDSTATE 1-4         |



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## North Bengal

On Sunday, July 18 the Pasch reunion was held at the Fowler Conservation Park. About 56 relatives and friends gathered for a pot-luck dinner and, an afternoon of playing ball, games, and visiting. Guests came from Boston, Mass., Lansing, Alma, St. Louis, Vassar, Richville, St. Johns and Fowler.

July 16 week-end guests of Rev. and Mrs. H.E. Rossow and Mrs. Herman Rossow were their grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Justin and Brooke Rossow of Flint. Visitors on Friday evening, July 16 of Mr. and

Mrs. Fred W. Pasch were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schke of Fowler, Mrs. William Ernst and Maxine Ernst. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tiedt and family of Monroe, New York are visiting his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Tiedt and Phillip Tiedt and his

grandmother, Mrs. Ida Schrader. Rudolph Tiedt is progressing nicely at the Clinton Memorial Hospital where he is convalescing from a recent heart attack. Little Joyce Bancroft of S.W. Dallas spent from Tuesday, July 20 until Thursday, July 22 with her

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Pasch. Her mother, Mrs. J.D. Bancroft, attended the Lutheran Women's Missionary League State Convention at Concordia College, Ann Arbor as a delegate from St. Paul Lutheran Church at Fowler.

# THIRD ANNUAL ISLAND ART FAIR

## Saturday, July 31, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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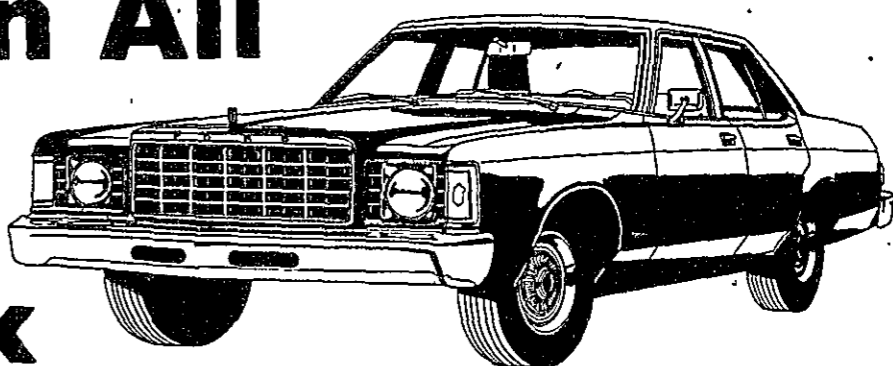
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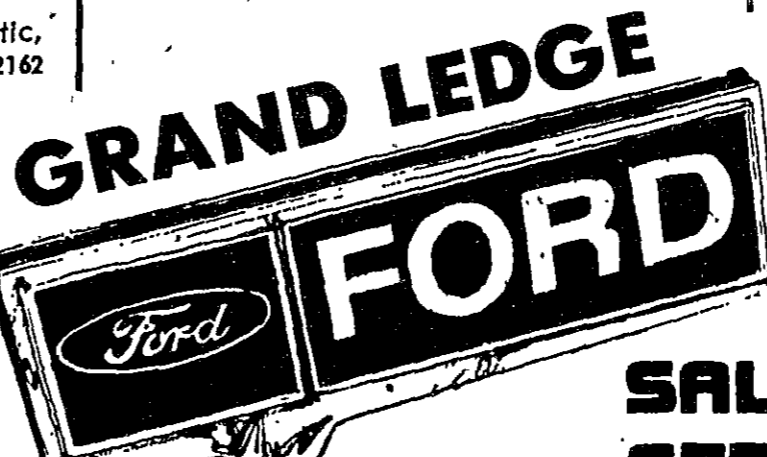
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- 1972 FORD LTD 2 dr., vinyl roof, V-8, automatic, power steering and brakes. . . . . \$1744
- 1971 FORD MAVERICK, 4 dr., 6 cylinder, automatic, power steering. . . . . \$1188
- 1971 FORD TORINO 4 dr., V-8, automatic, power steering. . . . . \$1074
- 1969 CHRYSLER 4 dr., V-8 automatic, power steering & air. . . . . \$1099
- 1972 FORD PINTO WAGON, 4 cylinder, radio. . . . . \$1382
- 1974 MAVERICK: 2 door, 6 cylinder, stick, AM radio. . . . . \$2368
- 1972 MUSTANG MACH 1: V-8, automatic, power steering, radio. . . . . \$2162

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- 1973 CHEVY CUSTOM 20 3/4 TON, V-8, automatic, power steering, radio. Sharp. . . . . \$2783
- 1972 F250 FORD CAMPER SPECIAL 4 speed, 8 cylinder, transportation special. . . . . \$986
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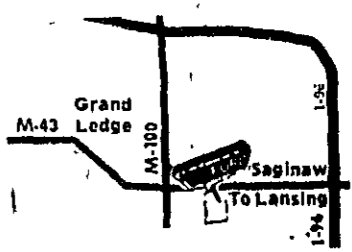
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## Sandra Lynn Munger, Douglas Thorne wed in candlelight ceremony

Sandra Lynn Munger became the bride of Douglas Craig Thorne in a double ring, 7 p.m. candlelight ceremony June 19 at St. Johns Lutheran Church in St. Johns.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Munger, 211 W. Buchanan, St. Johns and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thorne, 1245 N. Hayford, Lansing.

Rev. Michael Ruhl performed the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her mother and father before an altar of yellow and white daisies.

John Anderson, accompanied by Dottie DeWitt on the organ, sang "There Is Love" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The groom is a 1968 graduate of West Branch High School and the bride is a 1973 graduate of St. Johns High School.

For her wedding, the bride chose an Empire style chiffon gown. The gown and veil were imported Italian lace.

She carried a bouquet of yellow and white daisies with

baby's breath and white carnations.

Maid of honor was Wendy Ward of St. Johns. Bridesmaids were Pam Moore, Lynda Knight and Lynne LeDuke all of St. Johns and Connie McCauley of Alpena. Flower girl was Erica Knight of St. Johns, niece of the bride.

The bride's attendants wore long yellow halter dresses with top jackets and headresses of white wide brim hats with yellow ribbon. They carried bouquets of white daisies, yellow rose buds and baby's breath.

The flower girl wore a yellow, flowered dress with puffed sleeves, white wide brim hat with yellow ribbon and carried a white basket with yellow and white daisies and yellow rose petals.

For her daughters wedding, the bride's mother wore a v-necked mint green, polyester knit dress with a white collar and corsage of daisies and rosebuds.

The groom's mother wore a light aqua sleeveless dress and corsage of white daisies and rose buds.

Best man was Dave Biddinger of Grand Rapids. Groomsmen were Mike Munger, U.S. Army, Ft. Lewis, Washington; Keith McCauley, Alpena; Don Modzynski, Romulus and John Laimon, Jackson.

Ushers were Mark Munger, St. Johns and Bill Laimon, Grass Lake.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the VFW Hall in St. Johns.

Serving at the reception were Fern Burgess, Jean Munger; Pauline Moore, Marion Felix, Bev Witt, Cheryl Damon and Judy Haynes. Serving at the guest book was Cindy Hazelton of Lansing.

The bride's cake was made by Fern Burgess of St. Johns. Hosts and hostesses

at the reception were Walt and Rhonda Runnell of Ovid and Bob and Carol Frechen of St. Johns.

Special guests at the reception, attended by 350 people, were Velma and Wilbur Bancroft of Maple Rapids, great aunt and uncle of the bride; Rollie Munger of St. Johns, grandfather of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Case, of Jackson, grandparents.

For her going away trip, the bride wore a blue gabardine pant suit.

Following their wedding trip to Virginia Beach, Va. and the Washington D.C. area, the couple will reside at 301 Park West Dr., Lansing.



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Thorne

## BIRTHS

A son, James Otto, weighing 8 pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. James O. Gower on June 25 at Sarasota Fla. Hospital.

The baby has two sisters, Danielle Amber and Beth Ellyn. The mother is the former Martha Wright of Maple Rapids.

A boy, Eric Scott, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Henning of 101 N. Lansing St. St. Johns, July 20th at Carson City Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. the baby

has one brother. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Henning of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kamoski. The mother is the former Mary Ann Kamoski.

A girl, Tara Lynette, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Bentley of 9735 W. Taft, St. Johns, July 20, 1976 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 1/2 ozs. The baby has 1 brother.

Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bentley, Mr. & Mrs. John Ernst, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Burnham. Their mother is the former Terri Burnham.

## ONE OF BEE'S TEAM



Mark Munger

Bee's Sports Division is the point of interview this week in the person of Mark Munger. Mark is the sales manager of Bee's Sport Center and is also in charge of advertising and public relations.

He first came to the Bees Organization while still a student at St. Johns High School serving in many capacities around the general premises. He also worked at the D & C Store part time where he eventually worked himself up to assistant manager. Working at two jobs finally culminated into one career at Bee's where he has been now for the past 3 years.

Mark graduated from SJHS in 1972 and was active in the Marching Redwings since sixth grade. An avid musician, he formerly was a member of the Heather Pipers.

Mark and his wife Jean reside on W. Mead Rd. north of St. Johns with their son, Tyler, 2 yrs. old. By verbal indications, it appears that the Mungers will be having a special Christmas present in December. No preference was mentioned so maybe twins are in order...

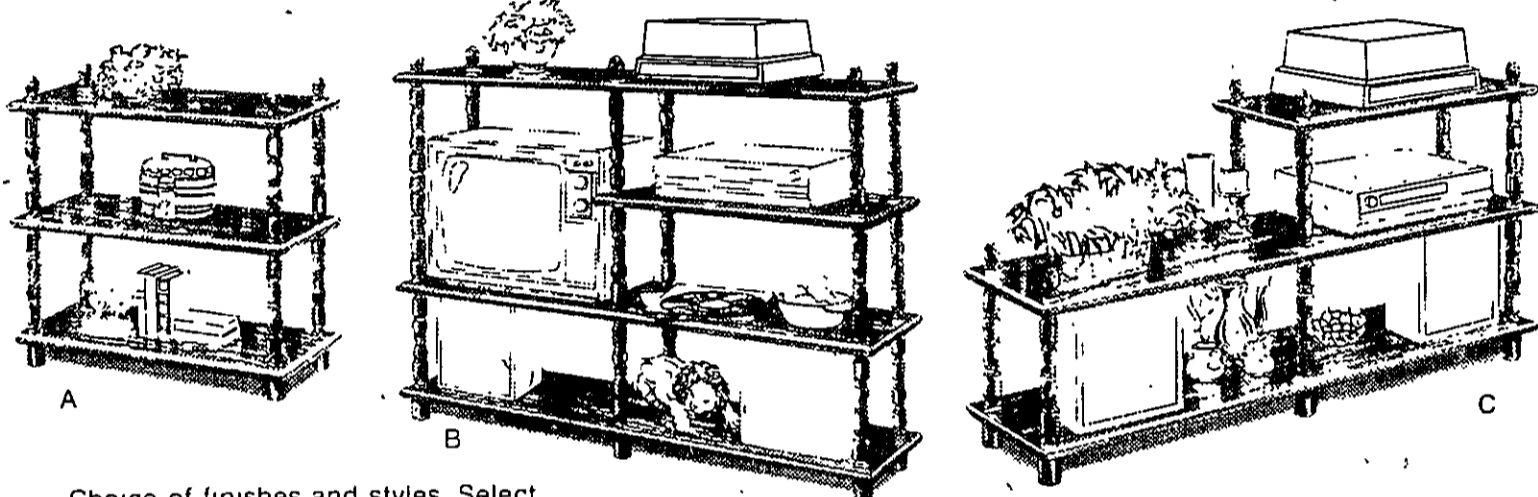
Along community lines, Mark was a former St. Johns Jaycee and presently serves his church, the St. Joseph Catholic Church, as commentator.

When not working at Bees, Mark enjoys snowmobiling and motorcycling with his wife. He also likes boating and water skiing plus hunting and fishing.

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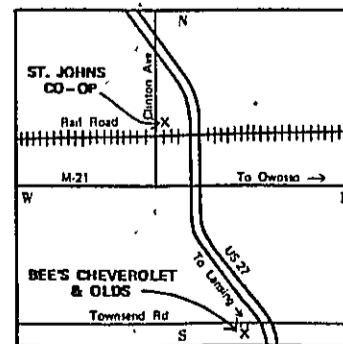
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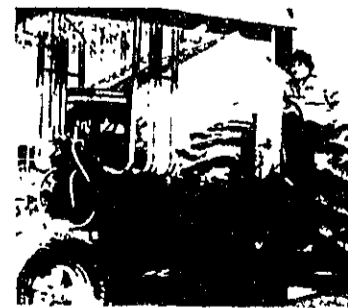
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## Theodore Hengesbach to receive PhD

Theodore W. Hengesbach, son of the late Louis Hengesbach, Sr. and Elizabeth Miller of Westphalia, will receive his PhD degree in Theology at commencement exercises at the University of Notre Dame Friday, August 6.

He is a graduate of St. Mary's Grade School, Westphalia; Sacred Heart High School and College, Detroit and received an MA in liturgy from Notre Dame in 1964.

His doctoral dissertation is a study of John Henry

Newman's theology of death in which Newman's personal reactions to and reflections on the deaths of family members and of friends is presented and analyzed. Newman, who was a dramatic convert from the Anglican to the Roman Catholic Church in the mid-1800s, is presently being considered for Canonization to sainthood in the Catholic Church.

Dr. Hengesbach is the director of Adult Religion Education at St. Joseph's Church, South Bend. He

taught at Marygrove College in Detroit and St. Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

He is married to Rose Marie Seitz of Madison, Wis. They have two children, Theodor John and Heidi and have lived in South Bend for the past 10 years. His uncle, Isidor Miller, and his brothers Louis, Jr. and Robert, live in Westphalia. His sister, Sister Angelica, is the general superior of the Sisters of Christian Charity in Wilmette, Illinois.



Mr. and Mrs. Guy A. Mitchell 255 E. Oak St. Elsie, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Annette to Mark Karl Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith, 6363 Faragher Rd. Ovid. Susan is employed by a law firm in Lansing, Mark is employed by Tractor Supply in Owosso and will be attending Lansing Community College this fall. An October 23 wedding is planned.

## Honor 50th anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence H. Fuerstenau, Wilson Street, DeWitt, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Sunday, August 8. An open house hosted by their children for their parents many friends and relatives will be held in the Masonic Temple in DeWitt from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Fuerstenau were married at Central Methodist Church in Flint, August 15, 1926. The couple first made their home in DeWitt and have remained residents in the community. Mr. Fuerstenau was superintendent of the DeWitt public schools for a period of 40 years, retiring in 1966. Since that time the

Fuerstenaus spend their winters in Bradenton, Florida and their summers in their DeWitt home.

Their three children are: Barbara Davis of St. Johns, Margaret Nelson of Summit, New Jersey and William Fuerstenau of East Lansing. They have eight grandchildren.

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## Receives Scholarship

St. Johns-Patricia L. Meyer, June graduate of St. Johns High School, has been notified that she is the recipient of a tuition scholarship at National College of education in Evanston, Ill.

This award was based on the high score she achieved on a competitive test taken at the college in mid-April. She will receive \$1500 per year on a 4-year elementary teaching program.

National College is a small private college known for its unique programs for elementary education.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer of St. Johns, she was active throughout high school on many committees, student council, was manager of the girls' swim team for 2 years and is a member of the National Honor Society.

## Two area students on Dean's List

MIDLAND - Two Clinton County students have been named to the Dean's List at Northwood Institute for the spring term.

Earning honors at Northwood are Douglas R. Fox of Laingsburg and William R. Kohls of St. Johns.

## Teresa Brichon optometry specialist

Elsie-Airman Teresa Ann Brichon graduated July 14, 1976 as an Optometry Specialist in the United States Air Force. She attended technical school at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

She is a 1975 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School and has earned credits toward a Career Education Certificate through the Community College of the Air force while attending Basic Training and Technical School.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brichon, 7551 W. Henderson Rd., Elsie.



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The immediate families gathered on the lawn of the bride's home on July 3 to witness the marriage of

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A blue-draped altar stood in front of a red rambler rose, and was adorned with flowers and vines. The bible on the altar had been presented to the bride's father by his grandfather, Kebler Howe in 1928.

The Reverend Royce R. Robinson of the First United Methodist Church of Grand Ledge, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Beverly, daughter of Mr. &

Mrs. Russell Howe of Eagle, was given in marriage by her father. The groom's parents are Mr. & Mrs. James Anderson of Ligonier, Indiana.

The bride wore an ivory gown fashioned after the style of the early 1800's; with a scoop neckline, stand-up collar, lace sleeves ending in long cuffs, and a ruffled hem-line. She also wore a blue antique necklace which had belonged to her Grandmother Howe. Her nose-gay bouquet consisted of daisies, blue-tipped carnations, and baby's breath.

Maid-of-honor for her sister was Miss Irene Howe of Mason. Tim Giffen of Grand Ledge assisted the groom.

The guests were entertained at a lawn reception immediately following the ceremony.

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### Elsie

Mrs. Wayne Mead has returned to her home following major surgery at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing July 12.

Russell Robinson has been in Alma Hospital a few days and spent the weekend with his family and returned for surgery Wednesday.

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MR. AND MRS. ELLIS LAVRACK, Spring Arbor, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda Jo, Randall J. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orvest J. Davis, 4480 W. Cutler Rd., DeWitt. The bride-elect is attending Michigan State University and is employed part time at MSU. The prospective groom is a 1976 graduate of MSU in agricultural mechanization, and employed with New Ideal Inc. of Coldwater, Ohio. A Sept. 11 wedding date has been set.

### Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Spicer of 804 E. Baldwin St., St. Johns, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Jean, to Kenneth J. Denbrook of Pompano Beach, Florida.

affiliated with Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. The wedding will take place, November 6th, at the First Congregational Church in St. Johns.

Miss Spicer graduated from St. Johns High School and Baldwin-Wallace College where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Beulah Ballantine of St. Johns and Mrs. Rhea Alberts of Harrison.



Kelly Jean Spicer

Mr. Dunbrook, the son of Mr. & Mrs. George Dunbrook of Pompano Beach, attended Baldwin-Wallace College and was

### Engaged



Mary Marco

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Marco of Green Acres Farm, Harbor Springs, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Katherine, to Charles Rehmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Rehmann of St. Johns.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the Leelanau School, attended Aquina College and is presently an art major enrolled at Michigan State University.

### Pewamo

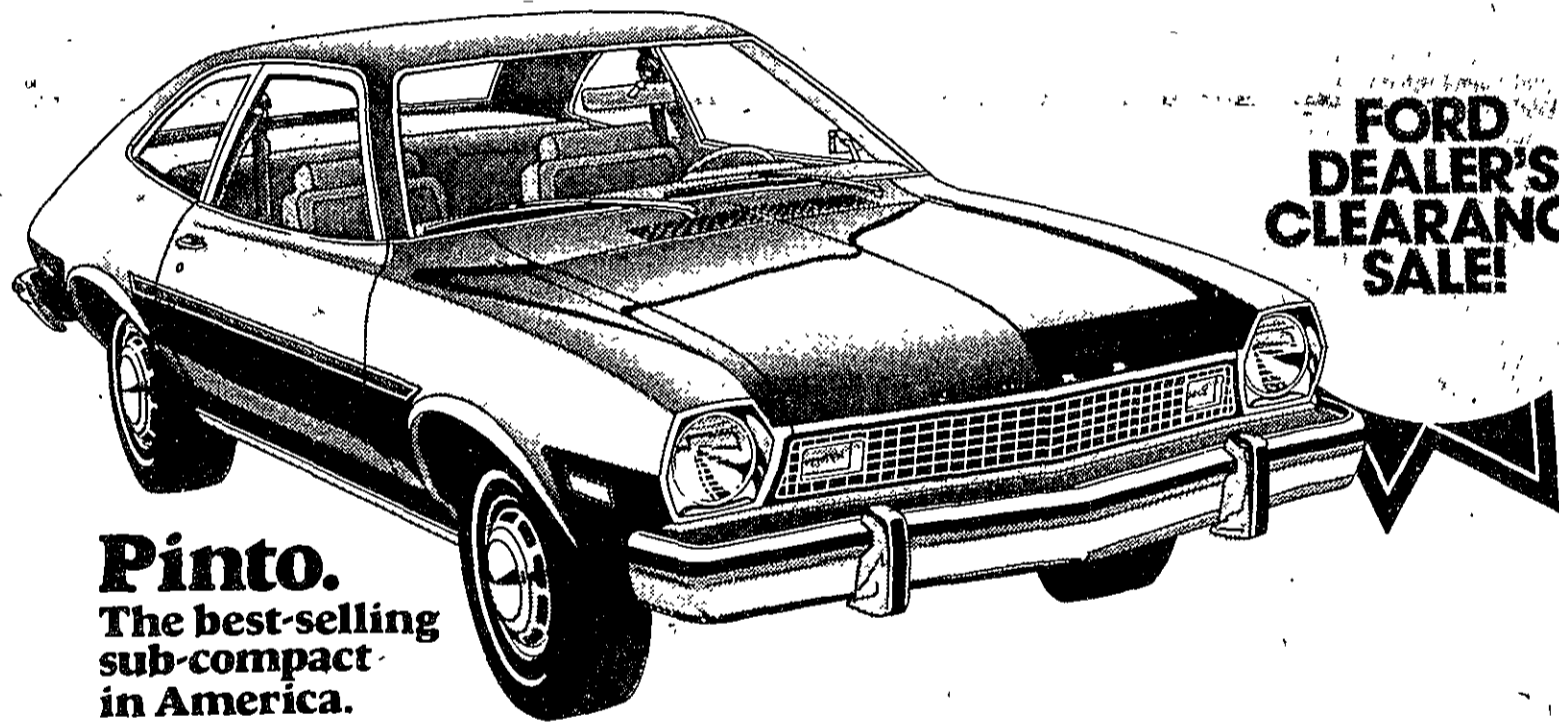
George Hughes and friend of Grand Rapids and Joe Lyons of Ionia called on Mr. and Mrs. James Cotter Sr. Sunday July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Horrocks, Lindsey Jr. and Timothy were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmitt. Also visiting was Mrs. Anna E. Cook Fred Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schmidt, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Schmitt and Luke Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Werner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pline, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hendee, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Schafer and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schneider and children all spent the weekend at Clifford Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fran Heckman and family went to school section lake. With them were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hungerford and family and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Heckman & family.

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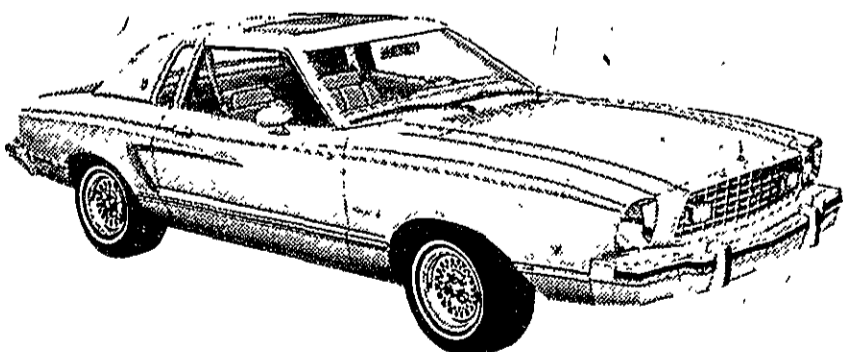
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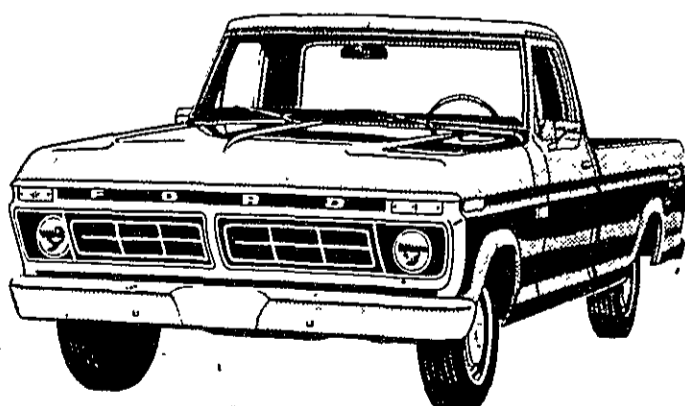
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## A proud farewell to old Elsie High School

The following is a farewell to the old Elsie High School. At the present date we are not sure as to the author. Mrs. Beatrice Kelley, employed as secretary in Supt. Don Kenney's office at the Ovid-Elsie High School found the story and was kind enough to share it with the area readers.



The first schoolhouse was a little red frame building west of town. One of the early teachers was Wm. L. Tillotson, who was issued a certificate to teach January 15, 1853. Among others were Miss Anna Sickels, the first teacher, Eleanor Rockwell, Marilla Nethaway, Emory B. Hyle and Loren Shelley.

The present site of the Elsie High School serving District No. 2 was selected Sept. 16, 1867 and plans for a frame two-story building 24 X 48 feet with halls for entry 20 X 20 feet were adopted and M.B. Kelley was chosen to build it for the sum of \$2150 on March 25, 1868.

Early teachers in this building were L.G. Shelley, Erma Sickels, Delia A. Bates, Fanny Hicks, Jennie

Sickels, T.P. Story, T.L. Parker, A.F. Doyle, Roy Way, H.W. Hyser, Kate Finch, E.G. VanDeventer and R.C. Blank.

On April 9, 1903, the voters of the district voted bonds in the sum of \$12,000 to build the original brick building, now part of the present high

school. The building was completed on Nov. 16 1903 at a cost of \$15,453.30 and additional financing was required to finish paying for the structure.

The first principal in the new school was R.C. Blank, followed by Miss Madie Newton, Spencer Kelley, Jim Hamison, Floyd Dockery, A.D. Lyons and E.E. Knight. Mr. Knight later became superintendent and was initially responsible for placing the school on a high educational level. He served the district long and faithfully, meriting the esteem and respect in which he is held today. Following Mr. Knight, the superintendents have been Ernest Knirk, Russell Burtraw, Rex Myas, Wm. Beach, Ellis VanDeventer and Earl Seybert, Jr. Some of the secondary teachers in the school have been Kate Finch, Ivy Kelley, Emma Bagley, Irene Sickels, Blanche Bates, Helen Carter, Bethel Engbreton, Wilda Dodge, Verna Litchfield, Sarah Snelling, Esther Dorman, Mae Goodrich, Beulah Bates, Carl Bates, B.J. Wilbur, G.W. Levey, C.K. Richards, Beulah Onstott, Thelma Rule, Carolyn Godreau, Betty Lewis, Mark

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# STANLEY POWELL

## IS TOUGH ON CRIME AND CRIMINALS



This scene took place in the Governor's office in Lansing Thursday, July 22, 1976. State Representative Stanley Powell of the 88th district (left) looks on as Governor William G. Milliken has just completed signing House Bills 5117 and 5221. H.B. 5117 makes it a felony for a penal inmate to attack a corrections employee and H.B. 5221 makes it mandatory that the sentence be served consecutively. To the right is Anton Hoort, president of the Michigan Corrections Organization and in the center is Kenneth O'Grady, executive secretary of the organization.

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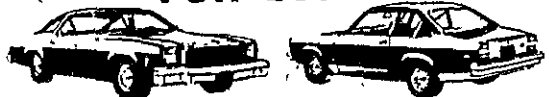
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## Back Through the Years



From the Clinton County News Files of 1936, 1946, 1956, & 1966

### Editorial

## Take a friend to the polls

Urging people to vote in an editorial can be as frustrating as trying to light a match on a bar of soap.

Typically the person who reads an editorial, is also the type who votes. So urging people who vote to "get out and vote" seems a waste of time. However, if you're a voter, how about taking your non-voting neighbor to the polls with you?

When a person says he's not going to vote in the Primary, but he will vote in the General Election, tell him he's fulfilling only half of responsibility.

During the Primary, we will be selecting local, state and national candidates to run for office in November.

True, the person you favor as a candidate may not win the Primary, but that candidate certainly has little hope if there are large numbers who fail to voice their preference Aug. 3.

The Primary nominating system is an important part of our selection process and deserves active participation at the polls.

Jim Edwards

## Cost up, quality down

Grrrrr. Three attempts to stem a steady stream of water from a stubborn faucet resulted in the news that a new faucet is in order.

But, the leaky faucet is only 4 years old, it is argued. Oh yes, but in many of the new homes, the faucets must be replaced once or even twice in that number of years.

We think of the grandparents home where the faucets lasted for years with an occasional change of washers to stop the pesky drip. But, to replace the faucets every 2 years or so? It wasn't necessary back then. Is the water more damaging to faucets these days? Of course not. The product, simply stated, is not as good.

It is true of many American products. Cost is up and quality is down. The faucet with a mini life span is a representative example of why American consumers are becoming more and more difficult to do business with—they don't like what they're getting for their money.

But complaining does little except to waste time. So, we will replace the faucet that cannot be fixed and grumble while we're at it.

In another couple of years we can do it again as we listen to the grandparents say, "Why, we never replaced a faucet in our old home for 20 years."

It sure seems like pouring money down the drain.



## almanack

### One down, one more to go

By Richard L. Milliman

One down and only one more to go.

After what seems like a pair of eternities, the presidential political marathon is nearing its finish line. And about time, too.

The Democratic national convention has dutifully endorsed the selection of its primary voters and selected the Hon. James Earl Carter, Jr., of Georgia as its presidential candidate.

And why not? Using the system as it now prevails, the estimable gentleman from Georgia put together an unbelievable and undeniable assault upon the Democratic presidential nomination. Carter was not to be denied.

And just so, the Democratic delegates ratified Carter's choice as a running mate - a man whom Carter pegged as completely compatible with his own views, and completely competent to take over the helm of the country if Carter, as President, could not finish his term.

That would be, of course, Sen. Walter Mondale of Minnesota. I say "of course" because under the circumstances is a logical choice, where someone like Sen. Edmund Muskie or Sen. John Glenn or Rep. Peter Rodino or Sen. Adlai Stevenson or even Sen. Frank Church would not be so logical...logical, perhaps but not quite so logical as Mondale.

Of course, in the strangest of political years, traditional logic usually has been the first casualty of any political development. Not so, however, in the selection of Mondale.

Carter and Mondale make a formidable team to do battle for the Democrats. They may well win the White House, and may well win so handily as to carry with them Democrats down the line in the state and local hustings much the way President Johnson carried his ticket back in 1964 against the Goldwater candidacy. It could happen.

I'll have to admit I did not spend rapt hours glued to the tube in anticipation of every development at Madison Square Garden, and searching for every nuance of every move or feint by the Democratic movers and shakers.

Perhaps it is that the Democratic convention ran competition to the summer convention of the Michigan Press Association this year, and I preferred the allure of Shanty Creek Lodge and its golf course and other attractions to the

relayed pseudo-excitement of a fore-ordained political convention. I'm sure that was part of it.

Perhaps it is that the unrelenting efficiency of the Carter campaign destroyed the essential ingredient of uncertainty and suspense, although the Mondale choice was billed to fill that void, which, I suppose, it did for some down-the-line party faithful, of which I am not. That was part of it, too.

And perhaps it is that the passing years have dulled my personal appetite for the presidential political process, controlled, as it is, by the sheer illogic of the preferential primary system, and encouraged to an almost sinful degree by the public financing of even hopeless causes, all in the name of equality and fairness, and other things that sound good. Egad, my appetite dulls even more as I simply recount the sentiment.

You've got to take your hat off to Jimmy Carter. Like Caesar of old, he came, he saw, and he conquered, and the nominating system bent to his indomitable will, sheer determination, and unrelenting pursuit. His methods and their success, in my view, speak much of the man and his potential administration.

There were high points at the convention, to be sure. I'd have to agree with most assessments that Rep. Barbara Jordan and her keynote speech was one; that the appearance of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr., was another; and that the over-riding theme of unity, and what such a development meant in light of only the recent past of the Democratic party, must be yet another.

Then, too, thousands of delegates and convention-goers learned first hand that New York City is not dead after all, and that it can, indeed, be a fine place to visit - although most of them wouldn't want to live there.

Now it's on to Kansas City and the Republican convention in another few weeks.

Can the Ford and Reagan show, with all its ratification, possibly top the Democratic performance for sheer vitality, sustained interest, intrigue and conversion of the wavering faithful.

Well, choose for yourself; keep in mind the site switches from New York City to Kansas City. Nuf said, me thinks.

July 28, 1966  
10 years ago

Father William Hanker, pastor of St. Mary's church in Williamston for the past nine years will become pastor of St. Joseph parish in St. Johns, effective August 10. Fr. Hanker will succeed Bishop M. Joseph Green who is going to St. Mary's, Star of the Sea, parish in Jackson.

The Osgood Funeral Home, 104 East Cass Street, St. Johns has been accorded membership in the Order of the Golden Rule for the eighth consecutive year. The order is the largest controlled membership organization of funeral directors in the world.

A Lansing pedestrian, Emerson Chingman, 40, of 4920 Stafford St., Lansing, was killed last Thursday afternoon while crossing U.S.-27 south of Clark Road in DeWitt Township. He was the sixth person to be killed in traffic accidents in the county in 1966.

The North Shade Church of the United Brethren in Christ will observe its 80th anniversary this Sunday, July 31.

July 26, 1956  
20 years ago

The five day St. Johns Centennial celebration closed Sunday to mark the end of one of the most successful civic undertakings ever attempted by a community of this size anywhere in the country. An estimated 65,000 persons-15,000 more than predicted - poured into St. Johns from all parts of the state and nation to help celebrate its 100th birthday.

Prospects of a good wheat field in Clinton county looked "fair" as the first loads of new wheat started moving to market this week. Tuesday nights rain "is going to do some damage," stated George Brooks, secretary-

July 30, 1936  
40 years ago

Foundations are being laid for a new \$7,000 brick, cement and steel building on North Clinton avenue which, when completed will be the new business home of Wm. Montague and Son, St. Johns farm implement dealers. They opened their doors here eight years ago and have since occupied the west section of the Ford garage building on W. Higham street.

In an effort to stop fast driving in St. Johns, the city officials have engaged a special traffic policeman who has been on duty the past several days. A number of offenders have been brought into justice court and it is expected this action will result in slower speeds.

Slowly but surely the work that was started at the St. Johns City Park in the rain and snow last November is resulting in a fine athletic plant. The baseball field is practically complete. Only sodding and the erection of goal posts remains to complete the football field. Last Friday the cement work on the last of four 36 X 100 foot tennis courts was finished.

### Letter to the editor

Dear Mr. Edwards:

This letter is to express our sincere appreciation for your support and participation during our summer and recent July 4th blood donation campaign.

We went above our goal for the July 4th weekend, and we were able to adequately meet the blood needs of the Tri-county residents. The joint effort of all the Lansing area newspapers proved to be the extra push that we needed to help recruit people into the Center during the busy weekend. Many of the people were first-time donors; they indicated that they found the experience to be a rewarding one and that they would donate blood again.

Again, our many thanks for your help in making this a safe and happy holiday for all.

Sincerely,  
Diane K. Sprouse  
Office of Public Relations

A PERSONAL LOOK AT THE NEWS



## Between the lines

with Jim Edwards

...HOT AIR FROM MICHIGAN—Did you know that, in the 27-year existence of the world pipe smoking championship, Michigan puffers have won it 17 times and a Flint man holds the world's record? He kept his pipe aglow for 2 hours, 6 minutes and 39 seconds. To think his mother-in-law probably said he would never amount to anything.

the corner of Clinton Ave. and US-27?

...BUMPER STICKER THAT SHOULD BE MADE—"General Telephone is not a working number." Now, whoever you are down there in Lansing, don't call me again all upset about saying nasty things about the Tinker Toy Telephone Company. Nasty things should be said when

The telephone company, after several years of direct dialing, can't come up with a system that consistently completes a call on the first try.

...DON'T CONFUSE ME WITH THE ISSUES—A comedian told the story of Jimmy Carter responding to a question asking if he was avoiding the issues. Carter answered, "Yes and no."

...SIT ON IT, HOWARD—Howard Cosell's motor-mouth yammerings during the olympic boxing events are getting to be a pain. It seems he forgets his primary job is to describe what's happening in the ring and not running off at the yap about his personal opinions.

...A THING OF BEAUTY IT'S NOT—When is somebody going to decide that something has to be done with that ugly "Business District" sign at

...MY CAR IS LIKE A POLITICIAN—Wherever it goes, it makes a lot of noise and empties my wallet.

...OUR NEXT PRESIDENT—Maybe Ronald McDonald should be president—at least he admits he's a clown.

...A DELICIOUS IDEA—I'm a sandwich freak. Not your

every day peanut butter and jelly or grilled cheese-give me sandwiches like Jim Nuser's steak bomber or submarines that some places just seem to make better than others. I think a sandwich contest should be held in Clinton County and I'll be the judge. All decisions of the judge are final, and for the grand prize, the winner may name the sandwich after me. That way, both the sandwich and I will go down in history. Just hope that it doesn't come up.

...NICE CATCH, RUSTY—I've got a running feud with the lady next door, who is a big fan of Rusty Staub. I agree with her that the Tiger outfielder is a pretty fair hitter, but couldn't catch a fly ball with a bushel basket and a butterfly net. Well, the Rusty glove turned in 2 magnificent catches the other night. Robbing the White Sox of at least 3 runs. One was close to being a home run, the Chicago scoreboard was already lighting up and exploding. There, I've admitted he isn't completely useless in right field. Then again, there's that stonefingering exhibition in the All-Star Game but we won't mention that.

## Viewing The Advertising Scene...

With HAROLD SCHMALTZ Advertising Director



HERE'S HEADLINES FOR NEW TRACTOR BUYERS: Morton Ford Tractor of Lansing is holding a 2-day field day event starting nine different New Ford Tractors plowing, disk, and chisel plowing. The field demonstration which will be taking place Wednesday and Thursday, August 4 and 5, will be held at four scheduled times each day: 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Interesting part of this whole thing is that Ford is sending their own factory representatives to do the actual demonstrating. Can't beat that, can you? BE SURE AND READ MORTON FORD TRACTOR'S BIG AD ON THE FARM PAGE THIS WEEK. THERE ARE SOME REAL DEALS BEING OFFERED TO SAVE YOU MONEY!!

+++++ SIDEWALK DAYS COME TO ST. JOHNS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. This is an annual event sponsored each year by the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce and is always the favorite sales event in St. Johns. One can always find bargains along the sidewalks during this two-day shopping spree, so come on down and join in on the fun. With school starting up soon you can bet I'll be there!

+++++ WE SURELY HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY THE BICENTENNIAL SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTS IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE. Believe me, in speaking for the staff members who worked diligently to produce it, it was a labor of love and we hope you'll keep them for future generations to enjoy.

+++++ THIS IS A SPECIAL PLEA TO TOWNSHIP CLERKS regarding the copy being sent to us for reproducing the revenue sharing actual use reports. Xerox copy is very difficult to get good clear copies of therefore we'd appreciate your sending at least your

file copy for maximum results in printing. We will return your copies after processing them in our darkroom. WE'D APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER AND THE LOCAL CITIZENS WOULD TOO, I'M SURE.

+++++ ON THE ENTERTAINMENT SCENE, it looks like another winner at the Clinton Theatre. You've all been seeing this flashed on TV and now it's here in St. Johns The movie, "HAWMPS" has been receiving excellent reviews for its dazzling, whimsical, slapstick comical motif and its no wonder if you can envision the US Cavalry riding camels. Starring are such names as Chris Connelly, star of Peyton Place; Slim Pickens, Denver Pyle and the old bad guy himself, Jack Elam. WITH A CAST LIKE THIS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ENTERTAINING FILM! It starts Friday, July 30th and runs thru Aug. 5. Also accompanying Hawmps is a family film depicting the life story of everybody's favorite dog, Benji. See the Ad in this issue for times of showing.

+++++ THERE WERE SOME MIGHTY LUCKY PEOPLE AROUND ST. JOHNS this week as the winners were announced from the drawing at Kurt's Appliance Center during his 11th Anniversary Sale. Winning the top prize of a color TV was Ilene Webber. Also taking the prize of the Charm Glow gas grill was Muriel Gilson while Mark Cuthbert won himself a Eureka cleaner. Other winners were: Garth Wilkie, cookware set; Richard Feldpausch, hot water dispenser; Howard Mercer and Clemens Kloeckner, each a pyrex set. Kurt expressed his thanks to all who celebrated in the store's event and offered his congratulations to all the winners.

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## Wacousta news

Jerold Brocker was in Chicago a few days on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Livingston of rural St. Johns on Sunday evening, they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carrington that same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Blizzard visited Mr. and Mrs. John Klaver on Sunday evening, they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Locher.

Mrs. Walter March is a patient at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing and had surgery a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moore were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Butler and children of Haslett, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moore of St. Johns were also guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd

Brocker spent a few days last week with their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brocker of Hardy Dam.

On Sunday June 13th Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Blizzard and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ward of DeWitt attended their high school class of DeWitt of 1933 Reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kussmaul in Adrian.

The 18th Herman Moore Reunion was held on June 27th at the New Haven Hall near Sumner with Co-hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wise. Picnic dinner at 1 o'clock and lots of visiting afterwards. There were about 90 relatives attending from St. Johns, DeWitt, Ovid, Haslett, Lansing, Flint, Fowler, Shafter, Sumner.



THESE ARE part of the 27 teams that participated in the St. Johns American motorcycle poker run. The Legion sponsored event sent cycle riders through Fowler, Maple Rapids, Hubbardston, Pewamo and back to St. Johns, followed by awarding of prizes and dinner at the Legion Hall.

## Poxson named I-H area service manager

DEWITT—K.R. Poxson, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, has moved here to take up his position as area service manager for International Harvester's Agricultural Equipment Division. He and his family live at 7100 W. Cutler Road, Poxson

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His appointment was announced in Columbus, O. by J.W. Miller, service manager.

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It is hereby given that a public information meeting concerning the preliminary study on Remy Chandler Watershed will be held at the Bath Township Hall, 14480 Webster Road, Bath, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m. on August 10, 1976, to afford the opportunity for individuals to be heard concerning the aforesaid matter.

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All persons interested are invited to attend.

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## Farewell to old school

(From Page 7)

O'Donnell, Ralph Stull, Mildred Beauhall, Roland Schardt, Roger Boline and Blaine Lentz. Elementary teachers were Marian Clark, Ellen Cross, Geraldine Hawes, Lillian Allen, Jeanne Temple, Ila Thornton and Daisy Talley. Many of these teachers are still teaching in the Elsie school system.

the new high school building will be entering Class B competition in Sports, debates and other competitive events.

The present school board members are: president,

Harold Green; vice president, Ellsworth Cook; secretary, Stanley Loznak; and trustees, Frank Rives, Raymond Stewart and Don Craig; superintendent, Robert Beauchamp and Earl

Seybert, Jr., assistant superintendent.

We salute all of you who have provided so generously the Ovid and Elsie youth with this modern educational plant.

In 1940, a brick addition housing the auditorium gymnasium and home economics room, now a cafeteria. Also a frame building was constructed to take care of the machine and carpentry shop work just west of the school. These additions relieved the lack of facilities for developing a well-rounded educational program to some extent, but by May 1950 they did not meet registrations and educational demands. Thus in 1950, the west side addition was built, housing now this main office, typing, history, home economics and music rooms.

Still our school population grew and on May 6, 1956, the present elementary school was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies under superintendent, William Beach. Also another addition to the high school building was completed, agricultural rooms and shop facilities.

In 1954, Mrs. Helen Carter organized a high school band which has been part of the Elsie High School curriculum ever since. They have provided much fine musical entertainment. Whenever the High School Band steps out, the community takes just pride in its performance, for it is through the combined efforts of the community and the school that the band has continued to grow in strength and quality.

Starting in 1905, Elsie High School fielded the first of many football teams. Members of the Central C. Conference, our football team, in 1964, brought home first place Conference honors, and second place state honors with Mark O'Donnell as coach. Elsie has led the Conference in wins several times, the last two years being no exception. In 1965, they tied for second place in the Central C. Conference.

Since the completion of the auditorium and gym, the school has been a strong contestant in the Central C. Conference, in basketball, track and baseball.

Elsie's debating teams have set records to remember, winning twenty-six plaques and two trophies in the Central Michigan League and the State Forensic Association since 1925. Dramatics have not been neglected. Junior and senior classes have presented many entertaining productions to enthusiastic audiences.

But while there is a note of farewell, tomorrow dawns the new day. Another district, the Ovid-Elsie School District, has been formed. At a central location midway between Elsie and Ovid, there is being built a school complete with swimming pool. There will be a campus addition of nine rooms and an all purpose room added to the E.E. Knight Elementary School in Elsie.

At Ovid, there will be built a new elementary school in the Mabbett's sub-division and at the present elementary site, an all-purpose room, including a kitchen is under construction.

The combined school population totals 2,500; thus

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# Many frictions in early Illinois

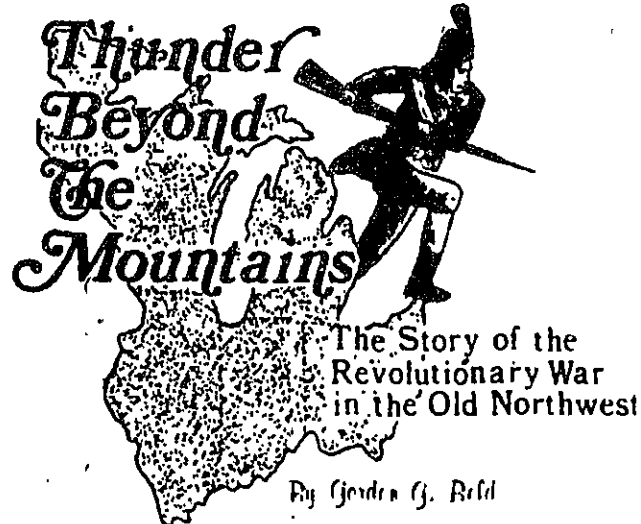
When word of George Rogers Clark's success in the west reached Virginia late in 1778, the legislative assembly of that colony acted quickly to establish the entire region northwest of the Ohio River as the County of Illinois, and Governor Patrick Henry appointed Clark's friend John Todd as county lieutenant.

The two leaders—Clark, in charge of Virginia troops in Illinois, and Todd, chief civil official—were to cooperate in winning and retaining the friendship of the French residents of the region as well as the Indians. This, however, was no easy matter and Todd in particular was to confront many perplexities as he struggled to ease the friction

between various factions in Illinois.

Todd had been with Clark at the capture of Vincennes in February of 1778, and it was there that he received the new assignment. Todd arrived at Kaskaskia early in May. On the 12th of that month Clark summoned the villagers to the church where they were acquainted with the new government, introduced to Todd and invited to participate in the election of judges. A short time later similar elections were held to select judges for the district courts at Cahokia and Vincennes.

The elections went smoothly, but it was only a matter of days before Todd found himself trying to pacify Frenchmen whose



cattle has been killed by soldiers. And soon after that Captain Richard McCarty, a former English trader who accompanied Clark to Vincennes and then was commander of the troops at Cahokia, was protesting to Todd about the slaughter of his hogs by French neighbors. McCarty claimed that his hogs were to be permitted to roam up to six miles from

particularly offensive to Todd. Among them were those of two black slaves convicted of "voodooism" by the French judges. Denied by statute the privilege of granting pardons in such cases, Todd was required to comply with the death sentences of the slaves. One, named Moreau, was to be hung at Cahokia. The other, Manuel, was sentenced by the Court of Kaskaskia "to

distance from my connexions, a language not familiar to me, and an impossibility of procuring many of the conveniences of life, all tend to render uncomfortable."

In the spring of 1780 both Clark and Todd left Illinois. Todd was elected at that time as a delegate to the Virginia Legislature from Kentucky County. Clark

spent the summer in defense of Kentucky and then went to Virginia to seek support for an expedition against Detroit. With these two leaders gone, problems in Illinois intensified, and before the end of the war troops were on the verge of mutiny and many of the Frenchmen were crossing the Mississippi to live under Spanish control.

CASE #U-4840, #U-4621

## TO THE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY

THE FOLLOWING NOTICE OF HEARING IS GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S ORDER IN CASES NO. U-4840 AND U-4621 DATED APRIL 12, 1976.

Monthly hearings will be held before the Michigan Public Service Commission for the purpose of considering authorization to permit Consumers Power Company to reflect in monthly billings to its customers charges or credits for changes in appropriate items of expense associated with purchased and net interchange power from a base cost included in previously approved rate levels.

A hearing will be held on August 12, 1976 at 9:30 AM in the offices of the Commission, Law Building, Lansing, Michigan to consider inclusion of a proposed purchased and net interchange power adjustment charge of 1.42 mills per kilowatt-hour to be applied to bills rendered to Consumers Power Company customers in the September 1976 billing period.

The hearing shall be for the purpose of determining the amount of purchased and interchange power expense incurred during the calendar month of June 1976 and the reasons therefor. Details of the calculation of the proposed adjustment will be presented along with a summary of net system kilowatt-hour requirements including details of the various types of purchased and interchange power transactions and circumstances necessitating any outages of installed capacity for a period exceeding ninety (90) days. This information will be available on

and after August 2, 1976 for examination and inspection at the offices of the Commission Secretary, Law Building, Lansing, Michigan 48913 and at the offices of the Executive Director of Rates, Research and Data Control of Consumers Power Company, 212 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201.

The Michigan Public Service Commission may, either grant or deny the requested adjustment, in whole or in part, and may grant a lesser or greater adjustment than that requested. Interested parties may intervene by placing an appearance on the record at the hearing.

Jurisdiction in this matter is pursuant to Sections 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 of 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCLA 460.551, et seq; 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCLA 462.2, et seq; Sections 3 and 4 of 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCLA 460.51, et seq; Sections 4, 6 and 6a of 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCLA 460.1, et seq; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCLA 24.201, et seq; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1954 Administrative Code, Supplement No. 54, R460.11, et seq.



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the village of Cahokia. The French contended that the hogs ruined their crops. McCarty noted that the fields were not fenced, and in his appeal to Todd he referred to the other party in the case as "a few despicable inhabitants who say they are authorized by you to parade themselves in the fields destroying my property when there is numbers of other hogs in the same place that are as faucious as mine."

Disagreements between the troops and the French residents of the region could hardly be expected to have been avoided. Their language was different and so were their customs. And none of them were able to obtain adequate food and clothing. Added to these problems was that of inflation. Just before Todd took his new assignment, the cost of supplies in the region tripled during a two-month period.

Sometimes the sentences that he was required to execute must have been

be chained to a post at the waterside and there to be burnt alive and his ashes scattered."

To make matters worse for Todd, the salary for his position was small and he was concerned that he might have to sell his Kentucky property to support himself. Within three months of his arrival at Kaskaskia, he had had enough and wrote to Governor Henry, asking that he might soon "get a discharge from an office which an unwholesome air, a



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## DEWITT TOWNSHIP ELECTION NOTICE

To all qualified electors of the Township of DeWitt, County of Clinton:

Notice is hereby given that the GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in the Township of DeWitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan on TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1976 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting to nominate candidates for the following offices:

United States Senator, United States Representative, State Representative, County Offices, Delegates to the Democratic County Convention, and Township Offices.

Also to be nominated are candidates for the following non-partisan offices:

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Circuit Court Judge, Probate Court Judge, and District Court Judge.

Also to be voted upon will be any State Amendments or propositions and the following Township Propositions:

### MILLAGE PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE PRESENT TAX LIMITATION

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property within the Township of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, be increased by 1 mill (s) \$1.00 per one thousand dollars of state equalized valuation) for a period of 2 year (s) 1976 to 1977, both inclusive, for the purpose of levying a tax to be used to defray, in whole or in part, the cost of operating the DeWitt Township Fire Department, and for acquisition, repair, replacement, maintenance and housing of the equipment and apparatus of said department? In addition, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which the Township of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, be increased by 1 1/2 mill (s) (\$1.50 per one thousand dollars of state equalized valuation) for a period of 2 year (2) 1976 to 1977, both inclusive, for the purpose of levying a tax to be used to defray, in whole or in part, the cost of operating the DeWitt Township Police Department, and for acquisition, repair, replacement, maintenance and housing of the equipment and apparatus of, said department?

### MILLAGE PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE PRESENT TAX LIMITATION

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, within the Township of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, be increased by two mills (\$2.00 per one thousand dollars of state equalized valuation) for a period of two (2) years 1976 to 1977, both inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds to widen, construct, gravel, ditch, extend and maintain a system of local roads within the Township of DeWitt?

### MILLAGE PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE PRESENT TAX LIMITATION

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property within the Township of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, be increased by one quarter mill (\$.25 per one thousand dollars of state equalized valuation) for a period of four (4) years 1976 to 1979, both inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds to acquire, construct, operate and/or maintain a system of parks and public recreational programs and facilities within the Township of DeWitt?

VOTING LOCATIONS are as follows:  
PRECINCT ONE - DeWitt Middle School near Shavey and Herbison Roads  
PRECINCT TWO - DeWitt Township Hall 780 Wieland Road  
PRECINCT THREE - DeWitt Township Fire Hall 780 E. Wieland Road  
PRECINCT FOUR - DeWitt Middle School near Shavey and Herbison Roads  
PRECINCT FIVE - DeWitt Township Fire Hall 780 E. Wieland Road  
PRECINCT SIX - DeWitt Middle School near Shavey and Herbison Roads

Absent voter ballots will be available at my office at 780 E. Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan by written application on the prescribed form until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 1976.

Absent voter ballots may be voted in my office on Monday, August 2, 1976 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

DONNA B. SYVERSON  
DEWITT TOWNSHIP CLERK



Robert and Marilyn Wood live at 107 N. Lansing Street, St. Johns, with their family Wendy - 18, Margaret - 15 and Douglas - 8.

## VOTE

**Robert H. Wood**  
County commissioner - 4th District  
**REPUBLICAN**  
Primary Election - AUGUST 3, 1976

### Qualifications:

Justice of the Peace	1963-1966
Associate Municipal Judge	1966-1968
Mayor-City of St. Johns	1968-1974
President-Clinton Area Ambulance Service	1973-Present
United States Army	1951-1953
Member of St. Johns Exchange Club	1963-Present
Practicing Attorney in St. Johns	1963-Present

Elect Robert H. Wood, a qualified candidate, for county commissioner, who will see that your tax dollar is spent wisely and carefully. PD, POL, ADV.

## Elsie COW 'tops'

A cow owned by Elsie Dairymen has qualified for listing among the Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association's exclusive "Butterfat Top Twenty" high producers for the month of June.

Duane and Velmar Green's 40 month old Holstein cow, with the barn number 559, has completed her 305 M.E. lactation record with 23,726 pounds of milk, 933 pounds of butterfat and a 4.0 test. This is truly an outstanding record as compared to the state-wide Holstein Breed average of 14,640 pounds of milk and 536 pounds of butterfat.

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## United Way sets goal for 1977

The Capital Area United Way Board of Directors have set a 1977 Campaign goal at \$2.5 million which is the first phase in reaching a 3-year objective of \$3 million for projected agency needs.

This objective will be subject to an annual review through the goal setting process for community input and a decision on the remaining two increments needed to reach the 3 million figure.

This unusual approach was initiated as a result of the recent recession which led to a gap between funds made available in the campaign and agency needs. Preliminary figures for 1977 agency budgets presented to a CAUW Goal Forum held at Lansing Community College totaled \$2,847,590. The United Way 1976 Estimated budget allocations will total \$2,300,752.

substantial and will also be difficult to obtain", he said. "However, the people of the Lansing area should not be short-changed by setting goals delivering less than what the agencies need to provide community services."

The 42 agencies making up the CAUW package provided services to more than 211,800 recipients during 1975 representing a 14 percent increase over 1974.

The Goal-setting Forum was designed to present

penetrating questions to the wide interests represented in attendance in an effort to get a true picture of the community needs and its ability to meet the needs.

Input provided to aid in decision-making included the outlook for the economy, campaign potential, and preliminary budgets from the participating agencies.

The campaign will kick off Oct. 6th and end with the traditional Victory Dinner at the Lansing Civic Center Nov. 4.



### Class of 1951 reunion

THE CLINTON COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB was the setting for the 25th reunion of the class of 1951, on July 17. cocktail hour was held at 6:30 followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30 for one hundred classmates and friends. Mr. and Mrs. B. Stanley Focus and Dr. and Mrs. Terrence Carey were honored guests. Mr. John Flowers of Connecticut, former class president, acted as master of ceremonies. Graduates

attended from many states. Plans are being made to hold another reunion in 1981. Committee members were Mrs. Joan Doty, Miss Pat Cole, Mrs. Helen Studer, Mrs. Anita Hebler, Mrs. Margaret Boettger, Mrs. Lois Whitford, Mrs. Doris Scott, Mrs. Marie Thelen, Mr. Gerald Atkinson, Mrs. Sheila Brock, Mrs. Nan Havens, and Mrs. Mary Crosby.

## Carland News

### UMW SLOPPY-JOE SUPPER

Carland's United Methodist women will hold their annual Sloppy-Joe Supper July 27, at the Carland church-house with serving beginning at 5 o'clock p.m. and serving are in the fields or whatever-come as you are. The public is welcome.

This same Tuesday, July 27, a bake sale will be held of homemade baked-goods, for anyone to purchase from,

who attends the supper which will include: Sloppy-Joe sandwiches, potato-salad, baked-beans, homemade-pie and ice cream, with coffee and Koolaid to drink.

The kitchen chairman is the UMW President, Mrs. Patricia Chamberlain, the dining-room chairman is Mrs. Laura Mae Brown of Ovid, and the Publicity chairman is Mrs. Homer VanBuren, the wife of the Reverend. Homer Van

Buren.

The members of the UMW finalized the plans for the above supper at a recent meeting recently held at the home of Mrs. Glen Parks, with each member taking part in the program. Mrs. Patricia Chamberlain read a prayer, that the former President Thomas Jefferson read daily at the beginning of each day, to remind each member of their freedom of religion we Americans enjoy.

A gift of a family Bible was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Munson from the UMW; Mr. Munson is gravely ill at his home and has been going to Lansing for radium treatments for some time, as an out-patient.

The next meeting of the UMW is to be a family picnic at the home of Mrs. Larry Kadolph of Carland Road, the first Wednesday evening of August, with members bringing their families for the pot-luck meal and games.

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Surveying for the new Carland road is being interrupted now and then on the Carland road, but for a

of Carland attended the Walling-Todd Reunion, Sunday that was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bissett of North US-27, St. Johns.

Mrs. Deming's father, Mr. Lewis Walling, is the oldest living member of the clan inscribed on the huge family tree, which is displayed yearly, but was made the center of attraction necessary reason as the wheat in this area is being harvested and being brought into the Carland elevator with tractors and wagons, and trucks relieving the Elevator of wheat to make more room for the bountiful harvest.

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A grocery shower was held recently for Mrs. David LeRoy Dumond, as a morning coffee hour.

The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Dumond recently returned from their honeymoon in Niagara Falls, New York and touring the state of Pennsylvania.

WALLING-TODD REUNION HELD  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Deming

for this Bicentennial year Anniversary.

Mr. Robert Walling of St. Johns keeps the family tree active and up-to-date with new births, marriages, and deaths, along with bits of history and pictures.

Families enjoyed visiting after the bountiful pot-luck-dinner held in the Bissett's garage and yard, and also enjoyed swimming in their backyard built-in pool.

Mrs. Ruth Burgess of Rochester, Michigan, is visiting relatives in this area for a few days prior to the reunion and following the reunion.

Mrs. Burgess, the former Ruth Walling, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Walling of Elsie, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Walling of St. Johns spent a few days this week near East Jordan where the three Wallings were raised.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Greene and son, Jim, have returned from spending their vacation at Otsego Lake. The Greens have a cottage there.

The goal establishment follows a new process initiated in 1975 at which representatives of business and industry, agency Boards of Directors and staff, campaign volunteers, CAUW Board members and staff, and outside economists provided input in a Goal-Setting Forum.

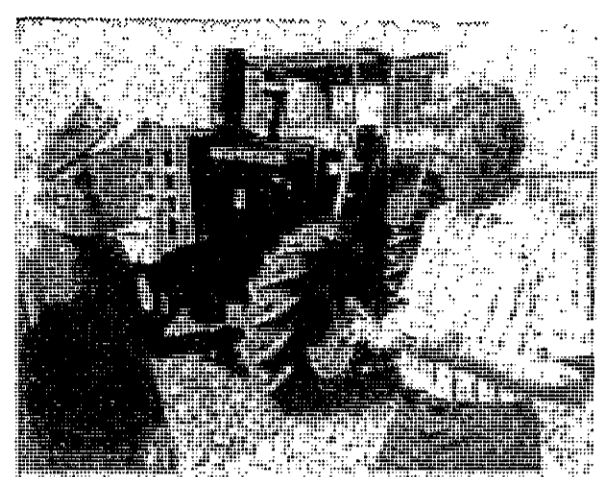
In announcing the goal, Campaign Chairman, George S. Nugent expressed the conviction that the Lansing area will respond positively when faced with challenging need goals.

"We realize the goal increase this year and for the next two years is and will be

Cpl. Pingston

Marine Corporal Robert P. Pingston Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pingston of 3955 Ducharme Drive, and whose wife Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce of 314 Wilson St., all of DeWitt, has reported for duty at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.

A 1973 graduate of DeWitt High School, he joined the Marine Corps in May 1974.



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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

In accordance with act. No. 269, Public Acts of 1955, chapter 5, Sec. 461, notice is hereby given that a hearing of the Clinton County Intermediate Board of Education and the Gratiot-Isabella Intermediate Board of Education will be held at the time and place specified below, to consider the petition to transfer property from the Ashley School District to the St. Johns School District belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Murray.

The property to be transferred is located in Washington Twp. The legal description of the property is as follows:

SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 26-9-2 40A, all T. 9 N.-R. 2W., Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan.

#### Place of Meeting:

Gratiot-Isabella Intermediate Office  
1131 E. Center Street  
Ithaca, Michigan

Time:  
8:00 P.M.

Date:  
August 2, 1976

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting.

Larry A. Schwartzkopf, sec.

### When is a mistake not a mistake?

Mrs. Augusta Miller made a mistake recently and it could have cost her \$30, but it didn't.

While shopping at Andy's IGA in St. Johns, she was given change for a \$50 bill and, while driving home, had a nagging thought that she had given the cashier only a \$20 bill.

She went back to the store, explained the mistake and returned the extra change which she received.

However during the second drive home, Mrs. Miller had another thought-she had paid with a \$50 after all. So, back to the store to explain her problem.

"No problem," said Andy's and once again gave her change for the \$50 bill.

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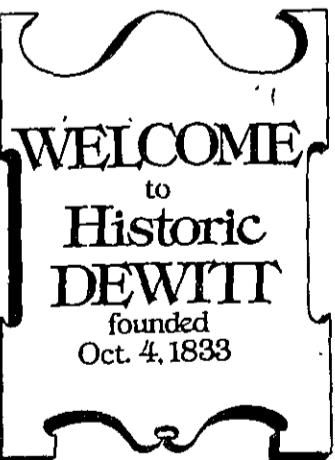
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## Chloe's Column

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There is a simple redress procedure available to you. Both consumers and businesses can sue without legal representation in the small claims court.

You can sue the seller for money he has caused you to lose and you can also sue an individual or business that has damaged your property or possessions. You can bring a lawsuit against anyone you believe owes you money.

However, before going to small claims court, try other redress methods. In the small claims court, you cannot sue for more than \$300 and if you lose the case, you cannot appeal it to a higher court.

One advantage of taking your complaints to small claims court is that the procedure is simple. Neither party is allowed to have an attorney. However, if you are suing a business or corporation, they may be represented by an employee who is also an attorney. This will put you at a disadvantage, because the judge decides the case on the facts, not on legal tactics.

Both parties simply tell the judge their side, and the judge decides who is right. If you win, the person or business you are suing must pay you.

To begin your lawsuit, go to the district court and file a claim against the person or business you are suing. When you file your claim depends on where the person you are suing lives or where the business is located. Sometimes the court action is brought in the county where the transaction took place.

## Suing in small claims court

When you file your claim, bring along any evidence you may have to back up the claim (bill of sale, receipt, lease, accident report, etc.). The filing cost is minimal (usually between \$8 and \$10). Bring along the cash when you file the claim. The money may be returned if you win the case.

Once the claim has been filed, the court will notify the person or business you are suing and will set a date of appearance. If the defendant does not appear and the judge decides you have a good claim, you can collect your money without a hearing.

The defendant may want to settle out of court. If you reach an agreement on terms of payment, put the terms in writing and be sure the agreement is signed by both you and the defendant. Then file a copy with the court.

The person or business you

are suing has the right to ask that the case be heard in a higher court. The court will notify you if the defendant makes that request. In the higher court, both you and the defendant may have an attorney.

The loser may be asked to pay legal expenses. However, unless the defendant is prepared to pay possible extra expenses, he or she will probably agree to have the hearing in the small claims court.

Before the hearing, check to be sure you have all the evidence you want to use. Contact any witnesses you want to use. Be on time and bring all your papers and evidence with you on the hearing day.

Present your side and be sure all the facts of the case are presented to the judge fairly and completely.

Remember, the judge's decision is final. If he

decides in your favor, the defendant has to pay you the amount the judge orders, plus a small amount in court costs.

If the defendant refuses to pay, you can have wages or bank account garnished. When you have collected your money, the lawsuit will be finished.

In Michigan, there are 28 municipalities which have municipal courts rather than district courts. Municipal courts don't have small claim divisions.

You may still file a small claim, but some of the rules are different and you may want legal advice before beginning the suit. Both parties may have lawyers and if you lose the case, you may have to pay part of the defendant's lawyer fees. You can sue for up to \$1,500 in municipal courts.



Shown are (from left) Mrs. R. Lee Gilbert, Saginaw, demonstrating flower arranging to Denise Cerny, St. Johns, (Nimble Fingers 4-H Club) and Debbie Feldpausch, DeWitt (Riley Ramblers 4-H club).

Over 60 4-H members and leaders participated in the Flower Arranging Workshop, Wednesday, July 21 at St. Johns. Mrs. R. Lee Gilbert and Mrs. Elmer Braun of Saginaw, demonstrated how to select flower specimens, how to condition flowers, how to transport your flower exhibit and how to exhibit your flower specimens or arrangements. They also demonstrated flower arrangements and in the afternoon the members and leaders worked in making their own arrangements. Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Braun are registered flower judges and are members of the Michigan Farm & Garden Association. They will also be judging the 4-H Flower exhibits and arrangements at the County 4-H Fair on August 17.



## Dairy demonstration

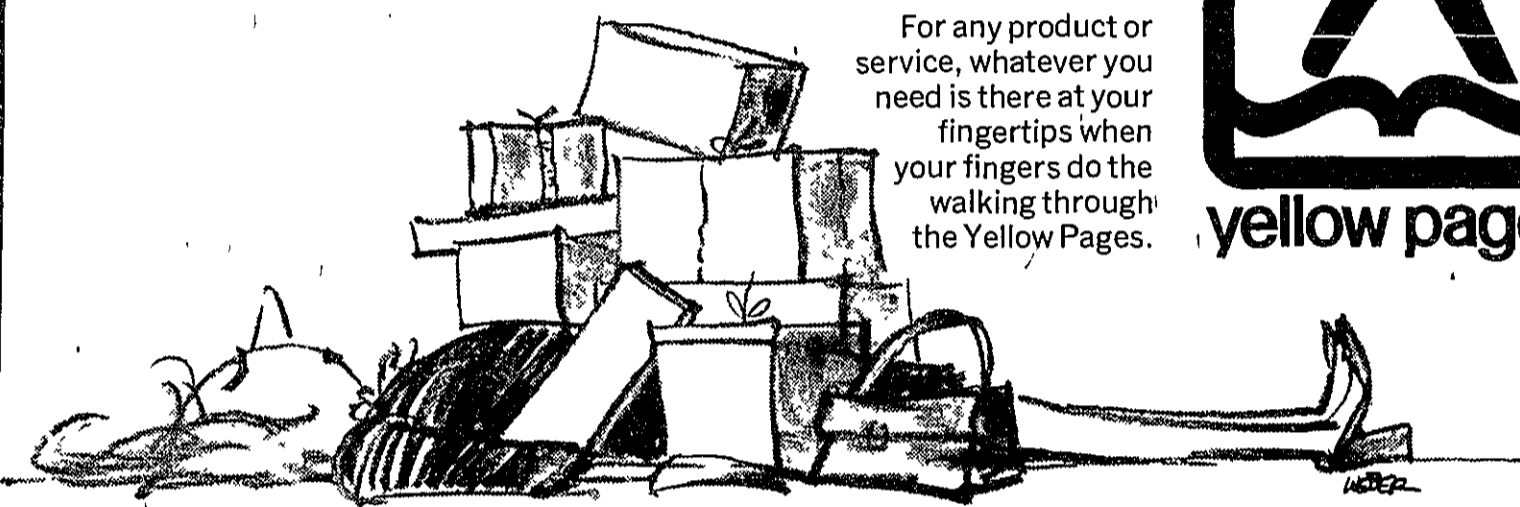
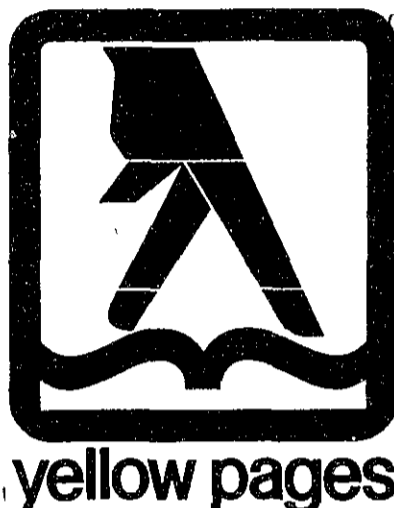
GEORGE HAZLE, CLINTON COUNTY 4-H LEADER, demonstrating on how to clip a dairy animal for the Fair to 4-H members and leaders from Clinton, Grand, Shiawassee and Saginaw Counties who attended the four county 4-H Dairy Field Day, July 19 at the Green Meadow Farm at Elsie. Over eighty 4-H members and leaders attended the day's event, participating in the dairy quiz bowl, dairy judging classes and learning how to clip an animal for the Fair, how to fit an animal for Fair and showmanship. The Clinton County 4-H members are making preparations for the Clinton County 4-H Youth Fair, Aug. 16-18 at St. Johns.

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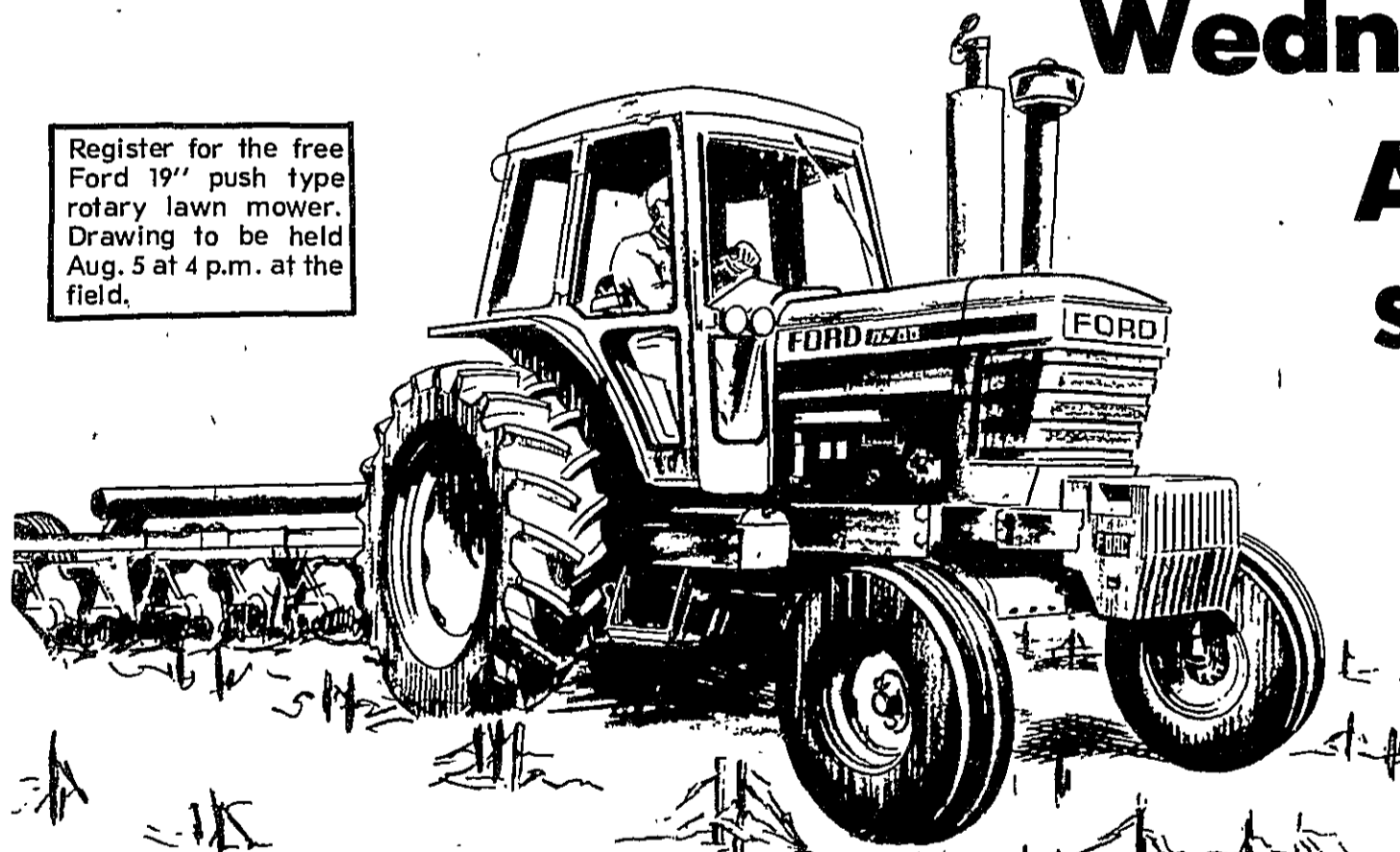
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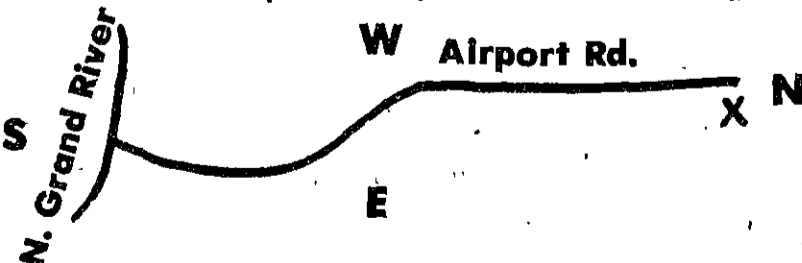
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# Farming and 4-H - - - in Clinton County

## 4-H Chatter

### 4-H Fair Aug. 16-18

BY JOHN AYLSWORTH



## Jim's Column

### New challenges to agriculture

Jim Pelham  
Clinton County Extension Director

The Clinton County 4-H Youth Fair will be held August 16-18 at St. Johns. Over 5,000 entries are expected to be on exhibit during the three day fair. Deadline for entries was July 22, when leaders turned in the members entries for the various classes.

The 1976 4-H Youth Fair will have a special opening ceremony on Monday, August 16, at 1:00 p.m., when State Senator Richard Allen will be present to make a few remarks. The ceremony will be held at the new flag pole which will be dedicated. The Green Acres 4-H members are making an American Flag that will be flown during the county fair.

The public is invited to attend the fair and see the accomplishments of the youth this past year. Not only will the people see quantity but also quality of projects. This is an excellent opportunity to get ideas for your own projects. Judging will start on Monday morning and will continue thru Wednesday.

The evening programs are excellent this year with garden tractor pulls (both modified and stock) and Pony Pull on Monday evening. The ever popular 4-H Horse Fun Show will be Tuesday evening along with an impressive Scout Indian Ceremony presentation. Wednesday evening the people will see the livestock and float parade, bicentennial style revue, awards program, machinery

parade and a top notch frisbee throwing demonstration.

The 4-H Youth fair is open to everyone so plan to attend the Clinton County 4-H Youth fair, August 16-18, in St. Johns. There is something that will meet the interest of everyone.

#### TRACTOR OPERATORS CONTEST

A County 4-H Tractor Operators Contest will be held Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the Jack Schwark farm near Ovid, starting at 9 a.m. The members will be required to take a written exam, back a two-wheel tractor through an obstacle course as well as back a four-wheel wagon through a course in a limited time. The county winner will participate in the State 4-H Tractor Operators Contest Aug. 24, at MSU. The State winner will go on to Richmond, Virginia in September for the National Contest.

#### SHOOTING CONTEST

A new state 4-H BB Gun Shooting Contest will be held this year on Aug. 24, at the Ingham County Conservation Club. It is hoped that Clinton County will have one or more contestants who will participate in this contest.

#### Selling Popcorn

The Kountry Cousins 4-H members are selling popcorn for a club money raising activity. Every member who sold popcorn received a 4-H chevron while Kathy Cushing received a 4-H T-shirt for selling the most. Mrs. Thelma Joslen visited the vegetable gardens of members and made selections for the County Vegetable Garden Contest. Caren Rojas gave a demonstration on "How to tie your shoes".

#### BENGAL NEWS

The Bengal Community 4-H members received their 4-H fair books and discussed the fair exhibit requirements. Volunteers to make pies for the food stand were secured. Reports were given on the Barry County 4-H trip. Members interested in attending the Tiger baseball game at Detroit on August 7 were urged to make their reservations right away at the County Extension Office.

"FUNDAY". The Flower Big D's 4-H members discussed holding a "Fun Day" for the members and voted to go to Crystal Lake on July 27. Each family should bring a

dish to pass with the club furnishing the hotdogs and pop. Members discussed fair rules and requirements and signed up to work in the food stand. Sue Farley gave a report on the progress of the litter barrel exhibit. The club president read the leaders' Green Letter to the members keeping them informed on what is happening in 4-H.

#### BUNNY CLUB REPORT

The Westphalia 4-H Bunny Club members signed up their fair entries and passed out the fair books. They discussed their rabbit exhibits they plan to show in the 4-H fair. Members enjoyed a game of ball and refreshments following the meeting.

#### LEADER DOGS GRADUATE

The Bath Ear Floppers 4-H members are quite proud of two of their members whose leader dogs have graduated and are helping a blind person. The two members and their dogs are Rayshelle Blankenship with "Sargeant" and Jean Snyder with "Amber". Our Congratulations go to these 4-H'ers on their accomplishments.

#### LUCKY RIDERS WORK

The Lucky Riders 4-H members have a rule that all members 14 years of age must work in the fair food lunch stand. The members plan to help with the horse barn painting project July 31, starting at 9 a.m. The size of the ponies will be checked to make sure they are in the right class. The club can have 8 stalls at the fair for housing horses. Any member who is thinking of taking his or her horse to the State 4-H Show must have a negative Coggins test for their horse.

#### PLAN PICNIC

The Green Acres 4-H members held a club picnic on Sunday, July 25, at the St. Johns City park. Nancy Miller will be phoning members to help finish making the American Flag to be used at the fair. Members will be reimbursed for money spent on this project. The club is planning to have a booth at the St. Johns Farmer's Market on August 7. Gladys Irish read off names of outstanding members and special honors received. The members discussed 4-H Exploration Days and Salute '76. It was suggested that the club adopt a child from another country but no final decision was made.

#### RILEY RAMBLERS REPORT

The Riley Ramblers 4-H members discussed the coming 4-H fair and working in the food stand. The members evaluated 4-H Exploration Days activities and program. Barrett Blaylock gave a demonstration. Members are working hard on their summer projects.

#### SOFTBALL RESULTS

White league-Charlies Gang - 36; Prairie I-2; Fowler Big D's-26; Elsie 4 Corners-3; Olive Girls-21; Green Acres-17; Nimble Fingers-12; Olive Boys-23; Prairie II-13; Victor-12; Fowler Fireballs-9; Bengal Community-26; Stoney Creek-9.

Green League-Charlies Gang 21; Bengal Community-1; Olive Boys-22; Eagle-5; Green Acres-7; Fowler Fireballs-0; Stoney Creek-7; Elsie 4 Corners-0; Victor over Fowler Big D's.

## Extension Calendar

July 30 State Holstein Show, Midland  
July 30 Grain Drying Meeting - 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Peet Center, Chesaning  
July 31 Final Judging of 4-H Gardens - All Day (Vegetable & Flowers). Flower Garden Contest sponsored by Family Living Council. Vegetable Garden Contest sponsored by St. Johns Exchange Club.  
Aug. 2 4-H Horse Leaders - Central National Bank - 7:30 p.m.  
Aug. 3 Bean & Beet Field Day - MSU Bean & Beet Farm, Saginaw. Tours at 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.  
Aug. 3 State Farm Management Tour, Shiawassee County  
Aug. 4 County 4-H Trap

Shoot - Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club - 6:30 p.m.  
Aug. 5 4-H Fair Superintendents' Meeting, Smith Hall - 8 p.m.  
Aug. 7 4-H Glass Collection Project  
Aug. 10 County 4-H Tractor Operators Contest - Jack Schwark's Farm, Ovid - 9 a.m.  
Aug. 11 County 4-H Rifle Shoot - Ingham County Conservation Club, Lansing - 6:30 p.m.  
Aug. 13 Set up 4-H Fair  
Aug. 16-18 Clinton County 4-H Fair  
Aug. 24-26 4-H Dairy Days at M.S.U.  
Aug. 31 Family Living Council, Smith Hall, 9:30 a.m.

From time to time we in the Extension Service are asked to speak to urban audiences on what is new in agriculture. Frequently we have taken advantage of these opportunities to enhance the position of agriculture and create better understanding of the farmers' problems by presenting facts on the relative low cost of food in the United States compared to other countries and the narrow profit margins earned by farmers producing it.

We have dwelled, too, on the importance agriculture has played in paying our bills for foreign commitments. American farm products were a lifesaver to many war devastated countries following World War II and the two major conflicts that have developed since, again making the farmer a very important person.

As we celebrate our 200th birthday and begin another century as a nation possessed with great food and fiber producing technology, some of us in agriculture wonder if we will be able to continue to far outstrip other nations' production in the years to come, or if instead world-wide shortages will become more and more acute.

If agriculture fails in this new challenge, government will have to share much of the responsibility for that failure because of what could prove to be overly protective policies. In catching up on my reading last Sunday, I came across several articles written by knowledgeable people voicing this concern.

Margaret Flynn, University of Missouri nutritionist, was unable to establish correlation between egg eating and high cholesterol levels that cause heart troubles in humans. In fact, her study showed significantly more correlation in heredity and heart problems than diet and heart problems.

Professor Hirman Drache of Minnesota is concerned about government regulations stifling initiative and limiting the size of farms. He thinks our only hope for continued growth in production and efficiency is through bigger farms with larger equipment. He doesn't feel the part-time farmer need be eliminated, but believes he will have to become a specialist in a chosen type of agriculture and expand his operation, equipment and technology in at least the same ratio as commercial producers.

Perhaps one of our greatest concerns today was voiced in a newsletter from the Animal Health Division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The author was concerned with the Federal Drug Administration's eliminating the feeding of

hormones and antibiotics to meat producing animals which tremendously improve feed conversion and have never been proved harmful.

In part, the article says: "United States livestock producers now have 18 years of experience with DES (diethylstilbestrol, a growth promoting hormone implanted or fed to beef cattle), 25 years with antibiotics and 24 years with coccidiostats. More than 20 generations of cattle, 30 generations of swine and 40 generations of poultry - billions of animals in all - have been fed these drugs.

Not a single documented case of harm to humans from the consumption of meat or eggs has been recorded as a result. Nor has science been able to turn up any evidence that it has resulted in a population of resistant bacteria either in the animals or consumers.

At the same time, these products have extended marvelous benefits in the form of better health, nutrition and a lower cost of living to many millions of people. They offer the only hope of meeting a 25 percent increase in American demand for Red meat predicted during the next seven years.

In spite of all this, and in spite of a professed interest in the scientific approach and risk-benefit consideration, the FDA says, "If they are not hazardous, you prove it, and prove that they never will be hazardous." How does one go about proving something cannot happen even though it hasn't happened in millions of trials in the past? Better reasoning prevailed in the dark ages.

Attacking on another front, the FDA has introduced a number of impractical and arbitrary "efficacy" regulations which have resulted in withdrawal from the market of an increasing number of animal health drugs long recognized to be useful and important to the producer. This has happened because it is not feasible for the manufacturers to make the financial outlay to give the

FDA the "proof" in demands, particularly on old, established products without patent protection.

In short, the FDA has embarked on a dangerous course of indulgence in non-science and non-logic, the very antithesis of its original commission."

If the U.S. livestock industry cannot produce meat, milk and eggs more efficiently either through advances in crop science or in the animal itself - there's little doubt but that animal

protein will become more of a luxury in the U.S. A California study of world demand for meat predicts Americans will consume about 27 percent of the world's beef, 18 percent of the pork, 38 percent of the poultry, 15 percent of the milk, 25 percent of the eggs and 4 percent of the lamb and mutton by 1985. At that time, the U.S. will account for only 5 percent of the world's population."

Yes, agriculture faces many new challenges in the years ahead.

## Real Estate Transfers

July 15 Reed, Wilhelmena M. to Loren E. and Ariene H. Schneebarger prop in Sec. 33 Olive

July 15 Michutka, Elaine to Gailen O. and Jan P. Thornton prop in Sec. 3, Ovid

July 15 Archer, Rexford and Mamie to Milan and Donica Curkovic prop in Sec. 9, DeWitt

July 15 Lenneman, Robert E. and Judy K. to Leary E. and Florence W. Jones Lot 25, Boichot Acres

July 15 McElmurry, Leland R. and Evelyn to John Waud, Lorraine A. Hallet prop in Sec. 28, Westphalia

July 16 Maleck, Thomas L. and Ellen Elizabeth to John Joseph and Patricia Lou

Saller prop in Sec. 13 Victor, July 16 Kidney, Ronald J. and Miriam to Roger Arthur and Betty Yvonne De Paape, Lot 11, Blk 3, Brown of Outlot J

July 16 Cleavor, James F. and Sue Ann to John R. Jr. and Bernadette L. Fabian, Lot 5, Walker of Outlot O & P

July 16 Whitehead, William R. and DeElda M. to Albert J. and Sharleen A. Gustafson prop in Sec. 24 Victor

July 16 Redman, David and Mary Jo; Foote, Terry L. to Richard FF. and Pamela J. Hauser, Lot 5, 6 Blk 4 Perrins

July 16 Thomas R. Harry Company to Edwin D. and Patricia A. Weaver prop in Sec 11, Bath.

## Michigan State Oil And Gas

State-owned oil and gas lease rights in 103,725 acres will be offered at public auction beginning August 25, 1976 at 10:00 A.M. EDT, Terrace Room, Civic Center, 506 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan, and continuing until all descriptions have been offered.

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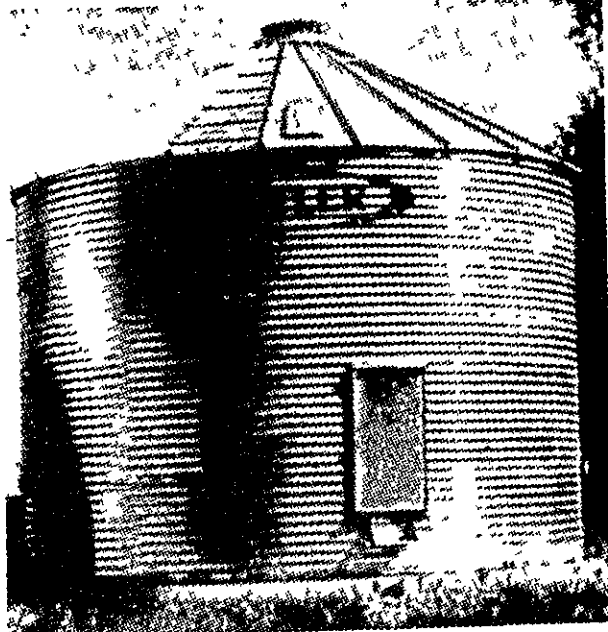
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- Organizer and coach of 4-H Livestock Judging Team
- Active 31 yr. old farmer in Gratiot County

- Two years graduate work in Dairy Science
- Organizer and Leader of All County 4-H Beef Club
- Judges several 4-H County Fairs each summer
- Is active in FFA programs and has employed several FFA boys on his own farm
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# Why I choose to be an American

By Marsha York  
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the 4th in a series of articles featuring essays written by county high school students who competed for scholarships to the Farm Bureau Young Peoples' Citizenship Seminar.

As an American I not only have the opportunities of freedom but that of viewing other nationalities. I can see the way people of different cultures working together side by side together, get along. When foreign people come to live here, they are not only going to learn our culture but that of many nations. Each nationality "Melts" in with all the other nationalities. In other words, it gains new meaning everywhere it goes. As Americans we share our ideas and culture.

Many people believe that America is falling apart because of the different nationalities inside her. I believe this could never be because a person has to expect some sort of disagreement in a nation of free speech, religion, and press. We must stand behind our rights as Americans and live up to our own expectations.



So many critics believe that America is becoming corrupt in the government. They find fault with our system of government. Americans are not censured in what they read or what they do. The people control what is going to happen within the government. This is why I like to be an American. I have a say in my government and how it's run.

In so many countries of the world, freedom of religion, press, and speech is unheard of. Freedom is not something to be taken for granted.

Freedom should be something valued by every American because many people can not take freedom for granted.

America in the colonial days, was a place to escape the harsh rule of the king of England. It was a place where people could create

their own laws. They believe God had granted this land called America to them. We should be proud of our heritage, but yet look to the future on a much broader scale. America may not get any better but with the help of God I know we can be a strong and healthy nation.

## Farm Bureau News

## Board approves program

At the July meeting of the County Board of Directors, unanimous approval was given to introduction of the SafeMark program in Clinton County.

The program constitutes a group purchasing plan beginning with tires and batteries. A committee will be appointed by the board to look into needs in the county and to interview prospective dealers.

If it is begun in the county only Farm Bureau members can buy Safemark products which are of highest quality and of a reasonable price.

Information will be given to the members as it is available.

Other action at the board meeting included signing of a new updated Blue Cross agreement, requesting a column on Estate Planning in the county newsletter, set up a Salute to Agriculture committee which will plan the Farm Bureau display at the St. Johns Home Tour September 25.

Begin membership plans with the naming of township captains. One associate membership was approved.

## County Annual Oct. 12 will feature ham dinner

Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, Oct. 12 when the most important function of the year takes place within the County Farm Bureau.

At the July board meeting the directors voted to subsidize the ticket price this year and therefore the cost of a cafeteria style ham dinner will be \$3 per ticket.

The ladies of Pilgrim United Methodist Church will serve the meal. The most important item on the agenda will be policy development (see article by

Bill Kissane).

There will be election of directors for the Bingham-Olive district and the Essex-Lebanon District. Both Bill Kissane and Jack Anderson present directors have been nominated for second terms. Other nominations will come from the nominating committee and from Community Groups.

The Young Farmers will be crowning the 1976 Farm Bureau Queen and will announce the county discussion meet winner. Annual meeting delegates will be named.

A bicentennial theme will be carried out and a contest for table centerpieces will take place.

More details will be announced later and tickets will be available after Sept. 1

## Policy development of key importance in Farm Bureau

By BILL KISSANE  
 COUNTY PRESIDENT

Many Farm Bureau members consider Policy Development something that we do in the fall at the County and State Annual Meetings.

However, I would like to consider it in a different view. Problems and areas of concern for both agriculture and the general public are facing us year around.

It is difficult for most of us to start the Policy Development procedure in the spring and summer when we know official action will not be taken until several months later.

The strength of the Farm Bureau Organization and the policies we develop lie in the fact that these policies originate with you the individual Farm Bureau member. Participating in a local Community Group is the ideal way to present your views to fellow Farm Bureau members, discuss various issues and start the ball rolling toward making your views the official policy of the Farm Bureau.

It is true that although all of your ideas will not become official policy, certainly you can play a vital part in the policy development procedures.

If you are not a member of a Community Group you can still take part in the procedure. Let your county board member know what your position is on various issues. This can be the first step in getting resolutions before the County Annual

Meeting. By attending county annual you can voice your opinions and vote on the various issues. Resolutions may also be presented from the floor at county annual by individuals if they present that same resolution in writing to the chairman prior to the reading of that resolution. The important thing is that it is you the individual Farm Bureau member who must take part in order to make the P.D. process successful.

The various County Farm Bureau Committees will be meeting with the P.D. Committee to develop resolutions concerning their areas of interest. With the emphasis the County Farm Bureau is placing on Local Affairs, it is important that we take a close look at the problems on the county and township levels. I urge you to take part in this most important activity of the Farm Bureau. What's your opinion?

## Meet the candidates meeting offers view of 88th hopefuls

By Judy Kissane  
 Clinton Farm Bureau sponsored a meet the candidates meeting last week Monday at Smith Hall in St. Johns.

The P.E.P. (Political Education Program) Committee headed by Dennis Phillips was in charge of the evening's activities. Jim Pelham, county extension director acted as moderator for the candidates.

### Annual tour set for July 31

Over 100 persons from farm and city occupations are expected to participate in the 4th Annual Rural Urban Tour sponsored by Clinton County Farm Bureau Young Farmers.

Each county director and each Young Farmer member will invite a guest family to visit 3 different farming operations.

On the tour this year will be S&H Farms which includes an implement business, Becks Apple Orchards and Moore's Seed Farm.

Following the tour the group will go to the Mike Pettigrew farm for a pig roast and dinner.

A slide presentation entitled "200 years of Agriculture" will be shown.

### Australian farmer visits

Clinton County Farm Bureau is currently playing host to John Hawkins, a wheat farmer from Western Australia.

He is staying with Bill Kissane and family and has visited several farms in the area. Last week Hawkins visited with some of the staff of the Michigan Farm Bureau to get a better understanding of the organization and how it works to serve the farmers of Michigan.

Hawkins hopes to get some farming ideas and to exchange ideas with local farmers.

### Farm Bureau Calendar

July 29--Bicentennial salute to agriculture committee meeting at county office, 8 p.m.

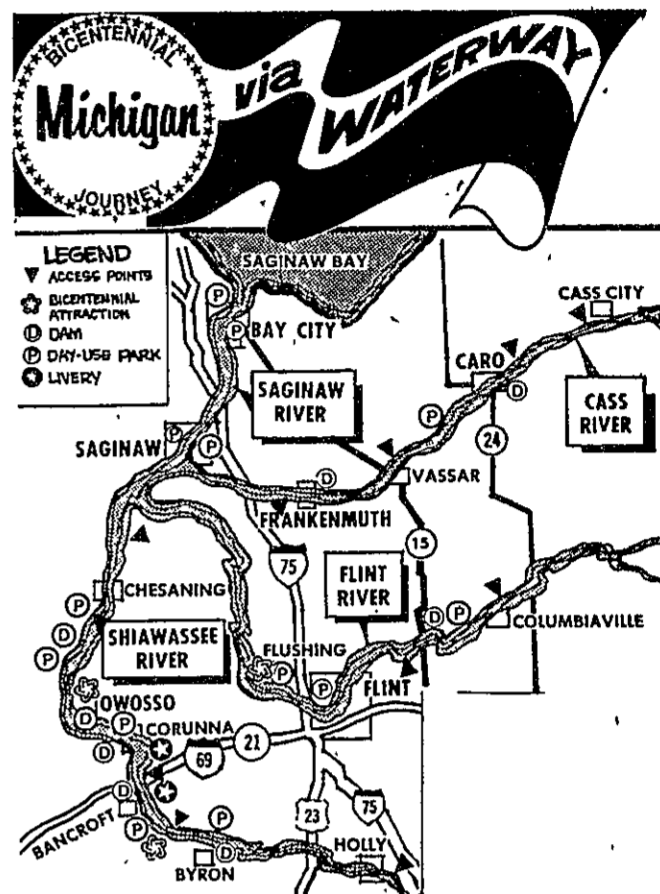
July 31--Rural Urban Tour, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., directors, Young Farmers and guests.

Aug. 2--Deadline for fruit orders

Aug. 17--Board meeting  
 Aug. 17--Mich. Farm Bureau statewide Cabinet meeting, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Hilton Inn.

Aug. 19--County Soybean Tour, 6 p.m., potluck supper, Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club.

Oct. 12--County Annual Meeting.



Canoe trips on the Shiawassee, Flint, Cass and Saginaw rivers can take two hours or four days and offer a choice of farm, wilderness, city or industrial scenery. The Shiawassee, a peaceful stream meandering through quiet countryside, offers the best canoeing between Bancroft and Owosso. Paddlers will see the site of a former Indian reservation and trading post, Owosso's Curwood Castle and the birthplace of Thomas Dewey. The best canoeing on the Flint River is along a 20-mile section east of Flint between Columbiaville and Mott Lake which features six miles of uninterrupted wilderness. Canoeists on the Cass River in Tuscola and Saginaw counties will pass through state game areas, rich farmland and small towns that began as logging camps. In contrast, the Saginaw River is an industrial corridor between Saginaw and Bay City. It is open to commercial shipping and should be considered only by experienced canoeists. The other rivers are recommended even for fledgling paddlers.

## Farm Bureau summer fruit sale underway

MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE Marketing Association (MACMA) is once again offering frozen fruit from Michigan producers during the month of July and early August. Deadline for ordering is August 2. The quality will be top and the prices are the best available. Persons purchasing fruit will receive a pamphlet offering suggestions for handling cherries, apple slices and blueberries. The fruit will arrive between the dates of August 16 and September 2 and persons ordering will be notified in advance of the time and place. Money must accompany order to save time on the day of delivery. Complete the order form below and return not later than August 2.

Order Deadline August 2, 1976 Payment for fruit must accompany order.

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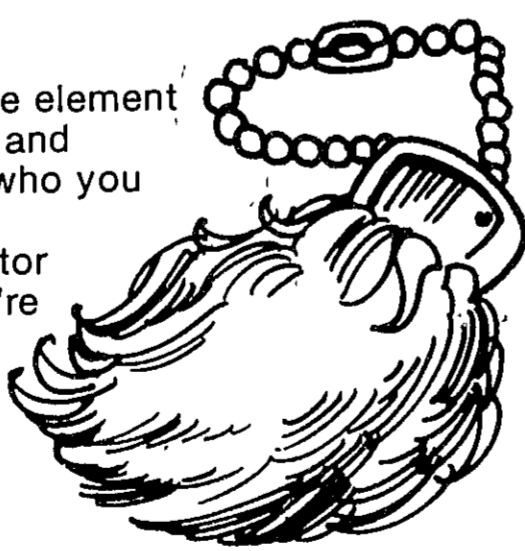
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# Next Week in Clinton County churches

All Churches in Clinton County are invited to send their weekly announcements to The Clinton County News. They must reach us by 10 a.m. Monday to insure publication in the current week's issue.

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Maple Avenue at State Street  
Averill M. Carson, Minister  
Sunday, Aug. 1  
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
Wednesday, Aug. 4  
6:45 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 81  
Church Office Hours:  
Monday thru Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Tel: 224-2636

### First United Methodist Church

200 East State Street  
St. Johns, Michigan 48879  
Francis Carl Johannides,  
Minister  
Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Sunday, July 11  
Rev. Gordon Ormsby will be  
guest minister for the worship  
service.  
Sunday, July 18  
The Brownlee Family a singing  
group will minister during the  
worship hour.  
Ministers office hours for the summer:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.  
Church Office Hours:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thurs-  
day, 9-12 a.m. & 1:30-3 p.m.; Friday, 9  
a.m. - 12 noon.

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11 a.m. Children's Church  
7 p.m. Evening Worship  
Each Wed 7 p.m. Bible Study and prayer.  
8 p.m. - Choir practice - Jr. Basketball  
Nursery for babies and small children for  
all services  
Church office hours  
9-12 & 1-3 Mon thru Fri

### SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

US27 and County Line Rd.  
Pastor Terry MacArthur  
Phone 224-6166  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Tues. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study  
Wed. 7:00 p.m. Jr. Hi MYF  
7 p.m. Evening Worship  
Each Wed 7 p.m. Bible Study and prayer.  
8 p.m. - Choir practice - Jr. Basketball  
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Evangelism & Elders - Tuesdays, 7:00  
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All Committees - 3rd Thursday of each  
month  
Golden Agers - 3rd Thursday of each  
month  
Youth Group - 2nd and 4th Sundays, 2:00  
p.m.

### ST. JOHNS CHURCH OF CHRIST

402 E. State St.  
David Wood, Minister  
Ph. 224-6121  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Com-  
munion  
6:00 p.m. Youth Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
7:00 p.m. Web Bible Study  
A Friendly Church with a Scriptural  
Message

### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. William G. Hankard, Pastor  
Rev. Raymond Lehtinen,  
Associate Pastor  
Rectory 109 Linden St.  
Convent 115 Oakland  
School 301 E. Cass  
Ph. 224-5513  
Ph. 224-2788  
Ph. 224-2421  
Saturday Schedule  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 12  
Holy Days - See bulletin  
Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Sacrament of Penance - Saturdays, 3:30  
to 5 p.m. after 7 p.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m.  
Weekday evenings - a few minutes before  
evening Mass.  
First Fridays - Sacrament of Penance,  
Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. and after the  
evening Mass until all are heard. Mass and  
prayers of Adoration at 7 p.m. Holy  
Communion on Friday at 11 and 7:15 a.m.  
Minister of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Thursday, 7 p.m. on First Friday after  
evening Mass.  
Deviotions Our Mother of Perpetual  
Help Novena after 7:15 p.m. Mass each  
Tuesday.  
Religious Instruction (Classes Adult  
Inquiry Class, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.  
High School C.D., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.  
Public Grade School C.D., Tuesdays from  
4 until 5 p.m.  
Baptisms - Each Sunday at 1:30 by  
appointment. Other arrangements by  
appointment.

### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Massari Synod)  
Rev. Michael R. Hubl, Pastor  
Divine Worship 8:00-10:30  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15  
Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays  
Church Office Hours 9:00 - 12:00  
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
mornings Friday  
Office Telephone: 224-5544  
Parsonage Telephone: 224-7400  
Educational Wing Telephone: 224-8156  
Adult Instruction - Mon 10:00 a.m. to 7:00  
p.m.  
Evangelism and Elders at 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays Helhel and Teachers at 7:00 p.m.  
Weekday School and Confirmation  
Classes, Wednesday, 2:30 - 6 p.m.  
Senior Choir - 8:30 p.m. Thursday  
Ladies Guild - LW3L - 2nd Wednesday  
each month at 8 p.m.  
Councils and Committees - 3rd Thursday  
each month at 7 p.m.  
Golden Age Fellowship Group - 2nd  
Thursday each month at 1 p.m.  
Youth - 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4 p.m.  
Couples Bible Study - Sundays at 7:30  
p.m.  
Home Bible Study - Monday through  
Thursday

### REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER DAY SAINTS

Corner of Railroad & S 27  
Church school 10 o'clock  
Worship service 11 o'clock  
7:00 p.m. - Wednesday, second and  
fourth Wed.  
7:30 p.m. - Wednesday evening service

### PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

680 N. Lansing St.  
St. Johns, Mich.  
Marshall Holley, Pastor  
Phone 224-2165  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m. Sunday Evening  
7:30 p.m. Tues. Even Prayer Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Service

### JEHOVAH WITNESSES

Knudson Hall  
1904 North Lansing St.  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Congregation Book  
Studies. Text studies - "The Nations Shall  
Know That I Am Jehovah" - How?  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - Theocratic  
Ministry School - Texts Used - "Bible"  
and "Aid to Bible Understanding" 8:30  
p.m. - Service Meeting  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Public Lecture -  
Given by Qualified Representative of the  
Watchtower, Bible and Tract Society,  
10:30 a.m. - Watchtower Study - Current  
issue of the "Watchtower" magazine  
studies  
PHILIC INVITED  
NO COLLECTION TAKEN

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

515 North Lansing Street  
Rev. Kenneth Anderson  
Phone 224-7950  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:15 p.m. - Young People's Service  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study and  
prayer hour.

### FREE METHODIST CHURCH

105 Church Street  
Phone 224-2548  
Rev. Rodney Dean  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. C.Y.C.  
8:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Service

### METHODIST CHURCH

US27 and County Line Rd.  
Pastor Terry MacArthur  
Phone 224-6166  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Tues. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study  
Wed. 7:00 p.m. Jr. Hi MYF  
7 p.m. Evening Worship  
Each Wed 7 p.m. Bible Study and prayer.  
8 p.m. - Choir practice - Jr. Basketball  
Nursery for babies and small children for  
all services  
Church office hours  
9-12 & 1-3 Mon thru Fri

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

1400 S. Oakland  
Paul E. Penno, Pastor  
Services held on Sunday  
9:15 a.m. - Church Service  
10:30 a.m. - Sabbath School Service

### WEST PILGRIM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Corner of Parks and Grove Rd.  
Rev. Brian K. Sheen, Minister  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Church School  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.  
Church School  
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Choir practice,  
8:00 p.m. Prayer Service  
Administrative Board first Monday in  
the month  
General meeting of WMSM third Thurs-  
day in January, April and September.  
Afternoon Circle meets second Thursday  
at the homes of members.

### SHEPARDVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Harold Boyd, Pastor  
445 Division Street  
East Lansing, Michigan  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.  
Church School  
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Choir practice,  
8:00 p.m. Prayer Service  
Administrative Board first Monday in  
the month  
General meeting of WMSM third Thurs-  
day in January, April and September.  
Afternoon Circle meets second Thursday  
at the homes of members.

### WAYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Harold McGuire  
The Corner of N US-27 and Roosevelt Hds.  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday evening service 7:30 p.m.  
A church where everyone is welcome.

### FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

3121 & DeWitt Rd.  
Rev. W. Jeff Webb, Pastor  
Church: 224-7190  
Parsonage: 224-2418  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning Coffee &  
Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. - 3rd Sunday School Quiet Time  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. - Sr. Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Discussion &  
Fellowship  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. - Sr. Choir Practice  
7:30 p.m. - Jr. Choir Practice and  
Children's Circle  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study, Discussion &  
Prayer  
Thursday Fellowship - 1st & 3rd Sundays  
after the Evening Service  
Women of the Church of God - Meeting  
1st Tuesday each month

### WAYSIDE CHAPEL A BIBLE CHURCH

1437 Turner Road, DeWitt  
Rev. Darold English, Pastor  
Phone 629-3353  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday Service  
6 p.m. Young People  
7 p.m. Evening Service  
7:15 p.m. Wednesday-Bible Study and  
Prayer  
A friendly church with a message for  
today  
Bible Living - Bible Believing - Bible  
Preaching

### ROCKFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

102 N. Bridge St.  
Honald J. Thompson, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. - Worship (nursery provided)  
10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship  
No Church School June-August

### COMMUNITY OF ST. JUNE

300 N. Bridge St.  
Fr. Michael D. Murphy  
Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
Retreats: ph 629-3453

### EAST DEWITT BIBLE CHURCH

1000 Brennan Road  
Round Lake Road, 1/2 mile East of US-27  
Glen J. Farnham, Pastor  
Sundays  
10 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all  
ages  
11 a.m. - Morning Worship  
3:45 p.m. - Youth Fellowship, Senior, 14  
and up, 1st & 3rd Sundays  
7 p.m. - Evening Service  
Wednesday  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer  
Supervised nursery for babies and small  
children in all services  
"An open door to an open book" - A  
Bible preaching church with a message for  
today

### SOUTH HILLY BIBLE CHURCH

Willard Farrier, Pastor  
Located 1/2 mile east of Francis Road  
on Chawick Road  
10 a.m. - Sunday School  
11 a.m. - Worship Service

### HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

308 W. Herndon Rd.  
DeWitt 9 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

### ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Corner US-27 and Webb Road  
Rev. Glenn V. Cathey, Jr., Vicar  
Residence 629-5267  
Church 629-2997  
First & Third Sundays  
Morning Prayer 9 a.m.  
Second & Fourth Sundays  
Holy Communion 9 a.m.

### VALLEY FARMS BAPTIST CHURCH

214 E. State Rd.  
Lansing  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Beginning with  
the 4th Grade.  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. Evening Service  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

### SOUTH DEWITT CHURCH OF CHRIST

2931 Herndon beside DeWitt High School  
Minister: Dr. James Girwood  
Tel. 629-5000 or 629-6006  
9:30 a.m. Bible School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
Communion  
11 a.m. Youth Groups  
7:30 p.m. Evening Worship  
Wednesday  
7:30 p.m. Hour of Power: Prayer and  
Bible Study  
Thursday  
7:00 p.m. Sunday evening Evangelistic  
7:30 p.m. Calling Program

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DEWITT, MICH.

Rev. Jerry Cole, Pastor  
1186 DeWitt Rd.  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
6 o'clock - Church Training  
Midweek Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.  
Midweek Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Youth  
fellowship 2nd & 4th Sunday at 8 o'clock.  
Join us in worship which "everybody is  
somebody and Christ is Lord."  
For more information call 629-9752 or  
write Box 398, DeWitt.

### VALLEY FARM UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Rev. Neil Bollinger, pastor  
155 E. State Rd.  
Phone 489-1705  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. - Sunday evening Evangelistic  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - Youth Service  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study  
We cordially invite you to attend any or  
all of these services.  
Listen to our international broadcast  
HARVESTING Sunday morning at 10:30  
a.m. WR11, 1550 on your dial.

### ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

4 1/2 miles west of St. Johns on N-21  
5 1/2 miles south on Francis Road  
3 miles west on Church Road  
Roger V. Helms, Pastor  
8:00 a.m. - Worship  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School and Bible  
Classes  
Holy Communion first Sunday of the  
month at 8 a.m., third Sunday of the month  
at 10:30 p.m.

### ST. TERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Francis Murray  
and Lawrence Delaney  
Rectory: 102 W. Randolph, Lansing  
Phone 489-9061  
Mass Schedule - Saturdays: 7 p.m.  
Sunday: 8, 10, 12  
Holy Days: Eve before at 7:30 p.m. and 7  
& 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
Weekday Masses: 7:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
Penance: 4-5 & 8:30-9 p.m.  
Baptism: Sunday at 1 p.m. Please call in  
advance.

### DEWITT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Inter-denominational)  
Muri J. Eastman, Pastor  
Church: 224-7190  
Parsonage: 224-2418  
Sunday School Supt.  
Margie Peterson, Co-Supt.  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
7 p.m. - Sunday Evening Service  
7 p.m. - Wednesday Bible Study and  
Prayer Meeting

### WESLEYAN HOLINESS CHURCH

130 W. Williams, Ovid  
Rev. Roger Heinen, Pastor  
Phone 629-2777  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday night Bible study in parsonage  
7:30 p.m. Bring a question.

### THE UNITED CHURCH OF OVID

West Front Street  
Rev. Claude B. Hildley, Jr., Pastor  
Worship Service - 10 a.m.  
Church School - 11 a.m.  
Nursery service for all children up to 2nd  
grade

### OVID FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Main at Oak Street  
Rev. Earl C. Copelin, Pastor  
9:45 a.m. Church School, 11:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
Wednesday 7 p.m. Prayer and Bible  
Study 8 p.m. Senior Choir

### NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP

"The church with Acts 20 vision"  
1105 N. Main St., Ovid  
Rev. Richard Gleason  
Church Phone 624-5838  
Parsonage Phone 624-2473  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening services for  
all age groups

### HOLY DAYS - Holy Day Eve, 4:30 p.m. 7:00 a'clock p.m. Holy Day - 8:30 & 8:30 a.m.

Sorrowful Mother Novena-During school  
year 7:30 p.m. Summer months 8:00  
a'clock p.m.  
Sacrament of Penance-Saturdays 3:30 to  
4:00 o'clock p.m. and after 7:00 o'clock  
p.m. mass.  
1st Friday - Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to  
12:00 a.m. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
until all are heard  
Baptism - Sundays at 12:30 p.m. by ap-  
pointment. Other arrangements by  
appointment.

### ELsie Area

ELsie METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. David Litzfeld, Minister  
9:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School, Supt. Merle  
Baese

### DUPPLAIN METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. David Litzfeld, Minister  
10 a.m. - Sunday School, Supt. Kenneth  
Kiger  
11 a.m. - Worship Service

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. Junior & Senior B.Y.F.  
7:00 p.m. Evening Service  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Junior and Senior  
Choir Practice  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Prayer and Bible  
Study

### DUPPLAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

3 miles west Ovid-Elsie High School  
5665 E. Colony Road  
Justin Shepard, Minister  
Bill Nicholson, Youth Minister  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11 a.m. - Church  
6 p.m. - Youth Fellowship and adult bible  
Bible Study  
7 p.m. - Evening Service  
7 p.m. - Wednesday - Prayer Meeting

### ST. CYRIL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Thomas M. Kowalezyk, Pastor  
P.O. Box 97, 517 E. Main St.  
Baptism 4807  
Sunday Liturgies: Saturday - 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day Liturgies: 7:00 a.m. and 8:00  
p.m.  
Confessions: One half hour before all  
Sunday Liturgies.

### EAGLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Ray McBratne, Pastor  
Telephone 627-4533 or 429-2097  
9:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Church School  
7:30 p.m. - Wednesday, Bible Study and  
prayer meeting

### EAGLE FOUR SQUARE CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. Royal Burnett, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. - Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m. - Wednesday Prayer meeting

### FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

David J. Zimmerman, pastor  
(one mile north of traffic light - Elsie)  
Sunday  
Bible School 10:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. -  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

### BATH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Clarence Keith  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

### BATH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Richard Cole, Pastor  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Service  
Midweek Service on Wednesday 7:30  
p.m.

### REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LANSING SAINTS

Corner Upton Hill & Stoll Hds.  
Jim Gourlay,  
Elder R. Premoe  
Preaching 11 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10 a.m. Preaching  
Prayer 11:30 a.m.  
Choir Practice - Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
Mid-Week Prayer Service - Wednesday  
7:30 p.m.  
Everyone welcome

### BATH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Clarence Keith  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

### THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Maple Rapids  
Pastor Rev. J. Thomas Churn  
Parsonage - Hildston  
Phone 224-1121

### BANNER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Emmet Kadwell  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
SUSAN E. Baldwin  
Joseph F. Egan, Jr., Pastor  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. - Youth Service  
7:30 p.m. - Sunday Evening

### CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

416 S. Maple Ave., Maple Rapids  
Rev. Hector Goodall - Pastor  
Phone 622-1155  
10 a.m. - Worship Service  
11 a.m. - Church School  
7 p.m. - Song Service (Everyone  
welcome)  
Wed. Night 6:30 & 7:30 chdr. practices  
Thurs. Night 8 p.m. Fellowship Service

### Eureka Area

CONGREGATIONAL  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
209 E. Maple Rapids Rd.  
Doug M. Jofen, Pastor  
Phone 224-7709  
Sunday  
10 a.m. - Sunday School (for everyone)  
11 a.m. - Worship Service  
Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. - Junior Choir  
7:00 p.m. - Senior Choir  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study  
8:30 p.m. - Prayer Service  
Nursery provided for all services.

### Matherton Area

MATHERTON COMMUNITY  
CHURCH  
2:00 p.m. - Sunday School  
3:00 p.m. - Worship Service

### Wacousta Area

WACOUSTA COMMUNITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. Edward P. Otto, pastor  
Phone 626-2228  
Morning Worship: 10 a.m.  
Church School Classes 11:15 a.m.  
Jr. and Sr. Hi Y.F. 6:00 p.m.  
Cherub Choir, Wednesday 3:45 p.m.  
Youth Choir, Thursday 6:45 p.m.  
WCSN Noon Meetings every 3rd Wednes-  
day  
WXYZ Noon Meeting every 1st Wednes-  
day  
Council on Ministries every 2nd Wednes-  
day at 7:30  
Administrative Board, 4th Monday of  
every 3rd month.

### Victor Township

GROVE BIBLE CHURCH  
Rev. Robert Prange, Pastor  
Price and Sheepshead Roads  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School, Classes for  
all ages  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. - Young People  
7:30 p.m. - Evening Service  
7:30 p.m. - Wednesday, prayer meeting  
Ladies Missionary Circle meets 4th  
Thursday  
Couples Club meets 4th Saturday in  
month

### Lansing

KIMBERLY CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1007 Kimberly Drive  
Lansing, Michigan  
John Hallis  
11 a.m. - Morning Worship  
10 a.m. - Bible Study  
8 p.m. - Evening Worship  
Midweek service 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
night

### Maple Rapids Area

THE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
Maple Rapids  
Pastor Rev. J. Thomas Churn  
Parsonage - Hildston  
Phone 224-1121  
Sunday  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
Tuesday  
7:00 p.m. - Senior Choir Practice Wednes-  
day  
2nd Wednesday each month  
7:00 p.m. W.C.S.C.  
Thursday  
10:00 Bible Study

### GREENUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Scott and Marshall Roads  
Pastor - Rev. Terry MacArthur  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Church School  
11:30 a.m. Church Services  
U.M.W. 4th Wednesday at 8 p.m.

### LOWE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Lowe & N. Lowe Road  
Across from the Essex Church  
Rev. Terry MacArthur  
Supper 8:20 a.m.  
Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. - Worship Hour  
7:00 p.m. - 1st & 2nd Week M.Y.F.  
Tuesday  
10:00 a.m. - Prayer, Study Group  
Wednesday,  
7:30 p.m. - 11 a.m. -  
Thursday,  
8:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

### PRICE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dorold D. Boyd, Pastor  
445 Division St., E. Lansing  
9:45 - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
Women's Society - last Wednesday of  
each month. Dinner at 12:30 p.m. Business  
meeting at 1:30  
UNYF meets each Sunday at 7 a.m.  
Council of Ministries - last Monday of  
each month at 8 p.m.  
Administrative Board - first Sunday of  
each month following a co-operative  
noon dinner  
Senior choir rehearsal - each Wednesday  
at 7:30 p.m.

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**Real Estate 4**

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**"St. Johns Public Schools** are accepting sealed bids for a new house located at 514 Higham St., Pewamo, Michigan. The house features three bedrooms, two baths, natural gas heat, 2-car garage, on large lot. This house can be seen by calling 517-224-2394. St. Johns Public Schools has the right to reject any and all bids. Minimum acceptable bid is \$34,000.00. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 20th. Send to: Kenneth E. Lashaway, St. Johns Public Schools, Box 230, St. Johns, Michigan 48879." 13-4-p-4

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I need a 3-bedroom home on large lot or small acreage, prefer mature shade, price to mid 40's. Call Dave Smith LaNoble Realty-Realtors 482-1637, evenings 694-8979. 13-1-p-4

Need 1-2 acres of land with 2-home in semi-rural area. Must have basement and be willing to go land contract. Please call Kim Watson LaNoble-Realtors, 482-1637 evenings, 351-4104. 13-1-p-4

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**For Rent 6**

**FOR RENT - Furnished** house, Sept. 1 to July 1, 5 rooms, gas heat, garage. Adults only, no pets. Call 224-6097. 13-3-p-6

**FOR RENT - 2 bedrooms** for single working girls or woman, household privileges including use of washer & dryer. Must have references. In a quiet location just 1 block front downtown. Call 224-2361 days or 224-7051 evenings. 11-4-6 DH

**TRAILER LOT FOR RENT -** 1 1/2 mi. N. of St. Johns on US-27. References required. Ph. 835-2524. 3-4-6

**FOR RENT - Furnished** efficiency with all utilities paid, separate unit. Adults only, no pets. Ph. 224-7740. 11-3-p-6

**St. Johns 3-bedroom** carpeted home and garage. \$175 per month plus deposit and references, adults only, no pets. 224-3968. 13-3-p-6

**Wanted to Rent 7**

**WANTED TO RENT-Lot** with water and septic for new 14x7 mobile home, would buy later, or a nice mobile park. Ph. 517-736-6117. 12-3-p-7

**WANTED TO RENT-House** 3 bedrooms or more in the St. Johns, Ovid-Elsie area. Ph. 224-7231 or 539-2296. 12-3-p-7

**Trailers & Campers 9**

**71 FORD - Camper special,** 3/4 ton, new paint, power steering & brakes, tinted glass, utility boxes, excellent condition. Ph. 627-7973. GPC-30

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**Automotive 11**

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OR MAIL TO Clinton County News 120 East Walker St. St. Johns, Mich. 48879 DEADLINE: EACH MONDAY 1 P.M. We are not responsible for any errors on classifieds taken by phone.

**FOR SALE-1970 Ford LTD 2** dr. hardtop, fine running condition. Will consider older pickup or motorcycle as part trade. Call 647-6119, Portland, St. Johns

**FOR SALE-1973 Buick** Apollo 4-door sedan, 350 V6, power steering, power brakes, automatic, \$1700. Ph. 224-8223. 13-3-p-11

**FOR SALE - 68** Pontiac Firebird 400, 4 speed, 4 barrel, new tires on alum. slotted mag wheels, new Hurst shifter, new heavy duty oil pump, new timing chain, new ball joints, upper & lower; 4 11 positraction rear end, power steering & brakes, new royal blue carpeting, front, rear & trunk. 'New paint & body work, white with royal blue interior, radio, very sharp unit, \$1750. Ph. 627-2342. GPC-30

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**Motorcycles 12**

**FOR SALE - 2 Trail 90** Hondas. One needs front end repair. Ph. 651-5358. 11-3-p-12

**1973 YAMAHA 500 - Sharp,** excellent condition, with extras. Ph. 627-7973. GPC-30

**Cattle 21**

**FOR SALE-3Holstein steers,** 370 to 400 lbs. Call 587-6679 after 5. 13-3-p-21

**Poultry 22**

**CUSTOM POULTRY** DRESSING - Dean's 807 Tyrell Rd., Morrice. Call 517-625-4897 for appointment. 2-12-p-22

**Pets 23**

**FOR SALE-Beagle pups,** \$10.00 a piece, 593-3683. p-St. Johns 30

**Horses 24**

**FOR SALE - 7 yr. old** Pinto mare, well broke, & like new saddle, \$300. Ph. 627-2342. Will demonstrate after 6 p.m. GPC-30

**Garage Sale 25**

**GARAGE SALE-9 to 5,** two Saturdays, July 21 and July 31, 712 Church St. 12-2-DH-25

**Miscellaneous 27**

**WESTPHALIA AREA -** History - 1836-1976. Books available at Westphalia Shop-Rite, St. J.-29

**FOR SALE - 26" girls** 10 spd. Huff Scout, \$65. Like new. Ph. 627-2342. GPC-30

**FOR SALE - Antique** bedroom set. Dresser with mirror, 6 drawer dressing table with mirror and bench. Double bed, walnut wood. \$895.00 excluding springs & mattress. 613 N. State St., Apt. 4, Alma or call 463-4361. 11-3-p-27

**FOR SALE - 300 gal. Dairy** Cool milk tank, excellent condition. Ph. 627-9024. GPC-30

**FOR SALE - Chrome** dinette set, drop left table and 6 chairs and G.E. Wildcat Stereo, portable with built-in speakers. Call 587-4556. P-St. Johns-30

**FOR SALE-5 acres** of good wheat straw. Windrowed, ready to bale. 3 miles West of Elsie, 1 mile South, St. Clair Rd. 2 1/2 gal. oil barrels. Elsie 862-4446. 13-3-p-16

**FOR SALE - Chrome** slotted rims. Fenton 15" x 8" with Goodyear polyglass and 14" x 7" with 878.14. All mounted, spun balance, with lock nuts. Best offer or will trade. Call 626-6962, ask for Mark. S.J.

**Wanted Miscellaneous 28**

**TIMBER WANTED - Logs** and standing timber. Logs delivered to our yard. DEVEREAUX SAWMILL, INC., 2872 N. Hubbardston Rd., Pewamo, Mich. Phone 593-2424 and/or 593-2552. 4-4-28

**Notice 29**

**FOR ALL AUCTION NEEDS -** contact THELEN AUCTION SERVICE. Call 593-3426. 3-21-p-29

**PUBLIC NOTICE** As of May 6, 1976, I will not longer be responsible for high heating bills, cold winter drafts or highway noises keeping my family awake at night. Call SUPERIOR INSULATION at 224-7581 and have them install the insulating product that has the most to offer-RAPCO FOAM. Shed some of your responsibility and call SUPERIOR INSULATION too. I.M. CONTENT. 4-4-29

**ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE,** Saturday, July 31, 1 a.m. to 8 p.m. Masonic Temple, River St., Grand Ledge. Antiques and collectables. Benefit sponsored by Grand Ledge Area Historical Society. Admission 50c. Also visit the Island Art Fair, sponsored by Ledge Craft Lane, Ltd. 12-2-9-29

**FRESH MAPLE SYRUP -** Gals. 1/2 gals., qts., pints in stock. Livingston Farms, 2224 Livingston Rd., St. Johns Phone 224-3616. 49-4-p-29

**CUSTOM BUTCHERING AND** PROCESSING, by appointment. We butcher on Wednesdays and Fridays. Beef, pork. Halves and quarters, also retail cuts. All meats MDA inspected. Vaughn's Meat Processing, West City Limits on Bussell Rd. just off M-57 Carson City.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Clinton County Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the COURTHOUSE, ST. JOHNS, MI. on **AUGUST 11, 1978** at 7:30 p.m. on:

1. Clinton County Future Land Use Policies.
2. Clinton County Future Land Use Plan.

A copy of the above will be on display in the lobby of the Courthouse. Interested persons are requested to attend and voice their opinions.

Dennis C. Dunnigan  
Clinton County Planner

## SPECIAL! MID-SEASON SALE ON USED CULTIVATORS

**10% to 30% off**

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M.F. 8-ROW	\$1250.00. \$1000.00
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**AM LOOKING FOR ALL KINDS OF POSTCARDS,** especially old-ones, if you have any to sell please contact the POSTCARD LADY 224-2361 days or 224-7051 evenings. 13-4-4h-29

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**FOR SALE - Parts for** all electric shavers. Levey's Jewelry, Elsie. 1-4-29

**BINGO - Holy Family Church,** 510 Mabbitt Rd., Ovid. Mondays 7 p.m. 16-4-29

**NOTICE-Annual Meeting** of Union Home Cemetery Assn. will be August 2 at 1:30 at Glenn McComber Home, 9990 S. State Rd. Anyone interested in Cemetery is welcome to attend. 12-2-p-29

**FOR SALE - Dining room** suite, drop leaf table, table pads, china cabinet, light walnut, very good condition. Call 587-6895. S.J.-29

**Card of Thanks 30**

**CARD OF THANKS** Special thanks to Fr. Julius Hengesbach, Fr. James Schmitt, Fr. Wm. J. Koenigsnecht, the Sisters at St. Mary's, Sharon's classmates, the children that sang the mass, the Nellers and Dr. Chun for their help in Sharon's untimely death. We wish to thank our relatives, friends, and neighbors who helped make the loss of our daughter and sister a bit easier to bear. A mass of thanksgiving, for everyone's kindness and sympathy expressed, has been offered in Sharon's memory. The Albin Hengesbach family S.J.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Arthur E. Willard wishes to thank all who brought food to our home, sent flowers and those who donated money to the Emphysema Clinic in Art's memory, and the many beautiful cards. Mrs. Arthur Willard, Sons, daughter and families

**Lost 31**

**LOST - In the Eureka area,** a blue and pink, zippered jewelry case with silver jewelry. Reward offered. Call 224-2416. 12-3-p-35

### Just moved in? I can help you out.

Don't worry and wonder about learning your way around town. Or what to see and do. Or whom to ask. As your WELCOME WAGON Hostess, I can simplify the business of getting settled. Help you begin to enjoy your new town... good shopping, local attractions, community opportunities. And my basket is full of useful gifts to please your family. Take a break from unpacking and call me.

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<b>AUTOMOTIVE SPACE FOR RENT</b>	<b>FINANCIAL</b> CAPITAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOC., 222 N. Clinton, 224-2404, Safety for Savings since 1890.	<b>PLUMBING</b> SPACE FOR RENT RESTAURANT SOMEPLACE ELSE Dining & Cocktails Ph. 224-3072, S. US-27
<b>BOB'S AUTO BODY, Complete Collision Service, 224-2521, 800 N. Lansing.</b>	<b>C&amp;D CHEVROLET CO., New &amp; Used Cars, Elsie 862-4400. You can't do better anywhere.</b>	<b>FLORISTS</b> Say it with Quality flowers from WOODBURY'S FLOWER SHOP, 321 N. Clinton, St. Johns, 224-3216.
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<b>HETTLER'S MOTOR SALES, 24 Hr. Wrecker Service, Good Used Trucks.</b>	<b>CONCRETE WORK</b> SPACE FOR RENT	<b>INSURANCE</b> Automobile Coverage - Fire Insurance - General Casualty. ALLAHY-BREWBAKER, INC. 108-1/2 N. Clinton Ave. St. Johns, Phone 224-3258.
<b>CLINTON COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU, Phone 224-2301, Credit Reports - Collections.</b>	<b>CREDIT BUREAU</b>	<b>JEWELRY</b> LEVEY'S JEWELRY, Orange Blossom diamond rings, Bulova & Accutron Watches, Elsie, 862-4400.
<b>PARR'S REXALL DRUGS, Open daily 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 8:30-12:30 &amp; 5-7 p.m.</b>	<b>DRUGS</b>	<b>WESTERN</b> SPACE FOR RENT Call 224-2361 DIRECTORY

# Legal News

ADVERTISEMENT  
CLINTON COUNTY ZONING  
COMMISSION  
LEGAL NOTICE-REZONING  
CLINTON COUNTY ZONING  
COMMISSION. Notice is hereby  
given that a Public Hearing will  
be held in the Courthouse, St.  
Johns, Michigan on Thursday,  
August 19, 1976 at 8:00 P.M.  
THE PUBLIC HEARING

WILL BE HELD ON THE  
FOLLOWING DESCRIBED  
PROPERTY:  
Case No. ZC-9-76 EAGLE  
TOWNSHIP  
PURPOSE: Rezone from A-1,  
Agriculture to R-1D, Medium  
Density Residential.  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: That  
part of the Southeast 1/4 of the  
Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, T5N,  
R4W, Eagle Township, Clinton

County, Michigan, described as:  
Commencing at the East 1/4  
corner of said Section 21, T5N,  
R4W, 89 degrees 40' 20" W., along  
the East and West 1/4 line 1108.60  
feet to the point of beginning of  
the East 1/4 of Section 21, T5N,  
R4W, 208.69 feet to the South 1/2  
of Section 21; thence N. 0 degrees  
11' 44" E., parallel with  
1/2 line 208.69 feet to the point of  
beginning. The lands described  
above contain 1.0 acre more or  
less of which 0.25 acre is subject  
to existing road right of way.

County, Michigan, described as:  
132' N&S in NE cor. thereof.  
Com. 792 ft. S. of NW cor. of  
Sec. 23, T6N-R2W, Th. E. 1275 ft.,  
S. 342 ft. W. 1275 ft., Th. N. 342 ft.  
to beg.  
Com. 1275 ft. E. of the NW cor.  
of Sec. 23, T7N-R3W, Riley Twp.,  
Clinton County, MI., Th. S. 792 ft.,  
Th. S. 89 degrees 52' 19" W. 150 ft.,  
Th. N. 792 ft., Th. N. 89 degrees 52'  
19" E. 150 ft. to p.o.b.  
Interested persons are  
requested to appear and voice  
their opinions with respect  
thereof.

Attorneys for Assignee of  
Mortgage  
417 Seymour Avenue, Suite 2A  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

### NOTICE OF SALE

In pursuance and by virtue of a  
judgment of the Circuit Court for  
the County of Clinton, State of  
Michigan, made and entered the  
14th day of May, A.D. 1976, in a  
certain cause therein pending,  
wherein Opal Marie Murray was  
plaintiff and LeLand Edwin  
Murray was defendant, notice is  
hereby given that I shall sell at  
public sale to the highest bidder  
in the lobby at the north entrance  
of the court house at St. Johns,  
Michigan, (that being the place  
of holding the Circuit Court for  
said County), on Thursday, the  
9th day of September, 1976, at  
10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, the  
following described property,  
Viz: Beginning in E & W 1/4 line of  
Section 17, T5N, R1W, 424 feet  
East of center of said Section,  
thence South 88 degrees East 49  
feet, thence North 1 degrees 40'  
East 232 feet, thence North 38  
degrees West 42 feet, thence  
thence South, 1 degrees 30' West  
232 feet to the beginning,  
Township of Bath, Clinton  
County, Michigan.  
Beginning 553.5 feet East and  
250 feet North of center of Section  
17, T5N, R1W, thence North 410  
feet, thence East 24 feet, thence  
667 feet, thence West 577 feet,  
thence South 667 feet, thence  
South 88 feet, thence East 121  
feet, thence North 342 feet, and  
thence East 102 feet to beginning,  
Township of Bath, Clinton  
County, Michigan.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE  
Default having been made in  
the terms and conditions of a  
certain mortgage executed by  
Ronald Allen Harris and  
Kathryn K. Harris, husband and  
wife, to Waterfield Mortgage  
Company, Incorporated, an  
Indiana Corporation dated 17th  
day of May, 1971, and recorded  
in the Office of the Register of  
Deeds, in Liber 261, Page 27, Clinton  
County, Michigan, Records,  
which mortgage was assigned by  
said mortgagee to Ridgewood  
Savings Bank, a New York  
Corporation, by assignment  
dated the 7th day of June, 1971,  
and recorded on the 10th day of  
June, 1971, in Liber 261, Page 235,  
Clinton County, Michigan,  
Records, on which mortgage  
therein claimed to be due, at the  
date of this notice, the sum of  
Fourteen Thousand Two  
Hundred Ninety-seven and 32/100  
(\$14,297.32) Dollars.  
I, J. Anthony Nelson,  
Zoning Administrator

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON

ORDER TO ANSWER  
FILE NO. 76553 DO  
KRIS WARREN MABIE  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
MARY ELIZABETH MABIE  
Defendant  
JAMES A. MOORE P17728  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
On the 19th day of July, 1976,  
an action was filed by Kris  
Warren Mabie, Plaintiff against  
Mary Elizabeth Mabie,  
Defendant in this Court to secure  
a divorce.  
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED  
that the Defendant, Mary  
Elizabeth Mabie, shall answer or  
take such other action as may be  
permitted by law on or before  
the 20th day of September, 1976.  
Failure to comply with this  
Order will result in a judgment  
being entered in favor of the  
Plaintiff.  
Defendant for the relief  
demanded in the Complaint filed  
in this Court.  
Parr vs. Mabie, Circuit Judge  
Date of Order: July 19, 1976  
WALKER & MOORE  
By: James A. Moore  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
117 E. Walker,  
St. Johns, MI 48879

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in  
the conditions of a certain  
mortgage made the 25th day of  
September 1974, by Louis E.  
Smith and Bonnie L. Smith, as  
mortgagors, to United States of  
America, as mortgagee, and  
recorded on September 25, 1974,  
in the office of the Register of  
Deeds for Clinton County,  
Michigan, in Liber 276, Page  
of mortgages on pages 941-944, on  
which mortgage there is claimed  
to be due and unpaid at the date  
of this notice Twenty Four  
Thousand Five Hundred Forty  
Five and 71/100 Dollars  
(\$24,545.71) principal and Three  
Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty  
Seven and 4/100 Dollars  
(\$3,927.70) interest; no suit  
or proceeding at law or in equity  
having been instituted to recover  
the debt or part of the debt  
secured by said mortgage, and  
the power of sale contained in  
said mortgage having become  
operative by reason of such  
default;  
NOW, THEREFORE, Notice is  
hereby given that on September  
28, 1976, at 10:00 o'clock in the  
forenoon, at the north entrance  
of the courthouse in St. Johns,  
Michigan, that being the place  
of holding the Circuit Court for  
the County of Clinton, there will  
be offered for sale and sold to  
the highest bidder, at public sale,  
for the purpose of satisfying the  
amounts due and unpaid upon  
said mortgage, together with the  
legal costs and charges of sale,  
provided by law and in said  
mortgage, the lands and  
premises in said mortgage  
mentioned and described, as  
follows, to-wit:  
Part of the North 1/2 of the  
Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, T8N,  
R2W, Greenbush Township,  
Clinton County, Michigan,  
described as beginning at a  
point 1144 feet East of the  
Northwest corner of the North  
1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section  
23, thence South 208 feet, thence  
East 208 feet, thence North 208  
feet, thence West 208 feet to the  
point of beginning; subject to  
easements and restrictions of  
record if any.  
The redemption period will be  
six months from the time of such  
sale. Property may be redeemed  
by paying balance due plus 7  
percent interest and any fees,  
taxes, or other unpaid  
encumbrances on the property  
from date of sale.  
Dated July 21, 1976  
Mrs. Winifred D. Molony,  
Regional Attorney  
United States Department of  
Agriculture  
Room 2961, 230 South Dearborn  
Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
For Additional Information,  
please contact:  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA  
acting through Farmers Home  
Administration  
Calvin C. Lutz, State Director  
East Lansing, Michigan  
Mortgages

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WALKER & MOORE  
By: James A. Moore  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
117 E. Walker,  
St. Johns, MI 48879

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON

ORDER TO ANSWER  
FILE NO. F-19611  
TAKE NOTICE: On August 11,  
1976, at 10:00 A.M., in the  
Probate Courtroom, Courthouse,  
St. Johns, Michigan, before the  
Hon. Timothy M. Green, Judge  
of Probate, a hearing will be held  
on the petition of Lloyd D. Parr  
vs. the Estate of Raymond G.  
Owne, and for the granting of  
administration to Raymond G.  
Owne, or some other suitable  
person.  
CREDITORS of the Deceased  
are hereby notified that all  
claims against the Estate must  
be presented on or before  
October 20, 1976 to Raymond G.  
Parr at 207 West Cass, St. Johns,  
Michigan 48879 and proof thereof  
with copies of the claims filed  
with the Probate Court.  
Notice is further given that the  
Estate will be thereupon assigned  
to the persons appearing of  
record and entitled thereto.  
Dated: July 16, 1976  
Lloyd D. Parr  
3343 Wardell Road  
Lansing, Michigan 48917  
Attorney for Petitioner  
L. C. H. Parr  
100 Michigan Dental Bldg.  
230 North Washington Ave.  
Lansing, Michigan 48933  
Phone 1-517-374-8890

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON

ORDER TO ANSWER  
FILE NO. 19606  
TAKE NOTICE: On October 7,  
1976, at 10 A.M., in the Probate  
Courtroom, St. Johns, Michigan,  
before the Hon. TIMOTHY M.  
GREEN, Judge of Probate, a  
hearing will be held determining  
heirs and on claims. Creditors of  
the deceased are notified that all  
claims against the Estate must  
be presented on or before  
October 20, 1976 to Raymond G.  
Parr at 207 West Cass, St. Johns,  
Michigan 48879 and proof thereof  
with copies of the claims filed  
with the Probate Court.  
Dated: July 21, 1976  
Joe D. Sutton, Atty. for  
Petitioner  
P.O. Box 10207 (2925 Wood  
Street)  
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FILE NO. 19610  
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Dated: July 16, 1976  
JOHN R. VERBURG  
Petitioner  
663 S. Division Michigan 49508  
Attorney for Petitioner:  
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FILE NO. 5555  
GCR 1205  
ROSEMARY SALDANA,  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
LOUIS G. SALDANA,  
Defendant  
On March 29, 1976, an action  
was filed by plaintiff in this  
Court to obtain a decree of  
absolute divorce.  
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED  
that the Defendant, LOUIS G.  
SALDANA, shall answer or take  
such other action in this Court as  
may be permitted by law on or  
before Sept. 21, 1976. Failure to  
comply with this Order will  
result in a judgment by default  
against such Defendant for the  
relief demanded in the  
Complaint filed in this Court.  
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED  
that the fees or costs of  
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County.  
HONORABLE: LEOW.  
CORKIN  
(Countersigned)  
Dolores Hiller  
Deputy Clerk  
DATE OF ORDER: July 21, 1976.  
GREAT LANSING LEGAL  
AID BUREAU  
BY: s-Leo W. Tobin III  
Leo W. Tobin III (P25641)  
300 North Washington Avenue  
Lansing, Michigan 48933 13-5

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FILE NO. 76553 DO  
KRIS WARREN MABIE  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
MARY ELIZABETH MABIE  
Defendant  
JAMES A. MOORE P17728  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
On the 19th day of July, 1976,  
an action was filed by Kris  
Warren Mabie, Plaintiff against  
Mary Elizabeth Mabie,  
Defendant in this Court to secure  
a divorce.  
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED  
that the Defendant, Mary  
Elizabeth Mabie, shall answer or  
take such other action as may be  
permitted by law on or before  
the 20th day of September, 1976.  
Failure to comply with this  
Order will result in a judgment  
being entered in favor of the  
Plaintiff.  
Defendant for the relief  
demanded in the Complaint filed  
in this Court.  
Parr vs. Mabie, Circuit Judge  
Date of Order: July 19, 1976  
WALKER & MOORE  
By: James A. Moore  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
117 E. Walker,  
St. Johns, MI 48879

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Dated: July 16, 1976  
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Lansing, Michigan 48917  
Attorney for Petitioner  
L. C. H. Parr  
100 Michigan Dental Bldg.  
230 North Washington Ave.  
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# Bath community responds to need of resident-- sponsor softball tourney fund raiser

A benefit slow pitch softball tournament and dance will be held this weekend for Jack Carter, longtime resident of the Bath area. The proceeds from these events will be given to Carter and his family to help defray some of the tremendous expense incurred since he contracted the rare disease Guillians Barre Syndrome.

The first symptoms of this unusual illness surfaced on March 18 of last year. Since that date Carter spent two months in intensive care. Seven weeks were spent in a respirator.

Doctors estimate he will not be able to return to work for at least one year, and, perhaps, not for as long as three years. In the mean time, he spends 1 1/2 hours a day undergoing physical therapy.

Guillians Barre Syndrome is a disease that affects all the muscles. At its most critical stage Carter was completely unable to move or talk.

He and his wife Charlene have two

daughter's ages 13 and 11. Jack is a former construction worker and his wife was formerly employed by Shop-Rite. Since he became ill she is no longer able to work in order to provide the necessary care he requires at home.

The softball tournament will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 30 and run until Sunday Aug. 1. Twenty-four teams will be competing for trophies and prizes. Entry fee is \$50 per team.

If you have a team that would like to enter, contact Roger Friend at 517-641-6464 as soon as possible. The tournament will be held on three diamonds in the Bath area.

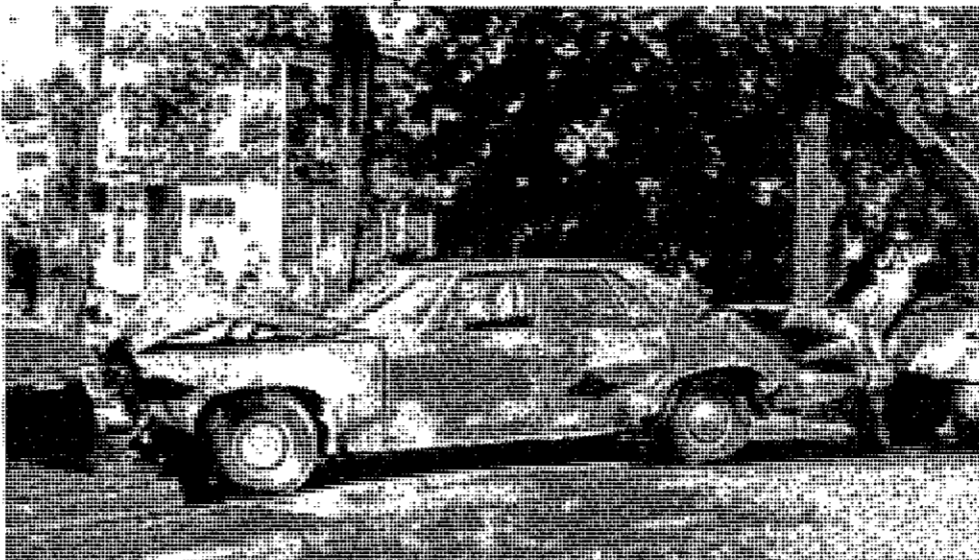
On Saturday July 31, the Park Lake Improvement League Hall will be open from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. where there will be hot dogs, chips, coke and beer for sale. The dance will be held at the same location beginning at 6 p.m. and last until 1:30 a.m. The \$5 admission price includes free beer and live music provided by three different bands.

The benefit weekend is being arranged through the volunteer efforts of a number of concerned friends and neighbors of Carters.

The entire community is giving its support. Several organizations are contributing services and workers in an effort to make the benefit more successful. They include: The American Legion and Warrants

Auxiliary, Lions Club, Park Lake Improvement League, Park Lake Tavern, Seyfert's, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Pabst Blue Ribbon and many others too numerous to name.

For those individuals unable to attend, they may send contributions to: Cathy Skiver, 6186 Clark Rd., Bath, MI 49802.



TWO PERSONS RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES when this automobile collided with another then struck the utility pole at the corner of Baldwin and Wight Streets in St. Johns. The cars collided in the unmarked intersection causing minor injuries to Ruth Fint of Osseo, passenger in one car, and Delores Gardner, driver of the car which struck the pole.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

In accordance with act. No. 269, Public Acts of 1955, chapter 5, Sec. 461, notice is hereby given that a hearing of the Clinton County Intermediate Board of Education will be held at the time and place specified below, to consider the petition to transfer property from the Bath School District to the DeWitt School District belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Tucker.

The property to be transferred is located in DeWitt Township. The legal description of the property is as follows:

AT A PT 1006' E OF NW CORN OF SEC 10 T5 NR2W THS OD22M E 660' E-N SEC LN 15 OF N OD22M-W 660' E TO N SEC LN TH W ALG SD N SEC LN 150' E TO PT OF BEG 2.27A DE 170BB-1

**Place Of Meeting:**  
Clinton County Intermediate Office  
4179 S. U.S. 27  
St. Johns, Michigan

**Time:**  
8:00 P.M.

**Date:**  
August 5, 1976

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting.  
Larry A. Schwartzkopf, Sec.

### Recover stolen CB radios

ST. JOHNS--St. Johns Police have apprehended a St. Johns juvenile in connection with the theft of 4 citizens band radios.

The radios have been recovered and the youth will be turned over to juvenile authorities.

## Mayor says water rates will not increase

ST. JOHNS--Contrary to an Associated Press report, there is no scheduled raise in water rates in St. Johns, according to Mayor Roy Ebert.

The Associated Press reported recently that water bills should go up an average 6 percent in some 140 Michigan communities under the State Public Service Commission decision approving a \$2.8 million increase in the rates communities pay Consumers

Power Co. for electricity.

That increase, in turn, could be passed on to the residents of the 140 communities listed in the Associated Press report, including St. Johns.

However, in response to a question from a resident at Monday night's City Commission meeting, Ebert said the city has no plans to raise water rates.

The current minimum water bill is \$16 per quarter.

### Charge city commissioner with DUI

ST. JOHNS--Gerald Wilcox, St. Johns city commissioner, has entered a plea of not guilty to charges of driving under the influence.

Wilcox was arrested by St. Johns City Police at 2:42 a.m. Thursday morning on

the charge and lodged in the Clinton County Jail.

He appeared in District Court Friday morning where he entered a plea of not guilty and posted bond.

A pre-trial examination has been set for Thursday morning.

### Wage reports due by Aug. 2

Quarterly wage reports and social security contributions for household workers are due by August 2, according to Sidney Manning, social security district manager in Lansing.

"People who pay a household worker \$50 or more in cash wages in any 3-month quarter must send a report of the wages, along with the social security contribution, to the Internal Revenue Service within one month after the end of the quarter," Manning said.

Quarters are January-February-March, April-May-June, July-August-September, and October-November-December. Wage reports

and social security contributions for the 2nd quarter of 1976 are due by August 2, Manning said.

"The date would be July 31, but July 31 falls on a Saturday this year," he said.

People who employ household workers may file the wage report on a form available at any Internal Revenue Service Office-Employer's Quarterly Tax Return for Household Employees (for Social Security)."

The social security contribution for a household employee is 5.85 percent of covered wages, and the employer pays a matching amount.

Social security contributions help build retirement, disability, survivors, and Medicare hospital insurance protection for workers and their families. People who employ household workers can get a free copy of the leaflet, "Social security and your household employee," at the Lansing Social Security office at 838 Louisa Street, Lansing, MI 48910, Manning said.

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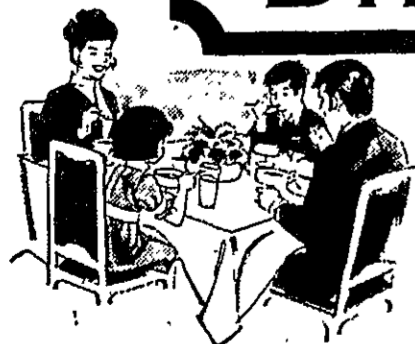
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ASSETS	
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R.E. for Development and Lease Option Contracts	1,918,990.00
Savings Account Loans	764,255.00
Home Office and Branch Office Buildings	
- Less Depreciation	3,597,387.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	
- Less Depreciation	658,067.00
Real Estate Including R.E. in Redemption	1,391,325.00
Miscellaneous Assets	609,832.00
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	2,050,000.00
Cash and Securities	44,993,176.00
	\$298,591,596.00
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Savings Accounts	\$270,348,521.00
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	573,600.00
Loans in Process	1,371,856.00
Tax and Insurance Escrow Accounts	3,135,249.00
Miscellaneous Liabilities	287,636.00
Contingent Profit on Mortgages and Land Contracts	641,009.00
Reserve for Interest Uncollected	427,548.00
Reserve for Taxes	719,315.00
Reserves and Undivided Profits (Net Worth)	21,087,652.00
	\$298,591,596.00

STATE OF MICHIGAN) County of Ingham) SS Robert E. Clark, President, and William J. Van Hoesen, Secretary, respectively, of Capitol Savings & Loan Association of Lansing, Michigan, duly sworn severally depose and say that the above is a true statement to the best of their knowledge and belief. Robert E. Clark, President William J. Van Hoesen, Secretary

Subscribed and sworn before me this twelfth day of July, 1976, David L. Shelp, Notary Public, Ingham County, Michigan. My commission expires on July 26, 1978.

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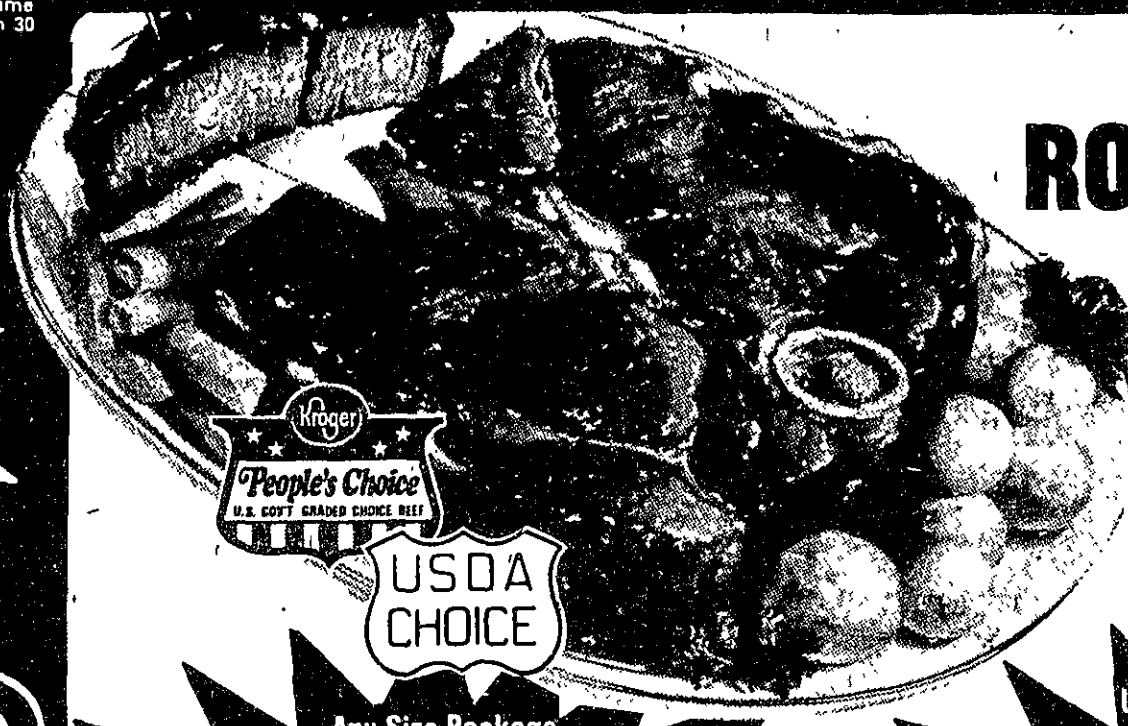
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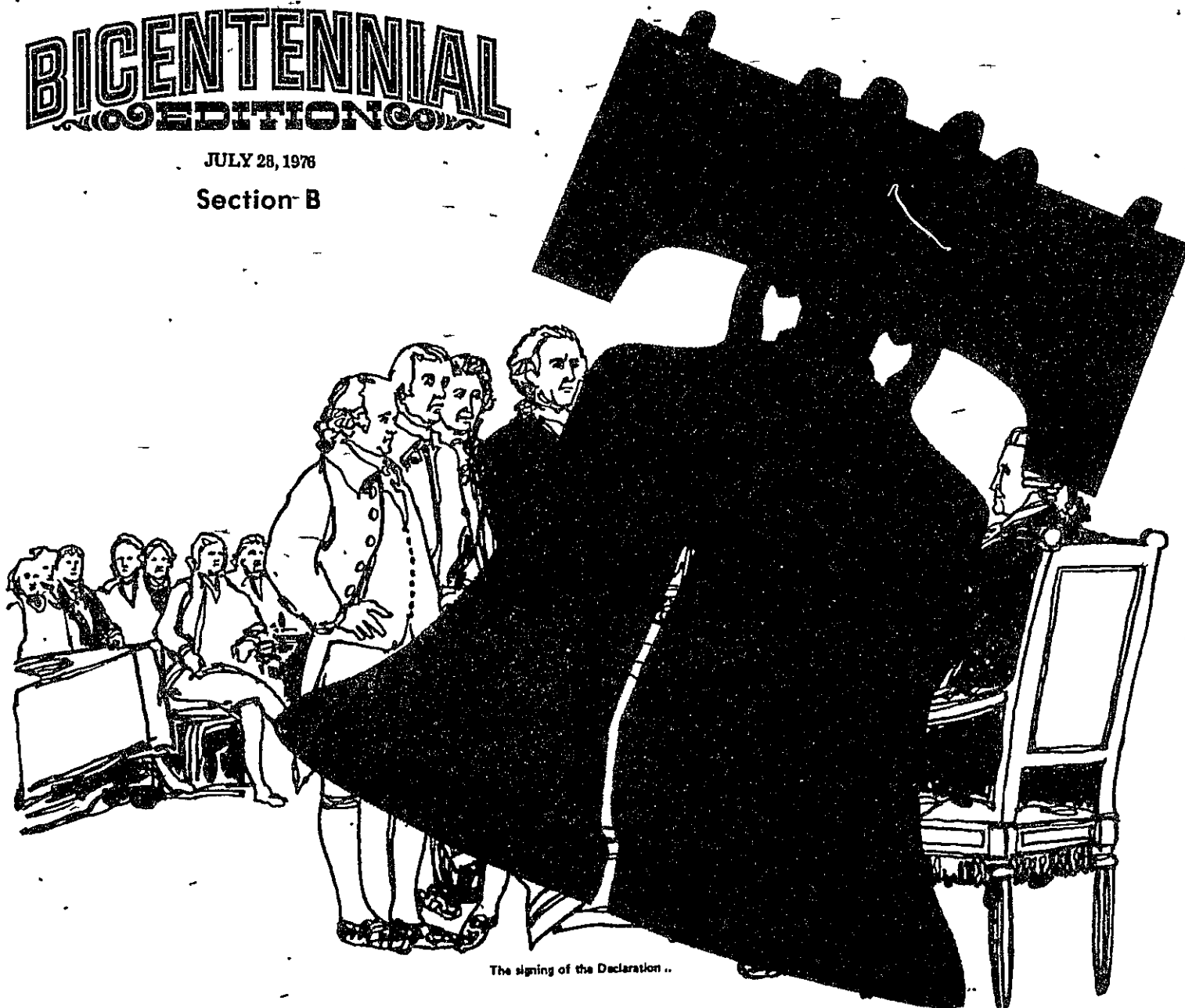
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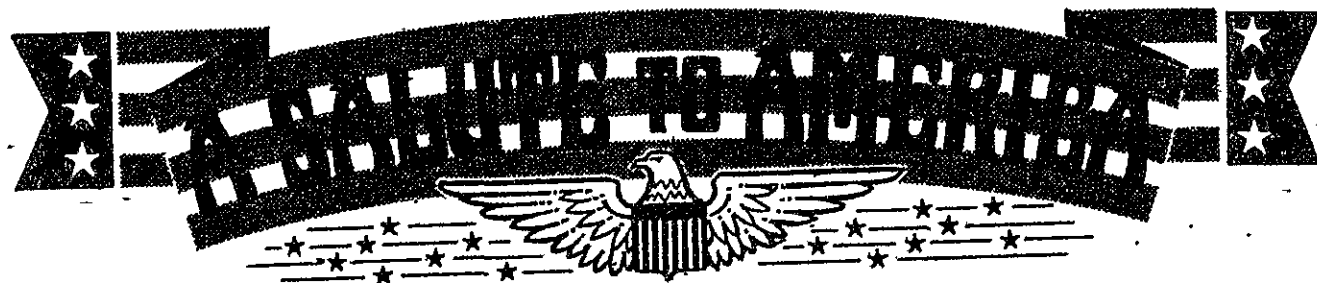
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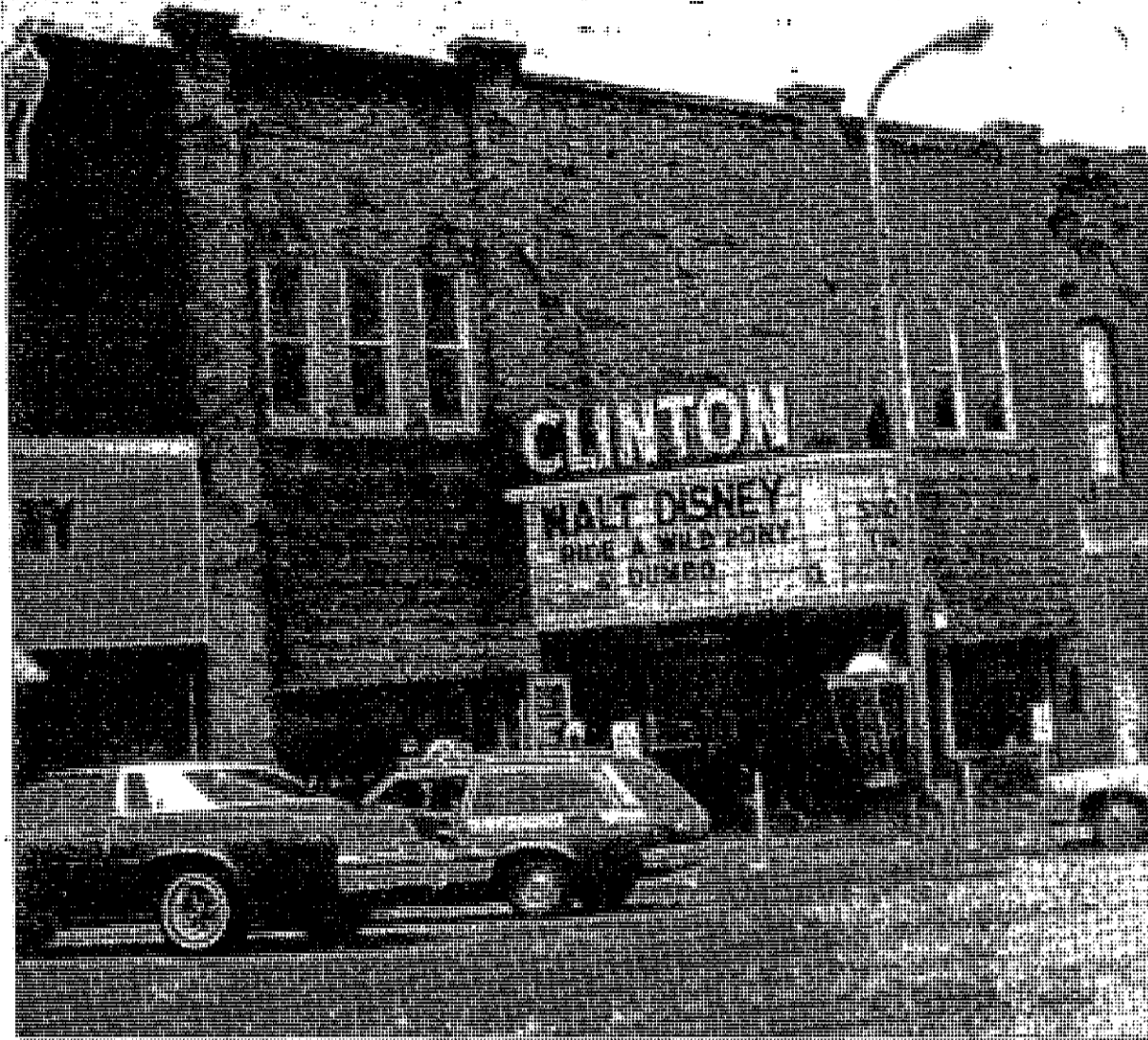


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## Jack Benny was first on Clinton Theatre screen

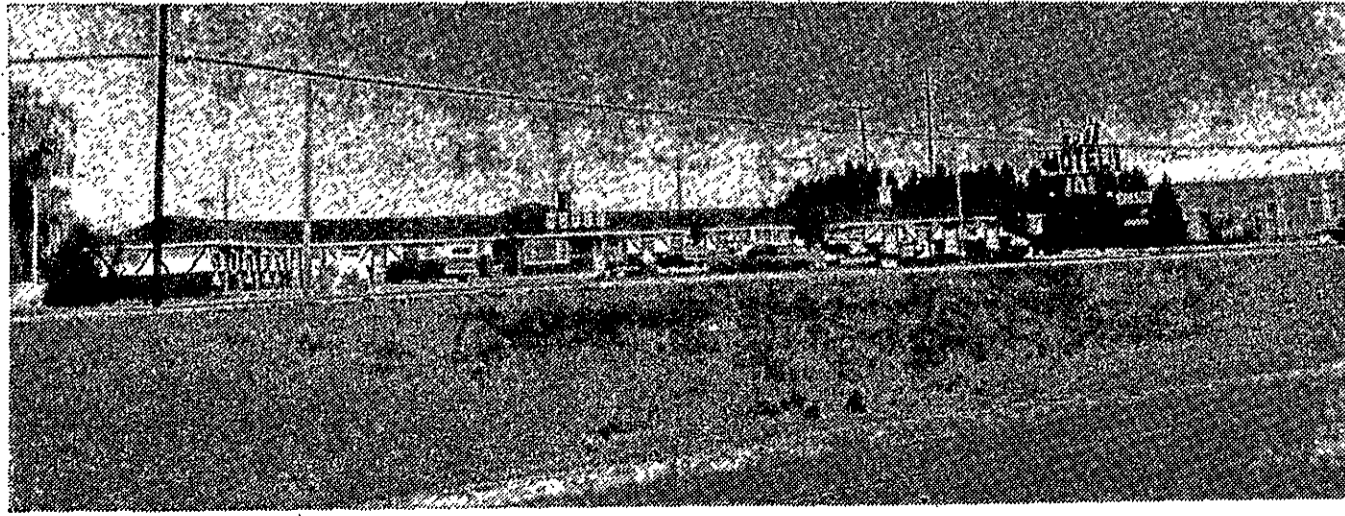
On Nov. 1, 1935, Roy Beechler and his son Bill first opened the doors of their new Clinton Theatre to the public. "It's in the Air," starring Jack Benny, with Una Merkel, Nat Pendleton, Mary Carlisle, and Ted Healy was shown at 7:30 p.m. Admission was 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

The Clinton County Republican News of Oct. 31, 1935 carried this report quoting Roy Beechler: "It was on March 1 that we started razing the old Durkee building, and in April, foundations for the Clinton Theatre began to rise."

Lumber for the new theater was supplied by the Parr Lumber Company. The E.C. Smith Elevator supplied the cement, The St. Johns Cooperative Company supplied the brick, and Hicks supplied the plaster.

According to Fred Tremper, who pioneered in the movie business, back when the flickering films were considered one of the 7 wonders of the world, the first movie theatre came to St. Johns in 1906.

After being owned by the Beechler family for over 30 years, the theater was sold to Howard Kortes of Portland who ran it for a number of years then sold to John & Elma Cockrum in the early 70's. On November 6, 1975, the Cockrums celebrated the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Clinton Theatre with a "Grand Premiere" having as a special guest of honor Mrs. Bill Beechler, wife of the late owner.



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# Robert Conn - a contemporary chapter in St. Johns history

The Clinton County Historical Society has played an important role in the celebration of our nation's Bicentennial celebration. It has collectively organized events and has helped the Clinton County residents to realize their heritage and recall favorably their past.

Robert Conn was the 1st chairman of the Clinton County Historical Society and it is to Robert Conn that this section of the Clinton County News Bicentennial Edition is dedicated.

Born in Durand in 1903, Robert Conn was the son of Lynds and Florence (Wilson) Conn. His father was secretary-treasurer of the telephone company in Owosso and Robert lived with his family in Owosso most of his early life.

When he was approximately 25 years of age, he moved to St. Johns as assistant manager of the J.C. Penney store. He came to love the community and its residents, especially a

certain Frances Boron whom he married in 1935 in her parents' home.

The Conns had 2 children: David who now lives with his wife and 2 sons in Lansing, and Jean (Oakwood) who lives in St. Johns with her husband and daughter.

When the children were young, the Conn family visited many historical places. "He was always interested in American history," remembers his wife, Frances who resides at 110 W. Cass St., St. Johns.

"We would take the kids on trips. If there was some place of historical importance, he would take special pride in telling them what was important," says Frances.

Robert Conn also liked to read American history and it was from his interest in American history that his interest in the history of Clinton County developed.

A resident of St. Johns for nearly 45 years, Mr. Conn

died of a heart attack on Nov. 28, 1975.

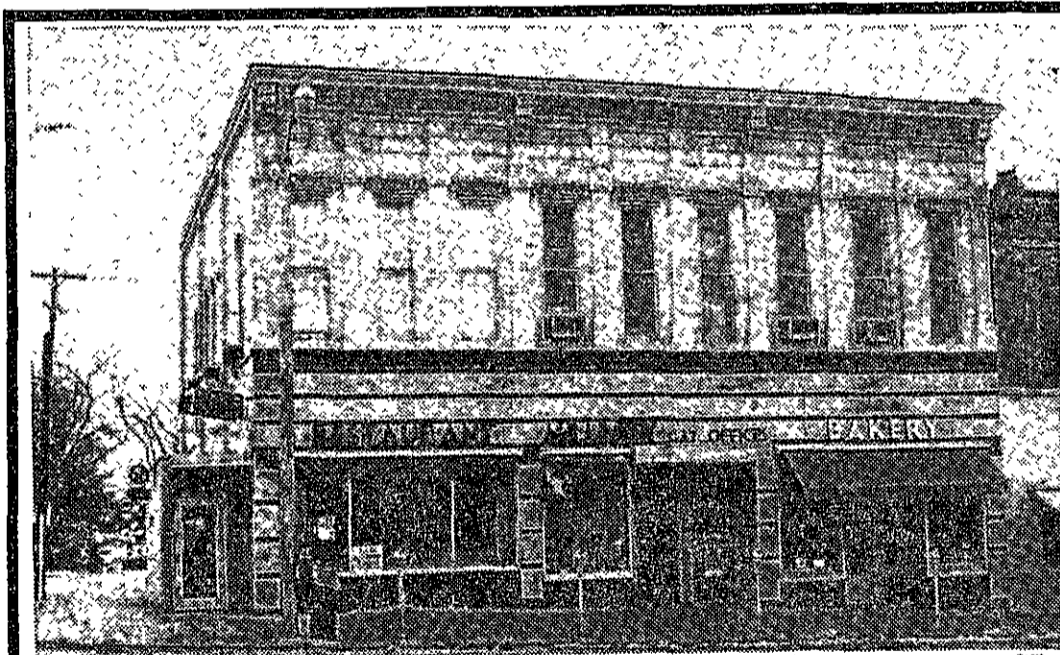
He spent 3 years in the Army during World War II, was one of the directors for Clinton National Bank, was on the board of directors for Clinton Memorial Hospital, was past commander of the American Legion, was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce and was a past president of the Exchange Club. He also held office in the First Congregational Church.

Mr. Conn spent many years working in St. Johns, first for J.C. Penney's and then for the Boron Floor Coverings Store which he joined in partnership with his father-in-law. The Boron store was in operation for over 50 years.

This tribute is being made to a man who worked in St. Johns, helped to guide its future and helped to remember St. Johns past.



Robert Conn



In 1945 Eldred Walker purchased the restaurant from James Salters and it became Walker's Restaurant until 1970 when Suzan Hospodar purchased it from Mrs. Romel Walker.

Suzie, as she is well known to most of main street & people from this area, remodeled the building and expanded the restaurant into Durkee's Hat Shop run by Miss Maybelle Durkee.

Suzie features fine home style & Slovak cooking which she brought from her home in Czechoslovakia. If you want a cup of coffee and one of her famous kolaches, just visit Suzie's any morning around the businessmen's coffee table...



The building which houses the Colonial Restaurant has been a place of business since before the 1890's.

In 1893 Miss Sue Durkee established a hat shop in the corner location. After a number of years, Miss Durkee moved to a smaller store next door which is now part of Colonial Restaurant.

The corner part of the building later became a restaurant owned by Fred Baker.

# Many Ohio families were Elsie settlers

By NEVA KEYS  
Elsie Correspondent

Among the early settlers in Elsie were many families from Ohio. One who knew first hand the hardships of wilderness life in Michigan in the 19th century was LaMott G. Bates who was born in 1847 at Richfield, Ohio, the oldest of four children born to George W. and Emily Bates.

At the age of five, his parents moved to Oberlin, Ohio, but lured by attractive reports of the life in Central Michigan, where his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Andrew Liman, resided, they came to the wilderness state in 1855.

The journey was made by train to Cleveland, boat to Detroit, and again by railroad to Fenton, which was as far as the Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee road had been constructed at the time. A stage took them to Byron, where they remained for the night, making the remainder of the trip by team to Elsie the following day.

The journey was almost entirely through the woods and the road, a mere trail. On the day before his eighth birthday, the little LaMott

had his first glimpse of what was to later become the village of Elsie and his home for 84 years. Four log houses made up the settlement and in one of these, where now stands the Elsie Bank, lived J.D. Sickels, whose eldest daughter, Hannah Amanda, later became LaMott's wife.

They settled on a farm, which the father had purchased on a former trip to Michigan and located on the Meridian, three miles northeast of the present village. The hardships they endured were many. Forests so valuable today were destroyed. Aside from enough logs for their buildings, trees were cut and burned, land on which to raise food was much more necessary.

When a little grain could be grown, it was taken by ox-team through the woods to Rochester Colony to be ground into flour by a water powered mill. Wool was taken to Corunna in the same way, for carding - a two day trip.

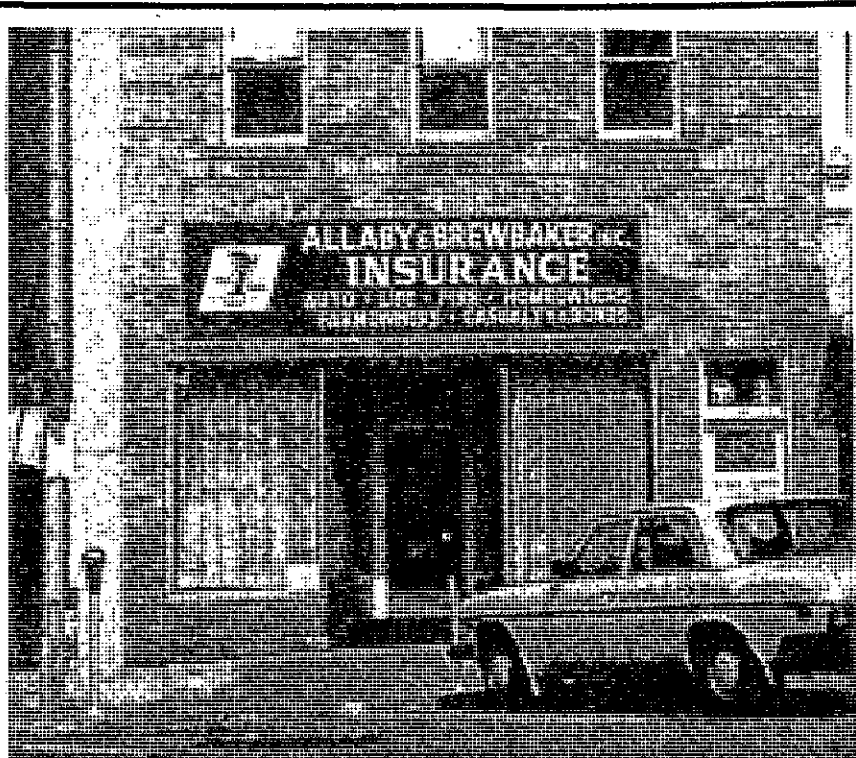
Their only artificial light was the home made candle and most of their clothing was made of homespun yarn. LaMott was lulled to sleep many a night by the hum of a

spinning wheel, his mother was operating. Money was scarce. But for the fact that they found ready sale for the pelts of small animals, nothing but the dire necessities would have been available for the early settlers.

At the age of 15, LaMott returned to his birthplace in Ohio to learn the harness trade and returned three years later to join his father in that business. In 1872, he entered the general merchandise business, with J.F. Hasty as a partner, in a store situated on the northeast corner of Main st.

A year later, he married Amanda Sickels, who was a loving and faithful companion for over 60 years. The oldest daughter of J. Durfee and Sarah J. Sickels received from her parents a rich inheritance of deep integrity, forbearance and courage. Although her early life was spent amid pioneer surroundings, with limited, cultural privileges, she sought every educational opportunity available to her and throughout her life encouraged any movement for the uplift of those about

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## Allaby & Brewbaker, Inc.

108 N. Clinton Ave.

St. Johns

In 1933 A.T. Allaby founded the Insurance Company known then as A.T. Allaby Insurance Co. In 1965 Leon Brewbaker joined Allaby and later formed a partnership in 1970 when it became Allaby & Brewbaker Insurance. In 1971 it was incorporated into Allaby & Brewbaker, Inc.

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The Hub Tire Center located at 1411 North US-27 in St. Johns is owned by Charles Weber affectionately known by most of his clients as "Charlie". The business known as Hub Tire was officially started in 1964 after the property was purchased from Jack Rhynard who formerly ran the business location as "Rhynard's Home and Auto Supply".

The building as it now stands was built earlier in 1956 by Dorr Anderson, owner of Andy's IGA Shopping Basket, now deceased.

Hub Tire features sales of tires for cars, farm implements and tractors and trucks. The featured lines which have made Hub Tire a competitor in their field are B.F. Goodrich and Michelin.

# HUB TIRE CENTER

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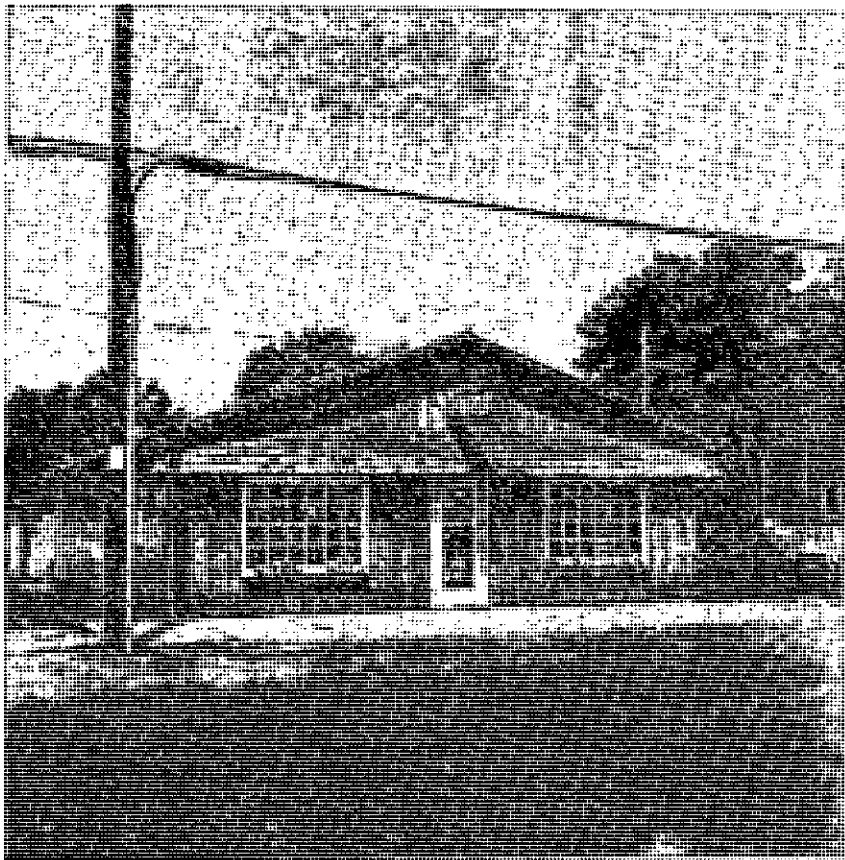
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# PARR'S REXALL DRUGS

## Serving Clinton County From Three Locations



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**FOWLER**

Parr's Pharmacy, Inc. serves Clinton County from 3 locations. The main store is located at 201 N. Clinton Avenue in St. Johns while the other two are at 130 S. Maple Street in Maple Rapids and the Fowler store is located at 128 Main Street.

The St. Johns store was started in May of 1862 under the ownership of Dr. Bagg Travis. Dart Parr went to work for Travis in 1910 and later in 1915 the business was bought out by Dart and L.D. Parr. Ray Parr, the stores present owner, came into the business in 1947 and went into partnership with D.H. Parr in 1948. Ray bought out his father in 1956 and in 1973 the corporation was formed.

The St. Johns store was enlarged in 1963 when Ray purchased the old State Bank building.

James, a son of Ray, became a registered pharmacist in 1974 and joined the business that year. Later in 1975 a new business was opened in Maple Rapids and in November of that same year, Ray bought the Finkbeiner Rexall Pharmacy in Fowler.

The corporation now employs 4 full time pharmacists, two pharmacy interns and one part time pharmacist. The officers of the corporation at present are: Ray Parr, president; James Parr, vice-president and Elma Parr, secretary-treasurer.

# Remember when? Anecdotes from the past

By NEVA KEYS  
Elsie Correspondent  
Here are a few observations gathered from many of the old-timers, mainly human interest tales of people, names of early families and changes that have taken place over the years to make living, work and life in general easier for the present.

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Every early settler planted an apple orchard of varying sizes. In addition to the popular Northern Spy and Baldwins, there were several kinds of Pippins, Talman Sweets, Winesap,

Northern Greenings, Russets and Detroit Reds. One crabapple was included for spicing and jelly. Cider was made for all, some for beverage and some for vinegar.

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The winter's supply was buried in pits, especially for Russet apples, cabbage, beets, carrots, turnips and rutabagas to be taken out when wanted. Parsnips and vegetable oysters were left in the ground until spring. The time consuming chore of fruits and vegetables has bowed to the deep freezers.

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Every household had a "rain barrel" or two to catch soft water for bathing and laundry. It had to be strained through thicknesses of cheese cloth to filter out the mosquitos. Laundering followed an ever changing pattern. From crude wash tub and rubbing board, various designs have finally developed into the automatic washer and dryer or the neighborhood laundromat.

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As winter approached, cutting a year's supply of fire wood for heating and cooking purposes was a chore. Butchering was another chore. It was not unusual to see two or three hogs hanging from a pole on butchering day or a beef hanging from a tripod frame. Then, home-cured hams, shoulders, bacon, sausage and lard rendering followed. Corned beef and dried beef were processed at home.

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The pioneer inhabitants believed in planning for their years ahead. A guide for the women of the house was "When the wind blows over the oats' stubble; it's time to sit up nights with your sewing. This consisted of knitting, crocheting, piecing of quilts or other handiwork.

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News travels differently, now. Minutes after national or international happenings it is quickly spread around the world by radio and television in minutes.

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In Civil war days a good reader with a newspaper would draw an audience around the visiting center of a store. At the time of President McKinley's assassination, news was spread by Harriet Finch (Phil's young wife of the west Elsie area who had heard it in town, and stopped all the way home to tell everyone, but when President Franklin Roosevelt's sudden death was told more quickly around the world by radio, minutes after its occurrence.

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Remember the parades led by a mounted officer of the day, on the liveliest horse he could find? A band was always to be had and there wasn't any charge. Someone rode a high wheeled bicycle. A program was often held in an orchard a block north of Main St. at First St. The program wasn't complete without someone reading the Declaration of Independence.

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Homemade ice cream and cake was a church project. The Bowery dance platform must not be forgotten. The floor was made of planks large enough to hold two sets, usually of square dancers. A frame work covered with leafy boughs cut from someone's woodlot made the roof. By night time they would be quite wilted and if left intact for several Saturday nights became quite brown. Dick

Harrington was one of the popular fiddlers for years.

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An early day whisk broom was the tip joint of a turkey or goose wing, salted and cured. For a deluxe job, felt or velvet was used to cover the bone. The fresh lean ones were used to brush crumbs from dinner table and worn ones used to whisk ashes from the hearth or sweeping up ashes around the stove.

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Soft soap was made in the spring. Wood ashes furnished the lye and the refuse from lard rendering the fat. This work was done outside as soon as weather permitted.

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Here are a few entries found in time book and wage tables and old account books. Sometimes a wagon's use or the work of oxen and horses were entered, as, William Warner and team; John Blayney, self and team; Phil Finch by wagon; or I.H. Craven, oxen.

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In 1858, the charge for shoeing oxen was \$5.00; horse-shoeing \$1.00; 5 yards cambric .63c; 3 yards calico .08c; and one pound soda .13c. From another account book in 1858 listed two bottles of German Bitters \$1.50 and 1 glass lamp \$.75.

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Sleigh bells are no longer heard. Wild game hunting has become a sport instead of necessary source of food. Pheasants have taken the place of wild turkeys. Deer, once so plentiful is now appearing in small numbers.

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Beds are not what they used to be. From straw and corn husk mattresses and feather ones over them as a softer pad, quilts and "comfortables" are now woolen blankets, electrically heated. What will be next?

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This community can boast of having some people with more than ordinary artistic ability. Mrs. Elizabeth Watson painted landscapes in oil. Paul Lowrey has preserved some of the local scenery with water colors and Mrs. Gladys Vincent has done the same with oils.

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With the advent of more art instruction in the schools and the fine work that Mrs. Nida Dunham has done with her many art students in art shows and displays, there is promise of many fine artists, young and old, for the future.

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Our share of political representatives has gone to Lansing from this area. As Senators, Stephen Pearl, Duplain, 1869-1870 and Bion Bates, elected 1947 and 1949. Bates was born in Elsie, raised and educated through High School in Elsie and opened his first dental office in his home town and later located permanently in Ovid. Contributions from Elsie to the Representative chambers have been: Robert E. Craven, 1853; Aaron Sickels, 1869-1870; Eugene V. Chase, 1877-1879; Michael Doyle, 1899-1901; and Andrew Cobb, 1951-1969.

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As with lumbering, other industries have come and gone. One that ended with

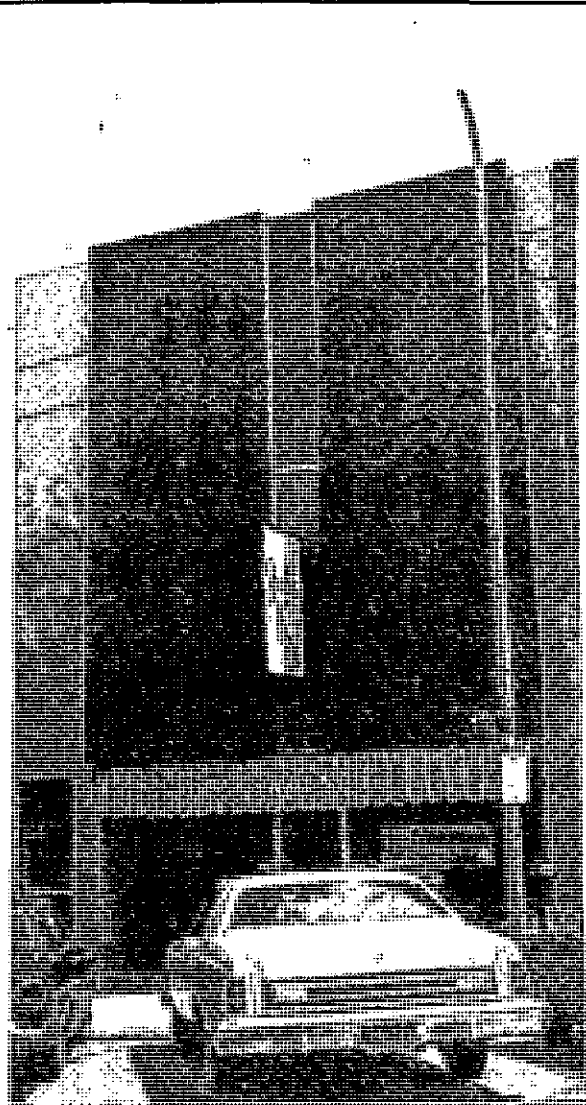
the 19th century was the growing of hops in this section. Two hop vineyards were west of Elsie at A.A. Love's and the other just west of the Mead School, run by a Mr. French. He also had a drying shed or kiln as it was called.

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The village of Elsie has had no newspaper of its own since the Elsie Sun made its demise and efforts now delegated to the Elsie Advertiser by the former owners of the Hinkley family. The Ovid-Elsie Banner, based at Ovid operated for a few years by George, Donna and Teri Wilber and in the fall of 1974 the Maple River News, a weekly, was welcomed back to the area and dedicated to "Community Pride Through Communication", and also based at Ovid and enjoyed by its readers. William and Anita Sloat are editors and publishers of the MRN.

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Elsie news columns are carried by the Owosso Argus Press, Maple River News and Clinton County News of St. Johns.

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The Elsie newspaper was first edited in Fairfield Township about two miles east of Elsie by Loren Austin in his home, and was called The Yankee Clipper. In 1885, he changed the name to The Elsie Sun and moved his printing press to the village.

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At one time there were two weekly newspapers here. The other was called the Elsie Enterprize edited by Mr. Johnson.

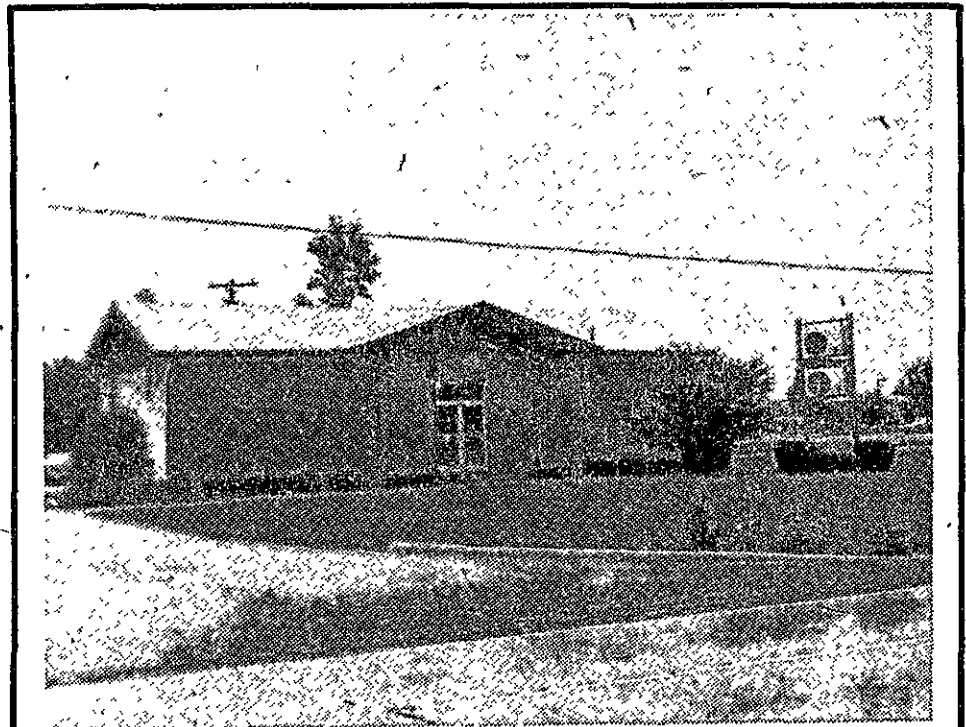


The Julie K Shop was opened in the late 1940's by owner William Barber, who operated the store until 1973 when his son Dave & wife Judy purchased the business. The first Julie K was located in what is now part of The St. Johns Furniture Co. In 1974 Julie K moved to their present location in what was the former St. Johns Office for Consumers Power. Exclusively Women's Wear, Julie K featured brand names such as: Act III, Butte Knit, Leslie Fat, Bobbie Brooks, Jack Winter, Alex Coleman, Misty Harbor Coats, Vasserette & Bali lingerie.

## Julie K

110 N. Clinton

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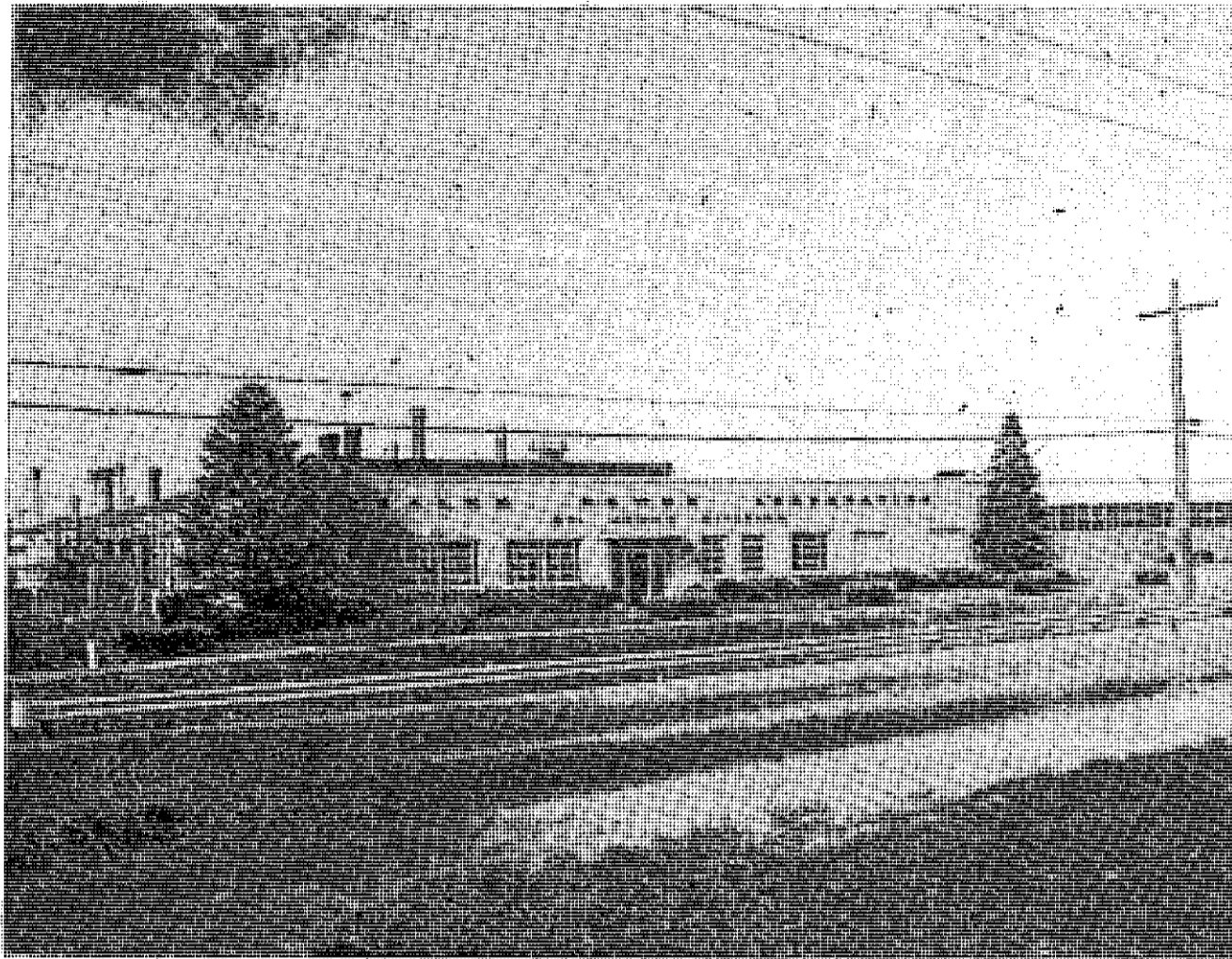


The Federal Land Bank Association started in 1917 as a Farmers Co-Op in Clinton, Shiawassee and Gratiot Counties. First known as The National Farm Loan Association. Through The Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, the name was changed to The Federal Land Bank Association in 1960.

Robert Darling is the present manager of Federal Land Bank with Mark Foucher Field Representative.

## Federal Land Bank

S. US-27 Association St. Johns



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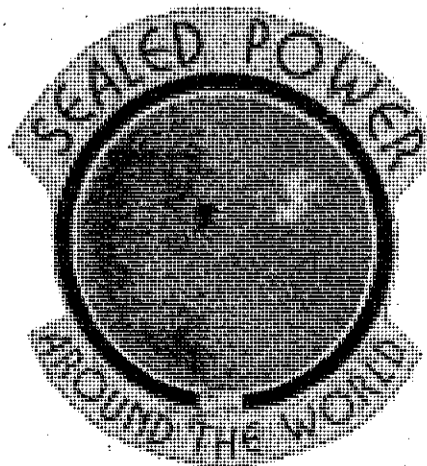
*"No compromise with superior quality." This has been the tradition at Sealed Power since its founding in 1911 and is one of the primary reasons why the company has evolved into the world's largest manufacturer of piston rings.*

Sealed Power Corporation got its start in Muskegon by Charles E. Johnson, a mechanical expert and Paul R. Beardsley, a sales administrator and was first known as the Piston Ring Company. In 1912 the company moved to its present location on Sanford Street in Muskegon. Sealed Power has grown into a diversified international corporation with manufacturing facilities in six states and three foreign countries. Its product line has expanded beyond piston rings and now includes cylinder sleeves, tappets, transmission oil filters, automotive air conditioning units, and a number of related engine parts, as well as a wide variety of die castings, investment castings, and powered metal parts used in many industries. Total world-wide employment is in excess of 4,000 men and women, and yearly sales are well over \$100,000,000.

The company recognizes the value of its people through comparatively steady employment, fair wages, good working conditions, unusually broad benefit programs, emphasis on promotion from within, and recognition as individuals. A very large portion of the work force has been with the company for 12, 20 or 30 years or more and this loyalty speaks well for the caliber of the organization.

# Sealed Power Corporation

**Dean Bosman, Manager  
St. Johns Division**





The local D & C Store in St. Johns has been managed since February of 1968 by Wayne E. Banner. The store opened in March, 1928 at 313 N. Clinton Avenue with H. Ward Hutson as manager. Later the store relocated in the Osgood building which now is the south portion of Kurt's Appliance Center.

Needing more area, the store moved to the southwest corner of Walker Street and Clinton Avenue in June 1941. This store was extensively remodeled in 1955 to feature a much larger and better selection of merchandise. In October, 1966, the store moved to its present location at 205 N. Clinton which was the former John C. Hicks Store.

The D & C Company was organized in 1926 with its first store opening at Romeo in May of that year. The St. Johns store was the firm's seventh outlet to open. The company presently operates 38 stores in Michigan.

Banner has been with the D & C chain for 20 years and prior to coming to St. Johns was manager of the D & C Store on W. Mt. Hope, Lansing. He and his wife, Joan, have two children, Scott and Pamela and they reside at 704 East McConnell in St. Johns.

## D & C STORE St Johns



DEWITT YOUNGSTERS joined in the Bicentennial observances in DeWitt and this streamer decked young lady and her bike were just part of the many colorful parade entries by the younger set July 3.



Award for quality Service presented this year to

**KURT'S APPLIANCE CENTER, INC.**



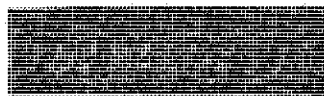
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*Charmglow*

Kurt's Appliance Center started its retail operation in St. Johns in 1965. Operated by Kurt Becker, the business was first opened at 220 N. Clinton Avenue. After 4 years at this location, the Appliance Center moved to larger quarters at 217 N. Clinton, its present location. In 1973 the business organization was changed to Kurt's Appliance Center, Inc., and in 1976 Ray Schomisch became an active stockholder in the corporation.

Through the combined efforts of their dedicated employees, to provide satisfied customer service, Kurt's has grown to become Clinton County's largest retail appliance business. In this Bi-Centennial year, we at Kurt's Appliance Center, pledge to continue to provide top quality merchandise & products, with competent, efficient service to our many customers in this area.

## The tale of the wounded cook

The following was taken from the Clinton County Republican News, Jan. 27, 1927 issue.

Saturday night the cook for the railroad section gang that is painting the local Grand Trunk building was shot with a revolver in the hands of the forman of the outfit. The bullet inflicted a minor wound in his hip and the shooting affray was claimed to be an accident. Perhaps it was and then again perhaps not. Cooks are notoriously picked upon by those who eat at their table

and perchance the forman nicked his false teeth on a sour dough biscuit and was seeking revenge when he nicked said cook in his hip. If this was the case the story might be told in the fashion of a current popular song—Where do ya worka John? On the Grand Trunk at St. Johns  
What do ya do a John?  
I cook, I cook, I cook  
Where do ya cooka John?  
On the Grand Trunk at St. Johns

At 5 o'clock I starta da bean  
She cook 'til breakfast time  
Da boys all eat then go for paint  
I lay around 'til nine.  
Eleven o'clock I warma da bean,  
Once more da boys eat fine,  
One o'clock I sleep 'til four,  
At five I cooka da bean some more.  
Come supper time my work all done  
I drinka da moon, have gooda da fun,

One week my job she's verra fine,  
To cooka da bean is just my line,

Then one day the forman say,  
"One more bean I shoot you quick,  
The chow she make me verra sick."  
I laugh and think he joke for sure,  
and cooka da beans that night some more,

Da foreman grap his gun for shoot,  
I take one look and maka da duck,  
But da gun she beat a me to da door,  
So now I cooka da bean no more.

The tune referred to was "Where do you Worka John?" and Schuyler Marshall and George Judd, used to dress up in costumes and perform the number around St. Johns.



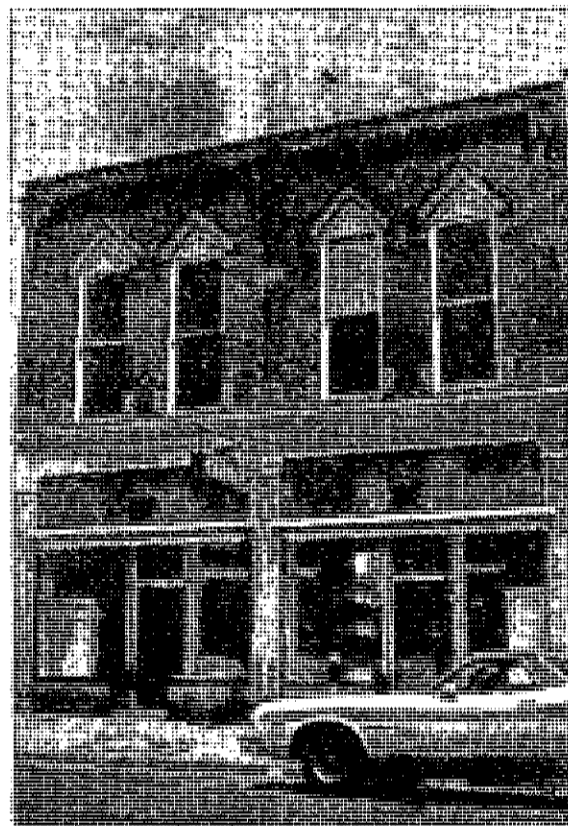
Bruno's Bar was established in 1933 by Bruno Mazzolini. Mr. Mazzolini had previous experience in operating soda fountain & restaurant work. In 1957 Don Mazzolini bought the bar from his father, Bruno.

Bruno's was remodeled and completed in 1974.

Bruno's Bar is known as the friendly neighborhood bar.

# BRUNO'S BAR

N. Clinton St. Johns



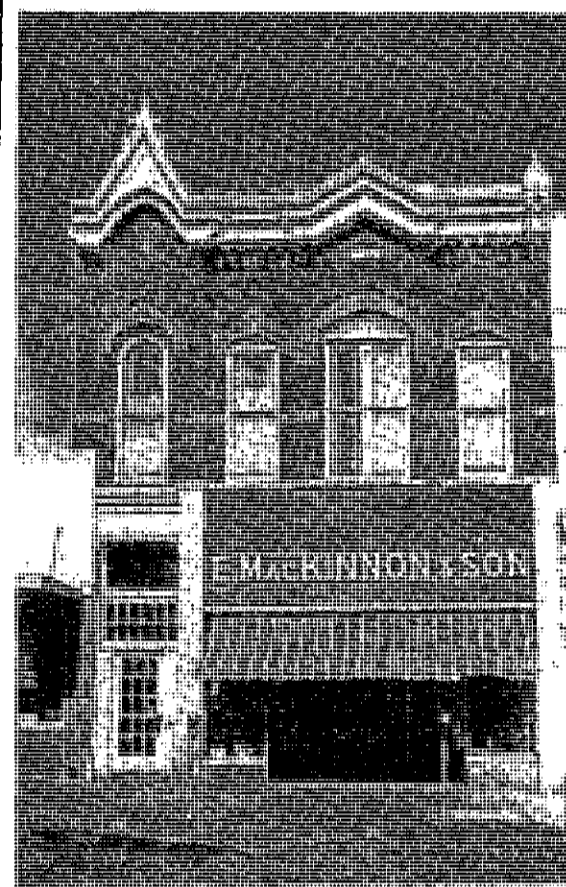
## ANTES CLEANERS

108 W. Walker St.

St. Johns

Antes Cleaners was founded by Milton G. Antes in 1916, in 1920 his son Dana Antes took over the business until 1971 when Don R. Low purchased it. Don Low's wife Nancy is the daughter of the former owner Dana Antes. In the beginning, Antes Cleaners was located in the first block on E. Higham then later moved to their present location at 108 W. Walker.

Antes Cleaners takes pride in servicing the community with the best in Professional Dry Cleaning.



The E. MacKinnon & Son Store now owned and operated by Fraser MacKinnon was purchased by his father, Edward MacKinnon in 1935. He purchased the F.C. Burk Store which was in the building now occupied by the P-X Store. Fraser joined his father in the store after graduating from Michigan State University. In 1953 MacKinnons moved into their present location on Clinton Avenue after a complete modernization of the building.

Fraser bought the business from his father in 1960. His father continued to work in the store until his death in 1963. In July of this year, MacKinnons will have been in business in St. Johns for 41 years.

## E. MacKINNON & SON

St. Johns

# Clinton became county in 1831

The boundaries of Clinton County were described by a legislative act approved March 2, 1831 as "containing 16 townships, be and same is hereby set off into a separate county by the name of Clinton.

Before this act, while the first straggling adventurous settlers were coming into the southern part of the state, Clinton County's area was a part of the county of Oakland, as declared by Gov. Cass on Sept. 10, 1822.

Lapeer, Sanilac, Shiawassee, and Saginaw were other counties which were a part of Oakland by this act. All of these last named counties, together with Clinton, came to the state from the Indians by the treaty of Saginaw.

In 1830 by an act of the legislature, what is now Clinton County became a part of Kalamazoo County and thus remained until the Act of 1831 which made it a separate county. At the time of its organization as a county, it was

a part of a judicial district which included Ottawa, Ionia and Kent counties.

It is very likely that the earliest hunters, trappers, and those who traded with the Indians knew that there was much of the land in Clinton County that was fertile and suitable for homesites many years before it became settled. They did not, however, advertise this fact.

When settlers came in, the fur bearing and game animals, as well as, the Indians, went out. These rough and ready individuals did not leave much in the way of records for future generations. Likely, most of them were illiterate and little concerned with anything but their personal welfare and gain.

The first authentic records of Indian trading is that of a post maintained on the Maple River at, or near, the present site of Maple Rapids. George Campau, a brother of Louis Campau, of Grand Rapids, conducted a

bartering business with the Indians living in that neighboring territory. These were the same Indians that held great pow-wows in the neighborhood of Matherton and Hubbardston.

Many evidences of their permanent camp sites have been found in that neighborhood. Many of the rare stone implements and weapons which were parts of the collection sold in 1930 by County Treasurer Mark E. Hathaway were found in this neighborhood.

George Campau became the first settler in Clinton County, as far as can be determined. He purchased land and built some sort of a cabin or shelter on it about 1826. Campau undoubtedly came to Maple Rapids by canoe, paddling his way upstream on the Grand to the mouth of the Maple and then followed the maple to the high banks at the south side of the river at Maple Rapids.

Hiram Benedict established a trading post at Maple Rapids in 1832.

David Scott, who settled and made himself a home on the Looking Glass River at a point near or at the present site of DeWitt Village, was the next known settler. Scott came in 1833 and soon built a public house to accommodate the influx of land-lookers and settlers who followed so rapidly in the following years.

Mr. Scott's place was famous in the '30's and '40's as a gathering place and was known far and wide as "Scott's". It was really the start of the Village of DeWitt which later was designated as the new county seat of government. The road

running parallel and one mile east of US-27, north of St. Johns, is still known as the Scott Road.

In 1834 the year after Scott settled on the Looking Glass, Anthony Niles and Stephen Greger with their families, took up land in Eagle Township the same year.

**ROCHESTER COLONY** — Two years later a group of people living in and near the city of Rochester, N.Y., held a meeting Feb. 29, 1836 and organized themselves into the "Rochester Colony". It was their purpose to send some of their number into the "West" to look for a suitable location where the entire membership might migrate and establish a community. W. G. Russell and Joseph Sever were sent to examine lands in northern Indiana and the "territory northwest of there".

They were to give special attention to the lands lying between the headwaters of the Huron and Grand Rivers because of the likelihood "a canal will soon intersect these two streams".

Russell and Sever were 10 days getting to Detroit and struck out inland. They found all the "important" points taken except land lying at or near the headwaters of the Maple River. It was their opinion that a canal might be built connecting the Maple and Shiawassee Rivers, completing a waterway from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan. "If that takes place," they wrote home, "it will cause a great drift of business to this place."

In July of that year, 1836, 16 persons including the families of John Ferdon, Samuel Baker, Oliver Bebee and Ellen Lowe, left New York for the new lands which Russell and Sever had made claim to at the land office at Bronson. Ferdon located on the Duplain-Greenbush townline.

Barkers cabin went up near the present site of Ovid, while Bebee located near the present site of Rochester Colony. The last 20 miles of their journey required nine days, as most of

the trail had to be cleared for the teams of oxen which hauled their meager supplies.

Thus, with the first settler at Maple Rapids in 1826, and with DeWitt (Scotts) and the Rochester Colony settled in the following 10 years, the lands of this rich county, which had been ignored for many years by explorers and settlers, began to fill up rapidly. There were still a number of Indians in the county; and wolves, bears, and other wild animals were abundant.

Saw mills were built and continued to thrive in numerous places in the county. Stores were opened at Scott's and

Rochester Colony. Settlers came rapidly. In 1839 the new county government was organized and the officers elected April 10th that year were:

William T. Jenison, sheriff; Seth P. Marvin, clerk; Milo H. Turner, register of deeds; John Gould, treasurer; Hiram W. Stowell, judge of probate; assistant judges of probate were Hiram Wilcox and Joseph Sever; county commissioners, Calvin Martin, Ephriam H. Utley, and Robert E. Craven. The duties of the board of commissioners was the same as now performed by the board of supervisors.

## Mrs. Benjamin Doty, a pioneer woman

Most of the pioneers of the area came to Michigan from the East, giving up the comforts of civilization to seek their fortune in the wilderness.

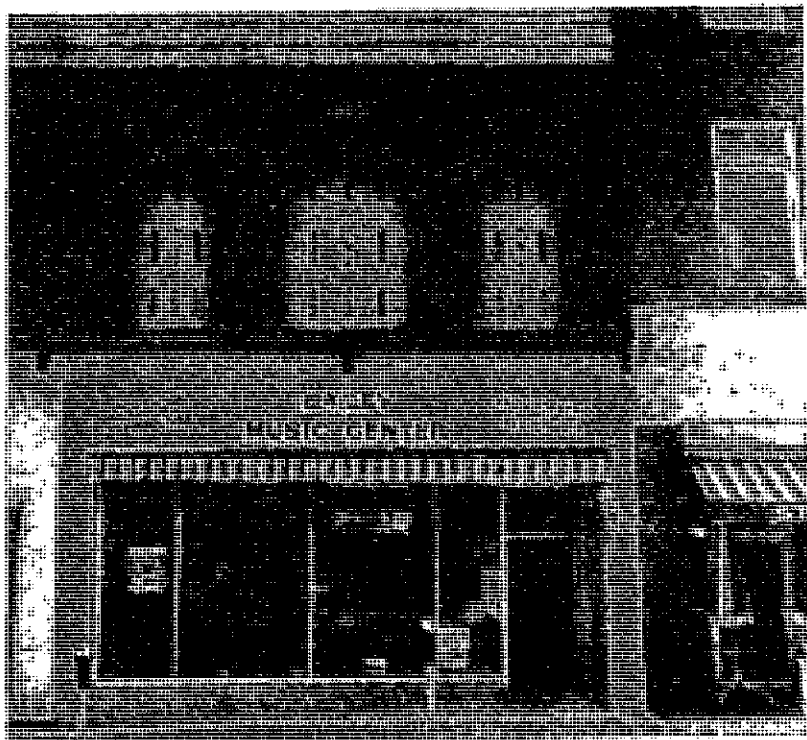
They were greeted by dense virgin forests, and rude shelters. Few neighbors, and hard work made survival difficult.

Mrs. Benjamin Doty came to Greenbush Twp. in 1852, and when she saw the cabin which

her husband had purchased from Nathan Russell she sat down on a log and burst into tears.

The cabin had no floors, no doors, and no windows.

However, Mrs. Doty soon took heart, and with patience and courage she gave the assistance and comfort to her family which made development of this area possible.



## BAILEY MUSIC CENTER

120 N. Clinton Ave. St Johns

Ralph Baaley is an example of how to succeed in business at an early age. Before purchasing Bailey Music Center, Ralph worked for the former owner Herb DePeal. After a number of years working and getting to know the business, Ralph purchased it in 1973. In the beginning, Bailey's was known as Shattucks it then later became DePeal's Music center which was an established business for many years.

In Bailey's you may purchase musical instruments from horns to pianos & organs. Bailey's carry a complete line of Stereos, radios, tape players, sheet music, tapes & records.

## Germans settled Westphalia

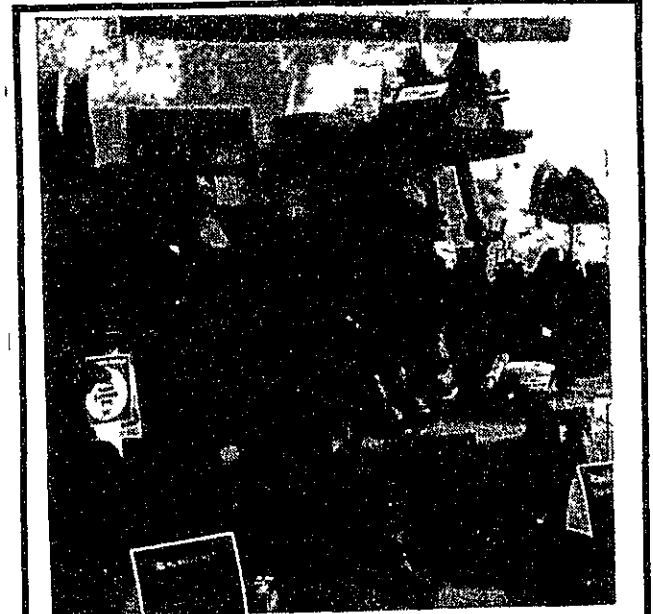
By Jane Morriss

Westphalia was settled by a group of Germans from Westphalia, Germany in the autumn of 1863. With them they brought their language, their religion, and their German culture.

The first group of settlers included Anthony Cordes, William Theilman and a Mr. Salter. They had come from Germany to search for cheap farm land in America's then far West. They met in Detroit and consulted one another about where to locate their settlement. A Catholic priest advised them to locate in Grand River County, and they set out, on foot, over Dexter Trail, and reached Lyons.

At Lyons they decided that the most desirable land on which to settle was government-owned land, now near what is known as Westphalia. Mr. Hunt of Lyons was employed to guide them to their new home.

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On July 1, 1966 the Economy Shoe Store was established here in St. Johns. In 1974 the store named changed to Norm Henry Fine Shoes. The store is owned by Mr. Norm Henry of Owosso, who also has other store locations in Owosso, Durand, & Ionia. Mr. Henry has been in the shoe business all of his life.

Norm Henry Fine Shoes carries a line of well known quality brand name shoes such as Florsheim, Air Step, Connie, Hush Puppies, Nurse Mates, & Daniel Green for the ladies and Florsheim, Freeman, Pedwin, Converse, Keds, Red Wing, & Buster Brown for the men. Barbara Minarik is the manager.

## NORM HENRY FINE SHOES

Clinton Ave. St. Johns



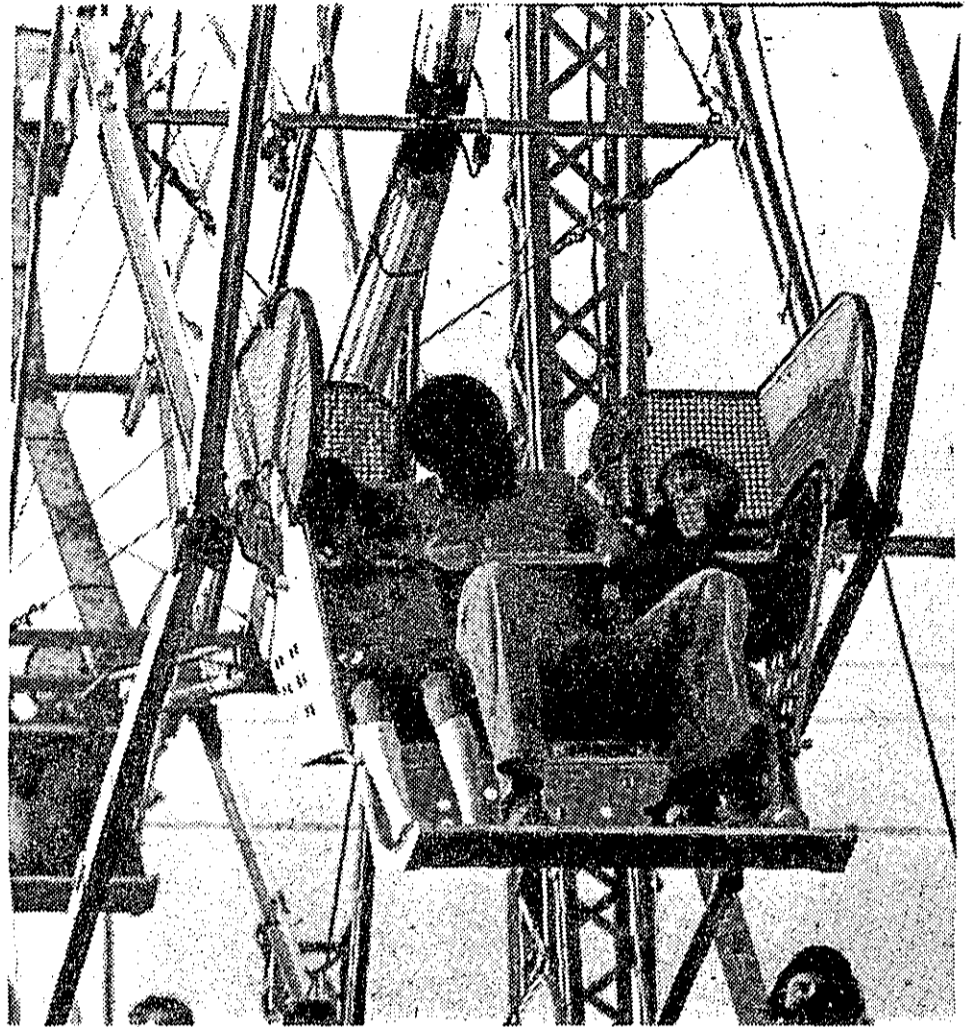
Paul Automotive was established in 1925 by Robert Paul of Lansing. In 1945 it was purchased by C.S. Phillips with a branch store located in St. Johns in 1948. Since 1968 Clint Adams has been the branch manager of Paul Automotive in St. Johns.

Paul Automotive is a distributor for: Maremont, Rabestos, Standard Ignition, Gates, Victor, Whitaker, Timken, New Departure Bearings & McQuay auto, truck and tractor parts, accessories and paints.

## Paul Automotive, Inc.

320 N. Clinton

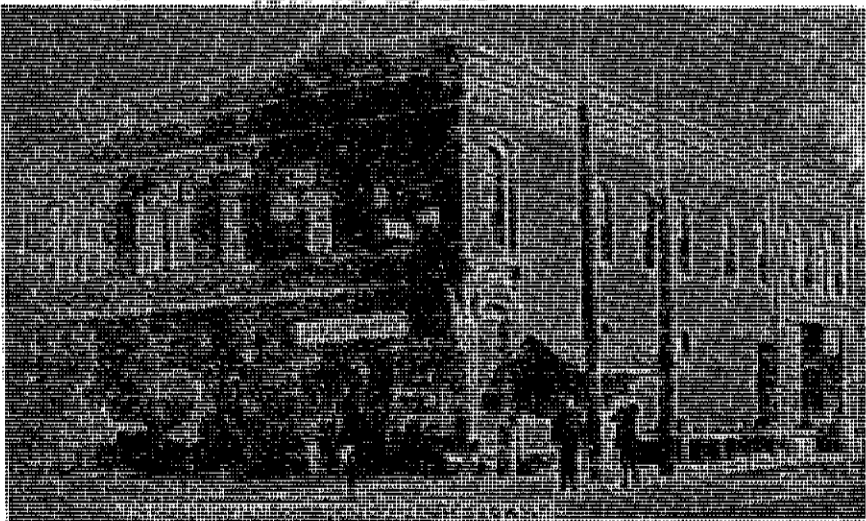
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AMUSEMENT RIDES were one of the many Bicentennial celebration attractions in St. Johns during the July 4 observance. Here, an area father checks to see if the 2 youngsters could actually fall asleep during all the excitement on the ferris wheel.



We salute our nation's founders whose vision for the future has given us the freedoms we enjoy today! We humbly hope that we may help to leave something good as partial payment for the good things that these pioneers left to us !!!



### The Early Beginnings

A hardware store has occupied the corner of Clinton and Higham since it was established by W.A. Nixon and Co. in 1886. The firm was first known as Nixon and Co. and later as Nixon & Geller.

Frank Spaulding and R.M. Steel later became partners in the business with Mr. Nixon and in 1889 the firm became known as Spaulding and Co. At the time of Mr. Spaulding's death in 1925, the business was taken over by his widow and her brother, Edward Hogan of Detroit. When Mrs. Spaulding passed away, her interest went to her children, Oliver Spaulding of Princeton, N.J. and Mrs. Marguerite Earhart of Crawford, N.J. Mr. Bob Hulbert was named manager of the store and operated it from 1928 until 1945, in all working for Spaulding and Co. for 33 years. In August of 1945, Alan R. Dean, a native of McBrides, Michigan and former

teacher and coach in the St. Johns school system, purchased the business from the Spaulding family. The store was then renamed Alan R. Dean Hardware. In 1953, in keeping with the ever-increasing swing to the out-doors, Dean's expanded their sports department into a connecting building and opened the Sports Center in order to serve the community with a wider selection of the best in sports and outdoor equipment. Another addition was made in 1967 when the building immediately behind the hardware on Higham was acquired. This is now used for lawn and garden sales and warehouse during the summer and is a completely stocked toy store during the Christmas season.



### Dean Tru Value Hardware as it appears in 1976

The upstairs, which over the years had been offices for a doctor, dentist, a loan company and the County A.S.C. committee is now used exclusively for storage.

**DEAN**



300 N. Clinton

St. Johns

Phone 224-3271

# Andy's IGA ST. JOHNS

# SALUTES AMERICA'S 200 YEARS



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IN 1946

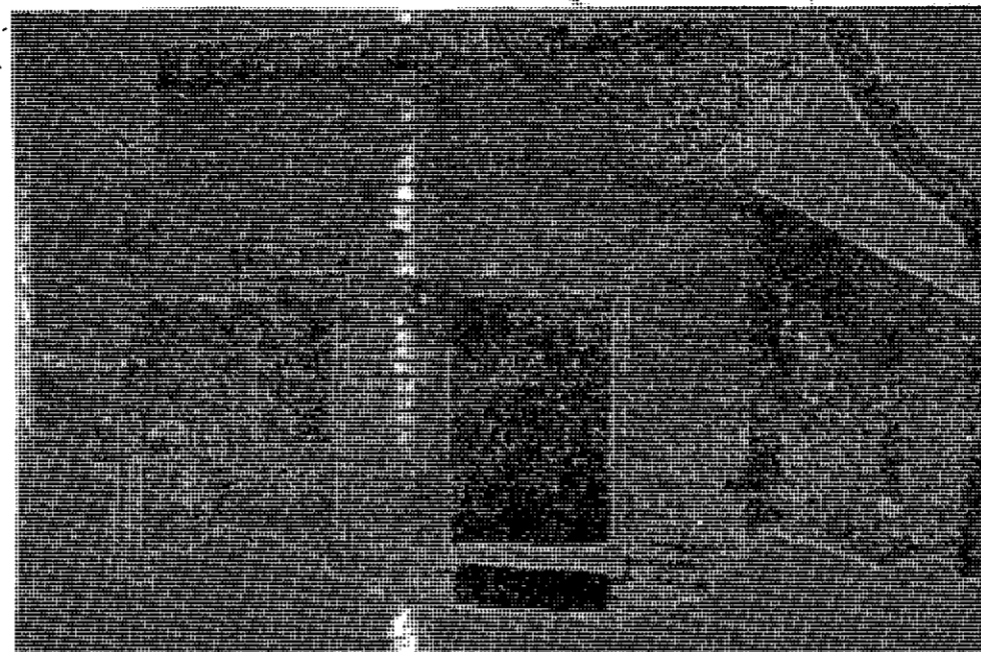
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THIS IN  
1948



EQUALS

THIS IN  
1952



This photo shows the early beginnings of the Anderson food business in 1924. The store shown was owned and operated by the present owner, Rick Anderson's grandmother, Louise Anderson at a location in Wisconsin. In the photo below, Dorr Anderson, father of Rick, prepares to deliver some groceries in an old model T for his mother. The time was thought to be sometime in the 1920's in Wisconsin.



Members of the IGA team at Andy's join together for a family style pose. They are: (front row l.r.) Lynn Thurston and Scott Sousley. (middle row l.r.) Jerry Hollis, Juliane Snater, Diane Price, Joyce Bushre and Carol Workman, a Super Foods general merchandise specialist, during her official visit to the store. (back row l.r.) Ken Barber, Dennis Henning, Rick Mitchell and Dan Henning.



Present Store in 1976

**DORR ANDERSON**  
Founder of Andy's IGA  
Now Deceased



Andy's IGA in St. Johns joins the country's Bicentennial celebration by commemorating the birth of the United States as well as recognizing their own 40th anniversary, an event which took place in June of this year.

Andy's was started in 1937 by Dorr Anderson and has been expanded 3 times. The store is now owned by Rick Anderson, son of the late Dorr Anderson.

The Anderson business was originated in 1936 when Dorr Anderson started Anderson's Foodland. The original store was located at 212 North Clinton Avenue. At that time the store was set up on a service basis rather than a self-service system.

In 1943, the store was moved to the building at the corner of Clinton Avenue and Railroad Street, which is now occupied by Paul Automotive. The larger building

enabled the introduction of self-service and more increased variety. The second floor contained a bakery.

Early in 1949 a second location was opened in St. Johns at North Clinton and US-27. The building was 3-sided, with the fourth side open to the air, facing US-27.

The operation of the two locations continued until 1953 when an addition was made to the highway location and the Clinton Avenue store was closed. Since that time four other additions have increased the size of the building to cover 12,000 square feet.

In 1969, the most recent addition was completed and the building front was reversed to accommodate a larger parking area and to improve the appearance of the store.

**RICK ANDERSON**  
Store Owner and  
Son of Store Founder



# Fowler created in 1845

Jane Morriss  
with  
Nina Waldron

Fowler was another village that had its beginnings with the advent of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad. The settlement began at Dallas Twp. which was officially created in 1845 by a legislative act. It was named in honor of the vice-president elect Dallas. It was located 3/4 of a mile East of what is now known as Fowler, and included a post office, a hotel, a store building, a small grocery, a shoemaker, and a railway station.

Despite the strenuous efforts of the early settlers and promoters, the village failed to prosper. One of the reasons was that travel was impossible in all but the driest weather because the surrounding country was so swampy.

Two inhabitants struggled for 10 years without progress. At that time they realized that if the village was to survive, that it would have to be moved to a new location.

The sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars was donated to the railroad as an inducement to transfer their depot, in 1867. The depot was moved 3/4 of a mile west.

A man by the name of J.N. Fowler of Detroit owned the land of the proposed site. He surveyed and platted a village on the north side of the railway in Sept. of that same year and named it Isabella.

Many businesses and buildings were then moved bodily from Dallas to Isabella, including the Fowler House, a

tavern, and some other buildings.

The name of Isabella was not a popular one, so Fowler agreed to change it and upon the request of the village residents, named it after himself in 1869.

Early merchants of the village included: Constantine Gruler, Frederick Shemer, Jacob Schraft, P.L. Van-cousant.

The first post office, established in Dallas was attended by Alanson Parks, postmaster. In 1859 James Lance took over the office for a brief period. David Richards was the first postmaster to supervise the post at Isabella; Jacob Schraft succeeded the

post in 1869; the first postmaster in a village known as Fowler.

Dr. L.A. Laurason, physician and druggist, settled in the village in 1866 after graduating from the State University.

Early Churches included The United Brethren Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, German Lutheran Church, of Fowler, The German Lutheran Church of Dallas.

Today, two churches predominate.

St. Paul Lutheran Church was organized June 30, 1878. The congregation first met 3 1/2 miles south of Fowler until a frame church building was built in Fowler at the site of the present

church in about 1894. The site was donated by John Fowler Nov. 1, 1878. One of the provisions stipulated in the deed was that a church of modern style of architecture, size 35, by 65 feet with a spire and with two coats of paint be built within 3 years, or the property was to revert to the donor.

Reverend J.H. Wittee was the first pastor and served the church from 1878 to 1895.

A new brick church was built in 1921 to replace the old frame structure and was dedicated Dec. 12, 1921. The building was destroyed by fire Feb. 18, 1945, and was replaced with the present stone structure.

For many years, there was a Lutheran School west of the church.

Catholics of the area of Fowler were served from 1857 until 1872 by Father George Godez, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Westphalia. In the beginning, he visited the mission once a year at Easter. Later, as his mission territory increased, he made three visits per year.

In 1874 this work was taken over by Father Peter Desmith of Hubbardston who made monthly visits to the mission. Worship was held in the Thomas Lond home.

During the administration of Father Ronayne, plans for building a church building were considered. On Oct. 20, 1879, the first meeting was held for this purpose in the Charles Bengel Furniture Store.

The church building began June 6, 1881. The cornerstone was laid June 23, 1881. It was completed the following December and dedicated December 27, 1881.

On Feb. 15, 1882, Father Halthaws of St. Johns was named pastor of the Fowler parish. He was succeeded in 1887 by Father Ordng who was pastor for three years. During his administration a two-story brick school was built and three sisters of St. Dominic from Racine, Wisconsin, were engaged to teach. Fr. Halthaws also initiated the purchase of five acres of land for a cemetery. He was the first one buried in the cemetery plat he had purchased.

In 1908 Father Theodore Lindemann was transferred from St. Joseph's parish to Detroit to Fowler. Under his guidance the present Catholic Church was built in 1916. It cost \$50,000 and was completely paid for by the time he left.

The old-frame church still stands south of the present church building.

In 1928 the present eight-room school house was constructed.

Town records containing the history of the public schools since their foundation have disappeared. The earliest record in existence is the school inspectors' annual report from 1857:

Number of districts (whole, 6; fractional 1)	7
Number of scholars of school age	252
Average attendance	140
Teachers' wages	\$288.35

The books which were used in the township schools in 1857 were: "The Elementary Spelling Book", "Saunders' Reader", "Smith's Arithmetic", "Mitchell's Geography", and "Smith's Grammar".

For many years the Fowler Public School was a small building on Maple St., now the site of an apartment building.

Today there is a modern high school located on Wright Road on the south edge of Fowler, and the Waldron Elementary School, which was built in 1969. The Fowler Public School system also rents the eight-room building from Holy Trinity Catholic Church for a Public Middle School.

The first bank in Fowler was a private bank owned by H.D. Powers & Company. It was located just east of what is now the furniture store.

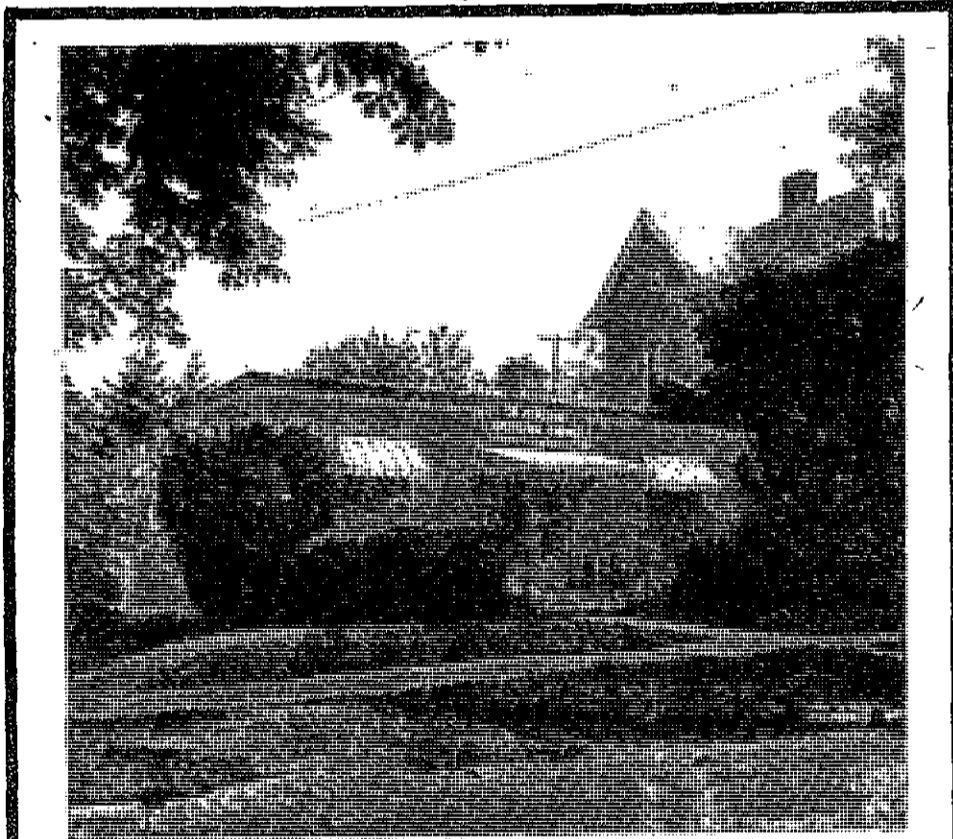
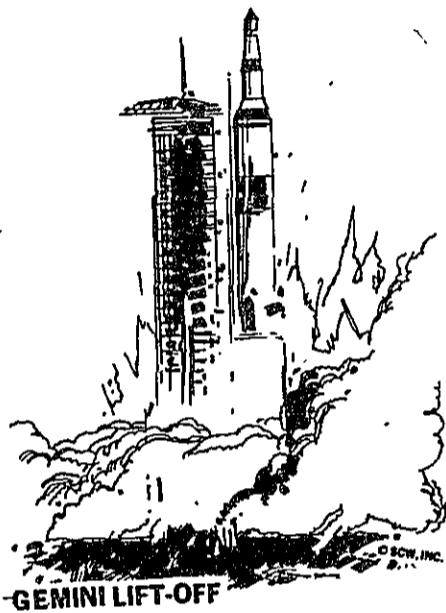
The Sturgis Bank was located where Beckers Bridal Shop is. The Fowler State Bank was organized in 1923.

The Sturgis Opera House was the center of community social life for years. It housed the school plays, socials, dances, and the like. It was located where Beckers Furniture store now stands, on the second floor.

Tony Fox and James Whitaker were early merchants who ran grocery wagons out to the rural homes in the area.

The farmers exchanged eggs and butter for their groceries.

Burt Thornton used to carry mail with his little horse-drawn wagon, which was covered. He carried a stove in the wagon during the winter when he delivered mail to the rural community.

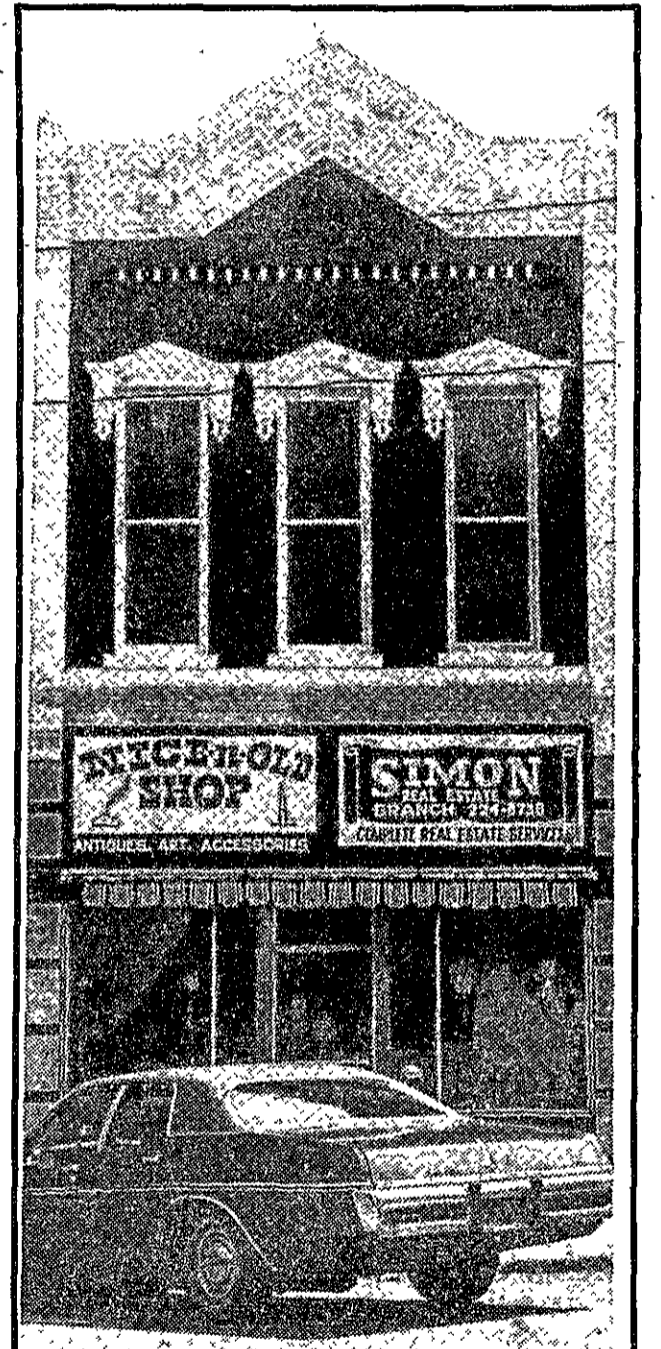


## RIVARD NURSING HOME, INC.

Rivards offer complete nursing home care. They are licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Health and is certified as a Basic Home. They operate on 24 hour service and have a 32 bed capacity.

Rivard Nursing Home was previously known as Randall's Nursing Home until 1957 when Beatrice Rivard bought it along with George De View, Lillian DeView, & Alba Wert as stock holders. It became a family owned stockholder Corporation in 1962 with Gladys Hetzel, John B. Rivard, & Marianne Armstrong being the present stock holders.

Gladys Hetzel is the Licensed Administrator.



Simon Real Estate, a complete Real Estate Service Organization, was founded in Lansing in 1964 by Urban "Gib" Simon (formerly of Fowler). Esther Hendershot, manager, opened a branch office in the present location, 102 N. Clinton, in 1969.

Full time salespersons for Simon Real Estate are: Dorothy Signs, Lou Kramer, Jo Thelen, Robert Mitchell, Bernard Pohl, and Esther Hendershot.



Once farmed by Mr. & Mrs. Gaylord Crowell, The Twin Oaks Golf course opened in 1972 with a 9-hole course met with PGA standards. Having an automatic irrigation of trees, greens and fairways, the Twin Oaks Golf Course offers the ultimate in golfing pleasure, featuring men & women's leagues and Ma & Pa leagues. Membership is open to the public and locker and showers are available for both men and women.

For parties and banquets, there is a beautiful banquet room available for rental. Future plans call for opening a dining room to serve the public.

The Twin Oaks Golf Course sponsors a "Memorial Golf Day" each year, with proceeds going to the Cancer Fund in memory of their daughter Penny, who died in 1971 at the age of 19 of cancer.

## Twin Oaks Golf Course

N. US-27

St. Johns



The year of 1913 John Spousta Sr. and his family moved to Saint Johns at which time the foundry now known as the Advance Castings Company was started under the name of the Industrial Foundry Company employing approximately 75 men.

Three fires and a cyclone sent the company into bankruptcy, the bank took over, brought in A.J. Manly who was hired by the stock holders to manage the foundry. Mr. Spousta walked out in 1923 and went to River Rouge where he was superintendent of Whitehead & Kales until 1928. From there he ventured on his own again to Saint Louis, Michigan, there losing everything to a fire that took the entire building. From there he moved to Owosso in 1931 and in 1934 the late John Hicks came to Owosso and asked Mr. Spousta to return to the foundry in St. Johns as it

had been closed for four years, so in 1934 Mr. Spousta and his family moved back and began again, still operating a jobbing foundry to this date.

In 1941 Mr. John Spousta Sr. passed away. James Spousta managed the plant from 1941 to 1974, John Spousta Jr. taking over at that time.

In 1939 Mr. Spousta had bought out the Burton Mfg. Company that was sold at public auction in Owosso, moved it to Saint Johns in 1940 where it has been operating successfully under the name of Burton Mixer & Mfg. Company. Managed by the late Charles C. Dickinson till his passing in 1972. This company makes mixers and conveying equipment of all kinds for dry materials. It is now being managed by Joseph Spousta with Milton Sharick assisting and in charge of sales.



210 N. Clinton Ave.

Phone 224-6423

The Land of Oz opened in November 1974. If you haven't visited this charming shop yet, stop in and browse anytime. The floor area is small, but bright and cheertful and the selection is excellent.

The shop, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ray G. Piggott of Lansing, carries infant wear, toys, toddler sizes, girls 4-6X, 7-14, pre-teen, and regular junior sizes in basic pants and tops. Boys thru size 8.

The past few months, many new fashion lines have been added to give the customer quality at an affordable price.

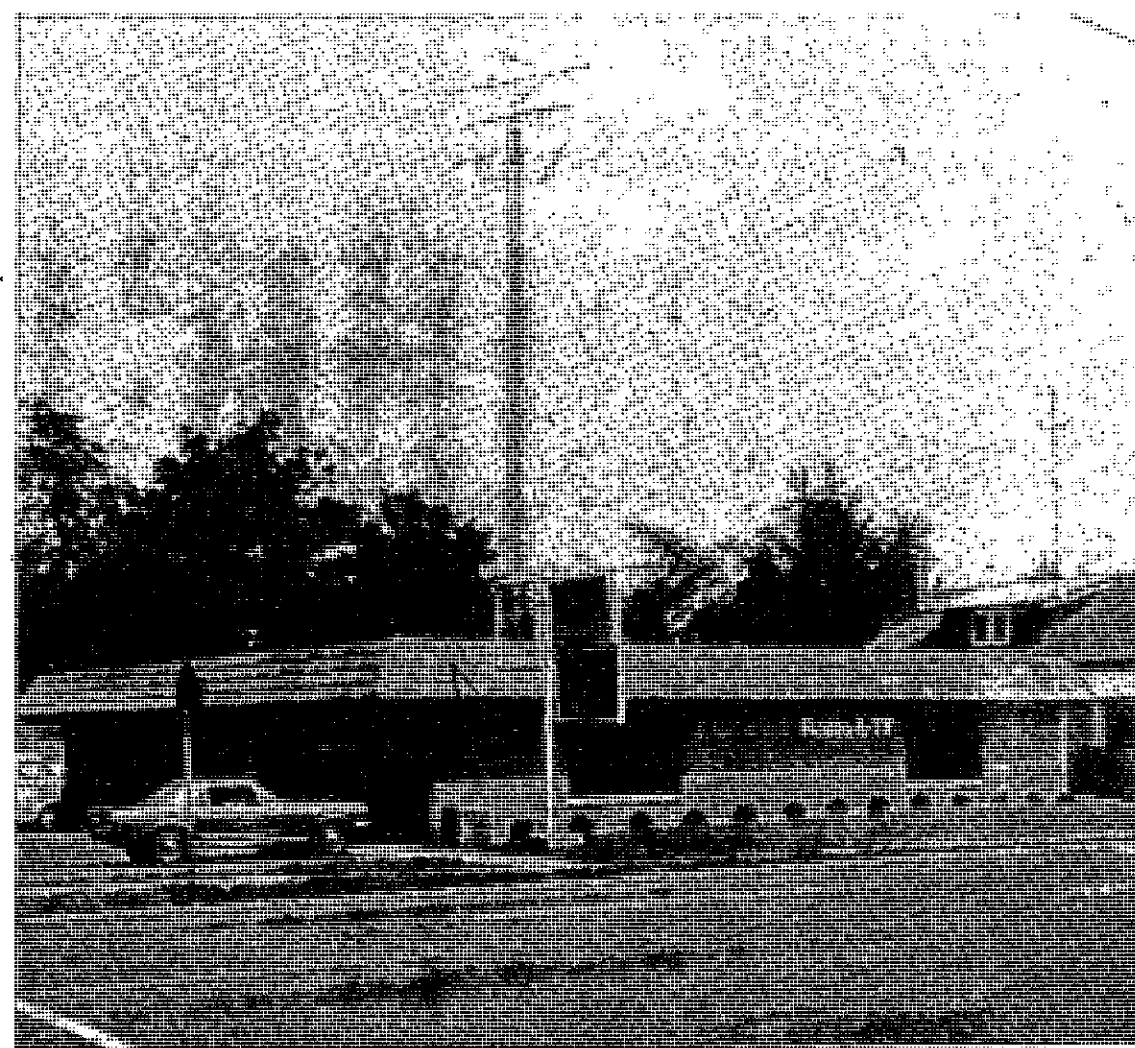
The shop employs three St. Johns residents, Barb Stiffler, manager, Pat Thompson, and Jo Sutfin. Stop in and get acquainted.

# LAND OF OZ

210 N. Clinton Ave. St. Johns



HE HAD QUITE a ride during Bath township's 3-mile parade observing the U.S. Bicentennial. The Bath parade and carnival climaxed weeks of activities sponsored in the area by the local Bicentennial Committee.



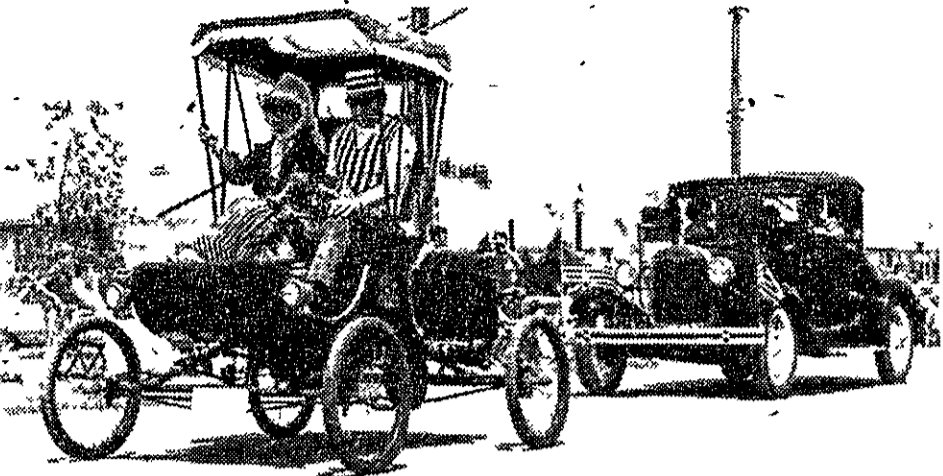
Paradise Radio & Television Sales & Service was started in 1952 by John Paradise, the present owner, in what was known as Godfrey's Radio Shop. In 1973 Paradise built a new store on the corner location at 110 N. Whittemore (US-27).

Paradise carries a full line of TVs, Radios, Stereos, Police Scanners & TV Aerials by Zenith and Sylvania. For complete TV repair and service, a call to Paradise will get you quick, efficient service.

# PARADISE RADIO & TV

110 N. Whittemore

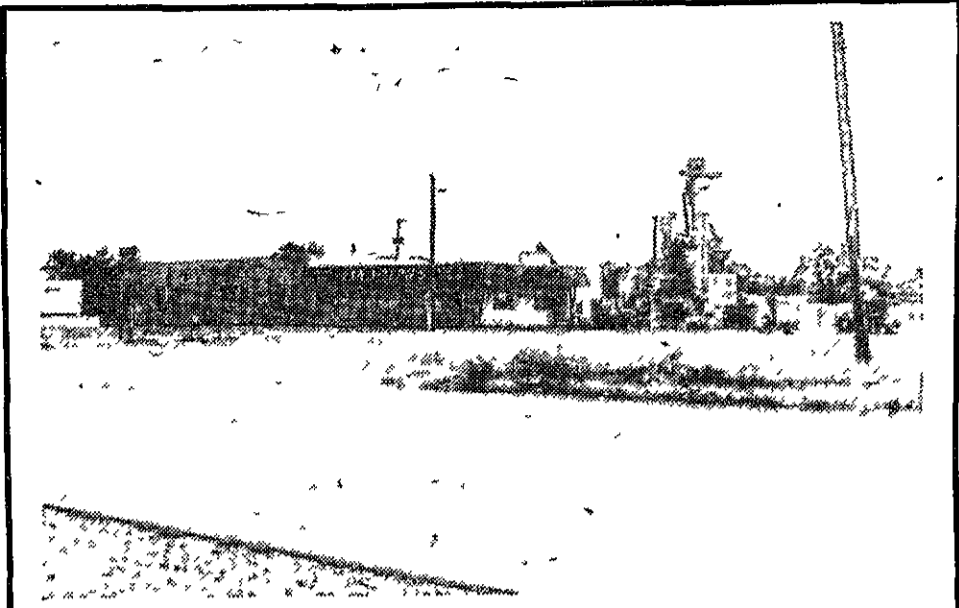
St. Johns



HISTORICAL CARS highlighted parades throughout the era in 1976. These 2 were part of the entry in the Westphalia Bicentennial Parade held July 4. Months of planning resulted in a colorful hour-plus parade that wound through Fowler to kick off their July 4 activities.



THE WESTPHALIA parade had something for everybody, young or old. Here, youngsters recognize one of their television favorites, "Sesame Street" brought to you by the letter K and C, of Knights of Columbus.



A family owned business, Randolphs began operations in an old grainery in 1956. Dale and Wanda Randolph are still the present owners with son Larry Randolph, manager and Daughter Terrie secretary-bookkeeper.

After thirteen years in the old grainery, Randolphs built the building now being used as their offices and also other buildings to further expand their operations.

Besides the Ready-Mix business, Randolphs have Randolph's Digging & Septic Tank Service, where they sell and install Septic Tanks. They also sell feeder bunks for cattle.

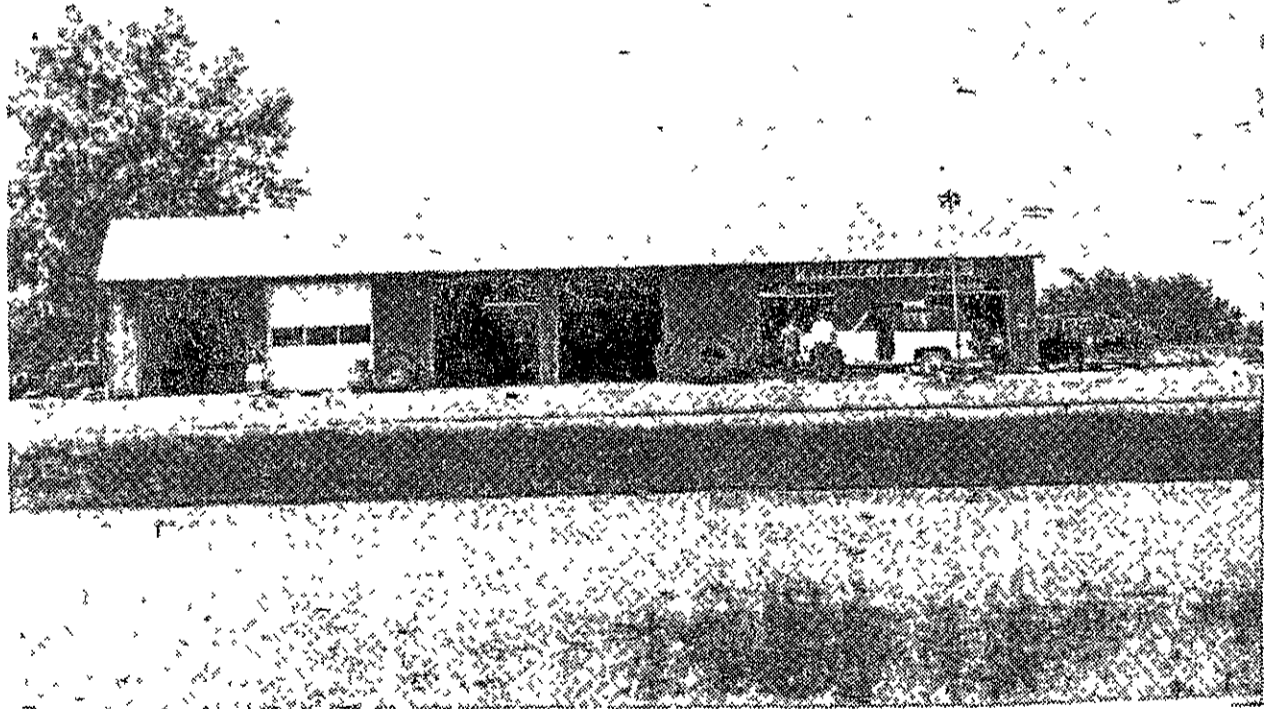
A few years ago Randolphs opened a car wash on S. US-27 where you may drive through and have your car washed as you sit in your car or you may wash your car yourself in one of their many stalls.

In 1967 Randolphs began construction of a Tri-County Transfer Station for Solid Waste which will soon be in operation.

## Randolph's Ready Mix

N. US-27

St. Johns



## WEBSTER TIRE SERVICE

N. US-27

St. Johns

Webster Tire Service started in 1975 by Mack Webster in the Old Leonard Gas Station on N. US-27. It was completely remodeled that same year. Webster's features Good Year and Mohawk Tires for Auto, Farm & Truck. One of their services includes on the spot tire service for any emergency. They carry a large inventory of many types and sizes of tires.

## Early Elsie settlers

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her. She taught school for a short time and then became the mother of five children.

LaMott and Amanda Bates had four sons: Clare G., of Durand (Dentist); Clyde D., of Elsie, (merchant, insurance agent, Supervisor from Duplain Township); Bion L., of Ovid (Dentist and Michigan Senator); and Harold P. of Sebewaing. They are all deceased. They also had one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Oren of Shepherd, now

in a nursing home near Mt. Pleasant.

In Mrs. Bates' busy life of 84 years she did much to improve and benefit the community. She was a member of the Methodist Church and Ladies' Aid Society, holding the office of treasurer for 15 years, Worthy Matron of Eastern Star Chapter No. 69; She was instrumental in organizing the Woman's Literary Club and one of its presidents. She was also a member of the Isabella Chapter of the

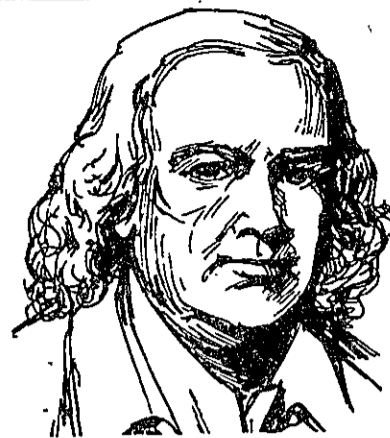
Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Bates was engaged in the dry goods and grocery business over a period of 45 years, starting first as a grocery clerk. His first venture in his own behalf was as a member of the firm of Hasty and Bates. Later he and his son, Clyde, operated the store, he build on the northeast corner until failing health compelled the father to retire.

Mr. Bates served as president of the Elsie Bank,

president of the school board and supervisor of Duplain Township for 13 years besides filling many other positions of trust and honor in this community. He served as worshipful master of the Elsie Lodge F & AM No. 238, a total of ten years, and while he was in this office, his four sons, two grandsons, and one nephew were made members under his supervision over the various installations.

This is the story about one pioneer couple and there were many others to follow.



ROBERT MORRIS 1734-1806

It is the duty of every individual to act his part in whatever station his country may call him to in hours of difficulty, danger, and distress.

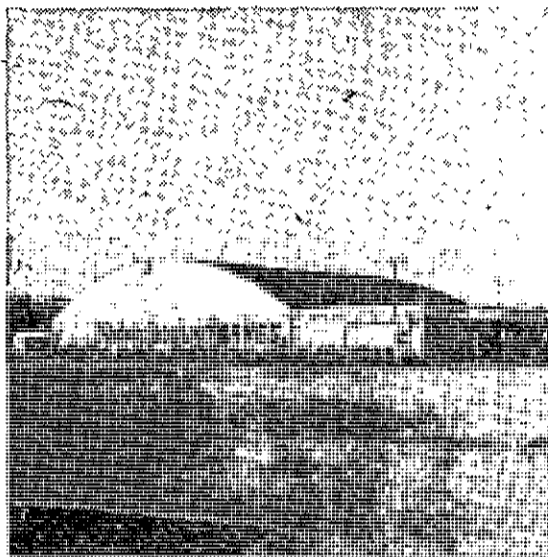
CENT-21



The St. Johns Egg Station located on 2500 North US-27 was established in the 1930's by Jake Wabeke. In 1965 Pat Massey purchased the business. Pat Massey is the president along with his wife, Susie, acting as secretary.

The egg station processes, candles, & grades eggs. They buy & sell to wholesalers and retailers. The egg station employs 50 workers.

**St. Johns  
Egg Station  
St. Johns  
N. US-27**

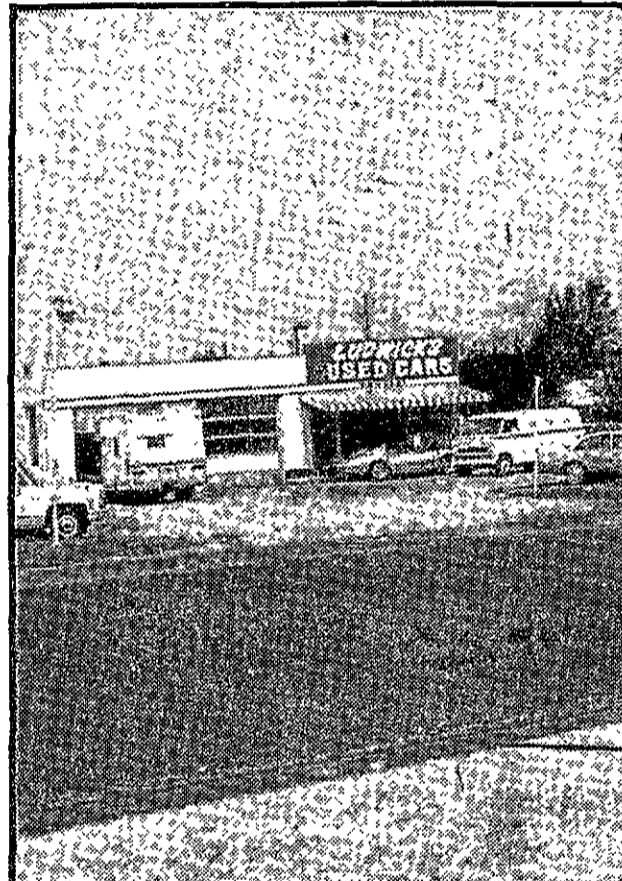


It was in the 1930's when a group of men got together to form a Bowling Booster Club in the old Episcopal Building located on Walker St. Hicks Brothers then purchased it and built the St. Johns Bowling Lanes on Railroad St. in 1943. In 1953 Don Drapier & Orth Tatroe purchased the lanes from the Hicks Brothers. They continued in the same location until 1960 when they built the present Redwing Bowling Lanes. Tatroe bought out Drapier in 1963 and his son John Tatroe became owner in 1973.

The Redwing Bowling Lanes features league bowling, tournaments, open bowling. They also have classes for Jr. & High School students each year.

After bowling, you may relax in the "Buckeye Lounge" with your favorite beverage or snack.

**REDWING  
BOWLING  
LANES  
N-US-27  
St. Johns**



Carl Ludwick started Ludwick's Used Cars in it's present location in 1966. Selling only late models, Ludwick has established a reputation for selling the finest in used cars, his motto being "A place to buy good quality used cars".

**LUDWICK'S  
USED  
CARS  
719 N. US-27  
St. Johns**

# Early Riley records lost

By JANE MORRISS

The early records of Riley Twp. have been lost, some consumed by fire, others buried with memories of generations past.

Riley Twp. was probably named after Judge Samuel Dexter's 2-year-old son, Riley, who died of Scarlet Fever, and was buried in Bengal Twp. 143 years ago.

Judge Dexter is remembered as the blazer of the famed Dexter Trail that connected DeWitt and Ionia. The following is an account of the building of this famous trail by B.O. Williams, himself a member of that pioneer band, taken from his writings.

"Having in vain tried to get Beaubien to pilot them, Messrs. Dexter, Yeomans and Wisner came to us for help. I left our planting, taking my blankets and a small tent, and in six days landed them at Ionia, looking out the route and directing where the road was to be. (The road was cut through heavy timber.)

"This was the first real colonizing party we had ever seen, myself never having been further west than DeWitt (The Indian Village). I there inducted Mackapeenace (Black-bird) son of Kishkake, the chief of all the Saginaw, to pilot us past Muskrat Creek, and from there I proceeded with the party. At that point a child of Judge and Mrs. Dexter, a son of two years, died of scarlet fever.

"We buried the child by torch and candlelight in a box improvised by the party. The road we opened was next year

followed by other immigrants and was substantially the Grand River Road, through Shiawassee and Clinton Counties and was traveled for many years after."

Harriet Guild, daughter of Joel Guild, was 20-years of age at the time the Dexter Trail was blazed, and was part of the pilgrimage. Her account is taken from a history of Grand Rapids where she spent her later years.

"It was raining when we reached the Looking Glass River, and that night the boy was so sick that we sat up all night holding umbrellas over him . . .

"Our provisions were nearly gone and we could not stop, but about noon Mrs. Dexter called a halt, noticing a change in the child. . . in a few minutes the little sufferer was dead.

"We could not tarry but we went sadly on and camped early. My mother furnished a small trunk used for carrying food and dishes, which served for a coffin. By Muskrat Creek as the sun was going down, the little one was buried.

"A large Elm by the grave was marked. Logs were put over the mound and fastened there to protect it from wolves that were plentiful in the area. The only service over the grave was a prayer by Mr. Dexter. The mother seemed broken-hearted and all were grieved but we could not tarry there.

"We had reached the point where we had to use meal that father had bought at Pontiac for the horses. We let the horses pick their living as best they could from grass and twigs

along the way. (these colonists had with them about 20 cows along the way).

"We made log-heap fires, filled a large brass kettle with water, placed it on the fire, stirred in the meal, and made hasty pudding. This, with the milk from the cows, was our only food."

Another account of the ordeal reads thus:

"Never shall I forget that scene! The whole family, if not all others were in tears. The gray-haired sire, (he was 46 years-of-age) after visiting the heads of other families to lead the exercises of the mournful occasion, with tears streaming down his cheeks, read the burial service amid the sobs that nearly drowned his voice in that deep, dark and gloomy forest—the gloomiest spot of the whole route. The grave was made and can still be seen on the farm of Judge Hill on the bank of Muskrat Creek." (Judge Cortland Hill was the grandfather of Tyler Hill and was at one time probate judge of Clinton County.)

Riley Twp. was first surveyed in 1826, but 15 years were to elapse before there was much settlement in the area.

The first settlers came from New York, and settled on section 25. They were Atwell Simmons and his wife, who came to Michigan from Ontario County, N.Y. and first settled in Washtenaw county for four years before coming to Clinton County around 1836.

The trip from Washtenaw County to Clinton County took the couple six days by ox-cart. Mrs. Simmons remained in DeWitt while her husband went

ahead to clear his land and to build a cabin. He was able to clear seven acres, and build a cabin 14 by 16 feet. In the spring he planted oats and rutabagas. That fall, he harvested 36 bushels of oats per acre, and planted 3½ acres to wheat.

The township was organized in 1841, and since its inception has been known for its fertile fields. No population center

ever developed in this county, and its early post offices were soon discontinued as economy measures.

The first stationary sawmill was built on Section 25 about 1875 by Henry Harlow & Co.

It is known that the first school was housed in a log house which was formerly the residence of Washington Cronkhite, and was taught by

Mary Smith, although the dates are uncertain.

Jonathon Owen was the first postmaster, being appointed in 1855. Two years later, Nathan E. Jones Sr. was appointed postmaster of the South Riley office. However, the township post offices were soon discontinued probably in an effort to economize.

## Eureka once 'Swizzletown'

The town of Eureka has had two locations and five names, one of which -- "Swizzletown" -- was difficult to shed.

The original settlement started to develop around David Richmond's house when the post office opened there in 1843.

In 1855, J.A. Barrington moved his mill from Knox County, Ohio, to a site on Mill Creek, about a mile east of Richmond's house. This became the present site of Eureka.

Barrington placed his sawmill in operation on July 1, 1856, and added a grist mill the following January.

He and his partners, Clark Williams and Dr. Rigdon Potter, laid out lots around the mill for a village.

James H. Morrison came along with half a wagon load of goods and opened a store. Adjoining land was platted

December 17, 1857, by Parsons Jeffreys, Isaac Eagles, G.B. Moore, and M.E. Burroughs.

Before the platting, the settlement had been known as "Greenbush", "Williamsport", "Barrington", and "Swizzletown".

Greenbush became the village's legal name when the plat was recorded, but its popular name was to remain Swizzletown for some time to come.

The name "Swizzletown" was coined because of the popular opinion that the townspeople were immoderate drinkers.

So, despite the counteracting influence of those who blushed to hear it, "Swizzletown" was the name used by all, far and near.

When the town was platted, the post office was moved from its original location to the new village of Greenbush.

It developed that a town in Alcona County also was called

Greenbush. To avoid confusion in the mails, the villagers decided to pick a new name. No doubt they also hoped at the same time to drop the name "Swizzletown" once and for all.

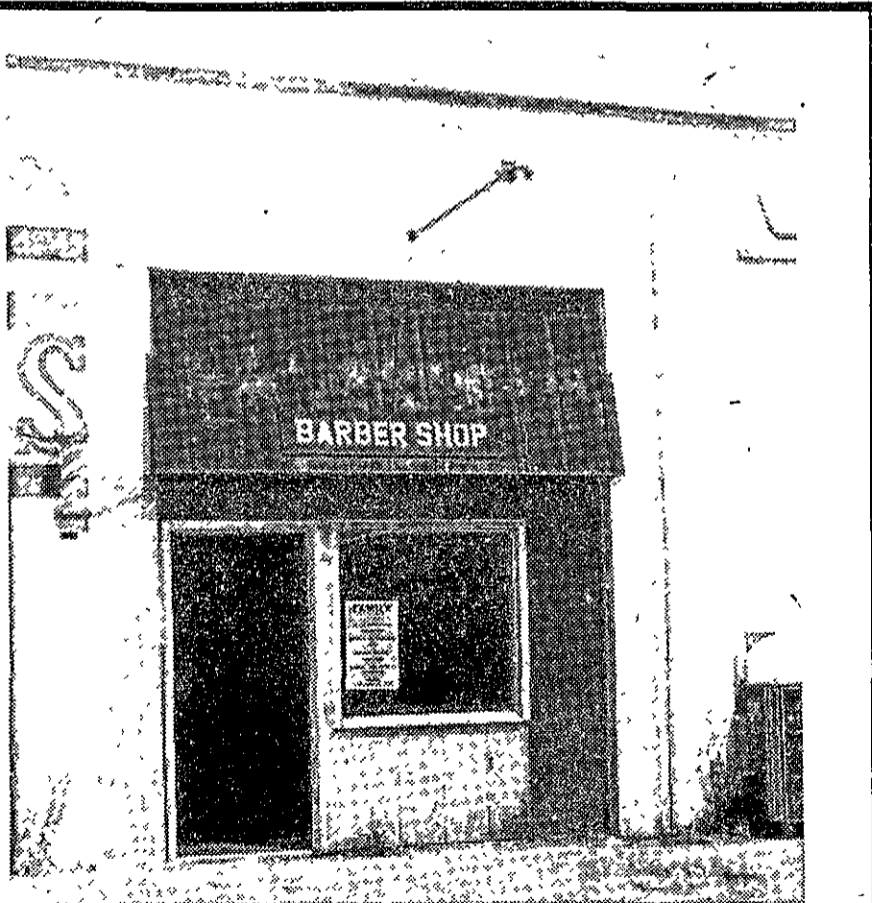
Edward Stark, who had become postmaster, suggested the name Eureka. This is a Latin term meaning, "I have found it."

Stark thought the name appropriate because he thought he had found in the village a most excellent opening for business together with the promise of greater things to come.

Among those most determined to drop the label "Swizzletown", as well as "Greenbush", was Stephen Pearl, a local merchant.

Over his store Pearl painted a large sign which proclaimed in bold letters to the world, E-U-R-E-K-A.

That seemed to seal the deal, and Eureka has had but one popular name ever since.



Bill's Barber Shop located in the Village Square for two years was once located in the former Steel Hotel which burned in 1975. Owned by Bill Braun who bought the business from Clare Hayhoe in 1969 after working for Hayhoe for over 12 years.

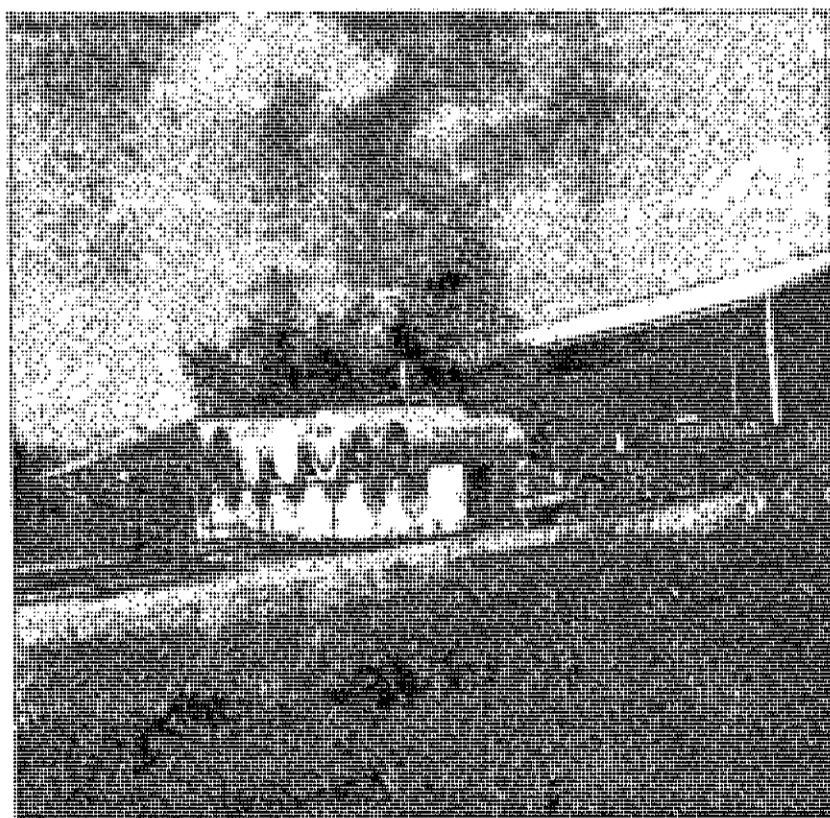
Bill's specializes in cutting and styling of men and children & ladies hair.

**BILL'S BARBER SHOP**

Located in the Village Square

N-US-27

St. Johns



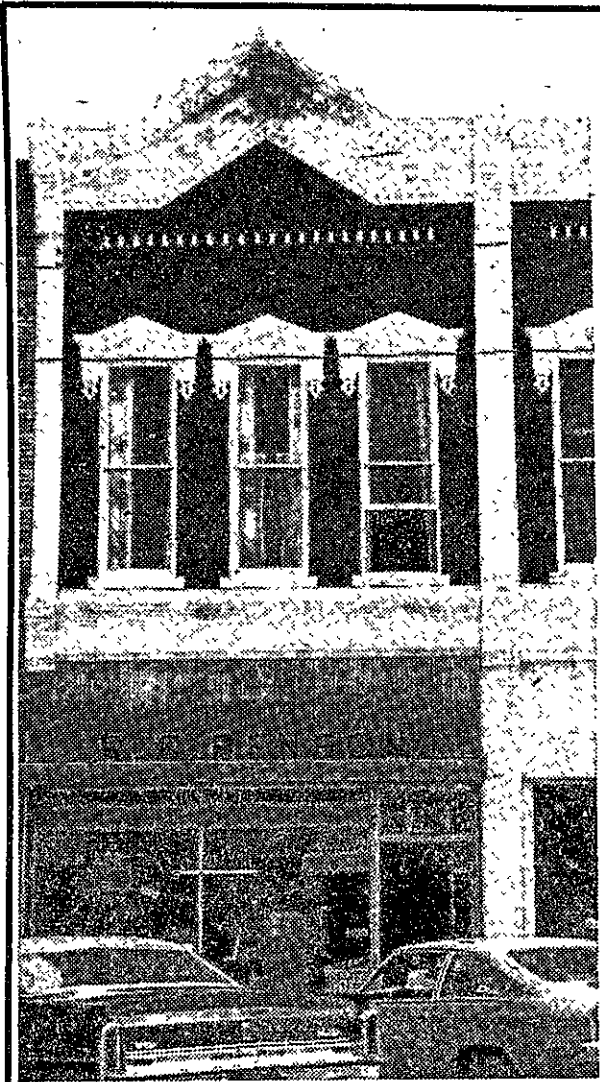
The St. Johns Oil Co. was established in 1937 by Ed & Laura Sonier with a bulk plant located at 501 E. Steel. It was then purchased by Bary Biddinger in 1964.

Mr. Biddinger has since added a service station at 600 N. Whittemore in which there is sporting goods and fishing license service.

Fuel Oil, gasoline, motor oil, diesel oil, and tanks and accessories may be purchased at the bulk plant on Steel Street.

**ST. JOHNS OIL**

St. Johns



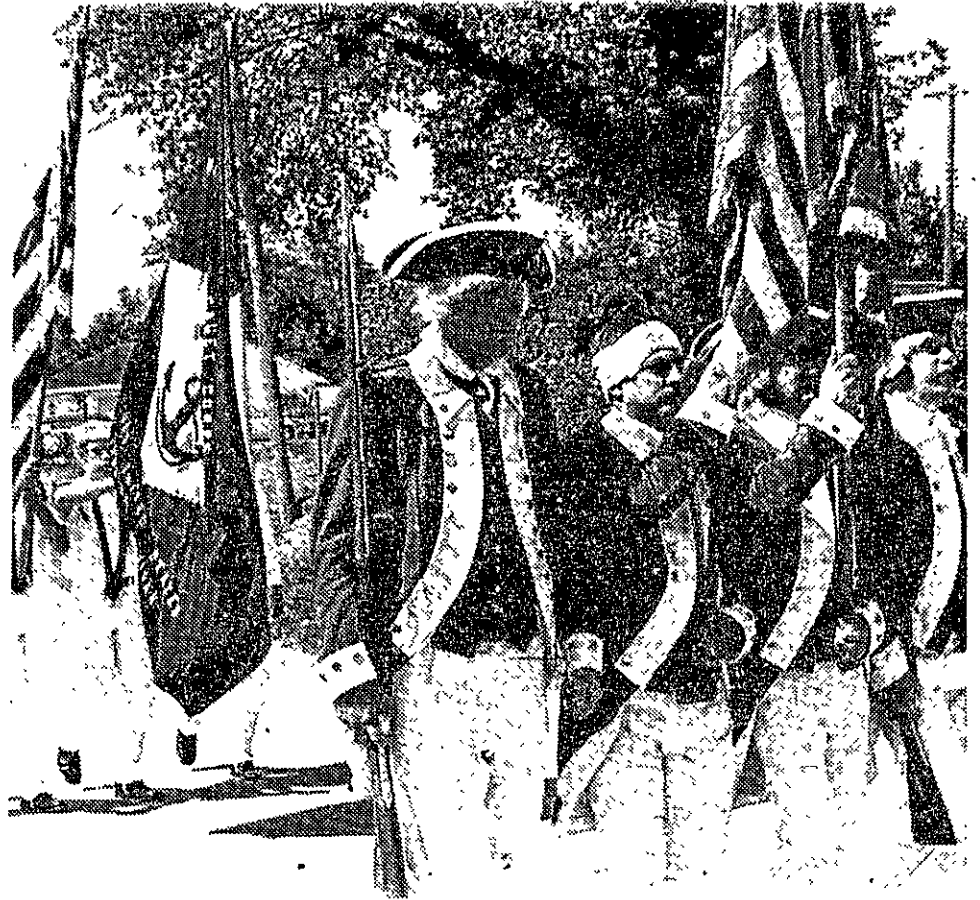
R. E. Benson Plumbing & Heating opened for business in 1926 over the present Boron Building by R.E. Benson. It was later sold to Ken Munger, son-in-law of Mr. Benson. In 1929 Benson's moved to their location at 106 N. Clinton where it still exists under the new ownership of Hollis Cooper who bought the business in 1967.

Benson's features complete line of plumbing fixtures and does many forms of plumbing and heating services.

## R.E. Benson Plumbing & Heating

106 N. Clinton

St. Johns



CARRYING THE COLORS are these 4 individuals in the Bath Bicentennial Parade who re-create one a scene familiar to all Americans for the Revolutionary War. During the weeks preceeding and immediately following the July 4 weekend, organizations throughout Clinton County sponsored such events in a 1976 salute to our country.



What has been known for many years as Wieber Lumber Co. was originally started by John Gay in 1890. In 1906, the business was purchased by Anthony Wieber and Charles Dane, and was managed by the formers' son Frank A. Wieber. In 1907, Dane sold his interest to Anthony Wieber and in 1917 Frank A. Wieber bought a half interest in his father's business, acquiring sole

ownership in 1923. In 1946, his four sons, Mark, Giles, Carl and Leon Wieber became associated with him in the business. The business was purchased by them in 1954 in July of 1974, Mark Wieber retired and the business continues to be operated by Giles, Carl and Leon Wieber.

# WIEBER LUMBER CO.

FOWLER

## St. Joseph school progresses with times

The St. Joseph's Catholic School had an enrollment of 271 students in years 1 through 6 in 1975-76. Their goal of presenting a child with a Christian education has been combined with the concept of individualized education. This is the 5th year that St. Joseph's School has had ungraded reading and math classes.

According to Sr. Lucy Schneider, superintendent of the school, the ungraded program has met with parental approval and student enthusiasm. The concept of the ungraded classrooms is to allow the student progress at his own speed, according to his, or her ability.

The students attend Mass once a week with their classmates. There are about 25 to 30 students in each classroom. There are 10 classrooms, an audio-visual room, a cafeteria and a gymnasium, housed in a modern building.

The cornerstone was laid for the first Catholic school, May 10, 1924, by the brick mason who was working on the building. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Michigan, were engaged to conduct the school and continue to serve the school today. The school opened in the fall of 1924 with 61 pupils in 8 grades.

Although Father Carey drew up the plans and had the basement dug and the foundation laid, it was Father Vincent Hankerd, a first cousin once removed of Father William G. Hankerd, who is presently pastor of the church, who completed the building.

At that time, the elder Fr. Hankerd wrote, "It is the wish of this writer to record that there was earnest piety in the hearts of those who gave generously for the building and may he enjoy in his time blessings of religious charity and goodness that this school will have taught and influenced. And may he and those of his time be better Children of God on account of its work."

In the early days of the school, three of the four rooms were used as classrooms and the fourth was known as the

music room. Here children were taught how to play musical instruments including the piano.

It was here the first St. Joseph Orchestra was born. This group played for St. Patrick's banquets as well as playing for dances held in the social hall. Each year the school faculty and students presented a Christmas pageant to the parents and parishioners, at which the band also performed.

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## George Campeau, a colorful chapter

George Campeau's trading post on the present site of Maple Rapids was Clinton County's earliest settlement. Makitoquet's band of swarthy Indians used to come regularly to Campeau's place. The broad-backed squaws were the beasts of burden.

Mr. Campeau chatted with his customers in French or Chippewa dialect with equal fluency. Bright Calicos, cheap breeches, flints, knives, tobacco and "fire water" were conspicuously displayed on the shelves of the log building.

Sometimes fights, brawls, and "Whoopie" parties of a primitive kind enlivened the neighborhood when the thirsty customers had been supplied. After enjoying a degree of prosperity, Campeau sold his business to John Johnson and went back to Grand Rapids

where his brother Louis was located.

James Sowle, who closely followed Campeau into the township, built the first frame barn in 1839. That same year he secured some small apple trees from Ionia and planted the first orchard in the township.

One time Campeau told five big Chippewa squaws that if they would kiss Sowle they would be treated to a drink of whiskey. Together they advanced on Sowle, who did not know what Campeau had told them, but suspected a practical joke.

When they rushed him, he threw them roughly away, some falling to the floor. Again they attempted to earn the drink. Campeau then told them they were beaten, but that he would buy them the drink Sowle had avoided paying for.



Bruce Lanterman started Lanterman Insurance in 1968 in a location at 115 E. Walker. The insurance agency was re-located in the Briggs Building at 200 W. State St. in 1970.

As an Independent General Insurance Agency, Lanterman Insurance offers insurance for every need such as home, farm, business & auto.

**LANTERMAN INSURANCE**  
200 W. State St. Johns



**DR. PAUL STOLLER**  
Founder of Centennial Apartments

# CENTENNIAL APARTMENTS

The Centennial Apartments were built in 1966 by Dr. & Mrs. P. F. Stoller. After the death of the late Dr. Stoller, it became solely owned by Mrs. Stoller, who is presently managing the apartment house.

Offering the best in leisure living and helping to fill a need in housing shortage, Centennial Apartments features eleven 2-bedroom apartments and one 1-bedroom apartment. Economical, with pleasant decor, Centennial Apartments is indeed a fine place in which to live.

# Reflections of former publisher, C. C. Vaughan

Editor's note: This was written by C.C. Vaughan for the 75th anniversary issue which was printed April 9, 1931. Vaughan purchased the Republican in 1889 and served as editor until 1923, longer than any other editor to date.

Messrs. Marshall and Clark, publishers of the Republican News, have asked me to write something of my experiences in publishing The Clinton Republican, covering the years 1889 to 1923, for the 75th anniversary edition.

In May, 1889, I came to St. Johns, having had some correspondence with Otis Fuller, publisher of The Republican, about buying his newspaper. After spending a half hour or so looking over the plant, we soon arrived at an agreement and I was to take possession July 1st, following.

I had learned something of the printing business by serving a four years' apprenticeship on the Lapeer Clarion, later being employed upon the Detroit Free Press and later still owning and publishing the Clarion.

I was attracted to St. Johns by reason of its location in the midst of one of the best counties in Michigan and offering what seemed to me a good opportunity for a prosperous business -- in which I was not disappointed. The plant was located on the second floor of the building on Walker St.,

West, now known as the Antes Clothes Cleaning Establishment. Patterson's Saloon occupying the ground floor. The plant was equipped with a Country Campbell newspaper press, a Gordon Jobber and the usual assortment of type and the necessary paraphernalia for getting out a newspaper and doing a job-printing business.

Mr. Fuller was printing a six column, eight page paper, with patent insides -- that is, with four inside pages already printed, and the local news and advertising was carried on the other four pages. The newspaper was very ably edited by Mr. Fuller, a highly educated man and an unusually virile editorial writer. The payroll of the office amounted to about \$1,500 per year, and in addition to the newspaper there was a good job-printing business, the earnings being fair on the amount of the investment.

July 1, 1889, I took possession of the plant and continued the publication of The Republican until the spring of 1923. The business grew, the patent-insides feature was discontinued, the paper was gradually enlarged to eight columns to the page, the old newspaper press was replaced by a two-revolution Scott, and later this gave way to a Goss perfecting press, which would print eight pages at once at a speed of 3,000 or more per hour, and which is still in use in the plant. New job presses were installed and, in

fact, the old equipment was gradually displaced by new and improved equipment. The circulation grew from about 1700 to 3700, with 12 to 16 pages per week, and the payroll to over \$14,000 per year.

Just before I came to St. Johns, the village put in a water works system. All the drainage available was an open ditch running north to the Perrin Marsh, the outlet of which was the Hayworth drain. This ditch crossed a wild 80 lying just north of the R.M. Steel farm and belonging to the A.B. Cook Co., of Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti. A short time afterwards, Cook brought suit against the city and secured an injunction restraining the city from running its sewage across the farm. As I recollect it, the city purchased the 80 and put in a sewer system. I happened to be president when much of this work was done, Dr. Henry Palmer, a competent engineer, having charge of the work. A tract of land lying east of the Osborn corners was purchased for a sewer farm. There was fall enough so the sewage could be run to the top of the ground on this tract, cross tiling was done into a larger tile on the west side of the land and by evaporation and by absorption the sewage was taken care of and the water that came out of the tile was perfectly clear and unoffensive. This, I believe, was the first sewer farm established in Michigan. Later the Home for the Feeble Minded at Lapeer

put in a similar system.

The next marked improvement made was after the village was incorporated as a city. Ed Bullard, a leading Democrat and a live wire, had been elected mayor and he put through the project of paving Clinton Avenue and Walker Street between Clinton Avenue and Spring Street. In the spring, especially, there were times when Clinton Avenue was a sea of mud, almost flowing toward the railroad, and a person needed rubber boots to get from the sidewalk to a buggy or wagon. There was strenuous opposition to the paving project on the part of some of the businessmen, who said it would ruin them, but it did not; in fact they were all benefited.

Another subject of controversy was the putting in of electric lights on some of the streets, the opponents claiming it was better to light the streets with gas.

During the 34 years of my newspaper publishing here, very many changes have taken place in the personnel of the business men in St. Johns. When I came the following physicians were in practice here: Mary P. Havens, S.C. Gillam, A.J. Wiggins, Mrs. H.J. Sprague, J.W. Pollard, Wm. Havens, Martin Weller, Hamlet Hart, R.G. Morrison, Henry Palmer and Dr. Corbin. The last named was practicing dentistry, but was also an M.D. All of these passed on within 30 years at is

possible there might have been one or two other physicians here, but I do not recall them.

The legal profession was represented in 1889 by H.F. Auten, J.O. Selden, Varian Bolsford, Henry E. Waldbridge, H.M. Perrin, Albert J. Baldwin, Edwin H. Lyon, E.E. Moss, Charles M. Merrill, S.B. Daboll, Henry Walbridge Sr., Oliver L. Spaulding, Porter K. Perrin, John H. Fedewa, W.J. Brunson, and W.A. Norton. Of these, I believe only Messrs. Bolsford and Brunson are living and they have not been in active practice here for some time.

My relations with the businessmen and the people were pleasant, and I have greatly enjoyed the fine relationships of the people of this county and thoroughly appreciate the political honors conferred upon me. Being an ardent Republican by inheritance and conviction, it seemed almost impossible not to offend equally ardent members of the opposite party in the heat of political campaigns, and this was especially true in the time of the Bryan-free-silver campaign, when many believed that a more liberal use of the white metal would solve many of our financial difficulties. But I long ago came to the conclusion that it was only fair to accord my neighbor the same right to his opinions in politics and religion that I claimed for myself; besides he might be right -- sometimes.

Years ago, when fewer daily newspapers were taken in the country, fewer magazines and weekly papers were circulated, there was no rural mail delivery, roads were poor, automobiles unknown, campaign years were the times when the people make whoopee.

Torch light processions, brass bands, banners of strange devices and political spellbinders made the welkin ring.

I recall that during a gathering in the room now used as a dining room by the Episcopal ladies, William H. Castle, a lawyer, who was not always discreet in his remarks, was knocked through one of the front windows. But that was an exceptional case and the window suffered most of the damage. Campaigns have changed along with everything else. Good roads enable people to get about more, autos enable them to go much faster and further, rural deliveries take the daily news along with weekly newspapers -- and magazines into the homes in increasing numbers, the radio gives the people markets and the news of the world, besides much fine music and entertainment every day, and it takes a top-notch in the field of oratory to bring out a crowd to a political meeting. The people are so well informed that they care little for a speaker unless he is a man of marked ability. I presume just as great advances will be made during the next 40 years.



Pine Creek Nursery & Garden Center started in 1956 is a family owned and operated business, known as Surdenik Brothers. The family members are: John, Jim, Mary and Elizabeth Surdenik.

Pine Creek Lawn & Garden Center features all types of lawn & garden supplies, commercial spraying. At Christmas time, they do a large business in selling many kinds of Christmas trees and Christmas decorations.

For problems with lawn and gardens, they offer professional advice to anyone who will just give them a call.

**Pine Creek Nursery  
& Garden Center**

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St. Johns



The Duraclean Service franchise was purchased in St. Johns, May 1963 by Keith Rosekrans. The Duraclean is an international organization with headquarters located in Deerfield, Illinois. Duraclean has been operating for 46 years.

Mr. Rosekrans is a factory trained graduate of Duraclean International. He operates the business from his home with an on location service. Duraclean specializes in home furnishing & carpets right in the home. Duraclean Service will provide this service by appointment.

Your lovely home furnishings are worthy of the finest care you can give them...safe, scientific Duraclean that cleans through and through.

**DURACLEAN  
SERVICE**

ST. JOHNS

# Germans settled Westphalia

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The land in Westphalia was not considered by speculators as good investment land as it was very low and swampy. The little party of Germans found the government lands affordable, if not ideal, and set about clearing their land on section five, where they made their first appearance Sept. 8, 1836. Soon afterward, Mr. Salter went back to Detroit, ending his connection with Westphalia forever.

The first pioneers endured the first winter in rude-log dwellings with no windows or doors—they hung blankets over their door casements in an

effort to keep the winter out.

Early in 1837 the hardy band of settlers were joined by Anthony Kopp, a Catholic priest, and a man of much energy and force of character, who left his lasting impression upon the religious and secular affairs of the little community.

Fr. Kopp, also from Westphalia, Germany, set about at once to provide a church and school for the colony. The first Mass was said in his log cabin soon after his arrival, and his cabin also became the first school house.

Fr. Kopp was also the guiding spirit in organizing the affairs of the town, although Henry Bartow of Lyons was called

upon to assist the transplanted Germans in the proper forms of American-Town Business.

In the early days, Westphalia boasted one of the largest Catholic congregations, having a congregation of 1,000 by 1867 and had the first resident priest outside of Detroit or Saginaw. Besides serving his parish, the priest was expected to say Mass throughout Central Michigan.

The first white child born in the colony of Westphalia was in 1840.

She was Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Katherina and Conrad Martin.

Doctor Seinholtz settled in Westphalia in 1848, becoming

the first resident physician.

The early settlers supported themselves by making and selling charcoal and ashes, and it was common for them to travel to Lyons via the Dexter Trail with a sack of ashes on their backs, to trade.

A German newspaper called "The Westphalia Zeitung" was published during the 1880's by Henry Benner. He set the type by hand, and it was printed above a hardware store. A few copies are still in existence.

Today, St. Mary's Catholic Church and School remain a prominent force in the small German community. There are 570 families, or 2500 people in

the congregation. Four hundred and sixty students attend St. Mary's grade school, grades 1-6. The school is taught by 5 sisters of Christian Charity and 8 lay teachers. (Except for kindergarten, there is no public

elementary school in Westphalia).

The children of the community attend junior high and high school at consolidated schools (Pewamo - Westphalia).

## St. Joseph school

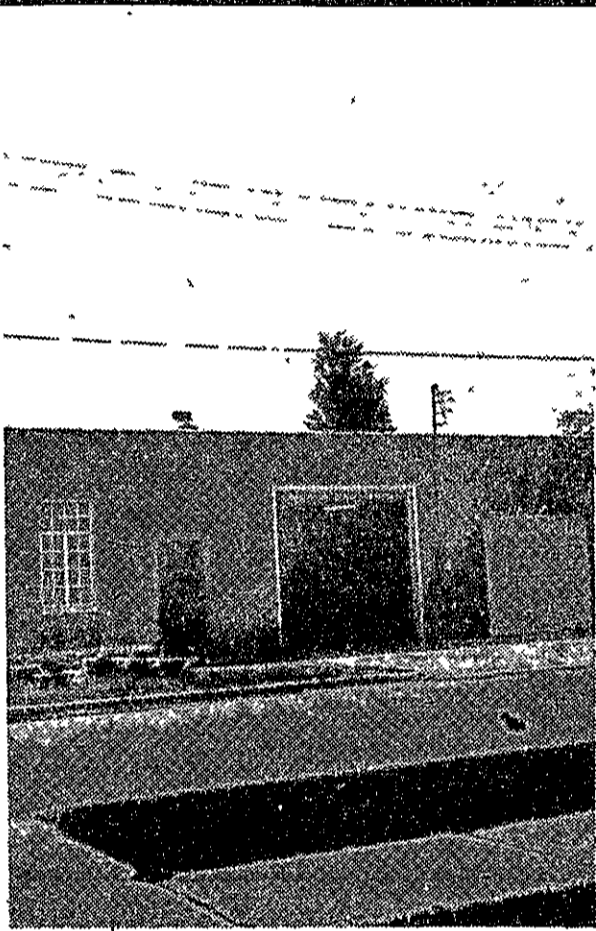
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Several members of the early orchestra were: John Caudy, Arthur Motz, Hilda Hufnagel, and Beatrice Jorae.

As the Parish grew, the school became inadequate for the enrollment. By 1958, with an enrollment of 218 students, an addition was built adding six classrooms, a social hall,

cafeteria and a fully equipped kitchen to the school.

By 1960, space was again inadequate for the number of students attending the school, and a second addition was begun, giving the school seven more classrooms a gymnasium, and a principal's area. This addition was finished in 1962.



A native of St. Johns and a graduate from St. Johns High School, Paul Geller is relatively new to the business in a small shop located on W. Steel. Geller will do any type of welding including Arc, ACY, Heli-Arc.. He also has portable unit for on the job calls.

## GELLER WELDING

301 W. Steel St. Johns



THE ORIGINAL LOCATION OF THE PX STORE IN ST. JOHNS WAS AT 312 N. CLINTON AVE. AND WAS STARTED BY JACK ANDREWS.

In 1955 Andrews moved the business to its present location at 218 N. Clinton Avenue.

The popular store features sport goods, shoes and rubber footwear and surplus merchandise. The store also sells camping and back packing equipment.

In addition to selling merchandise, Andrews also serves as branch manager for the Secretary of State License Bureau, located at the rear of the store. He has held this post for 21 years.

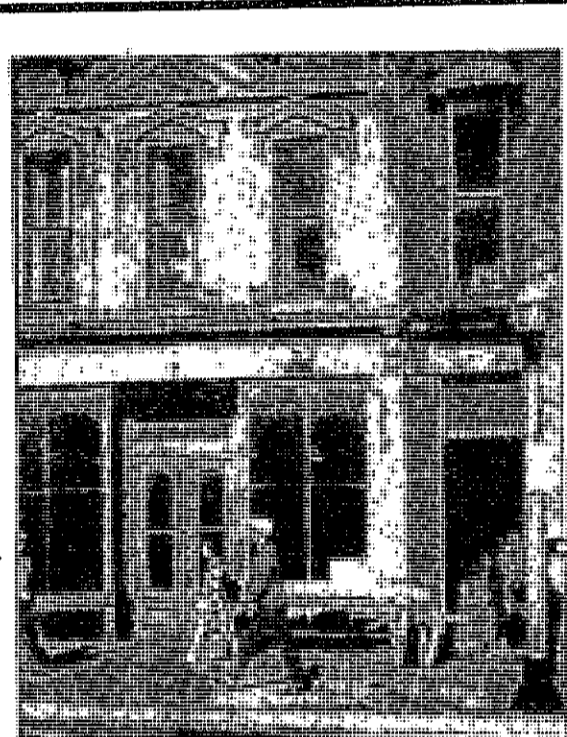
Area sportsmen also know the PX Store as a place to purchase fishing and hunting licenses and all lines of hunting and fishing equipment.

## PX STORE

Jack Andrews,

Owner

218 N. Clinton  
St. Johns



## Bennett's Jewelry Store

At 107 N. Clinton Ave. in St. Johns was known for many years as "John Harley's Secondhand Store."

Mr. Harley had three floors filled with everything imaginable. He was known to have a memory that could recall just about any item he had in inventory. He was known to have been quite a "card player" and "chess player" having had many games in his back room, one of very few heated in those days.

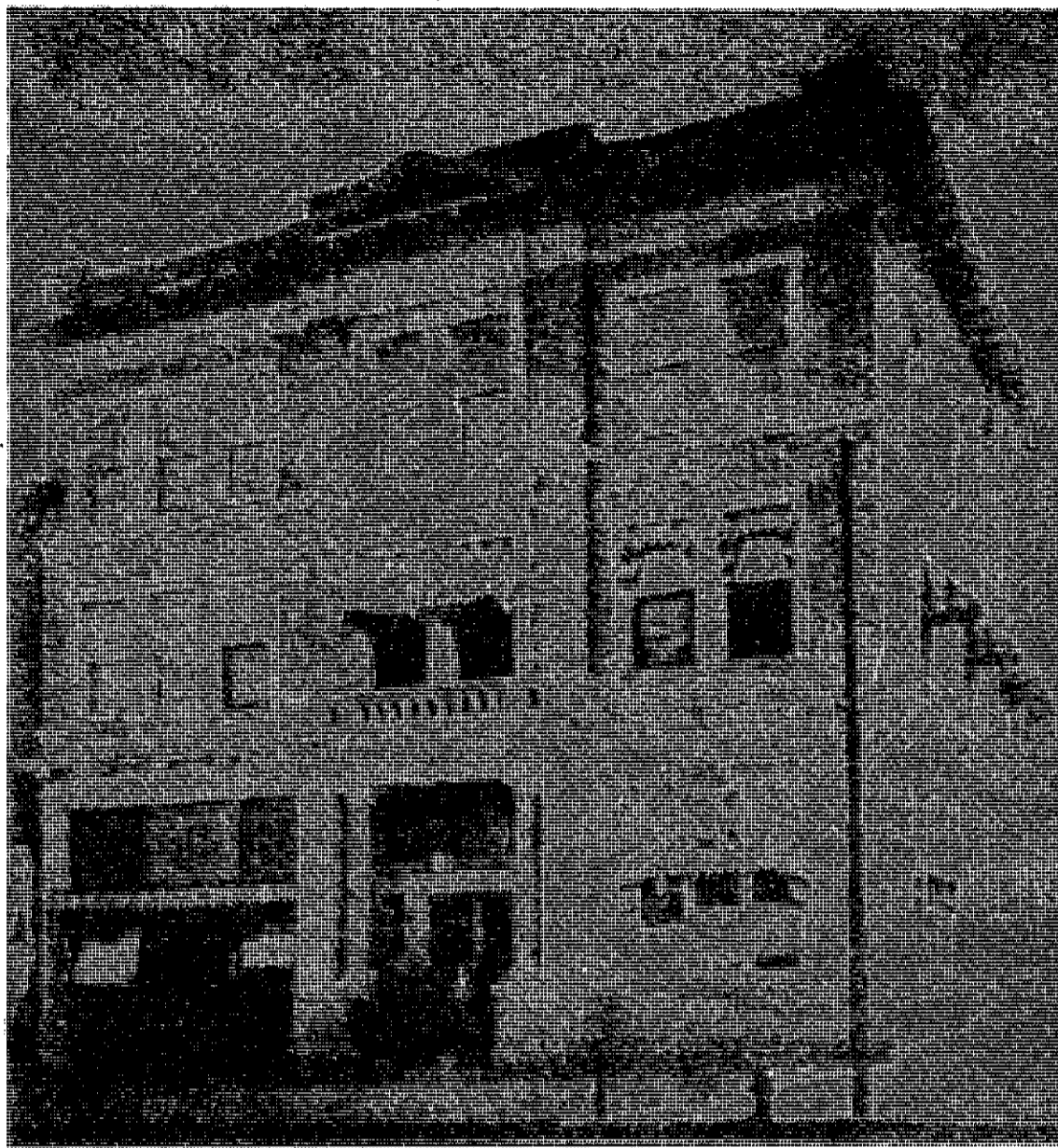
At one time a Dr. Corbin, dentist had an office upstairs. In 1949 after the death of Harley, Lester Lake, jeweler, purchased the building (including the outside toilet) from Robert Merrill and had it completely remodeled to make an up-to-date jewelry store.

Mr. Lake had started in business for himself in 1930 in a tiny room the width of the doorway at Kurt's Appliance Center. After 10 years he bought the R.G. Allison jewelry business which was in the John Hicks building and is now the south half of the present D & C Store.

Mr. Lake stayed in that location for 10 years, then moved to the remodeled store that had held secondhand goods. After 18 years in business there, he sold it to Webb Ring & Co. but had to repossess the business after four years. In January of 1973 Bill Bennett purchased the stock and now owns and operates a successful jewelry store.

## BENNETT'S JEWELRY

Clinton Ave. St. Johns



(Photo taken sometime between 1913 and 1915.)

**THEN AS NOW...**

## **a bank for all reasons**

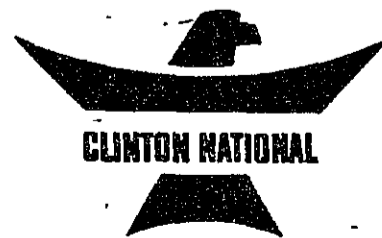
Back in 1913, around the time the above photo was taken, there were many reasons why what was to become Clinton National Bank and Trust Co. was an important part of St. Johns. First of all it was a reliable and concerned member of the business community and men like (from left) R.C. Dester, Bill Black and Thomas Corkin were adding to the foundation of a financial institution that would encourage and share in the growth that was to mark Clinton county's history.

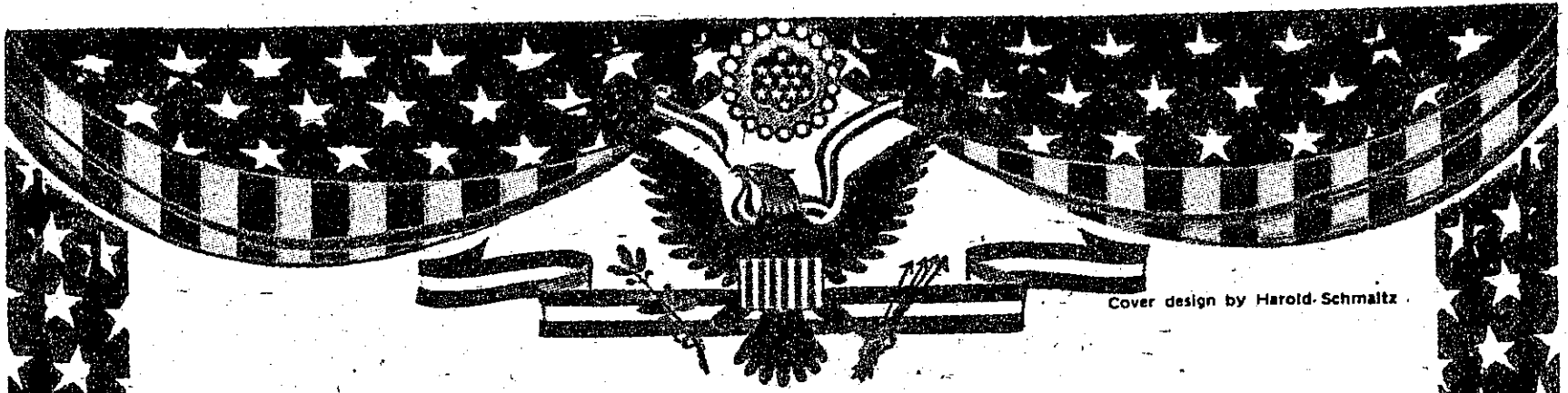
It was a bank that provided it's rural-oriented customers with the services they needed, yet one that kept an alert eye to the future in anticipation of the challenge of change. From 1863, when the bank was founded, into the early twentieth century, and now into the final decades, a philosophy of stability, service and community awareness has been ever present and at no time through those 113 years has the bank faltered in the pursuit of its goals or

philosophy. Through world-wide crises and domestic difficulties Clinton National Bank has prevailed, never once failing to meet an opening hour, a customer demand or a community responsibility.

And now, today, this same strength continued to mark mid-Michigan's oldest banking institution. While agriculture continues to be an important part of Clinton National's services, there are many other interests which seek and receive attention. As customers demand more diversified financial activity, Clinton National is among the first to provide response to those demands. From simple interest loans to package checking plans; from electronic data processing to community involvement, Clinton National and its people provide a long list of reasons why we have always been a bank for all reasons. And a hundred years from now that list will have grown even more.

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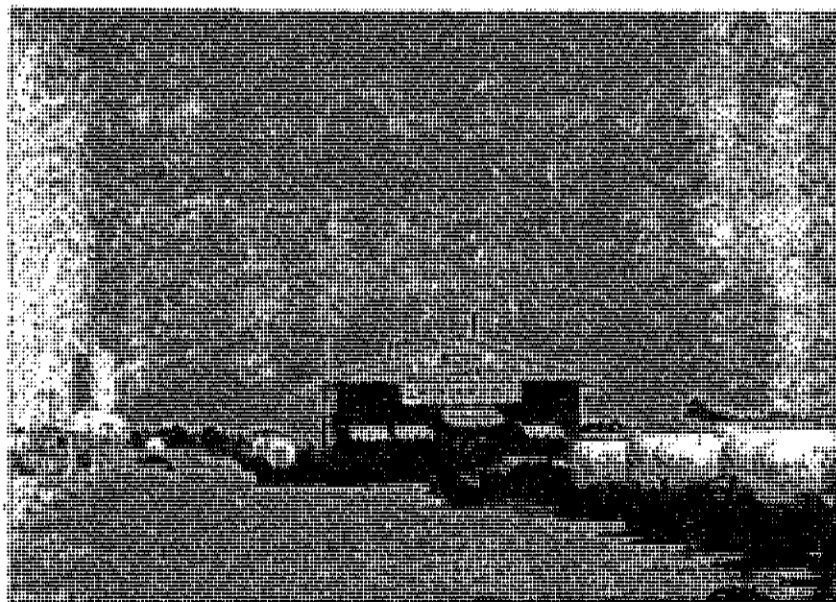
# WE LOVE YOU AMERICA!





ROBERT DITMER reads the Declaration of Independence as part of the Bicentennial observance on the Clinton County Courthouse lawn July 4. During the ceremony, the colors were retreated by members of area veterans' organizations. The ceremonies followed the

parade up Clinton Ave. in downtown St. Johns. Later in the afternoon, many went to the park for an old-fashioned picnic and ice cream social. The most elaborate fireworks demonstration in years, sponsored by the St. Johns Fire Dept. capped the July 4 activities.



Clinton Crop Service was established by Don Bast with the Smith Douglas Co., a Division of the Borden Co. In 1963. The Smith Douglas Co. became sole owners in 1967 with Don Bast as manager.

Services of Clinton Crop include: custom spraying, spreading, application of nitrogen, and soil testing. Products are: fertilizers, chemicals, pesticides, & seed.

Judy Paski is presently secretary of the Clinton Crop Service.

## CLINTON CROP SERVICE

Forest Hill Rd.

St. Johns



## Farmer's Petroleum Cooperative, Inc.

W-M-21 St. Johns Branch

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Inc. Branch at St. Johns was put into operation in 1968. The counties of Clinton, Ionia, Shiawassee and Ingham are served from this Branch. This modern facility handles all types of liquid fuels including a "custom" type of diesel fuel. Deliveries of fuels are made by a 6,500 gallon service type truck and two other 2,000 gallon units.

In addition to liquid fuels a full line of lubricants, greases, nutters, batteries, tanks, pumps, and other accessories for trucks, tractors, and autos are handled.

Tractor tire replacement and servicing keeps the "on the farm" tire truck and a skilled repair man busy.

Farmers Petroleum Cooperative is an affiliate of Michigan Farm Bureau and claims to be the largest farmer-owned cooperative in the state. The corporation owns much of its own crude oil needs and just recently purchased a 126,000 barrel daily production refinery near Chicago. They were joined with several other mid-west farm cooperatives to effect this multi-million dollar purchase.

At St. Johns Branch there are 8 full time well trained and skilled employees. Each eager to be a part of "the best service we can give, with offering the best products and coupled with best values."

# A salute to Hila Bross

## A guiding force in preserving our county's history

This section of the Clinton County News Bicentennial Edition is dedicated to Mrs. Hila Bross, an integral member of the Clinton County Historical Society.

It has been under her guidance and perseverance that the Clinton County Historical Society has accomplished as much as it has.

The following story appeared in the County News June 16, 1976, announcing Mrs. Bross' retirement as head librarian of the Bement Public Library in St. Johns.

If you don't know something, go to a library.

If you can't find it in the library, ask the librarian—she probably knows.

Such is the case when St. Johns residents visit the Bement Public Library. They have librarian Mrs. Hila Bross, to answer their questions.

Hila became the 3rd Bement librarian on July 1, 1965 and has served this community ever since.

Under her guidance, the number of hours which the library is open has increased from 29 hours to 47 hours. Bement Library is now open Monday through Friday, noon until 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The Friends of the Library, an auxiliary which is responsible for the book sale, has initiated a hospital book cart beside library service under Bross' leadership.

Active in the Clinton County Historical Society, she is a walking history book about the St. Johns area. If she doesn't know the information right off, she probably knows where to find it—and find it she will.

"She has everything up here," says a fellow librarian pointing to her brain. When Bross retires at the end of this month, she will take all of this stored up information and knowledge.

Succeeding Bross will be Mrs. Jean Mary

Bartholomew. "I am sure she will bring a fresh approach to the library," says Mrs. Bross.

"I have enjoyed the work in the library enormously," says Bross, adding, "You use all the brains, knowledge and energy you have."

When asked what she has planned for her retirement, Bross said, she plans to clean her attic, continue teaching piano and plans to do some historical writing about the history of Clinton County.

"I will miss being with the books—not being able to find out anything I want to know," she says. "I will also miss the people."

In commenting on her 11 years as Bement librarian, Bross said, "I feel proud to have represented the city in this job. The library has a great responsibility to the public to give them many services not just books."

Hila Bross has an associate degree in library technology from Lansing Community College and has taken additional courses at MSU.



HILA BROSS greets well-wishers during an open house in her honor, marking her retirement as librarian of Bement Public Library in St. Johns.



The St. Johns Michigan Federal Credit Union was first chartered Aug. 16, 1955 as Federal Mogul employees Credit Union with 26 members and assets of \$130. Federal Mogul supplied office space until April of 1971 when the present building was completed at a cost of \$70,000.

The charter and name was changed March 22, 1972 to The St. Johns Michigan Federal Credit Union and it is now a community credit union.

In Dec. 1972 it was merged with the Sealed Power Credit Union. The businesses they now service are: Federal Mogul Corp., Sealed Power Corp., Maco Tool, U.S. Post Office,

Clinton County Road Commission, Schmitt Electric, St. Johns City Employees, Clinton County Employees, St. Johns Credit Bureau, Mid-Michigan Health Dept., Clinton County Intermediate School, St. Josephs Catholic School, Clinton Memorial Hospital, Osgood Funeral Home, Andy's I.G.A., St. Johns Independent Insurance Group, Schmelzer Corp.

The staff of the Federal Credit Union are: Roy J. Ebert, Manager-Treasurer, Marge Boog, Loan Officer, Renae Larsen, Loan Officer and Peggy Ward, General office.

The St. Johns Mich. Federal Credit Union now has 2600 members and total assets of \$3,000,000.

Each member account insured to \$40,000.  
**NCUA**  
 by Administrator,  
 National Credit Union Administration

# ST. JOHNS MICHIGAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

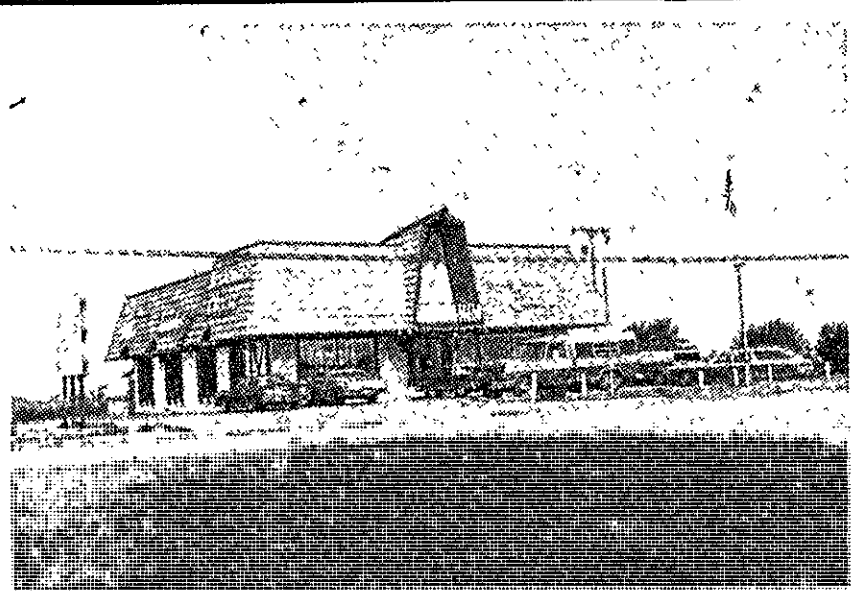
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**JIM'S TV SALES AND SERVICE**  
 IS LOCATED ON NORTH U.S. 27 AND HAS  
 A MAILING ADDRESS OF ROUTE 1, ASHLEY.

The business had its origin in 1957 when service was its primary function. It became a sales and service organization in November of 1975 and is under the ownership of James T. and Virginia Skrība. Jim's TV Sales & Service sells televisions, radios, antennas and citizen band radios. Product names with which they are associated are Curtis Mathes, Philco, Craig and Hitachi. Their area of service encompasses Clinton and Gratiot counties. They have recently remodeled a barn to serve as their sales room.

Their hours are from 9 a.m.-5:30 daily, Fridays til 9 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



**HERBRUCK'S**  
**CHEESE COUNTER**

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St. Johns

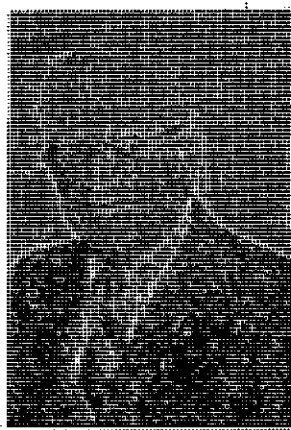
On the northern edge of St. Johns a tradition was born many years ago. This tradition is called Herbrucks. Created by Harry Herbruck & wife on the principal of honesty, integrity, service and top quality products. Now this tradition is being carried on by Mr. Herbruck's daughter Esther and husband Maynard Bailey. A tradition? Yes, and if you have doubts ask the people from Louisville, Akron, Atlanta, Indianapolis, Ft. Wayne and many other places who stop every time they go north or south. If you have failed to stop at Herbruck's lately, now would be a good time to see why the tradition is growing. Very simply stated - 2000 extraordinary products, the finest quality in all products, and a friendly atmosphere at all times makes Herbrucks a St. Johns tradition.

At the rate we are going now, we just might be here 100 years from now. See you at Herbrucks.

**Serving St. Johns And**  
**Surrounding Area**

Since  
 1936

206 N. Clinton, St. Johns



A.L. REHMANN



NORBERT REHMANN



JOHN REHMANN



ROBERT REHMANN

**Rehmann's mark 40th Anniversary**

Rehmann's Mens & Boys Wear at 206 N. Clinton Avenue in St. Johns is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. A.L. Rehmann learned tailoring in Austria from his father, Jacob, who was a merchant tailor and haberdasher. He came to this country in 1909 at the age of 15. He went to Chicago where he was employed part-time as a merchant tailor, and he continued his education there. He later moved to Saginaw where he was a partner in a small chain of mens clothing stores.

The Rehmann's came to St. Johns in 1936 and opened their first store in the north portion of what is now the Clinton National Bank & Trust Co building, offering a complete line of mens and boys popular-priced, nationally known brand name merchandise. Their business gradually outgrew their location, and in 1948 the Rehmann's built and moved into their present store. Again in 1966 an additional building was annexed, where they have been able to handle a larger and more varied selection of merchandise. In 1956 a tuxedo rental department was added and today it has grown to be Mid-Michigan's largest tux rental service.

John Rehmann has been continuously associated with the business since it was opened in 1936. In addition to his years of experience in retailing clothing, he has had specialized training in practipedics, graduating from the American School of Practipedics, fitting shoes for all types of feet.

Norbert Rehmann served with the armed forces from 1942 to 1945. After graduation from college, he joined in partnership with his brother John. Norbert is also in charge of accounting and advertising.

Robert Rehmann, son of John, has been associated with the Rehmann's store since 1964. Upon completion from college in 1970 he has been manager and buyer.

Other personnel employed with the Rehmann store are "Cy" Waldron of Fowler, 10 years, Arnold Thelen of Fowler, 8 years, and Steve Schafer of Fowler, Ass't Manager, 4 years. Mary Beth, Dan & Scott Rehmann & Carl Haneckow are also employed at Rehmann's. Marie Fox, sister of John and Norbert, has been employed in the bookkeeping department for the past 16 years.

Regarding the future, John Rehmann commented that "it has always been our policy in the past, and it will be in the future to retail first-quality nationally known brands of merchandise. We look forward to serving our many friends and customers in the future."

# Edna Eldred has had own Bicentennial project

To some it's a "Buy-Centennial" to others the Nation's birthday has had a personal involvement of the heart, and Edna Eldred, 73, of St. Johns is such a person. Her individual Bicentennial project has been a 92-inch square,

bedspread, made of 16 separate 20 inch squares, of unbleached muslin. Each square records a condensed history of the 16 townships in Clinton County.

Mrs. Eldred said, "I got the idea for it from a meeting of our Clinton County

Historical Society. They had a program of slides showing historical points, so I decided to work on the early pioneers, and describe some of the important events.

"It required a great deal of research and editing. Now I want to start on the city of St. Johns."

The lettering is done in blue paint and each township has a red border. She cut letters from a cardboard form, measuring and fitting the lines to balance on each square. It took nearly three months to complete.

Mrs. Eldred's spread was displayed for the first time by the Blue Star Mothers in their booth at the Civic Fair. They won 'Most Historic' and a prize of \$50. The fair was sponsored by Clinton National Bank.

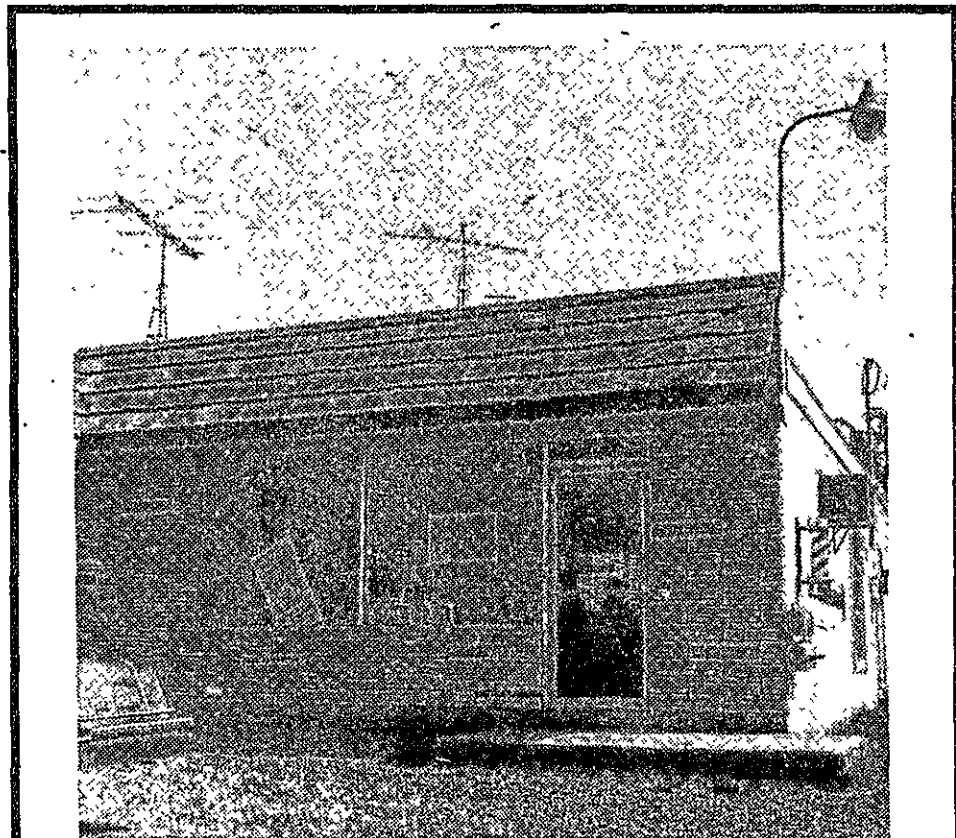
She is active in several clubs and has served eight years as president of the Blue Star Mothers. Mrs. Eldred also raises and retreats the flag at the city park each day. She's been doing this for the past three years, (except when the weather is really bad), she resides at 701 S. Ottawa Street, St. Johns.



MRS. JOSEPH (REGINA) FELDPAUSCH, was the only entry in the Clinton County Bicentennial Committee's search for the oldest woman in the County. Perhaps the adage, 'women don't like to tell their age' could be applied to some who are thought to be older here, so we consider Mrs. Feldpausch as a brave and honest woman. She will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 3. Regina and her husband who is deceased, had nine children: Sylvester, Julla, Roman, Leo, James, and Lewis all of Fowler; Ottilia of Lansing; Sister (Rita) Corinne of Detroit; and a son Harold, (deceased), whose family resides in Fowler. She now has 62 grandchildren, and 125 great-grandchildren, with more expected. The family was raised on a 240-acre farm on Townsend Road but Regina now lives with her sons and daughters. Her hobbies were knitting and her great joy was working outdoors. She didn't enjoy traveling and never learned to drive a car. Her health is fairly good, and she enjoys her family, and all varieties of good foods. A beautiful lady - a proud family, and best wishes for the future to Regina.



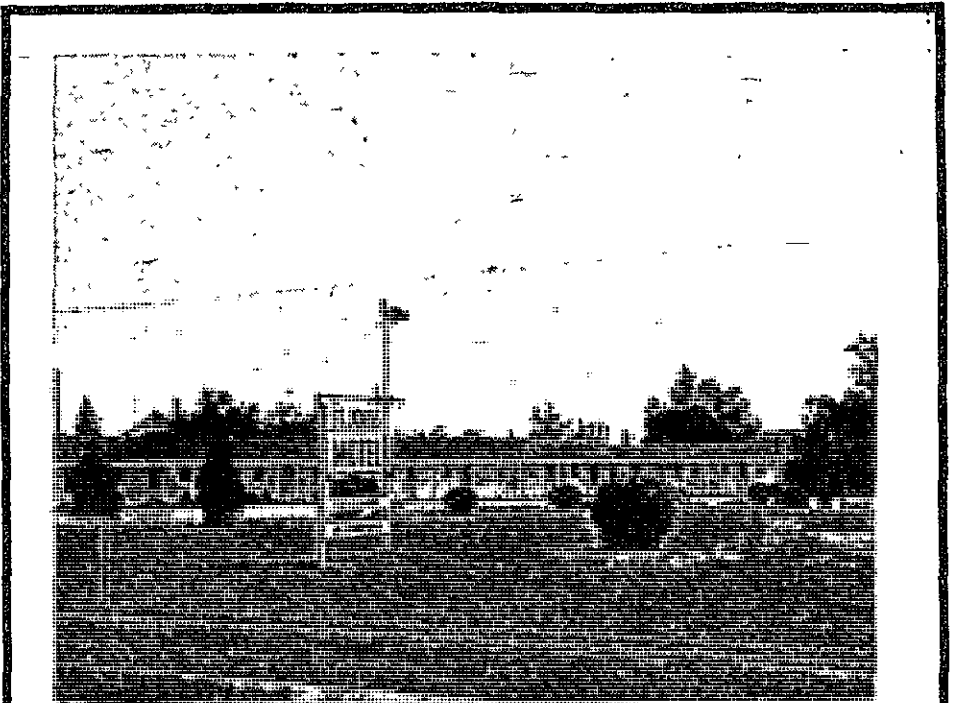
Edna Eldred



Although a newcomer to business in St. Johns, Ann's Coiffures has become one of the leading beauty businesses in this area. Opening in Oct. 1975 and owned by Ann Palmer, Ann's Coiffures has four operators on hand to service their customers in Hair Styling, Washing, & Setting, Cutting, Wigs, Permanents and Men's Styling, Cutting and Permanents. The four Operators of Ann's Coiffures are Vicki O'Connor, Chris Stevens, Dolores Phinney and Joyce Ball.

**ANN'S COIFFURES**

1002 E. State St. Johns



"Happy Birthday  
America"

From The New Owners Of

**ST JOHNS MOTEL**

Catherine and Joe Lorio

# Schuyler Marshall - colorful chapter in the history of the County News

Editors note: Schuyler L. Marshall was the publisher of this paper for 22 years, from 1923 until 1945. He is remembered as a country editor whose aggressiveness and civic spirit fostered three decades of constructive community development in St. Johns and Clinton County.

During his years as publisher of the Republican News, Mr. Marshall was widely known and highly regarded by newspaper people throughout Michigan. His newspaper won many state and national honors for its general excellence.

Marshall remained active in community affairs until his death July 18, 1961, at age 75. He is buried at Mt. Rest Cemetery. Marshall wrote the following autobiographical account of his years in the newspaper business for the 1956 Centennial Issue of the Clinton County Republican News.

## Schuyler L. Marshall

Not that anyone cares, or maybe even interested, but . . . Publisher Ink White asked me to write a summation of my experiences in the newspaper business in St. Johns, and the only way I know of telling the story is to tell it - all of it.

I've always lived in Clinton County, that is, except for seven or eight years spent in other towns on other newspapers. Born on a Greenbush township farm which my grandfather - the first Schuyler Marshall - settled exactly 100 years ago, I came to St. Johns after getting expelled from School District No. 10, after raising some kind of inconsequential hell.

The big idea was to get a high school education . . . But it didn't work out.

Having to earn my food and lodging, I first became a sort of chambermaid for three horses owned and operated by two doctors, husband and wife, Drs. William and Mary Havens. Washing buggies and oiling harnesses, together with other menial duties incident to a stable, I arose at 4:30 a.m., manured the three beasts, washed the buggies, and did "pilot" service - pile it here and there - and then carry it out to a big wooden receptacle provided for that purpose. Later it was used around the rose bushes and shrubs - all this before school.

The following year I took a job as the first night telephone operator in St. Johns. I might provide some interesting reading about my teen-age observations - the girl operators and what went on nights in that office - but let's skip it. Superintendent Gilbert's ultimatum was quit, or quit school, when he caught me asleep at my high school desk one day.

I quit the job because it was still my idea to get through high school.

After a brief servitude in the Travis & Baker Drug Store, (now Parr's Pharmacy), I threw in the sponge. Businessmen in those days expected more than a growing boy could give for two dollars a week they paid him. . . and at the same time carry high school subjects. However, I did get a smattering of Latin and algebra from the late Winifred Dabell and Frank Buck during those two years. They were fine teachers.

Someone way back when said "the printing business is a poor man's university." Paraphrasing the late Will Rogers, "All that I know I learned in newspaper offices."

It was in January 1902, that I applied for a job with Coleman C. Vaughan, then publisher of The Clinton Republican. Today it would be designated as "apprentice" but in those days the vernacular labeled it "printer's devil." I had no qualifications. Luckily, Mr. Vaughan was charitable.

I remember distinctly the first morning on the job. After sweeping and washing the presses, I was allowed to feed "smut sheets" for Oscar Jackson, later a very successful printer and advertising expert in Lansing.

Later in the day I sat on a high stool before a type case between the late Mrs. Charles Flowers (then Nellie Moss) and Maude Hart, later Mrs. Theron Horton. They were expert type setters, necessary because there were no linotypes in St. Johns in those days.

Printing had a colorful cast of characters in those days. Curt Bradner, later a feature writer and news broadcaster for the Detroit News (WWJ), was the irrepressible practical joker at the Republican, aided and abetted by Shorty (Leon) Boucher, Remick Jeffries, later publisher of the Lowell Ledger, was the foreman. "Jeff" and I didn't hit it off very well and as a result, I left The Republican and Mr. Vaughan flat on their backs after a year or two and went to work for the St. Johns News, Stuart Perry, publisher.

It took only a short time to learn all there was to know at the News, and I transferred to the Clinton Democrat, published by the late Charles S. Clark, Sr. Then back to The Republican. "Jeff" and I were on speaking terms again. This time it was to learn to operate and do machinist work on the linotype which had been installed in The Republican, also one in the News.

After a year or two, the Owosso Argus offered me a linotype job which was short-lived because the operator who had abandoned a wife and four kids penitently came back home. The late George Campbell kindly explained I was no longer needed - that the man who had quit had children and a wife to feed.

Followed several hectic years. A former St. Johnsite, Howard Fitzgerald, was publishing the Flint Journal, then a town of about 20,000.

Fitzgerald gave me a trial on a linotype there. It took about ten days to convince Fitzgerald the daily newspaper tempo was too fast for my weekly and farm training.

I quit . . . after being fired. Funny thing! All the newspapers I had worked for and left seemed to continue doing business.

Having married in 1908, I worked as a printer for a few months on the old Lansing Republican, then two years with the Hillsdale Leader as foreman.

Somehow I managed to bring order out of chaos at Hillsdale and the word got back to St. Johns via the grapevine. One day Publisher Clark, who had merged the Democrat and

News, called me long distance and offered me the foremanship of that newspaper.

I took it . . . pronto.

Followed five years of hard work. The two St. Johns newspapers were highly competitive. The Republican was a rock-ribbed partisan. Mr. Clark at the News, despite his claims of being independent, loved to throw barbs at his rival Republican. As competing publishers and politicians, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Clark loved one another like two tomcats vying for the affection of a fickle tabby.

This did not affect my job as mechanical foreman but I observed it closely, knowing both men intimately. I came to certain conclusions and convictions which I had opportunity to exercise later. It was in April, 1917, with some small capital of my own and with the financial backing of several St. Johns business and professional men, I was able to buy the two existing newspapers in Mason, Michigan, consolidate them and start publishing the Ingham County News.

Both Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Clark gave me financial backing at this time.

The six years as publisher of the Ingham County News culminated in the spring of 1923 after Mr. Vaughan, then secretary of state, informed me that due to advancing years and other demands, he was willing to sell The Republican to some worthy graduate of that business. I took the hint. Some weeks later the Mason newspaper was sold to Vernon J. Brown, who was a native of Ingham County, had served as county clerk and held several state and city offices in Lansing.

At this point it seems wor-

thwhile to relate a phase of the deal whereby The Republican was purchased. I had Mr. Vaughan's word he would sell it to me for \$40,000 - the highest price ever paid for a Michigan weekly newspaper at that time. He left in March for the West Coast to complete a business deal. While he was waiting for the train in Lansing, I told him I had sold the Mason newspaper, and was ready to take over The Republican April 1, 1923; that he would still be in the west on that date and I would like to make a down payment to close the deal before he left.

That isn't necessary," Vaughan said, "just go to St. Johns and take it over."

"But," I argued, "something might happen to you before you get back and I would have nothing to show I had any interest in the business."

"Never mind about that," he replied. "Mrs. Vaughan knows what I want to do." And that was the way it was left. Mr. Vaughan arrived back in St. Johns late in April and I had assumed the management of the paper about three weeks before. I had legal title to the property.

Seldom, if ever, in this day, would such a deal be closed on a mere verbal understanding. I took over The Republican just 21 years after I had started my apprenticeship in 1902.

Followed 22 years of the most interesting and exacting years of my life. The Republican was rated as one of the top half-dozen weekly newspapers in Michigan. Across the street on the site of the present Municipal Building was the News, published by my old boss, Charles S. Clark, Sr., with the help of his graduate in journalism.

Exactly one year later, in April, 1924, the Clark's made

overtures relative to a consolidation of the two papers. An agreement was reached and for the first time in nearly 75 years St. Johns had one newspaper, The Republican News, where in the past there were always two and sometimes three.

Mr. Clark, Sr. retired from the business and his son, Charles Jr., (Bud) took over the duties of the news editor.

Inspired by a talk given by the late Prof. Eben Mumford of Michigan Agricultural College regarding what small cities must do to retain their business and identity in a changing economy (paved roads, automobiles, mechanization of farms, increased demand for education by rural as well as town young people, advances in medical science, demands for recreational facilities) - all these things, represented change. The Republican News decided on a policy of persistent and continuing support for needed and worthwhile civic projects.

Came the stock market crash in 1929 which was followed by depression years in the early "thirties." Chaos which started the big financial center gradually crept out to the small communities. In February, 1933, came the presidential order, closely followed by a proclamation by Governor Comstock, that all banks should close their doors.

St. Johns bank officers did not welcome this. Both St. Johns banks had been so soundly and conservatively managed that it was unnecessary - yet, they felt they dared not ignore the governor's order.

Naturally many local people were frightened. Scores of banks throughout the state and nation were insolvent due largely to unsound investments

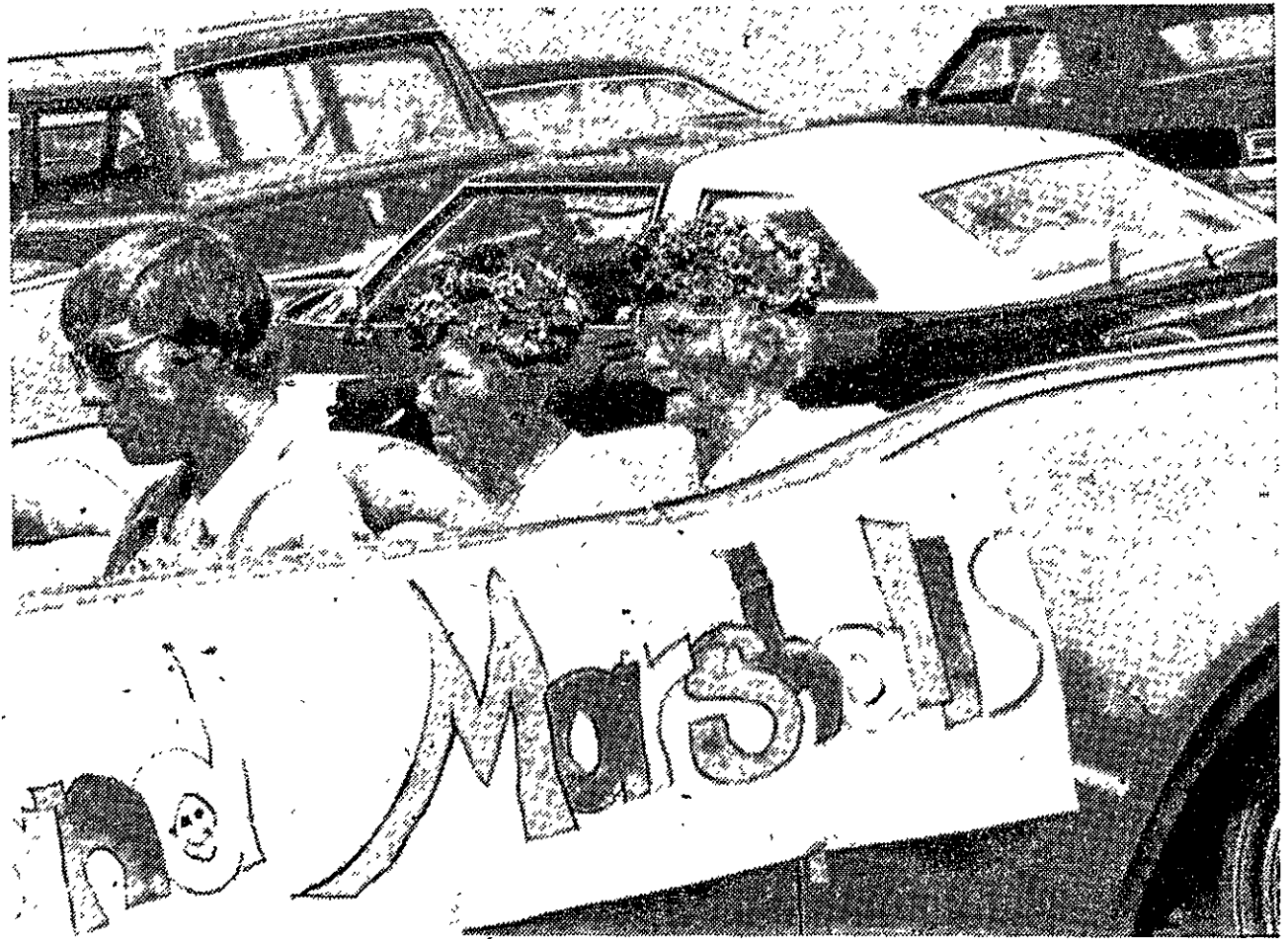
in securities issued during the "roaring twenties." Bankers, no matter how sound, were looked upon with suspicion. While some withdrawals were made locally, no "run" developed and in a few weeks, or months, confidence was restored. St. Johns had no business failures of consequence and the local banks soon opened their doors and operated under the limited restrictions required by the government.

During this critical period the newspaper was called upon to keep a skeptical public informed of the significance of changing government-imposed rules and restrictions. It was not a comfortable job. Sometimes old friends and acquaintances were openly suspicious of what was published.

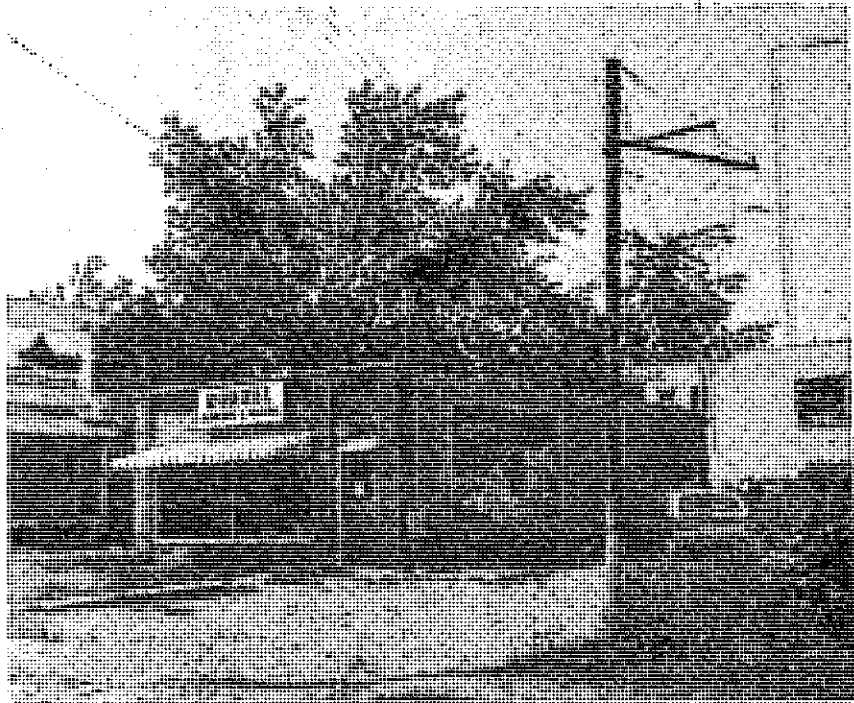
The great depression of the "thirties" soon passed. St. Johns and Clinton County proved to be one of the bright spots in the state and national picture - thanks largely to the conservative policies and sound judgement of such men as John C. Hicks, Coleman C. Vaughan, Arthur C. Wilson, O.P. DeWitt, John Robson, of Ovid, and others who were prominent in county banking circles.

These were the days of boondoggling, leaf-raking, and many other forms of "made work" to relieve unemployment. St. Johns, as a city, shied away from WPA projects until 1934 at which time the city commission decided that improvement of St. Johns City Park should be made.

The Republican News, having been a persistent critic of city (See Page 8C)



GRAND MARSHALLS in the DeWitt Bicentennial celebration were Lois Webb Wellman (left) and Bernice Scott Christle, great great granddaughters of David Scott, founder of the City of DeWitt. Mrs. Wellman is the daughter of Charles W. Webb and Mrs. Christle is the daughter of Frank Scott.



In 1944 Lawrence Fish established Fish Plumbing & Heating at 600 S. Clinton, later moving to present location at 807 E. State.  
After 25 years in business, in 1969 it was sold to Rollin Dunkel who is the present owner.  
Dunkel's is a General Plumbing & Heating Business featuring Williamson Heating Equipment.

## **DUNKEL PLUMBING AND HEATING**

**E. State                      St. Johns**



Clinton Automotive was first known as Shapiro Automotive & Glass. In 1974 it became Clinton Automotive Supply, Inc. with Jerry Soffin in present owner-manager.  
Clinton Automotive carries a complete line of automotive, tractor and recreational vehicle supplies. They are the distributors of Wolf's Head Oil, Motorcraft replacement parts, and are a full line of automotive parts store.

## **Clinton Automotive Supply, Inc.**

**113 W. Higham**

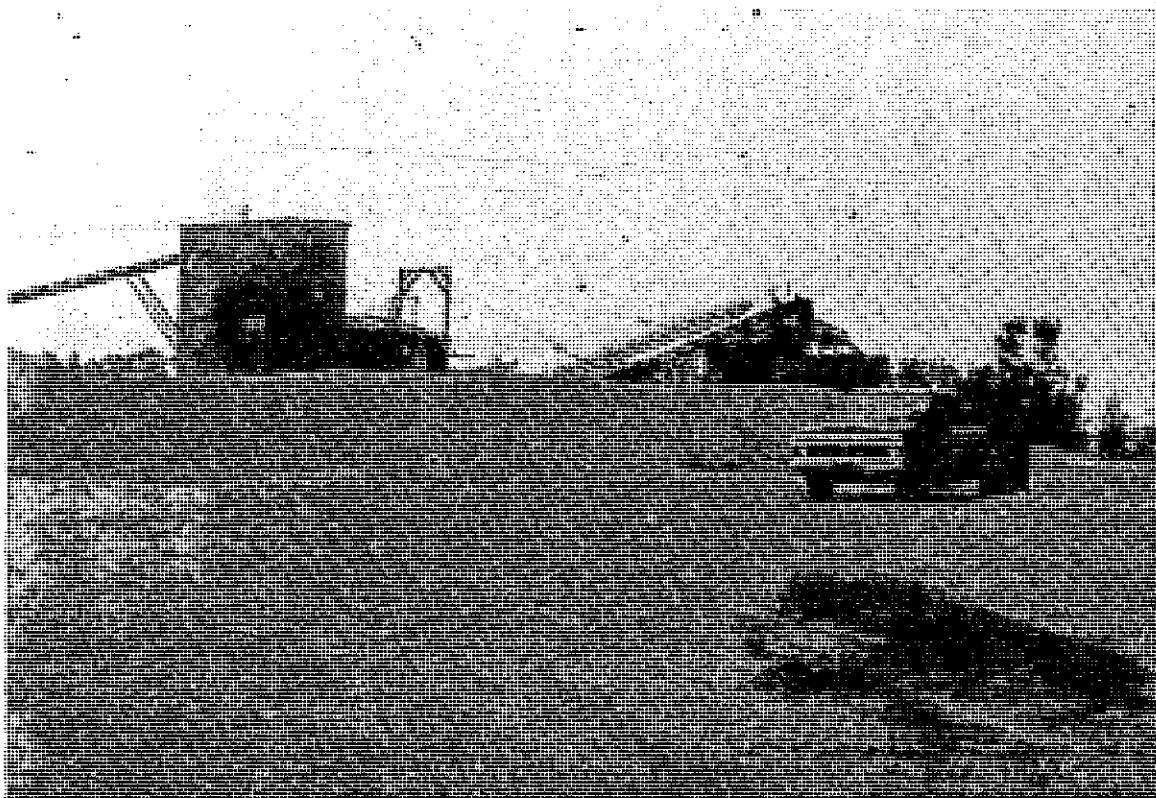
**St. Johns**

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## **MARTIN BLOCK CORP. MARTIN AGGREGATES MARTIN READY-MIX**

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**St Johns**

# Schuyler Marshall -

(From Page 7C)

government's failure to improve the 60-acre park lands which had been purchased 18 years before from the Emmons estate, got its "come-uppance" in this project.

About 10:30 one evening when the publisher was whacking away at some editorial copy, he had three callers. Mayor George Schoenhias and commissioners Ebert and Parr walked in and informed him they had just appropriated \$2,500 as a sponsor's contribution to qualify for a \$50,000 WPA park improvement program . . . on the condition that the publisher who had been needing them for years acted as manager of the project.

Here was a challenge  
What could we do?

Having more guts than brains, we accepted, only to find out that \$2,500 was but half enough to qualify for the \$50,000 project.

We got busy and sold the St. Johns School Board on the idea that new baseball, softball and football fields, plus four tennis courts, along with a caretaker's home and several other improvements would be a valuable addition to the increasing demand for recreational and athletic facilities needed by the school district.

We got the additional \$2,500 necessary to qualify, and during the following two years the park was developed. It took, however, so much of the publisher's time supervising the work and nagging WPA officials in Lansing for the money that it taught him a lesson.

"We were a little more careful about 'sticking our neck out.'"

Many times since, however, we have gotten a great kick when we heard out-of-town visitors enviously remark while watching a football or baseball game, "Why can't our town have something like this?"

In the case of the park, several 4-H Club buildings, a swimming pool and ice rink and other improvements have since been added. The high school was enlarged last year to accommodate its growth to over 600 students as contrasted to the 325 it was originally designed to accommodate.

Clinton Memorial Hospital originally was built to accommodate a maximum of 52 patients, and during its first year had an average of 17 patients per day.

It takes nerve, hard work and cash to start things but the benefits continue down through the years long after the original cost and effort are forgotten.

Newspaper work during the 1923-45 period was not all "sweat and tears." There was plenty of healthy interest and fun. Early in this period Mr. Clark and I decided that The Republican News should, so far as we were able to make it, mirror the everyday humor and pathos of the country.

The pathos came in the early "forties" when World War II began taking the sons, brothers and sweethearts and young husbands into military service. These were the days when large groups of young men were leaving and the tense apprehension of relatives and friends were noted.

Tragic were some of the assignments when a tense wire came stating that Cpl. so-and-so had been killed in action. That always meant visiting the home

of the soldier, getting facts for the story that every reader of the paper dreaded, yet wanted to know in detail.

Some of these calls were heartbreaking.

On the brighter side, we deliberately planned to have a grin or a good belly-laugh or two in every issue. Much of this fell to this writer. We invented the "Salt & Pepper" column and endeavored to keep it local, if possible.

People are interested in people.

As a result, this column became rather ribald at times. Yet, people read it. We knew it because they kept commenting on it. Perhaps one of the first local yarns that gained widespread comment and more than a few laughs came when we published an account of how Gottfried Ottmar, prominent Riley farmer, attempted to start his Model T. Ford on a zero morning by hitching his farm team to the vehicle. The car backfired and the team ran away with Fred attempting to steer the car with one hand and hang onto the reins with the other.

Faced with a particularly unappetizing lunch of potato salad at home one day, we wrote an essay on the ingredients of this common dish and the penchant of housewives to avoid cooking on hot summer days. The reaction was almost instant. Letters and phone calls came from irate women from all over the county.

Another hassle with the women of the county came when we criticized a group for giving prizes in a pie-baking contest to lemon, banana, and pineapple pies when Michigan had such superior filling as

cherries, apples and pumpkin - especially "good ol' apple pie with rat-trap cheese - the kind grandma used to make." Some of the older housewives still confront us with that indictment.

Also there were the sayings of the late Bill Murray, local baker, who used to regale the men with accounts of his days as a lumber camp cook. Also the late Ed Cressman, who delighted "talking" the town boys in a "tunk" game at the Masonic clubrooms.

During the war we once observed Orville Burlingame shooting some doves around the National Bank corner. A graphic account did not please Mr. Burlingame, particularly when we referred to him as "Blood-and-Guts" Burlingame - paraphrasing on the moniker applied to General Patton in Europe. Orville caught us on the street and demanded a retraction. We retracted and somehow the boys up and down the street seemed to get more fun out of the retraction than the original.

With a force decreased during World War II from about sixteen to eight employees, and the 16-hour days and too much night work made us believe 11 years ago that 43 years in newspaper work was enough. We sold the Republican News to Mr. White in order to retire. Retirement lasted less than three months. Governor Kelly appointed us to the Michigan Public Service Commission where we spent nearly seven years.

We would recommend newspaper work to any young man or woman who isn't afraid of hard work, long hours and modest pay.

It is the most interesting work in the world.


It offers better opportunities for community service than almost any other profession.

But, if you don't like it, get out of it quickly.  
It's no place for a malcontent, or an introvert.

Let me conclude with an appreciation to the members of the mechanical force of the Republican News - Important people in the production of any newspaper, yet people who are seldom recognized by the public. Particularly I mention Glenn Tupper, now a California publisher; Herbert Splane now

in West Branch, Michigan; Mrs. Lara Hefty Ripple, who still lives in St. Johns; Gordon Luther and Birdaline Smith, still R-N workers.

There were many more, some of them presently connected with large metropolitan newspapers. They got their early training in St. Johns where, I feel sure, the character of the newspaper and the influence of this rural community contributed greatly to their successful lives.



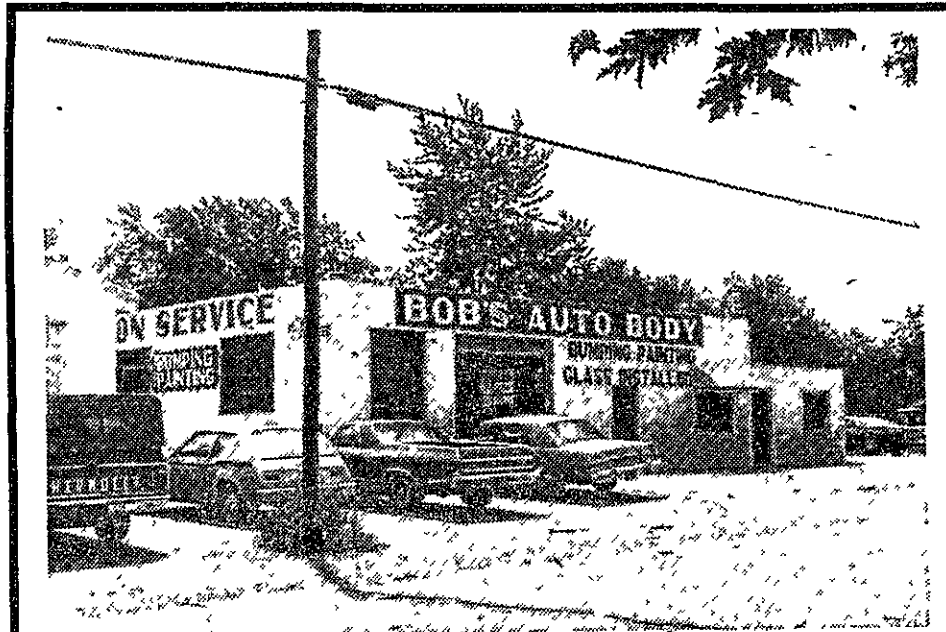
**OUR Patriots!**

AMERICANS ARE QUICK TO REMEMBER THE HEROIC EXPLOITS OF THE MEN OF THE REVOLUTION... BUT NOT MANY KNOW THAT THE WAR ALSO PRODUCED AN EARLY ADVOCATE OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

ABIGAIL ADAMS, WIFE OF THE SECOND PRESIDENT AND MOTHER OF THE SIXTH, PUBLICLY CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE OF THE COLONIAL LADIES.

WHILE HER HUSBAND JOHN WAS STILL IN WASHINGTON HELPING DRAFT THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SHE WROTE HIM A LETTER: "WE THE LADIES ARE DETERMINED TO FORM A REBELLION; WE WILL NOT HOLD OURSELVES BOUND BY ANY LAWS IN WHICH WE HAVE NO VOICE."

TODAY, NEARLY 18,000 WOMEN CITIZEN-SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY RESERVE ARE AMPLE PROOF THAT HER STAND FOR EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN WAS NOT IN VAIN.



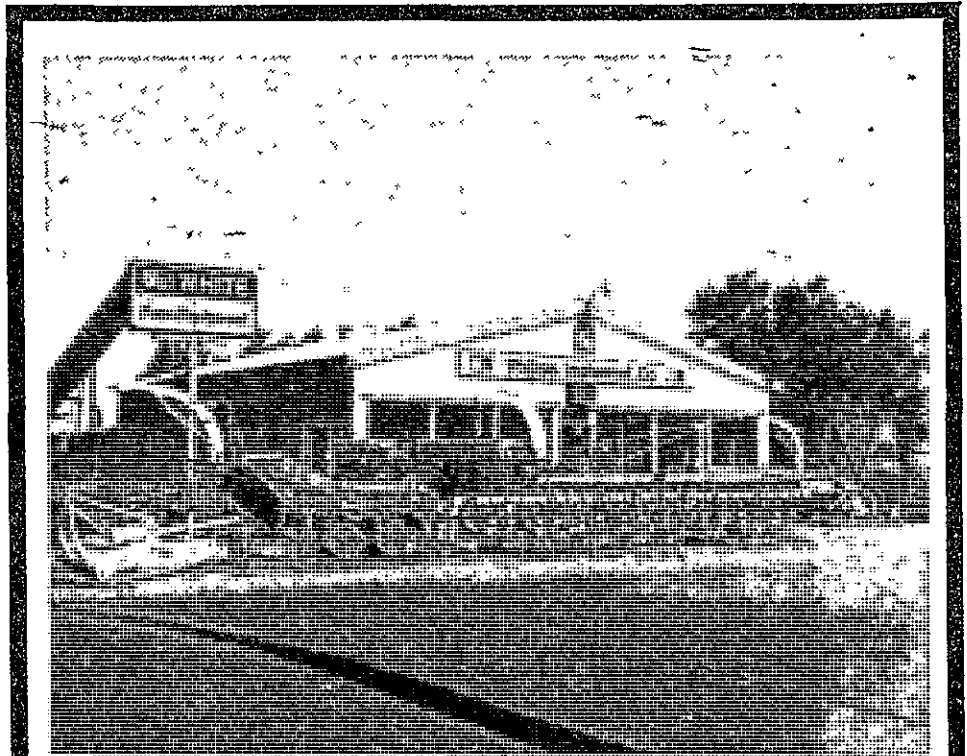
20 years ago Bob Patterson purchased the building of Van's Used Cars from Van Smalley and started what is now one of the largest and busiest auto body shops in this area. Bob's specializes in complete auto body repair and paint. He also does installation of auto glass.

With seven employees and himself, Bob's offers the best in fast, efficient service to help you with any repair small or large.

Bob's Auto Body recently became incorporated with Bob Patterson as president. Working also in the business with him are his two sons, Kim and Kris.

## BOB'S AUTO BODY

800 N. Lansing St. St. Johns

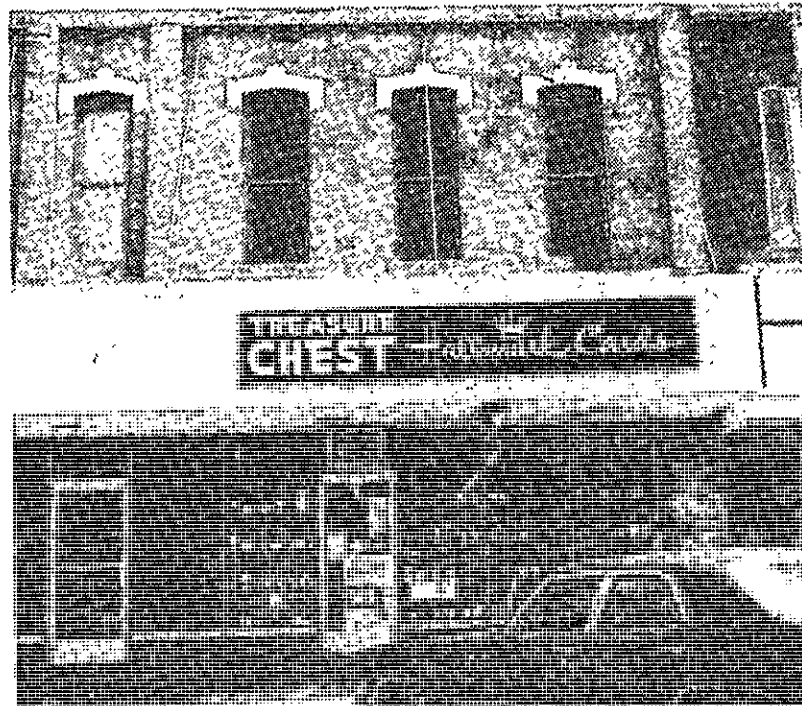


Established in 1953 by Harold Phillips, Phillips Implement Co. is still serving the Clinton area with agricultural implements and equipment featuring White & Gehl farm equipment plus a large service repair business. Mr. Phillips is well known throughout this area as a fine reputable business man.

## PHILLIPS IMPLEMENT

313 N. Lansing

St. Johns



The Treasure Chest Card and Gift Shop at 220 N. Clinton St. in downtown St. Johns, is proud to be a part of this community. The shop was started in April 1970, and is still owned and operated by Doris and Roy Bovee of Lansing, who also own and operated West Side Drugs on West Saginaw in Lansing.

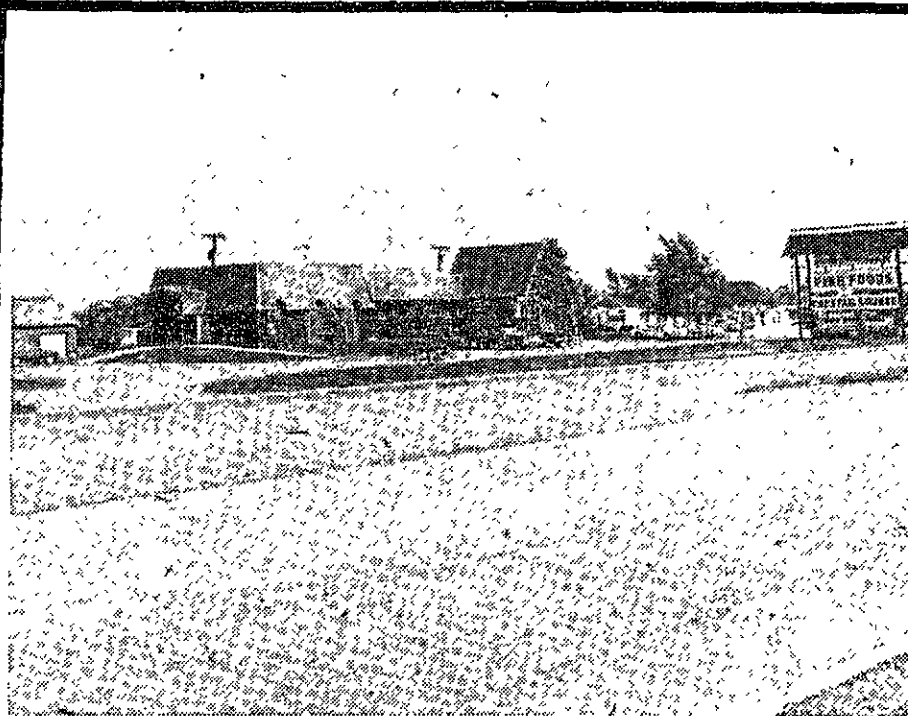
The Treasure Chest features the beautiful Hallmark line of cards, party goods, books, puzzles, stationery, gift wrappings, albums and other related items. We are also proud to be the Russell Stover Candy franchise in St. Johns, offering all those delicious chocolates.

We have beautiful glassware from Smith, Voking and Fenton; silver, gold and religious items from E.G. Company; candles and candle rings from Colonial Candle Co. and Hallmark; desk accessories from Park-Sherman; statuary and pictures from Universal; and the ever popular wooden-ware from Cape-Craftsmen. We have lovely plaques, mirrors, and other wall decor and accessories and many ceramic and novelty items for your home and for gifting from many other companies.

Our gift wrapping is free with a purchase of \$5.00 or more and very minimal on smaller purchases.

We now offer film service by Guardian with fantastically low prices, specials, and fast service.

The most precious thing we offer, though, is the personal service and friendliness of all the employees at The Treasure Chest. We are always happy to help when you want help, or just let you browse. Use the convenient free parking at our rear entrance and come see us!

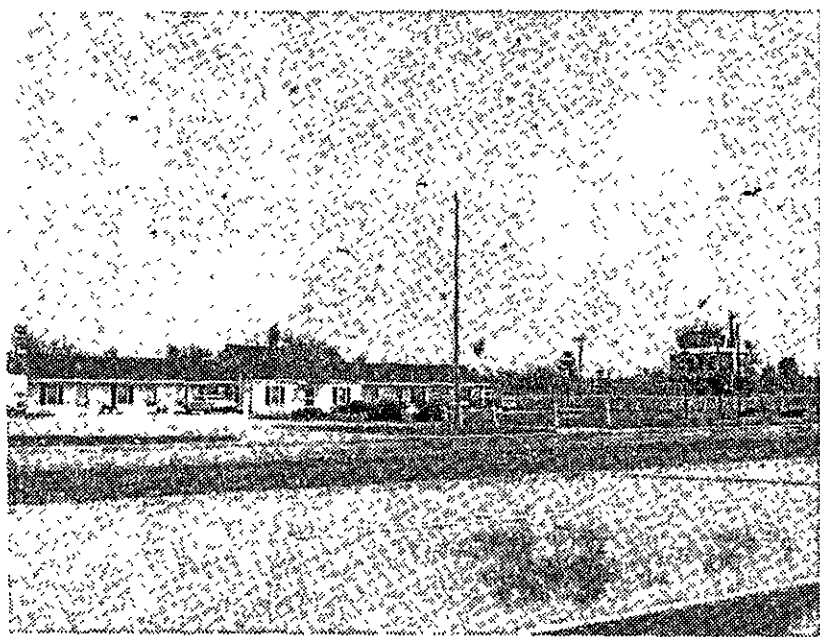


## SOMEPLACE ELSE

Someplace Else, formerly known as Daley's Fine Foods, was originally the Lutheran Church located on the corner of Morton and M-21.

After purchasing the church in 1962, Mr. Elwood Daley had it moved to the location on South US-27, remodeled and expanded it into the building it is today.

In 1975, Hal & Ellie Dobrowa purchased the restaurant and it became Someplace Else. The bar is more commonly known as the Klondike Room and the banquet room "King's Tables" serves up to 75 people. In keeping up with the tradition of fine food served there, Someplace Else features the sizzler steak and prime rib. Someplace Else is open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 7 days a week.



## SUNSET MOTEL

So. US-27

St. Johns

The Sunset Motel was built by Priestly Brothers in 1956. In October of 1969 Margaret Hodge sold the motel to Florence Holmes, who is now the present owner.

In the past few years, she has had the motel completely remodeled and redecorated. The motel is located on South US-27.

For a pleasant, comfortable place to stay, check in at the Sunset Motel.



## E. J.'s STANDARD SERVICE ST. JOHNS

E.J.'s Standard Service was formerly known as Forest Swatman's Standard Service for over 20 years. In 1972 E.J. Thum purchased the station from Swatman just after a completely new station had been built by the Standard Service Co.

E.J.'s has a fast friendly service, not only in gasoline sales, but in repair, maintenance & fire changing. They also sell tires and batteries and many auto accessories.

To help young men with on the job training, E.J.'s have made it a practice to hire Co-op boys from High School.



## Maple Rapids friend

PHYLLIS (HORR) MOSS, now retired, of Maple Rapids, has contributed a great deal to the preservation of its past history. She was employed as a reporter for local publications and specialized in local history. She was a graduate of County Normal College and served as an elementary teacher in Clinton County from 1938-41. Mrs. Moss was known by her friends and neighbors as "a lady who would do anything for you." She has resided the past three years at the Jackson Nursing Home in St. Johns, where she enjoys the outdoors and the picturesque gardens. Her parents were well known business people in Maple Rapids.



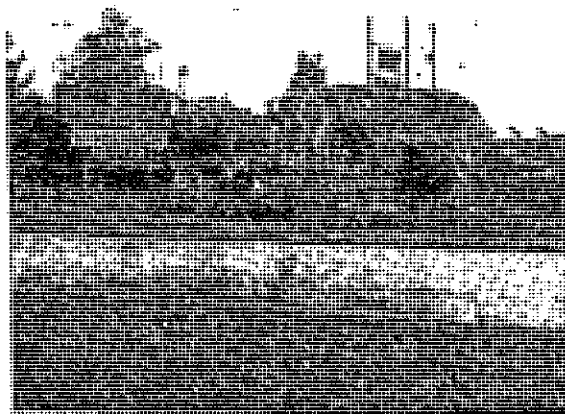
The Ranch Roller Rink was built in 1948 by Francis Karber, in 1957 Bill Karber, son of Francis Karber, became the new owner.

Open on weekends, the Ranch Roller Rink fills a need for recreation for the young people of this area. Not only the young enjoy the pleasure of skating at the rink, it is open to all ages for parties and family fun.

Each year Bill Karber sponsors a Skate-A-Thon for the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation to raise funds for the annual Jerry Lewis sponsored M.D. Drive.

## RANCH ROLLER RINK

N. US - 27  
St. Johns



S & H Farms originated in 1963 under the joint ownership of Eugene Havens, Gordon Howard and E.G. Stockwell. The farm implement business is now under the partnership of Havens and Howard.

The firm features sales of farm implements, Polaris snowmobiles and maintenance and repair service. Products lines include New Holland machinery, Leyland tractors and other popular tradenames in farm equipment.

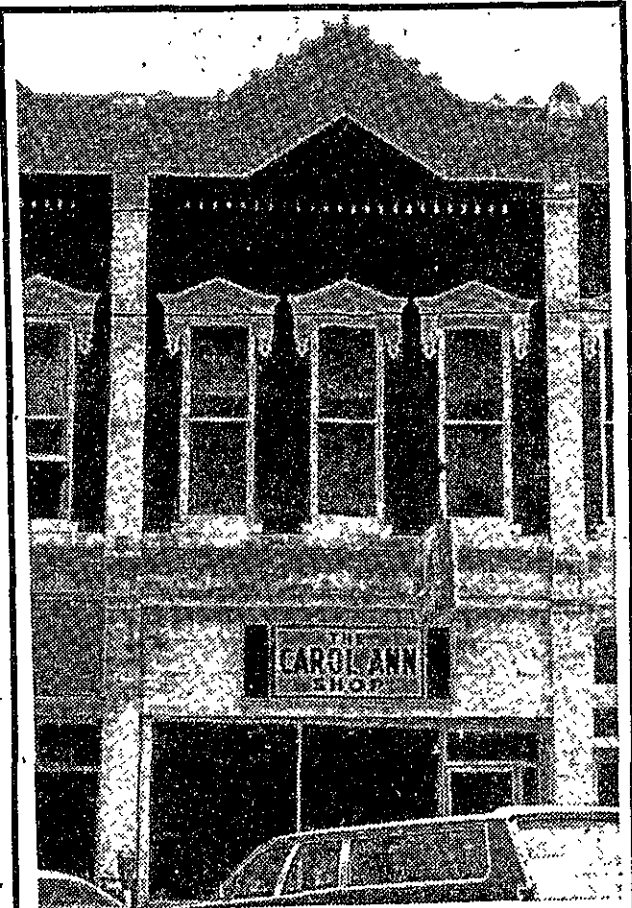
The office facility presently in use at S & H Farms was formerly used as a hog barn. E.G. Stockwell, one of the former partners, is now retired but keeps active working in and around the business.

A slogan which has made S & H Farms a competitor in their field of business is "We Service What We Sell."

## S & H Farms

1915 W. French Rd.

at N. US-27  
St. Johns



The original Mary Frances Shop located at 102 N. Clinton opened its doors in November of 1962. It was then owned by Mr. and Mrs. James E. Crosby. Maxine Sipkovsky was employed as a part-time sales lady with other part-time help during the holiday season.

In May of 1966, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Keys purchased the business from the Crosbys. They had become interested in the store through Mrs. Frank Sipkovsky, Carol's mother, who had worked at the shop since it opened. Carol began operating the business on a full-time basis in June of that year assisted by Maxine Sipkovsky and Rita Harr.

In November of 1966 the name of the store changed to The Carol Ann Shop with a new lighted sign to announce the change. Also an additional part-time sales lady, June Sipkovsky, was hired at that time.

The shop moved next door into a building newly remodeled by Esther Hendershot in October of 1967. This new location provided more than double the amount of floor space including a complete lingerie department and more spacious dressing rooms. In October of 1975, with the help of the employees, the inside was completely redecorated in the bright, bold look of today.

Over the past 6 years, Margaret Stachel, Arlene Rademacher, Virgene Henning and Vera Bailey have joined the original staff of Maxine and June Sipkovsky and Rita Harr. Janet Sipkovsky, Carol's sister and a teacher at St. Joseph School, helps out at extra busy times. This completes the Carol Ann Shop family. Carol says "I feel fortunate to have such competent and likeable people to work with and available to serve my customers. Such a good staff makes it possible for me to spend more time with my own family."

The Carol Ann Shop features a complete line of junior and misses size ladies wear in sizes 5-15 and 8-18. A complete line of lingerie as well as accessories such as purses, scarves, and jewelry are available. The Carol Ann Shop has been serving the St. Johns area now for 10 years. "We hope to continue to serve the many good friends we've made during that time for many years to come."



**WESTERN AUTO  
ASSOCIATE STORE  
216 N. Clinton Ave. St. Johns**

The Western Auto Store was established in St. Johns in 1936 by Frank Beard. In 1952 Dee and Gordon Stoner purchased the business from Beard and in 1963 remodeled the store as it is today.

Western Auto features Hardware, Auto Accessories, toys, air conditioners, and many household items. They also have a catalogue service with numerous items to order from their catalogue ordering service.

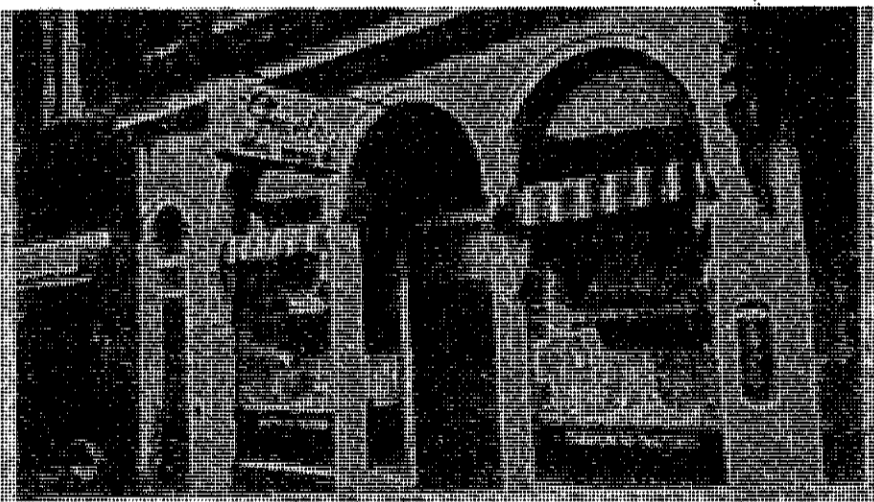


**KEELEAN Buick, Pontiac,  
GMC, Inc. St. Johns**

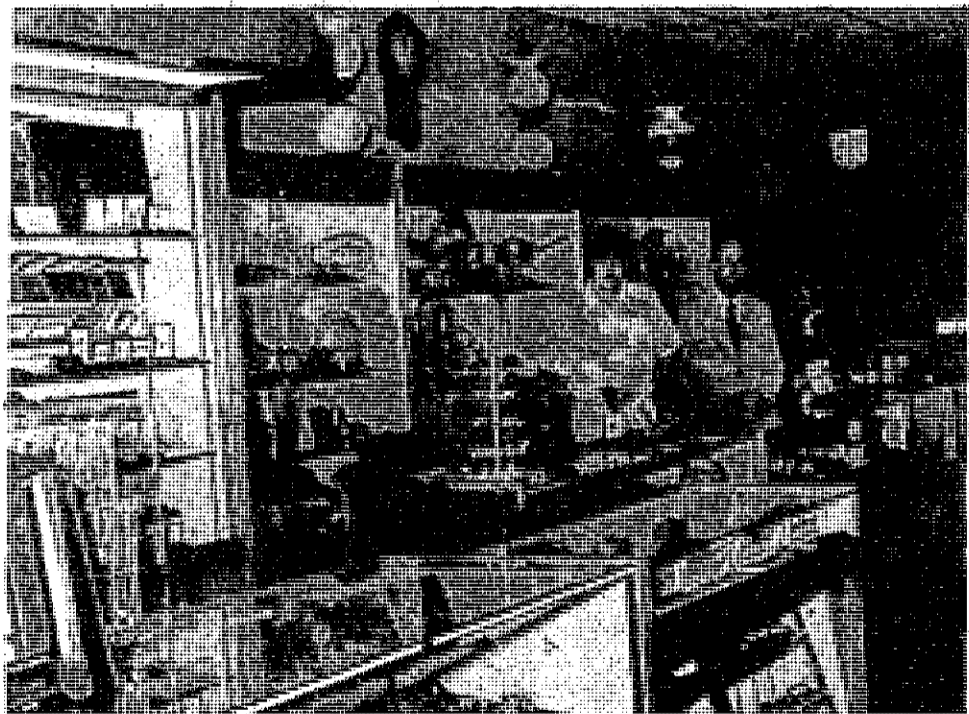
The history of Keelean Buick goes back to 1927 when S. R. Smith opened a Buick garage known then as The Night Owl Garage, then later became Smitty's Buick Sales. Smitty's pride was that they had the first wrecker to service the St. Johns area.

In 1956 Smith sold the business to Norman Cain and it then became Cain's Inc. until 1976 when Mrs. Cain sold to Frank Keelean.

Employed by Keeleans are: Doug Wooley - Sales Manager, Richard Wood - Office Manager, Ron Motz - Salesman, Bud Waineright - Salesman, Dick Gilmore - Salesman, Lynn Cooper - Service Manager, George Mehney - Building Shop Manager, David Thelen - Mechanic, John Hobart - Mechanic, Mike Fleischer - Mechanic, Karen Campbell - Parts manager, Dean Russell - Maintenance, Vern Mudget - Body Man, Gary Good - Maintenance, Ron Price - Maintenance.



HARR'S JEWELRY AS IT LOOKED IN 1953



ALAN AND ROY HARR IN 1976

Harr's Jewelry came into existence on March 9, 1953 after purchasing the inventory from a preceding jeweler. Two years later Mr. Harr purchased the building. Prior to that time Mr. Harr was engaged in jewelry and watch repair under another jeweler in Fowler. Mr. Harr developed his skills over a 12 year period in Fowler.

Upon graduation in 1972 Mr. Harr's son Alan joined his father to take an active part in the business. In 1974 Mr. Harr and Alan incorporated the business. Thus for the business has been serving the Clinton County area for over 35 years.

Since 1955 many constructive changes have taken place at Harr's Jewelry, the first major change took place in 1958 when the building took on a new look, the outside pillars were removed and the building took on a new exterior as seen today. Also at this time, the inside was remodeled to give it a new look.

At the present time Mr. Harr and son Alan have been assisted by 5 other employees, Jean Williams, Glenna Souseley, Elaine Kramer, LuAnn Harr and Julie Dietrich.

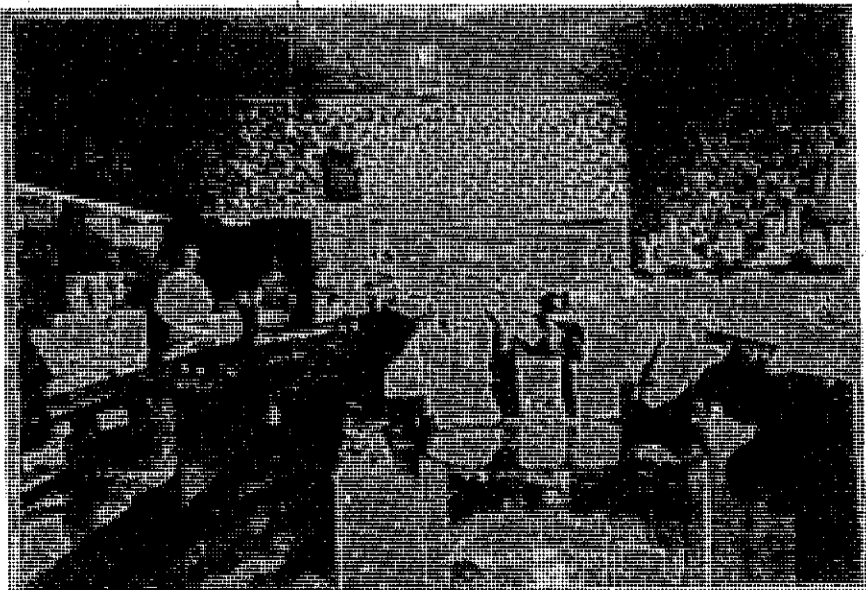
Your Family Owned Jeweler.

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ROY HARR AND ASSISTANT JEAN WILLIAMS IN 1954



Woodbury Flower Shop has had 60 years of continuous operation by the same family. It was started by Amos J. and Sarah Woodbury, grandparents of the present owners Howard and Jean Woodbury. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury came from Ohio in 1881 and purchased 10 acres on S. DeWitt Rd. There they raised and sold vegetables and plants and as a side line, sold milk door to door in St. Johns. Loving flowers, they then started raising them only to give them away to friends. Seeing a possibility of a beginning business in flowers, the Woodburys built a small greenhouse in 1900 and started retailing flowers in 1911.

Two sons, Lynn born in 1880 and Lee born in 1882 went to work for their parents in the early 1900's enlarging and expanding the greenhouses. During this period, they leased property on Clinton Ave., purchasing it in 1932.

The present owners, Howard and Jean Woodbury, became involved in the flower business in 1948. In 1950 the store was remodeled and nearly doubled in size. The greenhouses were sold at the time of the retirement of Lee and Lynn Woodbury. All cut flowers and plants were then furnished from Michigan and out of state growers. Great-grandsons of Amos and Sarah Woodbury, Wayne in 1968 and Brian in 1972, joined their parents in the operation.

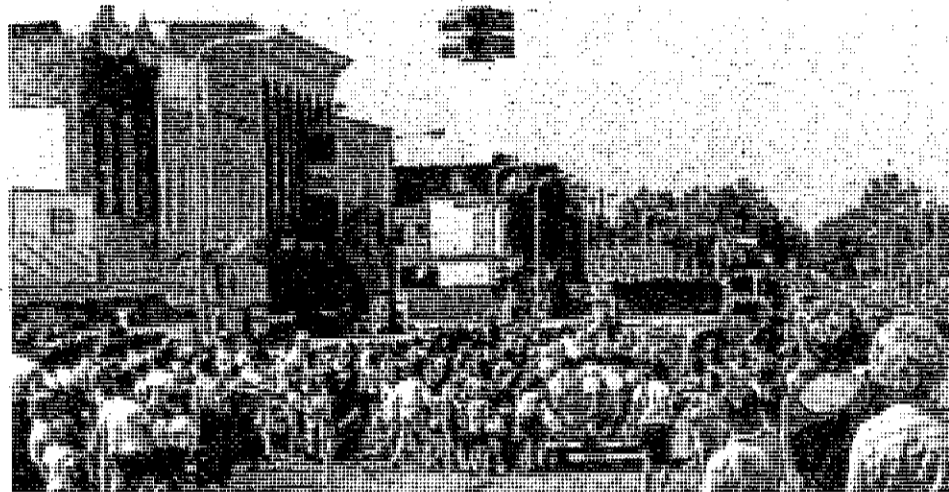
## WOODBURY FLOWERS

N. Clinton Ave.

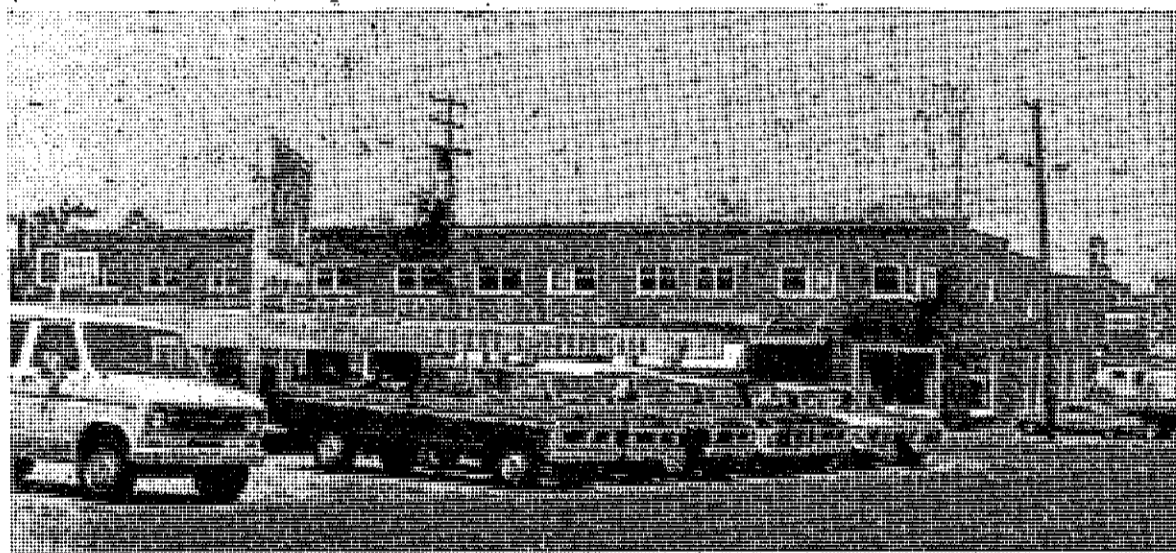
St. Johns



RETIRED, but still on the go, is this 1922 LaFrance firetruck owned by the St. Johns Fire Dept. The 54-year-old fire fighting veteran was put in running order after hours of hard work to participate in the Bicentennial salute.



THE LITTLE VOLKSWAGEN with the bright balloons drew throngs of youngsters during the parade in St. Johns July 4. Following the parade, ceremonies took place on the courthouse lawn. Later Bicentennial celebrators enjoyed a picnic and ice cream social at the park and the Fourth was climaxed with the fireworks.

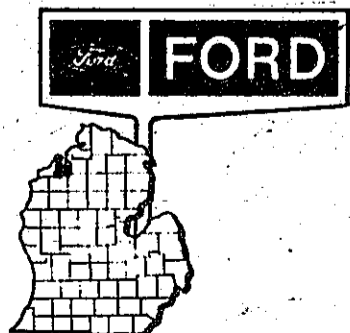


A.T. Smith, original Ford dealer in St. Johns built the present location of Egan Ford in 1915 on the site of "the old blacksmith shop". In 1920 Smith sold to John E. Egan and Albin Rademacher and became known as Egan Motor Sales. In 1935 Egan bought out Rademacher and ran the business himself until 1940. Albert L. Burns was then taken in as a partner.

Later in 1964 the business was incorporated as Egan Ford Sales, Inc. with Albert L. Burns, Lewis Kramer and Bruce

Fowler. In January of 1975 Bruce Fowler purchased the stock of Kramer and Burns and at that time Dale Aurand and Jack Downing became stockholders in the business. Aurand assumed the role of sales manager while Downing became parts and service manager.

In 1976 additions were made to the shop area and a new sales office was built. The firm features sales of new Ford cars and trucks and also has a thriving used car business as well.



# EGAN FORD SALES, INC.

200 W. Higham

ST. JOHNS

Phone 224-2285

# Settlement of Michigan slow until 1830's

The history of the real estate business is the history of the United States.

Each period in the history of the nation has been marked by massive movements of people in search of land. First, during the fledgling days, there were land promotion deals which settled western New York State and Pennsylvania. As each generation grew up, the younger members desiring

farms of their own looked to the west for cheap, unimproved lands which could be cleared and converted to prosperous farms.

Michigan did not experience its land boom until the 1830's. Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois were pretty well settled by that time as more favorable reports on fertile lands encouraged immigration. Michigan grew slowly

during the 1820's, reaching a population total in 1830 of only 31,640.

In 1818 when Illinois had become a state, much of Michigan was not ready for settlement. Large portions of the territory had yet to be ceded by the Indians, surveys had to be made, and routes of access to lands had yet to be constructed.

The decade of the thirties was different. In these years the population would increase by 700 percent to a

total of 212,267 by 1840.

Floods of settlers arrived daily from the East, principally from New York State and New England. The tide of Immigration crested in 1836, when as many as 2,000 arrivals at the port of Detroit were recorded in a single day.

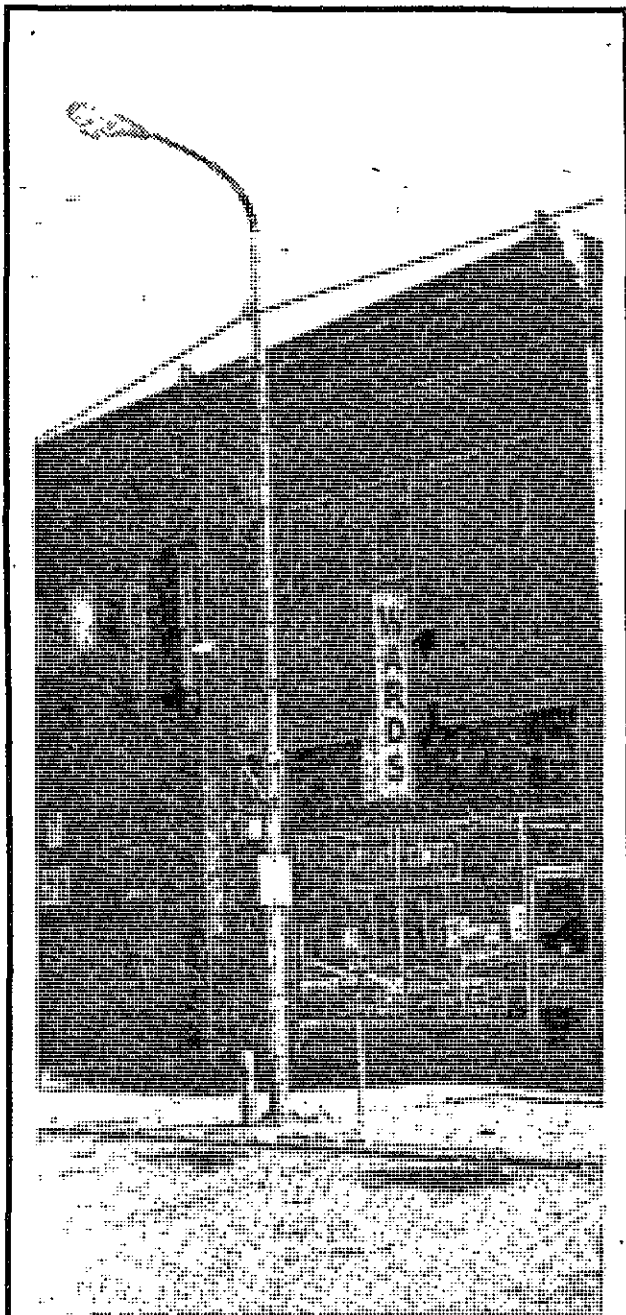
In the 1840's, land sales in Michigan declined as settlers passed up the state for more desirable lands farther west. The Detroit Free Press on Sept. 5, 1849,

reported that many immigrants were arriving in the steamers daily; but many of them were bound for Iowa and Wisconsin. Unsatisfactory reports on Michigan lands and the bankrupt financial condition of Michigan discouraged settlement.

In 1849 the state made efforts to lure European immigrants to Michigan, particularly, Germans. Pamphlets extolling the advantages of the state were

printed in both German and English and were distributed in Germany and in New York City to immigrants arriving there. Agents were also employed in New York City to persuade immigrants to come to Michigan.

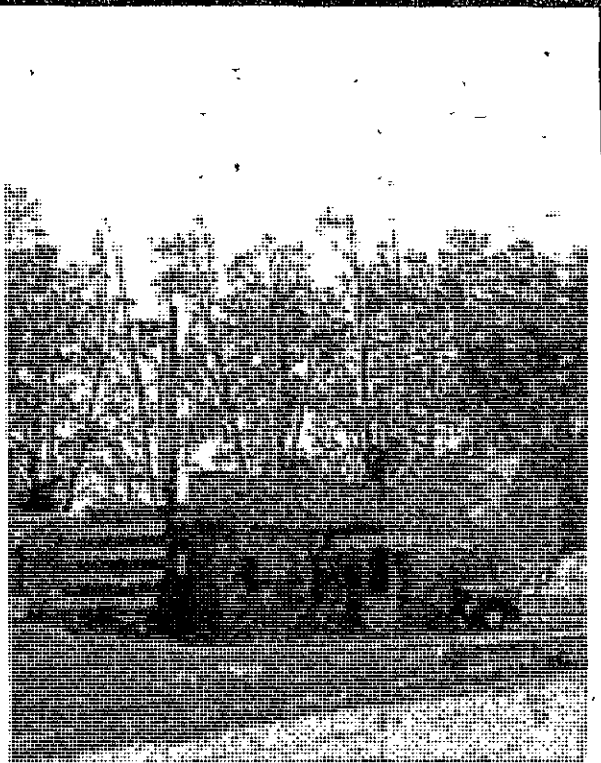
Settlement in the middle and northern counties was slow until the government reduced the price to as low as 10 cents an acre, eventually giving the land free under the Homestead Act.



The Montgomery Ward Catalog Sales was started by Don & Gladys Rice in Oct. 1968. In 1973 Wayne & Linda Hyde took over as the new owners selling to Bob & Ruth Neimi in Sept. 1975.

Only large appliances are sold in the catalog store and they offer an efficient, prompt ordering service in 3-4 days.

**MONTGOMERY  
WARDS  
CATALOG SALES AGENCY  
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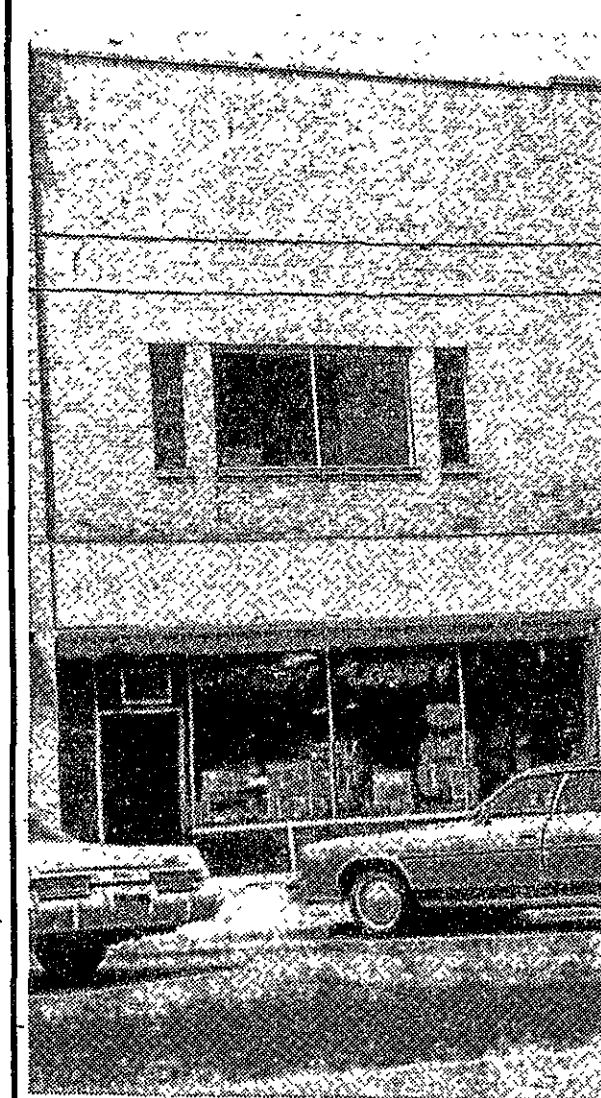
The Hitching Post Restaurant located on North US 27 & French Road is owned by Don Britten and leased by Richard Clandening.

In 1949 Don Britten purchased the building, which was originally a gas station, from Mr. Silvers. Don converted the building to a restaurant, The Steak House.

Mr. Clandening leased it in 1964 and it is now known as The Hitching Post.

The Hitching Post is a well known truck stop and is open 24 hours a day.

**HITCHING  
POST  
RESTAURANT**  
N. US-27 St. Johns



Hobby Lobby was opened June 22, 1972 by Charles and Joan Rasdale. The store is at 221 N. Clinton Avenue in St. Johns in a building previously occupied by the Glaspie Drug Store.

This shop is an "All-American" mom and pop store run with the help of their children, typical of so many businesses across our nation.

Rasdales have 4 sons, Edward, Michael, Thomas and Robert and two daughters Ruth Ann and Mary Ann.

The people of America are enjoying more leisure time than ever before with many of them spending their time enjoying a favorite hobby or handicraft. Hobby Lobby carries high quality merchandise, hundreds of items of which have been added to their stock since the store's opening, all at realistic prices. Featured are stock for knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, macrame, model construction, decoupage, candle making and craft supplies for school and church projects.

**Hobby Lobby**  
221 Clinton St.  
St. Johns



It may be a beauty shop in a small town, but Stephanie's Beauty Shop in Elsie offers you the latest in hair styling, cutting, washing and setting. For a soft natural look, the permanents at Stephanie's are excelled by none.

Coming from Pennsylvania, Stephanie married Lucas Morton and settled in Elsie where she eventually opened her shop in 1950. That is 26 years of bringing to the people of Elsie the latest in hair care.

Stephanie's has two operators besides herself to serve you, Marcie Baese and Wendy Winkler. Hours are: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Stephanie's Beauty Shop

130 N Ovid St.

Elsie, Mich.

# Raging inferno consumes Detroit

JUNE 11, 1805—Detroit is nothing more than a heap of smoldering ashes. The entire city has been consumed by a raging inferno that began this morning about nine o'clock.

The blaze reportedly began at John Harvey's stable at the western end of St. Anne St., where an employee carelessly knocked hot ashes from his pipe onto a pile of straw. Within a few minutes, flames shot out of the roof of the stable, carrying blazing sparks that quickly ignited the tinder-dry roofs they landed on. Yelling men rushed the fire engine to the blaze and a bucket brigade immediately formed down to the nearby river. Frantically passed buckets were emptied into the engine, a water tank on four wheels, as sweating, cursing, pleading men took turns on the hand-operated pump.

A wind blowing from the southwest fanned the flames into a consuming frenzy of fire which leaped across streets to ignite everything in its path. Hoping to clear a strip of homes and stop the spreading holocaust, men with axes desperately but futilely slashed and hacked at buildings.

### Panic Spreads

Early fear gave way to spreading panic as it became

clear that nothing could stop the fire. Women, children and men began salvaging operations, taking everything out of their homes that could be carried, and hauling their housegoods to the safety of the grounds outside of the palisades surrounding the settlement. Those who had time, hitched their horses to carts or wagons and filled these with possessions to be drawn to safety.

Confusion reigned as women screamed for lost children, horses reared and whinnied in panic at the awesome sight and sound of the crackling flames, and men yelled encouragement or orders to each other in their efforts save what could be saved.

Children scurried with their arms laden with food, clothing and anything else they could carry; women lugged clothing, pots, pans and family heirlooms; and men shouldered cabinets, bed, chairs, tables and other household furnishings.

Most of the people found safety outside the palisades, but many also launched boats or got into canoes to watch the burning of the settlement from the vantage of the river. Almost miraculously, not one life was lost in the fire.

Hard bitten and hard

working men, courageous and dedicated women, wept helplessly as they saw their life's work going up in flames before their very eyes.

Many thought about the fire ordinances that had been passed by the city, and how annoyed some had been at being required to have two ladders, one fixed to the roof and going to the chimney and another to get to the roof from the ground; to keep a barrel filled with water; to close off fireplaces at night so wind gusts wouldn't blow hot embers into the room; to clean chimneys once every two weeks. Increasing violations of the fire ordinances had recently led to an increase in inspections from once to twice a month.

Today, not a single house remains standing, except for a blockhouse near the river. In the smoldering field of ashes, only a few lonely stone and brick chimneys, like gravestones, mark a dead Detroit.

On Jan. 11 of this year, President Jefferson created the Michigan Territory with Detroit as its capital. The law takes effect on July 1, when the new territorial governor and judges will take over. There is little question about what their first priority of business will be—the rebuilding of Detroit.



In 1948 Harry E. Patterson established the first dealership of Allis Chalmers Farm Implements. Since that time, Patterson has remodeled and expanded into what is now one of the largest farm implement businesses in this area. Not only does he sell farm equipment, but has competent trained mechanics to service them.

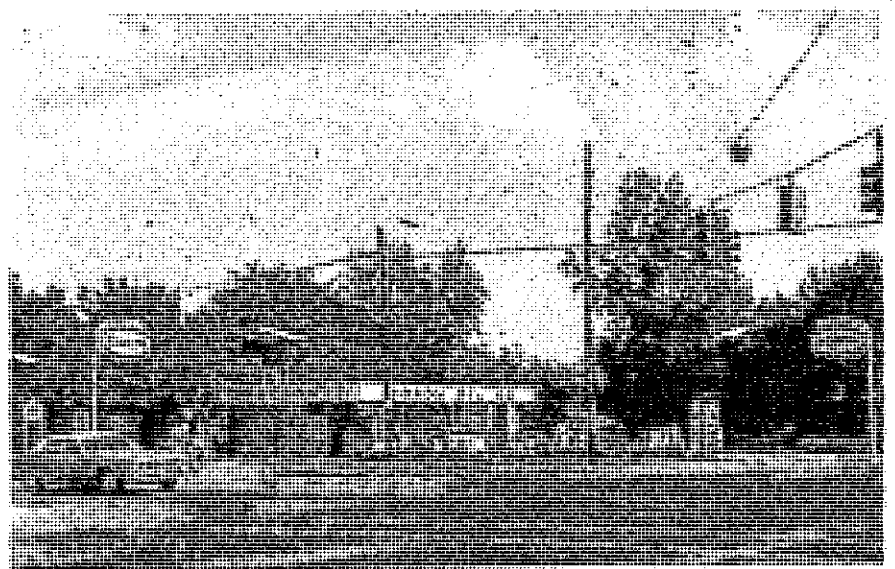
In recent years Mr. Patterson has gone into commercial equipment in the line of Meyer-Morton Grain drying, storage and handling systems. For your lawn & garden needs Pattersons have a complete line of Simplicity lawn & garden equipment.

Since their graduation, sons Woody and Scott have joined the firm to make Pattersons one of the finest businesses noted for their sales and service.

## PATTERSON & SON

E.M.-21

St. Johns



The Boron Oil Co. had its beginning in 1968 when they purchased the Citco Oil Co. They were first located in the Detroit Metropolitan area and in Flint. The first Boron station was built in St. Johns in 1970.

The Boron Oil Co. is a division of the B.P. Oil Inc. a subsidiary of Standard Oil of Ohio. Their products include three grades of gasoline, motor oil, batteries and auto accessories. They separate approximately 200 company owned stations in Michigan. Mr. Bob Ward is the present manager of the St. Johns station.

## BORON OIL CO.

S. US-27

St. Johns

# Michigan joins America after 20 years of Indian fighting, British stalling

By Robert D. Wilhelm

Approximately 2000 white men, women, and children lived in the area of Michigan. The Proclamation of 1763 which forbade white settlement in the west was ignored.

No civil government was provided except for the commandants of the military posts. The habitants were not unhappy with this rule because the commandants didn't disturb them.

The English traders who had established permanent residence demanded that civil law be established.

Lieutenant Colonel John Campbell arrived in Detroit during August, 1764. Gladwin was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel for his valiant defense of Detroit and was sent home for reassignment.

Major Robert Rogers arrived at Michilimackinac as commander and Indian agent in 1764. Accompanied by his wife and secretary Nathaniel Potter he was subject to orders from General Thomas Gage and Sir William Johnson.

Because of the isolation and the long distance away from authority, Rogers ruled independently.

Rogers' instruction from Johnson were "to be economical and to limit trade to the vicinity of the fort."

Ignoring the orders he gave Indians gifts and permitted traders to visit distant tribes. He justified his actions by trying to prevent Spanish and French traders from monopolizing the fur trade.

**Rogers Goes To England**  
Visiting England in 1765, Rogers sought permission to look for the northwest passage to the Pacific. Permission was denied but he went on with the project anyway.

Captain Jonathon Carver and others reached the western edge of Lake Superior and stopped. Rogers failed to send the promised supplies.

Rogers petitioned to begin a new colony in the northwest with himself as governor responsible only to London.

Sir William Johnson denounced the scheme as impractical and extravagant. Rogers was censured for disobeying orders.

After a flight with his secretary, Potter fled to Quebec and charged Rogers with treason for conducting negotiations with the Spanish. Rogers was held prisoner at Michilimackinac. His trial showed no evidence of treason. He was censured for high-handed conduct and dismissed from service.

During the Revolutionary War he remained loyal to

England. He later moved to England and died in obscurity.

The Quebec Act finally established civil government in the east.

Colonel Arent Schuyler de Peyster was sent to Michilimackinac as Commandant and Lieutenant Governor in 1774.

Lieutenant Governor Henry Hamilton arrived in Detroit during 1775.

## Michigan And The Revolution

When the British 10th Regiment Foot marched out of Boston on April 19, 1775 few realized the importance of the events which were to transpire during the next several hours. The orders were to capture the patriots' military supplies at Concord.

At Lexington Captain John Parker and his sixty or seventy minutemen lined up on the Commons. Greatly outnumbered, Parker had no intentions of trying to stop the superior British army.

Major Pitcairn decided that it was his duty to disarm the small force.

Captain Parker ordered his men to disperse, some headed for cover, but not one surrendered his gun.

A shot rang out - to this day no one knows who shot first. After the volley eight minutemen lay dead and ten others were wounded. Only one British soldier was killed.

"Oh! What a glorious morning this is!" exclaimed Samuel Adams. For Adams this meant that the War for Independence had begun.

Marching towards Concord seven miles to the west, the British burned a large number of gun carriages and cut down a Liberty pole.

A detachment marched to the North Bridge in Concord. There destination was James Carrett's farm where the supplies had been stored.

Shots rang out as the British raiders under the command of fat and sluggish Lieutenant Colonel Frandis Smith crossed the bridge. There were casualties on both sides.

Ralph Waldo Emerson described this event as the "shot heard around the world."

As the British retreated towards Lexington, the Country side came alive with hundreds of militiamen. Reinforcements at Lexington saved the British force. The British suffered 273 casualties to 93 for the Americans.

## The Revolution Grows

During the next year events proliferated along the Atlantic coastline.

At Philadelphia John Hancock signed his

signature on the Declaration of Independence. He wrote his signature large so that the King, George III could read it three feet away without wearing his glasses.

One by one the delegates of the thirteen colonies affixed their signatures on the document.

Independence was declared with the ringing of the Liberty Bell; July 4, 1776.

Michigan's role in the Revolutionary War was minimal. Detroit served as a base of operations for raids into the western country (Kentucky).

The goal of these raids was to attack and terrorize the settlements: Kill and scalp men, women, and children.

As many as 500 prisoners of war including many Negro slaves were brought to the Detroit area.

Some of the more timid Kentuckians left their homes and moved back east across the Appalachians. Most of the Kentuckians stayed despite the perils.

The most hated man in the frontier was Governor Henry Hamilton. Obeying orders from higher authorities, he paid the Indians for all scalps brought to Detroit. He was called the "Hair buyer." The name came from both fear and hatred.

Daniel Boone was captured by the Shawnees during the spring of 1778. "The Hair Buyer" offered 100 pounds for Boone, but the Indians were proud of their trophy and rejected the offer. He was taken to Chilochathe, Ohio where he was adopted into the tribe.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID POHL, of 280 S. Hinman Road, Fowler, submitted the largest tree entry, in the Clinton County Bicentennial Committee's search. Here Mrs. Pohl and her daughter, three year old, Beth, pause for a picture, at the trunk's base. The 'Swamp Oak' measured 13½ feet in circumference, at 4½ feet up from ground level. It stands in a woodlot in back of their farm home. Mr. Pohl plans to clear the land sometime in the near future, and says the tree will probably have to be cut down then. He feels that leaving a 'lone tree' in a field, would make it an easy target for lightning.

Boone escaped after hearing plans to attack Boonsboro. He arrived home in time to warn of the attack. The attacking army commanded by Captain Antoine Dequindre was defeated.

## Counter Attack on British Ordered

Colonel George Rogers Clark, colonial commandant of Kentucky was ordered to stage a counterattack on the British. The authorization was received from the Governor of Virginia, Patrick Henry. The colonial charter gave the Michigan area to Virginia.

Kaskaski in southern Illinois was captured without opposition on July 5, 1778. Cahokia (Fort Chartres) fell to the Kentuckians. The French habitants readily surrendered their British allegiance. Fort Sockville (Vincennes) fell to Captain Leonard Helm.

On October 7, 1778 a British force moved south from Detroit to counter-attack Vincennes. The British force led by the "Hair Buyer" Henry Hamilton had 33 soldiers, two officers, 120 volunteers and 70 Indians. They arrived at Fort Sockville on December 17. Helms surrendered and the habitants were forced to swear reallegiance to England.

With winter rapidly closing in Hamilton was convinced no attack would come until spring. The volunteers and Indians were sent back home.

In an almost unbelievable march, Clark moved his armies across the swamps and swollen streams of southern Indiana. Vincennes was recaptured. Hamilton and his officers surrendered and were sent to a prison in Williamsburg, Virginia.

When word of the exploits of Clark's "Long Knives" reached Detroit, panic rang through out the Michigan territory.

Captain Richard Lennout ordered that a new fort be built behind the city. For Lennout was surrounded by earthen walls twelve feet high. Twenty-six feet wide at the base, the walls tapered to a twelve foot width at the tops. An interior six foot platform was erected such that soldiers could fire at the approaching "Long Knives." A twelve foot wide dry moat surrounded the fort. Around the moat were placed tree trunks with sharpened points.

There was only one gate which was protected by a blockhouse and a drawbridge. Guns were stripped from the old fort and guns from boats on the waterfront were seized. Lennout also requisitioned extra guns from Quebec.

Lennout's panic of impending attack was an overreaction Clark didn't have the men or supplies to stage attacks on Detroit or Mackinac.

Major Patrick Sinclair commander at Fort

Michilimackinac ordered the fort to be abandoned. A new fort was constructed on Mackinac Island overlooking the harbor.

The forty year old Church of St. Anne de Michilimackinac was dismantled during the winter of 1781 and was moved across the ice to Mackinac Island. The church burned during 1819, but the report of the burning did not reach Father Gabriel Richard in Detroit until 1822.

## DePeyster Transferred To Detroit

With the capture of the "Hair Buyer," Colonel Arent Schuyler de Peyster was transferred from Michilimackinac to Detroit in 1779. The commander's hobby was writing poetry. Through his writing, a reader can get a glimpse of life in Detroit. Among the titles were "Pleasure of Sleighting on the Detroit River" and "A Winter Picnic on Sweet River Red," (River Rouge).

On February 12, 1781 a group of Spanish soldiers invaded Fort St. Joseph and raised their flag over the stockade. Since this time Niles has been called the "City of four Flags." The Spanish invasion lasted one day. They retreated before the British learned of their actions.

Every war has its innocent victims. A group of Delaware Indians were converted to Christianity by Moravian missionaries. With the help of missionaries they learned agriculture and prospered. Opposed to violence, they refused to take part in the war. Both sides suspected the Delawares of treason.

The British ordered the tribe to move to Sandusky, Ohio so that an eye could be kept on them. During 1782 (after the warfare had officially stopped along the coast) some of the tribesmen returned to their home to collect their possessions. A group of American frontiersmen attacked and

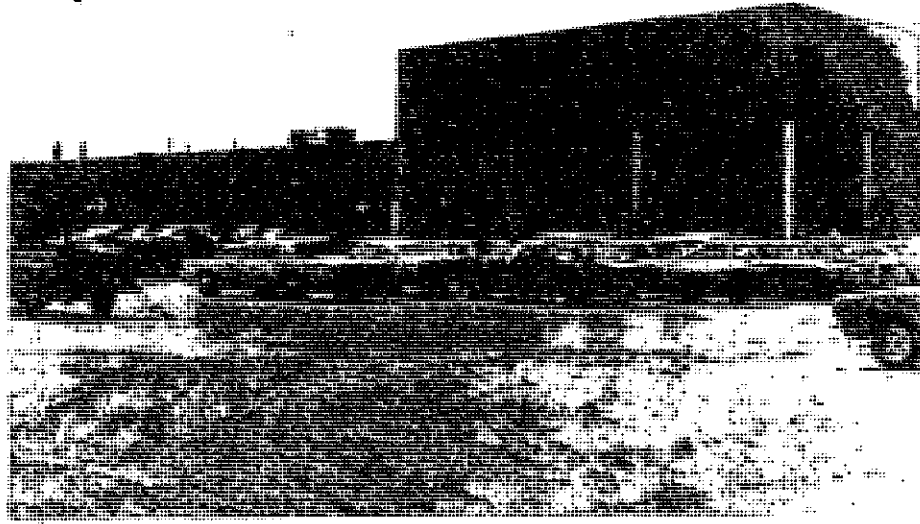
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OUR Patriots!

MANY COLONIAL WOMEN JOINED THEIR HUSBANDS ON THE BATTLEFIELD... ONE SUCH LADY PATRIOT WAS MARY CORBIN... WHEN HER HUSBAND WAS KILLED AT THE BATTLE OF FORT WASHINGTON SHE...

TOOK HIS PLACE AT THE TWO-CANNON BATTERY, RAMMING HOME THE CHARGES IN THE FACE OF A SAVAGE ATTACK BY BRITISH AND HESSIAN SOLDIERS. ONLY WHEN SHE WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED DID SHE LEAVE HER POST. FOR HER FAITHFUL SERVICE, CONGRESS GRANTED MARY A SOLDIER'S PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR LIFE.

TODAY, WOMEN CITIZEN-SOLDIERS ARE STILL PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN THE DEFENSE OF OUR NATION. NEARLY 18,000 ARE MEMBERS OF U.S. ARMY RESERVE UNITS IN 1000 COMMUNITIES ACROSS AMERICA.



Hancock Industries, established in 1927 by Harry Hancock, was the first industry in Charlotte, Michigan. It was later moved to Jackson and in 1972 became a fully owned subsidiary of ITT (International Telephone & Telegraph).

Located now in Jackson, Elsie and Roscommon, Hancock is an Automotive Parts Manufacturer to the Big Three. The Elsie Division has a total employment of 700 people. The plant

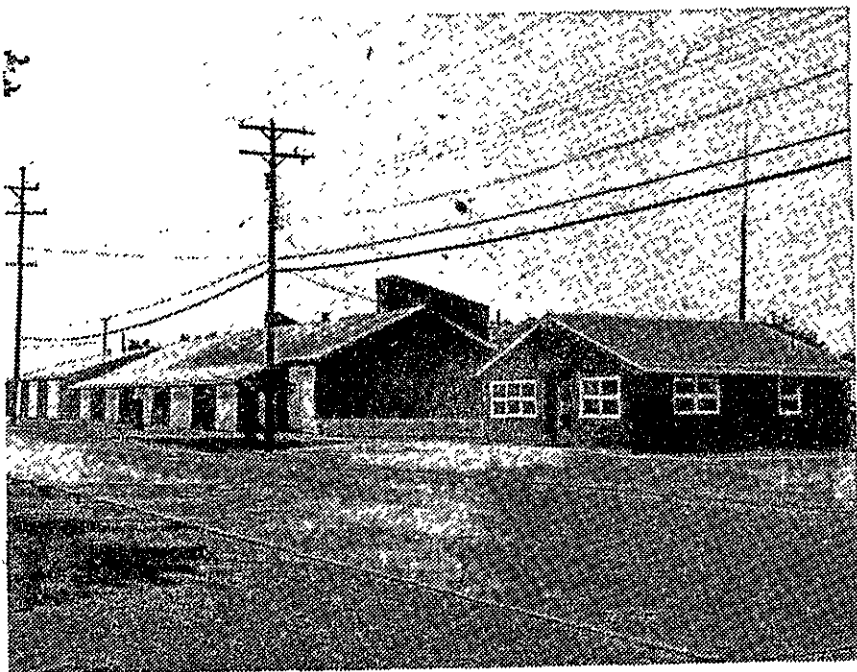
manager is Ken Miller.

ITT Hancock supplies operational hardware products, are specialists in safety engineered body hardware -- door latches, window regulators, seat systems, hood hinges and latches and parking brake assemblies.

The president of ITT Hancock is Vincenzo Russo.

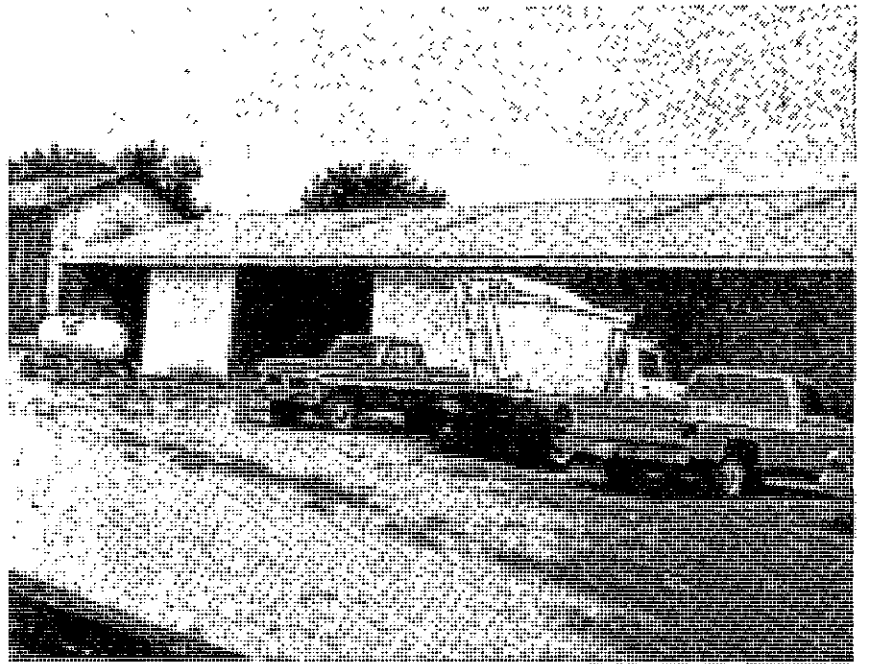
# ITT HANCOCK INDUSTRIES, INC.

ELSIE DIVISION



The company was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Plant Food Service. The original incorporators were two local farmers, Norman and Donald Irer of rural St. Johns, and Clayton Klein of Fowlerville. In 1956 Virgil Zeeb and Robert Eldridge purchased minority interest in the company and became active in the operation of the business. In 1960 Virgil Zeeb bought the outstanding stock and became sole owner of the Corporation. At that time the company name was changed to Zeeb Fertilizers, Inc.

In 1967 a second fertilizer plant and hardware store was built in Ashley, Michigan.



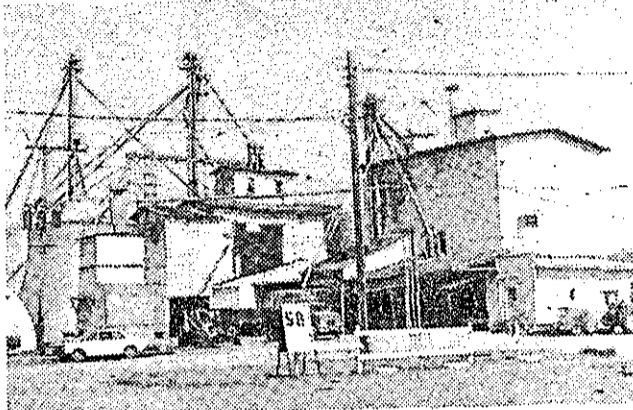
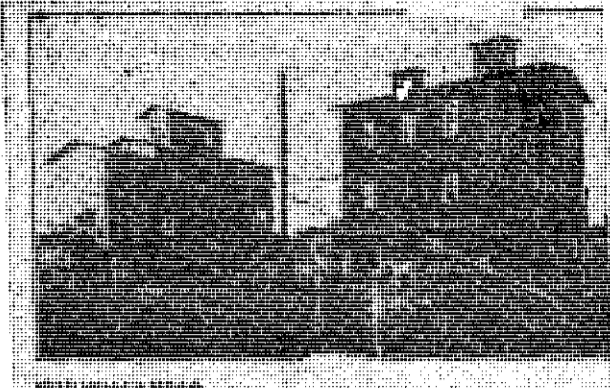
Three of the employees have been with the company for a total of about 55 years. Denis Fandel of Westphalia started in 1957, Rex Ward of DeWitt started in 1960 and Walter Glanz of Bath joined the company in 1961. Irene Zeeb joined the company as bookkeeper in 1963. Vina and Jim Fisk of Ashley have managed the Ashley plant since 1967.

The company produces complete fertilizers. Other services include agricultural limestone, anhydrous ammonia, nitrogen solution and farm chemicals.

Clinton Construction, Inc. is owned by F. Earl Haas and Virgil Zeeb. The company was operated as a partnership from 1956 until April 1, 1966 when it was incorporated. The company specializes in construction of farm and commercial buildings. The company operates out of the office of Zeeb Fertilizers.

**208 W. RAILROAD  
ST. JOHNS**

**ZEEB FERTILIZERS AND  
CLINTON CONSTRUCTION**



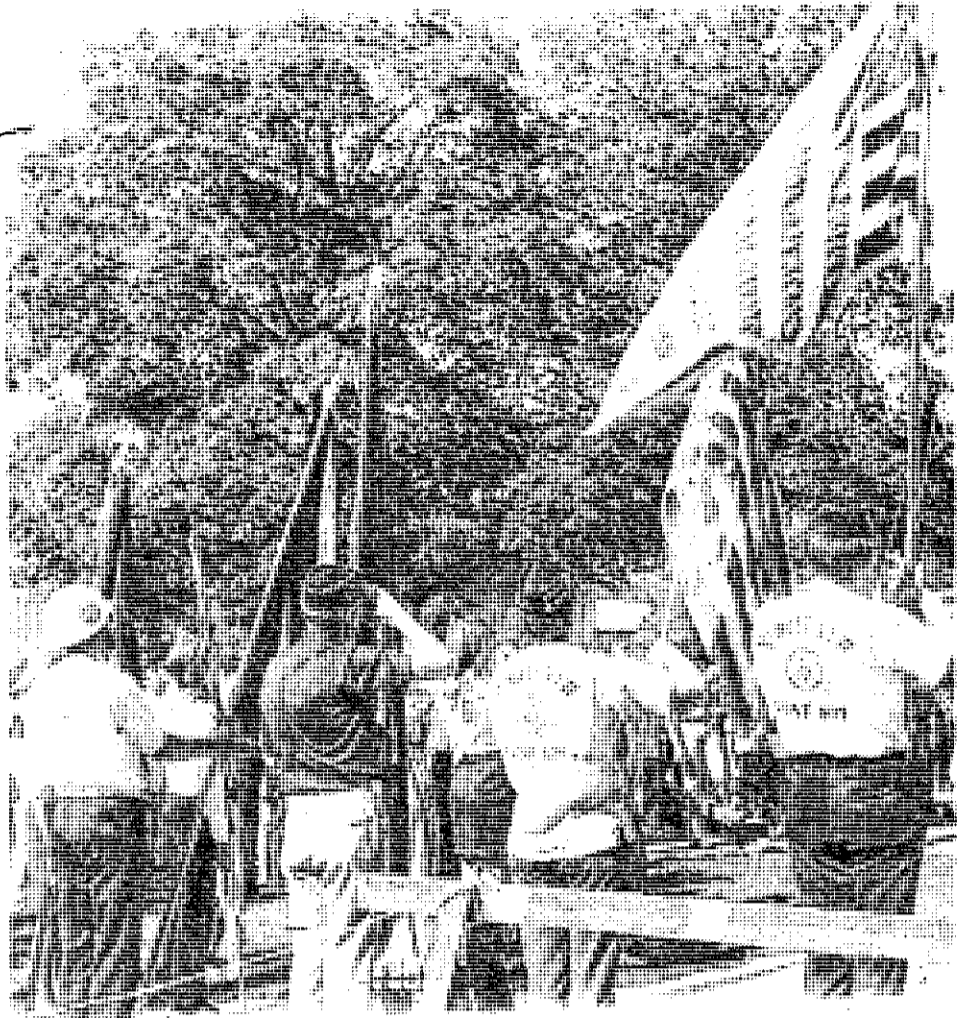
Ovid Roller Mills was operated by three generations of a family by the name of Hyslops from the late 1890's till 1956 as a flour mill. Still in the same location, it is now owned by a group of stockholders with Richard DePond, manager.

Basically a grain elevator, Ovid Roller Mills buys and sells grain and beans, sells Purina Feeds, fertilizers, farm chemicals and anhydrous ammonia.

## OVID ROLLER MILLS

304 W. Front

Ovid



MEMBERS OF area veterans' organizations retreat the colors during patriotic ceremonies on the Clinton County Courthouse lawn. St. Johns and Clinton County joined communities throughout the nation in similar ceremonies honoring our Star Spangled Banner and the 200th birthday of our nation.



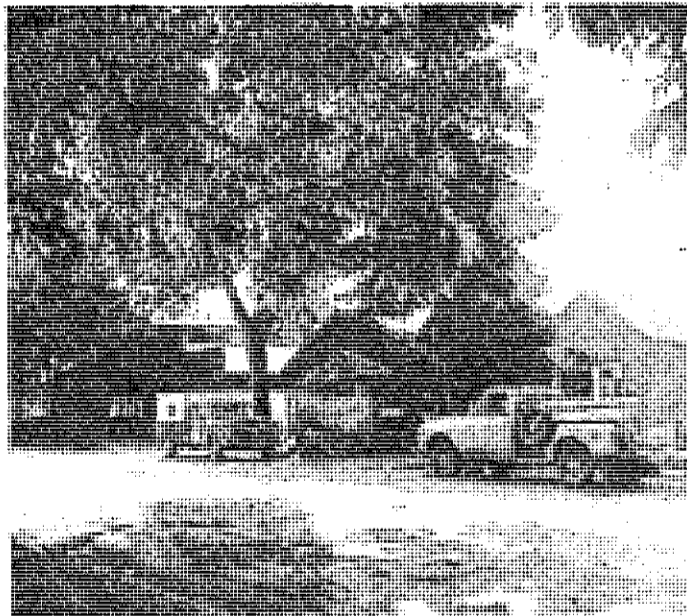
The former Steel Hotel Ballroom was the first location of Love's Upholstery Shop in 1957. Later, the shop was moved to a downstairs location in the hotel and was there for 10 years, moving to Ovid in 1967.

A husband and wife team, Verniese and Kenneth Love have built a reputation for expert finished upholstery work for furniture. They will pick up and deliver any where in Clinton County and will do all types of furniture and also some auto upholstery.

## LOVE'S UPHOLSTERY SHOP

1164 S. Warren Rd.

Ovid



Chamberlain Building Supply of Ovid had its early beginnings as the George S. Huntington Lumber Co. in the early 1900s. It became the C.V. Harris Lumber Co. up until 1920 when it assumed the name of Gumaer Lumber Co. under the ownership of Leroy Gumaer.

When Mr. Gumaer died in 1946, his son Robert became owner and manager of the lumber operation and continued to operate it until the sale of the business in 1973 to Duane Chamberlain of Ovid. Chamberlain who is very active in local government as a county commissioner turned over management responsibilities to his older son, Donald, who presently operates the firm. In addition to running a business which features everything in building needs, the Chamberlains also operate a highly successful nursery business.

## Chamberlain Building Supply

E. Williams St.

Ovid

# Michigan outpost

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killed ninety of the unarmed Indians.

Shock was echoed through the territory. The survivors were moved to the Detroit area for protection. With the help of missionaries and others they built a settlement on the bank of the Clinton River. This settlement contained a meeting house and 27 log cabins.

In 1786 this prosperous community was sold. Some of the people moved into Ontario along the Thames River. Others moved home to the original homestead in Ohio.

The Revolutionary War was nearing its end in October, 1781. The British had established their winter headquarters at Yorktown along the banks of the York River in Virginia. French and American armies surrounded the British fortress. The French navy led by Admiral de Grasse blockaded the entrance to Chesapeake Bay. The British navy in the bay was trapped. The British navy in the Atlantic moved north to New York for the winter.

The British inner line of defense was 1200 yards long and 500 yards deep. Behind the wall was a small village and the river. More than fifty heavy siege guns were moved into position. The

firing power was overwhelming. During one twenty four hour period over 3,600 shells were fired. Houses collapsed in flames. British ships driven into the harbor by deGrasse's navy were destroyed.

On October 17, Cornwallis sent a flag of truce for a discussion of terms of surrender.

### Yorktown Surrenders

The terms of surrender were discussed on October 18 at the Moore house behind the American lines.

At 2 p.m. on October 19, the American and French armies were lined up awaiting the British surrender. The British band appeared playing God Save the King and The World Turned Upside Down. This children's song best expressed the attitude of the British. It was impossible for them to lose the war.

The British soldiers stacked their rifles awaiting the arrival of Lord Cornwallis to make the formal surrender.

Cornwallis embittered by the defeat remained in Yorktown pleading illness. Second in command General Charles O'Hara approached Washington to give over the sword, a symbol of surrender.

Washington always conscious of his position

as supreme Commander of the allied forces motioned General Benjamin Lincoln to the front.

The formal surrender occurred when O'Hara surrendered to Benjamin Lincoln.

As the British retreated the Marquis de Lafayette spoke quietly to General Washington: "The play, sir, is over."

The formal ending of the war occurred in 1783 with the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

On the surface the British were happy to get rid of Northwest Territory. The colonies were expensive for England to maintain. The western settlers were

causing trouble. Britain was weary of war and was willing to make concessions for peace.

The British accused the Americans of not living up to the terms of peace. They remained in Detroit and Mackinac until 1796. The main reason for the prolonged stay was to protect London and Montreal for merchants.

In 1783 the American forces were not yet strong enough to force the British out of the northwest.



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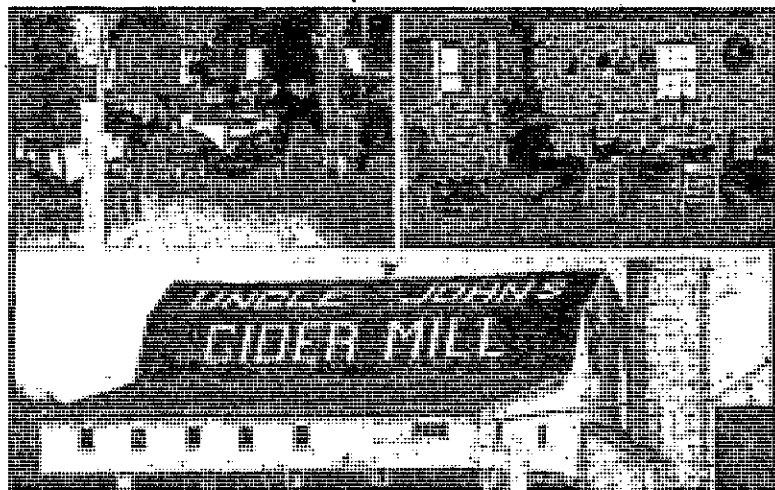
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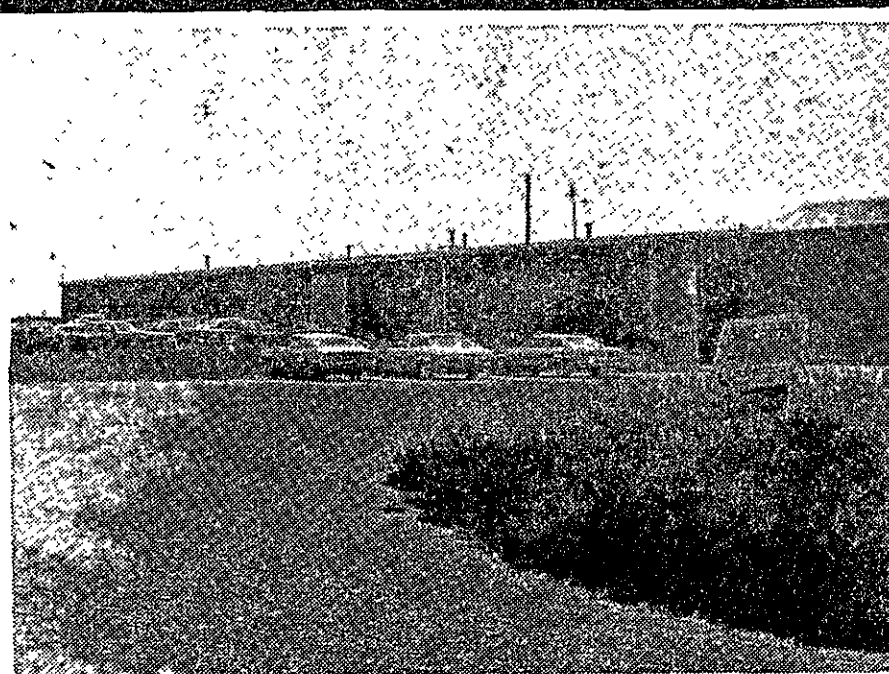
Uncle John's Cider Mill is located 7 1/2 miles north of St. Johns on US-27. Niles Strong homesteaded the property in October of 1849 and was later purchased by George Aultman who had a daughter Mary June eventually becoming the wife of John Beck, the great-grandfather of the present owner. The property passed down thru the generations from John to Frank in 1887, then down to Maynard in 1951, then to John Beck known as "Uncle John" in 1963.

The Cider Mill features cider, homemade donuts, caramel apples and apples. Many of the tools and antiques seen on display in the Cider Mill were actually used on the farm in days gone past. The barn in which the cider mill is located was built in the early 1900s. The stone wall of the barn was hand-laid by "Uncle John's" great-grandfather, John Beck. He also hand-tiled many acres of the farm by hand digging. Some of the actual tile used were made by his son, Oliver, a brother to Frank. The barn was formerly used as a dairy barn.

## UNCLE JOHNS CIDER MILL

N. US-27

St. Johns



Schmelzer Corporation was started originally in Flint in the 1960's by Franz Schmelzer. It was then moved to Durand and in 1974 was established in St. Johns. The present owners are Leon LaVerne and Ben Benjamin.

Schmelzer Corp. hires 50 employees with two shifts on a 5-6 day week. At the St. Johns plant, they stamp vacuum brake assemblies component parts for the Durand Division. They also manufacture oil strainers for G.M.

## SCHMELZER CORP.

St. Johns Division

907 W. Gibbs

St. Johns

# Village of Bannister owes existence to post office

Mrs. Robert Valentine

Bannister owes its existence as a village to the fact that a postoffice was built through that section a year later.

The village is in Elba township of Gratiot County on the Maple River. It was the intention of the promoters to have it named "Maple Bend" on account of its proximity to the big bend in the river, but the postoffice department objected to the double-gear name.

Created with having suggested the name "Bannister" in honor of A.M. Bannister who owned the land constituting the site of the future village. Mr. Bannister was from Jackson and had owned the land since 1881.

The village witnessed a steady, though moderate growth, and has continued to keep up with the development of the agriculture section surrounding it. It has had its problems due to the Maple River overflow. Flooded streets and fields were common in the early days of Elba township and still today some areas have the problem.

Several industries were located in the village during its early development.

Bradford Bros. of Detroit ran a stove mill for a number of years. It was managed by A.W. Dickerson. A fire burned part of the mill and business was discontinued and the machinery moved away.

At one time, a cheese factory was in operation but Bannister's larger neighbor, Elsie, which is five miles away absorbed it.

F. Bennett ran a factory which made various wooden handles for axes, forks, etc. The factory was located north of the old stove mill.

A saw mill with a planing department was owned and operated by Riley Letts for a number of years.

A flouring mill was run by a Mr. Randolph for a few years, and was located near the present site of Nelson's Elevator.

Tom A. Hanvey was the first postmaster. At first the mail was carried on horseback from Ovid and later Elsie. Mrs. Joanne Kristin is the present postmaster.

The first school house was located on the river bank just east of the first river bridge as one goes west from town. A new school house was built in the present site in 1888 but some years later this building burned and the present school was erected.

The school house now belongs to the Ovid-Elsie district and is used for the 4th grade exclusively.

Bannister used to benefit by the presence of a bank which boasted of its bandit-proof equipment. It was organized as a private bank in 1903 but closed its doors in 1929.

The only elevator in the village is now owned and operated by Nelson Elevators, Inc. For many years it was run by the Ithaca Roller Mills.

There have been several grocery stores in Bannister through out the years but now the community is served by Nixons Super Market owned and operated by Ralph and John Nixon.

St. Cyril's Catholic Church serves a wide area of Gratiot and Clinton Counties. It was established in 1911 as a mission of Alma. The mission comprised about 35 families predominately - Czechoslovakian immigrants. A church of cement block construction was erected in 1912. It was enlarged in 1921. In the late 1950's this building burned and the present beautiful building was erected. A new parish hall has been constructed and is used by the large membership. Rev. Max Frego is the present pastor.

The Methodist Church was the first church in Bannister and was founded soon after the post office was established in 1883, with Rev. Mount serving as pastor. For several years his home was in Elsie and he served three charges: Elsie, Bannister, and Duplain, using horse and buggy as a means of transportation.

In 1888 Bannister became a separate charge, and a plot of ground was secured where the church now stands. The people all working together brought in timber from sawmills and erected the church which is still serving the community as a place of worship.

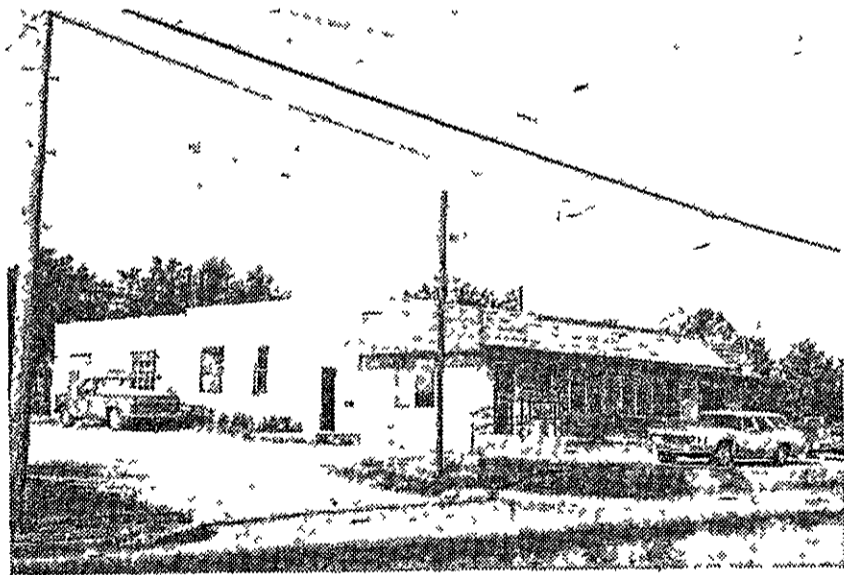
The building has since been remodeled and an educational unit added to meet the advanced needs and tastes of the congregation.

The present pastor is Rev. Emmett Kadwell who is beginning his second year in Bannister.

The one big event of the year in Bannister is the 4th of July Celebration. The business men sponsor a great day of activities concluding with a beautiful display of fireworks. Thousands of people crowd the streets of Bannister each year on the 4th of July.



Ed Light was more familiar to St. Johns parade watchers as Uncle Sam. Light was one of many St. Johns residents who became enthusiastically involved in the Bicentennial celebration.



In 1964 after working for Oldsmobile for 15 years, Ed Schmitt acquired his Master Electrician License. He opened his own electrical business in a small shop located at 805 E. State in what was formerly known as Fish & Dunkel Heating & Plumbing.

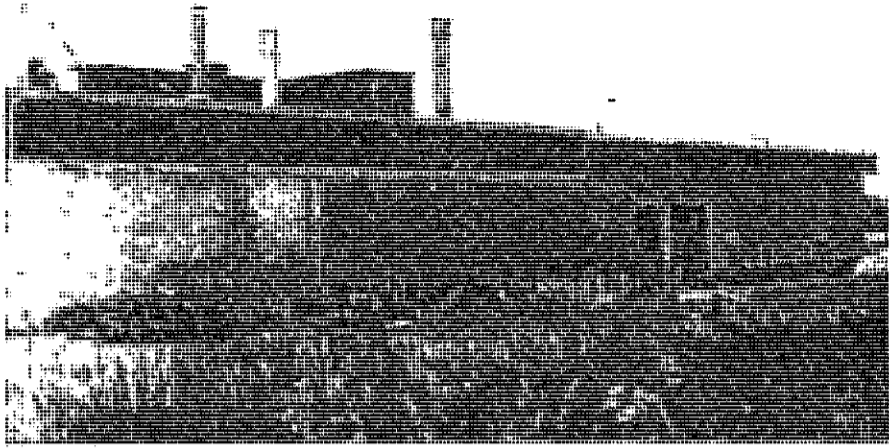
In 1970, Schmitt purchased the property at 1002 E. State from George Pohl and has since built a business complex consisting of four companies.

Schmitt Electric Co. specializes in all types of electrical work, large or small, for home, business and industry. On call 24 hours a day, Schmitt is always ready to give a free estimate for any type of job. A new feature of Schmitt Electric is an aerial boom truck available at all times to better serve the public.

## SCHMITT ELECTRIC, INC.

1002 E. State St.

St. Johns



Industrial Phosphating was established in 1963 by Ed Spaulding with it's beginning in an old barn. Additions were made from 1965 thru 1974 to make it the modern 28,000 square ft. plant it is today.

A leader in the industry and one of the largest phosphating companies in Michigan, the local firm now does all the phosphating for Oldsmobile. Other companies for which they do phosphating are: American Motors, Ford, Federal Mogul, Saginaw Steering, Buick, Chevrolet, Portland Mfg., Schmelzer Corp., Midland Ross, Lake Odessa Machine, I.T.T. Hancock, Kent Products and several companies in New York and Ohio.

While some painting is done, the major work at the plant is phosphating - giving a protective coating to component parts through chemical reaction. Another process they have added in the past few years is zinc plating - a rust protection for metals that offers various dye color codes. In April of this year, the business was sold to Mr. George Burkett.

# INDUSTRIAL PHOSPHATING

6035 Krepps Rd. St. Johns

## Elsie named for first born

By Neva Keys  
Elsie Correspondent

The first settlement in this vicinity was made in 1836 about ¼ miles west of the present village where West Main St. crosses the Maple River.

Thomas Craven, Sr., with his sons, Robert E., Isaac, Joseph, Thos., Jr. and daughter, Rebecca, accompanied by their families, reached this location from their previous home in Delaware County, Ohio.

It was a long tiresome journey with oxen over mostly Indian trails, as there were no roads in this part of the state at that time.

Dense forests of hard wood with white pines covered the area in occasional small tracts. Mingled with the timber were many swamps and the early settlers suffered intensely from ague or "shakes" as it was called, due to the wet humid climate.

The Cravens acquired some 640 acres from U.S. Government during the presidency of Martin Van Buren. Some of this acreage lay along the river. Several homes were built, two saw mills and dams, a mile apart; then they cleared and built the original river road from here to the Colony or Mapleton as it was called at

that time. Some of the lumber for the wooden Capitol building at Lansing was hauled from these mills.

At the time of the Craven settlement, this region was vast wilderness inhabited by the wild animals of the forest and the Saginaw Chippewa Indians. Luckily these Indians were friendly and the children of the early settlers often played with the native Indian children.

Hunting occupied the Indians principally and their pelts and furs were traded to the few French traders who occasionally plied the Maple and other rivers in their canoes.

Soon came to the community, settlers names Liberty Carter, Lewis Stafford, Cobb, Hicks, Finch, Blayney, Bennett, Linman and Sickels. Later, there were the Bates, Chase, Van Deusens, Nethaway, Dunhams, Williams and in the community today are still descendants of some of these people.

They named the site Craven's Mills and plotted a few lots. The Sickels Brothers moved their store ¼ mile east of their farm and on June 18, 1857 recorded the plat of the village, naming it Elsie, in compliment to one of Franklin Tillotson's daughter, who was the first child born in the village.

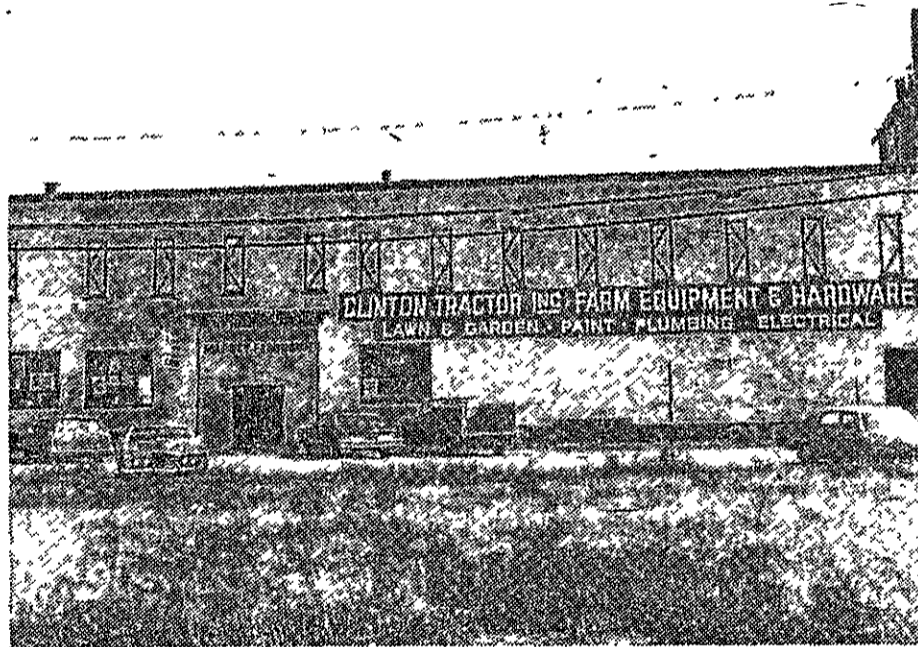
Tillotson was the first postmaster of the new village.

The first people of the community after the Indians were chiefly of English, Scotch, Irish and German descent, moving from the eastern states of New York, Pennsylvania and others, into Ohio and then on into Michigan.

The treaty by which the Indian owners ceded to U.S. a large territory, including this community was signed at Saginaw in Sept. 1819 by General Lewis Cass, governor of Michigan ex officio Indian commissioner with the Chiefs and head man of the Chippewa tribe of Lower Michigan.

As late as the end of the 1890's the Indians in winter, camped along the Maple River, west of Elsie. Their legends told of a hollowed-out stone used as a receptacle on which or in which to grind their corn meal. It is located on the south side of the creek that empties into Maple River, southwest of town on land owned by George and Hazel Blayney.

The last of the Indian campers would spend the winters hunting, fishing and basket making. The squaws would peddle the baskets throughout the community before they broke camp in the spring.



Clinton Tractor & Hardware is a father-son business which had it's beginning in 1948 on E. Railroad with Ken Penix and Harold "Red" and Martha Lundy as partners. In 1960, Penix bought out the Lundys and began his own tractor sales business.

With a Ferguson Tractor franchise, Clinton Tractor also sold short line farm equipment supplies and repaired tractors and tools. They signed a Massey-Harris franchise in 1956 giving them both Massey-Harris and Ferguson line of tractors. In 1958 the two companies merged and became Massey-Ferguson. In order to expand and have more room for the larger equipment, Clinton Tractor moved to their present location on Railroad St.

in 1960. The hardware line was added in 1973 with a full line of plumbing, electrical, paint and general hardware, lawn equipment, mowers and tractors.

In 1972, son Greg Penix became a partner in the business and is now Vice-President. Betty Penix, wife of Ken, is the secretary-bookkeeper.

The following is an example of how prices have raised over the years: In 1948, a Ferguson Tractor with plow sold for \$1645.00. In 1976, a small tractor with plow sold for \$8600.00 while the largest tractor with plow sold for \$45,000.

# CLINTON TRACTOR, INC.

108 E. RAILROAD

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# Chief Pokagon lived in Michigan

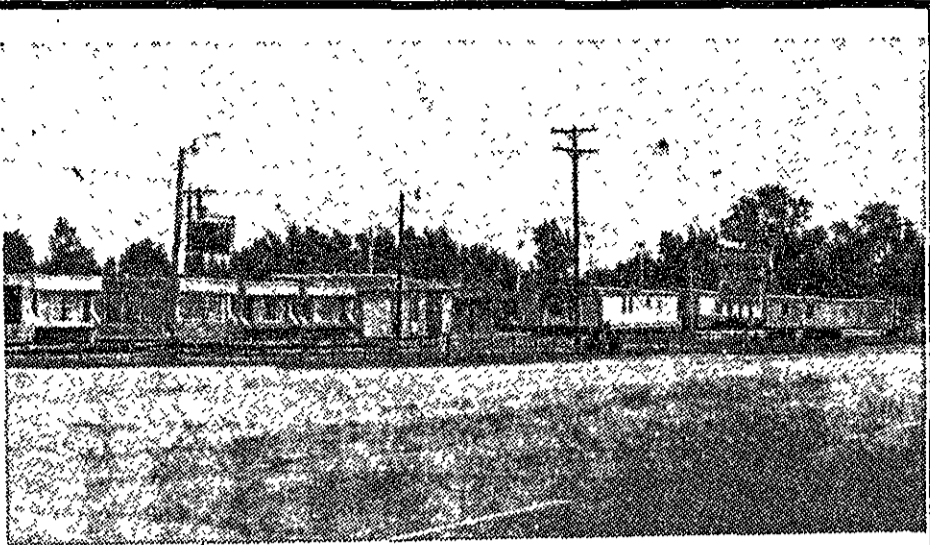
Crazy Horse's lament over the ending of the Indians way of life has often been quoted, but the one by a Potawatomi

chieftain, Pokagon, who once attended the schools of the white-man while not as well known, is-possibly better in its own way.

faded and died! Our ancient trails cannot be traced! Our fathers graves have been destroyed, and where our wigwams once stood and our children played, now stand the homes of the white man. All, all has changed except the sun, moon and stars, and they have not because their God and our God in great wisdom and mercy, hung them beyond the white man's reach."

"Pokagon does not wish to complain of the white man, yet must admit he longs in his heart, again to behold the bounty of Si-bi-baw-go-naw the O-dena (land) of his fathers. Here we killed the bear, the elk, and the deer. Here we trapped the otter, coon and beaver. But alas our forests have been cut down! Our woodland flowers for want of shade, have

However, Pokagon's words came years before any would think it possible for Viking II to land on Mars and send back pictures.



Select Mobile Homes opened for business in the 1950's in DeWitt by Bill Loflin, owner. Select Mobile Homes is located throughout Michigan, North Carolina and Florida. Select has many models and sizes from which to choose not only in the Mobile Homes, but in Modular Homes as well with such names as Marlette, Ritzcraft (Div. of Select Mobile Homes), and Metamora. Sizes range from 14 to 24' wide.

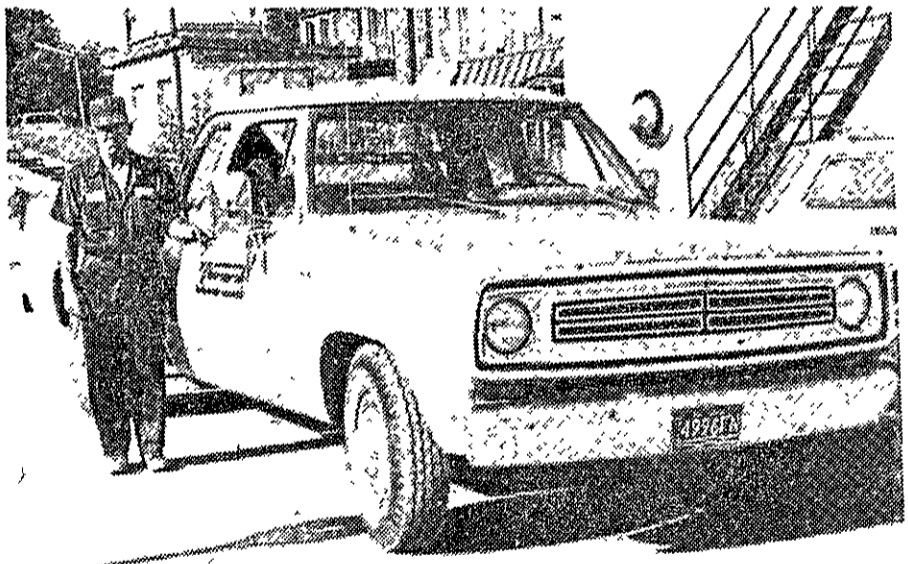
A unique financing plan has been developed for their customers to keep financing costs to a minimum. Also Select will deliver anywhere in the state of Michigan at no extra cost.

Employing their own full time factory trained personnel, Select's service dept. is ready to assist you with any problems that might arise.

Stop in at Select and meet Robert Mack, a St. Johns resident who has been manager of Select Mobile Homes for 10 years. Bob will show you what friendly folks the Select family are.

## SELECT MOBILE

S. US-27 **HOMES** DeWITT



Norman Rademacher began working in the construction business with his brother Harold and Howard Beardsley in 1954. Sometime later Norman and Harold formed a partnership called Rademacher Bros. In 1961 after the death of Harold Rademacher, the business became known as Rademacher Construction.

Rademacher is a general building contractor specializing in commercial, residential & churches. Whether you plan to remodel, build new or add on, no job is too big or too small for Rademachers.

Employees assisting Rademacher are: Louis Rademacher, Rod Brush, Doyle Bancroft, and Glenn Pline.

## RADEMACHER CONSTRUCTION

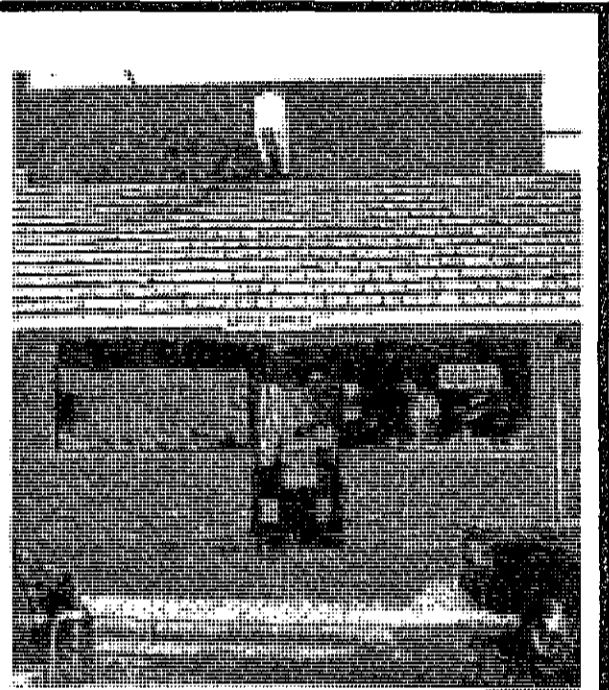
110 N. Kibbee St. Johns



A BIT OF Scottish flavor accented the St. Johns Bicentennial parade as shown here by Jon Newman, a member of the Heather Pipers of St. Johns. It's best not to make fun of their legs, Newman is prosecuting attorney for Clinton County and director of the Heather Pipers is Frederick Lewis, district judge.



WEARING THIS apparel is how our rugged pioneers faced the elements though it may have been a bit warm for this participant in the July 3. Bicentennial celebration.



Levey's Jewelry originated in Elsie, Michigan in 1949 under the ownership of Dale and Elisabeth Levey. Located at 125 E. Main Street in Elsie, the Levey's presently operated the business along with their son, Bruce.

Levey's Jewelry is known for their expert watch making and repair and also are known for their dependability in razor repair.

In addition to an excellent selection of watches and gifts throughout the store, Levey's feature ear piercing any day of the week. They also set diamonds and size rings. The store also features the Hallmark line in cards.

## LEVEY'S JEWELRY

Elsie Phone 862-4300

# Elsie's Neva Keys County News writer for 41 years

By SHIRLEY KARBBER

It's been the 'human side of the news,' for Neva Keys, 71 years young of Elsie, and known as the 'super-woman of the news media.' She's been writing for the Clinton County News 41 years, the Owosso Argus Press 30 years, and submitted material to the Gratiot County Herald, Maple River News, State Journal and others during her career.

Neva covers the family reading items for the Bannister, Ashley, St. Johns, Ovid and Elsie areas. Her writings include weddings, church and club activities, births, obituaries, and social events. She's never covered the hard-core news of crime, government, or scandal. "Although I know quite a bit about it," she said, "Historical pieces, research, and working with foreign exchange students is my favorite area."

Her office, located in her home at 241 W. Main St., Elsie, reflects her years of service to the community. She files a copy of all her material, and has saved every letter written to her by editors. Material is stacked in every nook and cranny of the home and she can find

any item needed for reference in a couple of minutes.

Neva types the 'two finger method' and jots down her stories in pencil first. "It's the only way I can do it," she said. Her hobby is scrapbooks, and she's completed over 100 of them, eight on the village of Elsie. She feels her journalistic talent may have been inherited from her great grandfather, William F. Scott, or her mother, Pearl Mulder, both did some writing in their time. But her greatest accomplishment over the years has been the writing of the Centennial Book, for the village in 1957.

She graduated from St. Johns high school in 1922, and attended County Normal College, M.S.U. and C.M.U. She was a teacher, (largely on a substitute basis), in Gratiot, Clinton, and Shiawassee counties. She never planned a journalism career, but has found her greatest satisfaction in that area. She also assisted her husband, Sidney, in his Elsie dealership as a bookkeeper for 46 years, (he is now employed at Community Dodge in St. Johns.)

Neva and Sidney were married Thanksgiving Day,

Nov. 28, 1928, in Detroit, where her father was a physician. "We stayed in Elsie long enough to see the Ovid-Elsie Independent football game. I can't remember who won, but it was snowing. We had an old Hudson car and on the way there, we had car trouble, but we made it." They've resided in Elsie all their married life and raised three daughters and two sons. There was a wide discrepancy in their children's ages and Neva, laughs about being a member of the P.T.A. for 31 years.

She is also a member of the Womens Literary Club, United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Elsie Library Historical Assoc., and has served on the library board. She recently completed a great deal of writing for the Bicentennial. "I'm tired now, and I'm not as active as I once was, but when I try to resign, they won't let me," she said.

Neva gave this opinion, on the largely 'male oriented' editorial staff, she has worked for, "Men are funny, some think a woman can't do anything, and other are very cooperative." Her biggest gripe was, "People don't tell



Neva Keys at work in her home--office.

you things. They feel you should know it already if you work for a newspaper."

Neva and her husband spend their vacation in Golf Hills, Miss., and Miami,

Fla., visiting their family which now includes six grandchildren and one great grandson. Sidney likes to play golf and Neva takes her portable along and does her

work. She talks about her career with the precision and accuracy of the historian she is but adds, "Sometime I'm gona quit!"

## 1898...WE LOOKED LIKE THIS



Since 1898 - our concern has ever been to serve St. Johns and surrounding Clinton County in a manner which would be pleasing to the folk who have placed their confidence in us. The goals and business philosophies have changed and grown over the past 78 years but have steadfastly held that meeting peoples wants and needs as individuals is the cornerstone of good business practice and the foundation of life-time friendships.

As we grew and served the public with ever increasing concern and talent, it became possible to extend our quality of service to those in the Maple Rapids, Fowler, and Ovid areas. Business mergers with long established, well run funeral homes in these areas gave to more folks in the county the opportunity to receive the benefits of quality purchasing and a more complete service approach by our large, well-trained staff.

May I mention two important thoughts in closing. We pledge to you a level of service which shows marked improvement from month to month as our knowledge and experience grow, and we also take this Bicentennial time to thank you all for the confidence and trust placed in our family since 1898. We at all times will endeavor to be worthy of such confidence and trust during this year of 1976 and for the many years to come.

For our family and staff --  
Thanks and God Bless You All,

*Robert R. Serrine*  
Robert R. (Bob) Serrine, President  
Osgood Funeral Homes, Inc.



## 1976...WE LOOKED LIKE THIS

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**George Chapel**

Fowler  
Arthur Bond

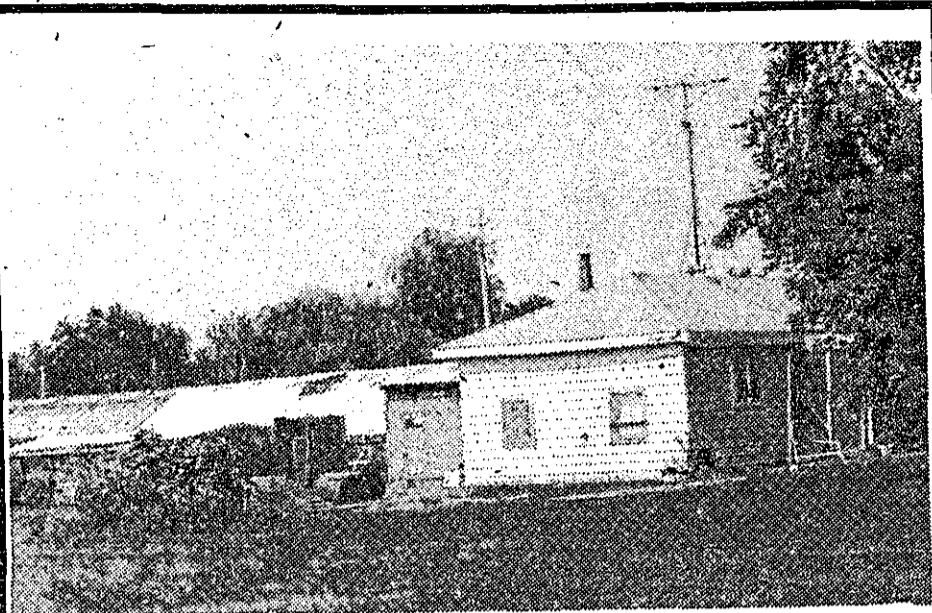
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G.W. Osgood  
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Paul Tate

**Houghton Chapel**

Ovid  
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John Workman  
Joseph Coleman





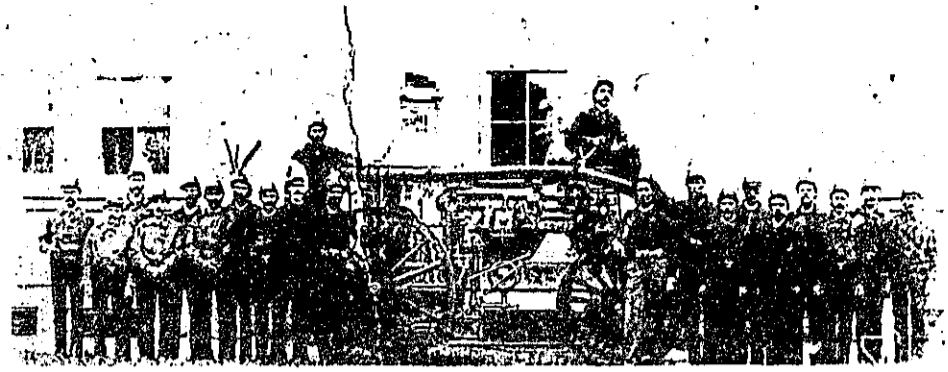
In the late 1800's a man by the name of Clarence Smith started a greenhouse in St. Johns in the location which is now 800 E. Steel. The greenhouse was later taken over by his son Clarence Jr. who ran the business for some time. Later owners of the business were Joseph and Margaret Adamski who purchased it in 1946. In 1972 Mike and Leona Adamski took over as managers for their parents.

The St. Johns Greenhouse offers all types of floral arrangements, cut flowers, plants, ceramics, pottery and terrariums. For weddings, funerals, proms or any special occasion the St. Johns Greenhouse is always available to assist you in your selection.

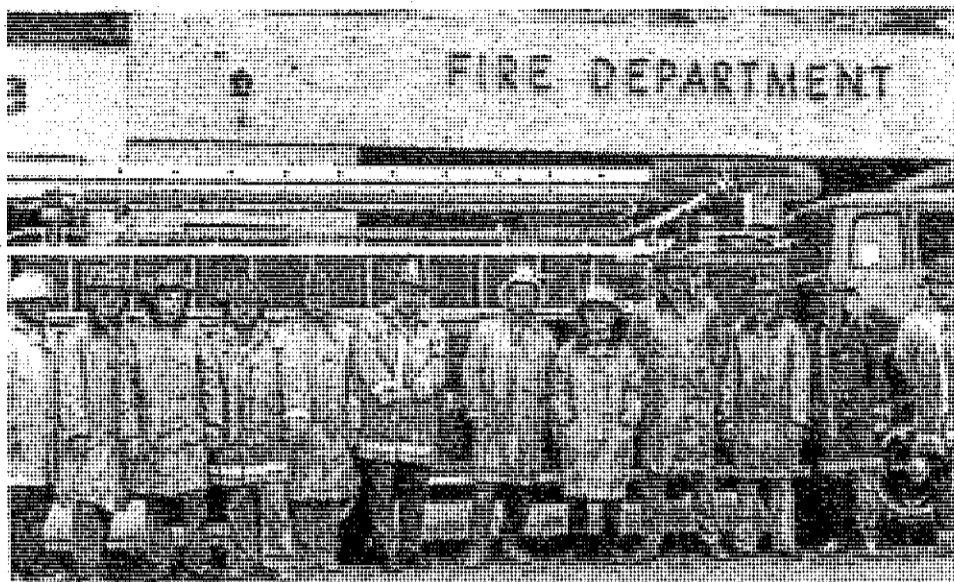
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800 E. Steel St.

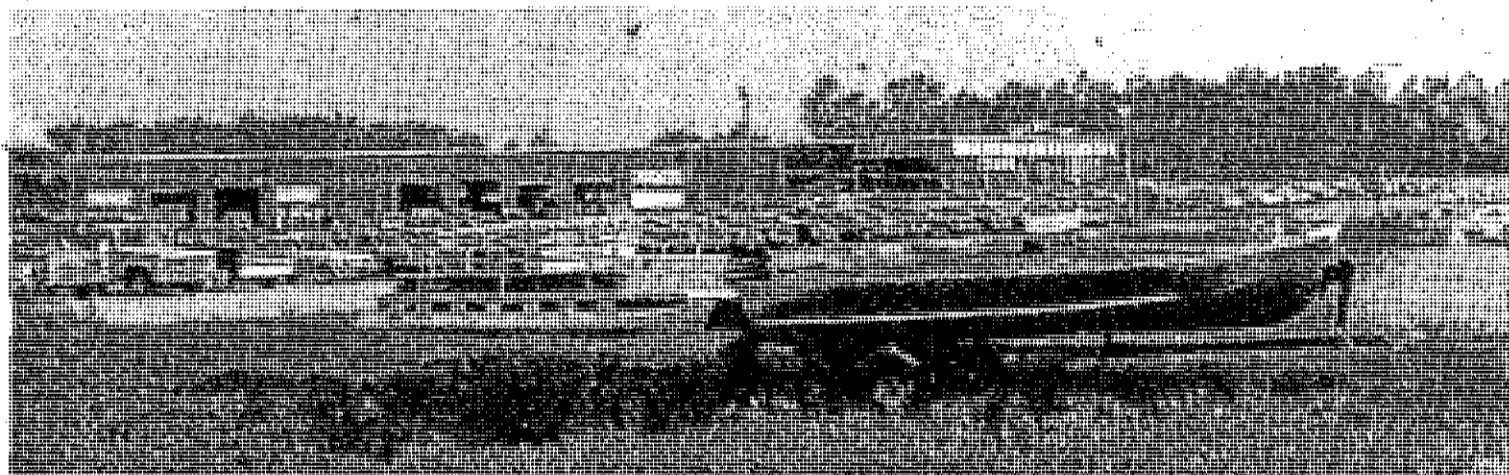
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This picture of the old St. Johns volunteer fire department was taken many years ago. Included in the group are George Nethercott, Frank Hyatt, Bert Dale, Louis Estes, George Boyer, Marshall Pitts, Isaac Horton, Horace Tucker, George Hulbert, Charlie Stanton, Samuel Kinney, John Fortness, Wallace Belding, Wallie Simonson, Albert Cross, Taylor Stockton and Herb Bradner. We're indebted to Mrs. Luuls Ester for the use of this picture.



DURING 1976 the St. Johns Volunteer Fire Department sponsored the July 4th Bicentennial carnival and fireworks celebration in St. Johns with the assistance of various civic groups. They also contributed their time and efforts to the safety and well-being of Clinton County. The group, pictured above includes: Gary Biddinger, assistant fire chief; Don Griffith; Charles Hylar; Jon Tatroe; Rick Knight; Tom Goff, captain; Clare Maler, chief; Terry Kentfield, captain; Richard Armstrong; Ron Cobb; Loren Perry; and Bill Daman. Absent when the picture was taken were: Charles Bensinger, Captain; Scott Knight; Eugene Dunkel; Elon Humagel and Richard Cornell.



Bee's Chevrolet-Oldsmobile had its early beginnings in 1964 when the Pohl Brothers Chevrolet at 110 W. Higham Street, now the site of the St. Johns High School Cosmetology Center, was purchased by Bernard Feldpausch. Bee's operated at this site until 1970 when a new facility which was started out on South US-27 in 1969 was completed.

After moving to the new facility which encompasses 8 acres of land and 70,000 square feet of building space, Bee's reached an all-time high in automobile sales this past June, racking up a total of 100 new cars sold. Since Bee's has been in business they have sold 10,831 cars and trucks and their service and body repair shops have serviced over an average of 9,000 cars and trucks a year.

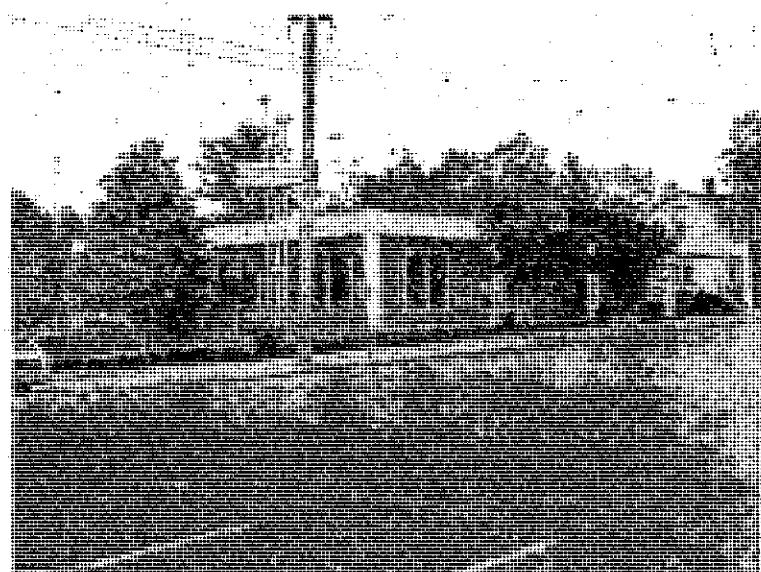
Owner of the business is Bernard Feldpausch. Heading the new car sales department is Kenneth (Red) Devereaux while the Used Car Manager is Ronald Dean. Heading other departments are: Francis Feldpausch, Parts; Pete Stevens, Service; Dutch Greene, Body Shop; Don Pease, 24-hour Wrecker Service and Casper (Cap) Feldpausch, Business Manager, Ray Uribe, New and Used Car Prep Manager. Bee's now has 57 employees to serve you.

Also included in the Bee's Chevrolet-Oldsmobile operation is a highly successful Car Wash facility and Sports Center featuring sales in boats, motors, motorcycles and snowmobiles.

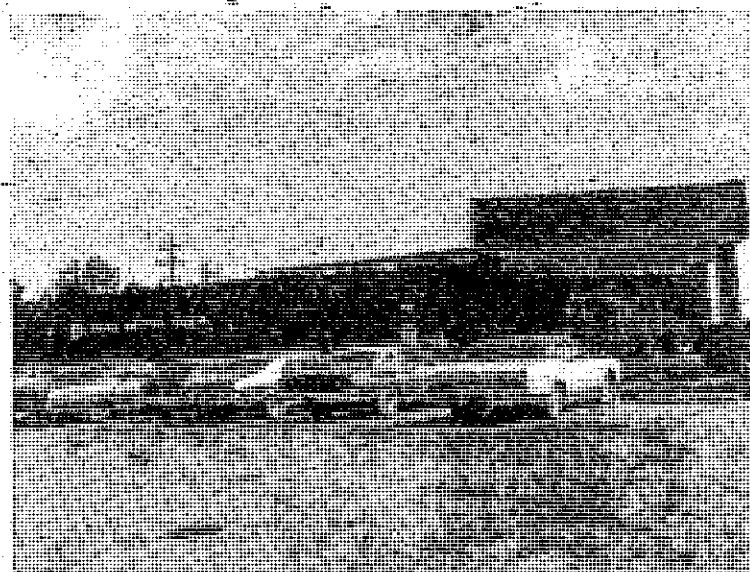
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**Main Office St. Johns**



**Southgate Branch St. Johns**



**Ovid Branch**



**Pewamo Branch**

It was Oct. 18, 1897 when the State Savings Bank of Ovid received its charter. The St. Johns Central National Bank became a product of the Ovid banking business in 1964, when the U.S. Comptroller of Currency granted permission to the State Savings Bank to change from a state to a national bank and also granted permission for the bank to move its main office from Ovid to St. Johns.

After opening the St. Johns location, the Central National Bank opened a branch in Pewamo, "filling a need of several years in the Pewamo area".

The bank opened an office Aug. 15, 1966 in the Southgate Plaza in St. Johns "in response to the growth of St. Johns to the south". The bank saw the opening of the branch as "an opportunity to take its services to the customer".

Richard Mynsberge, Paul W. Nobis, Leon W. Schumaker, John B. Stevenson and Robert E. Thompson. These men carry on the banking traditions that were started by H.A. Potter, first president of the bank; William R. Shaw, second president; Absalom Woodworth, director; E.M. Plunkett, director; Marcus Taft, director and N.J. Clark, Dr. James McGillicuddy was a director and vice-president until he moved to Lansing.

Organizers of the bank were Frank A. Marshall and John Robson, competing hardware store dealers who joined forces, along with Dr. Oliver B. Campbell to start the Ovid banking facility. Former directors in late years, both now deceased, were Harold S. Beardslee and Arnold M. Schaefer.

After nearly 80 years, bank officials point out the growth each year and the continued growth in the St. Johns facility, after 11 years at the Spring and Walker Street location, in addition to the more recent Pewamo and Southgate Plaza locations.



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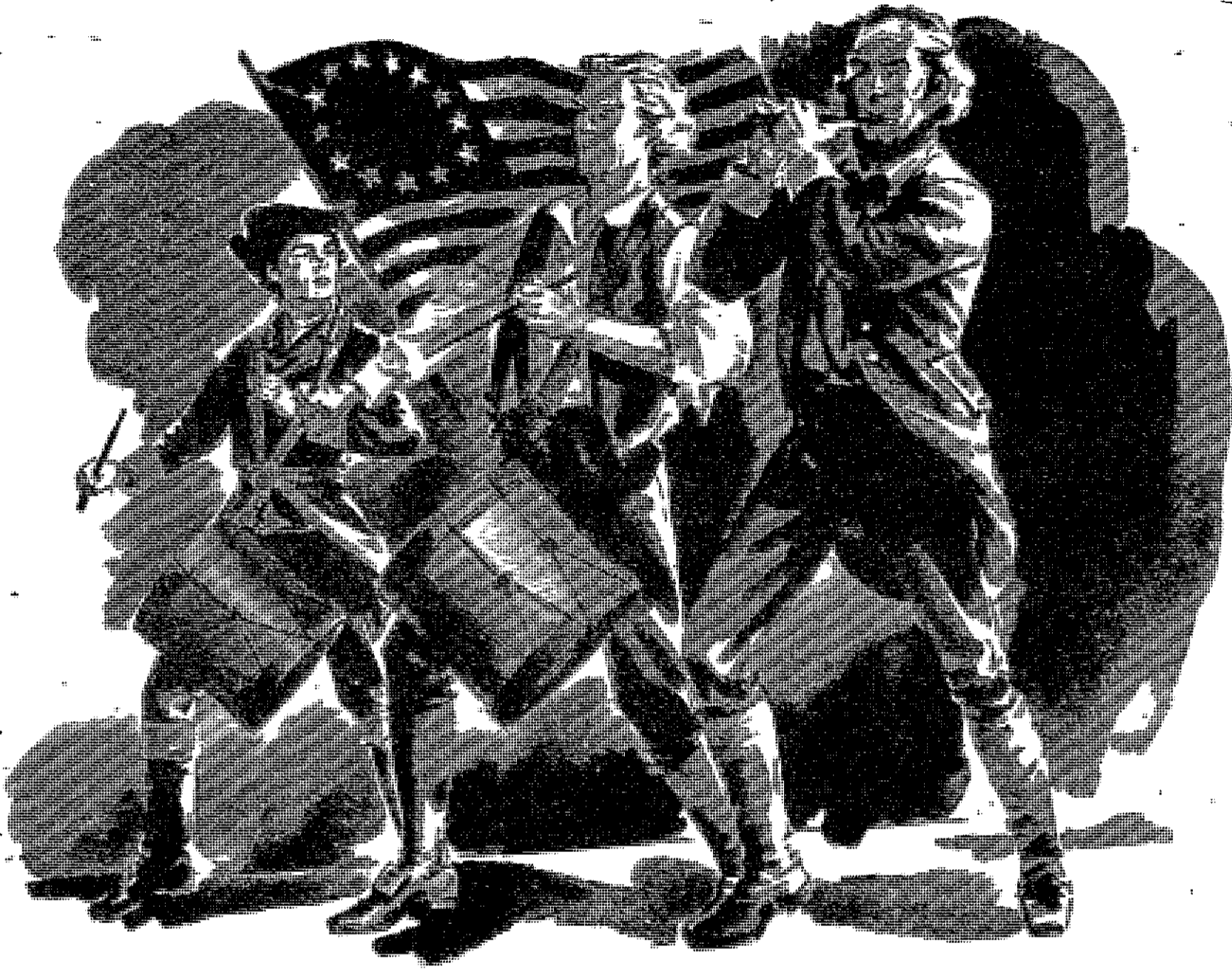
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Swartzmiller Lumber Corporation was established in 1912 with the home office in Chesaning, Michigan. Swartzmiller Lumber Co. came to Elsie in 1974 after buying the Elsie Lumber Company. The present manager is Dale Aughbaugh.

Swartzmiller Lumber Co. serves Elsie with a complete building and home center store.

## Swartzmiller Lumber Co.

224 E. Cedar

Elsie

# Capsule histories of communities

### ST. JOHNS

The city of St. Johns was platted on March 25, 1856. The cting of this city resulted in very little risk for its existence. Robert Higham designated it as a depot along the new railroad line and since Lansing, the State Capitol, did not yet have rail service, St. Johns would be a busy place with people traveling from Detroit to Lansing for governmental business. St. Johns was incorporated as a village in 1857 and became a city in 1874. Frank M. Spaulding was the first mayor of the city. He was the son of the Civil War hero, General O.L. Spaulding. The name St. Johns was chosen to pay honor to John Swegles. He headed a group who purchased land as speculation for developing a townsite on the right-of-way of the proposed railroad.

### DEWITT

The land of Captain David Scott was platted by him October 26, 1841. The resulting village was called DeWitt. For a long time

DeWitt was the center of civic and public life in Clinton County. It was the county seat until 1857.

Captain Scott erected the first hotel in 1842, and also served as the first postmaster. The first sawmill in the county was erected in 1837 upon the south bank of the Looking Glass River in DeWitt.

### OVID

The settlement of Ovid is linked with the establishment of Rochester Colony in Duplain Township in 1838. Samuel Barker located in Ovid Township in July of that year and built a log cabin. He was a member of Rochester Colony and the first settler in Ovid.

H.G. Higham, chief engineer of the old Detroit and Milwaukee Railway, selected the site for the Ovid railroad station, this was a big factor in Ovid's development. The plat for the village was recorded

May 27, 1858. One of the biggest industries that soon developed was the Ovid Carriage Works. The town for some time was larger and more prosperous than St. Johns.

### ELSIE

The village of Elsie grew out of another town's failure. The original venture was known as Craven's Mills, or the "Corners". Craven's Mills was situated a mile west of present-day Elsie. Founders of Elsie's predecessor were the brothers Joseph, Thomas and Robert Craven, who in 1845 erected a sawmill on the Maple River. They hoped water power would attract a town, and so they platted a village.

However, in 1857, J. D. and William Sickels decided to build a new village on their farm a mile to the east, which is today's location of Elsie. Their plat was

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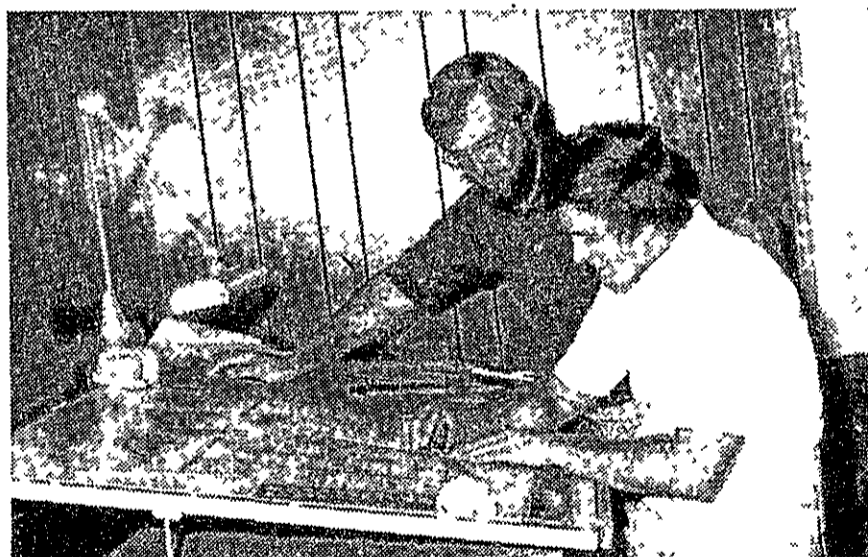


MARJORIE AND JERRY WILCOX

Jerry Wilcox established his business in 1974.

Wilcox Engeineering's main projects are drainage for Eaton, Ionia, and Shiawassee Counties. Mortgage reports are also completed for Clinton National Bank.

Guidelines for soil sedimentation control for Eaton, Ionia, and Shiawassee Counties are also provided. Surveying is another service provided. The new Burger King restaurant on S. US-27 was surveyed



Seated at the drawing board is Terry Adams while Mark Crosby looks on. James Viers, Jr. and Kevin Bargar, employees at Wilcox Engineering, were absent for the picture.

by Wilcox Engineering.

Formerly located in the Federal Land Bank Building, they are now located in their new location on 1000 S. US-27 and have been since December 26, 1975.

Jerry graduated from Michigan Tech. University at Houghton and is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He employs three full-time people and two part-time. His wife, Marjorie, is the office manager.

# WILCOX ENGINEERING

1000 S. US - 27

ST. JOHNS

# Capsule histories of county communities

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recorded June 18, 1857. The new village was named for a daughter of Franklin Tillotson, the first postmaster.

## MAPLE RAPIDS

Located on the site of the Campau trading post, Maple Rapids was established in 1835. The village was platted by W.A. Hewitt in 1853. Unfortunately, the original plat of the village was never recorded, and in 1867 a new survey was made and the plat completed. Several attempts were made to have a railroad through Maple Rapids, but this dream was never realized.

In 1875 a banking business in the village was established by Solomon P. Creasinger. The names of Hewitt and Creasinger can be seen in the facade of the old bank building in Maple Rapids.

## FOWLER

In 1856, land for the village of Dallas was purchased three-quarters of a mile east of Fowler. Dallas had a post office, store and hotel, but they were short-lived. The town site was surrounded by swamps, so in 1867 the town disbanded and Fowler was established. The village was first known as Isabella, but was later named Fowler

after its founder, J.N. Fowler of Detroit.

## BATH

Bath Township and the town of Bath were among the last areas to be settled in the county. Development was retarded by the swampy lands and some natives who scared off settlers because they wanted to keep the lands wild. The town of Bath had its beginnings on land settled by Dustin Marr, a soldier of the Mexican War who had a land warrant from the government. The town actually was not platted and organized until after the railroad depot had been built. In fact, the depot was the first building constructed in Bath. The town was named after the town of Bath in Steuben County, New York.

## EAGLE

The village of Eagle was formed as a result of the opening of the Ionia and Lansing railroad. George W. McCrumb was considered the founder of the village. He built a depot upon his plat at his own expense. The first birth in Clinton County occurred east of Eagle in October, 1834.

## EUREKA

The village of Eureka, in

Greenbush Township, was platted in 1857. At the turn of the century Eureka had a population of 250. There was a creamery, wheel barrow factory, two hotels, and several stores. Lack of good railway connections is cited as the reason for Eureka's small size. This community was known by several names among which were "Williamsport", "Barrington" and "Swizzletown". The name Greenbush was finally adopted, but was later renamed Eureka because there was already a village named Greenbush in another county of the state.

## WACOUSTA

The village of Wacousta in Watertown Township was first called Waterloo, when it was founded in 1837. Another post office in Michigan carried the same name which caused misdirected mail. Therefore, the name was called Wacousta after an Indian princess. At the turn of the century Wacousta had a bank, two churches, several retail stores, a foundry, a creamery and two practicing physicians.

## WESTPHALIA

The roots of this town and township were in the province of Westphalia in

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In 1858, a plot of land was dedicated to the Village of Elsie by Jonathon and Laura Hicks. Sometime later, a building was erected on this site and the second floor was occupied by the Elsie Lodge H 238 from 1891-1919. The west store of the building was purchased by H. A. Austin in 1920 and sold to Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Wooley in 1939. Fifteen years later in 1954, the Wooleys purchased the two stores to the east, which had been a hardware store owned by J. C. Miller.

The present owner of Wooley's, Fern Lover, purchased the business in 1973 and has kept the name of Wooley's.

Wooley's is a variety store where one may purchase anything from notions, toys, hardware to clothing. The store hours are: 9:00 to 5:30 Monday through Saturday, Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

# WOOLEY'S

## 5¢ to \$1.00 STORE

110 E. MAIN

Elsie



Henning Agency



Hawks and Green Agencies

## STATE FARM INSURANCE

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Companies was founded on June 7, 1922 in Bloomington, Illinois. Two hundred policy applications were necessary to be licensed in Illinois, and in 54 years; that beginning has produced the world's largest insurer of automobiles with 16,026,688 policies in force at year end 1975.

State Farm Life Insurance Company was formed in 1929 and today boasts more than twenty billion of ordinary life insurance in force.

In 1935 The State Farm Fire and Casualty Insurance Company was formed, and today is the leading writer of homeowners policies in the world.

State Farm came to Michigan on March 1, 1927. The growth and industry position in Michigan, much parallels that of the national picture.

The Michigan Regional office is located in Marshall, Michigan, and is responsible to 633 Agents, over 700,000 auto policyholders. More than one billion of ordinary life insurance is in force on Michigan residents, and services more than 338,000 fire policies.

Roland Sleight, formerly of St. Johns, was one of the original Michigan Managers, and played a very large part in the growth enjoyed by State Farm in Michigan. His son, Norman Sleight, is the Regional Vice President of the Ohio Region.

Other prior Clinton County residents include: "Ike" Gage, Deputy Regional Vice President, Michigan Office; Robert Kraft, Agency Manager, Flint area; Robert Harper, CLU, Lansing area Agency Manager.

State Farm is represented in the St. Johns area by Harold Green, 108 Brush Street, since 1954. Also at the Brush Street Office, is Richard Hawks who joined State Farm in 1966. Ronald Henning is located at 100 So. Lansing Street. He joined State Farm in 1966 also.

We are pleased and proud to be able to serve your personal insurance needs.

Robert Skerratt, Agency Manager.



Ronald Henning



Harold Green



Richard Hawks

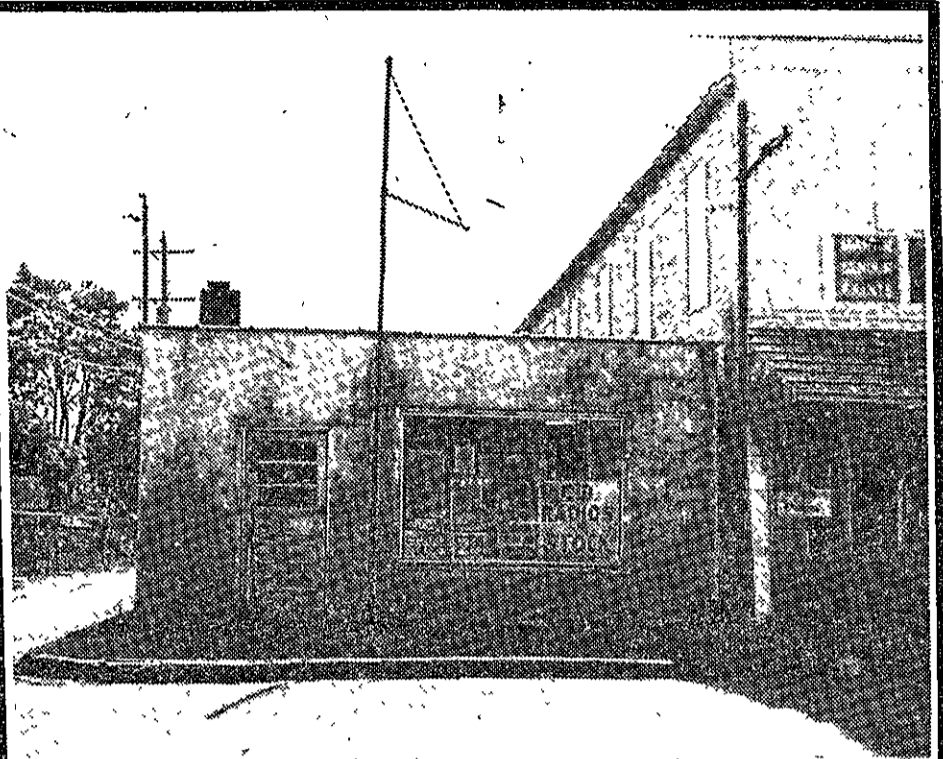


In 1964, Gene Schoendorf purchased the grocery store, known as Sill's IGA, from Mr. H. Sills, Mr. Sills managed the store for 3½ years. The store had been a garage for many years.

Gene has been in the grocery business for 30 years. He began his career with Andy's IGA in St. Johns in 1941.

# GENE'S IGA

ELSIE

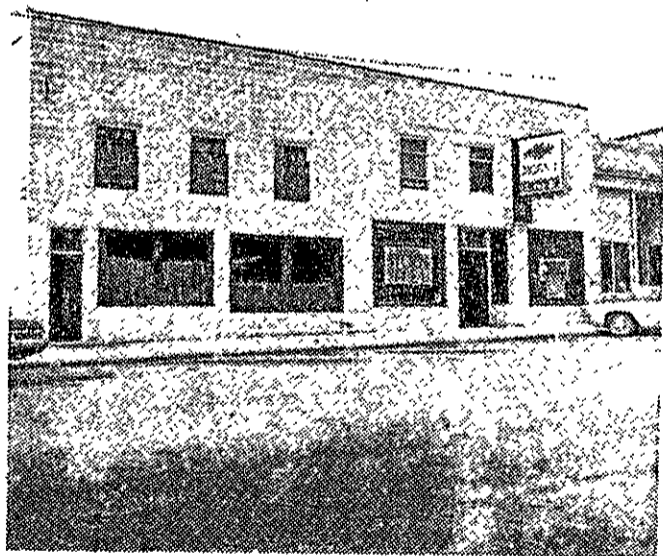


Cermak's Radio & TV Service has completed 25 years of business in Elsie. Beginning in 1951, Frank Cermak opened for business in the present location, selling and servicing all types of radios, TVs, car radios, and stereos.

Cermak's sells brand names such as Quasar and Admiral. They are open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturdays. Friday hours are 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

# CERMAK'S RADIO & TV SERVICE

ELSIE



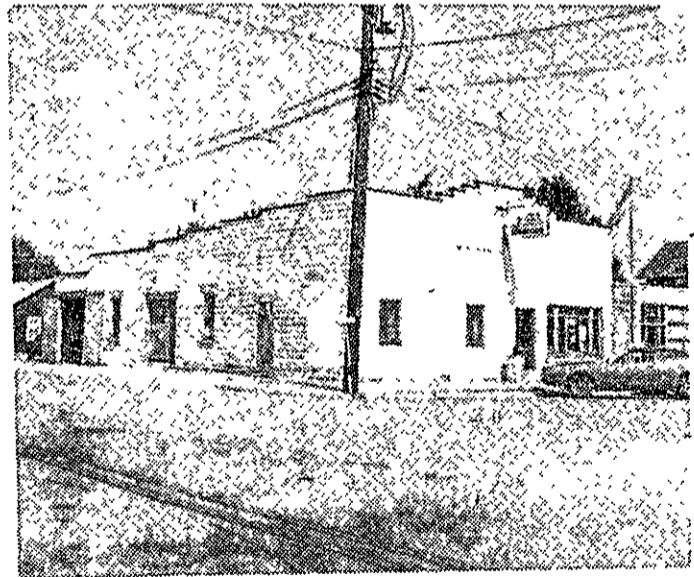
C & D Chevrolet was first known as Betts Chevrolet. It was later changed to DeBar Chevrolet. Mr. W. Burr DeBar owned and operated the dealership for ten years.

On October 1, 1972, Arthur Curtis purchased the dealership from W. Burr DeBar.

C & D Chevrolet has many Chevrolet cars and trucks to choose from. They are located on 114 E. Main St. in Elsie.

# C & D CHEVROLET

Elsie



Paul Nemanis began his business in 1948 which at that time was primarily rural electric and refrigeration. In 1954 the building on Main Street was purchased to better serve the public. Soon, the Nemanis Electric Co. entered into another phase, selling and servicing farm milk cooling tanks and motor re-winding.

Mr. Nemanis has designed and built numerous electric control panels for various companies in the area. As time wore on, the agricultural aspects of the business became more demanding. In order to service the people better, Nemanis Electric Co. became Franchised Equipment Dealers for several manufacturers enabling them to completely automate the farm with the finest in the cooling, feeding and milking equipment.

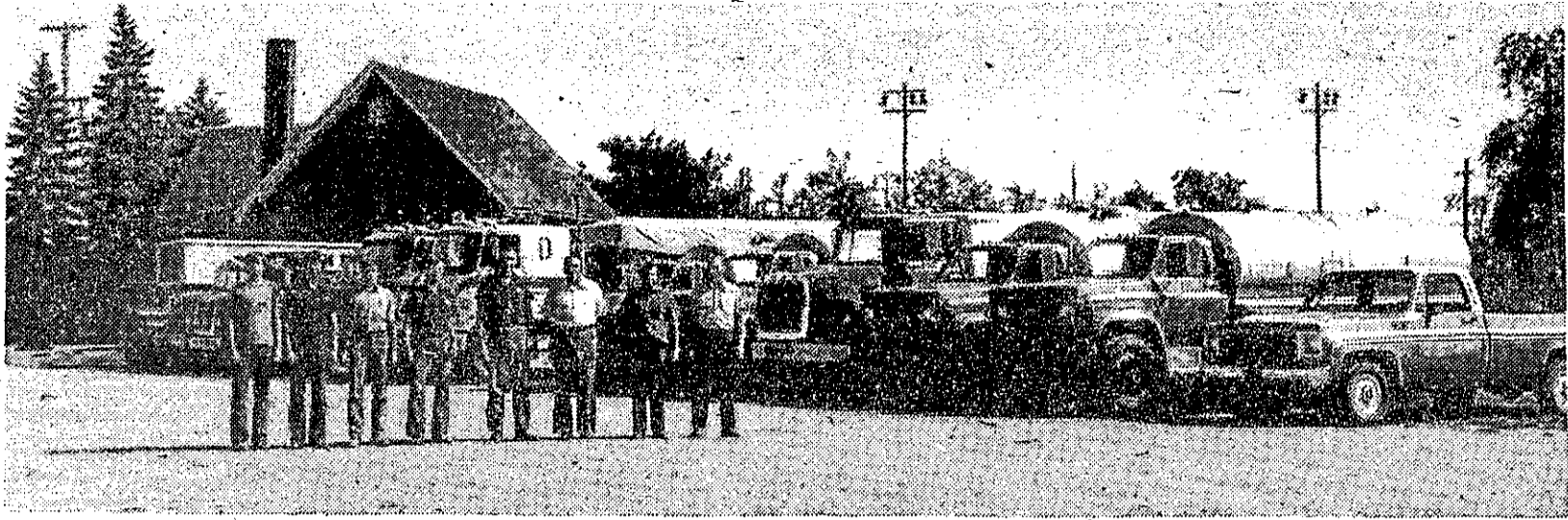
In 1970, Mr. Nemanis's son, William, returned from the Air Force. He became involved in the business too.

Nemanis Electric Inc., as it is known today, has five employees and is capable of doing almost any job, large or small, for the agricultural industry by very competent people.

# NEMANIS ELECTRIC CO.

201 N. Main

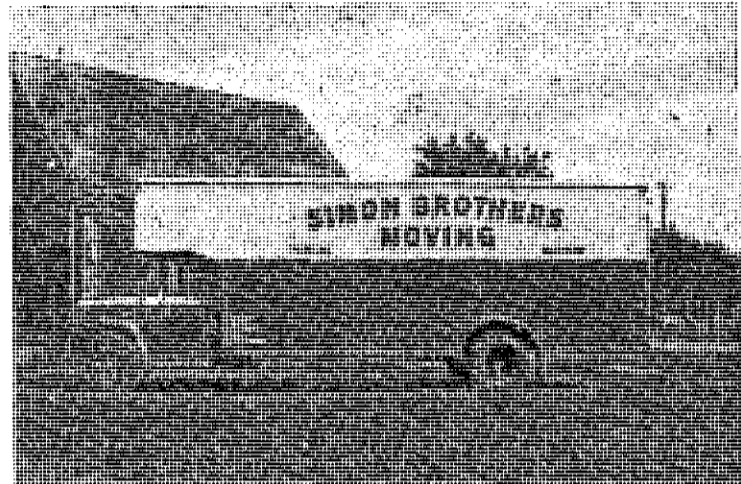
Ovid



THE SIMON FLEET AT YOUR SERVICE



SAND AND GRAVEL



FURNITURE



EXCAVATING



DAIRY



GRAIN

Simon Brothers Trucking of Fowler has been a family business since 1915, when Otto Simon purchased it from Carl Luecht. Arthur Simon joined his brother Otto later.

In 1948, Paul & Roman Simon purchased their uncle's interest and went into partnership with their father, Otto. In 1950, the brothers purchased their father's interest and became co-partners.

In 1956, the brothers initiated the first bulk-milk pickup in Clinton County. This phase of the trucking has now been increased to five bulk units. The haulers include Leo Halfman and Hilary Schmitt, who have been hauling for 25 years; Philip Simon, a hauler for 16 years; and Joseph Pung, a 4-year hauler.

In 1958, Roman purchased his brother's interest and became sole-owner until 1976, when the business was incorporated.

The business also includes gravel-hauling, which is handled by Ray Armbrustmacher, a driver for 9 years, and by Roman Simon and sons, Dennis, Daniel, and George. These drivers are also licensed milk-haulers.

Simon Brothers also do local and long-distance moving. In 1975, they purchased their first grain-train, and since have added another, to better serve the community. All the trucks are equipped with two-way radios.

Simon Brothers are proud to salute our great country in this Bi-centennial year. May it continue to prosper and uphold our freedoms, and thus be a shining example to all nations.

## SIMON BROTHERS TRUCKING

TRUCKERS OF FARM PRODUCTS -- FURNITURE MOVING

Fowler  
FOWLER, MICHIGAN 48835

DEALERS IN SAND AND GRAVEL

Mich.  
Phone (517) 593-2377



Simon Planing Mill was started in 1961 by Kenneth Simon as a manufacturer of forage wagons, hay and grain racks, bunk feeders, pick up racks and portable cattle mangers. They do all types of custom woodworking and handle short line equipment.

## SIMON PLANING MILL

268 Henderson

Fowler



Louis Schafer began his business in a barn on Schafer Farm back in 1947. In 1972, Louis' son, Peter J., bought the business from his father.

They do work on heating, air conditioning, and sheet metal. Schafer's sell a variety of fine products such as furnaces, air conditioners, central vacuum systems, electronic air cleaners, power humidifiers, and hot water heaters. Some of the well-known brand names they sell are: Friedrich air conditioners, Friedrich furnaces, Electro-Air air conditioners, April Aire humidifiers, and Slant-Fin boilers.

Schafer Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. guarantees service and quality workmanship.

## SCHAFER HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

6140 S. Wright Rd.

Fowler



Jo Van Rooyen purchased the store from John Pierson in August of 1974.

Van Rooyen's shoe store carries men's work shoes & leather articles including a complete shoe repair service. Mr. Van Rooyen is also qualified to do special orthopedic work when needed.

A friendly, family atmosphere, whether buying shoes or having them repaired, Joe is always ready with a cheerful smile to help you in any way.

## Van Rooyen Shoestore

N. CLINTON AVE.

ST. JOHNS



Thelen Hardware, formerly known as Westphalia Hardware, was established over 50 years ago in 1926. It was purchased by Gregor and Maybelle Thelen in 1954. The Thelens built a new store in the present location in 1962.

Thelen's is a General Hardware featuring LP gas, paint and wallpaper, power tools and Sentry line Hardware plus many items for every home need.

Mrs. Thelen is the bookkeeper for Thelen Hardware.

## THELEN HARDWARE

W. Main

Westphalia



Mathews Elevator, formerly known as Davarn Elevator, was purchased by Charles J. Mathews in 1954. Their products are feed-grain and fertilizers. Brand names include: Ralston and Purina and Anderson Fertilizers.

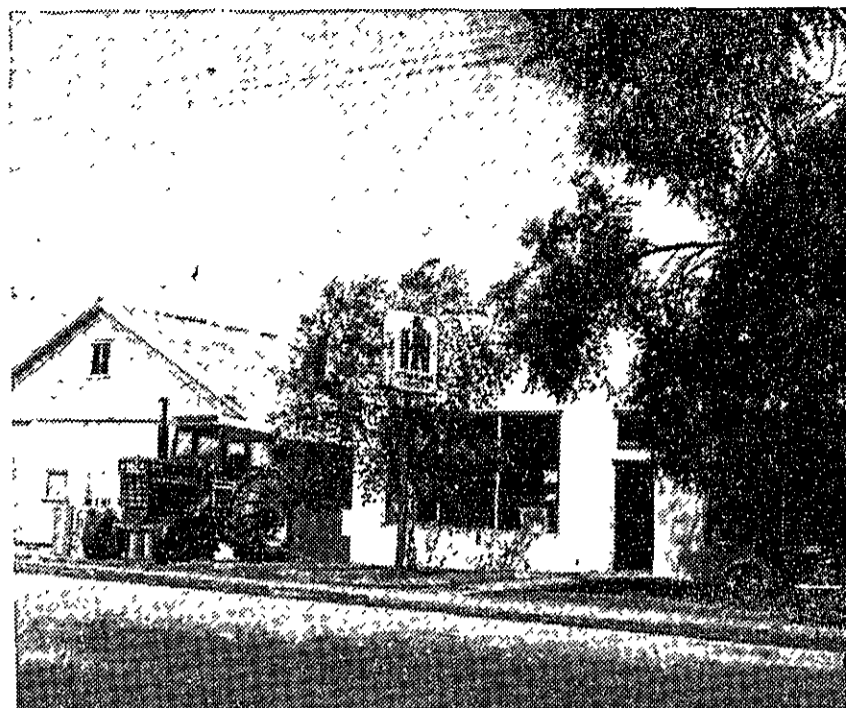
Grinding and mixing is one of the many services offered at Mathews Elevator with bulk deliveries.

Stan Platte is the General Manager of Mathews Elevator with Paul Koenigsknecht as office manager.

## MATHEWS ELEVATOR

135 N. Bath

Fowler



Fox Implement, was first started in 1925 by Urban, Martin and Clements Fox, who purchased the original International Harvester Co. franchise. The business was then known as Fox Brothers located on Main Street.

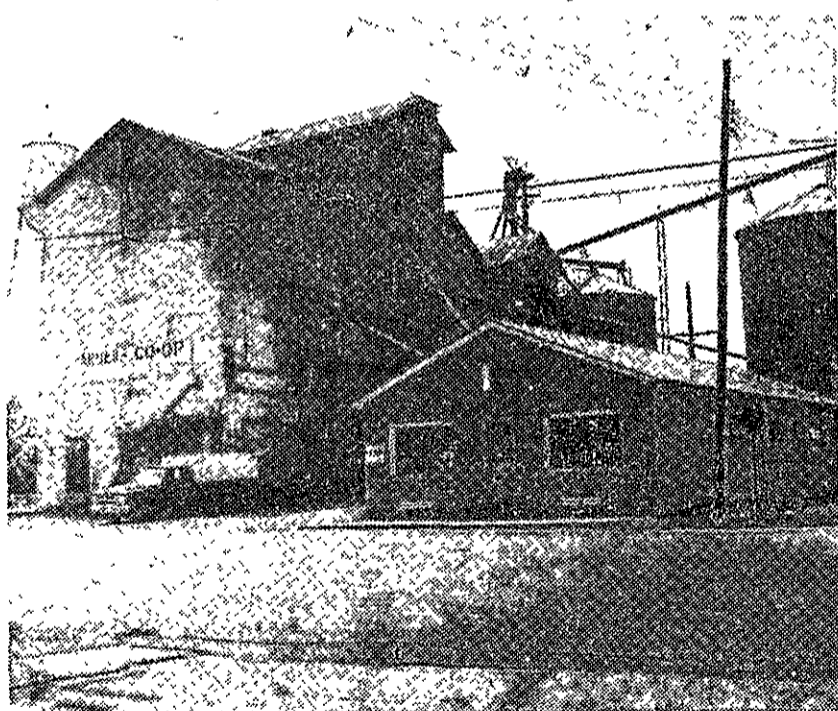
Paul Fox had worked in the business since 1938 and was joined with Mark Fox in 1947 after being discharged from the army. Together they purchased the business at the present location on South Main Street.

In addition to sales of International Harvester tractors and farm machinery, Fox Implement is franchised to sell Gehl hay and corn equipment, Whirlpool appliances and bottled gas.

## FOX IMPLEMENT

So. Main St.

Fowler



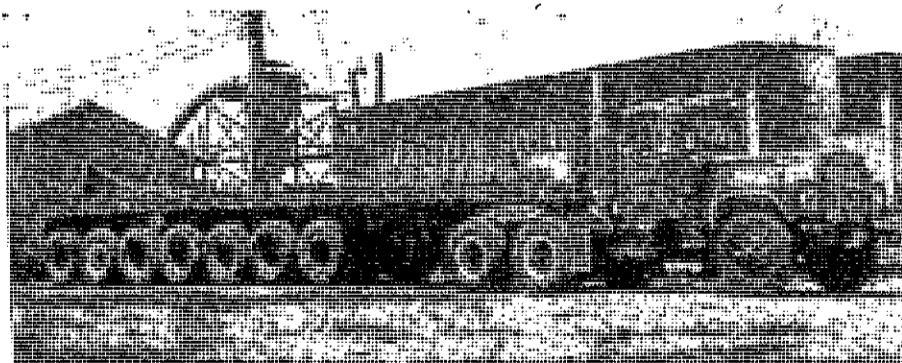
In 1895, Frank Becker Sr. started a flour mill where Farmer's Co-Op now stands. It was sold to Joseph Martin in 1912 who then sold to a Mr. Sturgis, who later sold the business to a group of stockholders calling themselves Farmer's Co-Op of Fowler.

Farmer's Co-Op handles grain, beans, coal and farm supplies. They feature Wayne Feeds and feature custom grinding. The present manager of Farmer's Co-Op is Bob Alexander.

## FARMER'S CO-OP ELEVATOR

133 N. Main

Fowler



Previously know as Freund Saw Mill, the Devereaux Saw Mill was purchased from Bud Freund by Jim Devereaux in 1968. It is now a family operated business with 3 sons, 2 sons-in-law and 2 daughters working in the business.

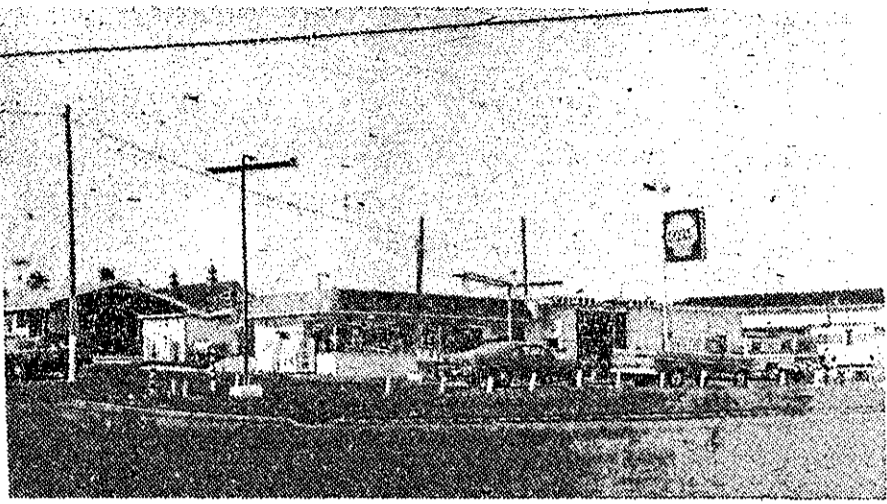
Devereaux Saw Mill sells grade lumber to furniture industries, cutting all hardwoods native to Michigan. They also do low-grade blocking for sewer construction.

Devereaux Saw Mill is the second largest saw mill, production wise, in lower Michigan, sawing 6 to 7 million feet of lumber per year with a market all over the world.

Working two shifts, Devereaux employs 45 men to make the operation function.

## DEVEREAUX SAW MILL INC.

2871  
N. Hubbardston Rd.  
Pewamo



In 1971, Allan "Yogi" Lawrence bought Jim's Super Service from James Ball. As a result, the station's name was changed to Yogi's Super Service.

The gas station sells Shell gasoline. Repair services are offered on tires and batteries. They also sell bottled gas, hardware, and groceries. You can also drive away with a clean car after going through the car wash.

Yogi's wife, Sharon, does the bookkeeping.

The station is open to serve you from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week.

## YOGI'S SUPER SERVICE

E. M-21

Ovid



Fred Denovich established his agency in June, 1974, located in the McKenzie Building. Fred has been in the realty business for seven years.

St. Johns Realty is a member of the Lansing Board of Realtors and the Globe World Wide Business Brokerage.

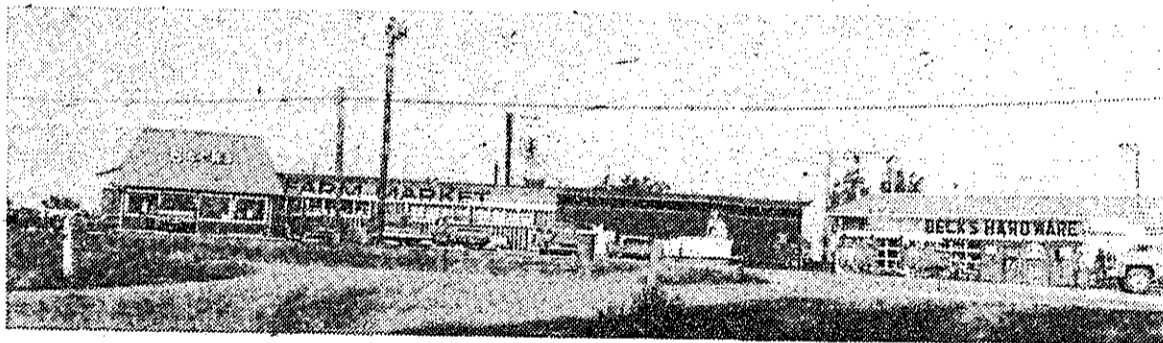
They provide all types of realty such as residential, farm, commercial, business, and industrial.

Four sales representatives are employed by Fred - Jason and Rose Baker, Clayton Sharick, and Sharon Worrall.

# ST. JOHNS REALTY

212 N. Clinton

St. Johns



## From fruit stand to shopping complex Beck's Farm Market on the grow

It was 1957 when Ben and Barbara Beck first opened their little roadside fruit stand 7 miles north of St. Johns. Strawberries ran 3 quarts for a dollar that year, and business was good.

But their friends should see them now. Over the years they've expanded their little stand into 15,000 square feet of supermarket; wide aisles lined with everything from meat to magazines, from pastry to pantyhose.

They call it Beck's Farm Market now, and its located right on US-27. With their latest expansion the store's size doubled—but Ben Beck likes to think some of the homey touches remain.

"In our bakery, everything is made from scratch," he pointed out. "And we smoke our own meat: hams, bologna and sausages."

The way Beck tells it, the marketing business runs in the family.

"My grandad (Frank Beck) used to have a fruit market up the road," he explained, "then the highway came and wiped it out. I sort of started it all over again."

He's mighty proud of the way things have turned out, but the 39-year-old Beck, a farmer-turned-businessman, still remembers the lean years.

The year after he set up his first little stand, for example, he operated from a lean-to with a dirt floor. Folks started asking for more things—meat, bread, non-food items—and Beck gave them what they wanted.

He says there is no magic formula for moving successfully from small-time to big-time operations.

"It takes hard work, long hours and a positive attitude, that's about all," he said.

Beck also gives a lot of credit to his 30-person staff, stating that "If you don't have good help, you might as well forget it."

...the other side

## BECK'S HARDWARE and BECK & HYDE FARMARINA, INC.

It all started with a friendly visit in the fall of 1965. Ben & Dan Beck were visiting with R. G. Hyde when they got around to talking about snowmobiles. Hyde mentioned that he was adding snowmobiles to his farm equipment business, and from that conversation the Beck Brothers and Hyde pooled their resources and formed the partnership of Beck & Hyde.

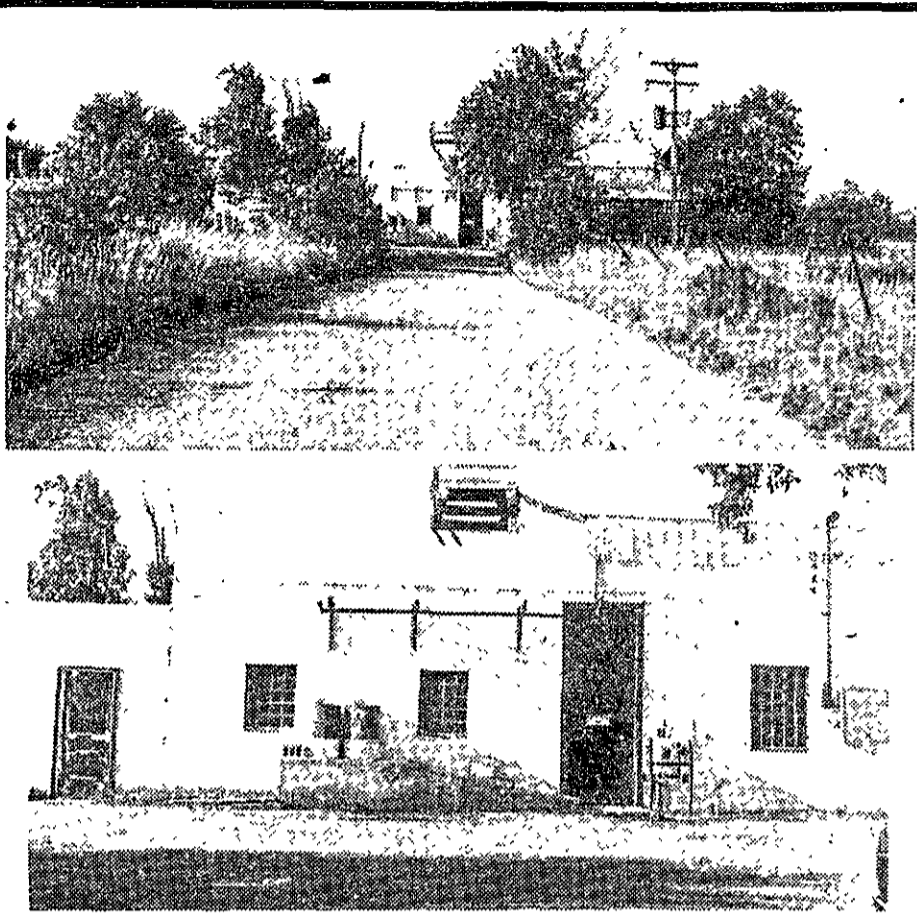
Evinrude Snowmobiles and Motors and Polaris Snowmobiles were the first equipment sold. Sales were made thru the produce dept. of Beck's Farm Market with the bookkeeping done at Hyde's home. Boats, motors, garden tractors & etc. were stored at both farms.

The business continued to grow and the partnership was incorporated in 1967. A building was then built to house the equipment and a small eating stand was transformed into the present day office.

In 1973 R. G. Hyde retired and sold his share of the business to Beck Bros. who have since added a hardware store.

N. US - 27

St. Johns



Mark DeBoer began the wholesale beef business in 1948. It is now owned by his wife Ruth and son Dahl DeBoer.

DeBoers specialize in custom butchering and selling wholesale beef to retailers in Owosso, Durand, Perry and all of the Clinton County area.

**MARK DEBOER & SON**  
**WHOLESALE BEEF** E. M-21  
Ovid



Ovid Service Agency was started in 1963 by Gilbert Bovan and Rosemary Valko who combined two separate agencies into one, the C.C. Conn Agency and the Earl Fisher Agency.

Ovid Service Agency is an Independent Agency offering all types of insurance and Real Estate Service.

**OVID SERVICE**  
**AGENCY**

104 N. Main

Ovid



The Jackson Home For The Aged was started by Mrs. Anna Jackson in 1964 to fill a need for general nursing care of the aged. Mrs. Jackson now has four nursing homes under supervision by a trained staff on duty 24 hours a day.

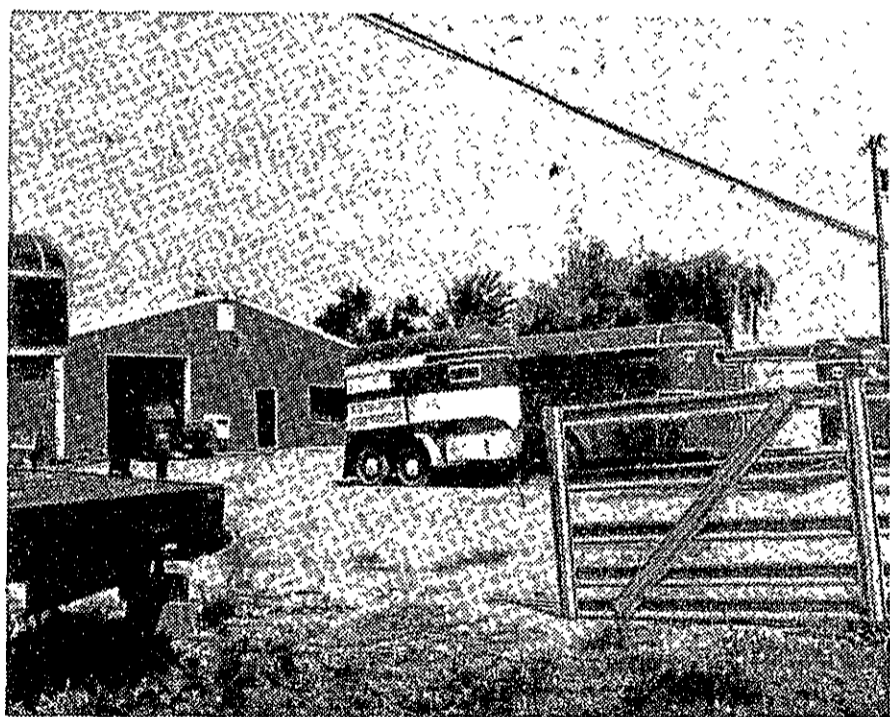
Offering a home-like atmosphere, Jacksons administers the ultimate in fine nursing care.

Mrs. Jackson has been a lifelong resident in the Clinton County area.

**JACKSON HOME**  
**FOR THE AGED**

307 N. Mead

St. Johns



Douglas Hart is the president of Hart Sales & Service. Doug established the business in 1964.

They specialize in sales and service of horse and stock trailers. Hart Sales & Service are located on 2297 North US-27 and are the largest licensed dealers in the Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana area.

**HART SALES**  
**& SERVICE**

N. US-27

St. Johns

# Bicentennial a bench mark

An individual's birthday anniversary, a community's centennial, a nation's bicentennial are all nothing more than bench marks, such as surveyors use. It is not a place to stop or a place for even a short halt. It is a point of reference on a survey from which future measurements of any sort can be made.

That's what the bicentennial of this nation should be—a bench mark to measure the distance this country has come. It is not the end of the journey.

In the United States there are not many man-made bench marks measured in more than a couple of centuries. There are only a few buildings that old. Here in the midwest our bench marks in local and state government aren't even 200 years old.

This country's fast rise in technology, industry, business, education and the many other facets of our life has spoiled us. We Americans have gotten our joy and pride in progress—in having the latest thing out whether it be ideas, products or buildings. Our ambition to make what we call progress has caused us to obliterate many bench marks, or to ignore them. Sometimes our desire to have the latest in houses, household appliances and mechanical gadgets leads us into a frenzy where we discard the tried and proved for something which ultimately proves inferior. Sometimes in our drive for what is new in fashion we pass right by the bench marks showing the road to comfort and enjoyment. We become victims instead of beneficiaries of our craving for what is new, in our rejection of what is old or getting that way.

And Americans have a passion for treating ideas the same way.

Tried and true ways of governing ourselves, in providing services, in taking care of problems are often discarded in favor of some untried theoretical change, a ways in the disguise of progress.

In this bicentennial year when there is so much reflection on what has made our country great we ought not to ignore the Biblical admonition: "Remove not the ancient land mark, which thy fathers have set."

A bicentennial is a bench mark, not a stopping place. Let's use that bench mark to measure what has happened before, what we can retrieve from the past, to assist us in providing the good life for the present and the future.

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## Capsule histories

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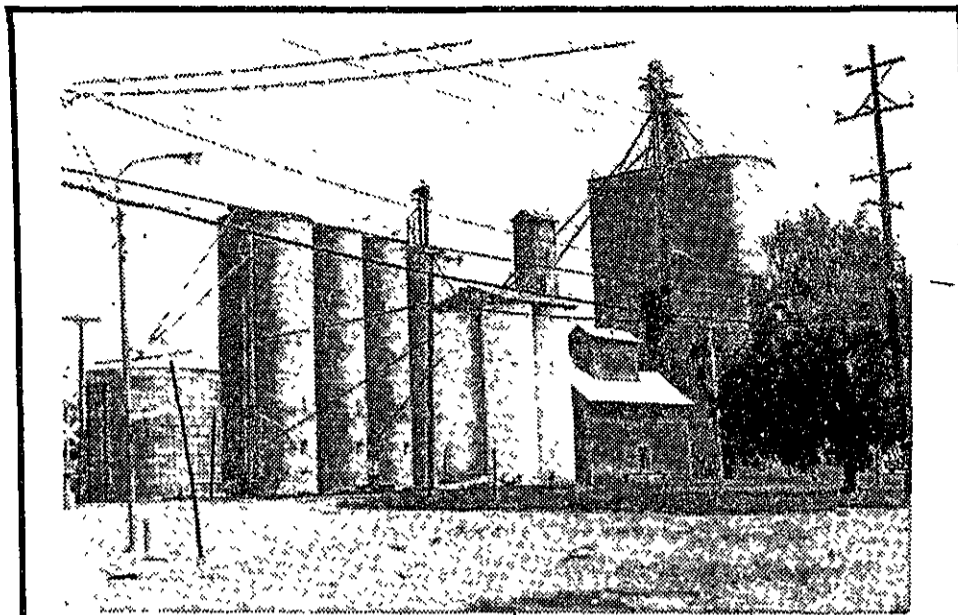
Germany. The first settlement was begun in September of 1836. In those pioneer days, the hamlet was referred to as "The Settlement". Later it was called "Dutchtown". It was not until after it was incorporated that it was called by the name of

Westphalia. Names of the first settlers include the Hanses, Cordes, Theilman (later changed to Thelen) and Platte.

In early days of Westphalia, there was a market for all, general stores, tin shop, cooper shops, blacksmith

shops, a brickyard and even a half a dozen shoe shops.

St. Mary's Church has served Westphalians religious needs since the town's beginnings. The present structure is the fifth church to serve the parish.



## ST. JOHNS CO-OP

St. Johns Cooperative got its start in 1920 from the outgrowth of a request by a certain Goldie Brooks who invited a William Hill from Flint Co-op to come to the Pomona Grange and discuss the advantages of farmers doing marketing for themselves. This started a chain of actions which led to the formation of St. Johns Agricultural Association on April 9, 1920. On June 10, 1920 another meeting was held with 300 in attendance. Officers were elected and a decision to buy or build an elevator was made. The John Parr Elevator was purchased for \$15,000 and later the Charles Sprague Elevator, now the feed mill, was purchased for \$8,000 from where the depot now stands to its present location. It is believed that George Brooks who served the Co-op for 39 years assumed management in 1921 and retained that position until his retirement in January of 1959.

The firm's present manager, John A. Romig (Art) came into the picture in January of 1961 when he was hired as assistant manager. Constant improvements in facilities have made the St. Johns Cooperative the "farmers friend" and indeed a growing industry in the Clinton area.



Houghten Real Estate, located on 108 Brush, has been a builder of residential homes since 1960. In 1965, it became a real estate agency.

Besides selling real estate of residential, farms and business property, they still build homes.

Mr. Herb Houghten employs Donald Gilson and Rubin Eirschele. Dyle Henning, Sara Fike, and J. Speerbrecker service the De Witt area.

## HOUGHTEN REAL ESTATE

108 Brush

St. Johns



James O'Connor began his business in 1956 as O'Connor Dairy Equipment located on Jason Road. In 1961, a new building was built where the business is presently located on West M-21.

Mr. O'Connor has been experienced with water softening since 1974. He also provides rental, sales, and service.

## O'CONNOR SOFT WATER SERVICE

W. M-21

St. Johns

# Declaration of Independence signatures secret until 1777

Contrary to popular belief, the Declaration of Independence was not signed by delegates to the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

Rather, Thomas Jefferson's final draft of the Declaration was merely approved by the delegates, signed by John Hancock, president, and attested by Charles Thompson, secretary.

This was the moment history calls the "signing" though the delegates did not put their signatures on the final version of the Declaration until August 2 and later. At least one man signed as late as November. And all of the 56 signatures but Hancock's and Thomson's were kept secret until 1777.

### Read In Public

Not until noon on July 8, 1776, after copies were printed, was the Declaration read in public. Only a small crowd gathered; Philadelphians already knew what had occurred in the State House—now Independence Hall—and some disapproved.

That night the document was read again to a much larger group as bells pealed and bonfires lit Center

Square. Symbolically, the royal coat of arms was wrenched from a wall and burned.

The celebrations gradually spread throughout the colonies as post riders, coach packets, and coastal vessels carried the momentous news. It took more than a month for the word to reach many cities and hamlets.

Apparently no one told the courier to New Hampshire that the capital had moved from Portsmouth. By the time he arrived in Exeter on July 16 with the "wished-for-news" he had ridden 30 extra miles.

Abigail Adams listened with a vast crowd as the document was read in Boston on July 18. Around that time, a child named Independence was baptized in Connecticut, and an innkeeper was jailed for declaring against the Declaration.

### Troops Got Word

In New York, an express rider delivered copies to General George Washington on the 9th; at six that evening some 15,000 troops lined up in hollow-square formation to hear the announcement in sight of the enemy fleet.

Charleston, South Carolina, recovering from a British assault by sea, staged a grand Independence day on August 5. Savannah, in Georgia, southernmost town of the original 13 states took the news with mixed solemnity and joy.

Few outside the Continental Congress knew the author of the Declaration was Thomas Jefferson until the fact appeared in a newspaper in 1784. He had lived through all the belling and speechmaking without any personal commendation from the press.

The Declaration itself led a precarious life from the very beginning. It was among other official papers transported in a light wagon when Congress fled from Philadelphia to Baltimore in December, 1776.

It soon returned to Philadelphia but was on the move again when British advances forced the delegates to set up other temporary capitals first at Lancaster, then York, Pennsylvania.

After the war was won, the priceless parchment (See Page 12D)



Becker Furniture has completed 30 years of serving the community of Fowler and the Clinton County area with the reputation of having one of the largest selections of furniture in this area.

Luke and Joan Becker established the business in 1946 and later bought the Huggert Hardware Store and the Westwood Implement Building in order to expand. Two sons, Gary and Mark are now working with them in the store.

Beckers have nine employees, including four trained girls as sales personnel to help in the selection of covers, fabrics, carpets for your decorating needs.

There is furniture available for every room in the house featured at Beckers plus a complete line of carpets and floor coverings, with such name brands as: Bassett, Lane, Broyhill La-Z-Boy, Berne, Flex Steel, Mersman and Pulaski.

Gerald M. Fox is employed as the manager of Becker Furniture.

## BECKER FURNITURE

123 S. MAIN

FOWLER



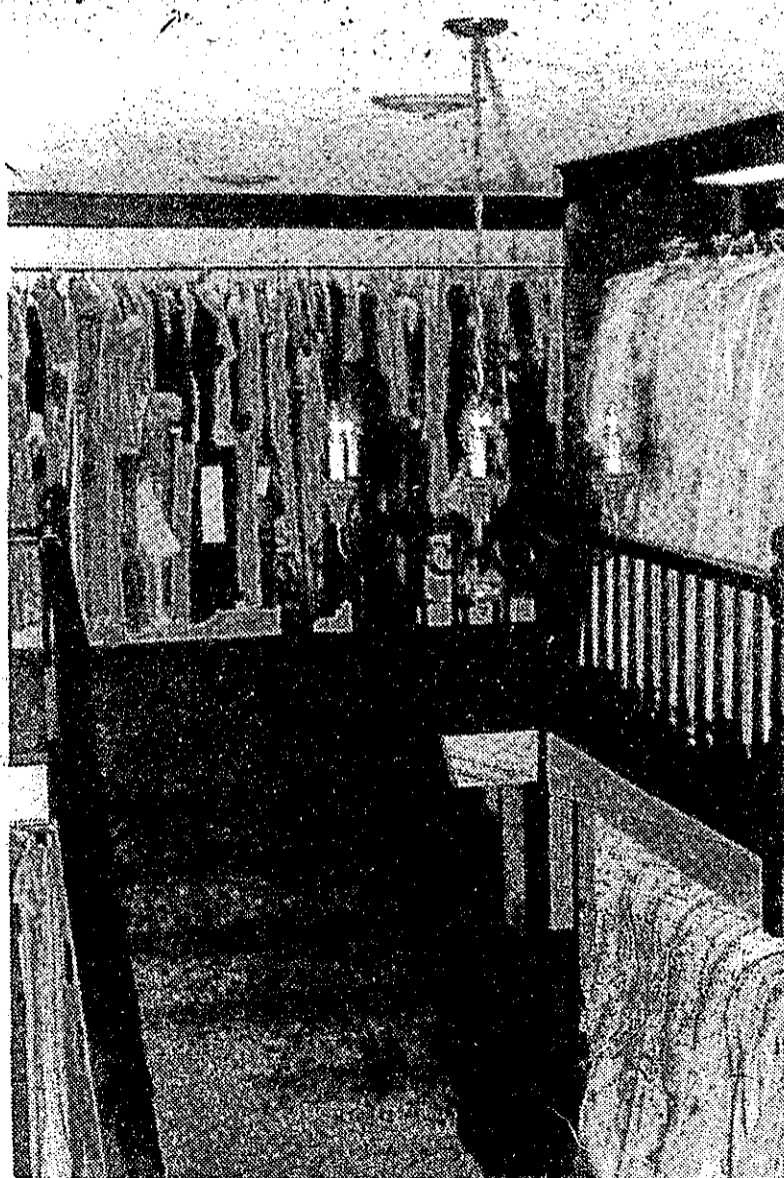
The first wedding dress sold at Beckers was purchased by Eva Becker, wife of Frank Jr., in 1935 for Mrs. Earl Frechen which marked the beginning of the Bridal Shop.

## Becker Family In Business Since 1908

Frank Becker Sr. purchased the General Store from Charles Day in 1908 which was located where Miller's Tavern now stands. In 1917 Beckers moved into the store location now occupied by the Gamble Store of Fowler. In 1922 Frank Becker, Jr. assumed the grocery and general store business and began delivering groceries in a delivery wagon. In 1950 they moved to their present location which was at that time the Peoples Bank. The name of the business was then changed to Becker's Department Store.

Clark and Sharon Becker assumed the business from Frank Jr. in 1975 and has since done extensive remodeling to the bridal part of the store.

Beckers carry a full line of men's, children's and ladies' wear for all occasions. The Bridal Shop is well known throughout Michigan and is the second largest bridal business in the state. There is everything for bridal and wedding occasions including rentals of tuxedos.



The ultimate in wedding fashions and formal wear selection.

## BECKER'S BRIDAL and MEN'S WEAR

115 S. Main

Fowler

## Declaration signing kept a secret until 1777

(From Page 11D)

traveled with Congress, in turn, to Annapolis, Maryland, Trenton, New Jersey, and New York City. Transferred to the new Department of State on the adoption of the Constitution, it followed the National Government back to Philadelphia, and finally arrived in Washington in 1800.

But there was still no rest for the American statement of liberty. In the War of 1812, the then Secretary of State, James Monroe, ordered the Declaration, the Constitution, and Bill of Rights removed to safety.

Hastily, the papers were packed into linen bags and hidden in a barn on a nearby Virginia farm. Then they were taken to the home of a preacher in Leesburg, where they remained until the Federal city was back in American hands after the British evacuation.

The Declaration, however, apparently suffered less in war than in peace. Much of the loss of ink from the original is blamed on a project to duplicate the document by an engraving process in the early 1820's.

Other factors in the deterioration were the

sunlight and seasonal heat and cold to which the document was exposed between 1841 and 1894. As early as 1856, a magazine referred to the historic document as "that old looking paper with the fading ink."

Today, safe from further

deterioration, the Declaration of Independence is on view in a special case in newly refurbished Exhibition Hall at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. along with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

## Threats against dissenter stronger than actions

Dissenters in the days of the American Revolution lived through frightening times, although few were severely mistreated.

Threats were stronger than disciplinary action against the Loyalists of Pennsylvania, according to Dr. Anne M. Ousterhout, Michigan State University assistant professor of American Thought and Language and history.

In her study of the American revolutionary

period in Pennsylvania, she found that Patriots passed laws to prevent unwanted behavior, not to punish it once it happened.

"Harshness of the laws, particularly the extreme penalty for treason," Ousterhout said, "tended to operate against their enforcement. There is evidence that juries were reluctant to convict on a treason charge because it meant mandatory execution."



Steve Palatka established his refuse service in 1974. Steve worked for K & H Refuse in St. Johns for three years prior to 1972. After K & H Refuse discontinued their business, Steve began his.

Steve's Refuse Service provides trash and refuse pickup. There are three trucks that service St. Johns, Fowler, Eureka, Bannister, Elsie, Ovid, Laingsburg, and Carland. He employs six men besides himself. Mr. Palatka works as bookkeeper.

### STEVE'S REFUSE SERVICE

4007 Carland Rd.

Elsie



Pictured are Charles Bracey, Barbara Estes and Mike Crumbaugh.

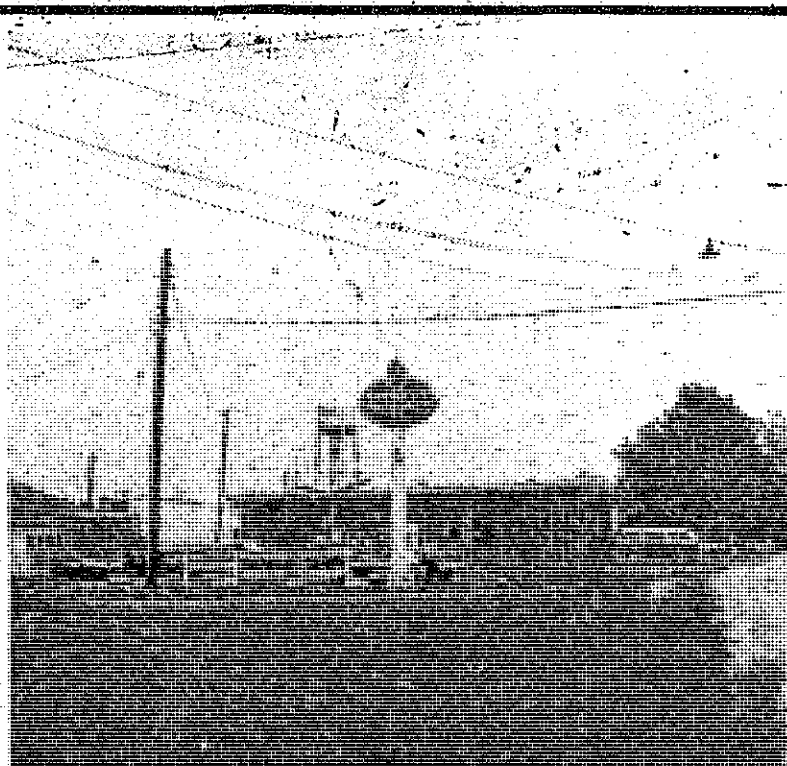
The Production Credit Association has been affiliated in Michigan since 1932. In 1961 the St. Johns branch was formed. The present manager is Charles Bracey, Loan Officer, Michael Crumbaugh, secretaries, Barbara Estes and Mary Ebert.

The Production Credit Association is presently serving Clinton County farmers with short term credit in the amount of 9.6 million dollars.

### PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

S. US-27

St. Johns



Ovid Oil Company was established some 40 years ago. In October of 1975, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Applebee purchased the company from the stockholding group.

The Ovid Oil Co. now features products of Amoco Oil Co., Standard Oil Division.

Three full-time drivers are employed who distribute fuel oil and two station attendants.

Mrs. Isedeane Applebee serves as bookkeeper.

### OVID OIL CO.

108 N. Mill

Ovid

# How was St. Johns named?

Some said he did and some said he didn't, name the city of St. Johns, but Mrs. Anna Pierson, great granddaughter of George W. Estes says he did, and she remembers hearing the family story as a child.

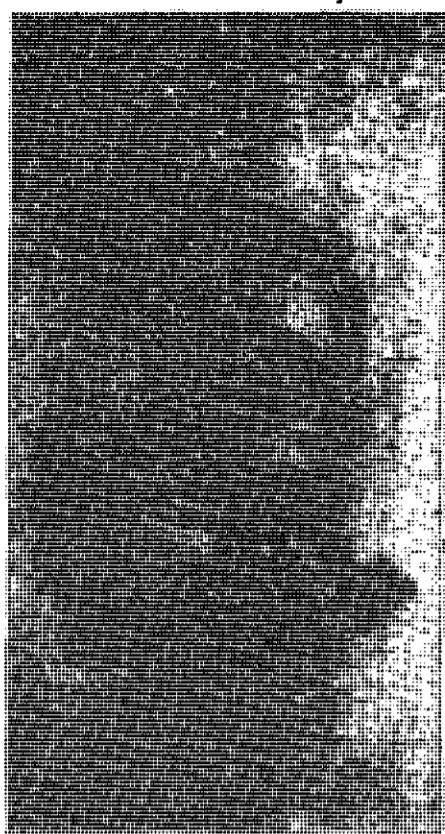
summer of 1854, John Swegles, David Sturgis, M.E. Burroughs, C.A. Lamb and himself were one day sitting upon a log on Walker Street when a question of naming the village came up. Estes thought it should be St. Johns as a mark of honor to

John Swegles and the others agreed to it. they were to suggest it at the next meeting of the company.

Estes said before the next meeting however John Newell came in with 'goods' and the boxes were marked St. Johns, Estes took the cover from one of Newell's boxes and nailed it to a tree, with the St. Johns showing in bold relief. The company formally adopted the name sometime later.

Mr. Estes was also a clerk in the first general store in St. Johns, served as supervisor, was a member of the first fire department "Hook-and-Ladder No. 1" in 1857, was the father of the first male child born here, (George A. Estes, who arrived Oct. 23, 1855, and was appointed the first post master in 1852, with the office located in his home.

We are indebted to Ivan Estes, of Tucson, Ariz., a great grandson of Mr. Estes for the use of the picture and Mrs. James Edwards who did some art work needed to reproduce the photograph for news printing.



Mr. and Mrs. George Estes

## How the colonies were named.....

Connecticut—from Indian words meaning "long river place."

Delaware—named after the first governor of Virginia Company, Lord DeLeWarre.

Georgia—for King George II of England.

Maryland—for the wife of Charles I of England, Queen Henrietta Maria.

Massachusetts—from Indian name meaning "large hill place."

New Hampshire—named after county in England.

New Jersey—patent given by Duke of York in 1664, to be called "Nova Caesaria" or

New Jersey.

New York—for Duke of York and Albany, brother of King Charles II.

North Carolina—Patent from King Charles I to be called Province of Carolana, from Carlous, Latin for Charles.

Pennsylvania—from William Penn plus "sylvania" or woodland.

Rhode Island—originally Red Island, then Island of Rhodes.

South Carolina—see North Carolina.

Virginia—to honor the Virgin Queen, Elizabeth I.

## Anecdotes from the past

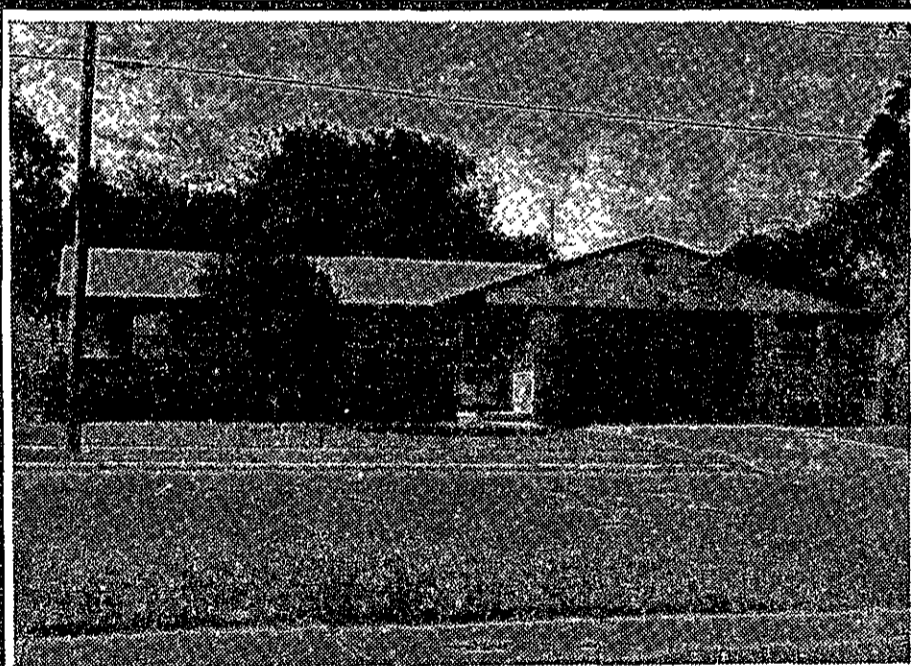
William J. Murray, St. Johns baker, self-styled, "Bill the loafer" bought the first 1928 auto plates to be issued in Clinton County. One pair for his bread wagon, and another for his pleasure car.

have been visited and a considerable amount has been stolen. Until the thieves are apprehended the public is warned to put tickets instead of money in the bottles.

requested two old newspapers. Marshall said it was common practice in years past for the happy travelers to request the papers, when they knew they would have to spend the night in jail. They worried that the cots would not be clean, so they spread the papers down before they bedded down for the nights rest.

April - Thieves are making pin money by stealing cash from milk bottles set out at night by housewives. Several

Schuyler Marshall of the Clinton County Republican News had a caller to his office last week. A hobo, who



Cameo Beauty Salon was established in 1958 on W. Walker St. and later moved to its present location in 1964 in the home of Joyce Faught on 601 W. Cass St.

Joyce Faught, owner, has one other operator that helps out, Denise Patterson.

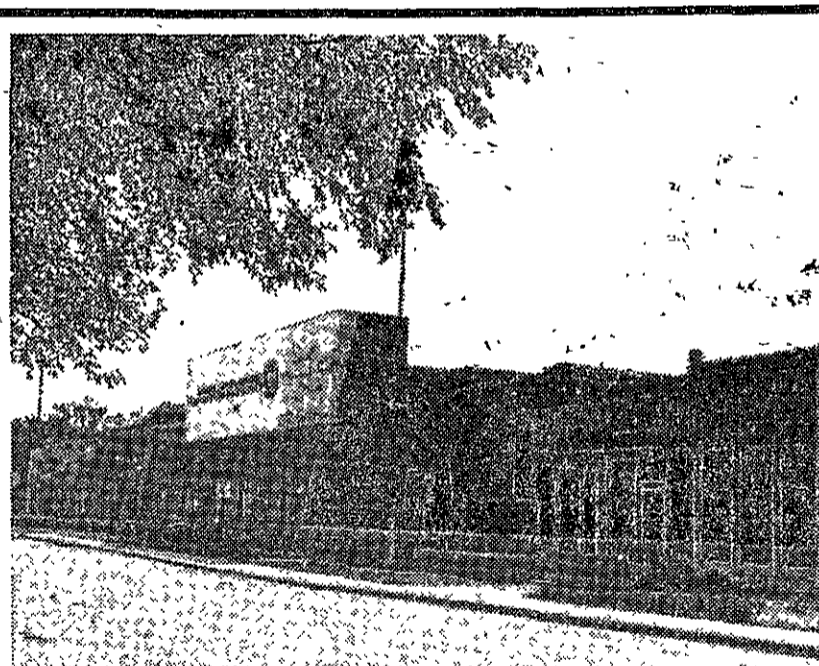
The girls provide all types of beauty work and also do hair styling, precision cutting, washing and setting, permanents, bleaching, and hair frosting.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday the shop is open 9:00 to 5:00. Thursday—the hours are from 9:00 to 9:00. You can also make appointments on Saturday from 9:00 to 3:00. Mondays the shop is closed.

## CAMEO BEAUTY SALON

601 W. Cass

St. Johns



## FEDERAL MOGAL CORPORATION

St. John's

Division

The original plant of the Federal-Mogal Corporation was purchased from the St. Johns Portable Building Company in 1945. Extensive remodeling was begun in 1946 and production commenced in 1947. Federal-Mogal is the largest single employer in St. Johns employing approximately 600 employees. The plant has now been enlarged from 25,000 sq. feet to over 240,000 sq. ft.

With the exception of raw materials, such as steel, the plant is entirely self-sufficient, with the capabilities of producing, both for its internal consumption and outside sales, a complete line of all the Federal-Mogal developed bi-metal products, made through strip manufacturing.

Federal-Mogal manufactures...Bushings, thrust washers, for use in automobiles, trucks, tractors, heavy machinery for Ford, Chrysler, Chevrolet, Cummins, Hydramatic, Buick, Industrial Hydraulics, Bendix, Caterpillar and John Deere.

John Stevenson is the present plant Manager of the St. Johns Division.



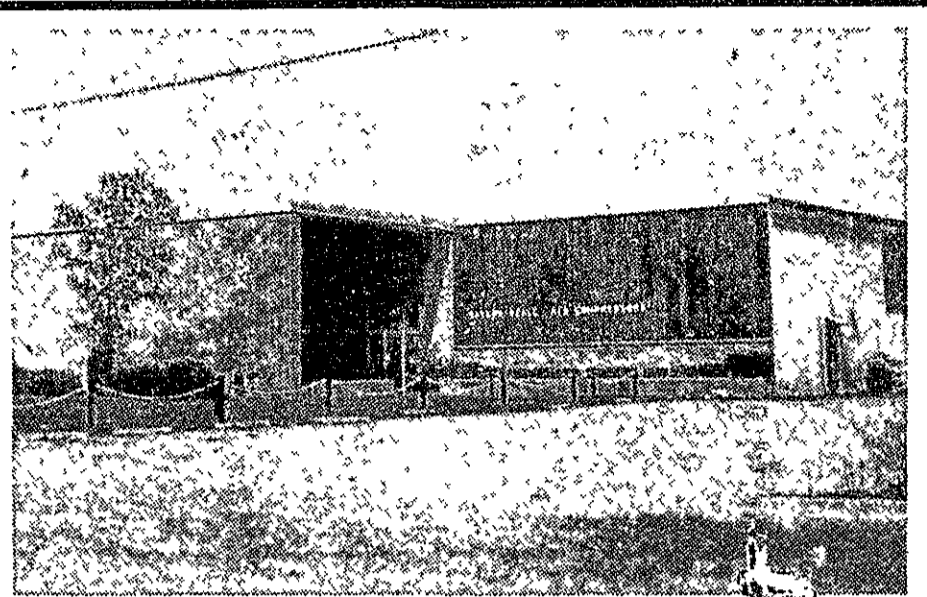
Drake's Refinery was established in Lansing in 1938 by Howard K. Drake. Drake then began operating a string of gasoline and fuel oil stations throughout Michigan. In 1941, the business was incorporated. Keith Drake, son of Howard, is the president of the corporation.

At the St. Johns Drake's Refinery, Verna and Terry Cleland are the present managers and offer efficient, friendly service to all their customers.

## DRAKE'S REFINERY

N. US-27

St. Johns



## SAYLOR-BEALL MFG. CO.

Back in 1942, Saylor-Beall was known as Triangle Engineering located in the former Triangle Truck Factory.

In 1946, the operations of Saylor-Beall were moved from Detroit to St. Johns under the direction of Russell Allman, Sr.

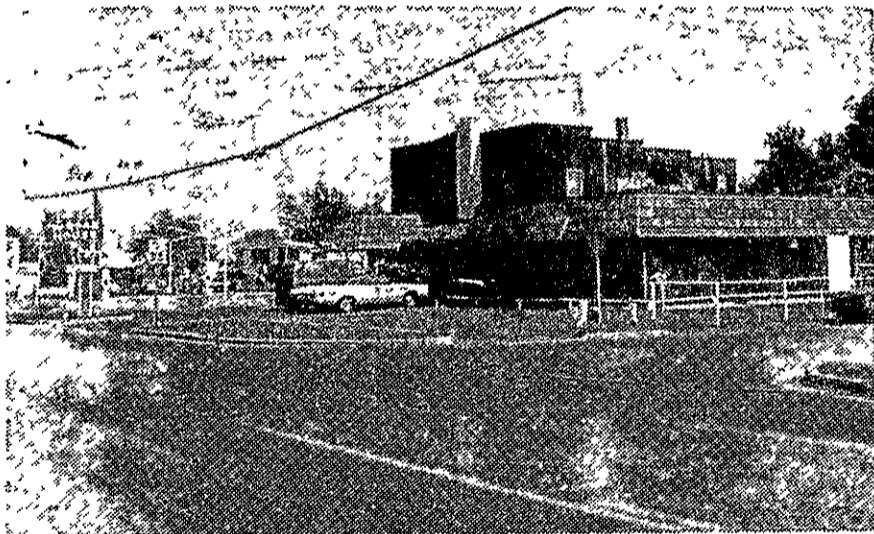
Steady growth in St. Johns followed for the next several years -- then in 1953, Saylor-Beall was destroyed by fire.

For the next 5½ years, the company continued to operate in makeshift plants in the city.

Through the efforts of Russell Allman, Jr. and many others, ground for the new plant was broken in 1957.

Today, Saylor-Beall employs over 100 workers and is an unquestioned leader in the industry.

St. Johns



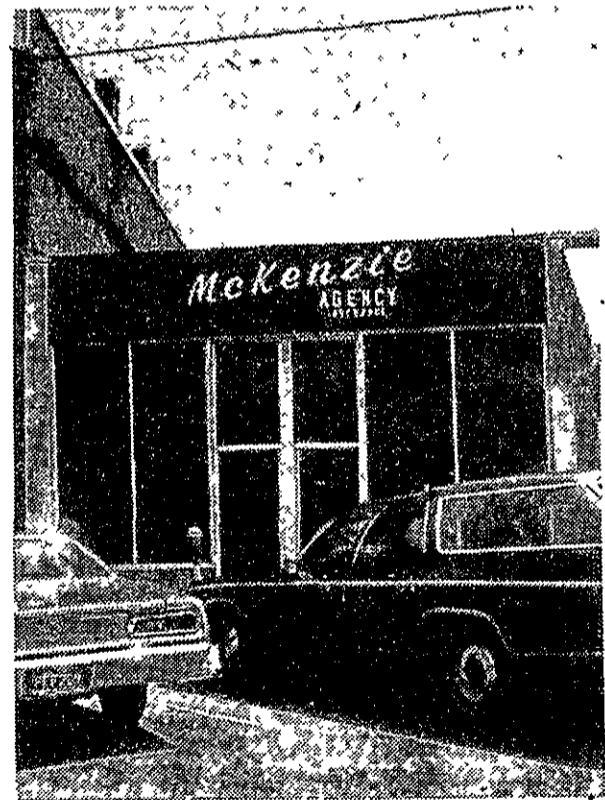
The Roadhouse has had many owners and names throughout the years since its beginning as an apple storage back in the early 1900s. At one time, it was a Moose Club with John Martin of St. Johns as the first Governor.

Under the ownership of Arnold and Peg Payne, it was known as The Parkway. After many owners, Jim and Rosie Nuser purchased the Parkway from Howard Hildabrandt in 1960 and changed the name to The Roadhouse in 1962. The Roadhouse has since gone through a series of remodeling and expansion to make it the popular dining place it is today. The Roadhouse features steaks, ribs, pizza, and an "all you can eat" fish dinner on Saturdays. Along with their famous food, there is also bar service and take out orders.

## THE ROAD HOUSE

E. M-21

St. Johns



Jim McKenzie established his agency in 1963. He also has another office location in Ionia.

The McKenzie Agency provides all types of insurance for his customers: Life, auto, home, farm commercial, industrial, bonds, health, and accident.

Eleven employees staff both offices.

## McKENZIE AGENCY

212 N. Clinton

St. Johns

## SERVING ST. JOHNS FOR OVER 20 YEARS



The Wheel Inn originally began as an ice cream drive-in by Arnold Payne in 1953. The business was acquired by Juanita O'Leary, Emily Steffens and Cora Stautz in 1955. In 1960, Juanita O'Leary became sole owner.

There has been many changes to the restaurant since that time, with extensive remodeling in 1970 featuring enlarged dining areas, modern equipment and an expanded menu. Recently, the entire parking area surrounding the restaurant received a complete recovering.

The Wheel Inn celebrated 20 years in business in October, 1975 with an open house. Through the years, travelers have made a point of stopping at the Wheel Inn every time they pass through St. Johns, establishing a bond of friendliness for which the Wheel Inn is noted.



OUR FRIENDLY STAFF AWAITS YOUR VISIT

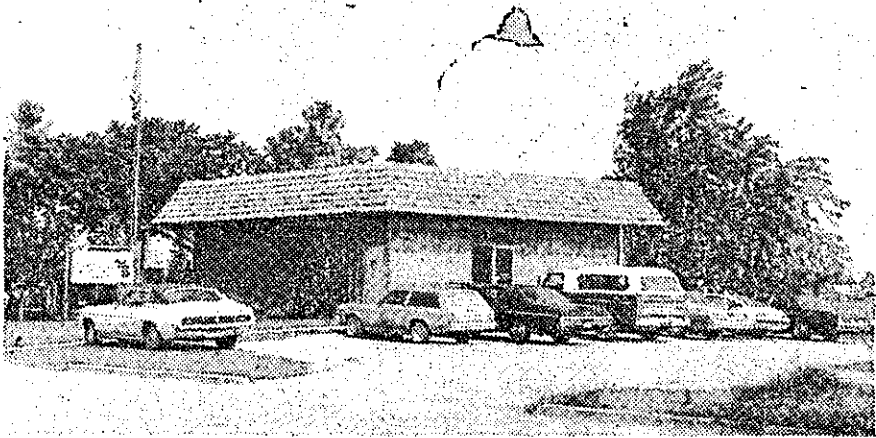


JUANITA O'LEARY

# THE WHEEL INN

SOUTH US - 27

ST. JOHNS



## CLINTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Over the years just as agriculture has undergone vast changes so has Farm Bureau in Clinton County. A century ago the majority of the nation's population lived on farms. Lacking business methods in those days, the farmer usually came out short on most business deals. Much of this problem was attributed to the fact that the farmer was "isolated both socially and economically from public affairs". In the early 1900s County Extension Agents began helping farmers with their production problems and farming methods. After World War I farm prices collapsed while costs of living stayed high. Taxes on farm property forced many farms to be sold because of tax delinquency.

On Feb. 4, 1919, 57 independent County Farm Bureau groups gathered at Michigan Agricultural College in E. Lansing, now MSU, and 43 signed an agreement to support a state organization, "The Michigan State Farm Bureau". Their charter stated that the aim was to "provide ways and means for concerted action on agricultural problems." Clinton County was one of these 43 counties signing the agreement.

Clinton County Farm Bureau members have over the years been ever mindful of the need for good public relations and thru rural urban meetings, field days, and other various promotional activities have helped Farm Bureau win respect as a prospering organization. Farm Bureau has been so active over the past 50 years that space could scarcely begin to tell the complete story. In the fall of 1969 a building was built at the corner of Gibbs Street and US-27 and presently serves as the meeting place for Clinton County Farm Bureau members.

## Michigan's history goes back to 1622

1622-Etienne Brule and his companion Grenoble, French explorers, were probably the first white men to see Lake Superior.

1600-Father Rene Menard, a Jesuit priest, was sent from Quebec to establish a mission among the Huron Indians. He spent the winter at the present town of L'Anse.

1667-Peace treaty agreed upon by the French and Iroquois Indians permitted the French to travel the lower lakes.

1669-Adrien Joliet with an Indian guide traveled through Lakes Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario on a trip to Quebec and became the first white man known to have visited the Lower Peninsula.

1671-Francois Daumont, Sieur de St. Lussion, representative of Louis XIV, claimed the whole interior of the continent for the French as a result of the organization of the Hudson Bay Company by the British in 1670.

1689-War broke out between the British and French, the first of a series which lasted until 1815.

St. Joseph Mission was founded at Niles.

1701-Antoine de Lamothe Cadillac with his lieutenant Alphonse de Tonty selected a location on the Detroit

River for a trading post, which they named Fort Pontchartrain; present site of Detroit.

1707-Council of Indian chiefs was held at Fort Pontchartrain to settle Indian difficulties.

Cadillac made the first land grants. Farms were called ribbon farms as they were long and narrow and extended from the river.

1715-French fort re-established at Straits of Mackinac and named Fort Michilimackinac. The fort, near present Mackinaw City, was essential to French security and to keep western Indians loyal.

1763--Indian Wars throughout area west of the Alleghany Mountains. Siege of Detroit led by Pontiac lasted 135 days. All forts in Michigan except Detroit taken by Indians.

1787--The Ordinance of 1787 established the Northwest Territory of which Michigan was a part and defined the procedure for obtaining statehood.

Detroit became a part of the administrative district of Hesse under British civil government. A court of common pleas, county lieutenant, sheriff and justices of the peace were established in each district in Michigan.

1792--Under the

Constitutional Act the first election was held in Michigan.

1805--Detroit was destroyed by fire.

1808--American Fur Company was founded by John Jacob Astor with headquarters at Mackinac Island.

1814--Fort Gratiot was established just below the outlet to Lake Huron as a protection for Detroit.

1820--Population was 8,767. 1825--Opening of Erie Canal made Michigan accessible to eastern immigrants.

1830--Population was 31,640.

1834--Michigan Territory included present states of Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and part of Dakota.

1835--First Constitutional convention. Stevens T. Mason inaugurated as the first Governor.

State Seal with the following motto adopted: Si Quaeris Peninsulam Amoenam Circumspice. It you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you.

1837--Michigan was admitted to the Union, the twenty-sixth State.

1840--Population was 212,267. 500 sawmills were

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# CREDIT BUREAU OF CLINTON COUNTY, INC.

117 1/2 E. Walker St. Johns

Mr. F. J. "Jerry" Idle became sole owner of the Credit Bureau of Clinton County in 1956. With the growth of consumer credit, a need for complete information on credit dealings of individuals in the 2-county area became apparent, and the Credit Bureau of Clinton County purchased the Credit Bureau of Shiawassee County in 1958. In July, 1960, both offices were incorporated under the name of Credit Bureau of Shiawassee County, Inc. with Mr. Idle as president and treasurer of the corporation and Roberta Mageli, who has been with the Credit Bureau since 1957 as secretary. Mrs. Mageli recently became a member of the board of directors.

Another branch office, known as the Metropolitan Area Credit Bureau is located in Mason, Michigan.

The Credit Bureau is affiliated with over 3000 other Credit Bureaus in all 50 states and Canada through trade associations, the associated Credit Bureaus of America and the American Collectors Association.

In addition to credit reporting services, the Credit Bureau offers a collection service to the community.



Members of the staff include Connie Ackles, Lorraine Harger, Bureau Secretary Roberta Mageli, and Sue Ann Suchek.

# Michigan's history goes back to 1622

(From Page 16D) operating in Michigan at this time.

1842--Indians ceded remaining lands in the Upper Peninsula; called

treaty of LaPointe.

1847--Frankenmuth was founded; the first German settlement.

Holland was founded by a party from the Netherlands.

1857--The first railroad in Upper Peninsula

extended from Marquette to Ishpeming.

1871--Forest fires destroyed timber from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron.

1879--New State Capitol dedicated in Lansing; cost of the structure was \$1,510,130.

1880--Mining was started in the Gogebic Iron Range

1900--Federal census was 2,420,982.

1908--Model-T Ford manufactured.

1910--First primary election in Michigan.

1929--Ambassador Bridge between Detroit and Windsor opened.

1930--Detroit-Windsor tunnel opened to traffic.

1935--United Automobile Workers organized.

1946--673,000 Michigan men and women served in World War II.

1950--Federal census 6,372,009; seventh largest State in the nation.

1953--Approximately 250,000 Michigan men served in the Korean War.

1957--Five-mile long Mackinac Bridge opened November 1.

1960--Federal census 7,824,018.

1970--Federal census 8,824,083.

1971--Michigan ratified 26th Amendment, lowering age of majority to 18 years.

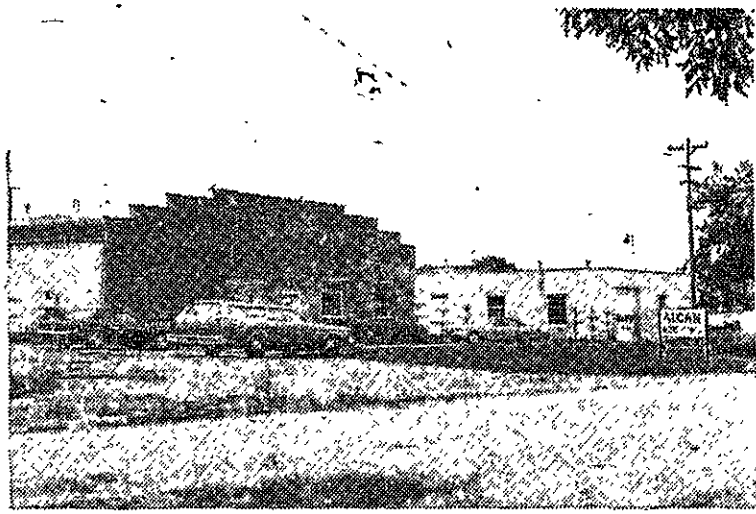
**OUR Patriots!**

ONE OF THE LEAST KNOWN TALES OF THE REVOLUTION CONCERNS COLONIAL PATRIOT DR. SAMUEL PRESCOTT.

RETURNING HOME TO CONCORD, PRESCOTT WAS MET ON THE ROAD BY TWO FELLOW RIDERS, PAUL REVERE AND WILLIAM DAWES!

SURPRISED BY THE BRITISH, REVERE WAS CAPTURED AND DAWES THROWN FROM HIS HORSE-- IN THE CONFUSION, PRESCOTT ESCAPED AND MADE HIS WAY TO CONCORD WITH THE MESSAGE THE BRITISH WERE COMING. ARMED WITH THIS INFORMATION, THE PATRIOTS WERE ABLE TO RALLY THEIR FORCES AND HALT THE BRITISH ADVANCE AT CONCORD BRIDGE.

TODAY, AS IN COLONIAL TIMES, CITIZEN-SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY RESERVE ARE READY... READY IN DEFENSE OF THEIR NATION... HEIRS TO A PROUD TRADITION.



## ALCAN BUILDING PRODUCTS

DIVISION OF ALCAN ALUMINUM CORP

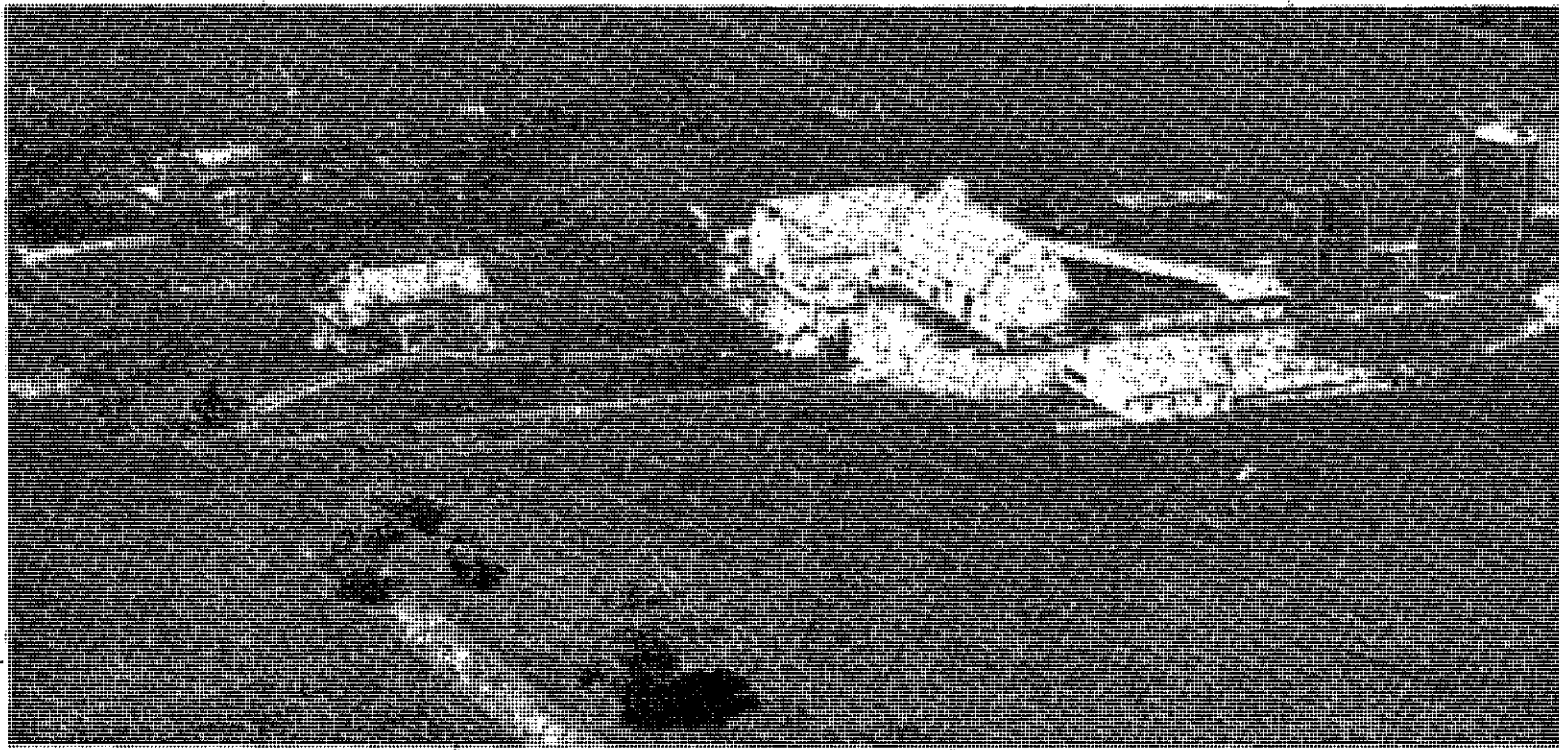
W. Main St.

Elsie

The division of Alcan Aluminum Corporation known to Clinton area residents as Alcan Building Products was first started as Panel-Line Corp. in June of 1970 and was sold to Alcan Aluminum Corporation in March of 1972. The local firm fabricates coils of aluminum for recreational vehicle manufacturers and also manufacturers of mobile home skirting. They also have a number of products available for use by contractors and dealers and modular home manufacturers such as aluminum siding, shutters, windows, patio doors and much more.

There are 12 people employed at Alcan in Elsie at present including office personnel. Their busy season is in the spring and summer.

The company's corporate offices are in Cleveland, Ohio with warehouses, fabricating plants, sales offices and smelting plants located throughout the United States. With shipments of 1.4 million tons of aluminum products in 1975, the Alcan Aluminum Limited group of companies was the world's largest aluminum producer. Worldwide sales and operating revenues were \$2.3 billion. The Alcan group is also represented in 8 other countries and employs approximately 61,000 employees worldwide.



The original farm was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Livingston in 1905 which consisted of about 240 acres. In the 1890's Henry M. Perrin, foster father of E.A. Livingston owned most of the muckland north of St. Johns as well as some highland. Henry M. Perrin was a well-known pioneer of St. Johns. This land was included in the area that E.A. Livingston purchased in 1905. In 1928 the farm purchased 60 acres from D.S. French to increase its acreage to 300 acres. An additional 60 acres was purchased from Demont Walton from 1935-40. In 1950 another 100 acres was purchased from O.B. Davis, 1960 another 100 acres from John Martin, 1968 another 100 from the Greenwood Farms, and in 1975 more land was purchased from Merle Redman, bringing the acreage over 900 acres (170 of which is rented) and several sets of buildings.

Due to three major fires, none of the original buildings remain on the original farm

The farm is now operated by Alden and Doris Livingston and their son and his wife, Eugene and Carole Livingston.

Crops raised are corn, grain, hay, commercial vegetables, peppermint and spearmint. The livestock consists of a herd of registered Jerseys and a modern beef feeding facility for 500 to 600 cattle. Maple syrup has been produced since about 1906 and a new modern plant was completed in 1974.

Livingston Farms is located west on Livingston Road off from north US-27.

# LIVINGSTON FARMS

N. US - 27

ST. JOHNS



Culligan Water Conditioning was started in DeWitt in 1948 at the present location by George Miller and John Reust. Culligans is a nationally known franchise business that offers a complete line of service for home, commercial and industry.

Available at Culligans in DeWitt is D.I. water and R.O. water. They service the lower half of Clinton County, Eaton County and Shiawassee County.

Culligans have a rental or sales purchase plan and a salt delivery service where they furnish and service tanks.

When needing soft water, just yell, "HEY CULLIGAN MAN" and Culligans will be glad to be of service.

## CULLIGAN WATER CONDITONING

US-27

Dewitt



Kenneth Kelly opened his branch store in DeWitt on January 15, 1976 on 108 N. Bridge St. "Mr. Kelly's" other store location is in Lansing in the West Saginaw Plaza and has been established there since 1960.

The women's clothing store features fashions by Jantzen, Fire Islander, Designer Shells, Trissi, Alice Kaye Pantsuits, Lingerie by Kayser & Katz, and Bali bras. They carry Juniors (5-15) and Missy (8-20) sizes and also some large sizes. They also feature the Levi's line in Jr. and Missy sizes and You-Babes in Jr. size.

Panty hose and jewelry and scarves will also take care of those accessories you might like.

## MR. KELLY'S FASHIONS

108 N. Bridge St.

Dewitt



Keck's Appliance was opened in 1960 by Lawrence Keck in what had formerly been a furniture and appliance store. Since that time, Keck's have enlarged the store to include a TV and stereoroom.

Major appliances available at Keck's include: radios, TVs, refrigerators, ranges, washers and dryers, dishwashers, freezers, and trash compactors. Featured brand names are: Frigidaire, General Electric, Speed Queen, Kitchen Aid, RCA, Sony and Hoover.

Keck's also carry a complete line of CB radios, antennas and accessories. Keck's will install and repair all products they sell with quick, efficient service.

## KECK'S APPLIANCES

Dewitt



The Shingle Shack has been many businesses, including a general store, clothing store, grocery, book store and even a pool hall. It has been a restaurant since 1966 when it was owned by Dale Farhat, who later sold to Tom Bailey, who then sold it to the present owner, Ken Rahal in 1976.

Since taking over as owner, Mr. Rahal has done extensive remodeling to make it the attractive eating establishment it is today. The Shingle Shack has 17 employees to bring you the best in food, service and atmosphere.

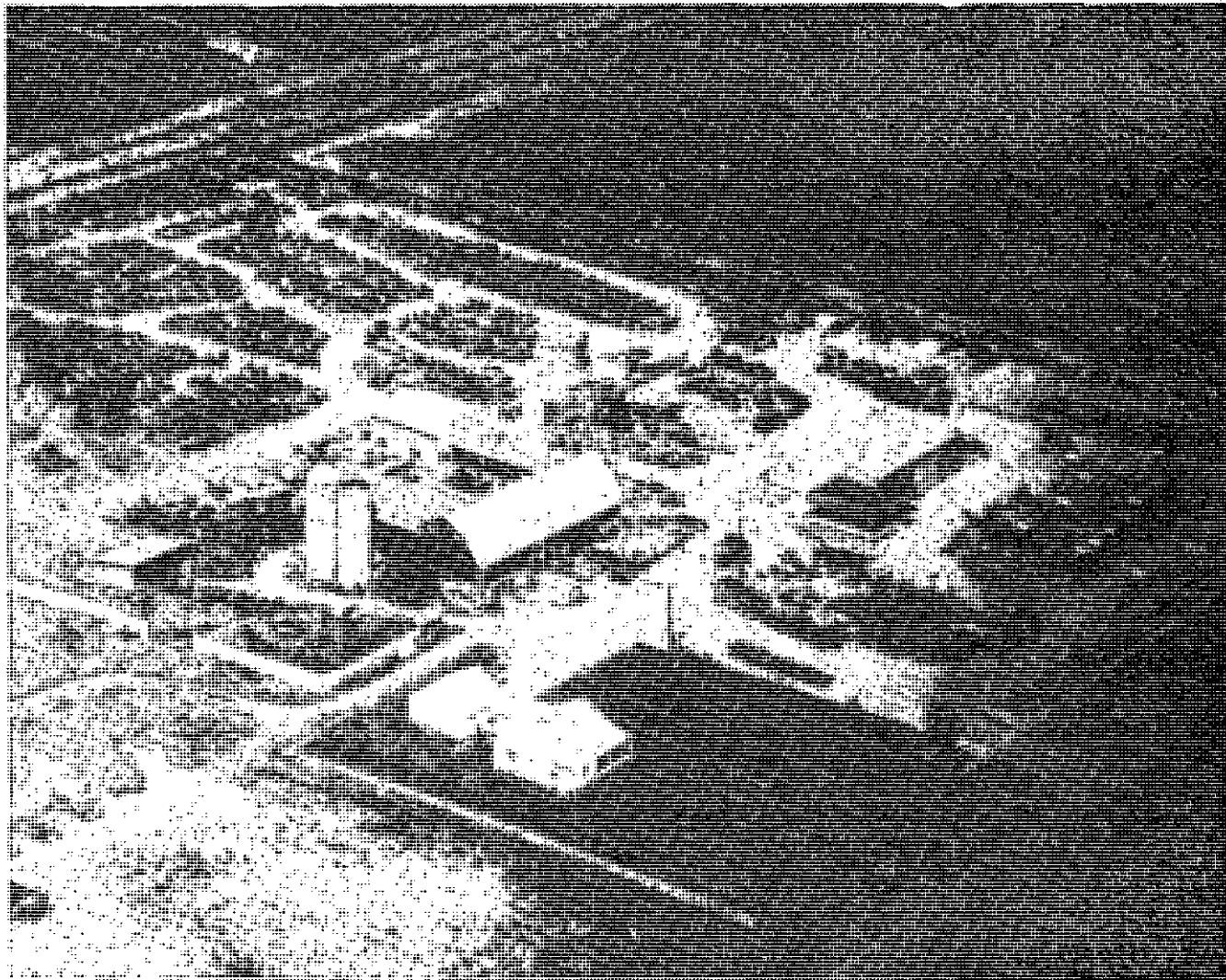
A salad bar is one of the main features of the Shingle Shack with spare ribs and chicken a specialty of the house, plus a menu that has many items to choose from.

Starting in the fall, the Shingle Shack will be featuring an Italian Night on Wednesdays, serving spaghetti, lasagna and ravioli.

## SHINGLE SHACK

102 N. BRIDGE

DEWITT

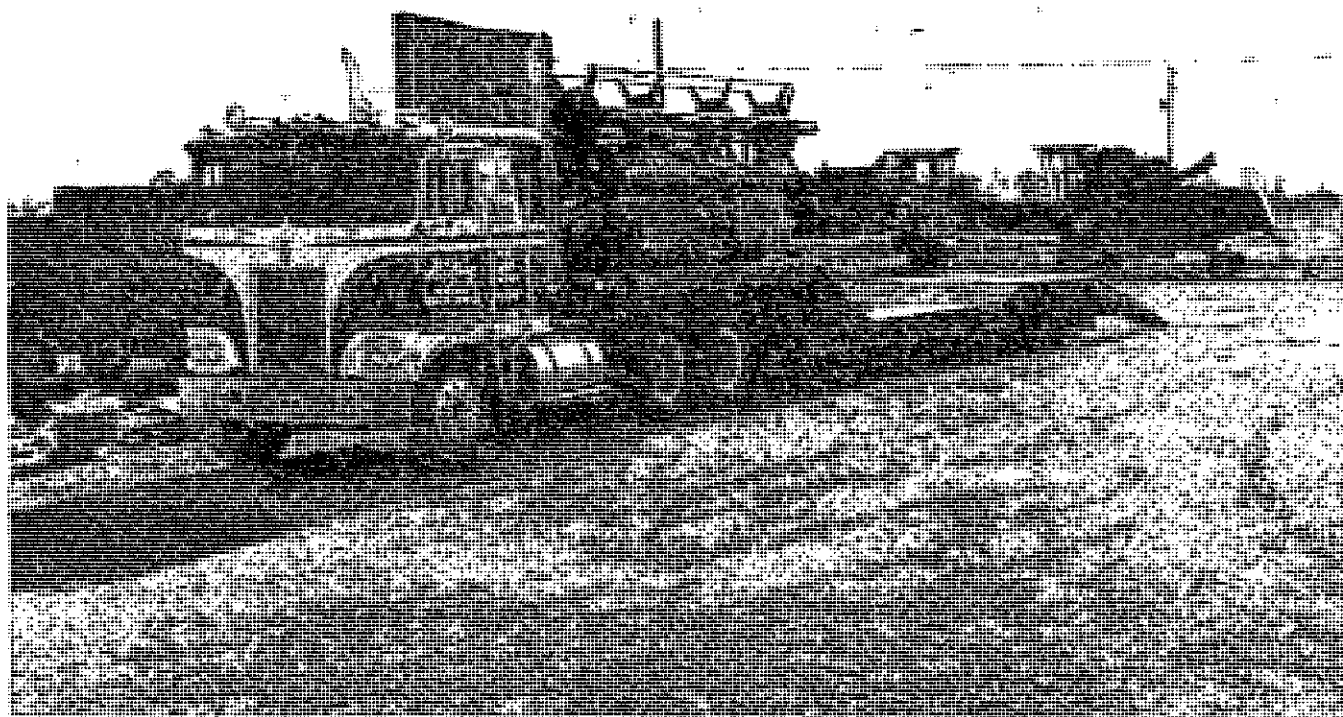


In the early years of business, Al Galloway's operation was just a small farm. It has developed into one of the largest used farm equipment businesses in southern Michigan. Albert and Maxine Galloway began their business in 1964 at their present location on North US-27. Beginning with 5 acres of land, it has now grown to over 15 acres.

Galloways buy, sell, and service farm machinery of all makes.

From a gross sales of \$10,000 the first year, the business had a gross of \$4,000,000 in 1975.

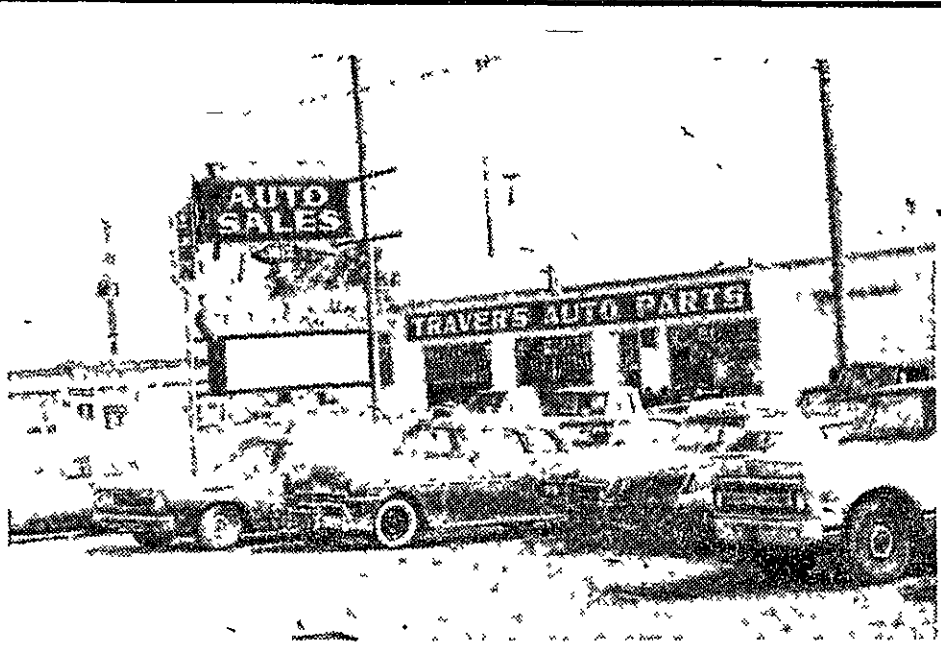
Whatever your needs, large or small equipment, large or small repair, Galloways is at your service.



# AL GALLOWAY, INC.

N. US - 27

ST. JOHNS



Traver's Used Auto Parts was literally started in a rush. In 1946 Jack Traver began building a building to house auto parts when he discovered there was no ready-mix business in St. Johns. He then took a dump truck and made a trip to Lansing for a load of ready-mix, making a mad dash back to St. Johns before the cement could set up. Since that time, a larger building has been built enabling them to expand the auto parts business.

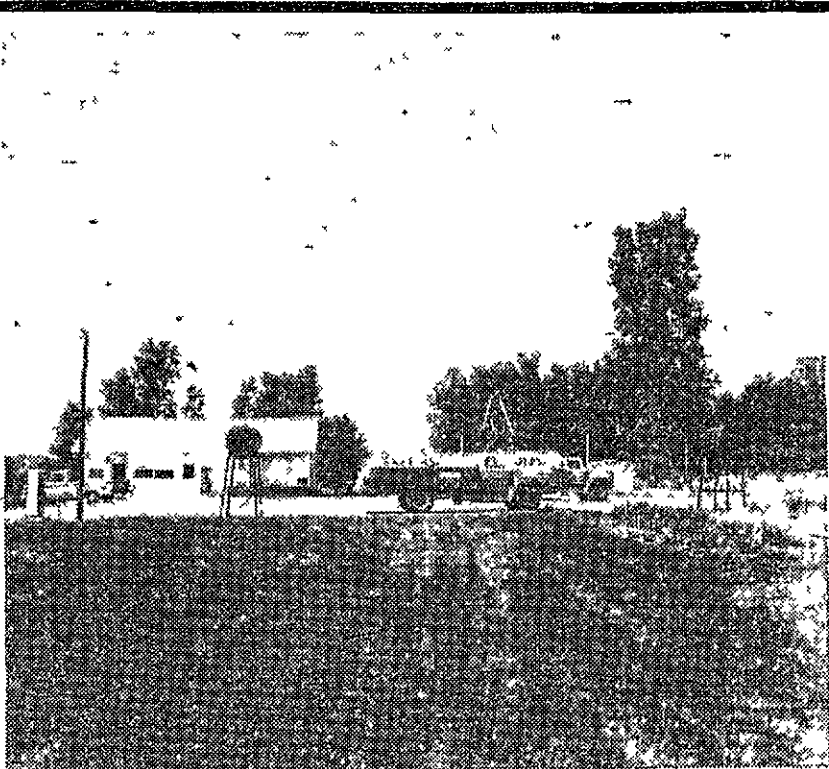
Jack Traver learned the auto business from his father who operated an Auto parts business in Lansing back in the 1930s. Frank Traver, brother of Jack, operates the used parts department of Traver's.

Not only does Traver's sell auto parts, they also buy and sell used cars and trucks. Jack Traver is well known throughout southern Michigan as an auto parts dealer. Their hours are 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. to accommodate people who have to work during the day.

## TRAVER'S USED AUTO PARTS

N. US-27

St. Johns



Strouse Oil Company was started by Don Strouse in 1945 with storage tanks located on Railroad Street and their office in his home.

In 1955, Strouse Oil Co. moved to a new location on South US-27. In 1956, a Cities Service Station was added. Dale Robinson became associated with Strouse Oil in 1972. The station was then sold in 1973 and operations were moved to 603 E. Steel St. In 1974, Mr. Strouse changed from Cities Service to Total as an aid in obtaining a more secure supply product.

## STROUSE OIL CO.

603 E. Steel

St. Johns

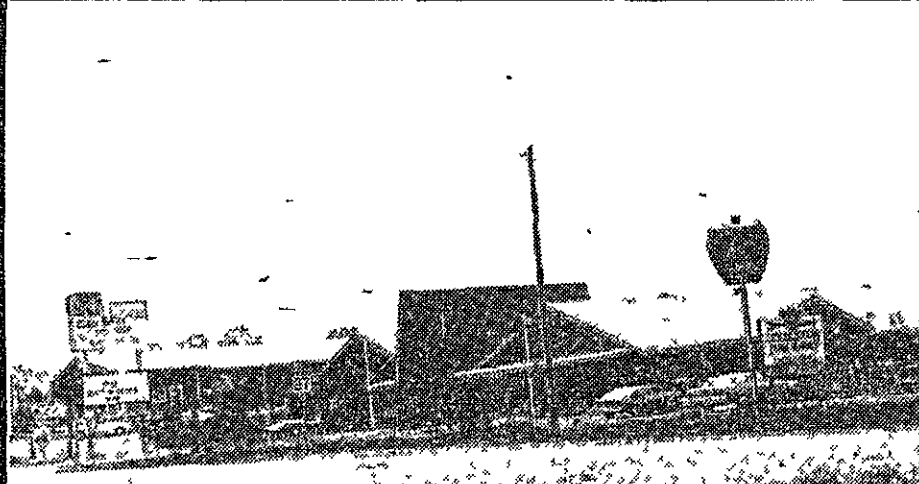


The property and business at 705 North US 27, St. Johns, Michigan is presently owned by W. Stanton and Evelyn A. Judd.

The historical facts available are that the property at one time belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Good. They apparently built the original restaurant business. In 1956, the property was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Karber. They built the Aloha Drive-Inn which opened for business prior to Mother's Day in May of 1957. They operated the drive-in restaurant for eleven years. In the late sixties the business and property was sold to William Bradley who operated the restaurant for a few months. History informs us that the property and business was then purchased by Michael and Sharon Ludwick. They continued operation of the Aloha Drive-Inn until it burned in 1972. Early in the spring of 1973, the Judd's purchased this property from Ludwicks.

Stan remodeled the restaurant area for his Kirby business; a vacuum sales and service center. The door was opened for business May 1, 1973. In fact, the door was being installed on that very day. The Judd's spent spring and summer of 1975 building the drive-in area of the Aloha into an enclosed restaurant called Itza Good. This little restaurant specializes in pizza, sandwiches, salad bar and a spaghetti special on Wednesday evenings.

This is the only place where one can have their vacuum repaired while having lunch.



In 1965, Parmer and Dennis Phillips began a roadside stand selling apples and cider. The Centennial Farm-Market expanded over the years so a small building was built and a cider press was installed to further meet the needs.

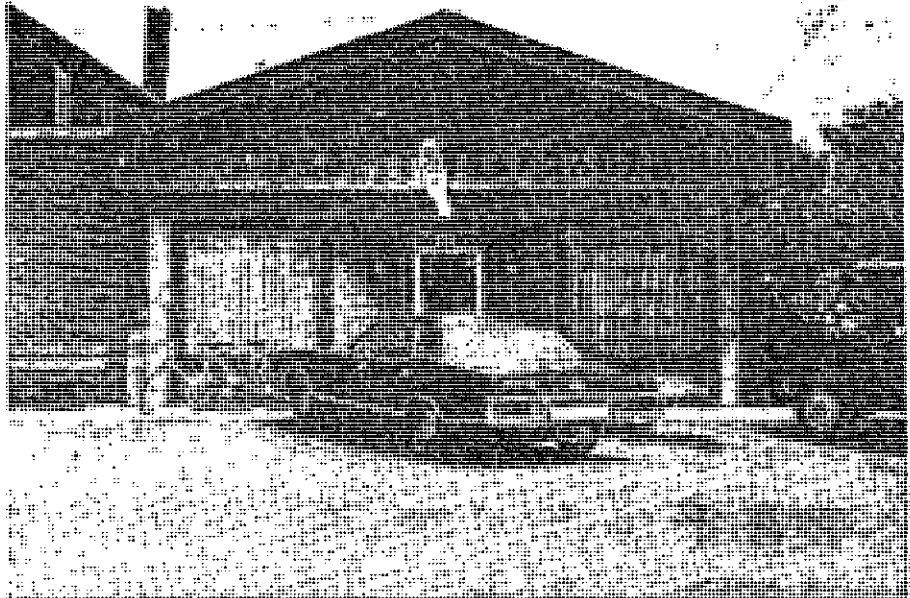
DuWayne and Lois Ziegler purchased the market in 1974 mainly as a project for Mrs. Ziegler and her children.

The Zieglers run the cider press in the fall and conduct tours for school children so they can see the cider being made. They do a large business selling cider to wholesalers.

Zig's Centennial Market features a cheese counter where gift boxes of cheese can be purchased for mailing. The snack bar provides coffee, homemade cider, donuts, ice cream and sandwiches. Some of their bakery goodies (fresh daily) are a huge selection of delicious donuts and homemade bread.

Zig's Centennial Market is well-known to travelers who stop to rest and browse through the different areas of the market including a well-stocked gift shop. The market is conveniently located on South US-27 near DeWitt.

## ZIG'S CENTENNIAL MARKET S. US-27 Dewitt



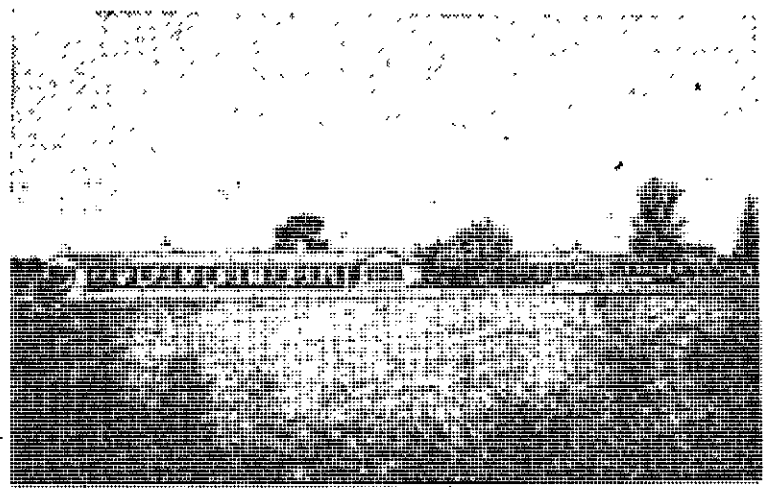
In 1931, Percy Carris established the DeWitt Pharmacy on W. Main Street. In 1933, the store was relocated on 113 S. Bridge Street.

Keith Blizzard, a native of DeWitt and a registered pharmacist, is the present owner of the pharmacy. He employs two full-time and one part-time salespeople.

The DeWitt Pharmacy can fill your prescription drugs and also carries notions, toiletries, cosmetics, and greeting cards.

## DEWITT PHARMACY

Dewitt



Gordon and Virginia Willyoung purchased the Green Acres Motel from the Hotel Olds in 1955. A 20-unit motel, the Green Acres is located 1 mile north of Lansing in Clinton County.

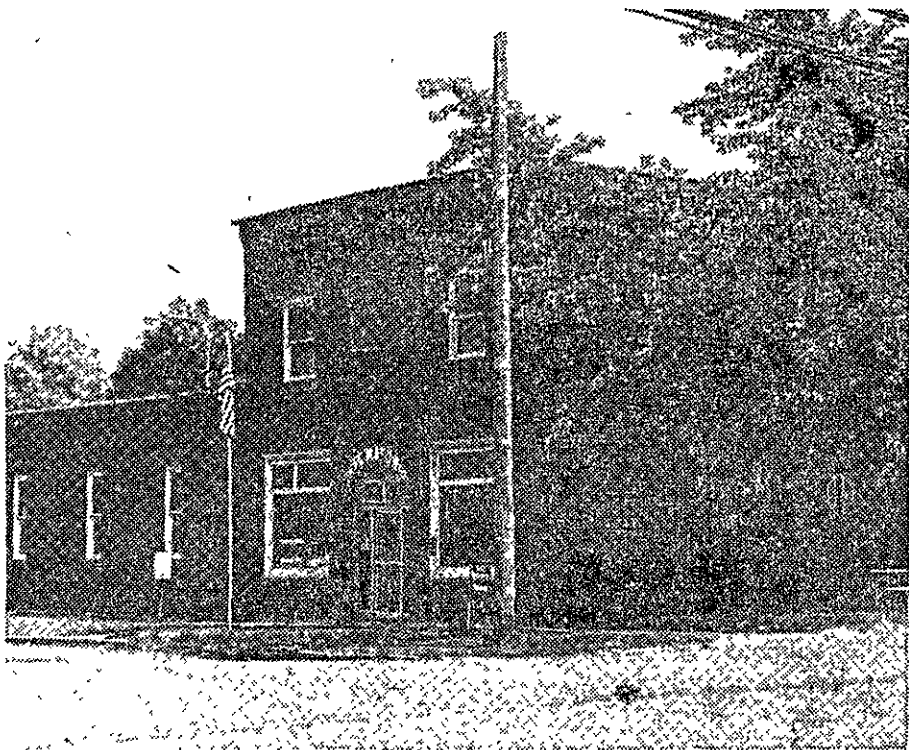
Having an interest in antiques, Mr. and Mrs. Willyoung opened an Antique Shop located in the motel in 1973. They not only sell antiques, they also buy and appraise for estates or individuals.

If you are looking for quality antiques, just come and browse around the Green Acres Antique Shop.

## GREEN ACRES MOTEL

US-27

Lansing



## F. C. MASON COMPANY

Growing With The Farm Industry

This solid growth is credited to an expansion of new product lines, both in Distributing and Manufacturing.

Today the F.C. Mason Company serves a Tri State area, with salesmen in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. The main office and warehouse is located in St. Johns, with a branch warehouse in Wilmington, Ohio. The Company recently announced the opening of the "Ohio Farm Center"; a retail outlet serving the metropolitan areas of Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Since its founding by Frank C. Mason, the Company has built a reputation in the Agricultural Markets for integrity and service. The strength and most important asset of the Company is the "F.C. Mason people."



Dreps Service Center began in 1971 as a service facility for cars, trucks and motor homes by Henry E. and Gladys Dreps.

There are many types of recreational vehicles available at Dreps, such as tents, 5th wheel, travel trailers, motor homes, mini-motor homes, vans and class A motor homes. Dreps is a dealer for Coachmen Recreational Vehicles.

Dreps also operate a parts and accessories store plus a complete repair service with 4 mechanics on duty, a parts man and 2 salesmen. Their hours are: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday, sales 'til 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, Friday 'til 7 p.m. Sunday hours are 10 to 5.

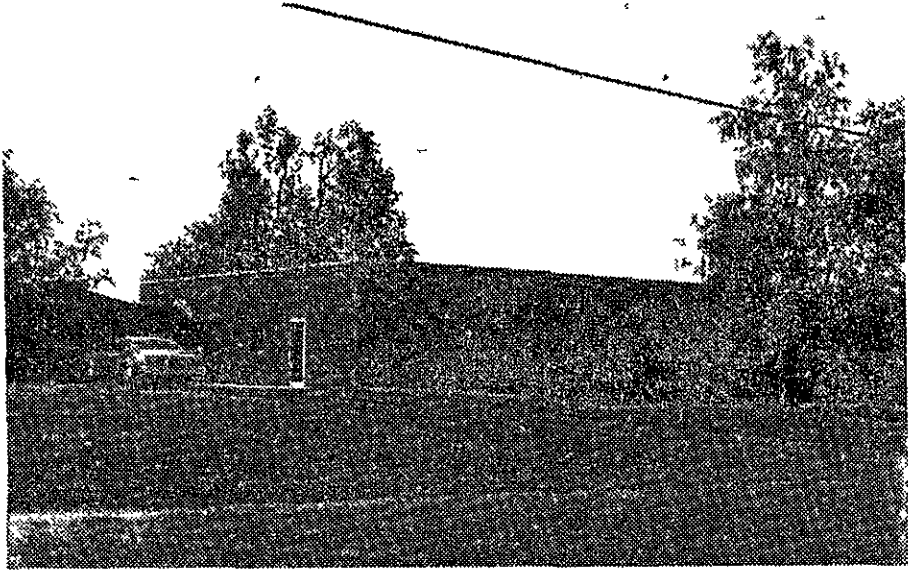
## DREP'S SERVICE CENTER



N. US-27  
Dewitt



11375 US-27  
Just south of the blinker light  
at Round Lake Rd.



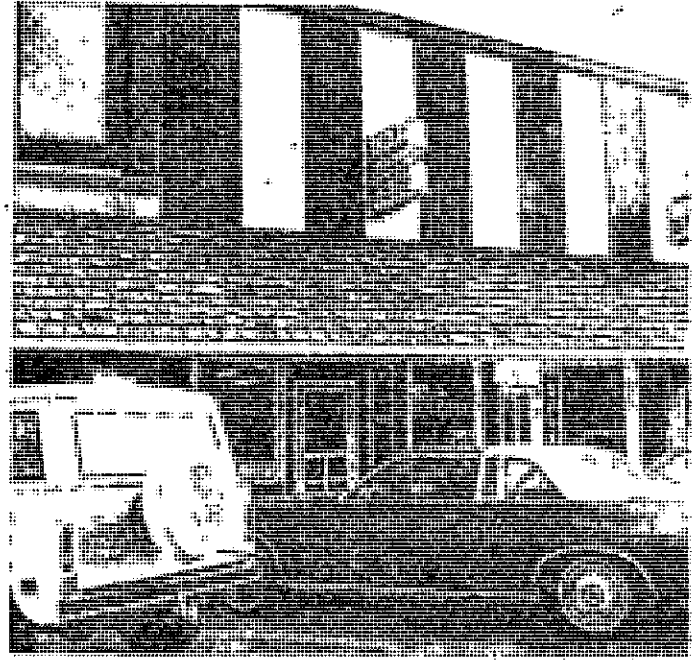
Research Tool Corporation was established in 1969 by Frank Todosciuk. They do special machine work for automotive firms, special machine builders and aircraft work. They also do experimental work for GM for testing and reliability, having helped customers secure patents for special devices.

Research Tool Corporation has eight employees working with Mr. Todosciuk.

## RESEARCH TOOL CORP.

1401 S. Main

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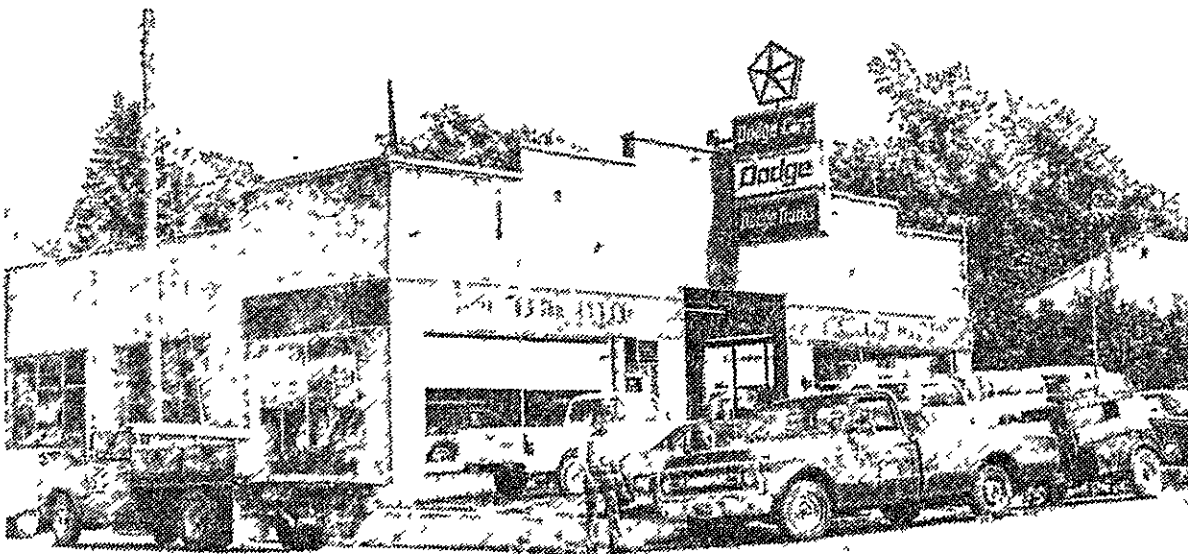
For over 75 years there has been a restaurant where the J & M Restaurant now stands. It has had many owners over the years up to the present owner, Jim Hurst, who purchased it from Lilling Horning in 1961.

Adding a bakery in 1966, J & M features home cooked meals with homemade bread, pies, pastry and rolls. Hours are 6 to 10 Monday through Friday, Saturday 6 to 8, Sunday 10 to 12.

## J & M RESTAURANT

119 E. Main

Elsie



Community Dodge Sales, owned by Ralph Dara since 1972, was first owned by Harold "Red" Lundy from 1948 to 1972 and was known as Lundy's Dodge and Plymouth Sales.

Ralph Dara is a dealer for Dodge Automobiles and Dodge Trucks. There are two salesmen to assist you in selecting a car of your choice, Sid Keys and Elmer Steele.

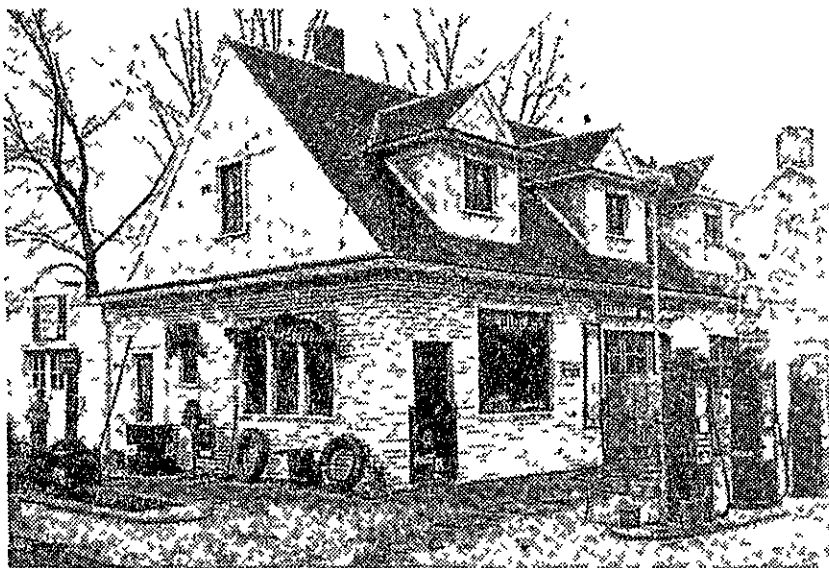
A complete repair service is offered by Community Dodge with trained mechanics on duty. Mrs. Vi Massey is employed as office manager.

Ralph Dara's

# Community Dodge Sales

200 E. Higham

St. Johns



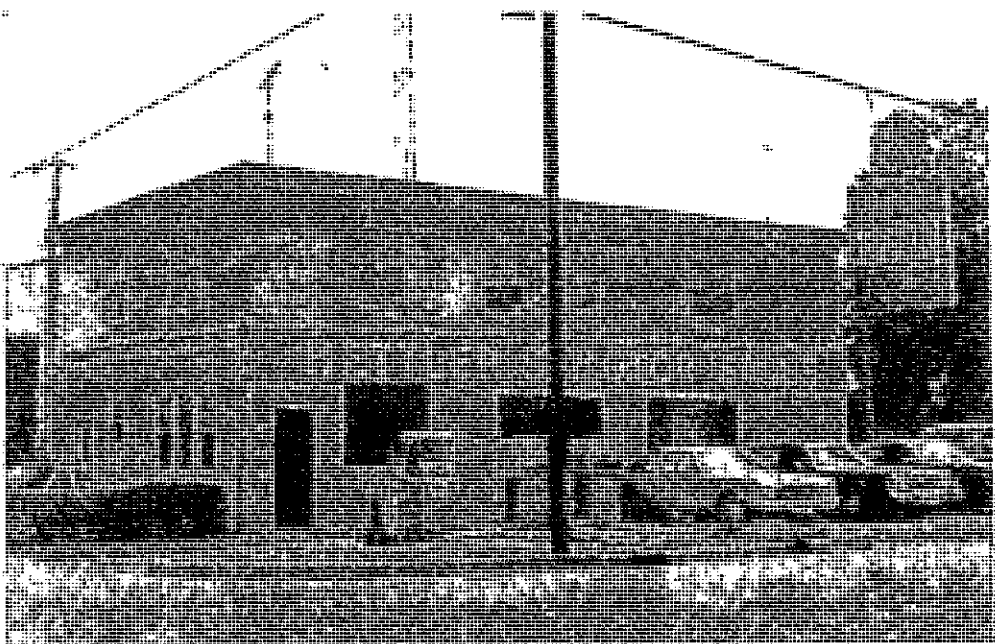
It all started fifty years ago when Uncle Louie Hettler and Willis Hettler bought out Ray Letts Gasoline Station in January of 1926 calling it Hettler & Hettler. In 1929 Willis Hettler bought out Uncle Louie and changed the name to Willis Hettler Super Service, later changing it to Hettler Motor Sales. They are still on the same location they started fifty years ago.

In March 1930 Willis Hettler built a new building and had what was called a Super Service with wash rack & grease palace. Mr. Hettler sold cars on the side from 1934 to 1938 working under Clyde Hendershot who was a partner in Mass auto Co. From 1938 to 1946 Mr. Hettler bought & sold used cars. In 1946 he obtained the DeSoto-Plymouth Dealership with Elmer Irrer and operated under the name of Irrer & Hettler. In 1961 after DeSotos were discontinued, Hettler obtained the Chrysler dealership which today includes Chrysler, Plymouth, Volare', Voyager and Trail Duster.

Hettler's also have five wreckers of which two are heavy duty, two are 4-wheel drive and one is a single drive. "If you want fast service call Hettlers".

Willis Jr. was brought up in the garage business sweeping floors, running errands and driving new cars from Detroit. He became interested in the truck business and is now a first rate car, truck and trailer salesman. In 1970 Willis Jr. became General Manager of Hettler Motor Sales, his son, Wayne Hettler, also works for the business making it three generations in the garage business.

Of the employees of Hettlers, Glenn Plowman, Master Mechanic, has been with them for 27 years. Mark Masarik came to work in 1968. Their other help consists of Clare Salters, Gene Andrews and Robert Thurston. Two secretaries, Sela Brauer and Barbara Flegel.



# WILLIS HETTLER MOTOR SALES

E. State St.

St. Johns



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