

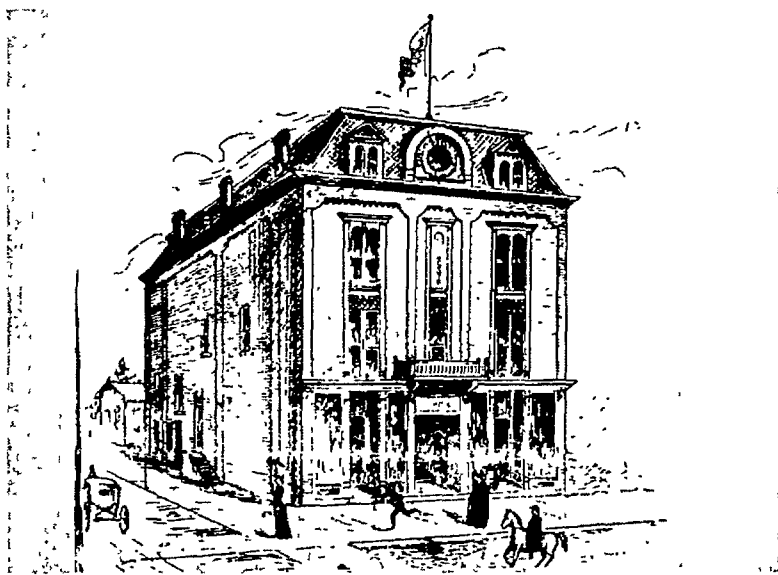
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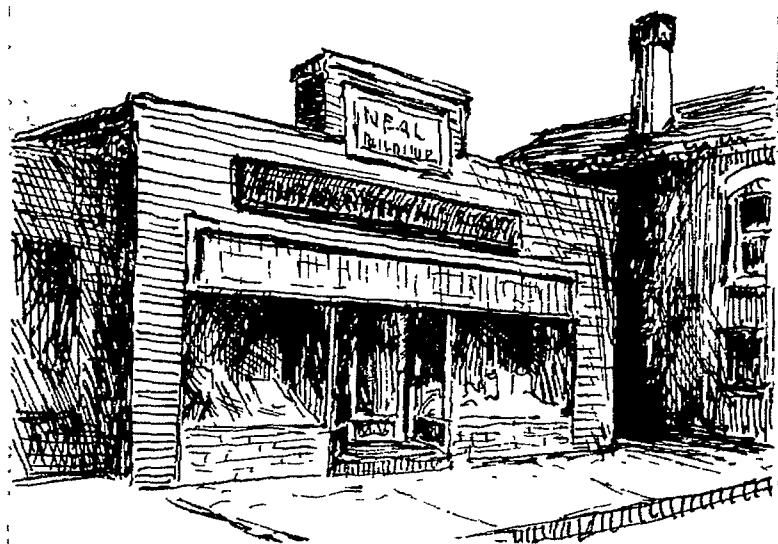
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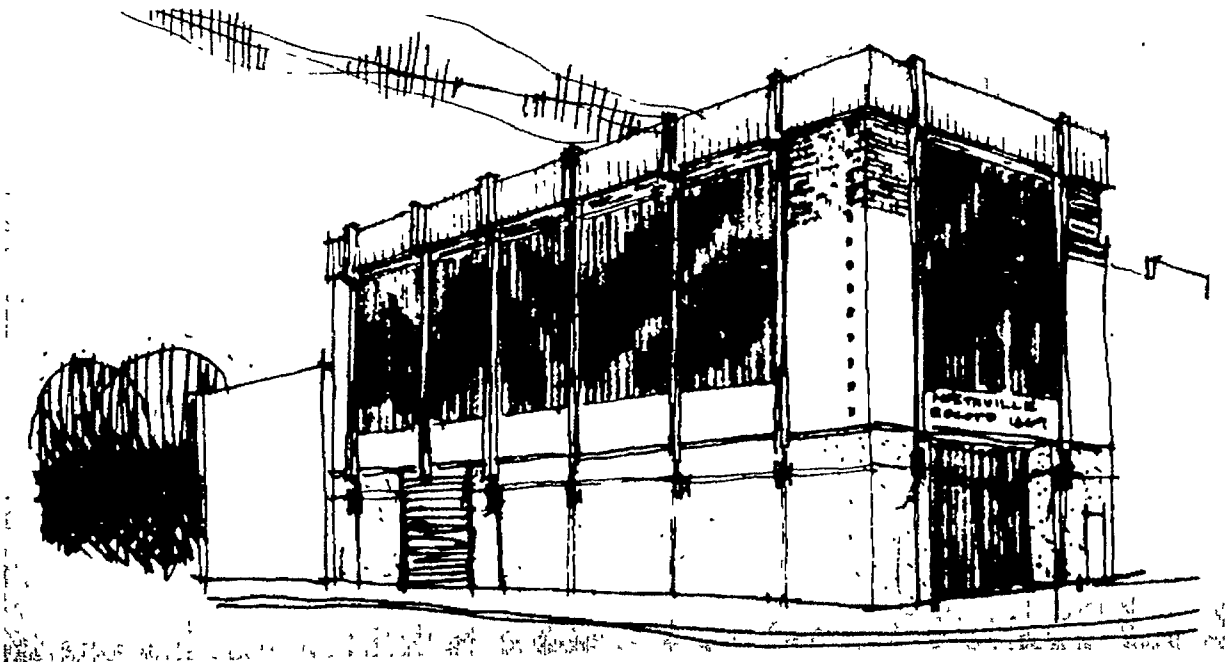
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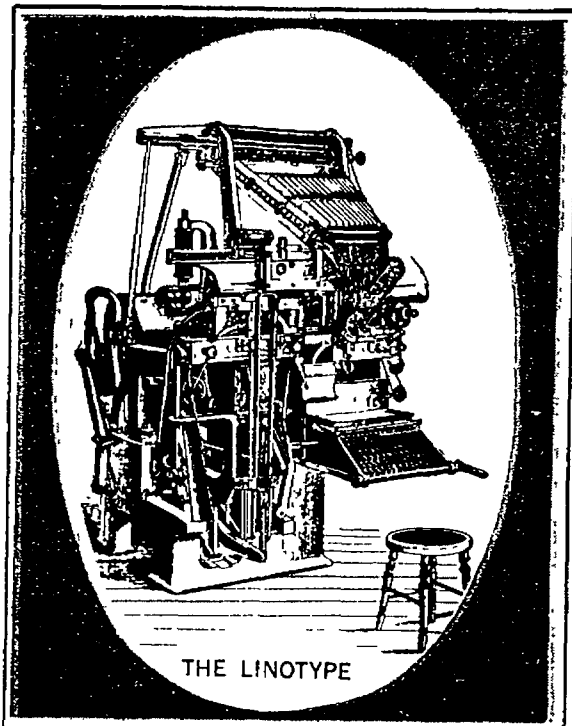




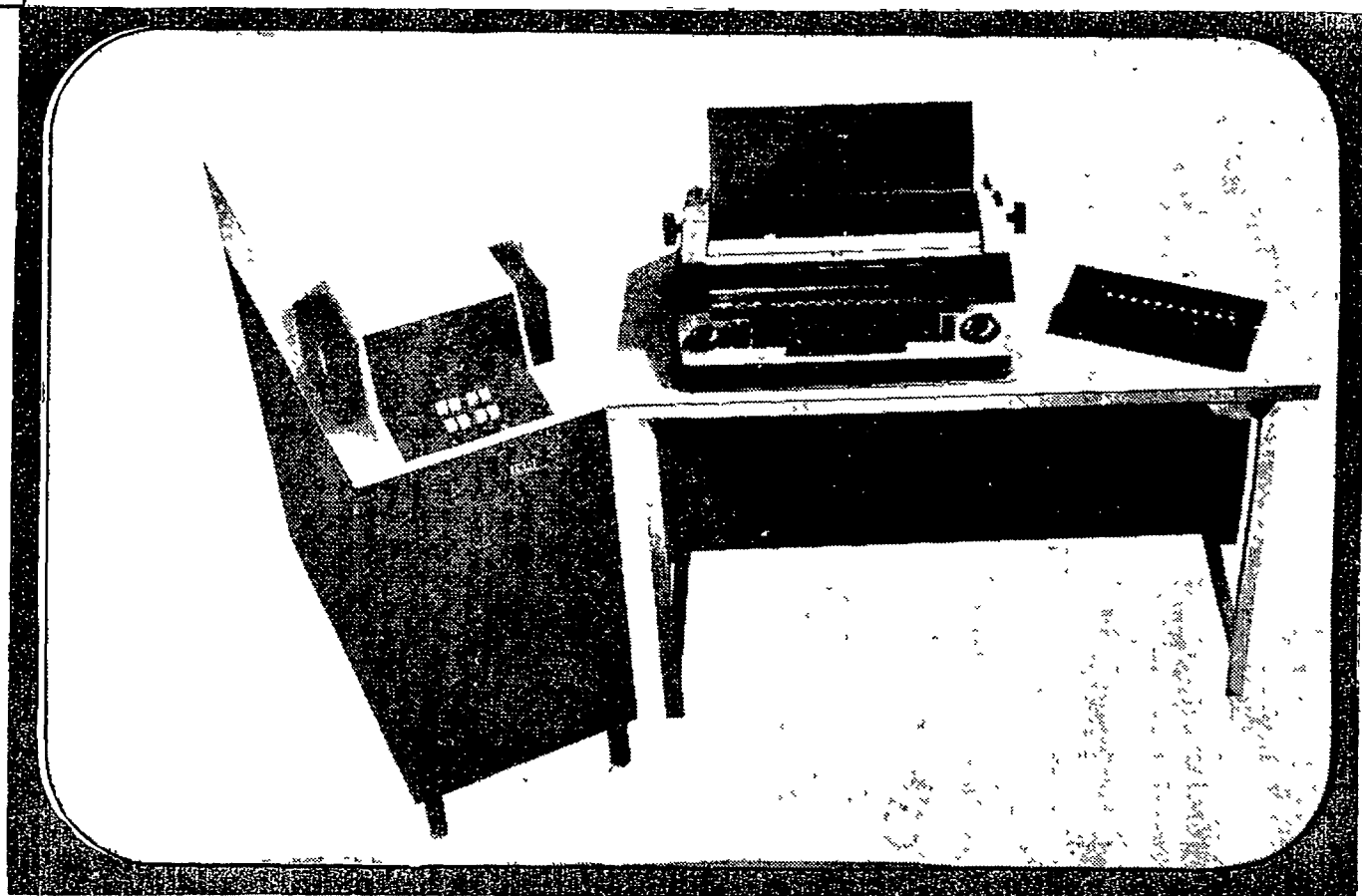
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## ... about The Northville Record



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## From The Editor's Desk....

It would be next to impossible to estimate the number of hours put into preparing this centennial edition of *The Record*. Suffice it to say that it has been in the works for two years and represents a "labor of love" more than a contractual obligation. In the case of the history on *The Record's* founder, Samuel Little, research has been underway for the past six years. The resulting history on Little represents but a small portion of the material gathered about him and his newspaper.

Major credits for this edition must go to the dozens of residents and former residents of Northville who have so graciously permitted us to reproduce their treasured old pictures and, in many instances, have supplied us with information concerning the pictures and history in general.

While production of a centennial newspaper edition is in itself unusual, this particular edition is unique in other ways, too. Most significant of these has been the attempt to use as many as possible of the original histories written about the community and printed in *The Record* during the past 100 years. Rather than rewrite these histories, we have reproduced the originals — with few changes.

One of these histories, for example, was written by David Clarkson, an orphan who came to Northville as a boy with the Dunlap family early in the 1800's. His recollections, we believe, are far more authentic than

"hand-me-down" information that might have been put together in a newly written history. Furthermore, through his history today's reader is provided a closer link to the past.

Also, throughout this edition the reader will find stories that have been reproduced in part or in their entirety as they originally appeared in *The Record*.

This centennial edition is produced in six sections. This "A" section covers the history of *The Record* and its owners over the past 100 years; section "B" covers in-depth histories of Northville churches with lesser attention to other churches within the circulation area of *The Record*; section "C" covers general history of Northville and the surrounding area; section "D" concerns the histories of schools and government; section "E" includes histories of past businesses and industries and information relative to today's businesses and industries; and finally, section "F" contains histories of local clubs and organizations.

By publishing the edition in sections we hope to have served for better harmony in your home. While mother reads one section, father can read another, and the children still others.

Finally, this special edition has been produced in smaller than regular *Record* size so it can be saved and used more readily for future reference. Save your copy — who knows, it may be useful for *The Record's* 200th birthday.

## About Our Covers....

Each of the covers of the six individual sections of this special edition have been designed to represent the old and new of our community.

Section "A" shows an old linotype machine, a great improvement over the even older method of setting words in metal type — that has since been discontinued at *The Record* and type is now set on IBM typesetting computers such as shown in the second picture.

Section "B" shows a print of an old church contrasted with a drawing of the proposed new Northville Methodist Church which is to be built near Eight Mile and Taft roads.

Section "C", which covers general history, contains a photograph of an old Northville home while the larger picture

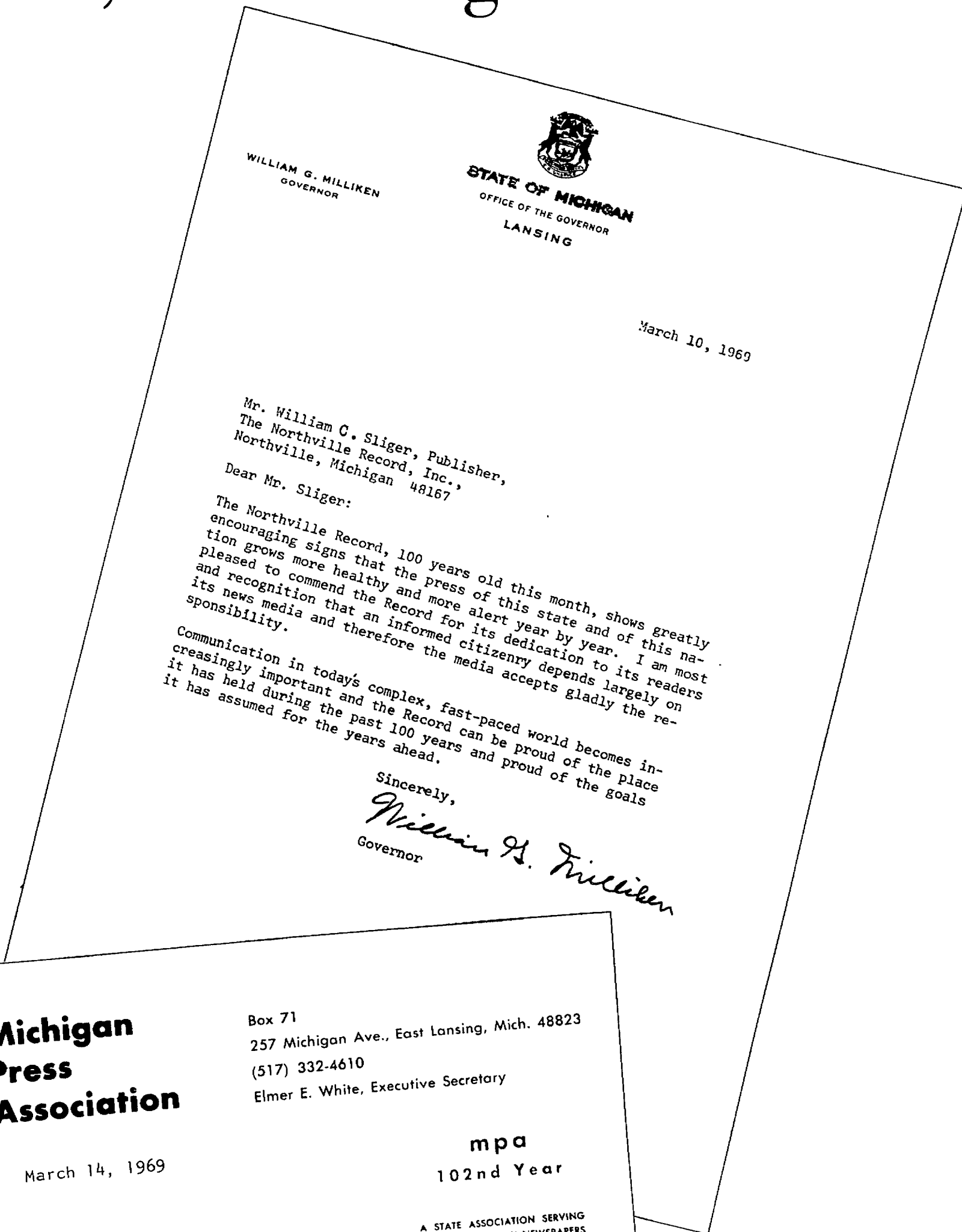
shows one of the community's new subdivision streets, Grace Court.

Section "D" shows an old drawing of one of Northville's first schools — the old "stone school" that once stood on Hutton near Dunlap, while the color picture shows Northville's 10-year-old high school and the city's water tower in the background.

Section "E" contains a picture of the condensory plant once located here off Base Line, while the newer picture is of the Ford Valve Plant located at Main and Griswold streets.

Represented in the smaller picture on the cover of section "F" is the emblem of the Masonic order — oldest still active organization in Northville. The other picture represents some of the organizations that exist today.

# Governor, MPA Congratulate Record



## Michigan Press Association

March 14, 1969

Mr. William C. Sliger  
Publisher  
The Northville Record  
101 North Center  
Northville, Michigan 48167

Dear Bill:

It's great to know that the Northville Record has reached the ripe, young age of 100 years.

There is no question that a newspaper must be doing an outstanding job in its community to survive so many years and everything that we have seen of the Record proves that point.

Heartfelt congratulations to you and your staff on this outstanding achievement.

Sincerely,

Frank Angelo  
President

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257 Michigan Ave., East Lansing, Mich. 48823  
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In 1968, our editorial efforts were recognized with two Pulitzer Prizes. And earlier this year, we received the coveted University of Missouri honor award for distinguished service in journalism.

We've always been proud of the fact that we're the oldest newspaper in Michigan. But we're no longer the only 100-year-old newspaper in Wayne County. Now the Northville Record joins us in this exclusive century club—and we couldn't be more delighted. It's like watching a young brother come of age; we printed the first editions of the Record right here at the Free Press.

## Detroit Free Press

138 years young



# A Determined Young Sam Little Launches 'The Record' - 1869

Samuel Harkins Little, founder of the 100-year-old Northville Record, was one of Northville's most ambitious inhabitants. Yet, but for the newspaper that survives today, little real evidence remains to prove that he succeeded in life or, indeed, that he even lived and died.

The Northville Record may be his only epitaph.

While certification of his marriage exists, his birth is unrecorded, the state does not acknowledge his death, and no Michigan cemetery has been found that claims his body. Only one close relative, a niece of Plymouth, survives. And no other can say with certainty that they knew the man.

Of necessity, then, most of his story must be taken from the pages of the newspaper he founded a century ago.

Sam Little was 23 years old, a clerk in a Northville store, when he launched his single sheet newspaper. He had neither the printing know-how nor the financial means necessary for newspapering — only a few promises of financial support from local merchants and the driving enthusiasm of youth. He had attended school in Milford and Northville, apparently had done fairly well in English classes, had a beautiful hand, was familiar with the Detroit newspapers then circulated in Northville, and obviously must have had some gift of mechanics.

The latter probably was passed down to him from his father, a crippled miller of little wealth who operated Argo Mills that stood at the "foot of Main Street," west of the railroad depot near what is now the intersection of Cady Street and Park Drive.

Edward Little was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1812. For six years, between his 12th and 18th birthdays, he lived and worked in the castle of Lord Donagall, then a member of the House of Lords and prominent figure in Irish nobility. Upon leaving the castle, he apprenticed for five years in the Belfast flouring mills where he lost the fingers of his left hand in the millworks.

In 1842, at the age of 30, he married Rosetta Harkins, 24, and three years later with his wife and two-year-old son, Sam, emigrated to Canada. They lived only briefly in Canada, soon moving to Rochester, New York, later to Oswego, New York, and then in order to Elgin, Clinton, and St. Charles, Illinois. By 1850, after three years in nearby Milford, the Little family made a permanent home in Northville.

For Sam's father, the three years in Milford probably were spent as a miller. It was there that he acquired sufficient money to purchase a family grave plot.

The Littles had at least three sons and twin daughters. A year younger than Sam, William James was born June 24, 1845 in Canada. An infantryman in the Civil War, William married Rose Howland in Oakland County on March 10, 1875. They had

four children, all born in Northville. Only one of the four survives — closest living relative of the Record's founder — Mrs. Frank Dunn, a widow who lives at 503 Ann Street, Plymouth.

The twin daughters of the Littles were Libbie and Minnie. The latter married George Medlar, moved to Grand Rapids and later to Oklahoma. Libbie married Frank Allen and they eventually moved to Webster, New York. They and their families, if any, are unknown to present day residents of Northville.

The third son, youngest of the children, Andrew J., was born November 29, 1859 in Northville or Milford (Northville, according to his death certificate, and Milford, according to the obituary in the December 1, 1933 edition of The Milford Times) and became probably the wealthiest and certainly the most prominent of all of the children. His wife, Rose, was killed in an automobile accident in 1934, and their only child, Mrs. Elizabeth Bushnell, a Detroit librarian, died in 1964.

There may have been other children of the senior Littles because the family plot in Milford's Oak Grove Cemetery contains a one-year-old boy, Robert, and two girls, Julia, 4, and Eva, 16.

The family plot does not contain the bodies of the twins, William or Sam. The twins probably died in Oklahoma and New York; William is buried in the rear of Cady Street cemetery here; and Sam's grave remains a mystery.

Perhaps the greatest asset of the would-be publisher was his young wife — the former Alfretta F. (Etta) Brown, whom he married on February 1, 1868 in a simple Detroit ceremony before Justice of Peace Timothy McCarthy. She and her stepfather, Josiah Wilkins, probably lived above the store in which Sam clerked somewhere on Center Street. After their marriage the young couple moved into a small apartment and eventually to a house on "Prospect Hill." Evidence suggests that Prospect Hill became known as Buckner's Hill, now the site of Eastlawn Convalescent Home just south of the high school.

Northville in 1869 was many hours distance from Detroit. Surrounded by tree-shrouded farms, clinging to the sides and crowns of hills, and linked to the 'outside world' by but a few narrow dirt roads, it was by necessity a self-sustaining community.

Travel to Detroit normally required two days time. The traveler took a buggy to Plymouth, transferred to a stage from Plymouth to Wayne, and at Wayne boarded an east bound train for the final leg into Detroit. By the time he completed his business in Detroit it was too late to return (night travel was uncommon) so normally he took a hotel room and returned the following morning.

Travel from Northville to Plymouth was 50-cents, with an equal amount due for the stage from



SAMUEL HARKINS LITTLE, FIRST RECORD PUBLISHER

Plymouth to Wayne. In September, 1869, a significant improvement in travel took place when Henry Cortrite of Plymouth introduced a stage direct from Northville to Wayne, enabling the traveler to go to Detroit and back the same day.

By November, 1869, two stages left Northville daily, at 4:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., arriving in Wayne at 11 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Round trip fare was \$2. Jim Millar drove the team.

Northville in 1869 had a score of businesses and industries — a fact that amazed visitors who, because of the community's seclusion, expected to find little more than rolling farms and a few homes. Three churches were already well established, a high school had just graduated its first senior class (one student), and the hum of factories and mills filled the air.

Main and Center streets, which at that time still rippled over the original hillocks traversed by the first settlers 40 years earlier, were lined with frame buildings — mostly one-story clapboard structures that belied the affluence of many of the businessmen. Boardwalks hugged the store fronts, pitching downward to a cobbled drainage ditches at the edge of the dirt thoroughfare. Large trees shaded the two "downtown" streets, especially near Hutton, Wing, Dunlap and Cady street intersections.

It was in this setting that Sam Little, with the encouragement of his young wife, launched his newspaper. With cheap hand-set type, he put together the first metal newspaper

pages in his home and carefully loaded them aboard a wagon for the trip to Detroit, where the pages were 'struck off' on presses in the Detroit Free Press office.

The first, four-page edition of The Record, dated July 15, 1869, contained a few local items about the people of the community, several small local ads and advertising liners, an ample amount of boiler plate, and a salutatory by the young publisher.

Of that beginning, Little wrote at the conclusion of the first year:

"With this issue expires Volume First of the Wayne County Record. Just a year ago our little sheet made its appearance under many disadvantages, hardly venturing when one issue came out, to give any assurance that another would ever be seen. Our 'forms' were then carted to Wayne, thence by cars (train) to Detroit being a continual fear least some railroad employee, or other, should drop the whole thus making a 'pie' for us that would neither have proved well flavored or palatable."

Fifty-eight years later, during Northville's centennial, Andrew Little reminisced:

"We used to set the type here and have them printed in the Free Press office. Then the papers were brought out here and put in the post office. I remember one time we were bringing the forms home on a load of lumber. We had gotten down near where the Yerkes Mill is now located (now the Ford Valve Plant parking lot area), and the lumber began to slip off the wagon.

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*'The Record may be his only epitaph . . .'*



WILLIAM LITTLE



LIBBIE LITTLE



MINNIE LITTLE



ANDREW LITTLE

## A Struggle to Survive in Early Days

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Well, the story is simply this, we spent the next two weeks picking the type out of the mud."

Sam elaborated on December 24, 1870:

"We commenced the year 1870, five months after the first issue of the Record — under very un auspicious circumstances; within the precincts of a small room, at our residence, which contained all in one — sanctorum, editorial and composing rooms, mailing and press departments (although to tell the truth, the latter department existed only in name as we were minus a press at the time). Our paper, then a five-column folio, the forms of which were staged to Detroit and back regularly every two weeks, had but a limited number of subscribers, relying,

mainly, upon the occasional appearance of a 'job' (stationery, handbills, etc.) for its support."

Sam and his wife struggled to survive, literally. They gladly accepted coal, kindling, apples, freshly butchered meat, live chickens — anything in exchange for printing. They accepted invitations for supper eagerly, and they were delighted with the occasional gifts left at their home.

To supplement his meager earnings in publishing the newspaper, Sam sold subscriptions to the Detroit Tribune, took orders for sewing machines, and wrote lyrics for songs. The latter included "Angels Guard Your Treasures There," a melancholy song about a mother's dead child, with music "by Michigan's best composer

and pianist, M. H. McChesney." Copies of the music and song were available for 30-cents.

Sam's brother, 'Andy' was but 10 years old in those first months of The Record but he assisted as a 'printer's devil'.

Annual subscription to the first Records, which did not begin publishing weekly until several years later, cost \$1.50. Ads sold at \$5 for the first six lines, \$1 for each succeeding line. Legal notices were inserted for eight-cents per line, and notices of marriage and death were published for 50-cents each.

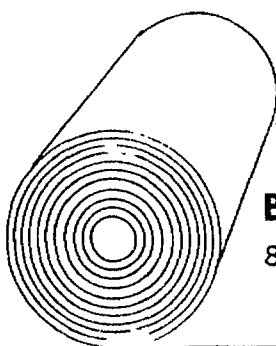
In March, 1870 Little moved the newspaper office from his home to the second floor of a frame building on Main Street. Most evidence points to an

old frame building that stood at the northeast corner of Main and Center streets. This building purportedly was the first frame store building constructed in Northville. Little in 1870 wrote that L.G.N. Randolph operated a business beneath the Record office. And in 1872 he said he was forced to move because of the lack of space and an ever present fire hazard, from the second floor office in the "Williams Block."

Randolph, by one account, operated the town's first drug store — but Record ads show that Dr. H. H. Jackson, a dentist who specialized in "artificial teeth on vulcanized rubber," also operated a drug store at this time in partnership with E. S. Horton,

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# MAKES A RUGGED TYPE

to print the  
facts for  
one hundred years

CONGRATULATIONS FROM  
MANUFACTURERS BANK  
100 E. MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE



F. S. NEAL (right) AND EMPLOYEES STAND IN FRONT OF OPERA HOUSE WHERE RECORD WAS PUBLISHED

## Son Recalls Newspaper Days

By FRED WARNER NEAL

The Northville Record is a part of my earliest memories and for many years was an intimate part of my life. I am indeed pleased to write a few lines for its one hundredth anniversary.

It was about 1918 when I learned the answer to my first conundrum: "What is black and white and re(a)d all over?" The answer was The Northville Record. Quite a few years later, when

### Neal Purchases Oldest Building

SEPT. 25, 1908 — One of the oldest, if not the oldest, buildings in town that for years did duty at the corner of Center and Main streets has been purchased and remodeled by Mr. Neal and will, commencing next week, be occupied by the Record Printing Plant as its permanent home.

The present quarters in the Opera House has been occupied by Mr. Neal for about sixteen years and will now be occupied by the Ideal Milking Machine Manufacturing Company, owned by A. C. Balden and Frank Shafer, for the manufacture of their machines, an industry which gives promise of considerable importance.

my son, Frank S. Neal II, gave a similar answer, a young friend spoke up and said: "The correct answer is a newspaper." "No it isn't either," responded Frank. "The answer is The Northville Record." He was right, of course.

I doubt if Frank, who is now nearly 17 years old, has ever seen a copy of the newspaper over which his grandfather presided for more than a third of its existence, but I am pleased that he knows about it and understands that it became, under his grandfather's direction, journalistically respectable and politically powerful, with influence far beyond the confines of Northville.

It is principally of F. S. Neal and his long connection with The Record that I want to write, but I am handicapped. My father's editorship of The Record ceased in the early 1920's, when he sold it to E. E. Brown of Dundee. I was very young at the time. Having roamed the precincts of The Record Office (in my family we spoke all three words together, with capital letters) almost before I began to walk — with something of a proprietary air, no doubt — I simply never recognized the change in ownership, especially as we continued to own the building and my father kept an office there, with his rolled top desk, for some time

thereafter.

The recollections in my mind of my dad at The Record are confined to glimpses of him pecking at his old-fashioned typewriter and, shirt-sleeved, helping feed the big press. An endless procession of political leaders trooped to Northville to see him, and — I was later told — the

Governor — I think it was Alexander Groesbeck — who came at deadline time, had to cool his heels in an outer office until the presses had started rolling. Among the visitors to The Record Office I remember was Henry Ford, who had an interest, along with my father, in what were then called

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## Congratulations

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neighbors, we wish  
every success.

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24800 Novi Road

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Novi, Michigan



# William Allen White Lauds Publisher

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"old time dances."

My father died in 1928, when I was 13. It was the first absolute tragedy in my life. We were very close — I idolized him — and I am sure that it was my mother saying "Daddy would have liked it" that oriented me to an early career — begun on The Record — in journalism. Whether he would have liked it or not, I have never been sure, since his advice was always to study law.

I have no recollection of my father as being especially "modest"; he simply never indicated to me that anything he had done was of especial significance. I

knew he was "an important man" — indeed, as a boy this sometimes caused me embarrassment and I often went to extremes — perhaps unsuccessfully — to avoid the possibility that anybody would think I was "showing off." My parents were very strict about this, and I was chagrined that I had to call all adults "mister," whether it was John Scipio, the sole Negro then living in Northville, who hauled ashes, or one of the local drunks.

My father had a great affection for his home town, and he helped it and its citizens in many ways. There used to be a "Frank S. Neal Club," composed of former Northville boys in prominent

government and business positions who had been helped by my father to get their start. They exchanged a special kind of cuff links. When I was growing up somebody once told me that it was my father who was responsible for the creation of an independent Northville township, separate from Plymouth. I thought this was ridiculous — for one thing, I couldn't imagine Northville being attached to Plymouth in any way. Later I found it was true.

It was only after my father's death, really, that I learned what a great power in the community and in the state he was. Actually, his influence was even wider. I remember William Allen White, the famous Kansas editor, telling me at the 1936 Republican Convention that "Michigan politics never made any sense except when Frank Neal explained it." The editor of the Charlotte Observer — whose name I forgot — he is now dead, of course — once told me: "Your dad ran a fine newspaper. Of all the papers I get here every week, I always used to look at The Northville Record first. There never is any doubt about what its position was."

My father did have some important ideas about journalism, which I think are good ones. One was that he thought the newspaper should take a clear stand on public issues in its editorial columns, regardless of what anybody thought, but should keep

opinions altogether out of its news columns. Another was that the news columns should treat everybody alike. Appropos of this, I remember once setting our bathroom on fire smoking "cubebbs" — a kind of non-tobacco cigarette one could buy at the drug store. My father, now no longer running The Record, insisted that I go down and tell Mr. Brown, then the editor, how the fire started. I was terribly relieved when Mr. Brown didn't print anything at all on the Neal's fire.

The journalistic end of things didn't interest me while my father was editor of The Record. Among the many Northville people who helped bring me up, as it were, were the Perkinses, who presided over The Record's print shop for most all of my father's long tenure and for years thereafter. It was Mr. Perkins who taught me to "throw in" — a now-lost technique of putting type back in the cases after it was used, and who took care of me and didn't "tell" when I got sick after smoking his pipe. His elder son Pete — just back from World War I — taught me to play the snare drum, and his younger son Frank was probably my first hero.

After Mr. Brown took over the paper — and later when he sold it to Elton Eaton — I continued to hang around The Record Office — often

See 'Fires', Page 18-A

## 'Thy Life Shall Be Long . . .'

A SONNET TO  
NORTHVILLE RECORD  
by the Rev. Luther Lee, D.O.  
Dear Record, if true to thy trust,  
Firm for the right, never unjust,  
Thy life shall be long:  
New friends shall rise up by the way,  
And wider and wider thy sway,  
And thou shalt grow strong.  
Use ever a sharp pointed pen,  
Spare never the vices of men,  
At folly ne'er wink:  
Throw broadly the sheen of thy light,  
Put error and falsehood to flight,  
The foe never blink.

Speak loud for the poor and forlorn,  
The cause of the weak never scorn,

Be faithful and true;  
The erring turn thou from their way,  
Be guide to the feet gone astray,  
To all give their due.

Intemperance condemn as a foe,  
For drunkards have sorrow and woe,  
It bringeth to harm:  
Tell men if they drink they will fall,  
It conquers the great and the small,  
O sound the alarm!

Dear Record, this sonnet record.  
With honest and hearty accord.  
And sing it by deed;  
Twill add to thy might in the strife,  
Twill lengthen the days of thy life.  
To triumph will lead.

January 12, 1872



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not need paint again for  
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## Journalist Returns To 'Home' Newspaper

MAY 27, 1959 — An old friend of The Northville Record stopped in for a chat last week.

He is V. V. McNitt, president of the McNaught Syndicate and president-editor of The Southbridge Evening (Mass.) News.

The 78-year-old journalist, who started in newspaper work with The Record, lives in New York. He is in Michigan to confer special honors on members of the University of Michigan journalism department.

Each year McNitt presents McNaught awards to U-M journalism students outstanding in senior and graduate work, reporting and editorial writing.

McNitt, who was graduated from Northville High School in 1898 when Donald C. Bliss was principal, started his newspaper career as a printer's devil at The Record. Frank S. Neal was publisher of The Record at that time.

After college McNitt switched to the editorial side of newspaper work. In 1910 with the Central Press Association at Cleveland. In 1916, he was invited to set up a syndicate for The New York Evening Mail.

In 1921 he established the McNaught Syndicate, which today carries such features as Joe Palooka, Mickey Finn and Dixie Dugan.

Despite his age, McNitt still is active directing the operation of his daily newspaper.



Established  
1905

## Foreman Orchards

Growers of Fine Fruits

Has grown with Northville for 64 years & is still going strong.

50050 W. Seven Mile Rd.

Northville

# The Railroad—An Editorial Favorite

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postmaster. Dr. Jackson also sold the first issues of The Record. The latter building is said to have been located at the southeast corner of Main and Center.

Two months after the first issue of The Record appeared, editor Little began advertising for a press in hopes the ad would be noticed by exchange newspapers: "Wanted: at this office, a second-hand Washington Press, suitable for printing a six column paper."

Early in 1870 a "press fund" was started by prominent citizens of the community to raise money for the newspaper's first press. By February Little announced, "We are happy to state that, through the kind assistance of many of the citizens of this place, we shall undoubtedly be able to secure our press before the next issue of our paper... And furthermore, we intend

***Repeatedly, he sent  
up puffs of smoke  
for a railroad . . .***

very soon to enlarge our sheet one column..."

Then, with a burst of pride, he wrote a month later:

"The (Hoe) press arrived last Saturday and is now in good working order. As a sample of what may be done on it, our readers need but glance on this number of the Record which was printed on it last Wednesday, and be termed a fair specimen of its work.

"It is also our intention to add another column on each side, making an addition of four columns to the paper, which will give us much more space for reading matter and advertisements. When we do this, we will also make a change in the form of the paper, having the local items and general home news on the inside, instead of the outside as heretofore."

Recalling the hardships and the blessings of his 18 months as publisher, Little wrote on Christmas Eve, 1870:

"Under such disadvantages we labored until about the last of March, when, through the kind intervention of a number of our leading citizens of this village and vicinity, a subscription was raised, a Hoe hand press bought, upon the arrival of which, we took up our quarters downtown, where, considering

the publicity of our office and its meager supply of printing material for public view, we felt pretty much like exclaiming with a diminutive person at a rival of religion, who, when asked forward, replied, "It's no use; there isn't enough of me for a show."

Continuing: "The paper was now enlarged to six columns — its present size — new type and other necessary stock purchased, as increasing patronage would permit, and with the assistance of our 'other half' and a young lady compositor ... we were better able to give the paper an appearance of life and enterprise, which not only placed it in a position comparing favorably with other state journals, and receiving from many of them request to exchange, but also brought us many commendations, from far and near."

On March 19, 1870, Little's little paper was expanded from five columns to six, and on April 2, 1870, The Record carried beneath the "flag" (name plate) the motto, "Our Aim — The People's Welfare!"

On December 24, 1870 the name of The Record changed from The Wayne County Record to The Northville Record.

Generally speaking, editorials written by Little were non-controversial. However, occasionally, he did strike out in opposition to or defense of some cause. For example, in April of 1870, he staunchly supported continued use of the Bible in schools. On another subject, he wrote in February of the same year:

"The question of admitting women to the State University (U-M), has been a subject agitated for years, and 'til but recently by many, has been deemed an event that never could occur. Now, however, that all obstacles have been removed, and the same advantages offered to women as are extended to the male portion of our state, the parties opposed to the measure, including many of the press, are coming over to the victorious side, heartily approving the movement as one of Michigan's noblest acts.

"We know of no reason why our sisters and daughters should not enjoy equally with our brothers and sons in all that pertains to the elevation of their intellectual qualities..."

Perhaps the most frequent subject for his editorials during these early years — and the most successful — was the railroad. Repeatedly, he sent up puffs of smoke for a railroad through Northville, editorially praising the men who were actively working towards that goal.

Any little obstacle angered him, such as in his March 18, 1871 editorial when, commenting on persons who refused to sell land for the railroad or who demanded "extreme high" prices, he said: "Far better to take less for our land, or lose our 'current patches' than to linger another 40 years without any perceptible change in either population or size."

His editorials grew a little flowery at times: (Apr. 29, 1871): "Only those experiencing them can realize the disadvantages of living in a village in the interior, without a railroad. Isolated and lost as it were to the outside world, with no mode of traveling except through the old fashioned and undesirable privileges

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MRS. PEARL (LITTLE) DUNN, CLOSEST SURVIVOR

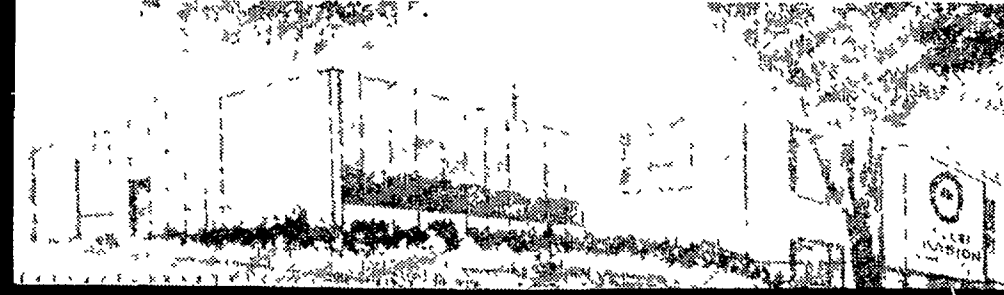


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to making Northville  
a better place to live  
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one hundred years**

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been in town that long.  
But hopes to be.**

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FEDERAL-MOGUL CORPORATION



# ... And Then the Train Finally Arrives

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offered by a lumbering stage coach, at 10 cents per mile.

"Surely one could not be censured were he to exhibit symptoms of insanity as he views the smoke of the engine, and hears the shrill whistle of the locomotive, while fast laying the tracks to his home. To him it seems more like the realization of a dream; the fulfillment of a prophecy wherein were doubts and misgivings.

"Many there are in our own town, who, a few years ago, would have had as much expectations of seeing King Solomon of old in our midst, as a railroad..."

On April 1, 1871, The Record carried a news item about the progress of the railroad:

"R. R. work is active here also. The big cut will be finished about June 15th, and the embankment on the 'Pennell Marsh' (near the Griswold Road overpass) in about five weeks. Only about 22 rods of the latter remains undone with the average height of seven feet. In Mr. M. Lally's contract of nine miles there are now 100 men, besides drivers, and 40 teams all vigorously at work under his superintendency.

May 13, 1871: "As is well known to those acquainted to this locality, the H. W. & M. R. R. crosses the road this side of the Clark Griswold's in the hollow just north of the Pennell place. Such is the nature of the cut at that point, that a person or team might be run over without having previously seen the train, or received the least warning. Taking this into

consideration, our farmers in the vicinity and others interested are wisely making a turn in the road, locating it a number of rods east, upon the Pennell place, and crossing the track by bridging the cut."

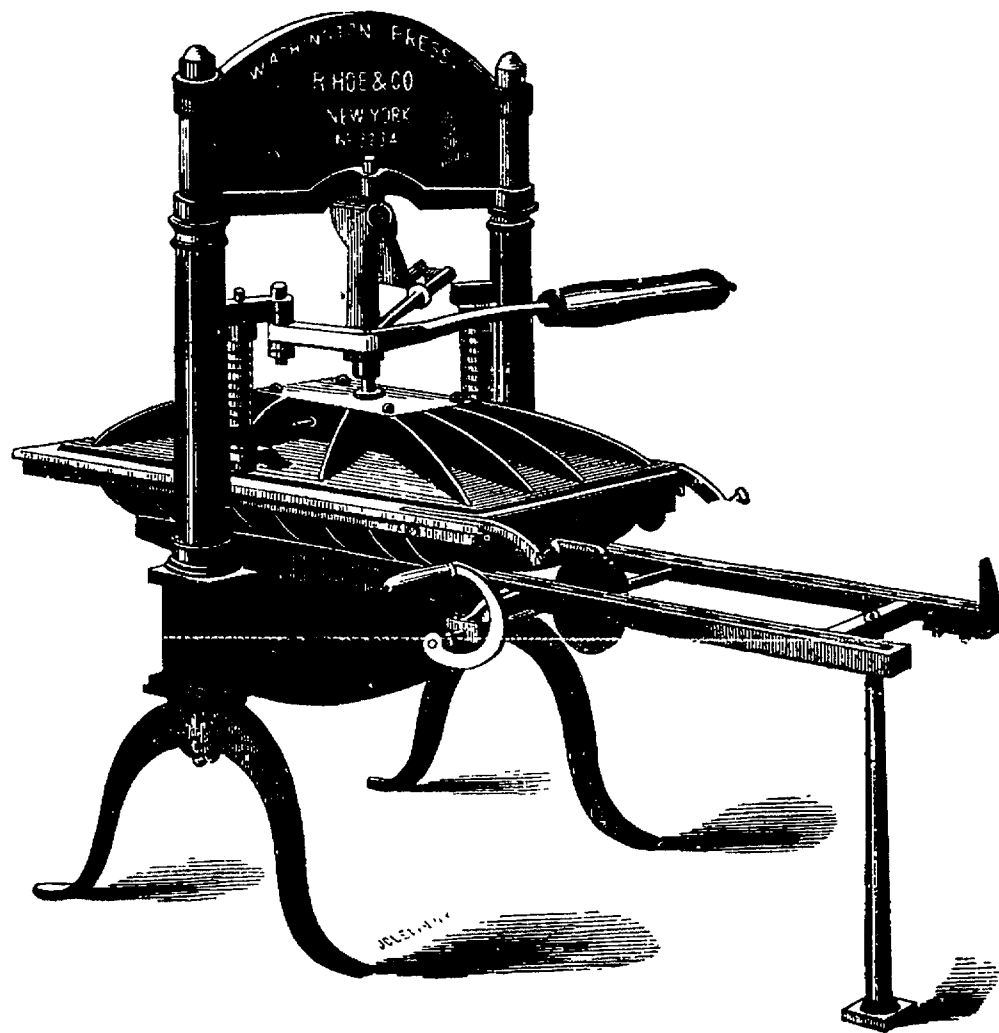
The long-awaited train finally arrived. On May 27, 1871, The Record headlines screamed: "Holly Wayne & Monroe Railroad. First Train to Northville — A Gala day for the Hamlet of the Hills — A general rejoicing over the Affair — Excursion to Wayne — Meeting of Stockholders."

After wading through the headlines, the Record readers read:

"Our citizens will remember the events of the past week for many years to come, as within those few days an event of the most vital importance took place, one that had long been looked forward to. Great exertions were put forth in anticipation of the day that should open communications by rail with the outside world, and preparations appropriate were noticeable on every hand for the ceremony which was to take place.

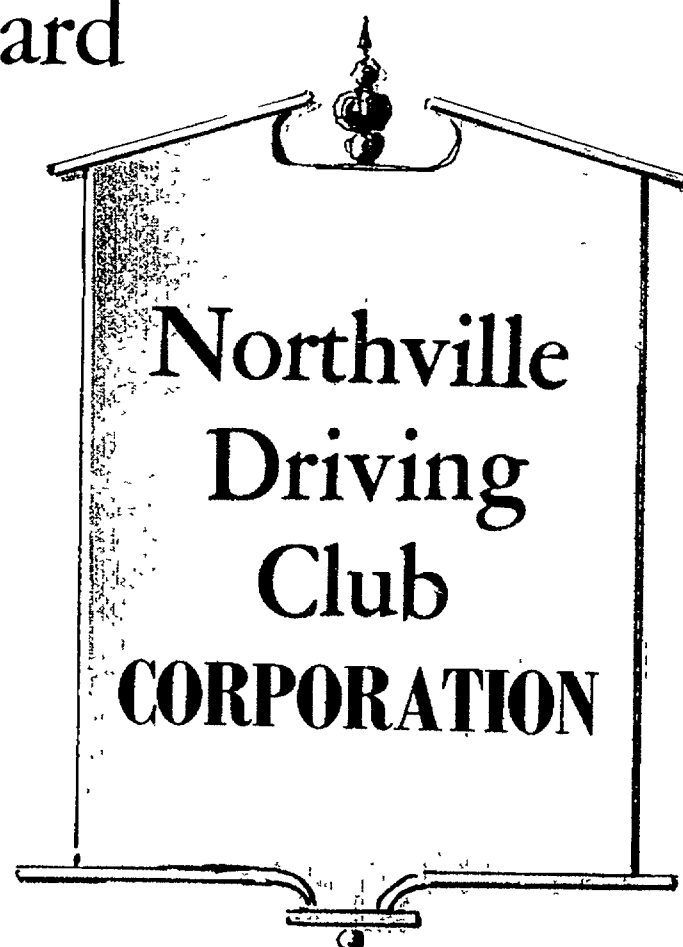
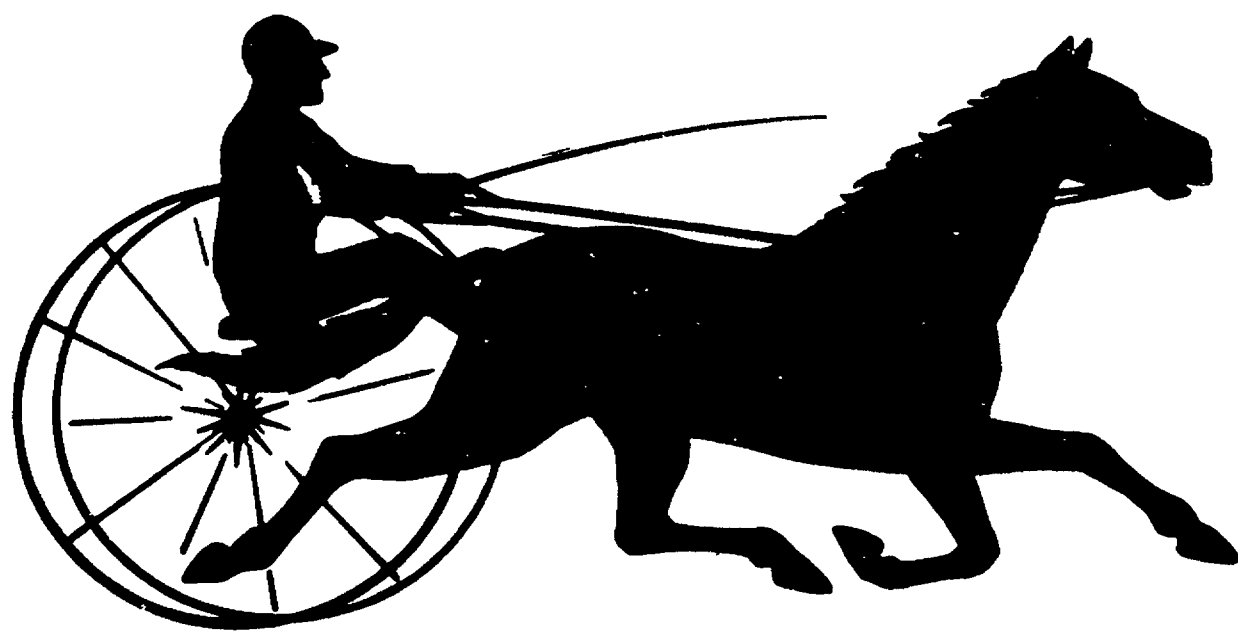
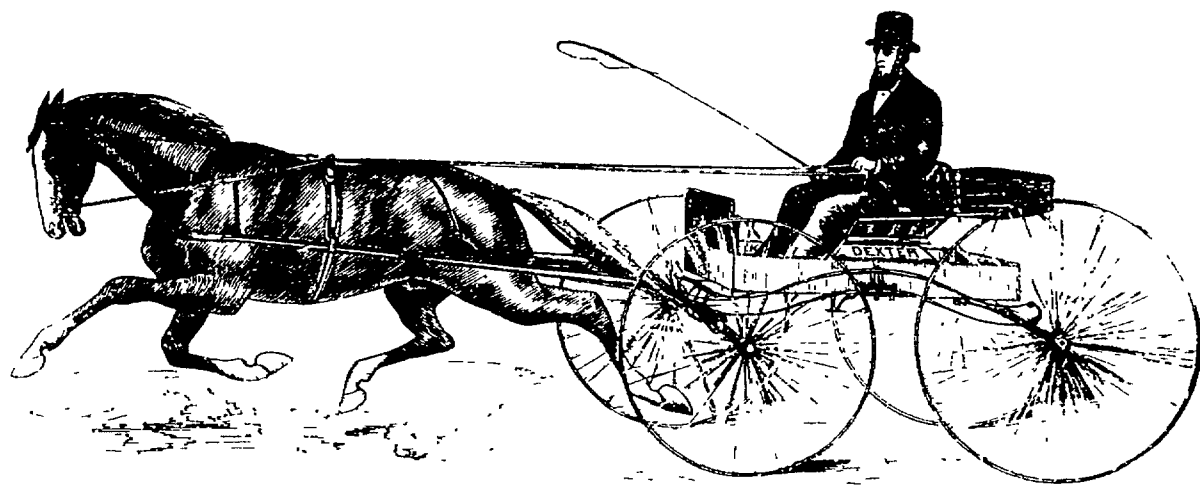
"The day opened rather unpropitiously for a celebration, rain commencing to fall in the morning and continuing at intervals in showers during the day. Notwithstanding this disadvantage, the people from the entire country about, and representatives from Pontiac, Clarkston, Milford, Lyon, Walled Lake, Detroit, Ypsilanti, Novi, Salem and other places were making their appearance 'til our crowded streets assumed an aspect seldom if ever

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**FIRST RECORD PRESS** — Here is a drawing of the first Record press, purchased by Samuel Little through the contributions of local citizens. Listed in literature of the day, R. Hoe & Company's Patent Washington Printing Press was in "constant use in almost every printing-office in the United States and other countries." It was "elegant in appearance, simple, quick and powerful in operation, and combines every facility for the production of superior printing. Each press is tried at the manufactory, and warranted for one year.

We've come a long, long way with Northville and look forward to many more years of success.







F. S. NEAL AND UNIDENTIFIED RECORD EMPLOYEES IN WHAT PROBABLY IS THE OPERA HOUSE

## Samuel Harkins Little Just Disappears

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large amount of advertising from that community.

On December 13, 1879 — the last existing issue of The Record under Little — he writes, "We can appreciate the kindness of Mr. David Clarkson — one of the subscribers to the opera house — who stopped us in the street

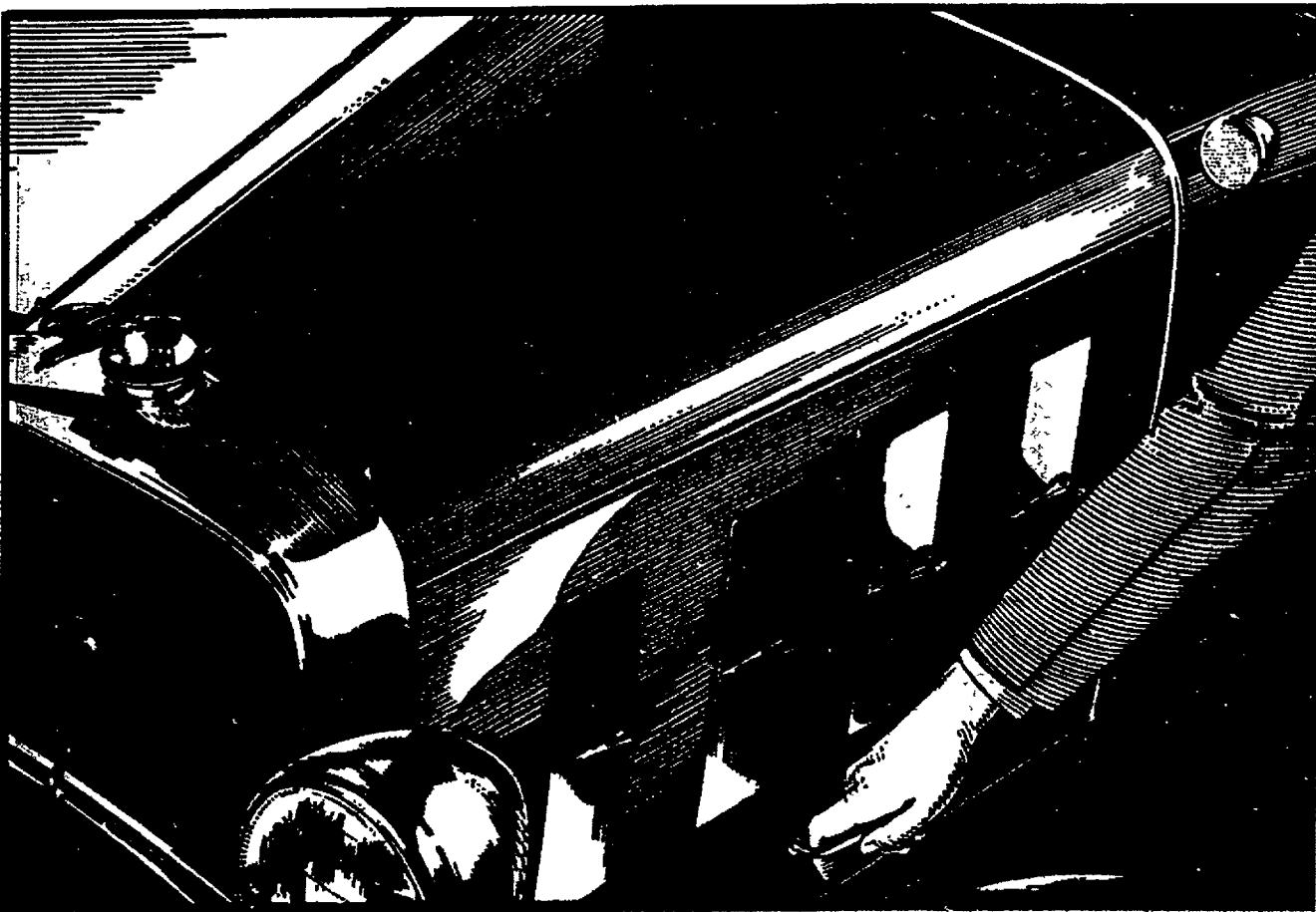
the other day and with the remark, 'Now is the time you need money if ever,' handed us the amount of the last payment on his subscription."

The opera house was eventually completed and occupied, but whether Little was still in Northville when it occurred is uncertain. The year 1879 is the last year in which Samuel Harkins

Little's name appears in the Michigan Gazetteer (state business journal) as editor and publisher of The Record.

Several mentions of his name as a Northville visitor from Lansing are made in The Record a few years later. He reportedly moved from Lansing where he engaged in real estate, to Grand Rapids and/or Battle Creek and

from there to Muskegon where, according to his brother, he died. However, except for a Samuel Harkins Little poem printed in the Muskegon Daily Chronicle at the turn of the century and a single line notation, "Muskegon Author", in the Muskegon library files, his whereabouts vanished with the passing of time.



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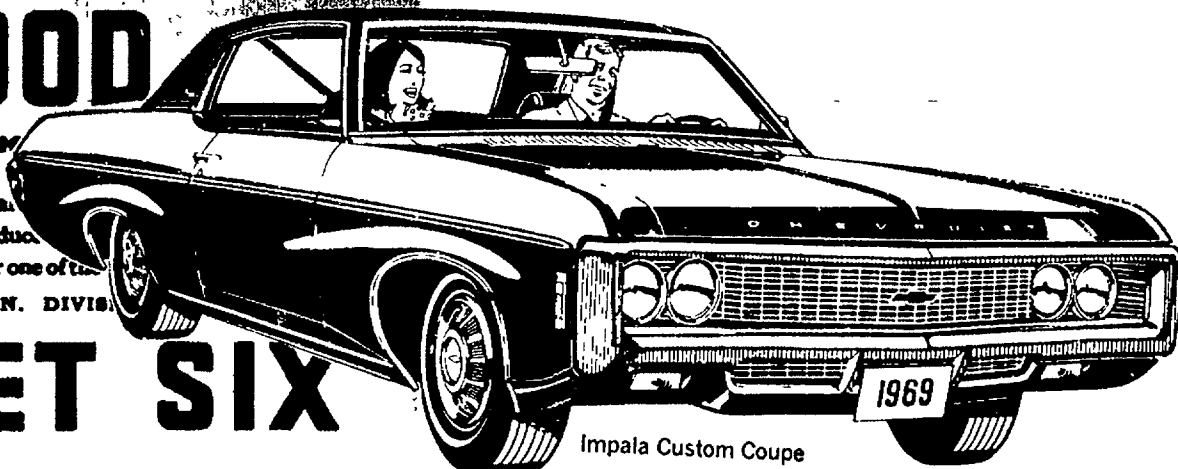
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# Record Makes Greatest Advance Under Current Publisher's Reign

During the 100-year history of The Northville Record, the greatest changes in newspapering have occurred during the tenure of the present publisher, William C. Sliger.

In the summer of 1956, when Sliger purchased the newspaper from Glenn C. Cummings, The Record was printed in the rear of the building at the northwest corner of Center and Main streets — still the headquarters for the newspaper.

The press in 1956 was an old four-page flatbed, single sheet-fed machine that had seen duty for a score of years. Flat sheets of paper, containing four news pages, were individually hand-fed through the press, retrieved, turned over and fed through the press again for printing on the opposite side.

Once the pages were printed they were again fed individually through an antiquated folding machine.

Composition of the newspaper, involving type-setting machines using "hot type" (metal), took place in the basement of the building, which years ago served as a barber shop when the main floor of the building was a hardware. Once the metal and plastic picture engravings were locked in frames (chase), the metal pages were carted to the main floor and placed on the bed of the press. More than once the metal pages fell in transportation, resulting in a pile of disjointed type

which meant the pages had to be reset.

Printing of the newspaper required many hours of press work.

In 1961 a major printing change occurred. A used, roll-fed press formerly used to print the daily newspaper at Greenville was purchased and installed in a newly constructed addition in the rear of the building. Speed in printing increased to a rate of 5,000 per hour and up to eight pages at a time — all folded!

Earlier that same year Sliger had purchased The Record's sister

newspaper, The South Lyon Herald, and these two newspapers, together with The Novi News, were printed on the four-page flatbed and later that year on the new roll-fed press.

But the biggest change of all was still to come. In 1965 Sliger joined with two other newspaper publishers in establishing an offset newspaper printing plant — Inter-City Press, Inc. — on Grand River, west of Taft Road, in Novi. With completion of this large, new facility the publishing of The Record and its sister newspapers

changed significantly from hot-metal Linotypes to the cold-type offset process — a photographic technique that greatly enhances newspaper reproduction. Typesetting went from hot metal machines to Friden Justowriters.

Then a year ago all new electronic IBM Selectric Recorders and Composers together with handsome new type faces, were installed in The Record building for composition of the newspapers, replacing the Justowriters.

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## Fire Destroys Record Plant

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getting under foot, I'm sure — and especially liked to play in the upper story, where there were vast numbers of colored paper cuttings, old type cases and a variety of other things. This was the old wooden building, which burned in the early thirties and was replaced by the Neal Building.

The fire — a fantastic blaze — occurred just as The Record incurred another proprietor, Richard Baldwin. Despite starting out under this handicap, and with the depression upon us, Mr. Baldwin made a great success of The Record. Journalistic standards had changed by that time, and the new publisher had had city

newspaper experience. The Record, under his direction, achieved a high standard of journalistic excellence. It had also its first "professional" reporter, Adolph Schwenger, who came from the Journalism department at the University of Michigan. Mr. Schwenger was called "Ad," a sobriquet which for a long time I thought attended him because he also handled the advertising.

It was about this time that I began to get interested in editorial work, and I more or less forced my services on Mr. Baldwin. It was working under his tutelage that I acquired the elements of journalism. During my junior and senior years in high school, I edited a whole page in The Record — called

"The Orange and Black" — which, if I do say so, was probably the best high school newspaper in the state. Summers, both then and later while I was attending the University — where I eventually became a very controversial editor of The Michigan Daily — I worked on the Record and, while Mr. Baldwin was away — took over the whole job of running the paper.

I tried to practice "big time" standards and sometimes forgot that I was really running a newspaper for a small community where everybody was, more or less, friends. In those days we had a one-man police force, "headed" by William Safford, who

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## 1869 - 1969 100 Years of Telephone Progress



Western Electric started manufacturing communication equipment 100 years ago and rapidly became one of the largest producers in the world. The company hired its first woman in 1871 and now employs about 50,000 in clerical, production, scientific and professional positions. The lass at the left above, wearing coveralls is assembling a nickel-plated desk stand in 1918 in San Francisco while her counterpart of today Karen Kehr, a Northville resident working in the Plymouth Service Center, assembles a modern telephone.



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# Tragedies Strike

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witnessed in the history of our town. Main and Center streets abounded in numerous banners and devices principal among which was a streamer stretched over Main Street with the inscription in red and blue:

"Welcome to Holly, Wayne & Monroe. It was darkest just before day. Light came with, We promise to pay. Hail to our Heroes who braved the cramps. Hail to those who came down with the stamps."

"Also from Lapham and Swift's store a banner containing: 'Northville A Point. A gala day for the Hamlet of the Hills.'"

"Wheeler's store was: 'A welcome to our friends of the F. & P. M. R. W.'"

"The store of L. G. N. Randolph presented: 'How happy are our ears, that hear the joyful sound, which Ypsilanti waited for, and sought, but never found.'"

"While the national colors floated from Kingsbury's, Beals & Co., Record office and private dwellings."

"It was expected that the road would be so far completed that cars could get into the corporation early in the afternoon with an excursion from Wayne and Plymouth. In anticipation of this, all were anxiously waiting reports from the 'scene of action'. Owing to a bad place through the Benton woods, where quick sand abounds, the work was necessarily slow, notwithstanding the extraordinary exertions of the workmen. The fact became evident that the iron could not be laid within the corporate limits before evening, which fact discouraged the greater part of the people who had been in waiting all day, many having baskets of

black border, he may have read the following short item: "Died. Little — At his residence in Northville, Monday night at 12 o'clock of inflammation of the lungs, in the 60th year of his age, Edward Little. Corpse taken to Milford for burial Wednesday, 6th."

The second loss, also prompting a black-bordered edition of The Record, was even more tragic. Wrote Little on May 11, 1872:

"It is with feelings of extreme pain that we announce the death of our dearest earthly friend, a loved wife who passed from us Sunday last. She died in a manner most afflicting to a husband, about an hour after giving birth to a son. Until within a few weeks past she was apparently in the enjoyment of good health and we took courage and hope that all would be well, but just as we were thinking that the most difficult part was over, the grim monster lurked from his hiding place and claimed her for his own...."

"We followed her remains to the narrow house after the funeral services, which were held at the Baptist Church on Tuesday last...."

The obituary of that week, which included a poem by Little in memory of his young wife, said:

"Died — at her residence in this village on the 5th inst., Alfretta F., wife of Samuel Little, and daughter of Mrs. J. Wilkins, in the 25th year of her age."

The baby died also, as evidenced by the final stanza of his poem, "Farewell Etta, thou art sleeping, with thy hands crossed o'er thy breast, and for our babe I'm also weeping for like you he's gone to rest."

On August 31, 1872, Editor Little

*'The grim monster lurked from his hiding place and claimed her for his own...'*

eatables with them for a general picnic...

"About half past six p.m. the road was completed as far as the tollgate, and amid the firing of cannon, the railroad employees, headed by the Northville Cornet Band marched into town, and to the Elliott House where a supper had been prepared for them."

"Contrary to expectations the evening passed away without any serious disturbance, the railroad hands as a general thing conducting themselves quite properly, the musically inclined portion entertaining their comrades and others desirous of listening with a few railroad songs."

"Reports now came that the following day, Wednesday, an excursion train would arrive about noon with citizens from Wayne and Plymouth, escorted by the cornet bands from each place, and that at 2 p.m. with the stockholders from here to Wayne, to attend their annual meeting there, an opportunity would be presented to all that desired, to have a free ride over the road and back. The news, as might be supposed was well received, and in the words of a lady observer, 'the faces of everybody beamed with smiles and sunshine.'"

Two major losses were suffered by Little during his tenure at the helm of The Record. The first occurred early in December of 1871. If a reader failed to notice that the entire paper of December 6 was framed in a heavy

paid tribute to W. H. Hoyt of Plymouth who designed and constructed a tombstone, "four feet high by 22 inches in width, and three inches thick, finished with a scroll edge. Upon the face is carved a raised Bible overhung by a heavy shield with the inscription nicely engraved thereon."

For more than five years, in a futile search for Sam Little's grave, Record staffers inspected two dozen Michigan cemeteries. A year ago they found his wife's tombstone at Oak Grove Cemetery in Milford exactly as Little had described it almost a hundred years ago.

The death of his wife "incapacitated" the editor for more than a year. Week after week, with hired help and his younger brother, Andrew, assuming temporary editorial duties, a notice such as this appeared in The Record:

"Personal — The editor of this paper is still incapacitated from grief caused by his recent bereavement to attend to the duties of his office. His patrons will, therefore, be under the necessity of exercising much forbearance if there appears a lack of interest in the columns of The Record for the present on this account."

Next to his newspaper, the most notable accomplishment of Sam Little was the big, brick opera house that until 19 years ago stood at the southeast corner of Dunlap and Center



**LITTLE HOME** — Home of William Little and his surviving daughter, Mrs. Pearl Dunn, was hit by fire last winter and finally razed this spring. The house stood on the east side of Center Street, north of Ely's Garden Center.

streets. It was also his last Northville enterprise.

"Little it is said, had one dollar when the idea of an opera house smote him," wrote the Detroit Free Press years after the opera house was built. "He did a major job of selling, collecting from a nickel to \$5 from residents for a theater fund. In return, he offered such things as a year's service as a coachman, picking up patrons and delivering them to their jobs. With the dollar, which he earned milking cows, and a gift of timber from his strait-laced father, Little parlayed

his dream into reality."

That Little milked cows or received timber from his father is doubtful (his father was dead long before construction of the opera house began). But that Little extracted gifts or loans or whatever for construction of the building is a certainty.

On November 4, The Record noted that "Messrs. Dean & Mills, from Detroit, were in this city Saturday last, for the purpose of drawing out a contract for the construction of the Northville Opera House."

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## MIDNIGHT HERALD.

EXTRA NO. 1.

The MIDNIGHT HERALD Extra is left at your door with the hope that it will give a slight inkling of the Spiritualist movement that is now going on in our midst. From time to time as occasion demands other extras will be issued, giving the latest developments as ascertained by our editorial staff, which fortunately embraces several able bodied spirits. [Eds. Midnight Herald.]

"A spirit passed before my face."

For some days rumors have feasted us that meetings were being held almost nightly either at the house west of the cemetery, or at the house diagonally north-east of the school house. Weird rumors came to our ear 'hat the spirits of friends and relatives had been communed with, tables tipped and slates written upon. Further, Sunday evening the spirits kept time to music varying from "Jesus Lover of my Soul" to "Yankee Doodle." Desiring to place facts before the public, and not mere hearsay, our editorial staff, on Monday evening donned their Ulsters, wended their way to one of the before mentioned houses and silently secured as comfortable a position as could be expected, considering that we had to stand up outside. Within, the lights were dim, the features of the select few were pale and ghastly. It was "the hour when church-yards yawn and graves give up their dead." The corpulent form of an able-bodied

spirit who is still on earth rose, and, deluded by the belief that Utopian darkness veiled their intercourse with Spiritland from the gaze of the common herd commanded the members that they should keep what they had seen and were to see, a secret locked within the breast. A short silence ensued—the calm before the storm—and then—well, we knew the revel had begun. Spirits from far (far to some present) off Heaven, and Hades, too, filled the room, and for a moment we half expected to hear Gabriel blow his resurrection horn. The table tipped and crashed, the lights looked wierd, but uncongenial minds being present, the spirits would not impart their awful secrets. The uncongenial minds being ushered into another apartment, and harmony being restored, the orgie went on. The "Sweet Spiritland" was sung in low, tremulous tones, resembling the song of the sirens of old; the medium's eyes in fine frenzy rolled, and we were beginning to doubt our material existence, when a form appeared at the window—man or devil we never stopped to see, but with one wild yell of horror we vanished—not, however, into thin air. Thus ended our first night with the spirits and the new-fledged converts to spiritualism.

We are able to announce, notwithstanding the reticence of the members that the next regular seance of the spirit circle will be held Wednesday evening. Our staff will be there.

Be on watch for MIDNIGHT HERALD Extra No. 2.

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**MIDNIGHT HERALD** — A newspaper nobody took credit for was the Midnight Herald, which periodically appeared mysteriously on local doorsteps. Most likely printed at The Record office, it attacked a number of local citizens without using their names. While it is not known definitely when it was published, The Detroit Sun reproduced one of the Midnight Herald's editions "as a novelty — novelties being a rarity nowadays."



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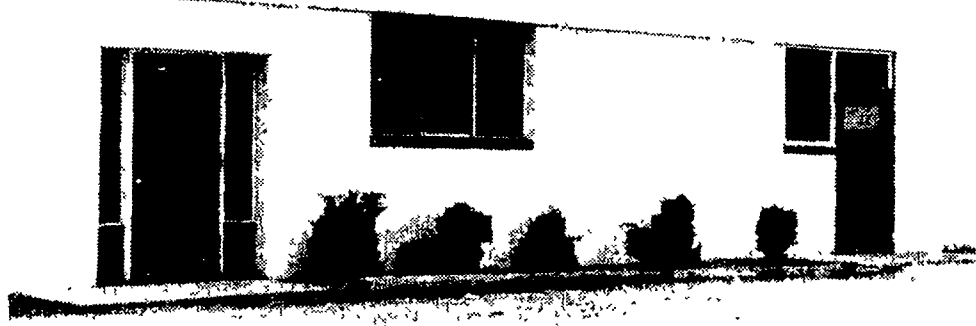
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TOMBSTONE OF SAM LITTLE'S WIFE AND SON

# 'Begs' for Money

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Two weeks later Little commented on the opera house fund, suggesting that the names of the subscribers would be published soon. He noted that the 'old yaller building' on "the corner of Twin and Center Street, which has so long been an eye-sore to residents of Northville, has at last disappeared — being torn down to make room for the Northville Opera House." He noted, too, in the same edition that the basement of the new facility "has been excavated, and is now ready for the masons."

Month after month, Little reported the progress of the opera house, occasionally apologizing for his neglect of the newspaper because of his involvement — often times performing much of the labor himself — with the construction. The building went up in sections as money became available and, sometimes, too slowly to suit the editor. He often begged his readers for another dollar for the project. Several benefit programs were staged for the purpose of raising additional money.

His continual plea for funds may have been, in the final analysis, a contributing factor in his eventual departure from newspapering. As the years wore on and the building progressed slowly, advertising in the newspaper diminished.

His problems were compounded by displeasure from village officials, who were critical of the "clutter" along Center and Dunlap streets in front of and to the side of the building project. Official minutes of the Northville village board on Friday evening, September 7, 1877 state:

"The following resolution was presented and on motion accepted: 'Whereas the condition of the grounds upon which the opera house is

proposed to be erected in this village & the materials for the construction of same lying in the streets adjacent thereto render the passage of said streets unsafe and dangerous requiring immediate attention, therefore resolved that the building contractors be notified to remove the obstructions to said streets within two weeks from this date or show cause why the same shall be allowed to remain'..."

Two weeks later the village board met and noted: "Mr. S. H. Little, projector of opera house being present stated that he had given contract to Dean Brothers of Detroit and in consequence he was unable to do anything about cleaning street. But that Mr. Dean proposed to meet the board and have the same settled."

Apparently the matter was resolved because no further mention is made of it in the board minutes.

On November 16, 1878, Little wrote: "Work on the Opera House is progressing as fast as our limited means will allow. Each day sees some advancement and the prospect for having some use of it this winter seems good just now."

May 31, 1879: "As anticipated in our last, the columns for the Opera House were gotten out at Dubuar's bending works, the turning being done by Mr. Rasch, one of the best workmen in that capacity."

Two months later Little is so busy with opera house work he apologizes: "Opera House work prevents us going to press on time this issue which will account for the late items."

By now local advertising in The Record has all but disappeared and Little, apparently in desperation, began running news items about South Lyon and, by so doing, manages to attract a

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# Neal Begins Reign as Publisher in 1891

Of the more than 12 publishers who have owned The Record during the past 100 years, two served in the State Legislature, two were private secretaries of Michigan governors, two were postmasters, and two were graduates of Albion College.

The publisher having the distinction of owning The Record longer than any other is Frank S. Neal, who purchased the paper from A. C. Walterhouse in 1891. For 28 years he published The Record, finally selling to E. E. Brown in 1919.

During those 28 years, Neal became one of the most beloved citizens of the community and a newsman respected throughout the state. It was under Neal that The Record office was located for a number of years in the old opera house that the founder of the newspaper, Samuel Little, had constructed at Center and Dunlap.

Born in Seneca County, New York in 1862, Neal was engaged in railroad work during his early youth. In 1889 he came to Northville where he engaged in a clothing business with C. J. Bail. Their store was located where C. R. Ely & Sons Garden Center is now located.

It was while Neal was publisher of The Record, and because of his persistent editorial direction, that the Township of Plymouth was split in half

in 1899, with half remaining Plymouth township and the other half becoming Northville Township.

A staunch Republican, his political interest led him into a successful candidacy in 1900 for the state legislature, where he served for two terms. During this period he was chairman of the powerful ways and means committee.

It was through his constant suggestion in The Record that he brought out Fred W. Warner of Farmington as a candidate for governor. During Warner's tenure as governor, Neal served as his private secretary. Later he was made head of the state oil inspection bureau.

So close was his relationship with the governor that he named his son, Warner Neal, in his honor.

His influence did not stop at the bounds of Northville. It was largely through his efforts that the old East Michigan Press Association was organized. The East Michigan Press Association eventually was made into the Michigan Press Association.

He was active in the organization of the old Northville-Wayne County Fair in 1916, served as manager of the opera house, was founder of the Northville Automobile Club, was active in the organization of the old Lapham State Bank, served actively in the Methodist Church here, from 1922 until his death in 1928 served as Northville postmaster and as such played a vital role, in conjunction with efforts of Eddie Stinson, in making mail transportation by air a reality.

For a period during the turn of the century The Record under Neal was printed in an independently owned plant called the Eagle Steam Printing House. It was during this period, too, when for about three years the only other newspaper in Northville, called the Northville Star, was published by E. William Balch and later by A. H. Herron. It carried a Friday dateline.

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William C. Sliger, the present publisher, has owned The Record for the second longest period.

Sliger purchased The Record and The Novi News in 1956 from Glenn H. Cummings. He came to Northville from Plymouth where he had served as general manager of The Plymouth Mail for three years and for two preceding years was its advertising manager.

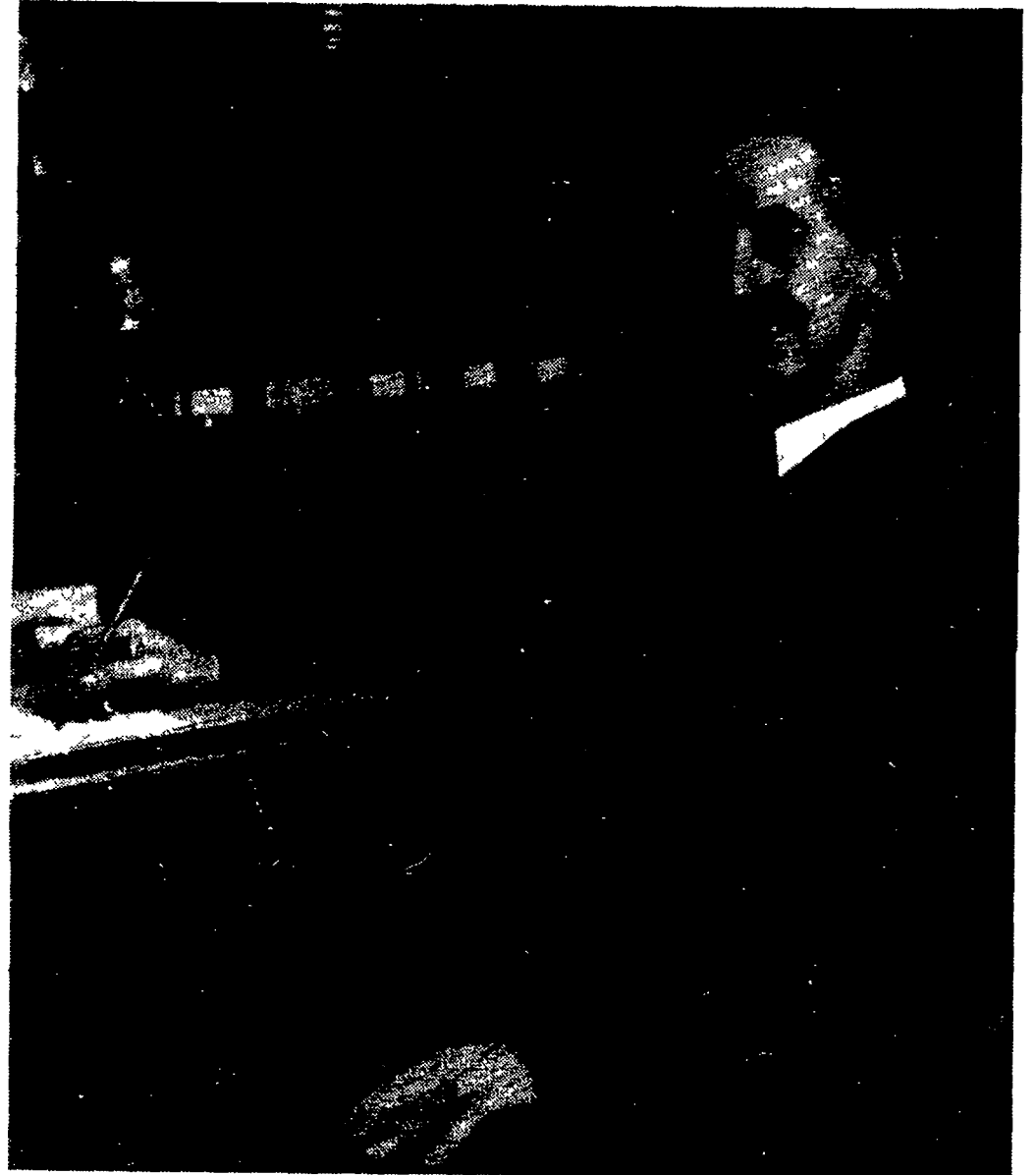
A graduate of Albion College, Sliger served three years in the Army Air Corps as a B-29 bomber pilot in the

South Pacific.

Prior to joining The Plymouth Mail, he had worked in both advertising and editorial departments of The

Albion Evening Recorder, The Cadillac Evening News and The Merced (Calif.) Sun-Star.

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F. S. NEAL--LONG TIME PUBLISHER OF THE RECORD



WILLIAM C. SLIGER

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*LOOKING NORTH ALONG CENTER STREET, WITH NORTHVILLE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION AT TOP*

# Sliger Purchases, Expands Record

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Since purchasing The Record the newspaper has grown in size and prestige, winning numerous state awards in general excellence.

In 1961 he purchased The South Lyon Herald and, in 1965, joined with two other newspaper publishers in establishing a large printing plant in Novi, Inter-City Press, Inc. He currently serves as president of this corporation. In April of this year he purchased The Brighton Argus, a weekly newspaper now in its 89th year.

A member of numerous local organizations and the First Presbyterian Church, he is currently serving his second term on the Michigan Press Association Board of Directors, and in May of this year was one of the judges in the National Newspaper Association contest.

*'The Record has grown in size and prestige, winning numerous state awards in excellence . . .'*

He lives with his wife and two children, William Jr. and Sally, at 18439 Fermanagh Court. His wife, Marjorie, is a teacher at Main Street Elementary School.

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Another Record Publisher who once served as postmaster was the late William H. Cansfield, who owned the newspaper from 1939 to 1948. His widow still is a resident of Northville, living at 404 West Dunlap Street. She was herself a publisher of The Record, following her husband's death in 1949 until 1952. As was her husband, she is an active member of the First United Methodist Church here. She recently was elected president of the Northville Historical Society.

Mr. Cansfield, the only Record publisher to die while owning the newspaper, edited The Record during the lean World War II years when even the newsprint on which the newspaper was printed was a scarcity.

He purchased The Record from Richard T. Baldwin, coming to Northville from Howell where he was

editor of The Livingston County Press for several years. It was at Howell that he served as postmaster, the youngest to hold such an office in the state at that time. He was the first president of the Howell Rotary Club.

Here at Northville he became active in numerous organizations, serving for a period as president of the Northville Board of Education. He was a trustee of the Methodist Church, a member of the Rotary and Exchange service clubs, the Lloyd H. Green post of the American Legion, and was affiliated with the Knights Templar and Masonic organizations.

A graduate of Albion College, he was 55 when he died at Sessions Hospital, now the Main Street Convalescent Home, opposite Main Street Elementary School. He was buried in Howell.

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The publisher from whom Cansfield purchased The Record, Richard T. Baldwin, is survived today in Northville by a daughter, Mrs. R. M. Atchison, wife of a Northville physician. Mr. Baldwin died in 1943; his widow died last year.

Mr. Baldwin purchased The Record in 1931, a depression year, from Elton R. Eaton. Five months after he purchased the newspaper, a new Record office was opened on the east side of Center Street, now the office of Carrington's Insurance agency. The building was financed for the new publisher by the widow of F. S. Neal. At that time Mrs. Neal still occupied a home that has since been converted into the headquarters of the American Legion Lloyd H. Green Post, northwest corner of Dunlap and Center streets.

The move into the new building was necessitated because The Record office burned beyond repair just before Christmas in 1930, destroying or damaging many of The Record files and bound volumes of the newspaper.

Temporary quarters used until the new building was completed were in the rear of the brick building that still stands at the northeast corner of Main and Center.

The building destroyed by fire, incidentally, was a two-story frame structure that originally was located at the northeast corner of Main and Center. Purportedly the first store building in Northville, it served as the first "downtown" office of The Record when it stood facing on Main Street in the "Williams" block. The Record office at this time was on the second floor. It eventually was moved in part around the corner to where the Carrington office building now stands.

Upon coming to Northville, Baldwin was already a respected newspaperman. For many years he had been editor and one of the publishers of The Albion Evening Recorder, and for a brief time he also owned one of the leading semi-weekly newspapers in California. At the time he purchased The Record he also was the owner of The Jonesville Independent.

One of the most significant journalistic accomplishments during Mr. Baldwin's tenure here was the publication in June, 1931 of a giant "grand opening" edition that saluted the new headquarters. The special edition included a complete history of the community. The grand opening included a community dinner program, highlighted by an address by the late Malcolm W. Bingay, distinguished writer and editorial director of The Detroit Free Press.

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Publisher of The Record when the disastrous fire of 1930 hit the newspaper office was Elton R. Eaton. When he purchased the newspaper in January, 1927, he, too, had already earned his newspapering spurs. He had been managing editor of The Kalamazoo Gazette, later leaving newspaper work to accept the office of sheriff of Kalamazoo County, a position he filled for four years. Later, he engaged in special newspaper work at Lansing, serving as correspondent for a syndicate of newspapers.

Mr. Eaton, who died August 21, 1952, also served as private secretary to Governor Alex J. Goesbeck until purchasing The Record. The year he purchased the newspaper here had special significance in that it marked the 100th anniversary of the settlement of the community. The community's centennial celebration was a colorful "homecoming" for hundreds of former residents, and Mr. Eaton produced a special edition marking the occasion.

Upon selling The Record, Mr. Eaton turned to another newspaper he owned, The Plymouth Mail, later published by his son, the late Sterling Eaton, under whom the present publisher served while at The Mail. Both father and son eventually served in the State Legislature.

Sterling Eaton's widow, a former Northville girl (Ida Rose Cavell) still lives in Plymouth.

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It was during the tenure of Glenn H. Cummings, who still lives in Northville Township at 43525 West Six Mile Road, that The Record's companion newspaper, The Novi News,

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ELTON R. EATON



RICHARD T. BALDWIN



WILLIAM H. CANSFIELD



GLENN H. CUMMINGS

## Number of Owners Passes Dozen Mark

How many publishers have owned and operated the 100-year-old Northville Record over the years?

The question's easier asked than answered. Not all copies of The Record for these 100 years still exist, many of them being destroyed or damaged in a fire that struck the Record office just before Christmas in 1930.

Some lasted only briefly, others were absentee owners or partners in the business.

Search of existing Records and documents at the state library at Lansing, the Burton Historical Collection in Detroit, and the University of Michigan historical library indicate that there have been more than a dozen publishers.

Similarly, it is difficult to ascertain when The Record switched from bi-weekly to weekly publication. Best

guess is that it occurred between 1880 and 1888.

Here are the names of the publishers and the years they operated the newspaper.

Samuel H. Little, founder, from 1869 to 1879 or 1880.

Willard E. Hess, 1881 to 1885.

J. H. Junkin, 1885 to 1887.

E. Roscoe Reed, 1887 to 1889.

A. C. Walterhouse, 1889 to 1891.

Frank S. Neal, 1891 to 1919.

E. E. Brown, 1919 to 1927.

Elton R. Eaton, 1927 to 1931.

Richard T. Baldwin, 1931 to 1939.

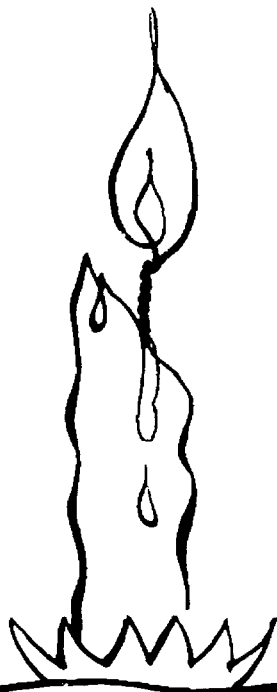
William H. Cansfield, 1939 to 1948

Mrs. William H. Cansfield and brother-in-law, Arthur H. Cansfield, from 1948 to 1952.

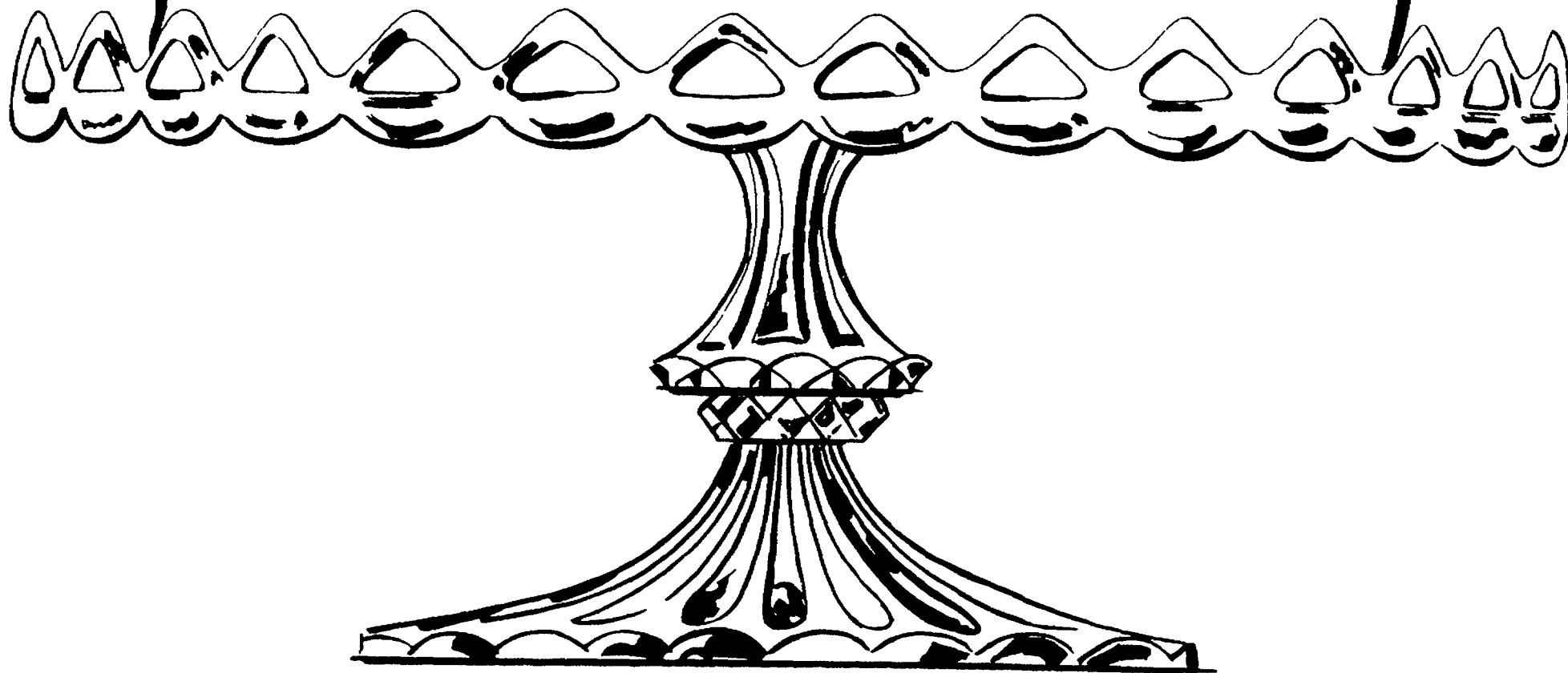
Glenn H. Cummings and N. W. Hopkins, 1952 to 1956.

William C. Sliger, 1956 to present.

# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> to The Northville Record



One hundred years is a cause for celebration. It's also a time for looking back and for looking ahead. The Northville Record can look back with pride on a century of growth while performing a vital service and look ahead with optimism to continued growth and accomplishment. We at Consumers Power are proud of our long association with the Northville Record and look forward to serving it for many more years.



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*Where "C.P." stands for Continuing Progress*



EAST SIDE OF CENTER STREET, LOOKING NORTH WITH THE TALL OPERA HOUSE AT LEFT (1911)

## The Record Production Up Four-fold

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Increasing size of the newspaper, plus the purchase a few months ago by Sliger of The Brighton Argus, required expansion of the composition facilities. The entire second floor of the building, owned by the publisher, was completely remodeled from apartment facilities into a large, modern offset composition quarters.

Besides the IBM computers and related equipment, the second floor also houses a large camera capable of photographing a full newspaper page and reducing and enlarging news pictures.

As composition of the newspaper changed so did the print of "job work" (stationery, letterheads, brochures, business forms, etc.) in the basement

shop. New offset presses and related equipment have been installed here as well. The latest addition to the commercial printing plant is a new Heidelberg offset press that prints 5,000 (18" x 25") impressions an hour.

In addition to The Record and its sister newspapers, numerous other newspapers are put together in the composing department facilities at Center and Main. Among these are college newspapers, high school newspapers, religious publications, and many others.

Since 1956 when Sliger purchased the newspaper the volume of production at The Record has increased four-fold.

Some two-dozen newspapers and

advertising circulars are now being printed at the press plant in Novi. Two large banks of presses, capable of printing 32 pages at a single time, are in operation daily.

Today, The Record employs more than 30 persons on part-time or

full-time basis. In addition, seven persons are employed at The Herald office at South Lyon and nine are employed at The Argus office at Brighton.

Inter-City Press employs 28 full-time personnel.

## Wrecking Crew Razes Old Record Building

April 10, 1931 — The sound of the hammer and crow-bar are heard on Center Street as the oldest landmark of Northville, the old Record building, falls to the ground.

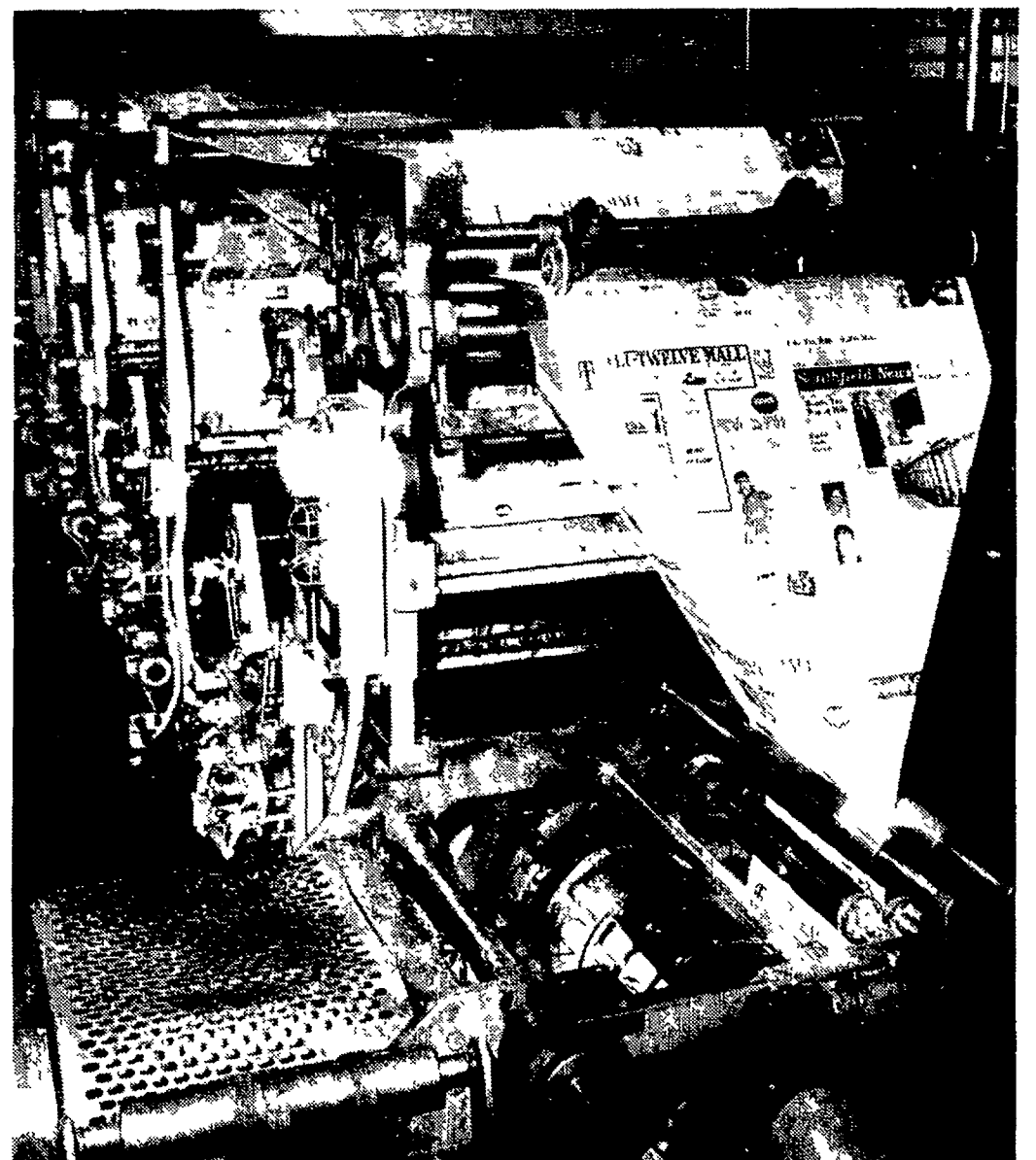
To the ears of the present owner (Richard T. Baldwin) of The Record the noise of this wreckage is music for it means that within a few weeks a new home for the office equipment will stand on this spot. To old residents of the village this means the passing of a building which was one of the centers of early Northville's activities.

It stood originally on the corner

(now occupied by Noder's Jewelry, then occupied by Lapham State Savings bank) when this was a hamlet of 150 inhabitants. Horses stood lazily at their hitching posts along the dusty main street and the primeval woods of the hills surrounding the village stood untouched as far down as what is now Randolph and High streets. That was back before the Civil War.

In and out of the door of the old "J.B. Hungerford store" went the women of the village wearing wide hoop skirts and small poke bonnets.

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ONE OF THE TWO BANKS OF PRESSES AT INTER-CITY PRESS

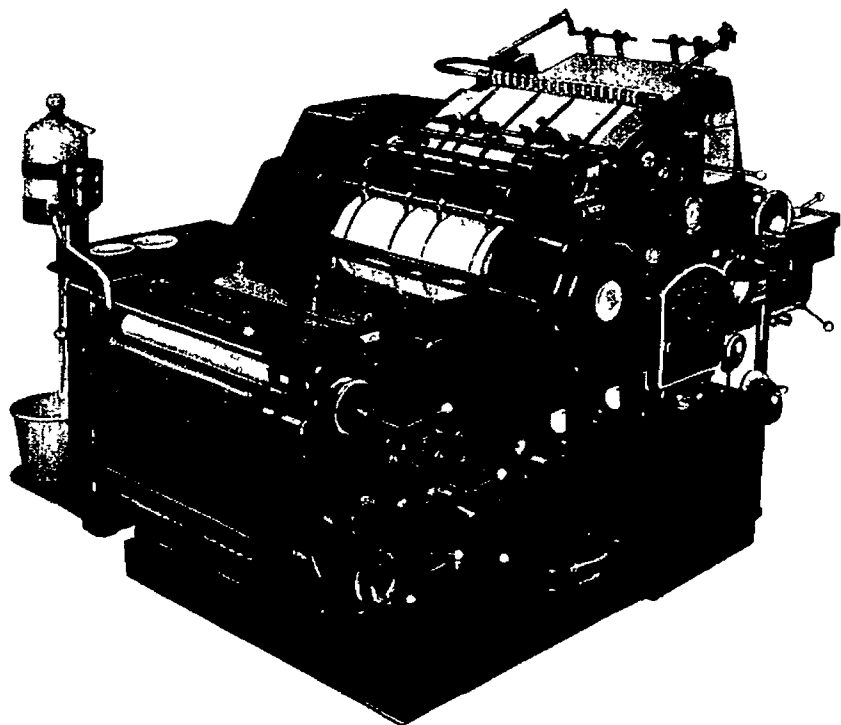




PASTING UP A CENTENNIAL PAGE ON LIGHT TABLE



RECORD'S IBM COMPUTER TYPESETTING MACHINE



OFFSET PRESS — Among the presses used by The Record today for non-newspaper work is this new Heidelberg offset press.

# Andrew Little Gained Prominence

Andrew James Little, brother of The Record founder, left a more indelible mark in the pages of history than did his brother.

Before his death in 1933, Andrew Little either founded or worked on a half-dozen newspapers, was a chief salesman and later officer for a photographic company, organized the first independent telephone company of Calhoun County, organized the Masonic Lodge at Battle Creek, launched the Calhoun County Republican Club, and late in life was an insurance salesman in Detroit.

Born in Northville, he "started the South Lyon Sentinel", where today, ironically, The Record's sister newspaper, The South Lyon Herald is published.

His wife was killed in an automobile accident in 1934 and his only child, an employee of the Burton Historical Library where coincidentally much of the research for The Record's special centennial edition was done, died in 1964.

A biographical sketch of his accomplishments were published in the book, "From Men of Progress — 1900".

Following his death at the age of 74 he was buried in the family plot in Oak Grove Cemetery at Milford.

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Of the third Little brother, William J., little is known about him. He was born in Canada, died October 30, 1901 in Northville, and is buried in the Cady Street cemetery here — a small stone marking his grave.

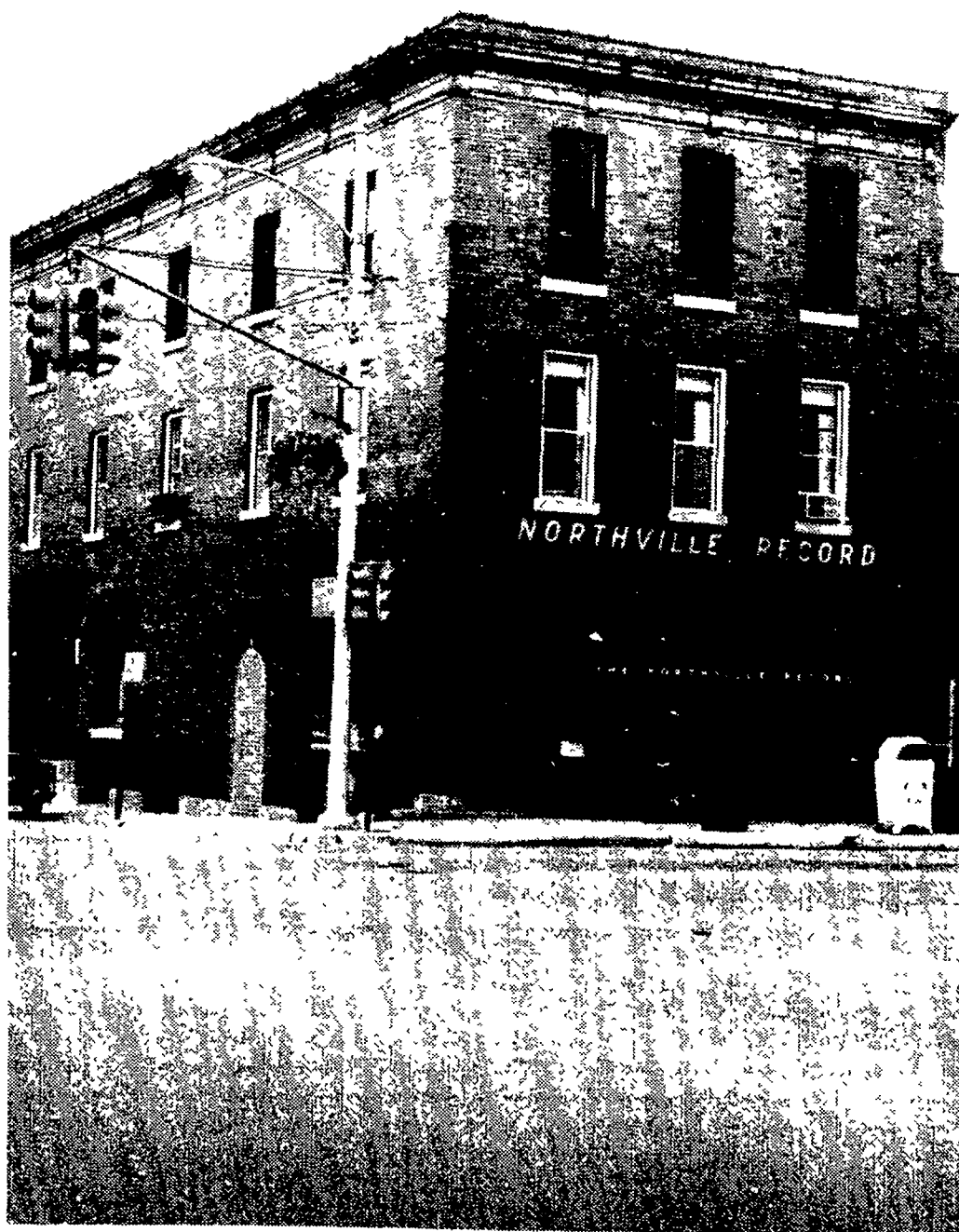
Old Records show that he was a member of Northville's baseball team, called "Eclipse", was a member of the community's band, and for a number of years operated the Opera House, built by brother Sam.

He owned property on Dunlap Street "between Center and Atwater", and for a period lived in the small yellow mansard house located on Center Street — razed in 1969 following a winter fire.

He was a member of the 30th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War, enlisting in Company C on November 26, 1864 at Detroit and mustering out at Jackson on June 17, 1865.

Of his children, only one survives — Mrs. Pearl Dunn, 503 Ann Street in Plymouth. Mrs. Dunn was employed for a number of years as a compositor with The Record under the publisher, Frank S. Neal. She also worked for a brief period at the newspaper office in South Lyon.

For many years, Mrs. Dunn was a correspondent for The Plymouth Mail under the publisher Sterling Eaton, whose father, incidentally also was a former publisher of The Record.



THE RECORD BUILDING AS IT LOOKS TODAY



The Flats, Northville, Mich

## Raze Building

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Northville's pioneer resident, Charles Sessions, recalls as a "kid" going into this store on the corner and looking up with awe at the bulging balloon skirts hanging from the ceiling. This was the "emporium" of the village in these days — a place where laces and crinolines were spread upon the counter. No "dirty print shop" like this.

Upstairs in the old Hungerford store gathered members of the first Masonic lodge organized in Northville. One large room and a very small one in the rear, where the "goat" and his habiliments were hidden, were the organization which a number of the "boys" who belonged to the Plymouth Rock lodge in our sister city organized here back in the 70's. Northville Lodge No. 186 it was and still is.

The charter members were Alfred Stevens, Francis Terrill, L.W. Hutton, George Bradley and James Sessions. One by one these men have passed beyond. Francis Terrell being the last living member. Charles Sessions was to young to join until the year 1884 when he began his long connection with Masonry.

In those days Sam Little was setting by hand Northville's first single-sheet Record in the old "opera house buildin" on the corner of Center and Dunlap. Before this building became the Record home Editors Little, Junkin, Waterhouse and E. Roscoe Reed, son of Seth Reed-the centenarian, published their papers in the former place (northeast corner of Main and Center).

In 1907 the Lapham State Savings Bank bought the corner property extending back to the building occupied by the Blake jewelry store for the sum of \$4,000 and Frank S. Neal purchased the old Hungerford building

## '99 Puzzle Was a Beaut

Puzzles weren't uncommon in early editions of The Record — but they were a different variety than is commonly used today. Take an April 12, 1899 puzzle, for example.

"Seven spots are made in a row thus, 'c e e x o o o', three coppers are placed on the e's and three dimes on the o's, leaving nothing on the x. The puzzle is to place the coppers on the o's and the dimes on the e's by removing the coins and jumping one copper with one dime or vice versa, never moving a coin backward. It can be worked. Try it."

and moved it to its present site (where Carrington's insurance office stands). For 40 years Mr. Neal edited the Record here and was followed by E. E. Brown and Elton R. Eaton. The latter moved into temporary quarters in the rear of the Lapham bank after the fire in December, 1930, which ruined the building and equipment.

In the razing of the old Hungerford building large wooden pin pegs seven inches long and over an inch thick were found to have been used as spikes in holding the heavy beams together.

(In its place Mrs. Bertha Neal, then living in the American Legion building, erected a new brick building and leased it to Baldwin for use as the new newspaper office).

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once worked for my father and was always very nice to me. For some reason or another, the village council — (I had started the practice of covering both council and school board meetings) — criticized Mr. Safford's use of the police car. I wrote it all up, making snide remarks, and put it on the front page. Chief Safford used to wander in to The Record Office from time to time, and he did so just as we pulled a proof of page one. He took one look at my handiwork and stalked out in high dudgeon. It was a long time before he spoke to me again. I do not blame him, although I did then. The article and my treatment of the situation were both quite unnecessary, and for a long time now I have regretted this incident.

Such things aside, working on The Record was not only a great education but great fun. I wrote a column, entitled, as I recall it now, "In the Office Wastebasket." I remember one time I caused quite a stir in discussing — based on my experiences in the respective churches on Sunday — whether the files were more pestiferous in the Methodist Church or in the Presbyterian Church. Being an ecumenical sort, I am sure I did not take sides. Also I was a Methodist, and — now it can be told — the Methodist files were in truth much worse.

Another time I raised a ruckus coming out for Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal, neither of which had any supporters in Northville. My father, as GOP leader, had been such a staunch Republican that many readers were incensed. I was also incensed

## Early Publisher Owned Steam Press

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was conceived and started.

Cummings purchased The Record in partnership with N. W. Hopkins, both of whom operated a public relations and advertising agency in Detroit, in January, 1952. Hopkins was an absentee owner. He still lives on Lakeside Drive in Northville township.

Cummings was a graduate of the University of Michigan, and he had worked on newspapers and magazines in Boston, Providence, New York and Detroit prior to purchasing The Record. He was manager of The Wall Street Journal's Detroit office for several years before entering the public relations field in 1945.

In 1955, Cumming's son, Tom, who became the business manager of The Record, conceived and started The Novi News. The News has been published weekly since that time.

In 1953, the newspaper office was moved — for perhaps the eighth or ninth time in its history — from the Neal building to its present location. The building, a half-century old, housed a number of businesses over the years, the latest being a hardware store.

Interestingly, the frame building that previously stood on the site of the present Record building was a bank and an ice-cream parlor.

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Of the other publishers, save The

Record's founder, very little is known.

E. Roscoe Reed, fourth publisher of The Record, was the son of a Methodist preacher. While he was publisher he served as clerk of the Northville Village Board. He reportedly died at the Methodist old people's home in Chelsea. He was alive and well enough to read the special "open house" edition of The Record in 1931.

E. E. Brown, who purchased the newspaper from F. S. Neal in 1919 and sold it eight years later to Elton Eaton, moved from Northville to Ann Arbor where he was associated in another business.

A. C. Walterhouse, who sold The Record to Neal in 1891, later owned and operated the Eagle Steam Printing House here. He disposed of the latter business in 1892, moving to South Haven where he took a position with Rand-McNally & Company. A Mr. Wood, partner in the printing plant here, probably, because The Record was no longer printed by his plant, encouraged the publication of the short-lived Northville Star. Walterhouse came to Northville from the Lapeer Clarion.

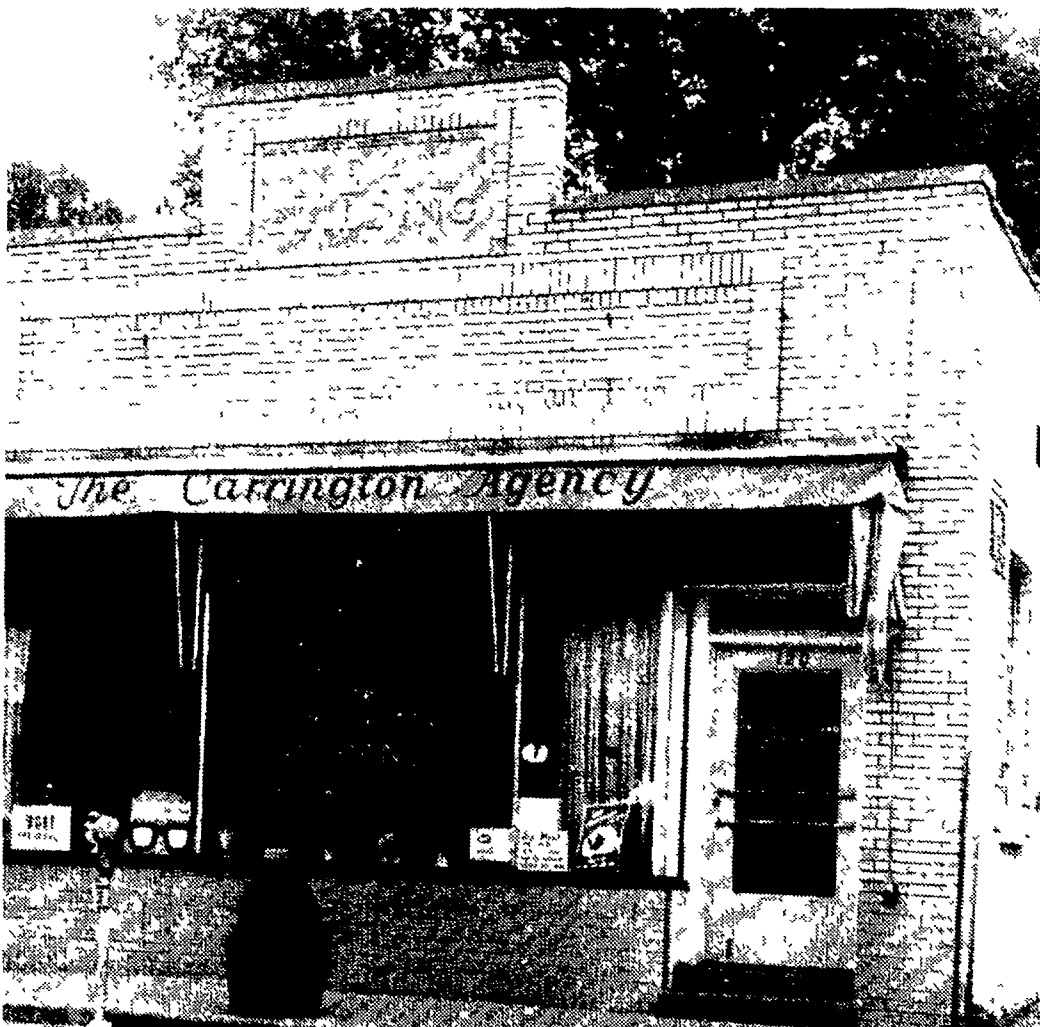
Nothing is known of Willard E. Hess and J. H. Junkin, second and third publishers of The Record, and no copies of The Record under their tenure exist.

## A Run-In with the Chief

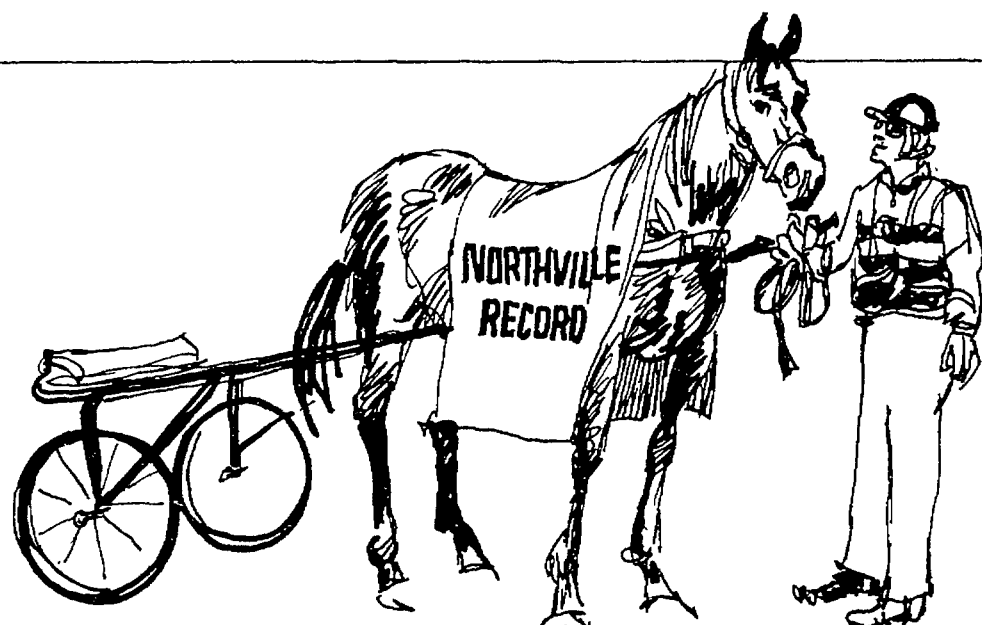
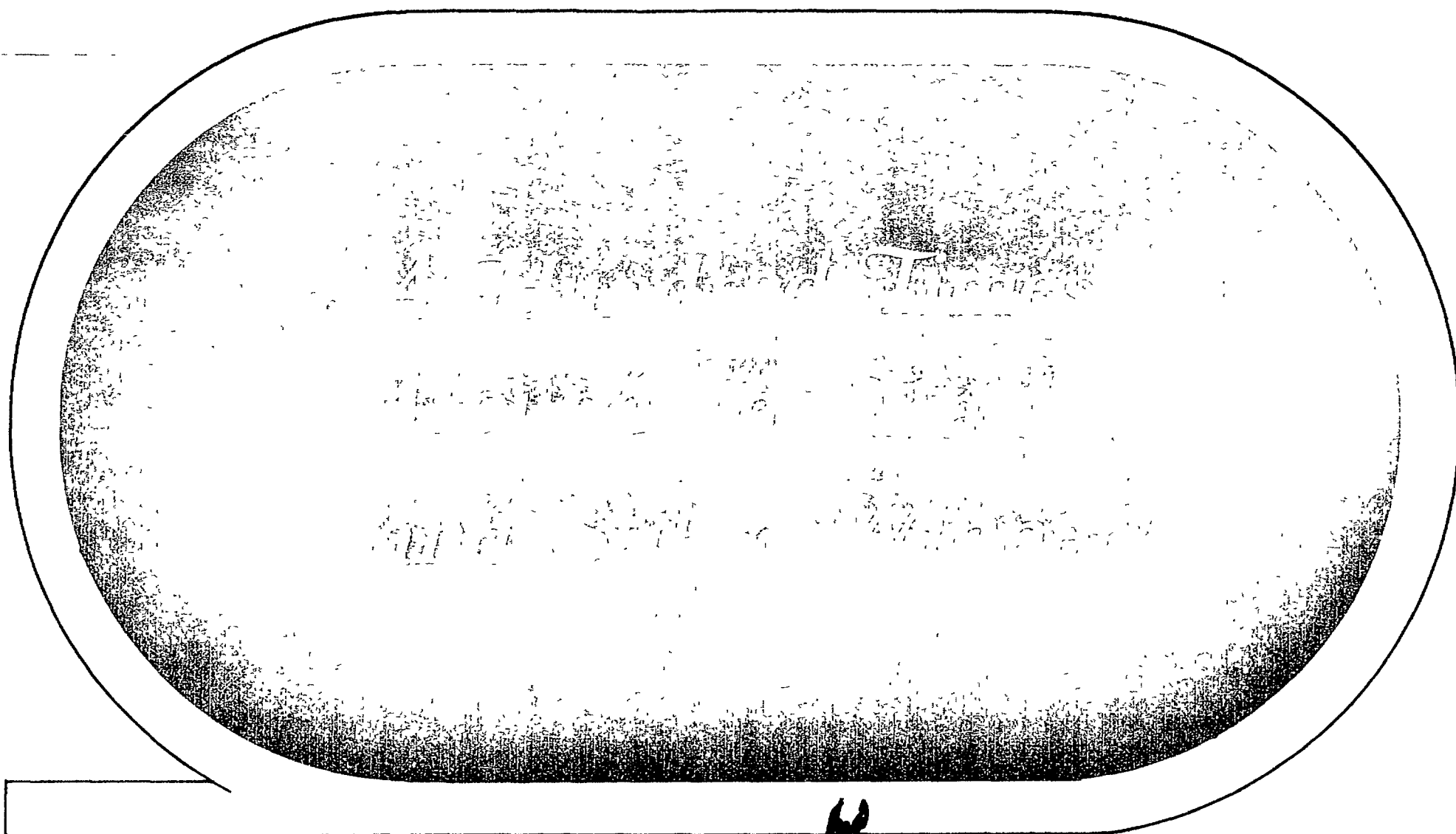
when some of my father's friends simply refused to take me seriously and assumed that I was kidding. Their reasoning seemed to be that it was simply out of the question that F.S. Neal's son could be for a Democrat, and if he said he was, he must be joking. Some people I never did convince — much like a majority of the voters of the 24th Congressional District in California where I was the

Democratic nominee for Congress in 1968.

As I said, this story should be about my father, who will always have, I hope, a place in the history of Northville and, especially of The Record. I am glad his name lives in Frank S. Neal II, and I hope he or his son will have an opportunity to write for The Record on its sesquicentennial.



NEAL BUILDING—LAST PREVIOUS HOME OF THE RECORD



*Congratulations To  
The Northville Record  
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Recording Secretary



## TO OUR READERS.

With this, the first number of the "WAYNE COUNTY RECORD" we present you with a new feature in the history of our village; and have added another step to the march of improvement. Gradually our town is becoming a place of importance.—Having educational advantages that can not be surpassed in the State; and as good manufacturing facilities as can be asked for anywhere. With the certainty of rail road communication with the enterprising towns of Monroe on the south, and Holly on the north, besides intermediate towns: of but little less renown, we are certainly sure of a space on the list of "fast towns" and "gay places." We know of no reason why our beautiful village may not, with proper attention to enterprise and unfettered, free, invitation to strangers, of either capital or trade to make their home with us, become one of the largest towns in the State. Already within a year or two past many new buildings have made their appearance on every side—new streets laid out, walks put down in nearly every direction; and such a variety of new and different objects of interest, that a person who might have left the town ten years ago could scarcely recognize this as the same place;—and what has occasioned all this? simply enterprise! And if such is the fact, is it not best to aid and countenance each and every movement that will be of help to the growth of the place?

Journalism has done its share in building up the interests of other towns and why not this? The people supported it till it was able to stand alone; and then it gave forth to the world the history of the place: the improvements going on and the future prospects, till such notices meeting the eye of sound, enterprising, business men, the result would be, that, knowing such a locality must be just the spot in which to dwell with hopes of pecuniary success and happiness; would settle there accordingly, making themselves and the town the better for their being in it.

We have introduced to your view and criticism, the first effort of newspaper enterprise in our village, and township, as far as we know the only one in the vicinity outside of Detroit. As advent of a person must be aware of much labor and newspaper is the undertaking requiring expense; and and spirit; for we know no little any hesitation, or doubt, that with our good, or however bad, we have to run the gauntlet of public criticism; we have carefully weighed all this and know conclusively that we can not please everyone, and therefore will but act in the best possible manner for the good of the community;—chronicling all objects of interest,—commending the worthy and condemning those deserving of censure.

## OUR POLITICS!

Since proposing to publish a paper, the question has frequently been asked us regarding the politics advocated. We would say for the satisfaction of those persons and any others that would be anxious to know, that our political standing is very generally known, but still we shall not adhere to any party or clique, neither shall our columns be used for any controversy on political subjects.

## ONE THING NECESSARY,

The only thing wanting to make a country newspaper successful, is an earnest co-operation on the part of our citizens. There is probably not a person here, but would like to see a home paper established, but it certainly can not live without support. Subscribe with us, Advertise with us; and we shall endeavor to give you a "Live" paper full of interesting news from every quarter, and particularly Washington news up to the very press.

Without question some of our citizens, who were not previously informed of the project, will look with astonishment on this issue, wondering much at its origin by one inexperienced in the art of printing, and as a matter of course will entertain serious doubts as to whether such an enterprise can flourish under so unfavorable a beginning, we will say this much, that having seen the need of a medium through which our business community could advertise their goods, and no other party taking hold of the matter it has devolved upon us. And as we have made the attempt in this direction, the idea of a "collapse" is a subject decidedly "foreign" to our intentions.

A few days ago Mr. Strickland of Grantville, Georgia, was married. While returning from his bride's room, he met a man, he knew whom and himself there was an old feud and to an altercation which followed, Strickland was killed. The bride came home with the corpse of her new-made husband.

## Solum Thoughts.

By JOHN BILLINGS.

The fear of God is the philosophy of religion; the love of God is the charity or religion.

Hens is a hen that lays more eggs than she can hatch out.

Better love pure child virtue than many but this is a secret known only to a few. I honestly believe it is better to know nothing than to know what ain't so.

Another the hardest work a fellow can do is to spark two galls, at once, and preserve a good average.

A nickname will outlive any man or thing like the crook in a dog's tale, you may cut it off, and throw it behind the barn, but the crook is there yet, and the stump the epitaph.

If you analyze what most men call pleasure, you will find it composed of one part humor, and two parts pain.

When you haven't got nothing to do, do it at once; this is the way to learn to be lazy. We have told that the best way to overcome misfortune is to sit with em—I have tried both ways, and recommend a successful dodge.

The art of learning the importance in the eyes of others, is not to overrate oneself, but to cause them to do it.

The true way to understand the judgments of heaven is to submit to them.

Method is everything, especially to ordinary men, the few men who can lift a tun, at pleasure, have a divine right to take a hold of it to a disadvantage.

The mind of man is like a piece of land that, to be useful, must be manured with jealousy don't pay, the best it can, is to discover what we don't want to find, nor don't expect to.

Secrets are a mortgage on friendships. A vivid imagination is like sun glasses, makes things at a distance look twice as big as they are, and close to, twice as small as they are.

Here is a draft on futurity, sometimes honored, but generally extended. In the world dispenses a hypocrite, who must they think of him in Heaven.

Flattery is like K-rone water, to be smelted, or not swallowed.

After all, the difference between the wise men and the fools is, while the fools are all fuss and no sense, the wise men are all sense and no fuss.

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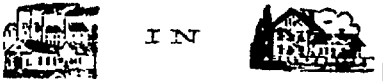
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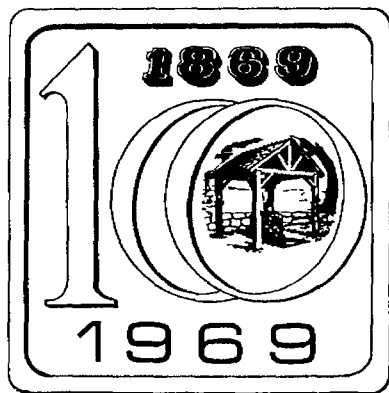
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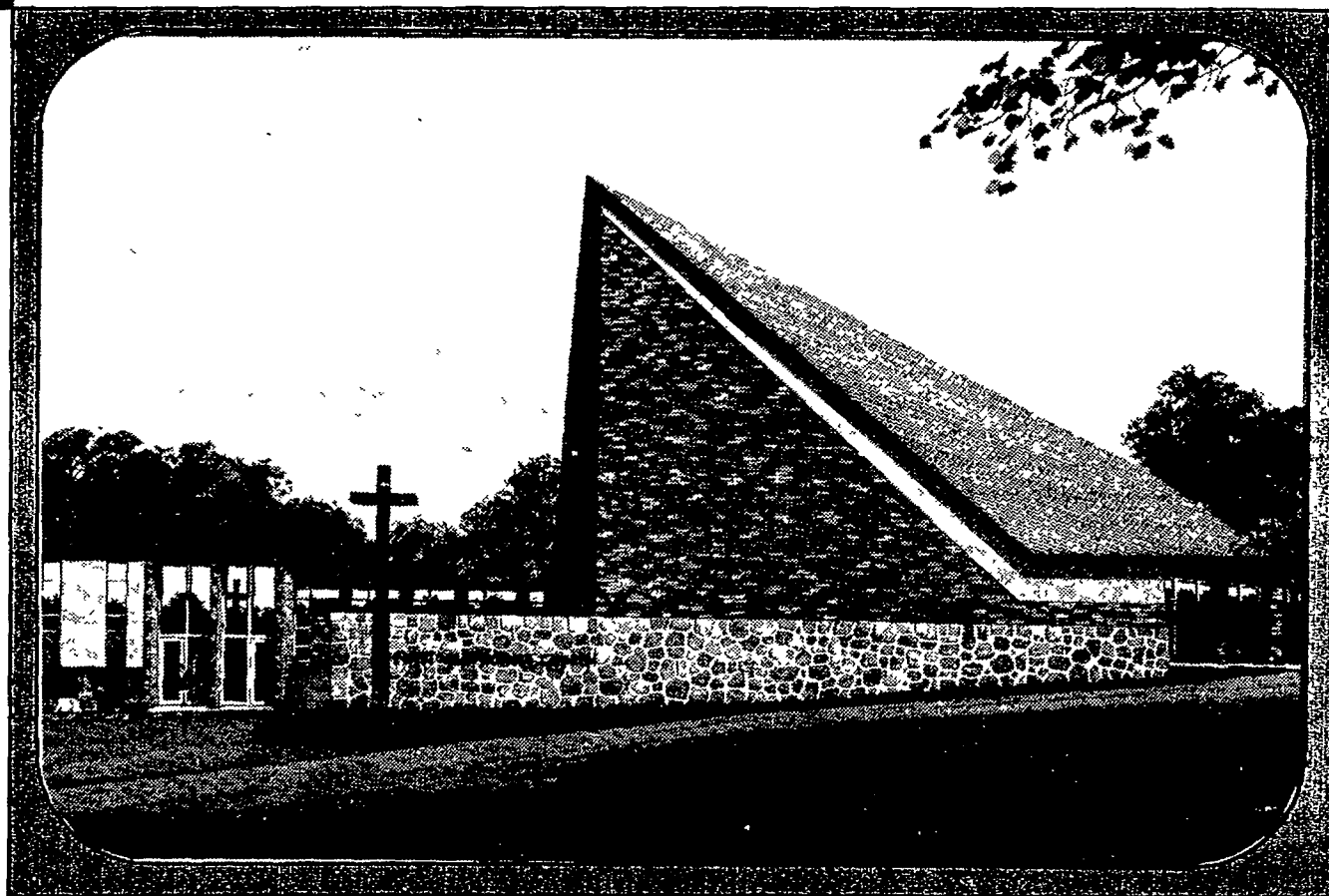
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'I Found Myself in The Woods'

# Baptist Pastor Arrives in 1833

"I arrived in Michigan in April, 1833. I found myself in the woods, almost among entire strangers," wrote Nathan Noyes, first pastor of the Northville Baptist Church.

Pastor Noyes, recalling his early experiences, continued: "I obtained a house near Northville for a short time. I now began to look about, and see if I could suit myself anywhere in this region of the country.

"I found a few Baptists scattered in this place, who appeared much rejoiced, because my lot had fallen among them."

The first site of the Northville Baptist Church was located two miles west of town on Taft Road. Services were held in a small log building for the 17 members. The first constitution was drawn up June 18, 1835.

Hiram Holmes, son of a Sunday School teacher in the Northville Baptist Church, wrote the following church history when he was 87. The article is dated December 16, 1921:

"By request I am endeavoring to give a short summary of the Baptist Church and Society of Northville. It was organized June 18th, 1835. The record of the proceedings of the Baptist Society of Northville to be the duty of the friends and supporters of religion, to strive to have all things pertaining (appertaining) to Christianity conducted in a becoming manner.

Therefore a meeting of the members of the Baptist Church and congregation met at the schoolhouse in said village of Northville in Wayne

County on Thursday the third day of February in the year 1835 agreeable to previous notice legally given, proceeded to organize by choosing Nathan Nyose to preside at that meeting.

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to draft a constitution to be adopted in forming a religious society; accordingly Ebenezer Pennel, John (Senman???) and Joseph Stiles be that committee. So the first committee named of three men went about it and drew up several resolutions purporting to arrange affairs so that everything shall be legal and in order. The annual meeting of the society shall be held on the first Monday of each year at which time the Board of Trustees shall report their proceedings to the Society. Democracy seems to be the watch word of the Baptist people or I may say that they reserve the privilege always of managing their own affairs in their own way.

The appointing of all committees and managing of all business shall be decided by a majority at the business meetings.

The constitution or articles added at any annual meeting of the Society by the concurrence of two thirds of the members present (except the 2nd and 5th articles). Elder Nathan Noyes and Ebenezer Pennel were chosen as inspectors of the election of trustees, the judges of the qualifications of voters and the officers to return the names of the persons who by plurality of vote were elected and Henry

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(Knapp??), David Gregory, Hester (SI-??), Merritt Randolph, William Munn, Samuel Rogers and Ebenezer Pennel were elected as trustees of said society. We now have the names of the men who were officers and trustees that by knowledge and consent were very instrumental in organizing the above society and also were very exact and painstaking about the Baptist Church and Society of Northville.

On January 2, 1837, \$800 had been raised by subscription and \$500 paid in toward a fund to build a house of worship (on the same date the members of trustees was changed from seven to five).

It does not appear just when the first meeting house was built, however all meetings seem to have been held at the home of one of the members until after 1839. The annual meeting of January 4, 1841 is recorded to have been held in the Baptist meeting house. So the first church edifice must have been built in 1839 or 1840. We find a statement that no record of the meetings of the trustees were kept, the clerk being away for sometime.

On May 1st, 1844 the church site consisting of a half-acre of land was deeded to the Baptist Society by William Dunlap and Sarah Dunlap his wife. George Dunlap and Leander Ferguson were witnesses of signing of the deed. On September 20, 1848, articles of association were again filed in the Wayne County clerk's office. Voted to build sheds November 11, 1852. There were 14 sheds built to shelter the faithful horses and a corner shed for woodhouse at a cost of \$243. These sheds were sold to the highest bidder and brought \$237, a small loss, but they were worth what they cost both to man and beast and did good service till the summer of 1888.

At every annual meeting for ten years it was voted to find cost of repairing meeting house. Anyhow the people built their meeting house and went to meetings in those days.

In January 4, 1858 it was again voted on and a plan adopted to build an addition of 12 feet. The old gallery was to be taken out and a new gallery built at the end of the house, the seats turned and the desk placed in the west end but this motion was lost. But as luck would have it, a special meeting was called a month later and in 1859 a contract was given to S. Williams to alter and construct the house of worship. It was dedicated on December first 1859.

The cost of building the meeting house was over \$1475. On November 29, 1859 it was voted to adopt a policy of having the pews free. It was first voted to obtain a parsonage in 1867.

Dr. Gardner's house was examined, \$1130 dollars raised for parsonage by April 6, 1867 but by some hook or crook no further mention was made about parsonage.

A 1000 pound bell was purchased in 1879 for \$278.75 — first part of the fund necessary was left to the church by Samuel Rogers previous to his decease, so says the record but as I recollect about it Samuel Rogers and Aldrich (Knapp??) agreed between themselves that they would purchase the bell about that time. It was hung in the bell tower at the cost of \$3.65. Mr. Rogers died and his son Daniel Rogers and Aldrich Knapp paid for the bell and the rest of us knew nothing about



UNIDENTIFIED INTERIOR PICTURE OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

it 'til the bell was on the church lot. Daniel Rogers, I expect, because he wanted to, took the place of his father and helped largely to support the church as long as he lived.

G. G. VanZile (??) built the parsonage in 1888. The whole cost to the members of the church was \$1200 but one bad feature of the case was to get people to agree what to do with the old horse shed, where to locate the parsonage, also to get together and go about it.

The first furnace was installed in 1890. There is, of course, more of the history of the Baptist Church and Society but perhaps this will suffice for the present. Allow me to say, however, that the churches of Northville and surrounding country must be among the best of institutions. Everybody says they are. Let a man look about to buy a farm or other property and among

the first things he seems to think about are there any churches and school houses near by.

The sabbath schools, as they used to be conducted 60, 70 or more years ago, used to unite and have their sabbath school picnics as I recollect about it 75 or more years ago. The children of the three churches would gather together on the 4th of July for a grand celebration. They would form in a line about where the post office is, drawn up four abreast, and the column would reach north about a half of a mile — some of my older sisters acting as teachers; Colonel Hungerford on horseback riding Deacon Dennis's brown Dick, a splendid horse and acting as marshal of the day.

My father was teacher in the sabbath school in the old Baptist meeting house, and when I was about six years old I can recollect how

pleased he looked when Alfred and I could repeat our five verses that we had learned through the week. Can't help it my friend I must shed tears of joy when I think of those old times back there.

When the people, the men, women and children came from the east and other parts of the country to these many years ago, a colony of people seemed to be willing to pitch their tent on the site where the Village of Northville now stands. Some of this colony of people that were coming in from different parts of the country began building the village of Northville from the stump in about 1826. Others there were of more romantic dispositions, who chose to exercise their ability and strength chose the outside about the town and cut their way in through the wilderness.

The church pioneers back there certainly are deserving of a great deal of credit, more so than we can find words to express. Undoubtedly they were descendants of church going people in a great measure and as soon as it could be brought about they built their churches to worship God according to their own conscience."

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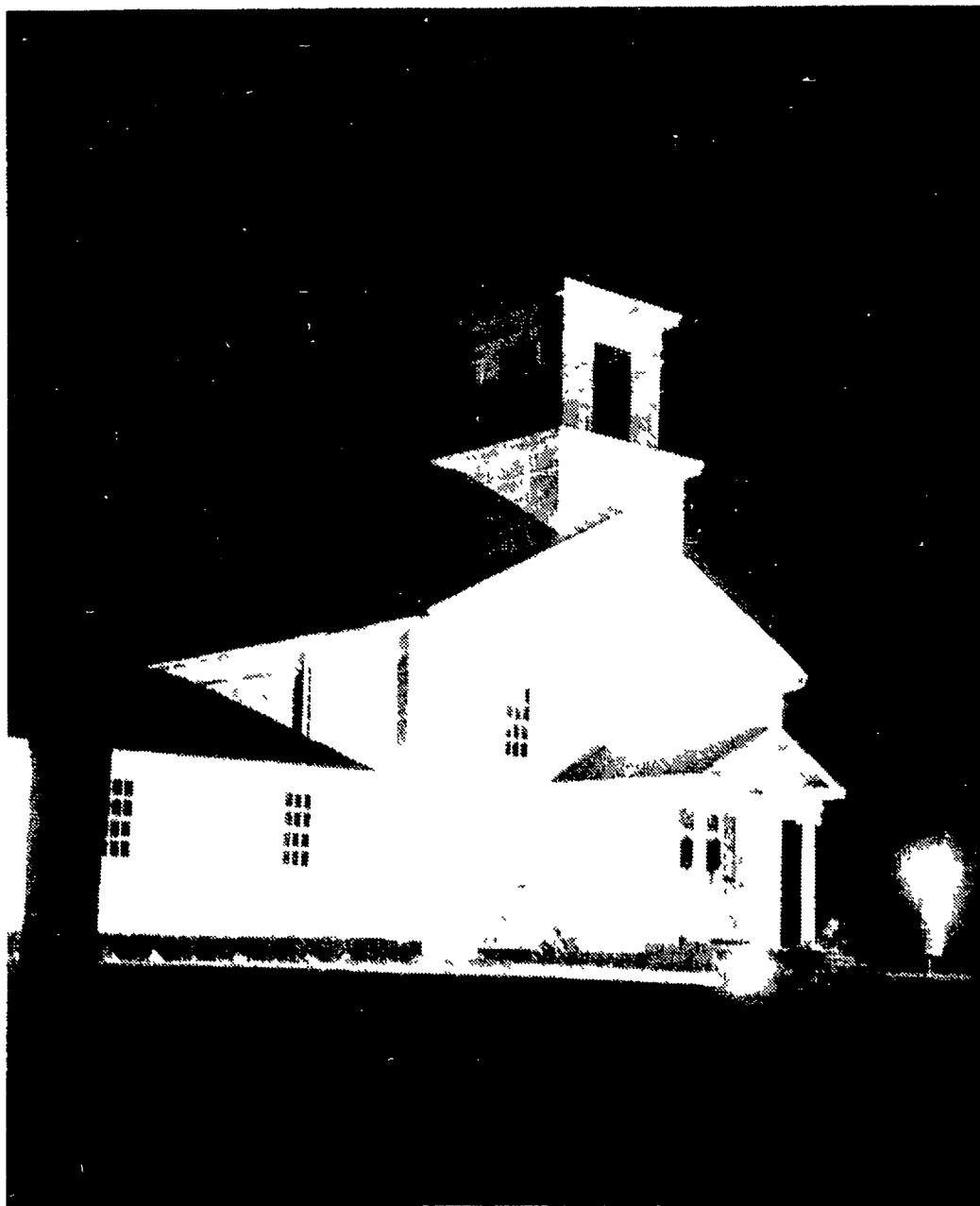
July, 1895, marked the time when individual Communion cups were first used in the services at the First Baptist Church of Northville.

In the early part of 1927, the interior of the church built in 1859 was reconstructed. A new constitution for the church became effective February 10, 1931.

The church centennial was celebrated in 1935 with services and programs held throughout the entire week of May 19-26.

During the next 10 years, the church went through a period of spiritual and financial difficulties. Many members left the congregation and the remaining few struggled to keep the church going. The church regained strength in membership and community position when Pastor Walter Balagh assumed duties at the First Baptist Church.

Pastor Balagh discontinued the fund raising events of suppers and bazaars and concentrated upon soliciting funds directly from the congregation.



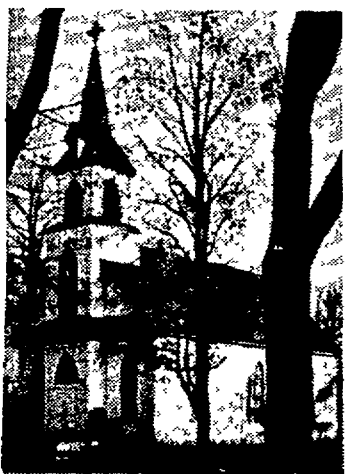
NIGHT PICTURE OF PRESENT BAPTIST CHURCH

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1897-1937

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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1922-1957

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As You See it Today



1836-1846

### First Presbyterian Church

200 E. Main Northville



As You See it Today

## But Musical Instruments Banned

# First Presbyterians Sing Hymns

**Editor's Note** — The following history of the First Presbyterian Church was prepared by Charles L. Dubuar and presented Sunday, December 1, 1929 at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the church.

At the first meeting of the trustees, February 16, 1835, William Dunlap was chosen collector and William Yerkes building committeeman.

The trustees were at once authorized to erect a church building in the village of Northville, the size of the house to be 24x30 feet and to cost \$300, and including a fence for the lot. The next day the present site was donated by Daniel L. Cady, one of the prominent early pioneers of Northville and a grandfather of our trustee, L. A. Babbitt, on a bond of \$250 that a church would be completed within two years.

On March 6, 1835, a contract was made with John Lemon to erect the building and fence the lot at a figure of \$330. The building was completed October 20, 1836. In November the church entered the new house.

Here fits in very appropriately, a letter from David M. Ladd who, coming here from the Presbyterian church, Utica, New York, became a member of our church November 19, 1836, and retained such membership until December 3, 1838. This letter was in reply to an invitation extended him to attend the 75th anniversary.

Milford, Mich., Nov. 24, 1904, Dear Brother Jerome:

"Yours of the 21st is received, informing me that the Northville Presbyterian church proposes to observe next Sunday as a memorial day of the seventy-fifth year of their organization, and a kind invitation to be present if possible. Thanks for your kind remembrance. Nothing would please me better than to meet the sons and daughters and grandchildren (now members of the old church) of those early members of the church of 1836-37-38 (all gone, perhaps, with the exception of myself), for it was my privilege to make the Northville church my church home for those years.

"Memory recalls that at that day there was where now stands the present church, a small wooden church, very plain and a single door in the north end. From it an aisle running south near to what was called the pulpit, with seats on each side. All very plain, no pictures on the walls, no organ or musical instruments, not even a bass viol which had been pronounced by the presiding elder of the Methodist church of that day an 'ungodly fiddle', and ordered out of the church.

"If I remember right there was no special choir, but everybody sung that could sing, using Watts' hymns to the tunes of 'Old Hundred', 'Hebron', 'Balerna' and others. It need not be surprising if there was some discord as well as harmony in our singing for I undertook to sing as well as others.

"From the summer of 1836 to 1837 except for a short time, we were without a minister, but a morning service was held and a sermon read, these meetings being led by Father Hay or by Deacon Smith. There lived in Farmington at that day a farming minister, Mr. Prince, and he was engaged for a part of the summer to preach once in two weeks. Memory

says that he announced that his morning sermon would be doctrinal and the afternoon practical. So in the morning we had foreordination, perseverance of the saints, etc., and such was the propelling force of the morning sermon that it forced its way largely into the afternoon one. Now you can see how it is that we are so orthodox.

"Of the male members of the church of that day, memory calls up the names of Father Hay, Deacon Smith, Deacon Bradley, Dr. Emory, Mr. Pinkerton, Clark Griswold, Clinton Johnson and Deacon Fuller, and the women members — Mrs. William Yerkes, the mother and grandmother of the numerous clan Yerkes, many of whom doubtless will be with you

Sunday and Mrs. William Dunlap, a sister of the missionary, Dr. Nevius of China. Please present my wishes for the old church and hope she may let her light shine in the far future. You may be troubled to read this. My hand is far from steady at 91 years. Farewell! D. M. Ladd" (signed)."

At the annual meeting of the society held January 6, 1845, it was unanimously resolved to build a new house of worship. In six weeks the needed funds were contributed and on April 1, 1845, a contract was let. The building was completed in July or August, 1846 at a cost of around \$3,000. The building was subsequently dedicated. Rev. John C. Lord, D.D., of Buffalo, New York, preached the sermon.

The former wooden church building was moved to the rear. Later it was moved just about south on to Cady Street, where it was occupied for a time by a Mr. Ames, who taught a select school. Afterwards it did duty as a house. Our brother church member, Spencer Clark, knew it as the paternal home for many years. It now forms a part of the McCullough residence.

The summer of 1850, William Hay, one of the elders of the church, died, leaving the parsonage lot by will to the church. In 1851, my father, Reverend James Dubuar, with the family, occupied the building that was upon it for a year after their arrival. Subsequently, the building was moved

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## Quarter Century of Progress



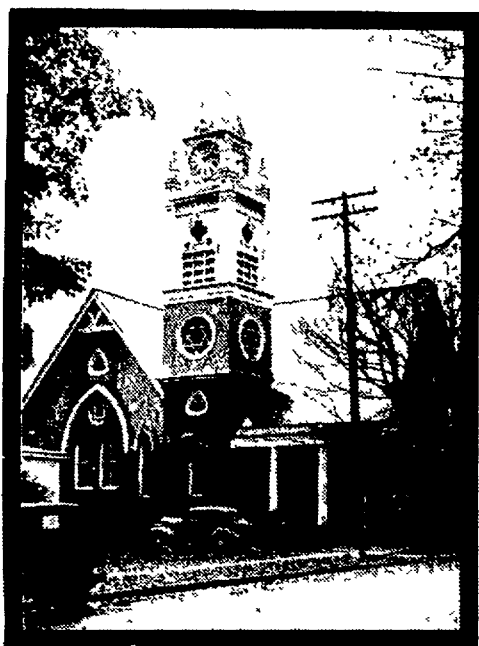
1887

For years one of Northville's major industries was logging as evidenced here in this picture of the Dubuar Manufacturing & Lumbering Company, located in the area of what is now the Ford Valve plant. Visible in the distance, along Main Street at left, is the Presbyterian Church Tower.

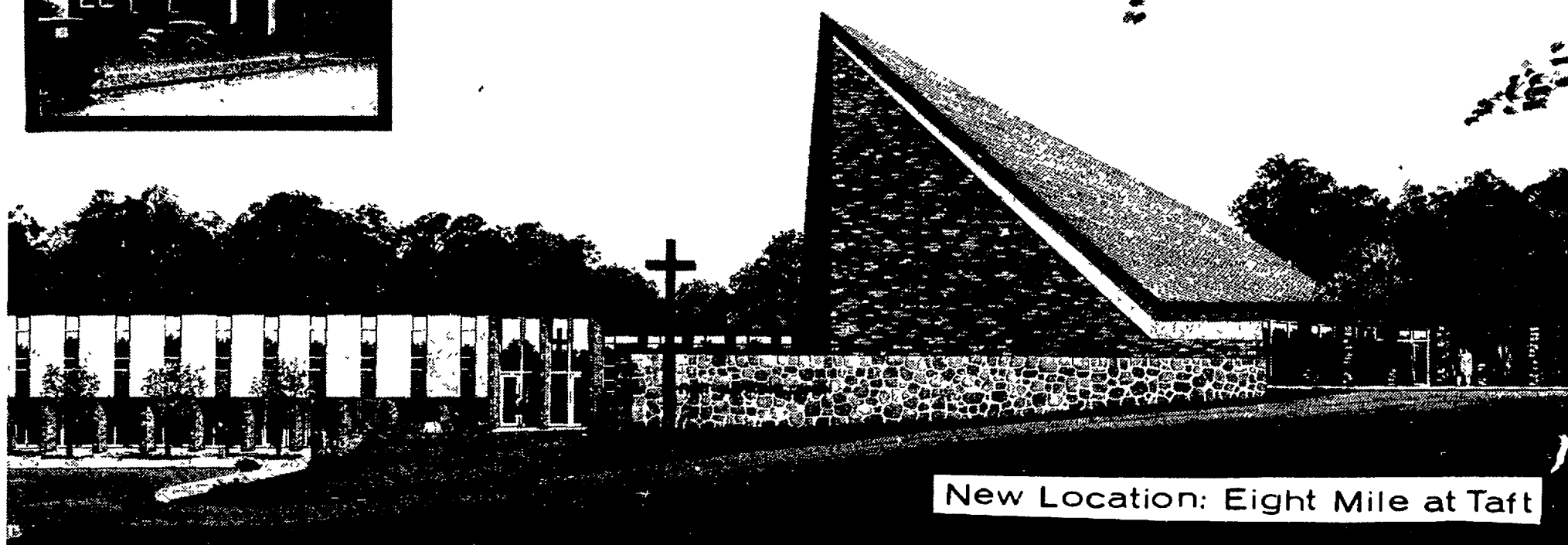


1910

Over the years a number of different factories have stood on the Ford Valve plant site. The tallest building in the foreground was once the Union Manufacturing & Lumber Company, replacing Dubuar Manufacturing. Later the building was used by Ford as its first plant here before its present building was constructed.



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# Presbyterians

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away — down Cady Street — and became a dwelling house. The present parsonage or manse, was built in 1884.

In 1872 it was voted to repair and remodel the church. During the summer while the work was in process, meetings were held in the young men's hall (now Ladies' Library building). On October 31st, the church was rededicated. Reverend William Horgarth, D.D., of Detroit, preached in the morning and Reverend A. T. Pierson, D.D., of Detroit, in the evening.

On March 4, 1889, at a meeting of the church and society called for that purpose, a motion was carried unanimously to change the name of the church of the First Presbyterian Society of Northville.

In 1912 an addition was built on the rear for Sunday school and society purposes. A year later the auditorium was remodeled and enlarged and other improvements made. This with the addition of a balcony in 1922 forms the present house of worship.

## *'Twelve members finally withdrew and organized a new school church and built the building . . .'*

In 1840, our church was called upon to meet the questions which had caused the division in 1837-38 into 'New School' and 'Old School' bodies. The Presbytery of Detroit, with which this church was connected, had approved the course of the commissioners in joining the New School body. The Michigan churches were largely in sympathy with the New School movement. But this church, after a warm discussion, voted to unite with the Old School branch, and identified itself with the Presbytery of

Michigan, and continued in that relation until the reunion in 1870.

(April 24, 1840, the church withdrew from the Presbytery of Detroit, and May 13th connected itself with the Presbytery of Michigan).

This action, however, was not taken without opposition, and two protests were presented signed by Jesse Cram and Jeremiah Phillips and Harvey S. Bradley. Twelve members finally withdrew and organized a New School church and built the building now occupied by the Ladies' Library (Now, in 1969, the Northville Township Hall). Of this new church, Rev. Sylvester Cochrane was the first and only pastor. The society connected with this church was organized January 21, 1845, and held its last meeting January 16, 1849. The first trustees were Harvey S. Bradley, Daniel Pomeroy and Aaron Norris. Other members were Jesse Cram, Amos Mead, George H. Wilcox, Samuel Clark, Stephen Robson, Horace Bradley, David Clarkson, Henry P. Bradley, Hezekiah B. Clark, James T.

Chittenden, Edwin H. Jones, Susannah Wilson, Alonzo Plumstead, Jeremiah H. Phillips, Margaret Wing and Samuel Williams.

The career of this church terminated when the A.H.M. society withdrew its support. So far as known all afterwards returned to the old church, except a few who joined the Congregational church at Salem. Harvey S. Bradley was an elder in our church for many years until his death. The New School church building was afterwards for a time used as a school



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A QUARTER CENTURY AGO

building.

The Sunday school of our church was evidently in existence from a very early day, but the date of its organization is not now known. Hiram S. Fuller appears to have been the first superintendent.

In August, 1842, it was resolved that the session be an authorized body for missionary purposes, and in the same year the first offering was taken for foreign missions.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized April 6, 1873. The first president was Mrs. Martha Dubuar. On May 15th, at the third meeting of the society, a resolution was adopted that we educate one of Miss Dean's (Jennie Dean, the well known missionary in China, for about 30 years and who was from this locality) pupils in the Fiske Seminary, Oroomiah, Persia, and that her name be Martha Dubuar. Some years previous to this

the church educated a James Dubuar in India. In February, 1880, it was decided to do something in the home missionary line and this finally led to the fully organized Home Missionary Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society was a long time in existence, but the date of organization does not appear. In 1920, this society and the Women's Missionary societies were merged into the Women's Union. The present Nellie Yerkes Auxiliary of today is the Westminster Guild of former days.

Reverend Charles Dunlap, son of William and Sarah Dunlap, and brother of Jennie Dunlap White, for many years a pastor elsewhere has been the only minister to come from our church.

Here are several items that have not been mentioned elsewhere: February 26, 1832, the Confession of

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- \*Youth Groups 6:30 P.M.
- \*Evening Service 7:30 P.M.

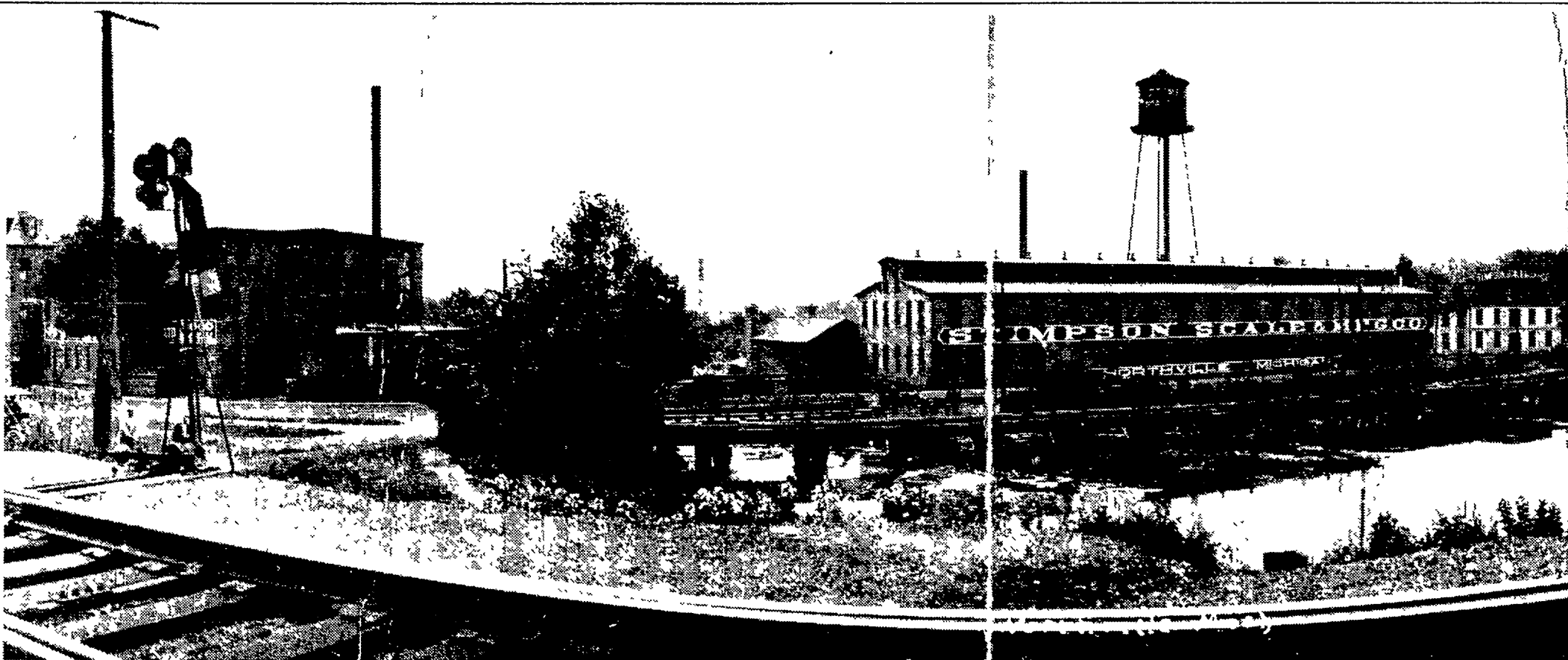
### WEDNESDAY

- \*Boys Brigade
- & Pioneer Girls 6:45 P.M.
- \*Mid-Week Service 7:30 P.M.

STANDS WITHOUT APOLOGY FOR

THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OF THE WHOLE BIBLE.





**LITTLE REMAINS** — Only the building at the far right still remains of the factories that existed at the Main Street curve early in this century. The pond is gone, and the tracks in the foreground have

long since been moved to a higher level. Only hints of the bridge that crossed the pond, once part of the Argo Mill works, are barely visible today.

## First Church: 'Plymouth Mission'

# Methodist Services Held in Barn

By Rev. Paul M. Cargo

For the early history of the Northville Methodist Church we turn to a manuscript by F.R. Beal titled "Fifty Years History of the Northville Church" and bearing the date of July 16, 1904. It is a compilation of information from the personal correspondence of Lorenzo Davis, the first clergyman at the Northville Church; John H. Pitezel, a later minister with a good sense of history; and other documents.

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Methodist meetings were held in private homes, school houses and barns in pioneer days. In this immediate vicinity Paul Hazen's log cabin, which was east of Waterford, William Hicox's shop which was on the present site of the J. A. Dubuar factory, (now Ford Valve Plant), are the places most mentioned prior to 1834. And one quarterly conference was held in Rufus Thayer's barn on the west side of the township. The virgin forest which then covered this country was broken only inspo by the clearings of the earliest settlers.

Detroit was only a hamlet twice the size that Northville is now.

There were no old white haired men and women here. The people were all young married folks... all industriously striving to carve out homes for themselves and their posterity from this wilderness. This church was at first in the Ohio Conference and was known as Plymouth Mission, taking its name from the township. It was organized August 20th, 1834 at a session of the Ohio Conference, but there are some things worthy to appear in this record of an earlier date. The territory of Michigan was under the jurisdiction of the Genesee, N.Y. Conference from 1810 to 1820 and of the Ohio Conference from 1820 to 1836 when the Michigan Conference was organized.

The Presiding Elder from 1832 to 1836 was James Gilruth, a man of tremendous size. Lorenzo Davis recounts this amusing incident concerning him: The presiding Elder, who lived in Ann Arbor, was always on

time, but in the spring of the year he was delayed by swollen streams as he sought to make his way to the Quarterly Conference to be held in Rufus Thayer's barn. Usually he took two horses, riding one and resting the other, or a special cart.

"On this occasion he used his 'light wagon' as she called it. This little wagon was of most primitive construction. It was simply what we should call an old fashioned one-horse lumber wagon very rudely built... Gilruth, though rich, never spent any money in repairs when hickory withs or straw ropes could be made to serve the purpose. On this occasion the straw ropes and hickory withs, becoming saturated with water, were subjected to more than their usual strain and when in the middle of one of the swollen streams, gave out, letting

*'They often disturbed the meetings, made much noise outside, one night*

*burning the minister in effigy. . .'*

the box and preacher gently down into the turbid and racing waters. The P.E. soon recovered himself and managed to tie his little wagon together and proceeded to his meeting."

If there were natural causes conspired against the church and its emissaries, so was there some human opposition. In June of 1832 a series of revival meetings were held at Benton's schoolhouse (located in what is now the Cass Benton Park area).

"There was much interest, people came from all around the country, and many conversions occurred. There was also much opposition among a certain class of men. They often disturbed the meetings, made much noise outside, one night burning the minister in effigy, and shouting 'Fire! Fire!' During the meetings, on Sunday morning, as the people began to gather for service, they found the schoolhouse torn down, so that the logs to which the roof was attached were on the ground. Mr. Benton's bull, killed, was astride the roof, with a hymn book in his mouth. The meetings were moved

to a private house where the village of Northville now stands."

In the fall of 1833 the school district let a contract for building the stone school house on the east part of the village, on a part of the property now belonging to John Hirsch. This was finished in 1834, and from that time, until the churches were completed, meetings were held there by all denominations alternately.

On the 17th of March, 1834, a deed was given by William and Sarah Dunlap, who then owned nearly all the land on the north side of Main Street, for the south part of the lot where the church now stands. The consideration was \$50, and the old church was built facing the east on Center Street. On the same date a contract was made with one John White of Salem for erecting

and enclosing the building, except sash and doors, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The church was considered a gem of taste and neatness. For this Northville was largely in debt to the liberality, the energy and push of D.H. Rowland, a merchant and a local preacher of no mean talent.

The frame was raised and stood a long time without covering. One thing is certain, that it was almost as long in building as was Solomon's temple, and was not completed and dedicated until the early part of September, 1839.

Methodist people supported the work of the church and the labors of pastors. Lorenzo Davis paid his respects to sister Robinson, at whose residence he stayed. "She was a noble woman, whose kind offices to the boy preacher are affectionately remembered and will remain in memory as long as life endures." There was the kindness of the Mead family, the affectionate counsel of Brother Rufus Thayer, the friendship of Gregorys and of Mr. H.M. Perrin. Pitezel noted that D.H.

Rowland (mentioned above) "had but one eye but could see more than most of his neighbors with two. His family of intelligent girls seemed to be born vocalists, and with the sweet melody of their hearts and voices, rendered our devotions attractive. Hiram Perrin and his wife were among our most cultured members. The members in general at Northville, blended intelligence and piety with loyalty to the church."

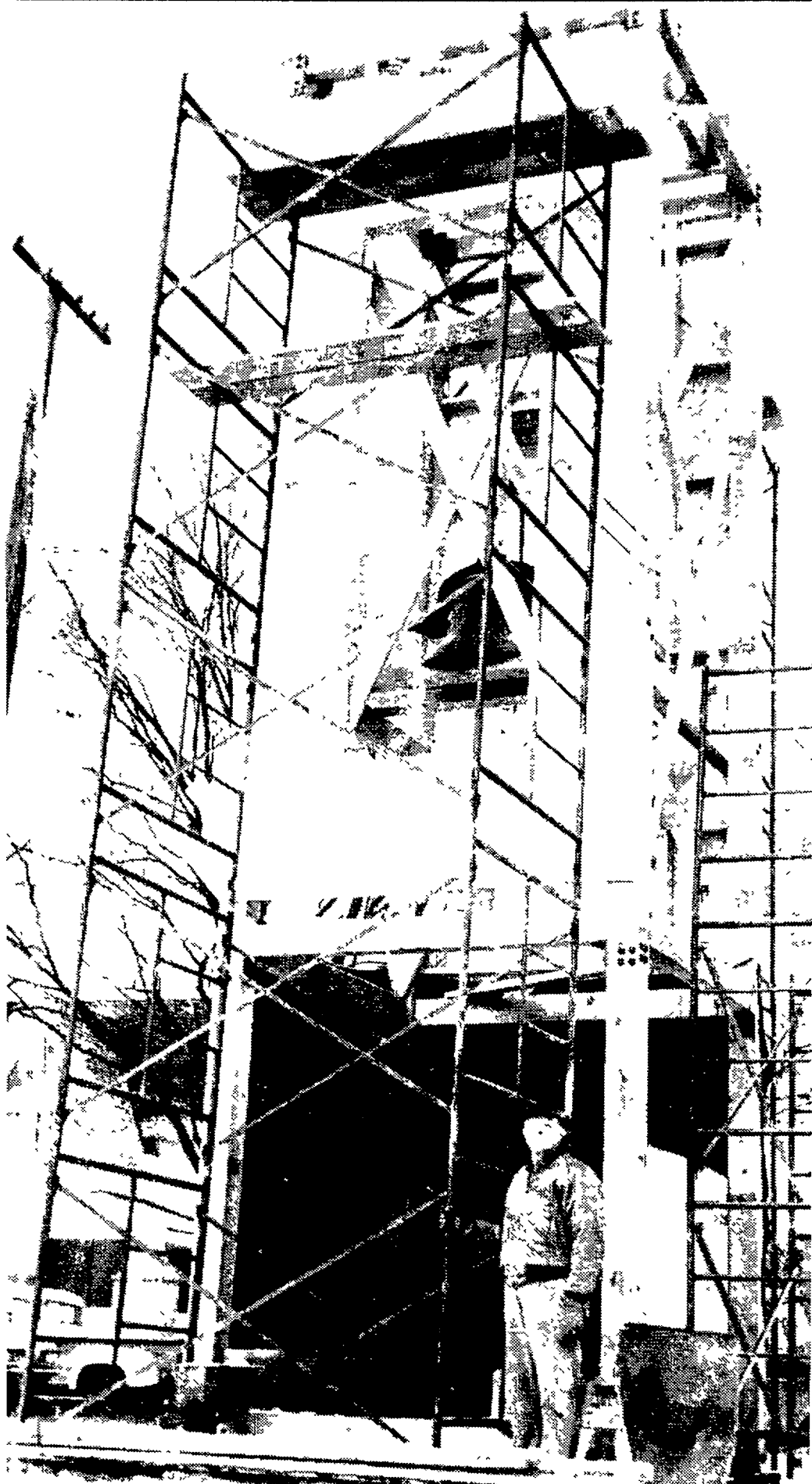
The preacher appointed to the church in 1834 was Lorenzo Davis and the senior minister on the circuit was Marcus Swift. A fine specimen of manhood, Marcus Swift was as well, a powerful preacher and a man of strong conviction.

Lorenzo Davis, to whom Marcus Swift was counselor, guide, and wise father in Israel, writes that in addition to performing his ministerial functions, "he was in his neighborhood the law-giver, for he was for many years a justice of the peace, and his word was law whether it conformed to the statute or not. The young people seemed to think they could not be legally married unless Elder Swift performed the ceremony."

These were the days when slavery was under considerable discussion, favorably in the south, unfavorably in the north. Marcus Swift was strongly anti-slavery. At the meeting of the Conference in 1839 in Ann Arbor Rev. Swift of the Plymouth Circuit appeared with a recommendation for Elders orders. Rev. Samuel Bibbins came up for Deacon's orders. The Conference refused to ordain these brethren.

A strong anti-slavery sentiment had sprung up in the north, which finally culminated in the formation of a political party, the church partaking in a large degree of the abolition sentiment, causing much difficulty in some sections of the north, and finally resulted in the formation of what was known as the Wesley or Anti-slavery M.E. Church. The M.E. Church, while not favorable to the "peculiar institution", yet for the sake of harmony all efforts to rid it of the curse were officially opposed. Mr. Swift believing this to be a great wrong,

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**NEW TOWER** — Nine years ago when the late Oscar Hammond posed in this picture construction of the new Methodist tower was rapidly taking shape before it was hoisted into position.

## Clock Donor's Name Revealed in 1893

Oct. 13, 1893 — Detectives have at last pulled from his concealment, the man who in August offered Northville a four dial Hotchkiss, eight-day strike, gravity escapement, 1,500-pound town clock, conditioned on the M.E. church tower being fitted for it.

It was done, the clock is ordered

and the donor's name is John Gardner, and all Northville is sounding the praises of "the grand old man." Singular as it may seem there are men in Northville who kick on this munificent gift, because the striking of the clock will tell their wives the hour they get in nights.

## Organ Factory Here Sold to Detroit Firm

June 12, 1931 — The old Granville Wood & Son Organ company factory, which was organized in 1884, after five years of activity, sold out to the Esty Organ factory of Detroit.

The wooden factory building later was converted into the brick factory of the Globe Furniture & Manufacturing Company. In 1884, F. R. Beal induced Granville Wood and his son, William, to

come to Northville to make pipe organs. The company was organized with Granville Wood as superintendent, and William M. Osband as president.

A number of handsome organs were built, some constructed at the cost of \$5,000 each. The organ in the present Methodist church was made there, and there formerly was one in the Presbyterian Church.

# Early Services Held in Barn

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could not consistently remain with the Communion. He therefore left the Conference and church and identified himself with the new organization.

When John Pitezel became the minister of the circuit, following this Conference action, he found sentiment overwhelmingly in favor of Swift and Bibbins. He tried to use the forces of reconciliation but in the end gave letters to some 30 persons, "preferring the few in unity to the many in a state of discord."

The first church in its interior was in the English Wesleyan style with a high pulpit at the west wall and a flight of stairs on either side. In the corners of the church were square box pews. As first erected, the frame church had two doors, later changed to one double door.

Recounting his pastorate (1854-55) Rev. William Taylor recalls that "we took down the old fashioned high pulpit in the old church and put up a platform and desk of more modern style." The old church building was in use until the new one was erected in 1885.

The Michigan Conference having been formed in September of 1836, it was in 1856 divided. Northville, formerly on the Detroit district was now on the Ann Arbor District of the new Conference.

A great deal could be written concerning the early ministers of the church. In a period of American history, not without turmoil, they served well. Many held strong convictions with regards to the issue of slavery. They served, and the people served the Lord without benefit of modern means of transportation or communication, with scarcely more written resources than the Bible, yet they loved the Lord and the church was established in this place.

James V. Watson was the minister of the Northville Methodist Episcopal Church in 1843 when the community numbered about 500 souls. An interesting true story is related about him. The Conference at which appointments were made for Michigan were held far away, in Ohio or Indiana. Anticipation reached a climax when appointments to the Michigan District were to be read. The Bishop read in a solemn tone, White Pigeon, James V. Watson. "In an instant Brother Watson was on his feet crying out, 'will anybody tell me where on earth White Pigeon is?' The Bishop stopped long enough to say, as indifferently as if no heart was bleeding, 'You will find it, Brother Watson, in the state of Michigan.' Meanwhile the brethren broke out in a storm of laughter, notwithstanding most of them were almost in tears over their disappointments, though some of them meant to say by their laugh, 'It is your turn now to take a hard circuit.'" James Watson served Northville with distinction and later became the editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, "a paper as keen as an October briar, whose prickles have been sharpened by frost."

Another editor, Thomas C. Gardner, who served Northville in 1844 wrote of Northville: It was then a

pleasant little village, noted for its morality, educational enterprise and religious activities. It still maintains these characteristics. There is only one place in this village of 2,000 inhabitants, where spirituous liquors are sold, and the wonder is that its high-toned public sentiment permits this one place to exist. He referred to the Globe Furniture Company, the Pipe Organ Company of E.R. Reed, Esq. and commended the Sunday School on its "religious spirit and benevolent activity."

Writing in 1904 of conditions that prevailed in the Northville frame church in 1851 when her husband was the pastor, Mrs. R. Pengelly said the situation was not good. "The church was confessedly bankrupt. The building was in no condition to accommodate the people... as soon as fire was needed the church would be better fitted for smoking hams than for listening attentively to gospel preaching!" The church was cleaned and painted and another chimney was added!

The large issue was still anti-slavery. In one quarter 144 withdrew from the circuit. In the wisdom of later years Pitezel wrote, "After the storm had spent its fury some returned to be idolized by an indulgent mother. Mainly, ministers and people kept aboard of the old ship, saw her through the storms and breakers, in an open sea, with sails unfurled and pennants flying, on the homeward stretch; saw her proudly sailing over the crested waves. What neither church nor state, nor anti-slavery organizations, all combined had the sagacity or power to do, a mysterious and Alwise Providence, in due time, brought about as a war measure through the agency of the

**'As soon as fire was needed the church would be better fitted for smoking ham. . .'**

immortal Lincoln. To God be all the glory!"

In days just prior to the Civil War the salary was \$400 per year and parsonage. Union services were held on Sunday evenings with the Presbyterians and Baptists. When Lincoln was assassinated a memorial service was held in "our Church", all the ministers and others taking part.

J.E. Jacklin, pastor at Northville from 1877 to 1880, in a letter to H.H. Mallinson, written October 29, 1934 tells of his pastorate. He came to Northville following an appointment to a "primitive section of the Saginaw Valley abounding in fever and ague and whiskey but scantily supplied with morality, piety and organized church life. I went under a happy appointment to Northville.

"My first Sabbath at Northville brought me a feeling of depression which I described to my host about like this, 'I'm afraid I'm going to feel lost and out of place here in this town. I have been living where there are

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whole towns of godless folks needing the gospel and needing salvation and there was work wherever I looked, but here it looks as if everybody went to church and as if every man and woman knew the Lord. Where can I find any real work to do? This place won't be to my liking.' It was a real and positive and sincere feeling I had and I assure you it was discouraging, but I found it was based on a slightly incorrect impression. I did manage to keep busy three happy years and when I left there was still work to be done, saints needing sanctification and sinners needing conversion."

J.E. Jacklin recalled that the name of Marcus Swift was still a household word. James Gilruth, the giant Presiding Elder, was talked about. He spoke glowingly of his official board, "tall, stalwart and fine fellow," and a splendid group of capable housewives made up our Ladies Aid Society.

What socials we had! They were not intended to be money-making affairs and they were in truth a reality social and religious gatherings. Our people came to prayer meetings without urging and our class meetings were testimony meetings and everyone had a personal experience that was worth talking about.

In the years between the Civil War and 1900 the Northville Methodist Episcopal Church had a succession of fine ministers. The membership tripled in size. During the pastorate of Rev. J.M. VanEvery (1884-86) the present church building, bearing the

cornerstone date of 1885, was erected. The position of the new church was to be directly behind the properties occupied by the old church and the parsonage at the southwest corner of Center and Dunlap streets. The records say that the pastor, primarily a revivalist, "was strong for a new church building and promoted the enterprise until action was taken." There is a further observation that Rev. J.M. VanEvery was a strong tempered man and it made things difficult for him at times.

The new church building was discussed at the Quarterly Conference held May 5, 1884. Less than a year later action had proceeded so that Plan No. 31 was ordered. Plans were received April 6, 1885. Among the names of those who were present in church leadership at that time are John

young people's group was a "sparking club." The pastor was incensed with this fling at the young folks, one of whom was his niece Miss Hodge.

One of the men who led in the building of the new church was F.R. Beal, president of the Globe Furniture Co., in Northville, long a faithful Sunday School Superintendent, and a lay delegate to General Conference. He gave liberally toward the new church in time and money. The woodwork in the church, beams, panelling, doors, casings, organ case, as well as pews and pulpit were fashioned in his shop.

A careful estimate of cost for Church Plan No. 31 is extant. It is in the amount of \$5,308.64. As originally built, the church did not have the clock in the tower. The clock was given during the late fall of 1893 and the top of the tower was rebuilt to admit this

Cansfield. W. Leslie Williams was the pastor at the time. Leslie G. Lee was the choir leader and Mrs. Barton Connors the organist. The old organ had to be pumped by hand, the customary pay being 35 cents per Sunday to a boy for organ pumping. An electric blower was an improvement.

Throughout the years the Ladies Aid Society and the Epworth League functioned ably, and no history can be written without due gratitude to these and other organizations. Finance plagues every church and the Northville church has been no exception. During the pastorate of Fred Walker (1915-17) the duplex envelope and every member canvass system was adopted. In his annual report he noted that no plan will work itself, and the difficulty seems to be how to devise some "plan to work the plan."

In the years since the close of World War II an increase in population on the outskirts has been observed, accounting for the increase in membership from 302 in 1940 to 567 in 1959. This pressure and the desire to provide adequate facilities prompted the church to engage in an extensive remodeling of the basement area to provide Sunday School classrooms, and to provide a chapel at the rear of the sanctuary, complete with stained glass memorial windows. This project took place in 1954 and 1955.

Early in 1957 the first step in expansion of the land area was made with the purchase of the McKinney property adjacent to the church on the west. On March 27, 1957 the Allen property was purchased, thus returning the church land belonging to it a hundred years before. The parsonage at 549 West Dunlap was sold and the Johnson property at 139 West Dunlap was purchased and became the parsonage.

In the spring of 1960, the tower of the church found to be unsound was razed, and the trustees were authorized to draw up plans and erect another in its place. The building to proceed in the summer of 1960.

We recognize, however, that the real history of the church is written in the lives of the people and the faith of the congregation. In 1904 F.R. Beal wisely wrote: "There is heart history in connection with the life of every person coming into our society that never has and never can be written. If we could uncover that, we could tell more of the real history that our church has helped to make. Who can tell the number of those that have been born into the new life within her walls, or that have been lifted to a higher plane of life and thought by teachings from her pulpit.

"Who can figure out the value of our church to the community or to those who have come within its influence?

"Where is the historian that can even attempt to measure the bound of its value in social or political lines?

"Where can we find its limit in the work of the Sunday School and in educational and other lines?"

These are questions to be answered only in the last great day and until then we must work and wait.

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The Methodist Church of Northville celebrated its 125th anniversary in 1959.

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## *'The old organ had to be pumped by hand, the customary pay being 35-cents per Sunday...'*

Smith, Hattie Thornton, Katie Hodge, Charles Booth, Frank Ambler, Louis A. Beal, Louise Beal, Charles A. Rogers, Lucy Chambers. The cornerstone was laid July 4, 1885.

In order to raise money for the new church, young people sold ice cream on Saturday evenings. Stained glass windows for the chapel were purchased. No little stir was created by a news item which appeared in the Wayne County Courier stating that the

addition.

At the Conference in September, George W. Hudson was appointed pastor of the church with Mr. VanEvery as co-pastor. The latter remained long enough to help in the dedication services for the new church building. Bishop John F. Hurst was present and gave the dedication sermon. Out of town pastors included the editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, James H. Potts; Seth Reed, Presiding Elder and Rev. J.E. Jacklin, former pastor. Charles A. Dolph, one of the Sunday School pupils at the time, says that "numerous Sunday School pupils were present and most of them were in the upstairs windows looking on the crowd below."

During the first half of the 20th century the church made strides forward in membership, from 235 in 1900 to 516 in 1950. An addition, known as the William Richards Fellowship Hall was built on the church in 1928. It was named after Rev. William Richards, a beloved pastor from 1922 to 1931.

In 1934 during the week of October 28, the Centennial of the Church was observed. Dr. H.H. Mallinson preached on "Why Does The Church Live?" The week's activities included fellowship night, a lecture, a concert by the Boulevard Temple M.E. A cappella choir, a centennial banquet, and a centennial drama, "The Church of Yesterday and Today" written by the pastor.

In 1939 the church assumed a new name. Heretofore it was known as the First Methodist Episcopal Church, for in 1939 three Methodist denominations merged (The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South) to form the Methodist Church. Among the organizational changes the Ladies Aid Society became the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Epworth League, with its motto of "Look up, Lift up", became the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

On March 24, 1946 a new organ was dedicated. The gift of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, Jr., the Marr-Coltlin Pipe Organ was accepted on behalf of the congregation by Mr. William

## Sarah Ann Cochrane

### Chapter

## D.A.R. at a glance.....!

## Historical

*"to perpetuate the memory and spirit  
of the men and women who achieved  
American Independence"*

## Educational

*"to promote, as an object of primary  
importance, institutions for the  
general diffusion of knowledge"*

## Patriotic

*"to cherish, maintain and extend the  
institutions of American freedom: To  
foster true patriotism and love of country"*



# Traveling Milford Priest Offered First Mass Here in May, 1887

In the early days of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville, Mass was not celebrated every week, nor was it always on Sunday.

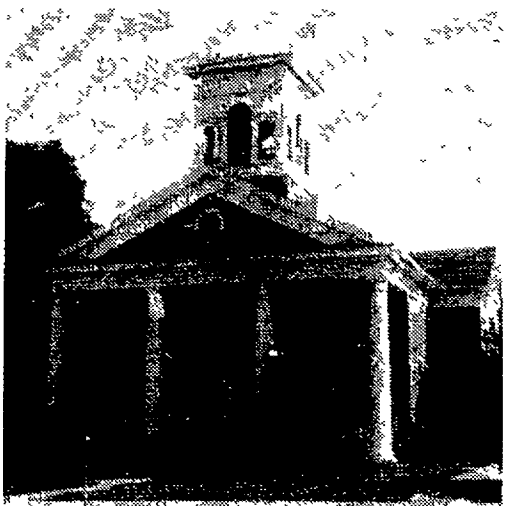
Priests from Milford celebrated Mass in homes of parishioners in the Northville area beginning in the late 1880's. On May 25, 1887, Rev. F. Broegger came to Northville to offer Mass in a home located on West Dunlap Street. This was the beginning of the Catholic Church here — organized as a mission.

In 1889 Reverend James A. Halley replaced Rev. Broegger. One morning a month he would take the train from Milford to Northville, offer Mass, hire a horse and buggy and drive to Wayne to say Mass. The next day he would return to Milford by train.

About this same year, the Catholic parish, numbering only six or eight families, purchased the old frame Methodist Church and moved it to North Center Street near where Ely's Garden Center is now located. The



OLV CATHOLIC PARISH TODAY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TODAY



CENTER STREET — Frame buildings still faced the street from the west side of Center Street when this picture was taken, according to one oldtimer, before World War II. At left corner part of the "crow's nest" (band platform) is visible.

schedule of having Mass once a month continued.

The day before Reverend Halley would come to Northville, the ladies of the parish cleaned the church and prepared the Altar.

In cold weather, some of the older children would stop at the church to start a fire in the pot-belly stove on their way to school. Mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. and the children were excused from recess at the public school to attend Mass. Families came from Salem, Plymouth and Novi to join the Northville parishioners.

The Kohler family, who had moved to Northville in 1886, made their home available to the priest for headquarters. Since their home was located across from the Northville spring, it was convenient for the priest to walk across to the Kohler's home when he arrived by train. In bad weather he would say Mass in their home.

On April 30, 1893 Rev. George Clarson assumed missionary duties in Northville. The Ladies' Altar Society was organized this year, with May McCulloch acting as secretary-treasurer. To maintain the Society, each lady contributed ten-cents a month.

Reverend Thomas Lee, remembered as a tall, slender man who always carried a gold-headed cane, came to Northville in 1899. In 1902, Reverend Thomas Halley, younger brother of Father James Halley, replaced Father Lee. The old church, badly in need of repair, was sold and Mass was said in a rented hall on Main Street.

In 1905, Father Halley bought the site where the Detroit Edison building now stands. The two front rooms of the frame building were used as the church and the Thomas Gleason family occupied the rest of the home.

Father Halley often brought actors from the dramatic club at Milford to present plays in the old Opera house across from the Church. He also held many raffles, using articles donated by Northville businessmen.

The ladies of the Altar Society were busy making aprons, having card parties and sponsoring sleighrides.

Church dinners, at first priced at 25 cents, were raised to 50 cents when Father Halley discovered it was easier to feed 50 people at 50 cents than 100 people at 25 cents.

Reverend John Dowdle came to Northville November 12, 1912. Mass was then held in Catermole Hall on North Center Street.

In November 1920, Reverend LaFevre came to the Northville parish, using the old library building for a church. In 1922, Northville and Plymouth were made separate parishes. Father LeFevre, the last priest to stay

at the Kohler home, went to the Plymouth parish. Rev. Joseph Schuler was assigned pastor of the Northville parish.

In 1922, land where the church now stands, at Orchard and Thayer Streets, was purchased. The first church was a frame building dedicated to Our Lady of Victory, giving the present parish its name. Father Schuler lived on Fairbrook, near Wing Street, until a frame house on Thayer Street was purchased for him. Later, a brick house, the first permanent rectory, was bought.

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FRAME OLV PARISH, 1922 - 1957



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# Churches of Area Linked to History Of 19th Century

The churches in the Northville area have their roots deep in the past. Many of them were founded in the mid-19th century by hard-working men of the soil who realized the importance of having a church in their community.

## WIXOM BAPTIST

On March 21, 1838, a dozen families who settled in Michigan after coming from New York State, organized what is now known as the First Baptist Church of Wixom.

Under the name The First Free Baptist Association of Commerce, the congregation met in homes until 1854. Services were then conducted in a red frame school house near West Maple and Wixom roads.

Before long the church was outgrown and a red brick building was placed just north and back from the road. On January 12, 1865 the new church was dedicated.

In 1897, using a team of horses, the building was moved to a site across from the present church. The operation took two weeks.

The first addition to the church was completed and dedicated October 8 and 9, 1910. A basement was constructed under the addition in the early 1920's.

The centennial of the First Baptist Church of Wixom was celebrated July 1 and 2, 1938.

A five-acre building site was purchased in 1958, and another 1½ acres was acquired later. The new building was constructed and furnished for approximately \$100,000. The cornerstone of the old church is now in the vestibule of the present church.

In September, 1968, the congregation celebrated their 130th anniversary with the dedication of the new educational unit and bell tower. The bell that hangs in the tower, was purchased in 1865.

Today the church numbers over 300, with 400 children enrolled in the Sunday school.

## NOVI BAPTIST

The First Baptist Church of Novi was founded in February, 1846, under the name of the Novi Baptist Church.

The original church was located on

Novi Road near Grand River. When the church burned down, a second church was constructed on the same site.

In 1957 the name was changed to the First Baptist Church of Novi.

The location of the present church was purchased in 1961 and the new building erected.

Today the congregation has 225 members. Within the church there is a Vera Vaughn circle for the women. The circle is named for the first church supported missionaries who are now serving in French Equatorial Africa.

## NOVI METHODIST

Novi's newest church, Novi United Methodist Church, was formed April 22, 1969, with formal uniting services conducted May 25.

The church was born out of the unification of the Novi Methodist Church and the Willowbrook Community Church. The services are conducted at the Willowbrook church building on Willowbrook and Ten Mile roads.

The Novi Methodist Church was founded in 1830, with the minister from the Brighton Methodist Church serving the Novi congregation. Services were conducted in a school house west of the present building on Grand River.

In 1875 the church was built, part of which was still in use until the recent move. In past years the church had united with the Baptist Brethern, with idea of building the church for the youth, but the unification was discontinued.

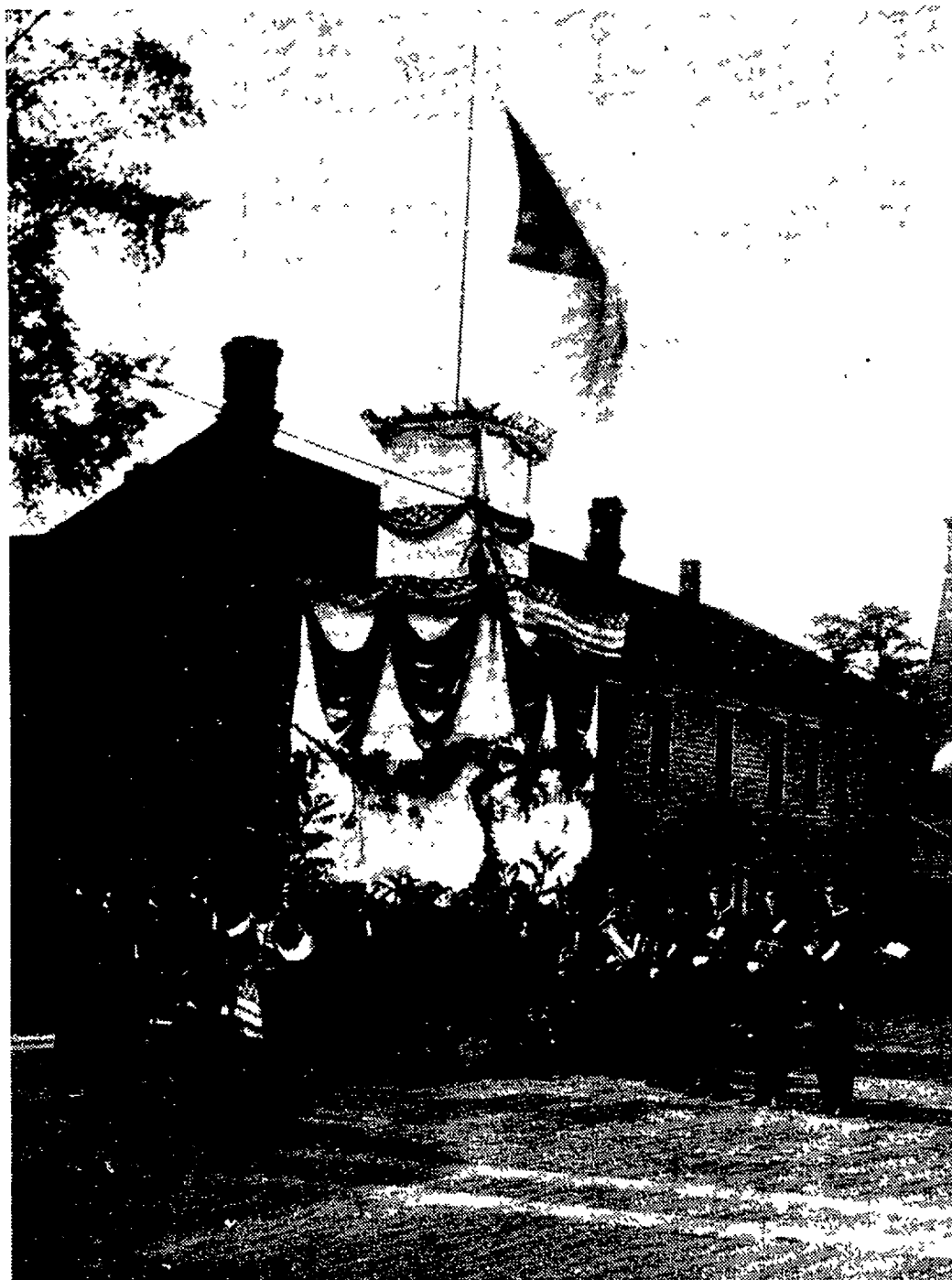
In 1962, the church building was moved back 100 feet and an additional 40 feet was added. The original building was also remodeled. A new basement was built between 1962-63.

The Methodist church had a membership of 168, with 141 enrolled in the Sunday school program. Active church groups include WSCS, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, three choirs and a United Methodist Men's league.

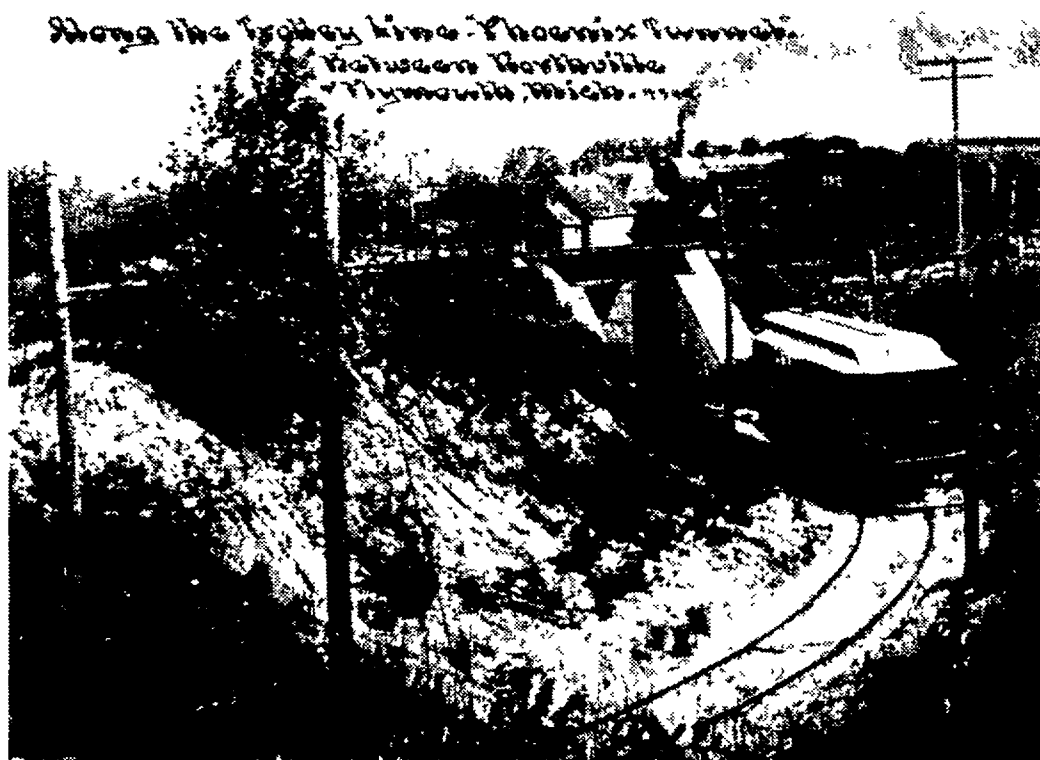
## WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY

The Willowbrook Community Church was organized in 1956, with the present building constructed in

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**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** — Northville was celebrating its 100th anniversary of the community's founding back in 1927 when the cameraman shot this picture of Northville's "city" band at the southwest corner of Main and Center. In the background was the old Park House hotel, which later was destroyed by fire.



*This is the ad we ran August 14, 1931.*

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# First Lutheran Services Held At Nine Mile and Taft in 1896

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Northville was organized August 23, 1896. The first services were held in a frame building, also serving as a school, on the corner of Nine Mile and Taft Roads.

Reverend Paul J. Reinhardt, first pastor of the Lutheran Church, lived with Mr. and Mrs. William Holtz who were instrumental in organizing the church.

The first services were conducted each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. in German. Each Sunday before services, the Holtz family organ was loaded into the milk wagon and taken to the school house.

August 23, when the first services were conducted, the congregation voted unanimously to adopt the name "Evangelisch Lutherische Reformationsgemeinde von Northville" (Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation of Northville) for the newly organized church.

The following Sunday, August 30, 1896, Holy Communion was celebrated for the first time in the congregation.

The young congregation began conducting its first Christian Day School with seven children, September 14, 1896. There was no tuition charge.

When it was discovered that the long distance to the school house was inconvenient for services Reverend Reinhardt began conducting weekly services in German at the Presbyterian Church in South Lyon. The first service held there was October 25, 1896.

The deed to the present property was purchased May 19, 1897, for \$125. The cornerstone was laid for the white frame church July 17, 1897. Dedication ceremonies took place June 3, 1898.

Two services were held on dedication day. The first one was conducted in German and the second in English. Lunch was served between the services for 10-cents a person.

Originally St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church was affiliated with

the Ohio Lutheran Synod. Later, connections were established with the Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states. In time the name of the church was changed to its present name.

Shortly after the new church was built in 1897, a school house was erected. The congregational minutes of May 25, 1924, record adoption of a resolution to move the school house from its location on the south side of the church. The school was located next to the church and served as a meeting house and Sunday School.

The first Sunday bulletin was published in July, 1926. In it was a notice of a change in the services. German services would be conducted twice a month instead of every other Sunday.

"There can be no question," the bulletin read, "that this schedule which was adopted by a unanimous vote in our last congregation meeting is a real improvement over our old system of English services one Sunday, and German services on the next." The congregation had grown large enough to require two services every Sunday.

Other notices in the bulletin mentioned attendance had been low two Sundays in May, but rain contributed to figure. Two dozen additional hymnals, intended especially for the use of visitors were ordered by the Ladies' Aid. The Ladies' Aid was also going to pay the phone bill for the parsonage.

The church was redecorated in 1930.

In 1931 the present site of the parsonage was purchased and the house was built. The building serves as the present parsonage. Before it was built, pastors had lived with various families in the community who provided them with free room and board.

St. Paul's congregation was steadily growing. In 1949 the present building was built at a cost of \$150,000. The church, dedicated February 19, 1950, included the

cornerstone of the original church in the narthex and also the bell from the old church.

The present structure, modified Gothic in design, seats 350 persons, as does the Parish Hall.

In 1959 St. Paul's school was built at a cost of \$65,000. The structure included three classrooms and one room that is unfinished.

In 1969 there were 50 children enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grades. Three full-time teachers are on the staff and one part time kindergarten aide. Graduation ceremonies are held in the spring for the kindergarteners and eighth graders.

St. Paul's owns about four acres of land, encompassing the church, school, playground and parking lot.

Church activities include the Lutheran Laymen's League, Women's Guild composed of four circles, senior and junior youth groups, Sunday School and Bible Classes.

Annual events sponsored by the church groups include fall Harvest Dinner, mother-daughter banquet, father-son banquet and youth spaghetti dinners. This fall the Women's Guild is planning to hold a fall bazaar.

The present membership of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is 575 adults, 850 baptized members and over 200 enrolled in the Sunday School.

Because the membership has

grown so much, Reverend C. F. Boerger is thinking of adding another Sunday service in the fall of 1969, bringing the total number to three.

St. Paul's has been very "anniversary conscious." The 40th anniversary of the church's founding was celebrated November 21, 1937. Ceremonies were held for the 50th anniversary in November, 1947, 60th, November 11, 1956, 65th, November 25, 1961. A tour of the historical sites playing an important part in the founding of St. Paul's was conducted on the 65th anniversary.

Reverend Boerger is now planning activities to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's. They will be held in the fall of 1971.

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Pastors of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Rev. Paul J. Reinhardt - 1896 (founding of St. Paul's), Rev. M. Phillip - 1898 (first church built 1898), Rev. L. Mueller - 1092, Rev. E. Manske - 1909, Rev. E. Engelhart - 1913, Rev. K. Lorenz - 1914;

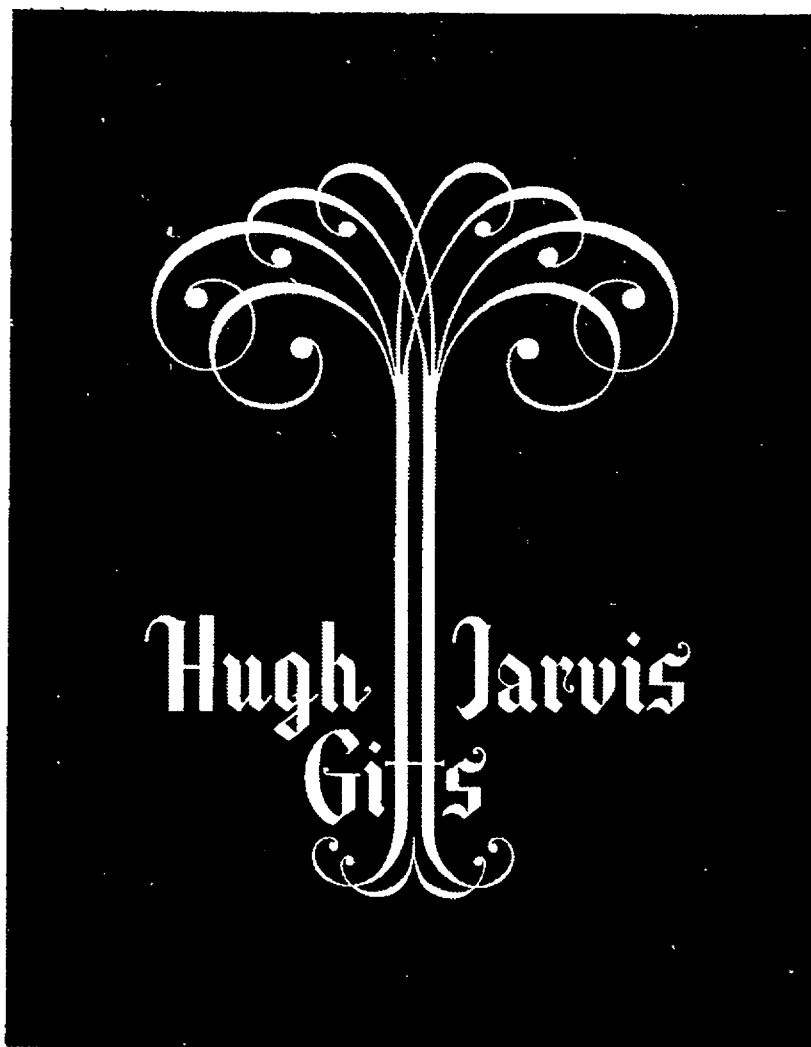
Rev. C. Peters - 1922, Rev. C. Eissfeldt - 1923, Rev. O. Riess - 1926, Rev. L. Eickstaedt - 1928 (parsonage built 1931), Rev. E. Rossow - 1937 (present church built 1949), Rev. B. Pankow - 1954 (school built 1959), Rev. C. F. Boerger - 1965 (present pastor).



LUTHERAN SCHOOL — Reverend B. J. Pankow, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in April, 1959, turns the first shovel to mark the beginning of construction for the Lutheran school here.

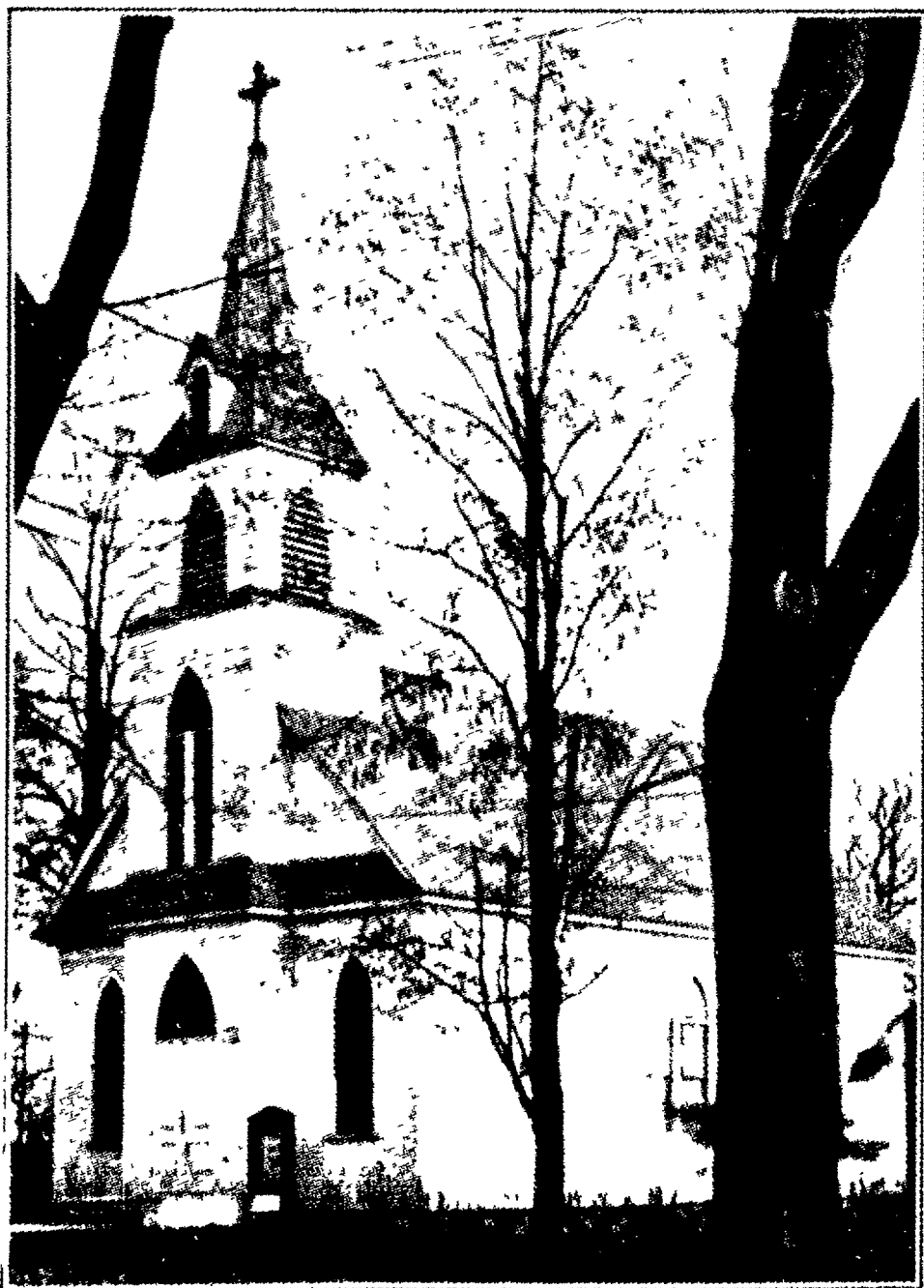
## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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**BLESSING BY CARDINAL** — The late Edward Cardinal Mooney, archbishop of Detroit, kneels before the altar at Our Lady of Victory church late in November of 1958 and blesses the new church building.



**ST. PAUL'S DEDICATED JUNE 3, 1898**

## Churches of Area Linked to History Of 19th Century

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1958. Before unification, there were 96 members in the church and 100 children in Sunday school.

### SALEM CONGREGATIONAL

The Salem Congregational Christian Church was first organized September 14, 1851, under the name First Congregational Church of Salem and Lyon.

On February 6, 1859, the Wesleyan Methodist class, which worshipped at the Thayer School house at the corner of Six Mile and Napier roads, united with the First Congregational Church of Salem and Lyon.

The name was changed to the First Congregational Religious Society of Summit on January 7, 1860. The congregation voted on April 16, 1886, to construct a new church building. In November of that year, a 600-pound bell was purchased.

The bell has been in use for more than 82 years.

The parsonage property, adjoining the church, was purchased on April 23, 1888. In the same year, the congregation voted to change the name to the Second Congregational Religious Society of Salem.

During the 1940's and early 50's, the congregation decreased and the church was not used for regular meetings. In 1950 the towering church steeple was removed because people feared it would collapse in a strong wind.

The doors of the church were reopened for regular services in January, 1954, with a part-time pastor. At this time the present name was also adopted.

Today there are 27 members in the church with a Sunday attendance of more than 50. Children enrolled in the Sunday school number 50.

### WEST SALEM COUNTRY

The West Salem Country Church has been serving the Salem area for 112 years. The church site on Tower near Seven Mile Road is the original site.

In 1857 the church was organized under the name West Salem Methodist Church. Ten years ago the name was changed to West Salem Country Church.

At present the church numbers 15 members. Following tradition, the congregation held Memorial Day services the Sunday preceeding May 30.

### OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth was made a separate parish in 1920. Until then it was part of the Milford missionary, along with Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

The first church was located on Union Street, and the present church on Penniman and Church streets was constructed in 1966. Dedication ceremonies were held in July, 1966.

Presently there are 1450 families in the parish. The eight grade elementary school has an enrollment of 580. The CCD program for public school children has 750 in the elementary grades and 250 in the high school program.

Active church groups include the Rosary Society, Ushers' Club, Couples Christian Family Movement, Legion of Mary and St. Vincent De Paul Society. The parish is currently organizing a Teen Club.

The history of the churches forms an important part of the history of the towns and cities surrounding Northville. In some instances, the churches were built first, with the towns slowly growing up around them.

The churches of the Northville area have continued growing with the towns, serving the needs of the community.

## German Lutherans Lay Cornerstone of New Church

July 23, 1897 — The German Lutherans laid the cornerstone of their new church on north High Street Saturday afternoon amid imposing ceremonies and in the presence of a large crowd. An orchestra from Detroit furnished the music.

Reverend John Volman of St. Paul's church Detroit delivered an enthusiastic address in German and he was followed by Reverend W. Price of the First English Lutheran church of the same city who spoke in English for over forty minutes, giving a brief history of the work of the Lutheran church.

Reverend Mr. Reinhart, pastor of the Northville charge, made the dedicatory remarks. At the close of the exercises the congregation, standing upon the church walls and temporary platform was photographed by Brown. In the evening the members indulged in a picnic and social hop in Harmon's

grove just west of the U.S. fish station and had a jolly good time.

Contractor Smith is pushing the construction of the edifice with all possible speed and barring any bad luck, will have it ready for dedication by September 1.



**ST. PAUL'S TODAY**



# OLV Dedicated in 1922

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Catechism was taught to the parish children by the Felician Sisters from Madonna College until the Sisters of St. Dominic came to Our Lady of Victory in 1952. The men from the parish would provide transportation for the Sisters.

Father Schuler was transferred to Guardian Angel in Detroit in January, 1939. Reverend Lucien Hebert and Rev. Joseph Schramm followed him. In 1942, Reverend John Lynch became the resident pastor.

In 1945, Reverend Lorenzo Woods became pastor of Our Lady of Victory. The parish included over 200 families. In 1952, Father Woods became ill and Reverend Francis Wojcik became temporary administrator, assisted by Reverend Dominic.

The first Catholic school was built in 1952, consisting of four rooms. The first teachers were Sisters of the Order of St. Dominic. Later in 1952, Reverend Anthony Heraty was appointed pastor, serving until June, 1956. Reverend John Wittstock, the present pastor of Our Lady of Victory, assumed the post with about 330 families in the parish.

In the fall of 1957, the new church

and social hall combination was constructed at a cost of \$226,000. Ground had been broken on St. Patrick's Cay and building begun on April 1.

The old church was demolished on October 25, 1957. The first official function to be held in the new church was reception of the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation on November 30, 1957. The following Sunday the first Mass was celebrated in church.

Consecration of the Altar and placement of the Stations of the Cross took place on January 4, 1958, with Monsignor Peek officiating. The church was dedicated September 30, 1958, by Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit. Now the parish numbered 460 families.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society was organized in the parish in January, 1959. The Girl Scouts and CYO Teen Club were also started at Our Lady of Victory.

In 1961, additions were made to the convent, at a cost of \$35,000, and school, adding four classrooms and an office to the school. In November, the Dominican Sisters left their temporary quarters at St. John's Seminary and made their permanent home in the

present convent. The addition to the school was completed in December. Total cost was \$85,000.

In 1962 Our Lady's League was formed from the merger of the Mother's Club and the Altar Society. The same year, the Men's Club and Holy Name Society merged to form the Holy name Men's Club.

The present rectory was built in 1966 at a cost of \$95,000. It was designed by Charles Hannan and built by Ben Hoste. In October of the same year, the sanctuary of the church was changed. Marble was added to the wall and steps and a new tabernacle, candle sticks and sanctuary lamp were added. Total cost of the project was \$5,000.

Under the leadership of Father Wittstock, many programs have been started in the parish. The Adoration Program was begun in 1963; Discussion Club, 1966; education group for Project Commitment, 1967, to name just a few.

The Parish Council was formed in February, 1968, with members representing the Holy Name Men's Club, Our Lady's League, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parish School Board, Pre-School Organization, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Board, Ushers' Club, Senior Citizens of the Parish and Adult Youth Adviser group.

An adult choir was formed at Our Lady of Victory in January, 1968.

Presently, there are more than 800 families in the parish. Annual activities include a dinner dance held at Roma

Hall.

Over 500 grade school children and 120 high schoolers are enrolled in the CCD program. One hundred children participate in the pre-school Sunday school program.

The permanent staff of Our Lady of Victory school consists of eight teachers and a principle. In 1969 the school had an enrollment of 265 students.

The parish is awaiting delivery of a new organ for the church. The organ is being specially built for Our Lady of Victory church and will take 14 months to complete.

In 1972, the parish will celebrate its 50th anniversary as a parish. What started out as a mission church in the late 1880's, has grown through the years to become one of the largest churches in Northville today.

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Our Lady of Victory Priests

Rev. F. Broeger — 1887 (Catholic Mission organized in Northville), Rev. James A. Halley — 1889, Rev. George Clarson — 1893, Rev. Thomas Halley — 1899, Rev. Thomas Halley — 1902, Rev. John Dowdle — 1912, Rev. LeFevre — 1920;

Rev. Joseph Schuler — 1922 (Our Lady of Victory organized as parish), Rev. Lucien Hebert — 1939, Rev. John Lynch — 1942, Rev. Lorenzo Woods — 1945, Rev. Francis Wojcik — 1952 (temporary administrator), Rev. Anthony Heraty — 1952, Rev. John Wittstock — 1956 (present pastor).

## Methodists

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The following year, 1960, a new tower was built on the church at a cost of \$10,000. The old city clock, which was owned by the Methodist Church, was replaced with an electric clock. An electric bell also was installed in the tower.

In April, 1968, the Northville church again was renamed. It became the United Methodist Church after uniting with the Evangelical United Brethren.

Today a new church is to be built on Eight Mile Road and Taft. Total cost of the church and offices will be \$600,000.

Church construction will take about 15 months. The present church at the corner of Center and Dunlap streets will be sold.

The congregation has continued to grow, now numbering 775, with 250 children participating in the church school.

Church groups include the Methodist Men's League, Women's Society of Christian Service, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, three choirs and sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troop.

The Rev. G.C. Branstner, present minister, said the United Methodist Youth Fellowship will be separated into junior and senior divisions in the fall of 1969.

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### Here's List Of Pastors

Leonard B. Gurley, 1820; Marcus Swift and Lorenzo Davis, 1834; Elijah Crane and O. Mitchell, 1835; William Sprague and David Burns, 1836; William Sprague and Oscar F. North, 1837; James A. Kellam, John Kinnear

and Adam Minnis, 1838; John H. Pitezel, Robert Triggs and A. Fleming, 1839; Lamar Chatfield and Robert Triggs, 1840;

George Bradley and Ebenezer Steele, 1841; Bradford Frazee, 1842; Luther D. Whitney and James V. Watson, 1843; Thomas C. Gardner, 1844; J.E. Parker, 1845; William C. Judd, 1846; Horace Hall, 1847; Wellington H. Collins, 1848; Daniel C. Jacokes, 1849-50; Richard Pengally, 1850-52; James K. Burnham, 1852-54; William Taylor, 1854-55;

William H. Hevener, 1855-57; Richard McConnell, 1857-58; George I. Betts, 1858-59; Erastus R. Hascall, 1859-60; Henry N. Brown, 1860-61; William Mahon, 1861-62; Stephen L. Ramsdell, 1862-64; James T. Dorey, 1864-65; Alfred Allen, 1865-66; (no first name) E. VanNorman, 1866-67; John W. Crippen, 1867-69; Luther Lee, 1869-70; John S. Joslin 1870-72; Nelson Green, 1872-74; Samuel Clements, 1874-77; James E. Jacklin, 1877-80;

Henry C. Northrop, 1880-81; Joseph Frazer, 1881-83; M.H. Bartrum, 1883-84; John M. VanEvery, 1884-86; George W. Hudson, 1886-89; Andrew J. Bigelow, 1889-90; Franklin Bradley, 1890-92; R. Ross Parrish, 1892-94; Charles C. Turner, 1894-96; William M. Ward, 1896-99; William H. Lloyd, 1899-1902; John M. Shank, 1902-04;

William G. Stephens, 1904-07; James W. Turner, 1907-10; Ralph M. Pierce, 1911-15; Fred I. Walker, 1915-17; William C. Francis, 1917-19; Harry J. B. March 1919-22; William Richards, 1922-31; Frank N. Miner, 1931-34; H.H. Mallinson, 1934-35; Harry J. Lord, 1935-41; W. Leslie Williams, 1941-47; William M. Hughes, 1947-50; William A. Johnson, 1950-52; Ivan Hodgson, 1952-57;

Paul M. Carg, 1957-63; S. D. Kinde, 1963-68; G. C. Branstner, 1968-present minister.

### Our Old Methodist Tower



METHODIST CHURCH IN THE 'THIRTIES'





**FINAL TRIBUTE** — Hundreds of area Catholics gathered at St. John's Seminary at Five Mile and Sheldon roads in November, 1958 to pay their last respects to Edward Cardinal Mooney, archbishop of

Detroit, who died in Vatican City while preparing to participate in the election of a pope. The cardinal's body was buried in a crypt at the seminary which Cardinal Mooney founded in 1950.



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# Presbyterians

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Faith and Covenant recommended by the Presbytery was adopted unanimously; October 20, 1838, instrumental music was excluded from the public worship; July 1, 1848, the Articles and Covenant were dispensed with for the time being; June 8, 1878, the church adopted the system of rotary eldership.

Our church has enjoyed several seasons of revivals, of which the following are the chief.

The first occurred in 1839, Reverend William Parker being the evangelist. It was long remembered for its wonderful results. Thirty-nine additions were made to this church that year.

Other large additions were made during the years 1857-58 when Reverend James Dubuar was pastor. In the winter of those years, the churches of the village had united in revival meetings which brought large accessions to all. Thirty-five united with our church.

During the pastorate of Reverend William T. Jaquess evangelistic meetings were held by Evangelist Bishoff, which gave us a number of additions.

The latter part of 1894 Harold Sayles, with the pastors of the village, held a series of union meetings and many were gathered into all the churches.

During 100 years of existence, up to the time of the ministry of Reverend Harold G. Whitfield, just begun, this church has been served by twenty-three different pastors or stated supplies.

The first pastor was Reverend Erie Prince, who served from November, 1829, to November 1830. He was followed by Rev. Ansel Bridgman from December 1830 to January 1832. Reverend Erie Prince became pastor

extend in 1836 later than August of that year, and if at all, was only for a few months. It would appear that from October 1835 to November 1837 the pulpit was vacant considerable of the time though services were held more or less. It was, however, during this period that the building of the old church was completed.

Reverend Edward B. Emerson was the first pastor employed for full time. His pastorate was from November 1837 to September 1, 1838. He received a salary of \$350 to \$380. Prior to this time the young church, for a period of eight years, had united with the Farmington church in the support of the pastor.

Following him, it would appear that Reverend Erie Prince again preached more or less to April 1839. It is so indicated in my father's notes and by statement of Dr. John C. Emery, where he says: "In the year 1839, I with our two oldest daughters, Cornelia and Janette, united with the church. The Reverend Erie Prince was a former minister. He lived near Farmington. He was pastor of the Farmington church and of our church for some time. After the period of his second pastorate, he evidently was called upon to preach and conduct services at our church, falling in from 1836 to 1839, more or less at times when our church was without a regular pastor. The record shows that he moderated the meetings of the session during the years 1836-37-38, which would indicate that the pastors during the years named may not have been ordained ministers.

The next pastor was Reverend Wm. C. Kniffin. He served from June 1839 to February or March 1844. His salary at first was \$500, later \$450. He was a classmate at Princeton, N.J. Theological Seminary of Reverend Joseph A. Clayton, another of the

*'Worship during (1834) . . . was undoubtedly largely, if not entirely, in the stone school house . . .'*

again from February 1832 to February 1834.

Then came Reverend George Hornell, May 1834 to October 1835. He came to us from Pontiac Presbyterian church. The place of worship during the latter part of this pastorate was undoubtedly largely, if not entirely, in the stone school house, just built. According to information given by Mr. L. H. Hart, Pontiac, Michigan, a great grandson of Reverend Hornell, who is present with us today, his great grandfather was subsequently at one time, a missionary to the Indians at Mackinac.

As to the next pastor, Reverend A. McJunkin, the record is not clear. On November 10, 1835, the trustees were instructed to employ him for the year 1836, but on August 26, 1836, Reverend Erie Prince was again employed and he appears to have preached once in two weeks for a short time. Notes of my father's, Reverend James Dubuar's, which I recently came across, probably made early in the 1859's do not mention Reverend McJunkin's pastorate, nor does Mrs. William Pinkerton in her reminiscences of the earlier pastors. If Reverend McJunkin served as pastor it did not

pioneers of Presbyterianism in Michigan.

Then came Reverend Jesse Edwards, who was pastor from April to July 1844. July 22, 1844, he gave a receipt for \$100 for services to date. He is reported to have been a grandson of President Edwards of Princeton College, which, if so, would make him a descendant of one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of American divines and metaphysicians, Jonathan Edwards.

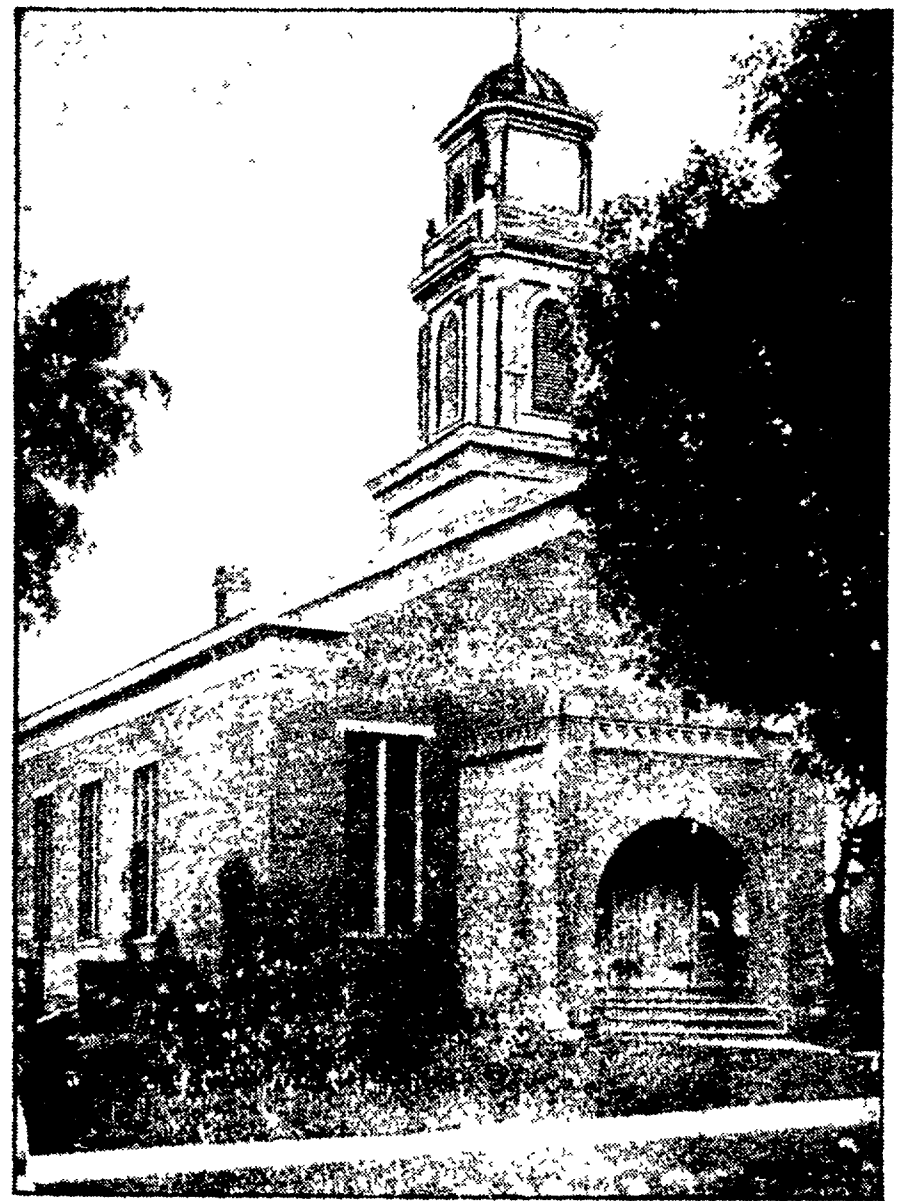
Peter H. Burghardt followed with a pastorate running from September 1844 to May 1847. He seems to have received a salary of \$450 a year for the whole time. The present church was built at this time.

Then came Reverend Luke A. Spafford, from October 1847 to April 1848, followed by Rev. Asa Bennet to April 1850. For one year there was a vacancy, there being no regular pastor.

Up to the year 1850 (inclusive) the ministers seem to have served as stated or temporary supplies. In May 1851, Reverend James Dubuar commenced his ministrations. At an annual 'meeting' in 1852, it was decided to extend to him a call to become pastor

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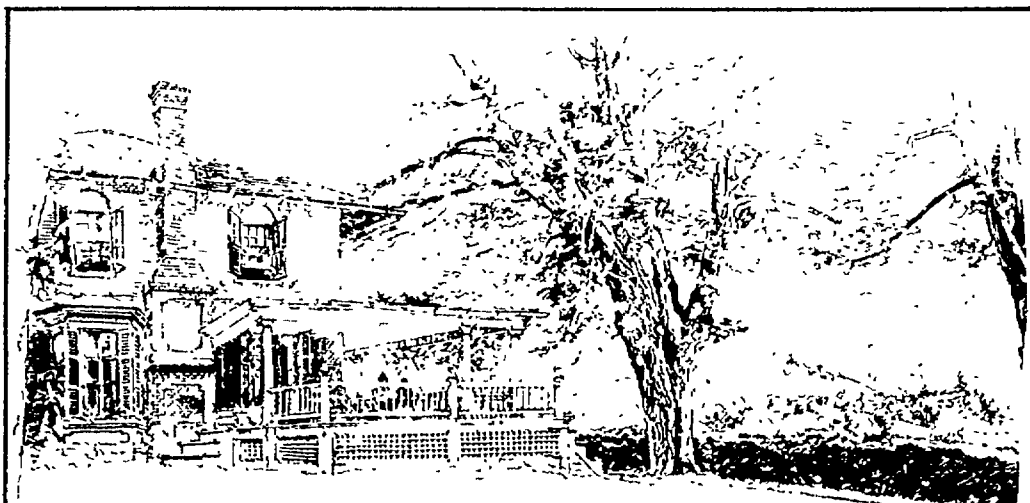
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1836-1846

## Here's Your List of All Presbyterian Pastors

Rev. Erie Prince — 1829-1830 — 1832-1834, Rev. Ansel Bridgman — 1830-1832, Rev. George Hornell — 1834-1835, Rev. A. McJunkin — 1836, Rev. Edward B. Emerson — 1837-1838, Rev. William C. Kniffen — 1839-1844; Rev. Jessie Edwards — 1844, Rev. Peter H. Burghardt — 1844-1847, Rev. Luke S. Spafford — 1847-1848, Rev. Asa Bennet — 1849-1850, Rev. James Dubuar — 1851-1868 — 1872-1875, Rev. A. J. Buell — 1869-1871, Rev. Donald Fletcher — 1875-1876, Rev. Henry W. Gelston — 1876-1884; Rev. Henry S. Jenkinson — 1885, Rev. George E. Paddock — 1886-1887,

Rev. William T. Jaquess — 1888-1892, Rev. J. M. Belding — 1893-1895, Rev. J. H. Herbener — 1896-1900, Rev. William S. Jerome — 1900-1912, Rev. Jerome E. Webber — 1912-1917, Rev. Edward V. Belles — 1918-1923, Rev. F. P. Knowles — 1923-1929, Rev. Harold G. Whitfield — 1929-1936;

Rev. Thomas W. Smith — 1936-1941, Rev. Harold F. Fredsell — 1941-1944 — 1946-1954, Rev. J. Leslie French — 1944-1946, Rev. W. P. Lemon — 1954, Rev. John O. Taxis — 1955-1960, Rev. Frank Fitt — 1960-1961, Rev. Lloyd G. Brasure —



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# Presbyterians

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of the church. The call was accepted and he became the first regularly installed pastor of the church, February 4, 1852. This pastorate embraced the years from 1851 to 1868.

Reverend A. J. Buell followed as stated supply (pic) from May 1869 to September 1871.

In speaking of the church while he was pastor, Rev. Buell, in a letter which he wrote years ago, said, "I remember several names of members of the session, which was one of the best I have ever known. First, Squire William Yerkes, the oldest member of the session, and I think, in the church. He was the noblest Roman of them all. Then Robert Yerkes, his son, and a man worthy of his parentage. He was a great help to me... I have ever regarded my pastorate in Northville as one of the most pleasant — I will say the most pleasant in my ministerial experience. In this Mrs. Buell cordially agrees with me."

Reverend James Dubuar again served this church being stated supply from May or June 1872 to 1875. Reverend Donald Fletcher was pastor for one year from May 1875. Reverend James Dubuar again preached for the months of June and July 1876.

Henry Monroe White was an active member of this church for over 50 years. He was an elder and clerk of session continuously for 36 years. In a history of this church, written by him, appearing in the Northville Record in 1888, he said, referring to Reverend James Dubuar: "And here, after the work of 20 years, there closed the active labors of one of the strongest and best of men. Under his industry 148 were added to the membership — 93 on profession of faith. This was his home until his death, which took place December 6, 1886, after a long and very painful illness, which he endured with all the fortitude of a Christian life and example. No man ever lived among us whose life and example were more blameless than his. No man had so many friends, not only in the church and neighborhood, but also in all the region round about. Quiet and unassuming his life was powerful for good in every department of Christian work."

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On the lot east of the church, donated by William Hay in 1850, was

the site of the manse, constructed in 1884.

The sanctuary was remodeled in 1913 and a balcony was added in 1922. In that year an organ was installed, made possible by a gift from Andrew Carnegie.

The church house was built in 1929. Although it was largely the gift of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Grennan, it also represents years of fund raising by the Women's Union.

In the early 1930's Fellowship Hall was constructed. In 1954 men of the church excavated the area beneath the sanctuary to provide more Sunday School rooms.

In 1963 at the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church of Northville, the congregation voted to raise funds and begin the construction of the Christian Education unit. Ground breaking ceremonies were held March 8, 1964 with Rev. Lloyd G. Brasure officiating. Reverend Henry Walch, Plymouth, was the speaker.

The cornerstone of the Christian Education unit was laid May 3, 1964, and dedication took place October 4. The unit included 16 classrooms in the two story building, with a total area of 10,000 square feet.

March 2, 1969, members of the congregation conducted a campaign drive to raise funds for the construction of a new sanctuary. The estimated cost to build and equip the sanctuary is \$270,000. Reverend Alexander Stenhouse, campaign director sent by the United Presbyterian Church Board of National Missions, said this was "one of the smoothest campaigns I ever had been a part of."

The new sanctuary will increase the seating capacity from 250 to 400.

Northville and Novi women from five area churches met March 7, 1969, at the Presbyterian church to participate in the World Day of Prayer service. The event was sponsored internationally by Church Women United.

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville has been serving the community for 140 years. It is the sixth oldest church in the Presbytery of Detroit and continues to grow under the present direction of Reverend Lloyd G. Brasure.



OLD SCOUT BUILDING — One of the busiest public buildings here a decade ago was the scout building that stood at the northwest corner of Hutton and Dunlap. Since razed it has been replaced by the drive-in branch of Manufacturers National Bank.



# Baptist Church

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During the late 1940's the church voted to become part of the Conservative Baptist Association of America.

In 1951, Peter Nieuwkoop became pastor of the church. During the first year of his ministry, the church charter was changed and a new constitution was written and adopted.

Another missionary, Mrs. Marguerite Coykendall Shaw, was added during 1952.

Remodeling of church facilities in the 1950's included a new heating plant and entire remodeling of the church basement to provide Sunday School classrooms.

In January, 1960, excavation began for the addition of a new auditorium on the corner of High and Wing Streets. The 58' x 48' facility increased the seating capacity to 360. The pulpit was built at the south end of the auditorium and for the first time since the First Baptist Church was

founded in Northville, the congregation faced south instead of west.

Included in the project was remodeling of the old building to provide a new chapel, high school Sunday School classroom, a nursery, mimeograph room and janitor's supply room. The total cost of the building and remodeling was \$50,000.

The architecture was retained in the New England style. The auditorium was dedicated October 23, 1960, on the 125th anniversary of the church.

Today the First Baptist Church of Northville has 250 registered members. Organizations affiliated with the church include the Women's Missionary Circle, Pioneer Girls' Club and the Boys Brigade.

Events that are in the planning stage include the Evangelistic Campaign scheduled for November 2-9, according to Reverend Cedric Whitcomb, present minister of the church.

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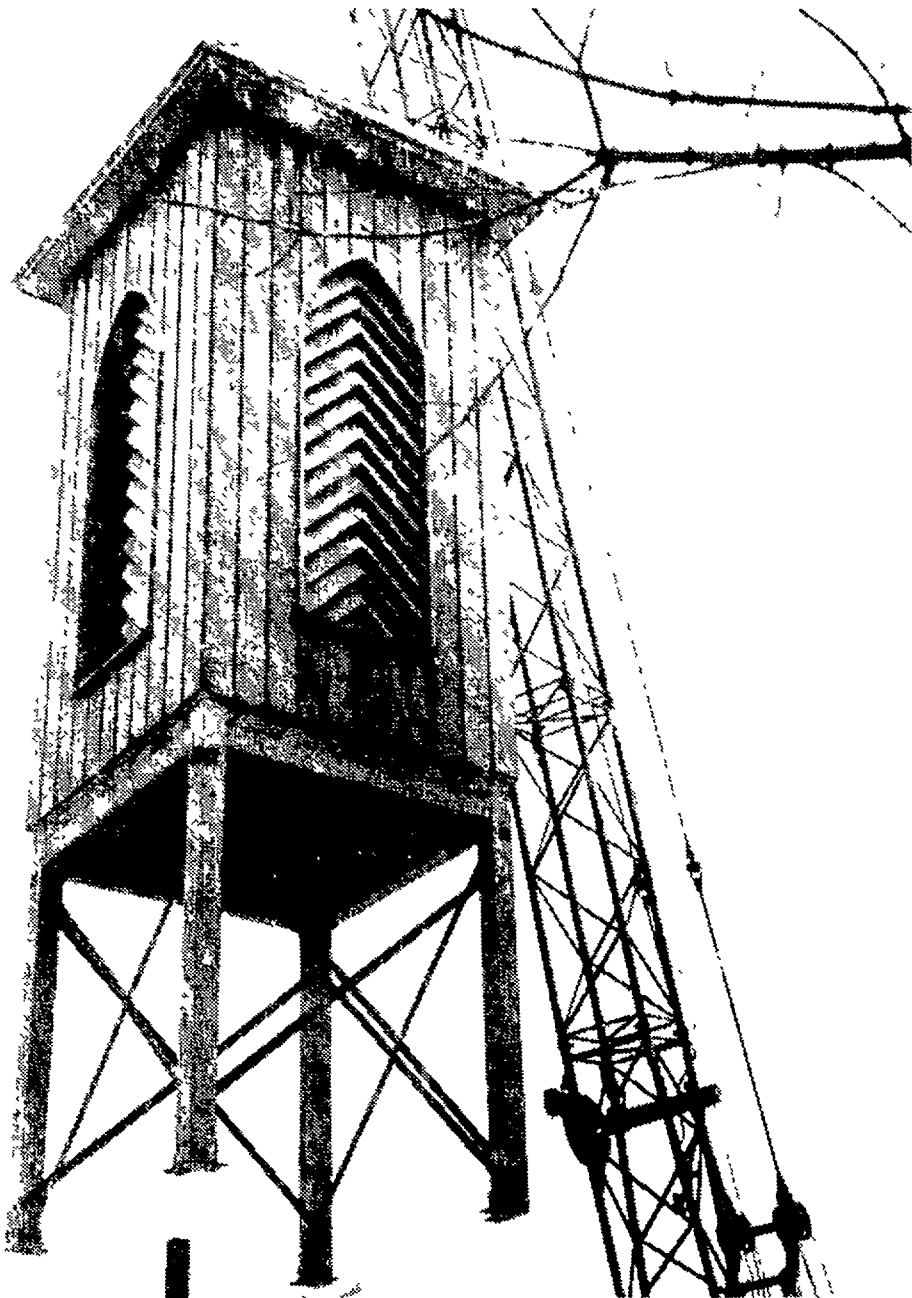
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## Here's List of All Baptist Ministers

Ministers of the First Baptist Church of Northville:

Nathan Noyes — 1835 (founding of the First Baptist Church of Northville), William Wood, W. G. Wisner, Supply Chase, J. L. McCloud, William H. Gregory, Ezekiel Mosher, J. L. DeLand, J. C. Baker; J. S. Cox, C. H. Richardson, B. L. Van Buren, G. A. Ames, M. A. Churchill, H. P. Eldridge, F. F. Rae; L. G. Clark, F. E. Arnold, C. S. Nightingale; E. A. Schalmans, J. J. Phelps, O. M. Thrasher — 1903, S. F.

Dimmock, N. E. Musser; T. J. Murdock, S. J. Slough, Frank Brass, A. N. Riley, Franklin Prestedge, Herbert Grimwood — 1919. A. K. MacRae, J. W. Priest, W. R. Barbour — 1932, Kenneth S. North — 1933, Kendall North — 1936, R. M. Traver — 1937, Dr. R. H. Chapman — 1939, Lloyd Young — 1943, Walter Ballagh — 1946, Peter F. Nieuwkoop — 1951 (new addition built in 1960), Robert K. Spradling — 1962, and Cedric D. Whitcomb — 1969 (present minister).



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# 'Mad Anthony' Captures Hearts; County Named for War Hero

Just as Dwight Eisenhower returned a hero after World War II, another general, dubbed "Mad Anthony Wayne", captured the hearts of Detroit citizens when he toured that rapidly growing frontier in 1796.

One year before his triumphant entry into Detroit, "Mad Anthony" (so called because of his gallant storming of Stony Point in 1779) almost single-handedly ended the bloody Indian wars of the midwest.

When the last chief had affixed his

signature to the treaty that hot summer day at Greenville, Ohio in 1795, the Indians ceded the southeastern corner of the Northwest territory, together with 16 settlements including Chicago and Detroit.

The treaty was a victory. And the citizens of the United States, particularly in the frontiers of the midwest, viewed the victory as Wayne's personal triumph. Thus, when Winthrop Sargeant, secretary of the territory, and acting governor,

established the county of Wayne by proclamation on August 15, 1796, his action drew wide popular support.

General Wayne, after leaving the Detroit area to report to President Washington, wrote a letter to the "Cure and inhabitants of the community". It read in part:

"I will with much pleasure, communicate to the president the warm sentiments of zeal and attachments which you have expressed toward the government of the United States; and I cannot permit myself to depart hence without assuring you that I shall always take a peculiar interest in whatever may contribute to promote the happiness and prosperity of the country to which my name has the honor to be attached."

The first boundaries of the county of Wayne included all of Michigan and parts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. It contained an area of 75,000 square miles including the sites of Milwaukee and Chicago.

After numerous boundary changes between 1796 and 1822, Governor Cass established the present limits by proclamation on September 10, 1822.

The financial affairs of the new county were managed by three county commissioners appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions. In 1818, the governor became the appointing power. Seven years later, the office was made elective.

Duties of the county commissioners were transferred to a board of supervisors in 1842. This body was authorized to examine, settle and allow all accounts and estimate the yearly expenses of the county. It was also authorized to repair county buildings, and to offer bounties for the killing of wolves and panthers. The supervisors were paid \$1.00 — later \$2.00, and still later, \$3.00 for each of the eight days of their sessions.

## Wayne Townships

As provided under the Northwest Territory law of 1790, four townships were created within the county in 1798. They were, Detroit, Mackinaw, Sargeant and Hamtramck.

Wayne county was not entirely divided into townships until its present boundaries were established. Simultaneously, with the creation of the board of supervisors, on April 12, 1827, boundaries for the following townships were laid out: Detroit, Springwells, Hamtramck, Monguagon, Brownstown, Plymouth, Ecorse, Huron and Bucklin. The latter township went out of existence with the establishment of Nankin and Pekin in 1829. Pekin was later changed to Redford, and Dearborn was created out of part of Pekin.

Soon these townships were added: Greenfield, Canton, Livonia, Romulus, Van Buren, Sumpter, Taylor. Romulus was later renamed Wayne.

## Plymouth Township

Plymouth township, according to historians, was named in honor of the first American settlement at Plymouth Rock by William Bartow, who located on section one in 1826. As originally created in February 1827, this township included all of what is now called Northville, Canton and Plymouth townships.

For several years, the northern half

of the township was called Plymouth, and the southern half was called South Plymouth, until the latter was separately organized in 1834 as Canton township.

The first settlers to venture into the heavily wooded wilderness northwest of Detroit began to arrive about 1818. These hearty pioneers usually made their way to Detroit by schooner or steamer (including the Walk-in-the-Water, the Henry Clay, and the Pioneer) from Buffalo. Northville historian Charles L. Dubuar wrote: "The forest was cut back about a mile from the river, and in the woods the wolves held their nightly jubilee. From Detroit, the settlers found their way as best they could through the dense forest to their future homes."

What kind of land, animals and adventures waited for the pioneers?

Early accounts tell of elk, moose, wolves, bears, rabbits, otters, lynx, wild cats, beavers and muskrats that roamed the Detroit area.

Between 1820 and 1830 the howling of wolves could be heard at the edge of Detroit. Bounties of three and four dollars were paid by the county — and historians write that much of the county taxes was used to pay for wolf scalps.

Silas Farmer wrote in 1884:

"In 1824, and also in other years, myriads of wild pigeons made their roosts in the forests of the county. They were so numerous that hundreds could easily be killed with a walking stick.

"As late as the fall of 1834, deer were abundant within a morning's walk, and black bears would occasionally perambulate the streets. Wild turkeys and quails were numerous up to about 1850 . . ."

On November 30, 1815, Edward Tiffin, surveyor general, wrote that in the whole of the Michigan territory there was "not one acre in a hundred, if there would be in a thousand, that would in any case admit of cultivation. It is all swampy and sandy." Detroit and the surrounding area was said to be extremely sterile and barren. Historian Farmer charged Tiffin and those who expounded his beliefs with possessing an "impardonable ignorance or knavery," pointing out that the state wheat crop in 1886 amounted to 26,000,000 bushels.

And if that wasn't proof enough, he pointed to H. Berthelet who in 1821 raised a pumpkin that by all reports was six feet, eight inches in circumference, and after it had been picked, weighed 174 pounds and 12 ounces.

## Plymouth Settlement

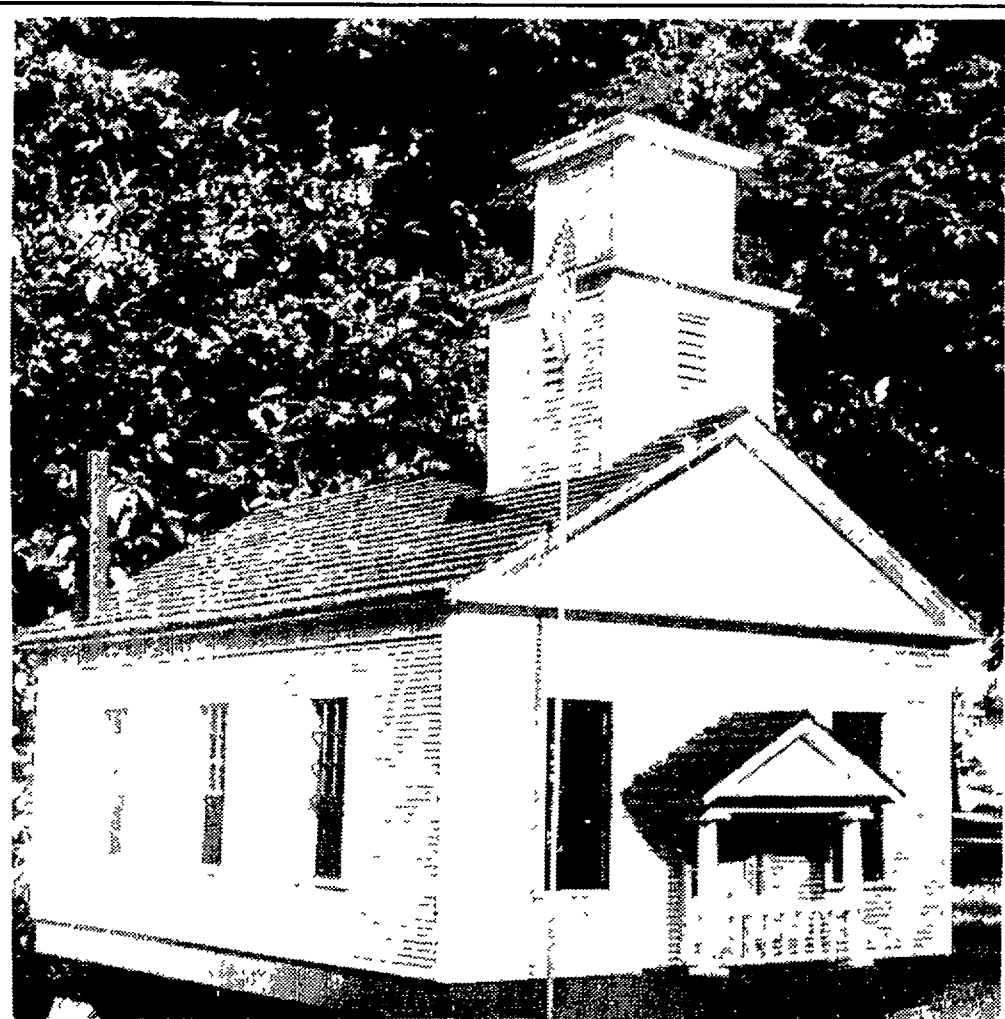
According to Dubuar, the first settlement in the township of Plymouth was made in the spring of 1885.

"The country was heavily wooded, and it was with considerable difficulty that the pioneer settlement was reached. The trail, which only by courtesy could be called a road, extended through a distance of some 15 or 18 miles from Detroit to a point on the Rouge, where a little settlement had been made and a mill erected by Luther Lincoln, who a year or two

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NORTH ON NORTHVILLE ROAD AT FIVE MILE



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is dedicated to the task of discovering, collecting, preserving and advancing the history of Northville. Today, for example, we are struggling to save a building that figures so prominently in this centennial edition of The Record . . . the "old library" building presently housing the Northville Township offices. We see this building, which itself is a good example of the architecture so prevalent in this area 124 years ago when it was constructed, as an ideal community museum. Won't you join us in this important task?

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# Adventurous Pioneering Years Recalled by Northville Settler

**Editor's Note:** The following history, written by David Clarkston, was published in the Record on July 12, 1874.

I have often thought that some incidents in the early settlement of this place, would be interesting to your readers, and being one of the Pioneers, I propose to commence by giving something of the history of the first settlement here, in hopes that someone more competent will continue the subject:

In the Spring of 1831, several families, in the vicinity of Ovid, Seneca County, N. Y., concluded to emigrate to the then Territory of Michigan. They concluded to go in company, and included Robert Purdy, and family, Capt. Wm. Dunlap and family, Henry Waldron, Samuel Blackwood, Peter Larkins, and their families, and Wm. Smith and two sisters.

As there were no railroads then the only public conveyance being the stage coach, or canal and steamboat, they thought best to take the latter. Accordingly they made arrangements with Robt. Purdy to take him on board of his canal boat, the "Shark", at Sheldrake Point, Cayuga Lake, and thence to Buffalo, by the Erie canal.

About the first of May 1831 with all their luggage, and provisions to last them through, they embarked on the "Shark", and having engaged a man with a span of horses to tow them to Buffalo, they started on their journey to the promised land, in search of a home; none except Mr. Purdy having made any arrangement, purchased or had any idea of what part of the territory they should settle in. Mr. Purdy had previously purchased some land, some five or six miles west of this place, on the Base-line, near where J. K. Starks now resides, and had a piece shopped off, and the body of a log house put up, and came with the intention of settling there. He would of course recommend to his companions that part of the country as a desirable place to locate.

Capt. Wm. Dunlap, in addition to his own family of two girls and two boys, brought two other boys with him whom he had taken to bring up and

help clear up the wilderness, Lewis McCormick, aged 18, and the writer, aged 14. The company traveled by day-time and "lay up" nights. They were about a week reaching Buffalo. They then transferred their families and puppy dogs (of which there were several in the company) and luggage, to the steamboat "New York," for Detroit, and we said good bye to the old "Shark", Mr. Purdy having sold her to parties in Buffalo. We were nearly three days on the lake to Detroit, and many of the company were sea-sick. This was the most disagreeable part of the journey.

We landed in Detroit on the 18th day of May. Detroit had then a population of a little over 2,000. "Ben" Woodworth kept the largest Tavern in the city, called the "Steam Boat Hotel", located somewhere on Atwater street, and "Widdow McMillan" kept the "Yankee Boarding House", near where the Franklin House now stands which was in the outskirts of the town.

In Detroit Henry Waldron and family, parted with the company and went towards Pontiac, where they had acquaintances, and where they located permanently. The rest of the company procured teams to bring them to the Township of Plymouth, the woman and smaller children riding, while the rest had to walk.

The streets in Detroit were one continual mud hole, and the roads through the country were worse if possible.

We came out through Spring Wells, across the river Rouge, at "Salsbury's tavern," on the Chicago road, by "Tenyecks's," through the "Bucklin Woods," and across "Togish Plain" to Plymouth.

Mr. Purdy and family went to his brother's, James Purdy, near Plymouth, and from there to his farm and future home. Mr. Larkins settled west of Northville, and cleared up the farm he now owns and lives on. Mr. Blackwood settled in Novi and remains where he first settled, an honored citizen of the town, and has raised a large family of children. Mr. Smith and sister settled, with the rest of their family who

followed them, on the Base-Line, west of Mr. Purdy's.

Capt. Wm. Dunlap bought of John Miller, 160 acres, being the center of the north half of section three, on which Northville is located, which was partly improved, with the "Northville Mills," then a small grist mill, with a pair of rock stones, which Mr. Miller and Israel Nash had made out of a large Boulder found near the site of said mill, a work of patience and perseverance, not to be thought of in

attached to them. The nigh one was a large brindle, white-face, very kind and of good disposition; the off one a large black ox, very heavy before and light behind resembling a buffalo more than an ox, and of an ugly disposition. They made a very servicable team in logging and plowing the new grounds. We commenced work immediately, putting in some corn and repairing of the grist-mill. We planted six acres of corn on the west side of the road, or where is now Center street, from Miss Wheeler's millinery store now stands north of Dr. Hueston's, and west to Wing street, the 6th day of June, and it ripened and yielded well.

In a few weeks after settling Lewis McCormick, the young man before spoken of, was taken sick with chills and fever and in few days died. Dr. Emery attended him and everything that could be, was done to help him. He was the first one buried in the place. His grave was located south of the road, back of where Waterman's meat market now stands, and afterwards removed to the new cemetery.

The country was very new then and settlers few and far between. Daniel L. Cady lived in a log house near where the Cady hotel now stands. Pitts Taft was on the Taft farm; Chauncey Reynolds on the Base line west; grand-father Joseph Yerkes east on the line; H. S. Bradley a mile south, and John Welch farther east. Hiram Robinson owned the farm and saw-mill south and A. B. Markham next on the south.

There was no village here then, Northville had not been thought of. Father Hickox had a little shop and turning-lath, near the mill, and repaired and made spinning-wheels, grain cradles, rakes, etc.

J. M. Mead and his brother Samuel had a board shanty on the corner right where Hungerford's store now stands, and kept goods and groceries to sell to the few settlers who came to mill.

Lewis Clark lived in a log house south of Cady hotel corner. He was a very zealous methodist; a very loud praying man, and could be heard all over the neighborhood.

Settlers came very fast. Every day some new comers were heard of.

Daniel Johnson started a blacksmith shop near the mill, and soon after some of our neighbors and acquaintances from Seneca Co, N.Y., settled in the vicinity. Robert Blackwood, Clinton Johnson, James DeMott, M. Hughston, and others.

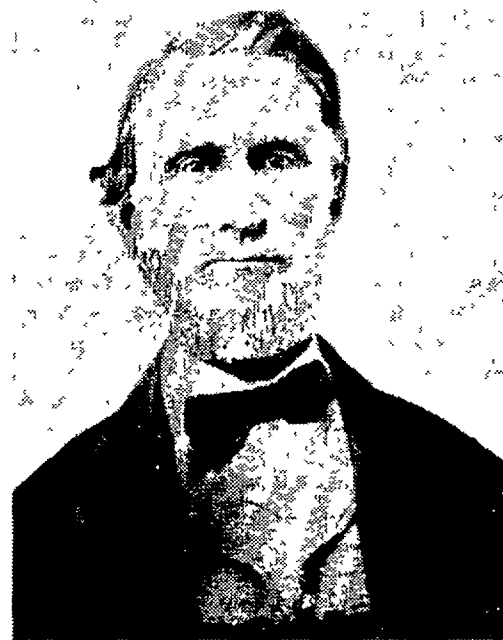
People came here to trade, and for lumber, and this began to be a business centre. Mr. Sterling sold his farm (now the C. I. Leonard farm) to J. DeMott and came here and built the first public house or tavern. The same house is now owned and occupied by Capt. Dunlap.

A post-office was established here, and J. M. Mead filled the position of post-master — the first one here. The postage on letters then was twenty-five cents.

The citizens held a meeting in Mead's store to decide on a name for the place and "Northville" was the name decided upon.

The Pioneers were men and women of intelligence, stern integrity and good moral character, and their influence in this community is seen and

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DAVID CLARKSON

Author of Early Northville History

these days. He moved his family into a small log-house, with a "stick chimney", on the outside, that stood near the mill, and commenced work in earnest.

The first thing needed was a team. So he went to Detroit and purchased out of a drove of cattle, from Ohio, a yoke of oxen, and two cows; yoked the oxen to his wagon, which he had brought from York state with him, put on a load of his goods at the warehouse in Detroit, and then started on the way for home, driving the cows ahead. Oh! how the boys laughed when they saw him coming, for being a left-handed man, he made a very awkward ox-driver.

The oxen I shall never forget, for I drove them several years, and became



OLD STONE SCHOOL? Not so, insists Fred Wendt who operated a garage business in the stone building that stood at the northeast corner of Hutton and Main Streets where the A&P supermarket is located today. The old stone school, says Wendt, stood on the east side of Hutton near Dunlap Street overlooking what is

now Ford Field. This picture, insists Wendt, is the Palmer Balcksmith Shop that stood on the north side of Main, between Center and Wing streets. That's old Jarvis Palmer on the right. One of the men in the center of the picture is Peter Barley, who operated the business with Palmer.



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# Settler Recalls Pioneering Days

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felt to-day.

Forty-three years have passed, and what a change has taken place! Here is a beautiful, thriving village of nearly a thousand inhabitants, in whose streets I have seen many a wild deer and turkey not to speak of an occasional black bear.

Many of the first settlers have passed away. Capt. Dunlap is living in Northville, a hale, hearty man. Peter

*'I have seen many a wild turkey . . . and an occasional bear . . .'*

Larkins and Samuel Blackwood occupy the same farms they first settled on and improved. Henry Waldron is living near Pontiac, and Wm. G. Smith lives near Langsburgh.

That little company of pioneers have obeyed the scriptural injunction, "multiply and replenish the earth." They have all raised families of children, some of which, in these days, would be considered very large families, many of them men and women grown, honored citizens, and valuable members of society.

A great many incidents might be mentioned in connection with the settlement and growth of Northville, that would be interesting to those in this locality.

I write this in hopes that some one better qualified will be induced to give us something better regarding the early history of this part of the country.

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(August 15, 1874)

In a former article headed "The Pioneers," I gave some incidents of Pioneer life in the first settlement of Northville, and vicinity, in hopes that someone better qualified would take up the subject, and as no one seems inclined to say anything, or find fault with what I have written, and as I have been requested by several to continue the subject, I will therefore continue to give some of my recollections.

As some have asked about my journal, I will say I have kept no journal but depend upon memory for the facts and incidents related.

The first frame dwelling house in Northville, was built by Wm. Dunlap in the fall of 1831, and stood on the corner where Doctor Hueston's house now stands.

The next house was built by J. M. Mead, and was located on the corner of Main and Center streets, where the Cady house now stands. Daniel Johnson put up a building on the opposite corner and used the lower part for a blacksmith shop and the upper part was used by G. H. Wilcox for a shoe shop.

John Waterman purchased the tavern of Mr. Sterling, and kept a first class public house, also a tailor shop in one room, and cut and made garments for those who could afford to wear good clothes. Wheat was worth fifty cents a bushel, and a days work for a able bodied man, five shillings (62½ cents). In church matters the Presbyterians seem to have been the Pioneers here, as a church was organized in 1829 at the house of Joseph Yerkes, by the Rev. Mr. Prince. There were eight original members. Joseph Yerkes, Mary Yerkes, John Yerkes, James Purdy and Deacon

Hiram Fuller was of the number.

Mr. Prince was the first Preacher. Meetings were first held in Mr. Yerkes' house, and occasionally in the Barn, afterwards in the log school house that stood on the bank near C. A. Griswold's.

The Methodist circuit rider and saddle bags, made his appearance about this time and a class was formed here. Father Hickox was the first class leader. The first circuit Preacher I recollect was the Revd. Mr. Colclazer. The first presiding elder was Revd. M. Gilruth. The first quarterly meeting I attended was held in Rufus Thayer's barn. Elder Gilruth preached. Any one who could get in sight of the barn would have no difficulty in hearing the sermon.

Methodists in those days were sincere, honest, zealous, hearty and noisy in their profession. The Methodist became the largest and most popular church in Northville and numbered among its members many of our most prominent citizens.

They built the first church edifice in Northville in 1836. The same original church around the corner, now owned and occupied by the Methodists in Northville.

Of the original founders of the Methodist church here, there is but one living that I know of. Paul W. Hazen lives on the same farm he commenced on over forty years ago, the same consistent earnest methodist, not quite as noisy.

A majority of the Pioneer settlers of this place and vicinity seem to have been church members and their influence predominated in the settlement and had an important bearing upon the character and morals of society and the good reputation of the place.

But the settlers were not all of a religious or pious turn of mind, some were given to mischief.

I recollect a circumstance that happened about this time, that was

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**HORSEPOWER** — Horse power meant just that a century ago when *The Record* was launched. These two pictures reproduced from old glass negatives are believed to have been taken on the old Griswold farm at the eastern edge of Northville.



Hosted by Northville GAR

## General Custer's Wife Speaks

May 4, 1893 — Notwithstanding the beautiful day; the pleasant evening, the renown of the speaker or the purpose of the occasion, there was but a small audience out to greet Mrs. General Custer at the reading here Friday night. Those who were present, however, were among Northville's most cultured people, and if the crowd was small it was certainly appreciative.

In an exceeding neat address Mr. F. R. Beal introduced Mrs. Custer. In substance he said: 'Michigan has produced many noted men. Both in her civil and war records has our beloved state been made famous by their deeds. But including all, there is no name to us so dear and which we speak with almost bated breath as the sorrowful scenes enacted with his sad death oft come so vividly before us, as the name of Custer. And now I take great pleasure in introducing to you tonight the lady who made him what he was, Mrs. General Custer!

The remarks brought a round of applause from those present and

especially from the old vets who were present in a body.

In the opening Mrs. Custer said that for fear of a misconstruction of the subject of her lecture she wished to say that her reading was not of the tragedy nature, but of the more enjoyable part of garrison life; the winter months when all the troops were home enjoying the days and nights with their families prior to the summer campaigns. 'The tragic side,' she said, 'is entirely too sad for me to even think about.'

Her paper treated chiefly on purely garrison life, which she traced from reveille call in the morning, including all the duties and pleasures of the day; the evening's enjoyment, spent socially together in dancing, singing or other amusements until 'taps' sounded at night. Among the greatest luxuries to be had, or of which she remembered, was a wooden box or any kind of a piece of board. Those came usually, and in fact, only with supplies of some sort for the soldiers and as soon as a box of goods arrived in camp it was

never for a moment lost sight of by the ladies until it was emptied and in possession of some one of the fair sex. These, to them, valuable articles were used for shelves, stools, lounges or other purposes.

Mrs. Custer said that so strong is the impression left upon her yet of the value which they placed upon those seeming trifling and valueless pieces of wood, that even now if she should see a board lying along the walk while going up 5th avenue, New York, she thinks she would pick it up and take it home with her.

After the reading Mrs. Custer waited to shake hands and speak a few kind words with all the GAR boys and others. She left Saturday morning for Detroit where she met the General's sister, Mrs. Calhoun, who accompanied her to Chicago, leaving Detroit at noon.

Mrs. Custer informed us that this was her first and last reading of the year. She was much pleased with the people whom she met here and expressed a desire to be able to meet them again.

# Rowland Builds One of First Stores

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strongly impressed upon my mind, and I then thought was an awful wicked transaction and went to show that the good influence of the majority did not restrain the bad ones.

The Methodists used to hold meetings in a log school house on the corner of Benton's farm, opposite where Newton Johnson now lives, called the "Benton school house." A meeting was appointed to be held at the above named house on a certain sabbath. I with several other boys and young men went to attend the meeting on Sunday morning. We were early, and what was our astonishment to find that during the night, some persons had torn the house down, by prying the logs out of the sides, and ends, and letting the roof down over the ruins. They then shot a large bull belonging to Mr. Benton, and placed the carcass on the ridge of the fallen roof, set it up in a position natural as life, and before it on a board placed a bible and hymn book.

This created quite a sensation at the time, and the community were much excited. This went to show that although good influences predominated they were not sufficient, to restrain the evil minded.

The meeting was held that day in the house of Gannett Ramsdell across the corner, who kindly offered the use of and opened his doors for the occasion.

The only store in Northville was J. M. Mead & brother. About this time David H. Rowland came and built a store on the corner of Main and Center



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Northville Main Street, Northville, Mich.

streets, where Miss Wheeler now is, and commenced business. He entered into partnership with Arthur Edwards and kept a country store. The firms name being Rowland & Edwards. He afterwards bought out Edwards and continued in business himself in the same store until his death.

Mr. Rowland was a very prominent man in Northville, a local methodist preacher an active member of the church, an ardent politician, a ready debater, carried on several branches of business at the same time. Intelligent

and progressive, he took a lively interest in all important questions of the day; was elected a representative to the State Legislature from this district, a man of great influence in this community, and done as much or more, towards building up and improving the village of Northville, than any one man that ever lived in it.

I will stop here for fear of being tedious. I am in hopes that some one else may be induced to give us some recollections that will be interesting to your readers.

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July 18, 1874

John Young and "Bill" Pitts, dressed the first beef butchered in Northville. They were Englishmen and very English in their manners. They were prominent among the Pioneers,

owner of the Northville Hotel in 1835, and with his brothers Lewis, William and Phineas, became citizens of Northville. Lewis taught our school, William and Phineas kept the Hotel after Michiel. Phineas was a very popular landlord, social, genial good hearted, charitable, friendly and liked by all. Every Pioneer will remember "Phim. Thompson."

Sizer came about this time and built a Hotel about where Ezra Thornton's house stands. He was a gun smith, a good marksman, hunter and sportsman, and became a prominent character, here among those he associated with. He was accidentally shot and killed by a comrade, while watching a "deer-lick" out west one night. The buckshot entered his breast. I saw his shirt afterwards with the three

## 'John Young and 'Bill' Pitts dressed the first beef butchered in Northville . . .'

and noted around the country, buying up all the fat cattle, sheep, pigs, etc.

John Darling was the first carpenter, and David Gould the first mason. He was called "King Gould" a name given him in consequence of a little incident that happened here. Mr. Gould was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a Deacon, I believe. At a meeting in the old stone school house, among those in attendance was Savil Aldrich, the Pioneer Quaker who used to speak in meeting whenever the spirit moved, an not always to the point, or edification of his hearers, after the sermon Savil looked a moment and said in a loud voice, "David who made thee King and ruler over Isarel"; after that he was called "King Gould."

Pennell and Sha started the first wool carding, and cloth dressing establishment, where the school seat factory now stands. Leander Ferguson was the first founderman and made the first plow and point here, and afterwards with Pennell built the Argo mills, and carried on quite an extensive milling business in the name of "Pennell and Ferguson." He was an active member of the Methodist Church, justice of the peace for many years an energetic, enterprising business man.

shot holes in it.

This community was shocked by the incident and a great deal of sorrow manifested by his friends.

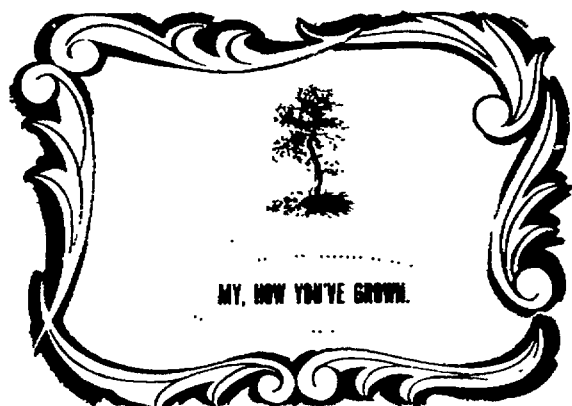
Joe Tyler came about this time. He was a shoe maker, a zealous Methodist and one of the sweetest singers ever heard. He became associated with D. H. Rowland in the boot and shoe business, was leader of the Methodist choir, taught singing school, (then we used the Buck notes) was a light hearted, jovial good natured honest man, full of jokes and could take a joke kindly, and was one of our best citizens. Theodore and Peter Phillips, deserve notice here. They came as "jour" shoe makers and worked a number of years as such, became "boss" shoe makers here; both married in Northville and lived here a long time. Peter kept the hotel a short time near Hutton's blacksmith shop. He and his wife started to go to California over land. He died on the way and was buried on the plains. His widow afterwards returned to Northville. Theodore is now living in Ionia. Though young they had much to do with building up the place and society, and will be remembered especially by the younger Pioneers as participating with them in many social gatherings and sports of the times.

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Michal Thompson became the

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THANKS. THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS ARE ALWAYS THE HARDEST.



## NORTHVILLE CAMERA SHOP

200 SOUTH MAIN ST.,  
NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN



# Early Northville Was Part of Plymouth

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January 16, 1875

The Territory of Michigan was surveyed off into Towns six miles square, and numbered north and south from the Base line, and in ranges, east and west from the Meridian line.

The early settlers, for convenience in the political organization of Townships, frequently included two or more of these squares into one Township.

Plymouth as originally organized included Towns one and two south of range eight east. The name Plymouth, was suggested by William Bartow, who located on section one Town one south in 25 or 26 and who was afterwards elected the first supervisor. The first Town meeting in Plymouth, for the election of Township Officers was held at the house of John Tibbitts. Wm. Bartow was chosen moderator and after being duly sworn, to discharge the duties of inspector of elections according to law, by B.F. H. Whitherel, a justice of the peace in and for the County of Wayne, made proclamation accordingly and the polls was declared open.

There is no record to be found of the number of votes polled.

William Bartow was elected supervisor, Allen Tibbitts town clerk, Roswell Root, Henry Lyon and Erastus W. Starkweather, assessors, A. B. Markham, collector, Luther Lincoln, overseer of the poor, G. P. Benton, Rufus Thayer, and Benjamin Slocum, commissioners of highways. Anariah Bradford and A. B. Markham, constables, Henry Lyon, Henry Ward and Morris Andrews, pound masters.

Paul W. Hazen, A. B. Markham, Rufus Thayer, John Tibbitts, James Tafft, Philander Bird, and A. Bradford, overseers of highways.

It was resolved that hogs be permitted to run at large in said Township.

Resolved that the next Town meeting be held at the house of John Tibbitts.

The first tax roll for the Township of Plymouth is now in possession of A. B. Markham dated October 1827.

The amount of Town tax then levied was \$66.90, and the county tax \$57.50.

Some of the old tax payers now living in this Town assert that it was harder for them to raise the money, to pay the small tax then levied, than it is now, when the Town and county taxes amount to many thousands.

A. B. Markham the collector, says that the Town then being twelve miles by six, he had to travel on foot, and follow the sections lines by the blazed trees to find his way to the settlers houses, and the sums so small that he had to collect from each, that he split rails at fifty cents a day and earned the money, and paid some of the taxes himself, it being easier than to travel so far to collect of the settlers.

Justices of the peace were then appointed by the Governor and council and April 7th 1828 the Town clerk was instructed to petition the Governor and council to appoint Wm. Bartow, Philo Taylor, and J.D. Davis, justices of the peace for the Township of Plymouth and County of Wayne.

An examination of the old records show, that the old Pioneers had the ability and intelligence to transact the business of the Township, with wisdom and dignity, full equal to that of their successors of the present day.

March 13, 1875

A post office was first established in Northville, in 1831, and Jabish M. Mead was the first post master. The mail arrived once a week. The principle mail route in the Territory, was from Detroit to Chicago. Detroit was a small village on the west bank of Detroit river, a few miles below Lake St. Clair, and Chicago was a stopping place at the head of Lake Michigan where there was a tavern and two or three stores. The mails were put into small leather bags and securely locked with large iron padlocks: each postmaster had a key. The Michigan stage company had the contract for carrying the mails. They used large heavy coaches hung on leather springs with a seat in front on

the outside for the driver and the mail bags, and a large boot behind for the trunks and seats inside for eight to twelve passengers. They were drawn by four horses. The driver had a whip, the stock of which was made of tough Michigan hickory, and a long lash of buckskin, with a skein of silk braided on the end, for a cracker, and when he wanted to wake up his leaders, he would crack his whip, which sounded like the firing of a pistol.

Whenever the stage approached a post office the driver would blow a tin horn so as to give notice of his coming. He would drive up to the post office, throw out the bags which the post master would take in and unlock, empty out on the floor or table, sort

out what was directed to his office, place the rest back in the bag, lock it securely and throw it back to the driver. No driver, or other person was allowed to handle the mails without first being sworn to support the constitution of the United States &c. After J. M. Mead, H. M. Perin was post master for a while, then David H. Rowland, held the position some time, when Wm. H. Ramsdell was appointed, after him D. H. Rowland again. Then Wm. H. Ramsdell a second time, afterwards David H. Rowland was appointed again and held the office a long time, when W. D. Whalen took the office, after Whalen our present popular post master Edward S. Horton

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**DUR DEPOT** — This picture of the old DUR depot, which stood at the northeast corner of Griswold and Main streets, was taken from an old glass negative. It is believed to have been taken about 1899. In the background is the Union Manufacturing Company building, previously the Dubuar Manufacturing company site. The building was later used by Henry Ford before he built a new

plant on the site. DUR cars ran north on Griswold to Eight Mile and from Eight Mile to Farmington. Others ran north on South Main to Plymouth. Cars traveling west on Main to Center stopped there and then backed up to Griswold and the depot, oldtimers recall. A DUR waiting room was provided in an old building just north of the present Record building.



**STAR LAUNDRY** — This building, located between Wing and Center streets on the north side of Main Street, was owned by George Northrop and there I. H. Webster operated a laundry business

about 1900. Later, about the year 1913, Archie Bradner and his father reportedly manufactured cigars in this same building.



# Post Office Established Here in 1875

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who has served the citizens in that capacity.

When the office was first established, the entire receipts, would not pay the post master for the time he had to give to the duties of the office. Now the receipts of the office pays the government a large sum of money and the salary of the post master is several hundred dollars.

At first the postage on letters was from 6½ to 25 cents according to distance and it was not required to be prepaid. Those that received letters then, had to pay the postage, and the post master frequently trusted those who received letters for their postage.

What a contrast between then, and now. Then we could send dunning letters and make the victims pay the postage to the amount of twenty five cents. Now we can send letters any distance for three cents and we cannot dun a man and make him pay the postage.

Then we had to wait a month to get an answer from a letter to New York or Boston, now we can do so in forty eight hours.

Up to 1800 letters and newspapers was the only mailable matter in this country. In 1861 maps, engravings, seeds and cuttings not weighing over eight ounces, and books not over thirty two ounces were included.

Now we can send by mail any thing, not exceeding four pounds weight. This is considered a great convenience by the people, and a great

nusiance by post masters.

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February 9, 1878

The first land located in this town, was the west half of northwest ¼ of sec 3 in 1824 by Alanson Aldrich. Soon after the east half and the west ½ of the N.E. ¼ was taken by a man from the state of New York who sold them to John Miller. Miller came here in 1825 and commenced chopping on the east side of what is now Center street, and north of Dunlap street. He built a log house 12x16 feet on the land just

filled it with water, brought it in the house and set it on the bench, taking up a dipper he drank. It happened there was a small fish in the dipper and it went down his throat. He threw the dipper down and told me he had swallowed a fish. I said I had heard of a fish swallowing a man, and he spewed him up without doing him any harm, and perhaps he could serve the fish in the same way. Sure enough he began to be very sick at his stomach and very soon up came the fish, and as he struck the floor he bounded a foot

purchased Miller's farm, and all his interest in Northville, took immediate possession and moved his family into the log house by the mill. Abram Lamunyon and family occupied the first house built on the west side. He was hired to work for the season. Dunlap commenced immediately to repair the mill and put in a second run of stone.

In 1832 the first plot of the village of Northville was made by William Dunlap and recorded in the County Registers' office.

There were but few settlers in the Town at that time. Roads were merely underbrushed out, and went winding through the woods and around the "cat holes" wherever the best track could be made. Central and Northern Michigan was then one almost unbroken forest. Throughout here and there a clearing thickly covered with blackened stumps.

Plenty of fever and ague, and as much oddity of life as will be seen among those who come together from different parts of the earth.

The new comers frequently became heart-sick the first few days.

The wife of one of the Pioneers said to her husband a few days after their arrival. Well! You have got us all here, but you haven't got a board to make us a coffin, or a spade to dig us a grave.

The first school house built of logs, stood near where C. A. Griswold's barn now stands. The floor was made of split logs the flat side up, and the seats were of the same material with legs. In 1833 the stone school house was built, the walls of which are now standing near Barley's wagon shop.

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February 23, 1878

The first Northville mill was very cheaply constructed; the gearing, or machinery being made mostly of wood. Compared with mills of modern construction, it was a very primitive affair. I remember well almost every wheel and shaft and pulley, for I have set up with it a great many nights. The water-wheel was 12 feet in diameter and buckets 6 feet in length and was on the outside of the mill building; one end of the shaft going through a hole in the wall into the mill pit. On this end of the shaft was the pit-wheel ten feet in diameter, with a row of wooden cogs, about two inches apart around the side of the rim like teeth. These meshed into the wood rollers of the crown-wheel on the lower end of the upright shaft. Above on the same shaft was the spur wheel, which turned the pinion on the spindle that turned the mill-stone. This was all there was of the main machinery. The bolt was run by wood shifting connected with the upright shaft.

The old rock mill stone was a very heavy one, and it was a difficult and dangerous job to take it up and turn it over when it needed pecking. For this purpose there was a very heavy oak crane, with two wood screws like cider press screws. Holes were drilled in opposite sides of the stone for iron bolts; the wood screws were hooked on to these bolts and a man at each screw to turn evenly would raise the stone and turn it over.

We were not very particular about dressing the stone, to put in a hundred cracks to the inch, but we sometimes pecked out an inch at one crack.

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*'At first the postage on letters was from 6½ to 25 cents according to distance and it was not required to be prepaid . . .'*

north of where Wm. Banes house now stands. The fireplace was in the north end, just as wide as the house with a stick chimney on the out side. This was the first house in Northville. I have often been in this house, when we first came here. It was occupied by a Frenchman and his family by the name of Abram Lamunyon, an old specimen of humanity. He worked for Captain Dunlap the first year after he came. I shall never forget an incident that took place in this house, which I will relate. I very often of an evening went to have a social chat and hear him tell stories. One evening I was there and his wife asked him to bring a pail of water. He took the pail went to the spring at the foot of the hill, dipped the pail in,

high and we all had a good hearty laugh over it.

Miller also chopped and cleared on the west side of Center street up to Main street and west 30 or 40 rods. He built another log house on the east side of the stream, very near where the Northville mills now stand.

In 1826 he began to make preparations to build a grist mill. It was located a little south of where the Northville mill now stands. This was raised in the summer of 1827 and the first grist was ground in the fall of the same year.

It was a difficult matter in those days to obtain the necessary machinery for a grist mill, and especially "imported french burr" mill stones; they were not to be had. But Miller made up his mind he could get along without the "French burr" he would make a pair out of a Michigan boulder.

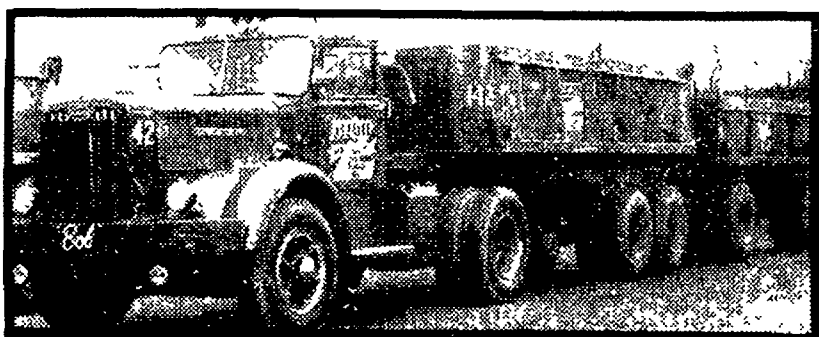
He selected a large rock which he found near where Wilkins' copper shop now stands, and commenced by making an equatorial line around the stone, drilling holes on this line a short distance apart he drove an iron wedge in each hole letting them remain in and driving them occasionally, the rock split in two pieces, these he faced and fashioned, one into a bed stone and the other into a runner. They were four feet in diameter, and proved to be very good, and made as good flour as any "French burr" ever did, and were used many years. Afterwards they were sold and taken to Detroit and put into French's plaster mill, and used for grinding plaster.

People came to this mill to get their grinding done for many miles around. A blacksmith shop was started near the mill, and this was the beginning of Northville, and John Miller was the Pioneer.

Father Hickox came in 1827 and built a little shop south of the mill, had a turning lathe and made wheels, grain cradles, racks &c. In 1830 the Mead brothers Marshall and Samuel started a store near the mill, and in the spring of 1831 put up a building on the corner of Main and Center streets where D. B. Northrop's hardware store now stands, and moved their goods in, where they remained for several years.

Daniel L. Cady located on the southeast ¼ and Hiram Robinson on the southwest ¼ of section 3 and a Mr. Page the east ½ of the northeast ¼ which made up the whole section and which is now included in the corporate limits of the village.

Captain William Dunlap came in May 1831 with his family and



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# Community Centered Around Old Mill

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Father Hickox was the first miller under whom I took lessons in the old mill. It did not take a long time, or require a great deal of skill to run the old thing, or keep it in repair. All the tools it required was a saw, axe, square, hammer, argur, and a few nails. Although the water wheel was enclosed and roofed over, yet in the winter the ice would gather on the wheel to such an extent that we had to cut it off, and sometimes the wheel would freeze fast and it had to be cut loose.

Father Hickox told how Miller got caught one day in the wheel and liked to have lost his life.

One morning he raised the gates and turned on the water to start the mill, but it wouldn't go. He then let down the stone, shut the gates and went down into the wheel with his axe to cut the ice off and loosen the wheel. After chopping until he thought it was loose, he came up, raised the stone, opened the gate and let on the water, but it did not start. He then went into the wheel again without shutting off the water, and commenced cutting when the wheel started. The lining was covered with ice and as the wheel turned he would slide around, hallooing as loud as he could. No one being in the mill he was not heard, and so had to slide around until finally he got hold of an arm of the wheel and sliding down to the shaft he clung to that until some one happened to come into the mill and stopped it, and got him out, nearly used up and almost frozen.

I remember very well a few days after coming here I caught a mud turtle, the first one I ever saw. He was about as large as a common tea saucer. I cut the initials of my name, and the year 1831 on his back and let him go. Six years after a man brought that same turtle to the mill. He had found him near Walled Lake, 6 miles up stream. The letters and date (1831) was plainly seen on his back, and he had grown to twice his former size.

In the fall I had my first shake of ague and fever; every other day about nine o'clock the chills would come on,

then I would climb the ladder, pile on all the bed clothes I could find and crawl in, shake for an hour or two and then the fever would last for several hours. The next day I would be around and able to do some chores. And so it continued for weeks, until I was so weak that I could scarcely get up the ladder to go to bed. The medicine given me was peruvian bark and brandy. One dose was a large table spoon full of ground bark in half a tea cup of brandy, three times a day on the well days, and a good big dose next morning. Almost every body who came here at that time had the ague and

*'Butter and eggs were fine money; ashes, maple sugar and wheat, paid the storekeeper . . .'*

fever. Some would have it very light, others had what they called dumb ague. They had the bones ache and chilly feelings, but did not shake, and the fever was terrible. Some men would work every other day and have the ague until they wore it out. Sometimes however, it wore them out. No pen can tell what the early settlers suffered from this terrible disease. Whole families would sometimes be all shaking or burning with fever at the same time.

Afterwards Quinine came into use, and doctors learned how to treat ague. Then it was not so bad.

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March 9, 1878

The pioneers were actuated by one idea, and that was to make homes for themselves and their families. They were generally men of small means; frequently with just enough money to buy the land and get the family on-to-it. Sometimes he had means to build a log house, and get provisions; a yoke of oxen and a cow. But more frequently he had to depend upon working out by the day to obtain means to get provisions, and necessary articles for his family, until he could raise his first crop, and have something

to sell in exchange for what he needed.

We look back to those old times we will not call them hard times; although there was hard work, and plenty of it, full hearts and empty purses. Shivering agues, and burning fevers, was the common lot of nearly all; yet we had our share of good times too; we were free from the fashions and follies, the heart burnings and inflations of the present day.

Greenbacks or silver, the taxation of bonds or incomes, were not debatable questions. Butter and eggs were fine money; ashes, maple sugar and wheat, paid the storekeeper. Trade

the present day.

The pioneers were not troubled with life insurance agents, or improved lightning rod peddlars. Melodeons or parlor organs had not been invented. The whip-poor will and the frogs, the orial and the owls made music enough for them. They were perhaps not generally as well read, as a majority of the people of the present day, yet they were intelligent and honest, and with their simple unostentatious habits, could enjoy life more rationally than we. None but a pioneer can fully comprehend the trials, difficulties, privations and triumphs of those who left comfortable and pleasant homes in the Eastern States to take a long journey to the far west (as Michigan was considered forty-seven years ago) to make for themselves a home in the wilderness. Though these sketches may not be of much interest, or of historic value, yet I thought perhaps they might waken more important reminiscences in the minds of others, who like my-self have lived in this vicinity more than forty years.

This will be the last Pioneer sketch that I shall furnish for the Record. If they have been of interest to you; readers in this locality, I am content.

## Cass Benton Donates Land For Parkway

June 12, 1931 - Driving into Northville on the Plymouth Road one passes on the left a beautiful grove with a sign cordially reminding the public that Cass Benton park is "your park" to enjoy and respect its privileges.

How did this community come to have such a beautiful park so well equipped and maintained?

Back in 1823 the grandfather of Cass Benton came to this part of the state as a pioneer and took up a section of land from the government. At his death it was divided between his sons Hiram and Gideon. From Hiram, his father Cass Benton inherited this property and with it the love of the land his forebears had toiled to clear.

The site of the present park remained uncleared and has always been an alluring spot to passersby. Even before anything was done to regulate its natural beauty folks from afar sought this place and spent happy hours under the shade of its magnificent beeches and elms. The Bentons generously placed no restraints upon the use of the grove and its popularity increased.

Realizing that a beautiful woods is beyond price in its benefit to the public, Mr. and Mrs. Benton, having no heirs, decided to make legal arrangements whereby this parcel of woods could never be ruthlessly cut down by some later mercenary owner. It was therefore deeded to Wayne County on condition that it be maintained and kept under proper supervision by a deputy sheriff day and night.

In 1926 the park was opened under official control of Darius Felt who has held the position ever since. Mr. Felt is on duty 365 days of the year unless relieved by a substitute. Peter Ely is night watch.

## Interurban System Discontinued Here

SEPTEMBER 4, 1936 - Old time villagers bid farewell to the last remnants of interurban street cars this week with a fond, wistful look in their eyes.

For the covering of the street car tracks on East Main Street with sand and tar conjured up before their eyes memories of how they used to ride to Detroit on the yellow interurbans for 40 cents and how they used to wonder how many years it would be before the tracks were extended on Main Street to Rogers Street.

The interurban between Northville and Detroit, one going through Farmington and the other through Plymouth and Wayne, were discontinued in 1927, after nearly 30 years of service. Exactly why they were stopped was never made quite clear, except that apparently automobiles and busses had cut down their fares while the cost remained high.

People here hardly believed it when it was first announced. The interurbans were an institution, at one

time the acme of short distance transportation. They ran to every nook and cranny of the state, in some cases even crossing state lines. For a dime you could ride to Farmington or Plymouth. For a little more, you could go almost any place.

William H. White, one of the first and the very last man employed by the old D.U.R. remembers possibly as well or better than any other man the story of the rise and fall of the interurban. Mr. White assisted in the grading of the road and the tracks in 1899. He was long a section boss and division manager when in 1931 the last interurban on the old Orchard Lake division was continued between Detroit and Farmington. Mr. White was the man who officially closed the Farmington headquarters.

After the Northville cars were discontinued, cars from Detroit to other points were one by one shelved in the car barn, to be sold later as a lunch stand or scrap iron.

was the necessity of the times, and so we traded and exchanged products, and helped one another.

One of the most prominent characteristics of pioneer times, was the universal hospitality that abounded everywhere.

The latch string was always on the outside, and the belated traveler was sure of a welcome. Everybody was ready to help in case of an accident. Teams were hitched together for breaking up the new grounds. In harvest-time, neighbors cradled and raked and bound for each other. If one went to mill he went for the whole neighborhood. Raisings, logging bees, husking bees, and quiltings were considered play spells.

But, bees and raisings and quiltings and the evening frolic and games have departed. We are not as dependent and generous in these days, as were the pioneers. Whether this be so or not, the hospitality, the generosity, the helping hand, and kind heart that seemed to make all akin in these days are worth remembering and imitating.

Questions of domestic economy, that worry the best of us now, gave the pioneers but little trouble. The fashion plates did not reach the woods then. No dispute could be got up about the cut of the dress or coat. Garments were worn until they were worn out, and then turned and made over for the younger children. "Pull backs," were not the style then. The only "pull backs" they had, were the little pioneers that hung onto the mothers' skirts.

Who called first, or who called last, or who owed calls, were questions that did not trouble the pioneer mothers. They visited when they had time and wanted to. None endures more privations and hardships than the wives and daughters of the Pioneers.

The labored early and late, with a patient endurance, and application, never excelled and they should not be forgotten.

Every Pioneer, in making his will, should remember these companions of his trials and struggles, and triumphs, and be sure and give them the benefit of the property they have aided to earn and save should they outlive him.

People always seem to readily adapt themselves to the circumstances in which they are placed. A small population with honest hearts, and cheerful tempers, and simple manners, found no necessity for vast and complicated machinery of life, without which the world could hardly exist at

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# Frank Harmon Writes History For Northville's 100th Birthday



**OLD CADY HOMESTEAD** — Some say this is the old Cady homestead that once stood where the parking lot of the Northville Downs is located on the east side of Center Street. The house, so goes

the story, was moved closer to Center and today is the apartment building of Harley Cole on Center, just north of the Downs property line.



**NORTHVILLE MILL** — One of the first businesses in Northville was this old Northville Mill, later changed to the Yerkes Mill, that was located on the west side of Griswold Street, north of the Ford

Motor Company parking lot. An alert eye can still see traces of the mill race that fed the mill's water wheel.

by Frank S. Harmon

**AUG. 26, 1927** — After the organization of the township of Plymouth, two communities gradually developed, which later became the village of Plymouth in the south part of the township, and the village of Northville in the north part. There existed from the very first friendly rivalry in growth of building, population and general development, which continued until it was deemed expedient and wise to divide the township in the center. This was done in 1898 — the south half Plymouth and the north half Northville, each three miles wide north and south and six miles long east and west.

In each have developed the villages of Plymouth and Northville in their respective townships. Thus the name of Plymouth passes from the picture on that date from this record.

The town is justly entitled to the name, "Versatile Northville." Its list of able and honorable business and professional men would be a long one and its industries many and varied. It is a long way from pottery to pipe organs, from bricks of clay to auto valves and aeroplanes, from carding machines to church furniture, from old-fashioned boots to new-fashioned bells. Yet all of these and many more have been on the list of Northville products.

## Boots and Shoes

Previous to the Civil War, Northville held high rank locally in the manufacture of hand-made boots and shoes. At one time as high as 38 men were employed with peg and awl on the old-fashioned cobblers' bench, to supply the needs of the people covering a wide section in this part of Michigan. The leather scraps were used to pave Main Street, where they were dumped and later covered with gravel. When the new grade was established about 37 years ago, leather scraps were uncovered from 6 to 8 inches deep over a distance exceeding 100 feet on East Main Street near Center.

## Pottery and Tile

Between 1845 and 50, a two-story stone pottery was erected on the ground where the U.S. Fish Hatchery now stands. This was owned and operated by Asa Harmon and son, John

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## Citizens to Ask for New Northville Railroad Depot

**MARCH 10, 1892** — The citizens of Northville have decided to ask the F.&P.M. railroad company to construct a new depot in place of the old concern which has done duty here for so many years. The citizens will promise, on their part, to have the old mill pond near the depot transformed into a place of beauty, which can easily be done. To this end the following petition has been drawn up and will be at the council rooms Monday where every voter is requested to sign it after which it will be forwarded to headquarters:

To the Honorable President and Board of Directors of the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad.

Gentlemen:

"Knowing that the prosperity of our village is largely dependent upon your road, and that in a measure the converse is true, we therefore, with hope of success, appeal for the construction of a new Depot at this station, feeling that it will not only add to the appearance of our town, but will also induce some to cast with us their citizenship. That we may also do our part in this improvement, it is the intent of the citizens to cleanse the mill pond adjoining your property here and to transform it into a place of beauty.

"To this end we the citizens and voters of Northville humbly petition your honorable body."



Women have been  
spinning and sewing  
for many hundreds  
of years.

*BEST WISHES*

**Spinning Wheel Fabric Shop**

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NORTHVILLE

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V., both of whom were potters by trade and their wares sold all over southern Michigan.

The first drain tile made in Michigan were produced by them in a yard adjacent to the pottery, by a tile machine invented by John V., and from choice clay taken from the opposite side of the road, where the present fishery residence stands.

The pottery business was discontinued in 1963, and the tile works sold to Isaac Slaght, who continued to operate 20 years, until suitable clay became exhausted.

## Cooperage

The making of apple barrels was extensively engaged in for approximately 50 years — up to about 1900. Several cooper shops in varying locations employed many men. Thomas B. Filkins was engaged in this occupation many years, and became known as the "Big Cooper" for the reason of the vast quantity of barrels he made and his own physical largeness.

## Bricks

Several brick yards have operated at various and varying lengths of time. One of the earliest was on the plot of ground east of Leo Lawrence's home on Fishery Road (Seven Mile). Another on Fairbrook Avenue north of the Ambler-Ford mill pond and east of Rural Hill Cemetery road, by Alex Tinham, the father of John and the late Will Tinham, the postmaster and predecessor of the present incumbent, Frank S. Neal. Another yard was operated on the ground now occupied by the Gordon-Pagel Condensery.

## Lumbering

Lumbering was always constituted an important industry in this community up to the death of J. A. Dubuar in 1919, after which his mill, the last, was sold to and became part of the great Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Dubuar's operations covered a period of about 30 years, and included the cutting of millions of feet of the choicest of Michigan's hardwoods. The J. A. Dubuar Manufacturing Company and its successor, the Union Manufacturing & Lumber Company, were both organized and managed by J. A. Dubuar. As manager he was a large employer of labor, and the company occupied an important industrial position in the community. Its business, in addition to the manufacture of lumber, included at various times mast hoops, pulleys and pulley blocks and even air guns. Pulley blocks were made by the millions for years, and largely shipped to the great ship chandeliers of Boston, Mass.

## Auto Valves

On the death of J. A. Dubuar, his factory was purchased by the Ford Motor Company, and remodeled into a motor valve plant, giving employment to from 300 to 400 men, making all valves for Ford cars and Fordson tractors. For the past seven years the operation of this plant, giving employment to so many men, has been an unquestioned stimulus to the rapid growth of the community. This plant has been under the successful management of Harry Marburger and Carl Bryan.

## School and Church Furniture

Along in the 60's, Charles G. Harrington operated a foundry in connection with which he developed about the first school seat ever made



**DUNLAP HOMESTEAD** — Years ago the building at the northwest corner of Dunlap and Center streets faced Center Street. The home of Captain William Dunlap, it was eventually moved and today faces Dunlap and serves as the American Legion headquarters. Part of the original structure (right) was moved west on Randolph Street and still stands on the northside of the road, just west of High Street. The latter purportedly is the oldest building in Northville.

that became a general commercial commodity. In 1879, this business was organized as the Michigan School Furniture Company, and the first folding school seat was produced. The business developed rapidly under the skillful management of Francis R. Beal, with Charles Booth as the chief assistant, and soon became known as the largest manufacturer of school seats in the world.

It was re-incorporated in 1884, under the name, Globe Furniture Company, with a capital of \$75,000, increased from \$30,000 from the profit of the business. After adding the manufacture of church furniture, refrigerators and church bells. In 1898,

Newton and Fredrick Hedge, managers.

In 1903 the Globe company went out of business, and a new Globe company was organized by R. C. Yerkes and associates. Mr. Yerkes continued as manager until 1923, when he disposed of his interests to C. A. Dolph, who became president and manager, assisted by M. J. Murphy as vice president.

## Fish Culture

Along in the 70's came Nelson W. Clark from Clarkston, Michigan, and established a private fish hatchery a few feet west of where the present one stands. It was a long wooden building about 30 x 100, and built on springy ground that in spots was unsafe to step

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all the business, except the refrigerator end of it, was sold to the so-called trust, The American School Furniture Company.

In April 1899, a destructive fire nearly wiped out the whole plant, and the new owners could not be induced to build, as they already had more factories than they could successfully operate. The result was the old Globe company bought back the ruins, rebuilt the foundry and portions of the factory.

In 1899, began the splitting up of the old Globe company into new organizations. The American Bell & Foundry Company was incorporated to make bells, and continued in business 24 years. It added furances in 1907.

The American Shade Cloth Company took over the new building now housing the Stinson Aircraft Corporation, and continued in business about two years. After being absorbed by the Shade Cloth Trust, so-called, it was turned into a base ball and hobby horse factory. Enough bats were made during its short existence to supply all of Wayne County's boys for the next hundred years.

Then followed the Stimpson Scale & Manufacturing Company from Milan, Michigan, and continued in operation for over 20 years, making scales and power coffee mills. Walter Stimpson was the leading spirit of this enterprise, and later Mr. McMahan with Fred

on, unless one desired a mirey grave. This enterprise was undoubtedly the greatest novelty that ever came to Northville up to that time. The artificial propagation of fish was a new feature brought about by the eminent American naturalist Professor Spencer F. Baird of Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D. C. The Northville hatchery, through the efforts of N. W. Clark's son, Frank N. Clark, passed to the government by lease, and in a few years full ownership, after which Professor Baird was a frequent visitor. In 1897, the present buildings were erected and the plant became known as the largest fish propagation station in the world. It is still operated by the government under the supervision of William W. Thayer, grandson of Rufus Thayer, one of our earliest pioneers.

## Pipe Organs

In 1884, Mr. F. R. Beal decided Northville needed another industry, and he induced Granville Wood and son, William, to come to Northville and make pipe organs. A company was organized with Granville Wood, superintendent, and William M. Osband, president. The business only continued about five years, during which time several handsome instruments were erected, some to the value of \$5,000 each. The wooden factory later became the brick factory of the Globe Furniture & Manufacturing Company. At the time

of Mr. Osband's death, a few years ago he was the owner and editor of the Ypsilantian. He was also earlier the first superintendent of the Northville school after its entry in the first new building on the present grounds, erected in 1865.

## Banking

The first bank was founded by J. S. Lapham, and operated by his daughter, Dr. Mary E. Lapham. In this bank, E. H. Lapham became an assistant, serving his apprenticeship and received his abbreviated cognomen, "Ed," which has stuck to him ever since. After the death of J. S. Lapham, his son, W. G., became the owner, and E. H. the cashier. A new brick bank building was erected and operated as J. S. Lapham & Company, until it was purchased by the present Northville State Savings Bank, which had been organized in 1892, by and through the efforts of Louie A. Babbitt. This bank has been a success from the start under the conservative management of Mr. Babbitt, first as cashier and now as president. During Mr. Babbitt's cashiership, three commanding figures filled the office of president, Dr. J. M. Swift, William P. Yerkes and L. W. Simmons. In 1926 the present building was completed and for beauty of design and general convenience cannot be excelled in Michigan.

The Lapham State Savings Bank was organized in 1907 by and through the efforts of E. H. Lapham — "Ed" — and the assistance of several citizens. Mr. Lapham was elected cashier and general manager, and through his personal attention and exceptional business acumen, has developed into one of the strong banks of western Wayne County. In 1908, the northeast corner of Main and Center Streets site was purchased and the present building erected. On this sight stood the present Record office building, which was the first frame building in Northville, date 1830. The 20th anniversary of the bank was held in February, 1927, at the Meadowbrook Country Club, at which were present 75 stockholders and guests, including three of the original directors still on the board. The land on which this bank stands was taken up from the government by Alvah Smith in 1825, and 82 years after his son, Asa B. Smith, was elected the first vice president of the bank.

## Milk Condenseries

In 1832, Charles T. Rogers experimented with a machine for condensing milk, at Beech, Wayne County. It was so successful that the next year he erected a plant on the east side of what is now the Northville springs on Fishery road or Fairbrook Avenue, and moved the Beech machinery into it. This became the first plant in America, if not in the world, to successfully condense milk and sell it commercially. Later another plant was built at the rear of the old Northville Mills, and in 1902, C. T. Rogers & Sons erected a large plant, which was sold and operated by T. G. Richardson and the late Governor Warner for several years, then sold in 1922 to the present owners, The Gordon Pagel Company. It serves as a great market for farmers and has made this an important milk producing community.

From this humble experiment in condensing machinery, C. T. Rogers & Sons, followed by C. E. Rogers & Sons,

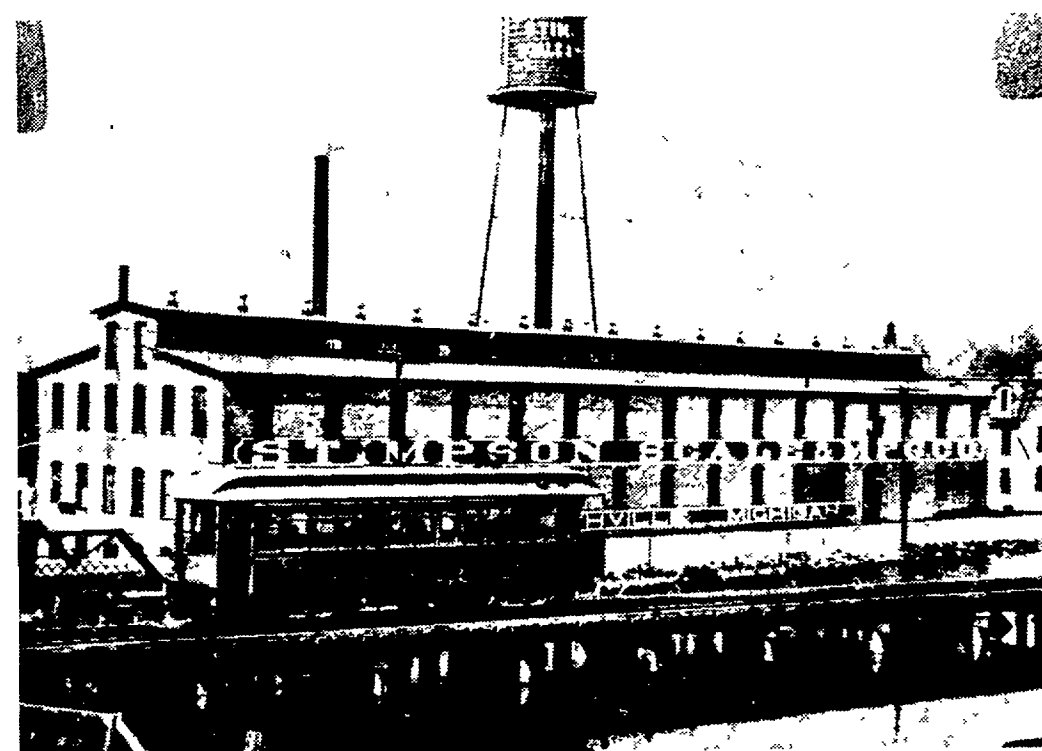
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**DOWNTOWN** Northville looked considerably different before the turn of the century as this picture of Main Street, looking east from Center Street, indicates. The building at the extreme left purportedly was the first "downtown" office of The Record.



**FISH HATCHERY** — The building in the foreground is the old fish hatchery office facility, razed in 1968 after the city purchased the property for a park site. The building in the background is the old "haunted house" that burned to the ground many years ago.



**DUR CAR** — An old interurban car crosses over the pond that stood at the foot of Main Street, east of the railroad depot. At the extreme right is part of a building that still stands.



**MAIN STREET ABOUT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.**

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have taken first rank in the manufacture of milk condensing machinery on the Western Hemisphere. We can still count Charles E. as one of our citizens, who has aided materially in placing Northville on the map and keeping her there.

## Grist Mills

The Northville Mills, which Mr. Yerkes advises was built in 1828 had during life a score or more of owners and for many years had a saw mill in connection. This mill served this section for 92 years. Its last owner, Don P. Yerkes, Sr., sold it to Henry Ford, who shortly after razed the faithful old landmark in 1920. Don P. erected his new mill on the Base Line and PMRR, following the disposal of the old mill.

The Argo Mills were built and came into use in 1837. It was a part of the ground now owned by the Bell Furnace & Manufacturing Company on lower Cady Street, and was dismantled and razed by the American Bell & Foundry Company in 1908, after almost constant grinding for 70 years.

## Water Supply

Nature did much for Northville when the water supply was passed around.

Her charming hills abound with springs of the purest water to be found anywhere.

It might be interesting to relate that in any early day water was conveyed through wooden pump logs from one of these springs, then known as the Taft springs, to the inhabitants, and this constituted Northville's first water system. The project was promoted and financed by a Mr. Plumstead. Some of the pump logs may still be seen as originally laid. No record of the extent of this system seems available.

The present system was projected and built during the village presidencies of M. A. Porter and W. H. Yerkes in 1891 and 1892. Water comes from the Thompson and Hills springs by gravity, with an auxiliary supply from the village springs on Fishery Road by pumping as required.

The springs east of the P.M.R.R. depot also supplies hundreds of gallons of purest water daily to the city of Detroit. The large bottling plant adjacent to the springs is an interesting point for visitors. The business is owned and operated by the Silver Springs Water Company.

## Electric Lights

The 16th day of November, 1889, was a bright day and brighter night for Northville. The first electric lights were turned on that night. Thirty street lights of 20 candle power each for streets, and 100 lights of 10 candle power each supplied the stores. House lighting was a problem for the future.

The system was owned and operated by the Globe Furniture Company, with Samuel W. Wilkinson as chief engineer, master of equipment, supervisor of lines, solicitor of extension and collector of bills, on duty day and night until his name, Sam, became synonym of both "trouble and fix".

In 1899 the destructive fire of the Globe Furniture Company put the town in darkness for a time.

The village took over the system in 1900, and erected a new plant on the north side of Beal Avenue, west of Rouge River. The Detroit Edison

Company leased this plant, taking possession on November 16th, 1914, exactly 25 years after the first lights were turned on. Later the Edison Company purchased the plant, thus releasing the village from the heavy burden of operating under municipal ownership.

The ramifications of the Edison Company are so vast that the Northville plant became a mere cog in the wheel of a huge system, greatly to the benefit of the community. S. W. Wilkinson is still a duly recognized and valuable part of the system with his 38 years of experience. The affairs of the company in this district are under the direct charge of Edward Millis.

## Telephone

The first public telephone booth was placed in the store of B. A. Wheeler now occupied by the A & P Company in 1882.

This was done by the old Bell Company, and at that time the company had only two other phones in the village. Since then telephones have become more numerous than autos, which in turn are so numerous that danger waits at every street crossing for the pedestrian.

The first typewriter (a caligraph) was brought in by the U. S. Fish Commission in 1886, and used in its office over what is now the Northville Drug Company's store. It was considered a curiosity, and many called to see it operated.

## Aeroplanes

The newest industry to be established in Northville is the manufacture of airplanes by the Stinson Aircraft Corporation, in the buildings formerly occupied by the Stimpson Scale and Electric Company. The corporation is headed by Edward Stinson, an internationally known flier, as president and general manager.

The factory is an exceptionally busy place and rapidly increasing its volume of business to meet the heavy demands.

A flying field has been secured on the Starkweather-Ponsford farms, and everything points to the success of the most notable enterprise Northville has ever contained.

At this writing (July) it is announced that a project is on foot for Stinson monoplane to be flown around the world. This will be sponsored by men of means and well to do, and places Northville in an enviable position. A Northville pennant flying on a Stinson monoplane would be the consummation of a glorious century of her existence, as well as the opening of a new one, demonstrating over again her will to live and that her living had not been in vain.

## Churches and Schools

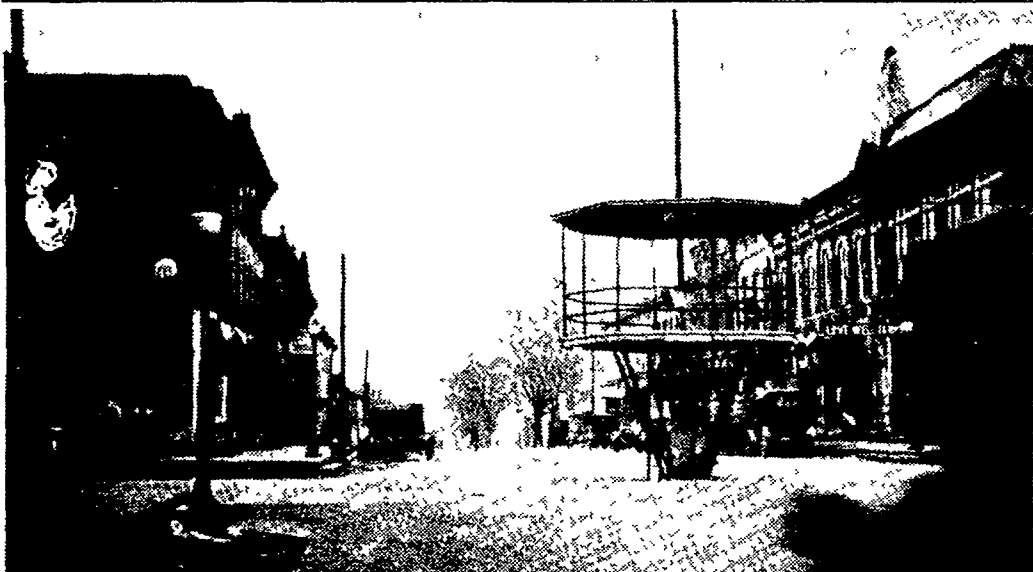
It is not the purpose of this article to go extensively into the development and progress of our school and churches. To do justice to them would require more lines and space allowed. Our school has been notable for the production of many able men and women. For 60 years beginning with its real organization it has had many eminent teachers at its head, and its present organization is up to, if not indeed, at the top of its existence.

The churches have been the power for good in the community. What better could be said?

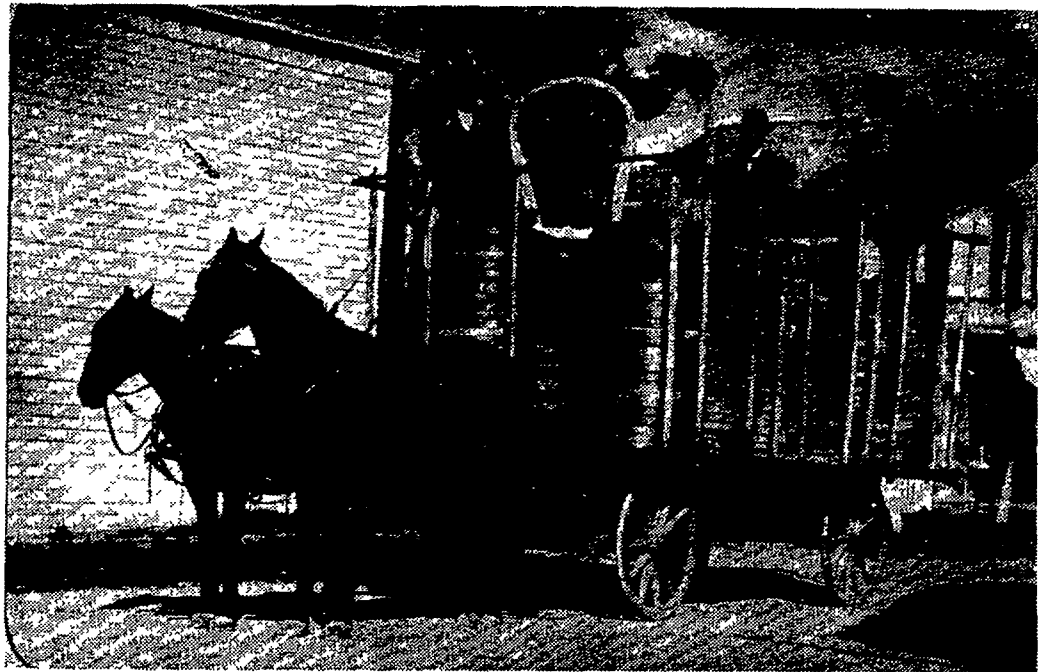
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**CROW'S NEST** — Located in the center of the Main and Center street intersection, this band platform was called the "crow's nest". From here Northville's famous old "city band" performed. Some say political rallies centered around the landmark which disappeared years ago.



**LUMBER WAGON** — This 19th Century picture shows a wagon load of products manufactured by the Dubuar Lumber & Manufacturing Company — but just exactly what's being transported is anyone's guess. Dubuar manufactured a wide variety of products including wooden hoops for ships.

**F**rom one old settler  
to another - have another  
happy hundred years!



the City of Novi

Joseph Crupi — Mayor  
William Duey — Mayor Pro Tem  
Members of Council  
Denis Berry  
David Harrison  
William O'Brien  
Edward Presnell  
Donald Young

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themselves and accessible to all.  
**Newspaper**

No article concerning Northville would be complete without reference to its newspaper, The Northville Record. Established about 60 years ago by Samuel H. Little, as a newsy little village sheet, few people thought at the time it could survive the first enthusiasm of its founder. It did, however, and through several changes in ownership has held its head high, progressed, always a little ahead of the times until today a real city paper is printed and published in the country.

## Eminent Personalities

No record of Northville would be even remotely complete without particular reference to at least four men, outstanding personalities, having vast influence in every detail of community affairs, all high powered, intellectual and successful.

As it is not the purpose to classify one above the other, they will be referred to in alphabetical order.

Francis R. Beal was born in Northville in a building on the ground now occupied by the brick store containing Moffitt's pool room, on east Main Street, in 1836. He was an interesting personality. A large, commanding, powerful man physically, a six footer, an entertaining talker on or off the platform when he could find time for it. A great developer of young men whom he was always on the lookout for, either to enter his own employ or aid in bettering their condition with others. The largest builder of houses Northville ever had, and at the same time the principle owner and manager of its greatest business. He was a fine French scholar and of a strong literary turn of mind, which coupled with a fine memory served him well in his great manufacturing enterprise. He was overtaken by sickness at nearly 70, and retired, but his iron will carried him through to the advanced age of 87.

J. S. Lapham first became widely known in this section as a merchant and wool buyer, occupying the present three-story Elliott building, and later established the first bank in Northville in the same building were Lovewell & Smith now have their office. Later in life he became an extensive grain broker, and a prominent figure on the Detroit Stock Exchange.

In personal appearance he was a very noticeable personage — short, thick set, full short beard, and a very large head, which was full of quick

sharp wit. He was an exceptionally entertaining political speaker, showing hard-headed common sense, driving home his arguments in short sentences and plain language that the most humble understood.

His death in 1893, at the age of 71, removed Northville's wealthiest citizens, as well as the most forceful man it has contained.

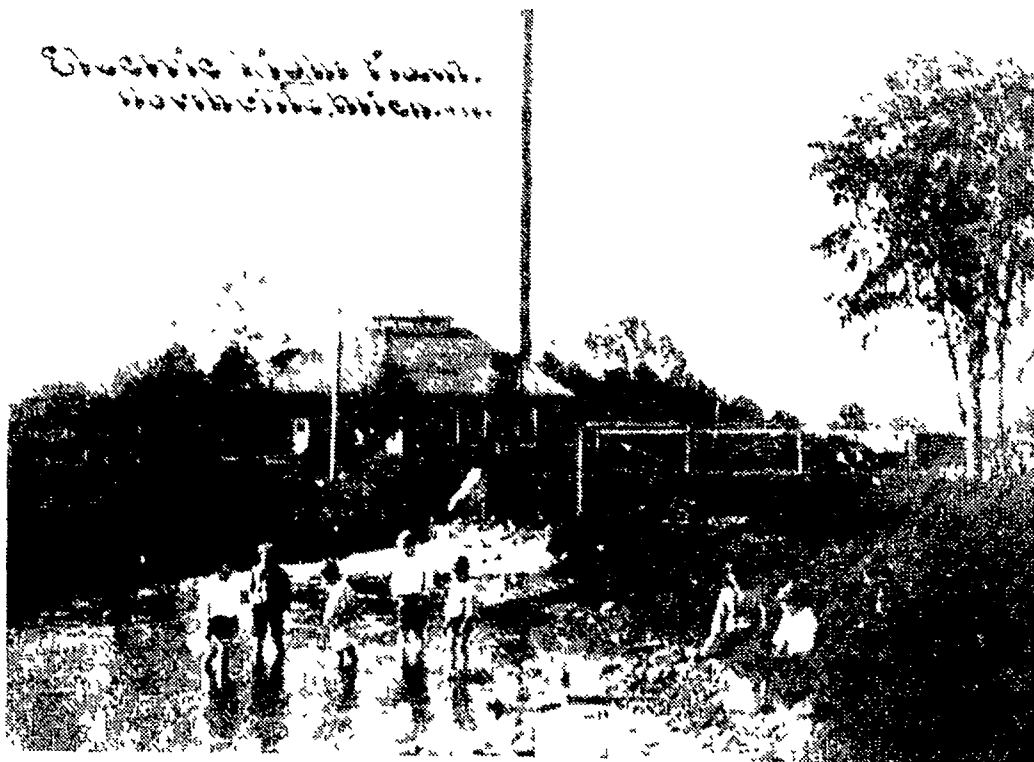
Dr. J. M. Swift came to Northville, a young man, about the beginning of the Civil War. He, with Dr. James Hueston, were the two outstanding physicians in this section for a generation.

It is difficult to do the doctor justice on a single page. He was notably daring, commanding, brilliant, a real student, which in this case a real scholar. He was not only a doctor in and of the community, but an inspiration to the community. He was one of the best orators in Michigan. In politics, religion, medicine or history he was always ready with a myriad of fine thoughts and facts let loose in a voice of thunder with lightning rapidity with a beautifully selected vocabulary rarely conceived by even the most profoundly educated. He was also a most remarkable tenor singer and put his musical talent at the disposal of the less fortunate in every possible way. He would conduct a singing school of 50, 60, or 80 pupils all winter, weekly, without price, solely to develop the latent talent that it might be of future use of its owner and possibly the community. The writer attended one winter, and you can imagine his surprise when the doctor tapped him on the shoulder one night and ordered him to appear in the church choir the coming Sunday. This meant something to the green country boy, who looked upon the doctor as almost superhuman.

He became a merchant in the same building originally occupied by J. S. Lapham. He was always interested in school, church and village of which he became president in 1896, and died the following year at the age of 65.

The last of these four notable men was William P. Yerkes. Any community would naturally be proud of such a character. He, too, was a six footer, with mustache and goatee — a true northerner who would pass anywhere as a typical southern colonel. He was a profound student, brilliant lawyer and just judge, being on the probate bench in early life. As a platform orator he was more than splendid at a 4th of July celebration of political gathering

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BAND LEADS PARADE EAST ON MAIN STREET IN 'TWENTIES' WHEN DUR TRACKS STILL RAN DOWN THE CENTER OF THE STREET.

## Buchner's Hill Highest in Town

# Coasting Tops Winter Fun Activity

April 1, 1910 — Not many villages in Michigan can boast of a half-mile steep coasting hill within its limits. Northville has it, however, and has it in plenty.

Buchner's Hill, as it is called, came into fame about twenty-five years ago when John Buchner, a citizen of the town, conceived an idea that the big hill, then covered with shrubbery and trees which he owned, would be a great place for people seeking sightly homes or fresh air elevations. He laid it all out in lots from top to bottom and on its very summit he invested his all in a large, beautiful two and a half story brick residence, with slate roof, Mansard style, with an observation tower rising therefrom. That was the end; in later years nice homes arose, built on two streets leading toward the Buchner mansion, but they never got further than half way up.

Buchner's dream never came true, and the home was finally disposed of in a forced sale, and a few years ago he went to Washington state, where he now has a fine position with a big lumber firm, though he is seventy years. (Eastlawn Convalescent Home is now located on the hill).

## '96 Census: 435 Homes

AUG. 25, 1893 — Our spare time during the past two weeks has been busily engaged in taking a census of this village. The canvas has been very thorough and carefully made and is correct.

We find there are just 1,721 persons who make their home in this village. There are 458 families and they occupy 434 residences, 23 containing two families and one sheltering three. There is but one vacant house — the small Collins house way up on Rogers Street and that doubtless will be occupied before this item appears in print.

The average falls a little short of four to a family.

In Bealtown there are 50 families with a population of 203. Northside, known to most as Cabbagetown, has 83 families with a population of 324. The balance of the village contains 326 families with a population of 1,194.

The U.S. official census of 1890 gave Northville 1,573.

Buchner was a fine fellow and was known far and wide as 'The Giant of the Hills'. He stood six feet four in height and had the strength of an ox.

From the Buchner house the view for miles and miles is magnificent. Detroit can easily be seen on the east, and but for the woods Ann Arbor would be in easy view on the west. The base line of the state runs over the hill, but here is the only place in Michigan where it cannot be traversed by road in a direct line from Lake St. Clair on the east to Lake Michigan on the west. A trail leads over it following the surveyors' lines of the early days, but it is practically impassable except by foot, and the real road leads up into the main part of the village for half a mile, and around the elevation.

Many years ago there was a rumor that big coal veins were in the hill and some quiet prospecting was done, but without avail.

The Bucher house is now occupied by J.E. Morse and family. Morse is a war veteran while Mrs. Morse is a florist of much repute, her hobby being sweet peas, of which she grows varieties and sizes which are the envy of the city producers. She is also a contributor to several agricultural and floricultural journals.

The steep roads leading from the hill down through the village furnish a means of great sport for the boys and girls of the village and older ones as well, for coasting in winter. A full half mile ride can be had in just twenty seconds, although the lighter loads usually consume ten seconds more in the downward trip. Often as many as a hundred youngsters will be in the game at one time.

Recently a damper was put on the sport for a few days and one road was closed up, because of accidents resulting in the breaking of legs. Not

many accidents occur, however, considering the number of persons coasting; but going at the terrific rate of speed they do, the only wonder is that when something does go wrong, someone isn't killed.

In the summer time the hill becomes famous for testing out city-made automobiles. Last summer one of the big Detroit companies kept one of their new model machines here in charge of experts for several weeks trying out its weak and strong points on hill climbing.

Demonstrators with prospective customers often run out here from the city and mount the hill to show what the car will do. They all get to the top, but halfway is the limit for the 'high speed' gear.

Besides boasting as the only village in Wayne county with a hill, Northville also brags of being the only town in the country with a lake.



**HARD WORKERS** — One of the most famous of all early Northville industries was the J. A. Dubuar Lumber Company located where the Ford Motor Company plant stands today at the northeast

corner of Main and Griswold streets. Here posing for a picture are some of the employees of that early plant. The man at top left is the owner, Mr. Dubuar, grandfather of Mrs. C. A. Chapman.

# Salem Settlement Starts in 1825

June 12, 1931 — Six miles to the southwest lies Salem, one of Northville's tributaries, noted for its fine farming country. Among these farms of which Salem boasts are those of Angus Heeney, George Henning and Julius Porath. On Mr. Porath's farm are blooded stock which have won ribbons at many a fair.

The hamlet of Salem had its beginning back in 1825, when John Dickerson came from Seneca N.Y., and established a home in the woods, taking 320 acres from the government. The first barn in Washtenaw county was built on this site and still stands on the farm now occupied by the grand-nephew of the first settler, A.C. Van Sickle. The name Salem was given

to this new settlement in memory of the old Salem on the Massachusetts coast.

Though not a large town, Salem has as live a bunch of citizens as one can find, sociable and community loving. Two churches with a membership of about 200 each sponsor largely the social and civic activities of this locality, and when either of these organizations advertises one of their famous suppers, folks come from miles around. Each church has its own women's societies. Rev. Joy Halliday who lives in Delaware Ohio, is pastor of the Federated church. He comes to Salem each Sunday morning to serve his congregation, which is a union of the former Methodist and Baptist churches. Mr. Halliday has been pastor of the church 10 years.

Mrs. Lucia M. Stroh, who has the distinction of being the first woman preacher in the county, is pastor of the Congregational church which has grown during her pastorate of nine years from a membership of five to two hundred. Two services are held each Sunday and a young peoples service in the evening; also a mid-week service. Among these young folks are five who are preparing for the ministry and one for special Bible training.

As a business town Salem aims to meet the immediate needs of its citizens. A coal yard and elevators is operated by Frank Buers; a grist mill by Bert Stanbri. Bert Haywood is the village smithy and Glenn Burnham "smiths" the automobiles. A popular

place to come for chicken dinners is the Salem Inn, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne. John Herrick is the genial manager of the general store, where he sells everything from overalls to cheese. Salem also boasts of a barber shop, which is one of the "social centers".

Sixty children attend the Salem union school, which carries them through the seventh grade. Mrs. Fred Myers and Mrs. W. Krueger are the teachers in this school. After finishing in the Salem school, the pupils conclude their courses in either Plymouth or Northville high schools.

## L.W. Hutton Dies; Built Wagons Here

Feb. 18, 1910 — After an illness of several weeks, L.W. Hutton, one of Northville's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home in this village Sunday morning.

Mr. Hutton was born at Penn Yan, N.Y. February 11, 1829, and came to Michigan in 1846. He lived at Farmington seven years and came to Northville in 1854, and engaged in the blacksmith and carriage business.

Mr. Hutton often spoke of those days when it was necessary to be up and pounding at the anvil from three and four o'clock in the morning until late at night. Those days he did a large manufacturing business in wagons, carriages, sleighs and cutters, employing a number of men and he continued that business for thirty years.

He was owner and manager of the Northville Mills for about 10 years finally exchanging it for what is known

as the Whitaker farm four miles west of town.

He built the residence now owned by the Yarnall Gold Cure where he lived for twenty-four years, then he built the one next to it on the west side.

There were but 500 inhabitants when he came here and he saw most of the growth of the town.

He joined the Masonic Lodge in 1866 and had filled all the various offices of that order. He has always been a staunch Republican and voted for Fremont.

Mr. Hutton was one of the original subscribers of the Record in 1869, receiving a copy of the first edition, and was ever a constant subscriber.

He was married to Miss Sarah L. Perrin in 1849, who survives her husband at the age of 85, together with four children, C.A. Hutton of Flint, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Lucy Ambler of Northville and W.H. Hutton.

## Brown Bomber Trains for Bout

AUGUST 25, 1939 — Joe Louis begins his exhibition bouts in the newly constructed ring at the fairgrounds at 2 p.m. Saturday, preparing for the world champion match with Bob Pastor, September 20 in Detroit.

(The fairgrounds is now the site of The Northville Downs).

The Brown Bomber has been at the Joseph Schlacks estate, Newburg and Eight Mile Roads, since the first of the week, where he has been doing road work routine. All floor work, punching, sparring and rope jumping will be done at the fairgrounds ring.



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## Along Underground Railroad

# Slaves Hid in Northville Barn

Nov. 21, 1963 — They came into the area hidden in wagons, secreted in barns, homes, stores and then spirited away toward Detroit.

It is estimated that 40,000 run-away slaves, fleeing from their "masters" of the South, were smuggled into the Detroit area where they were transported across the St. Clair and Detroit rivers into Canada.

One of the several communities in southern Michigan which served as "stations" along the so-called Underground Railroad was located in the Northville-Salem area. And one of the barns in which these slaves hid before moving on towards Detroit still stands (it has since been removed).

Once part of the Starkweather homestead but now standing weatherbeaten in the center of the Thomson gravel pit between Six and

Seven Mile roads west of Beck, the barn is presently used as a storehouse for Thomson company equipment and parts.

According to Mrs. Ruth Starkweather, whose late husband was a grandson of the original owner of the property, Samuel Starkweather, the story of how slaves were passed on down through the generations following.

"My husband's father — King Starkweather — used to tell how he and his father would lead slaves back to the barn when they'd bring them here by wagon. It was all hush-hush. Not many knew about it.

"They'd bring them from the Ypsilanti area, down Seven Mile Road — it was just a dirt trail then — to the farm. (Mrs. Starkweather, past president of the Northville Historical Society, still lives in the original

Starkweather farmhouse now more than 130 years old.)

"The barn was way back of the house, used for quartering sheep.

"King Starkweather was just a young man then. Later he fought in the Civil War. I remember him saying right here in this room how he'd carry food back to the barn at night."

Like the house which still stands, the framework of the barn is hand-hewn. Solid black walnut timber, held together with wooden pegs, stretches across the entire length of the building. Some of the boards are 18-inches or more wide.

There were other "stations" in the area. The Ambler building, located in what is now a vacant lot at the southwest corner of Center and Main streets in Northville, and homes in the Reservoir drive area off what is now Cass Benton Park drive reportedly were used for housing slaves.

Some of the Negro families living today in Salem can trace their ancestry back to the era of the Underground Railroad.

The Lewis family, for example, recalls that John Lewis grew up in Virginia years before President Lincoln issued his famous Emancipation Proclamation.

Little is known about his parents, except for sketching accounts in the memories of grandchildren. His mother reportedly was set free by her "white master" shortly before his death. His father, who was a slave, worked in the Virginia coal mines.

Whether they married in Virginia or in Ohio is unknown by the Lewis survivors now living in Salem. And although the Lewis grandchildren cannot be sure, they suspect that their

grandparents and father fled to Ohio to escape enslavement during the period that slavery was reaching a boiling point in the United States.

According to records kept by the family, Lewis and his parents fled Ohio shortly before the Civil War "because kidnappers were roaming the Ohio territory waiting to seize Negro youths and carry them into the deep south and sell them"

Lewis was 14 at the time. He and his parents reportedly followed the route of the famous Underground from Ohio into or near Salem, and then on to the Detroit area and across the river into Canada.

About two years after the family's escape to Canada, Lewis "ran away from home" and returned to Michigan, where as a teenager he enlisted in Pontiac's first Negro division during the Civil War.

The Lewis family probably took the northern route of the Underground Railroad which ran from Ann Arbor to Northville, Farmington, Birmingham, Rochester, Utica and Romeo to either Richmond or New Haven, and then across the St. Clair River.

According to historians, each of the so-called "stations" were about a day's journey apart.

After entering Michigan at Niles, White Pigeon or Morenci, the slaves were guided through Cassopolis, Schoolcraft, Vicksburg, Climax, Battle Creek, Marshall, Albion, Jackson, Grass Lake, Chelsea, Dexter, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, to Detroit and then to safety in Canada.

Slaves brought into the state at White Pigeon were linked with the Niles route at Schoolcraft or Vicksburg.

## Bogart's Home: A 'Shack' in Woods

JULY 21, 1933 — I, Marvin Bogart, was born in Greenfield Township, Wayne County, March 17, 1840. My father owned 80 acres in what is now almost the center of Detroit. He had a large family to support and at that time the country about Detroit was so wet, one half of it nearly under water. So father sold out for almost nothing and moved to Novi Township on an 80 acre farm now owned by the Bob-O-Link Golf Course.

In Greenfield Township, my people, Henry Fords and Mrs. Fords lived in the same community. As a result, Henry married one of the girls, my cousin.

(Mr. Bogart, who died in 1938 at the age of 98, was a life-long friend of Henry Ford. He was the grandfather of E. M. Bogart of Northville. E.M.B. Market got its name from the grandson who once operated it.)

Did Henry and Mrs. Ford take a vacation off for weeks and go to Niagara Falls or some other resort to spend their honeymoon? Not they. Too much business on hand. But they did drive out to Northville with a one-horse carriage and spend

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the cracks . . .'*

twenty-four hours with Cousin Marve on North Center Street (between Lake and Baseline).

When we came to Novi Township, we moved into a shack of a house of two rooms with no chamber. It contained a large stone fireplace with a split stick chimney plastered with clay. Matches were a scarce article in those days and one morning when we got up the fire had gone out. Mother sent me to the nearest neighbor, a quarter of a mile away, with an old pan to get some coals to start our fire. We lived there three years, then sold out and moved one mile farther west on a 160-acre

farm. There had quite a large sized log house for that day. This had what they called an old fashioned Dutch fireplace and a stick chimney plastered with clay. Every fall before the ground froze up, we boys had to dig a hole down to the clay, then make a mortar and plaster up the cracks which had made their appearance during the year. That 160 acres has been in Bogart name for 85 years.

I have seen the city of Detroit enlarge from a comparatively small city to one of the large cities of the nation, the fourth in size. And Grand River avenue transformed from a mud or dirt road first into a plank road with its toll gates every five miles. The toll was as follows: two cents a mile for every two-horse vehicle and one cent a mile for every one-horse vehicle, regardless of size or weight.

The plank was seven feet long and three inches in thickness, and every vehicle headed toward Detroit, had the right of way.

After the plank was worn out they tried gravel but that soon proved very unsatisfactory and now the cement with its many lines of traffic is in use.

In 1865, the only public conveyance was the old four-horse stage coach which ran from Detroit to Lansing and returned every 24 hours. The nearest railroad was Pontiac or Ypsilanti, 20 miles away.

In 1867, The Holly, Wayne and Monroe road so called, was built running through Holly, Milford, Novi and Northville and so on to Monroe. At present this same road is known as the Great Pere Marquette (now the C&O).

In 1867, there was no Wixom, but West Novi was on the map with capital letters. For west Novi had a building that contained a post office, a cabinet room that made and repaired all kinds of furniture, even coffins; and a moulding room and blacksmith shop with two forges which employed three men, constantly shoeing horses. But as soon as the railroad made its appearance and the town of Wixom

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## Early Biscuit Recipe Called for Corncobs

by Mrs. Jennie White

AUG. 26, 1927 — In May 1831, Capt. and Mrs. William Dunlap arrived here from Ovid, New York, with their family of four children, and bringing with them also two orphan boys of twelve or thirteen years of age to give them a home in the new country. One of them, Louis McCormick, fell a victim to malarial fever and died the first year in the new place. The other, David Clarkson, lived with them until he was twenty-one, and became a prominent man in the community.

Mr. Dunlap purchased 160 acres of land with a small grist mill and a log house, into which he moved his family and commenced the trials and privations of pioneer life.

There were no hotels nearer than Detroit, and men coming in search of land and those bringing grists from a distance must be accommodated. Consequently their little log house was always full, the men sleeping in the loft, and the family on the ground floor. Then, too, bread has a trick of giving out in such families, and when there was no saleratus to be had nearer than Detroit, Mrs. Dunlap would burn corncobs, using the lye from the ashes

to sweeten sour milk, making a very good biscuit.

The mill on the farm was a very crude affair, but with some improvements furnished flour for the settlers for miles around until 1848, when the larger mill was built that was lately torn down and the machinery moved by Mr. Yerkes to his place on the Base Line.

In the spring of 1832, Mr. Dunlap laid out the first plot of the village, and sold off lots from his recently purchased farm, which extended from what is now Main Street to the Base Line and from Griswold Road to beyond Rogers Street in the west.

In all his plans, Mr. Dunlap's first thought seemed to be for the advancement of the village, and privations and hardships were cheerfully borne as there was always the hope of the future to cheer them on, and those hopes were realized in seeing a thriving village grow up around them, where they found only a wilderness.

In the summer of 1832, a new house was built. It was a story and half house, on what is now the Neal place, and was the first frame dwelling house in this place."

## In Virgin Novi Forest

# Erastus Ingersoll Cut First Timber

Ten days after John Quincy Adams took office as the sixth president of the United States, a robust father of nine children felled the first tree in a wooded wilderness now called Novi.

It was spring, 1825. And Erastus Ingersoll's mind must have been full of doubts and fears as his crude ax bit through the tree. He was standing in a wilderness, dotted with giant, virgin oaks and maples.

Ingersoll and those pioneers who followed him, could not erase from their minds these disturbing facts:

A few miles to the northwest, some 300 non-hostile, but suspicious Indians camped near the shores of a walled lake; wolves stalked the woods by day and night; seas of mud and swamp lay between them and their last encounter with civilization at Detroit; and above all, a family needed food and shelter to survive.

New York — the home of most of these early pioneers — was a long way off; its hard dirt streets, stores, churches and schools were now only memories.

The tree crashed to the ground. Soon, others toppled, and almost as quickly as the land was cleared, Novi's first house was built. It was an unpretentious building, but the Ingersolls found it comfortable and warm during the ensuing winter months.

Even before the Ingersolls moved into their crude, wooden home, some of their earlier fears were lessened. E. R. Ingersoll, son of Erastus, related that the Indians supplied the family with venison and fish for some three or four years after they established their home on the fertile land.

### Early Township

When Ingersoll built his home here, the area was then in Bloomfield township, one of two townships in the county. The northern part of the county was called Oakland township. Bloomfield township comprised the areas now known as Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Royal Oak, Troy, Southfield, Farmington, Novi, Commerce, Milford and Lyon.

Oakland county at that time had judicial and civil jurisdiction over a huge territory now occupied by the counties of Lapeer, Sanilac, Tuscola, Huron, Genesee, Saginaw and Shiawassee. The entire area was nearly

equal to the size of the state of Massachusetts.

Two years after Ingersoll moved into the area, the Legislative Council of the territory of Michigan divided the county into five townships: Bloomfield, Oakland, Pontiac, Troy and Farmington. The latter township then contained Novi, Lyon and Commerce townships — and the first township meeting was held in the home of Robert Wixom.

The township of Pontiac contained Shiawassee and Saginaw counties.

The assessed valuation of Farmington township in 1828 was the lowest in the county — \$44,000, and the total taxes were \$168.53. Pontiac

### 'Wolves stalked the woods

*by day and night . . .'*

township's assessment was \$106,377 and its total taxes were \$447.24.

Property assessed in 1928 consisted of horses and cattle — one year old and older — wagons, carts and watches — all assessed at their actual value.

In 1933, the following newly organized townships were represented by their first supervisors: Royal Oak by Major Curtis; Novi by Samuel Hungerford, and Grand Blanc (Genesee county) by Norman Davison. Novi township, first tribute as the price of independent sovereignty, was \$85,941 assessment and the taxes were \$526.22.

### Other Early Settlers

Not long after Ingersoll established a home here, John Gould moved into the area. He was a resident for seven years, then moved to Salem in the spring of 1832.

In the autumn of 1825, Joseph Eddy and Pitt Taft settled in the southwest section of Novi. Eddy later moved away (for "more elbow room") and settled in Clinton township where he died. Taft, upon his arrival, immediately began preparing ground for wheat and succeeded in getting in a small field before winter swept into the area.

Others who arrived in Novi during 1825 in search of land on which to

erect homes were William Yerkes and Thomas Pinkerton, two young men (cousins) from Romulus, Seneca county, New York; Samuel Hungerford and James Wilkinson from Watertown, New York and Thomas Watts, an Englishman.

Williamson, who married a sister of William Yerkes, later told pioneer Joshua Simmons that, upon his arrival in Novi, after purchasing his land, his whole capital was his ax and a small bundle tied in a handkerchief.

Colonel Hungerford, who filled many public offices during his long life, later moved to California. But 11 years

after he returned to live with his son, William P. Hungerford of Northville, where he died in 1875 at the age of 76.

Other early settlers were David Bentley, Benjamin A. Hance, John Hiles and Thomas M. Gould.

One of the first justices of the peace appointed for Farmington township was William Yerkes; other Farmington offices were filled by citizens of Novi, but records of their names were destroyed in the Farmington fire of 1872.

### First Schools

The first school in the township of Novi was opened in the autumn of 1827 in a log building near Baseline on the farm of Pitt Taft.

This school was supported by subscriptions. The first teacher was Hiram Wilmarth of Farmington.

Novi's second school, taught by a Miss Light, was located in the northern section of Novi. Later other schools were built as the number of settlers increased. But there was no public school as we know them today, nor any school districts until midway in the Nineteenth Century.

### Post Office

The first post office in Novi was established in 1827. It was called the West Farmington branch. (All of Novi at this time was called West Farmington, while Lyon township was known as West Farmington, junior). John Gould was the first postmaster, and the office was located in his home. The second postmaster was Dr. J.C. Emery.

## Indian Trail Cut Through Novi

Many years before white man dreamed of building the long white ribbon of concrete between cities, the Indians of Michigan moved slowly but efficiently along their own expressways.

The Indian expressways were dirt paths which usually followed the shortest route between two given points. Like present day highways, the Indian roads usually had one or two "detour" routes for use while the low, wet areas dried.

One of the most famous of these Indian expressways stretched from Grand Rapids to Detroit. And the most popular "Howard Johnson" stop-off

was at Walled Lake. Early historians record that the highway cut through Wixom, struck the eastern edge of the village of Walled Lake — which originally was in the Novi township section — continued along the eastern bank of the lake and left it near the southern edge.

The Detroit and Howell plank road (Grand River) very likely followed along much of the Indian's Detroit-Grand Rapids route.

Stage traffic increased rapidly along the highway, with two 4-horse stage-coaches traveling between Detroit and Lansing (the new capital) daily. Frequently, "extras" traveled to the Wixom Tavern (Wixom road) and sometimes beyond to Brighton and Howell.

Twenty-four passengers were carried by each coach, and the coaches almost always traveled with a full freight each way. Sometimes, as many as nine passengers rode atop a single coach.

The late W. D. Flint, an early Novi resident who died late in life just a few years ago, recalled that the road company charged a fee for all persons using its highway. One of the toll gates set up by the company was located at the western edge of the township near Wixom road. "They would charge us one cent for each horse for every mile we rode on the road," Flint said.

### A Mysterious Lake

Walled Lake — three-quarters of which lies in Novi — has one of the most interesting and romantic histories of all other Michigan bodies of water.

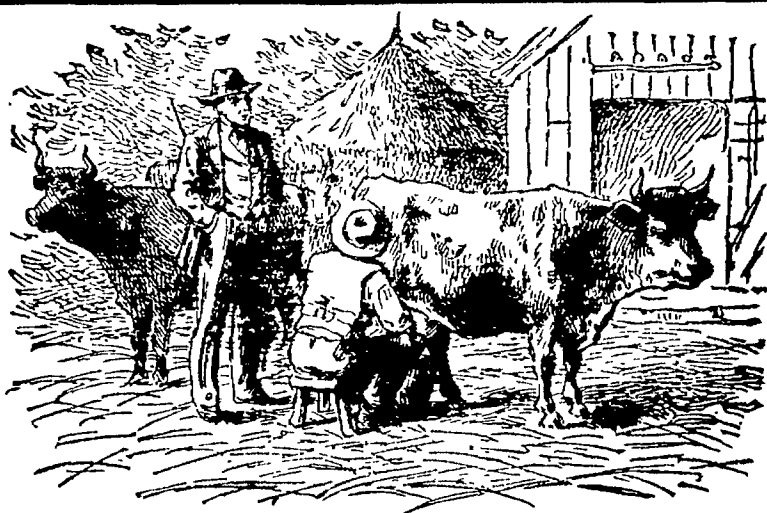
Because the area was a rendezvous for the Indians, the lake, to the white man, was for many years a mysterious place. And as the white man grew accustomed to the Indians, he explored the lake shores, fished its waters and became even more mystified.

A stone wall, five feet thick and about four feet high, stretched along the shores of the lake. For many years local residents, who soon called it Walled Lake, believed the masonry was the handiwork of a "lost race". These people were certain that a pre-Indian civilization once thrived in the area.

The top of the wall was covered with earth and sod. The stones were, for the most part, heaped one upon another with little regularity. However, in some places, the sides of the wall rose straight up indicating that the stones may have been laid by hand. No mortar or cement was ever found.

One historian records that a copper spear-head, about six inches long, was unearthed by a farmer along the banks of the lake. The workmanship, he hinted, indicated that the work may have been done "by the same race of people who anciently worked the copper mines of Lake Superior". Other curiosities were found in the area, including a ball of iron. "It is plain," the historian wrote, "that these relics are not of Indian origin, as are the numerous arrow-heads, tomahawks and belts of wampum taken from the soil in the immediate vicinity. It is apparent that they and the singular walls of stone are a higher

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# Walled Lake Drew Name from Stone Wall

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antiquity, reaching far beyond the earliest existence of the Indian race."

Geologists quickly discredited theories of a "higher race" and declared the walls were drift deposits, formed during the glacial period of the earth's history. Others reasoned that the wall was formed by the action of the water and ice.

## Novi -- 'Unknown'

Although there are numerous stories about the origin of the name Novi, there are three which seem to be told most often.

In meeting to discuss the separation from Farmington, local residents took up the matter of naming the new town. There were many suggestions but names of six or more letters were discarded because they were as "bothersome to write as Farmington". In the dilemma, Dr. J. C. Emery, at the suggestion of his wife, proposed the name "Novi" because it was easily written, and yet not commonplace.

According to historians, the name did not pass the legislative council without objection. James Kingsley, of Ann Arbor, declared the name was "very unfit and inappropriate". Novi, he said meant "not known", "unknown" or "forgotten". Nevertheless, the name was adopted and in the fall of 1832, "Novi" was detached from Farmington.

The two other stories are based upon the Roman numeral VI. In plotting the county and planning the townships, surveyors referred to the township as number six in the second tier. The surveyors are said to have abbreviated the number as NO-VI, giving the town for future generations the unique name as it stands today, Novi.

The third story originates about the time the Plank Lumber company took over the Detroit-Howell road. According to the persons espousing this story, the toll gate here was the sixth between Detroit and Lansing. Hence, coach passengers referred to the town as NO-VI, and later, Novi.

The latter story, according to Flint, is obviously untrue because the township was called Novi before the toll gate was established.

Novi residents of the past — as well as of the present — often referred to the community as "The Corners" or "Four Corners". It was originally called "The Corners", not just because of the main intersection at the Detroit-Howell road, but because of the corners at Nine, Ten and Twelve Mile roads.

"We didn't call them Ten or Twelve Mile roads then," Flint recalled. "Our corner here (Twelve Mile and Novi roads) was Flint's Corner and so on. I don't remember when they were changed."

The first inhabitant at Grand River corner was John Elmore, who came before 1830 and located on section 14. Soon after, Benjamin Brown opened the first general store, the first business enterprise, and the second was Esquire Fitch's Tavern. A. C. Smith soon opened another store and not long after was appointed postmaster of the first post office.

According to "authentic reports" the first Civil War speech in Michigan after the firing of Fort Sumter was given by Hamilton Woodman in the Novi school house, situated on the site of the first post office at the southwest corner.

Brown's store stood at the northwest corner, and a famous two-story hotel stood on the northeast corner. The hotel, reported to be the oldest in Michigan, was razed in 1927. During the razing, liberty bond issued in 1776 was found.

## Town Hall

The first town hall was located next to the Baptist church on the Northville - Walled Lake road (Novi Road). The lot was donated to the township by C. C. Gage. Erected in 1876 at a cost of \$800, the building was later destroyed, along with the Baptist church, by fire. Both the church and hall were rebuilt, however, and the hall still stands next to the church.

Before the original hall was built, township meetings were conducted in the homes of local residents — and at various Novi taverns.

## Churches

The Methodist Episcopal church was organized in December of 1869. Earliest services were held in the old school house — which stood at the

southwest corner of Grand River. Rev. Thomas Nichols of Walled Lake preached the first sermons.

In 1875, the present church site was purchased from C. C. Gage at a cost of \$200. The frame church was built immediately at a cost of \$1,750 and dedicated March 2, 1876.

The Baptist church was organized in February, 1846, Elder Noyes acting as moderator. Three years later, a church was erected. The church was rebuilt in 1875. This building and the town hall were destroyed by fire during an electrical storm in 1912. They both were rebuilt within two years.



NOVI RAILROAD DEPOT — PROBABLY IN 1890's

## Store of C. E. Goodell, Novi.

Established in 1888.

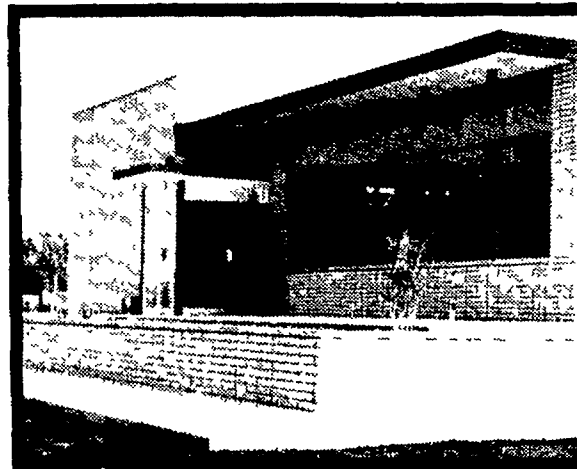


## Ford to Build New Plant Here

Aug. 25, 1955 — Plans for the construction of a multi-million dollar Lincoln division assembly plant and office building in the northwest part of Novi Township (now part of the City of Wixom) were made public by Ford Motor Company officials.

Whether by coincidence or design, plans for subdividing the Lewis D. Crusoe farm at the northwest corner of Nine Mile and Novi Roads (now Brookland farms subdivision) were divulged at a township board meeting four days prior to the Ford announcement. Crusoe is executive vice-president, car and truck division of the Ford Motor Company.

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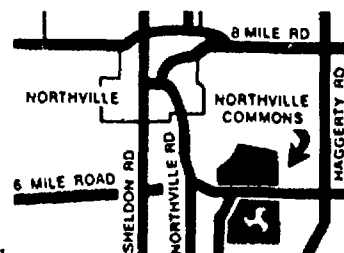
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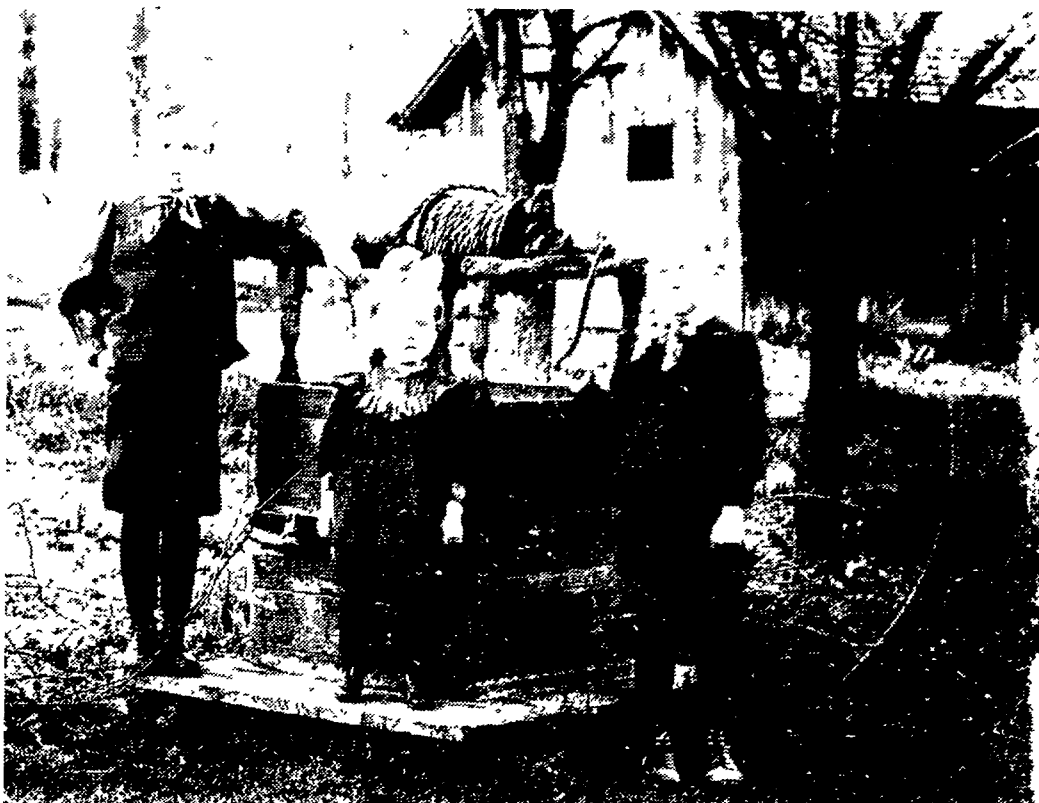
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The tradition of the village green has also been brought back, but in a grand manner. Thompson-Brown, famous for their open-space concept, have developed thirty beautiful acres into private parks just for the residents of Northville Commons. Picturesque walkways are perfect for leisurely strolls. A basketball pad, shuffleboard and children's play plots give children of all ages a safe, nearby place to develop their skills. Tennis courts convert to ice-skating

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WHO ARE THEY? Reproduced from an old glass negative found in Northville this picture shows three unidentified children in their "Sunday best."

## Pearl Harbor Bombs Rock Cozy Evening

December 13 is just a common, ordinary day like any other in the early part of December — full of deciding which Christmas card should go to Aunt Ella, what color tie Dad should get and how big a doll Baby Ann should find under the Christmas tree.

There are also seasonal activities like putting up the last storm door, cleaning all the leaves off the lawn before the snows cover them, buying a new filter for the furnace and taking the hoses in for the winter.

These are the sorts of activities that everyone was busy with 20 years ago, on DECEMBER 7, 1941.

And suddenly the cozy Sunday evening sitting by the fireplace and listening to the radio was blasted into a period of shock, horror, terror and a great deal of soul searching. For the radio announcer screamed that at dawn, which was evening here, the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor.

Christmas thoughts of big presents, bigger meals and giant trees flooded with tinsel and colored lights suddenly were crowded out as people ran to pull out a dusty encyclopedia and look up Hawaii, that far-off island paradise where life was all warm evenings, dancing girls and palm trees swaying in a breeze filled with the aroma of exotic foods.

Two days earlier, The Record had published that area Christmas club members would receive a total of about \$13,000 from Christmas club savings deposits, and that plans for presenting Handel's "Messiah" were being made.

The December 5 Record also carried a story about hundreds of persons having attended the formal opening of the Penn Theatre in Plymouth the previous afternoon. The movie-goers had been treated to a taste of island life when they viewed "A Week-end in Havana".

On December 12 the Record reported that a great deal of activity had been stirred up locally by the war. Area residents were joining forces to push the sale of defense bonds and stamps. A common slogan was "Give a stamp or bond for Christmas". The bonds made small packages, but they were probably the most significant Christmas gifts that year.

The foundation of a defense council had followed closely the declaration of war on Japan. Many local citizens volunteered to serve as clerks to help the hundreds of persons from this area who wanted to join the armed forces.

Among those backing the defense bond sale were Fred Van Atta, Reverend Harold Fredsell, Dr. R. M. Atchison, Superintendent of Schools R. H. Amerman, Neil Hannaford, Harry F. Wagenschutz, Mrs. W. F. Forney, Mrs. Garrett T. Barry, Ray Casterline and Gerald Taft.

The defense council members were Mayor Carl H. Bryan, Supervisor Willard A. Ely, Mrs. Tracy Ely, Harry F. Wagenschutz, Frank Wilkinson, Chief of Police Richard Loomis, Earl Montgomery, R. H. Amerman, Mrs. James Green, Lisle Alexander and M. C. Gunsell.

Also on the front page of The Record that day was a timetable of the war, showing the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor and Manila on Sunday, the U.S. declaration of war at noon on Monday, the unconfirmed reports Tuesday and Wednesday of enemy aircraft flying over California, the Thursday morning declaration of war on the U.S. made jointly by Italy and Germany, and Congress' retaliatory declaration of war on Germany and Italy made Thursday noon.

By December 19 the war activities were well under way and The Record devoted nearly half its front page to reports of local and national efforts to boost the country into readiness for fighting. A Red Cross war relief fund campaign had started here, with a goal of \$1,500.

Plans were being made to start the Defense Bond sale the following day, with 28 persons taking four-hour shifts selling bonds in four local stores.

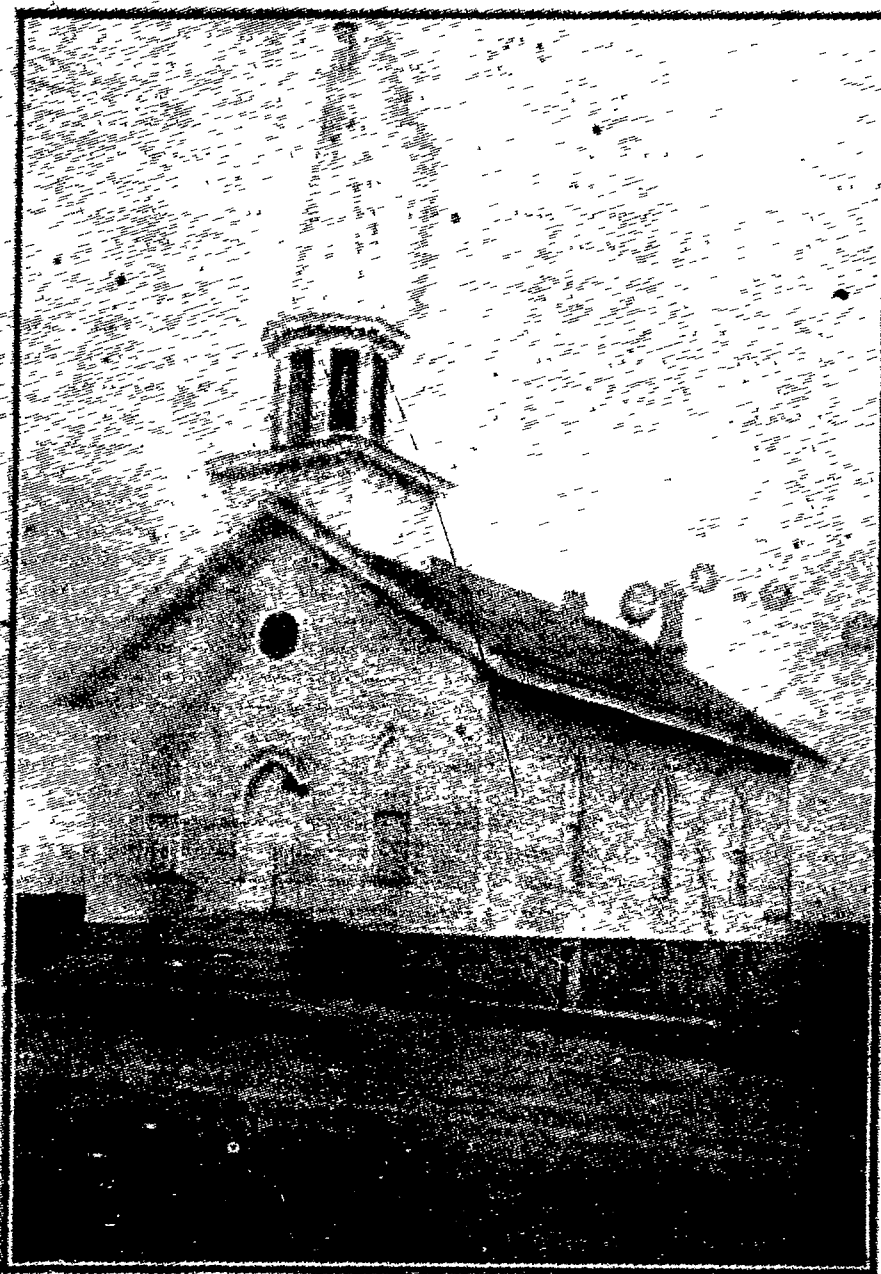
Another 114 persons had donated blood for the Army and Navy when the Plymouth Oddfellows opened their hall for a mobile blood bank.

All of this was taking place just 28 years ago. Since that time the world has experienced many crises, but none have been quite so sudden or quite so shocking as the events of DECEMBER 7, 1941.

## The Novi Baptist Church.

Society Organized Sept. 15, 1845.

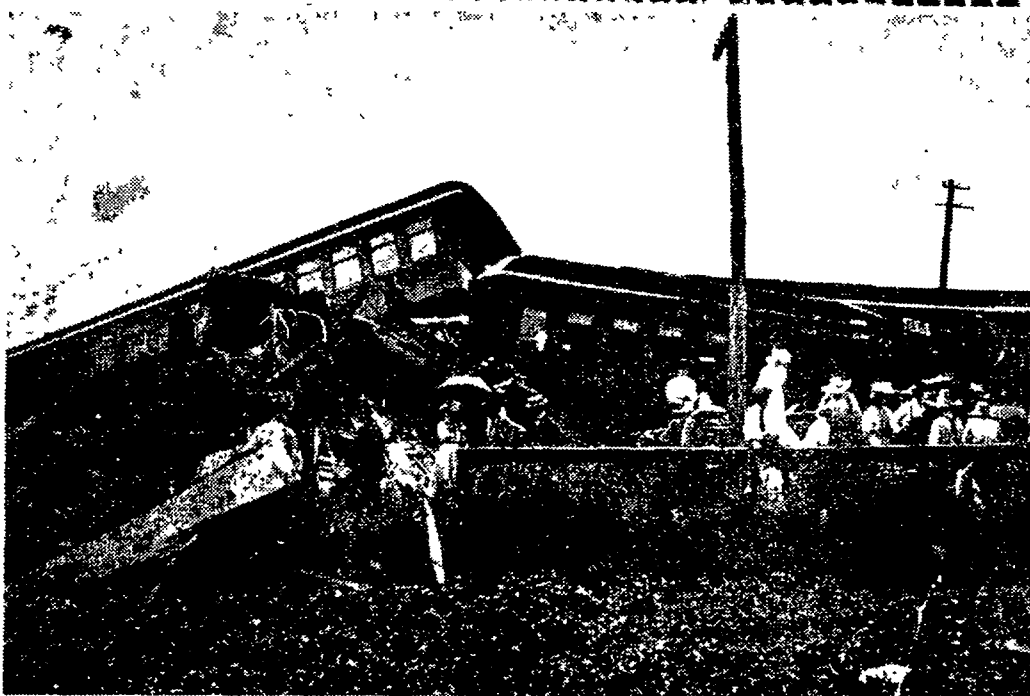
First House of Worship built in 1846; present Edifice in 1876.



REV. J. BURNETT REYNOLDS, Pastor.

Preaching,	10:30 A. M.
Sabbath School,	12:00 M.
B. Y. P. U.	7:00 P. M.
Evening Service,	7:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays,	7:30 P. M.
Covenant Meeting, first Saturday in each month.	

All are cordially invited to attend all of the services.



**TRAIN DISASTER** — When Northville photographer L. L. Ball snapped this picture on July 20, 1907, a score or more people lay dead and injured in the wreckage of the train. The accident occurred in Salem township, just a short distance from the center of the village. Dr. Tom Henry of Northville was one of the first physicians at the scene of the disaster. Mrs. William H. (Sadie) Parks of Novi, who served as a nurse at the time for Dr. Henry, recalls that Dr. Henry "drove an old car — a Ford or a Brush — and people walking got there as fast as he did. His supplies were exhausted in 10 minutes. People streamed across the corn field bringing sheets, pillow cases, shirts, anything that might be used for bandages." She remembers that her brother-in-law, Lee Passage, "fired the relief train that brought help from Detroit — we needed it because there was almost nothing we could do to help."

## Sarah Ann Cochrane

# She Traveled in Arms of Mother

Sarah Ann Cochrane, for whom the local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter was named, was one of Northville's most famous women of the past. Born July 28, 1832, she died on July 10, 1917, and was buried beside her parents and brother in Rural Hill Cemetery.

Her father, who represents an important page in Northville's early history, founded "Vermontville Colony" — a then tiny community near Lansing over which he was its religious leader.

A collection of her papers came into the hands of the Burton Historical Collection and were published in January, 1923. Miss Cochrane, incidentally, was a member of the Detroit Public Library staff from 1883 to 1906. Exerpts from her papers, probably written during the last few months before her death, follow:

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The Detroit Public Library contains a series of publications, by the Pioneer and History Society of Michigan, in Vol. 28 of which may be found a history of the Vermontville Colony, by E. W. Barber, the son of a first settler and a boyhood chum of my brother, the late Judge Cochrane. This account, in treating of my father as the prime mover and active participant in the establishment of the colony, makes mention of some of the family as connected with the colony and as known to him afterward, but declared that "of Sarah, the daughter, nothing is known." Immediately upon my discovery of this Barberous lack of

information, I mailed to Mr. Barber's address a copy of the annual report of the Detroit Public Library, placing a mark against my name in the staff list. This at least disproved my utter nonentity and brought out a "correction" in a subsequent volume of the series.

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My father, Sylvester Cochrane, was born in Antrim, N.H., May 8, 1796; my mother Hannah (Symonds) Cochrane, in Hancock, an adjoining town, February 12, 1796.

When, after a few years, the

*'Roads on the route were simply appalling and break downs and consequent delays were frequent . . .'*

prevailing "western fever" grew hot in his veins, and the spectre of change and adventure beckoned and entreated him to "hitch his wagon to the star" of westward emigration, the germ of discontent was planted and his aspirations were changed to what he devoutly flatter himself would be a noble mission, a broader, a grander field of service for the Master. The project of choosing and planting a colony of exemplary Vermonters in the far western "land of promise" became very alluring to him and was undertaken with boundless enthusiasm and superb faith.

Young travellers in these days of fine steam cars, automobiles and "improved roads" cannot conceive the

discomforts, privations and actual suffering which, 50 or 75 years ago, attended a journey "overland" by horses and wagon. Our wagon could carry only the barest necessities for prolonged travel through a country where we could not depend upon frequent replenishment. The route was through Canada, from Lewiston re-entering the U.S. at Detroit. (The present boom in prices of real estate here, has reminded me of an accredited story of how my father, while halting here in Detroit came near investing a few of his spare dollars in some "town

lots" in the vicinity of our present Grand Circus Park. It is thrilling to contemplate the possibilities which might have grown out of such an act.)

It goes almost without saying that the roads on the route were simply appalling and "break downs" and consequent delays were frequent. For days, we walked more miles than we rode, my mother carrying me on her hip with one arm while with a long pole in the other hand, she tested the depth of the mud before each step. My father was often obliged to lead his team over "corduroy" roads where the logs floated and rolled in liquid mud. The poor horses frightened by the unstable footing, plunged and floundered, and at times sank one or

more legs between the loose logs, their extrication proving to be a serious problem, if no fence rail or other means of leverage was at hand. We bipeds could sometimes leap the gaps or make more or less of a circuit through the adjacent field or forest.

Sometimes a "break-down" occurred in the heart of a forest and if the resources of the wagon could not furnish temporary repair, my father walked back, or forth, or rode one of the horses to the nearest point of relief.

But this chapter of trials at last came to an end. Upon reaching Vermontville after about five weeks travel, we were kindly entertained by Deacon and Mrs. Church (who, with other "settlers" had preceded us) while our own cabin was being prepared. Help was hard to get and progress of building very slow. The picture of our first "at home" in the new house is clear in my memory today.

That first winter in the Colony was, to every one of the settlers, a period of more or less suffering. In our own case, lateness of arrival had prevented the raising of anything for food, and the horrible condition of the roads resulting from an "open" winter rendered passage to and from Bellevue, the nearest (13 miles) point of any purchase, next to impossible. Sturdy ox-teams drawing heavy lumber wagons, the only available means of transportation attempted some excursions across the country through the solid forest, consuming at least one day going, and another returning,

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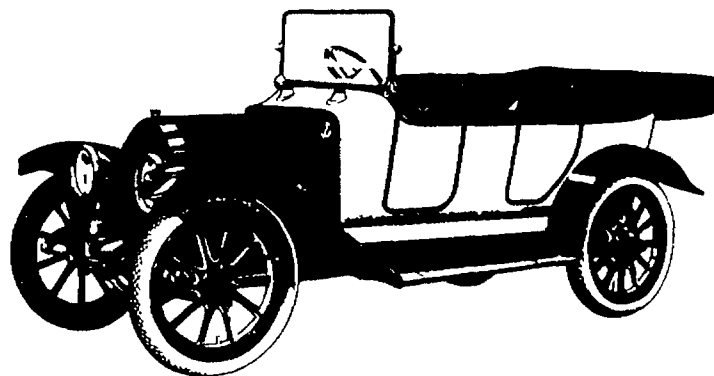
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No one can take out collision insurance unless he is also a member of the company carrying the regular form of policy.

The company is now starting upon its fourth season of success and with about 28,000 members,



pany will be \$6.00 to cover loss up to \$100, \$8.00 to cover a maximum loss of \$600.00, and \$10.00 to cover a loss up to \$800.00. In stock companies they provide that no loss shall be paid for damage to tires unless the total loss including damage to tires amounts to \$200.00. This provision will be a part of our policy. Repainting and re-varnishing jobs will not be allowed at over \$35.00. With these sensible restrictions, the company believes that it can give its members good service and protection at the above reasonable rates.

300 active agents, a fire proof building to carry on the business this year, the company is equipped to give its members efficient service.

The agents wrote 200 members for collision insurance, without commission, so that the entire fund was paid in to the Treasurer to make this branch of the insurance successful.

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# Pioneer's House: Logs, Moss, 'n Bark

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sometimes being obliged to "camp out" over night, one, or both, ways. At times, starvation threatened. In fact, the noble span of horses which had brought us safely through the memorable journey, found no pampered reward for their service. One died by actual starvation, under his diet solely of "browse" the other was sold for eight bushels of wheat, hoping thus to help ourselves over the danger line.

After the first five years (1837-42) which covered our residence in Vermontville, we stopped about a year in Howell. This was only a cipher in our experience. The status of the town, at that time, made it undesirable as an abiding place and gave little promise of success for a minister. So, when, in the course of months, an opening at

church was forced to disband.

After two or three years living in Northville what seemed to be a favorable opportunity for opening a school induced my father to venture the purchase of a suitable property just then for sale and thus was founded what soon became broadly known as the "Northville Academy" (the building stands today, 1969, as the home of the John Canterburys).

The school flourished in numbers and popularity, and many young men there imbibed a stimulus which inclined them to a higher education in the state university at Ann Arbor. During some of the earlier years, my brother and myself assisted in teaching, according to our time and ability, my brother, while a member of the

weeks of father's death (March 14, 1860) my own health had utterly collapsed, and I never again resumed teaching.

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Following is an excerpt of a letter written by Mrs. Sylvester Cochrane to a sister from Vermontville, dated October 3, 1838, describing their log home — probably a good deal like the original homes of Northville:

The main body of the house which is 24 feet by 16 is constructed of logs covered with bark and much of their original moss still dangling in all its varieties — the walls three logs high above the chamber-floor — in the inside of the house strips of wood are driven between the logs to fill the crevices — on the outside they are filled with a plaster of mud — (The Architects of this country call it mudding and chinking). A door out each way north and south a window in front with 12 lights — one in the west end of the same number. The floor "above and below" made of plank split out of ash or basswood, with bettle and wedges and is far from being level or smooth, and clatters finely when walked over. And now comes the chimney which is made of tiles about three inches wide and one inch thick — laid up cob house fashion and plastered with mud within — a hearth of mud pounded down and paved with stone. (So you see that we contrive to make a good use of our superabundance of mud).

The roof is covered with long shingles reaching from one rib to another to which they nailed, with no other covering. The shingles are split

out of oak are not shaved and are called shakes. On the back side and the whole length of the house is a "Linter", one half of which is inclosed for a bedroom and a study. The other half open with only a roof covered with bark and a floor. This is the place "Where barrel, swill-pail riddle, shovel, tub pigger corn-bag all together, are put to keep them from the weather." For the want of room I shall fail to give you an account of our nice accommodations in the house. You can guess them.

## Maybury Succumbs

NOV. 6, 1931 — Northville, together with the entire state, mourned the passing Wednesday afternoon of one of humanity's greatest benefactors — William H. Maybury, for whom the tuberculosis sanatorium located just west of Northville is named.

Mr. Maybury died on the sanatorium farm from the effects of the disease against which he had devoted the greater part of his life. He was 72 years old.

Mr. Maybury was born in 1859 in Detroit and his father, Henry Maybury, was one of the early Irish settlers of Detroit. He was educated in Detroit public schools and was graduated from what was then the Michigan Military Academy located at Orchard Lake.

At the time of his death Mr. Maybury was a member of the Detroit Board of Health, a post he has held for the past 13 years. He was originally appointed by Senator James Couzens when the latter was mayor of Detroit.

At the time of his appointment to the health board, the city had already decided to appropriate a million dollars toward the construction of the sanatorium, the site of which had been chosen. Couzens wanted a man to take charge of the construction of the sanatorium who could in no way be bribed or corrupted and who was aggressive, to present building facts to the council and secure additional appropriations from them as the situation demanded. In William H. Maybury he found this man.

The building was started in 1919 and in 1922 was formally dedicated. In 1926 recognition was given Mr. Maybury as the dominating factor in the construction of the sanatorium and the institution was named after him.

## 'And thus was founded what soon became broadly known as the Northville Academy . . .'

Northville presented it was readily accepted. The village was past the pioneering stage and quite attractive, and the community of excellent repute. A new Presbyterian church of the "new school" variety had recently been formed (an "old school" organization was already established) and to the charge of this church my father though nominally a Congregationalist was invited.

The young organization flourished for a time, a neat edifice was built (standing today, 1969, as the Northville Township Hall) and minister and people were satisfied, but as time passed, the burden of support became too heavy for the few able and responsible members, and the young

university, occasionally absenting himself therefrom for the purpose, on condition of keeping his place in his university class studies. My father had been in failing health for some time, when, in 1857, with sorrow and regret he gave up the school, but continued preaching, the scene of his clerical labors being the Presbyterian church in Plymouth.

In the season following his retirement from teaching, having lately graduated from Monroe Female Seminary I re-opened the school, but on a different plan, making it exclusively for girls. This was continued satisfactorily to all attendants and with pecuniary advantage to me, until within a few

## Harmon History

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in the hectic times following the Civil War.

He lived to the ripe old age of 82, having been born in 1820, and coming to Northville with William Yerkes, his father, in 1826. He lies at rest in beautiful Rural Hill, where also are buried the preceding three who, with him, formed the "Great Quartette" contemporaneously connected with every action for good in this community during the last half of the 19th Century.

It has been demonstrated for generations, over and over again, that no single individual is essential as the supreme guardian and indispensable manager of community affairs.

The collective force of numbers representing public opinion is in this day and age of the world the controlling element of advancing civilization.

So he who is not mentioned may be the king pin for some event today and the one for another tomorrow.

The four men named could not be a town alone. It required hundreds of others to help make the field for them in which to operate. So all are essential even though they do not get on the front page or in the list of Who's Who.

Northville was incorporated a village in 1867, with W. P. Yerkes its first president. In the sixty years

following it has had 35 different men in the office — 16 of whom are still living. None have died a natural death nor been assassinated during their term of office, so that up to date the office has not been considered extra hazardous. None have been impeached in office, and all have given freely of their time and energy to serve the Village of Northville faithfully and well.

Our present dynamic president, Elmer Smith, is holding his own with any of them, and as long as such men can be induced to accept the office, merely for the good of the community, the taxpayer and citizens all need have no fear of things going wrong.

At present (July) the formation of a new charter is in the hands of an elected commission consisting of M. N. Johnson, A. C. Balden, E. H. Lapham, L. A. Babbitt and C. A. Dolph.

It is unquestioned that this Commission will be able to develop a charter that will be a decided improvement over the present methods under which officials are compelled to act in the administration of village affairs.

The citizens should be especially thankful for three recent and highly beneficial acts of its officials — viz., the purchase of the springs on Fishery Road, the Lapham property and the fire engine. Such wise moves should be publicly commended.



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E.S. Woodman

# Visits Northville Pioneers in '92

by E. S. Woodman

FEB. 4, 1892 — Your correspondent, desirous of making a few calls in our village to-day, was driven to the residence of Henry Houk. I found this venerable pioneer celebrating the ninety-fourth anniversary of his birthday, splitting wood, and from him I learned he was a native of New York.

He came to this state when it was a territory, located on a farm near this place and resided there until a few years ago, when, having acquired a competency by honest toil, he moved to this village. He has been twice married, has five children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is a Democrat of the Jefferson-Jackson school, cast his first presidential vote for Andrew Jackson, and has voted for every nominee of the Democratic party for President since. Mr. Houk, though quite feeble is able to care for himself with the assistance of his faithful wife. He is a worthy member of the Baptist church and a Christian gentleman.

I next called on Mrs. Lucinda Cady, now in the 81st year of her age. She is the widow of the late Daniel L. Cady, who came to this place in 1825. The south part of the village stands on the land on which Mr. Cady located. Mrs. Cady lives in the house built by her late husband nearly sixty years ago. She has had three children, has nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She superintends her domestic affairs, and regularly attends the Presbyterian church when the weather is favorable. She is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Harriett White is in the 81st year of her age. She came to this state with her deceased husband in 1830, has three children and three grandchildren, is a member of the Presbyterian church and adorns her profession with a well-ordered life. Her general health is good.

Emma Hungerford is a native of Massachusetts and in the 84th year of her age. Samuel Hungerford, her late husband, was well and favorably known in this vicinity. He has been dead some twelve years. Mrs. Hungerford had one child by her first husband and has four grandchildren. She is quite smart for a woman of her age, has a retentive memory and presides over her domestic affairs like a woman of 40.

Mrs. Marian Bradley was found at the residence of her son, George. She will be 93 her next birthday. She and her late husband, Harvey Bradley, came from Western New York to this state in 1830, settling on a farm two miles from this village. They continued to live there until they had acquired a competency, when they sold the farm and moved to this village. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, six of whom are living. There has also been born twenty grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. Few persons of her age retain their mental and physical faculties as well as Mrs. Bradley. She is a worthy member of the Presbyterian church, of which her husband was a deacon and elder for a number of years. She is highly esteemed by a large circle of relatives and friends for her many virtues.

Mrs. Saline Taft resides on a farm

adjoining the corporation, located by her late husband's father in 1824. She is in the 75th year of her age, has had five children, and has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Taft's maiden name was Chapman, and her father, Randall Chapman, located a farm in Novi, two miles from here, in 1827 or 1828. By way of episode I will relate an incident in the life of Mrs. Taft.

She was sent by her parents while in her teens, on foot and alone, to this village to procure some necessities from the store for the family. On going she passed a neighbor, Lyman Andrus, who was felling a large tree near the road. On her return home from the store when getting opposite where Mr. Andrus was chopping when she passed before, she noticed that the tree had been cut down, but could see nothing of Mr. Andrus. The thought occurred to her that as it was not time for her neighbor to go to his dinner some accident had befallen him. She accordingly went over to where the tree was down and found Mr. Andrus under a portion of it, speechless and

unconscious. Several neighbors chopping near by were summoned by Miss Chapman and they proceeded to extricate their unfortunate neighbor.

He was carried to his log shanty, Dr. Pitcher, of Detroit, was summoned, and after the operation of trephining, Mr. Andrus recovered consciousness, cleared up his farm and died a respected citizen leaving his wife with plenty of money for her support.

Calling at the Keeley Sanitarium your correspondent was introduced to the secretary, Mr. A. Waring, who appears eminently fitted for the position he occupies. Having but a few moments time your correspondent declined his polite invitation to go through the institution, but learned from him that it has been in operation only thirty days, has fifty-seven patients and had discharged eight believed cured. Our citizens are well pleased with the management of the institution thus far and believe its officers and attendants to be gentlemen in every respect.

During the year 1891 there were twenty-five deaths, thirteen births and

sixteen marriages in this village.

The many obstacles that beset the path of these pioneers have been removed by their industry, frugality, and self denial. They toiled in summer's heat and winter's cold, foregoing many comforts and enduring many hardships to the end that their children might reap the reward of their toil in better homes, better schools, better educations and all the betterments which follow in the wake of progressive civilization. May their posterity evince the same tenacity of purpose the same indomitable will, the same indifference to personal privations, and the same rugged sense of right and truth which their parents evinced when they came to a wild, but fertile territory sixty years ago to transform the forest primeval into fields of ripening grain. May their lives be such that their children's children can say in the words of Goethe, 'Hark! he who with a bright regard looks back upon his father's fathers; who with joy recounts their deeds of grace, and in himself values the latest link in the fair chain of noble sequences.'



**NOW JUST MEMORY** — Neither of these two buildings stand today. The building above was E. C. Huikley's Billiard Parlor in 1901. Later, according to one oldtimer, it became the Stanley House hotel. The building stood about where Del's Shoe Store stands today on the north side of Main Street, west of Hutton. George Alexander used to operate a barber shop in the building at the left. Behind these buildings was a livery stable, later becoming small apartments, and finally last year

razed for parking. Below is the Huikley & Tinham Cigar & Tobacco store, operated about 1898, located about where the P&A Theatre is located today. Jim Ford's poolroom was located in the building at the left. Another famous old landmark, long since disappeared, was the Princess Rink. It was located behind these buildings and here many dances and "night on the town" balls were conducted with local citizens turning out in their best finery.





# Dunlaps Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Jan. 8, 1870 — Captain Wm. Dunlap and lady celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage, at their residence in this place, on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, December 29th.

Nearly 50 representatives made their appearance, besides a large number of invited guests. Of a family of nine children, three sons and five daughters favored the occasion, and the affair would have been all that was desired but for the absence of one member — a son, Emmet — residing in Chillicothe, Missouri, who could not possibly be here; the unfortunate circumstance was lamented by all as the only blight to the successful termination of this family gathering.

Fifteen grandchildren and one great grandchild were present — absent four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Dunlap is now 74 years of age and his wife 69. Their marriage took place in Ovid, N.Y., Reverend Abram Brokay, uniting the twain; one witness to the ceremony being present at this

anniversary, Mrs. Ann Donaldson, a sister of Mrs. Dunlap. They were among the first settlers here, coming in about the year 1831 when all about here was a dense forest, with an occasional clearing. The family occupied a small log house standing on the present site of the "Northville Mills" and soon after built the wing of the 'Yerkes house' where they had lived some time before erecting the main part. The old structure was some years afterwards moved away and now stands just north of J. G. Lapham's residence. Mr. Dunlap first interested himself in a small Grist Mill, which he bought out and enlarged. In 1847 the whole structure was torn down and the present large Mill put up. He sold out to Mr. John Smith of Oakland County in 1863 and with his family moved to Walled Lake, where they resided for four years, finally returning here in 1867.

It is somewhat singular and yet a fact that the house they now occupy was the first two story building ever built in Northville nearly 40 years ago.



Pre-1900

WOODEN GRISWOLD STREET OVER-PASS

## Northville Library Donor Succumbs

JANUARY 31, 1936 — With the passing of Dr. Mary E. Lapham last Sunday at her winter home in St. Augustine, Florida, the medical profession lost a doctor who had made herself known throughout the world for her work in the fight against tuberculosis.

Dr. Lapham, the daughter of Jarred S. and Martha Gregory Lapham, was born in Northville, 75 years ago and lived in the old Lapham home, corner of Main and Wing streets, until the death of her father in 1893. (The village of Northville eventually purchased the home and it was used as the village and later city hall until it was razed and the present city hall was constructed on the site).

Dr. Lapham was the cashier of the private bank of J. S. Lapham and Company for a number of years and prominent in many community affairs, especially in the organization of the Ladies' Library association, to which she gave the present building. She was the second president of the Northville Women's Club and was a member and treasurer of the school board.

After her father's death she and her brother, William G. Lapham, continued the banking business until 1904.

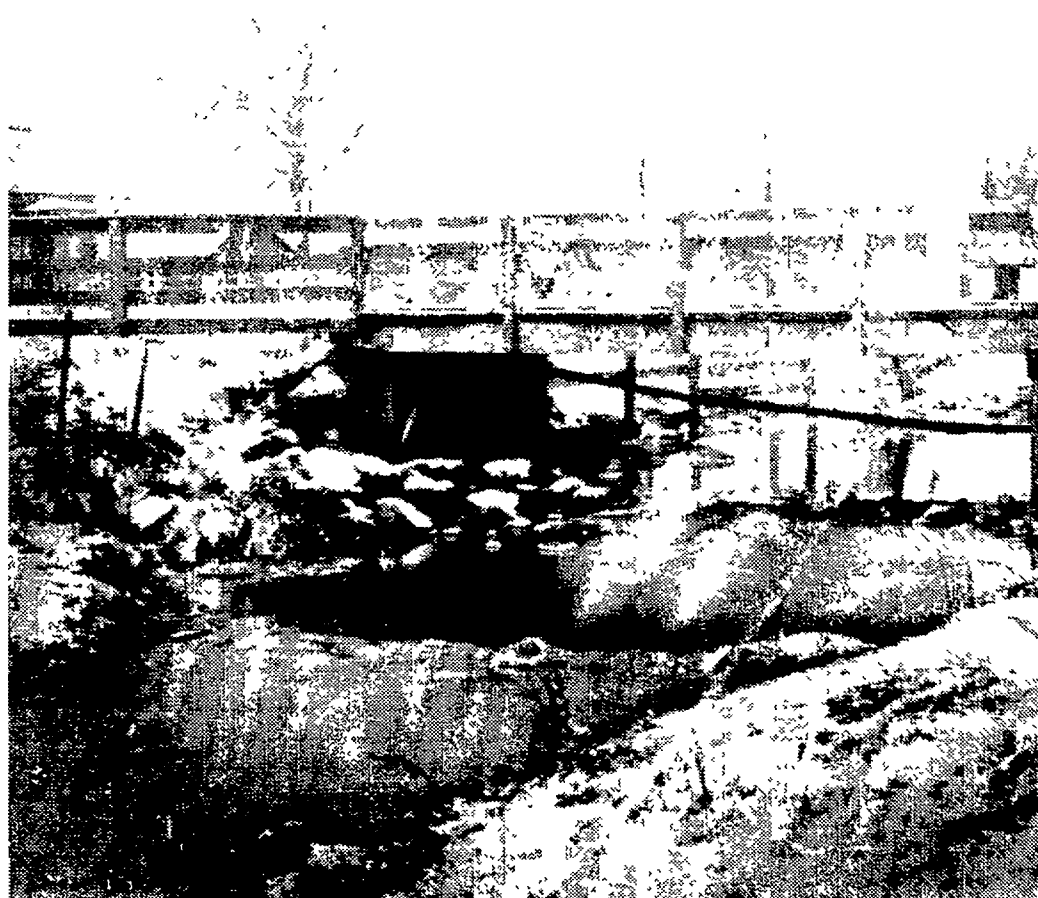
The famous doctor had been in ill health for the past eight years. Her illness was said to be the result of her experiences among refugees and children in the active world war zone. After the war Dr. Lapham went to Czechoslovakia where she devoted her time to the care of war victims.

Many books on Swiss therapy have been written from her pen. She was the first in the United States to pioneer in this method which involves the

collapsing the lungs in treating tuberculosis.

Dr. Lapham gained her knowledge in Vienna where she studied under Dr. Brauer. Returning to this country, she spent her time, until the war broke out, in a sanitarium which she established in Highland, N. C. Here mountaineers of the region were treated. During one of her late trips to Europe, this sanitarium burned. It was never rebuilt.

At John Hopkins University and at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Lapham was for a number of years research director of tuberculosis.



Pre-1900

CORNER OF BASELINE AND OLD NOVI ROAD



SATURDAY NIGHT IN NORTHVILLE

WHEN THE BAND PERFORMED IN 1910 SATURDAY NIGHT IN NORTHVILLE WAS ALWAYS GREAT

## Railroad Foils Plans

# Wixom: The Tale of Two 'Cities'

If the Michigan pioneer had been a betting man, he most certainly would have given heavy odds that the center of Wixom would never have developed at its present location.

The pioneer would have pointed instead to the rapidly growing centers at the corners of Wixom road at Grand River and Wixom road at Potter.

There are several important reasons why the pioneer would have lost his shirt on such a bet. But to understand these underlying factors one must leaf through the pages of history.

Because the earliest settlers of the Wixom area were by choice situated near the growing communities of Walled Lake, Commerce, Novi and Northville, Wixom did not gain any individuality until the latter part of the 19th century.

Actually, however, the nucleus of what is now Wixom had its beginning in 1830 when Lewis Norton hiked from Detroit to the fertile lands

northwest of Novi. This hearty pioneer chopped trees, removed rocks, erected a log cabin, and established a farm on what is now Pontiac Trail.

Later, Willard C. Wixom, after whom the community was later named, purchased the Norton homestead. Norton moved to Livingston county in 1839 and was killed by lightning shortly thereafter.

As other settlers moved into the vicinity, the few roads or trails between Commerce township, Novi and Northville became familiar routes for farmers as they hauled their grain to the mills.

Alonze Sibley, the second pioneer of the Wixom area, settled at the northeast corner of Wixom and Maple roads, opposite the present Wixom cemetery.

Sibley was born at Preston, New York in 1810. At the early age of 21, he decided to move to the mysterious "land of opportunity" in Michigan. According to a biographical sketch of the young pioneer, Sibley walked to Royal Oak from Detroit, to Rochester, Romeo, Pontiac and finally to Commerce township.

He hired a team and cleared about five acres of land. For "relaxation" he built himself a log shanty.

The pioneer's property eventually stretched to the Grand River Trail. Historians relate that Sibley, anxious to distinguish his property, erected fences completely around it. The fence actually stretched across Grand River. Indians from the Walled Lake settlement discovered the fence shortly thereafter and immediately voiced their stern disapproval. The fence across the "highway" disappeared as quickly as it appeared.

Sibley's first wife died in 1836. Two years later, he married his wife's sister. His second wife died in 1873, and one year later he married Adaline Colby.

Among his children were Mary J., who married James Pratt of Northville; Judson L., Mrs. Joseph D. Drew of Jackson, and Watson of Pontiac.

In 1838, the cemetery opposite Sibley's home was established by the South Commerce Burying-Ground company. Sibley, who owned the cemetery property, was elected

president of the company, Ahijah Wixom was named first secretary, and Justice Walker, treasurer.

Walker's wife became the first person to be buried in the cemetery.

Mark Furman, grandfather of Miss Hilda Furman, later became an officer of the Burying-Ground company.

Wixom's First Baptist church was built next to the cemetery as was the red brick school house — pride of the Wixom settlers. The wood frame parsonage — now occupied by Charles Tiffin, 91, one of Wixom's oldest

*'Willard C. Wixom, after whom the*

*community was later named ...'*

residents — was built at the southwest corner more than 100 years ago.

Tiffin, who moved into the parsonage in 1900, recalls that a wooden walk extended along Wixom Road across from his home. People used to walk to church along this wooden path.

Later, the church was moved to its present location; the school was abandoned and a new frame school was constructed near the site of the present school. This frame building was later moved to a site one block north. Ted's Country store now occupies the building.

While a community sprouted near Sibley's corners another center blossomed near the corner of Wixom road and the Detroit-Howell plank road (Grand River). A postoffice called West Novi was erected.

N. G. Pinney established a large foundry near the corner now occupied by the Lincoln Plant. Pinney later sold the business to Daniel Smoke and C.P. Larcum. Smoke soon sold out to Larcum and moved to Holly where he established a similar business.

About this time most settlers believed the corner would become a large village. However, the post office was abandoned after several years.

But the real blow to the dreams of a community at this corner and the one at Potter road was the establishment of the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad which sliced diagonally across the

territory.

Because the heavy foundry business was complemented by rail transportation, Larcum moved his business north to the railroad.

Other businesses sprang up in the vicinity of the tracks: a general store and post office operated by A.W. Arms; a jewelry store, a large wheat and plaster warehouse, and lumber yard, kept by Wixom and Sibley; Larcum's foundry and machine shop; a cheese factory; several blacksmith shops, depot, telegraph and express

offices.

Wixom's residents, who once traveled to the nearby communities with their farm products, could boast in 1876 that close to 35,000 bushels of wheat, and 40,000 pounds of wool were shipped from Wixom.

Frugal property owners had great vision and optimism in donating lots for manufacturing purposes, the depot site, and other enterprises.

Tiffin, who moved with his parents to Novi township in 1879 at the age of seven months, recalls that farmers were always anxious to get the best prices for their hard-earned products.

"The farmers would get together and drive their herds of sheep to Walled Lake. They'd drive them right into the water and then wash their wool. It's kind of funny, but the sheep would get pretty dirty on the walk back. But they would pay a few cents more for 'washed wool'.

Tiffin, who recalls sneaking off with his chums to swim in the lake near the "bluffs" ("we didn't wear anything"), recalls that one of the most exciting sports of his youth was horse racing on the frozen lake.

One of the greatest attractions Wixom ever boasted, Tiffin believes, was the hardware store operated by Will and James Chambers. "People used to come from all over, from Milford and Northville, to shop there. They liked to go in and look everything over — even if they didn't buy anything."

## Citizens Leap Into 1900

As the year 1900 drew near it apparently sparked the curiosity of Northville residents (mostly unwed women) because The Record felt it necessary to come up with the following explanation:

"Although the year 1900 will be divisible by four without a remainder it will not be a leap year. Twelve years must elapse before the interesting event takes place, but it was just the same in 1800 and 1700, but not in 1600, for that was a leap year, and the year 2000 will be leap year also.

"Why this should be is a problem. To explain in detail would be a tiresome task, but it rests on the principle that the difference of 11 minutes per day exists between actual time and calendar time.

"Thus a year is computed at 365 days, three years being 364 days long, and the fourth year 366. In fact the year is 365 days, 5 hours and 45 minutes long, or 11 minutes short of 365."

## Community Centers Around Old Mill

May 10, 1873 — Mead's Mill is a small town on the Holly, Wayne & Monroe Railroad. It is midway between Plymouth and Northville, both small enterprising villages, all within the township of Plymouth.

Mead's Mill is known on railroad stations as Waterford, taking the former for postal conveniences, the latter from its fine water power. It is considered a town of importance in the political world, being the home of the Honorable Winfield Scott, also the native place of T. J. Ramsdell, now of Manistee, who figured largely in the Vanderpool trial, and his brother J.G. Ramsdell, Circuit Judge for Traverse Districts. It boasts of one of the finest

water powers on the River Rouge, but running idly away, waiting for some capitalist to invest.

Waterford contains 29 dwellings, a foundry, grocery, post office etc. Wm. A. Ramsdell is the owner of the foundry. Plantation bells are cast at this foundry, which find ready sales in many parts of the state.

There is a great deal of sickness through this vicinity which in many cases prove fatal. Those attacked seem to be taken with a severe pain in the head. Without immediate help it settles on the brain and soon terminates life, but if arrested, typhoid symptoms appear which are long and lingering.



1957 CONSTRUCTION OF I-96 THROUGH NOVI

# A Shack in Woods

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was born West Novi made its farewell bow leaving only a little red schoolhouse.

A few years after the Holly, Wayne and Monroe Road was built there was another projected line from Port Huron through to Jackson and so on called the air Line, now the Grand Trunk. So the little town of Wixom has two railroads and was named Wixom on account of the generous gift of W. C. Wixom of a right of way through his farm and a site for a depot. Mr. Wixom was killed at a crossing near his home by a train on the road that he had so freely aided.

I received my schooling in the district school of West Novi and the Ypsilanti Seminary. By the way, West

Novi school has the distinction of sending out from its walls more teachers and men of some repute than any other rural school in the county or perhaps the state. There have been 22 teachers, two lawyers, one representative in the Michigan legislature and one Treasurer of the state.

I commenced teaching at the age of 20 and enjoyed or endured all there was of boarding around the district.

In 1862 when President Lincoln called for 300,000 volunteers, I tendered my all and went for three years or during the war. At the bloody slaughter of Chickamauga, I was captured with my regiment and held a prisoner in southern prisons for 18 months. I then returned to my home.



**BUILT IN 1870** — This old building, which featured an overhanging "balcony" on Main Street, was razed in 1958 to make way for the municipal parking lot on the north side of the street, west of The Record building. At the time it was razed Frank Hill had been operating a real estate business there. Earlier it was the "Hill Meat Market."

## 'Mad Anthony Wayne'

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later erected a mill on the same stream at Plymouth.

"Beyond this limit of civilization the way through the woods was

marked by blazed trees and the difficulties of clearing a passage for oxen and a wagon through the thick underbrush and around fallen trees and quagmire can be more easily written about than realized."



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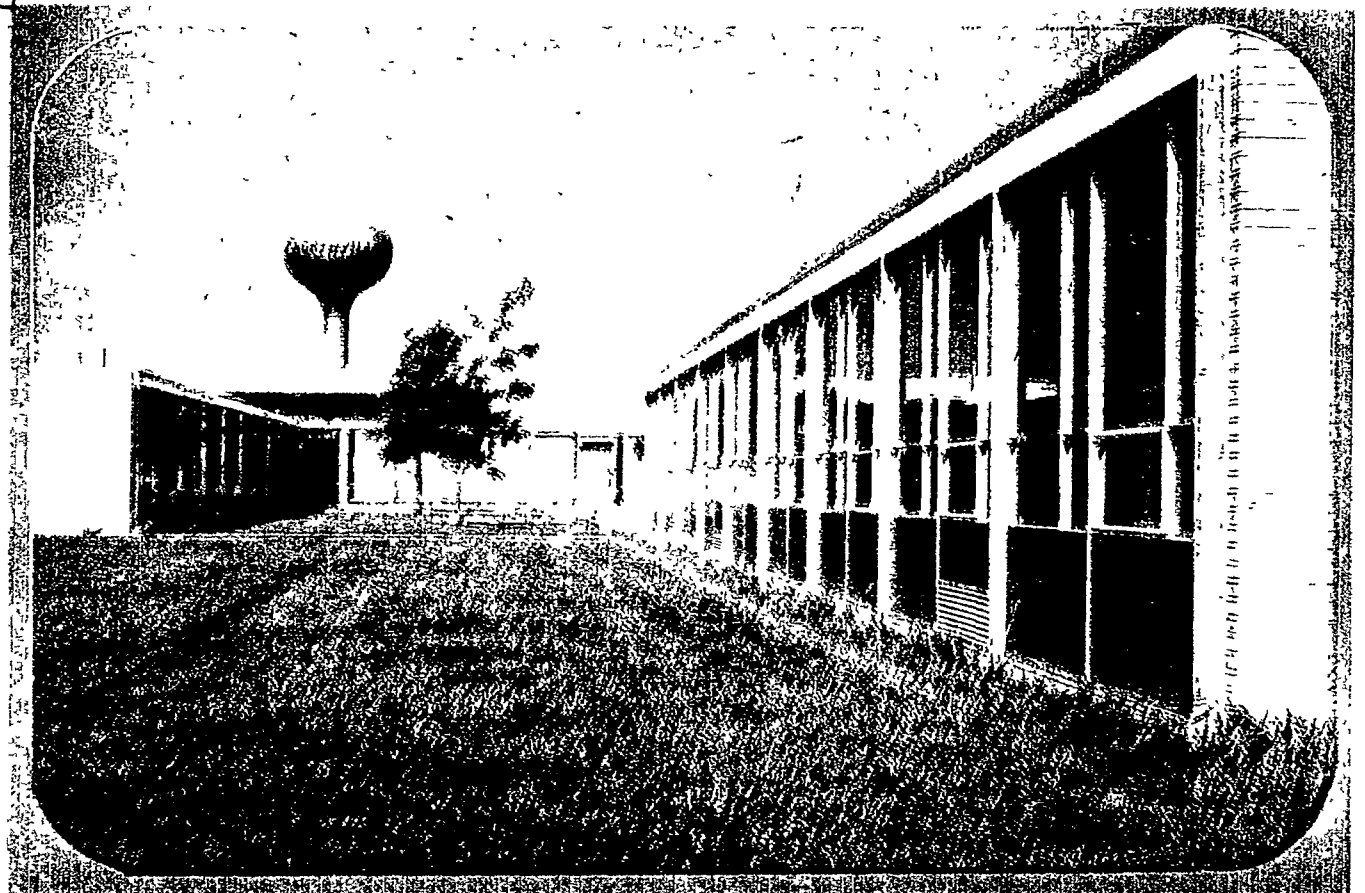
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# 'Northville's' Just A Fraction Of Its Original Township 1827 Size

Northville, which today consists of a city with a population of nearly 6,000 and a township with a population of approximately 8,000, has grown considerably in numbers since the first tax was levied here more than 142 years ago against 140 taxpayers.

(Incidentally, that first tax levy was \$154, which figures out to be a little more than \$1 for each taxpayer. Northville city's 1969 property tax levy this month was \$272,846).

While the population has grown considerably in the past 142 years, the boundary of the "community" has been reduced considerably as well.

That's because the "township" when organized in 1827 included all of what today is the city and township of Northville, the city and township of Plymouth, and the township of Canton. The entire area in those early years was named Plymouth. The name "Northville" came later, and then only referred to a knot of people that lived in the northern portion of Plymouth Township.

The "preliminary" meeting which led to the organization of Plymouth Township was held in February of 1827, under the chairmanship of John Tibbits and with A. B. Markham serving as secretary. (Both of these men lived in the area today known as Plymouth). It was agreed to ask for a township organized under the name "Plymouth" — a name proposed by William Bartow.

The Michigan Legislative Council "duly created" the new township, including the larger area described above. The first meeting of the township was held at the home of John

Tibbits on May 4, 1827. William Bartow was elected moderator, A. B. Markham, clerk. Bartow was subsequently elected the first township supervisor.

Two years ago when Plymouth marked the 100th birthday of its incorporation as a village (now a city), officials of the area coincidentally celebrated the 140th birthday of the township by holding a mock meeting in a barn believed to have been the location of the first meeting place.

The weathered but still handsome red barn is owned by the Ralph Garber family and stands at 46225 North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township.

Plymouth Township continued to exist as originally constituted — all under a single township government — until March 7, 1834 when Canton Township was "erected." Organization of Canton left Northville and Plymouth under the single government. This arrangement continued until 1867 when the villages of Plymouth and Northville were incorporated.

As incorporated villages, however, they remained part of the township. Citizens of the two villages elected their own individual village officials but jointly elected the township officials serving all of the area.

Northville was incorporated as a village on March 13, 1867, while Plymouth was incorporated two months later on May 15, 1867. Under an act of February 23, 1881, the village of Northville was re-incorporated. The charter election was held less than a month later on March 7.

Because the township was considered too large for convenient election of township officials, Plymouth Township was divided into two voting precincts on March 7, 1878. Persons living in Sections 1 to 18 voted at Northville, while people in Sections 19 to 36 voted at Plymouth.

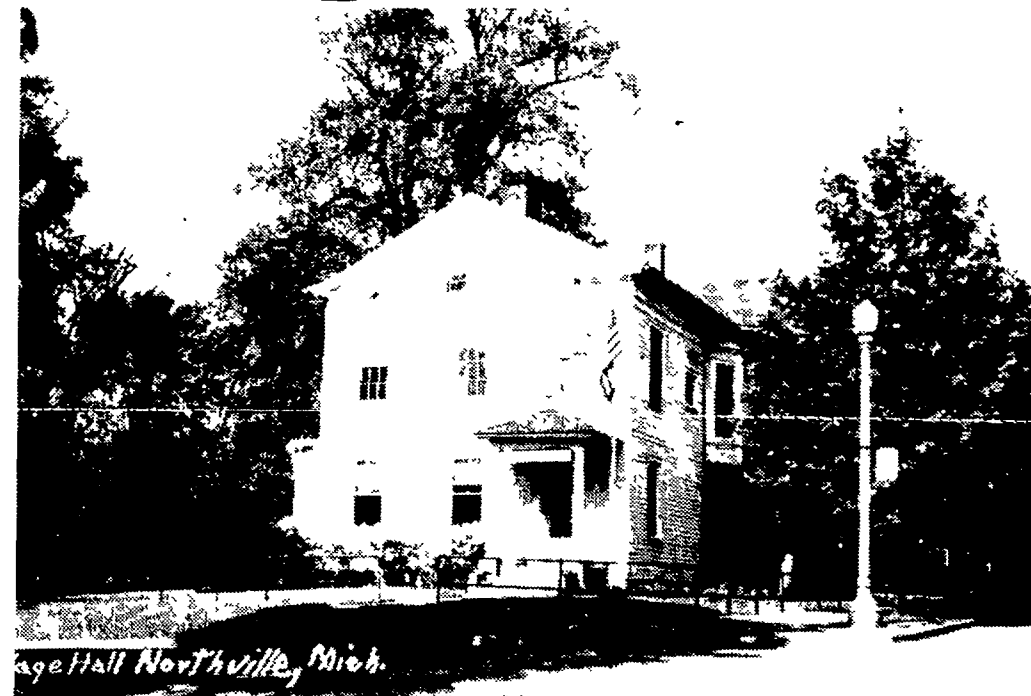
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The vault of the Northville city hall contains a minutes book that records official business of the new village from March 25, 1867 to March 7, 1879. It is a fascinating book, containing in long-hand, among other things, names of the early office holders, deeding of "Wheelborrow Avenue" (Hutton Street), assessing for wooden sidewalks, and the construction of the first "city hall" and jail.

First officers of the incorporated village were William P. Yerkes, president; J. M. Swift, Charles Harrington, Edward Simonds and Henry Hathorn, trustees; Stephen Ramsdell, assessor; William J. Clarke, clerk; Eli K. Simonds, marshal; William P. Hungerford, treasurer.

The officers were duly sworn into office on March 25, 1867, and the first official meeting of the village board was adjourned until Saturday Evening, March 31, in the office of J. P. Donaldson. Just where this office was located is not known. At any rate, during the second meeting of the board a committee on bylaws reported its progress, and the marshal was instructed to prepare Donaldson's office for future meetings.

First official action by the new board was to enact into law on April 4, 1867 the following dog ordinances



**OLD CITY HALL** — These two slightly different views of the old city hall (bottom one taken in 1939) was a familiar sight for more than 100 years. The old Lapham residence was razed in 1963 to make way for the present day city hall. Besides the council chambers and city offices (including police department) the building once was the American Legion headquarters.



recommended by the bylaws committee;

"Section 1 — that all dogs and bitches are prohibited from running at large within the corporate limits of said village without being muzzled.

"Section 2 — that the owner of any dog or bitch allowing the same to run at large within the corporate limits of said village, without being muzzled, shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars.

"Section 3 — that it shall be the duty of the marshal until further orders to cause all dogs and bitches from running at large, in violation of the foregoing ordinance, to be killed.

Subsequently, the board directed the marshal to construct a pound for housing stray animals. Furthermore, the board prohibited swine, sheep, horses, mares, asses, and other animals from wandering in the streets. Thus, the "incroachment" of government had begun and man's rights to do as he please were chopped rapidly away — with regulations concerning fowls, fences and shade trees, street nuisances, offensive trades (tanning and curring), offal in the streets, fast driving (by horse, of course), installation of cowyards and stables, building material, sidewalks, hitching posts, licensing for shows, etc.

And as soon as the new government began laying down laws, the people began their march to the village hall in making demands of their own. On May 3, 1867, petitions from S. W. Hutton and other residents on Dunlap Street, demanded plank sidewalks.

They should have known better for on May 25, 1867, special assessment saw the light of day in Northville. A resolution, directed at the property owners, requested that walks of "durable timber", four feet wide be constructed on the north side of Dunlap, east of Center Street.

Later during the summer of that first year, the board went on record in demanding that the stench of Argo Mills, located where Park Place and Cady Street intersect today, be cleaned up. Interestingly, Record Editor Sam Little's father, Edward, was "proprietor" of the mill — one of at least three then located in the community.

Internal disorder was noted on December 20, 1867 when J. M. Swift moved that for neglect of duty the marshal, E. K. Simonds, be "deposed." The motion was tabled.

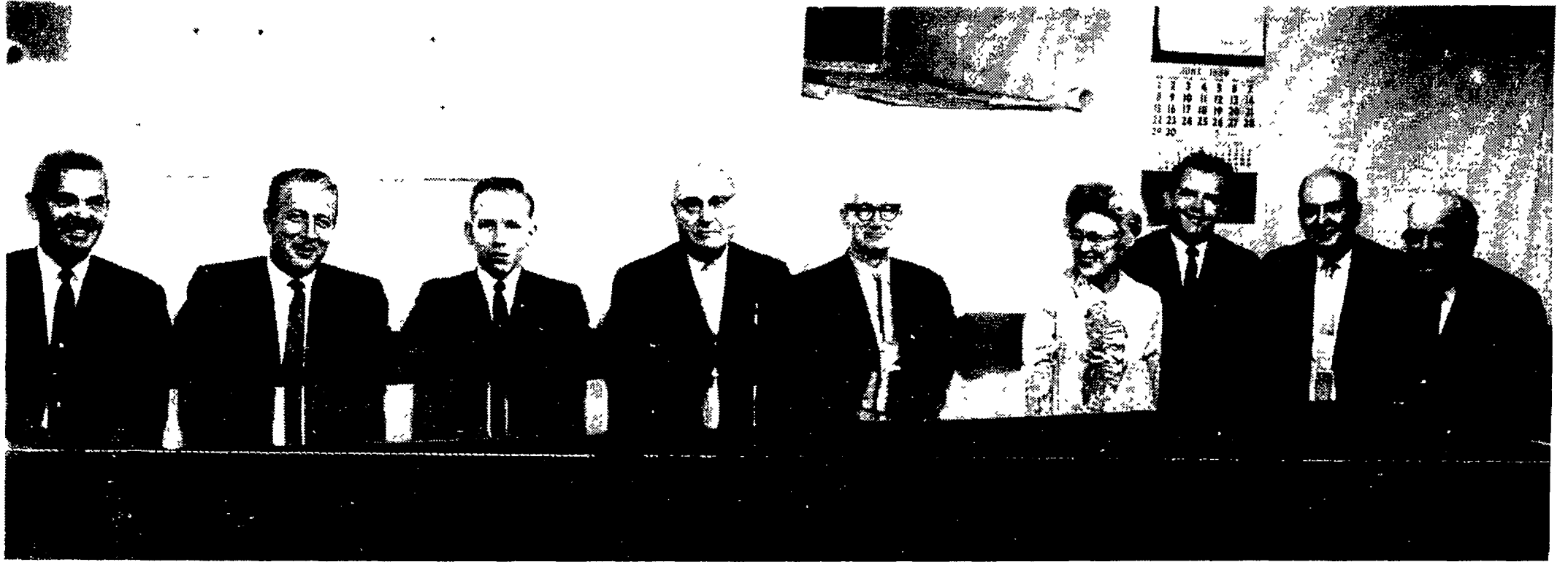
Early the following year a petition by J. S. Lapham, James Dubuar and

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**OLD LIBRARY** — Today the Northville Township Hall, this old library building on Wing Street is one of the oldest structures in Northville. Built in 1845, it has served as a library, Salvation Army barracks, young men's hall, Presbyterian church, and school board offices.

# Township, City and School Officials



Shortly before the centennial edition of The Record went to press, officials of Northville's present-day township board (top), city council, and school board (right) posed for their pictures.

Members of the Township Board and township advisers are (l to r) Trustees Thomas Armstrong, Bernard Baldwin, Richard Mitchell, Joseph Straub, Treasurer Alex Lawrence, Clerk Mrs. Crispin Hammond, Attorney John Ashton, Engineer William Mosher, and Supervisor Gunnar Stromberg.

Seated at the council table (l to r) are: Councilmen Kenneth Rathert and Charles Lapham, Attorney Philip Ogilvie, Clerk Mrs. William S. Milne, Mayor A. Malcolm Allen, City Manager Frank Ollendorff, Councilmen Wallace Nichols and Paul Folino, and Engineer Harold Penn.

Members of the school board are (seated, l to r) Glenn Deibert, Eugene Cook, Richard Martin, Andrew Orphan; (standing), Superintendent Raymond Spear, Stanley Johnston, Robert Froelich, and Dr. Orlo Robinson.

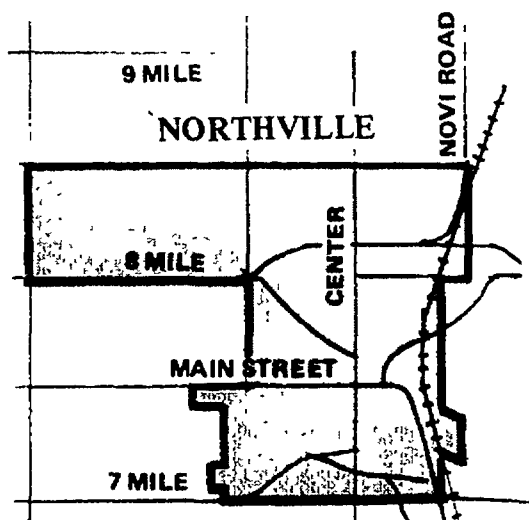
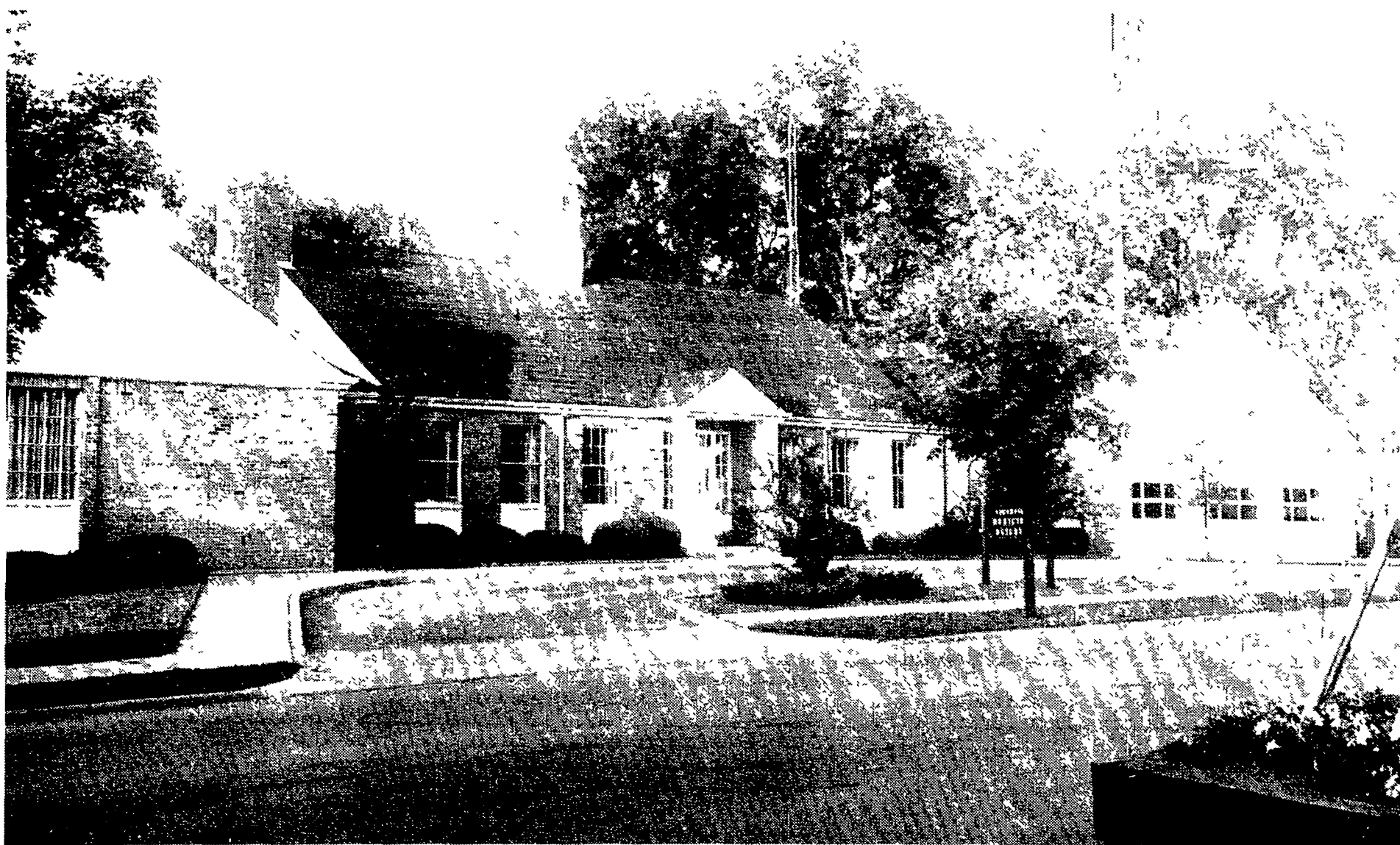




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# City of Northville



# First Schoolhouse Built of Logs Three Miles East of Northville

The history of Northville's schools goes back 143 years, to 1826 when the first schoolhouse was built of logs.

The building was located on the William Barton farm, three miles east of Northville. To the 10 students who attended the school, the sight of wolves emerging from the surrounding woods was not uncommon.

In 1829, two other district school houses were built. One was located on Griswold Hill, east of town, and the other in the western part of Northville,

## Fire Rips School

### Here In 1936

JANUARY 17, 1936 — Fire completely destroyed the eight room brick veneer grade school building here early Monday morning. It is believed that sparks from the chimney caught in the cupola on the roof and caused the conflagration which could not be controlled in the high winds.

Flames from the building were discovered at 5 a.m. by Miss Constance Lee, a nurse at the Sessions Hospital, who immediately notified the fire department.

Although the amount of the damage has not been determined, Superintendent R. H. Amerman is of the opinion that the \$41,000 insurance protection carried on the building and equipment will cover the loss. Only a few black boards, desks and chairs were salvaged.

The building which was built in 1907, has long been looked upon as a fire hazard.

Mr. Amerman and members of the school board have spent much time this week in making arrangements for the continuation of classes which have been interrupted. All of the local churches offered rooms which might be used. It was finally arranged to place the pupils in the American Legion hall, the Lapham State Bank and the Richardson building on Main Street in an effort to centralize the grades as much as possible.

The Legion hall and the bank building are to be used without rental charge.

on the southeast corner of Taft farm on Base Line Road (Eight Mile Road). Both were built from logs.

In a few years the residents of Northville realized the need for a larger school. On August 31, 1833, a meeting of school district number two of Plymouth Township was held at the home of Samuel Sterling.

Daniel C. Cady was elected chairman and trustees were William Dunlap, Samuel Sterling, J. M. Mead and A. Watson.

The members voted to erect a schoolhouse for 100 students on Hutton Avenue near Main Street.

The school was built of cobble stone, laid in lime mortar, and remained standing until 1923.

In those early days the wages for teachers were from \$1 to \$2 per week. School was in session six days each week with only an occasional Saturday afternoon holiday.

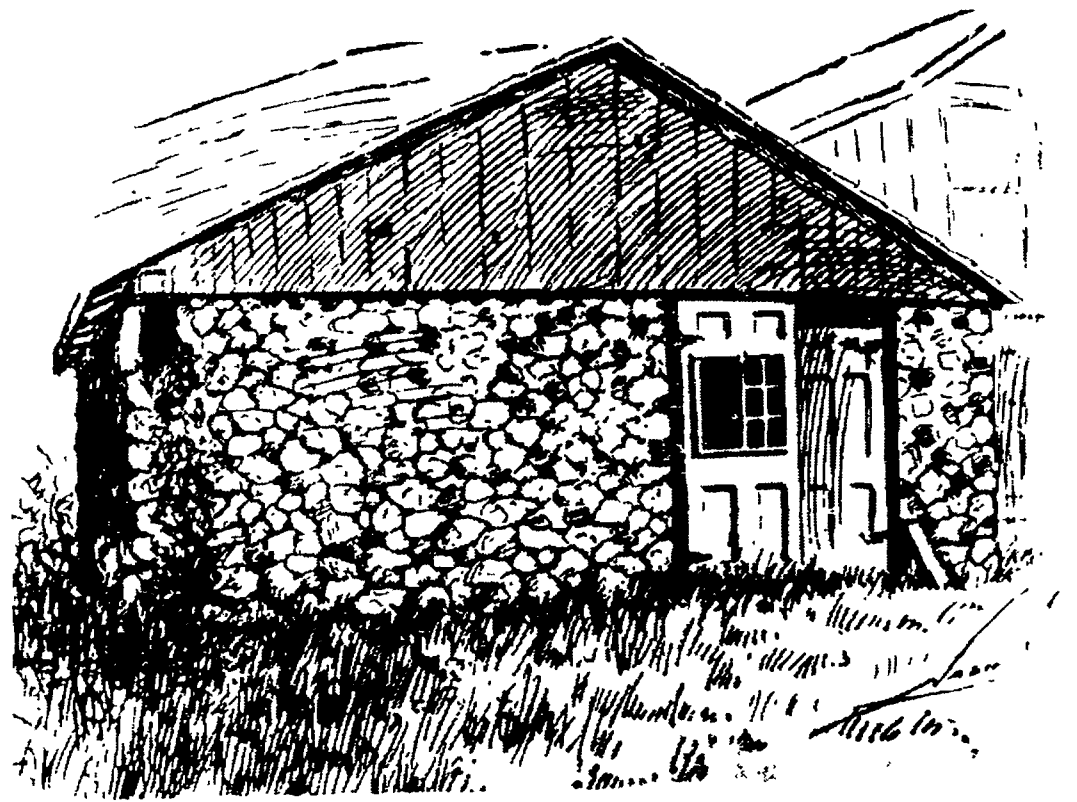
There were several private schools operating in the Northville area from 1840 to 1890. Betsy Shea conducted a "Select School", which was attended by Northville children. The Northville Academy was perhaps the best known of the private schools.

"Unlike those of the common district school," wrote T. R. Beal, former Northville Academy pupil, "its patrons were confronted each term with a 'rate bill' computed by adding all the items of expense for the term and dividing it by the total number of days his children had attended, a process which involved some perplexing fractions of a cent per day."

By 1849 the population of Northville had increased and another larger school was needed. The New

## Site Chosen For Amerman

May 17, 1956 — The Manning & Locklin property west of Oakwood subdivision and adjoining the Amerman Elementary School on the South and West has been recommended by Eberle M. Smith Associates, Inc., architects and engineers, as the most desirable of four suggested locations for the proposed new Northville High School.



**STONE SCHOOL** — Built not long after the arrival of the first settlers to Northville, this stone school was built on a site overlooking what today is the Ford Field.

School Presbyterian church (now the Northville Township offices) was purchased for \$837 and converted into classrooms.

In 1850, the old stone school was sold to David Barnum for \$67.

In 1863 it became apparent that a still larger building would be needed. The school board members passed a resolution to raise \$5,000 for the purpose of building a new schoolhouse. At this time the number of trustees was increased from four to six, and the name was changed from the common school district to a high or graded school.

The board decided to construct a two-story brick building east of where the Main Street Elementary School stands today. The cost of the building was raised to \$7,000 and when finally completed reached \$11,000.

The school was finished in September, 1865.

The new structure was known as the Northville "Union School," and became the first high school in town. It was organized under the direction of Professor William A. Osband.

Students were taught the "three

R's" along with Greek, Latin, French and German. There were four teachers employed for the 100 students. About 50 to 60 students were enrolled in the grade school.

The school was available to students from the surrounding area, those from outside Northville paying tuition.

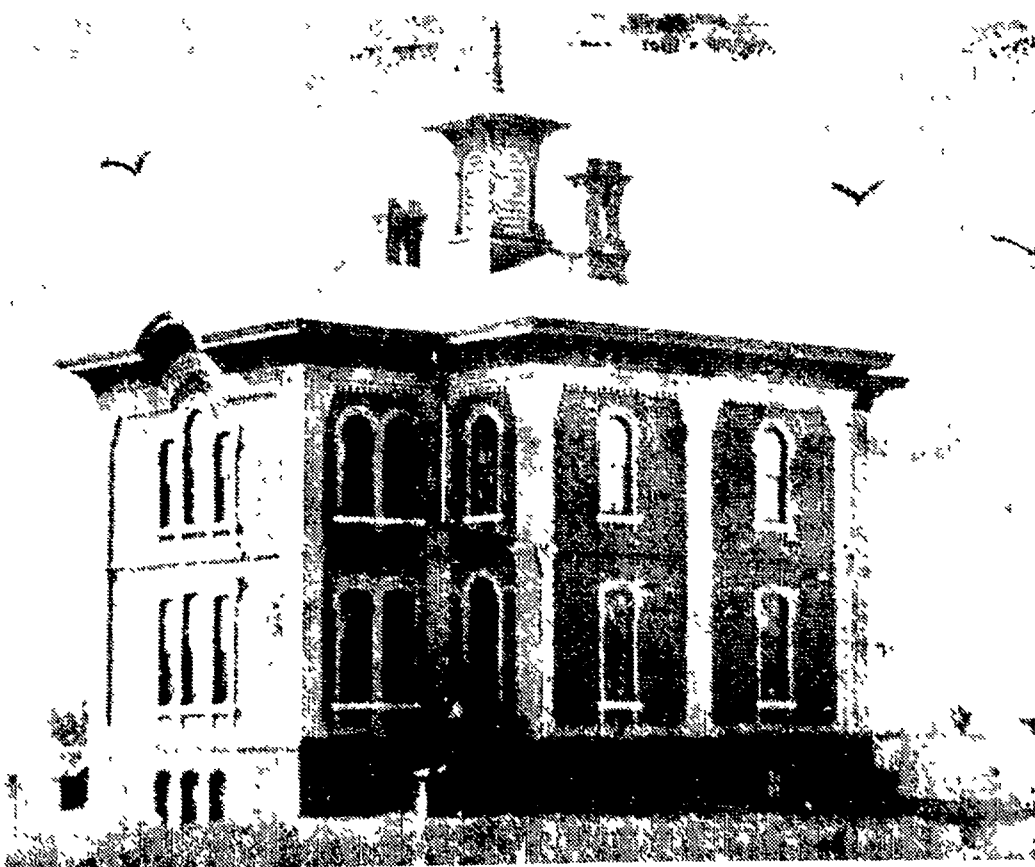
For one term the fee for an academic course was \$5.20; for the junior course, \$4.50; intermediate, \$4; and primary, \$2.60.

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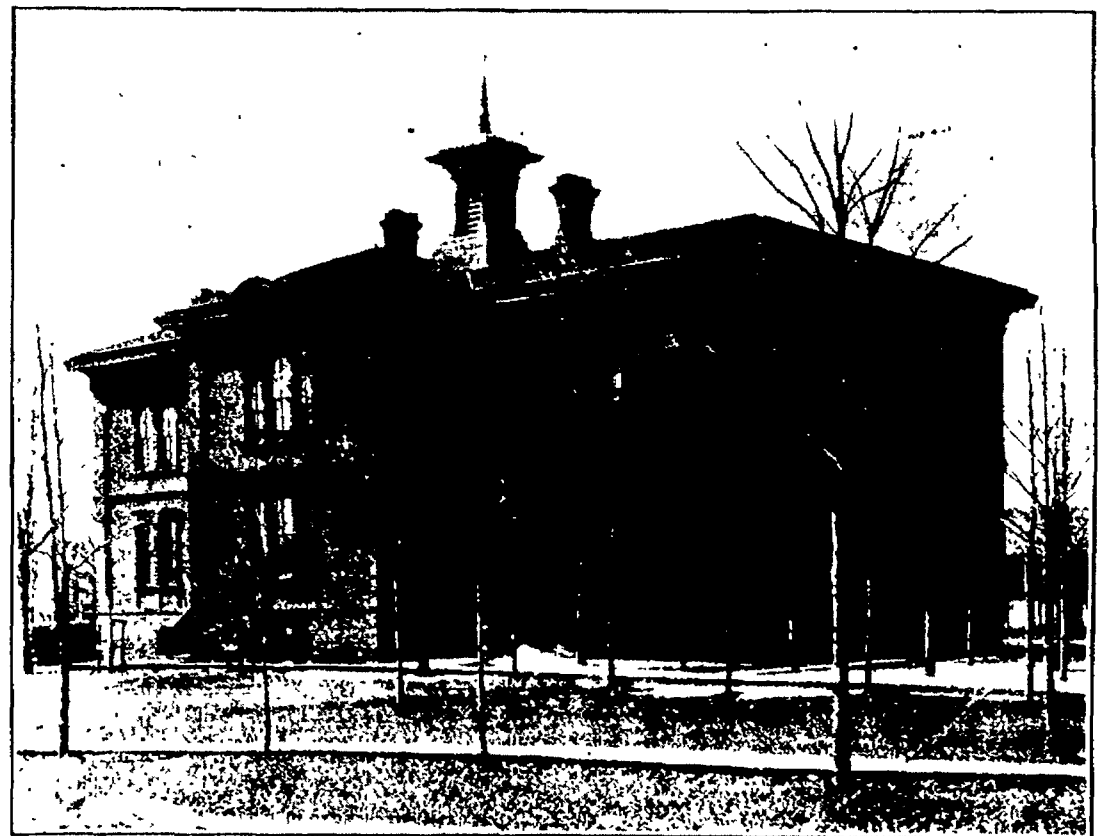
## Dubuar Honored At Dedication

MAY 7, 1937 — Charles L. Dubuar, present at the grade school dedication April 22, was the first ex-board member to be asked to stand for public recognition.

In paying tribute to Mr. Dubuar, Dr. A. B. Wickham told of the 32 years of consecutive service Mr. Dubuar had given the village of Northville when through the years he sat on the board of education.



UNION SCHOOL, NORTHVILLE'S FIRST HIGH SCHOOL



NORTHVILLE'S 'GRADED SCHOOL' OF 1910

# First Jail Cost Northville \$265

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others that Dunlap and Rogers streets be opened and extended was defeated in board action.

At the second annual village election held at the home of J. W. Elliott, new officers were elected; J. M. Swift, president; Francis R. Beal and Asa M. Randolph, trustees; William J. Clarke, clerk; Damon B. Northrop, assessor; William P. Hungerford, treasurer; and marshal, S. W. Hutton.

On March, 1868, the report on the "calaboose" noted that a jail building of one story would cost about \$200. It would be "strong enough and sufficient" for a lock up, with an additional room for the councilroom.

At that same meeting it was decided to assess lots at the west end of Dunlap Street to finance the purchase from William Ovenshire (for \$25) "sufficient property for extending the street."

Board walks were ordered from the corner of Center on the north side of Main eastward on July 3, 1868.

In August, 1868, the Plymouth Plank Road Company was notified that the portion of its road within the corporate limits (now South Main) was in an unsafe condition and required repair.

The first jail and board meeting room was ordered built at a cost of \$265—plus by D. B. Northrop, in accordance to specifications, in the rear of the F. R. Beal store. Just where this

building was located is uncertain.

First meeting in the new facility took place on February 5, 1869.

In May of that year, D. B. Northrop was authorized to make up a list of persons for payment of a poll tax. In July, the month The Record was founded, the board voted to extend Rogers Street from Dunlap to Dubuar.

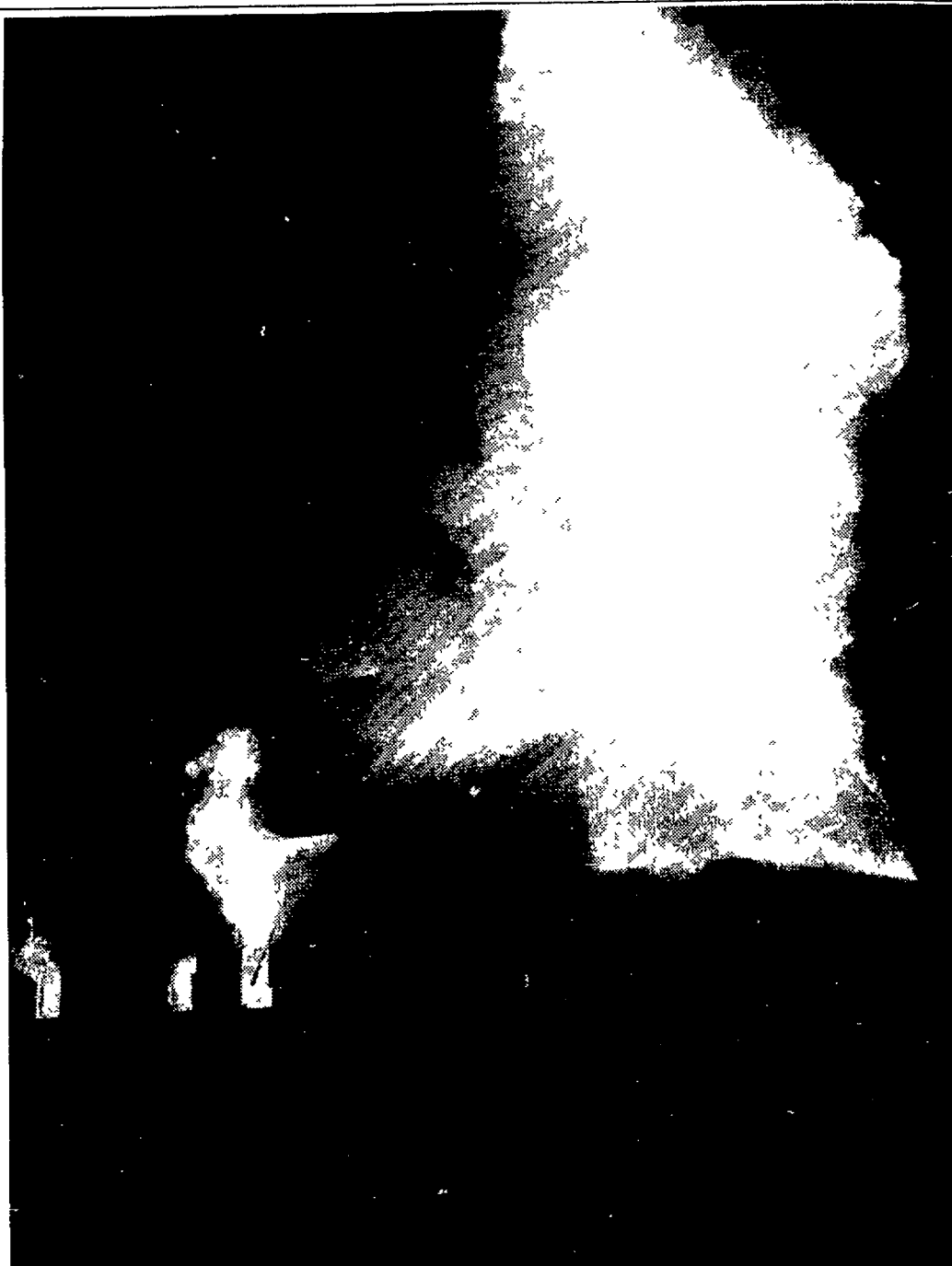
Purchase of a load of wood, one lamp, an oil can and some oil for use by the village board at the jail building was authorized on March 15, 1873.

Northville's night-life received a boost — or a blow in October of 1875 when the board began preparations for installation of street lamps. Initially, it was decided to purchase six lamps to be "set between Center Street and the Depot" along Main Street as an experiment. By early the following year the number of lamps was increased to nine. Some lamps were to be lit and maintained by the village, others by property owners. This decision, together with the lamps' specific location, led to considerable dissatisfaction.

Bids on lamplighting were received, and the following proposition approved: that the bid of John M. Ambler be accepted "for furnishing oil,

chimneys and lighting lamps at 5 1/3 cents per lamp each night that said lamps are lighted, and the time of

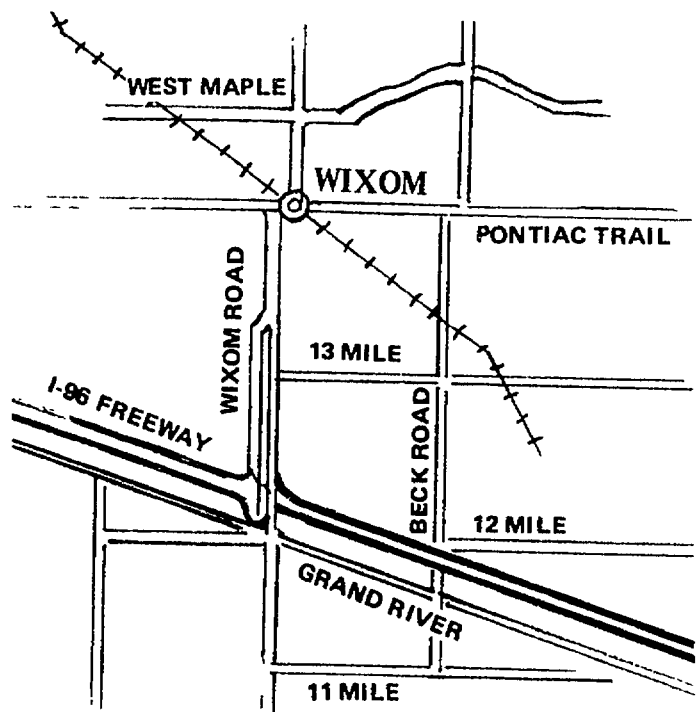
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**LANDMARK DESTROYED** — The old Waterford schoolhouse, which served as the township hall for years, was purposely destroyed by fire last year after vandals had wrecked the interior shortly after the township offices were moved to the old library building on Wing Street.

# WIXOM

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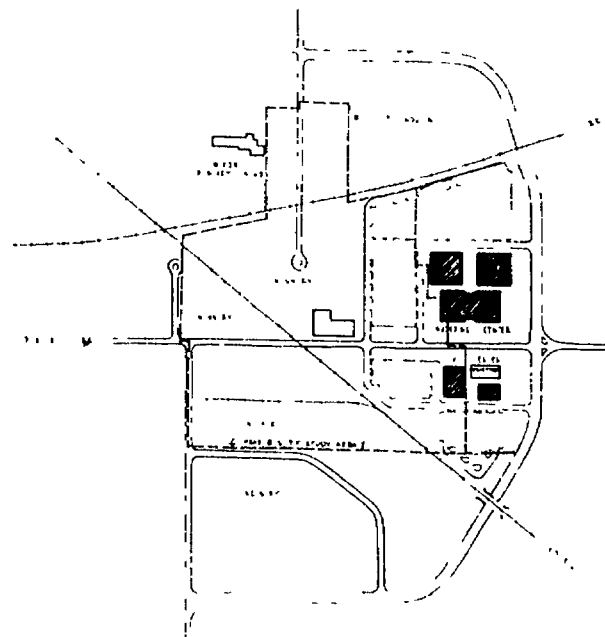
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# New Ordinance Limits Horse Speed

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lighting and extinguishing and the number of nights the said lamps are to be lighted to be under the direction of the board..."

First village policeman, John S. Jackson, was sworn into office on July 18, 1876. His specific title: "Special Policeman in and for village." One of his first tasks was to locate and investigate nuisance privies.

By fall the board began discussion of either repairing the existing jail or building a new one. It was concluded that it would be "inexpedient" to repair the old facility, and a committee was established to study various new sites.

On October 6, the board accepted a proposition of J. L. Buckner for a lot 20-feet by 128-feet and "right of way" for teams on the west side of the lot for \$240. Unlike the first jail, this new one was to be built of brick. It was left up to a board committee to build a jail building (20' by 40') "according to their own judgment."

It has generally been assumed that this second jail and board room is today the insurance office (in 1969) of Councilman Paul Folino on the south side of Main Street, between Center and Wing Streets. Oldtimers remember a jail and fire hall at that location, and pictures of it still exist.

The first jail building was sold to W. H. Ambler for \$25.

On Monday, March 5, 1877, the board met briefly at the newly acquired building of W. H. Ambler and then adjourned to "the new council room" for the charter election.

Twelve years later, in 1889, the lamps and their location were still a problem for village officials. The lamp at the corner of Center and Main, for example, was switched around to satisfy the demand of the most persuasive businessman. Once or twice it was moved because the merchant did not want to pay for it and as was the case in 1889, it was moved slightly to better light "the walk on the side of Hueston's store."

## Old City Hall Gets Face Lifting

JULY 28, 1893 - Work on the overhauling and remodeling of the old city hall is progressing finely and when completed the building will present quite an improved appearance.

(This building - now considerably altered - according to oldtimers, is the State Farm Insurance office of Paul Folino on Main Street between Center and Wing Streets.)

The first floor will be devoted to the use of the fire department and apparatuses, and the cells in the rear will be left as they now are to be used in locking up desperate criminals. Beside the regular entrance at the front, there is a large double door opening to run the hook and ladder trucks, and hose carts out and in.

Easy stairs will lead from the engine room to the floor above which will be fitted up for use of the council and general meetings of the village's servants. A thirty foot tower and belfry will be added to this story for use of the fire company in drying hoses and in the belfry will be placed a fire alarm that will awaken the very hills and valleys of the village should necessity call it into action.

In that same month - more than 30 years after the first village ordinance on dogs was enacted, - the board revised the ordinances under the presidency of J. W. Dolph.

Two examples of these ordinances: "No person shall ride or drive any horse, carriage, or sleigh or other vehicle through any street in this village at a rate faster than eight miles per hour; provided that this section shall not apply to the driving of cutters and sleighs through Dunlap Street between the hours of two and five o'clock in the afternoon of any day except Sunday."

Exclusion of Dunlap Street, according to some early reports, was significant because it was on this street that horse owners tested the speed of their animals. Thus, Northville had its own "race track" long before the Northville Downs came along.

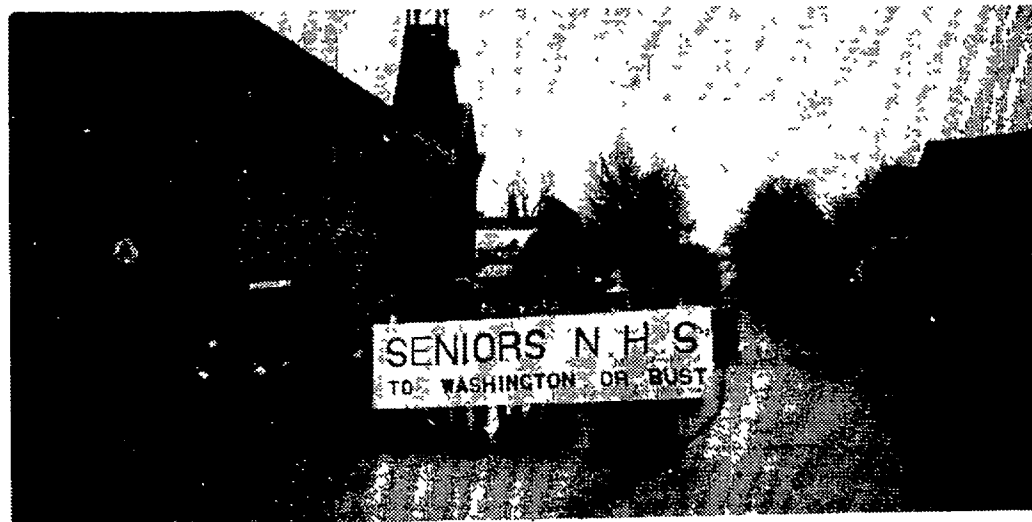
Another ordinance read: "No person shall allow any preen or salted hide to remain on any street, sidewalk or other place within the village longer than one hour."

The village clerk at the time the ordinances were revised was E. E. Reed, publisher of The Record.

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The fact that the township contained two centers of population, widely separated, led to a good deal of inconvenience and eventually some red-hot controversy. Both were proud communities, jealous and quite naturally boastful of their own accomplishments. So it was more than a little grating for the Northville citizen when a Plymouth resident was elected

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**SENIOR TRIP** - Off on their trip to Washington, walking from downtown to the railroad depot are members of one of Northville high school's early classes. Above, the old hotel that stood at the southwest corner of Center and Main is visible as is the old fire hall behind it. Across the street is the old Hill Meat Market, later to become Hill's real estate office, and finally razed some 10 years ago to make room for a city parking lot.



**OLD ACADEMY** - Now the home of former Councilman John Canterbury this historic building on Randolph Street, opposite the First Baptist Church, many years ago served as the Northville Academy where many received their education before the public school system came into existence. Frank Beal wrote years ago: "If

somebody - some day - should scrape off the outer coat of paint, it would disclose the words 'Northville Academy' in plain black letters over the entrance of the building now owned by Asa Randolph...." The building was erected by A. G. B. Ames, later jailed for stealing books.



In December of 1955, Northville approved a city charter and elected its first city council. The charter was approved by a vote of 523 to 115. Earlier in May the electors voted to incorporate (the second time the proposal was put to a vote), thus ending village status that had its beginning in 1867. Members of that first council and other city officials were (l to r, beginning with Councilman Earl Reed in the foreground): Clerk Mary Alexander, Councilman John Stubenvoll, Treasurer A. Russell Clarke (standing), Councilman A. Malcolm Allen, Attorney Philip Ogilvie (standing), Councilman John Canterbury, and the late Mayor Claude "Pete" Ely.

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# Township Division Voted by Citizens

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to represent the entire township, and vice-versa.

Gradually, a movement to slice the township in half was begun — and one of the prime movers was F. S. Neal, publisher of The Record. He and the publisher of The Plymouth Mail, in carrying on a weekly battle in their newspapers over journalistic superiority, eventually aroused public support which in turn spread beyond the publishers' personal feud.

Typical of the two scrapping newspapers was this commentary in 1896:

The Plymouth Mail: "The Record insinuates The Mail doesn't know the difference between an editor and a potato digger. We are informed by some of the best people of Northville that Neal wasn't cut out for either."

The Northville Record: "That's first rate. The Mail is correctly informed. Some people can be cut out for boot-blacks and yet acquire enough sense to run an ordinary newspaper while others may be cut out for editors and not know enough to come in when it rains."

In the spring of 1897, officials of the township met in Northville's opera house, located at the southeast corner of Dunlap and Center streets. It was a meeting charged with a special kind of excitement, with some 100 persons attending. Of these about a dozen were from Plymouth, the remainder from Northville.

Topic of discussion and debate was the proposed division of Plymouth and Northville. Speaking in behalf of the separation were former Supervisor W. H. Ambler, George C. Peterhans of Plymouth, F. R. Beal, Captain E. K. Simonds, G. P. Benton, and W. H. Hutton. Speaking against the separation were George Starkweather of Plymouth and Township Treasurer Whitbeck of Plymouth.

Beal struck the 1897 separation note by commenting that the matter of convenience was sufficient argument. He cited "the instance of the present

meeting where there are but a dozen men present from the Plymouth end, and had the meeting been held in Plymouth instead of here the state of affairs would have been reversed and only a dozen from the Northville precinct present. The same affairs exist in all meetings of township business. It is very inconvenient not to say expensive for people to go such a distance to caucuses as well as to do business with the township officers."

On the other hand, Starkweather said if there was to be a "divorce proceeding" he wanted to see the bill of complaint. Which prompted someone to explain that instead of

*'Petitions had  
circulated in the  
north end of the  
township calling for  
the separation . . .'*

divorce, "here was a family of 5,000 children and about 2,500 of them wanted to move into a home of their own and keep house by themselves."

It was a stacked meeting, obviously.

Only a month earlier petitions had circulated in the "north end" of the township calling for the separation. Reportedly, 90-percent of those approached had signed without question.

The Saturday afternoon crowd at the opera house eventually voted 40 to 30 for separation but "another motion was afterwards put that the meeting was in favor of the division but that the question be submitted to the voters. This was unanimously carried."

Commenting a week later upon a Salem resident's rejoinder that "the union of Plymouth Township has been long and happy," Neal said:

"There's no question of the 'long'

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# Find Shackles At Argo Pond

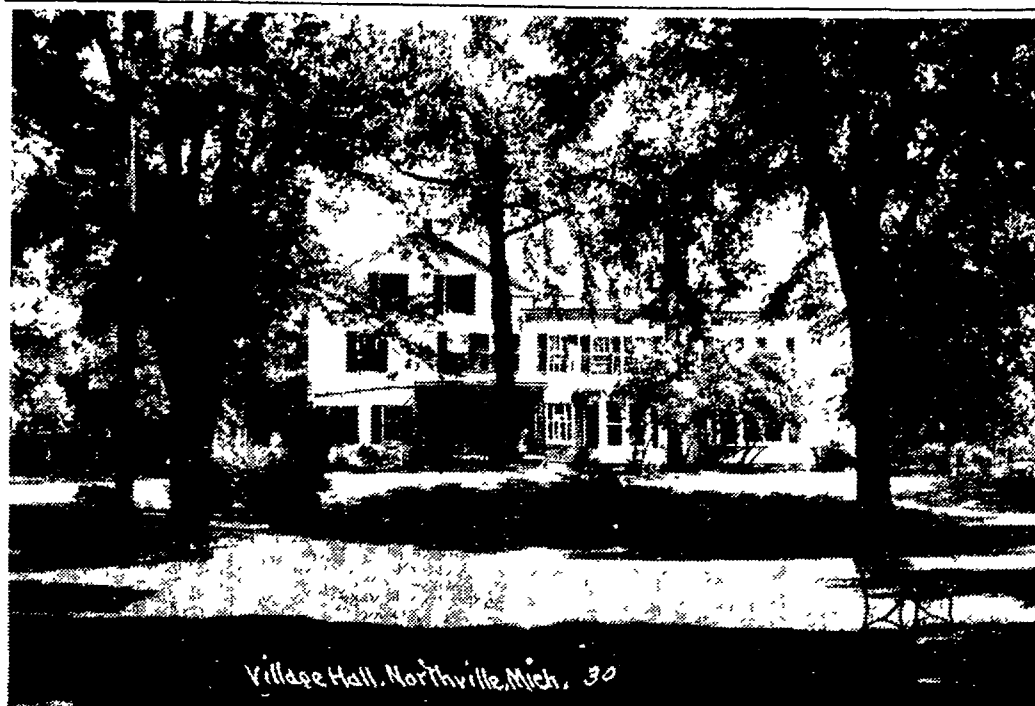
Sept. 17, 1897 — While excavating on the new park here last week, George Chadwick dug up a pair of shackles and chain which was buried under eight feet of earth in the Argo Pond (then located near Cady Street and Park Place), or where the pond was before it was drained for the park work.

It calls to mind that the shackles were last used by John Jackson, now 86 years old, who was village constable in 1875, to confine one Henry Hawkins in the village jail. Hawkins was charged with stealing a scarf from Mrs. Blake Northrop who then lived east of the village, but during the night he was liberated by outside friends, who cut off the jail lock and bars with an ax and afterwards loosened the shackles with a cold chisel and then they were thrown into the pond either to throw

the officers off the track in their pursuit or to prevent their use upon other culprits.

In those days handcuffs in this section of the country were unknown. The shackles are in a good state of preservation and readily answered to Mr. Jackson's key, which he had retained all these years.

Captain Jackson has a very vivid recollection of the whole affair. Hawkins at the time lived on Cady Street and in searching the house he found a lot of new tools and other articles besides Mrs. Northrop's scarf in a trunk. After being released from jail that night Hawkins and his wife fled to Novi. They were not pursued but it was not long afterwards that Hawkins was arrested for horse stealing at Pontiac and upon that charge was finally sentenced to 10 years in Jackson.



*Village Hall, Northville, Mich. 30*  
SOUTH SIDE OF THE OLD (LAPHAM) CITY HALL



Wrecking crews quickly demolished the old Lapham homestead at the southwest corner of Main and Center streets in 1963 to make way for the present city hall complex. The 119 year old building had served as the village (and city) hall since 1926.



While the new city hall was being built the city hall offices were temporarily located in the old L. L. Brooks home located on the east side of Wing Street, a few doors north of Main. The building later was razed and today a municipal parking lot stands in its place.

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## EDISON



# Union School: Our First High School

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There were extra charges for music, drawing and penmanship. Students were advised they could obtain good room and board in private homes for \$3.50 a week.

There were three terms to the school year during the early days. The fall term began in September and closed at the end of November. The winter term began the first of December and ended in mid-March, a two week holiday observed for Christmas. The spring term began in late March and ended in June.

The rules and regulations were strict and had to be followed. A few included in the catalogue were registering of names before entering recitations; strict observance of the study hours as announced at the opening of each term; attendance at morning exercises in the chapel; proper respect towards the officers of the institution, and courtesy towards each other; three studies required each term unless a good excuse was given.

In 1869, four years after the formation of the "Union School," Alice M. Beal was awarded the first high school diploma, hand-printed on parchment.

The first alumni organization was formed in 1881. Eight years later it was disbanded and reorganized later under the direction of John D. LaRue.

Under LaRue a school bank, course in agriculture, installation of electric lights, telephones and fire alarms were initiated.

After a tour of the public school in March, 1896, a staff member of The Record wrote, "The remedy for the over crowding must be soon forthcoming; and the parents, voters and taxpayers should think of the best way to meet the question when it comes up. The school building is not adequate to the needs of the town."

"The worthy people who planned the school and secured the present

located West Street (now closed) between Main and Cady. The old "Union School" became the elementary school.

Fire destroyed the "Union School" in 1916. A new school was built for \$75,000. It was the first school in Northville to have a gymnasium. The elementary school was moved to the old high school and the high schoolers attended classes in the

Construction began on a new elementary school in July, 1936. The school, known as the Main Street School, was completed February 6, 1937, at a cost of \$99,000. Dedication ceremonies were held April 22, 1937.

With the expansion of Northville, the city's school system again reached the point where more classrooms were needed.

To alleviate the problem, an addition was built on to the Main Street School in 1949.

A new elementary school, Russell H. Amerman, was opened September 8, 1955. The school had a capacity of 300 students with 10 classrooms for grades kindergarten through six. It was built at a cost of \$300,000.

An addition was built on the school in 1957. The eight more classrooms increased the school's capacity by 200 students.

Building projects in the school system continued and plans were laid for construction of a \$2 million high school in 1958.

In a unique ceremony, ground was broken for the new school March 14, 1958, by members of the high school student organizations. City officials aided in the shovel-turning.

The school was completed in the spring of 1959 and both junior and senior high students were moved into the building. The Main Street School was then remodeled at a cost of almost \$200,000. When completed in September of the same year, it became

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*'For one term the fee for an  
academic course was \$5.20; for the  
junior course, \$4.50; intermediate,  
\$4; and primary, \$2.60 . . .'*

location, could not have foreseen the growth of the village in the opposite direction. There are many children, who should be regular attendants of the first grade this winter who are not quite old enough to be trusted so far from home during the inclement weather of the winter term, and spring will bring an influx of these youngsters and some who are real beginners to the already overcrowded first primary. The only way to do these children justice is to place a school where the distance will not deter them from daily attendance."

In 1907, a high school was built to ease the overcrowding. The building

new building.

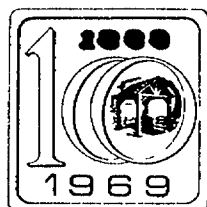
January 13, 1936, fire struck the elementary school. The blaze began around 5 a.m. in the cupola on the roof, started by sparks from the chimney. Firemen from Northville and Plymouth battled the fire until 8 a.m., on what some said was "the coldest day of the year."

Only a few blackboards and chairs were saved from the school.

The 358 elementary pupils were temporarily housed by grades in the American Legion Hall, Lapham State Bank and the Richardson Building. Supplementary books and supplies were donated by the Plymouth school system.



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# Wolves Greeted Students of Past

by Ida Hamilton Hendryx

AUG. 26, 1927 — I find in examining old school records, the first settlers came to our town in 1826, and our first school house was built in 1827. This was but a log hut on a farm then owned by William Barton, Elizabeth Yerkes being the teacher. She taught ten scholars. She later married Mr. Wilkinson. The winter following Hiram Willworth (an uncle of Asa Randolph) taught school in a log cabin on what is now the William Taft farm. Mr. Randolph attended school here, and on being dismissed one day, as he came outside, he saw two wolves coming down the hill, which at that time was a dense woods.

The next season a public school was built by Bela Chase, on the C. A. Griswold farm. Some say this was where the old barn stood on the Griswold mare; some say it was near where the George Yerkes house now

stands. Mr. Chase built of logs, hewed on one side, so they were flat, and made the seats in the same way. He furnished all material for building and furnishings inside for \$35.00.

In 1833 a meeting was called in District No. 2 in Plymouth, at the house of Samuel Stirling, to make arrangements to build a public school house. Daniel Cady was called to the chair. Messrs. Dunlap, Stirling, Meed and Watson were elected trustees. The site chosen was north of what we called the Hirsch blacksmith shop, which stood at the corner of Main and Hutton Street. The building was to be of cobble stone, laid in lime mortar, eight feet between joints, eighty feet long and twenty-four feet wide, for the accommodation of one hundred scholars. I have been informed Stephen Gage was the first teacher in this building. He had the reputation of being a wonderfully good instructor at that time. David Gage was his son, and is the only one now living who attended this school that I know. In later years David Gage was also a very able teacher. The wages (not salaries in those days) were from \$1 to \$2 per week. They taught from eight a.m. to five p.m., Saturday included. Occasionally they had a half day off on Saturday. A tax of \$300 was levied to build this stone school house, and I am

told it was very hard to raise this amount.

November 16, 1840, an important document had been delivered to the director by Daniel Cady, same being a warranty deed executed by William Dunlap and wife, Sally, on the 4th day of September, 1834, deeding the land on which the stone school house was

built to District No. 2 in Plymouth to the directors and successors in office.

Private schools were in different places in town. Abbie Horton taught in the ball room of what is now Northville Hotel and Cafe. Mr. Service taught in a house that stood where the T. G. Richardson house is and now occupied

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## First High School

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the "new" home for junior high students.

Another elementary school was added to the system in 1967 with the opening of Moraine Elementary School. The 12 classrooms housed 350 students in grades one through five. Total cost of the school was \$716,325.

In October, 1967, Ida B. Cooke Junior High was opened. The school was built at a cost of \$1,369,414. The junior high on Main Street was used partially by Main Street Elementary School. Part of the school was used for the Board of Education offices which were moved from the old library building, now the Township Hall.

An addition to the high school was built at a cost of nearly \$1.1 million. The capacity of the school was boosted to more than 900 students when the

addition opened last year.

An indoor swimming pool was added to the school and dedication ceremonies were held in April 1969.

Northville High School held its 100th commencement June 10, granting diplomas to 183 students.

The city's school system has come a long way since 1826 when ten pupils attended school in a log hut. Former Superintendent of Schools, Russell H. Amerman, administrator for 32 years, began his career in 1927 as high school principal. There were then 600 students and 30 teachers in the system.

Today there are 2,500 students and 130 teachers housed in five modern buildings.

As Northville grows, the school system continues to grow, keeping pace with the changing world.

## Grade School Dedicated Here

APRIL 16, 1937 — Dedication of Northville's new \$99,000 grade school building next Thursday, April 22, will feature an address by Dr. Eugene E. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction.

The new grade school (now called Main Street Elementary) building replaces the old one, torn down after being razed by fire on January 13, 1936. Construction on the new building, of an entirely modernistic design, began July 26, 1936. It was completed February 6, 1937.

PWA offices in Detroit estimate that 33,600 work hours were put in building the structure and approximately \$27,700 spent in wages. A PWA loan of \$27,000 and an outright grant of \$42,954 aided Northville in financing the building.

From the time the old grade building burned until classes were held in the new structure, pupils were "farmed out". Teachers met their classes in deserted houses and empty buildings.

## Chapman Annexed

Aug. 11, 1955 — Chapman School District No. 7, Novi township, electors voted Monday, 55-18, to annex the Chapman school at Nine Mile and Taft roads to the Northville Public School system.



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# Novi Incorporates, Gets City Status

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hardly dry. The following month petitions asking for the village incorporation of Novi were filed.

In March of 1958, electors of Novi approved village incorporation by a vote of 509 to 442, thus making Novi the largest village in Michigan. At the same time they gave a strong endorsement to the original incorporation committee by naming four of its members — headed by Walter Tuck — to the charter commission.

Other members of the commission were Harry Watson, Russell Button, Dicron Tafraian, and Philip Anderson.

Two months later Wixom voted by a huge margin — 323 to 43 — to approve its city charter. Named to the first city council were Ray Lahti, Jesse Birchard, Mrs. Lottie Chambers, Gerald Abrams, Gunnar Mettala, and Walter Tuck.

In September, 1958, Novi approved its village charter by a 594 to 470 margin. Elected to the first village council were Walter Tuck, Philip Anderson, Dirk Groenenberg, Russell Button and Dicron Tafraian. Tuck was subsequently elected, by the council, as Novi's first village president.

Novi's first village manager, Fred E. Olson, was appointed in January of 1959. A controversial figure, he lasted only until June of 1960 when he officially resigned — although his resignation was the next thing to being fired. During this stormy period, much of which centered around Olson, Novi's police chief, Lee BeGole, resigned and took the chief's job at Cheboygan — a position he held until he returned to Novi shortly before the manager's resignation.

Wixom officials occupied an old building on Wixom Road, about a block north of Pontiac Trail, until the new city hall was constructed on property, sold to the city by Councilwoman Lottie Chambers, on Pontiac Trail east of Wixom Road.

Village of Novi officials and today's city officials have occupied the township hall since incorporation.

Several attempts to incorporate Novi as a city failed before city status was finally approved last year. In

September, 1959 voters turned down incorporation by a vote of 532 to 388; in March, 1962 it was defeated 525 to 264; and in September, 1967 it lost 766-175.

In May of last year, however, voters finally approved incorporation, 694-498. Voting incorporation was "shot 'n sweet" compared to the long court battles carried by the township of Novi in a futile attempt to contest city incorporation.

Subsequent to incorporation approval, voters approved the new city charter. Members of the charter commission were Raymond Evans, Joseph Crupi, William Duey, Denis Berry, Russell Taylor, William Brinker, Edwin Presnell, J. F. Buck and David Harrison.

The Novi city charter was approved in February of this year by a vote of 629 to 283. Elected to the first city council of Novi were: Donald Young, William Duey, William O'Brien, David Harrison, Denis Berry, and Edwin Presnell. Joseph Crupi was elected the first Novi city mayor.

Because not all of the township was included in the new city, several small areas — representing fewer than 100 people — recently elected their own township board and now are busy preparing for the division of assets with the new city.

## Paving Starts On Seven Mile

Oct. 13, 1955 — After an actual two-year waiting period, not counting the years before that Northville residents spent hoping and wishing for action, paving started this week on the Seven Mile Road cut-off with an average of 800 feet being completed a day.

The cut-off, a long-awaited desire of the community will extend from Northville-Plymouth Road to Edward Hines Drive and will be primarily beneficial as a detour for gravel trucks which have been traveling through the center of town to the gravel pit near Beck Road and Seven Mile Road.



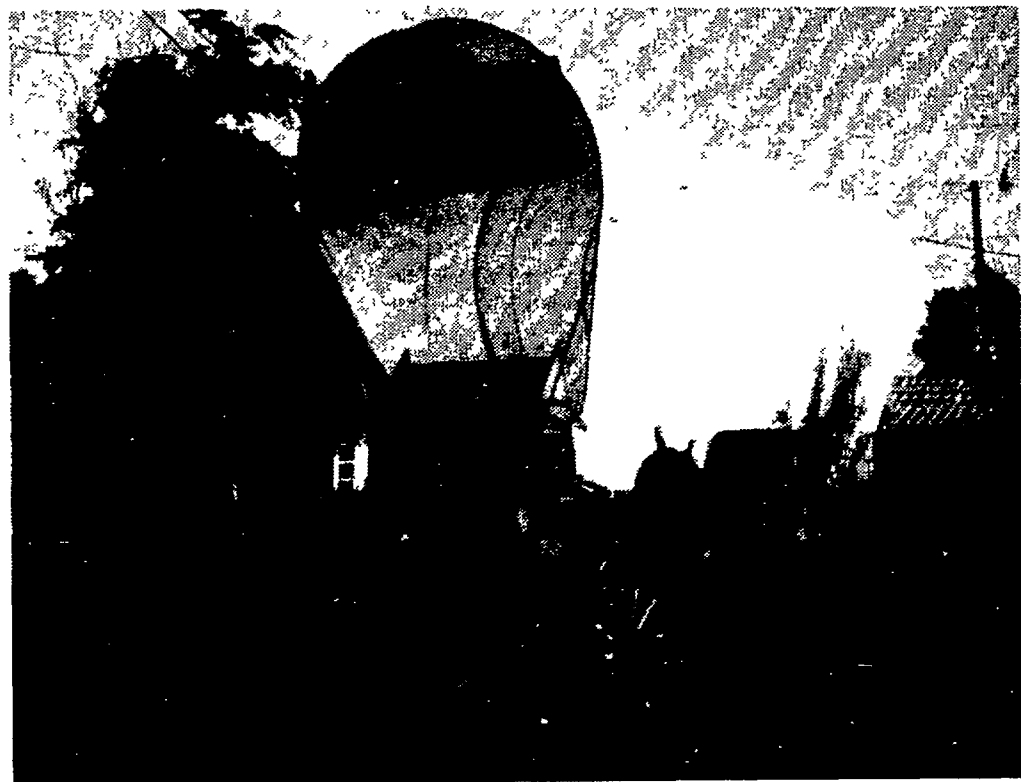
NOVI COUNCIL—members of Novi's first city council are (l to r, standing) David Harrison, Donald Young, Edwin Presnell, and William Duey; seated, Denis Berry, Mayor Joseph Crupi and William O'Brien.

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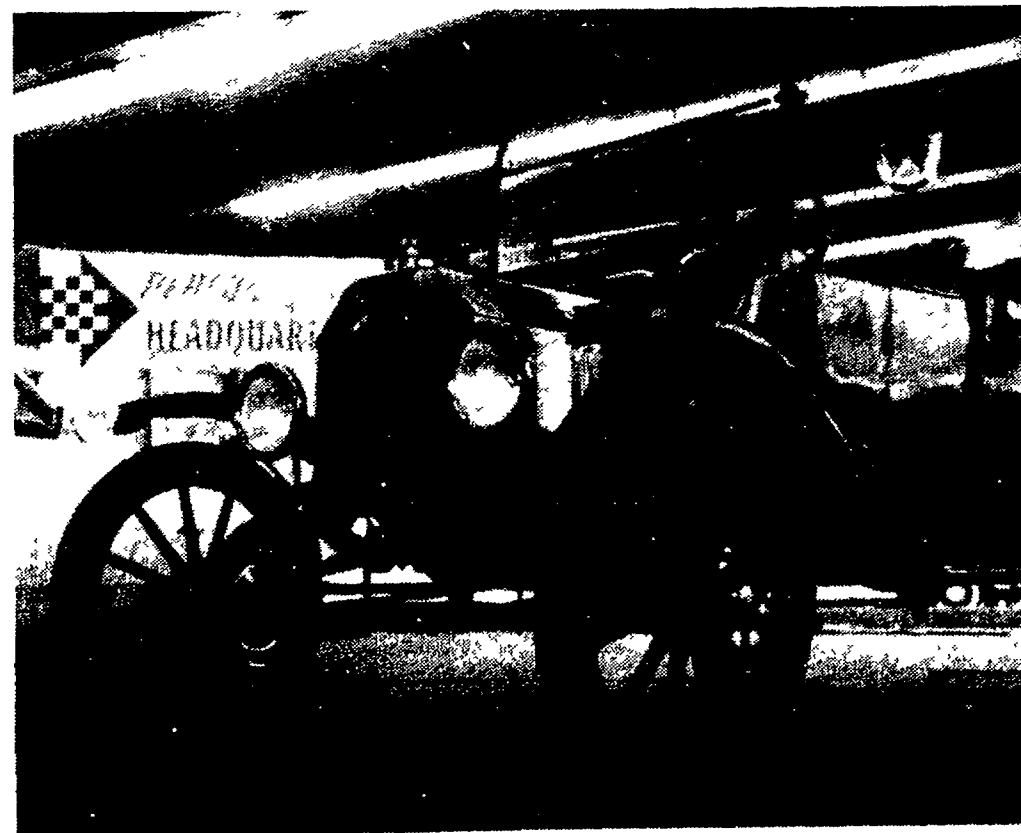
Found March 1969 in John Mach's Ford truck lot. Purdue paleontologists say species lived in Devonian Period of Paleozoic era. This stone probably was dragged by glaciers from Michigan's upper peninsula. You may see this fossil at John Mach Ford showroom.



## NORTHVILLE RECORD — 100 YEARS

1869 - 1969

This newspaper, Wayne County's oldest weekly, was first published at a time when Conestoga wagons like this one were moving families from the eastern seaboard to new land in Michigan.



## JOHN MACH FORD — 10 YEARS OLD

1959 - 1969

The Model T was already an antique when John Mach Ford started business on Main Street on May 1, 1959. In October 1965 the present modern showroom and service area was opened on 7 Mile Road. The year 1969 will see additions that will nearly double this facility in size.



## Carried 'Sody Water'

# Horses Pulled Early Fire Tanker

June 12, 1931 — The smell of smoke and fire still lingers in A.M. Whitehead's nostrils and indeed it should for he organized and directed Northville's first fire department 41 years ago.

"Previous to my time," Mr. Whitehead said, "they didn't have what you'd regularly call a fire fighting force — only whenever there was a fire they all brought pails and then tried to find some water. Usually found it pretty hard to find when they wanted it quick, too."

"We got together way back in 1890 some time and decided to get some equipment and organize an efficient force. And we did, you bet. We had a 60-gallon chemical tank on two wheels drawn by horses, and how we did get around with that thing."

Mr. Whitehead explained how the chemical worked by the simple addition of a bottle of acid to the "sody water", which caused a gas to form resulting in a pressure which

forced the chemical through the hose.

"We had about 30 volunteers that responded when the triangle sounded in the tower that was once above the Lovewell and Smith real estate offices. We later got a hook and ladder and purchased a number of canvas water buckets with which to throw water on the flames after our chemical ran out, which it sometimes did."

"Still later, we added a regular fire bell to our equipment in place of the old triangle which was not quite satisfactory. That chemical tank we used was pretty powerful, too. It would get up about 50 to 70 pounds pressure although now that seems pretty small. Today I guess the trucks can get a water pressure of about 400 pounds if they want it. We had some big fires in those days. There was the time that the Dubuar Manufacturing company, which was where the Ford Motor plant now is, caught fire. Now that I think of it, they had two fires that cleaned them out."

"We couldn't handle either of them, not because we weren't efficient enough, but because it had gotten too good a start."

"Say, I want to tell you, we had a good bunch of men, if I do say so myself. Every man had his position and when we went out on a call there wasn't any hollering around or any confusion. We had a real fire drill once or twice every month if there wasn't any fire."

"Now there was my hydrant man, Peter Barley. There wasn't a better man to tend the hydrant in the state. Many a time I've seen someone real excited run up to him and yell for more water, but Peter he never turned a hair until he heard my whistle. And he followed my orders right to the dot, and never listened to anyone else."

Mr. Whitehead told of the fire that destroyed the Globe Furniture Company — a fire that burned from one end of the building to the other and "could be seen for miles around the countryside."



**JUST A MEMORY** — This old Northville high school, later to become an elementary school, was destroyed by fire in 1936. The building faced West Street (now closed) between Main and Center streets.

"We had 10 streams of water on that fire including the hose which the Plymouth Department brought over and we couldn't do a thing. Another big fire was when the Dowel works went up in smoke. The flames were in one room there and we kept the doors closed until we got the hose right in there and when we opened the door it just seemed like the whole place exploded into a blaze at once."

No man ever suffered any more than minor injuries while in Mr. Whitehead's service and he himself was never hurt.

"That's not counting the time a jagged piece of glass caught me on the hand. The 'Doc' was in the crowd and he hollered to me to 'come on down before you bleed to death', but shucks, that little blood I lost never hurt me."

Up to a short time ago Mr. Whitehead followed every fire call in town but he's getting a little bit along in years; he's 77 years old and although pretty active, he doesn't feel as though he could 'make' every call.

He can still remember the only time 'the boys' ever put one over on him.

"During the eight years I was head of the department I never missed a fire but one. That was a small one in a house just north of town. I didn't hear the call but I met the boys on the way back. I asked them what was the matter and they told me that their hose didn't reach to the shack and it was all burned down when they got there anyhow. But that was the only time they went on a call without me."

Mr. Whitehead does not remember all of the men who were with him in those early days but he does remember A.K. Dolph, Peter Barley, Frank Adams, Bill Cook, James Ford, Clyde Van Atta, Jess Clark and Ed. Hinkley.

## Seek Extension Of Main Street

May 27, 1927 — A petition to extend Main Street from the village limits on through to the Beck Road is being taken before the township board this week. The proposed highway will give to Northville a much needed avenue for future growth, providing as it does one of the most scenic residential areas in Wayne County.

## Main Street Gets Widened

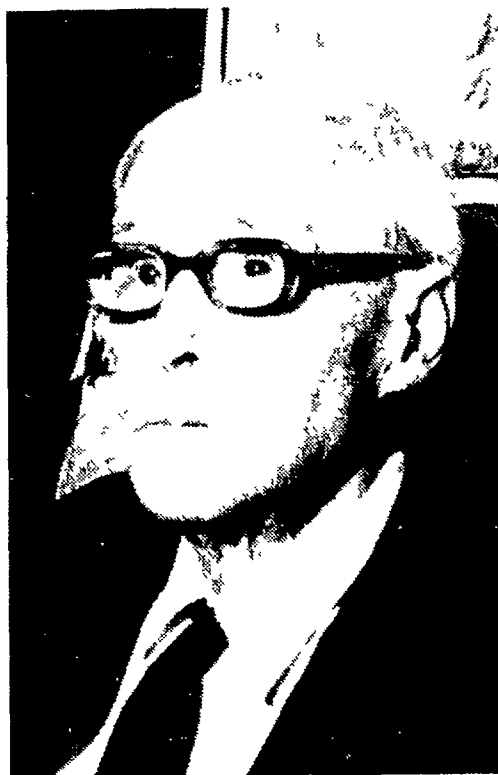
JULY 24, 1936 — With a crew of 50 men at work, the job of widening and lifting Northville's Main Street is nearing the completion deadline.

It is expected that all cement pouring for the pavement will be completed by Saturday. The sidewalk crew was on the job Wednesday to clear away loose stones so that re-cementing can be done before the end of the week. By narrowing the sidewalks 22 inches on both sides of Main Street, the street is being widened to accommodate traffic through four lanes.

The lifting of Main Street has necessitated a pavement adjustment on North Center Street as far as the alley. On the east side of North Center Street the sidewalk is being narrowed as far as the Louis store. No changes are to be made on this street, through to Dunlap Street, at this time.



**C. E. LANGFIELD** — President of the Village of Northville from 1948 until 1953 and former owner and president of Northville Laboratories. He still resides at 501 Fairbrook in Northville.



**ELMER SMITH** — Former Northville Village President (1926-27), Elmer Smith was the top official of Northville when the village first took possession of the old city hall razed in 1963.



**Northville Hardware**

107 N. Center Street

Northville, Michigan

# New Fish Hatchery Building Finished

NOV. 20, 1896 — The new U. S. fish hatchery building here is completed and has been formally accepted by the government. The new building is not only a beauty inside and out but is equipped with all the modern appliances known to science for the successful handling and hatching of fish eggs as well as the rearing and shipping the young.

The building is all finished in natural wood throughout, heated by steam from a huge boiler in the basement, and lit by gas. The winding stairways all finished in modern style with hard oil polishings are rich in appearance and add much to the beauty of the interior. The superintendent's office and the public reception room in the front are models of comfort bordering almost on luxury.

In inspecting the work last week Mr. DeRavenel, chief clerk of the U. S. commission from Washington, said the hatchery presented the most handsome appearance both inside and out and was the best equipped of any station in the commission. He complimented the contractor's Lanning and Smith, on the way they had done their work and on the style, finish, stability of it and yet kept it within the bounds of the appropriation.

The hatchery has not yet been formally opened to the public but throngs of visitors are giving it a thorough inspection every day.

The contractors secured an extension of twenty days in which to complete the superintendent's residence and they propose to have it

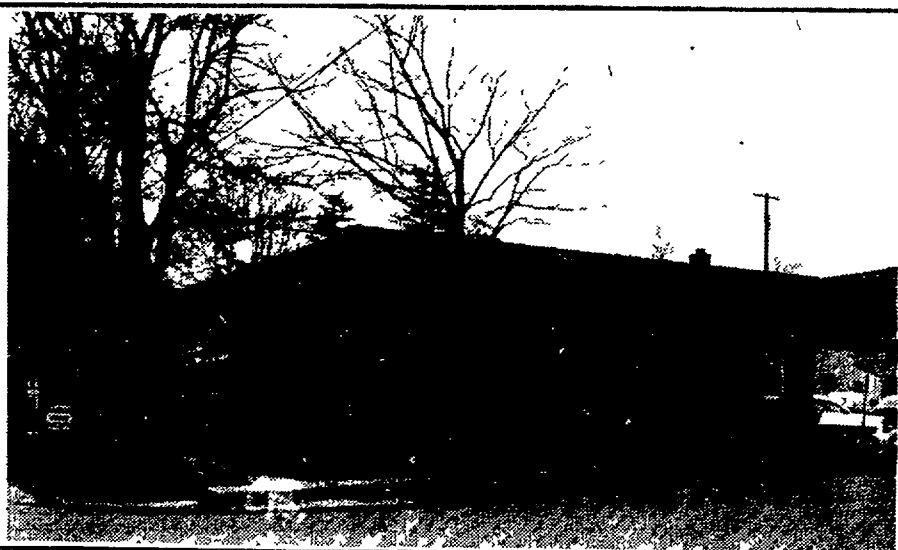
ready for occupancy by December 1st. The residence is to be heated by steam and lighted by gas from the hatchery

plant and is equipped with water works and sewer connections. Superintendent Clark expects to occupy the new

residence as soon as it is completed and will either sell or lease his Dunlap Street house.



WEST SIDE OF THE FISH HATCHERY BUILDING JUST BEFORE IT WAS RAZED LAST YEAR



1941

6 Lanes

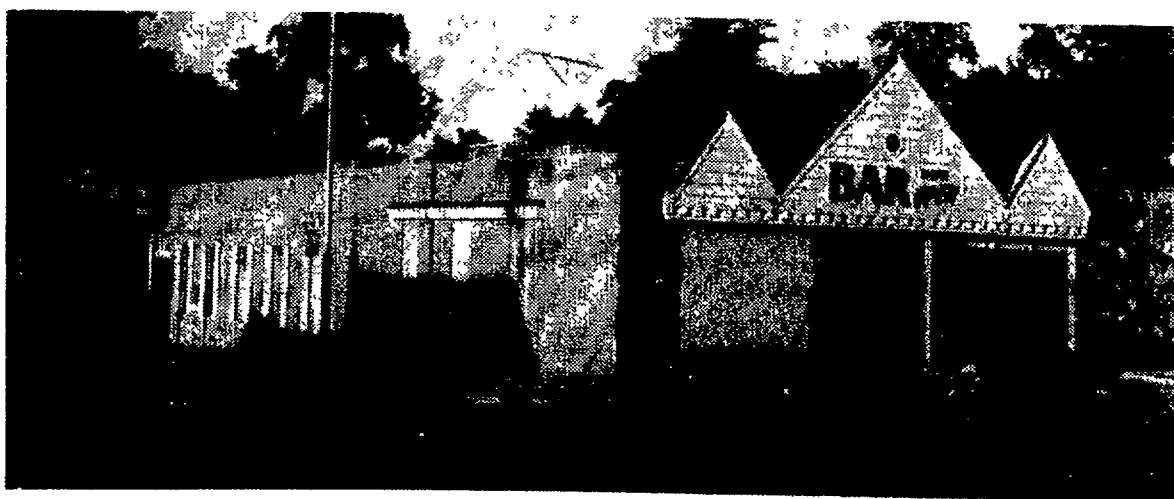


Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday Northville Record,  
Happy Birthday to you.



1969

20 Lanes  
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## Northville Lanes and Lounge

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# Here's List of Officials for 142 Years

Year	Village-City President-Mayor	Township Supervisor	School Superintendent	School Board President
1827		William Barton		
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1830		Roswell Root		
1831		James Purdy		
1832		Philo Taylor		
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1834		Roswell Root		
1835		J. M. Mead		
1836		Horace A. Noyes		
1837		Jonathan Shearer		
1838		James DeMott		
1839		James DeMott		
1840		William W. Markham		
1841		Caleb Harrington		
1842		Ebenezer J. Penniman		
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1845		Henry B. Holbrook		
1846		Henry B. Holbrook		
1847		Jonathan Shearer		
1848		Jonathan Shearer		
1849		Henry Fralick		
1850		Ebenezer J. Penniman		
1851		Jacob B. Covert, Thomas May		
1852		Henry Fralick		
1853		John S. Tibbits		
1854		John S. Tibbits		
1855		George A. Starkweather		
1856		John S. Tibbits		
1857		Horace Bradley		
1858		George A. Starkweather		
1859		George A. Starkweather		
1860		William Taft		
1861		William Taft		
1862		George A. Starkweather		
1863		Winfield Scott		
1864		Winfield Scott		
1865		Winfield Scott	William N. Osband	
1866		Hirman B. Thayer	William N. Osband	
1867	William P. Yerkes	Hirman B. Thayer	William N. Osband	
1868	Dr. John M. Swift	Hirman B. Thayer	Professor White	
1869	Dr. James Hueston	Hirman B. Thayer	A. J. Jepson	
1870	Francis R. Beal	Hirman B. Thayer	A. R. Beal	
1871	Francis R. Beal	Hirman B. Thayer	A. R. Beal	
1872	William P. Hungerford	Winfield Scott	A. R. Beal	
1873	Ashbel F. Bedford	Hirman B. Thayer	S. M. Garlick	
1874	Charles G. Harrington	Hirman B. Thayer	Nathan P. Collins	
1875	Dr. James Hueston	Winfield Scott	S. W. Barnhart	
1876	Albert H. Dibble	Winfield Scott	S. W. Barnhart	
1877	Charles E. Williams	Winfield Scott	S. W. Barnhart	
1878	John C. Emery	Henry Hurd	S. W. Barnhart	
1879	Darwin B. Northrop	Winfield Scott	Edmund Haug	
1880	Eli K. Simonds	Samuel J. Springer	Edmund Haug	
1881	Eli K. Simonds	Samuel J. Springer	Edmund Haug	
1882	Dr. Josephus M. Burgess	Hirman B. Thayer	H. W. Cheeno	
1883	Dr. Josephus M. Burgess	Charles Durfee	H. W. Cheeno	
1884	Edward S. Horton	Charles Durfee	A. F. Webster	
1885	Seymour Bower	Charles Durfee	A. F. Webster	
1886	Seymour Bower	Charles Durfee	O. L. Palmer	
1887	Edward J. Robinson, J. O. Knapp	William H. Ambler		
1888	John W. Dolph	William H. Ambler		
1889	John W. Dolph	William H. Ambler		
1890	Marion A. Porter	C. C. Hough		
1891	Marion A. Porter			
1892	William H. Yerkes			
1893	Charles L. Dubuar			
1894	Clarence A. Hutton	W. H. Hoyt		John M. Swift
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1897	Charles A. Sessions		D. C. Bliss	
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1899	Dr. Josephus M. Burgess		D. C. Bliss	
1900	Dr. Thomas B. Henry	Cass R. Benton	John Loeffler	
1901	Dr. Richard M. Johnson	William J. Lanning	John Loeffler	
1902	Dr. Richard M. Johnson	Cass R. Benton	Dr. A. L. Blanchard	E. J. Martin
1903	Dr. Richard M. Johnson	Cass R. Benton	E. J. Martin	
1904	Frank S. Harmon	Cass R. Benton	J. J. Hornburger	
1905	Frank S. Harmon	Charles A. Sessions	J. J. Hornburger	L. A. Babbitt
1906	Frank S. Harmon	Willard A. Ely	J. J. Hornburger	L. A. Babbitt
1907	Merritt F. Stanley	Willard A. Ely	J. J. Hornburger	



# School Builder Jailed for Book Theft

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by Grace Tremper and mother. Alice Hinman of Northville, and Milton Withee of Birmingham, attended both of the schools. I know of no others who are now alive. I am told of one school in the house south of the office of the late Dr. Turner, but find no record of teacher. One on the site of Mrs. L. L. Brooks' house, taught by Mr. Ames, who later built the Northville Academy and taught there.

The Shea family owned the house corner of Randolph and High Streets, now owned by G. W. Hills. Betsy Shea had a select school in the parlor of this house. Alice Hinman, Emma Johnson, Eva Bovee, Charles Harmon, Dean Griswold, Charles Sessions, Arabella Tinham and Alvin Blair are all I know who are alive who attended this school.

We now come to our Northville Academy, the record of which was written by Frank Beal for Mrs. Narcia Dubuar, who loaned it to me, and which I copy as written:

"If somebody — some day — should scrape off the outer coat of paint, it would disclose the words 'Northville Academy' in plain black letters over the entrance of the building now owned by Asa Randolph and family ('now the home of Mr. Randolph's daughter, Mrs. John Tinham'). The building was erected by A. G. B. Ames, who had been keeping what was called a 'Select School' on the spot now occupied by Mrs. L. L. Brooks. I suppose 'Select School' was designed to distinguish it from the common district school, where the patrons were confronted every term with a 'rate bill', computed by adding all the items of expense for the term and dividing it by the total number of days, which were taught, then charging each patron with the number of days his children had attended, a process which involved some perplexing fraction of a cent per day.

"To return to our academy, Ames' connection with it was short lived, and ended by his being convicted of stealing books from a Detroit concern and his sentence to Jackson prison for a term of five years.

"The school was re-opened by Sylvester Cochran, who came from Vermontville, with a wife, one son, Lyman, and a daughter, Sarah. The academy had more than a local reputation and the names of Isaac Buch and Jerome Turner, both from Howell, and two sons of Governor Bingham were on the school roll. I think the two

latter came from Lansing. Mr. Cochran was an ordained Congregational minister and served as pastor of the 'New School Presbyterian Church', now the 'Ladies' Library'. The entire family rests in Rural Hill Cemetery.

"The Northville Academy came to an end about the time the public schools became free, but it still lives in the hearts and minds of those who had access to the advantages that it gave. Among them can be counted the writer of this sketch, for in its halls he gained the little that he knows — F. R. Beal, Detroit, August 28, 1919."

On October 14, 1843, a larger school building was needed and a committee appointed to draft plans for same. They reported later to the board, but too late to begin building that fall. January 16, 1844, a special meeting was called, with so few present that they decided to wait until the district wanted a school house before they built.

September, 1849, the board moved to again consider building a larger school house, and in 1863 they decided to raise \$5,000 for that purpose. At this time the name was changed to Northville High School, and



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1936

the number of trustees to six. The site chosen was the west end of the Dr. Gregory lot. It was voted to build of brick, have a "basement and two stories." This was finished and occupied September 4, 1865, costing \$7,000. The site was the same our present high school. I can remember very well how thrilling it was to be one of the first pupils in this perfectly wonderful building. Nothing like for miles around. For non-residents, the tuition for a term, academic, \$5.20; junior, \$4.50; intermediate, \$4; primary, \$2. There were extra charges for drawing, music and penmanship.

Good board and room could be had in private families for \$3.50 per week.

November 6, 1865, the school board voted to buy a melodian for use in school. This was the first time music was added to the curriculum.

Miss Alice Beal was the first graduate to receive a diploma. This was given in June, 1875, and was handpainted by A. M. Randolph on parchment paper.

This school house burning in 1914, and our present school house built in 1915-16. The grade school was erected in 1907.

## 'Spunky Town' Gets School

BY MRS. CAROLINE OSBAND

Sept. 30, 1927 — As I told you, my father and mother organized the Northville Union High School, offering in it also an academy course, which was similar to the modern junior college. Plymouth had a 10-grade school, and that was one of the things for which it looked down on "little Northville."

Northville was a spunky town, and was restive under this state of affairs, so John M. Swift, my father's cousin, who knew of my parents' success in teaching in numerous academies and seminaries in New York state, induced them to come to Northville and start a real high school. The matter had been talked of for some years, and many students had been waiting for the Northville high school to become a reality, instead of going to the Ypsilanti seminary or Detroit. That gave a rather mature and eager set of students, who, my parents have often said, were the finest group of students they ever had. Many of these became noted in various lines of effort in later years.

In later years my father and mother looked to Northville as the most enjoyable home and work of their lives. Reminiscence of Northville was daily fare in their home, and when Mrs. Nellie Dunham Yerkes or some of the Swifts or Beals visited us, many were the interesting recollections brought up.

There were flappers in those days, too. There was one girl who used paint and "frizzed" her hair — and the big boys did not approve at all. So one morning about a dozen of the leading boys walked into the schoolroom with their faces gorgeously daubed with paint, and their hair "frizzed" to a finish. My father was a young man himself, and he secretly sympathized with the boys — but discipline had to be maintained, and the school was giggling and likely to get hysterical. So my father frowned and remarked "Apparently some of the students have contracted a violent fever, and as it may be catching I will excuse them from school until their color gets back to normal."

"...Of course the boys went out and scrubbed off the paint, but at intermission they gathered around the desk and accused the 'Prof' of being unfair. 'Why, you let that girl come to school with her face carrying a whole paint shop, and you never say a word to her,' was the aggrieved chorus. But my father told them that was enough for one school. Zar Scott, a tall slim boy with a mop of hair that morning, and his sister, Lida, whispered gleefully to my mother, 'Zar never slept a wink last night. I did his hair up so tight he could not get his eyes closed.'

Zar Scott became a wealthy lumber dealer in Duluth, Minn. When a fire cleaned him out he started bravely in again, made another fortune. He married Frances Gage of Lyon Township, perhaps the most brilliant student my parents ever had, they

often said. Miss Gage finished the academy course, then went to Albion College and then came to the University of Michigan, graduating in the class of 1872, with Miss Madeline Stockwell, they being the first two women graduated of that institution. She died two years ago in Duluth....

Miss Nellie Thompson, who was preceptress of the Northville school when my father was its head, was a brilliant and wonderful teacher. Later she taught in a famous private school in Indianapolis, of which her brother's widow, the noted suffrage worker, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, was head. Mrs. Sewall's first husband was also a student of the Northville High School in '66 and '67. He was principal of the Indianapolis High School when he died.

Dr. Louise Dickerson was the intermediate teacher — later a prominent physician in Chicago. She, too, was original and a strong teacher. The primary department was in charge of a woman far ahead of her time and a marvel of originality and ingenuity amounting to genius — Mrs. Eliza Bancroft Dunham, the mother of Mrs. Nellie Dunham Yerkes and Mrs. Kate Dunham Crosby....

## Voters Approve High School

Dec. 20, 1956 — Northville voters gave the go-ahead to the board of education to build a new high school and undertake three other projects costing a total of \$3 million.

The vote was 481-294 — with 61 percent of the voters favoring the proposal.

The "yes" vote will give Northville a new ultra-modern high school building, an eight room addition to Amerman school, a rejuvenated present high school building to serve as a junior high, and a future site for a new elementary school.

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**WIXOM COUNCIL**—Members of today's Wixom City Council are (l to r) Councilman Gunnar Mettala, Mayor Wesley McAtee, Councilmen Elwood Grubb and Charles McCall, and Attorney Gene Schnell; seated, Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Waara, Councilwomen Lottie Chambers, and Mary Parvu, and Deputy Clerk Donna Thorsberg. The inset picture is of Councilman Howard Coe.

## Northville Gains Fame in Cartoon

Oct. 14, 1927 — The fame of Northville is now complete.

There is nothing more to be expected and nothing more that could be asked.

W. C. Arlson, famed American cartoonist, and his associate, Sol Hess, are the two gentlemen who have brought everlasting distinction to the community.

Hasn't the pure Noxage water of Northville, which runs directly from the springs on the hill into the water mains of the city been advertised throughout the world through "The Nebbs" series of cartoons?

Hasn't our hotel been brought into the spotlight in recent months by its sale and financial affairs pictured

through "The Nebbs"?

And now hasn't one of Northville's most distinguished citizens appeared in "The Nebbs" in the very identical role he plays in his home town?

Did you see "The Nebbs" Tuesday evening?

If you didn't, here is what it was all about.

Our own postmaster, the Honorable Frank S. Neal, was named in "The Nebbs" as the mail carrier delivering an important letter to the hotel owner.

And we of Northville who trot over to the Northville postoffice every five minutes of the day to see if Mr. Neal has a letter for us, even though there are but two mail trains a day into town, seemingly do not appreciate the fact that one great enough to get into "The Nebbs" is the very same gent who passes out that bill from Mr. Jones or Mr. Johnson every morning.

Getting into the movies is nothing like getting into the comic strips — because when you get into the comics your fame lasts forever. You die quickly in the movies, either in a hooch party, the divorce courts or the Pacific Ocean. So why shouldn't we be delighted to think that our own town, our water supply, and hotel and our postmaster have broken into the "funnies" rather than the movies?

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Sept. 30, 1927 — Postmaster Frank Neal has returned from Chicago where he enjoyed a very pleasant visit with Will Carlson and Sol Hess. Will Carlson is the cartoonist who originated and draws each day the comic strip of "The Nebbs". By the using of Northville as the scene of most of the activities of his comic, he has brought to this community a world of advertising.

Sol Hess, who writes the lines for the strip, is associated with Mr. Carlson and Mr. Neal states that he enjoyed his visit with the two immensely.



**MOLLIE LAWRENCE** — Served as Northville township supervisor from 1943 until 1958, the only woman to hold the office in the 142-year history of the township. Her term was one of the longest of any supervisor. She now resides at 547 Fairbrook in Northville.

## F. R. Beal Recalls Northville Academy

Aug. 3, 1917 — An interesting letter received last week from F.R. Beal of Detroit follows, in part:

'Editor Record: The recent article in your paper by Mrs. Jennie White is a timely tribute to the memory of Sarah Cochrane.

The present Randolph house was built by a rather brilliant fellow named Ames, who kept a select school, but who was sent to prison for appropriating books from a Detroit book store.

I am sure that if you could scrape some of the paint from the front of the building you would find in big, black letters, 'Northville Academy'. (The building is now the home of the John Canterburys, 204 Randolph). The academy then fell into the hands of Sylvester Cochrane. His son, Lyman, a U-M student, assisting when at home. After Lyman Cochrane's graduation from the University he practiced law in Detroit, where, by reason of his special abilities, a special judgeship was created for him. If memory serves me correctly, it was called the 'Superior Court,' and ended when he died. I think Mrs. White is in error about his ever being Probate Judge.

The school kept by Sylvester Cochrane was widely known. Among the students I recall two sons of Kingsley S. Bingham, the first Republican governor of Michigan. The

family lived a few miles northwest of 'Christopher's Corners', now South Lyon. I also remember one Jerome Turner, afterward a prominent Lansing politician, also some bright young fellows from Howell whose names I have forgotten. Merritt Randolph and myself were classmates at the Academy, often reciting to Lyman Cochrane.

## State Hospital Plan Revealed

Oct. 18, 1956 — State officials this week announced tentative plans for a 2,500 bed hospital for mentally-deficient children to be built south of Northville during the next few years.

It was hoped that construction of a \$5 million first unit could be started in the spring.

The hospital, to be known as the "Plymouth State Home and Training School," will be constructed on Phoenix Road (Five Mile), extending west from Hines drive and Straddling Sheldon Road.

The site will cover 250 acres of Wayne County Training School property which would be turned over to the state for a token price.



First City Manager John Robertson and Mayor Claude Ely survey a lot at Main and Center streets leased by the city for offstreet parking. It was 1957. That's Alex Lyke's plumbing office in the background and Northville Lanes bowling alley.

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# 'Buffalo Bill' Dies In Burning Lockup

Sept. 9, 1876 — Saturday, Aug. 26th, a man named John White commonly known as 'Buffalo Bill', a cooper by trade, was found lying drunk on the railroad bridge near the Pennell place, and officer John Buchner being made acquainted with the fact removed him, as was proper to the village lockup, a little wooden building in the rear of F.R. Beal's hardware store.

This was done about 7 o'clock in the evening, and about 9 o'clock Alvin Van Dyne while looking in that direction from his residence, discovered fire through the window and grate beyond. He immediately gave the intelligence to officer Buchner, who, with feelings of horror in contemplation of the prisoner burning to death, hastened to the place and opening outside and cell doors endeavored to find the inmate, but from the stifling smoke was compelled to withdraw.

## 8-Mile Cutoff

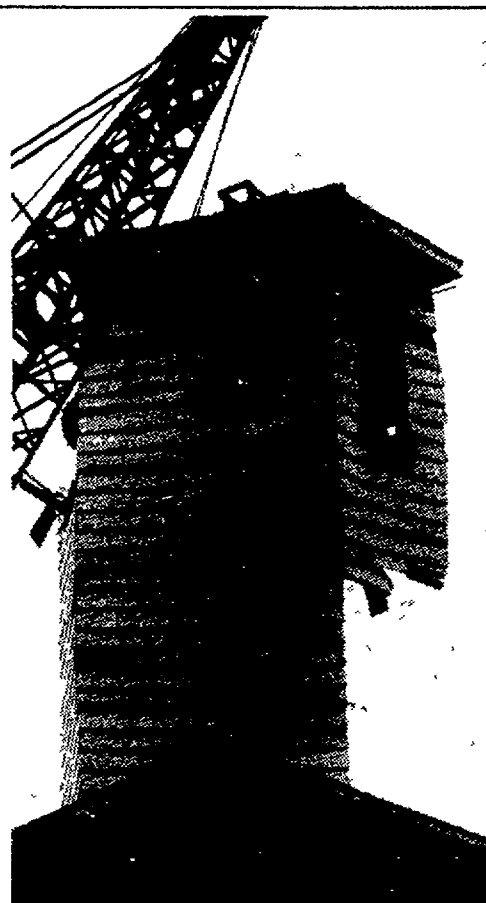
### Agreement OK'd

Sept. 8, 1955 — Agreement has been reached between the Wayne and Oakland county boards of road commissioners for joint construction of a new road to connect the two ends of Baseline Road that now terminate at Griswold Street on the east and Randolph Street on the west.

The citizens worked zealously in putting out the fire but nearly 20 minutes had elapsed before it was subdued sufficiently to enable one to enter the building, when Dr. Jas. Hueston made the attempt and succeeded in bringing the charred remains to the outside. The body was left in A.H. Dibble's barn, near by, in charge of two persons till next morning (Sunday) and was buried at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The only solution to this sad affair is that either the unfortunate man upon coming to his sober senses lit a match to see where he was and accidentally ignited the straw in his cell, or else as he is said to have done in the jail in Milford, set fire to the straw purposely with the expectation that its discovery would lead to his release.

From what we can learn there can be no blame attached to anyone in this lamentable affair notwithstanding the reports that have been circulated in town about. The citizens of our place are humane and ever ready to extend a helping hand to every one friend or foe, and certainly would have made every effort to have saved the life of the unfortunate man. Even the act of Mr. Buchner placing him in the lockup was preferable to leaving him to the gaze and abuse of passers by on a bridge, and liable at any moment to lose his life in a fall to the railroad track beneath.



**FIRE TOWER**—When the old city hall was razed in 1963 to make room for the new facility that stands today at the southwest corner of Wing and Main streets, the old fire hall located just west on Main Street also was razed. First part of the fire hall to go was the tower where hoses were hung to dry. The new fire hall is located in the new city hall complex. Today hoses are dried by machine.

## City Manager Named in '56

Oct. 11, 1956 — November 1, Northville will have a city manager.

He is John C. Robertson, staff engineer and manager of the Municipal Purchasing services for the Michigan Municipal League in Ann Arbor.

Robertson, 31, was the unanimous selection of Northville's five-man council after they had carefully reviewed more than 30 applications.

As city manager of Northville, Robertson will direct all departments, hire personnel, prepare a budget, make recommendations to the council and carry out all directions of the council. Robertson's salary will be \$7,000 plus travel expenses.

## Approve Sharing Of Dump Costs

May 5, 1955 — Residents of Northville Township and the Village of Northville will hereafter share the privilege of using the village dump and the cost of maintaining it.

Spurred by strong and numerous protests from township residents who were refused use of the dump, a group of village officials met informally with representatives of the township board of trustees and laid the groundwork for a solution to be presented to their respective bodies.

## Nears Completion

Oct. 25, 1951 — The Novi Township Community building will be completed about December 1. Construction of the edifice which is located on Novi Road, just north of Grand River and adjacent to the Novi School, was begun in the spring of 1951.

## Northville Loses Mayor 'Pete' Ely

April 24, 1958 — All Northville mourned the loss of its number one citizen this week, Claude N. 'Pete' Ely, the city's only mayor, died suddenly Sunday.

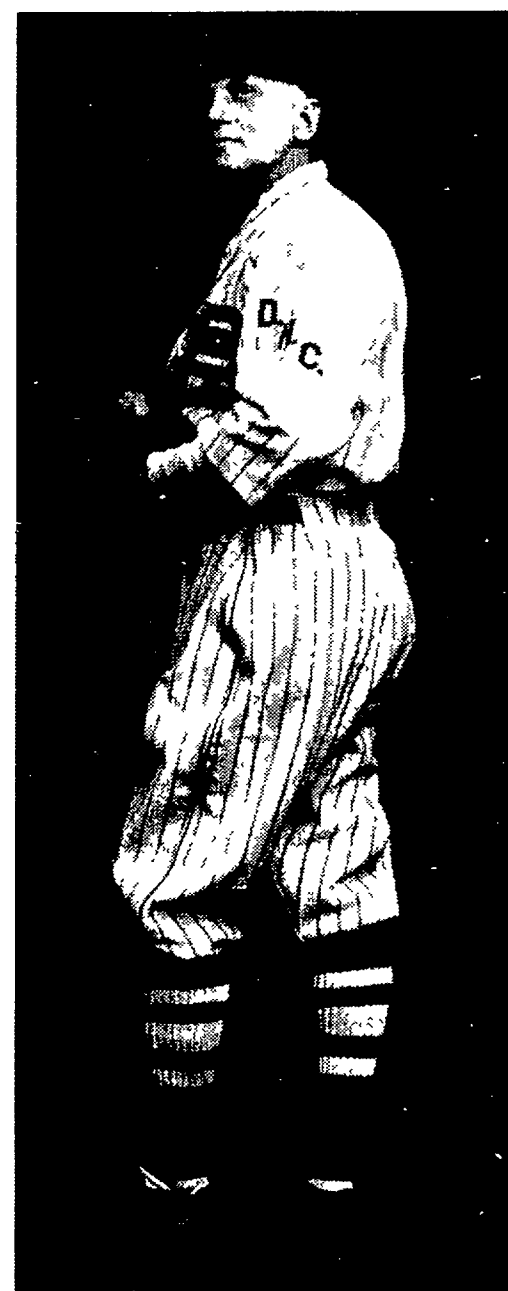
Mayor Ely was 65 and a life-long resident of Northville. He was known by everyone as 'Pete'. He was halfway through his term as first mayor of the city. He had served as the last village mayor and was a village council member for 10 years, from 1942 to 1952.

He was born September 14, 1892, the son of Peter Ely and Nettie Hosmer. He was married to Lydella Murdock, the daughter of a local druggist.

## Village Builds Cement Walk

May 14, 1909 — The building of the cement walk on the Center Street side of the Methodist church property by the Village Council instead of letting the job to contractors was a new innovation. It proved so economical and successful that the Council will hereafter offer to build all walks in the village for seven cents per foot less 30 percent or .409 cents net.

President Northrup says the village will guarantee the walks it lays.



**PITCHING MAYOR** — Harry German, a colorful but sometimes controversial mayor of Northville (1930-31), was noted most of all for his remarkable pitching performances locally and elsewhere. It was nothing for the super-star to pitch both ends of a double-header and come away victorious in both games. He was still striking 'em out late in life.

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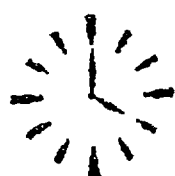
and grew, until, in 1961 we had to have more room.

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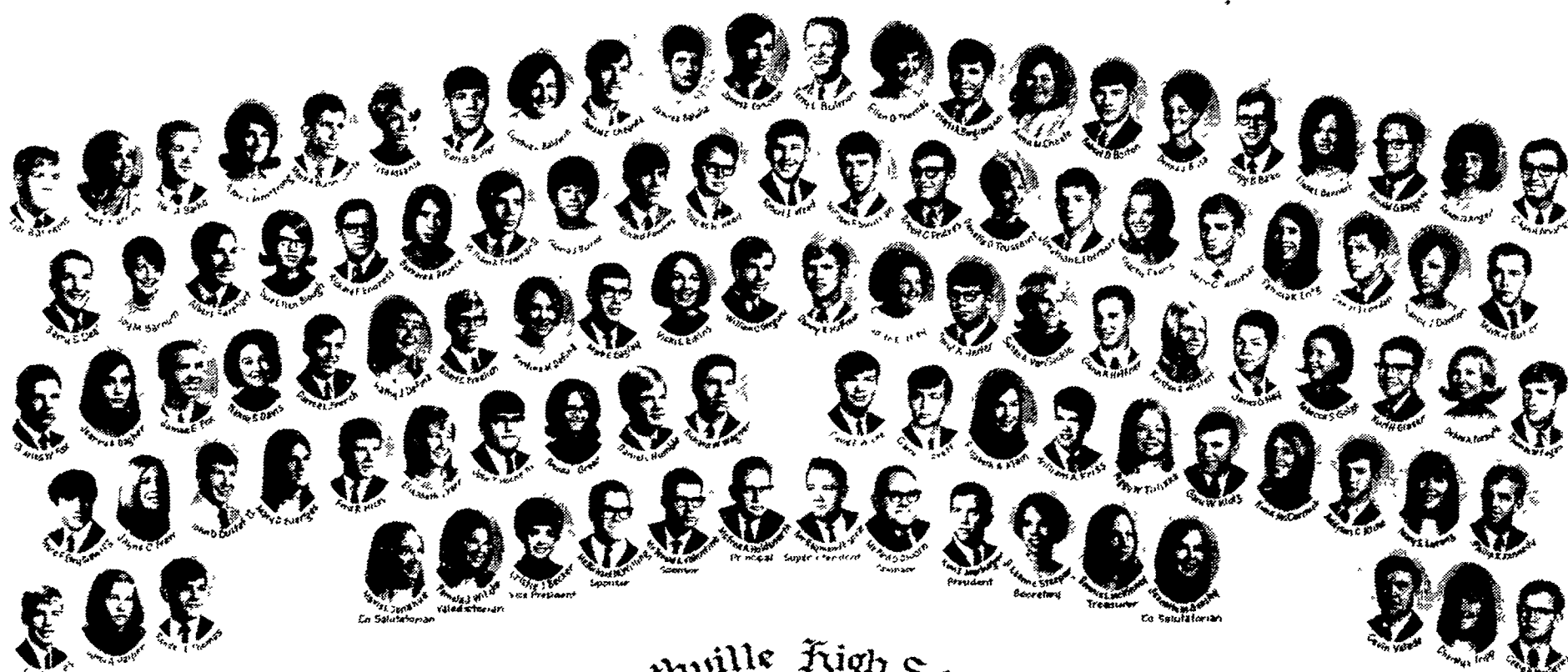


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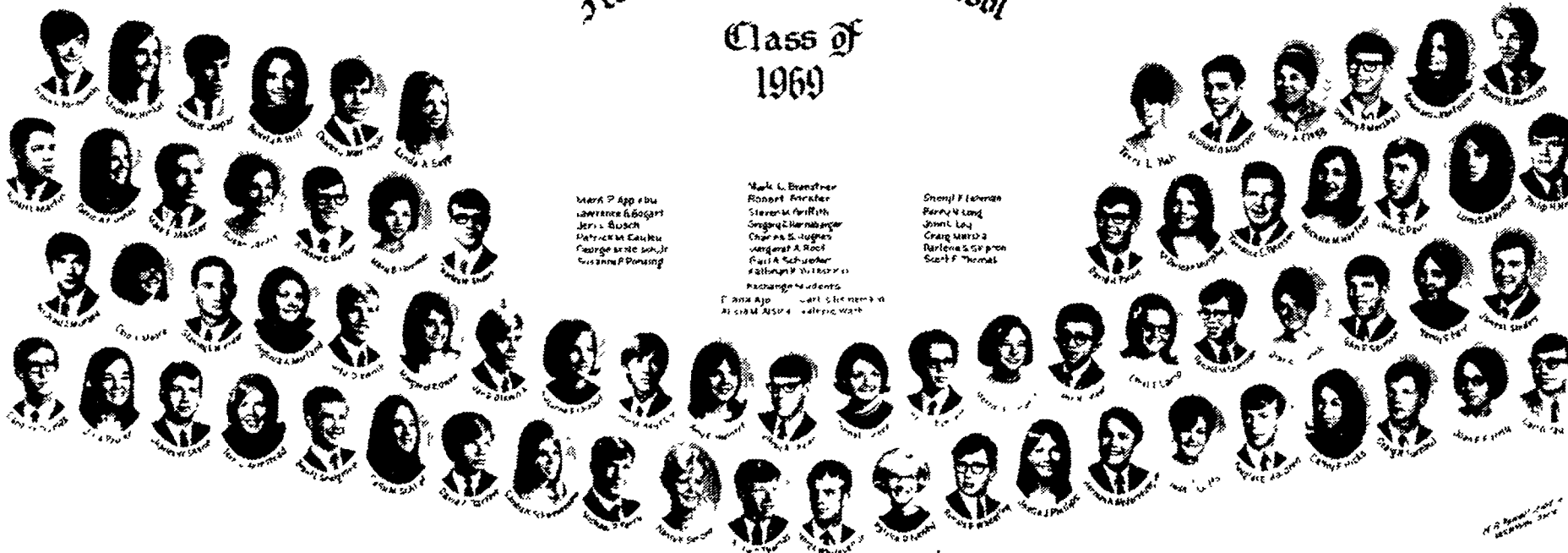
1869 was a big year for the Northville public school system just as it was for The Northville Record. That was the year of our first high school graduation exercises. One student received a diploma in 1869 as compared to 183 who were awarded diplomas during our Golden Commencement Exercises this past June. But just as in the case of The Record, it is not so important how large we become as it is how well we meet the needs of our community. Like The

Record we are proud of our accomplishments over the past 100 years and equally proud of the thousands of young people who have left our schools to make their marks in society. Yet, we cannot nor will we rest on the laurels of the past. Educational challenges confront us each new day, so as we enter the 101st year with The Record we rededicate ourselves to the task at hand — namely, providing the best education as is humanly possible.



### Northville High School

Class of 1969



## Northville Public Schools

Wayne, Oakland & Washtenaw Counties, Michigan.

## Wixom Moves To Incorporate

Aug. 30, 1956 — The community of Wixom's move to incorporate into a village picked up speed this week as residents filed incorporation petitions with the Oakland County clerk's office.

In the meantime, Novi Township officials were still looking for a way to stop the incorporation. Indications were strong that nothing short of legal technicalities would stop the move.

Wixom field petitions with more than 150 signatures on them Monday.

Oct. 21, 1932 — The old village power house is being razed. Built in 1913 this old brick building over near the site of the one-time Ambler pond served the village in furnishing its electric power for only one year, when the Detroit Edison company purchased it. Later they gave it back to the village, which in turn sold it to Henry Ford, who now owns it together with a wide section of that locality.

This old unused brick building Mr.

Ford considers a blot on an otherwise beautiful landscape and he therefore orders its tearing down. It is believed that Harry Bovee was the mason who built this power house and the men who are tearing it down say it was "surely a good job" with brick of much better quality than are now made and put together with pure mortar. The bricks are being salvaged for further use.

Oldtimers remember when a

stream with a strong current turned the big wheel of the Ambler saw mill on this site and the logs to be cut were piled high in the log yard from the foot of Wing Street way down to the point where the broken dam is located. Charles Sessions and other boys of that day used to play around these logs and ride on the carriage of the old saw as it ate it way slowly through mighty timbers. This was the big industry of Northville in that day.

# Raze Village Power House

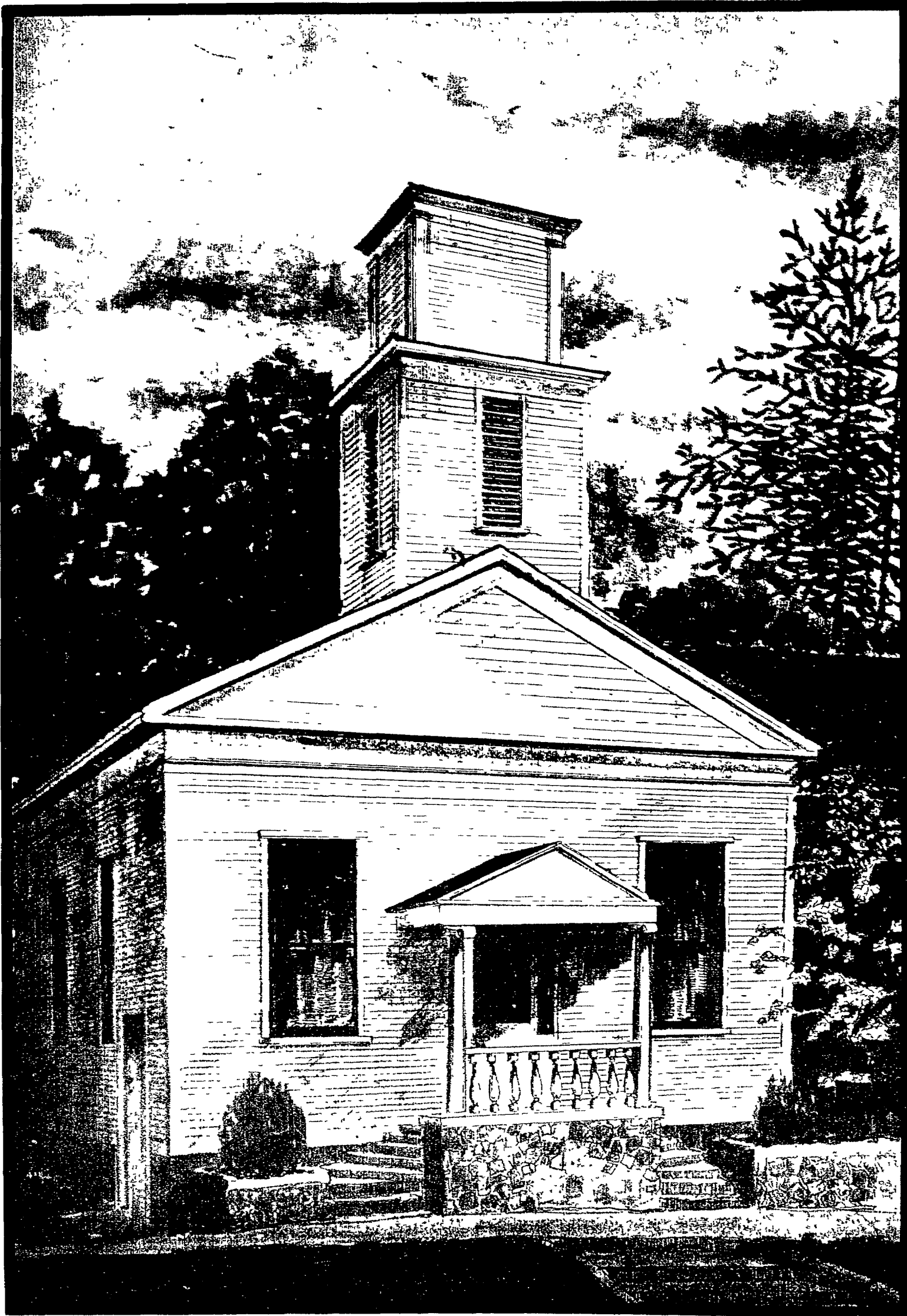
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1912 William J. Lanning, Sr.	William J. Lanning	John D. LaRue	Charles L. Dubuar
1913 Nelson C. Schrader	William J. Lanning	John D. LaRue	Charles L. Dubuar
1914 William E. Scotten	William J. Lanning	John D. LaRue	Charles L. Dubuar
1915 Dr. Thomas B. Henry	William J. Lanning	John D. LaRue	Charles L. Dubuar
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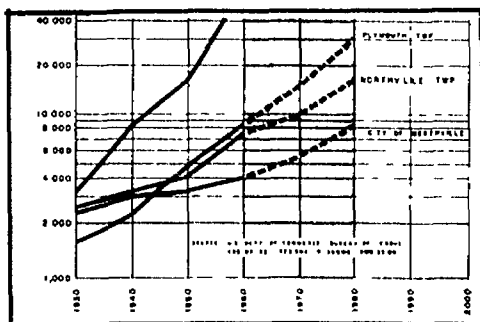


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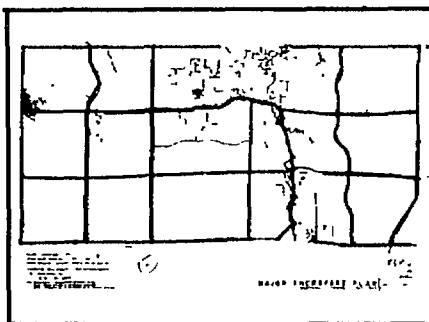
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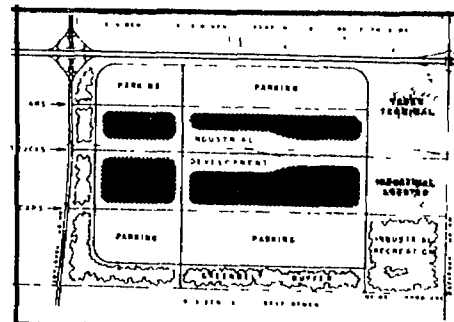
POPULATION GROWTH

Graph shows both growth from 1930 to 1960 in the township and neighboring communities but also the expected growth through 1980.



MAJOR THOROFARES

Map indicates grid of principle thorofares in Northville township as projected for future land use and population densities.



INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

Typical industrial district with buffer elements shown - green-belts, major thorofares and transitional uses between industrial and residential areas.

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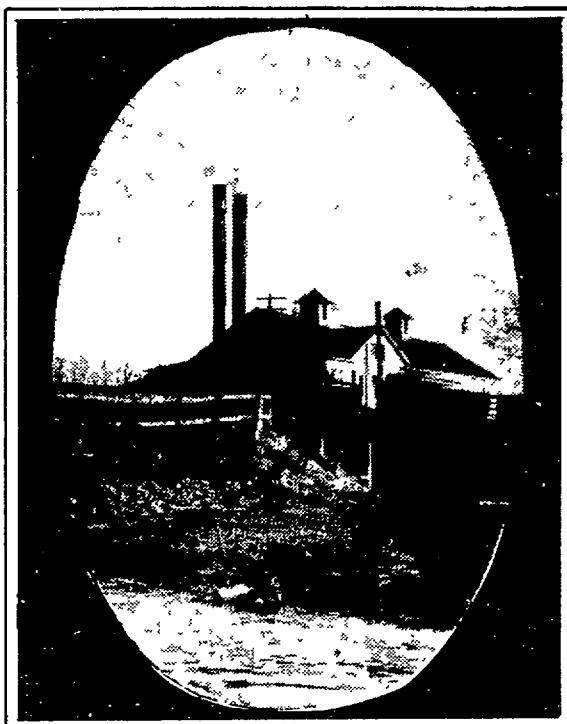
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*'My Warmest  
Congratulations . . .'*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1969

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

My warmest congratulations go out to your staff and readers on The Northville Record's one hundredth anniversary.

You have enriched a tradition that is among the most cherished possessions of our democracy: the freedom of the press.

As I salute your past accomplishments, I look forward with you to many more decades of prompt, responsible and accurate news coverage.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jack W. Hoffman  
Managing Editor  
The Northville Record  
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# Ford Brings 'Village Industries' To Northville with Valve Plant

Fifty years ago, in 1919, the late Henry Ford purchased the Northville Valve Plant and added it to his list of "village industries." Each plant could be identified by its water wheel.

Dotting the countryside throughout southeastern Michigan, these plants were known for their high standards of craftsmanship and for friendly "hometown" atmosphere.

It was Ford's idea to bring the plants to the farmers so they could work in them when they were not in the fields. The "village industries" were an attempt to tie the rural areas in with manufacturing.

The first building on the site was a saw mill built in 1825. It purportedly was the first building in Northville.

In 1896 a wood-working shop, operated by the J. A. Dubuar Manufacturing Company, was built. The three-story brick plant turned out wheelbarrows, beet cutters, wood pulley blocks and other wood products until more modern competition forced its closing.

Much of the original woodworking equipment can be seen today at Greenfield Village in Dearborn where Ford moved it during renovation of the Northville plant for valve-making operations.

During the winter months of 1919, tractor valve making machinery from the Fordson plant, and one complete Model T valve production unit from Highland Park, were installed.

On March 20, 1920, valve production began at Northville. During the next 16 years, 181 million valves were produced in the original building.

By 1936, a more modern plant was needed and the present building of

steel and brick was constructed. In the early days of the new plant, a Fitz overshot water wheel, powered by water piped from a small nearby lake, was used to drive a 30 horsepower electric generator.

In recent years the generator has not been in operation, but the water wheel is kept in operating condition to preserve the "village industries" atmosphere.

The plant is active in the production of intake and exhaust valves.

Exhaust valves produced at the plant begin, as in the past, at the Rouge Plant in the Dearborn Specialty Foundry. Single piece nickel-chrome alloy exhaust valve castings are shipped to the Northville plant for a series of grinding operations.

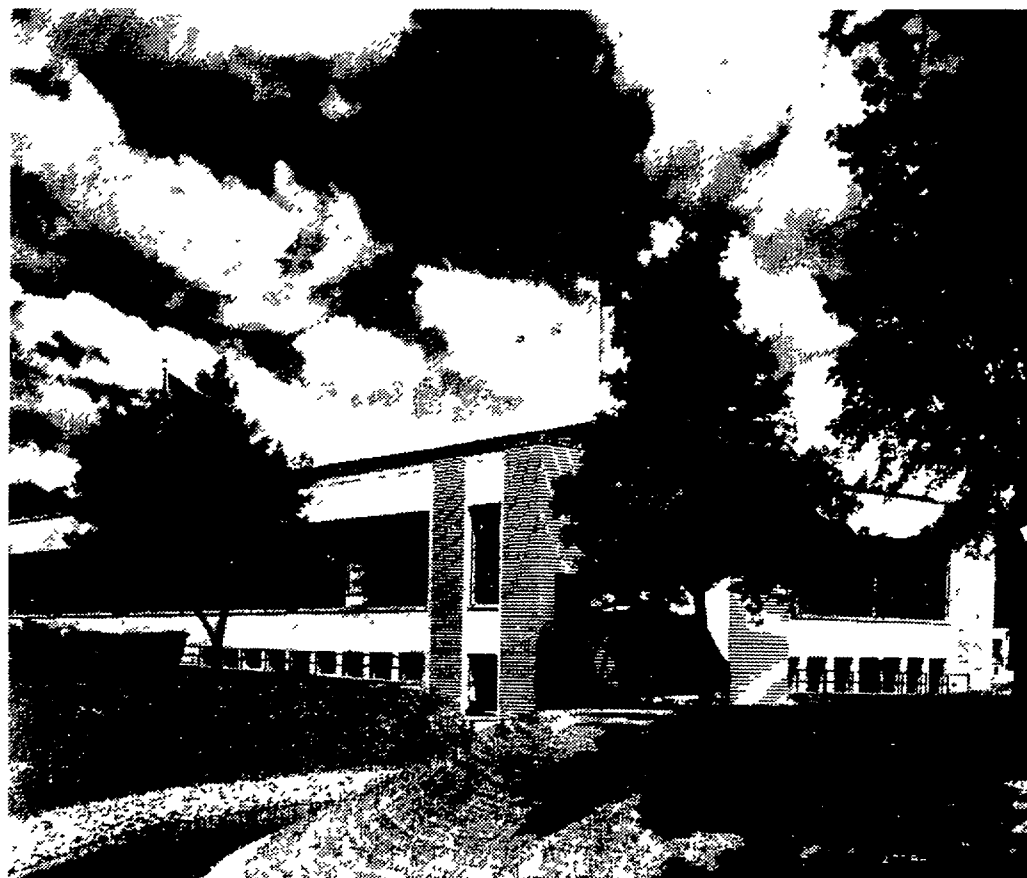
Intake valve manufacturing was begun at the plant during the early 1950's and in 1956 the plant was expanded to enable the building to handle the increased production.

On February 1, 1957, the Northville functions were assigned to operate under the jurisdiction of the Dearborn Engine Plant in the Engine and Foundry Division of the company.

Today, 300 employees are involved in the production of 150,000 valves daily. The valves are used in all the cars of the Ford and Mercury lines except the Continental.

The valves are shipped to Ford engine plants where they are assembled into the car engines.

The Northville Valve is the only one of the original "village industries" still in operation. Though it began making valves for Model T cars fifty years ago, today it produces the valves for the latest models.



NORTHVILLE FORD VALVE PLANT IN 1936

## Richardson Buys Clover Condensery

JAN. 3, 1908 — On New Years day the Milk Condensing plant of the Clover Dairy Co, known as the Rogers Oakland Plant, located in the north part of the village (Base Line) was sold to the Northville Condensing & Cheese Co., of which Governor Warner and T. C. Richardson are the proprietors.

At the transfer of the property Wednesday, The Clover Dairy Co. was represented by President Albert Albright and Director W. C. Glines, both of Detroit.

Mr. Glines called in the patrons of the condensery and explained the situation:

"We have sold this plant" said Mr. Glines, "to Warner & Richardson or rather given it away. Since operating it our company have lost upwards of \$40,000 and we thought the quicker it was disposed of the sooner our loss would stop. It has been a losing investment from the start for our company, but we thought it our duty to call in the patrons and explain the situation and assure them that they would be paid in full before the 10th of the month for all that was due for their milk."

"Warner and Richardson will operate the plant in connection with their other plant and will be pleased to receive your milk the same as we have in the past."

The history of milk condenseries in Northville during the past dozen or two years has been a "rough and hilly" one. The old Clover Condensery, with an expensive plant, located near the fish hatchery, hummed along for some years and at last went to the wall carrying along with it a severe loss to the farmers.

A milk station existed at the P.M. depot for awhile and finally quit business. Then the Northville

Condensing Co. was organized, building a plant near the Yerkes Mill (on Griswold). It was not a financial success, and later it was bought for less than half what it cost by Warner & Richardson and has been operated by them for some years as the only successful condensing plant in this part of the state.

Then came the Rogers Oakland, which less than two years ago was reorganized as the Clover Dairy Co. Plant above referred to and which has now been sold as indicated in the opening paragraph of this article.

Warner & Richardson assured the patrons they would operate the Clover plant and would be pleased to receive all the milk they could deliver and for

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which they would at all times pay the highest price possible and still be able to operate the business without a loss.

Mr. Glines stated that at times his company had been paying a higher price for milk, including the expensive manner of getting some of it to the factory, then they had been able to sell it for in the city.

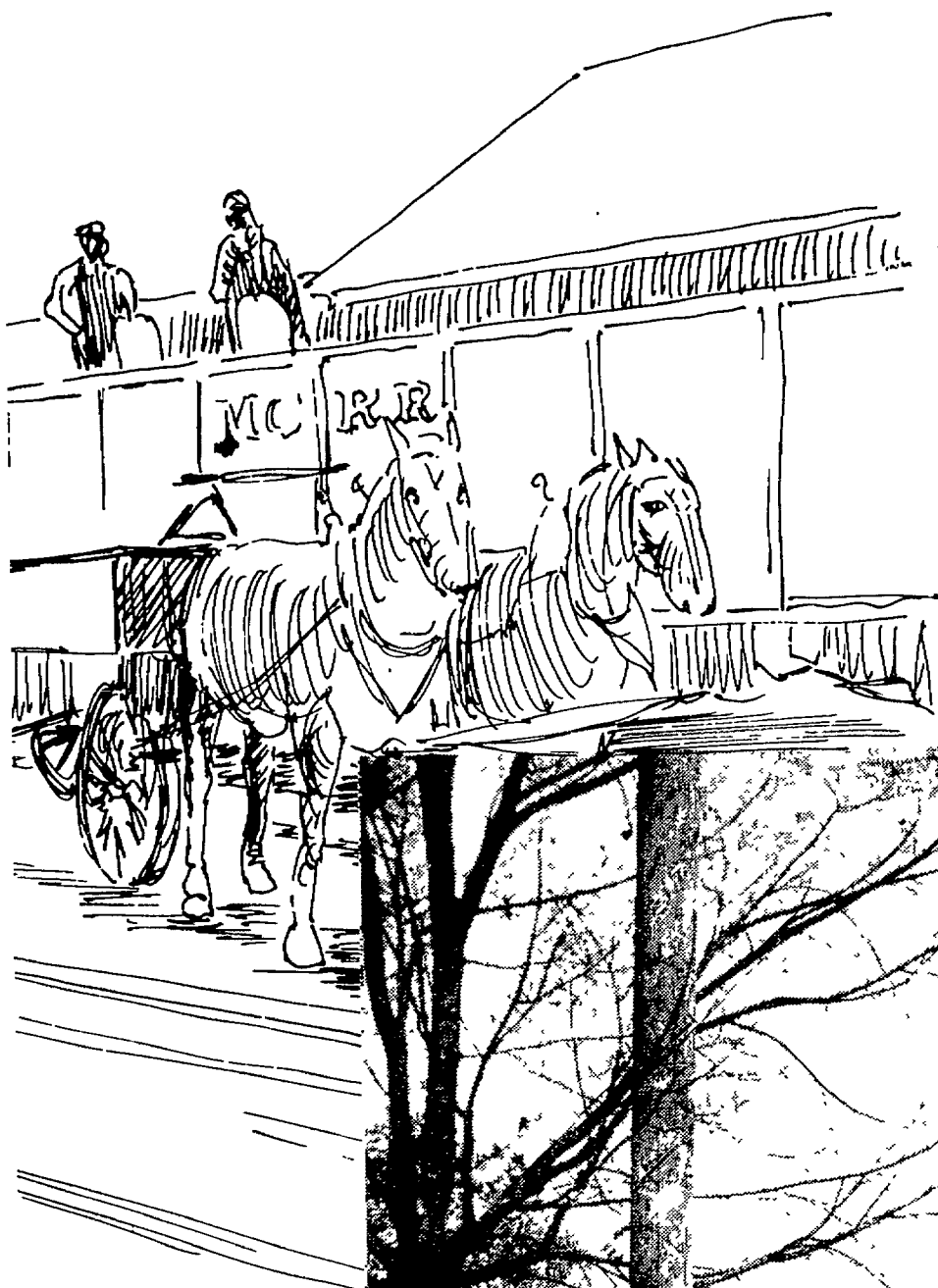
The price paid by Warner & Richardson for the plant was \$5,700, hardly more than one-fourth of its original cost. The plant is one of the most complete and modern ones of the kind in the state and the new owners will endeavor to operate it to its fullest capacity.



BERT PHILLIPS INSIDE FISH HATCHERY LAB



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from ice to coal to oil.

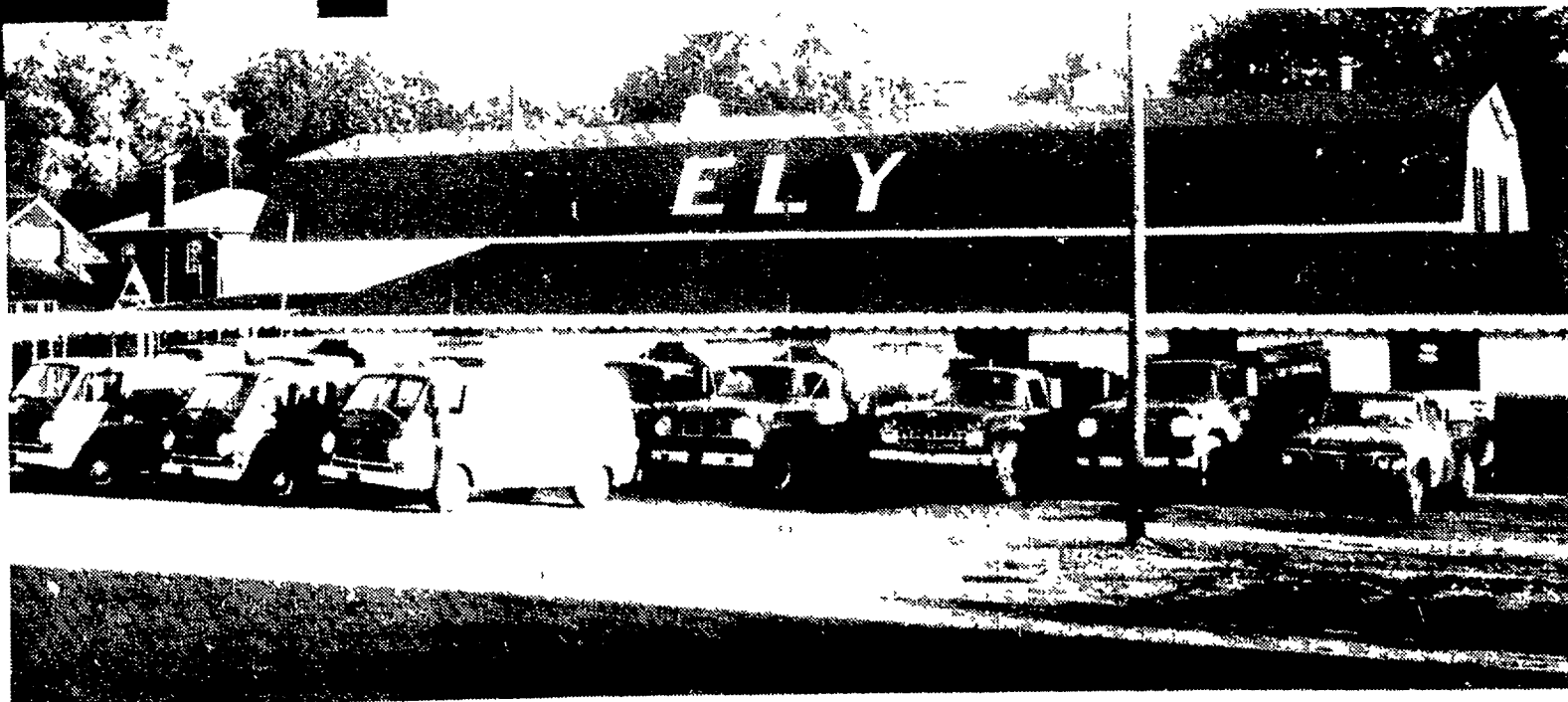
Left to right:  
C. R. Ely, Ernie Lyke,  
Chuck Ely & Art Lyke



If you can identify this lady,  
please let us know who she is.

Ely Garden Center  
Ely Fuel, Inc.

316 N. Center Street — Northville



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# Private Golf Course Once Stood On Northville Racetrack Site

Just plain old swampland 80 years ago on the edge of a small village transformed later into a small private golf course.

That's just part of the story of the fabulous growth of the Northville Downs as it celebrates its 26th season of night harness racing this year.

The idea of night harness racing was pioneered at Northville, with the first evening race in Michigan held at the Downs on September 1, 1944. Admission to the 8:30 p.m. races was 60 cents.

History of the track, however, goes back more than 26 years. In fact, the first roots are buried at the beginning of the 1900's.

It was at the turn of the century that a now forgotten industrialist bought the tract at what is now Center Street and Seven Mile Road and installed a private nine hole golf course. A few years later, a group, which included the late Ed Starkweather among others, raised \$1,000 to purchase the land and started what is the racing plant of today.

The group spent weeks and weeks filling in the land, hauling huge boulders from every spot within distance of a horse and wagon and then fill dirt by the ton to form the base of the present track.

After that came days of scraping and work to develop a track suitable for matinee performances. There wasn't any grandstand but picnic tables were brought in and it was a Sunday gathering place for the families with the standardbreds performing on the track.

The Northville Fair was organized a few years later. The fair grew and grew until it was rated one of the best in Michigan. It attracted thousands of visitors who made the trip to the six-day affair.

A wooden grandstand was erected and served in good stead for years until it burned down in the early 1920's. There were a few years when the track was without a grandstand but then in 1926, the same group of investors held a stock sale — 300 shares at \$10 — to build a new grandstand with a capacity of more than 3,000.

It was a tremendous thing for that era and all but paid for itself with the additional attendance at the annual fair and the matinee racing programs.

It was also during the stock sale that the Northville Driving Club began to play a major role in the start and eventual rise of parimutuel wagering and night racing. The stockholders were members of the Driving Club which owned the grounds and the grandstand.

Dr. Linwood Snow, retired but still a Northville resident, was a prime mover in the events leading to the start of night racing.

Dr. Snow, one of Northville's most colorful and beloved citizens, was a leader in politics as well as one of the city's top physicians. He was interested in everything that would help Northville, especially the Northville Driving Club of which he was a charter member.

During the late '30s and early '40s, "Doc" was manager of the Michigan State Fair, where he worked hard to uphold the State's reputation for

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**BIRD'S EYE VIEW** — Looking past an old Northville power house on Beal Street towards the "Athletic Park", once called the "Fairgrounds" and today the site of Northville Downs harness

track. The picture, taken sometime before 1908, shows a part of Northville prior to construction of River Street.

## Sam Brader Founder

# Clothing Store Started in 1924

Familiarity and a long history of loyal employees have ear-marked Brader's Department Store the Northville clothing department store. For nearly 50 years now their range of merchandise, managed by Northville clerks, have been servicing this community.

The business was launched in 1924 when Sam and Mary Brader came to Northville. They opened a clothing store on North Center street, immediately next to the old Northville Opera house. In 1928 they moved the business to its present location on 141 East Main. There it stands today, slightly altered by continued expansion.

Shortly after the move to Main Street Brader took on a partner, nephew Harry Himmelsteib. He came from the city having previously worked in several Detroit clothing stores. The two managed the store together until 1945, when illness forced Brader to sell out.

The Bradens then moved with their two daughters to Tucson, Arizona, where they are still living.

Throughout the years, Brader's has continued to increase its range of merchandise. It has expanded its selection of girls' and womens' clothing while maintaining its steady supply of shoes and mens' clothing. Every student of Northville Junior High has been to Brader's at least once to purchase a gym suit.

After the departure of Sam and Mary, Himmelsteib continued managing the store alone. This lasted until 1963, when illness forced him to sell. He then traveled South where he lived until his death in 1965.

Like his predecessor the new owner, Aaron Gellerman, was a clothing merchant from Detroit. Under his direction the interior of the old store was completely remodeled, but

the original building remained the same. The most major change was the removal of a center partition, which for years had divided the men's

## F. L. West Opens Cheese Operation

MAR. 10, 1892 — The Northville cheese factory will be in full operation April 1. The Kator building owned by A. B. Smith on Main Street is now being fitted up for that purpose. The factory will be under the management of F. L. West, an experienced cheese maker. We believe some Northville capital is also interested in the concern and it promises to be a valuable industry for our village.

department from the women's side.

Unlike other stores, Brader's has had a relatively slow turnover among its employees. Indeed most of its help are Northville people who have watched the store grow and change with the town. Miss Mazzie Markham has been a clerk in the woman's department since 1935. Mrs. Maxine LaRue, secretary and bookkeeper, has worked there on and off since 1945. Other women with a history of faithful service include Ellen Modos, Janice Hammer, Veronica Roberts and Donna Bissa.

Among the men Maurice Giles, manager of the shoe department and Dennis Wilkie, a clerk in the men's division have worked for Brader's a number of years.

# Condensery Owner Dies in Northville

JULY 3, 1936 — T. G. Richardson, 87-year-old Northville businessman, civic leader and a business associate of former Governor Fred M. Warner, died at his High Street home early last Friday, following an illness of several weeks.

Born in Lincolnshire, England, February 22, 1849, the boy Thomas George crossed the Atlantic at the age of three and came to live in Holly. Moving to Northville more than 50 years ago, he set himself up in the men's clothing business, and his store was one of the first of any size in the village.

As he took his place among Northville's most prominent citizenry, his interests came to include almost every civic enterprise the village engaged in — banking, the fair association, the cemetery association.

Instrumental in forming the association that built Rural Hill Cemetery, Mr. Richardson always had an interest in it. In 1929, he constructed a pool in the cemetery as a memorial to his wife, who died a year before.

He was always a leader in activities of the Northville Wayne County Fair, and he personally supervised the construction of some of the buildings now on the fair grounds.

He early became associated with Governor Warner in the milk condensing business, and the Richardson-Warner Condensery was one of the largest, and best known in the state. He remained close to Warner when the three-term governor was in the executive's office and always remained a close friend of the Warner family.





AERIAL VIEW OF NORTHVILLE DOWNS LOOKING NORTH PAST SEVEN MILE AND EDWARD HINES DRIVE

# Downs Pioneered Night Horse Racing

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having the most outstanding state fair in the nation.

While he was state fair manager, "Doc" toured the State and visited many of the county fairs, especially Ionia County Fair, which had developed its harness racing into a popular event.

In 1940, when Dr. Snow left his position with the State Fair, he was asked to take the presidency of the Driving Club and the management of the Northville Fair.

His first Northville Fair was the biggest financial success in history.

Then came World War II. Fairs were more or less forgotten during the War until 1944, when Dr. Snow and members of the Driving Club board of directors were approached by a group of Buffalo, New York, businessmen.

The group from Buffalo wanted to discuss the possibility of holding night, parimutuel betting programs at Northville Downs.

The directors agreed that harness racing under the lights at Northville would never be a success. Pacers and trotters had never raced in anything but daylight and who would ever come out to watch them race at night?

They also wondered where anyone would get horses to compete under the lights. The proposition was unheard of and seemed extremely risky from a financial angle.

But Sam Wiedrick, Harold Dennison and John J. Carlo, representatives of the Buffalo group,

wanted to give it a try. After months of talks and negotiations, they finally received an affirmative reply from the Driving Club Directors.

Today Carlo is executive manager of Northville Downs.

After some difficulty, the poles, electric wires, lights and other things necessary for night racing were assembled and the track was ready. Then, the grandstand needed repairing.

The Buffalo group, which included Max Brock, Abe Goldberg, Earl Reed, Wiedrick, Dennison and Carlo, was able to find steel girders to reinforce the grandstand. It was not considered safe enough to support capacity crowds.



DR. L. W. SNOW

Carlo, an attorney, led the search and procurement of the much needed steel.

With the track problem resolved, another problem faced the men. They had to convince horse owners and trainers that the pacers could race at night under lights, something that had never been done before in the midwest.

One of the sport's greatest racing secretaries, Edward Keller, was named racing secretary at the Downs. He immediately began visiting the county fairs to sell night racing. Keller has had a hand in the development of almost every race track in the United States.

The great experiment at the Downs finally became a reality in the fall of 1944.

Everything was ready — the track, lights, operators and Driving Club — but less than 30 horses were on the grounds.

There was a bit of financing involved in getting that many horses. Keller and Wiedrick scoured the county fairs. The winners would share in the purse, and in addition, every owner would receive a flat \$100 for each horse entered in the race.

Night harness racing was started in Michigan that September 1.

A touch of county fair was still in the program. The field for the first race came back for the fourth and seventh; the horses in the second were back for the fifth and eighth; and the starters in the third were back in the sixth. There were eight horses entered in each of eight races.

A total of 24 horses were used each night. The same horses raced for four or five nights in a row before additional pacers and trotters were lured to the track by the \$100 per race offer.

There was considerable doubt in the minds of the Driving Club directors

about the success of the race venture when the nightly handle averaged only \$20,000. There were many "I told you so" pessimists.

The season lasted 20 nights and plans were immediately laid for the following spring races.

The 1945 season looked very promising. Horsemen knew the pacers and trotters could race just as well at night as in daylight. Applications for stalls came from Michigan and many surrounding states.

Orlow G. Owen of Northville was breaking into racing as an announcer. It wasn't long before he became known through the nation. Owen is still active in the sport and is now vice-president and general manager at Wolverine Raceway.

Ed Keller moved East to participate in the opening of a track in New York. Johnny Daley was named racing secretary. His young assistant was Bill Connors, who was new to the game. Connors still directs racing at Wolverine and Hazel Park.

The scene at the Downs was a colorful one in those early days. The fans were just beginning to warm up to harness racing and there were many horses that kept the crowd buzzing.

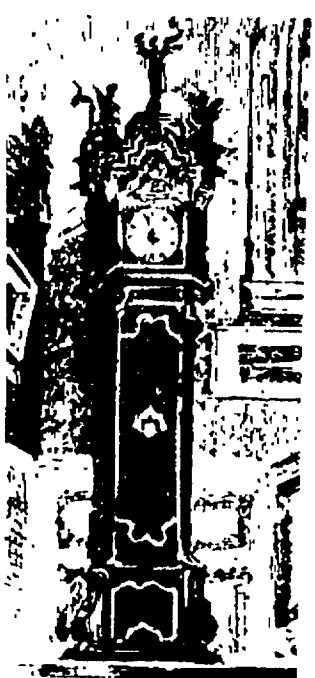
The handle at the track started to climb upward and before long soared over the \$100,000 nightly average in the spring. By fall it had passed \$175,000 a night.

In 1946, harness racing had an astronomical rise due to the efforts of one pacer, "Dr. Stanton."

"Dr. Stanton" was a green pacer brought to Northville from Ontario by Lindy Fraser. The horse was to become one of the all-time greats.

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POLITICAL RALLY AT 'FAIRGROUNDS' IN THIRTIES

# Schraders Open Northville Store

This is how it all began some 67 years ago when Nelson C. Schrader Sr. and his brother, Fred, founded their furniture and undertaking business in Plymouth.

They opened a second branch in Northville after buying the old M. A. Porter Furniture and Undertaking concern in 1907. Nelson operated this store, which is still in the same location at 111 North Center Street.

During the early 1900s undertaking was done entirely in the home, except for the caskets which were upholstered inside and out at the store.

In 1925 the partnership dissolved and six years later Schraders of Plymouth discontinued their furniture line. The funeral home is now owned and operated by Fred's son, Edwin.

Meanwhile, Schraders of Northville continued to grow and became a leading name in the field of home furnishings in this area.

A year after his father died in 1936, Nelson Jr. completed studies at Michigan State and took over active management of the store. His son, Nelson C. Schrader, III, also a graduate of MSU, is now learning the furniture business and will one day take over the operation for his father.

Ironically, Schraders again has furniture stores in Northville and Plymouth. They bought their original

building on Penniman Avenue in 1963.

Just as business has grown, so has the size of the stores. They now have some 42,000 square feet of display area — as compared to less than 4,000 square feet in both stores half a century ago.

Records prove that there have been single days in recent years when the volume of business was more than the entire year of 1933.

Brass beds, china closets, tables and chairs of yesteryear are now sought after and cherished by collectors. "The variety of goods has certainly changed," adds Nelson Jr. "Why in those days upholstered furniture used to have one cover and a suite consisted of a davenport, chair and rocker."

Today there are 13 employees with Schraders. Manager Harry Sedan has been with the Northville store since 1936. Nelson remembers when they had only three people running the store — "and we were operating an undertakers business too," he recalls.

"Carpet Land" was developed in 1965 when they moved their goods into what was the Northville Post Office. The business was incorporated in 1968.

Schraders maintains a tradition of operation that is unchanged — quality merchandise, fair prices and two furniture sales a year.

## Historic Building Tumbles for New

April 8, 1927 — Monday morning workmen started removing the old frame building next to the Schrader furniture store on the site to be used by N. C. Schrader for a new brick, fireproof structure. By the end of the week there will be practically nothing of the old building at 109 North Center Street left on the site.

With the passing of this structure another landmark of the village is gone. Here it was during the days of the Rebellion that men gathered to get the war news, to urge the young men of the community to enlist for service in the Union army, and to read letters from Northville lads at the battlefield.

The building housed the old Randolph drug store, the first store of its kind in the community, and during the entire war period it was at the old Randolph drug store that the countryside made its headquarters for war activities.

### \$10 May be Drawn As Depositors Open

JANUARY 27, 1933 — A great day for Northville tomorrow — bank opening day!

Tomorrow morning at nine o'clock the new Depositors State Bank will open its doors and release thousands of dollars to eager depositors who are planning to place the sum in immediate circulation.

Up to \$10 may be drawn by any individual against his or her deposit held in either the former Northville State Savings Bank or the Lapham State Savings bank.

Like the adjoining building that is being torn down for a new structure, the timber of which it is built, is of high grade. Much of it as a result is being salvaged.

Probably the old structure that Mr. Schrader has taken down this week will best be remembered as the meeting place of the "Veranda Club", that flourished in Northville over a period of many years. It was an exclusive organization, composed of only four members — J. S. Lapham, at one time comptroller of the Detroit Board of Trade; William P. Yerkes, a probate judge of Wayne county in its early days; Moses Olds, a pioneer banker, and Asa Randolph, owner of the building and drug store where the meetings were held.

Frank Harmon remembers the sessions of this club very well. He said there wasn't an issue of the day that didn't receive consideration. While the club was composed of only four members, the arguments were attended by dozens of people every time the "club" met.

... "As far as can be found out a druggist named Nevius was the first person to bring to Northville a supply of drugs and open up a drug store in the building. That was a number of years before the Civil War. A dentist named H. H. Jackson was also one of the pioneer settlers of this section to use a portion of the building for his practice.

The building was sold to Mr. Schrader by Mr. Harmon and F. S. Neal, who held possession of it for a number of years."



**NORTHWEST CORNER** — A hardware store was located in the building where The Record office is located today. Earlier, the Northville Savings Bank was located here. Where Shafer Electric is shown in the picture was John McCullough's cobbling shop and next door to it was the DUR waiting room.



**STONE GARAGE** — Fred Wendt operated the "Main Street Garage" in the stone building located at the northeast corner of Hutton and Main streets. "That's why I know the building on the corner wasn't the old stone schoolhouse that everyone says stood there. That's Fred on the left with Paul Gaffield."



**WARE'S RESTAURANT** — Mrs. Ina (Walters) Ware poses in front of her store that stood where Brader's department store stands today.



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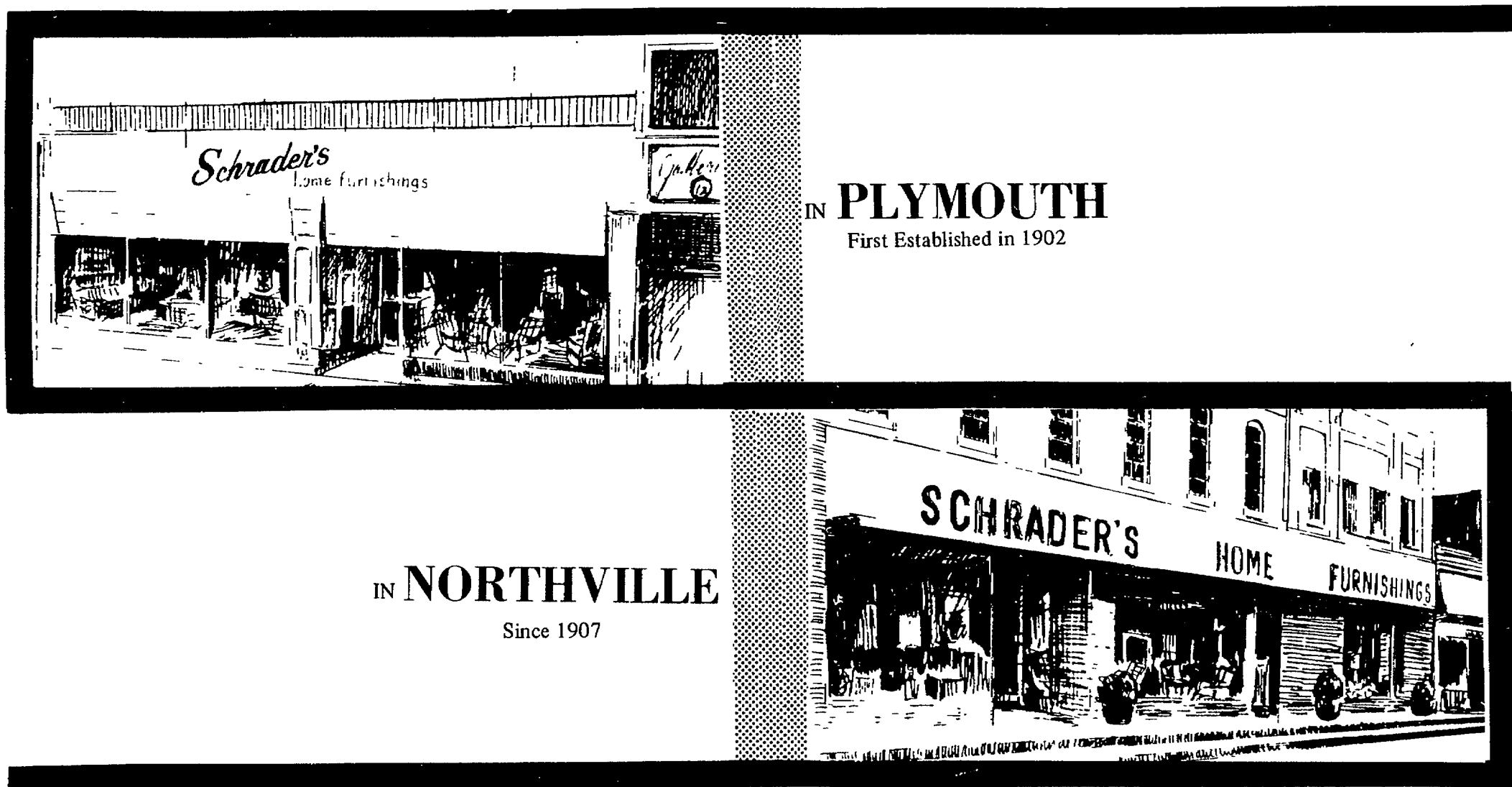
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NORTHVILLE FISH HATCHERY ABOUT 1910

## Bay City 'Lumberman' Purchases Opera House

FEB. 16, 1893 — It will be remembered that mention was made in two columns last week of a projected hotel for Northville. The paper was hardly in the post office before we learned that William Thurtle, a retired lumberman of Bay City, had purchased the opera house block (located at the southeast corner of Center and Dunlap) of Dr. Moffat of Lansing, and intended to remodel it into a first class hotel.

His plan is to make the office in the northeast corner with the reception room in the part now occupied by the Record office, with the dining room back of the meat market. The proposed plan provides for about twenty sleeping rooms upstairs. When completed, the hotel will be lighted by electricity and heated by steam, and also conducted as a first class hotel in every respect. Mr.

Thurtle expresses his intention of building a brick block on the land between the present opera house block and the store of C. J. Ball.

It becomes an interesting question where Stark & Harding and the Record will find quarters when this change is made for there are no empty stores or rooms in town. Where will we move? Well, there is room on the sidewalk somewhere for us.

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MAR. 16, 1893 — Wm. Thurtle, who bought the Moffat opera house Feb. 1st, has just purchased the Park Hotel (located at the southwest corner of Main and Center) of Orange Butler. It is now understood that instead of remodeling the opera house into a hotel it will be left as it is except that it will undergo some extensive improvements.



CASTERLINE FUNERAL HOME BEFORE REMODELING



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## Alcohol, Opium Jags Get Famous Gold Cure

"Gold cure" and "jag cure" were popular expressions in Northville before the turn of the century and long afterwards. To local residents the expressions were descriptions of those persons seeking cure of alcoholism.

The first and most famous of alcoholic "institutes" in Northville was established by Dr. William H. Yarnall in a building that today houses the Ebert Funeral Home, at 404 West Main Street. Called the "Yarnall Gold Cure Company" its patients came from throughout the Midwest.

Yarnall didn't limit himself to treating alcoholism. He called his business "an institution for the rational treatment and radical cure of the alcohol, opium, cocaine, tobacco and cigarette habits."

In 1892, treatment for alcoholism — a three-week course — cost \$50, "payable in advance." Those requiring more than three weeks paid \$15 per week after the initial three week treatment.

Brain and nerve treatment cost the same as the alcoholic course, while tobacco treatment started at \$15 per week. Morphine and opium cases were \$20 per week. Patients paid from \$5 to \$7 per week for board and room.

Whether or not Dr. Yarnall's cures were successful is debatable, but the success of his business must have been considerable because branches of the Yarnall institute sprang up elsewhere in Michigan after its start here.

Northville oldtimers insist that several similar businesses operated in Northville over the years. One of these institutes, it has been stated, was located on the south side of Main Street, east of Church Street.

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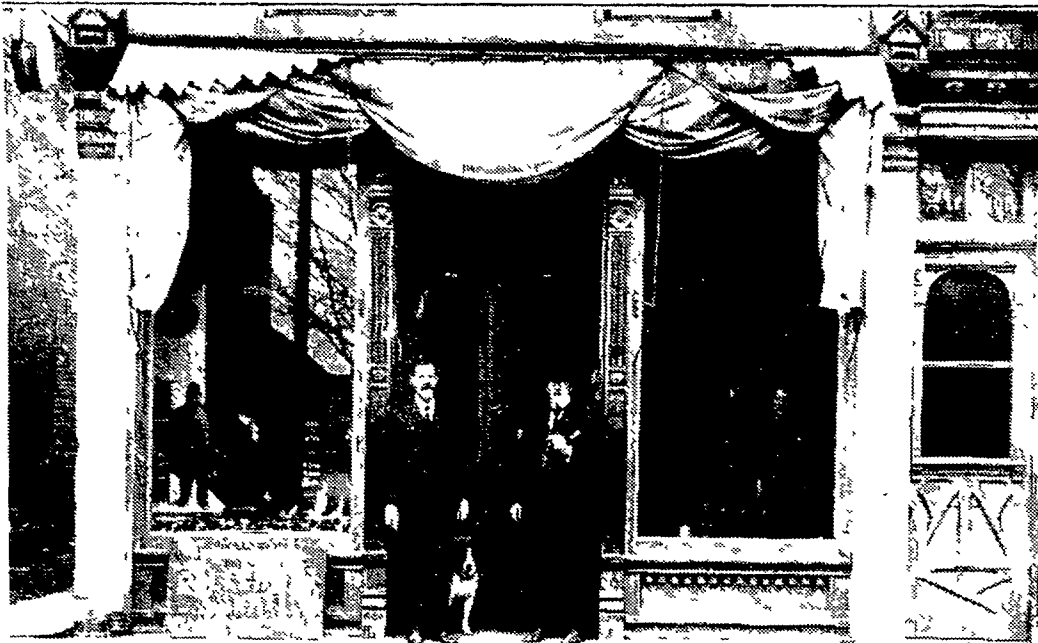
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E. C. HINKLEY, L. L. BROOKS 'N DOG 'CAPPY' IN 1905



Little People Shoppe, Northville, Mich. 19

## Three Side-tracked By Surveyor Trick

Sept. 30, 1871, The Boot & Shoe store of A. H. Dibble was entered on the night of the 19th, and several pairs of boots taken. Mr. A. E. Rockwell, jeweler who occupies one side of the store, also was the loser of some valuables.

The following day three men were arrested at South Lyons (sic) and some of the lost property found with them. Mr. Fred Starkweather, of Plymouth made the arrest, and the manner in which he accomplished it is certainly worthy of note. It seems that the night preceding the robbery here, a store was broken into at Lapham's Corners, and goods taken.

Being determined to ferret out the guilty parties he took the train to South Lyon and came across a man begging for food at a farm house. So firm were his convictions that he was one of the party that he arrested him, forthwith. The fellow was considerably scared and being rather loth to suffering alone, gave Mr. S. to understand that two accomplices were secreted in the woods near by. Knowing that to approach them in his official capacity, particularly as they might know him, would be hasarduous (sic) undertaking he adopted a new role — that of 'surveying'.

Procuring a few assistants, a red flag, surveying apparatus and chain, he came down the track till just opposite their hiding place and then commenced surveying towards them as though laying out a 'side track'. Chain after chain was measured; nearer and nearer they progressed, till the two individuals as their comrade had explained, could be seen lying behind a log and no doubt taking much interest in the 'side track' business. The surveyors kept on apparently not noticing them, 'till just opposite when, at a signal they dropped everything, pounced upon the two chaps and had them fast ere they could draw a pistol or offer resistance.

## Recruits Sign At Novi Tavern

March 25, 1927 — Nearly one hundred years ago the old tavern standing at the corner of Grand River and Novi roads in Novi was erected.

During that long period of time it has been the scene of many interesting events. In fact it was the recruiting station for soldiers during the war with Mexico.

Workmen this week began tearing it down. When the timbers are finally taken away it will mark the passing of

## 'Freydl The Tailor' Arrives Here in '94

"My grandfather started out as a tailor in Germany," said 71-year-old Charles Freydl, himself the grandfather of five. "The entire family, even the women, have been in the clothing business ever since."

Bruno Freydl, father of Charles, arrived in semi-cobblestoned Northville in 1894 from Mt. Vernon, Ohio. It was here he established his shop "Freydl the Tailor" in a room over what is now the Old Mill Restaurant.

He fashioned hand-made suits and other garments piece by piece until his eye-sight failed him, then he brought in the made-to-measure line. In the earlier years he was assisted by his young sisters Mary and Emma, who helped make vests.

Bruno married in 1896, Charles was born in 1898 and the shop was moved across the street to larger quarters. An antique dealer presently occupies the spot, which is next door to The Little People Shoppe.

"We shared the building with Carpenter & Huff," recalled Charles. "They were in the hardware line. Dad's father-in-law, Charles Joslin, owned the building then"

Saturday night was a swinging time in the village. Before the "Crow's Nest" was built at the intersection of Main Street and Center Street, the band played in a huge wagon. As a teenager Charles played the Alto Horn with the musicians for one dollar a performance.

"Those were the days — we had wooden sidewalks, streetcars, hitching posts for the horses, and I remember an old fella was paid 25 cents a day to clean the cobblestones," he continued. "Before the street was paved they used those stones to build the George Alexander house, but it was lost in a fire some years ago."

When Bruno added dry cleaning to his business in 1911, Charles started helping after school. "We sponged and pressed everything by hand," he said. "One day there was a bad train accident and old Doc Henry rushed down to lend assistance. He brought his blood-caked coat in later but dad said it couldn't be cleaned. I asked if I

could try, and with a stiff brush, cleaning solution and elbow grease I succeeded."

Although he could tailor and mend, it was then that Charles decided to concentrate on the cleaning end of the business.

Bruno made his second move when he bought the building now housing the Freydl Ladies Shop from William Ambler. "While dad had his men's shop up front, my wife, Velma, and I ran our cleaning business in back," said Charles. "Those depression years were lean ones. Not too many people wanted dry cleaning when they could scarcely feed themselves."

Meanwhile, Bruno's daughter, Nellie Barry, came into the store with him and managed a ladies line of goods. When he passed away in 1936, she ran the shop by herself.

Charles purchased the little shop now occupied by the Hartley-Powers Gallery from Ambler's son, Sherril, in 1937. The gallery was previously William's office as justice of the peace, and before that, an alley-way.

Two years later, Charles bought out Nellie's men's line and included it with his cleaning business.

By 1943 the Freydls had outgrown the little shop and decided to expand to the location which is now their men's shop. The building, which housed first, Cohen's Dry Goods, Edwin White's Dry Goods, the A & P Grocery Store and Walker's Pool Room, was bought from Lida Richardson Murphy.

"Our press shop was moved downstairs," added Charles, "but the cleaning system remained where it is today, out back in a cement block building."

"We bought Nellie's ladies line in 1961 and Velma, 'Ma' as we call her, took over and developed it into what it is today. Our son, Robert, owns this building now, and Charles Jr. manages the men's store."

So it was, the humble beginnings of "Freydl the Tailor" grew into a large, family-owned business — and now they are starting on the fifth generation.

## Manufacturers, City Bank Unite

Nov. 8, 1956 — Depositors State Bank of Northville will become the 14th suburban branch of the Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit.

Announcement of the plan to unite was made this week by A. Russell Clarke, chairman and president of Depositors State, and William A. Mayberry, president of Manufacturers

National Bank.

The proposed merger follows months of speculation and rumors that a larger banking facility would soon come to Northville as has occurred in surrounding communities.

The National Bank of Detroit had completed earlier mergers in Farmington and Plymouth and brought new offices to Novi.

what is believed to be the oldest structure in this part of Michigan.

Used for years as a tavern, it was the stopping point in days gone by for people traveling to the east and west and north and south.

The owner, William Gaffney, will

as soon as the building is down, start the erection of a modern gas station. Besides the gas station, there will be a modern lunch room and auto accessory store. At a later date a store building will also be erected on the site, as there is sufficient room for the additional structure.



STOOD FOR YEARS AT NOVI ROAD AND GRAND RIVER





RAGING 1925 FLAMES DEMOLISHED A MAJOR SECTION OF MAIN STREET BETWEEN CENTER AND HUTTON STREETS

## Civil War Veteran Opens Cider Mill

After 96 years in business and tens of thousands of crushed apples, the oldest "industry" in Northville is still going strong. Every fall, in fact, Parmenters Cider Mill sells hundreds of gallons of cider weekly.

The business was started in 1873 by B.A. Parmenter, great grandfather of the recent owner Robert Parmenter. A veteran of the Civil War, he used his mustering out pay to purchase the mill on its present site at 708 East Baseline.

## Rathburn Starts Chevrolet Sales

In the heart of the stark depression days, Kenneth Rathburn arrived from Plymouth to establish his own automobile dealership. What he started has now grown into the Rathburn Chevrolet Sales, 560 South Main Street.

Before coming to Northville, Rathburn worked as a cashier for the Marquette Railroad in Plymouth. In January of 1932 he moved to Northville and set up his own place at 122 West Main Street, between Wing and Center Streets.

At the outset work was extremely tough. Rathburn recalls the time, the work, the long hours and closing banks which plagued his early existence. Eventually, however, the time paid off and the business began to expand.

In 1952 he rebuilt new facilities and moved the business to its present location on 560 South Main. Then three years ago his two sons assumed control of the business. They are Craig Rathburn of 43620 Nine Mile Road and Roger Rathburn of 446 Eaton. Kenneth Rathburn continues to work with his sons, and now the three of them work as a team in the care and management of the Chevrolet dealership.

Parmenter went it alone until in 1895 he was joined in business by his son, Wallace A. The two worked together as a team until 1920, when Wallace took over control.

He managed the business alone until his death in 1948. From then until 1952, Mrs. Wallace Parmenter worked the business with her son Harold. Then the recent owner Robert Parmenter, Harold's son, purchased the business.

In those years the mill press had been operated or driven by a team of horses, by steam, the first electric motor installed in Northville, and by the present electric motor. The first electric motor was installed in 1891 and used until only about 10 years ago.

Originally most of the apples were used to make vinegar. Over the years, however, the sale of wholesale vinegar and cider diminished and the Parmenters discovered that "You can't make money wholesale any more." Gradually the retail sales began to replace the wholesale business.

In 1953 the Parmenters discontinued the production of vinegar and added the long, low retail store to the old vinegar storage house. As business increased they had another innovation to increase sales by conducting a large walk-in cooler.

Now apples are stored on the second floor of the press room where they are later fed into a washer.

Throughout the years Parmenters have pretty much staffed and managed the cider mill themselves. Most recently the main workers have been Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parmenter and their three sons, Robert, Rick and Ray. However, last fall the nearly century-old family tradition ended as the Parmenters sold the mill to the Bodker Dairy Company, which has retained the old name.

## Folino Office Hides Old City Hall, Jail

The deceptively unpretentious front on the Paul Folino Insurance business hides one of the oldest historical landmarks in the Northville Community.

The building, located at 115 West Main Street, dates back over a hundred years with a rich background in Northville history.

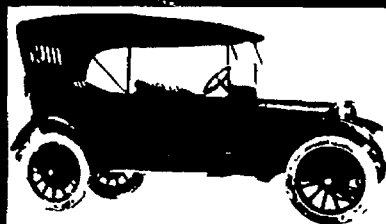
More than a hundred years ago the building was constructed to serve as the city hall. In those days the jail cell blocks were located in the rear of the main floor of the building.

Later the building was converted into a fire house for Northville's two 'horse and buggy' fire engines. The horses were kept next door in the old Perrin building which in recent years housed John Mach Ford. A garage door was located where the present bay windows are situated, and whenever a fire occurred the horses were rushed over from next door and fastened to the fire engine.

Next Edmund Yerkes purchased the building and opened a law office with partner Elmer Smith's Real Estate-Insurance business. Years ago the building was a good two stories high but in a fire about 50 years ago it was reduced to its present state. Eventually Yerkes purchased Smith's half of the building and subsequently leased it as a restaurant.

For more than 40 years the building remained a restaurant under a variety of names, most recently called The Cottage Inn. Then in October of 1966 Folino moved into the building which he had remodeled. Last March he purchased the building from Ed Yerkes.

History of the Folino business itself dates back to 1961 when he received his license and opened shop in his home on Cady Street. He later moved the business to 210 South Center and then to his present location.



1914 Dodge Brothers  
Four Touring Car

On November 14, 1914, John and Horace Dodge announced their first automobile — the 1914 Dodge Brothers Four Touring Car. This car offered as standard equipment: electric horn, robe rail, license brackets, foot rail, tools, and a demountable rim on the rear. Its price was \$785.00.

The 1914 Dodge was reputed to go up to 50 miles per hour and get 30 miles to the gallon of gasoline, from a 35-horsepower 4-cylinder engine. It was this car that first established Dodge's reputation for dependability. Fifty years have passed since the introduction of the first Dodge. The cone clutch, outside spare and the robe rail have gone. An attitude survived ... dependability. The word Dodge made famous. It still does. They call 'em The Dependables because they are.

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# Yerkes Family Started Northville Lumber

The Northville Lumber Company, 615 Base Line Road, now rests on five acres of the old "Oakland Place" farm, settled in 1826 and purchased in the 1860's by Robert Yerkes, grandfather of Donald P. Yerkes, Jr.

In the 1950's, the remainder of the farm was platted into the Village Green and Oakwood subdivisions.

The Yerkes family, in the milling business since the 1890's on Griswold, sold their concern to Henry Ford in 1920. A year later they built another mill and lumber building on Base Line and became the Northville Milling and Lumber Company.

"After graduating from U. of M. I went into business with my father," remarked Donald Yerkes, Jr. "When we added the lumber I was given full charge of this line."

Starting from scratch, Yerkes took his first order from a Pickering Lumber Company salesman. "It included white and yellow pine, fir, red cedar shingles, farm fencing and nails in wooden

kegs," he continued. "Haven't had any kegs for 20 years — everything comes in cartons now."

His office was constructed to resemble a small house as a promotion for home building.

"We also sold wood to builder George Hicks who almost put up a barn a month," remembered Yerkes. "Some of these old buildings were made from native white pine, the last of which was cut down during the gay nineties." Today, architects spend a great deal of money having barns torn down for the weathered boards.

In 1922 the Flint-Saginaw extension of the Pere-Marquette RR (now C&O) installed a railroad siding for the milling and lumber company — another step in their momentous growth.

There has been a gradual evolution in the lumber trade. Plywood was introduced in the late thirties and is used so extensively, that it constitutes 25-30 percent of the business. Redwood was sold before World War

II, went out, and is coming back. Dry wall construction has replaced wet plaster and fancy woods are gaining in popularity.

Along came the fifties, and with it, Yerkes discontinued the feed and grain business. He also changed the name to the Northville Lumber Company, one reason being that people thought they were also in the woodworking trade.

Although the mill equipment was taken out in 1953, you can still see the chutes where grain was fed to the basement. The foundation walls of the larger warehouse are rock-filled cement 1½ feet thick.

And the old mill office is still intact as are portions of a 28-foot high cube, previously used to store grain. The uniqueness of these walls is that they are 2x6 boards nailed flat for greater strength against the grain that was once held.

In the fall of 1967, Donald Yerkes sold his business to Stewart and Howard Oldford of Plymouth.

The lumber company is now

managed by Walter Doan, assisted by four other employees. One of them, Frank Stanford, has been with the company for 23 years. "We consider ourselves one of the fastest growing lumber companies in Michigan," commented Walt.

"A 1948 Dodge truck with only 8,000 miles is still in use for long length delivery."

Mainly for the do-it-yourself customer, the lumber company carries over 5,000 high quality items. In the last few years doors, ceiling tiles, windows and hardware were added, all in a myriad of variety and color. Of all the material, 99 percent is stored under cover.

Recently initiated was a bushel stop corner and a complete line of fencing and garden tools. "Although we plan on future expansion," remarked Walt, "our intent is to keep the image of an old-fashioned service lumber yard and blend into Northville's historic heritage."

## Three Ely Generations Serve Community

Around 1750, the story goes, there were three Ely brothers sentenced to death in an English jail for horse stealing. One night friends helped the brothers escape, and the three escaped on a ship bound for America.

It wasn't until 1919, however, that the Elys worked their way into Northville. In that year, young Carl Ely came to Northville, leaving his own Ford agency in Farmington. Ely purchased a coal and ice business from the Claude McCanon family and set up shop in a small building on Center Street. Today that building would be located in the Northville Hardware, between Schrader's and The Northville Record.

In 1924 Ely moved across the street, to the area now occupied by John's Barber Shop and the Village Pump Antiques. He needed the added space for the installation of a new automatic ice machine. His son, Charles

Ely, Sr. can still remember the long hours spent working over the new machine. In the summer after his senior year in high school, he worked 13 hours a night making ice for the early morning deliveries.

First he had to pour water into the heavy cans which were about five to six feet long. These he lowered into a brine tank which was kept at 12 degrees above zero. Then he started up the automatic pump which pushed air through a small steel tube into the ice cake (to keep it clear). When the water was frozen, the 400-pound ice blocks were thawed around the edges, then tipped over on to a device that shaped them. The finished blocks were then rolled into a storage house about 12 feet underground. Around 7 a.m. brother Ivan took over when the blocks of ice were loaded into a truck and delivered from house to house for ice boxes.

About 1931, the Elys stopped

making their own ice blocks. Instead they constructed an ice shed for buying and selling, at their present location on 316 North Center. Here also they built an office with increased parking area for customers and help. Working together at this time were Carl Ely, his two sons Ivan and Charles, and a couple of extra helpers.

Four years later Ely expanded his coal business. This led, in 1939, to the establishment of a larger, more separate fuel and oil business. Gradually expanding, the family continued like this until 1956, when they discontinued ice deliveries. Around then, too, Ivan and Charles assumed full management of the family business.

Major changes were made around 1960, when the brothers tore down the old ice house and office for tax and insurance relief. This provided approximately 80 square feet of unused property which they decided to

expand into a summertime gardening center. Meanwhile, they continued to maintain their fuel business during the winter months. Another Ely tradition disappeared in 1960 when old Carl Ely, the original founder of the business passed away.

With the addition of a new gardening center, prospects for building the business increased. Subsequently, between 1962 and 1964, the two brothers purchased two homes and lots between their existing property and the new Kroger supermarket. This expansion helped to increase the existing parking and sales areas.

Last October another change was made as part of the business was passed down to the third generation of Elys. Two sons, Charles Ely, Jr. and E. Ivan Ely, Jr., purchased the fuel oil business from their fathers. Now two generations of Elys work two separate businesses, side by side in adjoining offices.

## Cady Once Owned Lapham Store Site

When Charles Ponsford purchased the business now called Lapham's Men's Shop in 1910, it already had a long history in the growth and development of the community.

An abstract shows that the original owner of the property on which the store is today located was first owned by Daniel L. Cady, who controlled most of the land in what today is Northville south from the south side of Main Street. William Dunlap owned everything north from the north side of Main. From that time until today the property has been owned by a large number of people, including among others, John Waterman, James M. Mead, Samuel Williams, Samuel Starkweather, and William H. Ambler.

Just when the present store building was constructed is an uncertainty. Most evidence points to a period in the 1880's when the property was purchased by Baldwin S. Coonley. Thereafter repeated mention is made in the abstract of the "Coonley Block."

In April, 1910 Ponsford arrived

from Yale, Michigan and purchased the business. He immediately stocked the store with quality merchandise for men, women and children plus fabrics, sewing materials and a large stock of blankets. His daughter, Mrs. Beth Lapham, still has copies of hand bills left over from these early days. They advertise women's hosiery at nine cents a pair and a man's corduroy overcoat for \$1.98.

Starting in 1926 several changes were made in the store's external appearance. "Ponsford's", as the business was then called, became the first store on Main Street to erect a new modern store front. Mrs. Lapham recalls with pride that the new front was several years ahead of its time and is still standing as the front of Lapham's Men's Shop.

Several years later an addition was constructed at the rear of the building. Later this added building was made over into a tailor's shop and major alterations became a part of the store's service.

Ponsford successfully operated the business until his death in 1932. In 1937, his daughter liquidated the merchandise but retained ownership of the building. During the next 10 years it was occupied by several businesses, most important of which was a store specializing in woolens.

### Bells Popular Even in Egypt

Sept. 26, 1902 — The fame of the American Bell & Foundry company's work seems to be rapidly extending into the uttermost parts of the earth. An order has just been received from Egypt for a bell, and letters of inquiry regarding the company's product have recently come from West Africa. The concern is simply overwhelmed with work and although more than thirty men are already employed, more help is needed and will be put on as soon as men can be secured.

In 1947 that business was purchased by the Laphams and renamed "Northville Men's Shop". For the next few years it was managed by George Sinclair, who gradually removed all women's clothes except for the Pendleton line.

After service in the Korean war, young Charles Lapham returned home to assume management duties. With his mother, Mrs. Beth Lapham, he became a part-owner and established the tailor shop to service their own store and others. The business was renamed "Lapham's Men's Shop" and specialized in articles for men.

Although the Laphams have owned and managed the business on and off since 1910, the store has changed continually over the years. Whereas in the past merchandise was stacked in boxes upon the shelves, today it is all arranged in open display.

Despite changes, however, the "Lapham" business for years has continued to offer Northville a wide selection of mens wear.

# One Man Kept Northville Bright

APRIL 10, 1936 — In the current issue of the *Synchroscope*, a Detroit Edison publication, a feature article about Northville's one-man electric company appears. The story tells of the early business struggles of Sam Wilkinson, a prominent resident of Northville, and local agent for the Detroit Edison Company.

The magazine article reads as follows:

Sam Wilkinson was up a tree. As superintendent of Northville's electric light and power system, he was responsible for the continuity of service and a 2300-volt line had snapped. A cold drizzling rain was falling and he was hanging precariously

onto slippery limbs trying to rejoin the broken ends of the line. How he managed, unaided, to complete the job he still does not quite know. But he does know that it stands out in his memory as the most difficult task he ever had to perform.

He has a pretty good memory, too, and it is a virtual reservoir of Northville history, a reservoir filled with the experiences of a busy lifetime. He was born in Northville February 19, 1868 and has never lived anywhere else. At the time of his birth Northville was a busy little town of about 500 people. Among its industries was a barrel factory. That was where Sam found his first job, at the age of 12.

His next job was a wood cutter. Wood was the principal fuel back then and he was engaged in preparing that commodity for the stoves and fireplaces of Northville's citizens for six years, during which time he was growing to husky manhood.

His career in the electrical industry began in 1889, when the Globe Furniture company purchased what was called a 160-light dynamo and made Sam, who had been previously hired to fire a boiler its custodian. The Globe Furniture Company had agreed to furnish Northville with illumination from 50 street lamps and to supply a few commercial customers with electricity for lighting purposes.

Late on the afternoon of

November 16 of that year, Sam stuffed the 50-horse power boiler with green basswood and, at dusk, greeted a crowd that came to witness the dynamo's initial run. No, there were no ceremonies. He just turned on the steam, closed the switch and, as he kept his eyes on the steam pressure gauge, the onlookers went outside to see if Main Street was as bright as they had been told it would be.

Such was the humble entry in Northville of the service that was to relieve people of a large share of drudgery. But it meant that drudgery for Samuel Wilkinson was just beginning. Being in charge of the town's only dynamo meant a lot more than the office implied. For he had no assistants, and he soon found that his charge was required to keep strange hours. It had to be started long before daylight and kept going until sun-up; it ran from shortly before dark until 9:30 p.m. except Saturday, when it was not shut down until 11:30.

Moreover, Sam had other details to look after. He was his own fireman, and the boiler ate a lot of wood. He was the dynamo's only operator and maintenance man, and when it did not require his attention the street and commercial lighting circuits did. Lamps or replacing them was an endless task. He also wired customer's premises, collected bills and performed every

other task. He also wired customer's premises, collected bills and performed every other task required in the business. He even set his own poles and strung the wires.

He was a capable man, for in five years the business had grown to a point where the plant had to be enlarged. Then four years afterward, tragedy occurred. The furniture factory, with the power plant it housed, was destroyed by fire. Secondhand equipment was, however, soon installed and service furnished as usual, until in 1900 when a modern plant, with a 90-kilowatt machine operated by a coal-fired boiler, was built by the town.

Samuel Wilkinson, now with a helper, continued as superintendent and he also had charge of the water works. Meters soon came into service, and the plant now served about 150 customers, even a few residences. In 1905 a third employee was added. By 1910, the plant was operating 24 hours a day, and the capacity had doubled.

Northville continued to grow, man changes were made and in 1915 the territory was added to the Detroit Edison system. Mr. Wilkinson was then local agent, in which capacity he has since continued. His territory has, however, been enlarged to include, besides Northville, Novi, Walled Lake, Commerce, Wixom and Salem.

## Last Rites Said For Langfield

NOV. 6, 1936 — Last rites were held at 2 p.m. Monday from the Langfield Home, 501 Fairbrook Avenue, for one of Northville's most prominent citizens, E. C. Langfield, 67, vice-president of the Northville Laboratories.

Editors note: (The Laboratories, located near the entrance to Rural Hill Cemetery, was sold in recent years by his son, Conrad E., but continues in operation).

With his death the Northville Rotary Club loses a charter member; its second president; and the chairman of the international service committee.

Constantly eager to have Northville's school keep in step with all educational advances, he was a member of the board of education from July, 1926 to July, 1929. The youth of Northville knew him as the father of the school band. It was through his efforts that this musical group was organized in 1927 and much credit for the honors the band won throughout the state went to him.

(Mr. Langfield's son, Conrad, has carried on the tradition of supporting the Northville school band. He has contributed thousands of dollars over the years, and just last February established a \$15,000 band fund).

Born in Prussia, Germany, he came to this country when he was 14 years of age. He moved to Northville from Detroit 22 years ago and began the manufacture of flavoring and extracts and drug specialties, a business in which he was active until the time of his death.

## Grocery Handled First Calls

July 17, 1958 — The new and intricate direct dialing equipment which goes into operation here Sunday is a far cry from the primitive system which supplied the community's first telephone service back in 1883.

It was in that year when the Michigan State Telephone Company — a predecessor of Michigan Bell Telephone Company — established Northville's first exchange.

The exchange, located in B. A. Wheeler's grocery, boasted 100 telephone lines. Its main switchboard was big enough to accommodate one operator.

Initially, there were 20 subscribers. These included the U. S. Fish Hatchery, Globe Furniture Company, Union Manufacturing and Lumber Company, Northville Milling Company, and Dr. T. B. Henry.

At first there were no residence telephones — only business lines.

Shortly after the first exchange went into operation, the first long distance line was strung through Northville. It ran from Detroit to Holly. Then a rural line was built to Novi.

Around the turn of the century a competitor, the Local Telephone Company, appeared on the scene. It later was named the Interstate Long Distance Company.

Both companies saw the futility, complications, and unnecessary cost of a dual telephone system and agreed to consolidate their resources in the spring of 1913.

In July of that year, the Michigan State Telephone Company moved its equipment to the Lapham Bank Building where Interstate had its

offices. The move marked the end of duplicate telephone service in Northville.

The local manager said after the consolidation that "the service is improving every day and subscribers are pleased."

The new exchange offers:

—Direct dialing without long distance charge to more than 40,000 telephones in Northville, Novi, Farmington, Livonia, Garden City, Walled Lake, Plymouth and South Lyon.

—Direct long distance dialing to an estimated 40 million telephones from coast to coast.

—The newest type of automatic billing equipment.

In the span of five years, Northville has seen the earliest and the latest in telephony.

## Two Tin Cans, Cord Carried 'Phone' Calls

APRIL 17, 1931 — "I'll tell you a story about Northville's first telephone," said Charles Sessions, leaning back in his big chair when another story was demanded from his wealth of knowledge of the early history of our village.

There was no telephone connections between houses or towns when he was a boy. In those days folks walked to visit with their neighbors (the woman then had time to knit socks. About 70 years ago there lived on Cady Street a man named James Evans who ran a harness shop in a small building standing on the site of the present fine theatre building.

Evans found it necessary to run back and forth on sundry errands all

too frequently for his comfort until the thought occurred to him to make a simple telephone connection with his home over on Cady so that he could tell his wife now and then to put his plate in the oven to keep his dinner warm while he finished mending the harness for some old Dobbin.

Two or three poles were erected and a stout cord was stretched between these with a tin can at each knotted end of the cord. Through these cans he and his wife carried on amicable conversations at the "remarkable distance" of one block.

This was Northville's first telephone. Some years later a local telephone company was organized with Marion A. Porter as manager.



### D&C STORE

139 E. Main

Northville

349-9881





1899 FIRE WIPED OUT FURNITURE PLANT HERE

## Record Views Changing Scene

JULY 12, 1889 — Four years ago next week we first visited this place and it is interesting to note the changes that have occurred among our business men since then. There are very few of them doing business in the same place and without any changes of their firm. Look at the list.

At the depot we found Mr. Lake as obliging as he is today. The organ factory has just been completed. The Ely Dowel factory had not been built and no thoughts of it. O. F. Carpenter had a coal yard near the depot and was the dealer of the place. It was the Michigan School Furniture Co. then and with only about half of their present capacity.

G. S. VanZile had his lumber yard at the same place and has continued in the same line since. The Dubuar Manufacturing company were at the same place but have since increased the size of their factory since. Frank Perrin had not built his new blacksmith shop and was in partnership with J. Palmer. John Hirsch was at the same place he is now but has added more storing capacity to his shops and has built his new house since.

E. J. Robinson had a lumber yard opposite Mr. Hirsch's on the corner and a large salt shed stood there. The RECORD office and Wm. Nevison's harness shop were in the Kator building. The building now owned by Frank Adams was used as a tenement house and contained a good many heads. Miss Mary Wheeler kept a millinery store in the next building west. John Ovenshire's furniture store came next and west of him M. Mauk kept a grocery store. The east store in the Kellogg block was empty and a jew clothing dealer was in the west store. The Woodman block was not built and C. R. Stevens had his drug store in the building where Nevison's bakery store now is. C. P. Phillips was keeping a harness shop where Highland Bros. are and Wm. Parmenter & Son had a little restaurant in the McKeand building.

Wm. McKeand was in the building where Murdock's barber shop is. A. E. Rockwell is in his old place and is among the few who have not changed places or firm name in that time. A. W. Carpenter had a hardware stock in the store now occupied by C. M. Joslin and

Co. and over him was Root's dental rooms. J. B. Wilcox's place came next and looks as it did then. The bank has been greatly improved by the addition of time lock vaults. Lapham & Perkins had their stock where Knapp & Palmer now are and D. B. Northrop kept the hardware store on the corner of Center street. Dr. Swift had his office north of it. A. M. Randolph is located where he was and Sands and Porter were in a wooden building where their brick store now stands. There were no other business places on Center Street except a bakery where Mrs. McRoberts has her millinery rooms.

George McCoy had a barber shop in the building owned by the Carmer girls. Miller Bros. kept meat market where F. A. Miller does now. The blacksmith shop was kept by Palmer & Perrin and P. B. Barley is located the same. Smith & Merriman kept the livery and John T. Ives presided over the Clifton house. Hueston & Hungerford kept a drug store in a wooden building on the same corner where G. C. Hueston now is and F. N. Clark had his fish commission office over their store. B. A. Wheeler has not changed positions but the post office has left his store where E. S. Horton handed out mail. Knapp Bros. have not changed their business relations or position.

Miss Eva Bovee kept her millinery store in a wooden building where T. G. Richardson's new brick store is. W. H. Ambler is in the same position but has enlarged his store and building. T. G. Richardson with a much smaller stock was in the west store of the Coonley block. J. W. Fuller's barber shop was over the store. Bailey Bros conducted the grocery business where Wilcox & Son now are. There was nothing east of there until we came to a little office Dr. Burgess had which stood out to the street where he has since built his brick residence. E. S. Woodman was the only lawyer here. Prof W. H. Cheever had just severed his connection with the school and the ministers of the place were Revs. H. S. Jenkinson, J. M. Van Every and Rae.

In looking over this list one will be surprised at the great number of changes in the past four years. Will four years more record as many changes?

## School Desks Launch Furniture Company

The Globe Furniture Company had its origin in the small general foundry of Charles G. Harrington, who manufactured buzz saws, horse collars, etc.

An order for school desks for the Northville Union School gave F. R. Beal, hardware merchant, the idea that the small foundry could be made into a furniture factory and he interested several businessmen, who persuaded Harrington to join in organizing the Michigan School Furniture Company.

The company did a successful business until 1874 when a fire made it necessary to rebuild at the cost of nearly \$9,000. The business was then

enlarged to fill orders for church furniture and metal products.

In 1898 a deal was made for the sale of the business to the American School Furniture Company and the refrigerator plant was taken by the Globe Furniture Company, Ltd., which Robert Yerkes formed.

In January, 1923, Charles A. Dolph, who had been affiliated with the company for many years, assumed the business management of the plant and in the latter part of 1923, Michael J. Murphy took the offices of secretary and treasurer.

The furniture plant was located near what is today Main Street and Park Place.

## Auctioneer's Gavel Ends Globe Career

NOV. 20, 1931 — The dismal sound of the auctioneer's hammer sounded a hollow note yesterday afternoon in the offices of the Globe Furniture Company, at one time nationally famous for making school and church furniture.

Begun as a foundry early in the 1860's by Charles G. Harmon, the Globe Furniture Company was first organized in 1879 as the Michigan School Furniture Company under the management of F. R. Beale with Charles Booth as chief assistant. The concern became the largest manufacturer of school furniture in the world. In 1844 it was re-incorporated

under the name of Globe Furniture Company.

In 1898 it was sold to the American School Furniture Company and in 1899 a fire wiped out the whole plant.

The old Globe owners bought back the ruins and rebuilt the foundry and portions of the factory.

The factory passed through the hands of different companies manufacturing different merchandise and in 1903 the new Globe company was organized, R. C. Yerkes acting as manager until 1923, when he disposed of his interests to C. A. Dolph.



# THANK YOU

... for allowing us

to grow with you!

# Eddie Stinson, Airplane Pioneer, Launched Career in Northville

Jan. 29, 1932 — Edward A. "Eddie" Stinson, president of the Stinson Aircraft Corporation, died on the morning of Tuesday, January 26 as a result of injuries received in an airplane crash in Jackson Park, Chicago.

Known as the dean of American pilots because of his many years as a pilot, Eddie Stinson started his career as a manufacturer here in Northville.

With 15 men forming the nucleus of his organization in 1927 the first Stinson plane was made here and the success with which it was greeted by the aviation world assured Stinson's success in the then pioneering field of cabin planes.

His ability as a flyer increased his power as a salesman and the ease with which he demonstrated the different Stinson models sold many airships for the new corporation which was located in what was formerly the Stimpson Scales Company. Financing Eddie in his venture were a group of Detroit men among whom was Harry Graham who still owns the now empty factory on Plymouth Avenue (near Cady street and Park Place) near Main Street which housed the beginnings of the large Stinson Airplane Corporation, now located at Wayne.

Associated with Eddie Stinson in his first effort to prove that he could make airplanes as well as fly them, was William Mara, as vice-president, George Hopkins, who is at present living near

Northville, was a test pilot along with the famous "Ranny" Page who dropped dead as a result of heart failure a short time ago in Texas.

Stinson was a friend and idol of the townspeople of Northville who admired his dauntless courage and respected his world wide famous ability as a pilot.

As one who was close to him while he was here remarked, "His ships 'clicked' right from the start. Everyone liked Eddie and he could make those ships of his do anything he wanted them to. He was human and he was wild. There wasn't anything that he was afraid to do and more than once he would gain an altitude of about 5,000

feet over Northville and do stunts that would make the townspeople's hair stand right on end. That boy had nothing when he started but sheer courage and faith in himself yet when he left here in the spring of 1929 he had an organization of 250 men turning out Stinson planes."

Northville businessmen banded together to help Stinson when he was first engaged in building up his plant and purchased ground for and leveled off a landing field about two miles out of Northville on the Beck Road (at Six Mile) which was used by the Stinson Corporation.

Stinson lived with his wife and family in Orchard Heights and was a

familiar figure to the people of Northville. He brought many famous fliers here who purchased Stinson planes among whom were Ruth Elder and George Haldeman, whose transoceanic flight ended when they were miraculously picked up in the middle of the Atlantic by a Dutch freighter.

The Stinson Airplane Corporation left Northville in the spring of 1929 to enter the company's new plant at Wayne. Increasing in size and prosperity, the corporation was at last purchased by the Cord Company with Stinson retained as president of the organization.

Surviving Stinson are his wife, Mrs. Estelle J. Stinson, 1351 Kingsbury Avenue, Dearborn; his sister, Marjorie, of Washington, D.C., plane designer for the United States Navy; another sister, Mrs. Katherine Otero, wife of the state treasurer of New Mexico, who was the second woman ever to fly a plane and who was Eddie's first instructor; and his father, Edward A. Stinson, of Aberdeen, Massachusetts.

Eddie Stinson's body lay in state at his home on Kingsbury Avenue Dearborn. It remained there until 9:15 o'clock this morning when funeral services were held from the Sacred Heart Church. Internment took place in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, aviators paying a last final tribute to their dead comrade by flying and dipping in wide circles overhead.

# Wrecking Crew Levels

## Stinson Aircraft Building

**MAY 1, 1936** — With a crew of men at work this week wrecking the former Stinson Aircraft building on East Main Street, the proposed Ale Brewery Company of Northville comes a certainty and will be operating before the summer is over.

The wrecking of the shade cloth factory, last used for the Stinson plane building, calls to mind of a long-time resident that the building was erected in 1899 on the spot occupied by the

Old Globe Furniture Company that had burned the preceding April.

The original building is said to have cost \$6,000 and was used for the making of shade cloth until 1902. The cloth was stretched on special frames, 150 feet long and received three coats of paint before going to the cutting and rolling machines.

This business was dissolved by the Columbia Shade Cloth Company of New York.

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Mr. C. A. Ponsford      Buff      Mrs. E. J. Cobb

**1922**

*the more  
things change  
... the more  
they are the  
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**1969**

**Lapham's**      **Men's Shop**      120 East Main St.  
Northville

Charles P. Lapham   Zip   Mrs. Beth Lapham  
(Grandson and Daughter of C. A. Ponsford, Founder)

# A Glimpse at Our Industries

## ALLEN MONUMENTS

There's only one complete monument works' facility including saws and high speed polishers now in operation in Michigan.

It's located at 580 South Main street, the home of Allen Monument Works.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Allen (he's the mayor of Northville) and their son, Jim, own and operate the company under a partnership agreement.

Mayor Mike has been in the monument business since he was 18 years old. In 1940 he purchased a half interest in the Milford Granite Company in Milford. In 1948 he acquired the whole business.

The firm had sales offices in Northville since 1935. In 1941 the office was moved from Cady street to Griswold near Main street. In 1955 the total Milford plant operation as well as local sales offices were moved to the present location. The firm has sales

and display offices in Flint, Milford, Chesaning and Algonac.

Mayor Allen is proud of the fact that his firm designs, manufactures and erects some of the finest memorials in the midwest. He notes that his company had built monuments for three General Motors' presidents, as well as personal hand inscriptions for the brother and family of Henry Ford. The largest Allen Monument job — a \$30,000 mausoleum.

## ANGER MANUFACTURING CO.

Russell E. Anger, Sr. founded Anger Manufacturing Company in 1940 on Lasher at 10½ Mile Road, relocated in 1950 at Southfield and then came to Northville in 1964 after building a new plant at 777 E. Baseline.

The company specializes in metal stampings.

Anger has doubled his plant size and employees during the 29 years in business.

The founder presently serves as president and treasurer with John E.

Anger, vice-president, and Mrs. Lois Anger Calcaterra, secretary. Russell E. Anger, Jr. is director of sales.

## COGSDILL ENTERPRISES

Cogsdill Enterprises, manufactureres of cutting tools used primarily in the automotive industry, is a relative newcomer in Northville although it has been forced to expand its plant twice to accommodate its growth in the last eight years.

Owned by Glen Cogsdill, a veteran in the industry, located the company here in 1961 at its present address, 19540 Gerald.

Cogsdill's major product is a deburring tool while it also manufactures a variety of other cutting tools.

The company began with two employees and presently has 12.

## FOUNDRY FLASK & EQUIPMENT CO.

Founded in 1946 with five employees at a modest East Cady

Street location, Foundry Flask and Equipment Company has since relocated in a larger facility and increased its manpower to about 90.

The company, at 456 East Cady Street, is a major supplier of foundry flasks to the automotive industry.

John A. Weber founded the firm in 1946 and served as president and chief executive officer until September 1, 1967 when he sold it to James R. Hayward. Weber still serves in an executive capacity with the company while Hayward is president and chief executive officer.

Hayward formerly was president of McCord Corporation in Detroit and has had extensive experience in the automotive industry.

Weber had five employees in 1946 with the company increasing its manpower to 90 in the ensuing 23 years. The present location, occupied in 1964, is about 10 times larger than the original site which was also on East

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## Pilot Parachutes to Safety

# Youth Saves Sister As Jet Crashes Here

May 14, 1959 — Three-year-old Elizabeth King and her brother David, 9, are roommates at Sinai hospital — but for an act of heroism, the room might contain only the burned boy.

Both children, who are reported in fair condition, suffered second and third degree burns Friday afternoon when a jet fighter plummeted to earth behind their home and exploded.

The tale of heroism unfolded this week as Eugene King — Northville's newly appointed police chief — talked with his hospitalized children.

Elizabeth and David were playing with brother Gregory, 6; sister, Patricia, 5, and a neighbor friend, Barbara Taxis, 6, in a hole in the ground near the King's backyard fence.

As the screaming jet nosedived to the ground, all the children but Elizabeth and David ran toward the house.

"Bethie's (Elizabeth) foot was caught under a root in the hole. She

was stuck," David told his father.

"I'm a junior policeman, daddy, and you're supposed to help others just like the teacher says."

The impact and explosion hurled burning metal and fuel at the two struggling children. Once Elizabeth's foot was freed the two youngsters ran screaming to the house as their clothing burned. The younger children had already fled, unharmed.

In discussing the miraculous pinpoint crash into the garden surrounded by large frame homes — just 100 yards from Main Street Elementary School and two blocks from the center of the business district — Reverend (John O.) Taxis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, said he was certain God had a hand in preventing a catastrophe.

"After the pilot bailed out another pilot took over the controls," he said.

Major John L. Moutier, 38, of Belleville, bailed out safely and landed

in Cass Benton Park near the baseball diamond and the ski area. He suffered only bruises.

Moutier, member of the 107 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron of the Michigan Air National Guard based at Metropolitan Airport, told reporters that the plane "went completely out of control" over Northville.

He said he was on his approach leg to the airport after returning from a routine photo mission when the aircraft started to climb.

Moutier said he fought desperately with the control stick trying to correct the flight, "but I couldn't move it. I put both hands on it and locked my arms and pushed my back against the seat, but couldn't budge the stick."

The pilot said the jet zoomed upward so fast that he was unable to move because of the force of gravity, estimated at 4Gs.

As Moutier's plane rolled over on its back, he pulled the handle to blast

away the plane's canopy, then pulled the trigger which shot him out of the plane.

After his chute opened, he said he watched the plane level off.

Most witnesses agree the jet circled the city and then shot across the center of town before slipping over and diving straight into the ground.

Moutier told King at the hospital Tuesday that no pilot could have done as good a job guiding the plane into such a small crash area.

The ejection seat nearly struck Ronald W. Bonatz, a salesman calling on Mergaf Oil Products on Railroad Street as he was opening his car door. The car's rear window was smashed and the rear deck damaged.

The canopy of the plane — an RF-84F Thunderflame — landed near Eight Mile Road, a half-mile east of Novi Road.

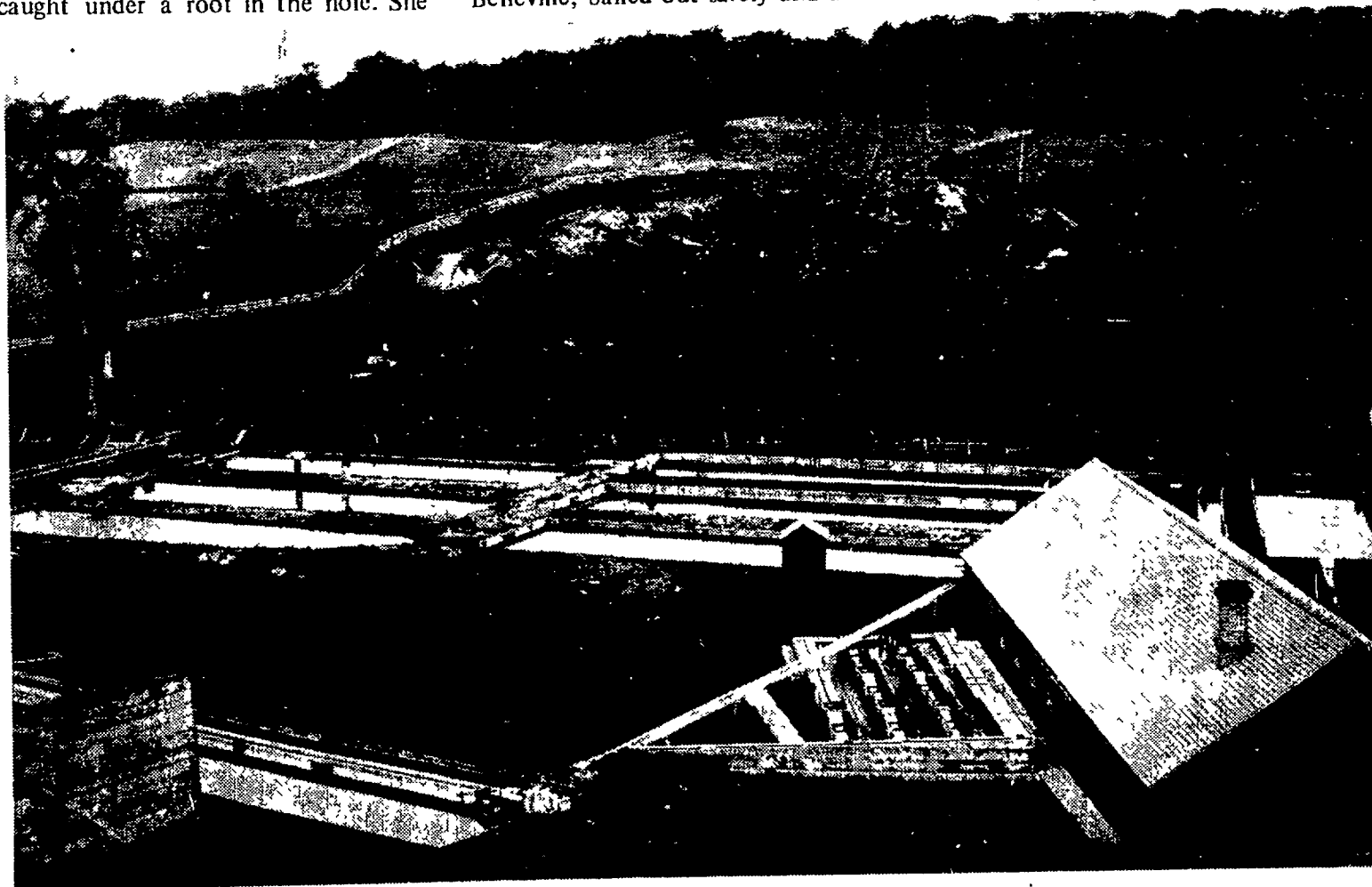
Flaming bits of debris were scattered hundreds of feet from the wreckage of the jet. Some pieces landed on roof tops. One section ripped through a window at 501 Cady Street, another shook the house and cracked a window at 110 South Rogers.

Damage was minor. The vegetable garden owned by Miss Ada Roe, was destroyed as the jet plunged 10 feet deep into the earth in the woman's backyard.

## Fair Attracts Horse Lovers

June 12, 1931 — Only a small group of tents was the beginning of the Northville Wayne County Fair.

But during the 15 years of its existence it has grown to one of the best in Michigan. Today the Fair association points to its \$25,000 grandstand with its 3,450 chair seats, one of the best half mile tracks in the state, an annual horse show that attracts hundreds of horse lovers to Northville, and a splendid athletic field that the children of this city use for all their field and athletic meets.



EARLY PICTURE OF THE NORTHVILLE FISH HATCHERY PROPERTY



# A Glimpse at Our Industries

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Cady Street.

Hayward and Weber observe that the company has expanded its product line "to keep pace with automation in the industry."

## HALLER DIVISION

A pioneer in the powdered metal works launched and revved on the determination of its founder, Haller Division of Federal-Mogul Corp., now is a leader in the industry.

John Haller, a native of Germany who had been in the tool business in Detroit, began Michigan Powdered Metal on Cady Street in 1947. He ran the plant until 1954 when it was sold to Allied Products Corp.

The firm grew from humble beginnings to 80 employees by 1957 when the plant was leveled by fire and Allied decided against resuming production.

Haller, feeling an obligation to the customers he had established, acquired a small building in Plymouth and resumed operations in 1957 with growth forcing him to acquire a larger building at 16580 Northville Road.

The company began moving equipment into its new building formerly owned by Ford Motor Company, in 1959 with operations growing to the present 265 employees

from 35 in 1961.

Mike Sarnes was hired by Haller in 1961 and it has been Sarnes who has directed general plant development while the founder has served in the key role as director of research. The company, since 1964 a division of Federal-Mogul Corporation, also includes the Haller Research Center locally on Northville Road along with a tool plant in Plymouth and a major powdered metal operation in Gallipolis, Ohio.

The production facility on Northville Road originally provided 14,000 square feet and now, after four additions, offers 68,750.

Haller Research Center was built in 1965 and presently serves as the research and development agent for all of the Haller plants.

The Gallipolis plant was just completed earlier this year and it has 62,000 square feet of space with the potential to double the division's total production potential. Last year the company used over 11-million pounds of powdered metal to produce over 23-million pieces of structured parts, according to Sarnes.

Approximately 80 percent of Haller's production is for the automotive industry while it also provides parts for appliances and military equipment.

The average automobile has about 25 pounds of powdered metal parts, the general manager explains.

A Federal-Mogul spokesman observes that the corporation feels the powdered metal industry potential is unlimited with Haller in a position to be a leader in advancements. The division presently is the world's largest independent producer of powdered metal parts.

The manufacture of parts by powdered metal allows durable parts made economically because of the elimination of hand finishing.

## HAYES WASHED SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY

The Stanley Hayes family purchased a sand and gravel business on Ridge Road from Elmer Heichman in 1957 and have been operating Hayes Washed Sand and Gravel Company at 18080 Ridge Road since that time.

The firm has about eight employees.

## INTERNATIONAL DIAMOND TOOL CO.

Founded in 1962, International Diamond Tool Company at 21141 Novi Road has expanded its facilities since and increased its manpower from three to eight employees.

Marian Szczepanski, a native of Poland and a former research administrator in the diamond tool industry, began the business manufacturing diamond edge bits with his wife and another employee.

Szczepanski has been included in "World Who's Who in Commerce and Industry" and "American Men of Science."

## MANNING & LOCKLIN GRAVEL COMPANY

A major supplier of sand and gravel in the Northville area for over 20 years, Manning & Locklin Gravel Co. of 2000 Silver Springs Court averaged 20 employees at peak periods of operation.

The company originally was owned by Charles Dorsey who in 1928 sold out to brothers John and Will Manning and Charles Locklin. The early site for the business was the north side of 7 Mile Road east of Northville Road.

In 1934 the company purchased the old Griswold Farm which served as a base for operations until its sale to S. G. Hayes Land Development Company of 42800 7 Mile Road.

Hayes is phasing out mining operations between now and 1971 when the Levitt corporation will launch a gigantic housing development on the property.

L. (Perry) Manning, son of John, became active in the business in 1934 and was manager up until it was sold in early April. The company expanded its pit to the east of its original site to include the Chadwick Home and Curtis Property — both historic landmarks.

S. G. Hayes bought the property in 1963 with Manning and Locklin operating on a royalty lease arrangement until last April when it sold its operations to Cadillac Asphalt Co., an affiliate of S. G. Hayes Land Development Co.

Cadillac Asphalt will use the facilities between now and 1971 to complement its other operations.

## NORTHVILLE LABORATORIES

Northville Laboratories, Inc. — manufacturer of flavoring and extracts

and drug specialties — was founded by E. C. Langfield in 1914 and has since been operated by his son, Conrad E., until its sale in 1966 to Paul Newman of Detroit.

The plant is at 501 Fairbrook Street.

The elder Langfield immigrated to the United States from Prussia, Germany when he was 14-years-old. He died in 1936 with his son assuming management.

An article entitled "I'll Take Vanilla," published in a house publication of the Pfaudler Co. of Rochester, N.Y., an equipment manufacturer, featured Northville Laboratories under the direction of the younger Langfield.

Newman, 54, is a graduate of the University of Detroit and a chemist. He formerly was vice president of the Crown Cordial Company and secretary of Cadillac Beverages and Uncle Dan's Root Beer. His entire career has been in the field of flavorings and extracts.

Northville Laboratories has 12 employees and produces extracts, Gold Label hot fudge and butterscotch as well as flavoring for the baking industry, fruit flavors from pure fruit for preserving and canning.

## QWIK-LOCK, INC.

Founded by Frank G. Pauli in Melvindale in 1961, Qwik-Lock, Inc. of 179 Park Place later located in Plymouth before coming to Northville in 1965.

The company manufactures concrete forms, hardware and accessories.

Pauli moved the firm to Plymouth in 1963 before coming here two years later. The company averages about 12 employees with from 25 to 30 working during peak periods.

Pauli is president of the corporation with Charles Vogel, vice-president, and William F. Weidner, secretary.

## REEF MANUFACTURING

Working out of a garage in East Detroit, Jan Reef organized F & R Tool and Gauge Company — now Reef Manufacturing — in 1939. The company specialized then in toolmaking.

Reef assumed total ownership in 1942 retaining the name of F & R until 1945 when the company became Reef Industries, Inc. In 1953, Reef Manufacturing evolved from Reef Industries which continued to serve as a gear manufacturer.

Reef Manufacturing, specializing in gauges, moved to Northville in 1966 and Reef sold Reef Industries of East Detroit to Ed Langtry, a Northville resident, in 1968. Reef also made an addition to its Northville plant in 1968 expanding it to 7,200 square feet.

The company presently has 10 employees and Reef serves as president.

## STEMZ LINIMENT COMPANY

In the basement of the Northville Drug Company, Leo Mainville continues to operate the Stemz Liniment Company on 134 East Main Street. Mainville invented his patented horse liniment in 1941 and has been marketing it since 1946.

## THOMSON SAND AND GRAVEL

A. M. Thomson brought his family to Northville in 1943 and began Thomson Sand and Gravel at 48399 West 7 Mile Road by purchasing a small

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**GONE NOW** — This two story brick building, reportedly more than 100 years old, was razed in 1964 and today is a vacant lot owned by the Northville Economic Development Corporation. Also gone is the building that housed the Ford agency immediately to the left of this structure.

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# A Glimpse at Our Businesses

## A AND W ROOT BEER DRIVE IN

The 'hot spot' for Northville teen-agers, the A & W Root Beer drive-in, was launched 10 years ago by owner Arthur Jahn. It is located at 18418 Northville Road.

## ASHER PURE

William Asher moved from the old Main Street Pure Station to 357 Rogers about 11 years ago. He is still the owner of the business.

## ATCHISON CLINIC

After 20 years of service as superintendent of the homeopathic department of the University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Dr. Russell E. Atchison took up private practice for three years in Detroit prior to moving to Northville in 1924.

He purchased the building at 501 West Dunlap from Miles MacDermaid and set up his own small hospital in 1926.

Together, Dr. Atchison and partner Dr. Andrew Brunk, a fellow surgeon, treated obstetrical, surgical and medical patients in an area on the second floor of the building. The two continued to work together until 1936, shortly before Dr. Atchison's death.

In 1936, Dr. Atchison's son, Dr. Russell McRae Atchison, returned to Northville and joined his father's practice. "Those were depression years," recalls Dr. Atchison, "and we were sometimes paid with chickens and produce."

The hospital unit was closed from 1936 to 1950, reopening as a medical unit and continuing treatment for medical patients until 1960 when St. Mary Hospital opened in Livonia. Since then it has operated as a clinic.

Over the years the clinic has expanded, with Dr. R. G. Wetterstroem and Dr. O. J. Robinson becoming partners. Dr. Eugene Capuzzi also joined the group.

Since its establishment in 1926, the clinic has treated more than 600,000 patients with more than 7,500 hospitalized in-patients.

The building, which still houses the clinic, was constructed in 1882 by Darias Knapp.

## BARN DOOR

Four years ago last June, the Barn Door Antique shop was opened in a vacant building on Main Street by Sally Thomas and Eleanor Lowell. About January of 1968 they moved up the street to their present location, 105 East Main, next door to the Little People's Shoppe.

## BEL-NOR RESTAURANT

The Bel-Nor restaurant on 575 West Seven Mile was established by Dr. and Mrs. Walter Blasco in 1957. They remain owners of the establishment.

## HAROLD BLOOM INSURANCE

More than 30 years ago Harold Bloom started an insurance agency in the Northville Branch of Manufacturers National Bank. He then went into business with Elmer Smith, buying him out in the early Forties. Bloom later moved to his present location on 108 West Main, occupying a building that once was an old grocery. He later formed the present corporation with Richard Lyon.

## CAL'S GULF STATIONS

Calvin Cross worked for Orson Atchinson about 15 years before he purchased what is now Cal's Gulf

Station at 202 West Main Street in 1962. A year later he purchased another station from Louis Barns at 470 East Main.

## CARRINGTON AGENCY INSURANCE

A former postmaster and worker for the Internal Revenue Service, the late Thomas R. Carrington started Carrington Agency Insurance in 1919. After occupying several locations on Main street and South Center, the agency moved in 1954 to its present location on Center Street in the 'Neal Building', former office and plant of The Record. His son, Charles Carrington, has operated the business since January, 1946. This year Lester Bowden became a partner.

## CASTERLINE FUNERAL HOME

Casterline Funeral Home, oldest mortuary business in Northville, was launched in October of 1937 by the late Ray J. Casterline, who was a practicing mortician prior to establishing his own business at 122 West Dunlap. He received his mortician's license in 1920.

A 40-year member of the American Legion Post 147 and F. & A. M. No. 186, he at one time managed the Northville office of the Consumers Power Company.

The funeral home is located in one of Northville's older residences, having been the home at one time of the late Northville mayor and pitching ace, Harry German. For a period it also served as a residence piano studio.

Upon his death in 1959, Mr. Casterline's son, Fred, assumed management of the business.

Over the years several major remodeling projects have changed the appearance of the original residence and created one of the finest funeral home facilities in the area. Parking facilities have increased, the face of the building enhanced, chapel installed, and just this past year additional interior remodeling was completed.

Casterline also operates an ambulance service—one of the few independent services of its kind still remaining in the metropolitan area.

## CHOO CHOO CAR WASH

The Choo Choo Car Wash at the southeast corner of Seven Mile and Northville Road was established last October by owner Donald Thomson.

## CHUCK'S BARBER SHOP

Chuck's Barber Shop was started by Al Heatley back in 1936. About 24 years ago he sold the business to Max Dillenbeck, then in 1964 Charles Dunn purchased the business at 110 West Main Street.

## CLARK STATION

Located on South Main Street north of Seven Mile, the Clark station was established in December, 1965 by Robert Steiger. Since then the station has changed hands several times up to present owner Stanley Kaszuba.

## CLOVERDALE FARMS DAIRY

Cloverdale Farms Dairy, 134 North Center Street, is one of eight dairy and ice cream products' stores started and still owned and operated by Herman Bakhaus of Plymouth.

The Northville store, second of the outlets, opened in 1939. The building in which it is located is owned by Bakhaus, purchased in 1940 from Detroit Edison Company, which had its local offices there. The Northville store

is now owned and operated by William Bakhaus, son of the company founder.

## CONVENIENT FOOD MART

On a national level, the Convenient Food Mart chain was started out of Chicago in 1952. The branch store was opened in Northville officially on March 4, 1968 under franchiser Richard B. Hassett. It is located in the 1051 Novi Road shopping center.

## CUTLER REAL ESTATE

Cutler Real Estate, 340 North Center Street, was established in Northville by the present owner, James Cutler, in the early 1960's.

The firm originally was started by Cutler in Detroit in 1946.

## D & C STORES, INC.

When on June 13, 1931, the D & C dime store opened on Center Street, it was under the management of the former store owner, Gerald Woodworth. At that time it was located next to Schrader's furniture store, which extended the second level over the dime store.

Later, the store moved to Main Street near Spagy's Grocery, remaining there until five years ago when it was moved to the present location in the old A&P supermarket, 139 East Main. The present manager, Jim Belz, was preceded by Fred Kester.

## D AND D FLOOR COVERING

Since June 1, 1964 the D and D Floor Covering Inc. has been located on 106 East Dunlap, where it was established by Don Stevens and Don Bingham.

## DEL'S SHOES

For 20 years the old Ware Building, 153 East Main, was occupied by the Northville Electric Company. Then in 1962 Del Black purchased the building and founded the Del's Shoe Store. He purchased the other half of the building in 1966 and expanded into his present establishment. A former city councilman, his business has grown steadily since its establishment, and recently Black opened a second shoe store in Highland.

## DETROIT FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

The Detroit Federal Savings and Loan Association moved out to Northville in November of 1961 and purchased the Detroit Edison Building on the corner of Dunlap and Center.

The Detroit Federal then remodeled the place and leased half of

the first floor and all of the second back to the Detroit Edison. When the business opened in early spring they occupied only the southern half of a longitudinal division of the building.

With main offices on East Grand River in Detroit, the association is part of the federal savings and loan system. Their underlying purpose is to encourage thrift by offering the public a safe and profitable place for savings and also to encourage home ownership by offering families low cost home loans.

The services they offer include such things as savings accounts, mortgage loans, construction loans, money orders, cashing of pay checks, pass book loans and Christmas Club accounts.

For the last year the business has been managed by Daniel Mahn, who follows several managers since its opening.

## DINO'S PIZZA

The Northville Dino's Pizza place is part of a chain that was started nine years ago. In September of 1968, Albert Caradonna opened the Northville branch at 1051 Novi Road.

## DON'S GROCERY

Over 25 years ago, the store now called Don's Grocery on 17071 Northville Road was launched. Nine years ago this October Donald Sell, present owner, purchased the business.

## EASTLAWN

## CONVALESCENT HOME

Bessie M. Whitman and Theresa Vezzosi, present owners of Eastlawn Convalescent Home, purchased the business in 1958. The convalescent home had been operating for several years previous to their purchase.

Located at 409 High Street, the home stands on historic "Buckner Hill" overlooking Northville. Part of the original Buckner home, now over 100 years old, still is in use.

Eastlawn is a basic nursing home, serving patients that do not require constant care.

Living quarters are provided for 92 patients.

## EBERT FUNERAL HOME

Some years before Dempsey Ebert launched the Ebert Funeral Home, 404 West Main Street, the parlor belonged to the Nelson Schrader family of Schrader's furniture fame. The business was started by Nelson Schrader, Sr., father of the furniture merchant in 1907. At that time the business was

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## We Extend "Congratulations" to The Northville Record



"Serving" Northville since 1946

## OLD MILL RESTAURANT



1908



Mrs. Bruno Freydl and her pet dog, Biff.

*The same face but how  
it has  
changed*

*Since 1894*

**Freydl's**

NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

1925



Nell in the doorway—Betty outside.

1969





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located on Center Street in the present Schrader store buildings.

As the business grew the elder Nelson Schrader went into partnership with his brothers and established the Schrader funeral business in Plymouth. In 1948 they purchased a home on 404 West Main Street and converted that into a new funeral parlor. There they remained until 1951, when Schraders sold to the Philips-Bahnmler funeral company. Then in 1956 Dempsey Ebert, present owner, took over. Previously, Ebert had been employed with his father in St. Johns, Michigan, having received his license in 1936.

### ELLIS ELECTRONICS

Ellis Electronics has remained at 110 East Main Street since its establishment in 1931 by Ed Bogart. In 1947 he sold to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Ellis, who have expanded the stock to include televisions and modern electrical equipment.

### EMB FOOD MARKET

When E. M. Bogart opened the EMB Food Market in August of 1931, he occupied even then the bottom level of the Masonic Temple.

The Masonic Temple, as it then stood, was constructed in 1880 by Past Grand Master George Durand of Flint and J. S. Lapham of Northville. It was bordered on the left by an old frame building, housing the Knapp Store which sold groceries and books. In 1931 a men's shop owned by Orlow A. Owen occupied the old Knapp Store.

Bogart replaced the Royal Ann Cafe, a restaurant which existed only a few months. He himself had owned and operated a Northville store for a number of years, associated with a national chain as district supervisor.

The new store featured nationally advertised brands, home grown foods and a delivery service.

Today the store still stands at 108 East Main under the Masonic Temple with present owner Ray Garrod, who purchased the business in 1963.

### FOREMAN ORCHARDS

Foreman Orchards was founded in 1905 by Bill and Ralph Foreman. The brothers operated the orchards until 1959 when the present owners, Ralph F. Foreman, Sr., and Ralph Foreman, Jr., took over.

Foreman Orchards has always been owned and operated by the Foreman family.

Located on 50050 West Seven Mile, the orchard raises sweet and sour cherries, apples, pears and plums. The fruit is sold to chain stores in Detroit. Fresh fruit and the by products derived from the fruit are sold locally at the orchard store on Seven Mile.

For the last 25 years the Foremans have exhibited fruit at the Michigan State Fair, winning several first places.

### GAMBLE'S HARDWARE STORE

Gamble's Hardware Store was opened in 1949 by Roy Stone in the building now housing the Old Mill Restaurant. In the early Fifties he moved across the street to the present location, his son, Gerald, eventually purchased the business.

### G. E. MILLER

#### SALES AND SERVICE

Originally, in 1937, the G. E. Miller Sales and Service was located on Randolph Street under the name of Armstrong's Garage. In the late 1940's owner George Miller moved to Main Street and changed the name to Miller Sales and Service. Miller still operates the business, now in a building on

Hutton Street, which recently was remodeled.

### GORDON'S TV REPAIR

Over 15 years ago Gordon's TV Repair shop was established at 122 West Main Street by Gordon Pomroy, still the present owner.

### GREEN RIDGE NURSERY

Starting in 1941 as a one-man operation and serving the immediate area, Green Ridge Nursery has since developed into two companies which regularly service five southeastern Michigan counties and often operate out-state and throughout Michigan.

J. M. Miller founded the business on Ridge Road in 1941 and operated it by himself. Presently, Green Ridge Nursery, Inc. and Green Ridge Tree Service Company employ 18 year-round workers and as many as 35 for peak periods.

Miller purchased property at 8660 Napier Road in 1944 and relocated the business there in 1945. The company was divided into two firms in 1965.

The nursery is a general landscape contractor servicing industrial, commercial, institutional and private accounts while the tree service is retained by about a dozen municipalities to maintain and remove their trees. The tree service also serves several institutions.

### GURNSEY FARMS DAIRY

The old Red Rose Dairy on 125 South Center Street was purchased by Livingston and Applehoff in 1940, and was renamed the Gurnsey Farms Dairy. In 1945 John McGuire and Fred Russell purchased the business, and in 1952 McGuire bought out his partner. Still the present owner, McGuire moved to new facilities at 21300 Novi Road in April of 1965.

### HARTLEY POWERS GALLERY

In 1961 Helen and the late Harold Hartley purchased an empty building at 116 East Main and started the Hartley-Powers Art Gallery to exhibit the work of Michigan Artists. They sold license plates to keep going at first, and later expanded to include art objects from throughout the world. The Department of State office there has been discontinued. Previously the small shop had been occupied by a real estate company under Barry Freydl.

### J. L. HUDSON REAL ESTATE

The main office of the Hudson Real Estate business was established 12 years ago in Plymouth. The Northville branch opened in 1967 under the supervision of Joseph L. Hudson is at Main and Wing streets.

### HUFF WELDING & MACHINE SHOP

Huff Welding and Machine Shop, located at 21043 Novi Road, began business in the fall of 1964 on Gerald Avenue with the present site developed to satisfy the growth demands.

Charles Huff founded and owns the business which presently is three times its original size. He has three employees.

Huff Welding provides general welding and machine shop services and also specializes in ornamental welding, stairs and repair work.

### HUGH JARVIS GIFTS

The Hugh Jarvis Gifts shop is the latest in a series of art and gift shops which have occupied the Main Street building for the past 20 years. It was established in 1967 by Hugh Jarvis, president of the Hugh Jarvis corporation which owns stores in Plymouth and Marquette.

Since Jarvis moved to 124 East

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EXCHANGE HOTEL THAT STOOD ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MAIN AND HUTTON STREETS

## Henry O. Waid

# Craftsman Builds Northville History

Little did Henry O. Waid realize when he left his home of Honeoye Falls, New York 12 miles from the Erie Canal after the Civil War that he would become one of the craftsmen and builders of Northville.

With his wife Harriet, children Edward P., Flora S., and Nellie L., he arrived here in time to be recorded in the first book of 'village proceedings' from 1867 to 1879 as a voter and taxpayer. The remainder of his life was spent here in such varied activities as keeper of the board walks, member of the Grand Army of the Republic and local musician. Here he remained until his death at 83 in 1921 and burial in Rural Hill Cemetery with his wife and son Dr. Edward P. Waid.

His Civil War exploits were recorded in his brother Edward's diary from induction to capture near Harpers Ferry and term in the hospital in Richmond, Virginia and final discharge

in 1863. The diary and his musician's honorary sword are still owned by his great-grandson Lou Babbitt of Northville.

Waid's early training as a mechanic prepared him well for the more needed task of woodworking in a young undeveloped area such as Northville in the early 1870's. The wood working and cabinet shop now gone — behind his house at 221 South Rogers — hummed late at night to the tune of the foot operated saw and lathe making the furniture, stairparts and interior moldings for many of the houses which he is known to have furnished.

His favorite local woods seem to have been golden oak and walnut which were so prevalent here. His hand made tool chest and tools are still to be seen at his grandson's — the late Kurnal Lou Babbitt of South Rogers. Mrs. May Babbitt has several pieces of furniture

with intricate wood inlay which were the product of the craftsman.

A very fine period piece breakfront is also being used by the John Burkman's of Base Line. It, too, was the work of H. O. Waid.

Probably the best example of his work can be found in one of the earliest if not the only free standing, curved staircases in town at 169 East Cady at the end of Church Street. This graceful long staircase is of lovely proportions and made of local black walnut and the focal point is a large entry foyer. His own home at 221 South Rogers (now the home of Francis Gazlay and family), was built in 1892 and the Northville Record of May 5th that year states:

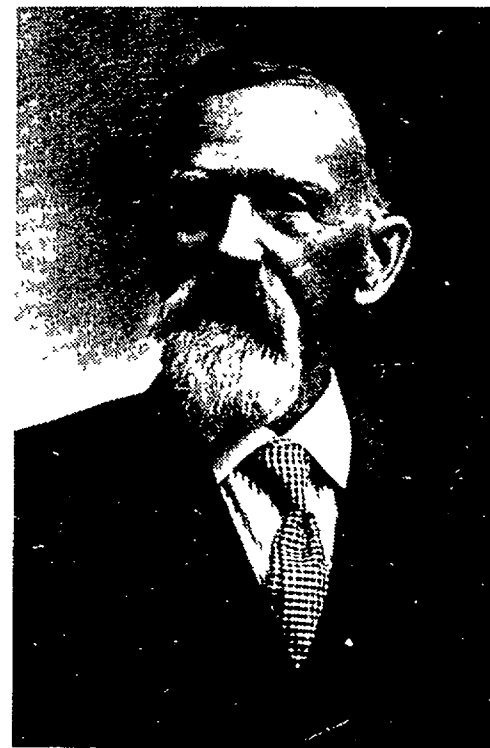
One of the prettiest and most commodious residences in the west part of the village will be when finished, that of H. O. Waid's on South Rogers. The house is especially built for sightliness and convenience. Three large rooms on the first floor are connected by folding doors; a large fireplace lends to the cheerfulness of the sitting room; water connections are made to pipes leading from a large cistern on the second floor to the dining room, bathroom and all the bedrooms. The woodwork is to be all finished in oak and walnut and several stained glass windows put a finishing touch which makes it quite attractive throughout. If Mr. and Mrs. Waid do not have solid comfort it won't be because the house is not a handsome home. They expect to move in before July 1st.

Waid's contributions to the community were also cultural in that he was a well known horn player in the band and his son, Edward P., practiced

medicine in Salem and Whitmore Lake. Flora Waid Babbitt became one of the longtime local teachers.

The Eagle Steam Printing & Engraving Company established here in 1869 published an 1892 brochure entitled "Northville The Ideal Suburban Village". In part it stated: "In consequence of the condition of affairs a residence in some suburban village is an ambition of thousands of our well to do people. A suburban village in the true sense of the term must be so situated as to be readily accessible when the business of the day has been completed. One has but to visit this handsome village to appreciate these facts."

Henry Ozial Waid was one to early recognize this and gave his life and talents to bring the "Switzerland of Wayne County" to its present stage of an "Ideal Suburban Village."



HENRY O. WAID



A NORTHVILLE CARPENTER'S TOOLBOX

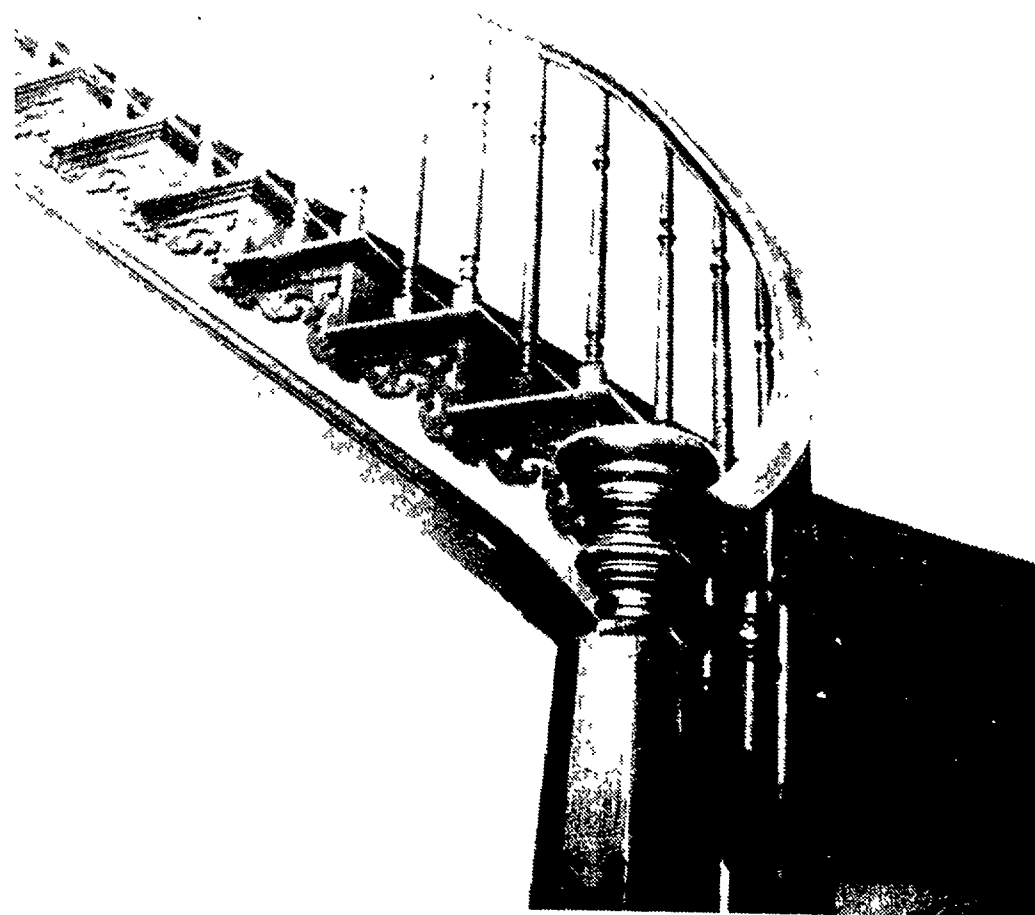


100 years ago when the Record was young Northville residents sat in the shade of an old oak tree. Today The Record is 100 years old and Northville residents rely on us for comfort.

Congratulations

**Northville Refrigeration**

Established May 1, 1959



**BUILT STAIRCASES** — One of the best examples of Waid's work is the curved, free standing staircase in the house at 169 East Cady.

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Main it has been continuously expanded and remodeled, receiving a new store front, carpeting, and a new interior. The last business to occupy the building was Stuart's Art Supplies.

## IRVIN'S BARBER SHOP

Following World War II Irvin Miller purchased a vacant barber shop on Center Street. About 12 years ago he moved the business to its present location on Main Street, west of The Record building.

## JACK'S BARBER SHOP

Jack Gray began cutting hair in Northville back in 1931 in a shop at the corner of Center and Main Street. Six years ago he moved to newly erected quarters on Dunlap Street, east of the Detroit Edison Building.

## JOE'S BAR

In 1962 Joseph Nagy purchased MacDonald's Tavern from John MacDonald and renamed it Joe's Bar. The building, located on the north side of Main Street, west of Hutton, is well over a hundred years old.

## JOHN'S BARBER SHOP

John's Barber Shop, now at 126 North Center Street near the Village Pump, originally was started by Lee Shipley in 1927. At that time it was located under a grocery on the north side of Main Street, next door to the Revitzer Shoe repair. Then Revitzer moved across the street and Shipley occupied a corner building on Main and Center Streets. In 1955 John Chedrick purchased the business and several years later he moved to his present location.

## CARL JOHNSON REALTY

When Don Merritt took control of this realty firm 13 years ago, it was already firmly established. In 1966 he sold out to Carl Johnson, who still operates the business at 125 East Main.

## LEE BUILDING SUPPLY COMPANY

Lee Building Supply Company was opened by Leon Kwek, the present owner, in May of 1967. The previous business on the site at 630 East Base Line was Nowels Lumber & Coal Company. Lee Building sells retail building supplies and hardware.

## LEONE'S BAKERY

On and off since 1939 the Northville bakery has flourished on Main Street. Originally called the Sally Bell Bakery, it was founded by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Searfoss. For a while the business was located on Center Street near the old Opera House where Pride Cleaners now stands. It moved back to Main Street and in 1965 sold out to Allen and Betty Leone, the present owners, and is operated at 123 East Main.

## LILA'S FLOWERS & GIFTS

Lila Collins rented a building on Center Street 12 years ago and launched a florist shop. About six years ago she moved the business to its present location at 115 East Main Street. Two years ago the business was sold to Dewey Gardner, who manages it under the same name.

## LITTLE PEOPLE'S SHOPPE

Originally called the Jack and Jill store, the business was established in 1943 by Mrs. Isabel Willques in a building next door to the P & A theatre. In 1961 Mary Ware bought the business and renamed it the Little People's Shoppe. A year later she sold out to present owners Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farmer, who moved up the street

to 103 East Main about four years ago.

## LITTLEST GALLERY

Because the building that housed their gallery was only six feet wide, Walter and Dortha Carrol christened their gallery the Littlest Gallery upon its establishment in 1967. The gallery, which contains specialized crafts and antique accessories, remained on Center Street next to Cloverdale's until a year and a half ago, when they moved into the old Barn Door Building, 135 East Main.

## GLENN C. LONG PLUMBING AND HEATING

Glenn Long established a plumbing business in Northville in 1948. In 1953 he took over new offices on Seven Mile, and in April of 1965 he moved to his present location at 116 East Dunlap.

## LOVLEE BEAUTY SALON

The Lovlee beauty salon opened in 1956 and is presently owned by Boyd Wilson. It is located at 135 North Center.

## JOHN MACH FORD

"And we hope now — we will be able to make fairly prompt deliveries. Anyway bring in your orders and we'll see what we can do."

Since 1921 the Ford dealership had been servicing Northville under a steady stream of owners and managers. The first and longest owner, D. B. Bunn, ran the above advertisement in a 1921 edition of the Northville Record. He then was one of 7,000 Ford dealers in the United States operating out of a West Main Street building.

Since Bunn there has been a number of other owners, including Allan and Lock, Cy Owens and Bev Smith. Marr Taylor, the most recent owner, ran the agency from 1954-59. Then on May 1 John Mach, manager under Taylor, assumed control of the business.

The Ford agency has expanded steadily since its establishment in 1921. In October of 1965 the old building was torn down and made into a parking lot. The Ford agency moved out to a new sales room and service department at its present location on 550 Seven Mile Road. In August Mach will again expand the service department.

## MALCOLM'S SADDLERY

Malcolm's Saddlery was established by Robert Malcolm over 10 years ago on 133 West Main Street. In 1967 Malcolm moved to his present location on North Center Street.

## MANUFACTURERS BANK

The Depression — a textbook fact for many of the community today but a fact of life for others — left Northville without a bank in 1931 with Lapham State Bank unable to open the day of June 30 and Northville State Bank on September 15.

An account in the July 8, 1932 edition of The Record, in announcing the formation of a new bank — Depositors State Bank, reads like this: "Northville was unfortunate enough to be among the very first towns in Michigan that had closed banks and hence it was a number of months before any plan could be worked out for the reopening of the institutions."

Northville State was located on the corner of Center and Main streets presently occupied by H. R. Noder's Jewelers while Lapham State was at the present bank site on Main Street.

The Depositors State Bank,

formed under the Lapham State Bank charter and as a revived consolidation, so to speak, of the two defunct banks, on Main Street where Lapham had been — the site of the Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit today.

Again referring to the July, 1932 account in The Record: "With the many details necessary to merge two closed institutions, obviously it will take some time to work out all the complications."

Manufacturers National acquired Depositors in 1957 and designated it as a branch. Operations have tripled from the \$7-million in deposits in 1957.

A. Russell Clarke, current president of the bank, began his career with Depositors in 1935 under John Boyce, its first president. Clarke succeeded Boyce in 1955.

Bank facilities have been expanded several times at their Main Street site. In the early 1950's, an addition was completed on the back of the building followed by an expansion on the side to accommodate offices.

A drive-in facility was constructed at Dunlap and Hutton in 1962.

In June, 1967, the bank completed an extensive interior remodeling project.

Manufacturers National Bank began during the same era as the existing local bank — in 1933 — and was founded by a group including Edsel B. Ford, Wesson Seyburn, John Ballantyne, Frederick M. Alger and Clifford B. Longley.

In 1948 it established its first branch in Dearborn. It now has 68 branches.

## MARGIE'S BEAUTY SALON

Margie's Beauty Salon, 128 North Center, was opened in 1941 by Marjorie Kelner. Although the salon has been modernized in keeping with the times, she still operates the same business in the same location.

## MERGRAF OIL COMPANY

Twenty-two years ago Mergraf Oil Company was founded in Northville by Jack Swain, current president.

Mergraf is located at 175 Railroad and operates in the original building which has been expanded to keep pace with the growing business.

The company manufactures industrial oils for sale to the automobile industry.

## MICHAEL'S FINE MEATS

On July 5, 1968, Michael's Fine Meats was opened by owner Michael Dracca in the Novi Road shopping center.

## MYNK'S RESTAURANT

About seven years ago Larry Mynk purchased Bohls Restaurant on 18900 Northville Road. Mynk is still the owner of the restaurant, renamed Mynk's Restaurant.

## MCALLISTER'S

## HOUSE OF DECORATING

At the corner of Main and Griswold, Bruce McAllister established a house of decorating in 1959. He is still owner of the business which moved last January to new quarters at 371 East Main Street.

## NICK'S BARBER SHOP

Nick's Northville Barber shop was originally established in Plymouth. Later Nick Zander moved to Northville and in July of 1965 he moved from South Center Street to his present location at 545 Seven Mile.

## NODER'S JEWELRY

In 1962 H. R. Noder bought Tewksbury's Jewelry from the Otis Tewksburys who purportedly were the third owners of the business. Noder retained the business, then moved next door to his present location on the northeast corner of Main and Center Street, first 'downtown' location of The Record.

## NORTHVILLE ANTIQUE SHOP

In 1966 the Northville Antique Shop moved into a building that had been recently vacated by the Northville Republicans, 131 East Main. The owner, Mrs. Arlyn Reilly, still manages the store at its original location.

## NORTHVILLE BAR

Back about 1934 when a beer cost 5-cents 'Papa' John Poulos, purchased the Northville Bar and Restaurant in the building constructed by Ed Perrin in 1922 on the south side of Main, just west of Center. In 1948 the building was enlarged and the hotel expanded from 10 rooms to 23. Poulos continued to operate the business until last January when he sold out to Vernon Hutton Jr. of Detroit and Charles Janssen of Novi.

## NORTHVILLE CAMERA SHOP

Robert F. Webber founded Northville Camera Shop and Webber Photographic Studio in October, 1965 at 200 South Main Street.

The business offers retail sales for photo supplies, equipment and tape recorders while the studio does portrait, wedding, commercial and industrial work.

The company has two employees.

## NORTHVILLE COACH LINE

Northville Coach Line bus service was originally established in 1932. The business passed on to Quentin Biddle who in 1963 sold out to S.W. Leib, M. Wolfe and A. Schiller. Schiller then sold his share of the business to his partners, but still remains general manager at 4122 Seven Mile.

## NORTHVILLE COLLISION

Mr. William Ahern, present owner, established the Northville Collision shop around ten years ago on 108 East Dunlap.

## NORTHVILLE CONVALESCENT CENTER

Northville Convalescent Center was incorporated in January, 1969, with Dr. Robert Moss serving as the president.

The center was started in 1964 as a partnership between William Jacobs, William Fenkle, Dr. E. T. Capuzzi and Larry Nickerman.

The convalescent center is housed in the former Sessions hospital and Northville hospital building.

The center offers skilled nursing 24 hours a day and Medicaid care to its 43 patients.

In July the convalescent center will become part of the Alden Care Corporation, of which Dr. Moss is president.

## NORTHVILLE DRUG STORES

The histories of the Northville Drug stores can be traced back, indirectly, to the time of the first Northville post office.

Originally, Gunsell Rexall Drugs, southeast corner of Center and Main streets, a small frame building which served as the first Northville Post Office. Postmaster E.S. Horton in the 1890's ran the business. Later the corner was converted into a grocery

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store by A.M. Wheeler, and passed on to daughter Elizabeth Wheeler Blackburn. Following her was A.E. Stanley and then pharmacist C.R. Horton, son of the postmaster.

The store passed on to daughter Cara Horton and then on May 11, 1934, M. C. Gunsell purchased the business. He continued until 1964 when his son-in-law, present owner R. Douglas Lorenz, bought him out. The store has been renamed, Lorenz Rexall Pharmacy.

## NORTHVILLE FIRESTONE

In June of 1967 Richard Ashten established the Northville Firestone business at 446 South Main Street.

## NORTHVILLE HOTEL AND BAR

A truly historical landmark of Northville is the Northville Hotel and bar, whose building is more than 100 years old. The present business was established during the close of prohibition, by brothers Joseph and John Manica. Together they run the establishment on 212 South Main.

## NORTHVILLE INSURANCE AGENCY

Located at 160 East Main street, Northville Insurance Agency was formed in April, 1965 as the result of the purchase of two other local agencies by Kenneth Rathert. These agencies were owned by Harold Church and George Clark. Rathert, now a Northville city councilman, later purchased the building in which the agency is located, which also serves as offices for Northville Realty.

## NORTHVILLE LANES

There were only six lanes in the Northville bowling alley when Angie Gadioli purchased the business at 132 Center Street in 1941. Since then the place has increased to over 20 lanes and a lounge has been added.

## NORTHVILLE LAUNDRY

A longtime local business, Northville Laundry changed hands in June, 1967, when Harvey P. and Richard C. Ritchie purchased the 331 North Center street business from Acel Dayton, Edwin Male and Walter Staman. The building was erected in 1934 by Cyril and Sidney Frid and operated as a laundry by the brothers until 1946 when they sold the business (but not the building) to Dayton, Male and Staman. Since 1949 the Ritchie brothers had operated a self-serve laundry at 144 North Center. After buying Northville Laundry (and the building) they eventually closed their laundry at 144 North Center last April. The facility at 331 North Center has

been expanded and modernized to provide complete family laundry and dry cleaning service.

## NORTHVILLE MARATHON

Two years ago, Howard Hester opened the Northville Marathon Service Station at 480 Seven Mile.

## NORTHVILLE PIZZERIA

Northville Pizzeria was established six years ago by Michael Mendolea on Main Street in the old White Fisherman Restaurant. Last year Mendolea moved his business to 168 East Main, across the street, once the home of Paul's Sweet Shop and later the Black Whale.

## NORTHVILLE REFRIGERATION

In 1959 H. Thomas Quinn purchased the Northville Refrigeration Company and the next year he moved the business from 115 North Center Street to 135 North Center.

## OLD MILL RESTAURANT

The Old Mill Restaurant, 130 East Main, was established by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mitchell about 1947 in an old feed store that now houses the Northville Pizzeria. In 1953 Mitchell moved to his present location then recently vacated by Gambles Hardware. He still operates the restaurant which was remodeled three years ago.

## P & A THEATRE

The P & A or Penniman Allen Theatre, 133 East Main, was built by Mrs. K. E. Allen of Plymouth shortly after fire destroyed an old theater in 1925. It was built at a cost of \$150,000 and has a capacity for 756 persons. A pipe organ valued at \$13,000 was installed at the time and the theater was said to possess the best sound equipment in the state. The present owner, Edward Hohler, purchased the business several years ago. He also owns the Pacific Theater in Farmington.

The first Northville theatre, which was owned by Henry Fisher was located in the village hall, at the corner of Main and Wing Streets. Mrs. Allen of Plymouth bought him out after the fire and constructed the present theatre on Main Street. The site of the new theatre had been Ed Hinkley's Cigar and Tobacco Shop, established in 1898.

## PAULINE'S RESTAURANT

When the old Northville Bean Pot closed down in 1960, Pauline Simms purchased the place and opened Pauline's Restaurant, 126 East Main. The restaurant is sandwiched between

Hugh Jarvis and the Old Mill Restaurant.

## PHIL'S PURE STATION

Phil's Pure service station on 130 West Main Street was established in May, 1964. The present owner is Phil Rosselle.

## PLYMOUTH FINANCE

The Plymouth Finance company was founded by Myron Smith and Rayman Heyman in March of 1968. Smith then sold his share in the business to Conrad J. Burkman. It's located at the Convenient Center on Novi Road.

## PRIDE CLEANERS

In a shop once housing the Sally Bell Bakery, Pride Cleaners was established in 1948. Meyer Ellis now owns the business at 150 North Center Street.

## RAMSEY'S BAR

Ramsey's Bar at 105 North Center Street next door to The Record was opened in 1930 by Mr. Sam Nastich. Since then the business has changed hands up to present owner William Boyd.

## REEVES SELF SERVICE LAUNDRY

Reeves Self Service Laundry was established by Kenneth Reeves about seven years ago. Two years later he opened the branch office of Tait's in the business at 202 West Main Street.

## REVITZERS SHOE REPAIR STORE

Way back in 1923 Joe Revitzer opened a shoe repair business in a frame building where Ramsey's Bar now stands next door to The Record. The place was divided and a man named Stienbow operated a tire shop on the opposite side of the partition. Revitzer remained there from 1923 to 1926 when a man named Schafer, an electrician, purchased the complex and constructed the present building. The shoe repair moved to Main Street into the building now housing the Barn Door Antiques. This building housed a bowling alley and was situated adjacent to a barber shop owned by Lee Shipley.

From the basement Joe moved upstairs in 1929, to the offices previously housing the Smith and Lowell Real Estate Company. This was bordered on either side by Kilgore's Haberdashery and Arnold Owens harness business. In April of 1936, Revitzer moved to his present location across the street, and next to a grocery and meat store owned by Ed Bogart.

The shop has remained much the same since then, except for an occasional shifting of equipment inside. Several years after moving in Revitzer moved his heavy machinery downstairs, only to move it up again after realizing the added inconvenience. The old shoe repair, still going strong, will celebrate it's 46th anniversary in October.

## LOCAL SUPERMARKETS

"The biggest change in Northville grocery stores over the years has been the loss of personal relationship between the customers and the employees," says Ed Barnes, former manager of the Northville Kroger store.

In the good old days when stores stocked only around 300 items, everything was behind the counter and

merchants waited on shoppers individually. Now merchandise comes from the big warehouses and the stores carry over 5,000 different items. Quite a change from the early 1920's when Northville farmers bartered with eggs for groceries and chicken feed.

The Northville Kroger store was first located in the present Gambles Hardware store on the north side of Main Street under the management of Jack Kelvey. Then in 1942 new manager Edward Barnes arrived from Detroit and it was under him that the store moved in 1951 to where the A&P supermarket is located. Here it remained until 1961, when the new Kroger supermarket was constructed between Center and Hutton, north of Dunlap. Barnes continued as manager until last January, when he retired and was replaced by a new manager, Lowell Stafford of Ann Arbor.

The A&P grocery store formerly was located where the dime store is now located on the north side of Main, east of Center. In 1961 under the new management of Donald Duvall, the store moved into the recently vacated Kroger store, it's present location. The grand opening was marked by special ceremonies attended by E. J. Vogel, vice president of the A&P food chain. Not long ago Ernie Angel replaced Duvall as manager of the store.

## SALON RENE'

Salon Rene', the woman's beauty parlor, was established in 1962 by Hugh Day and Rene' Hammer in a shop at 135 West Main Street. Previously a travel agency occupied the building.

In '63 Rene bought out his partner and the business continued to prosper so that last April a corporation was formed. At that time Rene' moved to his present location at 1059 Novi Road.

## SANDY'S HAMBURGERS

Since its construction in 1960, Sandy's Hamburgers, 156 North Center, has changed name several times with a steady succession of owners. Most recently Paul and Dorothy Livingston purchased the place from Mr. and Mrs. H. Victor. The restaurant occupies the site of the old opera house built by the first publisher of The Record.

## SEVERANCE ART SHOP

The art supply store which stands in the new store complex facing Cady Street was opened in 1967 by Mrs. Hazel M. Severance. Few people realize, however, that the shop serves as a studio as well, offering art lessons to adults, youngsters and the mentally retarded.

## SPAGY'S GROCERY STORE

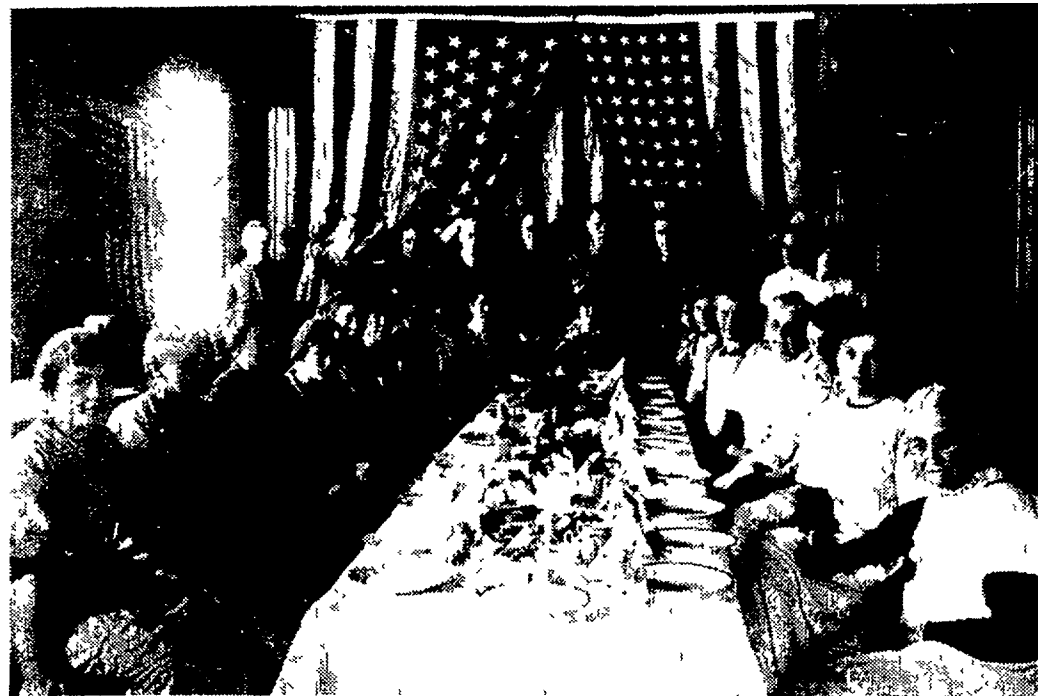
Spagy's Grocery is one local business which has remained in the same family since the turn of the century. Over 80 years ago Jim Spagnuolo, great uncle of the present owner purchased the shop and opened an ice cream parlor. The place on 111 East Main featured ice cream sodas with a specialty of homemade candy.

In 1907 his nephew, also named Jim Spagnuolo, took over and continued to manage the ice cream parlor. This continued until 1947 when his son Joe, the present owner, took over and converted the shop into a grocery store.

## SPINNING WHEEL FABRIC SHOP

The Spinning Wheel Fabric shop, 146 East Main, was established by Mr.

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FISH HATCHERY EMPLOYEES' BANQUET



WARE'S RESTAURANT — Tom Ware, father of Donald Ware, poses at the counter of his restaurant that stood where Brader's department store stands today on Main Street. The picture was taken about 1910. Ware was a mason who built many of the stone buildings in Northville and Plymouth.



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Northville

## 22 Postmasters Served Here In 138 Years

Twenty-two postmasters have served in Northville since Jabes M. Mead was appointed the first postmaster on October 10, 1831.

The late Leland V. Smith, who preceded the current postmaster, John Steimel, holds the distinction of having served the longest consecutive term of any Northville postmaster.

But the late Fred VanAtta, who was postmaster prior to Smith's appointment, was a close second. VanAtta served just over 15 years.

Since the local post office was founded in 1831, just one postmaster served three times. He was David H. Rowland. Two were named for two terms: Hiram M. Perin and Edward S. Horton.

And, in operating the local post office for 138 years, only one woman has ever been in charge. Bertha Neal succeeded her husband, Frank S. Neal, upon his death.

Here's a list of the 22 postmasters:

Jabes M. Mead, appointed October 10, 1831; David H. Rowland, July 10, 1839; Hiram M. Perin, May 31, 1841; David H. Rowland, February 19, 1845; William H. Ramsdell, June 12, 1849; Hiram M. Perin, June 19, 1851; David H. Rowland, June 15, 1853; Josiah E. Chase, June 18, 1860; Walter D. Whalen, May 31, 1861; Edward S. Horton, June 28, 1867; James H. Woodman, November 4, 1885; Edward S. Horton, August 2, 1889; Charles A. Downer, January 9, 1894; William H. Hutton, January 10, 1898; Milo N. Johnson, December 10, 1902; Will L. Tingham, January 4, 1915; Frank S. Neal, August 1, 1923; Bertha Neal, November 17, 1928; T. R. Carrington, February 14, 1930; Fred E. VanAtta, October 1, 1934; Leland V. Smith, October 31, 1949; John Steimel, May 7, 1965.

## Old Building To Come Down On Main Street

Feb. 13, 1964 — Project number two in the activities of the Northville Area Development Corporation was undertaken this week with the purchase of an apartment building at 123 West Main Street.

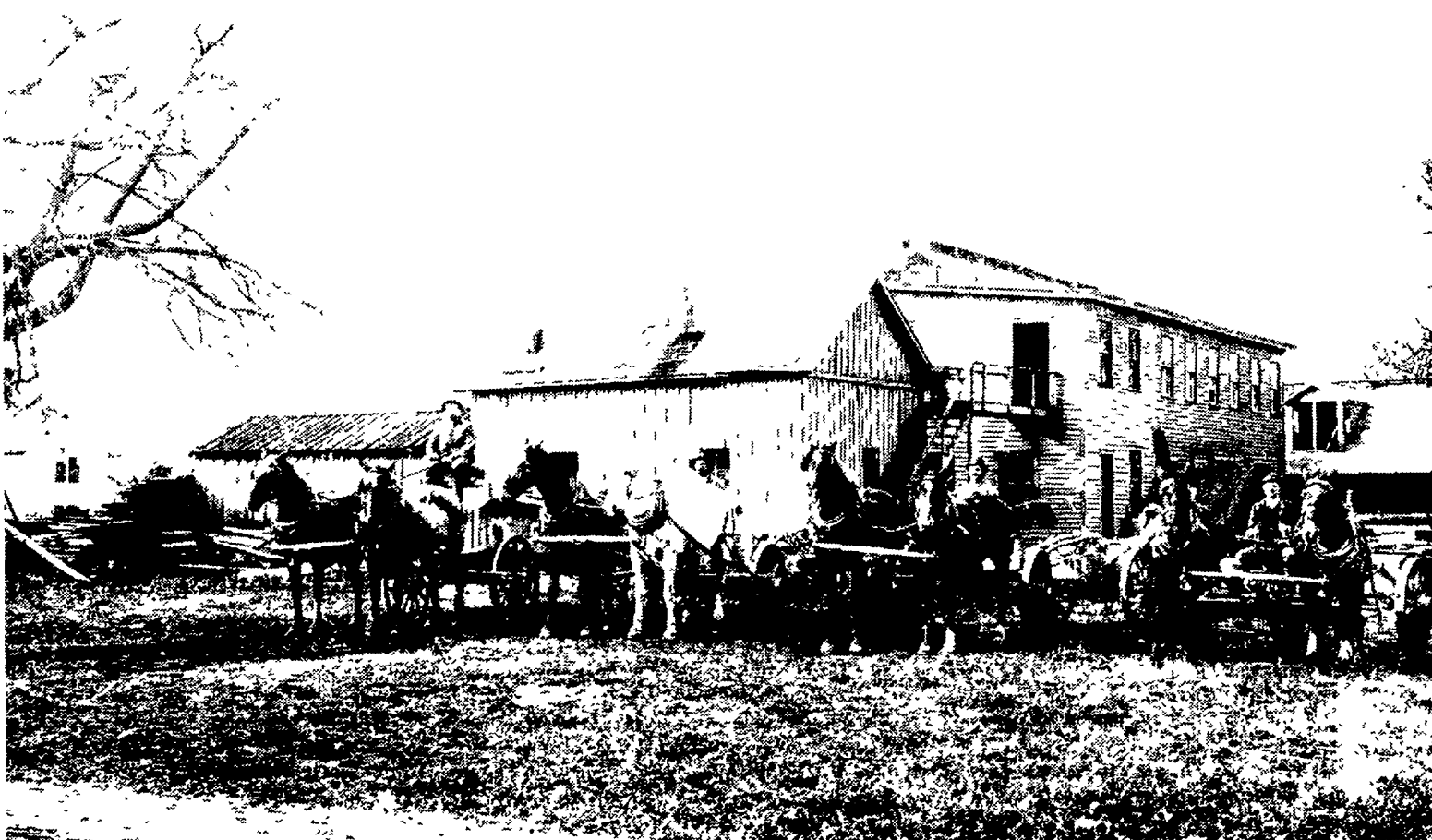
C. A. Smith, president of the non-profit development corporation, said the purchase was made to provide a site for possible future commercial development of the area.

The building is estimated to be some 100 years old. Mrs. T. J. Knapp of 548 West Dunlap, who at 88 is one of the community's oldest residents, remembers the building from her days as a youngster. Mrs. Knapp was born in the Wing Street house to the rear of the building.

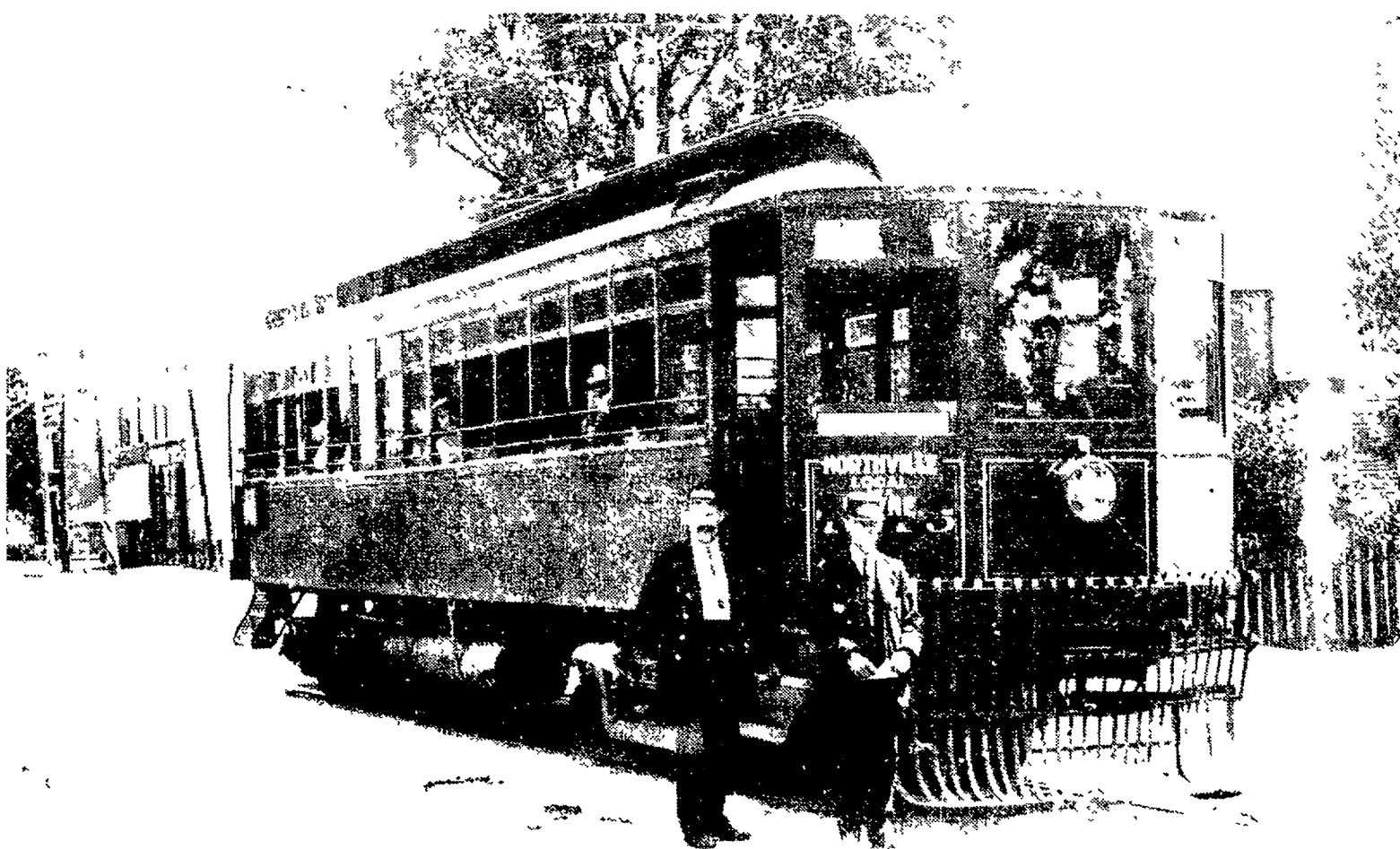
It was once owned by Irving and Antoinette Randolph Barnhart and was known as the "Barnhart Flats". Mrs. Knapp recalls that at the turn of the century the building contained a commercial business on the main floor with an apartment upstairs.



NORTHEAST CORNER OF MAIN AND CENTER STREETS BEFORE 1890



J. A. DUBUAR LOG TEAMS AT GRISWOLD AND MAIN STREETS MILL IN 1890



OLD DUR CAR ON MAIN STREET; ONE OF THE MEN IS CLAUDE R. GREEN



## Our Industries

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parcel of property from E. M. Starkweather.

Today, 26 years later, he's in the late stages of his career but still looking towards the future with hopes that the excavated pit can eventually be filled and redeveloped into a golf course or general recreation area.

Thomson formerly operated sand and gravel supply in suburban Grand Rapids before relocating here. He gradually accumulated property from Starkweather over the years and by 1953 the business was beginning to reciprocate for his long hours in development.

In 1965 the company incorporated with his son, Don, and his daughter, Mrs. Alta Sorenson, becoming officers. Charles Sorenson, Thomson's son-in-law, is foreman of the mining operation.

The company has 15 employees with the majority of its sales being made at the pit rather than by delivery. The bulk of its present sales is to industry and swimming pool contractors.

### WARREN PRODUCTS

Located on a site incorporating

one of the area's historic landmarks, Warren Products, Inc. specializes in metal fabricating, stamping and welding.

The company, founded in 1940 in Warren, moved to Northville in 1941 locating in a building of the former Richardson Family farm.

According to Warren Products official Richard T. Martin, the building which the company has expanded apparently was completed on the Fourth of July, 1903. He explains that what appears to be the last boards on the cupola are signed and dated by the carpenters.

The Richardson Farm had been a milk condensing plant servicing Grennan Bakeries, which later became Farm Crest.

All the stock of the corporation is owned by the principal officers — George B. Martin, president; Frank J. Martin, vice-president and Richard T. Martin, secretary-treasurer.

The major plant is a steel and concrete structure of approximately 22,000 square feet on about three acres of land.

The Martins are all veterans of the industry.

## Our Businesses

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and Mrs. Fred McLean in 1962 at 110 North Center Street. In November of 1968 they moved to the present location in back of the municipal parking lot.

### STONE CELLAR ANTIQUES

There's no better place for an antique shop than an historic house.

Stone Cellar Antiques is located at 335 North Center, in an 81-year-old home owned previously by the Bogart family of Northville.

The home was built in 1881 by E.M. Bogart's great-uncle and aunt with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, reportedly while the couple was on their honeymoon.

Verne and Jean Magee, present owners of Stone Cellar Antiques, purchased the home in 1967. The shop sells "a little bit of everything," specializing in prints.

### TRAVEL PLANS

Clifton Hill and Walter Belasco launched Travel Plans, Inc., 101 East Main, in 1961 with a license for ticketing both international and domestic airlines, railway and sea travel. The travel agency first occupied a building on North Center Street,

moved around the corner in 1965.

### VILLAGE PUMP

The Village Pump Antique store, 124 North Center, was opened two years ago by Marlene and John Nelson in the space previously occupied by an engineering-surveyor firm. The store stands on the east side of Center Street between John's Barber Shop and the Carrington Insurance Agency.

### WEST SEVEN MILE STANDARD

The Standard service station at West Seven Mile and Beck opened last October under the management of Lloyd Hughes.

### WHITE BOUTIQUE BEAUTY PARLOR

Seven years ago owner Clyde White established the White Boutique beauty parlor. He moved four years ago to his present location at 116 South Center.

### ZAYTI TRUCKING

The Zayti Trucking Company was established in 1939 by Julius and Margaret Zayti. Originally offices were at 118 East Main Street, but in 1947 it was moved out adjacent to the garage at 47500 West Eight Mile Road. The original owners are still controlling the business.

## \$100 Offer Lures Horses to Track

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The horse was only a four-year-old when he came to Northville and had little to recommend him. "Dr. Stanton" won his first race by a half-length and his second race by the same margin but with a better time.

He continued in his winning ways until the winning string had stretched to 10. "Dr. Stanton" was the darling of the fans and attracted large crowds every time he raced.

Credit for the sudden increase of interest in harness racing must be given to "Dr. Stanton." He raced in Northville for two years before going on to tracks in New York City. His career ended abruptly when he dropped dead at the age of 12 while warming up.

Two Dutch brothers from Buffalo brought a trotting mare to Northville named "Proximity" and it was the story of "Dr. Stanton" all over again.

"Proximity" quickly showed she was destined for greatness, winning the Michigan Trotting Derby in 1948 and setting a new record of 2:02.4, a time that still stands today.

The next few years saw a host of standout horses appearing at the Downs including the great Michigan-owned "Royal Blackstone," "Grattan Volo," twice winner of the Trotting Derby; "Grattan McKlyo" and "Jimmy Creed," winners of the Pacing Derby; "Demon Hanover," "Scotch Valley," "Belle Action," "H. D. Hanover" and "Guinea Gold."

The track also had great racing secretaries as Walter Gibbons, Mickey McLean and Keller, with the job finally going to Connors, with Johnny Jeniune as his assistant.

"Dutch" German was presiding judge for many years and now holds a similar post at Eastern tracks.

With the increased popularity of the Downs came the need for improvements. The first, in 1958, was the construction of additional barns west of the grounds on a cutout portion of the hill on Sheldon and Seven Mile.

The old wooden barns on the grounds were razed in 1959, and new winter barns were constructed along with a motel-barn. The building provided living quarters on the second floor for the drivers and grooms and space for the horses on the ground floor.

The track was also widened an additional 10 feet to permit 10 horses to race abreast. The rails were removed and a new fence and lights were installed.

In the early '60's, the crowds had increased and the decision was made to expand and modernize the grandstand.

The capacity was increased to more than 5,000 and the ends were glassed in against the weather.

Another recent addition is a receiving barn which also has been used for horse sales. It has a capacity of several hundred spectators in addition to space for horses.

In 1967 a full "tote" board was installed. At the same time the track purchased additional land east and north of the grandstand to expand parking facilities.

In April, 1969, ground was broken for a \$1.5 million clubhouse at the Downs. The first floor of the structure will be ready for the start of the 30-night Northville-Jackson meeting starting November 24.

New at the Downs this season will be the glass-enclosure of the entire grandstand.

When completed, the entire project will cost approximately \$2 million, according to Carlo.

The new 100 x 200 foot clubhouse will have three floors when completed in 1970. The first level, which will be completed this year, will be connected with the grandstand.

The clubhouse will have its own mutuel department, space for 2,000 spectators and concession stands. It will be air conditioned.

The second level will have three rows of seats along the glassed front. A dining room with seating for 352 in a

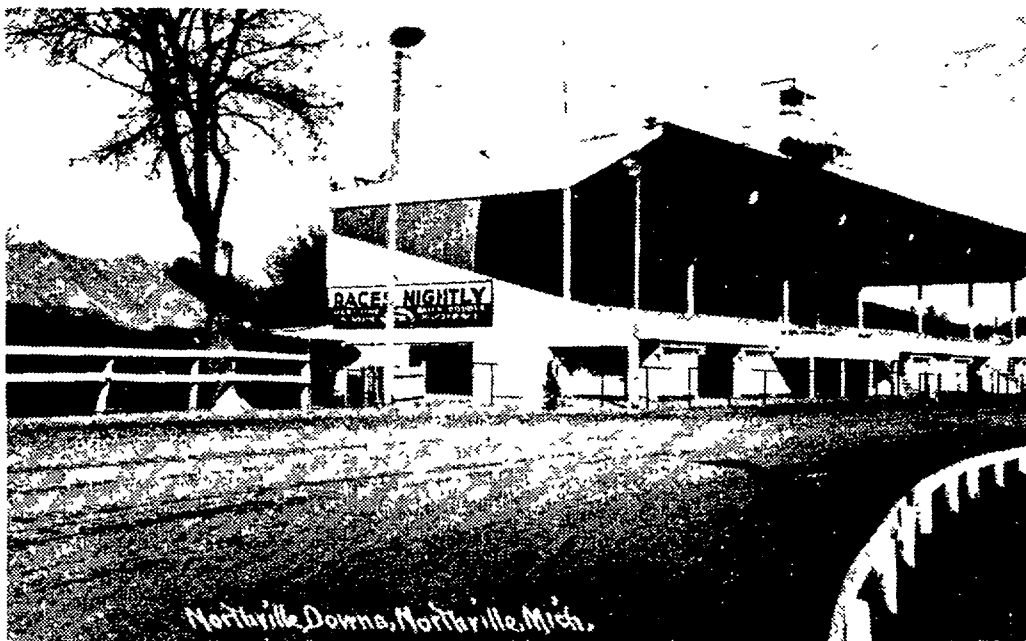
three-tier arrangement will be located on the third level.

Today, Carlo is the lone partner remaining of the six who started the operation in 1944. Wiedrick now lives in Chicago and Brock in Buffalo. Goldberg, Reed and Dennison are deceased.

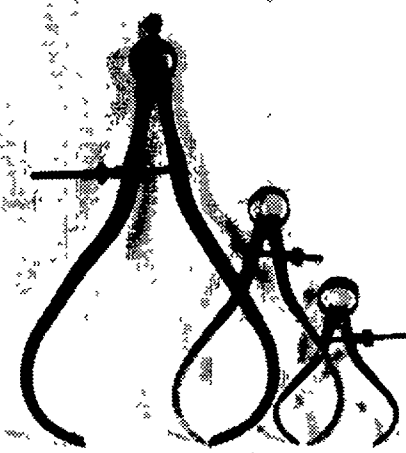
Dr. Snow was president of the Driving Club until 1967 when he retired. His place has been taken by his

son-in-law, Cass Hoffman. "Doc" still is track physician, just as he has been since the opening night back in 1944.

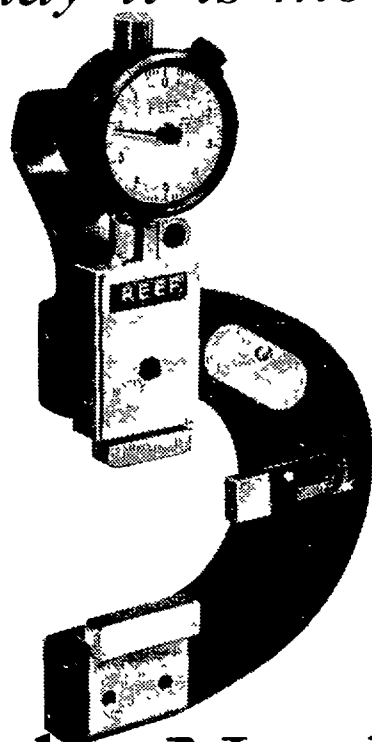
In the early days of the Downs, the entire plan seemed a lost cause. But those who worked hard to build Northville Downs into one of the best harness racing tracks, can now look back with satisfaction as the track continues its 26th season.



DOC BURGESS HOUSE JUST EAST OF NORTHVILLE DRUG

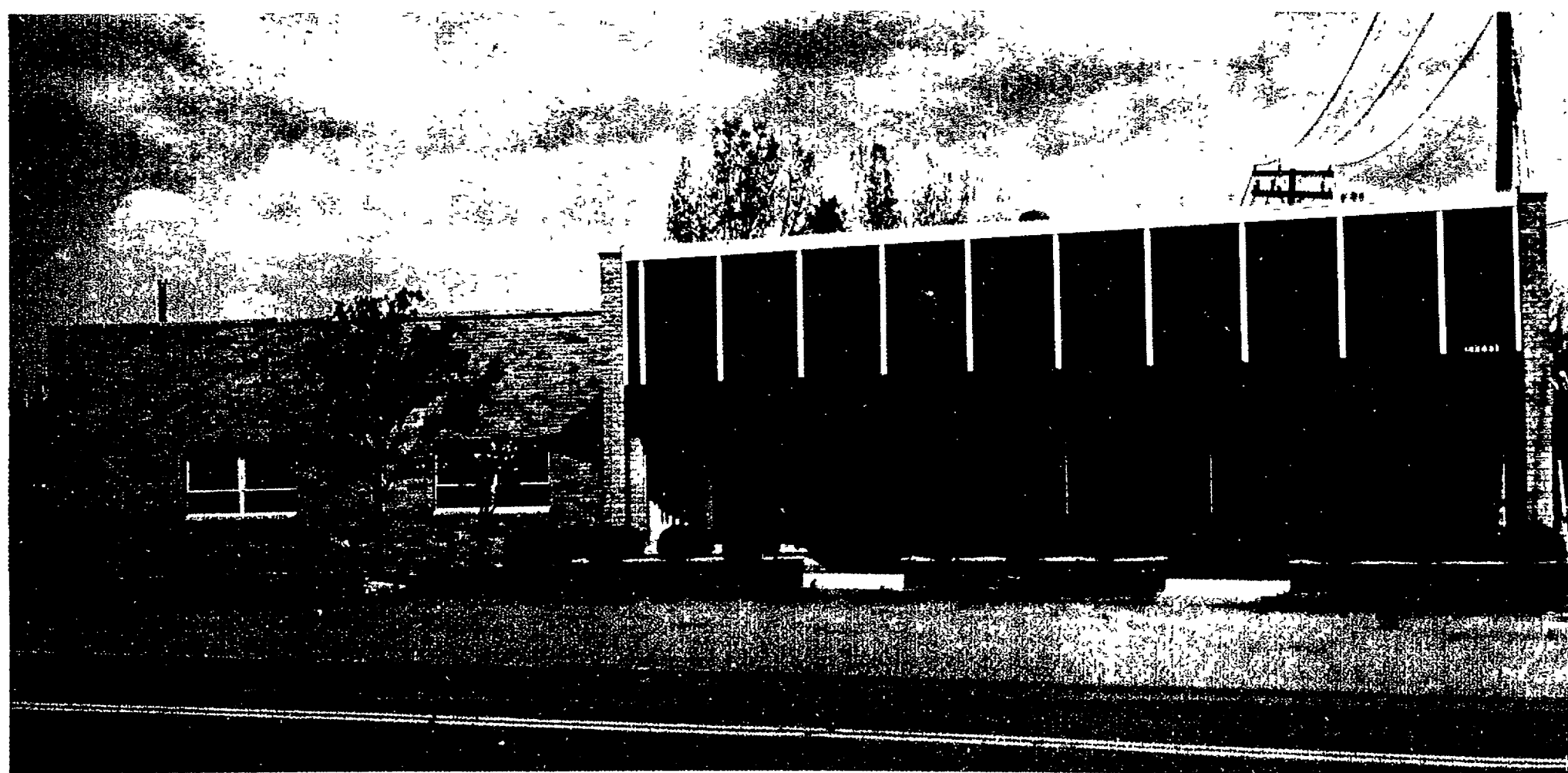


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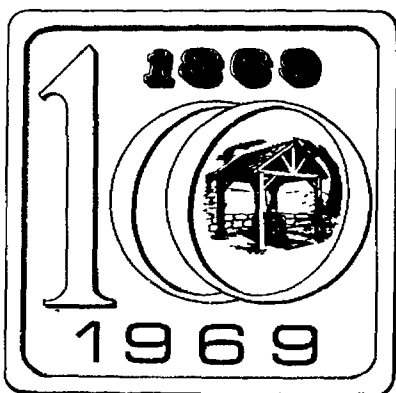
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**REEF MANUFACTURING COMPANY**

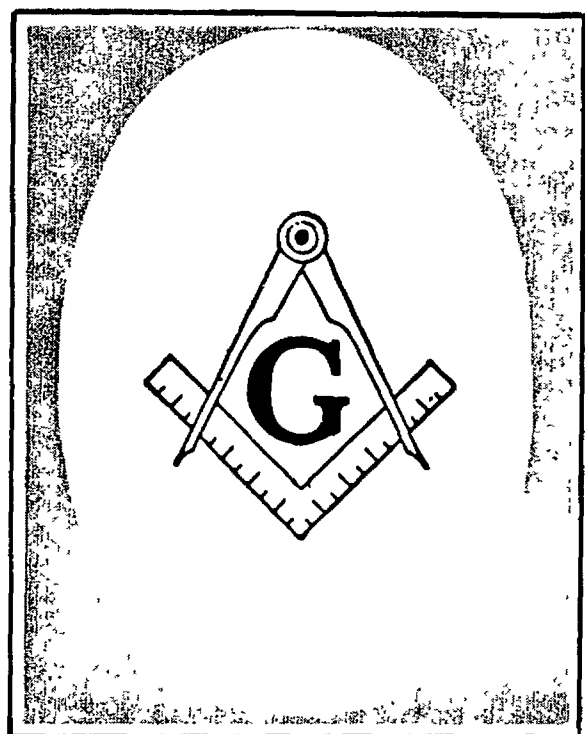
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Established in 1851

# Records of First Masonic Lodge Destroyed by Fire in Plymouth

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — The following comprehensive history of Northville's oldest organization — Masons — was researched and written by Herman A. Wedemeyer. Secretary-treasurer of the Masonic Temple Association, he served as High Priest of Union Chapter No.

55, Royal Arch Masons in 1964 and as Eminent Commander of Northville Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar in 1967.

Currently, he is serving as junior officer in both Northville Lodge No. 186, Free & Accepted Masons and

Northville Council No. 89, Royal & Select Masters.

A resident of Northville since 1959, he is employed as a manufacturing process engineer at the Ford-Livonia Transmission Plant.

The first Northville Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was instituted in 1851; however, all historical records were destroyed in a fire at Plymouth.

The lodge met at both Northville and Plymouth, taking the charter from one place to another, until the time came when Plymouth declined to allow it to be returned to Northville, and kept the charter, jewels, furniture, etc. The charter of the Plymouth lodge at the present reads "Northville Lodge" although it is known as Plymouth Rock No. 47.

The first records of the present Northville Masonic Lodge states that on the evening of December 13, 1865, a meeting was held in the rooms of Brother E. Bissel for the purpose of organizing a lodge of Masons.

Brother Albert L. Stevens was appointed chairman and Brother J. P. Donaldson, secretary. Brother W. P. Hungerford stated that Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 had voted to return the lodge equipment belonging to Northville, after which the first regular officers were elected.

The charter members, besides the officers were: Thomas Freeman, W. C. Whalen, George H. Dennis, George E. Dennis, Merritt Randolph, J. P. Donaldson, John M. Wells, E. K. Simonds, H. M. Harrington, Francis G. Terrill, J. S. Lapham and Samuel Hungerford.

It was voted that the regular meeting be Monday evening on or before the full of the moon. But as the old-fashioned almanacs did not agree, much confusion resulted and the regular meeting was scheduled to be on the second Monday of each month.

A charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Michigan on January



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11, 1866 and the first installation of officers of Northville Lodge No. 186, Free and Accepted Masons was conducted on January 29, 1866 by Deputy Grand Master Kellogg.

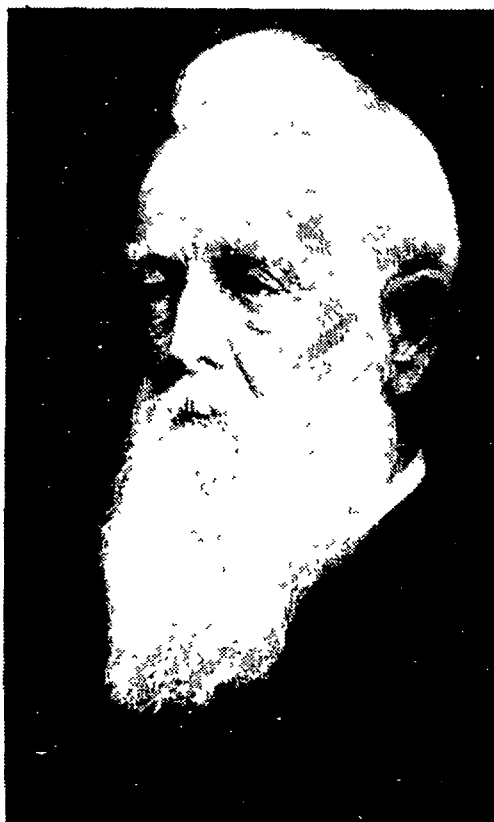
On October 3, 1867, a dispensation was granted to the following Companions to form a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Village of Northville: J. H. Smith, W. P. Hungerford, C. G. Harrington, C. P. Donaldson, J. E. Root, Henry W. Tuttle, D. B. Smith, Samuel Hungerford, D. B. Northrop, H. H. Jackson, Benjamin Gardner, A. C. Perrin, C. C. Yeomans and Lyman Pennigor. The chapter was to be known as Union Chapter Under Dispensation.

The first convocation of Union Chapter, U.D. was held on October 17, 1867 in the lodge rooms of Northville Lodge No. 186 and officers were appointed. During the short time the chapter was under dispensation, 26 petitions were received and nine Brothers were exalted to the sublime

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COL. SAM HUNGERFORD



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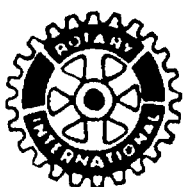
*Northville "Spring"*

*Travel and Adventure Lecture Series*

*Eye Glasses for Children*

*Student Model United Nations*

THANKS AGAIN



CHARLES M. JOSLIN



W. P. HUNGERFORD

# Lodge Takes Space in Wheeler's Store

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degree of Royal Arch Mason.

The By-Laws of the chapter were accepted on December 27, 1867. It is interesting to note that article two of the by-laws read as follows: "The stated meetings of this chapter shall be held on the Wednesday on or preceding the full moon of each month at 7:30 o'clock p.m., from the first of October to the first of April, and at 7:00 o'clock p.m. from the first of April to the first day of October." But as the almanacs of that period did not always agree, much confusion resulted as it did in the by-laws of Northville Lodge No. 186 and this by-law of the chapter was later changed to specify the second Wednesday of each month.

A charter was issued to Union Chapter on January 8, 1868 and given the number 55. The following officers were elected on January 21, 1868 and installed on January 28, 1868 by Excellent Companion Mark Walters, the High Priest of Pontiac Chapter No. 5:.

Companions: John H. Smith, High Priest, Ira J. Bradner, King, Charles J. Harrington, Scribe, Samuel Hungerford, Treasurer, W. J. Clark, Secretary, D. B. Smith, Captain of the Host, C. M. Sly, Principal Sojourner, W. P. Hungerford, Royal Arch Captain, Jas. P. Donaldson, Master of the Third Veil, H. H. Jackson, Master of the Second Veil, H. W. Tuttle, Master of the First Veil, and G. E. Bradley, as Sentinel. The High Priest, John H. Smith served as High Priest for the next four years and again in 1875-1876-1877.

The history of Union Chapter No. 55 and Northville Lodge No. 186 reveals the close relationship that existed between them throughout the years. These two Lodges had secured meeting rooms over what was then W.



**HERMAN F. REINHACKEL**  
Worshipful Master, Northville Lodge  
No. 186, Free and Accepted Masons

P. Hungerford's store on the north side of Main Street.

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Northville Council No. 30, Royal and Select Masters which was constituted on April 20, 1871, ceased its activities on February 17, 1901, reasons at present being unknown.

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In 1880 Brother Barton A. Wheeler began the erection of a new store at which time Northville Lodge No. 186 and Union Chapter No. 55 entered into a contract with him whereby they secured a nine year lease and constructed a second story to the building shortly thereafter. During the same year the Masonic Temple Association of Northville was formed to manage and maintain the building.

The new Lodge hall was dedicated on June 24, 1881 by Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, George H. Durand of Flint. Brother J. S. Lapham was one of the principal speakers at this occasion.

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A petition to form a Commandery of Knights Templar was presented to Sir Knight Ransom A. Hall, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan on May 11, 1886. Dispensation was granted and accordingly, the first organizational meeting was held on June 2, 1886. During the dispensation year, 21 candidates were knighted and the record shows a total membership of 43 at the close of that year.

After the charter was granted at the Grand Conclave in Grand Rapids on May 11, 1887, Northville Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar was constituted and its Asylum was then consecrated by Sir Knight Thomas Hart Williams, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan on June 7, 1887.

The first election of officers after the granting of the charter was held on March 6, 1888 and the first public installation of officers took place on March 20, 1888. The first elected officers of Northville Commandery were Sir Knights Charles G. Harrington, Eminent Commander, William Harlan, Generalissimo, Eli K. Simonds, Captain General, Albert J. Linton, Senior Warden, Joseph H. Woodman, Junior Warden, Frank N. Clark, Prelate, Lawrence W. Simmons, Treasurer, Charles R. Stevens, Recorder, Charles M. Joslin, Standard Bearer, Edward N. Root, Sword Bearer, and Alfred W. Carpenter, Warder.

The first Knights Templar funeral service in Northville was conducted on July 21, 1886 for Excellent Prelate Clark S. Sly. The first Knights Templar Easter Service was held April 10, 1887 and the first Ascension Day Service on May 10, 1888, both having been conducted in the First Methodist Church of Northville.

Of the 67 Past Commanders of Northville Commandery, 22 are among the living, with Sir Knight C. Ray VanValkenburgh who presided as Eminent Commander in 1929 being the eldest.

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Orient Chapter No. 77, Order of the Eastern Star of which the membership roll is made up of Master Masons, their wives, daughters, mothers, widows, sisters and grand daughters, received its charter from the Grand Chapter of Michigan on October 15, 1891.



**TOP OFFICERS** — Representing the various Masonic orders in the Northville Masonic Temple are (l to r), back row: Wayne E. Turton, High Priest of Union Chapter No. 55, Royal Arch Masons; George Y. Cheng, Eminent Commander of Northville Commandery No. 39, Knights Templar; and T. Paul Mullen, Thrice Illustrious Master of Northville Council No. 89, Royal and Select Masters; seated, Anne McCarthy, Worthy Matron and Edward D. McCarthy, Worthy Patron, both of Orient Chapter No. 77, Order of Eastern Star; and Nina Bosworth, Worthy Advisor, Northville Assembly No. 29, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Meeting twice monthly, the Order is a charitable as well as a religious organization. Among the charitable activities are the support of the "Villa for Children", ages six to eighteen, located in Adrian, educational scholarships for first and second year college students, educational loans for third and fourth year students,

## 'The first election of officers after the granting of the charter was held on March 6, 1888 . . .'

scholarships for those studying for the ministry or other religious fields, relief funds for aged sisters, cancer cases and emergency situations.

Past Matron Ida Joslin became Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Michigan in 1897. Through the years four Past Matrons have received appointments as Grand Representatives in the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

Orient Chapter excels in its support of the Masonic Temple Association of Northville through its Worthy Matron's projects by donating needed equipment annually.

One of the principle activities of Orient Chapter No. 77 is the sponsorship of Northville Assembly No. 29, International Order of Rainbow for Girls which was instituted February 21, 1942 by Mrs. E. Alberta

Coburn, Supreme Inspector in Michigan. Mrs. Ida B. Cooke was Worthy Matron of Orient Chapter at that time, Mrs. Iris Litzenberger was the first Mother Advisor and Miss Gertrude Catton was the first Worthy Advisor of Northville Assembly No. 29, Rainbow for Girls.

In its relative short history, Northville Assembly No. 29 has been honored by having many of its members becoming officers in the Grand Assembly of Michigan, the most outstanding being that of Past Worthy Advisor, Miss Shona Davies having been elected to the station of Grand Worthy Advisor at the Grand Assembly session in Grand Rapids in June, 1965 and her sister, Past Worthy Advisor Miss Catherine Davies having been elected to the same station at the Grand Assembly in Grand Rapids in June, 1969. This is the first time in the history of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Michigan that blood sisters have ever been elected to the station of Grand Worthy Advisor.

Miss Nina Bosworth is the present Worthy Advisor of Northville Assembly, Mrs. Enid L. Penn is Mother Advisor and Mrs. Betty Willing, is Past Mother Advisor Historian.

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On February 28, 1948, Redford Council No. 89, Royal and Select Masters, was instituted in the Redford Masonic Temple in the City of Detroit by the then Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Michigan, Samuel E. Ballantine. The charter members were composed of 29 Companions of Monroe Council No. 1,

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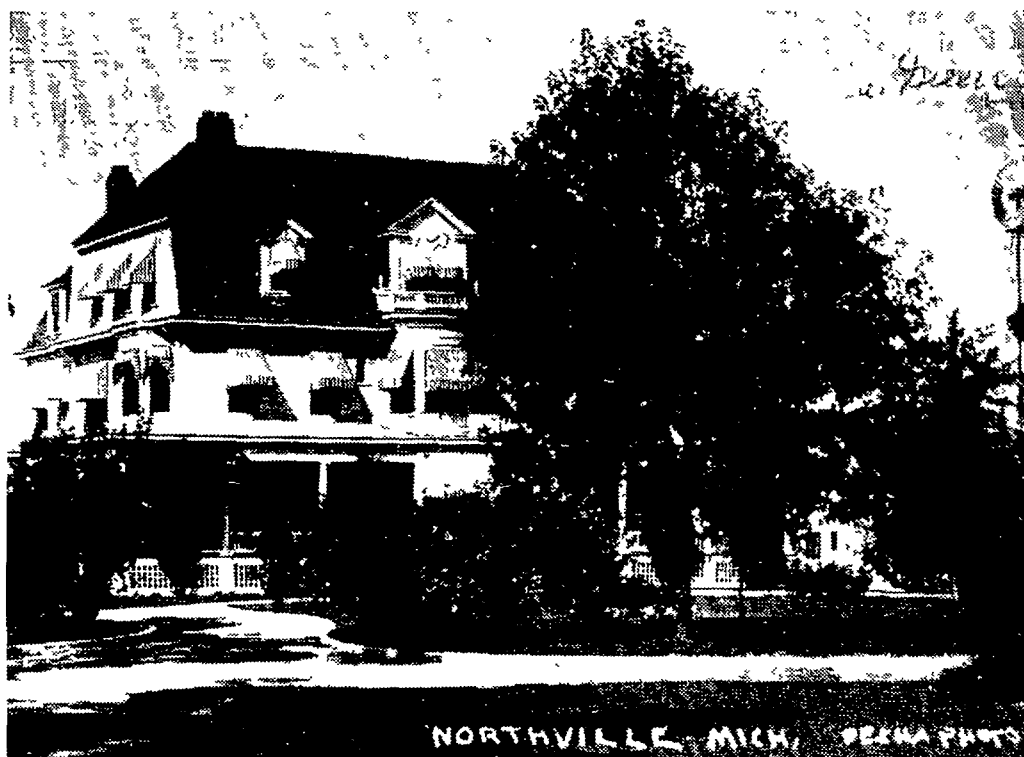


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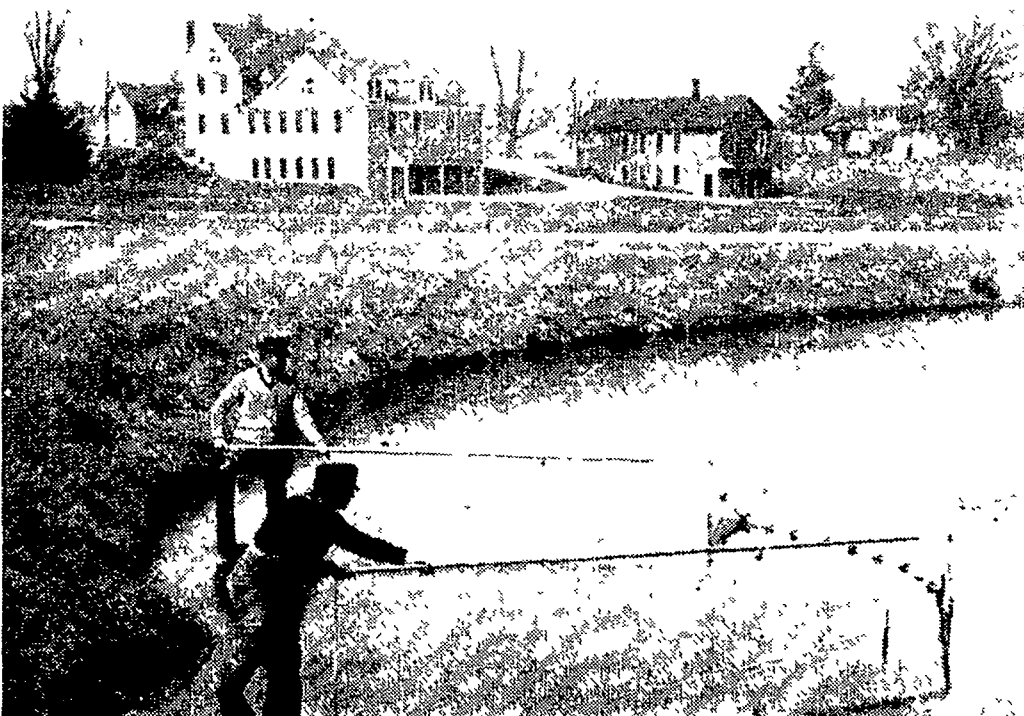
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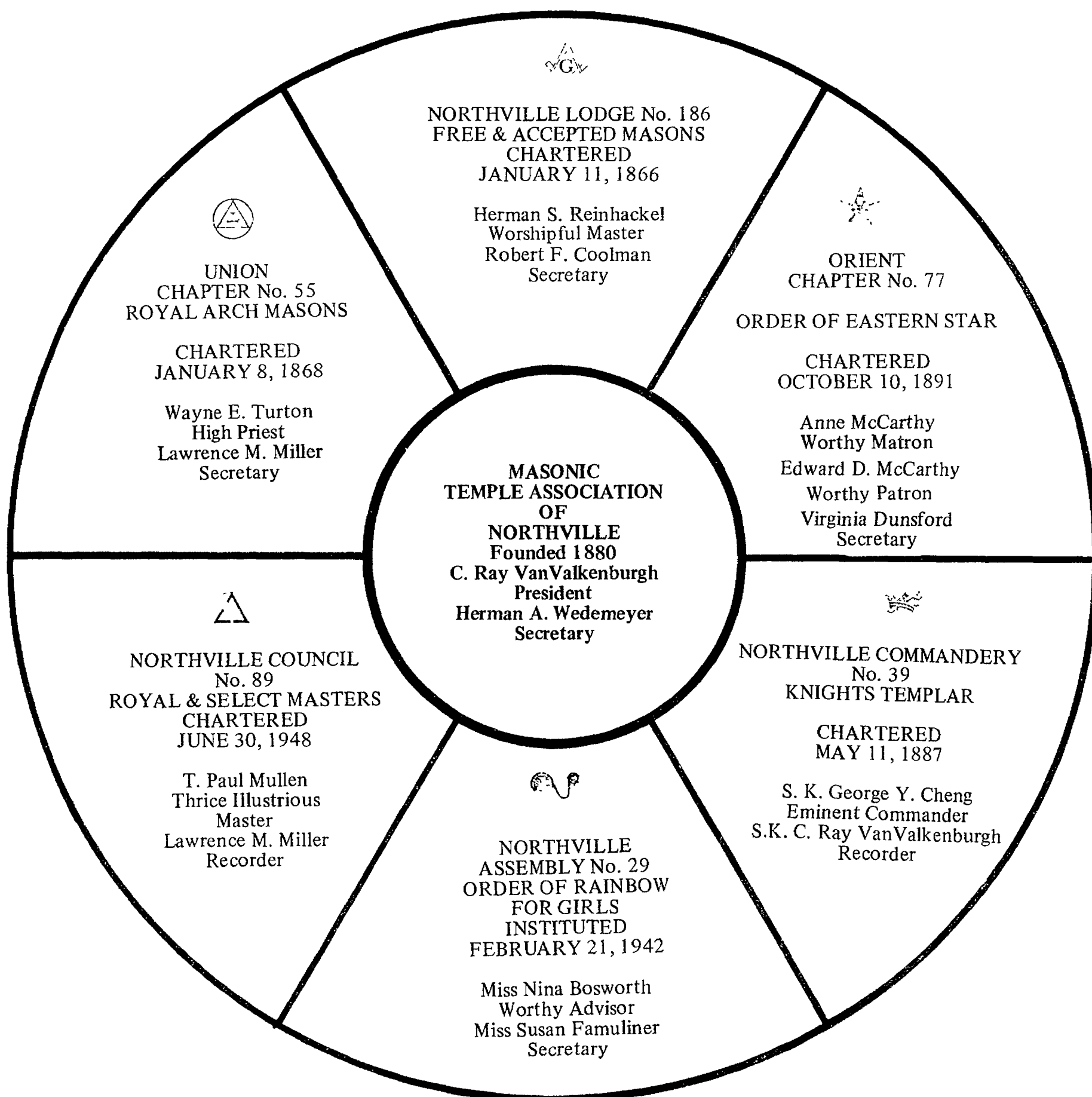
LOOKING SOUTH ON CENTER STREET FROM NEAR DUNLAP WITH THE OLD RECORD BUILDING FOURTH FROM LEFT (1919)



LOOKING EAST ON MAIN STREET FROM NEAR WING STREET WITH THE CROW'S NEST AT CENTER (1919)

# Our Congratulations Northville Record

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From the Masonic Organizations of Northville

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# King's Daughters Nears 75th Year

Northville's Mizpah Circle of King's Daughters is making plans to celebrate its 75-year jubilee in May, 1970, but it will be difficult to surpass the accomplishments of this past year — for the circle has just given a total of \$1,600 to the Children's Hospital of the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Oscar Hammond, who has just been reelected leader, explains that the 92-member circle has voted to present two bequests it has received, as well as \$100 from its own treasury, to the hospital project.

Mizpah Chapter has been given a \$1,000 check in memory of Lida Murphy, a past leader, from her husband, Charles, of St. Petersburg, Florida. This amount is donated to help furnish the library of the

children's hospital school.

A \$500 bequest to the circle by the wish of the late Mrs. Maude Bennett, is being sent to the new Mott Hospital School at the University. It was given to the circle in recognition of its local welfare work through the years.

Mrs. John Litsenberger, circle historian, points out that during the depression days of the 1930's the circle supplied local welfare. It still takes care of many requests from the needy, as well as supplying holiday baskets.

She adds that the donations to the children's hospital are appropriate as the state KD organization paid the salary of the first teacher at the hospital.

Other Mizpah projects include the Wayne County King's Daughters home in Redford and the state KD camp for girls, Camp Missaukee, at Lake City.

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The local Mizpah Circle was organized just nine years after the national King's Daughters came into being in New York City on January 13, 1886, when ten women met with the object of developing "spiritual life and stimulating Christian activities." Anyone in sympathy with this object and "who held herself responsible to the King, Jesus Christ," might become a member.

The local circle was organized in May, 1895, by Mrs. Charles Johnson. The ten members included Mrs. Bruno Freydl, who passed away in June, 1968.

An article in the June 12, 1931, issue of The Record takes note of the circle's work with the sick and the destitute "In His Name" and gives credit from the circle to the loyal support of the townspeople, saying, "No one in Northville ever refuses to aid the King's Daughters."

## Red Cross Gets Start in War

The Northville Chapter of the Red Cross was formed during World War II and was sponsored by the American Legion. After the War, the chapter was disbanded and reactivated on February 16, 1953.

Mrs. Beatrice Carlson was branch chairman of the group; Mrs. John Gibson, volunteer service; Mrs. William Forney, blood bank; Mrs. Sidney Junod, secretary and Mrs. Harold Bloom, treasurer.

Present officers are Mrs. Carlson, director; Mrs. Mabel Cooley, co-director; Mrs. Mae Winter, blood bank chairman, and Mrs. Jess Boyd, canteen chairman.

Today the chapter is active in the community blood bank, serves at the Northwest Red Cross office in Livonia and conducts blood banks in industries in Detroit and the surrounding area.



DR. J. M. SWIFT'S HOME ON WEST MAIN STREET



"BEAL TOWN" POWER HOUSE IN 1911



SARAH ANN COCHRANE

## DAR Formed Here In December, 1926

On December 13, 1926, the Sarah Ann Cochrane chapter of the D.A.R. was formed in Northville.

The chapter was named for the daughter of a Northville minister, Sylvester Cochrane, who was pastor of a Presbyterian Church here 125 years ago.

D.A.R. was formed nationally for historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavor.

There were 15 charter members in the Northville chapter. They were Mrs. Chauncey E. Baker; Mrs. R. E. Cooper, historian; Mrs. Louis Hillmer; Mrs. George Holstein; Mrs. Homer O. Hubbard; Mrs. Frederick A. Lendrum, regent; Mrs. Donald N. McKinnon; Mrs. Daniel F. Murray, treasurer; Mrs. Walter Nichol, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Dwight I. Randall, vice-regent; Mrs. Carman W. Root; Miss Mary

Fairman Bradner; Miss Ruth M. Shattuck; Mrs. Sidney Strong, recording secretary; and Mrs. George H. Wilcox.

Presently the membership stands at 110.

The current officers are Mrs. George Merwin, regent; Mrs. David Christensen, first vice-regent; Mrs. F. Donald Sober, second vice-regent; Rev. Miss Elizabeth Etz, chaplain; Mrs. Arlie Fairman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Theodore Benson, recording secretary; Mrs. William Blake, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Coolman, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Walter Hammond, registrar; Mrs. Harold Hamill, assistant registrar; Mrs. Eugene Entz, historian; and Mrs. Theodore Kampf, historian.

The directors are Mrs. Claude Crusoe, Mrs. Harry Deyo, Mrs. Norman Saunders and Mrs. Robert Willoughby.

## Sarah Ann Dies; Last of Family

July 20, 1917 — In the death of Miss Sarah Cochrane whose burial here was briefly mentioned last week, there passed away the last of a family which was very prominent in the early history of our town.

Miss Cochrane was the only daughter of the Reverend Sylvester Cochrane, pastor of the New School Presbyterian church, which held services in what is now the Library building, and afterward he was at the head of the Northville Academy — his residence and school occupying what is now the A.M. Randolph home.

For many years this school was quite celebrated throughout Michigan, students coming from Lansing and

many places farther west in the state. Many prominent professional men of Detroit owed their early training to that institution.

The only son, who was Judge of Probate in Detroit, died several years ago and is buried in Rural Hill cemetery beside his parents.

Miss Cochrane later taught a school for girls in the same building. She was a graduate of the Young Ladies' Seminary of Monroe and was by natural ability and education eminently fitted for a teacher. Many of us who have passed our 'Three score and ten' remember with gratitude the thorough instruction received at her school.

JENNIE DUNLAP WHITE



# Maccabees Tent Organized Here

June 12, 1931 — Few organizations 42 years old can boast of having one of its charter members and organizers still living and continuously active during all these years.

The Northville Maccabees, however, have such a member. He is A. B. McCullough, 153 Cady Street. The history of the local tent of the Maccabees, number 300, centers around this man who is now 87 years old.

Back in those early days Mr. McCullough who had just come from Cass City, Michigan to Northville conceived the idea that the town of his

*'First meeting was held in 1889 on the second floor of a frame building...'*

new abode would be a splendid place to organize a tent of the Maccabees. Mr. McCullough was already a member of that organization then called the Michigan Maccabees, and with two others who were also members from

other constituencies, petitioned the mother chapter for a chapter here. The other two original members were Chas. Bristol of Rochester, Michigan and Walter House of Lapeer.

The first meeting was held in 1889 on the second floor of a frame building located where the Lapham State Savings Bank now stands. Then there was a hardware store on the ground floor. This meeting was composed of 15 persons, the original members whose names appear on the charter. According to Mr. McCullough only two of those members are now living.

Since that first meeting, the local tent of the Maccabees have jumped here and there for their meeting places, occupying some of the more or less historic sites in town. At one time the order met over a residence that was connected with the old livery stable where the Marz Ford agency now is, the third floor in the Fredyl block was another meeting place, and the Cattermole building on North Center was another place of meeting. Other locations where the organization has met are over the Palace meat market, Chadwick hall, over the Fred Lyke store, and now the meetings are held in the Forester's hall over the Kroger store.



GRISWOLD PROPERTY? This picture made from an old glass negative is believed to be the property of the Griswold family east of town. The man is unidentified.

## Youth, School Find Godmother in Club

From its inception in the depression days of 1936, the 35-member Northville Mothers' Club has given work and money to Northville youth and schools, earning the reputation of being the schools' "fairy godmother."

In recent history, gifts — such as the donation of \$700 to the NPSD for extracurricular activities last fall — have been substantial.

Originally, the club was formed as the mothers' study circle of Foundation Stones, Child Conservation League of America, with Mrs. Gladys Wiltse as first president in 1936. Serving with her were Mrs. Barbara Rathburn, vice-president; Mrs. Lucile Freydl, secretary; Mrs. Genevieve Ely, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Marie Pilgrim and Mrs. Peg (Ernest) Wood, treasurers.

Members placed milk bottles in local stores with a plea for customers to leave change to buy milk for needy students. When additional money was

collected, books and supplies were purchased.

Service hours and projects have mushroomed, recalls longtime member and historian Mrs. Stuart (Wilma) Campbell, citing monies to help purchase band uniforms and choir robes and to repair instruments, grants for representatives to Girls' State and the gift of \$1,000 for the building of the Scout-Recreation building.

Currently, one of the biggest club fund-raising projects is the marathon bridge tournament, which will make possible a \$1,000 donation this year to the schools.

In contrast, incoming president Mrs. H. O. (Gladys) Evans, who has just taken over the books from Mrs. Cass (Betty) Hoffman, notes that the first-year treasury had \$5.69.

Founder of the teen-age Cavern, the club has sponsored appearances here of the University of Michigan glee club and gives community dances. It is invitational, still limited to 35 to meet in homes.

## 1892 Marks Start Of Woman's Club

Northville Woman's Club — one of the oldest women's organizations in the area — will open its 77th year in October with Mrs. Blake (Carol) Couse serving her second year as its 44th president.

Formed in the days when deer were feeding in the back yards of Northville homes on Main Street, a fact duly noted in its early annals, the club officially began in 1892 with Lucy Stout Down as founder and first president.

Described as a "woman of rare intellect, a writer of prose and poetry, a kindly spirit always working for the uplift of womanhood," Mrs. Dowd the year before assembled a few women to study women of history, literary works and current events.

By 1893 club records show there

were 70 voting members, meeting in homes. This was just three years after the federation of women's clubs (in which the Northville group holds membership) came into being.

For many years the club owed its home to its second president, Dr. Mary Lapham, who gave the historic white building opposite what was then the Lapham homestead (now city hall) to the Ladies Library Association for a library, making provision for the club to use it for its meetings.

Presently meeting twice a month in Northville Presbyterian Church, the club has an invitational membership of 216 active, associate and life members. In early days, members prepared their own study papers. Now, guest speakers — many from colleges and professions — continue the club's educational aims.



BOARDING HOUSE—This old home that still stands on the north side on Main Street, west of Griswold, was once Angie Smith's boarding house where the men lived who took the "jag cure" in the famous alcoholic (Gold cure) clinics that operated years ago in Northville. The house was formerly the home of the American Legion and Red Cross. It is now the home of Mrs. Fred Moffitt.

*"50 Years of 100% Americanism"*

1969 Theme of National Commander Wm. C. (Bill) Doyle

**LLOYD H. GREEN POST 147**





LOOKING SOUTH ON CENTER FROM MAIN STREET

## Tyler's Granddaughter Buried in Novi, 1927

February 25, 1927 — Mrs. Julia A. Bloss, former resident of Northville and a longtime resident of Detroit, a granddaughter of President John Tyler and related to John Quincy Adams, died Monday, February 14th and was buried Thursday in the family lot at Novi. The funeral was conducted by the ladies of the G. A. R.

Before her marriage Mrs. Bloss, then Julia Bennett, lived here, and was employed by the late David Lapham in his mitten factory. Nearly all of the old residents remember her well.

She was 87 years old and came to Detroit when a girl from New York state, where she was born. She often told interesting reminiscences of the early days when Indians roamed the state and came to her home for food.

She was the widow of Lewis Bloss, a veteran of the Civil War. They were married in Novi not many years after the war, lived in Oakland County and

in Flint for a time, and later went to North Dakota, where Mr. Bloss died in 1887. She returned to Michigan, coming to Detroit in 1890, where she had since resided. Her nearest surviving relatives in this part of the country, except the children of a half brother and sister, is Mrs. Della Harmon of Detroit, a cousin on the Tyler side of the family.

Mrs. Bloss spent much time several years ago in the Detroit Library ascertaining the facts relative to her connection with the Tyler family, of which she was pardonably proud. She was past president of Detroit Circle, No. 1, of the Ladies of the GAR and a member of several historical societies.

## 30 Years Back Northern Lites

More than 30 years ago the Northern Lites of Northville was formed.

The group is affiliated with Michigan State University's home extension service. Leaders of the Northern Lites meet with home economist agents from the university and bring the information back to the local group.

Northern Lites is also affiliated with Country Women of the World, 4-H and farm bureau.

Besides acting as a home study group, Northern Lites contributes to the Emma Debord Scholarship Fund which grants a scholarship to a girl in home economics.

Officers include Mrs. H. C. Seden, district leader and chairman; Mrs. Harold Marks, vice-chairman; and Mrs. William Underwood, secretary and treasurer.

Presently there are 18 members in Northern Lites.

## Golf Club Starts With Six Holes

Fifty-three-year old Meadowbrook Country Club, whose 18-hole course has an established reputation among golfers, had six holes, carved from farmland, when it incorporated in 1916.

Located at 40941 West Eight Mile Road, the club was reached by Detroiters using an interurban system that ran along Eight Mile Road. It shortly grew to a full course with a farmhouse on the site of the old pro shop (which burned in March of this year) serving as clubhouse.

Now a full country club operating 10 months of the year, the present club building opened in 1929. An extensive refurbishing program was completed this spring with air conditioning, a new ceiling and lighting being installed in the ballroom, and a cocktail porch added.

A new pro shop, adjacent to the men's locker room, was opening in mid-June and a caddy building is under construction on the site of the burned-out shop.

Many prominent Northville family names are on the list of 23 incorporators, including that of Harry C. Bulkley, first president after incorporation February 18, 1916. He lived on the Bulkley farm on Halstead Road.

Others included L. A. Babbitt, Garvin Denby, Ralph F. Hotten, F. S. Harmon, S. W. Curtis, H. M. Campbell, Jr., Nelson C. Schrader, Fred Wardell, Fred J. Cochran, Edmund S. Beard, George Yerkes, Clement C. Yerkes, Robert C. Yerkes, William H. Yerkes.

Presently, Don Yerkes is the oldest member in tenure, joining the club in 1923.

Course record of 63 was set by Byron Nelson, later tied by Bob Hamilton and Mike Souchak, now pro at Oakland Hills. A retired Oakland Hills pro, Al Watrous once confided to

Club Manager James P. Cornelius that he gave up his pro job at Meadowbrook in the early 1920's because he "couldn't stand the trip out on the gravel of Eight Mile."

A famous pro of the 1940's was Chick Harbert. It was in 1948 that the Motor City Open was founded at Meadowbrook. It was played there three times. Present Pro Paul Shepherd has been with the club about 10 years.

Manager Cornelius, who has been associated with the club at different times during the past 20 years, has been manager for the past eight years. Currently Joseph T. DeNies of Farmington is president of the club, which has 300 stockholder members and 425 total membership.

## Haunted House Sees Fiery End

Sept. 9, 1927 — Northville's "haunted house" is no more. Spooks set it on fire sometime Monday night, and within an hour the whole structure lay in ruins on the ground.

The old residence, which was built originally for the superintendent of the Federal Fish Hatchery, and was moved some 25 years ago to the back of the government property off the Fishery Road, caught fire shortly before midnight Monday night and was completely destroyed.

The house, a two-story frame structure, has not been occupied for many years, and the kids of the town have for years called it the "haunted house."

(Editor's note: From pictures and descriptions of oldtimers in 1969 it appears the location of the house was very close to where today's publisher, William C. Sliger lives, in Edenderry Subdivision).



EARLY CAR—Among the early cars in Northville was this Maxwell owned by M.A. Porter, a mortician who lived in the home where Mrs. William Milne lives today on Dunlap Street near

Rogers. The picture is taken on the lawn of the home. Porter operated a funeral home and furniture business where Schrader's is located today on Center Street.



# Northville Clubs in Action

## BPW CLUB

The Northville Business and Professional Women's Club was organized under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice Carlson on March 17, 1948. The aim of the club is to further businesswomen professionally.

The first officers' slate included Mrs. Carlson, president; Mrs. Nellie Barry, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Alexander, recording secretary; Miss Ruth Knapp, corresponding secretary, and Miss Ida Blucher, treasurer.

A scholarship is presented to a girl graduate of Northville High School each year by the BPW.

Present officers are Mrs. Mike Allen, president; Mrs. Lucille McKinney, vice-president; Mrs. Leona Parmalee, secretary; Mrs. Terry Danol, treasurer, and Mrs. Ruth Ritchie, corresponding secretary.

## CAVERN TEEN CLUB

Northville teens wanted a club they could run themselves for other teens, so in 1965 they formed the Cavern Teen Club.

Under the sponsorship of the Mothers' Club, Steve Jordan, president; Chris Winkler, vice-president; Mike Chabut, treasurer; and Linda Secord, secretary, organized the Cavern. Mrs. Gordon Forrer served as the first volunteer advisor.

Membership is open to Northville

residents from ninth grade through 21-years-old. Activities include weekend dances and coffee houses, often with folksingers.

Present officers are Grant Moorhead, president; Julie Brown, vice-president; David Wright, treasurer; Barb Cuppett, secretary, and Betsy Balish, corresponding secretary.

The Rev. Timothy Johnson is Cavern Adviser.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Organized for "advancing commercial, industrial, civic and general interests of the Northville community," the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce began with about 100 members in 1964 as a non-profit corporation.

Charter members of the board of directors were Dempsey B. Ebert, Wynn W. Wakenhut, Margaret Zayti, D. Keith Deacon, John J. Carlo, Howard Atwood, H. Thomas Quinn, Dr. L. W. Snow and John S. Macauley.

Ebert was the charter president.

The organization has maintained a membership of approximately 100 during every year of its existence.

Current officers are Jerry Stone, president; David Biery, vice-president; Dempsey Ebert, secretary; John Carlo, treasurer, and directors Harold Bittner, N. C. Schrader III, Margaret Zayti, Arthur Jahns, Glenn Long, Fred McLean and James Cutler.

## COOPERATIVE NURSERY

The Northville Cooperative Nursery, operating out of the Scout Building on Cady Street, presently has 64 youngsters enrolled with three teachers.

The cooperative was formed in the early 1950's.

Current officers are Mrs. Joann Lyall, president; Mrs. Joyce Thompson, vice-president; Mrs. Peggy Meyer, vice-president; Mrs. Sharon DeAlexandris, secretary; Mrs. Alta Sorenson, treasurer, and Mrs. Jane Brown, membership chairman.

The nursery is divided into two groups with one meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the other on Tuesday and Thursday.

The mothers meet the first Monday of the month.

## DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The Northville Democratic Club was organized over ten years ago, in 1958. Francis Gazley was the first provisional president. Mrs. C. E. Woodruff was the first president of the Northville group.

The Northville Democrats were

organized to further the ideals and aims of the Democratic party on a local, state and national level.

Today there are 30 active members. Precinct delegates are Ken Conley, City 1; Jack Ruland, City 2; William Kinnaird, Township 1; and Joseph Fiorelli, Township 2.

## ECONOMIC CORPORATION

The Northville Area Economic Development Corporation was begun eight years ago by the Northville City Council, School Board and Township.

The Corporation was formed to further the economic development of Northville and to develop a better tax

base for the school district.

Present officers are John Canterbury, president; Don Lawrence, vice-president; William Davis, secretary; and Chris Hammond, treasurer.

Membership totals about 50.

## EXPLORER SCOUTS

Explorer Scout Post 905 is celebrating their first year in Northville. The post was formed in 1969 through the efforts of Harold Wright and Frank Brown.

There are 12 members in the post.

The Explorers recently returned from an 11-day trip to Canada that

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**OLD CIRCLE "N"**—One of the most popular past-times more than a half-century ago for Northville residents was watching the old Circle N teams that played professional-like baseball here. Chief backer of the squad, which saw many different players over the years, was the late Donald P. Yerkes, Sr. (left).

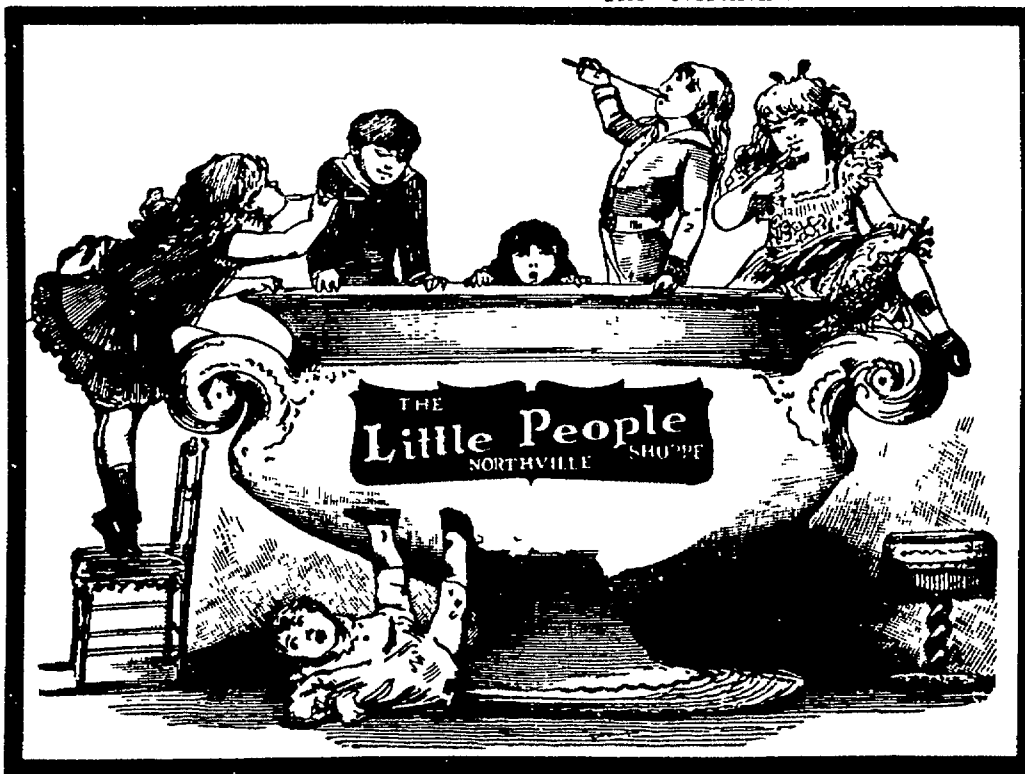
## WNFGA Finds Gardening A Joy

"Gardening for the joy it brings" is the motto of the Northville Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. The club was formed in Northville in 1936 with Mrs. T. R. Carrington its first president.

WNFGA is part of the national organization and also a member of the association of Country Women of the World.

Group activities include an annual picnic and guest day, Christmas flower show and garden tours. Scholarships in horticulture and related fields are awarded by the club.

Officers of the Northville branch are Mrs. C. W. Whittlesey, president; Mrs. William Switzler, first vice-president; Mrs. Wyndham Mills, second vice-president; Mrs. Warner Hess, recording secretary; Mrs. Warner Krause, treasurer and Mrs. Jack Scantlin, corresponding secretary.



## Legion Receives Post-War Charter

In September, 1919, 10 months after the armistice ending World War I had been signed, the American Legion was formed in Northville with a dozen men.

The Post, Number 147, was named for Lloyd H. Green, the first Northville resident killed in action in World War I.

Charles Murphy was instrumental in getting the Post started in Northville. He was elected first commander of the Post in 1919.

Other officers included Norton Green, Conrad Langfield and L. D. Stage, vice-commanders; Ross Dixon, adjutant; and George Simmons, finance officer.

Lloyd H. Green Post has had several "firsts" to its credit. It is the only post in the state or nation that ever supplied three state officers in one year. They were George Simmons, state vice-commander; Lisle Alexander, state adjutant; and Charles Murphy, state sergeant-at-arms.

The Post is the only one that has had one man serve as state membership chairman twice. David McDougall held this office in 1963 and again in 1965.

It is the only Post to have both husband and wife serve as state membership chairmen.

In 1963 Oscar Hammond served as state commander.

The Post has supplied four state vice-commanders: Wilbur Johnson,

George Simmons, Oscar Hammond and David McDougall.

Donald Severance is the recording secretary at all State Conventions of the American Legion and has been serving in this capacity since 1963.

The officers of the Post at the present time are Howard Wright, commander; Robert Pohlman, senior vice-commander; Robert Seiting, junior vice-commander; George Whitsel, adjutant; Ruth Knapp, historian; Houston Butler, chaplain; Harry Bargert, sergeant-at-arms; and Donald Severance, judge advocate.

There are 186 members in Lloyd H. Green Post No. 147.

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The American Legion Auxiliary of the Lloyd H. Green Post No. 147, formed in 1925, presently has 97 members — 22 of whom belong to the Junior Auxiliary.

The club was founded as a patriotic and civic organization.

Current officers are Mrs. Charles A. Denune, president; Mrs. Robert Miller, first vice-president; Mrs. George Whitesell, second vice-president; Mrs. Lyle Alexander, secretary; Mrs. Oscar Hammond, treasurer; Mrs. Harold Hatchet, chaplain; Mrs. Robert Pullman, sergeant-at-arms and Mrs. Howard Wright, historian.

The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Home.



# Depot Welcomes Smoke-Snorters To Northville for Nearly 100 Years

Sept. 29, 1960 — The nostalgic memories of a Northville man may have saved one of the community's most famous landmarks from dying of old age.

C. E. Langfield, owner of Northville Laboratories, Inc. (since sold) has purchased the 89-year-old Chesapeake & Ohio railroad depot in hopes of preserving the famous old building.

(Editor's Note: While no actual records have been found to disprove the age of the depot that still stands in this centennial year of The Record, evidence suggests the original building may have been destroyed or removed and the present building erected later. An old glass negative of what appears to be the original building shows the building to have different lines than the present structure.)

As a young boy Langfield and his companions were frequent visitors at the depot.

It was here that adventurous youngsters and curious adults gathered to watch the giant smoke-snorting engines chug into Northville. It was here where envious youngsters waved goodby to the engineers and dreamed of far away places.

And inside the depot itself, the clatter of the telegraph, the smell of musty mailbags and the exciting tales spun by oldtimers gathered around the pot-bellied stove — all fired the imaginations of youngsters of the day.

Actually, the Northville depot was stirring imaginations way back during the administration of President Grant — less than 10 years after the Civil War.

For it was in the summer of 1871, just two months after the first railroad tracks were laid here, that the depot was erected. Townspeople were still buzzing over the appearance of the first train when the building was completed.



**CIVIL WAR VET**—Jasper Elliott, one of the many men from Northville to fight in the Civil War, operated a bike shop near Rayson and Center streets.

The June 10, 1871 issue of The Northville Record carried this item about the depot:

"About 50 feet east of the tumbling way bridge, standing north and south, the depot building has been erected... It is 102 feet in length by 28 in width, beside the platforms. The washing rooms, ticket office, etc. will be in the north end, and the freight department in the south.

"Its appearance there, changing as it does the looks of that quiet locality, would convince anyone that a reaction had taken place for the better in our town."

Until the tracks north of here were completed, trains coming to Northville from Plymouth were forced to turn around at the depot. This was done by a large "turntable" mechanism which was powered by horses.

Directly across from the depot, which at that time was located west of the tracks almost at what is now the edge of South Main, just south of the spring, was a large mill pond.

The railroad depot at Novi was completed later in 1871 and the

Wixom depot was not completed until either late 1872 or early 1873.

The first Northville ticket and station agent was J. Pickford, and his daughter, Carrie, was the first telegraph operator.

Shortly after the turn of the century, the depot was moved to the

present location on the east side of the tracks. The tracks themselves and the depot site were raised considerably to lessen the steep grade between here and Plymouth.

The last passenger run here was made nearly a decade ago and the depot was closed about two years ago.



DEPOT BEFORE THE PRESENT OLD NORTHVILLE BUILDING

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included camping, canoeing, fishing and hiking.

Current officers are Chris Van Ee, president; Phil Gardner, vice-president; David Wright, treasurer, and Ronald Brown, secretary.

### GIRL SCOUTS

The first Girl Scout troop of Northville was formed in 1932. In 1934 the Neighborhood Community Council of Northville was formed.

Council members were Fran Malley, Ruth Clark, Ada Bloom, Carolyn Howard, Marie Stewart, Louise Adler, Lisa Wagenschutz, Cletis Austin, Jeanette Lawrence, Helen McCarthy and Marge Jennings.

About 11 years ago the Northville Girl Scouts joined the National Girl Scout organization.

Today there are 19 troops with nearly 472 scouts in Northville.

Activities include inter-troop camping trips, tree planting, paper drives, badge work and a birthday celebration of Girl Scouting in the spring.

Area chairman is Mrs. William Switzler. Troop service chairmen are Mrs. Thomas Taggart, Mrs. Daniel Crishon and Mrs. Harley Jester.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Although it is not an old organization in the community, the Northville Historical Society is certainly interested in everything old about the community.

Established in February, 1964, the Society was inspired by citizens of the community who sought to save the old Northville library building that has stood on the east side of Wing Street just south of Main since 1845.

Preservation of the library continues to be one of the Society's chief interests. The group is determined to preserve the building on its present site and turn it into a community museum.

The late Mrs. Ruth M. Chase was the first elected president of the group. Other charter officers included: Francis Gazlay, vice-president; Mrs. E. A. Chapman, recording secretary; Alvin Skow, corresponding secretary; Miss Ruth Knapp, treasurer; and Mrs. Blake Couse, Richard Lyon and Jack Hoffman, directors.

Today's officers are:

Mrs. William Cansfield, president; Mrs. William Crump, vice-president; Mrs. Marie Bonamici, secretary; Mrs. Jack Scantlin, treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Starkweather, historian; Mrs. Hurd Sutherland, curator; and John Burkman, Mrs. Kathleen Edgerton and Mrs. Gordon Smith, directors.

### HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Northville State Hospital Auxiliary was started 11 years ago by a group of area women to raise funds for the hospital and to help the patients.

The Auxiliary operates the lobby gift shop serving patients and visitors with all profits going to the Hospital.

Once a month the group

contributes to the indigent patient fund and to the patient benefit fund. The Auxiliary recently has donated a new motion picture screen, audio equipment and entrance sign to the Hospital.

There are 87 members in the Auxiliary, a volunteer service organization.


Officers are Mrs. L. M. Eaton, president; Mrs. James Sugrue, Jr., first vice-president and manager of the gift shop; Mrs. Robert Nesbitt, second vice-president; Mrs. Kenneth Vickery, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Elwyn Kaake, recording secretary; Mrs. Richard Stuber, auxiliary treasurer; and Mrs. C. O. Brocius, gift shop treasurer.

### JUNIOR FOOTBALL

In October, 1967, the Northville Junior Football Association was formed.

The group was organized under the direction of Dick Bloomhoff, Bob Ely, Doug Slesser, Kenneth Chio, Lee Eaker and Harold Price.

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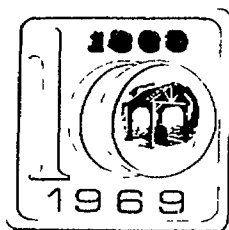


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NORTHVILLE

# Local VFW Post Chartered in 1945

Northville VFW Post 4012 had a World War II birth, receiving its charter January 30, 1945 from the national organization which had come into being in 1913 as a result of the merger of veterans' groups formed after the Spanish American War, the Philippine Insurrection of 1899 and the China Relief Expedition of 1900.

The late Donald Butler, Sr., was first post commander as meetings were held in an upstairs hall on Main street. The post met in a number of places before acquiring its own building in June 27, 1949 with a charter membership of 102.

The auxiliary was organized several months later with Mrs. Clara Broda as its first president in 1945-46.

For the 1968-69 year William Widmaier is post commander with his wife, Dorothy, serving as auxiliary

president.

In a VFW membership drive, the Northville post has just placed first in its division in the district and now has a membership of 479. There are 73 members in the auxiliary.

The auxiliary shares the aims and work of the post, bringing life to the VFW slogan, "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living" with community activities. These include sponsorship by the post of four Girl and Boy Scout Troops, and of two by the auxiliary.

The post and auxiliary are active supporters of the National VFW Home for Widows and Orphans at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Americanism activities for youth are stressed in such programs as Voice of Democracy and with sponsorship of baseball and bowling teams.



**DECORATION DAY** — Decoration Day parades (now Memorial Day) have always been colorful pageants in Northville. This picture, probably taken on Dunlap Street, is typical. Among those identified are Harold White (sailor out front), Ray Casterline (man in wide brim hat third from rear), Charles Freydl, Sr. (holding flag), and to Freydl's right is James Dickerson.

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Three teams have been formed by the Junior Football Association. The teams, made up of boys nine to twelve in the Northville School District, compete in the Western Suburban Football League against teams from Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Romulus and Westland.

Present officers in the Association are Kenneth Chio, president; Dave Pink, vice-president; Rev. Lloyd G. Brasure, secretary; Bill Weinmaster, treasurer; Earl Egbert, finance vice-president; Bill Bates, unit director; and Doug Slesser, public relations director.

Membership in the organization includes 85 families.

### NEWCOMERS' CLUB

Formed to help new residents in Northville to meet each other, the Newcomers' Club was organized in 1960. Mrs. Charles Smith served as the first president.

To be eligible for membership, couples must have lived in Northville less than five years. Today there are 175 couples in Newcomers' Club.

In the spring of 1969 the club published a book entitled "Things to Do and Places to See in Northville."

Some of the group's activities include outings to Northville Downs, family picnics, treasure hunt, Halloween party, Detroit Institute of Arts tour, New Year's Eve party, coffees and flower show tours.

There are several interest groups in the club including bridge, dance, gardening, golf and music.

Officers for 1969-70 are Mrs. Frank Ollendorff, president; Mrs. Martin Rinehart, vice-president; Mrs. Wes Henrickson, secretary; Mrs. Dale Kiser, treasurer, and Mrs. Kenneth Rosselot, social chairman.

### NORTHVILLE BOOSTER

Northville Boosters Club was organized in 1967 to help support high school athletics in Northville.

The club was begun through efforts by Dayton Deal, Essie Nirider and Nelson Schrader III.

In the early spring the club along with Northville residents donated their services to build dugouts for the high school.

The first slate of officers included Steve Juday, president; Essie Nirider, vice-president; Dayton Deal, treasurer and Mrs. Virginia Taylor, secretary.

Today the club's membership rolls show 150 as Northville Boosters.

The present officers are Bernard Bach, president; Ben Duguid, vice-president and treasurer; and Larry Angove, secretary.

### NORTHVILLE JAYCEES

The Northville Jaycees were chartered on October 20, 1960 and presently have 34 members.

The young men's group organizes the Fourth of July celebration in the city and the Junior Miss competition and is planning other youth projects.

Current officers are David VanHine, president; Bob Hilton, vice-president; John Buckland, vice-president; Russ Totten, secretary; Howard Kern, treasurer, and directors

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NEAR BASELINE, WITH GRISWOLD ROAD RIDGE AT TOP



JAMES HUFF AND ED FULLER IN A 1920 NORTHVILLE FAIR TENT





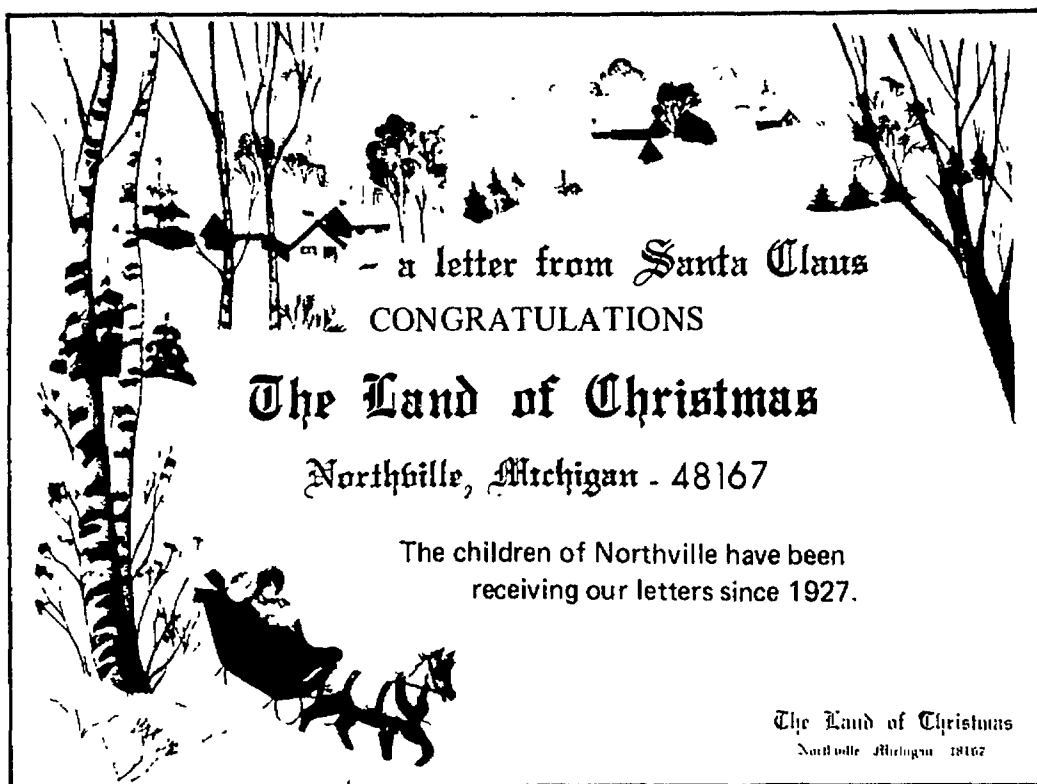
HOME NEAR FIRST AND FAIRBROOK ABOUT 1909



DRAYMAN—Charles Elliott, seen here with his wife, Mary, was a drayman for many years in Northville and a cooper "down east" before coming to this community.



YERKES MILLPOND LOCATED EAST OF GRISWOLD STREET



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Fred Zillich, John Danich and Pete Magnan.

The Jaycees meet the fourth Wednesday of the month.

### NORTHVILLE JAYCETTES

The Northville Jaycettes, an auxiliary of the Northville Jaycees, was chartered in May, 1961 and presently has 16 members.

The group serves as a community service organization itself and it also acts to assist the Jaycees in projects.

Current officers are Mrs. Peter Lindholm, president; Mrs. Robert Hilton, vice-president; Mrs. Ross Totten, secretary; Mrs. James Fowkes, treasurer and Mrs. John Buckland, director.

The club meets the first Wednesday of the month.

### NORTHVILLE OPTIMISTS CLUB

Organized in 1949 for youth work and fellowship, the Northville Optimists Club presently has 35 members. It meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Thunderbird Inn.

Current officers are David Biery, president; Bill Yahne, vice-president; Joe Humphries, secretary and Cap Pethers, treasurer.

### NORTHVILLE REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Greater Northville Republican Club, with about 30 members, meets on the third Thursday of the month.

The club was founded in the late 1950's.

Current officers are Elmer McIntire, president; Ed Hodge, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Clark, recording secretary; Mrs. William Heffner, corresponding secretary, and Ben Kline, treasurer.

### NORTHVILLE RETAIL MERCHANTS

A division of the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce, the Northville Retail Merchants Association was organized to concentrate on problems in local merchandising.

The association was formed in the late 1940's and currently meets once or twice a week.

Current officers are Delbert Black, president; Aaron Gillman, secretary, and Charles Lapham, treasurer.

### NORTHVILLE SWIM CLUB

The Northville Swim Club offers open and competitive swimming for about 160 members from late spring to Labor Day.

The club is located near the high school.

Current officers are Ken Dodds, president; David Biery, treasurer, Bob Regenhardt, secretary and directors Phelps Hines, Ken Rathert, Edward Zywiec, Keith Wright and Cliff Church. Harry Weiser is chairman of the pool and grounds committee and Wright is also membership chairman.

### NORTHVILLE TOWN HALL

Northville Town Hall, which will open its ninth season October 9 with the appearance of Virginia Graham, is one of the community's younger organizations, being founded in the decade of the 1960's.

The idea of a town hall lecture series was initiated in April, 1961, under sponsorship of a group of women from Our Lady of Victory Church. Mrs. Robert Rahaley served as first chairman, assisted by Mrs. Frank Angle, vice-chairman; Mrs. Lewis

Alexander, treasurer; Mrs. Roy Mattison, secretary.

Others on the original committee were Mrs. Harold Bloom, Mrs. Donald Boor, Mrs. Frank Bosak, Mrs. J. W. Cheetham, Mrs. Claude Crusoe, Mrs. Harry Deyo, Mrs. George Hanley, Mrs. Gerald Harrison, Miss Ruth Knapp, Mrs. George Kohs, Mrs. George Merwin, Mrs. Carroll Mulligan, Mrs. Beatrice Plamondon, Mrs. John Swain, Jr., Mrs. Harry Wagenschutz, Mrs. R. G. Wetterstroem, Mrs. R. D. Willoughby.

With such speakers as John Mason Brown and Bennett Cerf, the first series was a great success. Several of the following series were sold to the capacity of the P & A Theatre. Because it had become an area-wide success, the TH committee adopted a plan to share its profits with worthwhile community organizations, as well as the church.

Chairman for the 1969-70 series is Mrs. Nelson Hyatt. Mrs. Crusoe, one of the original committee members, still is on the board, serving as corresponding secretary.

### ORDER OF EAGLES

The Fraternal Order of Eagles 2504 was chartered here in 1946 and first occupied the union hall above Gambles hardware store on the north side of Main Street. The organization moved in 1953 to its present location on Center Street behind the drug store at the southeast corner of Center and Main. The building formerly was the location of Altman's beer store.

First president of the organization was Roy Larkins. Loraine Aquino was the first auxiliary president.

The local order today has approximately 160 members. Nationally, the Eagles boasts a membership of 1.5 million men and women.

Present officers include:

Pete Yost, president; Paul Rebitzke, junior past president; Caron Rice, vice-president; Paul Nitzel, chaplain; Robert Whitehair, secretary; Frederick Reiman, treasurer;

Henry Wittrick, Henry Harmon, Roy Schuster, Carroll Baker and Duane Briggs, trustees; Ed Mettetal, conductor; and Joe Cherosky, inside guard.

Officers of the auxiliary are: Betty Mettetal, president; Vivian Rowland, past president; Ann Bowers, vice-president; Florence Gerrard, chaplain; Gertrude Nitzel, conductress; Lydia Rebitzke, secretary; Laura Baker, treasurer;

Kay Seiting, Reva Spitz, Jennie Briggs, trustees; Ardyce Atwood, inside guard; and Eunice Harmon, outside guard.

### QUESTERS ANTIQUE SOCIETY

The Base Line Chapter of the Questers Antique Society was formed in 1965 under the leadership of Ruth Bergman. Today there are 20 women in the club.

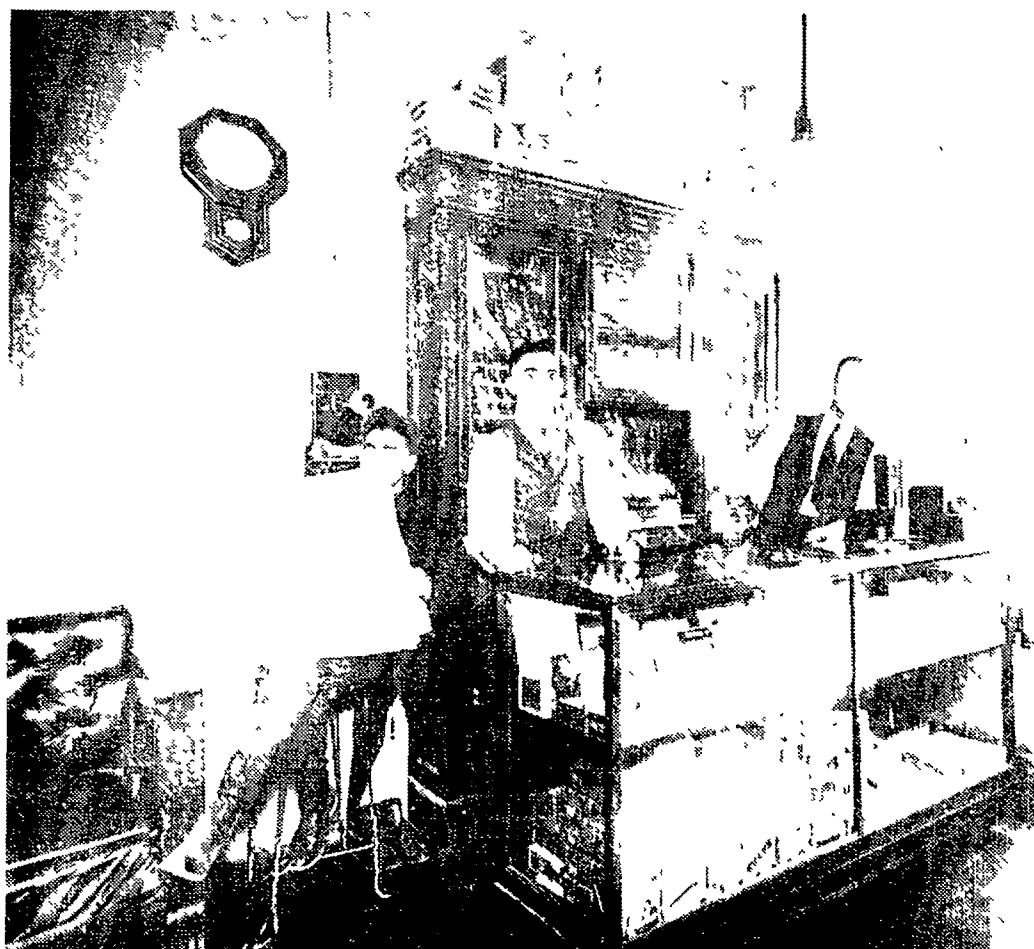
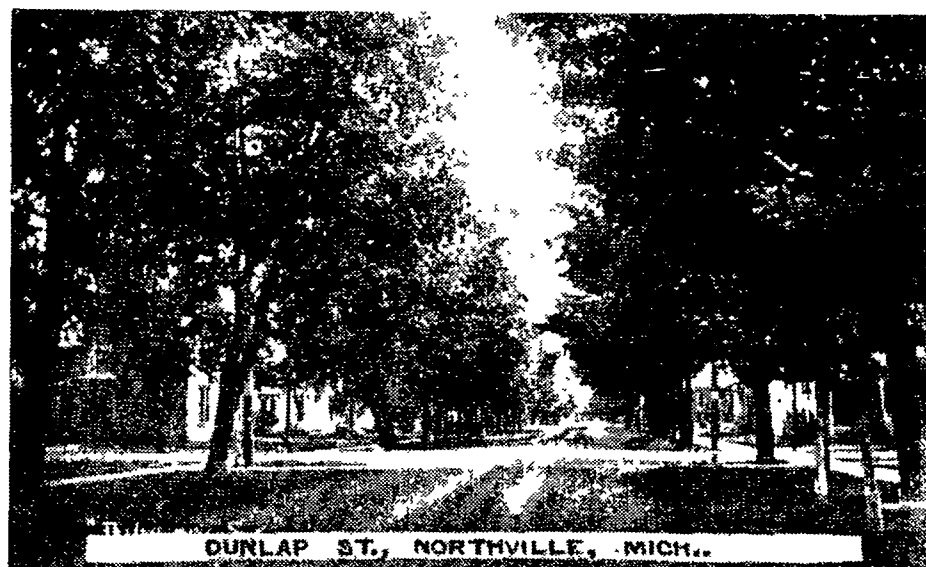
The purpose of the club is to study and collect antiques. Members meet and discuss such topics as antique clocks, quilts and china. Research papers are also written by members and submitted to the national headquarters.

Officers of the group include Mrs. Carol Lovett, president; Mrs. Marietta Bratz, first vice-president; Mrs. Norma Wagoner, second vice-president; Mrs. Mildred Spencer, secretary; Mrs. Betty Chapman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jean Langtry, treasurer; Mrs. Nan


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**NORTHVILLE YOUNG MEN** — These eight young men were prominent citizens of the community when the photographer snapped the shutter probably before the turn of the century. Seven of the eight have been identified as (l to r, seated) Orr Webster, Harry S. German, Sr., and Thad J. Knapp; rear, Charles Blackburn, Ralph Horton, Hoyt Woodman, Roy Smith and unidentified.



**BOWLING 'N TOBACCO** — This is the interior (1916) of E. C. Hinkley's bowling 'n tobacco store, located about where the Little People Shoppe stands today. Hinkley's at the right. Gentleman in the center may be Charles Johnson.



## The Penn Theatre

AIR CONDITIONED Plymouth, Michigan

# Congratulations

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Froelich, historian, and Mrs. Jean Day, publicity.

"It's fun to search and a joy to find" is the motto of the Questers.

### SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Northville Senior Citizens' Club, was organized under the auspices of the Northville Recreation Commission in 1963. Kenneth Conley was instrumental in organizing the group.

Mrs. Horace Boyden was elected as the first president, serving for three years. The club was formed with 30 charter members and today there are more than 150 members.

Group activities include trips to the Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan, stage plays, movies and baseball games in Detroit, the Maple Syrup Festival in Vermontville, Kellogg plant in Battle Creek and a trip to a Canadian bird refuge.

Current officers are Jack Blackburn, president; George Lockhart, first vice-president; Mrs. Boyden, second vice-president; Mrs. William Liebetruer, treasurer, and Mrs. Leslie Lee, secretary.

Director of the board is Robert Prom with Mrs. Mary Ann Anderson serving as assistant director.

### TEENAGE REPUBLICANS

To inform young people about government and to stimulate interest in better politics was the reason behind the founding of the Teenage Republicans.

The Northville group, which is part of the national organization, was formed in 1967. Mrs. Robert Arlen and

B. O. Weber were instrumental in the formation of the Teenage Republicans in Northville.

Betty Klein served as the group's president in 1967 and again in 1968.

Officers presently are Lynn Rathert, president; Mari Egbert, vice-president; Curt Dauren, second vice-president; Barb Cuppett, secretary; and Gary Glenn, treasurer.

### TOPS CLUB

The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club, founded in the late 1950's, has about 55 members presently and meets every Monday night at the Scout Building on Cady Street.

Current officers are Mrs. Kenneth Morse, leader; Mrs. Nancy Clark, co-leader; Mrs. Helen Lamp, secretary; Mrs. Marilyn Marr, treasurer, and Mrs. Theresa Duguid, recorder.

The club is organized to assist members in controlling their weight.

### WILPF

In 1936, the Northville Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was formed.

The group is part of an international organization of women who work for peace, freedom and justice in the United States and the world over.

The women are active in the field of civil rights, women's rights and the abolition of all war and weapons.

Ten years ago the Plymouth chapter merged with Northville.

Present officers include Mrs. James Perna, president; Mrs. Clara Dickerson,

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DR. TOM HENRY AND AN AFTERNOON'S "NORMAL" BAG



*Have you heard about the beautiful*

*Salon René' on Novi Road?*

*They've been helping the ladies*

*of Northville look lovely for 7 years,*

*with 7 operators to serve you and*

*you don't always need an appointment.*

1059 Novi Road

Northville

## Northville 'Willows' Originated in East

April 25, 1902 — A well known Northville lady furnishes The Record with the following interesting history of the pioneer willows of this vicinity and which owing to the fact that this is Arbor Day is especially appropo:

"About the year 1812 one William Duncan, nephew of Alexander Wilson, the ornithologist, and brother of William and James Duncan of South Lyon, was teaching school in Philadelphia, and wishing to visit his friend, Andrew Dunlap, of Ovid, Seneca County, New York, he placed his wardrobe in a silk handkerchief and started on a summer vacation tour. Becoming tired of carrying his bundle he cut a branch from a willow tree near Philadelphia and hung his 'Saratoga' on

that and carried it on his shoulder. Arriving there the stick was plunged in the damp earth. It soon rooted and became the pioneer willow of Seneca county.

"In the year 1836 Captain Dunlap of this place while on a visit to his old home in Ovid cut from those trees a few canes and they became the ancestral trees from which all the yellow willows in this vicinity are descended.

"Many of the older residents may remember the first row planted where the Catholic church now stands."

In connection with this it might be added that the maples in front of Mr. Joslin's residence were planted there 62 years ago this spring.

## Rotary Club Formed Here 43 Years Ago

The Rotary Club of Northville, one of the community's oldest, was founded February 15, 1926 and presently has about 48 members.

The club's first officers were Ross A. Brooks, president; Charles T. Thornton, vice-president; J. W. McClintock, secretary; F. S. Harmon, treasurer and Howard H. Burkart, sergeant-at-arms.

Original directors were Brooks, Thornton, Burkart, Fred J. Cochran

and Frank E. Hills.

The organization meets every Tuesday noon at the Presbyterian social hall.

Current officers are Raymond Spear, president; Al Laux, first vice-president; Ken Rathert, second vice-president; Bob Geake, secretary, N. C. Schrader III, treasurer, and director Bob Webber.

Herman Mochlman is past president.





One of the surest signs that times have changed is the absence today of the plow horses upon which this community depended until about a quarter of a century ago. Last of these dependable animals to work area farms was this team, Queeny and Jill, retired in 1960 on the Jacob Fuerst farm at 10 Mile and Taft roads. Both animals are still living today — fatter and a little slower — last remaining link to a colorful past.



**FISH HATCHERY** — A fish hatchery existed in Northville before the first edition of The Record was published. Originally a private enterprise, it later was taken over by the United States government and became one of the largest in the nation. Above, workmen check fish in one of the hatchery ponds, while below workmen (mostly women) check thousands of eggs inside one of the laboratories that once were located on the property.



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vice-president; Mrs. James Miller, secretary; and Mrs. Milton Rowe, treasurer.

There are 25 members in the Northville-Plymouth branch.

### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Approximately 15 business, civic and professional leaders of the community joined together informally in 1929 to form what today is called the Northville Athletic Association.

The group met originally in 1929 as it does today to play cards and enjoy "good old fashion" fellowship.

First meeting place of the social organization was in the former Lapham Bank, located at the northeast corner of Main and Center streets where Noder's jewelry store is located today.

Later, it was moved to the old apartment and catering business building, located then on the south side of Main Street between Center and Wing streets. The building, a two story brick structure, reportedly was more than 100 years old when it was razed in 1964. The site is used for parking today.

The Athletic Association then moved across the street to the room above Bloom's insurance agency at 108 West Main. By now the membership had increased from the original 15 to approximately 75.

Although the organization still exists many of its early members have died, moved away or discontinued their membership.

Among the early members of the group were: Harry German, Charlie

McLean, Ed Balko, Carl Ely, Wallace and James Tiffin, Dr. Linwood Snow, Jim Spagnuolo, Charlie Johnson, Donald Nutten, Dr. August Holcomb, Charlie Hamilton, Fred Ridger, William Sylvester, and many others.

### BOY SCOUTS

Boy scouting in Northville is a history of service and continuous expansion.

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JIM SPAGNUOLO

Early Northville Businessman

## Lorenz Rexall Pharmacy

Formerly Gunsell Drug Store

On May 11, 1934, Mr. M. C. Gunsell took over the store from Mrs. Cora Horton, widow of the late C. R. Horton. Prior to ownership by C. R. Horton it was owned by A. E. Stanley. The building was owned by A. M. Wheeler who operated a grocery store there for many years. The building was passed on to Mr. Wheeler's daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Blackburn.

In December of 1945 Mr. R. Douglas Lorenz joined our staff as a part time employee while continuing his education in pharmacy. Upon graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy and completion of state board exams he was employed as a full time registered pharmacist and has continued in this capacity.

In 1951, because of space needed for other merchandise we removed the fountain and remodeled the store with the present fixtures.

In 1969 Mr. R. Douglas Lorenz changed the store name to Lorenz Rexall Pharmacy.

In 1934 when the Northville Record's owner was Mr. Richard Baldwin, Miss Virginia Anderson was an employee and encouraged Mr. Gunsell to use "Toby" in his advertising.

Toby was scrawny, ill fed and wearing a not too glossy coat of fur. When Mr. Gunsell signed the papers and took over the place some four years ago, it was understood that Toby went with the business.

In his youth Toby kept the basement clean of mice and did such a good job of it that neighboring merchants approached Mr. Gunsell on the possibility of borrowing Toby for the night in order to rid their

shops of similar pests, but this assignment he took without love of labor in his heart.

"Toby's been a good employee, we don't ask him to do any work at all any more," says Mr. Gunsell.

Toby's suggestions for bargains at the corner drug store have appeared in The Record at frequent intervals for the past four years, since Toby was released from his task of keeping the basement free of mice and promoted, because of his age, to the advertising department. When he was only two months old Toby attached himself to the drug store then, owned by the late C. R. Horton. He stayed on when Mr. Gunsell bought the place. Among his favorite haunts was W. H. Corrin's back fence and Tom Carrington's insurance office window when he had his office on South Center street.

Many's the time that neighboring store keepers borrowed Toby for the express purpose of ridding their stores of mice. Customers, too, looked forward to seeing Toby as they made their way inside the corner drug store.

Toby, who knows the stock better than anyone in the store is going to keep The Record readers informed about what is best to buy and when.

In fact life is being made very easy for Toby these days. Because of his age, even his meat is bought for him each day and served by Miss Leona Moffitt, chief sandwich maker for the noon-day lunchers. With an occasional snack of mackerel, Toby eats hamburger exclusively — a whole five cents worth daily.

These many years Toby has distinctly disliked red dogs — this dislike dates back to the day that Orlow Owen's big red dog chased him into the basement.

Sundays, when the store is noisy with children who come to buy the funny papers and ice cream cones, Toby retreats to the basement and is not seen until the regular Monday trade begins.

Any medical attention that Toby needs must be administered by Victor Lumley of the prescription department. "Vic" has a way about him and when Toby has an ache or a pain he hunts him out for soothing and relief.

Toby's silhouette appears in this week's advertising columns and will be seen there frequently in the months to come.

**TOBY**  
"Military rites" were held Friday for Toby, 15 year-old feline, who after years of faithful service as a mouser and bargain hunter at the Gunsell Drug store, died early that day. Final resting place for this beloved cat was beneath a crabapple tree in Bloom's woods. Officiating at the funeral were Rusty Lock, Charles Freydl, and Dick Gunsell.

As Toby's body was lowered into the grave, a 21-gun salute (cap pistols) was fired by the three young pallbearers.





WHO ARE THEY? Posing near the door of an old Northville High School, long ago destroyed by fire, are some of the students and

teachers who occupied the building. Can you identify them? We can't.

# .. this is the time for *Congratulations!*

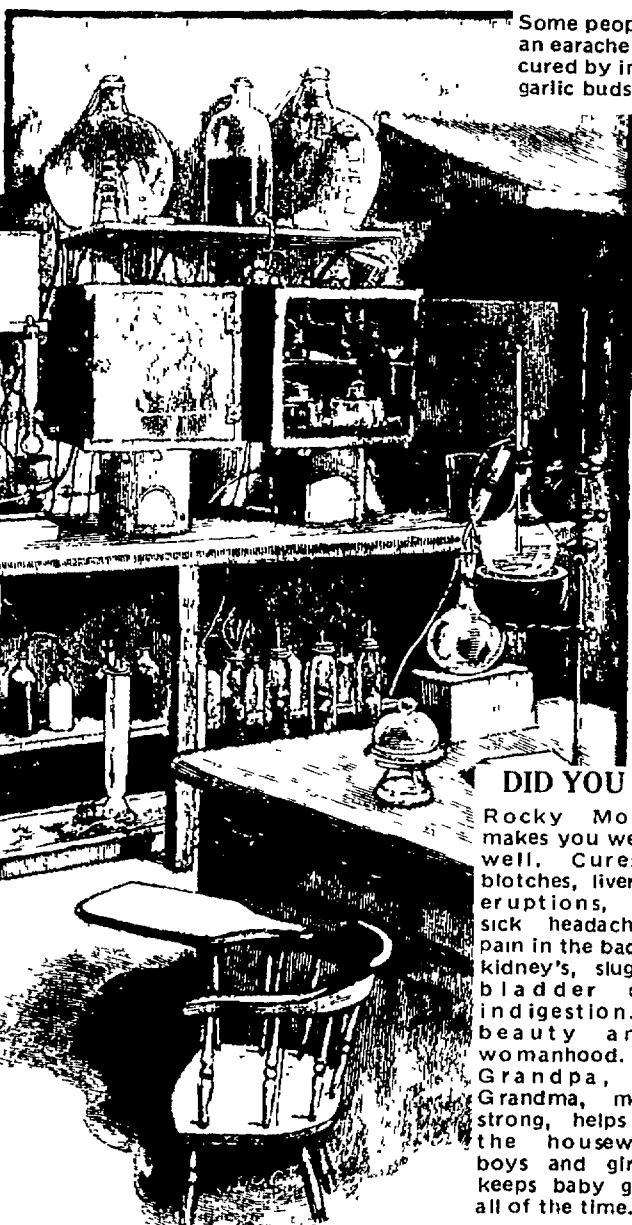
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OLD REMEDY FOR NOSEBLEED:  
Hold both arms high above the head.



SICK HEADACHE?  
Food doesn't digest well?  
Appetite poor? Bowels constipated? Tongue coated?  
IT'S YOUR LIVER!  
Ayer's pills are liver pills; they cure dyspepsia, cillousness.

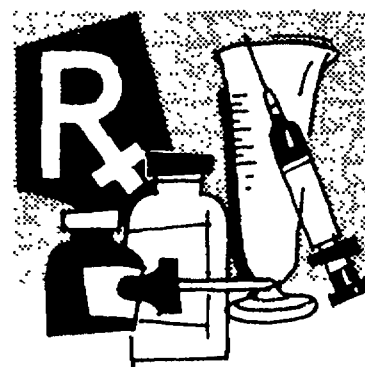


Some people believed an earache could be cured by inserting garlic buds in the ears.

## DID YOU KNOW IT?

Rocky Mountain Tea makes you well, keeps you well. Cures pimples, blotches, liver marks, skin eruptions, constipation, sick headache, jaundice, pain in the back, congested kidney's, sluggish bowels, bladder disorders, indigestion. Restores beauty and perfect womanhood. Good for Grandpa, loved by Grandma, makes father strong, helps mother do the housework, makes boys and girls well and keeps baby good natured all of the time.

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The first Northville Boy Scout troop was established in the late 1920's under the sponsorship of the First Methodist Church. In the early 1930's two more troops were formed and sponsored by the American Legion.

It soon became obvious that some type of a scout meeting place was needed. In 1935 a scout recreation building was built on the corner of Dunlap and Hutton Streets by the cooperation of the Legion and the local citizenry. It was in this same year that the recreation program was established too, under the auspices of the PTA. Then in March, 1938, the late Arthur Carlson, commander of the Legion, founded a Cub Scout organization.

In 1961 the Manufacturers National Bank purchased the property that originally sported the old scout building. At this time a decision was made to construct new facilities at 215 West Cady Street.

It was a sad day for the Northville boy scouts when Mr. Carlson passed away. He was the first man in Northville to receive the Silver Beaver Scouting award for leadership. On May 30, 1966 a new flag pole was presented to the scout building in memory of Carlson by the Michigan Seamless Tube Company where he was formerly employed.

Today in Northville there are two Boy Scout troops and one Cub Pack. Scoutmaster Billie Thomas heads Boy Scout Troop Number 755, formerly called Troop N-1, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church. George Whitesell is scoutmaster of Number 731, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church. During the year of 1968-69 Pete Voight has been Cub Pack leader of Pack 721, sponsored by the VFW post here, but he is leaving and now the position is open. The pack is one of the largest in the metropolitan area. Assisting him with the eight and nine year olds have been den mothers. The ten year-olds are classified as Webelos and led by Paul Lampella, Dick Lobdell, Donald Pratt and David LaVoie.

Philip Ogilvie is now working with Warren Stoddard in the sustaining membership drive for scouting. This is a drive which attempts to raise money for camps and other Boy Scout activities.



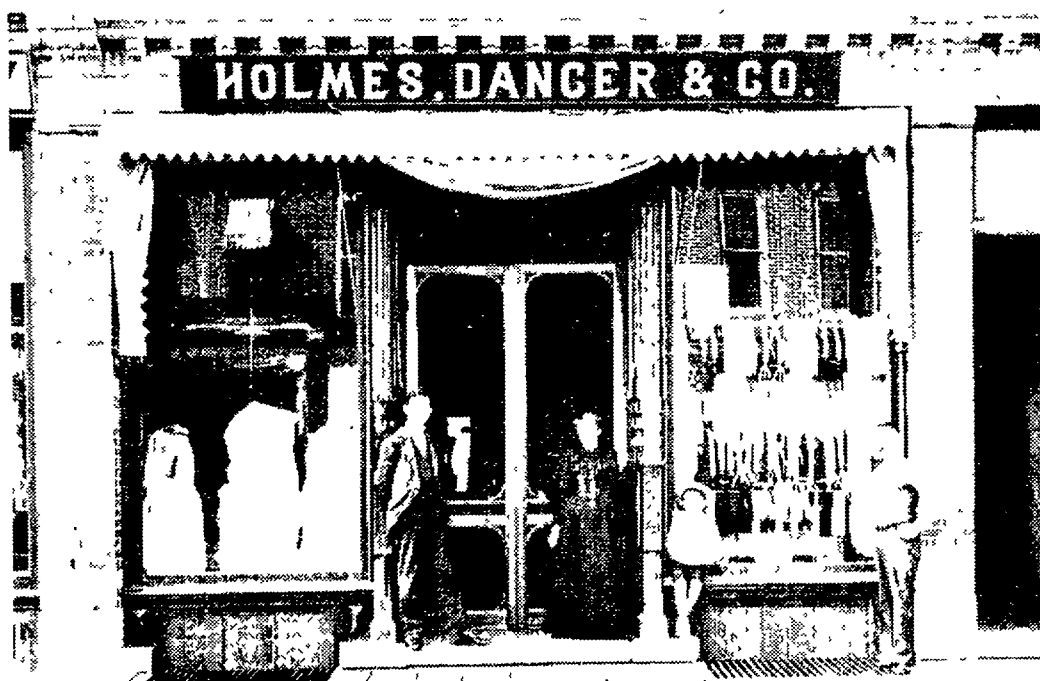
**EARLY GRIDDERS**—Among those identified in this 1899 picture of a Northville football team are: top row, Bill Carson, Bill Slater, Vern Hastings, Forest Roberts, (unidentified); middle row, Ed

Perrin, Art Phillips, Professor Loeffler, Art Johnson; bottom two rows, Frank Clark, Ward Cook, John Joslin, Verne Calkins, Ray Richardson, and H.P. Seeley.



**CIRCLE "N" BANQUET** — Closely associated with the early Circle "N" baseball club was Robert R. McKahn, Dr. T. H. Turner, and Dr. Tom Henry shown here with players at an outdoor banquet. Identified (l to r) are: Milton Brown (umpire), Reid Stimpson, Bill Todd, Ray Johnson, Earl

Stimpson, unidentified, Roy Ambler, unidentified, Horace Boyden, McKahn, Dr. Turner, Dr. Henry, Harold Turner, Don Ball, Greg Taft, Bud Palmer, Harry Taft, Roy Cray, Carl Stimpson, Howard West, and Lynn Northrup.



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CENTER STREET — With the new high school located off North Center Street near the famous Buchner Hill and with the Eight Mile Cutoff slicing through the northern part of Northville (formerly part of Novi Township), Center just north of Base Line was paved for the anticipated increase in traffic.



'GAY NINETIES' BICYCLISTS FROM NORTHVILLE

## Masonic Temple Retained on Lease

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of Detroit, Michigan. The Council received their charter on June 30, 1948. The first Thrice Illustrious Master of Redford Council was Illustrious Companion Ernest S. Whitlock, a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Monroe Council No. 1.

Redford Council continued to hold its assemblies in the Redford Masonic Temple until October 10, 1949. Then, due to their inability to obtain a suitable meeting night and because of financial difficulties the council petitioned the Masonic Temple Association of Northville to move their charter to Northville. The first meeting was held in the Northville Masonic Temple on December 6, 1949. At that time the by-laws were amended to change the name from Redford to Northville Council No. 89, Royal And Select Masters. The membership which was 63 at the time of changing the meeting place has since increased to 220.

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The Masonic Lodge property currently consists of the building on Main Street, east of Center Street, which is occupied on the first floor by

Ellis Electronics and E.M.B. Grocery. On the second floor are the dining room and kitchen facilities, which are used exclusively by the Masonic groups for dining and other social gatherings. The Lodge room consists of the second floor of the building at the southeast corner of Main and Center streets immediately over Gunsell's Drug Store and Revitzers Shoe Repair Shop and is retained on a 99 year lease arrangement.

The care and custody of the Masonic Temple is vested in the Masonic Temple Association of Northville, a non-profit corporation whose responsibility it is to operate and maintain the building for the best interest of the Masonic Orders that use it.

The Association is administered by a board of 12 directors, the members of which are elected by each of the Northville Masonic Orders. The board meets regularly, once each month, and specially, as required, under the direction of the executive officers, President and General Manager C. Ray Van Valkenburgh and Secretary-Treasurer Herman A. Wedemeyer.

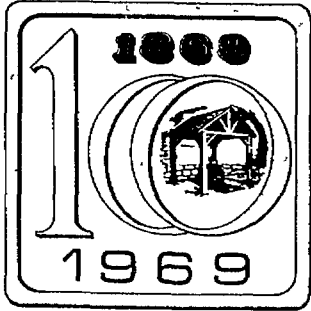


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## Name Architect for School Additions



**DOWN IT COMES**—Demolition of one of the oldest buildings in Northville, located just west of Del's shoe store on Main Street, was begun early this week by the city's department of public works. The job is expected to be finished Friday. Obtained by the city from Reuben Petersen, who

has since moved from the community, the property is offered for sale by the city for possible commercial development. The building had served as a restaurant, a pizzeria, and most recently as the GOP headquarters.

## Assessment OK Nears On Center Street Paving

Tentative approval of the North Center Street paving assessment roll was handed down by the Northville City Council Monday night following a public hearing attended by just seven people.

Formal approval is expected in about a month—after bonding paper work has been completed.

The council agreed, upon the recommendation of the city manager, to withhold formal approval until later to delay as long as possible the billing of affected property owners.

Manager Frank Ollendorff explained that under the law assessing

begins 60 days after formal approval of the roll. By delaying approval, the council is able to give property owners "a little more time" to come up with the money.

Cost of the project, including 30-foot wide of pavement from just north of Amerman Elementary School to the northern city limits of the city, is estimated at \$35,301.

Total estimated assessment against property owners has been pegged at \$22,863.95. Individual property owner assessments were reduced slightly from earlier estimates which were based on a 31-foot wide pavement.

Mayor A.M. Allen polled the council (Councilman Kenneth Rathert was absent) as to its position on the assessment roll, finding that only Councilman Paul Folino intended to vote against the proposal.

"I'm still against special assessment," he said. "I don't feel that the 75-percent (property owner's share under the present city formula) is fair and equitable to property owners."

However, Folino indicated that he "might" at a later date accept the 75-25 formula on another improvement project—"if someone can show me that it's the best way."

Bruce Butske of 930 North Center Street, who attempted unsuccessfully to have the council delay assessment of property until after construction is completed (construction is expected to take "about 60 days" after contracts are let), asked why the per square foot cost of the proposed Hill Street improvement is greater than that of Center Street even though the width of the Hill Street roadway is expected to be 27 feet.

City Engineer Harold Penn explained that Hill Street requires more excavation, more fill, and the grades are more difficult to work.

Concerning parking for residents along Center Street, citizens were assured steps will be taken to provide temporary off-street parking while construction prevents citizens from using their driveways. The street will be kept open during construction as long as possible, officials stated.

In other action Monday, the council rejected two bids on surfacing at the intersection of Allen Drive and Novi Road (at \$17,000 plus, they came in at about twice the estimated cost) and authorized the city manager to have the city's department of public works do much of the work. Total estimated cost, which includes hiring of two or three additional DPW employees for the balance of the summer, was put at \$10,000.

Ollendorff also suggested that the council consider having the DPW undertake several other "small" improvement projects during the remainder of the summer. None of the projects, he said, would be in excess of \$5,000. The council is to consider these at a later date.

Bonding work for the North Center and Hill Street improvement projects was given to Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone by vote of the council.

## Board Moves Close To Unique Bid Step

The proposed additions to four Northville schools and remodeling of Main Street Elementary came one step closer to becoming a reality as the board of education gave approval to a contract Monday night with the architect firm of Ralls, Hamill, Becker Associates, Inc.

The board has decided to bid the building projects before taking the bond issue to the voters. Northville school district will become the first in Michigan to use this method.

Because of the "bid before bond" system, a seven percent contingency was included in the contract to offset differences between bids and estimates.

If the contractors' bids run more than seven percent over the architect's estimate, the architects will redraw the plans at no additional cost to the board. If the board does not choose to accept bids that are less than seven percent above the architect's estimate, the board will be charged for any redesigning or additions to the plans.

Approval was given to the revised preliminary plans for Moraine Elementary and Cooke Junior High, with several additional revisions proposed by the board Monday.

Revised plans for Amerman Elementary will be reviewed by the board at the regular special meeting July 28.

The board unanimously rejected renewing membership in the Northwestern Child Guidance Clinic of Wayne County.

Eugene Cook, secretary of the board, introduced the motion saying he thought the clinic "should look elsewhere than schools which are so hard pressed for money for education."

Superintendent Raymond Spear, who originally favored renewing the membership, told the board that other school districts have been getting clinic services without paying for them.

Stanley Johnston said that the clinic charges parents according to their ability to pay for the services given to a child. The school district is also charged for services to the same child. Until learning this, the board had been split on a decision.

Approval was given to the complete fencing of the high school overpass.

The decision came after reports of students hanging over the railing, throwing things onto the roadway below, and walking on the railing.

The vote was five to one (one member absent) in favor of the motion. Glenn Deibert cast the lone dissenting vote saying he saw few students using the overpass.

The board will pay one-third of the cost, with Oakland and Wayne county road commissions paying one-third each.

Contracts were approved for three elementary teachers, Susan Stevens, Joyce Landon and Sandra Craig. Secondary teaching contracts were approved for Karen Lowe and Frank James.

A teacher's request for a one-year extension of a study leave of absence was denied.

Approval was given to two requests for release from teaching contracts, subject to the hiring of qualified replacements.

Andrew Orphan, treasurer, presented the budget report to the Board. Preliminary audit report was favorable and showed a balance of \$17,727.

Of the total anticipated revenue, 99.3 percent has been collected. Tuition received was 140-percent more than anticipated and interest gained was 130-percent over that anticipated.

All loans from last year have been paid and the anticipated State Aid will carry the district through October, it was reported.

A public hearing on the school budget will take place August 11.

Cook told the board that some school facilities have deteriorated due to lack of maintenance and asked that Earl Busard, business manager, make a survey of what repairs are needed.



ROBERT FROELICH

## Tap Froelich For President

Northville School Board held a reorganizational meeting Monday and gave unanimous approval to a new slate of officers.

Robert Froelich was elected president, replacing Stanley Johnston; Richard Martin, vice-president; Eugene Cook, secretary; and Andrew Orphan, treasurer.

Glenn Deibert commended immediate past-president Stanley Johnston for the "tremendous job he has done." Deibert comments were representative of the feelings of the other board members.

The Board voted to change the official board of education offices from 405 West Main, to 303 West Main, the former community building.

Froelich was named as delegate to the Michigan Association of School Boards, with Johnston as alternate delegate.

## Vandals Start Blaze Planned by Firemen

The Northville Fire Department had the same idea as vandals—only the vandals acted first.

At 12:30 a.m. July 11, the fire department was summoned to extinguish a fire in a house that has stood vacant for years on the corner of Eight Mile and Taft roads.

Fires have been started in the house before, and each time the

firemen have put them out.

The decision was reached to demolish the house, and when vandals started the fire, firemen confined the blaze to the house and let it burn to the ground.

Volunteer firemen and police answered the call coming at the time of the track closing. The police acted in the capacity of firemen



## Whiskers Fall for Centennial

Marking the 100th birthday of The Northville Record Tuesday, six months worth of whiskers were hacked from the chins of Charles Gross and Jack Hoffman, Record staffers. On hand for the painful but historic occasion were (l to r) Superintendent Raymond Spear, Township

Treasurer Alex Lawrence and Mayor A. Malcolm Allen. Hoffman (in the chair) and Gross managed to talk the anxious trio out of doing the honors and instead took care of it themselves. To see what happened turn to Page 14-A.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**NORTHVILLE DOWNS** is well on its way towards setting a record as its 54-night season passes the 40-night mark. Total mutuel handle through the 40th night of racing last Saturday stood at \$13,807,488, an average of \$345,187 bet nightly, up 10.2 per cent. Racing at Northville Downs ends Tuesday, July 29. On Thursday, July 24 the track will hold a "Northville Night" with city and township officials being honored guests. A "Northville Trophy" will be awarded to the winner of the eighth race that night.

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ADVERTISING for a new city-township fire truck will begin soon, based upon specifications drawn up by Fire Chief Herman Hartner, but even after the bids are in and the contract's been let there's going to be a long wait. Normal delivery time for a fire truck is 12 months, says Hartner. At best, that means the department is likely to get a 1969 model late in 1970. Cost of the truck is pegged at \$30,000, with the city and township splitting the bill.

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**NORTHVILLE DOWNS** will host members of a dozen or more chambers of commerce from throughout Michigan for a night of racing next week Wednesday. Members will be admitted free and may obtain box seats. Local members may pick up their passes from Dave Biery at Manufacturers National Bank. Besides local area chambers, the Downs will host members from as far away as East Lansing and Durand.

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**MIFFED CITY OFFICIALS** are about ready to make a U—turn on parking signs for township employees in front of the township hall. Several weeks ago, after receiving a request that some six parking spaces be reserved for township employees only, the council approved the request and ordered the signs. Subsequently, the township revised its request, suggesting the signs limit parking to persons on township business. "If the spaces are for township business" reasoned the council, "the present two-hour signs should be adequate. But if the spaces are for all-day employee parking, the signs which were ordered and are now on hand should be erected."



# Shenandoah Valley Picked for Honeymoon

A honeymoon in the Shenandoah Valley followed the July 3 wedding of Kaye Marie Gotts and Allen Clarence Horsefall Jr. The Reverend Gunther C. Branstner performed the ceremony at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gotts of 223 Linden Street in Northville. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Paul Johnson and the late Allen C. Horsefall of Hampton, Virginia.

For the wedding the church was decorated with white gladioli, fugi mums, palms and candelabrum. Music was provided by organist Mrs. Richard Somers of Plymouth and soloist Mrs. Charles Heidt who sang "How Do I Love Thee" and "Whither Thou Goest".

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an A-line gown of silk

organza. The dress featured Alencon Lace appliques with seed pearls and crystal trim. Similar lace appliques decorated the detachable chapel train. Her elbow bouffant veil was secured by an arrangement of lace flowers and pearls.

She carried a cascade bouquet of white sweetheart roses with stephanotis and ivy.

The maid of honor was Linda Gotts, sister of the bride. Serving as bridesmaids were Mrs. James Carson, the bridegroom's sister, and Deanna Bellinger, friend of the bride. All were dressed similarly in mint green dotted swiss dresses with long sheer sleeves. Their raised waists were banded with satin ribbon tied in back with long streamers. The attendants wore matching hair-bows which secured small, full veils.

For flowers each carried a colonial bouquet of yellow daisies. These were trimmed with green velvet ribbons and daisies fastened on the streamers.

Donald Wallace attended the bridegroom as best man. Serving as ushers were Martin Oaks, Richard Gotts, Timothy Ballard and Kurt Ebersole.

A pink embroidered dress with a matching sheer coat was chosen by the Mrs. Gotts for her daughter's wedding. She wore a pink hat with white accessories. The mother of the bridegroom wore a mint green dress with white accessories.

Following the wedding about 200 guests attended a reception held in the Fellowship hall.

For a wedding trip to the Southern United States, the bride wore a light blue dress with white trim. A white tea rose corsage and white accessories completed the outfit.

The new couple plan to make their future home in Goldsboro, North Carolina where the groom is stationed with the United States Air Force.



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MR. AND MRS. PHILIP PRESNELL



MR. AND MRS. JOHN PILARCZYK

## Rites Performed In Quaint Setting

In the quaint setting of Greenfield Village, Joyce Elaine Stuckey and Philip Charles Presnell were married in the Martha Mary Chapel on June 14. Dr. Gordon Schroeder from the Redford Baptist Church officiated at the morning candlelight service.

For the wedding the chapel was decorated with arrangements of white roses, mums and gladioli. White satin bridal bows decorated the pews. Music was provided by soloist Mr. Larry Iker, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "I'll walk with Thee."

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Stuckey of 19275 Meadowbrook Road, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Presnell of 23740 Maude Lea Circle in Willowbrook.

For the wedding the bride designed a special gown of white silk organza over satin. The dress had short puffed sleeves and a wide yoke fashioned from alencon lace and embroidery. More rows of lace and embroidery were used to trim the border of the skirt.

A floor-length veil of silk illusion, held in place by one large white flower completed the outfit. She carried a colonial bouquet of white roses, daisy mums and baby breath accented with pale pink roses.

Lora Schropp, the bride's roommate at Michigan State

University, served as maid of honor. Other attendants were Sue Presnell, sister of the bridegroom, and Carol Clark of Northville.

They, too, wore long dresses of colonial design, fashioned from pink silk check organza. The gowns had puff sleeves and the girls wore short white gloves. They wore head pieces of fresh roses and violets and carried baskets of colonial bouquets.

Bonnie Angell of Northville, cousin of the bride, served as junior bridesmaid. Her dress was a copy of the bridesmaid's dresses made in sheer white over pink. She too wore a fresh flower headpiece and carried a basket of blossoms.

Assisting with the bride's book and the guests were the bride's sisters, Mrs. Carol Oesterle and Mrs. Susan Reaubien. Each wore a corsage of red and pink roses.

Richard Story served as best man, with Mike Hajey, John Pasik and Jerry Gralewski acting as ushers.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Stuckey chose an outfit of light blue crepe and lace. She wore a corsage of red roses and pink tea roses. The bridegroom's mother was dressed in turquoise crepe and lace with a similar corsage.

Following the ceremony a horse drawn carriage carried the bridal party to a reception at Lovett Hall. For the occasion the hall was decorated by vases of long stem red roses, with one red rose on each table covered by a white linen table cloth. About 125 guests heard Rev. William Walker, cousin of the bridegroom, give the invocation. Friends and relatives were present from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

For a wedding trip to the Hilton Head Resort Hotel in Georgia, the bride chose a white linen jacket dress with red and navy accessories. She wore a red corsage.

Both the bride and the bridegroom are graduates of Northville High School. She attended Michigan State University and he attended Oakland Community College. The newly weds will make their future home in Bayonne, New Jersey, where he is stationed with the US Army.

## Couple Speaks Vows In OLV Ceremony

Kathleen Ann Gillett and John Peter Pilarczyk pledged their wedding vows on Saturday, June 7, in the Our Lady of Victory Church of Northville.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gillett of Novi. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pilarczyk of Detroit.

The bride wore an outfit fashioned from white taffeta with applied daisy lace on the yoke and sleeves. More daisy lace was applied on the skirt of the dress. The gown featured a full chiffon cage which formed a train in back. Her face was framed by a headpiece of heavy flowered lace which was dotted with crystal. This held a chapel-length veil that detached leaving a shoulder-length poof for the reception.

She carried a bouquet of white blossoms surrounding a yellow rose in the center.

The bride was attended by three bridesmaids. They wore yellow taffeta dresses covered with light yellow chiffon. The floor-length gowns had long sheer sleeves, with flower trim and green velvet streamers down the front. They carried blue fugi mums accented

with daisy mums and greens. The maid of honor carried pink fugis and daisy mums.

The new Mrs. Pilarczyk received a bachelor of arts degree in Business Education in March from Michigan State University. Her husband received a bachelor of science degree last December from MSU and is now in the graduate school of veterinary medicine.

Following a honeymoon trip to Virginia Beach, they took up residence at the University Village in East Lansing.

## Engagement



CHERYL KAY HUBBARD

The engagement of Cheryl Kay Hubbard to Lawrence James Grajewski is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Hubbard of 47111 Chigwidden. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grajewski of Harper Woods.

Miss Hubbard graduated from Northville High School in 1965 and will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University in August. Next fall she plans to teach English at Clarkston High School.

Her fiancé is an English major who is working towards his masters degree at the University of Michigan.

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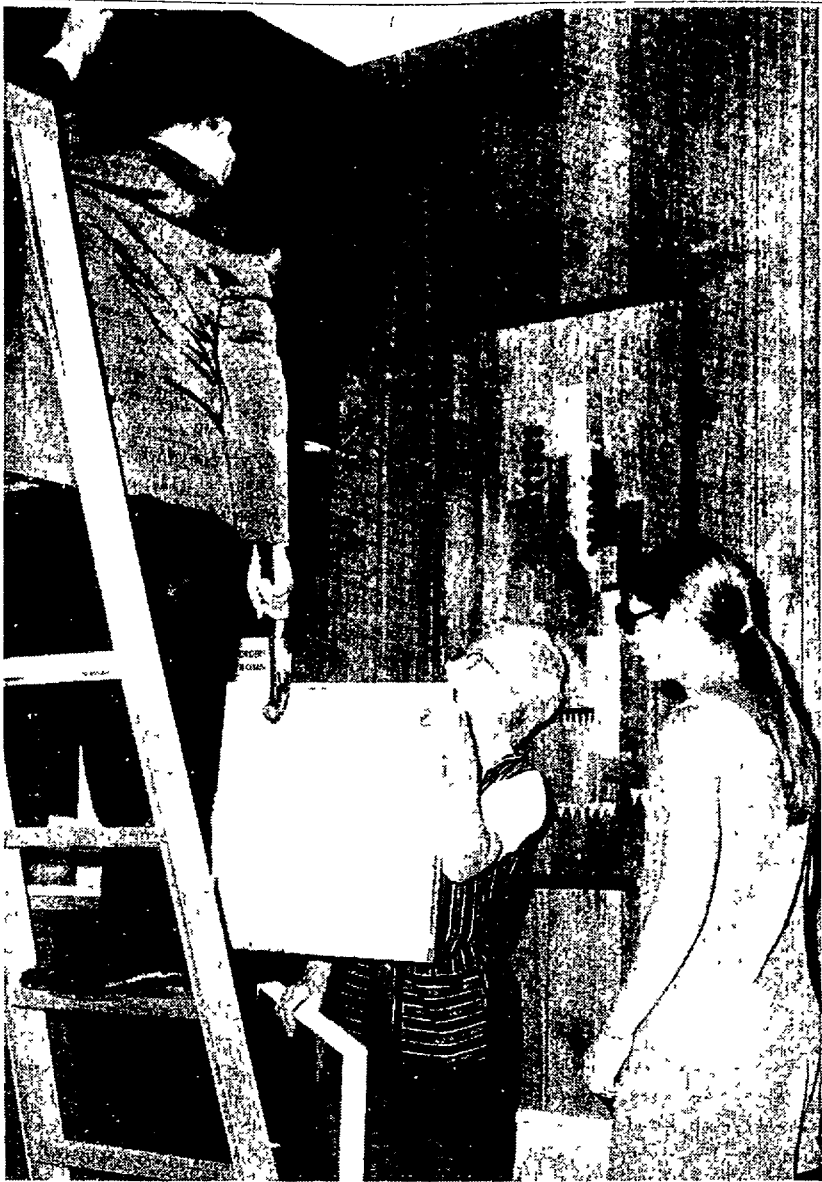
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**COLORFUL MAIL**—Northville's Post Office has become more than a building in which to mail packages and letters. Postmaster John Steimel originated the idea of giving color to the lobby by making a miniature art gallery out of it. Members of the Three Cities Art Club snatched up the idea and hung a display of modern art July 9. Steimel said the show will be permanent "as long as the artists want to continue displaying their work." Among the artists in the current display are Mrs. Don Severence, Mrs. Harold Hartley, Mrs. Dale Beltz, Mrs. Roland Bonamici and Mrs. Sam Hudson. The paintings, which are for sale, will be changed periodically. Giving the final touch to the display are Don Severence on ladder, Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Beltz.

## Novi Girl Named Speech Semi-Finalist

Carol Bruce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bruce of 23780 East Le Bost, Novi, has been named a semi-finalist winner in a current

summer-long public speaking competition among high school students from all over the U.S.

The Novi High School senior spent a week in New York with the 20th Annual United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth, sponsored nationally each summer by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The pilgrimage is open to boys or girls who have finished their sophomore or junior high school year and who qualify for it through a series of interviews and questionnaires.

At the end of a week spent visiting the United Nations and sightseeing in New York City, each participant was asked to prepare and deliver a brief talk about the United Nations and its true value to the peace of the world.

As a semi-finalist, Carol won a bronze plaque and a copy of the 1969 edition of the Encyclopedia Americana Annual yearbook. Later in the summer, each boy and each girl who win the finals in the speaking competition, to be held in Miami Beach in September, will win a complete set of the 30-volume, 1969 edition of the Encyclopedia Americana, compliments of the publisher, Grolier Incorporated.

More than one thousand students from all 50 states and Canada join the I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage each year to learn first hand how the United Nations operates.

Carol has a sister, Nancy, and brother, James.

## News Around Northville

Mr. Michael Myers, stepson of Dr. Pasquale Buoniconti, hosted an outdoor family picnic Saturday afternoon at the Buoniconti's home. About 40 persons attended including, Byron Ashburn, district manager of the Wallace pharmaceutical firm, and his wife. Other salesmen and their families also enjoyed the round of festivities which lasted well into the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zimmerman of Chigwidden Drive Northville Estates have been entertaining visitors from Philadelphia. They are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sebastian and their sons Stephen, Brian, and Paul. Mrs. Sebastian is Mrs. Zimmerman's sister, Bridget Ann.

While here the Sebastian's have visited some of Michigan's points of interest.

## Births

Announcing the birth of their first child, a baby boy, are Mr. and Mrs. George H. Miller of 7210 Napier Road. Named George Brian, the baby was born July 9 in St. Mary Hospital weighing seven and a half pounds.

Mrs. Miller is the former Carol Taber. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Tabor of 537 West Main Street. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George E. Miller of 46018 Bloomcrest.

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## Local Rainbow Order To Honor Official

Northville Assembly No. 29 Order of Rainbow for Girls and their sponsoring body Orient Chapter No. 77 OES, are preparing to honor their

## Bead Designs Top Program

A colorful cast of varied and creative speakers will entertain the Christian Women's Club at their regular luncheon meeting on Thursday, July 24 at Lofy's Restaurant.

From the Bead Hive in Birmingham comes the first speaker, Mrs. James Slater. She will demonstrate the design and creation of original items from imported beads.

Mrs. Donna Strong, a soprano soloist, will then perform followed by Mr. Earl Rosenburger, the principal speaker of the day. A former pastor, Mr. Rosenburger is now a staff member of the Missionary Internship and is currently director of Pinckney Pines, a 36-acre retreat in Pinckney for laymen and pastors.

For reservations women are asked to call Mrs. Frank Martin, 349-2759, or Mrs. Vic Kingsley, 349-5882 by Tuesday, July 22. Luncheon is served at 12:30 with a nursery available for youngsters.

## Dahlia Sports Double Bloom

Marie Ash was in for a double treat when she watered her flowers last week.

In her flower bed surrounding her home at 127 S. Rogers St., she spied a double burgundy colored dahlia.

Each flower is a complete three-inch blossom in itself, but they grew back to back. The petals form a point at the front edge where they meet and are separate in the back, giving the impression of a triangle.

The stem of the flower is double, with each flower having its own life system.

Mrs. Ash said she has never seen anything like it. The double dahlia had grown just as tall as the others, four feet high.

## Senior Citizens Plan Big Finale

Square dancing to records and croquet are among the outdoor activities set for the evening barbecue of the Northville Senior Citizen's Club.

The group meets for the last time this summer on Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Scout Recreation Building. As usual this will be a co-operative meal except that meat will be furnished.

In case of rain the affair will take place inside the Scout recreation Building.

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member Miss Cathy T. Davies who was elected Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly in Michigan at Grand Rapids last month.

A dinner and reception will be held at the Northville High School on Saturday, July 26. Other members being honored from Northville are Miss Debbie Duey, grand representative to Vermont; Mrs. Shona Davies Baker PGWA, chairman Fraternal Relations, and Mrs. Ida B. Cooke, a member of the Arc Committee.

Mrs. E. Alberta Coburn, Supreme Inspector of Rainbow in Michigan; Mr. Harold G. Colburn, Dean of Grand Cross of Color; all grand officers, grand representatives and state officials of the Grand Assembly will also be honored.

## about Women and the family

## Teachers Attend Workshop

Giving teachers the opportunity to explore all aspects of the local community which can aid in enriched teaching is the purpose of the Community Resources Workshop held at the Lewis Cass Elementary School this summer.

The workshop, four-weeks long, is conducted by Michigan State University and is one of 20 such workshops being held in cities

## Concert Features Mozart, Stravinsky

The intricate, imaginative music of Mozart and Stravinsky will be featured next week Wednesday in the third evening concert of the annual Schoolcraft College Summer Music Festival.

Highlighted among the selections will be Mozart's D Minor Concerto, and Stravinsky's "Capriccio," both performed by soloist Martin Berkofsky.

A pianist of national renown, Berkofsky returned last year to the United States after a year in Europe on a Fulbright scholarship. Following several performances on New York television and a second New York recital appearance at Carnegie Recital Hall, he has recently held the position

of artist in residence at Memphis State University. His interpretation of Mozart was described by the New York critics as the most compelling of the season.

The concert performance is planned for the outdoor court at the Forum on the Haggerty Road campus. Admission tickets may be purchased at the door for \$2 each. In the event of poor weather, the concert will be given in the Waterman Campus Center.

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Also on tap are two concerts to be presented by the Student Orchestra of the Schoolcraft College Summer Music School. These will be held on Monday, July 21, and Friday, August 1. Also a special student Chamber Music Concert featuring many young soloists will be presented on Friday, July 25. There is no admission charge for these latter concerts.

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# First in Northville

## Lamp Burns Nothing but Memories

"I have wished to resign the custody of this moment of bygone days in Northville, to those of a younger generation who will cherish and preserve it and pass it down the line of those who love the village history."

Thus wrote Sarah Ann Cochrane in a letter to Elizabeth Dubar Wheeler dated August 23, 1910. Accompanying the letter was a delicate kerosene lamp which Miss Cochrane explained was the first of its kind to be used in Northville.

Since then the moment has remained in the Wheeler family and now sits atop a small cabinet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn, 456 Orchard Drive. Yet behind the relic is an amusing and unusual story of Northville history and some of its

oldest inhabitants.

A small and fragile lamp, it stands about 15 inches high upon a square marble base. The lean body is made of brass and the glass chimney has a curved "pie crust" trimming at the top. Perhaps it was the neat design or the glowing accounts of its efficiency which first attracted the Reverend Sylvester Cochrane and his wife. At any rate they purchased it on one of their business trips to Detroit soon after the "new and powerful illuminant" was placed on the American market back in the late 1850's.

The lamp's story quickly spread through the village and the many inquiries about it induced the Cochranes to invite a large number of friends and neighbors to a formal

exhibition of it. The safety of the oil being questioned, Mr. Cochrane brought a small quantity in a "patty-pan" which he placed on a brick on the floor and challenged the Reverend James Dubuar, one of the party, to make the test.

With the other guests backed into a far corner, Reverend Dubuar struck a match on the brick. He thrust it flaming into the oil which refused to explode. Then with a "whooff" the fire caught and the little lamp was lit.

On this occasion it served ALONE to light the room and was declared a "brilliant success".

Use of kerosene lamps locally spread rapidly, and it soon displaced its inefficient predecessors—camphor and "burning-fluid" lamps. Upon the death of the Cochranes, the relic was handed down to daughter Sarah Ann. She kept it as a memento until 1910, then presented the lamp and a letter explaining its history to Elizabeth Wheeler Dubuar daughter of Reverend James Dubuar.

Before her death in 1934, Mrs. Wheeler had the light electrified and used it as a regular lamp. Then when

she died it passed into the hands of its present owner, her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler Blackburn.

Since the Wheelers gained possession of the light in 1910, it has remained in their home except for the few times it has been shown in historical exhibits. Once, Mrs. Blackburn recalls, the light was exhibited at the Northville Wayne County fair back in the late 1930's.

More recently the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) borrowed the lamp in 1965 to display at their Michigan State Conference in memory of Sarah Cochrane, for whom the local chapter was named. In return, the group had the light refinished and restored to its original un-electrified form for the Blackburns. Last March the "original light" was borrowed by the Northville Women's club for its special program on antiques.

Although the Blackburns used the light from the lamp in earlier years, today is displayed only as a cherished antique. They intend to keep it in the family as an heirloom or perhaps one day donate it to the Northville Historical Society.



BRILLIANT RELIC — Looking fondly at their cherished antique — the first kerosene lamp to be used in Northville — are Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler Blackburn of 456 Orchard Drive.

## Out of THE PAST

### ONE YEAR AGO...

...A controversial paving project—Taft Road between Eight Mile Road and the northern city limits—was resolved as the city awarded a contract to the low bidder at a cost of \$88,947.05.

...Robert Webber was elected president of the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce by fellow members of the board of directors.

...Fire damaged a sauna bath at 315 Debra Lane.

...Rumors that the new high school swimming pool failed to meet the required length for competitive matchings by a single inch were dispelled by the new swimming instructor, Ben Lauber, and school administrators who insisted the new facility met all competitive requirements.

### FIVE YEARS AGO...

A 60-year-old truck driver miraculously escaped injury when his truck was hit broad-side by a fast-moving freight train at the Seven Mile Road railroad crossing. The train plowed through the midsection of the semi-trailer gravel truck driven by Gladwin Olsen of Warren, a driver for the Zayti Trucking Company.

...C. Oscar Hammond ended his year as commander of the Michigan American Legion.

...Härbin's Funeral Home opened in Novi at 43801 Grand River.

...The Northville Rotary Club was bracing for a program in which it would host some 350 foreign exchange students and their American foster parents just before the students began their trips to their home countries.

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...

...John F. McShane, 21 of 502 Grace Court, was critically injured when his car crashed into a tree at Novi and Eight Mile roads.

...Northville's first turtle tournament was so much of a success that it was planned to make it an annual event, according to Recreation Director Stanley Johnston.

...Interest in a new "hotel" for Northville was on the increase following publication of remarks by Carl Johnson, president of the Retail Merchants Association, that such a facility was needed here.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO...

...The committee on school consolidation met with the public to discuss the advantages of consolidation for the Northville School District. Eural Clark presided and Charles Brake, deputy county superintendent, explained the possibility of consolidation.

...Named as heroes in The Record's weekly sketch of servicemen were Charles Johnson and Elmer Boilat.

...A six man crew of the Third "Marine" Division entered Rome as the first communication men and laid lines for the Fifth Army's first telephone service in the war-torn city. Among the members of the crew was Private Don Kimmel of Northville.

...Due to war-time emergencies the Wayne County Library branch operations were reduced to a five-day operation with reduced hours.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO...

...A major building boom was underway in Northville. Among the building and remodeling operations

underway were: Construction of a bungalow and garage on the Balden property on south Wing Street and on the Charles Hill property; extensive remodeling of the former Noble residence on South Center; groundbreaking for the new George Henry home on Rogers Street; and excavation for George Grinnell's new home on Cady Street.

## Ten Sought For Reunion

If 10 more people are located, the 10-year reunion of the Northville High School Class of 1959 will be a complete success.

That's the word from class representatives who report that of the 121 graduating seniors in 1959, 10 are still to be located before the August 16 reunion.

They are Velma Blount, Mary Canaan, Myrl Douglas, Donald Earehart, John Mueller, James Robertson, Glenn Schultz, William Sonnenberg, Susie Wallace and Dennis Young.

Persons knowing where they are or how they can be reached are asked to contact Mrs. Bonnie (Bellinger) Henderson, Novi, 474-8812; Mrs. Joan (Baskins) Valentine, Plymouth, 455-1652; Mrs. Carla (Johnson) Schwarze, Ann Arbor, 769-1863; or Mrs. Sally (Nelson) Potter, Livonia, 427-7959.

It has been necessary to change the time and location of the evening reunion, class representatives noted. It will now be held at the Holiday Inn of America (newly opened), at 30375 Plymouth Road in Livonia Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. Cocktails will be served at 8:00 with dinner at 9 p.m.

Music will be provided by the Bob Williams' Orchestra.

## Raffle Planned For Troop 755

"Northville Dad's Club has launched a raffle to raise funds for Boy Scout Troop 755.

Funds will be used to purchase much needed camping equipment to support future troop camping plans, officials explained.

Among the prizes being offered are: first prize, \$500 Apache Scout Camping Trailer; second prize, \$125 hi-fi set; and third prize, \$15 portable grill.

Dads will be selling tickets here Saturday. Prizes will be awarded during the week of July 21.

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## Street Name

## Changed Here

A resolution changing the name of Canterbury Court, located south of Ladywood Drive in Northville Township, to Nottingham Court, was approved by the Wayne County Road Commissioners recently.

The change was made "to conform to a general plan and avoid confusion," according to county officials.

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# OBITUARIES

## THELMA BENTLEY

A Novi housewife and mother of four, Thelma Bentley of 41011 McMahon died last Monday while visiting her mother in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bentley, 42, died of a stroke following a year of illness.

Originally from Altoona, Mrs. Bentley came to this area about 15 years ago with her husband Claude. She was a member of the Novi United Methodist Church.

Included among the survivors are husband Claude and four children. They are Mrs. Cathy Bryce of Westland, Mrs. Lynn Pierce of Novi, Gail Bentley of Novi and Richard Bentley, now in the service. Other survivors include two sisters and one brother in Pennsylvania and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Gilden Barton Funeral Home in Altoona, with burial in that vicinity.

## THOMAS MORTON

A former blacksmith, Thomas J. Morton of Farmington died Friday, July 11, at the Wayne County General

Hospital. The 87-year-old man died following an illness of three months.

Mr. Morton was born in England on January 21, 1882 to Benjamin Morton and Mary Green Morton. He was preceded in death by his wife, Olive, who died in 1957.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Morton, and two granddaughters, Shelley and Anne, all of Livonia.

Funeral services were held July 12 at 3 p.m. in the Ebert Funeral Home. Mrs. Iva B. Rice, Christian Science Reader from Plymouth, officiated. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

## CLARA BRADFORD

A 94-year-old woman, mother-in-law of a Northville resident, died last Thursday in the West Trail Convalescent Home. Mrs. Clara M. Bradford, of Baldwin had been ill for about a year and a half prior to her death.

Mrs. Bradford was born on February 15, 1875 in Baileyville, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew J. Bradford, who died in 1911.

Among the survivors is daughter-in-law Mrs. George (Violet) Bradford of Northville. Others include two grand-daughters, Mrs. Bonney Woods of Lansing and Mrs. Rita Edford of Plymouth.

The funeral was held Saturday, July 12, at Casterline Funeral Home with the Reverend Guenther C. Branstner of the First Methodist Church officiating. Burial was Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Pleasant Plains Cemetery at Baldwin.

## GRACE SHIRTLIFF

A resident of Novi for 66 years, Mrs. Grace Shirtiliff of 46695 West 12 Mile Road died July 9. She died at the age of 77 at St. Mary Hospital after an illness of 4 days.

Mrs. Shirtiliff was born on August 28, 1891 in Leoni, Michigan to parents Frederick Cooper and Harriett Braman Cooper. She was preceded in death by her husband Glenn, who died in 1967.

Among the survivors are three daughters, Miss Maxine Shirtiliff of Novi, Mrs. Donna Melchert of Novi, and Mrs. Ila King of Farmington. She also had six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Casterline Funeral Home with the Reverend Glenn Kelly, of the First Baptist Church of Livonia officiating. She was then buried in Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

## SANTO GARGALINO

Santo Gargalino suffered a fatal heart attack in his home at 1260 East Lake Drive Tuesday morning. At the time of his death, Mr. Gargalino was recuperating from a previous heart attack of three months ago.

The 52-year-old Novi resident was born in Iowa on November 6, 1917. His parents, Salvatore Gargalino and Laura Crecchiolo Gargalino preceded him in death. He married 23 years ago and his wife, Anna, survives him.

Mr. Gargalino moved his family to Novi in 1958. A member of St. Williams Church in Walled Lake, he was employed by the B and R Associated Springs Company in Plymouth.

Among other survivors are two sons and one daughter, John of Farmington, and Samuel and Raia of Novi; a brother, Peter of Detroit, and three sisters, Mrs. Sally Strieble and Mrs. Josephine Farrell of Detroit, and Mrs. Rose Turner of Kalamazoo.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 18 at 10 a.m. in the Richardson-Bird funeral Home in Walled Lake. Officiating will be Father J. Mayworm, followed by burial in Oakland Memorial Cemetery.

## ETTA M. HARNDEN

Mrs. Etta M. Harnden, 78, of 115 Church Street, died Wednesday, July 16. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 18 at the Casterline Funeral Home beginning at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

## With Our Servicemen

**LZ LIZ' VIETNAM**—This American Division firebase five miles northwest of Duc Pho has been the scene of two unsuccessful attacks by NVA sapper squads in the last week. 11th Brigade soldiers from B. Co. 1-20th Inf. repelled two attacks in four days.

The first attack resulted in 12 NVA killed, one captured, and two AK47s and two RPGs, and over 100 Chi Com grenades were later policed up.

The second and most recent attack was preceded by a heavy 82mm mortar bombardment. "After the mortar attack things were deceptively quiet for about two hours," commented Sergeant Don Thorpe of Novi in the Tactical Operations Center. "All of a sudden the RPG rounds hit a bunker on the SE-slope. Flares were popped and 20 NVA were spotted

crawling up the slope. The bunker that was hit was subsequently captured." He continued, "a .30 caliber machinegun about 300 meters out was giving them fire support."

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## USS NEWPORT NEWS

(FHTNC)—Fire Control Technician Seaman Marlin R. Sutton, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther M. Sutton of 46187 Bloomcrest Drive, is serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Newport News.

Returning from her second tour, the Newport News has completed a seven month cruise of "gunline" duty off the coast of Vietnam.

The world's largest heavy cruiser will arrive in her homeport of Norfolk, Va., sometime in July.

## Frosh Get Briefing At Eastern University

Freshman accepted for the fall semester at Eastern Michigan University, including a number from this area, are getting a 24-hour experience of college life under an orientation program set up for the first time this summer.

All new freshmen are required to attend.

Students arrive on campus at the rate of 150 a day, 75 at 1 p.m. and 75 at 4 p.m. They provide their own transportation and pay a fee of \$10 for meals and lodging while they are here.

Local students at EMU are Daniel Condon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Condon, 335 Linden Street; Thomas Fagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fagan, 46120 Fanner Court; Derek White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard White, 22000 Haggerty Road;

Leonard Beadle, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Beadle, 24400 Border Hill; Gerald Courtney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Courtney, 23830 Meadowbrook; Kent Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith, 48755 Ten Mile Road; and Jon VanWagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack VanWagner, 23710 Maude Lea Circle.

First step during orientation is assignment to rooms in dormitories. Then the group is split into units of 15 each of which meets with a counselor for general discussion. These talks

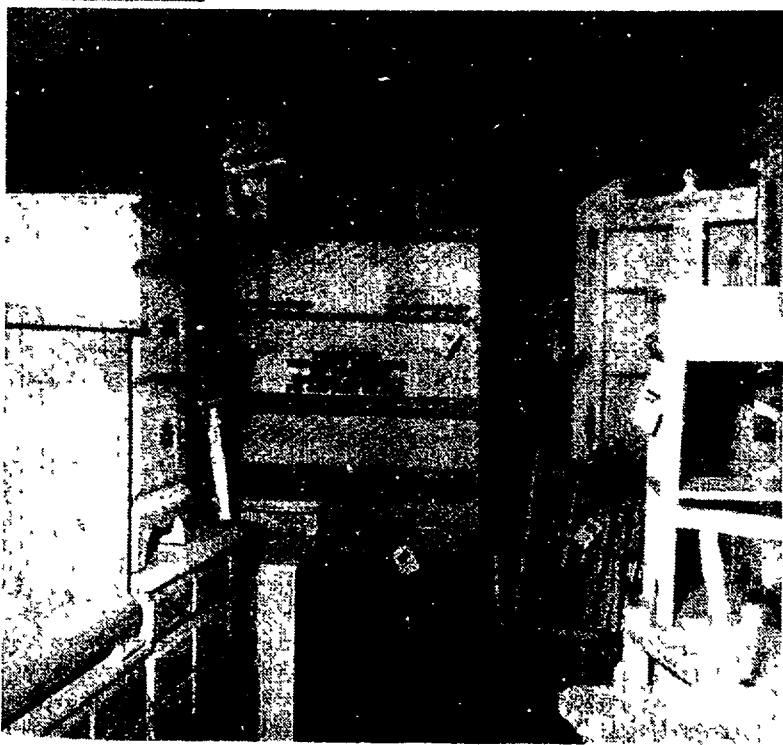
cover all aspects of what might be called the "non-academic" side of life on campus—rules, customs, responsibilities, etc.

After dinner, there is further discussion centered on registration procedures. Actual registration takes place the following day.

Parents accompanying sons or daughters may take part in a one-hour orientation program of their own. Provision is also made for those parents who wish to remain on campus overnight.



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## Piano Tuner Gets Publicity

Northville's George Lockhart is featured in a full page ad in the July edition of the Piano Technicians Journal circulated through much of the world.

His picture and comments in the ad are presented on behalf of membership in the Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.—an organization that Lockhart was instrumental in establishing.

Lockhart was president of the American Society of Piano Technicians when it was merged with the National Association of Piano Tuners to form the Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.

In addition to serving as president of the ASPT, Lockhart has served three times as president of the Detroit chapter—fourth largest chapter of the PTG in the world. He will attend the 12th annual PTG convention, July 28 and 31 in New Orleans.

## St. Paul's Accepting School Applications

St. Paul's Lutheran Christian Day School (Elm and East Streets in Northville) is accepting applications for enrollment of children for the fall school term.

Fully accredited, the school offers instruction in religion and all elementary subjects, from kindergarten through the eighth grade, under the direction of certified teachers.

Kenneth Lehl, former principal of First Lutheran Christian Day school in Paola, Kansas, will assume the position of principal and teacher of grades 6-7-8 at St. Paul's on July 15. Lehl has had 10 years' experience as a principal and for several years has served as a supervisor of practice teachers in his school. He holds a bachelor of science degree in education and is nearing completion of the required credit courses to earn his masters.

Wayne Loontjer, a native of Oak, Nebraska will teach grades 3-4-5. His wife, the former Jacqueline Maskus of Webster Groves, Missouri, will teach the lower grades at St. Paul's. Both are June graduates of Concordia Teachers' College in Seward, Nebraska and hold bachelor of science degrees in education. They will be living in the Fairbrook Apartments after July 15th.

Prospective pupils whose parents are not members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church are required to pay a tuition fee: \$270 for one child (\$30 per month), \$360 for two children of the same family (\$40 per month), or \$450

## Community Calendar

To list your events in the Community Calendar phone 349-1700.

Thursday, July 17

Novi Rotary Club, noon, Saratoga Farms.

Greater Northville Republican Club, 8 p.m., Township Hall.

Northville Explorer Scouts, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall.

TARS (Teenage Republicans), 7 p.m., Township Hall.

Northville Commandary No. 39, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Sunday, July 20

Cavern Teen Club, 1:30 p.m., Cavern.

Monday, July 21

Northville Masonic Organization, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 7:30 p.m., Scout Recreation Building.

Novi City Council, 8 p.m., Council chambers.

Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, DAR, noon.

Tuesday, July 22

Senior Citizens, 6:30 p.m., Scout Recreation Building.

Northville Rotary Club, noon, Presbyterian Church.

Weight Watchers of Eastern Michigan, 9:30 a.m., 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

Tuesday, July 22,

Wixom City Council, 8 p.m., council chambers.

Rainbow Assembly, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

American Legion, 8 p.m., American Legion Home.

Novi Office Economic Opportunity, 8 p.m., Novi United Methodist Church.

Novi School Board, 8 p.m., High School library.

Wednesday, July 23

Northville Optimists Club, 6:30 p.m., Thunderbird Inn.

Northville Jaycees, 8 p.m., Detroit Federal Savings.

Meadowbrook Country Club, (board meetings), 9 p.m.

Thursday, July 24

Christian Women's Club, 12:30 p.m., Lofy's Restaurant.

Novi Rotary Club, noon, Saratoga Farms.

Northville Explorer Scouts, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall.

Northville commandary No. 39, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

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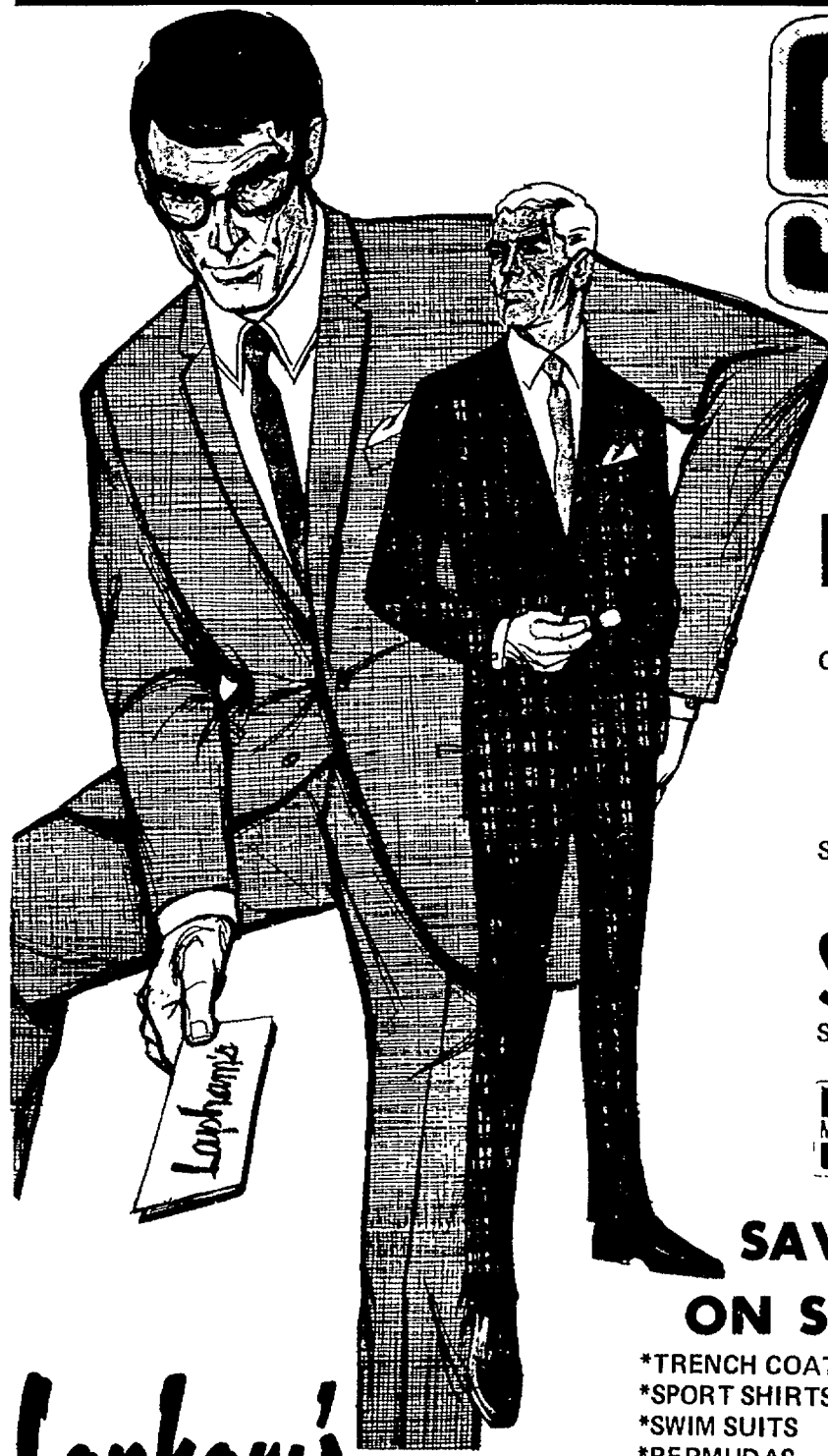
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# Senior Attends Debate Workshop

Among the 200 high school debaters to attend a workshop in high school debate at Georgetown University was Randy Caswell, 41845 West Eight Mile Road.

Caswell, 16, will be a senior at Northville High School next fall. He first became interested in the Georgetown workshop through teacher Miss Barbara LeBoeuf, high school debate coach. Under her direction he applied and was accepted. Last January he transferred to Northville from West Bloomfield, where he had been an active debater for several years.

During the three-week workshop session, the participants studied the 1969-70 national high school debate

question, "Resolved: That Congress Should Prohibit Unilateral U. S. Military Intervention in Foreign Countries." The students researched their question daily in the libraries about Washington. They also worked with the foreign relations committees of the U. S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

After developing their cases they practiced their debating skills in a trial debate tournament. Judges included nearly 20 university and high school debate coaches.

The three-week workshop, largest in the nation for high school debaters, lasted from June 21 to July 12.

# Richard C. Mueller Joins College Staff

Richard C. Mueller has joined the staff of Schoolcraft College as an intern in business and finance for an eight-week period this summer.

A candidate for the educational specialist degree in community college administration at the School of Educational Administration, Eastern Michigan University, Mueller will remain at Schoolcraft until Aug. 15.

He previously interned in the Ypsilanti public school system in vocational-technical educational administration, and is now assistant principal at Ypsilanti High School.

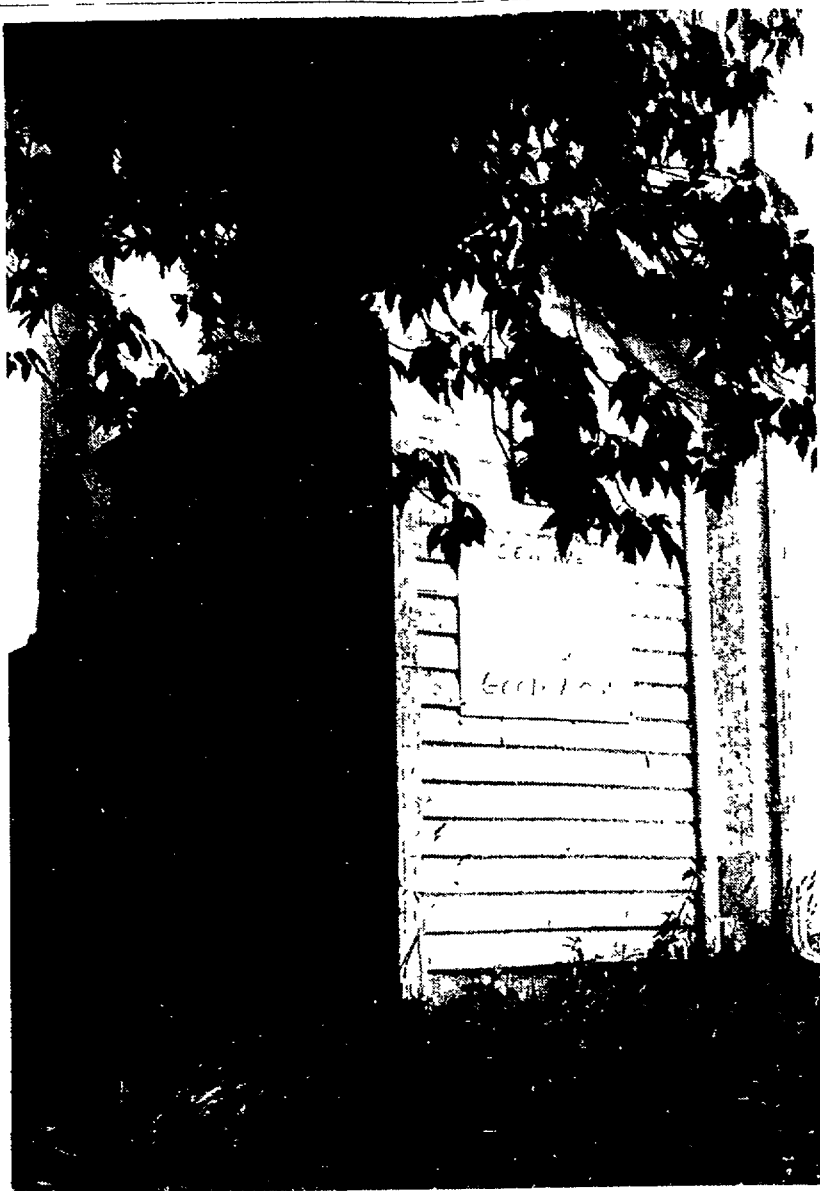
W.K. Linder, vice-president for business affairs at Schoolcraft, said Mueller was assigned to the college by

Dr. Elven Duvall, director of the internship program at EMU.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Mueller received his B.S. in Education degree at Bowling Green State University, and an M.A. in Education degree from Ball State University. He has continued his graduate work at the University of Michigan and at EMU.

Mueller taught vocational subjects in junior high and senior high schools in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan and recently served on the vocational-technical faculty at Washtenaw Community College.

Married to a former school teacher and the father of one son, Mueller lives in Ann Arbor.



**ANTIQUES ANYONE?** — The congregation of the Salem Congregational Christian Church will be happy to give this dandy little out-of-date two-holer to the first taker. Recently completed new lavatories within the Church building, have made the "outhouse" obsolete. The new lavatories are the second step in an overall renovation project by the congregation led by Pastor Gary L. Herne. The first step was a new paint job last year. The next step, a complete basement, will be begun in September.

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# Police & Courts

Police investigated two auto accidents in which three persons were injured this past week.

Robert James Findling, 18227 Jamestown Circle, and Mrs. Kate Finnie, Utica, were injured Friday when the cars they were driving collided at the corner of Northville Road and Seven Mile.

Both were treated for head injuries at the scene and then conveyed to St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia, for treatment.

The vehicles received front end damage.

No tickets were issued but the Northville Police Department sent a letter to the Wayne County Road Commission asking them to improve traffic conditions at the corner.

Curt Joseph Olewnik, 46501 West Main, was injured in a rear end collision July 13 at the corner of West Main and Orchard Drive.

Driver of the second vehicle was Stanley Bankus, Summit Hill, Pa.

Olewnik refused treatment stating he would contact his own doctor.

No tickets were issued.

Seven men in a red pick up truck vandalized Mergraf Oil Company, July 14.

Three Detroit men, Bernard H. Redmond, Dale L. Katzer and Eugene R. Miller, paid \$53 each after they were arrested for drunkenness.

Gene E. Newlin, Westland, also was fined \$53 for drunkenness.

James G. Allen, Barnersville, North Carolina, paid \$53 after he pled guilty to charges of drunkenness.

Donald L. Huebler, Plymouth, paid \$38 cost for writing checks on an account with insufficient funds.

On July 14 Jacqueline M. Bliss, Brighton, paid \$53 for two traffic warrants issued by Northville Police.

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John Swain, president of Mergraf Oil Company, was ticketed July 8 for offensive odors emanating from his business at 175 Railroad Street.

Police said Mergraf violated a city zoning ordinance which reads, "The emission of odors which are generally agreed to be obnoxious to any considerable number of persons at their place of residence or work, shall be prohibited."

Spokesman for the company told police "fat" in the oil was the probable cause of the odor that "smelled like rotten eggs."

Swain will appear in court July 22.

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If it weren't for people, the world would be mighty dull. Take the case of Ralph Derderian and the Northville police.

Derderian, a Detroit resident, reported to police he parked his car in the Northville Lanes parking lot at 3 p.m. Monday. When he returned to the lot at 1 52 a.m. Tuesday, the car wasn't there.

Police put out a bulletin on the vehicle giving the description and license plate number.

While police worked on the case, Derderian slept — in his car.

He had parked the car near the Downs and forgot where he left it. He found the car later, spending the rest of the night in it.

Derderian notified police late Tuesday morning of the outcome.

The men reportedly drove up to Mergraf at 175 Railroad Street, tore three no trespassing signs down and used abusive language when attempts were made to stop them.

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Thomas Anderson, 6, of 310 W. Dunlap, was bitten July 11 as he played with a dog at the Jene Heater home, 317 W. Dunlap. No medical attention was required and no tickets were issued.

Ben G. Taylor, charged with drunkenness, was placed on probation July 1 by 35th District Court Judge Dunbar Davis.

Wilbur E. Daugherty, 43000 Eight Mile Road, was committed to Detroit House of Correction beginning July 5. He was arrested and charged with drunk driving.

Driving with expired 1968 license plates brought a \$28 fine for Claude T. Sechler, 43600 Six Mile Road.

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Fines totaling \$603 and 10 day jail sentences were handed out July 8 by Judge Davis.

Jeremiah O'Rourke, Detroit, was sentenced to 10 days in the Detroit House of Correction. He had been arrested for drunkenness.

A bench warrant was issued against Ralph Russell, Inkster, when he failed to appear in court on charges of disorderly person, fighting.

Gerald L. Willey, Flint, paid \$78 on charges of drunkenness.

Thomas J. Kondziela paid \$63 after being arrested for drunkenness.

James O. Rhodes, Romulus, was fined \$53 for drunkenness.

Stanley D. Gooddy, Fenton, paid \$53 for disorderly conduct.

A Dexter man, Stanley C. Henes, paid \$53 on charges of drunkenness.

**POPULAR ACTOR** Forrest Tucker (right), in Detroit performing at the Fisher Theatre in "Plaza Suite," last Thursday played golf at Meadowbrook Country Club with pro Paul Shepherd. Tucker also paused with Shepherd to browse through the recently-completed pro shop at the club.

# Boy Injured In Car Crash

A twelve-year-old Steve Millard, 49041 Ridge Court, is now recuperating at home following emergency plastic surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

The boy was injured Thursday in an auto accident at the corner of Beech-Daly Road in Detroit. While riding with his grandfather their car crashed in the rear of another, causing him to bounce forward against the windshield. Steve was rushed to the hospital for plastic surgery on his forehead.

The young victim is reported making a satisfactory recovery and would appreciate a note from his young friends.



**ROTC COMMISSIONING** — Robert Eugene Beller of Northville receives his commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army from Major Ivan Darling during ceremonies at Michigan State University. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Beller of 771 Horton Street, he was one of 75 Army and Air Force cadets to receive commissions.

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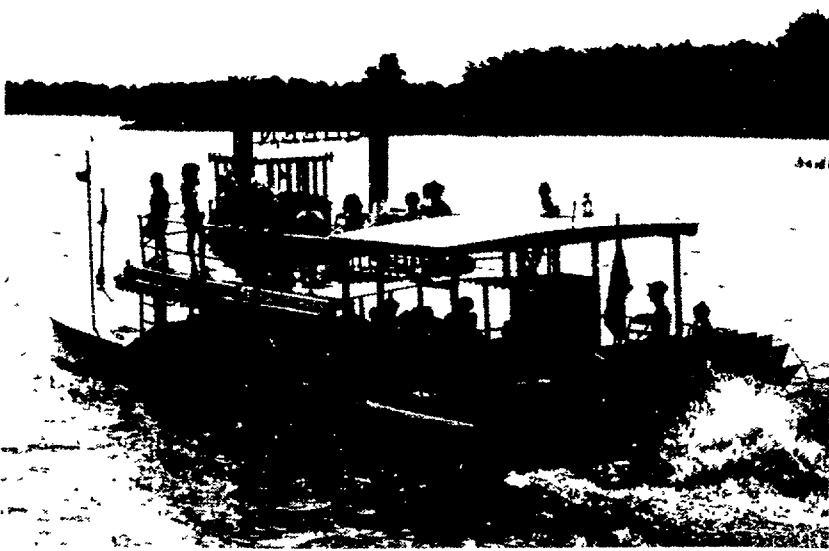
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Over 300,000 persons have stepped aboard the excursion boat which is docked daily near Martindale Beach at the 4,300-acre park. The tours provide a wonderful view of the park

and of Kent Lake covering 22 miles of shoreline.

The two-decked ship has space for 60 passengers and carries a crew of two persons, including Captain Lewis Underhill III. Underhill has been its pilot since 1963 and associated with the Island Queen since the summer of 1959.

Before the start of the season, the U.S. Coast Guard approves the seaworthiness of the Island Queen and the pilot must pass a rigid examination. Each year the Island Queen is renovated, repainted and in 1968 a new engine was installed.

For additional information about the Island Queen persons may call the park office: 685-1516 (Milford Exchange).

## New Facility Planned Mentally Retarded To Get Boost

A new, modern facility to provide a full array of services to the mentally retarded will become a reality in Oakland County as the result of a second federal grant to the Oakland County Community Mental Health Services Board.

The \$211,562 grant was announced by U.S. Representative Jack H. McDonald (R-Redford Twp.) who, along with U.S. Representative William S. Broomfield (R-Royal Oak), was instrumental in releasing the funds. The grant will pay 75 percent of the first year's cost of staffing the center.

A previous federal grant of \$637,087 announced July 2 has enabled the county to move ahead with plans for construction of the \$1.6 million building near the County Service Center at 12000 North Telegraph. The federal construction funds will be "matched" by a \$1 million appropriation from Oakland's Board of Supervisors.

The new center will be the first in Michigan to take advantage of money made available through the late President Kennedy's landmark legislation providing funds to help the retarded.

The center is expected to provide continuing day care services for 350 retarded persons and special short-term services for another 500 persons annually.

Construction is expected to begin late this year or early next year, with completion scheduled for early 1971.

"When the center opens, we will be able to serve a substantially larger number of persons than we can now. And we will be able to offer them more individually tailored services," explained George Boswell, director of the mental health board's services for the retarded.

The center program is designed so that each person who comes for service will receive a thorough diagnosis. The nature and extent of his deficiency will be evaluated, as well as his physical and mental health and any other factors the clinicians will need to know to help him overcome his handicap as much as possible.

Skilled professionals in a variety of disciplines will work with the retarded person, teaching him everything from basics such as feeding and dressing himself to habits of good grooming and conduct among others to simple job skills that sometimes help the mentally retarded pay part of their own way in the world.

"Our Goal," Boswell said, "is to help the mentally retarded citizen of Oakland County become a productive and contributing member of society whenever possible. We know today that with accurate diagnosis and well-designed programs, this potential is much greater than most people realize."

Several center services are already available in separate, smaller programs of the county's mental health board. They will be moved into the center and enlarged with it opens.

The staffing grant will allow the board to hire 40 additional persons to administer and operate both the expanded services and the new ones to be created. Working full time at the center will be physicians, psychologists, social workers, teachers, and nurses. Other specialized personnel such as speech and hearing therapists and vocational counselors will be available as needed. In the best sense of community mental health programming, a number of agencies serving Oakland County will cooperate with the mental health board in providing a comprehensive program at the new center.

Oakland Schools will conduct classes for approximately 150 moderately retarded or "trainable"

individuals between 14 and 21. The schools will also provide a speech and hearing clinic.

The county's health department will provide dental care for retarded persons whose families could not otherwise afford it. For cases compounded by physical handicaps, special medical problems or nutritional deficiencies, the health department will assign public health nurses to work with the family and the center's staff to alleviate these conditions.

The Pontiac office of the state's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has agreed to provide counselors to evaluate job potential and to recommend suitable vocational training for the mentally retarded. New Horizons of Oakland County, Inc., which operates two sheltered workshops, has agreed to make its services available to those at the center who can benefit from them.

A staff person from Lapeer State Home and Training School will be available to consult on cases which appear to need 24-hour residential care,

and Lapeer will provide that care when necessary. The Lapeer facility will also offer genetic counseling to parents.

The new center will be affiliated with the University of Michigan's School of Public Health. This means that UM faculty members will be available to the center as consultants and that the school's graduate students may do their field work there.

Local hospitals will provide laboratory services needed for diagnostic workups.

After the center's first year, during which federal money will cover 75 percent of staffing costs, the grant will pay for a smaller share the second year and still smaller shares the third and fourth years. If renewal grants are approved, as is customary, the total federal staffing grant through 1973 will come to \$630,000.

The increasingly larger local share of costs will be borne by the mental health board, which gets its funds from both state and county sources.

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# Editorials... a page for expressions ...yours and ours

## SPEAKING for The Record

By BILL SLIGER

On this day in history it's a little difficult to write about tax bills, school millage, street improvements, CBD or CBP.

Today, Wednesday, July 16, 1969, we sent three men to the moon.

This even makes news in a weekly newspaper devoted strictly to local affairs.

After all, what is a moon shot if it isn't local news? In our democracy everything we undertake is a grass roots' effort — the failures and the successes.

That's what makes America the great country it is. There isn't a person in the world that doesn't know or won't be exposed to news about our moon shot effort.

Meanwhile, another country in its less pretentious manner is also aiming a rocket at the moon. If it should scoop off some of the "whipped cream", the world will know of the accomplishment. If it should fail, it will be because they were not trying.

The world will know of our effort — success or failure. This is the American way. Our tradition of freedom of information makes us unique. We embarrass ourselves by publicizing our riots, our sit-ins, our lock-outs, our wars, our draft-card burning, our prejudices. But neither are we reluctant to publicize our successes — they become more meaningful when mixed with failures, when accomplished against odds.

I cannot help but believe that the world is praying along with America that on this day we have launched a success.

Somehow, the uniqueness that is America makes us certain that we have.

Is there an American who does not thrill at the experience of Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins?

Is there an American who does not believe that they will succeed?

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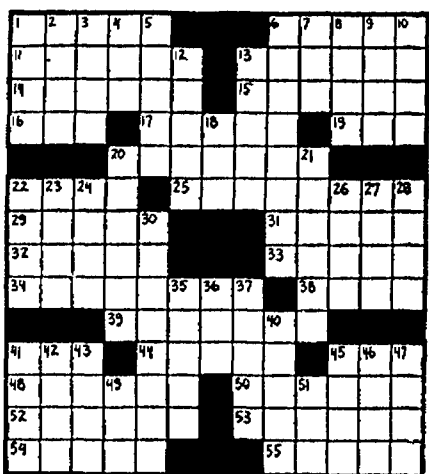
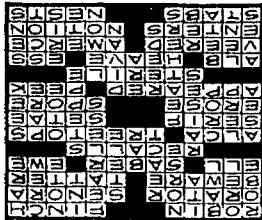
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### Here's the Answer



### Poor Relative



### Not for 'Squares'

## Patriotism Old Fashioned?

Editor's Note: Following are excerpts from a speech given several times by Northville Legionnaire David McDougall, who is often requested to repeat it. Entitled "Is Patriotism Old Fashioned?", the speech was last given locally on Memorial Day. But it was repeated in talks throughout the country over the Fourth of July weekend.

Listen carefully ... and you may hear America fighting for survival! Fighting in 1969 as we have never fought before ... either on the battlefield or in the struggle for man's minds.

America's hard core breed of early pioneers have all but disappeared. Rugged individualism is being supplanted by wellfareism, and security has become a substitute for freedom. The job has been taken out of job-seeking, and the worry has been taken out of sickness, but in the process liberty has been taken out of America.

I'm going to talk quite a bit about a six-letter word. The word is "square." Back in Mark Twain's day, it was one of the finest words in our language. You gave a man a square deal if you were honest. And you gave him a square meal when he was hungry. You stood four-square for the right, as you

saw it, and square against everything else. When you got out of debt, you were square with the world. And that was when you could look your fellow man square in the eye.

Then a lot of strange characters got hold of this honest wholesome word, bent it all out of shape and gave it back to our children. Convicts gave it the first twist. To them a square was an inmate who would not conform to the convict code. Now everyone knows what a square is. He is the man who never learned to get away with it. A Joe who volunteers when he doesn't have to. A guy who gets his kicks from trying to do something better than anyone else. A boob who gets so lost in his work, he has to be reminded to go home. A slob who still gets all choked up when the band plays "America the Beautiful."

Too many of us are still sitting it out instead of sweating it out. Too many of us haven't got the guts to stand up straight and dare to be square. Because the opposite of square is round, and being round is much simpler. Responsibilities and problems roll off nice and easy. And we can just roll down the path, without any bumps, being careful to stay in the middle, because that's where the most comfortable ruts are.

### Readers Speak

## Ambulance Service Wins Her Praise

To the Editor:

If the lawmakers had been in my position last Saturday morning, I think they would take a different view of the legislation in regards to the Ambulance business.

I had need of an ambulance for my Mother and the trip turned out to be much more complicated and lengthy than anticipated. Although his ambulance was tied up for 2 hours, Fred Casterline and his assistant were as helpful, kind and considerate as anyone could be.

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this their life's work, are forced to do away with their ambulance service, it will be a great dis-service to people like us who needed them badly, even though this was not an emergency.

True, they were doing their job and will be paid for it but there some things that are above and beyond what money can pay for and this we received from Fred and his aide. For this we are "Truly Grateful".

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## Says Township Needs More Police Protection

To the Editor:

In regards to law enforcement I believe we need more of it. We've been in the Township for one year and get very little if any cooperation from the Sheriff. The State Police are wonderful but not usually near.

I attended this discussion and rude meeting of the Township Board last week and left early. If this board is a Township Board why doesn't it help the Township increase Police protection. This is a growing community which needs help now. What do they intend to do with this one man police force which needs to be increased. We live in the Township

because we like being here. We think the tax payers should have more say as to where our money is planning on being put in the future.

resident & taxpayer

EDITOR'S NOTE: This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask that they be received at this office by Monday noon for publication the same week and that they be limited to 500 words. All letters must contain the signatures of the writer, but names will be withheld on request.



"You know," she chirped, shattering the silence of a peaceful afternoon, "your beard reminds me of the pilot I once met on his way home from the Orinoco River with a butterfly net in the back seat."

A bolt of lightning would have startled me more.

"How's that?" I stuttered, regretting the question even before it slipped out.

"Your beard ... it's something like the one he had."

"Who are you talking about?"

"The pilot. He had a beard ... not as long as yours ... but he was deeply tanned by the jungle sun, and he was handsome with a pretty mustache that curled up at the ends."

"Handsome, eh? Pretty mustache? Well, just how did you get mixed up with this Errol

Flynn and the butterfly net?"

"You don't have to get huffy," she said. "I was just trying to make some conversation. It's true. He was the pilot who flew me from San Antonio to Chicago. You remember. I was a little late in meeting you at O'Hara. He'd just returned from South America ... on some kind of expedition, I think ... and he offered me a hop to Chicago because that's where he was headed."

"How could I forget," I said, recalling with some pain the incident of 15 years ago. "You were a little late, alright, about 27 hours to be exact. So that's who you were riding with — a mustachioed butterflycatcher with wings."

"Forget it," she barked, "just forget it if you're going to get smart."

But as is her habit, she persisted: "I often wonder what happened to him. He was such a nice man, and he told such exciting stories about the jungle."

"I'll bet he did," I said.

"He's probably living in the jungle right now or writing books about his adventures."

"Chances are he's locked up someplace. A butterfly net? You're putting me on?"

"Yes, a butterfly net," she insisted. "The funny thing about it is that I half expected to see the net in the back seat. It just fit the man's role."

"Yah, and I'll bet he wore a pith helmet and Bermuda shorts, too."

"No he didn't. But ... now don't laugh ... he was wearing knickers."

"Knickers! Have you been nipping the cooking sherry, again?"

"I said knickers, smarty, and I meant knickers."

"Okay, so he had knickers. But let's go back to the beginning. Why does my beard remind you of him?"

There was a long silence and, finally, she said, "Well, I guess maybe because the beard was the only thing about him I didn't like. It made him look a little kooky."

That did it! I shaved yesterday, and tomorrow I'm buying a butterfly net and a pair of knickers. Nobody's gonna accuse me of being 'kooky'.

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Wayne County (including the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville and Northville Township): Carl Pursell, 670 South Sheldon Road, Plymouth.



# NOVI HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Slobor and son John, of Detroit spent last Thursday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Coleman. This coming weekend guests at the Lloyd Coleman home will be Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sasse and family of Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Sasse formerly lived in Northville.

The William Fox family has returned from eight days of vacation at Cadillac, Ludington and Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Callan visited their sons, Patrick and Harold at Camp Co-Be-Ac during the holiday weekend. This past weekend Harold visited his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sova and their four children are back home again after a vacation on a scenic trip to Colorado. They also visited Mrs. Sova's brother at Kalispel, Montana.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook had a picnic supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Withrow in Detroit.

Mike and Larry, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Henderson were the weekend guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bellinger, camping at Lake Chemung.

Roy Hallock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hallock Sr. of Owenton St., who is now in service, has just arrived in Viet Nam.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scates are the parents of an eight pound daughter, Bonnie Marie, born Sunday, July 13th in Sinai Hospital. Mrs. Scates is the former Virginia Race.

Last weekend Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anglin visited Mrs. Anglin's mother, Mrs. Nora Fetterman at Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Anglin spent the day with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anglin at Garrett, Indiana.

Cecil LaFond and sons, Mark and Paul spent several days at their lodge at Bell Lake in the Upper Peninsula, fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Race entertained approximately sixty guests in honor of the latter's mother, Mrs. Freda Kresin, this past Sunday. Mrs. Kresin was 88 years old July 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris and family returned on Tuesday of last week from 18 days of vacation at Trout Lake, U.P., where they have a summer cottage. They also visited other places of interest in Northern Michigan.

Mrs. Harold Henderson left last Thursday with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rix of Plymouth, for Falls Church, Virginia, where on Saturday, they attended the wedding of Mrs. Henderson's only granddaughter, Beth Elaine Rix, to David Kerr of Hadden Heights, New Jersey.

Ruth Elaine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor W. Rix of Briyn Place, Falls Church, Virginia.

Lynn MacDermid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill MacDermid, who is a graduate from Hillsdale College, has accepted a position with the State Rehabilitation Program, working out of the Jackson office. She has an apartment and will be living in Hillsdale.

Miss MacDermid spent the weekend with her parents.

Next Sunday, July 20th, the Green family reunion will be held. The Greens are relatives of Mrs. Florence MacDermid.

Miss Mary MacDermid has returned to work after recuperating from a shoulder injury sustained in a recent automobile accident.

Houseguests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Klasner were Mrs. Klasner's niece and family from Cincinnati, Ohio, this past weekend.

Mrs. William Rackov spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Florence Lanza in Detroit. They attended the Polish Club for a social afternoon.

Janet and Jennifer Warren, and Marsha Cook, along with the John Adams family of Detroit, visited the Spring Hill Christian Camp at Clare on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tymensky and family spent the weekend camping near Port Austin. Brenda Tymensky's guest for the weekend was Rose Button.

**WILLOWBROOK NEWS**  
Mrs. Wilma Wagonis and her sister, Mrs. Laura Grigsby of Livonia, left for Semi, California this past weekend.

They will attend the wedding of Mrs. Grigsby's son, Glenn, who has recently returned from service in Viet Nam. Glenn will be married to Miss Linda Ablett at Chapel Canyon in Canoga Park.

Mrs. Dolly Alegnani entertained her club at dessert luncheon and an afternoon of pinocle on Tuesday.

**LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS**  
A benefit card party sponsored by the Novi Little League Moms was held in the Community Building Wednesday, July 16. A dessert luncheon was served at 1:30 p.m. and prizes were given. Little League picnic July 27th. More later.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NOVI TEN MILE ROAD**  
Regular church service at 10 a.m. on Sunday with Sunday School at the same hour for children through the sixth grade.

Fellowship hour follows the services at 11 o'clock.

The pastor of the church attended a Prayer Encampment at Simpson Park in Romeo. He will return in time for services next Sunday.

Several young people in the church went to the Judson Collins Camp this week.

The Pastor office hours are from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI**

The V.B.S. teachers met on Tuesday and evaluated the Vacation Bible School of this year. Afterwards a luncheon was served at the parsonage.

The Sunday School recently installed an electric registry board that shows class names and percentages by colored and coded blinking lights.

The Sunday School picnic will be held July 19, 10:00 a.m. at the Willows in Cass Benton Park. The bus will leave the church at 9:45 for those who need transportation. Sack races, tug-o-war, horse shoes, and many other games under the direction of Joe Whyte and Lee King will provide lots of fun. Each family will take a picnic basket. Homemade ice cream will be provided for all.

Clean-up and Fix-up Days are planned for July 25 and 26. Men, women and young people will be given a specific job to do.

Saturday evening, there will be a cookout at the parsonage for the participants.

Scenes from Bethlehem, Beersheba, Samaria and Haifa will be shown Sunday evening after the Service. These colored slides were made by Pastor Cook from his recent trips to the Middle East.

**ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI ROAD**

The Orchard W.M.S. ladies met Monday evening at seven in the church for a Mission Action Meeting to get a special mission project started.

While the Pastor is on vacation, Joe Miller of the Walled Lake Mission Church had charge of the Morning Worship Service.

West Livonia Baptist Chapel's leader, Mountie Duncan, conducted the Sunday evening service.

The men of the Orchard Hills Church will have services at the Whitehall Convalescent home Friday evening at 7:30.

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION**

Sunday morning services continue at 11 o'clock with Rev. Chisato Ketagaw for the month of July. Rev. Ketagaw's sermon was on "How to Explain Death in Different Creeds."

Bruce Simmons was the Crucifer, and Brad Huber the Acolyte. Bill Nave, organist, was present for services.

Rev. Kitagaw will be here to celebrate Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. next Sunday.

Please sign up in the Narthex for cleaning the church.

Mrs. Wilma Young will be starting the Sunday School program in August. All who wish to be Sunday School teachers contact Mrs. Young.

Thanks to Charles Sauvage and Bruce Simmons for cutting the lawn. The parking lot is soon to be paved.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WIXOM**

"For we are laborers together with God; you are God's cultivated field, ye are God's building." 1 Cor. 3:9.

Pastor Warren's morning message was "The Local Church and God's Garden."

Did you attend Sunday School and church this week? Remember our Sunday School takes no vacation.

The Outdoor Drive-In Evening Services are open to all, come just as you are and listen to the special music and Evangelistic messages by Pastor Warren. There are speakers set up so you can easily hear the entire service from your car. Our attendance has been good, already exceeding last year's record.

July 9th the church body voted to accept the recommendation of the church board to "join the Conservative Baptist Association of Michigan." We will be formally welcomed into the C.B.A. at their annual meeting Sept. 29-30.

The church bus took the Juniors to Camp Co-Be-Ac for the week. Terry and Karen Angles will be counseling there the entire week.

Tues. - 6:00 p.m. baseball - Wixom vs. Salem.

Wed. - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer.

Thurs. - 6:00 p.m. Baseball - Wixom vs. Union Lake.

Sat. - 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Inner tube float for Senior High.

Sat. - 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting.

July 20-27 - United Evangelistic Crusade at Wisner Stadium in Pontiac with Dr. Jack Van Impe. Will attend as a group July 23.

July 25 - Jr. High Bike Hike - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## NOVI GOODFELLOWS

The Goodfellows are getting ready for Gala Days. They will have a food concession and sell ham sandwiches. Miss Eugenie Choquet is the chairman, co-chairmen are Mrs. Cecile Arbour and Mrs. Lawrence Fisher. Leon Dochot will assist. Gala Days will be held in August.

## BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Last Thursday Lucy Needham, Helen Burnstrum and Alma Klasner were at the Veteran's Hospital in Ann Arbor all day. They did shopping during the day and were joined in the evening by Betty Sigbee and Hazel Mandilk. They put on a party for the Veterans.

## NOVI BOY SCOUTS

Novi Boy Scout Troop No. 54 has been gathering and saving papers for several weeks. The drive will take place on Saturday, July 19. For pick-up call Mr. Tymensky, 349-2113 or call any boy scout. The scouts plan to use the money from the paper drive on a fishing trip.

## NAA Elects Two Local Men

Robert E. Taylor of 43500 Cottisford Road and Hubert M. Poe of 38060 Tralee Trail recently were elected to the board of directors of the Detroit chapter of the National Association of Accountants, 1969-70.

The National Association of Accountants is an organization with more than 70,000 members. The Detroit chapter has 1,400 members who live and work in the Greater Detroit area.

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**WATER MAIN BREAKS** - A 24-inch water main serving part of Northville Township, the Detroit House of Correction and Plymouth State Home broke Tuesday. The main, running along Sheldon Road between Seven and Six Mile roads, was part of the Detroit water system. Temporary lines were connected to water hydrants in the area so service could continue while repairs were made. DeHoCo and Plymouth State Home used emergency water from tanks on their property. Inspecting the gaping hole washed out by escaping water is the township's police officer, Ron Nisun. Workmen were still working on the break Wednesday.

# NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET-JUNE 30, 1969

ASSETS		
Cash and Due from Banks		\$1,015,319,930
Securities—At Amortized Cost:		
United States Government	498,263,785	
Obligations of Federal Agencies	8,426,031	
Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions	474,743,795	
Other Securities	31,766,884	
	1,013,200,495	
Federal Funds Sold	60,900,000	
Loans:		
Commercial and Consumer	\$1,537,994,817	
Real Estate Mortgage	543,444,398	
	2,081,439,215	
Less Allowance for Possible Loan Losses	47,063,724	2,034,375,491
Bank Premises and Equipment (at cost less accumulated depreciation of \$22,713,078)	42,308,319	
Other Assets	48,048,870	
Total Assets		\$4,214,153,105

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL FUNDS		
Deposits:		
Demand	\$1,713,613,603	
Individual Savings and Time	1,364,037,801	
Other Savings and Time	449,575,978	
	3,527,227,382	
Other Liabilities:		
Funds Borrowed	\$ 187,598,000	
Unearned Income and Sundry Liabilities	190,202,102	377,800,102
		3,905,027,484
Capital Funds:		
Convertible Capital Notes (5% Due 1993)	50,000,000	
Common Stock, Par \$12.50 (Authorized 5,800,000 Shares; Outstanding 4,800,000 Shares)	60,000,000	
Surplus	140,000,000	
Undivided Profits	59,125,621	309,125,621
Total Liabilities and Capital Funds		\$4,214,153,105

Assets carried at approximately \$289,000,000 (including U. S. Government Securities carried at \$91,578,921) were pledged at June 30, 1969 to secure public deposits (including deposits of \$41,846,666 of the Treasurer, State of Michigan) and for other purposes required by law.

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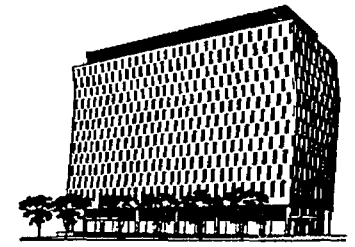
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# City of Novi 'Controller' Ordinance

## Ordinance No. 69-2

TAKE NOTICE that on the 7th day of July, 1969, at a Regular Meeting of the Council, the Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, enacted an Ordinance to create the office of Controller of the City of Novi and to prescribe the functions and duties of such office.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the publication thereof.

Joseph Crupi, Mayor  
Mabel Ash, Clerk

### CITY OF NOVI

Notice of Enactment  
Ordinance No. 69-01

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE COMPLETE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE CONCERNING THE INITIATION OF PROJECTS, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE, OF COSTS, NOTICE AND HEARING; THE MAKING, AND CONFIRMING OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND CORRECTION OF ERRORS; THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, AND ANY OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

### THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

#### Section 1.01. Definitions:

A. Cost. The term "cost" as used in this ordinance when referring to the cost of any local public improvement shall include the cost of services, plans, condemnation, spreading of rolls, notices, advertising, financing, construction and legal fees and all other costs incident to the making of such improvement, the special assessments therefor and the financing thereof.

B. Local Public Improvement. The term "local public improvement" as used in this ordinance shall mean any public improvement which is of such a nature as to benefit especially any real property or properties within a district in the vicinity of such improvement.

Section 2.01. Authority to Assess. The whole cost or any part thereof of any local public improvement may be defrayed by special assessment upon the lands specially benefitted by the improvement in the manner hereinafter provided.

Section 3.01. To Initiate Special Assessment Projects. Proceedings for the making of local public improvements within the City, the tentative necessity thereof, and determination that the whole or any part of the expense thereof shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the property especially benefitted, provided that all special assessments levied shall be in proportion to the benefits derived from the improvements, may be commenced by resolution of the Council, with or without a petition.

Section 4.01. Initiation by Petition. If the proposed public improvement is initiated by petition, it shall be signed by property owners whose aggregate property in the proposed special assessment district was assessed for not less than sixty percent (60%) of the total assessed value of the privately-owned real property located therein, in accordance with the last preceding general assessment roll. Such petition shall contain a brief description of the property owned by the respective signers thereof. If it shall appear that the petition is not signed by owners of at least sixty percent (60%) as aforesaid, the Clerk shall so certify to the Council. The petition shall be addressed to the Council and filed with the Clerk and shall, in no event, be mandatory as to Council action.

Section 5.01. Survey and Report. Before the Council shall consider the making of any local public improvement, the same shall be referred by resolution to the Manager directing him to cause to be prepared a report which shall include preliminary plans and estimates of cost, an estimate of the life of the improvement, a description of the proposed assessment district, and other pertinent information, to enable the Council to determine the tentative extent and necessity of the proposed improvement and what part or proportion thereof should be paid by special assessment upon the property especially benefitted.

Section 6.01. Tentative Determination on the Project, Notice. After the Manager has presented the report required in Section 5.01. for making any local public improvements as requested in the resolution of the Council, and the Council has reviewed said report, a resolution may be passed tentatively determining the necessity of the improvement, setting forth the nature thereof, prescribing what part or proportion of the cost of such improvement ought to be paid by special assessment upon the properties especially benefitted, and what part, if any, ought to be paid by the City at

large; designating the proposed special assessment district to be affected, designating whether to be assessed according to frontage or other benefits, placing the complete information on file in the office of the Clerk, where the same may be found for examination, and directing the Clerk to give notice of public hearing on the proposed improvement, at which time and place opportunity will be given interested persons to be heard. Such notice shall be given by one publication in a newspaper published or circulated within the City and by first class mail addressed to each owner of or person in interest in property to be assessed as shown by the last general tax assessment roll of the City, said publication and mailing to be made at least ten (10) full days prior to the date of said hearing. The hearing required by this section may be held at any regular, adjourned, or special meeting of the Council.

Section 7.01. Hearing as to Advisability or Necessity. At the public hearing on the proposed improvement, all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard, after which the Council may modify the scope of the local public improvement in such a manner as they shall deem to be in the best interest of the City as a whole, or the Council may by resolution terminate such public improvement project and, in such case, the cost and expense incurred shall be paid from the General Fund of the City.

Section 8.01. Determination by the Council. If the determination of the Council shall be to proceed with the improvement, a resolution shall be passed directing the Manager to cause to be prepared the necessary final profiles, plans, specifications, assessment district and detailed estimates of cost and report the same to the Council. The Council shall not finally determine to proceed with the making of any local public improvement until this report of the Manager has been filed, nor until after a public hearing has been held by the Council to inform the public and for the purpose of hearing objections thereto.

Section 9.01. Final Determination on the Project, Notice. After the Manager has presented the report required in Section 8.01. as requested, in the resolution of the Council, and the Council has reviewed said report, a resolution may be passed determining the necessity of the improvement, setting forth the exact nature thereof, prescribing what part or proportion of the cost shall be paid by special assessment upon the property especially benefitted, determination of benefits received by affected properties, and what part, if any, shall be paid by the City at large; designating the limits of the special assessment district to be affected, designating whether to be assessed according to frontage or other benefits, and placing the complete information on file in the office of the Clerk for the purposes set forth in Section 6.01., and directing the Clerk to give notice of public hearing in the same manner as provided in said latter section.

Section 10.01. Second Public Informational Hearing. At this public hearing on the proposed improvement, all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard, after which the Council may modify the scope of the local public improvement in such manner as they shall deem to be in the best interest of the City as a whole; provided that if the amount of work is increased or additions are made to the district, then another hearing shall be held pursuant to notice prescribed in Section 9.01. If determination of the Council shall be to proceed with the improvement, a resolution shall be passed determining the necessity thereof, approving the necessary profiles, plans, specifications, assessment district and detailed estimates of costs and directing the Assessor to prepare a special assessment roll in accordance with the Council's determination and report the same to the Council for confirmation.

Section 11.01. Deviation from Plans and Specifications. No deviation from original plans or specifications as adopted shall be permitted by any officer or employee of the City without authority of the Council by resolution. A copy of the resolution authorizing such changes or deviation shall be certified by the Clerk and attached to the original plans and specifications on file in his office.

Section 12.01. Limitation on Preliminary Expenses. No expenses shall be incurred prior to the first public hearing held on a proposed public improvement except as directed by the Council in directing the Manager to cause a preliminary report and survey to be made as provided in Section 5.01.

Section 13.01. Limitation on Commencement of Improvement. No contract or expenditure, except for the

cost of preparing necessary profiles, plans, specifications and estimates of cost, shall be made for the improvement, nor shall any improvement be commenced until special assessments to defray the costs of the same shall have been levied.

Section 14.01. Special Assessment Roll. The Assessor shall make a special assessment roll of all lots and parcels of land within the designated district benefitted by the proposed improvement and assess to each lot or parcel of land the proportionate amount benefitted thereby. The amount spread in each case shall be based upon the detailed estimate of the Manager as approved by the Council.

Section 15.01. Assessor to File Assessment Roll. When the Assessor shall have completed such assessment roll he shall file the same with the Clerk for presentation to the Council for review and certification by it.

Section 16.01. Meeting to Review Special Assessment Roll, Objections in Writing. Upon receipt of such special assessment roll, the Council, by resolution, shall accept such assessment roll and order it to be filed in the office of the Clerk for public examination, shall fix the time and place the Council will meet to review such special assessment roll and direct the Clerk to give notice of the public hearing for the purpose of affording an opportunity for interested persons to be heard. Such notice shall be given by one publication in a newspaper published or circulated within the City and by first class mail addressed to each owner of or person in interest in the property to be assessed as shown by the last general tax assessment roll of the City, said publication and mailing to be made at least ten (10) full days prior to the date of said hearing. The hearing required by this section may be held at any regular, adjourned or special meeting of the Council. At this meeting, all interested persons or parties shall present in writing their objections, if any, to the assessments against them. The Assessor shall be present at every meeting of the Council at which a special assessment is to be reviewed.

Section 17.01. Changes and Corrections in Assessment Roll. The Council shall meet at the time and place designated for the review of such special assessment roll, and at such meeting, or a proper adjournment thereof, shall consider all objections thereto submitted in writing. The Council may correct said roll as to any special assessment or description of any lot or parcel of land or other errors appearing therein; or it may, by resolution, annul such assessment roll and direct that new proceedings be instituted. The same proceedings shall be followed in making a new roll as in the making of the original roll. If, after hearing all objections and making a record of such changes as the Council deems justified, the Council determines that it is satisfied with said special assessment roll and that assessments are in proportion to benefits received, it shall thereupon pass a resolution reciting such determinations, confirming such roll, placing it on file in the office of the Clerk and directing the Clerk to attach his warrant to a certified copy thereof within ten (10) days, therein commanding the Assessor to spread and the Treasurer to collect the various sums and amounts appearing thereon as directed by the Council. Such roll shall have the date of confirmation endorsed thereon and shall from that date be final and conclusive for the purpose of the improvement to which it applies, subject only to adjustment to conform to the actual cost of the improvement, as provided in Section 17 of this ordinance.

Section 18.01. Objection to Assessment. If, at or prior to the final confirmation of any special assessments, more than fifty (50%) percent of the number of owners of privately owned real property to be assessed for an improvement, or in the case of paving or similar improvements more than fifty percent (50%) of the number of owners of frontage to be assessed for any such improvement, shall object in writing to the proposed improvement, the improvement shall not be made by proceedings delineated by this Ordinance without a five sevenths (5/7) vote of the members of the Council elect, provided that this section shall not apply to sidewalk construction.

Section 19.01. Special Assessment, When Due. All special assessments, except such installments thereof as the Council shall make payable at a future time as provided in this ordinance, shall be due and payable upon confirmation of the special assessment roll.

Section 20.01. Partial Payments, When Due. The Council may provide for the payment of special assessments in annual installments. Such annual installments shall not exceed thirty (30) in number, the first installment

being due not later than July 1st of the fiscal year of the City following the confirmation of the roll, and deferred installments being due annually thereafter or, in the discretion of the Council, may be spread upon and made a part of each annual City tax roll thereafter until all are paid. Interest shall be charged on all deferred installments at a rate not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum, commencing on the due date of the first installment and payable on the due date of each subsequent installment; the full amount of all or any deferred installments, with interest accrued thereon to the date of payment, may be paid in advance of the due date as herein established. If the full assessment or the first installment thereof shall be due upon confirmation, each property owner shall have to the following September 1st to pay the full amount of said assessment, or the full amount of any installments thereof, without interest or penalty. Following said September 1st date, the assessment or first installment thereof shall, if unpaid, be considered as delinquent and the same penalties shall be collected on such unpaid assessments or first installments thereof as are provided in the City Charter to be collected on delinquent general City taxes. Deferred installments shall be collected without penalty until sixty (60) days after the due date thereof, after which time such installments shall be considered as delinquent and such penalties on said installments shall be collected as are provided in the City Charter to be collected on delinquent general City taxes. After the Council has confirmed the roll, the City Treasurer shall notify by mail each property owner on said roll that said roll has been filed, stating the amount assessed and the terms of payment. Failure on the part of the City Treasurer to give said notice or of such owner to receive said notice shall not invalidate any special assessment roll of the City of any assessments thereon, nor excuse the payment of interest or penalties.

Section 21.01. Creation of Lien. Special assessments and all interest, penalties and charges thereon from the date of confirmation of the roll shall become a debt to the City from the persons to whom they are assessed, and, until paid, shall be and remain a lien upon the property assessed, of the same character and effect as the lien created by general law for county and school taxes and by the City Charter for City taxes, and the lands upon which the same are a lien shall be subject to sale therefor the same as lands upon which delinquent City taxes constitute a lien.

Section 22.01. Additional Assessments, Refunds. The City Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days after the completion of each local or special public improvement, compile the actual cost thereof and certify the same to the Assessor who shall adjust the special assessment roll to correspond therewith. Should the assessment prove larger than necessary by five percent (5%) or less, the same shall be reported to the Council which may place the excess in the City treasury or make a refund thereof pro rata according to

the assessment. If the assessment exceeds the amount necessary by more than five percent (5%), the entire excess shall be credited to owners of property as shown by the City assessment roll upon which such assessment has been levied, pro-rata according to the assessment; provided however, that no refunds of special assessment may be made which impair, or contravene the provision of any outstanding obligation or bond secured in whole or part by such special assessments. When any special assessment roll shall prove insufficient to meet the cost of the improvement for which it was made, the Council may make an additional pro rata assessment, but the total amount assessed against any one parcel of land shall not exceed the benefits received by said lot or parcel of land.

Section 23.01. Additional Procedures. In any case where the provisions of this ordinance may prove to be insufficient to carry out fully the making of any special assessment, the Council shall provide by ordinance any additional steps or procedures required.

Section 24.01. Collection of Special Assessments. In the event bonds are issued in anticipation of the collection of special assessments as hereinbefore provided, all collections on each special assessment roll or combination of rolls shall be set apart in a separate fund for the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds so issued in anticipation of the payment of such special assessments, and shall be used for no other purpose.

Section 25.01. Special Assessment Accounts. Moneys raised by special assessment to pay the cost of any local improvement shall be held in a special fund to pay such cost or to repay any money borrowed therefor. Each special assessment account must be used only for the improvement project for which the assessment was levied, expenses incidental thereto, including the repayment of the principal and interest on money borrowed therefor, and to refund excessive assessments, if refunds be authorized.

Section 26.01. Contested Assessments. Except and unless notice is given to the Council in writing of an intention to contest or enjoin the collection of any special assessment for the construction of any pavement, sewer or other public improvement, the construction of any sidewalk, or the removal or abatement of any public hazard or nuisance, within thirty (30) days after the date of the meeting of the Council at which it is finally determined to proceed with the making of the improvement in question, which notice shall state the grounds on which the proceedings are to be contested; no suit or action of any kind shall be instituted or maintained for the purpose of contesting or enjoining the collection of such special assessments; and regardless of whether or not any public improvement is completed in any special assessment district, no owner of real property located in such district shall be entitled to commence any suit or action for the purpose of contesting or enjoining the collection of any such special assessment after he

has received the benefits from the substantial completion of that portion of such public improvement for which he is assessed, or unless such suit or action shall be commenced within sixty (60) days after confirmation of the roll.

Section 27.01. Reassessment for Benefits. Whenever the Council shall deem any special assessment invalid or defective for any reason whatever, or if any court of competent jurisdiction shall have adjudged such assessment to be illegal for any reason whatever, in whole or in part, the Council shall have power to cause a new assessment to be made for the same purpose for which the former assessment was made, whether the improvement or any part thereof has been completed and whether any part of the assessment has been collected or not. All proceedings on such reassessment and for the collection thereof shall be made in the manner as provided for the original assessment. If any portion of the original assessment shall have been collected and not refunded, it shall be applied upon the reassessment and the reassessment shall to that extent be deemed satisfied. If more than the amount reassessed shall have been collected, the balance shall be refunded to the person making such payment.

Section 28.01. Combination of Projects. The Council may combine several districts into one project for the purpose of effecting a saving in the costs; provided, however, that for each district there shall be established separate funds and accounts to cover the cost of the same.

Section 29.01. Deferred Payments of Special Assessments. The Council may provide for the deferred payment of special assessments from persons who, in the opinion of the Council and Assessor, by reason of poverty are unable to contribute toward the cost thereof. In all such cases, as a condition to the granting of such deferred payments, the City shall require mortgage security on the real property of the beneficiary payable on or before his death, or, in any event, on the sale or transfer of the property.

Section 30.01. Severability. Should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 31.01. All ordinances or resolutions and parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 32.01. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Special Assessment Ordinance" of the City of Novi, Michigan.

Section 33.01. This ordinance shall be published in full promptly after final enactment and shall take effect immediately upon such publication, and shall be recorded as provided in the City Charter.

Made and passed by the City of Novi, Michigan, on this 20th day of May, A.D. 1969.

JOSEPH CRUPI, MAYOR  
MABEL ASH, CLERK

## Township Ordinance

ANTI-LITTER ORDINANCE  
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE THROWING OR DEPOSITING OF LITTER IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE; REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMERCIAL AND NONCOMMERCIAL HANDBILLS; CONTROLLING THE DEPOSITING OF LITTER ON PRIVATE PREMISES; PROVIDING A LIEN FOR TOWNSHIP CLEARANCE; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS.

### THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ORDAINS:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Ordinance the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

(1) "Aircraft" is any contrivance now known or hereafter invented, used or designated for navigation or for flight in the air. The word "aircraft" shall include helicopters and lighter-than-air dirigibles and balloons.

(2) "Township" is the Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan.

(3) "Commercial Handbill" is any printed or written matter, any sample

or devise, dodger, circular, leaflet, pamphlet, paper, booklet, or any other printed or otherwise reproduced original or copies of any matter of literature:

(a) Which advertises for sale any merchandise, product, commodity, or thing; or

(b) Which directs attention to any business or mercantile or commercial establishment, or other activity, for the purpose of either directly or indirectly promoting the interest thereof by sales; or

(c) Which directs attention to or advertises any meeting, theatrical performance, exhibition, or event of any kind, for which an admission fee is charged for the purpose of private gain or profit; but the terms of this clause shall not apply where an admission fee is charged or a collection is taken up for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to such meeting, theatrical performance, exhibition, or event of any kind, when either of the same is held, given or takes place in connection with the dissemination of information which is not restricted under the ordinary rules of decency, good morals, public peace, safety and good order; PROVIDED, that nothing contained in this clause shall be deemed to authorize the holding, giving or taking place of any meeting, theatrical performance, exhibition, or event of any kind, without a license, where such license is or may be required by any law of this State, or

under any ordinance of this Township; or

(d) Which, while containing reading matter other than advertising matter, is predominantly and essentially an advertisement, and is distributed or circulated for advertising purposes, or for the private benefit and gain of any person so engaged as advertiser or distributor

(4) "Garbage" is putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

(5) "Litter" is "garbage," "refuse," and "rubbish" as defined herein and all other waste material which, if thrown or deposited as herein prohibited, tends to create a danger to public health, safety and welfare.

(6) "Newspaper" is any newspaper of general circulation as defined by general law, any newspaper duly entered with the Post Office Department of the United States, in accordance with Federal statute or regulation, and any newspaper filed and recorded with any recording officer as provided by general law; and, in addition thereto, shall mean and include any periodical or current magazine regularly published with not less than four issues per year.

(7) "Noncommercial Handbill" is any printed or written matter, any sample, or devise, dodger, circular, leaflet, pamphlet, newspaper, magazine, paper booklet, or any other printed or otherwise reproduced

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original or copies of matter of literature not included in the aforesaid definitions of a commercial handbill or newspaper.

(8) "Park" is a park, reservation, playground, beach, recreation center or any other public area in the Township, owned or used by the Township and devoted to active or passive recreation.

(9) "Person" is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

(10) "Private Premises" is any dwelling, house, building, or other structure, designed or used either wholly or in part for private residential purposes, whether inhabited or temporarily or continuously uninhabited or vacant, and shall include any yard, grounds, walk, driveway, porch, steps, vestibule or mailbox belonging or appurtenant to such dwelling, house, building, or other structure.

(11) "Public Place" is any and all streets, sidewalks, boulevards, alleys or other public ways and any and all public parks, squares, spaces, grounds and buildings.

(12) "Refuse" is all putrescible and nonputrescible solid wastes (except body wastes), including garbage, rubbish, ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, abandoned automobiles, and solid market and industrial wastes.

(13) "Rubbish" is nonputrescible solid wastes consisting of both combustible and noncombustible wastes, such as paper, wrappings, cigarettes, cardboard, tin cans, yard clippings, leaves, wood, glass, bedding, crockery and similar materials.

(14) "Vehicle" is every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, including devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(15) "Parkway" is that part of the street lying between the property lines and that portion of the street right-of-way ordinarily used for vehicular traffic.

Section 2: LITTER IN PUBLIC PLACES. No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within the Township except in public receptacles, in authorized private receptacles for collection, or in the official Township dump.

Section 3: PLACEMENT OF LITTER IN RECEPTACLES SO AS TO PREVENT SCATTERING. Persons placing litter in public receptacles or in authorized private receptacles shall do so in such a manner as to prevent it from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon private property.

Section 4: SWEEPING LITTER INTO GUTTERS PROHIBITED. No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within the Township the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their business premises free of litter.

Section 5: MERCHANTS' DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALKS FREE OF

LITTER. No person owning or occupying a place of business shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within the Township the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying places of business within the Township shall keep the sidewalk and parkway in front of their business premises free of litter.

Section 6: LITTER THROWN BY PERSONS IN VEHICLES. No person, while a driver or passenger in a vehicle, shall throw or deposit litter upon any street or other public place within the Township, or upon private property.

Section 7: TRUCK LOADS CAUSING LITTER. No person shall drive or move any truck or other vehicle within the Township unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any load, contents or litter from being blown or deposited upon any street, alley or other public place. Nor shall any person drive or move any vehicle or truck within the Township, the wheels or tires of which carry onto or deposit in any street, alley or other public place, mud, dirt, sticky substances, litter or foreign matter of any kind.

Section 8: LITTER IN PARKS. No person shall throw or deposit litter in any park within the Township except in public receptacles and in such a manner that the litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any part of the park or upon any street or other public place. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such litter shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere as provided herein.

Section 9: LITTER IN LAKES AND FOUNTAINS. No person shall throw or deposit litter in any fountain, pond, lake, stream, bay or any other body of water in a park or elsewhere within the Township.

Section 10: THROWING OR DISTRIBUTING COMMERCIAL HANDBILLS IN PUBLIC PLACES. No person shall throw or deposit any commercial or noncommercial handbill in or upon any sidewalk, street or other public place within the Township. Nor shall any person hand out or distribute or sell any commercial handbill in any public place; Provided, however, that it shall not be unlawful on any sidewalk, street or other public place within the Township for any person to hand out or distribute, without charge to the receiver thereof, any noncommercial handbill to any person willing to accept it.

Section 11: PLACING COMMERCIAL AND NONCOMMERCIAL HANDBILLS ON VEHICLES. No person shall throw or deposit any commercial or noncommercial handbill in or upon any vehicle. Provided, however, that it shall not be unlawful in any public place for a person to hand out or distribute without charge to the receiver thereof, a noncommercial handbill to any occupant of a vehicle who is willing to accept it.

Section 12: DEPOSITING COMMERCIAL AND NONCOMMERCIAL HANDBILLS ON

UNINHABITED OR VACANT PREMISES. No person shall throw or deposit any commercial or noncommercial handbill in or upon any private premises which are temporarily or continuously uninhabited or vacant.

Section 13: PROHIBITING DISTRIBUTION OF HANDBILLS WHERE PROPERLY POSTED. No person shall throw, deposit or distribute any commercial or noncommercial handbill upon any private premises, if requested by anyone thereon not to do so, or if there is placed on said premises in a conspicuous position near the entrance thereof, a sign bearing the words: "No Trespassing," "No Peddlers or Agents," "No Advertisement," or any similar notice, indicating in any matter that the occupants of said premises do not desire to be molested or have their right of privacy disturbed, or to have any such handbills left upon such premises.

Section 14: DISTRIBUTING COMMERCIAL AND NONCOMMERCIAL HANDBILLS AT UNINHABITED PRIVATE PREMISES. No person shall throw, deposit or distribute any commercial or noncommercial handbill in or upon private premises which are inhabited, except by handing or transmitting any such handbill directly to the owner, occupant, or other person then present in or upon such private premises. Provided, however, that in case of inhabited private premises which are not posted, as provided in this Ordinance, such person, unless requested by anyone upon such premises not to do so, may place or deposit any such handbill in or upon such inhabited private premises, if such handbill is so placed or deposited as to secure or prevent such handbill from being blown or drifted about such premises or sidewalks, streets, or other public places, except that mailboxes may not be so used when so prohibited by Federal postal law or regulations.

Section 15: EXEMPTIONS. The provisions of this ordinance shall not be deemed to apply to the distribution of mail by the United States, nor to newspapers as defined in this ordinance, nor to political or religious literature. The provisions of this ordinance shall also not apply to the literature of civic associations or service clubs.

Section 16: DROPPING LITTER FROM AIRCRAFT. No person in an aircraft shall throw out, drop or deposit within the Township any litter, handbill or any other subject.

Section 17: POSTING NOTICES PROHIBITED. No person shall post or affix any notice, poster or other paper or devise, calculated to attract the attention of the public, to any lamp post, public utility pole or shade tree, or upon any public structure or building, except as may be authorized or required by law.

Section 18: LITTER ON OCCUPIED PRIVATE PROPERTY. No person shall throw or deposit litter on any occupied private property within the Township, whether owned by such person or not, except that the owner or person in control of private property may maintain authorized private receptacles for collection in such a manner that litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon any private property.

Section 19: OWNER TO MAINTAIN PREMISES FREE OF LITTER. The owner or person in control of any private property shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter. Provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the storage of litter in authorized private receptacles for collection.

Section 20: LITTER OF VACANT LOTS. No person shall throw or deposit litter on any open or vacant private property within the Township whether owned by such persons or not.

Section 21: CLEARING OF LITTER FROM OPEN PRIVATE PROPERTY BY TOWNSHIP.

(a) NOTICE TO REMOVE. The Township Supervisor is hereby authorized and empowered to notify the owner of any open or vacant private property within the Township or the agent of such owner to properly dispose of litter located on such owner's property which is dangerous to public health, safety or welfare. Such notice shall be by certified mail with return receipt requested, addressed to said owner at his last known address.

(b) ACTION UPON NONCOMPLIANCE. Upon the failure, neglect or refusal of any owner or agent so notified, to properly dispose of litter dangerous to the public health, safety or welfare within five (5) days after receipt of written notice provided for in subsection (a) above, or within ten (10) days after the date of such notice in the event the same is returned to the local Post Office Department because of its inability to make delivery thereof, provided the same was

properly addressed to the last known address of such owner, or agent, the Township Supervisor and his authorized representatives are hereby authorized and empowered to pay for the disposing of such litter or to order its disposal by the Township.

(c) REIMBURSEMENT TO TOWNSHIP; TAX LIEN. Whenever the Township Supervisor or his authorized representatives, shall enter upon any parcel of land in order to accomplish abatement of an existing violation, pursuant to provisions of this ordinance, the Township Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to keep an accurate account of all expenses incurred, and based upon same issue a certificate determining and certifying the reasonable cost involved for such work with respect to each parcel of property. The Township Supervisor is also authorized to add to such costs a ten per cent (10%) administrative charge to cover the expense of administering the work performed, overhead and other contingent expenses. Within ten (10) days after receipt of said certificate, the Township Treasurer shall forward a statement of the total charges assessed on each parcel of property to the owner as shown by the last current assessment or tax roll and said assessment shall be payable to the Township Treasurer within thirty (30) days from the date of said statement was forwarded. If not paid within the prescribed thirty (30) days period, such statement shall be filed with the Township Assessor and shall thereupon be assessed against the land in question and become a lien on such property. The amount so charged may be discharged at any time by the payment of the amount specified in the statement together with interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum compiled from the time of filing said certificate with the Township Assessor.

Section 22: PENALTIES. Any person, persons, firm, partnership, association or corporation, or anyone acting in behalf of said person, persons, firm, partnership, association or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00, or imprisonment for a period of not more than 90 days, or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. Each day that the violation of this Ordinance is continued or permitted to exist without compliance, shall constitute a separate offense punishable upon conviction in the same manner prescribed in this Section.

Section 23: SEVERABILITY. If any part or parts of this ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 24: REPEAL. All previous Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

Section 25: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days from and after its first publication.

I, ELEANOR W. HAMMOND, Clerk of the Township of Northville, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Northville Township Board at a regular meeting thereof, duly called and held on the 8th day of July, A.D., 1969, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

ELEANOR W. HAMMOND, Clerk

## Beware of Dry Cow

Michigan State University extension veterinarians say the "over-fat dry cow" is one of the big problems of the dairy industry. While conditions vary from farm to farm, the problem becomes more complicated because of the problems created in animal health.

Dairymen find it too easy to leave dry cows in with the herd in loose housing or free stall operations. The result is that the dry cow often has access to an opportunity to eat nearly as much feed as the lactating animals.

## Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Probate Court

County of Wayne

592,309

Estate of ALEXANDER EVANOFF, also known as ALEX EVANOFF, Deceased. It is ordered that on September 17, 1969 at 2 p.m., in the Probate Court room, 1319 Detroit, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the court and serve a copy on Connie S. Segler, executor of said estate, 24508 Orangelawn, Detroit, Michigan, prior to said hearing.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by statute and Court rule. Dated July 1, 1969

George N. Bashara, Jr.  
Judge of Probate  
Raymond P. Heyman  
Attorney for  
18724 Grand River  
Detroit, Michigan 48223

Robert W. Jones

## Schoolcraft College Appoints Composer

Appointment of Robert W. Jones as composer-in-residence to the Schoolcraft College district community has been announced by the college and the contemporary music project.

Under terms of the Professionals-in-Residence program—a new undertaking this year of the contemporary music project—Jones will reside in the community for a minimum of two years and will make his services as a composer available to the community.

Jones' appointment was one of

three announced by Norman Dello Joio, Pulitzer Prize winning composer and chairman of the CMP, the activities of which are supported by funds from the Ford Foundation and from the Music Educators National Conference (MENC).

Jones is currently composer-in-residence for the West Hartford, Connecticut, public schools. He will move, with his family, to this area on July 1. During the period of his appointment Jones will be based at Schoolcraft College.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, August 5, 1969 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. NORTHVILLE CITY HALL

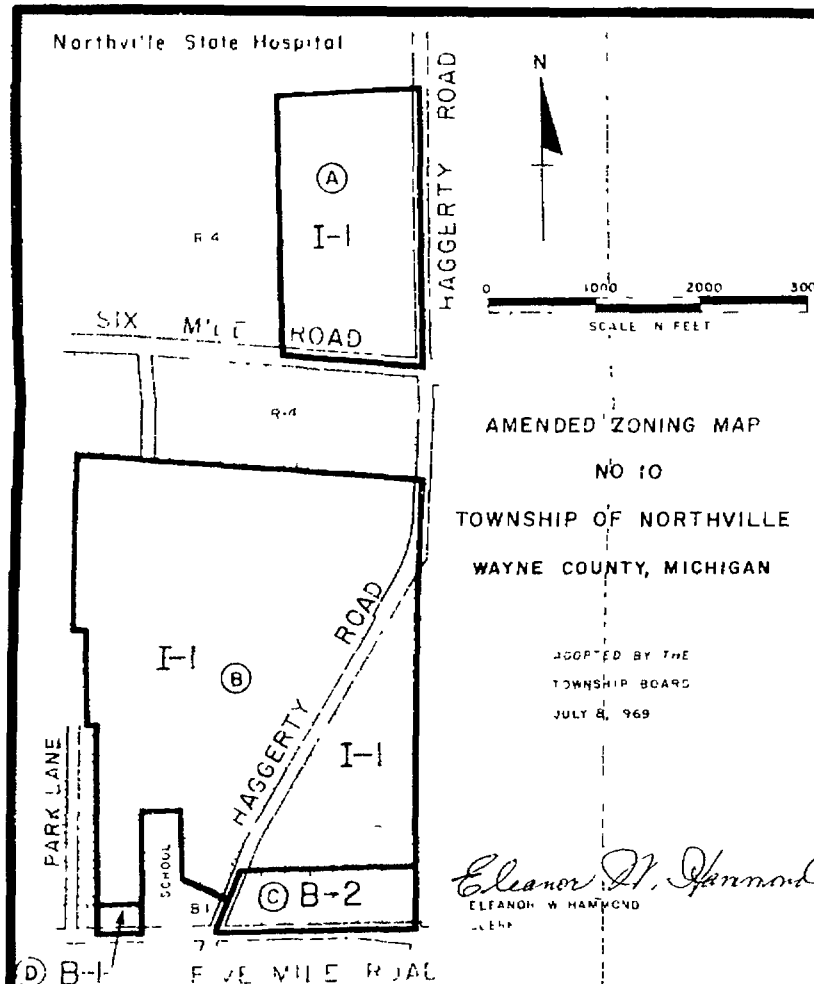
The Planning Commission, on petition of Dr. L. E. Filkin, will consider the rezoning from R-1, One Family Residential District to R-2-A, Restricted Multiple Dwelling District, the following described property: Lot No. 351 of Assessor's Northville Plat No. 4, part of Section 3, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., Northville Township as recorded in Liber 66, Page 42 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on the above proposed zoning change at the time and place specified above.

This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 4, Act 207 of Public Acts of Michigan for 1921, as amended.

William B. Heffner, Jr.  
Chairman Planning Commission

Publish:  
July 17, 1969



TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF LAND, ALL LOCATED IN T. 1 S., R. 8 E., NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PARCELA From R-4 (One-Family Residential District) to I-1 (Industrial 1 District). The East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12.

PARCELB From R-4 (One-Family Residential District) to I-1 (Industrial 1 District). Part of Section 13, beginning at a point on the East line of Section 13; distant southerly, 1056 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 13; thence southerly along the East line of Section 13, 1595 feet, more or less, to the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence S. 0 degrees 10' 30" W., along the East line of Section 13, 2000 feet, more or less, to a point located 575 feet northerly from the Southeast corner of said Section; thence S. 88 degrees 25' 50" W., parallel with the South line of Section 13, 1650.46 feet to the center line of Hagerty Road; thence S. 23 degrees 32' 40" W., along the center line of Hagerty Road, 322.33 feet; thence N. 68 degrees 47' 40" W. 464.0 feet; thence N. 0 degrees 12' 50" W. 487.2 feet; thence S. 88 degrees 25' 50" W. 364.08 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of Section 13; thence S. 0 degrees 12' 50" E., along the North and South 1/4 line of Section 13, 676.97 feet; thence Westerly, parallel with the South line of Section 13, 437 feet, more or less, to the easterly line of unrecorded plat; thence Northerly, along said easterly line, 1701.25 feet; thence Westerly 80 feet, more or less, thence Northerly 890.17 feet to the East and West 1/4 line of Section 13; thence Westerly, along said East and West 1/4 line, 130.30 feet; thence Northerly 1700 feet more or less, to the Southwesterly corner of WOLF BROOK ESTATES SUBDIVISION; thence Easterly, along the South line of WOLF BROOK ESTATES and WILLIS SUB., 3283.38 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCELC From R-4 (One-Family Residential District) to B-2 (General Business District). Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section; thence, along the South line of Section 13, S. 88 degrees 25' 50" W. 1902.35 feet to the center line of Hagerty Road; thence, along the center line of Hagerty Road, N. 23 degrees 32' 40" E. 634.74 feet; thence N. 88 degrees 25' 50" E. 1650.46 feet to the East line of Section 13; thence, along the East line of Section 13, S. 0 degrees 10' 30" W. 575.0 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCELD From R-4 (One-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Local Business District). Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, beginning at the South 1/4 corner of Section 13; thence Westerly, along the South line of Section 13, 435 feet, more or less, to the Southeast corner of unrecorded plat; thence northerly, along the easterly line of said plat, 273.03 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with the South line of Section 13, 437 feet, more or less, to the North and South 1/4 line of Section 13; thence Southerly, along said North and South 1/4 line, 273 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1969 - 8:00 P.M.

## NORTHVILLE CITY HALL

To consider the recommended rezoning of certain lots located south of Dunlap Street, west of Hutton as may be extended, east of Wing and north of Cady Street.

A. From R-3 to CBP: (Central Business Parking) Lots 49, 50, 51, and the west 32 feet of lots 52 of Assessor's Northville Plat No. 1, being a part of the S.E. 1/4 Section 3, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., City of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan.

B. From C-2 to CBP: (Central Business Parking) Lots 25b, 26a, 27a, 28a, 29a2, 30a1; the south 25.88 feet of lot 31a; the south 26.22 feet of lot 32a, the south 26.74 feet of lot 33a; the south 23.40 feet of lot 34a; the south 42.44 feet of lot 35a; the south 12.61 feet of lot 36; the east 76.24 feet of lot 45; lots 46, 47, of Assessor's Northville Plat No. 1, being a part of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 3, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., City of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan.

Lots 202, 203, 204, 205, 206a, 206b, 207, 208, and 209 of Assessor's Northville Plat No. 3, being a part of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 3, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., City of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan.

Lot 528, 529, 530a, 531a, 531b, 532, 534, the West 43' of lot 542a1, 542a2a, 543a1, 543a2, 543b, 544 and 545 of Assessor's Northville Plat No. 6, being a part of the N. W. 1/4 Section 3, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., City of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan.

Lots 690, 691, 692, 693, 696a1, 696b1, east 20.06 feet of lot 700a, the north 77.89 feet of lot 706; the north 89.89 feet of lot 707a1; the north 89.91 feet of lot 708a; the north 89.24 feet of lot 709a1; the north 89.29 feet of lot 710a; the north 70.49' of lot 712a1, the north 90.14' of lot 713a1, 714a, the north 91.01 of lot 715a1, 717a of Assessor's Northville Plat No. 7, being a part of the N.E. 1/4 Section 3, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., City of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan.

Martha M. Milne  
City Clerk  
City of Northville



# Reef Sweeps Pair; Playoff Week Away

Reef Manufacturing of Northville, first-round champion in the Free Press League, began flexing its muscles Sunday for the approaching playoffs after having broken a four-game losing streak earlier in the week.

Coach Dick Willing's squad last week played five times in five days winning three—a two-out-of-three series to begin next Wednesday at a site yet to be announced. Redford and Cardinal Decorating of Livonia presently are dueling for the second-round title in a race which might necessitate a playoff of its own to decide.

Reef, now at 3-5 in the second round, is out of the running for a sweep and automatic title although if the second-round title requires a playoff, it would have to be played before Wednesday and would make the local entry a crowd favorite.

Willing's crew busted out all over the place in the nightcap of its twobill Sunday scoring 15 runs on 12 hits as it romped by Garden City's Darin Construction, 15-5. Reef had also won the afternoon's first game, 4-1.

In other action during the week, last week Wednesday the local team edged Wayne's Nakin Interns, 3-2, in an extra-inning affair and on Friday it dropped a 2-1 decision to Cardinal. Reef suffered another one-run loss on Saturday falling to Farmington's Keating Realty, 1-0.

In the first game Sunday, Reef broke a 0-0 deadlock in the third frame by capitalizing on two infield errors and then rallied again in the fourth for two more runs.

Terry Mills' triple in the fourth drove home teammates Fred Holdsworth and Jeff Gillespie for the game's deciding runs. Holdsworth had begun the rally with a double and Gillespie had walked.

Bill White singled home Pat Cayley in the fifth as an insurance run for Reef while Gillespie, working on the mound blanked Darin until the seventh when it scored its lone run.

Gillespie had seven strikeouts and two walks while allowing five hits in the game.

Ironically, Darin jumped off to a 1-0 lead in the first inning of the night cap and the contest was tied 1-1 entering the fourth when Reef exploded for seven tallies. The local team then proceeded to score seven more times in the sixth running the count to its final 15-5.

Reef scored its first run without a hit but used four safeties in the fourth to tally seven runs. Stan Nirider launched the rally with a double while Jeff Taylor, Mills, Cayley and White all contributed singles.

In the sixth, Nirider again began the spree after being hit by a pitch. Mills drove him home with a triple followed by singles by Taylor, Cayley, White and Steve Utley.

Cayley had three singles during the nightcap while Mills, Nirider, Taylor, White and Rick Fillmore each had two hits. Taylor pitched and struck out five while walking none and allowing eight hits over the seven innings.

Last week Wednesday's game with Nankin was forced to go eight innings before Reef scored its winning run on the strength of Taylor's lone drive into leftfield scoring Doug Anglin.

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES**  
Friday: Reef vs. Redford Twp.  
at High School Field - 6 p.m.  
Next Wednesday: Playoff begins  
(between Reef and champ of  
second round at site to be  
announced).

Nankin had tallied once in the first with the local team rebounding for two scores in the bottom half of the same frame. Taylor had a two-run single in the inning with his bat accounting for all three runs-batted-in during the contest.

Gillespie pitched with Nankin out-hitting Reef, 6-4, while he struck out seven and walked one.

Cardinal's Dave Rice and Reef's Holdsworth tangled in a pitchers' duel Friday as the Livonia team won, 2-1, despite being out-hit by the locals. 6-3. Holdsworth had 14 strikeouts.

A home run by Cardinal's Jerry Deter in the fourth decided the contest. Mills, Nirider and Anglin all combined singles in the bottom of the fourth for Reef's lone run.

In Saturday's game, rescheduled from the Fourth of July because of bad weather, the local team was held scoreless on three hits by Keating's Dan Wolfman, a speedy righthander. Fillmore went the distance on the mound for Reef and allowed only two hits—one of which was a run-scoring single in the second.

Fillmore had five strikeouts and two walks.

**(SUNDAY'S FIRST)**  
REEF 001 210 0-462  
Darin 000 000 1-151

**BATTERIES** - Gillespie and Cayley; Chidester and Reed.

**(SUNDAY'S SECOND)**  
Darin 100 004 0-582  
REEF 010 707 X-15121

**BATTERIES** - Bumgardner and Reed; Taylor and Cayley.

**(LAST WEEK WEDNESDAY)**  
Nankin 100 010 00-263  
REEF 200 000 01-341

**BATTERIES** - Fisher and Smith; Gillespie and Cayley.

**(FRIDAY'S GAME)**  
Cardinal 100 100 0-230  
REEF 000 010 0-160

**BATTERIES** - Rice and Horstman; Holdsworth and Cayley.

**(SATURDAY'S GAME)**  
Keating 010 000 0-121  
REEF 000 000 0-030

**BATTERIES** - Wolfman and Bullock; Fillmore and Cayley.



ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO youngsters competed in the Northville City-Township Recreation Department's First Annual Fishing Derby on Friday at the old fish hatchery with five sharing honors. Competition was divided into three classifications with (from left) Tim Rushlow placing first in the 15-year old and under; Frank

Knoth (third from left) catching the largest fish; Steve Krause placing first in the 12-years-old and under, and Glenn Wheaton placing first in the nine-years-old and under division. Department director Robert Prom (second from left) presented the prizes earlier this week.

## Playoffs This Week

# Picnic Slated July 27 As Finale for Season

A best-of-three playoff for the Novi Little League championship is underway this week after regular season play finished in a flurry last weekend. Michigan Tractor, Red Division champ, is meeting Novi Rexall Drugs which claimed the Blue Division title by a slim one-game margin.

League officials have announced plans for a picnic on July 27 beginning at 11 a.m. at Cass Benton Park. Players and parents are invited to attend and bring their own dinner with Flo Pantalone (474-8580) and Marcia O'Brien (474-7131) in charge.

In action last week, on Sunday Wroten Brothers blasted Paragon, 19-3, while Novi Rexall Drugs beat Mobarak Jayhawks, 13-5, and Novi Party Store defeated B&V Earthmovers, 7-1, with Pink Builders edging B&V, 3-0.

Wroten's Gary Canfield tossed a no-hitter in its victory while teammate Randy Wroten stroked two triples. Brian Wroten and Glen Gault each had two singles for the winners.

Phil Flora was the winning pitcher for Novi Rexall Drugs with teammate Chris Pelchat getting two of his club's five hits. Dennis Tuck had two singles for Mobarak.

Also on Sunday, Mike Collins tossed a four-hitter for Novi Party Store at Earthmovers while teammate Ron Buck had a home run, triple and single. Kevin Fulcher had two doubles and a single for the winners and Earthmovers' John Bosco had a double and single.

The Pink-Earthmovers contest was a continuation of a game suspended in May. Pink out-scored B&V by 3-0 in the final innings to claim a 15-7 decision.

In play on Saturday, Novi Rexall Drugs defeated Carl's X-Way Shell, 17-9, and Novi Party Store blasted General Filters, 24-1. In a playoff of a tie game in early May, Novi Rexall Drugs on Saturday edged Novi Party Store, 1-0.

David Bealle was the winning pitcher in the Novi Rexall-Carl's clash while teammate Phil Flora had four singles. Craig Pelchat and Tim Kelly, both also of Novi Rexall, each had three singles with teammate Eric Hansor swatting a home run.

Bob Bannatz, Kevin Tornow and Tom Goers each had three singles for Carl's while Grey Ary had a triple and single and Louie Bannatz had a double and single.

In the Party Store-General contest, Mike Alexander was the winning pitcher and he also had three singles. Ron Buck had two bases-loaded homers for Party Store and two singles while teammate Kevin Fulcher had a double and two singles.

Jerry Conner had two singles for General.

Rexall's Steve Bell had the only hit in the Party Store-Rexall completion with Rexall claiming a 5-4 decision in the continued game. Eric Hansor was the winning pitcher.

On Friday, Pink Builders defeated Mobarak Jayhawks, 25-6, and Novi Rexall Drugs edged Michigan Tractor, 7-6.

Dave Piotrowicz was the winning pitcher for Pink and he also had a

triple, two doubles and a single at bat. Kevin LaFleche had two doubles for Mobarak.

Eric Hansor led Novi Rexall's attack with three doubles while Eddie Brown was the winning pitcher. Scott Parsons had two doubles and a single for Michigan Tractor.

Wroten beat Paragon, 11-8, and Earthmovers romped by Carl's, 16-9, on Thursday. Craig Love was the winning pitcher for Wroten while Rick Gault had a triple and double. Brian Wroten and Love each had two singles and Paragon's Mike Maj had three one-baggers.

Stu Taylor had two singles and was the winning pitcher for Earthmovers while teammate Tim Reske had two doubles and a single.

Last week Wednesday, Novi Party Store blasted General Filters, 33-11, and Mobarak Jayhawks edged Novi Rexall Drug, 4-2.

Ron Buck had a three-run homer, three triples and a double to lead Party Store while Mike Alexander had a triple and two singles. Jon Buck was the winning pitcher.

General's Terry Conner had a triple and single.

Mobarak's Kevin LaFleche was the winning pitcher and had both hits - a

single and double - in its victory over Novi Rexall.

Last week Tuesday, Carl's defeated Pink, 7-4, and Wroten edged Earthmovers, 8-6. Louie Bannatz, who also had two hits, was the winning pitcher for Carl's while Pink's Dave Piotrowicz had a home run.

Gary Canfield got the pitching victory for Wroten with teammate Tom Tyler getting two doubles.

Tractor bumped Party Store, 2-0, and Paragon-defeated General, 12-6, last week Monday. Scott Parsons was the winning pitcher for Tractor and he also had a double. Party Store's Ron Buck had his team's only hit - a double.

For Paragon, Stephen Wrathell was winning pitcher while Tom Hardecki had a triple and double.

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**NOVI LITTLE LEAGUE**  
(Red Division - Final)

	W	L
Michigan Tractor	13	5
Novi Party Store	11	7
Mobarak Jayhawks	9	9
Paragon	9	9
General Filters	2	16

(Blue Division - Final)

	W	L
Novi Rexall Drugs	15	3
Wroten Brothers	14	4
Pink Builders	9	9
Carl's X-Way Shell	4	14
B&V Earthmovers	3	15

## Recreation Results

### KNOTHOLE BASEBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Astros	4	0	0
Angels	5	1	0
Giants	3	2	0
Athletics	3	3	0
Dodgers	2	2	0
Twins	2	2	0
Yankees	2	2	1
Pirates	2	3	1
Padres	2	4	0
Indians	0	6	0

### POWDERPUFF SOFTBALL

	W	L
Palominos	4	1
Colbras	3	2
Ponies	3	2
Mavericks	0	5

### KNOTHOLE SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W	L
Cardinals	6	0
Pumas	4	1
Cougars	3	1
Rams	4	2
Tigers	3	2
Panthers	2	2
Cubs	2	2
Bears	2	4
Colts	0	6
Lions	0	6

### CLASS 'E' BASEBALL

	W	L
Bill's Market	9	1
Red Holman Pontiac	8	2
Gato's Realty	6	4
Phil's Pure	4	3
VFW	4	6
Thunderbird Inn	3	6
A&W Root Beer	4	6
WCCDC	0	9

## Plans Revealed For Boys' Team

A call has been issued by Northville City-Township Recreation Director Robert Prom for high school boys interested in playing soccer this fall to register at the Scout-Recreation Building on weekdays this month.

Prom announced that his department will be organizing a 24-member squad to compete this fall under the sponsorship of Reef Manufacturing. Boys in grades nine through twelve are eligible and encouraged to register for practices to begin August 1, the department director explained.

The recreation officials reported that he has contacted other area departments in attempts of encouraging them to organize similar teams and schedule matches. He explained that presently the local squad's schedule is undecided with plans for competing on an intra-squad basis as well as between cities.

## Area Horsemen Claim Honors

A championship and several individual class titles were won by Northville and Novi entries in the 17th Michigan All-Morgan Horse show at the State Fair Coliseum last weekend.

Bob Cole's Punctuality, ridden by Melanie Cole, won the English Pleasure riding championship. This 12-year-old gelding also won the versatility class.

The Poplar farm of Northville won several classes with the mare Pebbles. Both Ed Earhart and his son David did the showing.

Basil Hiner of Novi won the Produce of Dam Class with the 13 year old mare True Cherie.

## Novi Issues Call

A softball team for girls 13-years-old through 15 is now being formed in Novi, according to Diane Alexander.

She explained that interested girls may join the team by contacting her at 476-5121. If the squad is organized this season, it probably will scrimmage members of the Little League Moms League, she said.

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# SPORTS

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## Perkins Up Notch In City Slow-Pitch

Perkins Engines, on the strength of two victories last week, moved into second place in the Men's Slow-Pitch Softball League race edging Northville Drug-Casterline last week Monday, 7-3, and then blasted Northville Lumber on the following night, 11-1. Northville Drug-Casterline held second place entering the week with its 6-2 record.

Perkins now has a 9-3 mark while defending champion Northville Lanes remains undefeated and in first place with a 12-0 record. Northville Drug-Casterline, at 6-3, is in third — three games behind Perkins.

Bob Oaks and Earl Handley each had home runs for Perkins last week Monday as it defeated Northville Drug-Casterline. On last week Tuesday, Ron Nectarline accounted for Northville Lumber's only run with a

In other action last week, on Wednesday league-leading Northville Lanes edged Parker Electric, 8-7, and on Thursday Plymouth State Home employed a 17-hit attack to romp by Northville Lumber, 13-4.

Frank DeFranceschi's seventh-inning single knocked in the winning run on Wednesday for Lanes while teammate Joe Humphries had a homer earlier in the contest.

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**MEN'S SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL**  
(Through July 10)

	W	L	Pct.
Northville Lanes	12	0	1.000
Perkins Engines	9	3	.750
Northville Drug-Casterline	6	3	.667
Parker Electric	5	4	.556
Northville Lumber	4	7	.364
Plymouth State Home	3	7	.300
Erie Trailer	2	8	.200
Newcomer's Club	0	9	.000

## Merchants Improve With Age in Loop

Experience apparently is a good teacher for Manager Bill Primeau's young Northville Merchants team in the Stan Musial Baseball League.

The Merchants, suffering ups-and-downs throughout the season on mistakes that young ballplayers are prone to making, gave defending league champion Redford Township all it could handle last week before dropping Wednesday's encounter, 3-2, and one on Sunday 6-4.

The local team is now 4-11 for the season.

The Merchants were slated to play Village Rambler on Monday and league-leading Hubert Realty yesterday (Wednesday) before meeting Plymouth on Sunday at Henry Ford Field. Then on Monday they're to play Redford at Henry Ford and will meet Rambler on Wednesday at Cass Benton.

All games are to start at 6 p.m.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Sunday: Merchants vs. Plymouth at Henry Ford Field — 6 p.m.

Monday: Merchants vs. Redford at Henry Ford Field — 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Merchants vs. Village Rambler at Cass Benton — 6 p.m.

Last week Wednesday's game was called after five innings because of darkness with Redford scoring the deciding run in the top of the last frame.

Redford had tallied once in the second inning with the Merchants responding by scoring one run themselves on Bill Diemer's single. Redford took the lead again in the third but the local team tied it again on two walks and singles by Don Cuicchi and John Jamison.

Two singles and fielder's choice accounted for Redford's winning run in the fifth.

Bill Diemer pitched for the Merchants allowing three hits while striking out four and walking none.

The two teams clashed again Sunday with Redford jumping off to a 6-0 lead before the local team rallied in late innings.

The Merchants scored three times in the sixth on a walk, singles by Paul Deedler and Cuicchi and a triple by Jerry Inslund. They loaded the bases on walks in the seventh and scored once but a double-play and fly-out ended the rally.

Tim Nuoffer and Chris Holman worked on the mound for the

## Must Overcome Odds

# Mackers Scramble for Top

A late season charge of a few victories and a little luck stand between Reef Manufacturing's Mackers and a surprise first-place finish as their season enters its final 10 days.

"We've still got a shot at it but if things don't break early, we'll start shifting our lineup to favor the Free Press League playoffs," Manager Art Adams observes over the chances of his Mackers, now 7-3-1 for the season after winning two-out-of-three last week.

Reef remains in contention behind league-leading Spartans (10-1) with the two scheduled to end their seasons on August 2 in a contest at Henry Ford Field. With a little outside help plus a strong finish of its own, the Mackers could overcome the Stevenson unit and claim the title.

But Reef's entry in the Free Press League, composed almost entirely of Mackers plus a few older players, is scheduled to begin a championship playoff Wednesday — the day after Mackers play Plymouth Elks (7-3) and the day before they are slated to meet Redford Big Boy (6-3-1).

And the pitching, a strength for both teams throughout their seasons, might not hold out for a title run in both leagues.

In other action for the Mackers this week, today (Thursday) they are to play Garden City's B.J. Ratigan at Cass Benton with the Tuesday encounter at Plymouth and Thursday's game slated for High School Field. All of the contests are to begin at 6 p.m.

Adams' crew is scheduled to conclude its regular season on August 2 against the Spartans at Henry Ford Field beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Last week Tuesday, the Mackers scored five runs behind the three-hit pitching of Fred Holdsworth to shut out North Farmington's Chelsey Industries, 5-0.

Holdsworth struck out 12 and walked one in the seven-inning contest while he also led the attack with two singles and a triple. Terry Mills also had three singles for Mackers.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Today (Thursday): Mackers vs. Ratigan at Cass Benton — 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Mackers vs. Plymouth Elks at Plymouth — 6 p.m.

Next Thursday: Mackers vs. Redford Big Boy at High School Field — 6 p.m.

August 2: Mackers vs. Spartans at Ford Field — 8:30 p.m.

Reef scored all the runs Holdsworth needed when it tallied once in the first frame on a single by Mills, a stolen base and two errors. In the third it added three runs on singles by Holdsworth and Stan Nirider and a two-run triple by Rick LaRue. LaRue later scored on a wild throw.

Mackers added another run in the fifth on two walks, another single by Mills and an infield error.

Last week Thursday the local team suffered a breakdown defensively committing six errors in a contest it

lost to Livonia's Phillippi Service, 8-3.

Jeff Taylor worked the distance on the mound for Reef and struck out seven while walking three. Phillippi scored four times in the fourth and then coasted in adding four more runs in the last three innings.

Taylor ignited a rally at bat himself in the sixth when he stroked a two-run homer followed by a run-producing double and single combination from LaRue and Tom Singer, respectively.

Saturday the Mackers edged McKay's Partyville (formerly McFarlin-King) of Garden City, 4-2, receiving a surprisingly strong pitching performance from Rick Adams in a late season debut.

Adams, making his first appearance on the mound since his sophomore year, tossed a six-hitter at

Partyville striking out eight and walking two.

The visitors scored once in the first inning before the Mackers rallied for three runs in the second with singles by Taylor, LaRue and Pat Cayley.

Nirider accounted for the final Reef run in the third when he homered.

(LAST WEEK TUESDAY)

MACKERS 103 010 0-5111

Chelsey Ind. 000 000 0-0 35

BATTERIES — Holdsworth and Cayley; Himmelsbach and Forester.

(THURSDAY'S GAME)

Phillippi 000 411 2-891

MACKERS 000 003 0-376

BATTERIES — Fisher and Hopkins; Taylor and Cayley.

(SATURDAY'S GAME)

McFarlin-King 100 000 1-261

MACKERS 031 000 X-472

BATTERIES — Mulka and Lellis; Adams and Cayley.

## Just Fishin'

Fishing is fun for a boy anytime but the First Annual Fishing Derby on Friday at the former hatchery was something special as the fisherboys and fishergirls tried their darndest to catch the biggest or most and gain the admiration of their friends. Boys huddled and exchanged tips while pulling prize worms from secret containers. Then it was time to "bait up" and, after one wishful look at a dangling nightcrawler, to elbow up and angle in.



by Don Krupp

## Good Old Summer, Way Back When

In's a hot, humid afternoon and you're forced to recall other hot, humid days with thoughts that almost boil your mind.

Summertime back when I was a barefoot boy was the time for softball in the morning, baseball at night and orange pop and more baseball on the weekends.

Them were the days...and, oh, how times have changed.

I had it figured that if I got out of the house by eight o'clock, Mother would still be in the process of scheduling one-day's worth of chores which it would take me all summer to do.

So we organized, rather loosely, and every morning it was softball at the downtown park with starting time set for 8:15 unless of course the guy with the bats and ball didn't get there until later. And the old softball probably was the hottest spot in town but it is where the big guys played so there was a certain prestige associated with sneaking on and using the field.

The only way we could play say on a Saturday morning is to go to the Friday night game—which seems like an unusual arrangement until you understand the circumstances.

A large river ran through the old hometown with the softball field's built on one bank. A hop, skip and jump—or, more accurately, dive—from the rightfield fence was the river and our fair-hitting lefthanded country hitters would, bless him, put one the

the drink pretty regularly.

And so, in order to assure us of our daybreak doubleheader, we regularly would station one of our more aquatic players behind the fence and, the minute he would hear that certain crack of the bat, you could expect the splash of water while the rest of us sighed in relief knowing that, yes, tomorrow would be another game.

I was a senior in high school before I realized that softballs and baseballs came in boxes.

The afternoons, of course, were spent participating in the recreation baseball program while at night it was back to the softball park and, if you were lucky, you'd be a batboy.

Sitting there on the edge of the dugout with the dust blowing in your face was the only way to conclude a perfect day. And the things you learned from the players—about softball and otherwise—were the things you could tell the rest of the guys between innings the next morning.

And on weekends, during the later part of the summers, I would play for a Mexican team which would travel over the immediate countryside playing

others up north from south of the border.

I could never make the opener or the first few weeks of the season with the Mexican club because, even though I was naturally pretty dark complexion, I had to have a little sunshine to put the finishing touches which would allow me to meet the requirements in the all-Mexican league.

And my stomach would make a transition of sorts, too, as after every game it would be orange pop and tacos at a tavern in the town which we had played.

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Centennial beards of Record staffers Jack Hoffman and Charles Gross were reduced to five o'clock shadows Tuesday — the 100th birthday of The Record — as they took turns in hacking away

the six months growth on each other's chin in Chuck's Barber Shop on Main Street. On hand for the occasion were representatives of the city, township and school system.

## In the Pocketbook

# New Anti-Litter Ordinance Hits Violators

Northville Township's newly approved anti-litter ordinance leaves little room for guess work—covering everything from pitching money from airplanes to leaving muddy tracks on streets.

And the new law which takes effect August 16, carries some stiff penalties for violators, too.

Any "person, persons, firm partnership, association or corporation" convicted of violating the new ordinance can draw a fine up to \$100, a 90-day jail term, or both.

Township officials, upon the recommendation of the township police officer, Ron Nisun, enacted the new law because of a growing problem that is "ruining the appearance of our roads and fields."

Too lazy to haul their trash to the city-township dump, some homeowners—"many of them are from surrounding areas"—have dumped garbage, washing machines, furniture, bedsprings, etc. along roads and in adjacent fields, according to Nisun. And where one person dumps, others quickly follow suit, he explains.

The anti-litter ordinance is far-reaching to the say the least. When the ordinance states it prohibits dropping handbills, even money from aircraft, "aircraft" is defined as anything now known or yet to be invented that is airborne. That includes balloons with attached gondolas.

The ordinance prohibits littering in public places within the township, regulates distribution of handbills, controls littering on private property, provides a lien for township clearance and sets the penalties for the offense.

Handbills are divided into two classes in the ordinance—commercial and non-commercial.

Private premises include anything from dwellings to mailboxes. Public places are streets as well as buildings.

These are but a few of the 15 definitions offered in the ordinance.

But the most important definition concerns litter. Litter is garbage, refuse and rubbish and all other waste material "which, if thrown or deposited as prohibited, tends to create a danger to public health, safety and welfare."

Following is a summary of some of the areas covered by the new ordinance.

**PUBLIC PLACES:** Littering is prohibited in any public place within the township except in public litter receptacles, private receptacles for collection or in the township dump.

**PLACEMENT OF LITTER:** If you put litter in authorized receptacles, it must be protected from weather conditions.

**GUTTERS:** Litter may not be left in gutters, sidewalks or streets. Property owners are responsible for keeping the sidewalks and driveways on their property litter-free.

M E R C H A N T S

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Merchants and businessmen are not permitted to sweep or put litter in any gutter, street, driveway or sidewalk within the township. They are responsible for keeping their places of business free of litter, including the sidewalk and parking lot.

**LITTERING FROM VEHICLES:** No litter may be thrown from a vehicle by either driver or passengers.

**TRUCKS:** Trucks must be built or loaded so no litter will be blown out. Tires on vehicles may not deposit mud, dirt, sticky substances or litter on streets, alleys or other public places.

**COMMERCIAL HANDBILLS:** It is unlawful to throw or deposit handbills on sidewalks, streets or other public places. Persons handing out handbills may not sell them in public places. Handbills may be distributed free of charge in public places to persons willing to accept them.

**HANDBILLS ON VEHICLES:** Handbills may not be thrown or deposited on any vehicle. Handbills may be handed out free of charge in

public places to those willing to accept them.

**POSTED AREAS:** Handbills are not allowed in areas posted with "No Trespassing," "No Peddlers or Agents," "No Advertisement," or similar signs.

**PRIVATE PROPERTY:** Handbills may not be left on private property unless they are handed directly to the owner or occupant. An exception is if the premises are not posted, handbills may be left at inhabited private premises if the handbill is secured to prevent it from blowing around. Mailboxes may not be used for handbills.

**EXEMPTIONS:** The ordinance does not cover distribution of mail by the United States Post Office, newspapers, political or religious materials, literature from civic associations or service clubs.

**POSTING NOTICES:** No person may post any type of notice on lamp posts, public utility poles, trees or buildings except as authorized by law.

**PROPERTY OWNERS:** Private property must be kept litter-free by

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Anyway you look at it, the special section is a whopping big package—largest ever published by The Record and certainly the most comprehensive history about Northville and the surrounding area ever produced.

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weighs one pound-eight ounces, were mailed free to regular subscribers this week. Hundreds more went on sale (at \$1 each) at Northville, Plymouth, Novi and Wixom newsstands Monday.

The special edition, marking the 100th birthday of The Record (July 15) founded by Samuel H. Little, contains six separate sections dealing with the newspaper itself, churches, general history, government and schools, business and industry, and organizations.

The cover of each section was designed to contrast the old and the new. For example, the section one carries a drawing of a linotype machine, for many years the heart of printing here, and a picture of IBM computerized printing equipment now used to produce The Record.

It was decided early to publish the edition in tabloid size sections for two basic reasons: it's easier to save and it

makes for easier reference by readers.

Unlike written material, pictures are not necessarily categorized by section. There were just too many of them. Besides, pictures were still coming in from contributors after publication had begun. (Printing of the first sections began weeks ago, which explains, also why the letter from President Richard Nixon is contained in the last section. His letter was not received until after the first sections were published.)

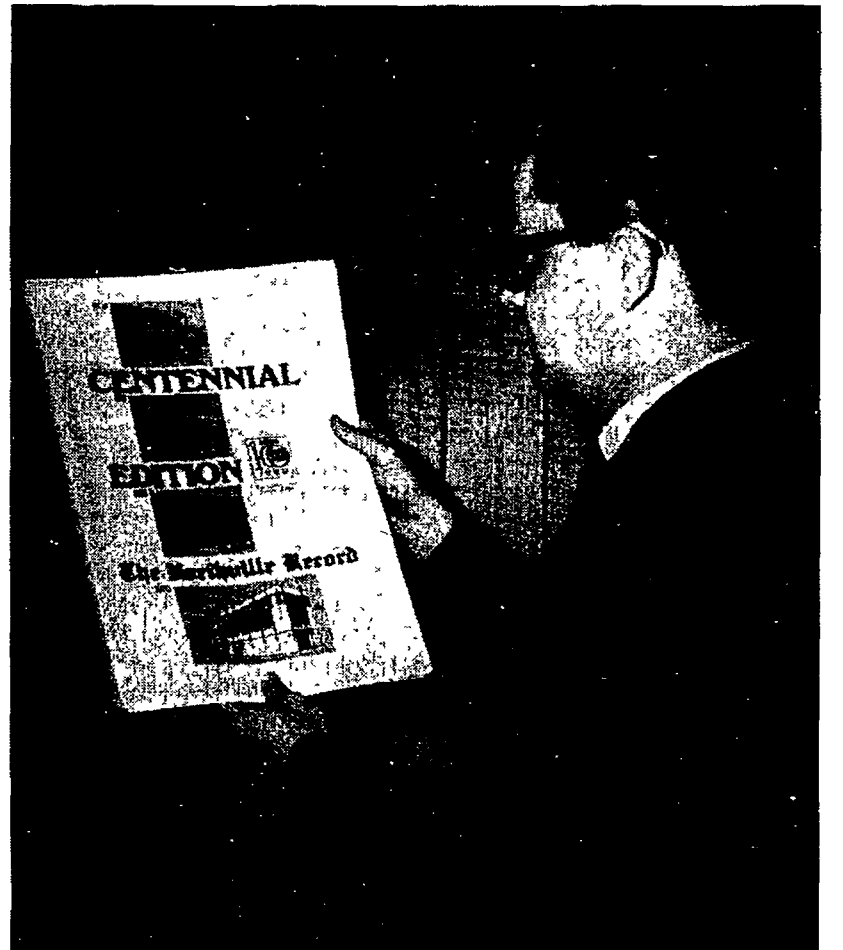
All six sections are contained in a special book-stock cover. The front of the jacket cover contains sketches of three early locations of The Record together with an artist's sketch of what the present Record building could look like.

The only existing copy of the first newspaper, dated July 15, 1869, is reproduced on the inside of the jacket cover. The original copy is framed and on view at The Record office.

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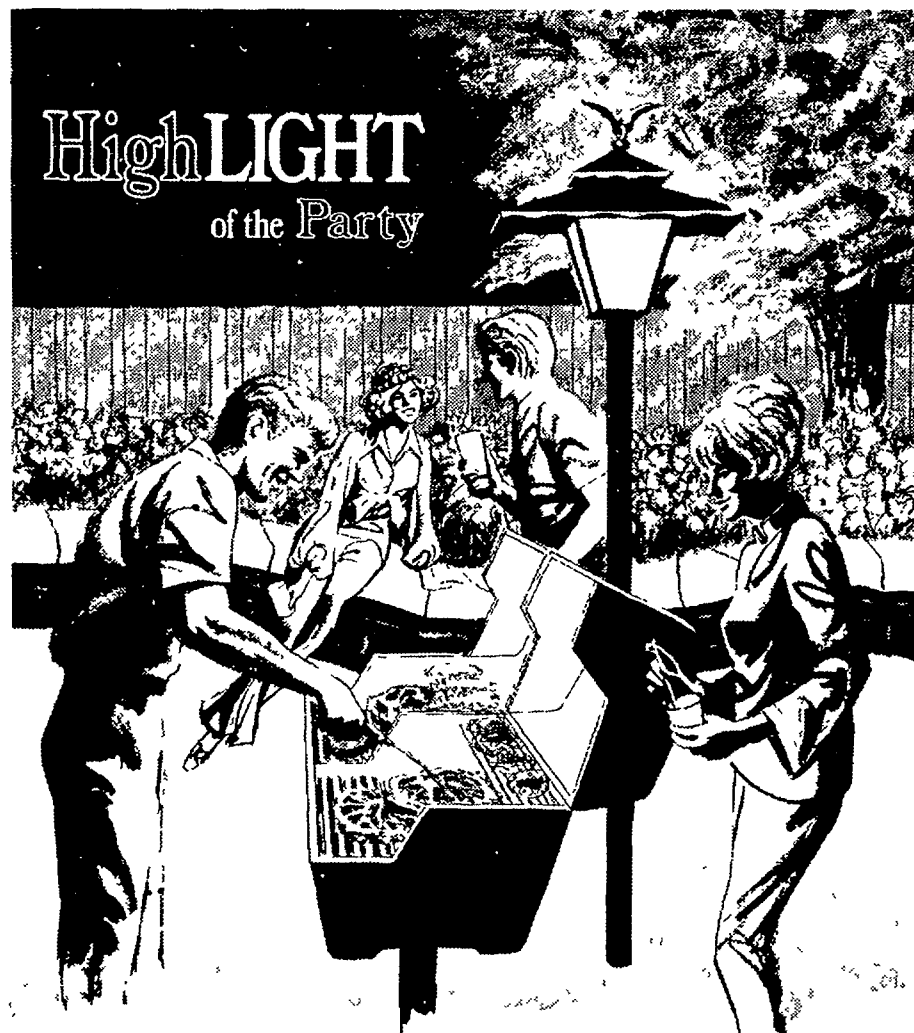
Schoolcraft College has received a grant of \$10,438 under terms of the Vocational-Education Act of 1963 for the acquisition of instructional equipment used in vocational-technical curriculums. Dr. Eric J. Bradner, president of the college, has announced.

The grant will be made as reimbursement to the college for 50-percent of the cost of equipment authorized for purchase under terms of the act.



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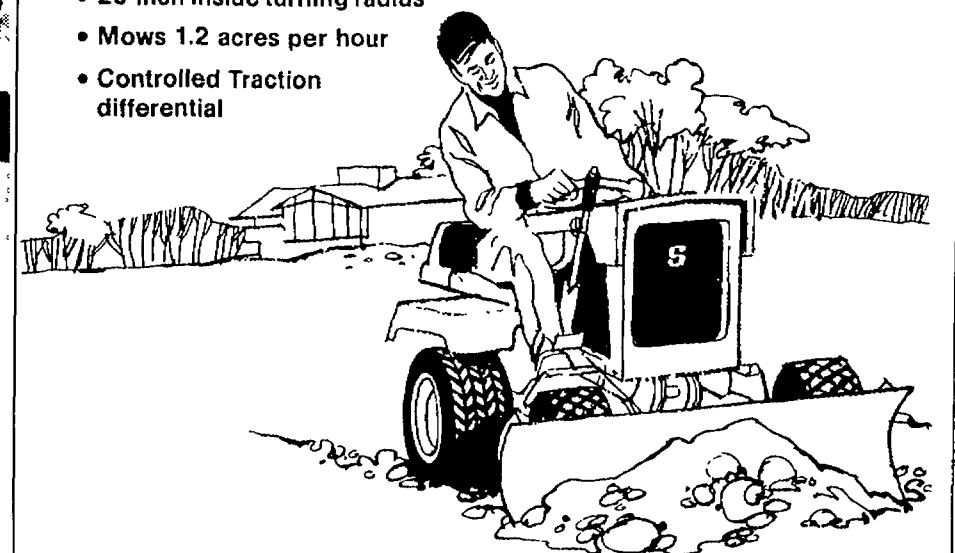
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## A LOOSE LEAF

By ROLLY PETERSON

The mind boggles at the mere thought of it. Six solid months of football are coming up. And in 1969, that means more televised football games than ever before.

A glance at CBS' proposed schedule of National Football League games is enough to make even invincible Vince Lombardi, who obviously loves the game, head for the cellar for a moment of calm repose before the onslaught.

CBS alone will televise no less than 35 NFL ball games, beginning on August 10 with an exhibition match between the Cleveland Browns and the San Francisco Forty Niners and ending on January with the NFL pro-bowl clash.

Weekends will be a football fan's delight. Both Saturday and Sunday games are included, along with a few Sunday doubleheaders thrown in for good measure.

Only one Monday night ball game is on tap — on October 27, with the New York Giants playing the Dallas Cowboys. In 1970, more Monday games are planned.

Remember, now, we're only speaking of games to appear on CBS, NBC, of course, will come on strong in '69, and that means shortly, with a full complement of American Football League games, beginning also in August. Footballs likewise will fill the air on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays in AFL stadiums and AFL living rooms, bedrooms, playrooms, and probably bath rooms.

Add to the professional games the myriad college games, many of which will appear on TV

in full color. Plus the high school, junior high school and yes, even grade school games, scrub games, practice games, girls games, boys' games, play games for the home, ad infinitum, which won't appear on television.

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The impression is clear. A football mania is gripping the land, not to be matched by any other sport, hobby, pastime or business. Even girl-watching plays second fiddle to football.

An one can't help wondering if...

"Hey, George, whatcha doing?"

"Nothing."

"Let's take a ride downtown in my car and watch the girls go by. It's a nice night and they say the girls on Gridiron are something else again — Built."

"Okay, Hal, see you in a few minutes. Hop over and I'll be ready."

Later, George and Hal, windows down, are cruising up Gridiron, looking at the merchandise walking along the street.

"Look at that one, Hal. Get... a load... of her. What a shape. She could play for the Chicago Bears. The Green Bay Packers, even. Gees, can you believe that."

"Her friend's a dog, though," Hal says, knowing full well that he always gets the dog in the lot while George walks off with the good looking.

"She's not so bad," George says. "Look's like Marilyn Monroe did in her prime. Built that way, too. She ain't so great. But they all can't look like Bronco Nagurski."

# ... As a Landmark Bows Out

The shouts of laughter and screams of horror, for years as common as summertime along the southern portion of the lake, become nothing but memories this season replaced—at least temporarily—by the sound of hammers at Walled Lake Amusement Park.

"Things were really hopping there back in the old days," Lon Still recalls. "It was really beautiful: cars and people—young and old—just all over the place and all dressed up in their

finery and having the time of their lives.

"It was just beautiful," he repeats as his light blue eyes shine.

Walled Lake Amusement Park, erected with Still himself as one of the hands in 1929, won't make it for its 40th season this year.

The large facilities, visibly showing their years and a victim of a mobile society, have been sold by the Edgewater Amusement Company of Detroit for private development with

demolition scheduled for completion by August 24.

The roller coaster, ridden by adventurous kids and adults still young at heart, will go as must the many buildings which housed the rides and games which were something special in an era that didn't need television or country clubs.

The roller coaster, particularly, and the entire park in general has a special meaning for Still because in 1929 he was a strong young man in a strange community as part of a work crew.

In the spring of 1929, Lon Still was one of a crew which oftentimes "reached nearly 100 men" building the park for Fred Pearce. Still today is no stranger in the lake community with his auto service station entering its 32 year of operation at a location directly across from the amusement park.

"We brought that roller coaster all the way from Tulsa," he relates looking out the front window of his station towards the wooden monster which rises and falls in the horizon. "P.J. Kinsella was the engineer and Roy Ransom and myself his helpers as we disassembled it in Tulsa and brought it here arriving on February 4, 1929.

As many as 100 men worked in constructing the park in 1929 with the entire crew eating lunch in the existing skating rink.

"That first summer here if you came after noon to the park, you couldn't find a parking space," Still explains. "It was just like Houghton Lake is today with people coming here from throughout the area."

He left the amusement business in the early 1930's, then returned and finally opened his service station on Novi Road on March 7, 1937. The location, at the intersection of Charlotte Street and right across from the park, afforded Still a front window perspective on the gala amusement days.

The casino, just down the road a stone's throw, before it was leveled by fire, attracted the big bands of the 1930's—a young guy named Lawrence Welk amongst others—and the people came either bringing their children to enjoy the rides at the park or their sweetheart for the fun of the music.

Tragedy struck—but according to Still's memory for the only time—the first weekend the park was open when a young boy was thrown to his death



Park Soon to be Only a Memory

Lon Still stands in front of fading landmark

## Herald's Herald

# Tips on Waiting Your Turn

By MARILYN HERALD

What do you do when you're stuck with waiting your turn on the doctor's couch, in the dentist's torture chamber, at the teller's window, or in the everlasting food line?

The time lag at any one of these places can be almost as difficult to face as the communications gap between parents and teenagers. Even crossing some railroad tracks can take long enough for you to do your nails or chew them off.

While lying prone on the examining table, do you stare at the ceiling, counting the little holes in the acoustical tiles and multiplying by the number of pains in your head? At the dentist's, do you flip magazines until you find a really absorbing account in a home improvement magazine on how to add more closet space to the doghouse?

Over the years of periodic and painful waiting, have you finally given up fidgeting and tried

sleeping? This makes an excellent way to pass the creeping minutes if only you could be sure you wouldn't snore or that your mouth wouldn't drop open into a fly catching position.

Sleeping is a great way to while away the hours waiting for the professionals to probe your inner assets and lighten your billfold. However, it is a difficult state to achieve while standing in line for anything. Unlike a horse, most humans tend to lose their balance while trying to sleep in a vertical position.

I have, however, managed to sleep in the driver's seat of the car while waiting for a loitering train to pass. You never need worry about overdoing this because as soon as the caboose comes into sight, the guy behind you will let you know by pressing his "urgency" button.

The best solution for idle hours when stuck anywhere in an immobile position which can neither be altered by rushing nor

improved by prodding is to carry a "pocket book" with you. Not that oversized tote bag which has given you a permanent list on the carrying side, but a nice little paperback. The one you select should be interesting enough to occupy your thoughts for an hour or so but not so good that you "can't leave it alone."

Thus equipped, you can certainly give an appearance of being "always prepared" (like any good Scout) and well-read at the same time. If you wish to preserve this image however, one word of caution, don't carelessly flaunt those books with the sexy covers. Carefully select a volume such as "War and Peace," gently remove the covers and throw away the printed pages. Now you can nonchalantly read any book that strikes your fancy by inserting it between the cardboards and a casual observer will put you down as a literary connoisseur.

There is a catch though to planning to relax with a good book every time you visit the doctor. Just when you have reached the sexiest love scene or the second murder, another would-be patient will decide to engage you in conversation. Unless

from the new coaster. And Pearce sold to Edgewater "about 1963"

But the remainder of the memories are mostly happy ones at the park.

"It really was beautiful just watching all those people having fun," Still recalls again nodding his graying head. "I never thought I'd live to see them tear it down again."

But 20 years later, an amusement park apparently isn't as much fun as it used to be and it must move over for "progress" since times have changed and happiness isn't what it used to be.

you are absolutely impolite, it is usually virtually impossible to turn her off and what started out as a comfortable afternoon turns into a recital of the problems this unknown woman faces with her husband and kids.

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## Babson Report

# Pace for Business Slackens

Buoyed by persistent inflationary pressures, national business has been advancing this year at a pace that has delighted the more optimistic analysts and confounded economists who had anticipated a slowdown as a result of higher taxes and more costly and less readily available credit. Yet, as we swing into this third quarter, real gains in the economy do not loom very large once the fat of price increases is excised.

Business activity just didn't move ahead as forcefully in the second quarter as

it did in the first. In the current three-month period ending September 30, we expect still further slowing in the rate of the uptrend. While Gross National Product could well climb to a new high in the period... perhaps chalking up an annual rate gain of about 8%... inflation could well slice the real gain to around 3%. And we think you'll see an even flatter performance on the part of industrial production as the credit squeeze intensifies.

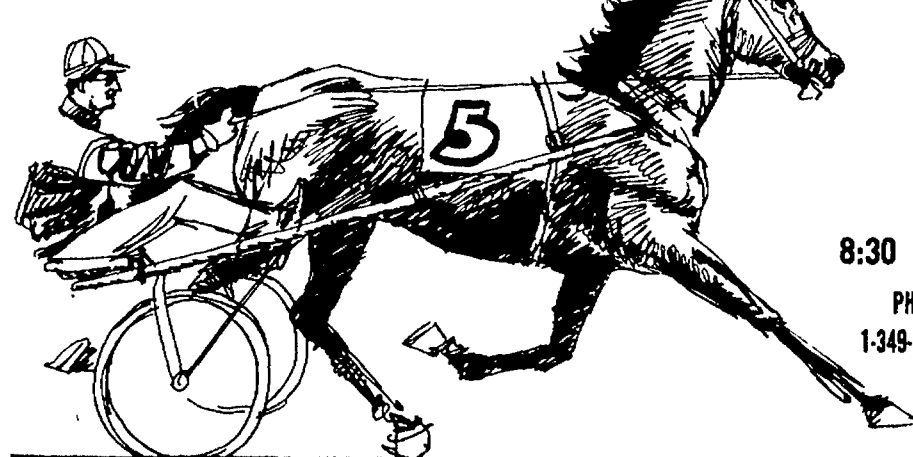
SPENDING for both capital goods and for inventory has been quite well

maintained thus far this year. The bulk of the factors suggest that capital expenditures in the third quarter will top comparable 1968 levels by a substantial margin but the rate of rise will taper off during the summer. Continued high interest rates and the narrowing availability of credit promise to lead to some downward revisions of business spending plans for equipment and expansion. However, sizable backlogs of uncompleted projects will keep this sector from sagging in the current quarter.

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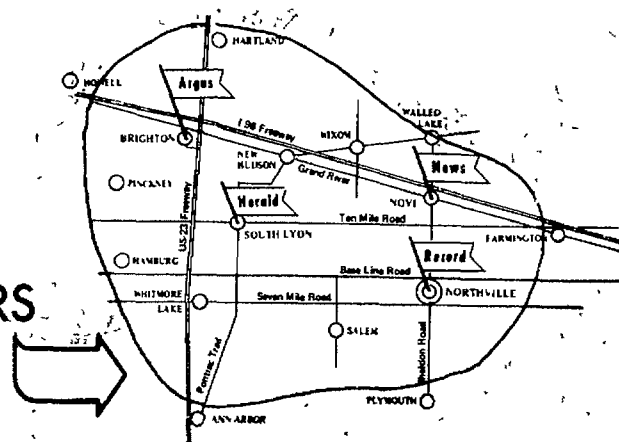
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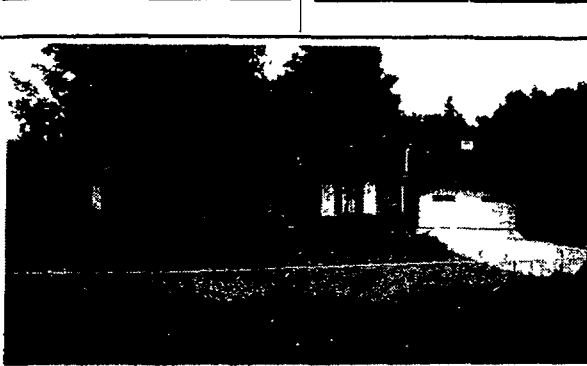
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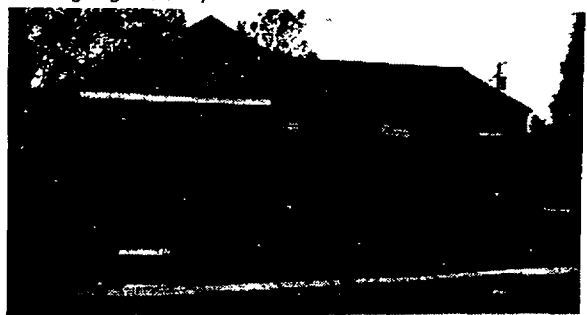
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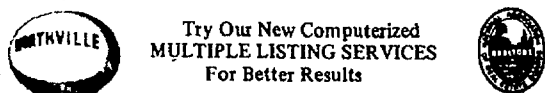
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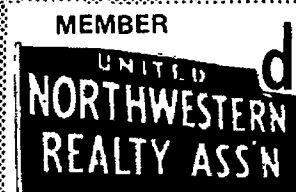
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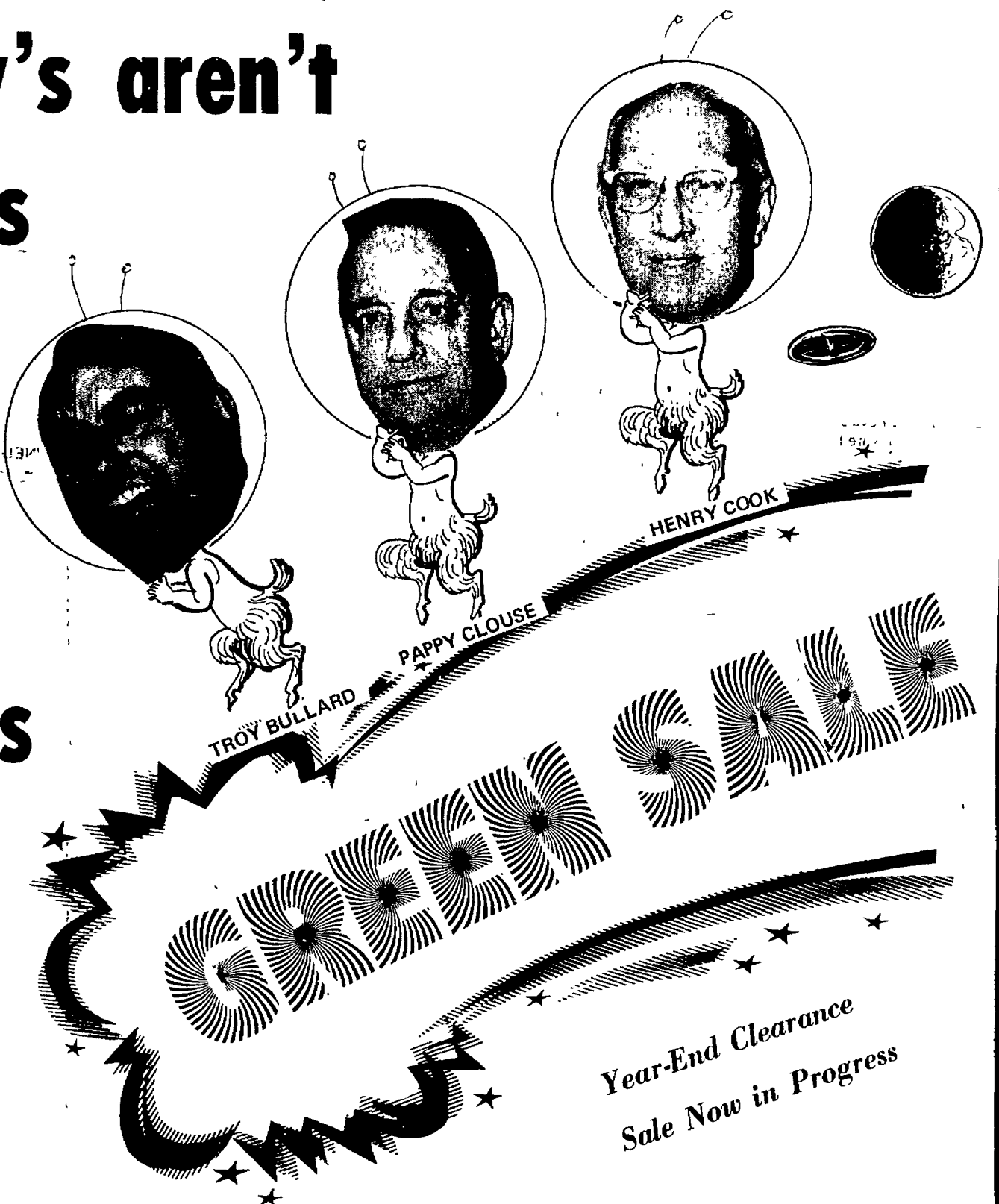
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## Brighton Board of Education Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M.

Members present: Mr. LewAllen, Mr. Kujawa, Dr. McKenney, Mrs. Maltby, Mr. Sloan, Mrs. Warren, Mr. McKenney. Also present were Mr. Gray and Mr. Lee. Guests: Mr. Forner, Mr. Powers, Mr. Warren, Mr. Gail, Mr. Scramton, Robert Warren, Jim Sherman, Rodgers Lyberg, James Reindel, James Benfield, Jim Monroe, Shirley Campbell, Mary Ann Belyea, Kay Michaels, Barbara Zachar, Joanne Bode, Joyce Lowry, Mr. Brown, Jere Michaels.

The minutes of June and June 16 were approved.

A request for a one year extension of a leave of absence from Charlene Dunkelberger was read. Since this matter is covered in the Master Contract, Supt. Gray was to contact Mrs. Dunkelberger and no action was taken.

A letter of resignation was read from Nancy Hanshaw. Moved by LewAllen, supported by McKenney, to accept the resignation. Motion carried, all ayes.

There was open discussion concerning the amount of mileage for the August 4 election.

At 8:25 P.M., moved by Lew Allen, supported by McKenney, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the amount of mileage to request at the August 4 election. Motion carried, all ayes.

At 8:40 P.M., moved by Maltby, supported by Lew Allen to return to regular session. Motion carried, all ayes.

Moved by Kujawa, supported by Maltby to request 8 mills for 5 years on one proposition on the August 4 ballot. (Resolution attached) Roll call vote: McKenney-aye, Warren-aye, Sloan-aye, Maltby-aye, McKenney-aye, Kujawa-aye, LewAllen-aye. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 nay.

Moved by LewAllen, supported by McKenney (to get the motion on the floor for discussion) to ask 1 1/2 mills on a separate proposition to give the voters an opportunity to enrich the program. Roll call vote: McKenney-aye, Warren-aye, Sloan-aye, Maltby-aye, Kujawa-aye, LewAllen-aye, McKenney-aye. Motion defeated, 6 nay, 1 aye.

Moved by McKenney, supported by Warren to approve the elementary science program as recommended by the curriculum study committee at our June 9 meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

Moved by LewAllen, supported by McKenney to approve the administrative contracts as were tentatively approved by the board. Motion carried, all ayes.

Moved by Kujawa, supported by McKenney to pay the bills, as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Moved by LewAllen, supported by Maltby to appoint the following teachers: Mrs. Marie Eastwood—6th grade-Middle School

Beverly P. Johnson-Elem. Remedial Reading

Motion carried, all ayes.

Moved by McKenney, supported by LewAllen to approve the change order at Miller School for additional diggings and footings in the amount of \$748.07. Motion carried, all ayes.

## Green Oak Township Minutes

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON JULY 8, 1969 7:30 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Masak, Farmer, Driver, Vitale & Wenzel.

2. Moved by Vitale supported by Farmer to dispense with reading of minutes and accept as published. June-10, 23, and 25. Motion carried.

3. Treas. report was read with the following balances — General Fund 43,244.60, Tax Collection 0.00, Saxony Water 11,700.97, Revolving 7,828.95, Cemetery 289.00, Whitmore Lake Sewer, West Side 106,831.97, East Side 32,522.17. Moved by Wenzel supported by Driver to accept treas. report as read. Motion carried.

4. The following bills were read — McNamee, Porter & Seelye 3,369.90, Brown Drilling 144.00, Michigan Investor 123.00, State Journal 2.76, Detroit News 7.56, Ann Arbor News 9.25, Bogan Ins. 1050.00, Wayne Whitmore Lake Sewer 8.15, Lothar Brunk 49.03, Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone 919.01, Marjorie Berz 86.96, Cuda Uniform 186.80, Craig Printing 149.60, Detroit Edison 214.32, Spartan Tire Co. 96.00, Constables 360.00, Land Use 75.00, Supervisor 500.00, Treasurer 400.00, Clerk 416.66, plus 9.80, Water Clerk 30.00, Attorney 100.00, Dump 300.00, Trustees 60.00, S. L. Herald 71.09, Consumers 15.06, Argus 114.80, Edna Peach 33.00, Dunigan Bros. 61,757.55, Ypsilanti Contractors 46,396.80, Rd. Commission 26,500.00, Mich. Bell 25.25, U. S. Post Office 110.15, Texaco 58.06, Bell Plumbing 26.60, Moved by Vitale supported by Farmer to pay bills as read. Motion carried.

5. Mr. Burnham from Burnham, Flower Agency explained to the board their retirement program.

6. Mr. Boblin discussed with the board about the Horizon Hills paving project.

7. Moved by Farmer supported by Vitale that we purchase a PF-175 Monitor for 99.95 for police dept. Motion carried.

8. Moved by Wenzel supported by Vitale to appoint Sandy Kimberly to help on secretarial work at 2.00 per hour for Planning Commission and Bd. of Appeals. Motion carried.

9. Moved by Driver supported by Farmer to table M.T.A. letter on dues. Motion carried.

10. Moved by Wenzel supported by Farmer to authorize supervisor to order sufficient No Hunting Signs. Motion carried.

11. Moved by Driver supported by Vitale to table action on Rasmussen's letter. Motion carried.

12. Fire Dept. was discussed. It was decided that the agreement with Hamburg was acceptable. Bids have been received for Fire Hall — Banfield 13,360, DeKoning 9,553.00, Smiley Bldg. Co. 7,356.00, Strat—O-Span 6,730.00. No action taken.

13. Moved by Wenzel supported by Driver to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Mona M. Wenzel, Clerk

Moved by LewAllen, supported by McKenney to approve the change order on sidewalks and roads at West Elm. in the amount of \$1,992.00. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 nay.

Moved by Maltby, supported by McKenney to have the halls in the original part of Hawkins School painted with glassene, costing \$1,655.00. Motion carried, all ayes.

Moved by LewAllen, supported by Kujawa to appoint Supt. Lone as chairman of the negotiating team to replace Supt. Gray. Motion carried, all ayes.

Moved by McKenney, supported by Warren to authorize Mr. Lone to act as signatory for Payroll and Student Account checks for the board beginning July 1, 1969. Motion carried, all ayes.

Recess at 10:15 P.M. Reconvened at 10:25 P.M.

Moved by McKenney, supported by LewAllen to enter executive session to meet with Mr. Powers and Mr. Warren regarding a student problem. Motion carried, all ayes.

Moved by McKenney, supported by McKenney to return to regular session at 11:40 P.M. Motion carried, all ayes.

Moved by Warren, supported by McKenney to adjourn. Motion carried.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Vice-President Maltby.

The purpose of the meeting was to open

bids and award contracts for the renovation and additions of the Middle School.

Members present: Mr. McKenney, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Maltby, Dr. McKenney, Mr. LewAllen. Absent: Mr. Sloan, Mr. Kujawa. Also present were Mr. Gray, Mr. Lee, Mr. Blinda and associate.

Guests included representatives of the firms submitting bids, Mr. Scramton and Mr. Davis.

The bids were opened and read. A copy is attached to the official minutes.

Moved by LewAllen, supported by McKenney that we accept the base bid of Saline Construction Co., general contractor, accepting also the alternates half of G1, G2, G4, G5, G6, G7 at a total cost of \$670,924.00. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 absent.

Moved by LewAllen, supported by McKenney to accept the base bid of Johnson and Lillard Plumbing and Heating, and also alternates MA1, MA2, MA3, MA4, total cost of \$291,513.00. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 absent.

Moved by McKenney, supported by LewAllen to accept the base bid of McGee Electric and also alternates E1 and E2, total cost \$107,200 (to be adjusted down slightly). Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 absent.

There was discussion concerning the community school program.

Moved by McKenney, supported by LewAllen to adjourn at 9:50 P.M. Motion carried.

## Brighton Township Minutes

July 9, 1969

The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 8:10 p.m. All members were present (R. B. Wilcox, D. Hughes, J. J. Conely, F. B. Corrigan, M. Beurmann) plus Attorney John Brennan and twelve visitors.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with the following correction. The first name of Mr. Magee should have read Thomas, not James.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted indicating the following balances: Tax Trust Fund 0.00, Revolving Fund \$40,000.00, Dept. of Building & Safety \$7,390.58, Water Fund \$4,525.11, General Fund \$3,436.53.

R. B. Wilcox introduced Warren Miller and Hans Hargard representatives of the Huron River Watershed Council who explained the objectives and activities of the council. A question and answer period was held.

A motion was made by J. J. Conely, seconded by D. Hughes, that Brighton Township join the Huron River Watershed Council and that the designated dues be paid. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller will contact the clerk and advise the exact amount of the dues based on the 1960 population census of the Township.

Tim Hurst, who is a member of the Township Planning Commission, will act as the Township representative on the council with Henry Winegar acting as alternate representative.

F. B. Corrigan reported on the June 24th and July 1st meetings of the Planning Commission.

J. J. Conely reported on the Board of Appeals Hearing held June 26, 1969 for Richard Bilbie to hear his request for an extension to use a house trailer on his property for temporary housing while constructing a home. Variance granted.

Purchasing an air conditioning unit for the Township Hall was discussed. Three bids were received and D. Hughes reported the lowest to be the Home Appliance Mart's bid of \$289.00 for a Fedders, 18,000 BTU, window unit. A motion was made by D. Hughes, seconded by M. Beurmann to authorize the purchase of the aforementioned unit from the Home Appliance Mart in Brighton for the sum of \$289.00. The cost to be shared equally with the Building Department. Motion carried.

A portion of the report of MacNamee, Seeley and Porter regarding the water system in the Brighton Country Club Annex was reviewed. The report suggested fencing the pump house and installing a gate. Brown Drilling Co. maintains the system and has suggested the same action be taken. R. B. Wilcox will secure cost estimates for this work and report to the board.

A special board meeting will be held Monday, July 14, 1969 at 8:00 p.m. to meet with seven families involved regarding changes in the water system indicated as necessary by the engineering report.

Thomas Magee presented petitions which he indicated bore signatures of fifty-one percent of the land owners at Lake of the Pines Subdivision. These petitions request that a special assessment district be set up for road work in this subdivision. The papers were turned over to the township attorney for his consideration.

After discussion a motion was made by J. J. Conely, seconded by M. Beurmann that the board set a public hearing date of

Tuesday, August 5th, 1969 at 8:00 p.m. at the Township Hall regarding the rezoning of the Muir property, as requested by John Warren, from R-2 agricultural to N.R. Natural Resources for the purpose of mining gravel. Notices to appear in the Brighton Argus on July 16, and July 23, 1969. John Warren to be advised of this action by letter. Motion carried.

A motion was made by F. B. Corrigan, seconded by J. J. Conely to pay the bills as presented.

General Fund Amount

B. Bidwell, Janitor 120.00

Serv. May & June 483.37

R. B. Wilcox, Supv. 400.00

M. Beurmann, Clk. 6.87

D. Hughes, Treas. 350.00

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Trustees 40.00

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Singer Press 44.00

envelopes for refund 199.63

Doubladay Bros. & Co. 11.78

checks for refund 200.00

Det. Edison Co. — Comm. Elec. 11.78

U.S. Postmaster 200.00

Meter Postage 190.12

Detroit Edison Co.—Overhead 141.00

Light 2 mos. 200.00

Brighton Argus, Inc. 47.50

Attorney 47.50

Disposal Rental 117.70

IBM Maint. Agmt. 22.03

Mich. Bell Tel. — May & June 318.00

Petty Cash 62.96

Colt Park Agency, — 50.00

Workmen's Comp. 385.00

Doubladay Bros. & Co. (152.80)

Registration forms 30.00

Board of Appeals 112.50

Plann. Comm. 112.50

Brighton St. Bank — 20.00

Fed. Deposit. for Fed Tax 63.40

S. Dennis — Maint. & 3.60

Mowing Grounds — T.H. 46.39

Cemetery 45.00

St. of Mich. St. Inc. Tax 81.34

2nd. Qtr. (65.52)

Ordinance Enforcement 101.00

Constable 29.20

Liquor Inspection 240.00

Liv. City. Treas. — error v. Treas. — error 63.40

1967 Taxes — H. Armstrong 3.60

WATER FUND 46.39

General Fund—reimbursement for stamps 45.00

Det. Edison Co. — 81.34

Municipal pumping 440.00

Brown Drilling 55.40

R. Sisteck — repairs & Cleaning 245.08

well house 56.68

BLDG. DEPT. 87.44

M. Teagan — Clerical 55.92.27

S. T. Cam 245.08

Brighton St. Bk. — Fed. Depository 56.68

for Fed. Inc. Tax (87.44)

FICA 55.92.27

St. of Mich. St. Inc. Tax

Total

Motion carried.

A motion was made by D. Hughes, seconded by F. B. Corrigan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Muriel Beurmann

Township Clerk

## HAMBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

## PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL RESIDENT ELECTORS WHO HAVE PROPERTY ASSESSED FOR TAXES IN HAMBURG TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN — TAKE NOTICE!

The Hamburg Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Hamburg Township Annex 7209 Stone Street in Hamburg at 8:00 o'clock, on the evening of July 24, 1969.

The purpose of this hearing is to present to the residents of the township a proposed revision to Article VI Section 633 which concerns water front residents districts.

Also at this hearing, will be presented a proposed rezoning of the property known as the "Davis Property" fronting at 7859 East M-36 and 7879 East M-36 to Light Industry.

That Further Notice copies of the Hamburg Township Zoning Ordinance amendment and pertinent maps may be viewed at the Hamburg Township during the hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## Michigan Mirror

# Griffin's Popularity in About-face

LANSING — A year ago only a handful of the hardy — foolhardy was a more frequently employed term — dared praise Sen. Robert P. Griffin for opposing the proposed elevation of Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas to chief justice.

Now Fortas no longer sits on the nation's highest tribunal; and Griffin is being talked about in much more glowing terms.

The junior senator from Michigan moved to the Senate floor after Fortas tendered his resignation for his connections with the family foundation of an imprisoned financier.

Griffin, 45, a University of Michigan Law School product, triggered the Fortas controversy last summer when he vowed to lead a filibuster against Senate confirmation as chief justice. He described Fortas as a "crony" of then President Lyndon B. Johnson.

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SCORES of congressional skeptics, many from his own party, warned Griffin he was fighting a losing battle. He persisted nonetheless, and in the end won when Johnson withdrew the Fortas nomination.

During the Senate debate, Griffin predicted that forces blocking the nomination had uncovered "only a corner of an

iceberg." Recent disclosures linking Fortas with Louis F. Wolfson, a convicted stock manipulator, led to his resignation as an associate justice.

THE DOWNFALL of Fortas had its beginning in June, 1968, when Griffin was flying back to Washington from Detroit. He spotted a brief newspaper item saying Chief Justice Earl Warren might retire shortly from the Supreme Court in hopes of having a voice in picking his successor. The story said Warren doubted he would have such a voice if Richard M. Nixon, his old political rival, were elected president.

Although Griffin normally isn't regarded as a highly partisan senator, the story offended his GOP loyalties. There also were some who thought Griffin, a freshman seeking to make his mark in the Senate, saw a chance to exploit the unpopularity of Johnson.

WHATEVER THE reason, Griffin asked his staff the next day to prepare a brief statement for him. On June 21, taking note of further rumors that Warren was resigning, Griffin arose in the Senate and said:

"...I want to indicate emphatically, as one U. S. Senator, that I shall not vote to confirm an appointment of the next chief justice by a 'lame duck' president."

The remark struck a responsive chord with Sen. George Murphy, R-Calif., and some other Republicans. That afternoon Griffin and Murphy put together a petition which they circulated among their GOP colleagues, asking them to pledge themselves to oppose any Johnson Supreme Court nominee regardless of who he was. The collected almost a dozen signatures before the day was over.

ON JUNE 26 the White House officially announced Warren's resignation.

Simultaneously, the President nominated Fortas as chief justice and a close Texas friend, Federal Judge Homer Thornberry, to succeed Fortas as associate justice.

Griffin immediately registered his objections and because of his pioneering remarks the few days earlier he promptly became the de facto leader of the opposition to Fortas and Thornberry.

IT WAS A lonely band at the outset. At the time, even Griffin privately doubted he had a chance of blocking the nominations. In

retrospect, he feels he wouldn't have succeeded had not both Fortas and Thornberry been extremely close friends of Johnson for many years.

But the young senator was getting used to leading "impossible campaigns."

WHEN HE WAS a 145-pounder in Dearborn Fordson High School, he was told he was too small to play guard on the varsity football team. But he ignored the advice and became a star lineman.

IN 1956, AS A BUDDING lawyer in Traverse City, he was warned that he had no chance of unseating incumbent Rep. Ruth Thompson, who had served in Congress for three years. But Griffin ignored the advice, won the primary, and went ahead to get elected to the House.

Three terms later he again ignored the skeptics and got through Congress the Landrum-Griffin labor law. Griffin won election to the Senate in 1966, filling the seat of the late Sen. Patrick McNamara, a Democrat.

## Babson Report: Pace of Economy

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Inventories do not appear to be heavy per se, but present high costs of financing and warehousing make them more vulnerable to any downturn in consumer spending than might otherwise be the case.

Although recent sharp increases in over-all living costs are hurting large numbers of people, total assets of consumers are at record levels and their spending power has never been greater. The Research Staff of Babson's Reports feels that further gains in consumer purchasing power will be achieved during the third quarter, though the period will likely see the beginning of a slowdown in the pace of wage increases and some drop in take-home pay as a result of cutbacks in overtime work.

CONSUMERS — perhaps as a result of

quarter... but more caution as autumn nears.

The uptrend in prices is being fed by high and still rising wage, financing, and other costs. It is fed also by continued heavy government spending at all levels. Prices will be pointing up for some time to come — at least throughout the third rising living costs and taxes — are still decidedly inflation-minded. They still think in terms of more and more, and up and up, and this psychology will be hard to break so long as wages and prices are climbing. But when the impact of fiscal and monetary restraints results even in a moderate boost in unemployment, we'd expect consumers to become more selective in their buying. Briefly, we look for further gains in consumer spending for the

quarter.

But despite higher quotes for both raw materials and finished goods we feel that a definite squeeze on corporate earnings will begin to develop during the third quarter. It will become more difficult to offset higher costs by price boosts and earnings will slip.

In essence, third quarter business activity will be similar to what we have experienced in the first half of 1969 — though at a slower pace. Consumer demand will continue at high levels, but will likely become more selective. Prices will still point upward. Profits will top year-ago levels, but will tend to level off as margins narrow. It will be a good period by most standards, though overcast by deepening shadows of fiscal and monetary restraints.

### Monday's Mayor Exchange

## Brighton To Roll Out Red Carpet

Mayor Ray Curran of Brighton will get the red carpet treatment when he visits the City of Detroit on Monday. Curran will be the first mayor to visit Detroit since the city's recent election.

### Hudson Officials Education Minded

Three men and two women from the City of Hudson are in the City of Detroit for a day of education. They will be attending a series of seminars on city government and education.

### Planners Pitch Potato Back To Council

A two-hour session of the City Planning Commission on Thursday ended with a recommendation that the city council approve a plan to build a new potato processing plant in the city.

### Wixom Beefs Up City Requirements

A resolution passed by the City Council of Wixom on Wednesday to increase the city's requirements for the construction of new buildings.

### City Millage Cut, Tax Hike Seen

The city council of Wixom is expected to vote on a resolution to cut the city's millage rate by 10 percent, which would result in a tax hike for residents.

### Adell Industries Moves Into New Novi Quarters

Adell Industries has moved its headquarters to new quarters in Novi, Michigan. The new quarters are located at 10000 W. 15 Mile Road.

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## from the Pastor's Study

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The study of the earth's history is exceedingly interesting. We all know that about one million years ago great glaciers covered parts of North America, scooped out some of our lakes, and in many ways affected our modern landscape. The history of the earth goes back much farther than that.

About 345 million years ago our great coal beds were formed. Vegetation was covered deeply with rock and pressed into coal. This with the accompanying gas and oil has proven highly useful to men.

About 181 million years ago, the Jurassic Period, was the age of reptiles. Grest dinosaurs and other strange forms of life existed. Scientists have been able to reconstruct some of them from bones, which have been

found. These bones are not exactly the original bones, but by the same process in which petrified wood was made, these bones have been formed into rock.

About 100 million years ago the Rocky Mountains and the Black Hills were uplifted. Scientists can compute these figures fairly accurately by several methods. Some rocks contain radio active elements which break down into other elements at known rates of speed. By carefully controlled chemical and physical techniques the amount of disintegration can be ascertained and the age of the elements determined.

The ancestral horse first appeared about 58 million years ago. It was about the size of a domestic cat when it first appeared. Gradually it developed

into the beautiful horses we have to-day. About 13 million years ago modern plants and animals began to become abundant.

It is hard for the human mind to conceive these long periods of time. Christ lived on this earth less than 2000 years ago. If a line one inch long represents 2000 years, in proportion it would take a line over 2½ miles long to represent 345 million years, the time since our great coal beds were formed!

You and I to-day are the recipients of the benefits of all this marvelous process. God has spent long ages developing this wonderful world which you and I enjoy so much.

Certainly in our appreciation we should love and serve Him. If we do, words cannot describe nor the human mind imagine the greater things, which under God, are yet to be!

# Chain Reaction

With great ceremony, the boy gave the lead domino a gentle poke. A rapid series of sharp clicks proceeded down the line, paused briefly at a gap too large, then continued onward. Then, abruptly, everything was still.

He was tickled speechless. He clapped his pudgy hands together and gave me a big, proud smile.

Giving our faith to God is like pushing over that first domino. It starts a chain reaction—one that results in a richer life, greater happiness and a deeper confidence in ourselves and in the future.

Why not come to church this Sunday?

Let God start a chain reaction in your life.

### Sunday Acts 16:11-24

Monday  
Acts  
16:25-40

Tuesday  
Acts  
17:1-9

Wednesday  
Acts  
17:10-21

Thursday  
Acts  
17:22-44

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Sunday 10:30 A.M.  
Watchtower Study

ST. JOHN  
Sunday Masses at 9:00  
Confessions before the Mass  
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CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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Brighton  
Harold E. Hawley, Minister  
Bible School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

TRI-LAKES BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
9100 Lee Road  
Rev. Bruce Stine, Pastor  
Parsonage 9120 Lee Road  
Phone 229-9402  
Sunday School 9:50 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
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Rev. Stanley G. Hicks  
Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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Rev. L. Harvey  
Pastor  
8020 West Grand River  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evangelistic Service 7 p.m.

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Rev. Heyward H. Yearly,  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Youth People's and Adult  
evening service 6:45 p.m.

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Scout Bldg. on Mill Pond  
Rev. George C. Cook, Pastor  
Services: Sundays  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Night Services 7 p.m.

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Pastor  
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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(No Sunday School)  
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6:30 p.m. Wesleyan Youth  
Service

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Rev. Ralph G. McGimpsey  
Rectory - Phone 229-6483  
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10 a.m. Morning Prayer,  
First and Third Sundays, Holy  
Communion at both services.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH  
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9:00, 12:15 and 7:30 p.m.  
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a.m.  
Sunday Masses: 6:30, 8:00,  
10:00, 12:00.

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Church School 9:45 to 10:45  
a.m.; ages 3 through adult.  
Divine Worship Service 11 to  
12.

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Worship Services, 8:45 a.m.  
and 11 a.m.

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Services held at North  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.

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Lt. Jesse F. Knight  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Youth Meeting 6 p.m.  
Salvation Meeting 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1290 Byron Road  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Sibley at Walnut  
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Sunday Service and  
Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
Morning Prayer Service 11 a.m.  
First and Third Sunday  
Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

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CHURCH  
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Pastor  
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a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
Holy Day Masses 7, 10:30 a.m.  
and 12:15, and 7:30 p.m.  
Confessions Saturday from  
3:30 to 5 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SCIENTIST  
646 W. Grand River  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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METHODIST CHURCH  
205 South Walnut St.  
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Church School at 10 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship 3:15 p.m.

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Evening Evangelical 7:30 p.m.

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Church School at 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Services at 9:30  
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Rev. Allan Hancock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

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210 Church Street  
Rev. Donald E. Williams  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE  
NAZARENE  
422 McCarthy Street  
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Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Worship Service at 11:10 a.m.

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Evening Hour 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:45 to 12

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437-6367

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and 10 a.m. Church School  
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OF CHRIST  
9301 Sheldon Road  
Plymouth, Michigan  
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
and 6 p.m.  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
SCIENTIST  
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail  
Plymouth, Michigan  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Meeting, 8 p.m.

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4285 Naylor Rd. just North of  
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Rev. Robert Warren  
Pastor  
437-1537

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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 7:30  
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ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST  
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23455 Novi Rd.  
Church Phone FI 9-5665  
Pastor Fred Trachsel FI 9-9904  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Training Union, 6 p.m.

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Rev. Arnold R. Cook  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

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Rev. Albert E. Hartoog  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
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June 23-July 2, 9:30-12  
Age 4-Junior high

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SCIENTIST  
33825 Grand River  
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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday School, 11 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S AMERICAN  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Rev. C. Fox  
23225 Gili Road—COR 4-0584  
Sunday School, 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:40 a.m.

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Rev. J. L. Partin  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Service, 11 & 7 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting Every Thursday,  
7:30 p.m.

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Evening Hour 7 p.m.

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Rev. J. L. Partin  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Service, 11 & 7 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting Every Thursday,  
7:30 p.m.</

## Mobil Home Developments Trail Nation

Mobile home occupancy in Southeast Michigan has increased substantially in the last decade but the proportion of mobile home residents to total population in the seven-county region remains far below that for the nation as a whole.

A mobile home study prepared by TALUS (Detroit Regional Transportation and Land Use Study), was published today. The inventory is one of many steps in finalizing a 1990 plan for SEM, Irving J. Rubin, TALUS director, said.

"The report was prepared by David Tank, a planning aide, under supervision of Walter Vissotski, principal planner, and S. Thyagarajan, Chief of Planning Studies.

Mobile home parks in SEM have averaged a 15 percent per annum growth rate for the last 10 years.

The average mobile home park in SEM has 95.6 sites with the largest in the region presently located near Utica with 760 sites.

Statistics from national sources indicate that 2.75 percent of the U.S. population reside in mobile homes, but in SEM mobile home population is about 45,000, only one percent of the region's population.

Purchase price of the mobile home units average \$7,200 and mobile home costs average about \$10 per square foot compared with \$20 per square foot for conventional housing, the TALUS report states.

Following are statistics concerning mobile homes by county in SEM:

Livingston—15 parks, 715 sites housing 1,800 people; another 265 sites proposed.

Macomb—27 parks, 3,891 sites housing 8,500 people; 775 sites proposed.

Monroe—14 parks, 884 sites housing, 2,200 people; 11,429 sites proposed.

Oakland—43 parks, 4,677 sites housing 12,000 people; 4,413 sites proposed.

St. Clair—19 parks, 751 sites housing 1,500 people; 1,949 sites proposed.

Washtenaw—15 parks, 1,241 sites housing 3,100 people; all sites proposed.

Wayne—48 parks, 5,348 sites housing 12,500 people; 2,227 sites proposed.

TALUS is a special project of the Planning Division of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. It is financed jointly with federal, state, county and City of Detroit funds. Initiated in 1965, TALUS this year will finalize recommendations for a comprehensive land use and transportation plan for the region. Total project costs: about \$5 million.

TALUS recently announced a preliminary land use plan for the 4,500 square mile seven-county region. Work is nearing completion on recreation and open space, highway, public transportation and other elements of the 1990 plan.

## Education Guide on Sex Available

A copy of Guidelines on Sex Education, recently submitted to the Michigan State Board of Education by an Advisory Committee on Sex Education, has been placed in five libraries in Wayne and Oakland counties, according to Walter H. Kaiser, Director of the Wayne County Federated Library System.

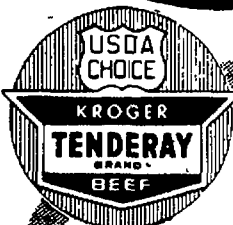
Public libraries in Wayne County having a copy of the 54-page report are: Wayne-Westland, 35000 Sims Avenue, Wayne; Lincoln Park, 1381 Southfield; and Livonia Noble, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Oakland County libraries are Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road and Oak Park Public Library, 14200 Oak Park Boulevard.

Because of the limited number of copies available, the report must be used in the library. Patrons desiring a photocopy of portions of the report may use the library's photocopying facility at a cost of 10c per page.

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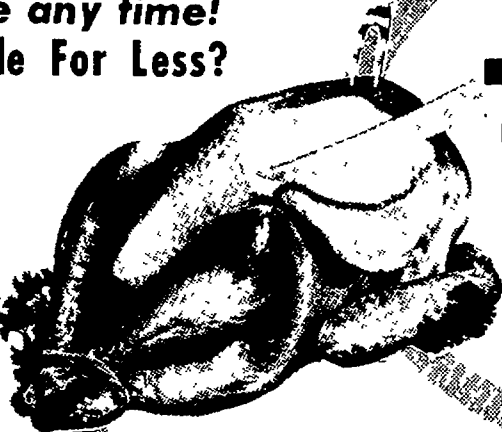


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# Newsmen Picnic Inside 'Prison Without Walls'

What is that young car thief that Judge X sent to Maxey School for Boys four years ago doing now?

He may be working on your car at your favorite garage. Perhaps he's a teller in your local bank. Maybe he has gone back to school, completed enough work to earn a diploma and is even planning to go on to college. Or he may be just returning from a patrol in the Dak To area of South Vietnam.

Impossible, you say? Not so, as members of the news media learned recently at a picnic at Maxey.

Invited there to help determine how to improve community - school relations, editors and reporters from several area newspapers and representatives from two local radio stations had an opportunity to observe firsthand just what goes on in the "prison without fences" (except for the increased-security Green Oak portion) and talk personally to some of the boys.

The get-together on school grounds at the reception center near Nine Mile Road (M-36) just west of US-23, was informal but highly informative.

Informal picnic groups were set up at five tables, with an official of the school, a representative of one of the

school's area centers, two boys from that center, a lady volunteer and at least one member of the media at each table.

Following the meal, the five groups converged first into two and then one mass discussion session. Tours of the facilities were offered to newcomers and others who were interested.

At the table with the newsman representing The South Lyon Herald and The Brighton Argus were the

director of the reception center (where all new boys committed to the school undergo an extensive three-week testing and evaluation program), the director of F Wing, two boys from the wing and a volunteer who makes regular weekly visits to the section to bring a touch of the outside to the boys inside.

James Stennis, head of the reception center, explained the long list of tests and evaluations made on each

boy before he is assigned to the section of the facility which is best suited to his individual needs. F Wing director (a part of the reception center), Richard White told how this newest program at Maxey uses extensive care for youngsters who need to overcome severe problems in the areas of immaturity, retardation or emotional disturbances. This wing was created when the Michigan Legislature decided in 1966 that the school must take all boys ordered there by probate courts

(previously, F Wing type boys were committed to child development centers).

The volunteer explained that she comes over for an hour every Monday night and pops corn and plays games with the boys. She also takes part in some group projects, like the picnic.

The newsman found the most rewarding part of the discussion to be talking to the two boys, themselves. He learned that Robert, from Detroit's inner-city, has been rapidly learning how to get along with people and has gradually "left his shell" and feels, as does Director White, that he is well on the way to returning to society and contributing to it. Kurt, the other boy, will be returning to the Lansing area after having successfully combatted his emotional and anti-social problems.

Kurt is employed - as are a few other boys - out in the community on a parttime basis. Unfortunately, not many boys have this opportunity, as very few businessmen offer jobs to them.

Following lunch, the five groups became two and discussion became more general and centered on subjects such as community relations and "the fence". A dual responsibility between the school and the media for improved

public relations was stressed - primarily the receipt by the media of more information and an accenting of the positive in public releases.

The fence is a sore spot in both the training school and in the surrounding communities. School officials contend that fencing in the entire facility would cause more problems than it would solve and that the \$222,000 it would cost could be put to better use by hiring additional staff.

Proponents of the fence feel that they would be "safer" if a fence were erected. It might lead to the arrests of more youths in their communities who commit car and other thefts knowing that boys at the school will be blamed.

What the school needs most now is additional volunteer help, better public understanding of what and how much they do for the majority of the boys sent to them and more jobs for the boys to aid in their adjustment and rehabilitation to society.

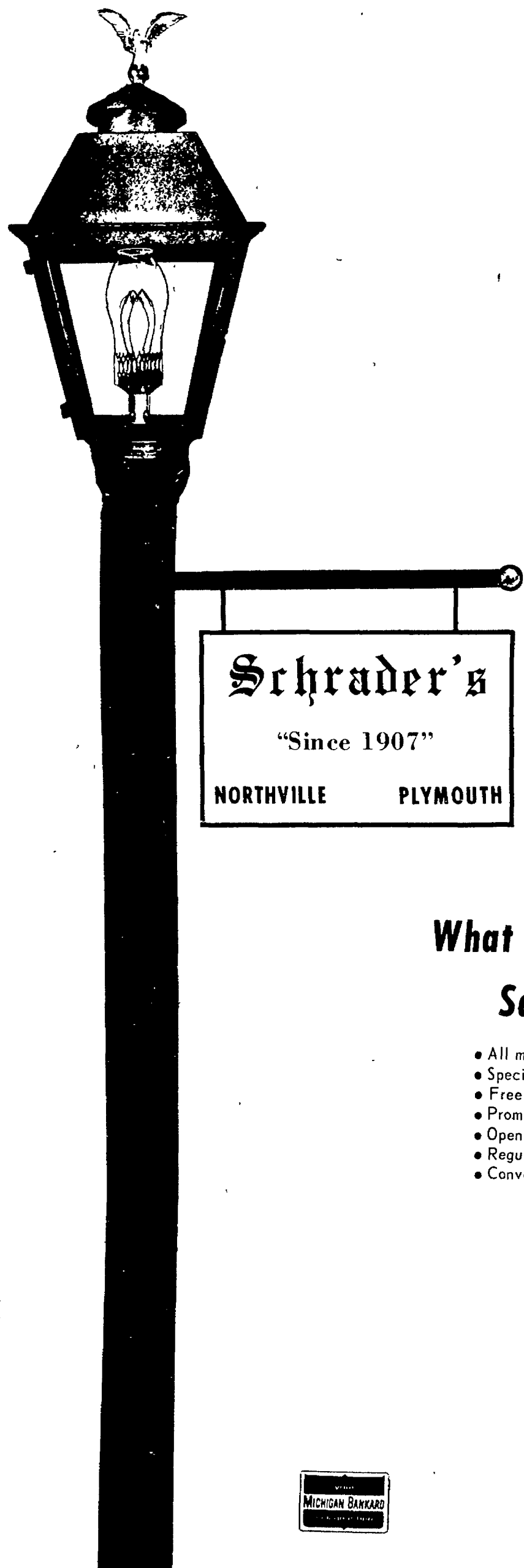
Even though the media enjoyed a picnic at the school, the operation of the various programs and public acceptance thereof appear to be "no picnic" and improved communications between the school and residents of this area appear necessary to help the school carry out its vital functions.



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