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*We wish to thank all those who have made this book possible by loaning historical material and pictures, those giving time and thought in compilation, and everyone who in anyway assisted in its preparation.*

**The Webberville Area  
Centennial Book Committee**







**MARVIN HODGE**

On behalf of the Webberville Area Centennial we, of the Executive Board, wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. May your visit with us be so enjoyable you will return often.

As we engage in festivities celebrating the founding of our town one hundred years ago we are mindful of the struggles and sacrifices of those who came before us. We cannot help but wonder what the future holds with the growth pattern so great in the area. As we consider with nostalgic memories of days gone before, we hope every resident will dedicate themselves to a better community future. No community can stand still. Let's all work to keep our town progressing. We must be alert to our community's need in an everchanging world.

May I express my appreciation to all residents of the area who have contributed to this

great adventure of a centennial celebration. It has brought us closer together and we have learned to work with our neighbors. Let this spirit remain intact for the ultimate good of our community.

Your response and cooperation have been most gratifying. Our task has been made easier by your willingness to perform assigned duties and if your efforts can be termed successful, it has been only because you have made it.

Respectfully,

**MARVIN HODGE**  
General Chairman  
Webberville Area Centennial





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Welcome to Webberville going east on Grand River.



May Webber Silsby, one of the surviving descendents of Hubert Webber for whom the Village of Webberville was named, still lives in the remodeled first Primary school building. It moved about 1920 from the site of the present portable elementary buildings to 316 W. Grand River Ave., Mrs. Silsby, widow of Ernest Silsby, is a lifelong resident of the area.

Seal Designed by  
HELEN SLIDER  
JOANNE TERRILL  
DOUG ELZERMAN





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1971

TO THE PEOPLE OF  
WEBBERVILLE, MICHIGAN

The observance of your one hundredth anniversary is an occasion of deep pride for you as well as for the nation.

The high purpose and vital community spirit that are reflected in your eventful history are in the best tradition of our American way of life.

Armed with these same qualities in the years ahead, I know that you will strive to be in the vanguard of constructive civic accomplishment. I welcome your full partnership in the demanding tasks we face as a nation, and in the good that promises to come from our united efforts.

*Richard Nixon*



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

MY GREETINGS TO WEBBERVILLE ON ITS 100TH YEAR!

With time marching on . . . and on . . . and change inevitably following in its wake, it is comforting to realize that the village of Webberville has met this challenge of change for 100 years. This is a great compliment to its hardy sons and daughters.

As a child, I well remember my early visits to Webberville, and if I may be permitted a personal note, I will forever feel a warmth for this community since I was named for one of Webberville's respected citizens, Ernest Silsby.

I congratulate the village of Webberville as it starts its second century and trust that its good people will continue to enjoy the best of two worlds . . . the proximity to metropolitan areas . . . and the virtues of the rural life of our forefathers with its solid values that we shall forever cherish.

  
Charles Ernest Chamberlain





**VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE**  
OFFICE OF TREASURER  
WEBBERVILLE, MICHIGAN

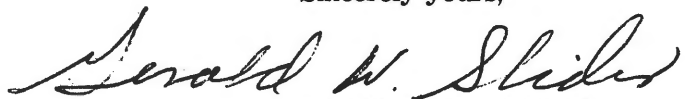
To all Webberville Area residents  
and Centennial Celebration guests:

The Village of Webberville is grateful for the opportunity to express our appreciation for the united effort of the Centennial Committees, Clubs, Churches, and organizations whose self-sacrifice and many hours of hard work have made this Centennial a success.

As we participate in these days of festive celebration, let us also pay homage to the sacrifice of our forefathers who made this gay event possible. In so doing, may we renew our strength and dedication to solve the problems facing us today. By our words and deeds, may we pass to future generations the same opportunities, privileges, and responsibilities we so proudly inherited from our forefathers.

The Village Council and Centennial Committee wish you a merry time and hope you will take with you many happy memories as we will because you were here to join with us in this celebration.

Sincerely yours,



GERALD W. SLIDER

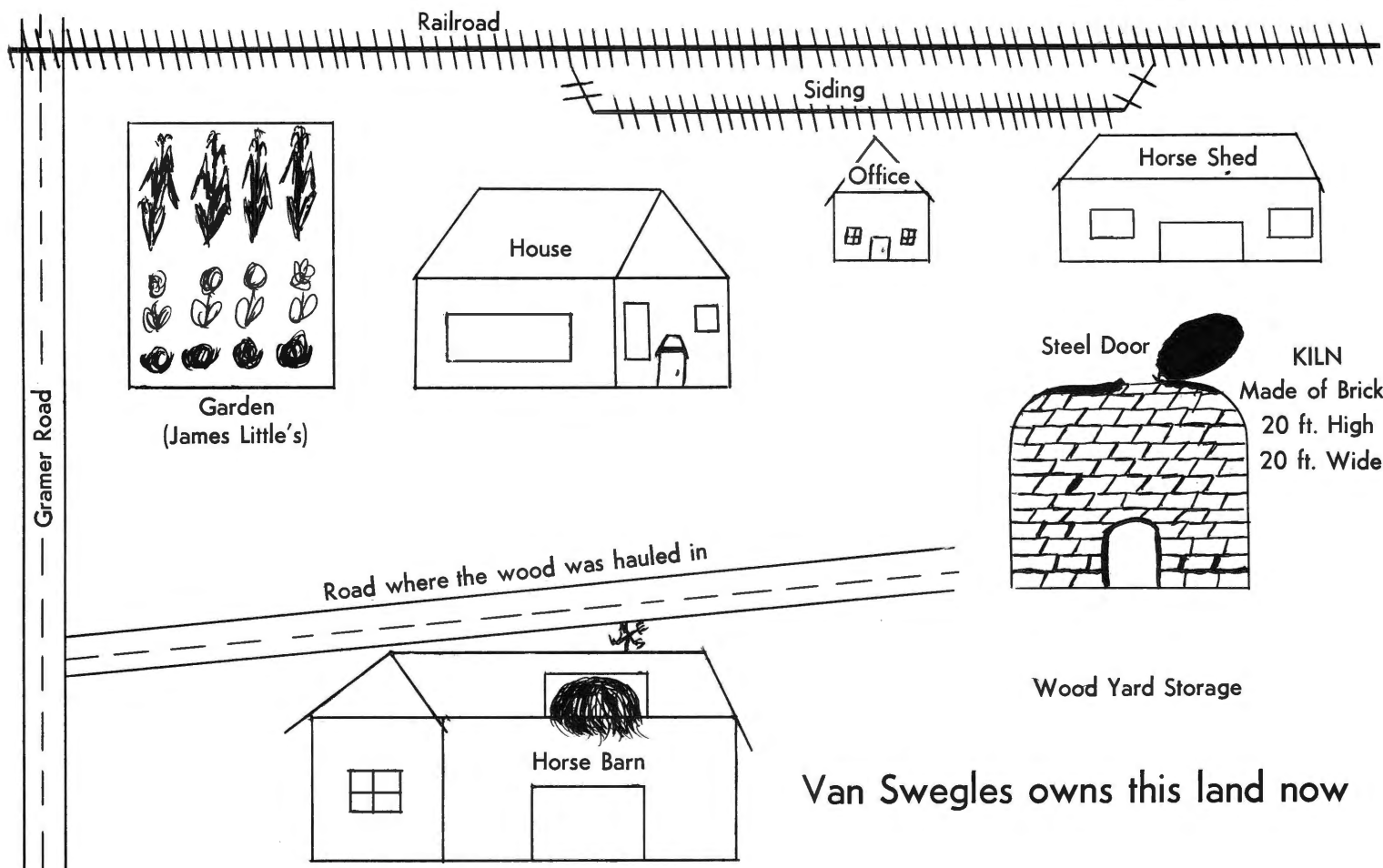
Village President



# Brick Manufacturing in Webberville

Those brick kilns were filled with wood and started burning, then the steel doors were closed on top and bottom to smother the fire, then when they got cold the doors were opened and the charcoal was loaded on cars and shipped to Detroit iron works. I have seen the kilns filled and been there when the coal was taken out. I lived  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from them.

CHARLES E. MONROE





Levi Alchin family at home on Stockbridge Road where Philip Millis lives. L. to R. — Levi on rig, Mrs. Alchin, Hazel, Blanche, Hazen, Ollie, Elmer. Playing croquet.



Grand River Avenue Looking East, Webberville, Mich.



# *Incorporation of Webberville*

Mr. Charles Tiernan, retired from the Michigan State Highway Department did research at the University of Michigan and was able to supply the following information.

The Ingham County Board of Supervisors approved the incorporation on October 16, 1879. The Charter was approved on March 8, 1880.

The first elected President was John L. Lloyd who only served three months and resigned, at which time Frank Lansing was appointed. The first clerk was F. B. Fellows; first Treasurer, R. B. Smith; first Street Commissioner, Ira Merrill; first Assessor, D. D. White; First Constable, James O'Dell; Trustees: J. L. Bartholomew, C. W. Chapman, W. J. Turner, G. W. Langford, Wm. C. Taylor and D. M. Lowe. There were three tickets: Corporation, Independent and Taxpayers.



Dick and Don — June, 1937



Dan Smith — a typical Frost Road farmer about the turn of the Century.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Silsby

## *Webberville Lodge 485 - Free and Accepted Masonry*

In 1917, 25 men petitioned the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Order and in 1918 they were given a charter. Andrew Edwards became the first Worshipful Master. They purchased the building that had housed the high school for the hall.

The first meeting of the Webberville Lodge was a special meeting held April 25, 1917 where the regular Communication was fixed on Wednesday evening at 8:00 P.M. on or before the full moon. The annual dues were set at \$2.00 and the fees for each of the three degrees were set at \$10.00.

The first communication was held May 2, 1917 and the first petitions for membership were received. Also, on motion the lodge purchased 3 dozen folding chairs at \$4.00 per dozen. At the second regular meeting, bills were submitted for different requirements such as rent \$5.00 per month and other miscellaneous supplies.

It is believed that the year 1968 was considered to be the fiftieth year of the Lodge, because at the regular communication of June 19, 1918, the reading of the charter was commemorated plus the first election of officers.

The Order of Eastern Stars was organized in 1922 and they received their charter dated October 12, 1922. They helped tremendously in the progress and development of the Masonic organization by their help in many social occasions and monetary gifts.



# Dean & Harris

BY EARLE R. PITT

## Newspaper Clippings From Out of The Past



D. D. HARRIS

ROY D. DEAN

Ever if D. D. Harris and Roy D. Dean, principals in the firm of Dean and Harris, Ford dealers, East Grand River avenue at Cedar street, hadn't added the asset of good citizenship and a substantial mercantile character to Lansing when the two moved to Lansing from Webberville seven years ago, the prize bouquet of aluminum roses should be handed to them for creating a quarter of a million dollar improvement on a North Lansing corner which was formerly sad to look at with the naked eye.

Here is a pleasing spectacle of relatives sleeping in the same mercantile bed, speaking figuratively, and sleeping in peace, each willing the covering should have a just share of the coverings. The firm of Dean and Harris is a real example of the fact that may be abolished in both theory and practice. The boys are brothers-in-law; were brought up in the same town, went to the same school, and fished together as barefoot lads in their burgeoning days.

Back in January, 1915, Mr. Dean and Mr. Harris decided to enter the automotive business in Webberville and Harris was engaged in the hardware and implement business with his father, the late G. H. Harris. The two brothers-in-law shook hands and decided upon a Ford franchise. They opened for business in their native town under the name of Dean and Harris.

The first unit was 60 by 132 feet, very substantially constructed of brick, cement and steel. Later another piece of land was purchased adjacent and another addition, 50 by 132 feet, added to the first unit. Still later another parcel of land was acquired adjacent and another unit, 42 by 132 feet, was erected. This building enabled the firm to house nearly all of its business except the used car summer business. This is conducted on land on the opposite side of the street.

Dean and Harris employed 10 persons during the initial year here. The firm maintains a permanent pay roll of over half a hundred persons now. Officers of the firm are Roy D. Dean, president; C. D. Harris, vice president, and D. D. Harris, secretary and treasurer. The company deals in Ford cars only, giving complete service. In 15 years the company has placed 5,000 new Ford cars in Ingham territory.

Here is an example of the fact that prophets do not have to move out of their own county to make successes. Mr. Dean has found time to build one of the handsomest apartment buildings in the city. This is known as the Dean apartments and is located at Madison street and Capitol avenue. Mr. Harris found time to help organize a new bank for North Lansing and to mix in many civic endeavors. Mr. Harris is

Successful from First

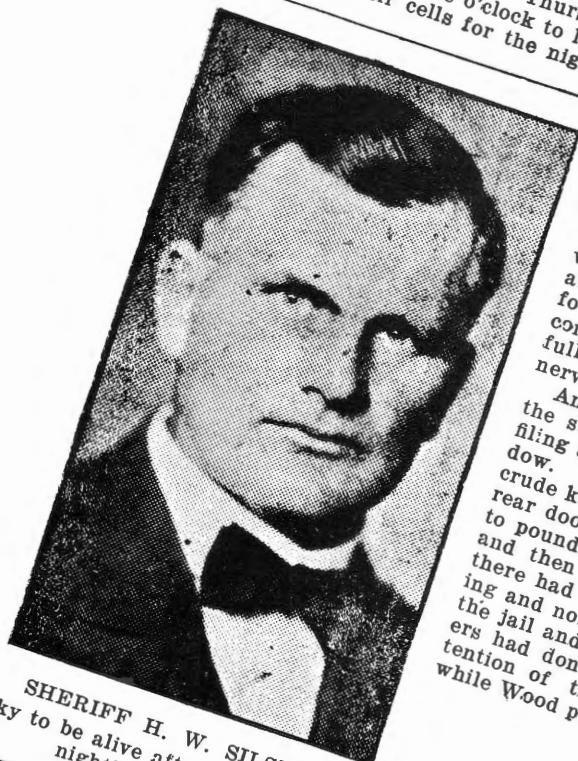


# SHERIFF VICTIM OF MURDEROUS ATTACK

## HIT FOUR TIMES ON HEAD WITH STEEL BAR.

### Silbsy Gives Edw. Wood Sound Beat- ing With Fists Before Weakened By Loss Of Blood.

As Sheriff Hugh Silbsy went into the prisoners' room last Thursday evening at about nine o'clock to lock the men in their cells for the night



SHERIFF H. W. SILSBY,  
lucky to be alive after last Thursday  
night's experience.

he narrowly escaped being beaten to death. Edward Wood, held for carrying concealed weapons, rushed at Mr. Silbsy when his back was turned and struck him four times on the head with a nineteen-inch steel bar. Each blow of the iron cut through the scalp to the skull and how the sheriff escaped without having his skull crushed is most remarkable. At least four others of the eight men confined in this room were conspirators in what was undoubtedly an attempt at jail delivery.

Dazed by the heavy blows and with blood pouring over his face and shoulders, the sheriff grappled with Wood, succeeded in taking the bar away from him, and then with his fist hit his would-be murderer a blow in the face that knocked him flat. Wood scrambled around the corridor outside the cage. Mr. Silbsy, thoroughly enraged, chased Wood and finally cornered him in a cell, where he gave him a thorough drubbing. Weakened by loss of blood he called Mrs. Silbsy to come and lock the men in the cage.

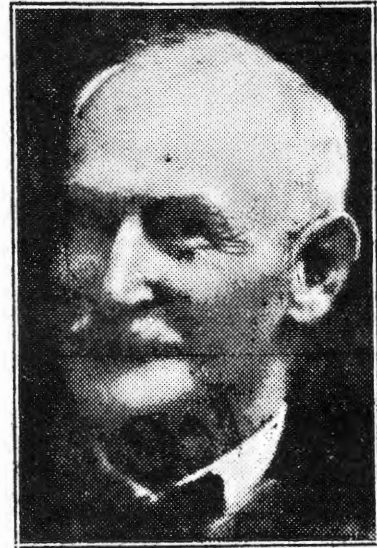
Dr. Yerkes was called and dressed the wounds on Silbsy's head. There were four gashes each about four inches in length. Sixteen stitches were necessary to close the wounds. One great gash on his forehead has caused much pain and last Sunday Mr. Silbsy's eyes were swollen shut. Wednesday, however, the infection was nearly gone and the sheriff was able to get around his home in comfort. It will be several weeks, according to Dr. Yerkes, before he can fully recover from the wounds and nervous shock.

An investigation later proved that the steel bar had been procured by filing and prying it loose from a window. A search brought to light a crude key which would have opened a rear door. Wood evidently intended to pound Silbsy into unconsciousness and then escape. For several days there had been a great deal of singing and noise in this compartment of the jail and it is believed the prisoners had done this to detract the attention of the sheriff and deputies while Wood procured the steel bar.



1924

## Veteran Carrier Made Webberville Postmaster



Frank A. Aldrich

After serving 23 years as rural carrier on Route No. 1, Webberville, Frank Aldrich has been appointed Webberville postmaster. During the 23 years Mr. Aldrich made a remarkable record for faithfulness in the performance of his duties. It was chiefly because of this record and his familiarity with the routine of the office that he was appointed to the government post. The appointment became effective Sept. 1. No appointment has been made for carrier on Route 1.

## About 1955 To 1960



READIN' comes naturally to Nancy McGowan, 10, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGowan, and Marcia Chase, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chase. In the largest summer reading club

at the Webberville Library, Nancy read 52 and Marcia 63 books. They are pictured with Edith West, librarian.





The Birthday Club about 1950. Left to right — Mabel Kinney, Eva Alchin, Anna Mae Silsby, Sophronia Hartwig, Edna Baxter White, Anna Farnsworth and Rose Baxter.



Left to Right — Phillip Millis and brother, George, Jr., showing a visiting Chicago cousin the joys of a farm pump.

## Webberville High School 1915



Left to Right: George VanOrden, George Vorce, Wayne Crippen, Ross Hickok, Arlo Bennett, Homer West; In Front: Harold Hartwick, Tracy Alchin.





Not all the pupils could be identified but the following people are in the picture—William Crossley, Omar Webber, Vernon Wilson, Charles Monroe, Don Martin, Charles Roe, Ollie West, Mabel Patrick, Fred Swegles, Elfie Van Houghton, Lee Haddicks, Denny Patrick, Eunice Bradley, Bessie Wainwright, Mae Price, Ceceil Dunn, Martha Harris, Calvin Wolcutt.  
Professor Le Ferge.



# Seymour's 'Remember When'

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** During the recent Christmas vacation the editor suggested to Ken Ross, Webberville junior who has leanings toward a career in journalism, that he try writing a feature story. This is it.

By KEN ROSS

Probably one of the oldest couples in Webberville today is Mr. and Mrs. Allen Seymour who reside at 323 W. Chestnut Street.

Mrs. Seymour, 82, was born 1874 in Webberville in a house that stood on the corner of Walnut and Chestnut streets. He was born Sept. 24, 1868.

The Seymours celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on December 14.

Mrs. Seymour, who has been blind for the past seven years, has a keen mind and can remember dates stretching back into the 19th century.

## FIRST SCHOOL

For instance she says that the first Webberville school was built March 9, 1856, which was exactly 100 years before it was consolidated. The school stood at the corner of what is now Webberville Rd. and Grand River, and Mrs. Seymour recalls the property was bought for the sum of \$13.50.

In September of 1876 school opened at the site where the present school stands and contained three rooms. The building now is the Masonic hall.

Mrs. Seymour remembers that she started school in 1879 and attended until 1891. Her last teacher was George Harvey of Williamston. There were no grades then, she said, and a student just went to the next book as soon as the preceding book was finished.

## FIRST GRADUATES

The county superintendent began the grading system in 1898 and the first two graduates were Burr Haskill and Robert Monroe, Mrs. Seymour reported.

Mr. Seymour recalls that one year school was held all summer. "That was quite unpopular with the students," he said with a laugh.

The school at that time also doubled for a church. The Seymours attended the Baptist Church which was built in 1880



WEBBERVILLE 'oldtimers' Mr. and Mrs. Allen Seymour are pictured above. They recall eggs at 10c a dozen and butter 10c a pound.

— Enterprise Photo

across from the school. It burned in 1895 and was rebuilt the same year.

Displaying more historical knowledge of Webberville, Mrs. Seymour said the first store was built in 1871 by a Mr. McPherson, the same year the railroad came to Webberville. She added that the elevator was built in 1872 and burned in 1895. When it was rebuilt, three tons of number 20 spikes were used.

The Webberville Bank opened in the spring of 1907 as a private bank. In 1909 it was converted to the Farmer's State Bank.

## JUSTICE OF PEACE

Mrs. Seymour's grandfather, George H. Galusha, was justice of peace in Leroy Township for 24 years. In that time he married 97 couples including one man three times.

The Seymours have lived in or around Webberville nearly all of their lives. He was a farmer, owning acreage just outside of Webberville until 10 years ago when the work proved too strenuous.

In 1931 Mrs. Seymour bought a dry goods store and operated it until 1947. The store was situated on Grand River next to the Standard gas station. The building has since been torn down to make way for a super gas station.

Mrs. Seymour said she sewed

from the time she left school until she couldn't see to thread the needle. Many times she sewed from 7 o'clock to 6 o'clock for 50 cents a day. Although now totally blind, Mrs. Seymour still patches pants and shirts by feeling her way.

## HIGH PRICES

The Seymours say that the increase in prices is one of the things that has changed greatly since the early part of the century. They recall that they once sold eggs for 12 cents a dozen and butter for 10 cents a pound!

They have two children. Their daughter, Mrs. Neola MacFarland, lives next to her parents on Chestnut street. In 1910 they adopted a son, Fred, who now runs a restaurant in Alma.

Mrs. Seymour likes to listen to the radio and do some mending these days. Mr. Seymour enjoys the out of doors, but, as he puts it, "I freeze up in this cold weather."

Mrs. Seymour's secret for long life is to eat many vegetables and drink lots of milk. Mr. Seymour advises one to be out of doors a good share of the time and breathe in lots of good fresh air.

Today Mr. Ross is an Ass't Business Editor for the Chicago Tribune.





## Webberville United Methodist Church

Sometime around 1874 or 75, the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church sent a minister named Campbell to a little group of believers in the lumbering town called Leroy, later named Webberville. It is certain that through his efforts and administration, the nucleus was formed out of which gathered folks from the surrounding country whose faithful adherence to religious principle and duty laid the foundation for the present happy, prosperous church.

In 1876, Rev. James Caster came. Meetings were held in the school house and often in private homes. It was under his supervision that the first

church was erected on a lot which had been deeded to the Methodist Church of Webberville by William McPherson in 1880. The membership numbered at that time at 72, the church property was valued at \$554.00 and the pastor's salary was \$600.00.

As the membership increased and through the personal work and untiring energy of the different ministers, many improvements came about. About 1922, a new church was built with a basement dining room and kitchen which can be converted to Sunday school rooms. In the period 1939 to 1943, a new classroom was

### Pastors of Webberville United Methodist Church

Campbell	1874 or 75	G. W. Hoffman	1915-17
F. H. Caster	1876-77	T. Marshall	1917-19
H. Hodgkiss	1877-80	F. M. Matthews	1919-22
L. L. Houghton	1880-82	R. Simons	1922-26
J. G. Williams	1882-83	E. E. Robinson	1926-27
F. H. Caster	1883-86	A. Eddy	1927-31
A. Roedel	1886-88	Cameron	1931-34
Bird	1888-89	E. Carless	1934-39
Wright	1889-90	C. S. Risley	1939-43
Crane	1890-92	H. Bushong	1943-46
T. B. McGee	1892-95	C. Onyett	1946-47
E. A. Cross	1896-97	F. Fisher	1947-50
F. R. Beach	1897-98	W. Johnson	1950-52
C. B. Clark	1898-1901	C. Rodway	1952-56
P. B. Hoyt	1901-04	J. Cobb	1956-60
W. A. Kishpough	1904-06	D. Lawson	1960-66
S. Williams	1906-12	R. Beemer	1966-68
G. McCallum	1912-13	G. Lyons	1968-69
(Killed by train in Jackson County)		M. Bowen	1969-
P. F. Wright	1913-15		



added. In 1947, came the installation of an open chancel plus the decorating of the Sanctuary as well as roofing and painting the exterior. In 1953, a new organ was installed. In 1956, a new gas conversion burner was installed in the parsonage and it was repaired and painted. New front doors were added to the church as well as recovering the outside of the church. In October, 1961, the present bulletin board was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Mary Jane Hodge. In April, 1962, two new classrooms were added. The kitchen was remodeled in memory of Christine Crandall and a new organ was presented to the church by the Charles and Fred Hugenot families. Between 1966 and 1968, the new pews were purchased, carpeting laid in the Sanctuary, and the walls of the Sanctuary were paneled. In 1969, new choir pews were installed in the memory of Harold Johns and in 1970, new choir robes were a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schutt.

NORMA KERR



## Present Day Baptist Church

Because of the interest of Rev. Harold Reese of Williamston, Calvary Baptist Church of Webberville was organized on July 10, 1950, with 20 charter members. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shultz were faithful leaders at that time.

Three locations were used before the church was built: Community Hall, 5010 E. Grand River and 410 S. Main Street. The Church building was started in the spring of 1953 and the first Sunday Services were held in it on June 6, 1954.

The first Baptismal Service in the church was on July 21, 1957. Prior to that time, some were baptized in the Red Cedar River.

The church purchased the present parsonage at 312 Pine Street on March 23, 1966.

The following men pastored the church:

Pastor Hal Olmsted — July 1950-April, 1952

Pastor Henry Busch — June, 1952-Nov., 1956

Pastor Marvin Nixon — April, 1957-Aug., 1961

Pastor Earl Linderholm — July, 1962-July, 1965

Pastor Albert Sundberg — Nov., 1965-April, 1969

Pastor Donald Campbell — Aug., 1970

The church has had a continuous ministry even during times when we were without a resident pastor.

PHYLISS KIRTZ







## ASHMON H. CATLIN

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR  
RE-ELECTION

REPRESENTATIVE IN LEGISLATURE

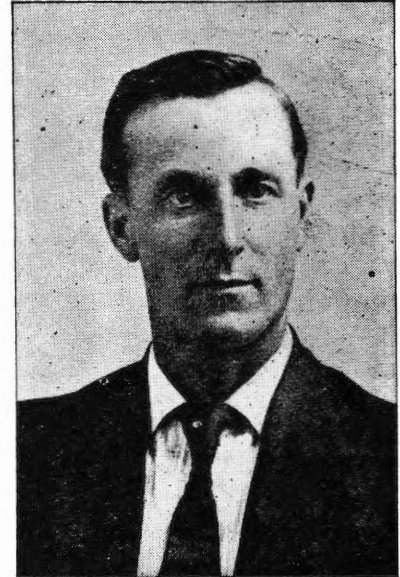
SECOND DISTRICT, INGHAM COUNTY



Examine past record and if satisfied your support will be  
expected and greatly appreciated on Nov. 3, 1914

## Ashmon H. Catlin

A Capable Farmer  
Of which there is more needed in  
the Legislature.



Only Candidate from the Eastern  
Half of the County.

### Ashmon H. Catlin.

Ashmon H. Catlin, candidate for Representative in the Second District, Ingham county, was born in Hudson, Lenawee county, this state, April 19th, 1869.

In the year 1881 Mr. Catlin moved with his parents to Leroy township, where he has since resided. He is a farmer and feels very proud of his vocation. A member of the Methodist Protestant church, the I. O. O. F. and Ancient Order of Gleaners. He was Township Treasurer for two years and Supervisor of Leroy township for nine consecutive years, receiving the largest majority at his last election, April 4, 1910.

Mr. Catlin was chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 1909, which gives him the thorough knowledge of county and township affairs, which will enable him to Legislate for his district in an intelligent manner.

Mr. Catlin has always stood for economy, a fact plainly shown by his record as a member of the Board of Supervisors and will represent the Second District in the same capable manner and those who vote for him on November 8th will never regret that it was by their support that he represented them in the Legislature.

Mr. Catlin is the only candidate on any ticket from the Eastern half of the county and will greatly appreciate your support.

# Centennial Farms

The information which was received from the Michigan Historical Commission states that there are eleven Centennial farms in the Webberville area. They are listed below:

Name of Owner When Award Was Made	Township
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Putman and Son Gilbert .....	Leroy
John E. Osborne .....	White Oak
Jessie Moyer .....	Locke
George R. Stevens .....	White Oak
Elwood and Viola Walker .....	White Oak
Glen and Edith West .....	Leroy
William and John Malcho .....	White Oak
Ralph and Aletha Lovejoy .....	Locke
Harris and Norine Hartwell .....	Locke
Archie and Elisabeth Chamberlain .....	Locke
4081 Webberville Rd. 100 Acres (Where Congressman Charles E. Chamberlain grew up) (Now owned by Ralph Chamberlain. Ralph also owns another 280 acre Centennial farm at 4659 Sherwood Rd.)	
Walter, Orman and Dagmar Bearse .....	Leroy
Wayne and Esther Huschke .....	Leroy
Robert and Joyce Benjamin .....	Leroy

If any centennial farms have been omitted please do not feel slighted for it was most difficult to get an authentic listing. The farms that were known to have been added very recently to the state list were added here.





# LeRoy Politics

One of LeRoy Township Supervisors was Phillip Millis of Williamston. Mr. Millis was elected in 1945, at the age of 32. His duties as supervisor were to assess all Real and Personal property in the Township, spread the Tax Roll, take the dog census and preside at all Township Board meetings. The Township Board consisted of the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and two Justices of the Peace.

Mr. Millis states, "The Fire Department consisted of 1 Model A Ford Fire Truck equipped with a chemical tank and a front end pump. The 10 members of the volunteer department were sincere, dedicated men getting along in years and without much to fight fires. Within 3 years, a special millage was voted to purchase and equip a new fire department. This was accomplished in the late 1940's. A retired Captain of the Lansing Fire Department trained these men. A tank truck was purchased to carry water and with the high pressure fog it was an efficient unit. A fire hall was added to the Community Hall to house this equipment. Later a new truck was purchased."

At the time, Mr. Millis was elected, he received \$250.00 per year to take the assessment and make out the tax roll. Also, \$5.00 per Township Board meetings once a month plus \$.07 per mile to and from Mason. In the 18 years he served, he says there were less than a dozen callers to protest an assessment. Also in 1945, the term of office was changed from one to two years.

Other supervisors were Ashmond Catlin and Fred Huschke. Mr. Catlin also was in the State Legislature for two years and in the National Farm Credit Association (Minnesota) for years.

Another person well known in the community is Vern Hodge. His parents moved in 1891 to the home where Vern still resides. It was surrounded by woods and the Tamarack swamp.

Mr. Hodge served on the Alchin School Board for 36 years. In 1917-18, he was elected Township Treasurer (only 1 family got welfare help that year) and he was on the Board of Review for about 4 years. In 1951, following Vining Hawley, he was elected Township Clerk which office he has held for 20 years.

Mr. Hodge states his duties have increased as there are 3 voting precincts now. He is responsible for all elections. He is also part of the Township Board. The Township has never updated to voting machines because older people seem to prefer the paper ballots. The Township Board meets the 1st Tuesday of the month and annually in April where all can come and voice their opinions like an old town meeting.

Mr. Hodge states he can remember in 1923 when the taxes on 120 acres were \$40.00 and in 1969 were \$900.00 for the same acreage. When Mr. Hodge was married he says he bought all the furniture needed for \$52.00.

Fred Huschke, served as LeRoy Township treasurer for two years. Then he was elected Supervisor and served fifteen years.

Neil West, two-term present day LeRoy Township supervisor, operates his parent's Centennial Farm on Searls Road.

Buelah Cool  
Route No. 1,  
Webberville, Mich.



LeRoy Township's Fearless Fire Chief James Lowe







# Bell Oak

The facts mentioned here will tell how this community grew from a mill and a couple of houses to a development that saw a mill erected, another rebuilt after being destroyed by fire, a few shops, a few stores, about 25 houses with an equal amount of barns, the organizing of a fraternal society and the organizing and founding of a church and school.

This "Boom Town" had a raw, unpainted look and was framed in the background of woods and swamps. Its residents were typical of a frontier or woodman's town. They wore hand made suits, dresses, boots and shoes. This was a town where whiskey could be bought for a dollar a gallon and where on Saturday nights you might see a scrap between the "gangs" from different localities. It was, though, a nice town, a friendly town, and

"It is impossible to tell each early event,  
Or name each settler as they came,  
But mentioned here are some of the facts,  
Such as, how Bell Oak got it's name." M. W.

inhabited by some of the biggest hearted people in the world.

## THE SAW MILL

The saw mill was built by Truman Spencer and George Fisher on land purchased from John Pitts. The mill, an "upright" mill, with a straight saw moving up and down pulled at both ends by large cranks and arms moved by power from a steam engine, stood on high ground and had a mill road leading back to it which was called Pigtail Alley.

Many people wonder how and where the gear for the mill came from. Although unknown for sure there were firms in many cities in Michigan building boilers, mills of various kinds, and steam engines. Also, with the building of the Plank Road between Detroit and Lansing, large loads could



## Bell Oak School — 1920

Left to Right — Front Row — Edgar Rathbun, Carl Fisher, Harvey Mowe, Lloyd Arnold, Moses Collins, Donna Dansby, Leola Rathbun, Genevieve Brathwaite, Irene Smith, Albert Rathbun, Back Row — Ronald Parker, Ferris McKie, Viola

Collins, Frances Rathbun, Blanche Pinckney, Etta Chase, Donna Braithwaite, Richard Collins, Loyal Bradbury, Earl Rathbun. Teacher — Archie Tuttle.



be hauled with comparative ease. Another question was, who worked at the mill. As there were several, mostly young men, in the community there was plenty of help for a mill crew.

Truman Spencer became interested in politics and in 1860 was elected Sheriff of Ingham County, being elected at the same election and on the same ticket as Abraham Lincoln. While Spencer was Sheriff, the managing of the mill was left to Fisher. In 1862, Spencer was defeated, returned to the mill, and also built a small store on his land. Sometime between 1857 and 1862, a Post Office called "Locke" was established in Truman Spencer's residence and he was Postmaster.

In 1867, Spencer sold his interest in the lumber business to Fisher and it was then known as "Fisher's Mills". Soon after this, the mill burned to the ground. Fisher rebuilt the mill, much larger and better, about 20 rods west and a little way south of the location of the first mill. This second mill was also an "upright" mill and used that way for about 20 years before a circular saw was installed. From the time it was built until about 1885

or 1890, it was in operation on a day and night schedule at times, the year around.

## Other Business Ventures

From 1867 to 1872, the community had a "boom town" growth with the population reaching between 150 and 200. In the growth came a physician, Dr. Atkins; Alfred Decker, a cabinet maker who built a shop; Paschal Pettingill, with his peddling wagon, selling tinwares, etc.; Seymour Holcomb, a feed mill; and T. B. Eggleston, a blacksmith (reported to be the best rifleman in the locality, being known to bring home a brace of black squirrels all shot through the head.)

Also, a wagonshop was built by Robert Fisher, which was about 20' x 60' and two stories high. It had room and equipment for woodworking and ironing wagons, buggies, sleighs, and cutters on the first floor and a paint shop on the second floor. There were double swinging doors above and a cleated ramp of plank leading up to them

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**Bell Oak School — 1924 - 25**

Front Row — Ronald Taylor, Margaret Graham, Clinton Sawyer, Foster Graham, Gordon Hicks. Second Row — Junior (Spike) Dansby, Arnold Taylor, Earl LaRowe, Ted Dansby, Charles White, James Anderson. Back Row —

Donna Dansby, Teacher, Cleo Sawyer, Laverne Cole, Roy Foote, Edgar Cole, Irene Smith, Martha Anderson and Martin Foote.



## BELL OAK - continued

through which vehicles were drawn for painting and finishing. Also, it was here that Fisher built coffins for the community when the need arose. About, 1895, the front part was partitioned off and used for a barbershop.

In 1870, a large store was built and operated by Susan Spencer and her son, Charles. This store, probably as large as ever erected in Bell Oak, had two stories. The upper floor was finished off for a Public Hall. Here shows, concerts, exhibitions, lectures and political gatherings were held for the next 25 years. This, also, housed the Independent Order of Odd Fellows which was organized in 1872 (Bell Oak Lodge No. 178, I.O.O.F.). Members were from Locke and Conway originally and then members from Leroy, (Webberville) were added. When most of the charter members moved to Leroy, the lodge was moved there. The lodge turned in their charter about 1955.

Another business which started was a brick-yard. This operation stopped, however, when a kilnful of green bricks were fired out when two men in charge let the fires die out which left a pile of soft bricks. (A few years later, these bricks were used to fill mud holes in the road east of Bell Oak).

Although the town had grown in population and businesses, in 1871, an event occurred which halted the growth of Bell Oak. This was the building of the railroad from Detroit to Lansing which was completed as far as Leroy. When the station opened there, and a village began, Bell Oak lost a number of it's residents. For a few years though, the railroad was a help as it furnished shipment for the products and brought freight and express within a few miles where before people had to go to Owosso for their goods, to market their crops or take a train for a journey. Also, prior to the building of the Peninsular Railroad (Grand Trunk), mail and goods were brought by wagon through Bell Oak.

## The Church

The Bell Oak church was organized in 1872 and built in 1886 on a site given by James Spencer.

The lumber was secured through Homer Murphy, a lumber dealer in Perry and also, Mr. Murphy bought the bell for the church. George Collins drew the stone, the plastering was done by Alfred Darling and Alfred Eggleston, and the three plaster of Paris circles (from which the first lights hung) were done by Larkos Ash.



It is interesting to note that nearly all of the members were admitted on a probationary basis and that the salary of one of the early ministers was \$75.00.

It was described as originally having a tall steeple and a chimney in the center of the back of the church, with one stove in back and one in front, with long runs of stove pipe to the chimney. There also were two different lighting systems prior to 1928 when electricity came to Bell Oak.

## The School

The first school in the area was the Pinckney school which was named after Thomas Pinckney one of the first settlers.

Due to the school districts being extended, the enrollment was said to have been about 80 in the classroom at one time. In 1865, the electors voted to build a new school which was to be all oak. The mill furnished the lumber.

In 1866, the school was completed and it was voted to obtain a bell to be placed on the new building. After the erection of the bell and on the first day it called the children to their tasks, it was suggested by George Fisher that the school be called Bell Oak for the new bell on the new oak school. The idea was accepted and although officially it remained "Locke" until the Post Office was closed in 1901, the community soon became known as "Bell Oak".

*Condensed by Marilyn West of Webberville from material written by Max Graham of Bell Oak.*



# PIONEER LUMBERMAN

## Lived in Michigan 50 Years

*Settling in Forests in Ingham County He Devoted Himself to Lumber Business Until  
"Fisher's Mills" Became Famous. Spent Declining Years in Detroit.*

George Fisher, aged 76, pioneer lumberman of Michigan, died at the home of his son, T. S. Fisher, 48, Dumontier avenue, yesterday morning, following an illness of two weeks. Mr. Fisher's illness was caused by a bad fall on the ice six years ago. At that time he injured his hip so badly that he has walked with the aid of crutches ever since. Two weeks ago his illness took a serious turn.

Deceased comes from a remarkably long-lived family. He is survived by three brothers and a sister, all of whom have reached a ripe old age and are in excellent health. Over half a century ago George Fisher came to Michigan from New York state. He settled in Locke township, Ingham County, which consisted at that time of dense woods. Lumbering took up his entire attention, and out of the wilderness he hewed for himself and family a home and a handsome competence. Fisher's mills became famous and lumbermen for miles around brought logs to him to be made into lumber.

Around this industry there grew a little village, which Mr. Fisher himself christened Bell Oak. A pretty story clusters around the name of this hamlet. When the school was built, the oak lumber came from Mr. Fisher's mills, and on the day that the bell in the tower first called the children to their tasks, it occurred to Mr. Fisher that this was the first bell that had ever rung in a tower in Locke township. And thus the little place was named Bell Oak.

Sixteen years ago deceased came to Detroit, where most of his children resided. Of late, he and his wife lived with their son on Dumontier avenue.

Tomorrow the remains will be taken to Bell Oak to be buried in the village church yard, where lie the remains of his father and mother and his two brothers, both of whom lost their lives in the cause of the union. Services will be held at the Methodist church in the village. Beside the widow, Mr. Fisher is survived by the following children; T. S. Fisher, Mrs. E. A. Marvin, Mrs. H. P. Linderman, and Mrs. H. E. Lamb of Detroit, and Mrs. Frank O'Leary of Cincinnati.





***Rowley  
School  
Reunion  
Play-1942***



**Rowley School**



**Rowley Church**



## *Rowley Area - Names Remain The Same*

Traveling around the Rowley district in early years were found many names that are prevalent today such as: Speers, Sullivan, Mixter, Hill, Dunkels, McCreary, Plummer, Starks, Rice, Rowley, Chamberlain, Bennetts, Silsby, Hart, Bickford, Davis and West.

The pastors of the Rowley Wesleyan Methodist Church were: Rev. E. W. Bruce, under whose pastorate the church was built; Rev. Ross; H. C. Hurlburt, H. A. Day, A. H. Keller, Rev. Thompson, M. J. Badder, D. A. Richards, J. L. Bush, S. J. Youngs, L. J. Harrington. Rev. Harrington was an eloquent preacher and orator and had a daughter, Nellie, who wrote many stories and articles for publication in church papers.

Many of the older settlers are resting in the Rowley cemetery north of the church. It is most interesting to walk through the cemetery and read the monuments of the former residents.

Also included in the history of the Rowley district is the large brick house nestled in the woods on West Rowley road. It was the home of Judge Howard Weist and was known as "Shagbark". Judge Weist, his wife and two daughters lived there until he was elected Circuit Court Judge in 1899. Then it became their summer home. He also went on to become a Supreme court Judge before his death in 1946.

The teachers of the school from 1875 to 1900 were: Electa Hilliker Church, Emma Reynolds Sullivan, John Brooks, Eva Coryell, Frances Durkee Brown, Rachel Rix, Olive Draper, Michael Cripps, Alta Benjamin Brown, Thomas Walker, Mrs. King, Mary Gratruck, Hattie Cox, Addie Pease, Julia Hulburt Wright, Frank Liverance, Lewis Remington, Carrie Reed, Emma Leary Speers, Ed Briggs, Mina Mixter Liverance, Cora Johnson, Zady Chamberlain, Bessie Marble, John Gratruck, Della Speers, George Ling, Mame Plunkett, Louis C. Mixter, Leroy Dietz, Mattie White King, Esther Cobb Avery, Mattie Jewett Mixter, Leslie Ling, Clark Gratton, and Elmer Hammond.

The first school was a red building which was also used for church services until the new church was built. The red school house was sold to Harvey Wright who moved it across the creek to the east

and converted it into a sheep barn on the farm now owned by William Brittain. It was remodeled again in 1964 and became a spacious home for the caretaker.

The last teacher in the red school building was Louis Mixter who was also the first teacher in the new building which was built in 1898. It remained a school until in 1957 when the district was annexed to Webberville Community School system. Later the Rowley Wesleyan Church purchased it in 1961 for their Fellowship Hall and Sunday school class rooms. In 1970 it was taken down so the Rowley church could build a new parsonage.

Prominent in the Rowley community are the names of Speers, Sullivan and Dunkel.

Some of the later teachers were Howard McCreary, Ormal Pickard, Cora Case Meyers, Dale Dunkel, Leon Sweet, Glen Fowler, Grace Smith Dunkel, Naomi Sweet, Cora Anderson Rogers, Eva Foster Wilson, Ernestine Silsby Carlson, Carol Risch, Lucille Fitzgerald Mayer and Eva Knoch.

Some of the pastors since 1900 of the Rowley Wesleyan Church were A. R. Merrill, D. T. Perrine, B. A. Hammond, R. E. Durkee, A. D. Wright, W. F. Hall, E. L. Crocker, G. L. Densmore, C. D. La Preze, H. A. Cole, G. E. Miller, C. A. Coffey, L. W. Ames, D. L. Hill, P. L. Larson, and R. A. Daughenbaugh.

*By Mrs. Clarence (Bertha) Bennett  
3980 Haslett Rd., Williamston, Mich.*

This church was organized in January, 1856, and for many years was known as South Locke Wesleyan and was part of the circuit with West Locke and Meridian (which no longer exists). The members worshiped for about 25 years in the school house. The old school house has recently been removed and the new parsonage is being built on the site.

The founding Pastor was Harvey Hodskiss, a noted orator on temperance and abolition of slavery. In 1860, he was candidate for the legislature but lost by a few votes. He later became chaplain at Michigan State Prison.





Herman and Frederika Miller, Pioneer residents of Break O' Day Area. Grandparents of Grace Miller Schutt and Myron Miller; great-grandparents of Melvin Oesterle. Taken at

their home in Webberville, corner of South Summit and Chestnut.



Break of Day School About 1910. BACK ROW L. to R. Blanche Cavanaugh, teacher; J. C. Bohnet, Ruth Risch White, Leona Ackley, Clay Foreman, Alice Haskill, Fern Ackley, Bessie Miller, Hallie Ackley, Clarence Miller, Genessee Church.

MIDDLE ROW. Herman Miller, Laura May Bohnet, Ella Ackley, Pauline Risch.  
FIRST ROW. Ezra Miller, Lawrence Miller, Dorrance Risch, Claude Miller, Clarence Foreman, Leland Miller, Floyd Miller, Russel Spray





Break O' Day School, 1931.



Henry D. Matthiesen, now 92 and living in Webberville, as a young man who traveled the area supplying extracts, spices, soaps, perfumes, and patent medicine. He was a native of the Break O' Day area.

## *Break O'Day History*

The Break O'Day area covers the Southeast corner of Leroy Township and the Northeast corner of White Oak Township. This region today is the site of well-developed farms and homes. The land is drained and produces good crops for the various owners. Apparently, before the 1870's, very few people had chosen this area as a site for settlement because of swampy land conditions.

Many names are probably connected with the early history, but these names, dates and places of settlement are unavailable. From early historical records it does appear that John Risch, born in Germany, was one of the early settlers in the area. He purchased land, now owned by his grandson, Melvin Oesterle in 1871 just four years away from government ownership.

The first 80 acres was purchased from the McPhersons in Howell, Michigan. The McPhersons had bought the land from C. W. Bell, who in turn had bought it from the U. S. government in 1867. A log cabin was built here. He and his family began the difficult task of clearing the land and making it productive.

In 1887 he purchased another 80 acres from Sam Reason. He built another home on this acreage. It was on this land that he lived until his death in 1910. The last of his 11 children, Edith Risch Sager, of Buffalo, N.Y. died recently at the age of 89.

As a result of his settling in the area several

of his relatives came to the Break O'Day area, also. If they weren't relatives when they came they soon became relatives as a result of marriage!! Some of these people were the Fred Foremans, Charles Risches', Herman Millers, Frederick Merindorfs, Henry Metcalfs, Christ Keppens, D.F. Patricks and John Morans. Many of these people as, John Risch, had come from Germany, stopped over in New York and then on to Michigan in search of farm land.

It, also, appears, that these pioneers of a hundred years were anxious that their young people receive an education. Even then there was a population explosion! For the earliest census records show about 60 children listed. In the year of 1877, these records show that John Risch was given the job of building the first schoolhouse for the sum of \$96.50, "said building to be 18' x 24'." At this meeting John F. Bennett was selected as Director and Herman Matthiesen was selected as Moderator. This meeting was held in May, 1877 and in November a meeting was called to accept the completed building. This building was located on Howell Road a short distance east of the present building. This building was sold in 1888 to W. A. Havens for the sum of \$1.00, the stove for \$.40c, the privy for \$.10c and a table for \$.20c.

The teacher selected for the winter term was

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## BREAK O'DAY - continued

Carrie Jones. She was to be paid \$51.00 on or before the first day of April, 1878.

A year later school was held 4 months, winter term and 3 months, summer term. Mattie Church was the teacher for both terms. She received \$5.00 per week in winter and \$4.50 in summer. Perhaps the variance in salary was due to the fact that the enrollment was higher in winter for the harvest was over and the boys and young men could attend. Indeed they were young men for some of them attended school still at the ages 18 and over!

In 1887, the McPhersons deeded a plot of ground to Break O'Day district 13 Frl. for the location of a new school building at the corner of Searls and Howell Roads. This building was to be built at a cost of \$800.00. Charles Risch, W. H. Van Gorder, and D. F. Patrick were appointed as a building committee. Later it was noted that another \$125.00 had to be voted to complete the building. Even then the cost of building was greater than anticipated.

Some of the teachers in the old and new school who taught before 1900 included Carrie Jones, Mattie Church, Mary McClear, Flora Rosencrance, Isaac Teller, Mary Kane, Jennie A. Fear, E. A. Greening, Grace Wolverton, James Brogan, Annie Patrick, Nellie Cady, Archie Smith, Leroy Dietz, Leslie Ling, Hayes Alchin, Alvah Hudson, Eugene Greening and Vera Porter Risch. Many of these people continued all their lives to be associated with the White Oak and Leroy township areas.

Other teachers after 1900 include the following people Vera Porter Risch, Theodora Dietz, Ollie Carnes, Hattie Weston, Mabel Silsby Oesterle, C. R. Murphy, Blanche Alchin, Blanche House, Clarence Faunce, Fred Kendall, Christine Matthiesen Crandall, Carroll Glynn, Ethel Blakely Hull, Marguerite Vorce Oesterle, Bernice Fowler, Dora Mae Walker Crandall, Eunice Roeser Haynes and Virginia Oesterle Wright.

Thus education had its beginnings in the Break O'Day. School was held continuously in the 1887 building until about 1945 when the number of children became so small that they were all transported to the Ingham Township Agricultural School at Dansville, Michigan. In 1956, the area decided to become a part of the Webberville Community Schools in an area reorganization plan.

The building that was formerly the Break O'Day school is now owned by K. W. Mishler. He has made it into a home for his family. It is nice to know the old landmark is there, being put to a very practical use.

It was with a great sense of loss that the people saw their local school become a part of the past. For it was here that community life centered. The old-fashioned Christmas, candles and all, the Christmas program, and the box socials were looked forward to by all members of the community. For those of us who remember the great excitement in preparation for these events an era has passed. The odor of the tree, the freshly oiled floors, and the burning of kerosene lamps can be appreciated only by those who were there. Besides these social events, church services were held in the school building on Sundays. Floyd Miller, son of Herman Miller, Jr., was baptized here in 1898. Other records contributed by Pauline Risch Oesterle record the fact that in 1905 church services were conducted by a Rev. F. N. Schleicher, an Evangelical minister, every other Sunday. He came from Howell, Michigan with horse and buggy. Sunday school was held each Sunday. Floyd Miller, in 1912, was Treasurer of the Sunday school. Other ministers who served the area were a Rev. Wood and Rev. Wilkie. Indeed the school was the center of community life!

Farms once occupied by the early builders of the community are now owned by Lawrence Moran, grandson of John Moran, Sr.; Wayne Dalton's, once owned by George Ackley; Dorrance Rischs', once owned by Herman Matthiesen and later by Dorrance's father John F. Risch; Clarence Donal's, once owned by Herman Miller, Sr.; Paul Oesterle's, once owned by John F. Bennett and later the Henry Metcalfs; John Succardi's originally owned by Fred Foreman, Sr.; Melvin Oesterle's, owned by his grandfather John Risch; Glenn Roeser's, owned by Frederick Merindorf; Fred Smalley's, once owned by James Doty; Charles Ashworth's, previously owned by Henry and Zada Haskell, and then the John Haskell's; Bob Bohnett's, once owned by Herman Miller, Jr.; Ethel Bohnett's previously owned by Asa Day in 1836 later by Albert Westphal; Stacy Hile's, owned by Herman Miller, Jr.; George Bohnett's, owned by his grandfather Fred Bohnett, and Earnest Nims previously owned by E. W. Noble.

At one time, Will Patrick owned 60 acres on the southwest corner of Searls and Howell Road. This he sold in 1904 and moved to Webberville



where he started a hardware business in the building now occupied by James Lowe.

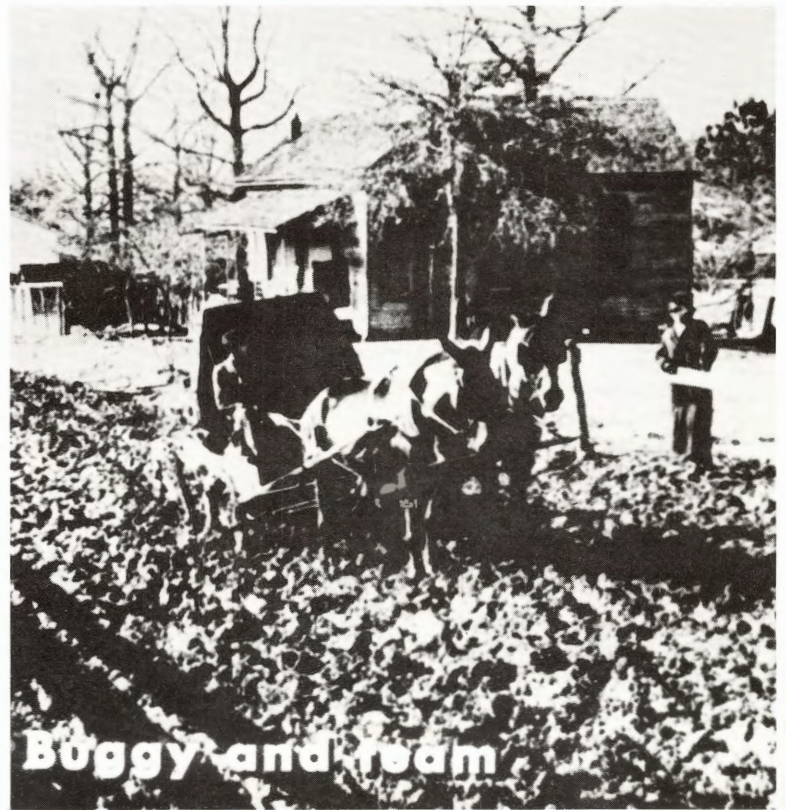
On Howell Road, across from the Melvin Oesterle farm, there were two homes. These were occupied by people by the name of Bentley. According to school records for the year of 1887, one was William Bentley and the other John Bentley.

Since it is impossible to name all of the original settlers of a hundred years, it is hoped that you who read this will do so with understanding. It is the wish of the writer to dedicate these lines to all of those whose names have slipped into oblivion and to those whose names are remembered in developing the area known as the "Break O'Day".

MARGUERITE VORCE OESTERLE

R.R. No. 1

Webberville, Mich.



A hand car used by workers at the charcoal kilns in Webberville. The man on the right is William Galusha, father of Mrs. Bessie Seymour, and son of the first Justice of Peace in LeRoy Township.



## *Early Pioneers*



John Risch family at farm home now owned by his grandson Melvin Oesterle. Taken in 1900. L. to R. Minnie Risch Roth, John Risch, Sr., Sophia Risch with baby daughter, Ruth; Lena Risch Smith Hummel, Winnie Risch Donal, John Risch, Jr., Edith Risch Sager, Carrie Risch Oesterle, Fronce J. Risch.



WEBBERVILLE AREA CENTENNIAL  
PRESENTS

# "WINDOWS OF WEBBERVILLE"

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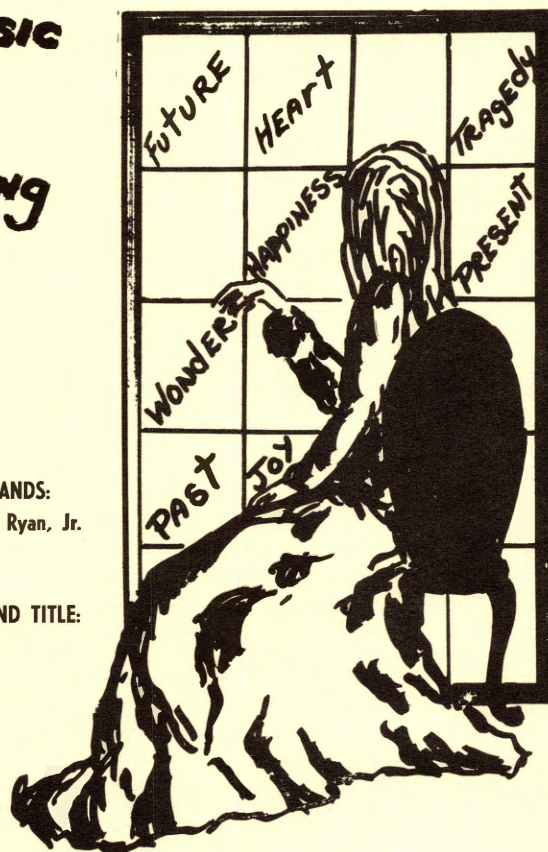
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# *A Synopsis of Scenes*

## **ACT ONE**

### **EPISODE ONE: MOUNDBUILDERS**

It is indisputable that the moundbuilders left traces within Ingham County. Two thousand years or more ago its possessor, no doubt a chief or leader of his people, lived with his race in Ingham County.

### **EPISODE TWO: RED SHADOWS**

An Indian Brave, Running Foot and his squaw, Blowing Wind took in Jacob Cooley from the freezing wind, and rubbed his half frozen body, making him feel as comfortable as possible. They then fed him the best food they had, boiled porcupine and muskrat. The Indians were friendly, but he was still the loser in this game called White Man's civilization.

### **EPISODE THREE: BEGINNING**

Webberville established as an era in 1836 when Silas and Suzanna Alger crossed Lake Ontario and made their way through Canada to the Detroit River which they crossed on a Ferry Boat. The second year Mr. Meech was here, he tried to raise hogs, but bears killed them.

### **EPISODE FOUR: THE GRIM REAPER**

Back in 1872 we had our own burial grounds called the Alchin Cemetery. George Huston, Uriah Smith and Edmund Allchin were all part of the company that had to handle the macabre portion of life.

### **EPISODE FIVE: THE CHANGING TIMES—SALOONS AND ALL**

The General store, or for awhile the barber shop, became the rendezvous. It's pot bellied stove became a social shrine. At the time considerable disorder throughout the area was caused from too much celebrating and heavy drinking.

### **EPISODE SIX: LIFE IN THE AREA**

A wash woman tells us of the 1st Blacksmith shop, the depot, the first school property deeded in 1856. The town plat recorded on December 18th, 1871. The first newspapers, Barbershops, and General store. One important note of history will always be remembered—the year 1861!

### **EPISODE SEVEN: THE CIVIL WAR**

In four years Michigan furnished 90,727 men in the Union Army, 346 commissioned officers and 13,059 men laid down their lives. Among our own men 46 would lie in the Alchin and Webberville cemeteries.

## **ACT TWO**

### **EPISODE ONE: FAITH AND FREEDOM**

The settlers were more conscious of the presence of God in their lives than most of us today. They lived with death a constant threat. Most preaching was done by itinerant preachers or circuit riders who preached on the wrath of God. Their sermons were of hell and damnation, of regeneration and pre-destination.

### **EPISODE TWO: INNOVATIONS**

Billboard signs—and speed limits, made the Webberville area well known across the country. Our 1st school was built in 1856. In 1861 there were only 31 potential students. In the fall of 1959, our High School was completed.

### **EPISODE THREE: THE FOURTH OF JULY**

Who can ever forget the Bell Barkus tent shows, when they came to town. What a thrill that was. The boys would hire out (for a free pass) to help set up the equipment and the girls helped pack those wonderful candy kisses that were sold during intermission. There were games, refreshments, entertainment, and even a good old fashioned Virginia Reel.

### **EPISODE FOUR: THE TWENTIETH CENTURY**

The year is 1917—a song will be remembered, 23 Skidoo, you weren't in if you didn't know a flagpole sitter, the depression—W.P.A., F.D.R., and Mt. Surabachi. This was all part of the Twentieth Century!!

### **EPISODE FIVE: MODERN TIMES**

Today we are quite pleased with ourselves, yet we are not content to just stand idly by and watching the rest of the world pass by. Where do we go from here?

### **EPISODE SIX: TONIGHT IS OUR FUTURE**

We present the Webberville Area Centennial Queen and her royal Court of Honor. We have entitled this chapter of your history, "Tonight Is Our Future." What better way to step into the future with a glimpse of the past. Tonight is the first page in your new book of destiny and your journey into tomorrow has already begun this evening.



# *“Windows of Webberville”*

## *The Narrators*

The Rev. Don Campbell  
Harvey Westerby  
Peggy Haight



## Cast and Crew

### ACT ONE

#### Episode One:

##### **“MOUNDBUILDERS”**

Indian God: Zeke Eberly  
Indian Brave Flutist: Greg Glover  
Pall Bearers: Greg Glover, Don Morris, Steve Monroe,  
Rodney Monroe, David Reeser  
High Priest: Neil West

#### Episode Two:

##### **“RED SHADOWS”**

Indian Drummer: Zeke Eberly  
Running Foot: Zeke Eberly  
Blowing Wind: Diana Adams  
Jacob Cooley: Sam Glover  
Indian Chief: Greg Glover

#### Episode Three:

##### **“BEGINNING”**

Stage Manager: George G. Whitehead  
Surveyor: Carl Franks  
Surveyors assistant: Dan Sokol  
Surveyors Double: Robert Griffes  
Man with Dog: Rodney Monroe

#### Episode Four:

##### **“THE GRIM REAPER”**

Cemetery Man: Don Lang  
Widow: JoAnn Gilpin  
Pall Bearers: Greg Glover, Don Morris, Steve Monroe,  
Rodney Monroe

#### Episode Five:

##### **“THE CHANGING TIMES—SALOONS AND ALL**

Mr. James Dart: Harvey Schutt  
Kitty the Saloon Gal: Sue Borders  
Head Squirter: Richard Martell  
Young Man: Raymond Ryan

#### Episode Six:

##### **“LIFE IN THE AREA”**

Wash Woman: Vonda Lee Perkins

#### Episode Seven:

##### **“THE CIVIL WAR”**

Historian: Dan Sokol  
Governor: Gerald Slider  
Secretary: Elmer Monroe  
Abe Lincoln: Cliff Johnson

INTERMISSION—10 minutes

### ACT TWO

#### Episode One:

##### **FAITH AND FREEDOM**

Circuit Rider: Al Borders  
Angels: Brian Risner, Laureen Glover, Jean Johnson,  
Emily Monroe  
Entire Cast

#### Episode Two:

##### **“INNOVATIONS”**

Bath Towel Boy: Zeke Eberly  
Stage Manager: George G. Whitehead  
Motorcycle Cop: Elmer Monroe  
Hostess: Esther Gurnee  
Rose Gorton: Sharon Schneider  
Nephew: Greg Glover  
Teacher: Ruth West  
Mother: Joan Acker  
Student: Jan Hodge

#### Episode Three:

Rose Gorton: Sharon Schneider

#### Episode four:

##### **“THE TWENTIETH CENTURY”**

Historian: Dan Sokol  
Doughboy: Bob Griffes  
WWI Widow: JoAnn Gilpin  
WPA Men: Vernon VanRiper, Harold Monroe, George  
Glover  
Boss Man: Neil West

#### Episode Five:

##### **“MODERN TIMES”**

Historian: Dan Sokol

#### Episode Six:

##### **“TONIGHT IS OUR FUTURE”**

Entire Cast

#### Stage Managers:

Gary Whitford, Jerry Arnold, Ed Ancel, Dan Dansby,  
Richard Kubiak, Charles Ross, Mark Lott.

#### Credits:

Harry Bourke, City of Webberville, Elzerman's Nursery,  
Hart N Hyde, Inc., Webberville High School, Clifton Helms,  
Supt., Eloise Green, Secretary, Betty Cameron Secretary.



# Cast Members For The Webberville Area Centennial

Diana Adams  
Betty Alchin  
Everett Alchin  
J. C. Alchin  
Debbie Ancel  
Cindy Ancel  
Mrs. Norwood Andrews  
Mr. Norwood Andrews  
Jay Arnold  
Lou Arnold  
Mike Barrett  
Linda Bayard  
Mark Benjamin  
LeAnn Blodgett  
Terri Bohnett  
Al Borders  
Susan G. Borders  
Tom Bowen  
Kay Britten  
Olga Brown  
Gerald Brunger  
Sharon Brunger  
Don Call  
Donald F. Callaghan  
Jolene A. Callaghan  
Sue Campbell  
Tom Campbell  
Bruce Chamberlain  
Edward Chicosky  
Scott Chicosky  
Stanley Chicosky  
Charles Comer  
Phyllis Comer  
Barbara Conine  
Don Conine  
Lynn Conine  
Beulah Cool  
Clara Crossley  
Charles Darden  
Phyllis Darden  
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Betty Deisler  
Chris Dockstader  
Nadine Dockstader  
Sheila Dockstader  
Barbara Eberly  
Tina Eberly  
Zeke Eberly  
Zeke Eberly, Jr.  
Jeanette Eisele  
Judy Eisele  
Karen Eisele  
Patty Eisele  
Douglas Elzerman  
Margaret Emmons  
Diane Fillwock  
Carl L. Franks  
David Franks  
Larry Franks  
Norma Franks  
Luana Fuller  
Diane Gauss  
Janet Gauss  
Mary Gauss  
Elinor Glover

George Glover  
Creg Glover  
L. Roy Glover  
Laureen Glover  
Sam Glover  
Ida Goodenough  
Ginger Grant  
Karl Grant  
Robert Griffes  
Nancy Ann Haight  
Peggy J. Haight  
Sally Hart  
Carol Hawley  
Mildred E. Hawley  
Alice Heim  
Janet Heim  
Jack Heim  
Allen Hitchcock  
Dorothy Hitchcock  
Donald Hoag  
Frances Hodge  
Jan Hodge  
Pete Horth  
Ivan House  
Sharon Huschke  
Larry Jenison  
Cliff Johnson  
Jean Johnson  
Randy Johnson  
Valerie Jorgensen  
Joanne Kirby  
Annette Klausing  
Gary Klein  
Evelyn Kuyda  
Don Lang  
Cindy Look  
Don Lunsted  
Evelyn Lunsted  
Richard Martell  
Shirley Martell  
Cathy McComb  
Rhonda McDaniels  
Bette Monroe  
Bonnie Monroe  
Chris Monroe  
Connie Monroe  
Curtiss Monroe  
Donna M. Monroe  
Elmer L. Monroe  
Emily Monroe  
Ernest H. Monroe Jr.  
Harold Monroe  
Ilah Monroe  
Jennie Monroe  
Lisa Monroe  
Lloyd Monroe  
Lorie Monroe  
Marlissa Monroe  
Matthew J. Monroe, Sr.  
Penny Monroe  
Rodney Monroe  
Ruth Monroe  
Steve Monroe  
Leta Moore  
Rita Moore  
Don Morris  
Sandi Morris

Scott Mosher  
Lauri Mosher  
Charlene Nelson  
Margo Nelson  
Ronald Nelson  
Cloyce O'Dell  
David A. O'Dell  
Lori O'Dell  
Carl Oesterle  
Carl Oesterle, Jr.  
Carole Oesterle  
Cheryl Oesterle  
Becky O'Neil  
Cindy O'Neil  
Don Orr  
Pam Orr  
Carol Orsborn  
Jerry Orsborn  
Melvin Ott  
Roxanne Ott  
Auburn Perkins  
Diana Perkins  
VonDa Lee Perkins  
Ann Podsiadlik  
David Reeser  
Lynne Reeser  
Cynde Rhines  
Brian Risner  
Lorie Ross  
Eva Ryan  
Jayanne Ryan  
Randy Ryan

Ray Ryan, Sr.  
Luana M. Sawyer  
Sherry Sawyer  
Tom L. Sawyer  
Tom M. Sawyer  
Ted Simons  
Chad Smith  
Chadwick Smith  
Kenda Smith  
Lee Smith  
Mary Lou Smith  
Perry Smith  
Dan Sokol  
Belinda Rae Szyszka  
Cynde Szyszka  
Cindy Teague  
Melody Teague  
Peggy Turner  
Sue Turner  
Muriel VanRiper  
Vernon VanRiper  
Van Sweegles  
Ann Viecegli  
George Whithead  
Heidi Whitford  
Janet Wood  
Theresa Vorce  
Roxanne Weaver  
Rusty J. Weaver  
Neil West  
Harvey B. Westerby  
Irene White



## Queen Candidates

Webberville Area Centennial

Celebration

August 22-28, 1971

Jean Benjamin  
Ethel Bohnet  
Judy Eisele  
Nancy Haight  
Dorothy Hart  
Mildred Hawley  
Barb Hayward  
Dorothy Hitchcock

Diane Hoag  
Neola McFarland  
Leta Moore  
Rita Moore  
Carole Oesterle  
Sandra O'Neil  
Bonnie Wood



## Cash Donations

- \$ 20.00 Moriarty Buildings, Inc.  
Stockbridge, Mich. 49285
- 30.00 Murphy Department Store  
Meridian Mall, Okemos
- 10.00 Kuch's Lawnmower Service  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Round Table Grill  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Hamlin Mobile Home Park  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Jerry Jorgensen  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 25.00 A. & D. Hitchcock Trucking  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 20.00 Dan White Ins. & Real Estate  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Shanks Septic Tanks  
Williamston, Mich. 48895
- 10.00 Hodges Standard Service  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 25.00 Mays Drug Store  
Williamston, Mich. 48895
- 10.00 Hickory Ridge Farm Dairy  
Stockbridge, Mich. 49285
- 25.00 Moore's Farm Repair  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 25.00 D & J Gravel Company  
Howell, Mich. 48843
- 5.00 Mary's Forget-Me-Not Beauty  
Shop, Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 U. S. Post Office  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 20.00 Frank's I.G.A.  
Fowlerville, Mich. 48836
- 10.00 Donald MacKenzie & family  
Milk Haulers  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 25.00 Hart-n-Hyde Bldg. Corp.  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 5.00 Oakes & Acorns  
Williamston, Mich. 48895
- 10.00 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence  
Reynolds  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 5.00 Risch's Market  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 25.00 Federal Trailer Company  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 100.00 Ted Y. Karikomi, D. O.  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 5.00 Loris Johns  
Webberville, Mich. 48892

- 10.00 Rhines' Drive In  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Lloyd Harr Barber Shop  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Parisians Body Shop  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Follo's Tavern  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 20.00 Fowlerville Lumber Company  
Fowlerville, Mich. 48836
- 15.00 Imperial Propane  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 5.00 Cliff Johnson Refridgeration  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Copeland Construction Co.  
Fowlerville, Mich. 48836
- 10.00 Guardian Oil —Frank Ferkler  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 15.00 Oak Lane Golf Course  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 20.00 Monroe Bros. Lumber  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 5.00 Sand Dancer Mfg.  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 15.00 VanZwolls Market  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Silsby Motor Sales  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Alchin Plumbing  
Webberville, Mich. 48892
- 10.00 Utters Mens Wear  
Fowlerville, Mich. 48836



## Gift Donations

Leonard Eisele - Knapp Shoes  
Webberville, Mich. 48892  
3 gift certificates, \$5, \$5, \$10.

Harvey Schutt Nursery  
Webberville, Mich. 48892  
Choice of any evergreen, shrub or tree left in nursery

Oakes & Acorns  
Williamston, Mich. 48895  
Goodyear tire

Ferguson Floral  
Williamston, Mich. 48895  
Carnations for queen reception

Gorsline's Inc. Furniture  
Williamston, Mich. 48895  
Samsonite cardtable and 4 folding chairs

Hav'Alook Gardens  
Fowlerville, Mich. 48836  
Carnations for queen reception

Webberville Hardware  
Webberville, Mich. 48892  
Hairdryer

Meijer Thrifty Acres  
Okemos, Mich.  
\$10.00 gift certificate

Hale-Lo Beauty Salon  
Fowlerville, Mich. 48836  
Queen hair-do

Elzerman Greenhouse  
Webberville, Mich. 48892  
Choice of 2 shrubs

Mary's Forget-Me-Not Beauty Shop  
Webberville, Mich. 48892  
Queen hair-do

Sun Dee Beauty Salon  
Williamston, Mich. 48895  
Queen hair-do

Barbara's Colonial Coiffures  
Williamston, Mich. 48895  
Queen hair-do

Andy's Car Wash  
Webberville, Mich. 48892



## CORPORATION OFFICERS

Gerald Slider — President  
 Neil West — Vice President  
 Dan White — Treasurer  
 Mary Boening — Secretary  
 Dan White — Insurance  
 Gerald Slider, Neil West, Mary Boening, Ron House, Eileen Dalton, Dan White, Mildred Hawley, Herb Hart, Bill Dockstader — Advisory Board.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Marvin Hodge — General Chairman  
 Marjorie Wilcox — Headquarters Chairman  
 Dorothy Hart — Secretary  
 Dan White — Treasurer  
 Dan White — Revenue Division  
 Mildred Hawley, Bill Dockstader — Participation Division Chairmen  
 Bill Wheeler — Spectacle Ticket Division  
 Yuri Karikomi — Spectacle Division  
 Herb Hart — Special Events Division  
 Don Schultz — Special Days Division  
 Eileen Dalton — Publicity Division

## REVENUE DIVISION

Dan White — Chairman  
 Commemorative Booklet — Rev. Bowen  
 Concessions — Jim Lowe  
 Novelties Committee — Donna Bement  
 Celebration Ball — Steve and Ruth Simmons

## PARTICIPATION DIVISION

Women's — Mildred Hawley, Chairman  
 Centennial Belles — Phyllis Webster  
 Jan Mosher  
 Sunbonnets-Dresses — Edith West  
 Promenades and Caravans — Lorraine and D. F. Hummell  
 Men's — Bill Dockstader  
 Brothers of the Brush — Shelly Conine  
 Hats & Ties — Gary O'Neil  
 Kangaroo Kourt — Jim Blodgett  
 Promenade — Lorraine and D. F. Hummell

## SPECTACLE TICKET DIVISION

Bill Wheeler — Chairman  
 Dorothy Hart — Tickets  
 Tom Daley — Patron Tickets  
 Clarence Reynolds — Advance Sales

## SPECTACLE DIVISION

Yuri Karikomi — Chairman  
 Co-Chairman — Neil West  
 Scenario & Title Committee — Mary Boening  
 Cast — Bill and Pat Turner  
 Properties — Rosie Vorce  
 Construction — Bruce Haskill  
 Costumes — Elaine Bertsch and Bea Waite  
 Stage Hands — Raymond Ryan

## SPECIAL EVENTS and SPECIAL DAYS

Herb Hart — Chairman  
 Merchants — Jim Lowe  
 Historical Windows — Eleanor Ross  
 Parade — Gary O'Neil  
 Music — John Green  
 Traffic & Safety — John McHale  
 Pioneer Event — Norwood Andrews  
 Hospitality Center — Vernon Hodge, Sr.  
 Transportation — Mahogany Farms  
 Faith of Our Fathers Day — Buzz Moore  
 Homecoming Day — Bill VanZwoll  
 Young America Day — Ben Bement  
 Ladies Day — Susan Borders  
 Business Progress Day — William Grant  
 Country Day — Bill Turner  
 Hi Neighbor Day - Grand Finale — Herb Hart

## PUBLICITY DIVISION

Eileen Dalton — Chairman  
 Press Release — Ruth Mason  
 Radio-TV — Rev. D. Campbell  
 Distributive — John Grant  
 Speakers — Margaret Simons  
 Special Projects — Jane McChesney

# PATRON TICKETS

Kenneth and Rosie Aubuchon .....Webberville  
 Barrett's .....Williamston  
 Branch's Food Store .....Fowlerville  
 Bob's Party Store .....Williamston  
 Leonard Eisele — Knapp Shoes .....Webberville  
 Eisenhower Construction Company, Inc. ....Lansing  
 Elzerman's Greenhouse & Landscaping .....Webberville  
 John Felske — Wickes .....Mason  
 Ferguson Florist .....Williamston  
 Gorslines, Inc. ....Williamston  
 Mike and Ruby Hagman .....Howell  
 Hart N Hyde, Bldg. Corp. ....Webberville  
 Harvestore Sales .....Williamston  
 Allen Hitchcock .....Webberville  
 Dallas and Crystal Hyde .....Mason  
 Menlo C. and Alice R. Hyde .....Mason  
 Dale Joley .....Webberville  
 Dr. and Mrs. Ted Y. Karikomi .....Webberville  
 Gene Lockwood .....Williamston  
 Lester B. May .....Williamston  
 Moore's Farm Repair .....Webberville  
 Muslof's Mobil Service .....Fowlerville  
 Peter Popek .....Fowlerville  
 Peoples State Bank .....Webberville  
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reynolds .....Webberville  
 Steven M. Simmons — Omega Farms .....Webberville  
 Tim's Pharmacy .....Fowlerville

Turner Implement Co. ....Williamston  
 Utter's Men's Wear .....Fowlerville  
 J. Gordon Harmon .....Fowle  
 Terry L. Ranshaw .....Webberville  
 Bohm's Gulf Service .....Fowlerville  
 Midstate Body Shop .....Fowlerville  
 Peter's Jewelry .....Fowlerville  
 Tait Realty .....Fowler  
 Liverance Funeral Home .....Fowlerville  
 Don Hoag Carpenter Contractor .....Webberville  
 Gold Star Lanes .....Williamston  
 Chuck Chestnut, Auctioneer .....Williamston  
 Williamston Implement Company .....Williamston  
 Don Lunsted .....Fowlerville  
 Mahogany Farms .....Williamston  
 Backhaus-Ebert .....Fowlerville  
 Premier Corporation .....Fowlerville  
 Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Boening .....Webberville  
 Wesley McFarland .....Webberville  
 Hodge's Standard .....Webberville  
 Ferguson Floral .....Williamston  
 John Benjamin .....Williamston  
 Kitchen Korner .....Williamston  
 Herb Hart .....Williamston  
 Owen W. Bachman .....Mason



# Schedule of Events

## Faith of Our Fathers Day Sunday, August 22

- 10:00 Official Opening Program — Mayor's Breakfast and Prayer at the High School.
- 9:00-12:00 Celebration observance at all churches.
- Afternoon:**
- 12:00-On Open house in all churches, Sunday School Class Reunions, ice cream socials, etc.
- 1:00- 1:30 PARADE ASSEMBLY — on Grand River, west of Elm Rd.
- 1:30- PARADE . . . Homecoming Vintage Car Parade, ALL LOCAL CHILDREN, Church, Brothers of the Brush, and Belle groups, and all other local organizations
- 2:30- Turkey-shoot — at the Lagoon off Pardee Rd.
- Evening:**
- 7:30- At the High School — Interdenominational — Interfaith "Freedom of Religion" meeting: Music by massed choirs of all churches. Prominent speaker, Dr. John H. Dawson, President of Adrian College.

## Homecoming Day Monday, August 23

- Morning:**
- 9:00-On — EVERY DAY — at the Hospitality Center — Registration of Pioneer and Former Residents.
- Afternoon:**
- 10:00 SENIOR CITIZENS and GUESTS Pot-Luck Picnic at the High School, Card Party, and Entertainment. Awards to oldest pioneer man and woman with longest continuous residents.
- Early Evening:**
- 6:00- 7:00 Pot-Luck Dinner — at the High School (Everybody - Young and Old) Award to former residents coming from the farthest distance. Award to former residents bringing the largest family.
- Evening:**
- 7:00- 8:00 Soft-ball game — Hodges Standard vs. Century Belles.
- 8:00- Flying Aces — on the Athletic Field.
- 9:00- Street Dance on Main St. — Price Bros. Band.

## Young American Day Tuesday, August 24

- All Day:**
- 9:00-On — MIDWAY OPENING!
- 9:30- 5:00 Special sporting events, at the High School, for all schools and All Children
- Afternoon:**
- 5:00- 5:30 Greased Pig Contest — Ages 10 and over.
- Evening:**
- 7:30- 8:00 At the High School — Introduction of the contest winners of the day. Mass Salute to Colors. "Oath of Allegiance." by all Boy and Girl Scouts in the area. Baton twirling exhibition.
- 8:00- Coronation of the Queen . . . Opening of "Windows of Webberville" Spectacular.

## Ladies Day Wednesday, August 25

- All Day:**
- 9:00-On — Bargain Day — Midway
- Morning:**
- 10:00-On — Opening of Flower Show and Arts and Crafts (at Drug Store Bldg.)
- 10:30-12:00 (All events held at the High School) Cake decorating Demonstration — by West Locke 4-H Club.
- 12:00- 1:30 Special Celebration Belles Luncheon—plus Entertainment
- 1:30- 3:00 Belles Sporting Contests — Pancake flipping, Volleyball, Bicycle races, Hula hoop contests, etc.
- 3:00- 4:00 Style Show and Tea — Wigs by Elegant Wiggery and Fall Fashions
- Early Evening:**
- 6:00- Centennial Belles Costume Contest Judging: (watch for catagories to be posted later)
- Evening:**
- 7:30- 8:00 Parading of Belles in Costumes. Awards given.
- 8:00-On — Second Performance of "Windows of Webberville"



## Business Progress Day Thursday, August 26

### All Day:

9:00-On — Bargain Day — Flower and Arts and Crafts cont. Antique Show at Shank's Store. Businessmen's program — "For a Greater Tomorrow". Webberville Area exhibits by industries all day.

### Afternoon:

12:00- 5:00 Open House at all Business establishments.

### Evening:

7:30- 8:00 At the High School — On Stage introduction employees with the longest service records to be given special recognition awards, and announcement of a dinner for these employees to be given after the Centennial.

8:00-On — Third performance of "Windows of Webberville".

## Country Day Friday, August 27

### All Day:

9:00-On — Bargain Day—Midway—Flower, Arts and Craft — Antique Show

10:00- 9:00 Agricultural equipment exhibits — and F.F.A. displays, plus 4-H (on S. Summit St.) Coin & Stamp Show.

### Afternoon:

12:00-On — OX-ROAST starts at the Fire Hall. Guessing contest — age of old Farm machinery.

12:00- 5:00 Open House at all businesses continued.

### Early Evening:

6:00- 6:30 Pot-Luck picnic for ALL Farm Families and their City Cousins (on Summit St.)

6:00- 6:30 PARADE ASSEMBLY (Grand River West of Elm Rd.)

6:30- 7:30 PARADE Agricultural.

### Evening:

7:30- 8:00 At the High School — on Stage — Introduction of award winners of the day.

8:00-On — Fourth performance of "Windows of Webberville".

8:30- Tractor Pull

## Hi-Neighbor Day - Grand Finale! Saturday, August 28

### All Day:

9:00-On — Bargain Day — Midway — Antique Show — Flower, Arts and Crafts, Coin and Stamp Show.

### Morning:

9:00-12:00 Judging of "Brothers of the Brush" contest, log sawing, log chopping, log rolling, and nail driving contests.

12:00-On — OX ROAST cont. at the Fire Hall

### Afternoon:

12:00- 2:00 Parade Assembly (W. Grand River, West of Elm Rd.)

2:00 Sharp! — Grand Finale PARADE !! ....

3:30- 4:00 Water Ball Fight — Webberville Fire Dept. vs. Visiting Fire Depts.

4:00- 4:30 Small Tractor Pull

8:00-On — Celebration Ball

## Leroy Twp. Fire Dept. ANNUAL OX ROAST Friday and Saturday





## Centennial

### Belles

**Kalamink Farm Bureau**  
 Elinor Gover  
 Dorothy House  
 Mildred Hawley  
 Goldie Russell  
 Ella Foreman  
 Velma Heinrich  
 Nan MacKenzie  
 Ruth Schneider  
 Mary Schneider  
 Nellie Millis  
 Hazel Alchin  
 Bessie Waid  
 Katherine Alchin  
 Sharon Hodge  
 Edith West  
 Kathryn Powell  
 Eileen Dalton  
 Lila Moore  
 Loris Johns  
 Edna Showerman

**Headquarters**  
 Eloise Green  
 Lorraine Hummel  
 Norma Kerr  
 Evelyn Chicosky  
 Phyllis Darden  
 Inez York  
 Violet Haight  
 Burdette Farrington  
 Carol Peterson  
 Sandra Minarik  
 Karen Palmer  
 Hattie Palmer  
 Rosie Vorce  
 Phyllis Webster  
 Marjorie Wilcox  
 Mrs. Lillian Davis  
 Miss Lillian Davis  
 Kathy Davis  
 Barbara Alchin  
 Connie Hoag  
 Nancy Grover  
 Alma Rhines  
 Marie Temple  
 Nila Monach  
 Grace Schutt  
 Joan Davis  
 Clara Miotke  
 Dora Mae Crandall  
 Linda Griswold  
 Helen Schuchaskie  
 Shirley Line  
 Chris Line  
 Marjorie Showerman  
 Beverly Showerman  
 Norma Waters  
 Irene Dietzen  
 Betty Jason  
 Carol Maloney  
 Edith Stenson  
 Linda Brown  
 Melinda Comer  
 Phyllis Comer  
 Darlene LaRowe  
 Glenda Andrews  
 Mary Jeffrey  
 Ella Reed  
 Mary Haskill  
 Edna Lintan  
 Mildred May  
 Dorris Unruh  
 Sharon Cox  
 Cara Lott  
 Beatrice Waite  
 Mrs. Ralph Jayne  
 Neola McFarland  
 Jeanne McGowen  
 Judy Waters  
 Judy Alchin  
 Caroline Collins  
 Nellie Hodge  
 Wanda Hummel  
 Sandy Townsend  
 Connie Townsend  
 Irene Wentland Engadine  
 Marie Farrell  
 Flora Fink

Macine Townsend  
 Pam Ferlin  
 Edna Risch  
 Florene Bragg  
 Katharine Lagarty  
 Miss Victor Cheney  
 Mary Smith  
 Barbara Penrod  
 Marie Albin  
 Eleanor Taylor  
 Cynthia Townsend  
 Marquerite Martin  
 Rexine Glynn  
 Pauline Slanto  
 Blanche Slu  
 Gay Chair  
 Bessie Waid  
 Bernice Semke  
 Rosemary Risch  
 Erskin Gatechair  
 Marcella Driver  
 Gertie Showerman  
 Janet Allen  
 Jean Bell  
 Lillie Hart  
 Mrs. Faucher  
 Dorothy Reed  
 Ruby Swegles  
 Denise Fulton  
 Harlene Fulton  
 Jera Cochrane  
 Margaret Bartig  
 Pamela Bartig  
 Patricia DeMarais  
 Marcia Crandall  
 Edith Dingman  
 Jane Billips  
 Sally Alchin  
 Eva Marie Alchin  
 Marian Hagg  
 Sue Benham  
 Evelyn Rowse  
 Jody VanRiper  
 Marian VanOrden  
 Lucy Showerman  
 Lois Butler

**Wagan tongues**  
 Muriel VanRiper  
 Sheila Dockstader  
 Betty Deisler  
 Ruth A. Foster  
 Mary L. Schuchaskie  
 Sandra J. Barbour  
 Eva Bugg  
 Martha Huschke  
 Penny Benjamin  
 Pat Crofoot  
 Lucille Foreman  
 Patsy Jenkins  
 Linda Aubuchon  
 Doris Crandall  
 Marilyn Stanton

**Ernies Belles**  
 Luana Sawyer  
 Jennie Monroe  
 Ruth (Royce) Monroe  
 Carole Oesterle  
 Sharon Brunger  
 Luanne Fuller  
 Shirley Martell  
 Marian March  
 Lynda March  
 Roxanne Ott  
 Connie Monroe  
 Marissa Monroe  
 Donna Monroe  
 Lisa Monroe  
 Lori O'Dell  
 Sherry Sawyer  
 Penny Monroe  
 Connie MacKenzie  
 Aileen Monroe  
 Carrie Monroe  
 Nettie Monroe  
 Ilah Monroe  
 Sandy Monroe  
 Ernestine Branch  
 Janice Branch  
 Karen Branch  
 Drinnie House  
 Jody House  
 Ruth House  
 Bonnie Monroe

**She Bees**  
 Lou N. Arnold  
 Mary L. Arnold  
 Gerry Shanks  
 Mary Boening  
 Donna Bement  
 Eleanor Ross  
 Opal Hugenot  
 Irene Auxter  
 Gerry Foreman  
 Doreen Maloney  
 Lena Foreman  
 Nancy Arnold  
 Jean Whitford  
 Arda Laken  
 Jayanne Ryan  
 Ann Bement  
 Jolene Callaghan  
 Bella Schlunt  
 Mildred Hawley  
 Goldie Russell  
 Elsa Whitford  
 Lois Nelson  
 Dorothy Westmoreland  
 Janet Dodson  
 Mary Lane  
 Elaine Bertsch  
 Mindy Bartoy  
 Ella Foreman  
 Roxanne Weaver  
 Pat Piper  
 Barbara Eberly  
 Eva Ryan  
 Deanna Miller  
 Mary Eddy  
 Mrs. Grace Huschke  
 Sandra Kingsbury

**Liverty Belles**  
**Ding a ling**  
 JoAnn Gilpin  
 Luann Depue  
 Helen Bach  
 Marie Burnham  
 Margaret Emmons  
 Joan Knickerbocker  
 Olga M. Brown  
 Esther VanRiper  
 Elaine DePue  
 Denise DePue  
 Diane DePue  
 Carol Ann Foreman  
 Ann Podsiadlik  
 Theresa VanRiper  
 Julie VanRiper  
 Kathryn Powell  
 Jean Simpson  
 Mary Coe  
 Ida Mae Goodell  
 Kathy Depue  
 Ida Goodenough  
 Micky Depue  
 Vonda Lee Perkins  
 Clara Haskill  
 Margaret Jeffrey  
 Delores Depur  
 Laura McDougall  
 Kristi Emmons  
 Marilyn Reeser

**Northern Belles**  
 Polly Franks  
 Sandy Dockstader  
 Alice Heim  
 Addie Theis  
 Marilyn Roll  
 Cleo Darnell  
 Margaret Kennedy  
 Carolyn Powell  
 Jan Helms  
 Lila Moore  
 Bev Hugenot  
 Jean Schultz  
 Martha Crandall  
 Janis Ross  
 Margaret Simmons  
 Mrs. Merna Bowen  
 Grace Lowe  
 Judy Scott  
 Lorraine Hummel  
 Joann Silsby  
 Joann Pierson  
 Carol Osborn

**M & M Belles**  
 Mary Lane  
 Helen House  
 Bea Silsby  
 Margaret Simons  
 Daisy Strobel  
 Grace Strobel  
 Erma VanZwoll  
 Alice Lott  
 Laureen Glover  
 Ruth Acker  
 Beulah Cool  
 Phyllis Floeter  
 Ethel Bohnet  
 Jean Bohnet  
 Elaine Bertsch  
 Edna Wackter  
 Mary Lou Smith  
 Luella Chamberlain  
 Esther Gallagher  
 Betty Hart  
 Marge Griffes  
 Marion Strobel  
 Dorothy Tollman  
 Barbara Simons

**Country Kittens**  
 Marlene Hague  
 Patricia Bafes  
 Phyllis Webster  
 Carol Peterson  
 Ruth Simmons  
 Jean Benjamin  
 Linda Harris  
 Ruth Ann Rice  
 Sharon Showerman  
 Diane Bates  
 Sandra Bates  
 Helen Look  
 Ella Meyers  
 Rosie Vorce  
 Joan Acker  
 Mildred Shepler  
 Barbara Alchin  
 Joyce Benjamin  
 Nancy Zick  
 Issie Neilsen  
 Shelby DeYoung

**Daisy Belles**  
 Sheila Dockstader  
 Betty Deisler  
 Barbara Conine  
 Diane Bates  
 Betty Lou Nelson  
 Norma Teague  
 Delores Roby  
 Mary Byrd  
 Noreta Westerby  
 Marymae Bartig  
 Mary Lou Pauls  
 Dorothy Westmoreland  
 Rosella Alchin  
 Shirley Hayward  
 Joann Pearson  
 Charlotte Ance  
 Ryley A. Meagher  
 Wanetta Gantz  
 Lorena Jean Engel  
 Linda Roger  
 Bonnie Ebert  
 Sandra Ance  
 Opal Hugenot  
 Phyllis Darden  
 Donna Campbell  
 Marian Nichols  
 Alice Wagner  
 Jan Campbell  
 Jacquelyn Hiatt

**Bustle Belles**  
 Eva Follow  
 Edna Risch  
 Pat Jones  
 Charlotte McDaniels  
 Gerladine Ellerthorpe  
 Doris Workman  
 Bert Lynd  
 Wanetta Gantz  
 Vickie Ross  
 Terry Erdman  
 Marion Erdman  
 Florence Andrews  
 Irene White

Rosalea Monroe  
 Lee Budd

**Webber Belles**  
 Gloria Shaulis  
 Nancy Lyon  
 Jackie Boom  
 Connie Knoch  
 Jeri Ellerthorpe  
 Karen Sell  
 LaVonne McEwan  
 Sandra Ance  
 Sue Reeder  
 Karen Jacobs  
 Nancy McGowan  
 Alice McEwan  
 Velma Ross

**Red Cedar Belles**  
 Betty Bowen  
 Juanita Henseleit  
 Helen Strobel  
 Bonnie Oesterle  
 Cleo Hill  
 Mildred O'Dell  
 Hildegard Jason  
 June Fellows  
 Kay O'Dell  
 Helena Wolverson  
 Laura Douglas  
 Barbara Jason  
 Nellie Millis  
 Geneva Rice

**Belles of the Ball**  
 Cleo Chase  
 Betty Dodge  
 Yuri Karikomi  
 Edna Monroe  
 Ruth Schmidt  
 Ruth Simmons  
 Inez York  
 Marilyn Reeser  
 Erma VanZwoll  
 Beulah Cool  
 Grace Huschke  
 Loris Johns  
 Dorothy Jorgensen  
 Nancy Haight  
 Ella Foreman

**The Rummagers**  
 Judy Alchin  
 Sandra Alchin  
 Lonna Foster  
 Rosella Alchin  
 Mary Byrd  
 Virginia Alchin  
 Barbara Elwell  
 Shirley Brockway  
 Sheila Dockstader  
 Mary Myers  
 Peg Rose  
 Pat Lehner  
 Paulene Susa  
 June Thurman  
 Donna Dunn  
 Charlotte Brockway  
 Cheri Alchin  
 Betty Ferguson  
 Eva Dunn  
 Anie Adair

**Bouncy Belles**  
 Jean Force  
 Judy Mackie  
 Sharon Hitchcock  
 Mary Myers  
 Gail Shepler  
 Carol Peterson  
 Jane McChesney  
 Cherie Hull  
 Kay Britten  
 Dorothy Hitchcock  
 Donna Grittenberg  
 Pat Piper  
 Betty Bennett  
 Leona Oakes

**Union Belles**  
 Joan Knickerbocker  
 Louise Woold  
 Carrol Reynolds



Rachel Parisian  
Betty Hodge  
Virginia Lillywhite  
Ida Silsby  
Dorothy Westmoreland  
Bev. VanSickler  
Sue Greenwood  
Alcie Bowers  
Helen Nanasy  
Evelyn Lunsted  
Cynthia Boevin  
Elizabeth Johnson

**Daley Doubles**  
Jean Johnson  
Barbara Daley  
Janice Wheeler  
Gladys Reynolds  
CeCe Elzerman  
Mildred Schneider  
Barbara Jason  
Janet Elzerman  
Mary Schneider  
Pamela Orr  
Julie Crandall  
Suzie Griffes

**Tardy Belles**  
Carol Blodgett  
Lois Miller  
Carol Orsborn  
Janice Mosher  
Carol Mosher  
Joann Pearson  
Helen Barrett  
Jean Schultz  
Carolyn Powell  
Charlene Nelson  
Sharon Mensing  
Bonnie Burgess

**ABC Belles**  
Nancy Haight  
Emily Monroe  
Beulah Cool  
Marge Lawson  
Becky Bowen  
Mary Delmet  
Pam Orr  
Helen Swain  
Arlene Webster  
Peggy Haight  
Laura Sawyer

**Bloomin' Belles**  
Cincy O'Neil  
Sally Hart  
Linda Chamberlain  
Sue Borders  
Sandra O'Neil  
Becky O'Neil  
Shannon O'Neil  
Danai Borders  
Betty Hart  
Stacy Hart  
Ann Hart  
Cheri Hart  
Kris Hart  
Theresa Chamberlain  
Luella Chamberlain  
Betty Sue Chamberlain  
Raella Chamberlain  
Diane Hoag  
Lisa Hoag  
Dorothy Hart  
Fran Asworth

**Ding Dong Daisy Belles**  
Helen House  
Nancy West  
Marian Alchin  
Lurene Glover  
Lauren Glover  
Dorothy House  
Florence Andrews  
Mary Lou Nemer  
Katharine Alchin  
Nan MacKenzie  
Belle Jenison  
Dorothy Hitchcock  
Wanetta Gantz  
Elinor Glover  
Yvette Allen  
Helen Eisele

**Southern Belles**  
Edith West  
Alice Nichols  
Georgia Oesterle  
Janet Gauss  
Mary Gauss  
Janet Heinrich  
Eileen Dalton  
Carol Griswold  
Esther Griswold  
Gerri Griswold  
Mary Ashworth  
Marguerite Oesterle  
Ila Nims  
Patricia Kehres  
Phoebe Smith  
Ruth Risch  
Thelma Monroe  
Connie Smith  
Peggy Oesterle  
Ruth West  
Linda Bayard  
Diane Gauss  
Eleanor Heinrich  
Margaret Kirkpatrick  
Eva Knuch  
Debbie Roeser  
Evelyn Burton  
Barbara Hivley

**Bell Oak Belles**  
Karol West  
Bobbie Graham  
Elaine Graham  
Jeanette Bauer  
Debbie Adams  
Caroline Adams  
Diane Adams  
Linda Schultz  
Pam McCoy  
Jacquelyn Bloom  
Diane Kubiak  
Blanche E. Fulton  
Mary Lou Smith  
Pam Buell  
Doris Wagner  
Sonja Neuman  
Betty R. Cameron  
Rose Aubuchon  
Edna O'Dell  
Cindy Bloom  
Barbara Bloom  
Wilma Kubiak  
Joanne Kirby  
Joan Maxwell  
Nancy Wood  
Bonnie Wood  
Janet Wood  
Hazel Wood  
Mary Wood

**Milking Parlor Maids**  
Brenda Mason  
Ida Mae Hosking  
Diane Kukla  
Linda MacKenzie  
Stella Tennant  
June Risner  
Peggy Hegge  
Sue West  
Bonnie Stowe  
Nell Millis  
Reva Grant  
Jean Battle  
Bertha Wolverton  
Kathy Medalis  
Pam Fradette  
Nan MacKenzie  
Arlene Harton  
Kathy Miller

**The AdoraBelles**  
Erma Leatham  
Nancy Wood  
Pam McFarland  
Denise Wood  
Arlene Horton  
Hazel Smintake  
Linda Schmid  
Virginia Lillywhite  
Janet Myers  
Bonnie Stover  
Bonnie Keller  
Judy Crandall

**The Rosy Belles**  
Hattie Metcalf  
Louise Dalton  
Roseilia Thompson  
Lola Thompson  
Ariel Silsby  
Laura Slider  
Sylvia Slider  
Helen Slider  
June Slider

**Bloomer Brigade**  
Carol Hawley  
Charlene Nelson  
Irene Auxter  
Betty Hodge  
Elsa Whitford  
Betty Alchin  
Ann Alchin  
Esther Gurnee  
Audrey Stubbart  
Mary Stanley  
Beatrice McComb  
June Risner  
Marlene Hawley  
Ilah Keffrey  
Gloria Shaulis  
Ryley Meagher  
Velma Hoag  
Jean Renchuk  
Phyllis Force  
Judy Haller

**Vantown Mixed Belles**  
Merna Monroe  
Lorna Douglas  
Billie Barth  
Ruth Ann Barth  
Alice Monroe  
Helen Waid  
Gladys Dunsmore  
Betty Putman  
Edna Teters  
Maxine Williams  
Trudy Chubb  
Sandy Bohnet  
Amy Galbraith  
Renee Cornell  
Kathy Nemer  
Linda Webster  
Janet Webster  
Geneva Douglas  
Gail Douglas  
Grace Douglas  
Shelly Bohnet  
LeeAnn Nemer  
Suzie Putman  
Jan Putman  
Mary Chubb  
Ann Glynn  
Karen Galbraith  
Merlin Karpenski  
Sue Hawkins  
Joyce Cornell  
Phyllis Webster  
Lori Bohnet  
Terri Bohnet  
Suzie Glynn  
Sarah Glynn  
Denise Cheney  
Ellen Damon  
Martha Glynn  
Betty Traver  
Marion Douglas

**Century Belles**  
Sandy Morris  
Ginny Sweet  
Vicki Ross  
Terri Erdman  
Diane Woods  
Edie Pixley  
Theresa Vorce  
Debbie Ancel  
Judy Flowers  
Nancy Westermoreland  
Pat Nelson  
Mary Ancel  
Sandy Westmoreland  
Annette Klausung  
Kim Bement  
Erma VanZwoil  
Patty Klausung  
Barb Hayward

## Miss Centennial Belles

**Ernies Little Miss**  
April Monroe  
Cheryl Oesterle  
Charissa Oesterle  
Charlene Oesterle  
Julie Ann MacKenzie  
Jamie Monroe  
Shami Fuller  
Connie Brunger  
Julie Brunger  
Laura Brunger  
Lori Monroe

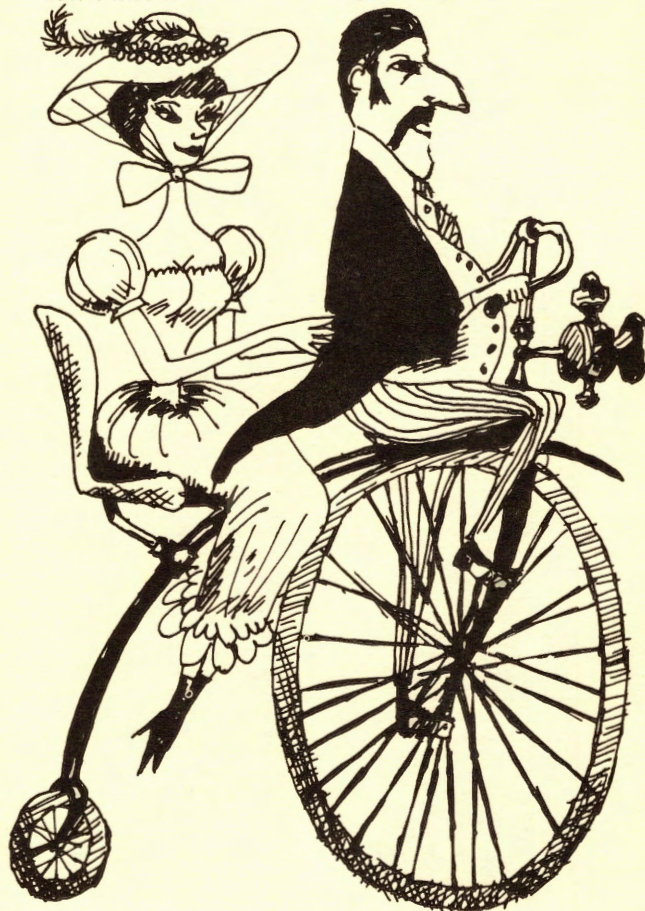
**The Dainty Darlings**  
Heidi Whitford  
Wendy Whitford  
Frances Hodge  
Pam Andrews  
Sharon Huschke  
Terri Westmoreland  
Diana Perkins  
Luann Gilpin  
Lynn Reeser  
Mary Reeser  
Donna Reeser  
Dawn House  
Jill Gantz  
Karen Vorce  
Janet Heim  
Lynnet Vorce  
Brenda Darnell  
Loretta Ross  
Nora Diesler  
Pam Sokol  
Lori Ross

**Tiny Tinkerbelles**  
Teresa House  
Teresa Hodge  
Susan Karikomi  
Wendy Stinnett  
Donna Heim  
Wendy Mosher  
Laurie Mackie

Lynn Mensing  
Christine Nelson  
Cheryl Westerby  
Susan Kennedy  
Trisha Goodell  
Andrea Dockstader  
Kathy VanZwoil  
Joan Risner  
Sandy Delmet

**The Fourth Grade Belles**  
Rita Beech  
Teresa Bement  
Jody Lynn Benham  
Debra Brooks  
Nora Diesler  
Kris Finger  
Jill Gantz  
Kelly Karikomi  
Grace Lynd  
Debra Mason  
Ramona Peterson  
Kim Shaulis  
Julie Shepler  
Kendra Smith  
Susan Webster  
Shirley Szyska

**Headquarters Little Miss**  
Tina Hawley  
Sheri Auxter  
Lori Maloney  
Kim Foreman  
Lori Dodson  
Amy Dodson  
Charlene Wilcox  
Kathlene Wilcox  
Kathy Zick  
Susan Zick  
Robin Gallup  
Wanda Showerman  
Denise Hugenot  
Jody Bates  
Tammy Sue Rice  
Kelly Ann Rice  
Leona Chick  
Susan Cheney  
Michelle Hoag  
Angela Hoag





Tammy Glover  
Linda Grieb  
Michelle McEwan  
Wendy Bates  
Kelly Bloom  
Jillynn Bloom  
Deborah Bloom  
Christine Simmons  
Kerri Ellerthorpe  
Teresah Monroe  
Joyce Townsend  
Mary Stanley  
Diane Wagner  
Kimberly Hitchcock  
Jennifer Lynne Russell  
Denise Jugenot  
Nancy Marie Peters  
Courtney Ryan  
Kelli Jo Callaghan  
Susan Lee DeMarais  
kimberly Kay DeMarais  
Patricia Leathem  
Tamaia Hawley

**Peppermint Pixies**  
Jan Hodge  
Janet Webster  
Lori Mosher  
Wendy Whitford  
Lori Alchin  
Lorie Monroe  
Tammy Eberly  
Christine Sokol  
Kathy Barnett  
Lori Stubbart  
Karol Coe  
Chris Hague

**Antique Annies**  
Theresa Vorce  
Paula Daughenbaugh  
Raella Chamberlain  
Annette Fillwack  
Cindy Ancel  
Carol Springsted  
Rhonda McDaniels  
Linda Webster  
Karen Silsby  
Lee Ann Blodgett  
Shea McLeod  
Cindy Teague  
Janet Heim  
Karen Vorce  
Karen Eisele

**The Lollipops**  
Laurie Alchin  
Jeanne Meagher  
Mary Lou Nelson  
Belinda Nelson  
Elaine Nusz  
Lynn Conine  
Dawn Depue  
Yvonne Bates  
Marie Teague  
Debra Brown  
Mary Jane Brown  
Merry Lynn Roby  
Tammy Ancel  
Leara Campbell  
Sally Byrd  
Cheryl Westmoreland  
Sherry Myers  
Suzanne Westerby  
Debbie Burnie  
Karen Burnie  
Lori Rauls  
Julie Heinrich  
Julie Gantz  
Patty Huguenot  
Shirley Jean Hayward  
Ginger Grant  
Laure Ancel  
Diana Ebert  
Stacy Ancel  
Cynthia Lynd  
Julie Pearson  
Susan Nelson  
Cathy Pearson  
Amie Wagner  
Karen Campbell  
Lisa Hiatt  
Penny Nichols  
Tammy Lehner



#### **Pistols and Petticoats**

Leta Moore  
Rita Moore  
Maureen Lott  
Monica Lott  
Lisa Simons  
Cindy Krisko  
Cindy Look

Debbie Breslin  
Sandy Strobel  
Chery Look  
Judy Eisele  
Patty Eisele  
Jeanette Eisele  
Pam Workman  
Shirley Stinnett

#### **Sixth-Grade Sweeties**

Marcia Waite  
Karen West  
Judy Battle  
Debbie Blodgett  
Pam Wagner

Diana Perkins  
Nadine Dockstader  
Lynnet Vorce  
Laureen Franks  
Cheryl Nichols  
Terri Westmoreland  
Mary Slider

#### **The Fourth Graders No. 2**

Cheryl Daughenbaugh  
Carol Fulton  
Shelly Emmons  
Dottie Bement  
Theresa Briggs  
Debbie Young  
Dawn House  
Debra Morris  
Debra Myers  
Karen Millis  
Michelle Temple  
Sandy Springsted  
Kathy Cory



### **Brother of the Brush**

**No. 1 Long Haired Devils**  
Glen Brockway  
W.R. Dockstader

Cal Foster  
Gerald Adair  
Mickal Lehner  
Don Conine  
Marve Hodge  
Franklin Alchin  
Gary E. Meyer  
Herb Hart  
Ray Alchin  
Jack Elwell  
Gary O'Neil  
George Whitehead  
Robert Alchin  
Larry Alchin  
Gary Judkins  
Jay Ferguson  
Sub Drew  
Bill Strebbling  
Dave Bryd  
Chuck Duagan  
Roger Froiling

#### **No. 2 Beer-Did Cockadoos**

John Follo  
Eugene West  
Duane Auxter  
Gerald Slicker  
Vincent Maloney  
Edward Look  
Auburn Perkins  
Emil Schlager  
Charles Ross  
Raymond Loyd Ryan  
Walter Thompson  
William Cole  
Stephen Renchuck  
Edward Chicowsky  
Leroy Bach

#### **No. 3 Ernie's Beau's**

Ivan House  
Ed Fuller  
Gene MacKenzie  
Richard R. Martell  
Carl Oesterle  
Lester Monroe  
Gerald Brunger  
Matt Monroe  
Rodney Monroe  
Elmer Monroe  
Tom Sawyer Jr.  
Wayne March  
Tom Sawyer Sr.  
Ernie Monroe Jr.  
Kenny Monroe  
Art Monroe  
Ernie Monroe Sr.  
Keith Monroe  
Roy Monroe  
Melvin Ott  
Wesley March  
Richard F. Branch  
Gordon Branch

#### **No. 4 Beer - Did Cockadoo**

Leveque Richard E.  
McDaniels Wayne  
Oscar Nelson  
Jeffrey Milo  
Let Ben  
McFarland Norval  
Haggerty Michael A.  
Jason Wayland  
Russell King  
Mcpherson Michal P.  
Davis Joseph M.  
Day Norman R.  
Darr Vansickles  
Dick Hugent Sr.  
Sweet Ronald

#### **No. 5 Beer - Did Cockadoo**

Tedwell J.M.  
Forman Fred  
Hunnell D.F.  
Dietzer Fred  
Coll Don  
Hardy Rex  
Whitford Floyd  
Jeffrey Norman  
Gilpin Robert  
Erdman Larry  
Flowers Dayl  
Budd Robert  
Mackie Scotty

Eddy Richard  
McGowan "Red"

#### **No. 6 Shag Cuts**

Rudie A. Huschke  
Allen L. Hitchcock  
Ben L. Bement  
Gary E. Whitford  
Norwood G. Andrews  
Ron House  
L. Roy Glover  
Herm Bertsch  
Howard R. Deisler  
Bruce Haskell  
David R. Huschke  
Wayne E. Huschke  
Donald L. Foster  
Vernon Hodge Jr.  
Don Lundstead

#### **No. 7 Beer-Did Cockadoo**

Hawley Roy  
Reeder Bruce E.  
Scott Dale  
Bohnett Jerry  
Perkins Leo  
Crandall Junior  
Miller Fred  
Ansel Darwin  
Baxter Allen E.  
Marcun Joseph  
Meyers Albert  
Hiatt Gordon L.  
Hawley Donald V.  
Hugenot Charlie Sr.  
Schneider William

#### **No. 8 Smoke Eaters**

James Lowe  
Ronald House  
Ivan House  
Auburn Perkins  
Thomas Sawyer  
Ronald Parisian  
Matthew Monroe  
Lester Monroe  
Richard Dickstader  
Willeam Dockstader  
John Dodson  
Donald S. Conine  
Robert Gilpin  
Vern Hodge Jr.  
Neil West  
Wayland Jason  
Dorance Risch  
Vern Hodge Sr.  
Carl Franks  
Sam Darnell

#### **No. 9 Back Alley Cats**

Jack Hein  
Theodore Simons  
Bernard Simons  
Robert Russell  
Dean Dodge  
Canill Roll Jr.  
Benjamin Hicks  
Russel Potter  
Eugene Morris  
Vernon Stowe  
Dr. Karikomi  
Bill Lott  
Virgil Turner  
Jerry Jorgensen  
Robert Shanks  
John Kennedy

#### **No. 10 Williamston**

Rinky Dicky's  
C.D. Rose Jr.  
Arnold Huto  
Lloyd Spooner  
Tom Stoll  
Fred Sober Jr.  
Bill Merriman  
Wayne Groves  
G.M. Larson  
Charles Ross  
Robert Kelly  
Russell Allman  
Doug Van Sickles  
Chuck Wizhtmer  
Bergars Creamery  
Tom Collins

#### **No. 11 Rete's Raiders**

Ralph Heinrich  
Russell Elliot  
Richard Elliot  
Ronold Thomas  
Dean Rocker  
Elmer Musolf  
Wm. Judd  
Paul Persinger  
Delbert Musolf  
Dale Musolf  
Duane Herbert  
John Buchanan  
Richard Dye  
Ronold Elliott

#### **No. 12 Beer - Did Cockadoo**

Esch Gary  
Callaghan Don  
Jason David  
Merriman William  
Foreman William Sr.  
Watts Joseph E.  
Foreman William Jr.  
Baoghan Ronald Shorty  
Roosa Dean  
Ross Greg  
Harr Lloyd  
Vorce Evertte  
Shipwreck Ralph P.  
Lyons Jr.  
Lowrie Allen

#### **No. 13 Gravel Gurdies**

David Jonckheer  
Arthur Munsell  
Frank Munsell  
Robert Crofoot  
Chuck McKay  
Paul L. Miller  
Gus Jonckheer  
Barney Kourt  
Lynne Ward  
Glendon Redingers  
Claude Millers  
Robert Daymon  
Jim Grover  
Robert Ruttman  
Butch Redingers

#### **No. 14 Red Cedar Brush**

Grant Fellows  
Gerald Douglas  
Vern O'Dell  
Wayland Jason  
Howard L. Wolverton  
Charles O'Dell  
Howard Strobel  
Paul Bowen  
Maurice Oesterle  
Rex Hill  
Orval Henseleit  
Larry Jason  
David Jason  
Phil Millis  
Merton Rice

#### **No. 15 Grand River Gang**

David Jason  
William J. Workman  
Milford E. Bowen  
Ron Westmoreland  
James W. Reiser  
Lester Risch  
Ken Voice  
Ron Jones  
Mike Schushaskie  
Kenneth M. Schuchaskie  
Thomas Line  
Dan Zeigler  
Rodney Waters  
Lawrence Alchin  
Jerry Jason

#### **No. 16 Webber "Villians"**

Dan White  
Charles J. Comer  
John Ross  
Vincent Maloney  
Lester Evert  
Don Lane  
Tom Lane  
John Bragg  
George Stenson



Al Borders  
Jay Arnold  
A.S. Nelson  
John M. Griffis

#### **No. 17 The Tom Cats**

Brad Hague  
Gerald Alchin  
Bill Harris  
Dave Zick  
Donald Line  
Homer White  
Larry Bates  
Gary Bates  
Ken Rice  
Steven Simmons  
Ed Look  
Dick Meyers  
John Benjamin  
Richard Pererson  
Bob Benjamin

#### **No. 18 Vantown Moonshiners**

Larry Ross  
Al West  
Russ Fipps  
Dan Sokol  
Tom Wilcox  
Rich Kubiak  
Tom Bower  
Charles Banernan  
Auther Monroe  
Tony Sokol  
Tom Lott  
Mark Lott  
Jim Bohnett  
Ron Rhines  
Randy Oesterle  
Maurice Monroe  
Sam Glover  
Bill Reed  
Keith Bohnett  
Lowell Nims

#### **No. 19 The End of the Trail Bunch**

Jerry Sweet  
Robert West  
Phil Millis  
Vern Stowe  
Larry "Skip" Horton  
Larry Knickerbocker  
Bob Mason  
Jerry Cruson  
Don MacKenzie  
Ed MacKenzie  
Jerry Hegge  
Bernard Risner  
Norbert Kukla  
Arlo Lillywhite  
Allen Crandall

#### **No. 20 Shag Cuts**

Eldred House  
George Alchin  
Bill VanZwoll  
James Bugg  
Bill Gantz  
Wayne Hud  
Charles Darden  
Don Lane  
Tom Lane  
George Glover  
V. Van Ripper  
Dale L. Barbour  
Jerry House  
John Pixley  
William Tailman

#### **No. 21 Hay Loffers**

Barry Hitchcock  
George D. Grover  
Ray Ryan Sr.  
Jack Force  
Dan Dansby  
Keith Townsend  
Paul Oesterle  
Kenneth Donal  
Zeke Eberly  
Vuto Geo  
Walt Peeho  
Fred Boening  
Fred Miller  
James Ritchie  
Bill Judd

#### **No. 22 Daley's Double**

Clarence Reynolds  
William Schneider  
Fred Schneider  
James Schneider  
Bill Wheeler  
Palmer Conklin  
Don Orr Jr.  
Clifford Johnson  
Gary Barth  
William L. Elzerman  
Ernest Elzerman  
Douglas E. Elzerman  
Tom Daley  
Fern Kinne  
Paul Griffes  
Buzz Moore

#### **No. 23 Vantown Country Clubbers**

Donald L. Williams  
Alan Nemer  
Maurice Oesterle  
Charles Galbreath  
William Turner  
Grant Putnam  
Charles Hawkins  
Wayne Dalton  
Charles Coe  
Terry Galbreath  
Gene Lockwood  
Fred Coe  
Bill Coe  
Marvin Gauss  
Ray Tyler

#### **No. 24 The Tom Cats**

Keenny Vorce  
Art Webster  
Floyd Acker  
Jim Anderson  
Kim Nielsen

#### **No. 25 Beer - Did Cockadoo**

Ben Albin  
Leo Jeffrey  
Bernie Bartig  
Jerry Stovers  
Ted Stevens  
Ferd Graessle  
Dave Carr  
Dick Kellerman  
John Bridges  
Bob Shanks  
Don Depue  
Fred Depue  
Red Gabbard  
Butch Griswold

#### **No. 26 Headquarters**

Rodney V. West  
Roy E. McGowan  
Ray C. McGowan  
Larry R. Hummel  
Les Boening  
Walt Boeng  
Ray Farrel  
John Comer  
Michael Geagher  
William Gurnee  
Ralph Jane  
Rogers Andrews  
Donald Gauss  
Harold Risch

#### **The End of The Trail Bunch**

Richard Goodell  
Ed Medalis  
Phil Miller  
Harold Tennant  
John Grant  
Roger Millis  
Jim Fradetts  
Butch VanSickler  
Bob Rogers  
Muri Willcutt  
Moe Shaulis  
Ellis Wygant

#### **The U.A.W. Hair Razors**

Jim Bump  
Lyle Bowers  
Hank Brayman

David Barns  
V. Cheney  
Charles Crosby  
Mike Damman  
John Foreman  
Bob Hamlin  
Harry Johnson  
Mike Knoch  
Jess McEwan  
Tom Nichols  
James R. Poor  
James P. Roby  
Wm. Sessions  
Ken West

#### **50-50 Brothers No. 1**

Brian Powell  
Wessley McFarland  
Joe Crandall  
Jack Hughes  
Les H. Cox  
Sonney Brown  
G. Brockway  
Paul Shelper  
George Stelle  
John Kubiak  
Irving Jorgensen  
Don Toth  
Homer Murdock  
Lee Alstott

#### **Bell Oak Hustlers**

Leslie K. Graham  
Russell Bloom  
Kenneth West  
Robert D. O'Dell  
Roger W. Smith  
John Schultz  
Don Rosa  
John Kubiak  
Dennis O'Dell  
Gary L. Newman  
Joseph R. Bloom  
Richard Kubiak  
Roger S. Fullon  
Don Kubiak  
Chadwick Smith  
Gary Graham

#### **Johnny-Come-Lately**

Jess McEwan  
Jerry Orsborn  
Dick Pearson  
Jim Blodgett  
Ron Mosher  
Tom Gallagher  
Don Schultz  
Ray Barrett  
Ron Nelson  
Bill Powell  
Carl Mensing  
Tom Burgess  
Jerry Hart

#### **Headquarters**

Rodney V. West  
Ray E. McGowan  
Roy McGowan  
Larry Hummel  
Les Boening  
Walt Boening  
Ray Farrel  
John Comer  
Michael Meagher  
William Gurnee  
Ralph Jane  
Roger Andrews  
Donald Gauss  
Harold Risch  
Larry Hill

#### **50-50 Brothers No. 2**

Dallas Hyde  
Wayne Gouchel  
Del Burge  
Jim Fielder  
John Tune  
Kenneth Caskey  
Ray Benjamin  
Joel Shaffer  
John Hughes  
Leo Skym  
Ed Robertson  
Tom Workman  
Gary Sober

Gerald Abranowisz  
Marvin Benoit

#### **50-50 Brothers No. 3**

Hank Brines  
Don Culver  
Al Shear  
Chester Hall  
Robert Robertson  
Al Latson  
Harold Jenkins  
Chuck Smith  
Max Thorp  
Richard Gambler  
Bert Simpson  
Pete Dryer  
Tom Patterson  
Ray Bessert  
Kenneth Coll

#### **No. 35 Gramer Road Club**

Ron Hoag  
Robert Stanley  
Donald Hoag  
Merlin Argue  
Don Hawley  
Richard Nass  
Booth  
Darrell Cool  
Charles Cool  
Mike Rife  
Karl Brendel  
Bill Lehnert  
Kerry Weaver  
Danny Naggs  
Rick Dye  
Robert Bohnett

### **Little Shavers**

#### **Boy Wonders**

Mark Auxter  
Vincent Maloney II  
Scott Deisler  
Brett Dockstader  
Kent Foreman  
Troy Foreman  
Craig Foreman  
Clifford Dodson  
Steve Kslezipnik  
Brian Risner  
Brook Risner

#### **The "No Sprouts"**

Andy Warner  
Chris Dockstader  
Mike Schuchaskie  
Mark Depue  
Mark McCarrick  
Jim Smith  
Ron Lillywhite  
Larry Wood  
Cornell Clark  
Billy Millis

#### **Peach Fuzz**

Robert Ross  
Bryan Westerby  
Larry Jenison  
Kelly Shaulis  
Jeffrey Reeder  
Brent Westerby  
Danny Myers  
Erwin Ferguson  
Brian Ferguson  
Jerry Annons

#### **Ernies "Little Beaus"**

Carl David Oesterle  
Timothy Monroe  
David O'Dell  
Matt Monroe Jr.  
Michael MacKenzie  
Michael Brunger  
Brent Branch  
Chris Monroe  
Steve Monroe  
Bryan Monroe  
Ralph March  
Anthony March

#### **The Nubs**

Tracy Temple  
David Brown  
Daniel Slider

Jack Gantz  
Danny Heim  
Philip Heim  
Larry Franks  
David Franks  
John Ross  
Kevin Ross  
Greg Lynd

#### **Headquarters**

Mark House  
Scott House  
Tim Webster  
Scott Nelson  
Steve Nelson  
Scott Ellerthorpe  
Bradley Karikomi  
Alan Wheeler  
Rodney Dockstader  
Tommy Daley  
Todd Showerman  
Mike Hugenot  
Robbie Bates

#### **Fuzzy Wuzzies**

Chuck Hallan  
Robert Linder  
Warren Darden  
Brian Darden  
Chuck Darden, Jr.  
Patrick Gurnee  
Alan Springsted  
Mark Springsted  
Craig Gurnee  
Erie Gurnee  
John A. Cooper

#### **Hot Roders**

David Foster  
Randy Foster  
Perry Smith  
Michael C. Lehner Jr.  
Lester Alchin  
Steve Alchin  
David Alchin  
Chris Foreman  
Brian Lee Adair  
Rodent Adair  
Richard Byrd  
Billy Millis

#### **The Wizz-Curs**

Kevin Blodgett  
Mike Blodgett  
Bobby Gallagher  
Steve Shelper  
Eddie Chamberlain  
Greg Alchin  
Danny Pearson  
Rusty Bloom  
Robbie Bloom  
Timmy Webster  
Pat Barrett  
Scott Mackie  
Mark Mackie  
Scott Mosher

### **Smoothies Club**

#### **Centennial Headquarters**

Mahlon Taylor  
Glen West  
Lester May  
Eddie Hague  
Arnold Rowse  
Harold Southwell  
Mike Hendrich  
Dave Silsby  
Jerome Schwartz  
Maynard Unruh  
Frank Vaughan

#### **"Wisker -- Less"**

Lewis Bement  
Vining Hawley  
Clinton Dunsmore  
Kenneth Schuchaskie  
Wordon Wilcox  
Orville P. Tanner  
Lynn Haller  
Michael Crandall  
Robert Wood  
Randy Ryan  
Richard Leathem



A letter from Pauline Risch Oesterle describes what probably is a typical description of an early pioneer situation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Risch came to America from Merklenburg, Germany in 1869 with their three sons, John, Herman and Fred. The trip took 14 days. After landing in New York, they came to Dexter, Michigan by rail.

John Risch, a brother of Charles, met them and took the family to Howell, Michigan with horses and wagon. They lived on the McPherson farms west of town for 7 years or more. The boys attended the school in the village. The father worked on the railroad between Detroit and Lansing. The boys herded sheep for Mr. McPherson. Edward, Charles, William and Anna were born in Howell and LeRoy Township. In 1875, the family came to LeRoy Township, buying 160 acres of timberland on the corner of Risch and Mason-Howell Roads. Charles and his 4 sons cleared the land into productive fields. They sold the timber off 40 acres for \$350.00. Oxen teams that weighed 1800 pounds each were used. The Birch and Maple wood was cut into 4 foot wood and hauled to Webberville to the charcoal kilns. This charcoal was shipped all over the country. After the good timber was removed from the land the unusable brush and old logs were burned. The land was plowed with a shovel plow drawn by an ox team. After this 160 acres was all cleared up, the land was sown to corn and oats, also potatoes were planted. But the main crop was wheat. About 50 acres was sown each year. The following year the hay was cut with a scythe and piled into bunches. Wheat and oats were cradled, bound up and shocked. The work was all done by hand labor. The land was divided into fields, rail logs were used for fences, 7 rails high. Tools such as mower and binder were purchased later to use on the farm. On each 40 acres, five acres of timber was left standing so for many, many years there was timber to sell. In 1955, there was about 4 acres of timber still left. On the South West corner of the farm, John helped to build the log school house in 1877, known as the Break-O-Day. Mattie Church Dunn taught the first term of school.

The family were all farmers adding much to the countryside of LeRoy Township in it's early history. Many of the second and third generation are still engaged in this occupation.



Leroy Township Fire Department

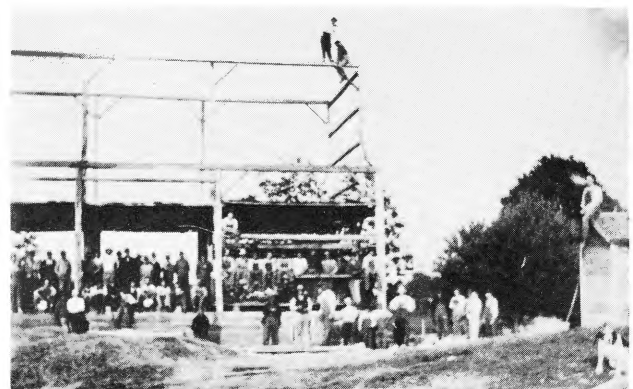
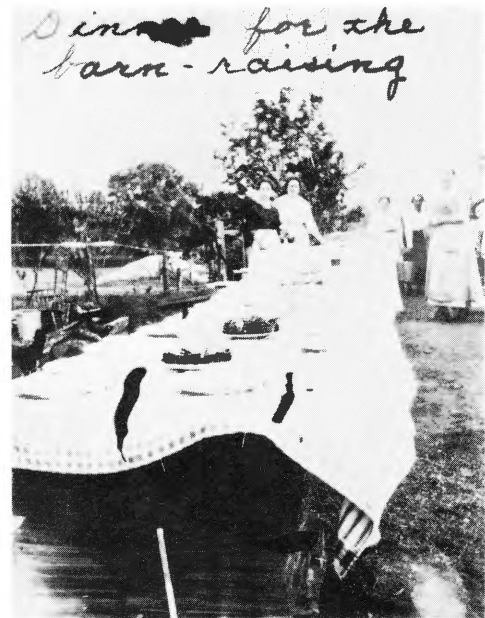
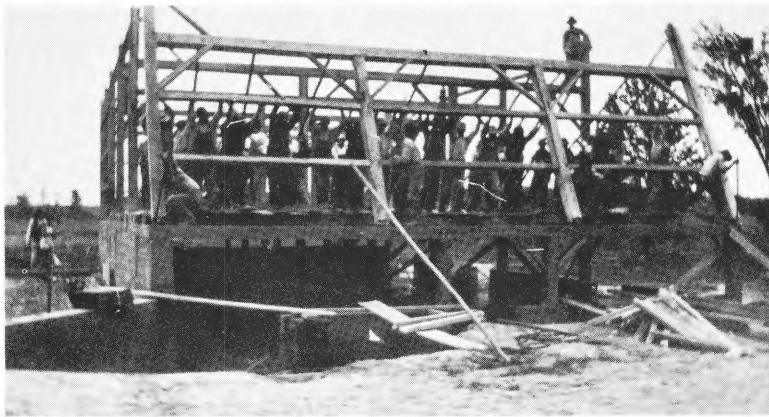
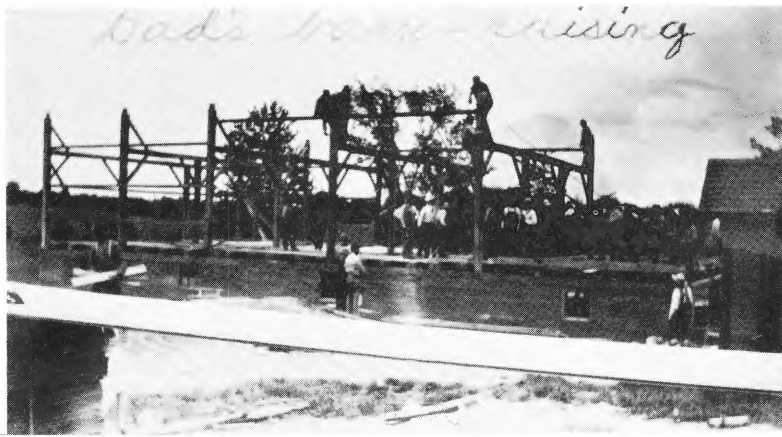


Community Hall



Monroe's Sawmill





Chris Dansby's Barn raising







## VANTOWN FIREWORKS ATTRACT BIG CROWD

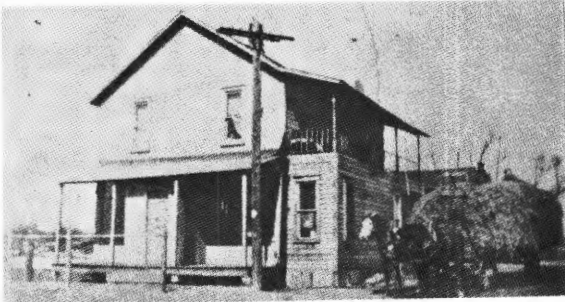
(Special to The State Journal)

WILLIAMSTON, July 6 — More than 600 people gathered at the Vantown store Saturday evening to witness the community fireworks, the third event of the kind held at Vantown. One hundred fifty people attended the cooperative supper on the lawn at 8 o'clock.

These celebrations are increasing in popularity from year to year and people came from miles around to see the display. All ages were represented from babes in arms up to a woman 87 years in age. A special dispensation was granted for the community pyrotechnics.



VANTOWN STORE in 1930 when it belonged to the Nemer family. Car at right was bought by Ellis Nemer's father for \$500 cash, so Nemer boys could drive to school.



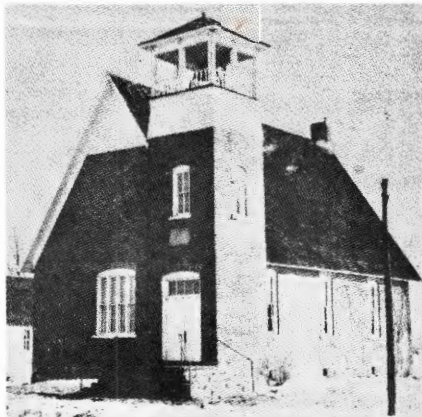
VANTOWN STORE IN 1914. Picture belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Forest Fellows who have lived all their lives near Vantown. On load of hay are Forest Fellows and Leo Weston, now of Stockbridge.



GENERAL STORE IN VANTOWN as it looks today. Owners in picture are Mr. and Mrs. Worden Wilcox.



SIMPLE, CONTEMPORARY CHURCH built in 1958, replaces old church.



VANTOWN'S OLD CHURCH, built in the 1890's, which burned to the ground in 1957.



Cady school now used by 4-H

## Community spirit alive in Vantown

By EILEEN DALTON

"Vantown—Reduce Speed," the sign reads. There may not be anything unusual about these words unless you live near Vantown.

It's a great place to stop and have a bottle of cold pop between loads of hay. It's the ideal spot to meet the rest of the ball team or just talk the game over. It is a real accomplishment that first time you are allowed to ride your bike to Vantown and spend your pennies like the big kids do.

We see Vantown today as a church and a store but it has been a busier corner in other days. Mrs. Lettie (Hayner) Fellows can remember watching the building of the first church on the corner of Dietz and Howell Rds. on her way to the Cady school 70-odd years ago. The school is still standing and is used by the Vantown 4-H club. The Methodist Church burned in an unexplained fire in December, 1957. Mrs. Nina (Oakley) Nemer recalls seeing an automobile for the first time when going to the store on an errand for her mother. This was just north of the store on Dietz Rd.

At some time or another there have been a saw mill, a barbershop, a telephone system, a blacksmith shop and a Gleaner Hall.

The telephone system served Dansville, Stockbridge, Webberville, Williamston, and Gregory. This was later taken over by the Rural Telephone Company of Stockbridge. When the Gleaner organization shrank in numbers the hall was sold to the owner of the store and used for storage.

The store was built around 1900, from lumber cut at the local sawmill. The barber shop was on the east side of the store. The barber was also the grocer, Bert Earl. At one time Frank Locke managed the store for the owners whose name was Dunn.

In 1915 the Nickley Nemer family came to the store and from then until 1959 it was Nemer's store. During the time Nemers ran the store there was a delivery service. Many older people and shut-ins took advantage of this.

The Nemer family lived in quarters built beside the store. The sons Frank and Ellis grew up there and were married and reared their families there. They are all still living in the locality.

In 1959 the Nemers sold the store to Worden Wilcox, but the Nemer family still lives in the area. Ellis recently retired as police chief in Williamston.

The members of the Vantown Methodist Church take justifiable pride in their ability to rebuild their burned church in a very short time. At the time of its dedication, the church was completely paid for. The bell that was in the first church was miraculously saved and is now in front of the new church.

Although Vantown has no village council or mayor there is an active Community Aid at the Church and the 4-H club is one of the best in the county. There is an elusive feeling of esprit de corps in a cohesive community, without the visible signs.

It is usually some trick of fate that makes the difference between the village that grows into a city and the one that remains a village.

Vantown was passed by in growth but other elements, such as community pride, remain.



## KIWANIS CLUB BANQUET AT VANTOWN

The Kiwanis Club of Williamston journeyed over to Vantown last Friday evening for a get-together meeting and the members say they had one of the greatest times of their life and when it comes right down to good home cooking, those ladies of the Vantown Ladies' Aid Society are the true bell-ringers of perfection.

The local order under the leader

## MANY BARNs RAZED NEAR WILLIAMSTON

Several Buildings Wrecked  
By Friday's Storm Had  
Just Been Insured

(Special to The State Journal)

WILLIAMSTON, June 1—Some of the victims of the windstorm that did so much damage Friday night in the Williamston area, had carried wind insurance less than a week. An agent for a well-known windstorm insurance company was through the farming section only a few days ago and wrote several policies, some of which covered barns that were totally destroyed by the gale which swept lower Michigan Friday evening. At least 23 barns were blown down in this area.

The wind, which was accompanied by a violent electrical storm and heavy rain, seemed to reach its height along the township line between Wheatfield and Leroy on the north and Ingham and White Oak townships on the south. In a mile-wide strip along this line dozens of barns were leveled and light and power service disrupted. Many of the highways were impassable for hours and electric power and telephone lines are still down in some sections.

Among those who lost barns in this storm area were L. P. Williams, N. Nemer, H. C. Schray, Charles Kirby, Howard Sims, William Sims, Ed Granger, Peter C. Peterson, John Gaylord, Mrs. H. Swan, Howard Mead, Charles Metzger, Howard Wainwright, Lawrence Stowe 2, Lon Richards 2, Mrs. Anna Risch, John Foreman, Ezra Wilcox, Howard Waid, Robert Schalz and Mr. Dev-  
ereaux.

Many windmills and outbuildings were blown down but little damage was done to residences. No casualties are reported in this section and even no animals were injured as far as could be learned.

ship of its president and committee members are carrying out a few original stunts for the benefit of the club, and this visiting different sections of the farming territory around Williamston, with the idea of promoting better feelings, from every angle, social and business is one of them.

The editor of the News has not heard any criticism of this work, but has heard many expressions of commendation, personally we believe any movement that will bring the country and the town closer together is an admirable one.

It is planned to make a similar visit to all the surrounding sections and it is possible that in the end we will have what the News has stood for in the very beginning,—a large, enthusiastic, working club that can work without friction for the benefit of the town and country and then a community hall in which to meet.

The speaker for the evening at the Vantown meeting was Mr. C. M. Hubbard of Lansing, a prominent attorney of that place, who spoke on the subject, "The Returned Soldier".

## Farmer Kills Coyote, Doe And Fawn Seen

COYOTE IS KILLED IN WHITE  
OAK TOWNSHIP.

Pioneer days are recalled in Ingham county by the return of coyotes and deer. Last week several residents of the Grovenburg community in Delhi township saw a doe and a half-grown fawn grazing in open meadows. On Sunday Orla Sheathelm of White Oak township killed a coyote.

Several White Oak farmers and hunters had reported a coyote. Mr. Sheathelm had also previously seen the coyote. On Sunday Mr. Sheathelm saw the animal again. The farmer returned to the house to get a .22 rifle. The coyote was not timid. She came out of the brush and stood motionless while the farmer aimed. The bullet lodged in the coyote's head and the animal toppled over dead. A bounty of \$20 will be collected for the dead coyote.

Last fall a buck deer was captured in Bunkerhill township. Does have also been seen in Bunkerhill, Ingham and Alaiedon townships although none has been seen since the capture of the buck. According to Clarence Wheeler, conservation officer, the coyote shot by Mr. Sheathelm is the first seen in Ingham county in recent years.



Vantown store was taken over by Charles Galbreath and his wife Bonnie in 1968. The store remains a gathering place for friendly visiting and exchanging news.





Former Cady rural school. Now the Vantown 4-H hall.



Vantown church. This is the bell that was saved in the fire when the old church burned.



# *Vantown*

## *4-H*

## *Club*

This year the Vantown 4-H club will celebrate it's 41st year as a community organization. The original club came into existence in 1930, when Harlow Sly helped a Sunday school class become a 4-H club.

Some of the first members are still part of the community. Don Vickers, Melville Titus, Kenney Martin, Leo Chick, Gordon Webster and Harold Monroe were members with Harlow Sly, their leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Webster followed Harlow taking over the leadership of the club. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Oesterle were on the job for 16 years, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Minnis led the club for the next 4 years. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steadman were followed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Damon. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Traver took over from Damons and last year, 1970 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glynn accepted the challenge.

The silver anniversary of the club was marked with a float made to look like a birthday cake for the 4-H parade at the Ingham county fair in 1955.

Bruce Granger, an interested member of the community, was instrumental in forming a 4-H club association. These members look after property of the 4-H club, the hall insurance and the land belonging to the club. The hall itself (formerly rural Cady school) was acquired for the club through the efforts of Mr. Granger. He later leased the softball field to the club, providing a place for the club to have their ball games.

Vantown 4-H club draws it's members from Webberville, Williamston, Dansville and the present club has eleven members from Livingston county. The enrollment this year is 106 members.

Although 4-H itself is taking on many urban aspects, the Vantown club remains first and foremost a farm club. All the farm projects are listed in todays projects as well as the newer ones.

Formerly, meetings were held at the various homes with the sign up meeting in the Ladies Aid hall at Vantown Church. When the club outgrew this facility the meetings were held in the town halls either in Dansville or Webberville.

Now all meetings are in the former Cady school. Achievement night has outgrown the Vantown church hall and will be held in the Webberville high school cafeteria in 1971.



Vantown Church Hall enroute by Monroe Brothers to its present Elm Road location. Riding the roof is Jessie Medina.



Mason, Mich.

Nov. 18, 1970

Mary Lockwood Boening,  
Webberville, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Boening:-

I received your book, Webberville—Yesterday and Today, a few days ago and have read it cover to cover with much interest.

I was born in Williamston 1895. When I was 6 years old my parents moved to Vantown, where for 10 years my father Frank H. Lock ran the Vantown store for Dunn Bros. of Webberville. He was an uncle to John and Jim Dunn. When my father expressed a desire to move to a town where advanced schooling could be had for my sister Grace, brother Clarence, and myself, they sold the store to a barber named Earl. I attended school in Webberville for 2 years while they were still in Vantown, and stayed with my grandparents, Henry and Alexia Silsby.

One incident stands out. I went to High school in the 2 story building shown on page 247, and it was about that time it was decided to erect a more modern structure. Various contractors bid on the proposed building, among them my grandfather. On the night the bids were to be opened, he asked me to go with him as he was deaf, and he wished me to take down the various bids as they were announced. When all were opened and he was the low bidder we were much elated, and subsequently he built the building on the same site as the old building.

I could recite many incidents which I don't propose to burden you with, but after reading your book, I conclude you are a sister of Agnes Coffey of Mason, whom I remember attended school there when I did. Also Lawrence cut my hair for several years when he worked at Andy Brandts shop in the old Wentworth Hotel.

I congratulate you upon your publication, and I'm sure it will recall pleasant memories to many people, including myself.

Yours truly,



RUSSELL H. LOCK  
3211 Sitts Road  
Mason, Mich. 48854





Homestead of George Young family about 1880. The property is now owned by Howard Waid, 4205 Lantis

Road. It was known as Harris Postoffice — a star route out of Webberville.

## *Alchin School*

Front, Left to Right—Everett Vorce, Nathaniel Whitehead, Dewey Acker, Ruth Wygant, Liddie Monroe, Clara Woodman, Bessie Woodman, Lucy Mead, Robbie Smith, George VanOrden, Arthur Vorce, Gene Mead, Mary Whitehead, Hyland Whitehead, Vera Roosa, Milton Smith. Back, Left to Right—Hazen Monroe, Eva Aldrich, Robert Haskill, Harrison Mead, Remie Monroe, Hazel Wygant, Florence Wygant, Edna VanOrden, Ernest Monroe, Myra Bowers, Annon Townsend.





# SOUVENIR of OUR SCHOOL

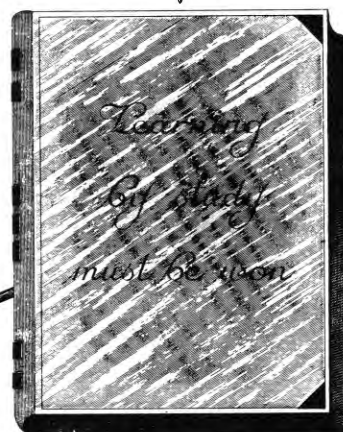
FOR



Count that day lost  
Whose low descending sun  
Views from thy hand  
No worthy action done.

FRONT COVER

# SCHOOL SOUVENIR



IN MEMORY OF DAYS SPENT TOGETHER  
IN THE SCHOOL ROOM THIS TOKEN IS  
PRESENTED WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF YOUR  
TEACHER







## INSIDE PAGES OF PROGRAMS

**ALCHIN PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
Leroy Twp., Ingham, Co., Mich.  
District No. 5

Miss Frieda Wolter, Teacher  
Daisy Call Bartley, Co-Supt.  
Henry Dietz, Director  
Vernon Hodge, Moderator  
A. D. Townsend, Treas.

**P U P I L S**

8th Grade  
Isabel Craddock  
Reno Acker  
7th Grade  
Earl Risch  
5th Grade  
Daisy Schuchaskie  
Edith Schuchaskie  
4th Grade  
Ruey Acker  
3rd Grade  
Cathleen Risch  
Marguerite Vorce  
2nd Grade  
Philip Millis  
Kenneth Schuchaskie  
1st Grade  
James Patrick  
Michael Schuchaskie  
Ella Kaleda  
Doris Boutwell  
Dorothy Vorce  
Etta Schuchaskie  
George Millis  
Earl Boutwell

### ALCHIN SCHOOL

District Number 5

Leroy Township, Ingham County,  
Michigan

1926—1927

**MARGARET DIETZ, Teacher**

#### PUPILS

Marguerite Vorce	Earl Boutwell
Dorothy Vorce	Thelma Smith
Etta Schuchaskie	Marvin Hodge
Kathline Risch	Elmer Crandall
Kenneth Schuchaskie	Frances Crandall
Philip Millis	George Smith
Albert Wygant	Wayne Smith
George Millis, Jr.	Eileen Boutwell
James Patrick	Clayton Smith
Michael Schuchaskie	Dorotha Alchin

#### SCHOOL BOARD

Henry Dietz, Director  
Vern Hodge, Moderator  
Elmer Vorce, Treasurer





**NOTICE SIGN: DO NOT SPIT ON THE FLOOR**

This pix was taken July 29, 1915 at Butterfield's Hall which was over the east end of Van Zwoll's Food Market. Mr. Butterfield had a men's furnishings and dry goods store below.

This party, (called G.C.T. but the initials could not be identified was not a school function but was given by Mr. and Mrs. Ashmond Catlin, who are seated in the center of the second row. Harold, their youngest son, is

seated in front of them.

Others identified in the pix are: Back row L. to R. — Ernie Monroe, ? Glen Crippen, ???? , Cecil Hummel peeking over the girl who later became his wife, ?? 3rd Row — Milabel Fraser, ???, Edith West, ? Mary Hummel.

2nd Row — ???, Mr. and Mrs. Catlin, Veda Darling, Illa Van Order ?

Front Row — ??????



**BACK ROW**, Left to Right — Clarie Pamment, Nellie Lowe, Laura Fraser, Irene Dingman, Miss Spencer, teacher, Maxine Ling, Helen McCarthy, Katherine Schmidt, Edith Cochrane, Vivian West.

**FRONT ROW** — Dorothy Rubert, Dorothy Vorce, Bernice Ling, Velma West, Ernestine Silsby, Bernice Grieb.





There Was  
Only Debris  
After The  
Fire At The  
Webberville  
Auto Sales  
In About 1925.







Webberville Hardware about 1947 . . . Ivan Wilcox Prop.



Webberville's thoroughfare  
Looking West on Grand River Ave. about 1912





Opal, Anna, and Helen Kontak riding with their Uncle Robert Smith about 1926.



Cyclone near Webberville  
June 6, 1917. What is left of  
Jim Donal's barn.



Daisy and Scott Noble's First Home.





Webberville's first school bus in 1940. Pearl Comer was the proud driver. Bus was painted red, white, and blue. Each student paid \$19.00 a year to ride the bus. Rosalie Comer Stolsky went with her father to check the payments. There was just one school bus for several years.



Huckster Wagon about 1937. Worden Wilcox ran route north of Webberville.



A Gassy Bunch! Worden Wilcox manning the pump. Jack Smith, Bill Sawyer, Art Chase, Tom Sawyer, Ed Rosser, Dick Chase, Jim Chase. In front of Bell Oak Store.



Detroit Edison Co. truck used when electricity came to Webberville in 1921. Tom Newton the driver.



Anybody want to go hunting out Bell Oak way? Joe Wilcox and Tony Smith are the fearless hunters!





BACK ROW Left to Right — Charles Cool, Carl Simons, Ed Moinet, Russel Briggs, ????, Silas Van Sickler, Audrey McFarland, Doris Boutwell, Katherine Oesterle, Frances Pyper, Helen Farnsworth, Jessie Lowe, Nellie Lowe, Miss Bennett, teacher, Helen Benjamin, Hilda Heinrich.

MIDDLE ROW — Guilah Kimble, Mary Mae Williams, Kathleen Galbraith, Vera Van Riper, Thelma Silsby, Mary Lockwood, Kitsy Ling, Tryphena Comer, Mary Cole, Letha Noble, Mary Parker, Thelma Waid.  
FRONT ROW — Arthur Keil, Vincent Simons, Bryl Brimley, Maurice Smith, Melbourne Grieb.



Centennial Headquarters, located in the Briggs Hardware.



# FIFTH GRADE LETTERS -

What I like about Webberville. It's as nice as it can be. I wish I stayed after school at night. and learned my abc's

It's nice to live in webberville although you might hate school. It's a lot of fun learning if you go to School. you'll know it's nice in Webberville by the great big stores they have. Although It's nice in Webberville I think that it's not bad.

PAUL HAMILTON  
March 31, 1971

## *“What I Like About Webberville”*

I like the spors we have here we have baseball & basketball for kids in 3 if 9. and 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, on up. I like the school to we got a new part built on and its called the Middel school and we have noce theachers to. I like ower room we hevè numbers I am number 12, we sit two in our deck I sit with Wayne Klausing. We dont have much populashon is 1284 it isn't vary much but I like it. We have lots of roon to. We have two cafe's we have a smole one and a big one but thare bout tarabel. This year Webbieville is going to be 100 years old and we are going to have a Centenial

DAVID FRANKS  
March 31, 1971

It is a lettet town and not alot a people. there is a nufe roon for nore houses and farms. I like the soil for farning. the stores are big and thay School and Mr. Schwartz is the Boss and I like the teacher and there is a lot of rivers and a lot of fish one time I caught a 31 inch pike in Webberville. the populotron is 1284 Webberville is a very very good towe

RALPH HEINICH  
March 31, 1971



Silsby Ford Salesroom. At the corner of Grand River and N. Summit.



What I like about Webberville is its streets, roads, and the town. Because I like Webberville, I think its the greatest little town. Even if I didn't like it, It still would be a great little town. It needs a gadge and a crown, Because of its history. Its the greatest place you could ever live in. Out of the whole wide world and those within. If you ever want to live in a great little place. Come here and visit us.

The end.

LORI ALCHIN  
March 31, 1971

## FIFTH GRADE LETTERS -

### *“What I Like About Webberville”*

I like Webberville because it is a small town. I don't like Lansing or Detroit. In the cittys thers no room to play football or baseball and other sports. and Webberbill has nice people too. And we also have a good town clerk. And also we have good schools and we have nice teachers. And we have room to play and we don't have to play on the streets. And we have sensible people. And we got everything a little town needs, a gas station, food stors, postoffice, and a hardware, an a ford garage.

JACK GANTZ  
March 31, 1971  
Your paper boy

Webberville is a clean town and it has a lot of nice people. It has good princeablus and neat schools. Webberville try's to help stop pollution. Webberville is not in the city it is in the country. The Elementary is to little for the fith and sixth grade. So they made a middle school on the end of the high school. and it is all carpeted. I like Webberville and nobody can make ne hate it.

DALENE EDGECOMB  
March 31, 1971



Bob Mason Sunoco station. Located on Stockbridge Rd., just off 196 expressway.



Alchin is one of the pioneer names associated with Leroy township and Webberville. This is a view of the Alchin cemetery.



The Alchin cemetery looking north from Van Orden Rd.







This is the school bell in the elementary building on Main St. This bell has been calling students since 1912 when the building was built.



VanZwoll's Foodland and Follo's Bar'N. The names Dean, Harris, and Strobel on the stores are names of early settlers. Strobel's are present day residents throughout the area.



Webberville Elevator, the busiest spot in town during harvest season.



Imperial Propane Gas Co. This is at the east edge of Webberville.







Webberville Community High School



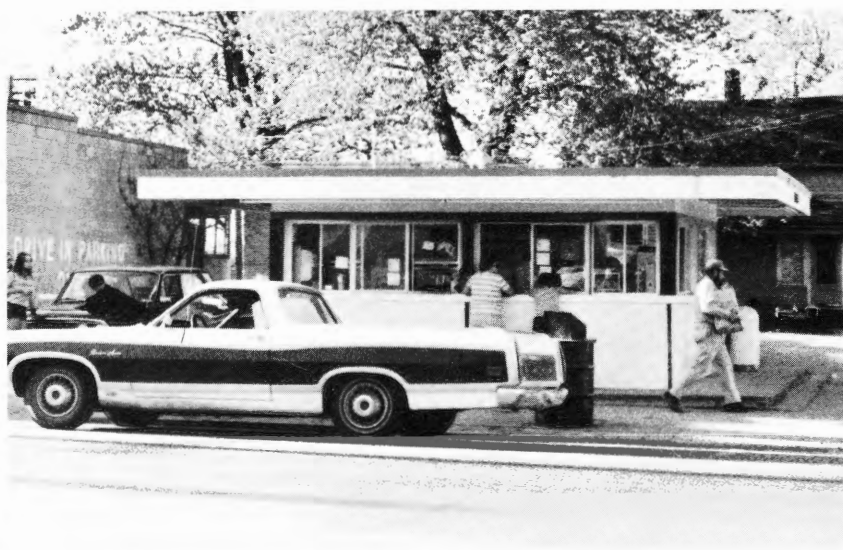




The names listed here represent brave men from the area in all wars. Men willing to fight for their country are not made by the Pentagon but produced by homes such as these came from.



Harvey Schutts Nursery



Palms Drive-in. Gathering place for Webberville youth.





Location of VeeBrumm dress shop. Webberville Cafe and the Webberville Branch of Ingham County Library.



Risch's Market, J & S discount store, now empty, with Hart N' Hyde builders, home office.





Peoples State Bank, Webberville office.



Operating Engineer warehouse for Local No. 324.





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 Schultz, Accountants CPA  
 Del Chemical Corporation  
 D. R. Olson, D. O. / H. E. Ross,  
 D.O.  
 Kaye Douglas, Milk Hauler  
 Keith Douglas, Milk Hauler  
 Dillingham Funeral Home  
 D & D Bowling Lanes  
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 Felpausch Food Center  
 Ferguson Floral  
 Fowlerville Cooperative Co.  
 Forget-Me-Not Beauty Shop  
 Fate's Pharmacy  
 The Gift & Card Shop

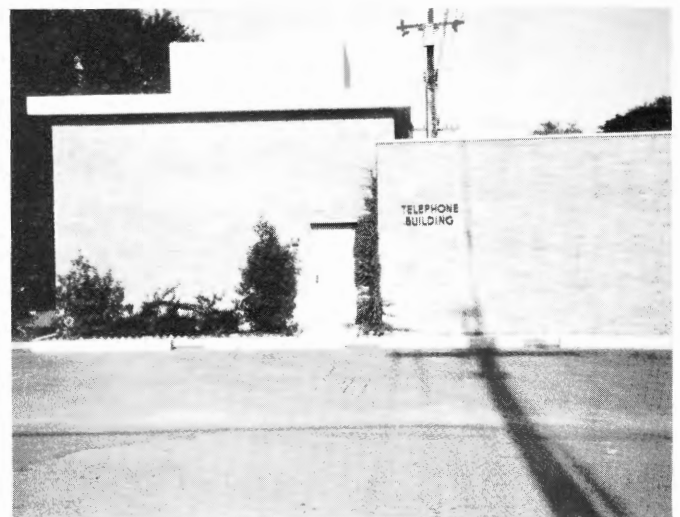
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 Howell Town & Country, Inc.  
 Herrick Hustlers Extension Group  
 Hasselbring Co.  
 Hayward Insurance Agency  
 Hickory Ridge Farm Dairy  
 Hamlin Heating & Air Conditioning  
 Hale-Lo Beauty Salon  
 Kitchen Korner  
 Walt Koss Restaurant  
 Dr. & Mrs. R. J. Keller  
 Don, Mary & Tom Lane  
 F. M. Lindquist  
 Calvin Kittendorf Livestock  
 Trucking  
 Layne-Northern Company, Inc.  
 Lloyd's Barber Shop  
 Liverance Funeral Home  
 Klein's Fertilizers, Inc.  
 Model Coverall Service, Inc.  
 Mt. Hope Osteopathic Medical  
 Group, P.C.  
 Mahaney's Cleaners  
 Oakes & Acorns (Bob & Leona)  
 Maurice Oesterle Livestock  
 Trucking  
 Price Brothers Auctioneers  
 Risch Quality Service Market  
 Rudnicki Publication

Parisian's Body Shop  
 Culligan Water Conditioning  
 Sun Dee Beauty Salon  
 Sun Theater  
 Smith & Smith Construction  
 Marvin & Sally Schultz  
 St. Johns Lutheran Church  
 Signs Tire Service  
 Shank's Septic Tank Service  
 Stirling C. Douglass  
 Teck Center Sod Farm  
 Traverse City Iron Works  
 Tim's Pharmacy  
 Village Inn Restaurant  
 Dr. E. V. Visgar, Vet.  
 Van Town United Methodist  
 Church  
 Vanneter Hardware  
 Utter's Men's Wear  
 Dr. Thomas D. Webber  
 Webberville United Methodist  
 Church  
 Williamston Glass Service  
 Williamston Fireman's Ass'n.  
 Williamston Medical Building  
 John R. Snell Engineers  
 Dik Watson Chevrolet  
 Ron & Chris Zemke  
 Yunker Memorials  
 Dorrance W. Risch





Post Office



Telephone Office





Masonic Hall



School Busses



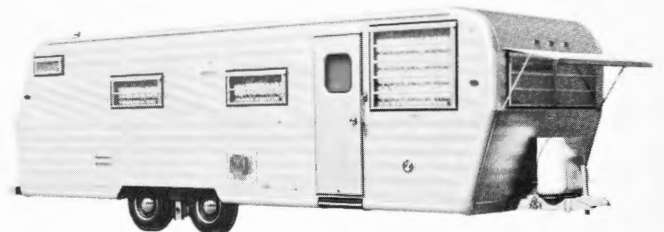
Sand Dancer  
Sand Dancer Dune Buggy Manufacturing



Moore's Farm Repair



Laundromat



Century Trailer built in Webberville





Bell Oak Church



"Don't look and it won't hurt so much" advises Dr. Kari-komi who came to Webberville in 1954 directly out of internship and has served the community faithfully.



A Christmas tree when the Yuletide spirit didn't come in expensive wrappings. Note the bag of flour in the background. A practical gift for mother and no doubt one that was well received.





STANDING — 1. ??, 2. Martha Harris, 3. Mabel Mead, 4. Christine Lowe, 5. Minnie Caskey, 6. Eva Alchin, 7. Clara Dunn, 8. Mae Maser, 9. Bertha Powell, 10. ??, 11. Zada Jackson, 12. Sophronia Hartwig.  
SEATED — 1. ??, 2. Harris Dean, 3. Esther Dean, 4. Elizabeth Dean, 5. ??, 6. ??, 7. Alice Powell, 8. ??.

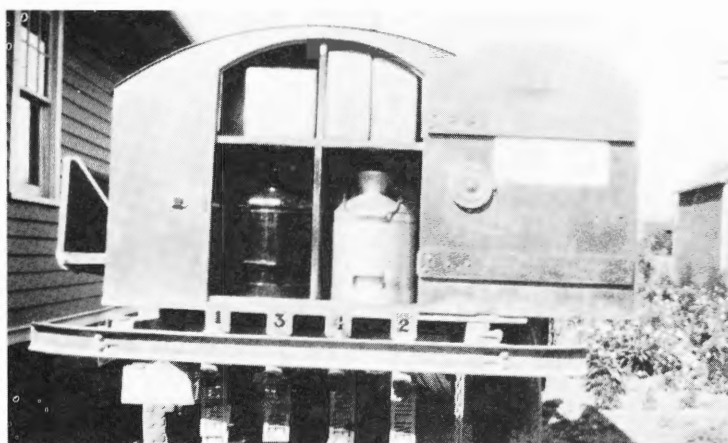


North side Grand River looking east about 1923. Andrew Jackson, first Standard Oil dealer in Webberville, filling 7 tractors in front of Ford Garage that burned.

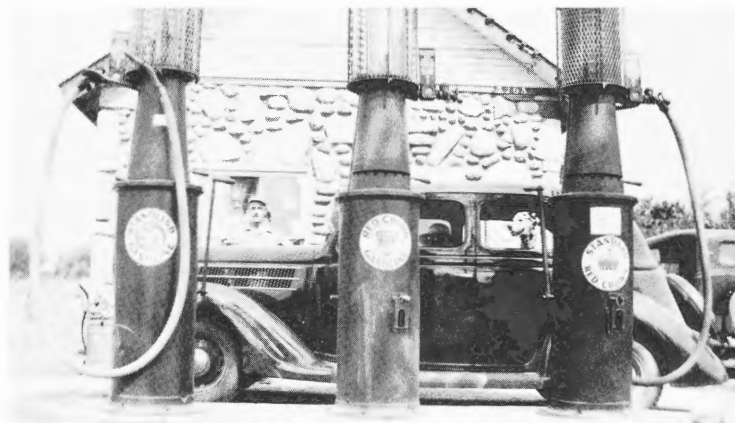


**Center lines increased safety**





Mr. Jackson sold out the bulk plant to Clarence Reynolds from Mason about 1935.



Ebert Grocery at M52 and Haslett Rd. in days gone by when owned by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson and Mascot.

















**LANSING**