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Webberville, Michigan



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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.

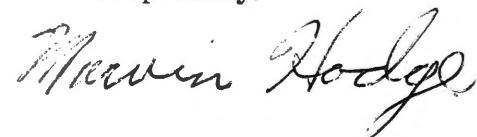
As we engage in festivities celebrating the founding of our town one hundred years ago we are mindful of the struggles and sacrifices of those who came before us. We cannot help but wonder what the future holds with the growth pattern so great in the area. As we consider with nostalgic memories of days 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that appears to read "Marvin Hodge".

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 descendants 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.

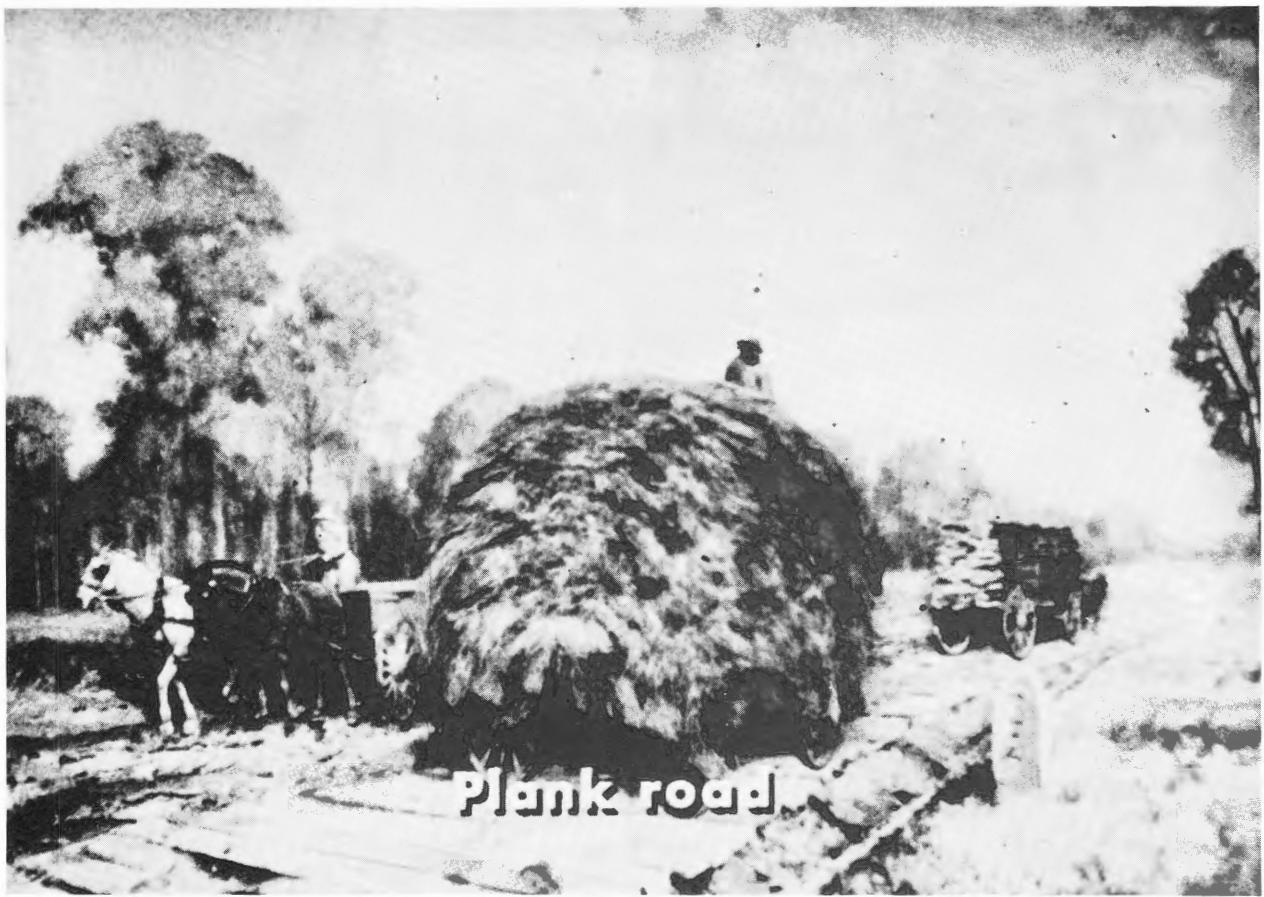
I congratulate the village of Webberville as it starts its second century and trust that its good people will continue to enjoy the best of two worlds . . . the proximity to metropolitan areas . . . and the virtues of the rural life of our forefathers with its solid values that we shall forever cherish.



Charles Ernest Chamberlain
Charles Ernest Chamberlain



Settlers followed Indian trails



Plank road

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,

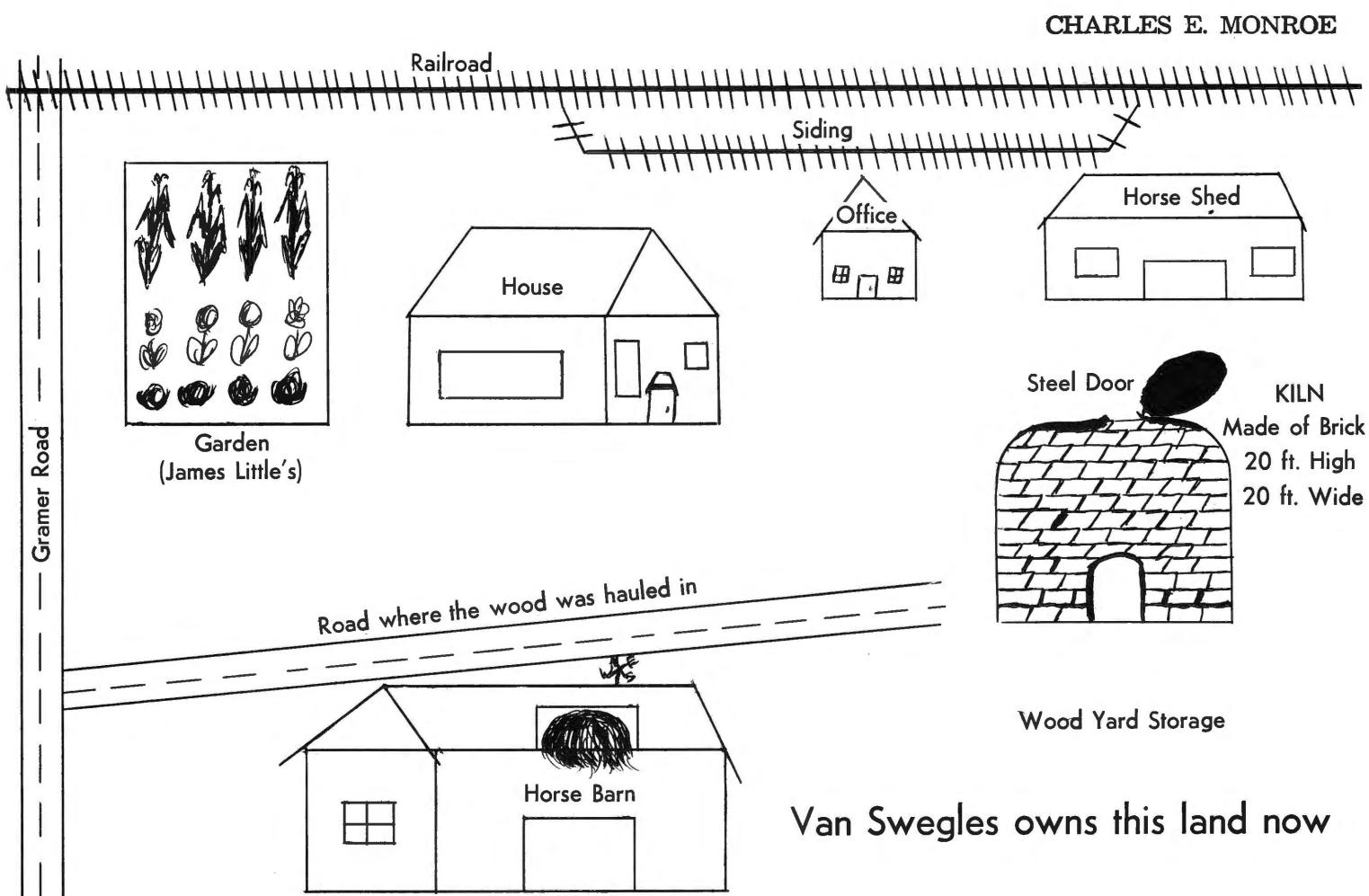


GERALD W. SLIDER

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.





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. PITTS

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 and sleepers. The firm of Dean and Harris should have a just share of the other 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. Dean was in the mercantile 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. *Successful from First*

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 initially 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. 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 a reputation and to make a success. Mr. Dean has found time to build one of the handsomest apartment buildings in the city. This is known as the Dean apartment 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

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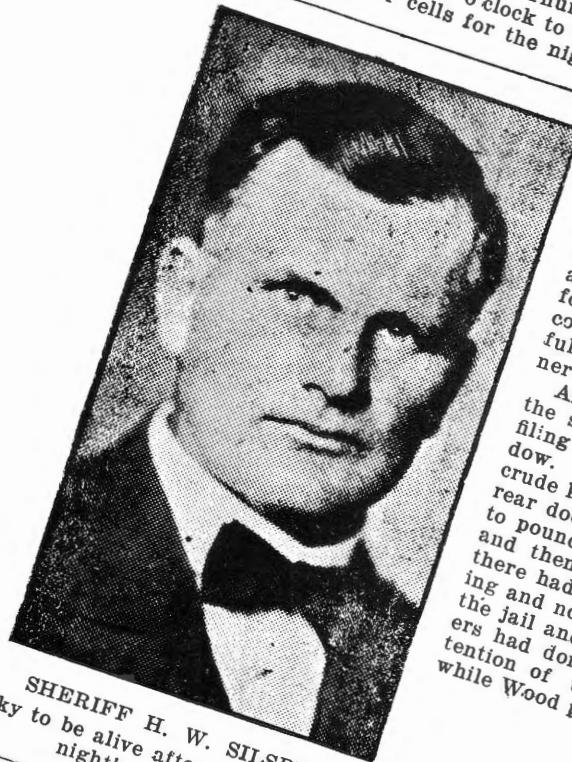
The Past

SHERIFF VICTIM OF MURDEROUS ATTACK

HIT FOUR TIMES ON HEAD WITH STEEL BAR.

Silsby Gives Edw. Wood Sound Beating With Fists Before Weakening By Loss Of Blood.

As Sheriff Hugh Silsby 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.

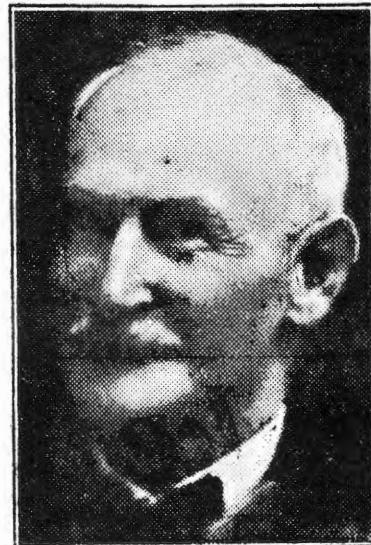
he narrowly escaped being beaten to death. Edward Wood, held for carrying concealed weapons, rushed at Mr. Silsby when his back was turned and struck him four times on the head with a nineteen-inch steel bar. Each blow of the iron cut through the scalp to the skull and how the sheriff escaped is most 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 with his fist hit his would-be murderer a blow in the face that knocked him flat. In Wood scrambled to his feet and beat a hasty retreat around the corridor outside the cage. Mr. Silsby, thoroughly enraged, chased Wood, where finally cornered him in a cell, where he gave him a thorough drubbing. Weakened by loss of blood he called Mrs. Silsby to come and lock the men in the cage.

Dr. Yerkes was called and dressed the wounds on Silsby'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. Silsby'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 Silsby 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.

Veteran Carrier Made
1924 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 breath 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

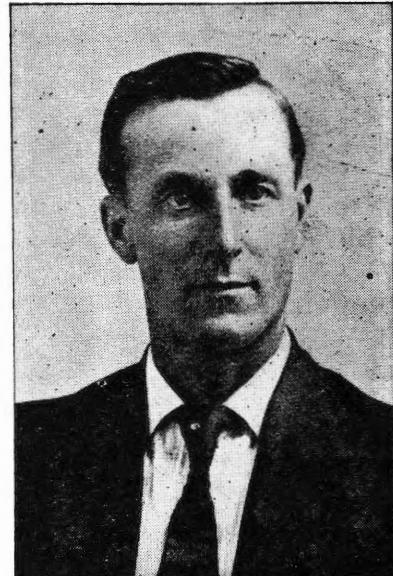
REPRESENTATIVE IN LEGISLATURE
SECOND DISTRICT, INGHAM COUNTY

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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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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 its 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.

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**Rowley
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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, Dunckels, 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 Gratzick, Hattie Cox, Addie Pease, Julia Hulbert Wright, Frank Liverance, Lewis Remington, Carrie Reed, Emma Leary Speers, Ed Briggs, Mina Mixter Liverance, Cora Johnson, Zady Chamberlain, Bessie Marble, John Gratzick, 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 Dunckel.

Some of the later teachers were Howard McCreary, Ormal Pickard, Cora Case Meyers, Dale Dunckel, Leon Sweet, Glen Fowler, Grace Smith Dunckel, 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 Haskell, Fern Ackley, Bessie Miller, Hallie Ackley, Clarence Miller, Genesee 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 Fornmans, 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, Alvak 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 Risch's, 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.

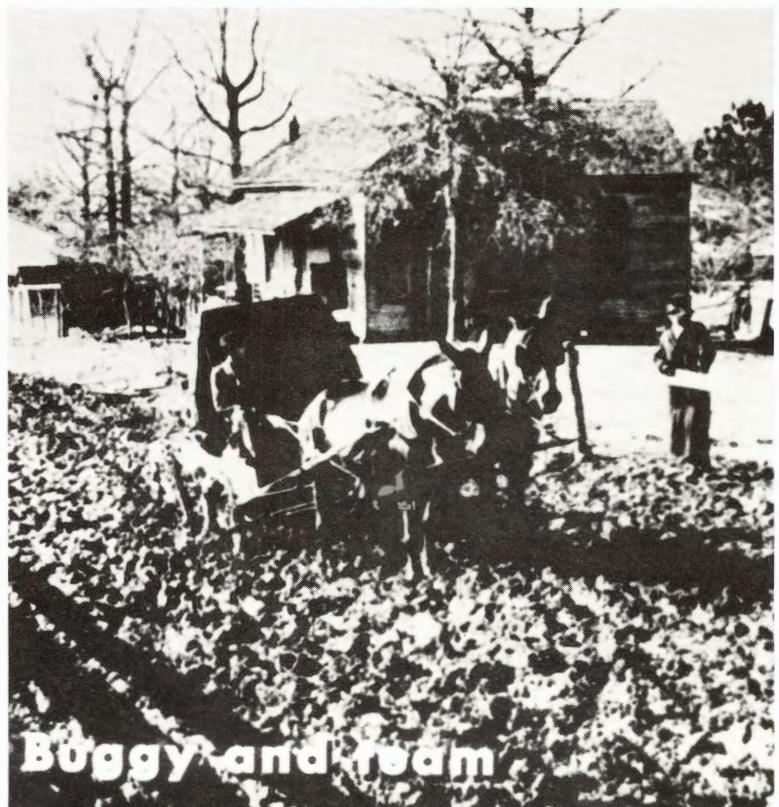
On Howell Road, across from the Melvin Oesterle farm, there were two homes. These were occupied by people by the name of Bentley. According to school records for the year of 1887, one was William Bentley and the other John Bentley.

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



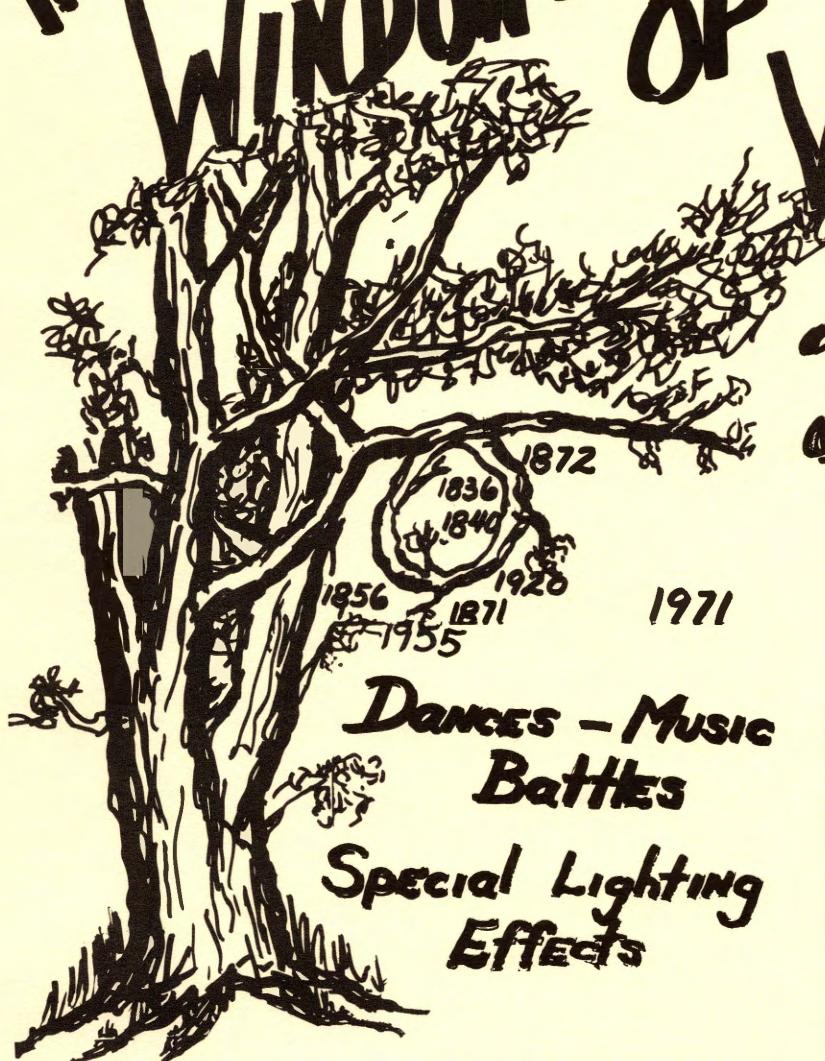
John Risch family at farm home now owned by his grandson Melvin Oesterle. Taken in 1900. L. to R. Minnie Risch Roth, John Risch, Sr., Sophia Risch with baby daughter, Ruth; Lena Risch Smith Hummel, Winnie Risch Donal, John Risch, Jr., Edith Risch Sager, Carrie Risch Oesterle, Fronce J. Risch.

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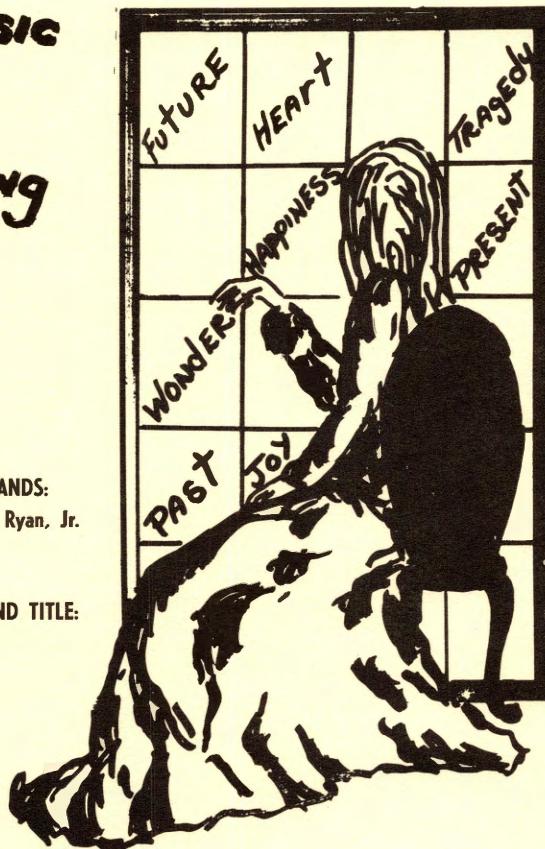
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A Synopsis of Scenes

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"



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

The Narrators

The Rev. Don Campbell
Harvey Westerby
Peggy Haight

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
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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
Brenda Darnell
Delores J. DePue
Ethel Marie Depue
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 Viecelli
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	Diane Hoag
Ethel Bohnet	Neola McFarland
Judy Eisele	Leta Moore
Nancy Haight	Rita Moore
Dorothy Hart	Carole Oesterle
Mildred Hawley	Sandra O'Neil
Barb Hayward	Bonnie Wood
Dorothy Hitchcock	

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



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Dan White — Insurance
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Hats & Ties — Gary O'Neil
Kangaroo Kourt — Jim Blodgett
Promenade — Lorraine and D. F. Hummell

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Construction — Bruce Haskell
Costumes — Elaine Bertsch and Bea Waite
Stage Hands — Raymond Ryan

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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

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Speakers — Margaret Simons
Special Projects — Jane McChesney

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Kenneth and Rosie Aubuchon	Webberville	Turner Implement Co.	Williamston
Barrett's	Williamston	Utter's Men's Wear	Fowlerville
Branch's Food Store	Fowlerville	J. Gordon Harmon	Fowlerville
Bob's Party Store	Williamston	Terry L. Ranshaw	Webberville
Leonard Eisele — Knapp Shoes	Webberville	Bohm's Gulf Service	Fowlerville
Eisenhour Construction Company, Inc.	Lansing	Midstate Body Shop	Fowlerville
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Ferguson Florist	Williamston	Liverance Funeral Home	Fowlerville
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Peter Popek	Fowlerville	Kitchen Korner	Williamston
Peoples State Bank	Webberville	Herb Hart	Williamston
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Steven M. Simmons — Omega Farms	Webberville		
Tim's Pharmacy	Fowlerville		

Schedule of Events

Faith of Our Fathers Day Day, August 22

10 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 soci- als, 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 — Interdenomina- tional — Interfaith "Freedom of Religion" meeting: Music by massed choirs of all churches. Prominent speaker, Dr. John H. Dawson, Presi- dent of Adrian College.

Homecoming Day Monday, August 23

Morning:

9:00- — EVERY DAY — at the Hospitality Cen- ter — Registration of Pioneer and Former Residents.

Afternoon:

10 SENIOR CITIZENS and GUESTS Pot-Luck Picnic at the High School, Card Party, and Entertainment. Awards to oldest pioneer man and wo- man with longest continuous resi- dents.

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, Hullahoop contests, etc.

3:00- 4:00 Style Show and Tea — Wigs by Ele- gant 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

Burdetta 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

Caroll 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

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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

Marlissa 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

Drinnee 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

Liberty Belles

Ding a ling

JoAnn Gilpin

Luann Depue

Helen Bach

Marie Burnham

Margaret Emmons

Joan Knickerbacker

Olga M. Brown

Esther VanRiper

Elaine DePue

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Kathryn Powell

Jean Simpson

Mary Coe

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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

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Martha Crandall

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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

Beaulah Cool

Phyllis Floeter

Ethel Bohnet

Jean Bohnet

Elaine Bertsch

Edna Wacker

Mary Lou Smith

Luella Chamberlain

Esther Gallagher

Betty Hart

Marge Griffes

Marion Strobel

Dorothy Tollman

Barbara Simons

Rosalea Monroe

Lee Budd

WebberBelles

Gloria Shaulis

Nancy Lyon

Jackie Boom

Connie Knoch

Jeri Ellerthorpe

Karen Sell

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Sandra Ancel

Sue Reeder

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Rachel Parisian
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Ida Silsby
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Helen Nanasy
Evelyn Lunsted
Cynthia Boein
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
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Tardy Belles
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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
Luelle Chamberlain
Betty Sue Chamberlain
Raelia Chamberlain
Diane Hoag
Lisa Hoag
Dorothy Hart
Fran Asworth

Ding Dong Daisy Belles
Helen House
Nancy West
Marian Alchin
Lurene Glover
Laureen Glover
Dorothy House
Florence Andrews
Mary Lou Nemer
Katharine Alchin
Nan MacKenzie
Belle Jenison
Dorothy Hitchcock
Wanetta Gantz
Elinor Glover
Yvetta 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 Hiveley

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 Neueman
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 Tenant
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 Adorable Belles
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 Stubbett
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 Westmoreland
Pat Nelson
Mary Ancel
Sandy Westmoreland
Annette Klausing
Kim Bement
Erma VanZwoll
Patty Klausing
Barb Hayward

Miss Centennial Belles

Ernes Little Miss
April Monroe
Cheryl Oesterle
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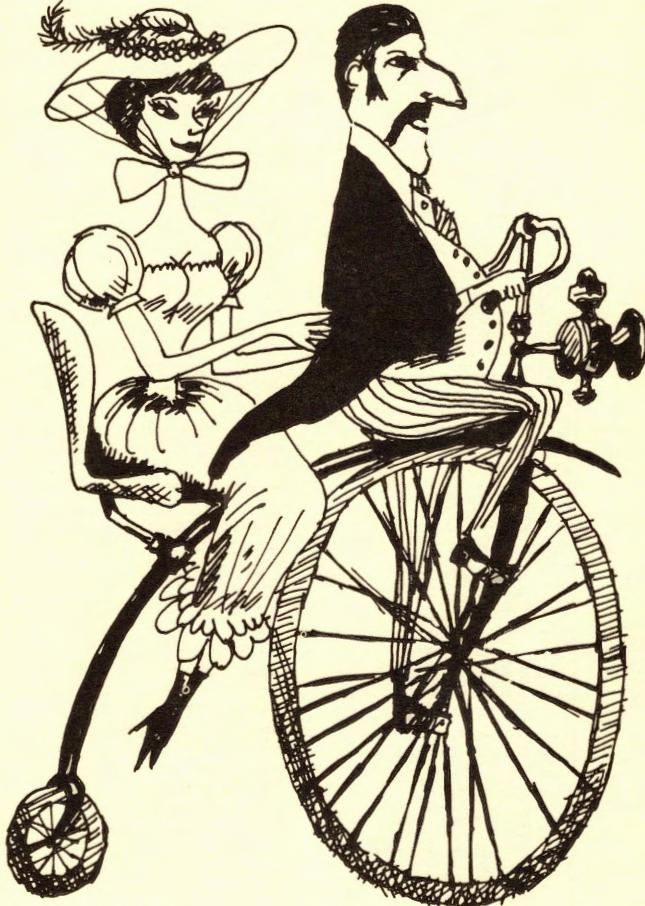
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Mary Reeser
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Dawn House
Jill Gantz
Karen Vorce
Janet Heim
Lynnet Vorce
Brenda Darnell
Loretta Ross
Nora Diesler
Pam Sokol
Lori Ross

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 VanZwoll
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 Szyszka

Headquarters Little Miss
Tina Hawley
Sheri Auxter
Lori Maloney
Kim Foremand
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
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 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
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Peppermint Pixies
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 Shea McLeod
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 Janet Heim
 Karen Vorce
 Karen Eisele

The Lollipops
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 Yvonne Bates
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 Mary Jane Brown
 Merry Lynn Roby
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 Leara Campbell
 Sally Byrd
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 Sherry Myers
 Suzanne Westerby
 Debbie Burnie
 Karen Burnie
 Lori Rauls
 Julie Heinrich
 Julie Gantz
 Patty Hugenot
 Shirley Jean Hayward
 Ginger Grant
 Lauire Ancel
 Diana Ebert
 Stacy Ancel
 Cynthia Lynd
 Julie Pearson
 Susan Nelson
 Cathy Pearson
 Amie Wagner
 Karen Campbell
 Lisa Hiatt
 Penny Nichols
 Tammy Lehner



**Brother of
 the Brush**

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



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
 Party 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

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 Strebbing
 Dave Bryd
 Chuck Duagan
 Roger Froling

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
 Hunnel 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
 Bonnett Jerry
 Perkins Leo
 Crandall Junior
 Miller Fred
 Ancel 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 Sickels
 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.
 Baugh Ronald Shorty
 Roosa Dean
 Ross Greg
 Harr Lloyd
 Vorce Everette
 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	No. 22 Daley's Double	David Barns	Gerald Abranowisz	Jack Gantz
Jay Arnold	Clarence Reynolds	V. Cheney	Marvin Benoit	Danny Heim
A.S. Nelson	William Schneider	Charles Crosby	50-50 Brothers No. 3	Philip Heim
John M. Griffis	Fred Schneider	Mike Damman	Hank Brines	Larry Franks
No. 17 The Tom Cats	James Schneider	John Foreman	Don Culver	David Franks
Brad Hague	Bill Wheeler	Bob Hamlin	Al Shear	John Ross
Gerald Alchin	Palmer Conklin	Harry Johnson	Chester Hall	Kevin Ross
Bill Harris	Don Orr Jr.	Mike Knoch	Robert Robertson	Greg Lynd
Dave Zick	Clifford Johnson	Jess McEwan	Headquarters	
Donald Line	Gary Barth	Tom Nichols	Mark House	
Homer White	William L. Elzerman	James R. Poor	Scott House	
Larry Bates	Ernest Elzerman	James P. Roby	Tim Webster	
Gary Bates	Douglas E. Elzerman	Wm. Sessions	Scott Nelson	
Ken Rice	Tom Daley	Ken West	Steve Nelson	
Steven Simmons	Fern Kinne	50-50 Brothers No. 1	Scott Ellerthorpe	
Ed Look	Paul Griffes	Brian Powell	Bradley Karikomi	
Dick Meyers	Buzz Moore	Wessley McFarland	Alan Wheeler	
John Benjamin	No. 23 Vantown Country	Joe Crandall	Rodney Dockstader	
Richard Pereson	Clubbers	Jack Hughes	Tommy Daley	
Bob Benjamin	Donald L. Williams	Les H. Cox	Todd Showerman	
No. 18 Vantown Moonshiners	Alan Nemer	Sonney Brown	Mike Hugenot	
Larry Ross	Maurice Oesterle	G. Brockway	Robbie Bates	
Al West	Charles Galbreath	Paul Shelper	Fuzzy Wuzzies	
Russ Fipps	William Turner	George Stelle	Chuck Hallan	
Dan Sokol	Grant Putnam	John Kubiak	Robert Linder	
Tom Wilcox	Charles Hawkins	Irving Jorgensen	Warren Darden	
Rich Kubiak	Wayne Dalton	Don Toth	Brian Darden	
Tom Bower	Charles Coe	Homer Murdock	Chuck Darden, Jr.	
Charles Banernan	Terry Galbreath	Lee Alstott	Patrick Gurnee	
Auther Monroe	Gene Lockwood	Bell Oak Hustlers	Alan Springsted	
Tony Sokol	Fred Coe	Leslie K. Graham	Mark Springsted	
Tom Loft	Bill Coe	Russell Bloom	Craig Gurnee	
Mark Loft	Marvin Gauss	Kenneth West	Erie Gurnee	
Jim Bohnett	Ray Tyler	Robert D. O'Dell	John A. Cooper	
Ron Rhines	No. 24 The Tom Cats	Roger W. Smith	Hot Roders	
Randy Oesterle	Keenny Vorce	John Schultz	David Foster	
Maurice Monroe	Art Webster	Don Rosa	Randy Foster	
Sam Glover	Floyd Acker	John Kubiak	Perry Smith	
Bill Reed	Jim Anderson	Dennis O'Dell	Michael C. Lehner Jr.	
Keith Bohnett	Kim Nielsen	Gary L. Newman	Lester Alchin	
Lowell Nims	No. 25 Beer - Did	Joseph R. Bloom	Steve Alchin	
No. 19 The End of the	Cockadoo	Richard Kubiak	David Alchin	
Trail Bunch	Ben Albin	Roger S. Fulon	Chris Foreman	
Jerry Sweet	Leo Jeffrey	Don Kubiak	Brian Lee Adair	
Robert West	Bernie Bartig	Chadwick Smith	Rodent Adair	
Phil Millis	Jerry Stovers	Gary Graham	Richard Byrd	
Vern Stowe	Ted Stevens	Johnny-Come-Lately	Billy Millis	
Larry "Skip" Horton	Ferd Graessle	Jess McEwan	The Wizz-Curs	
Larry Knickerbocker	Dave Carr	Jerry Orsborn	Kevin Blodgett	
Bob Mason	Dick Kellerman	Dick Pearson	Mike Blodgett	
Jerry Cruson	John Bridges	Jim Blodgett	Bobby Gallagher	
Don MacKenzie	Bob Shanks	Ron Mosher	Steve Shelper	
Ed MacKenzie	Don Depue	Tom Gallagher	Eddie Chamberlain	
Jerry Hegge	Fred Depue	Don Schultz	Greg Alchin	
Bernard Risner	Red Gabbard	Ray Barrett	Danny Pearson	
Norbert Kukla	Butch Griswold	Ron Nelson	Rusty Bloom	
Arlo Lillywhite	No. 26 Headquarters	Bill Powell	Robbie Bloom	
Allen Crandall	Rodney V. West	Carl Mensing	Timmy Webster	
No. 20 Shag Cuts	Roy E. McGowan	Tom Burgess	Pat Barrett	
Eldred House	Ray C. McGowan	Jerry Hart	Scott Mackie	
George Alchin	Larry R. Hummel	Headquarters	Mark Mackie	
Bill VanZwoll	Les Boening	Rodney V. West	Scott Mosher	
James Bugg	Walt Boeng	Ray E. McGowan		
Bill Gantz	Ray Farrel	Roy McGowan	Peach Fuzz	
Wayne Hud	John Comer	Larry Hummel	Robert Ross	
Charles Darden	Michael Geagher	Les Boening	Bryan Westerby	
Don Lane	William Gurnee	Walt Boening	Larry Jenison	
Tom Lane	Ralph Jane	Ray Farrell	Kelly Shaulis	
George Glover	Rogers Andrews	John Comer	Jeffrey Reeder	
V. Van Riper	Donald Gauss	Michael Meagher	Brent Westerby	
Dale L. Barbour	Harold Risch	William Gurnee	Danny Myers	
Jerry House	The End of The	Ralph Jane	Erwin Ferguson	
John Pixley	Trail Bunch	Roger Andrews	Brian Ferguson	
William Tailman	Richard Goodell	Donald Gauss	Jerry Annons	
No. 21 Hay Loffers	Ed Medalis	Harold Risch	Ernies "Little Beaus"	
Barry Hitchcock	Phil Miller	Larry Hill	Carl David Oesterle	
George D. Grover	Harold Tenant	50-50 Brothers No. 2	Timothy Monroe	
Ray Ryan Sr.	John Grant	Dallas Hyde	David O'Dell	
Jack Force	Roger Millis	Wayne Gouchei	Matt Monroe Jr.	
Dan Dansby	Jim Fradetts	Del Burge	Michael MacKenzie	
Keith Townsend	Butch VanSickler	Jim Fielder	Michael Brunger	
Paul Oesterle	Bob Rogers	John Tune	Brent Branch	
Kenneth Donal	Murl Wilcutt	Kenneth Caskey	Chris Monroe	
Zeke Eberly	Moe Shaulis	Ray Benjamin	Steve Monroe	
Vuto Geo	Ellis Wygant	Joel Shaffer	Bryan Monroe	
Walt Peeho	The U.A.W. Hair Razors	John Hughes	Ralph March	
Walt Boening	Jim Bump	Leo Skym	Anthony March	
Fred Miller	Lyle Bowers	Ed Robertson	The Nubs	
James Ritchie	Hank Brayman	Tom Workman	Tracy Temple	
Bill Judd		Gary Sober	David Brown	
			Daniel Slider	

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

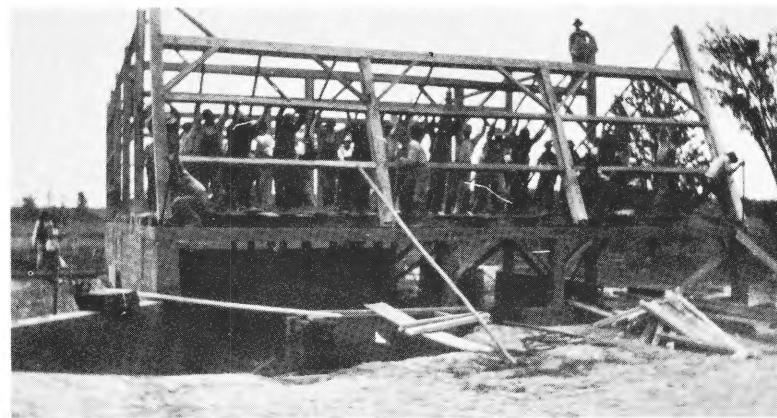
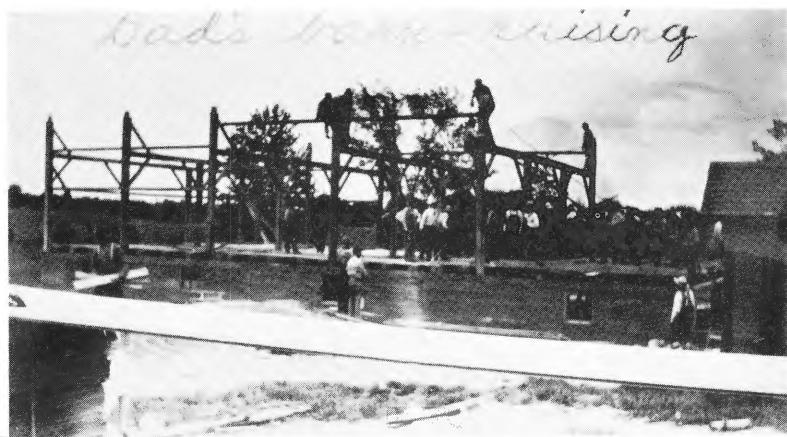


Community Hall

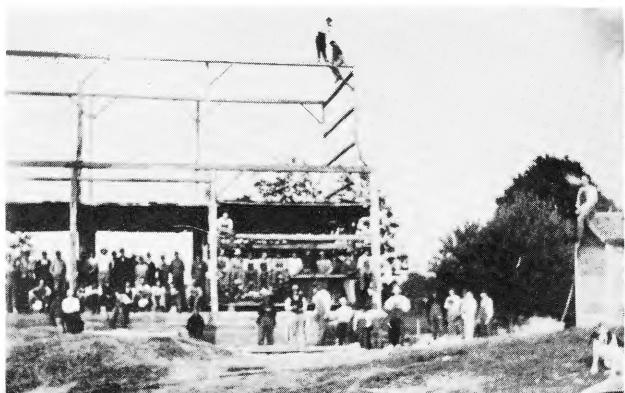


Monroe's Sawmill

Dad's barn-raising



*Dinner for the
barn-raising*



Chris Dansby's Barn raising



VANTOWN FIREWORKS ATTRACT BIG CROWD

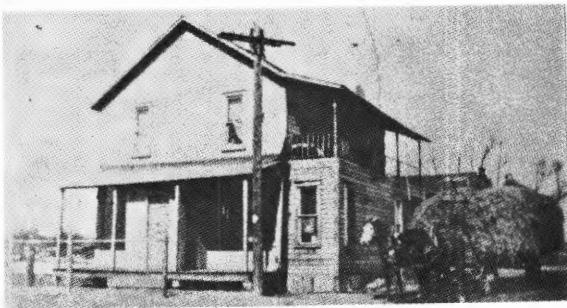
(Special to The State Journal)

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 babies 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 Fellows and Leo Weston, now of Stockbridge.

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 kids do.

We see Vantown today as a church and a store but it has been a busier corner in other days. Mrs. Little (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.

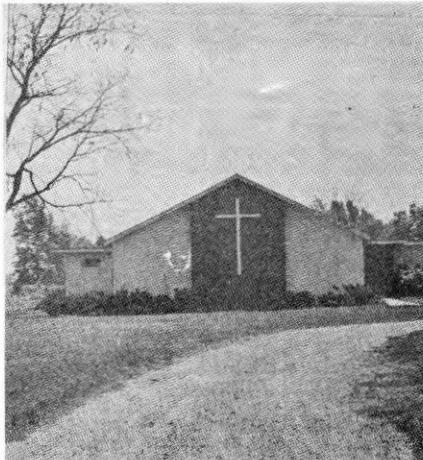
The members of the Vantown Methodist Church take justifiable pride in their ability to rebuild their burned church in a very short time. At the time of its dedication, the church was completely paid for. The bell that was in the first church was miraculously saved and is now in front of the new church.

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.

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

September 19, 1967

riday, March 28, 1924

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

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".

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 Schatz and Mr. Devreaux.

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.

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



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

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, Kennedy 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.

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 Van Orden, 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 Van Orden, Ernest Monroe, Myra Bowers, Annon Townsend.

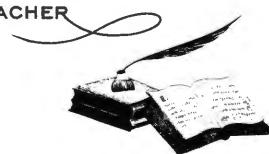




FRONT COVER



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





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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.

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

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 hevé 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 Webberville is going to be 100 years old and we are going to have a Centenial

DAVID FRANKS
March 31, 1971

It is a lettel 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 -

I like Webberville because it is a small town. I don't like Lansing or Detroit. In the citys 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 princeabus 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

*“What I
Like
About
Webberville”*



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.



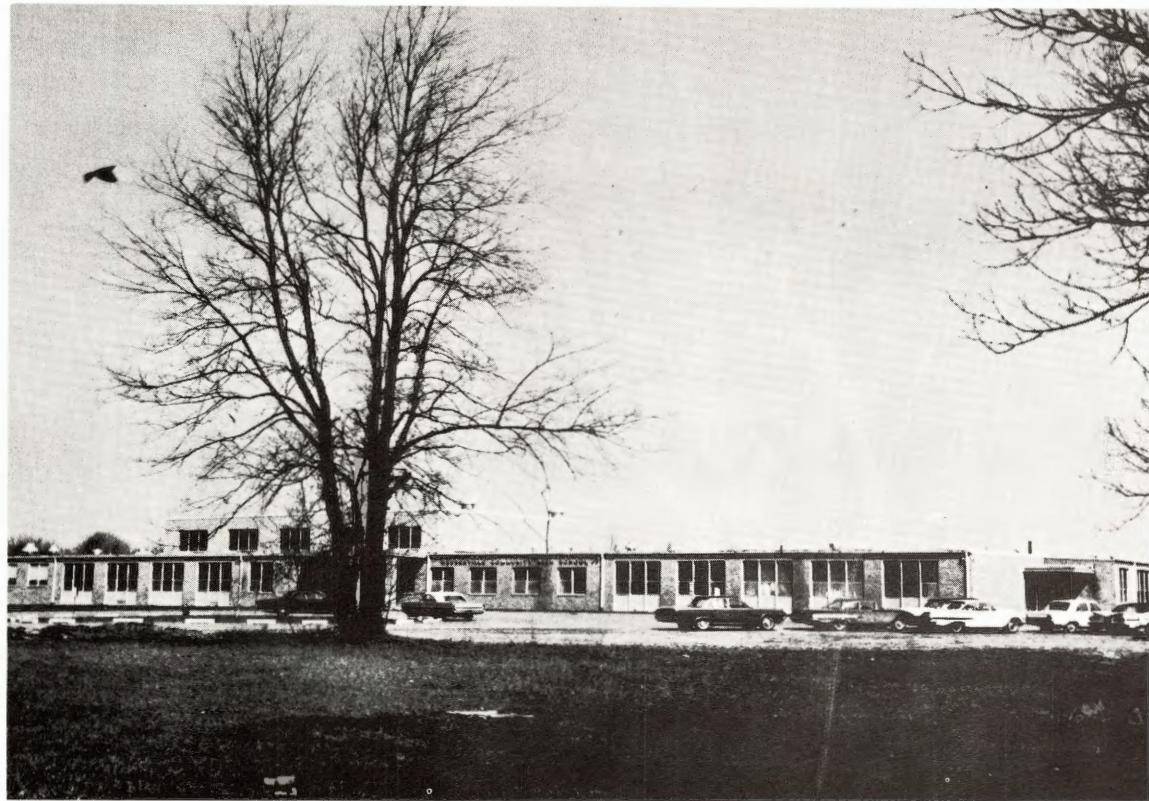
VanZwoll's Foodland and Follo's Bar'N. The names Dean, Harris, and Strobel on the stores are names of early settlers. Strobel's are present day residents throughout the area.

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

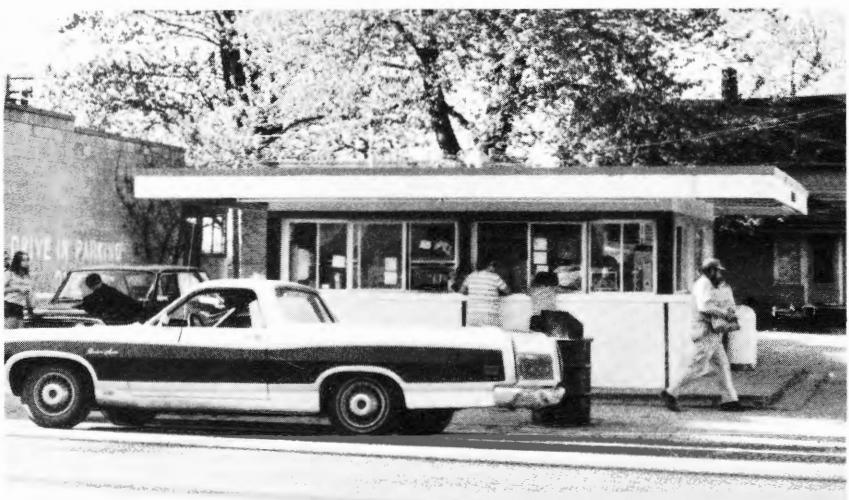




The names listed here represent brave men from the area in all wars. Men willing to fight for their country are not made by the Pentagon but produced by homes such as these came from.



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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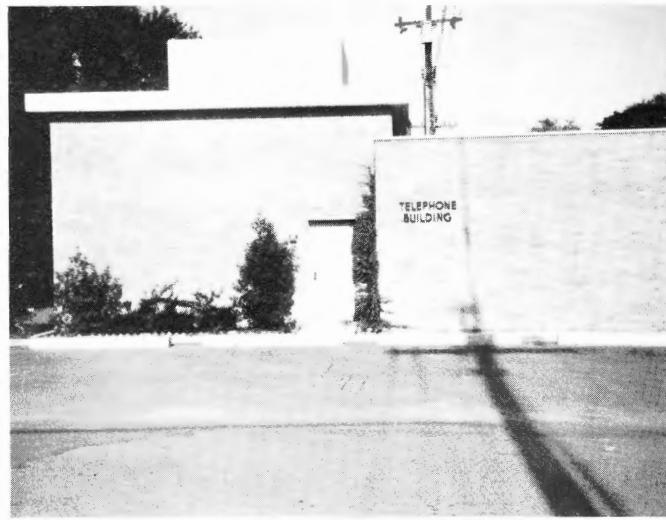
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 Maurice Oesterle Livestock
 Trucking
 Price Brothers Auctioneers
 Risch Quality Service Market
 Rudnicki Publication

Parisian's Body Shop
 Culligan Water Conditioning
 Sun Dee Beauty Salon
 Sun Theater
 Smith & Smith Construction
 Marvin & Sally Schultz
 St. Johns Lutheran Church
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 Stirling C. Douglass
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 Traverse City Iron Works
 Tim's Pharmacy
 Village Inn Restaurant
 Dr. E. V. Visgar, Vet.
 Van Town United Methodist Church
 Vanneter Hardware
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 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
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 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.

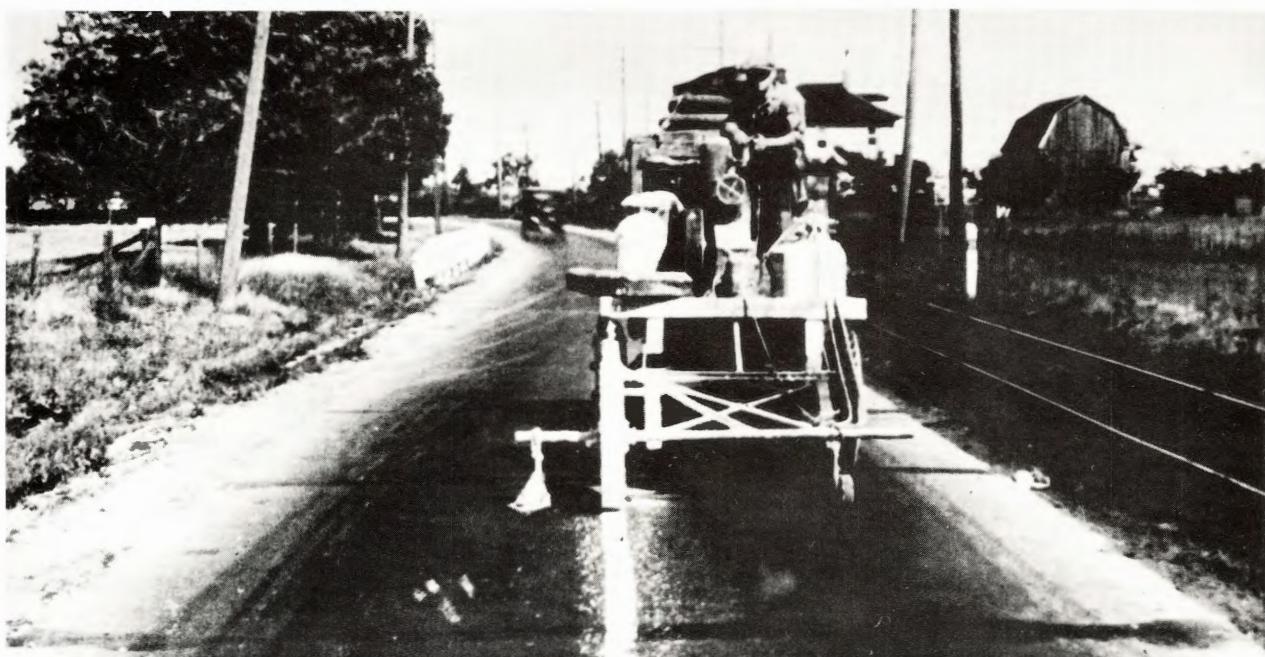


STANDING — 1. ??, 2. Martha Harris, 3. Mabel Mead, 4. Christine Lowe, 5. Minnie Caskey, 6. Eva Alchin, 7. Clara Dunn, 8. Mae Maser, 9. Bertha Powell, 10. ??, 11. Zada Jackson, 12. Sophronia Hartwig.

SEATED — 1. ??, 2. Harris Dean, 3. Esther Dean, 4. Elizabeth Dean, 5. ??, 6. ??, 7. Alice Powell, 8. ??.



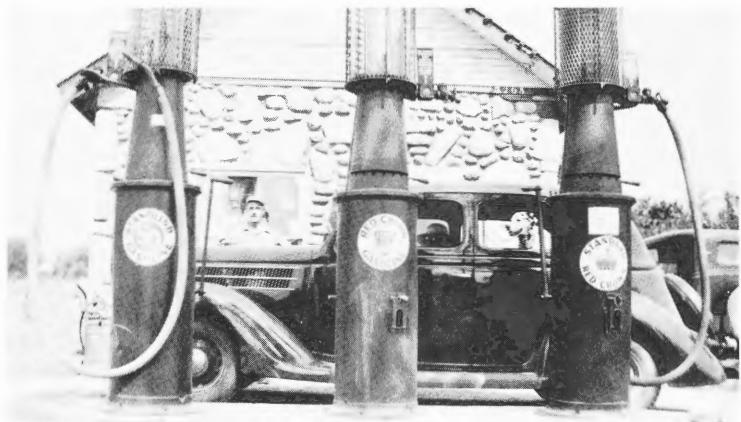
North side Grand River looking east about 1923. Andrew Jackson, first Standard Oil dealer in Webberville, filling 7 tractors in front of Ford Garage that burned.



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.

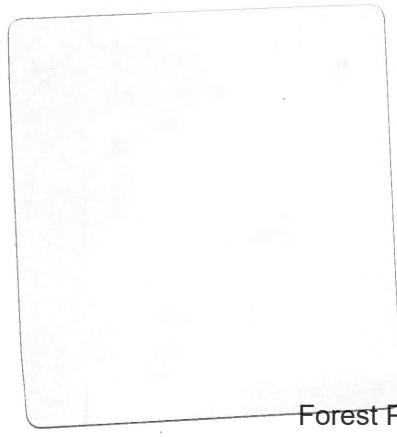




Sandy roads also impeded travel



An early road scraper





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