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Marie, South Haven, Sturgis, Traverse City, Wakefield, Walled Lake, White Cloud and Ypsilanti (all 1st or 2nd class districts) and Birmingham, Farmington, Mt. Clemens, Northville, Plymouth, Sterling Heights and Trenton (all in 3rd class districts).

By local decision, the following cities may retain their municipal courts: Allen Park, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, East Detroit,

Flint, Garden City, Grand Rapids, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Inster, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Lincoln Park, Livonia, Muskegon, River Rouge, Roseville, Royal Oak, Saginaw, St. Clair Shores, Southfield, Southgate, Taylor, Troy, Warren, Wayne, Westland, Wyandotte and Wyoming.

If any of the above cities is in a district containing other cities with municipal courts, these courts also would be exempted. Cities which could

be thus affected are Center Line, Clawson, East Lansing, Ecorse, Lathrup Village, Melvindale, Muskegon Heights, Portage, Riverview, and St. Joseph. In three districts, two or more cities which together have more than 50 per cent of the district's population and each of which has a municipal court can jointly vote to exempt the district. Cities which thus might retain their present courts are Berkley, Ferndale,

Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Oak Park and Pleasant Ridge in Oakland County and Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods in Wayne County.

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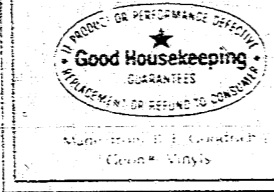
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FEATURES SPORTS EDITORIALS



Ray Tirb Becomes Optimist Head

Carolyn Ahrens

Ray Tirb, businessman and life-long resident of Manchester became President of the Manchester Optimist Club at the final meeting of the club-year on June 25. He officially assumed office on July 1. A one-year office, Mr. Tirb automatically became president after serving as vice-president the prior year.

Serving with Mr. Tirb will be Jim Pratt, vice-president; Ed Kirk secretary-treasurer; Rev. Oscar Cooper, Bob Lowery and Ron Jenter as trustees.

The Optimists are active in many programs including the Steer Club, Farmer's Night, they sponsor a boy scout troop and last fall added a new program which recognizes boys and girls in the community with the Outstanding Citizen Award. As pointed out by Mr. Tirb, the motto of the Optimist Club is "friend of the boy" but he added that the Manchester club tries to make it "Friend of the youth of the community."

He went on to say that in accordance with the Outstanding Citizen Award the club feels that there are many outstanding youths in Manchester and this is in recognition of these young people as it is primarily a citizenship award. Outgoing president Clarence Fielder was instrumental in setting up this award after observing such a Optimist Club program in Dundee.

"Any area man is eligible to join the Optimist Club," Mr. Tirb noted. There are now 38 members in the club.

As a Manchester businessman, Mr. Tirb has been associated with the Chevrolet dealership since 1947. His father, the late Frank Tirb, opened a repair and service shop at the present location in 1929. Then in 1933 he opened the Frank H. Tirb Chevrolet Sales and Service. In 1957 a sales agreement was signed with the Chevrolet Corporation and the business became the Tirb Chevrolet Company. Tirb Chevrolet is widely known in Washtenaw County and customers occasionally come from as far away as Detroit.

"Customers are the most important part of any business because you can't have a business without customers," Mr. Tirb said. He also remarked how important a woman is in selecting a model car, color and, of course, in the final decision in even buying a car. Mrs. Wanda Tirb is also an

important part of the Tirb Chevrolet Company in handling much of the bookkeeping and as a Notary Public which is necessary in the sale of any car or truck today.

Tirb Chevrolet employs three mechanics and one salesman to further aid in serving their many customers. They have new and used cars and trucks and repair all makes and models of any automobile or truck.

Scouts Drive Reaches 40%

The Portage Trails Council Boy Scout Camp Development Fund campaign has reached 40% of its \$585,000 goal it was announced by Weston E. Vivian, Chairman of the Iroquois District Campaign Fund.

The funds raised will be used for the purchase and development of additional camping facilities at recently acquired Wright's Lake Scout Reservation and to renovate and improve some of the present facilities at Bruin Lake Scout Camp and Camp Newdick. The ever-increasing number of boys desiring camping has made it practically impossible to accommodate all boys at Bruin Lake Scout Camp and Camp Newdick.

In a letter mailed recently to several area business and industrial leaders, Mr. Vivian stated, "This is an investment in tomorrow's leaders, and this is so important today in our troubled country that I appeal to you to give generously to this cause. This request for financial help is most important. Please do not put it aside as just another hand-out request. The future of our country is at stake. The Scouting program has proven to build character and leadership, therefore, the time is NOW to protect the future of our country by the action we take today.

Contributions are being sought from corporations, retail establishments, financial institutions, foundations, service clubs and organizations and individuals, including the parents of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers in the area served by the Portage Trails Council.

Whatever parent gives his children good instruction, and sets them at the same time a bad example, may be considered as bringing them food in one hand, and poison in the other.

Methodist Youth Attend Mission

By Carolyn Ahrens

Nineteen people from the youth group of Sharon United Methodist and Manchester United Methodist traveled to a work camp at Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. The four-car caravan left Sunday, June 23 and returned the following Saturday from their 370 mile round-trip journey that took them to the southeastern corner of Clay County, Kentucky.

The expense of this trip was accomplished after several months of work by the church group by sponsoring bake sales, washing windows, raking leaves and painting a porch and garage.

But once at the mission they worked "harder than ever" on two septic tank trenches and a drain field that required pick and shovel to dig through the shale and clay ground at a parsonage at Jacks Creek. This parsonage sustains a hospital and two doctors who treat over 2,400 clinical patients yearly. The church also financially aids these people when necessary as "over 50% are on welfare", Rev. Cooper added.

The church supports several mountain missions and the third largest school in the area. The largest village in the area has a population of 400 people.

"We learned a great deal about these people who live on the bank of the creek. It's not north and south there, it's 'up and down the creek," Rev. Cooper said. But as one boy put it, "You don't have up there what we have here, but we like it as it is."

Although poor in material values, they are rich in spirit, the group learned quickly. Two area boys worked with the Manchester group for tuition expense. They were tenth grade students and worked all summer so they could attend high school in the fall.

The Manchester youths learned a great deal and proved the philosophy of the trip. "Until a person serves someone else, he does not really find meaning in life," The three reasons behind this are: (1) It helps him discover the way others live; (2) It gives him an opportunity to practice what he believes; (3) It gives him an opportunity both to serve as we must and share with other people.

Those who made the trip were: Sue Pratt, Joyce Bowers, Tonya Clemens, Vicki Clemens, Donna Faulhaber, Diane Steinaway, Steve Walker, Charlene and Dennis Sannes, Sue Mester, Kathie Feldkamp and Becky Feldkamp. Drivers were: John and Sandy Knapp, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Fox, Rev. O. Wm. Cooper, Mrs. Robert Pratt and Mrs. Reno Feldkamp.

On Sunday, July 7, the group will meet to plan a church night where they will show slides and movies they will show slides and movies they will share their heartening experience with the congregations.

The Manchester Township Board meeting will be held July 8 at the Village-Township Hall.

The Class of 1970 will hold a meeting at the high school at 7:00 p.m. on July 10, 1968.



Heads Diaster Unit Program

By Karen Kirk

Disaster is everybody's business especially if it occurs in a hospital.

A Manchester woman has the unique responsibility of planning for such events at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

As supervisor-coordinator for disaster programs, Mrs. Mearl L. Armstrong instructs employees about their role and duties in time of disaster. She developed the program using the group dynamics approach where several people are trained for each job.

"We teach the how of it and then motivate people to involvement," she said. "Too often programs are developed which fail because of lack of importance within new employee training and when people don't get together often enough after it is instituted."

"Nothing is more important than life, either employee or patient," Mrs. Armstrong stressed. The fire brigade team is a core group of individuals organized and specially trained to put out any fire within the hospital. It is composed of individuals from all departments.

The team which meets once a week on each shift has thus far been effective. They use a cart which contains hose, raincoats, fire extinguishers and other necessary equipment.

All nursing units and other areas have participated in frequent drills. Mrs. Armstrong has worked with the nursing units to set up individual drills and made any kind of information available to them.

"Every minute during the day we know how many patients can walk, must be carried or are strictly bed ridden in case of evacuation," Mrs. Armstrong said. "There is a special carry for babies which is used by one person. It is made of canvas which is strapped to the carrier's shoulders. There are pockets in which the babies are placed. They really enjoy the ride."

Mrs. Armstrong works through regular training workshops to inform employees about their duties. Films are used to reinforce learning later. A fan out system is used to recruit employees to the hospital when disaster occurs. Key people are called in their homes and they in turn call others. Employees are zoned according to their distance from the hospital.

For external disasters like tornadoes, St. Joseph Hospital works with the Civil Defense,

U of M and Veteran's hospitals on cooperative evacuation plans.

Mrs. Armstrong, a registered nurse, earned her position because of her emergency effectiveness. She graduated from Mercy College and did post-graduate work at the U of M.

She has specialized in psychiatric nursing and is an instructor in Red Cross nursing and in personal and family health.

Previously Mrs. Armstrong was the Dexter area disaster nurse from 1949 to 1958.

Sidewalk Sales Approaching

Merchants are working feverishly to order new promotional merchandise and making a store-wide inventory of surplus stock and other good in general to make this year's Sidewalk Sale the biggest and most interesting we have ever had.

All day and night Wednesday, July 24, Manchester sidewalks will be jammed with sale goods. Customers may have to walk in the streets but a good time is planned for everyone. Also, again this year a street fair will be held to entertain the kids while mother and dad shop.

Foreign Visitors At Manchester

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Walker of 405 Ardian St. have enjoyed a 10-day visit with Mr. Walker's two nieces from St. John, Newfoundland. Margaret who is 20 and Carol 18, flew via Air Canada to Windsor and were met by the Hollis Walkers.

Margaret is a first-grade teacher and Carol a lab technician. Schooling is quite different in Newfoundland as compared to American schools, thus the careers the girls have attained already at a relatively young age. Mrs. Walker pointed out.

Last Thursday evening co-workers of Mr. Walker at Double A Products, Manufacturing Engineering Dept. gathered for a pot-luck supper at the Sportsman Club. "There were about 65 people at the party and it was just wonderful," Mrs. Walker said. She added that the menu was planned to give the girls a taste of American food such as scalloped potatoes, fried chicken, goulash, beef stew and beef and noodles.

Some of the foods were entirely new to the girls who had never been to a pot-luck supper before.

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WASHINGTON REPORT

Since coming to Congress in January of 1967, I have consistently spoken out against the irresponsible and reckless fiscal policy followed by the Administration and the controlling party of Congress. Since 1965, the cost of living has gone up over 8.5 percent. Since 1964, the general price level is up well over 10 percent. Since 1960, the Federal budget has increased over 100 percent. The last Congress, the 89th, alone boosted expenditures almost \$60 billion over any previous budget without securing any new revenues to cover the increased costs. If we are honest with ourselves, we cannot let such irresponsibility continue. We must admit that government, like each citizen, must pay its own way.

Government can't create anything. It can only give back to the people in services what it first takes away from them, either in taxes or in the cruellest tax of all, inflation. In the 1960's the American taxpayer has been paying this cruel tax of inflation much more than he realizes. The American housewife paid \$10.89 for a sack of groceries in January, 1965. She now pays \$12.00 for the same amount. The one dollar bill which you had in your pocket in 1965 is worth but 91 cents today. Your savings account with a \$500 balance in January, 1965 is worth but \$454.13 in principal today. And your \$10,000 insurance policy, which you took out the same year, is now worth only \$9,083, a depreciation of 89.7.

But the hidden tax of inflation is most cruel on those who are on fixed incomes. The retired American with an income of \$2,500 in 1965 now finds his income shrunk to

\$2,295.50. The point is obvious then. Under the continuing inflationary spiral, each American citizen was paying a tax whether he was aware of it or not.

By the time the 90th Congress convened it was clear that we had massive inflation and that the value of our dollar was in great jeopardy both at home and abroad. The President indicated his belief that the only answer to stop inflation was to raise taxes and he struck to that position from the beginning.

In contrast, I have continually called for spending cuts in non-essential spending and for tax reforms. To me it was clear that we must actively move to cut out government waste and irresponsible programs and there is an obvious need for establishment of spending priorities on essential social programs.

The issue of fiscal responsibility reached a climax last week on the conference report on H.R. 15914. The Administration, which refused to cut expenditures as we have been pushing for, brought about the showdown. The conference report called for a reduction in expenditures of \$6 billion, a \$10 billion outback in authorizations which we have been pushing for, coupled with an increase in taxes through July of next year.

After almost two years of talk and compromise, Members of the House were finally faced with the question of being honest about our fiscal policy and we could only vote yes or no on the package as presented. A no vote would mean that we accepted 5% yearly inflation as a way of life and that we were willing to spend \$25-30 billion more next year than we were talking in.

A yes vote would mean

that we admitted being in the worst financial situation the nation has experienced since the 1930's and that something must be done to correct it, no matter how politically unpopular the decision might be.

Reluctantly, I followed the latter course and voted for the conference report.

In the long run, I believe the increase which we passed last week will save, rather than cost, the American people money. A 3% inflation each year costs a family of 4 \$285. The surtax will cost \$111. A family of four with an income of \$15,000 will pay \$206 extra in taxes each year -- in contrast to the \$416 in buying power which would have been lost through rampant inflation. In effect, the Congress had no responsible choice left to it but to cut back on the cost of inflation and bring responsibility into our federal fiscal management.

I believe the American people will welcome an end to reckless spending and rampant inflation and they will accept the tax increase because they know that their government, like their own households, must tighten the belt when the going is rough.

RAIN DAMAGE MAY BE CASUALTY LOSS DEDUCTION ON INCOME TAX RETURNS

A. H. Stoepler, District Director of Internal Revenue said today that taxpayers of Michigan who suffered losses as a result of this week's heavy rain, flooding and severe weather conditions may be entitled to casualty loss deductions on their 1968 Federal income tax returns.

While most persons will not be required to file returns until next April, Mr. Stoepler pointed out that the best time to prepare the necessary information is as soon after the occurrence of the casualty as possible. Lists of losses or of damage to property are apt to be more complete if prepared early, he said. In addition, photographs of the property as it existed before the flooding and those taken afterwards will be very helpful in determining the nature and extent of the loss. Bills for replaced property or necessary repair work as well as records of original cost and insurance coverage of damaged property should also be retained to support deductions.

The District Director said that affected taxpayers may wish to seek information about the method of computing the loss and certain limitations which apply. For instance, unreimbursed losses

of property used for personal purposes are deductible only to the extent that they exceed \$100 for each casualty. The \$100 limitation, however, is not applicable to losses of business property or property held for the production of income.

Mr. Stoepler stated that a free booklet, "Disasters, Casualties and Thefts" Document No. 5174 provides more detailed information on this provision of the Federal tax law. The Internal Revenue Service, he said, will be pleased to send the document to interested persons. It can be obtained by dropping a postcard to the District Director of Internal Revenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

U OF M HOLDS ART EXHIBITION

The University of Michigan Sixteenth Annual Regional Art Exhibition will be held July 18 through August 1, 1968, in the galleries of the Rackham Building on the campus of The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. It consists of a representative group of paintings selected from regional shows held this year in various cities in our state.

The galleries will be open Thursday, July 18, through Saturday, August 1, 1968, from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Saturday. The galleries are closed Sundays.

SUMMER DAYS

Summer days at last have come, with nature drying nectars on the sun. When it seems not long ago, there was a chill and overflow of waters and the land did mourn, through tragedy from strong winds torn. A thunderstorm oft comes when heat, seems like an overwhelming sheet. Of dust and flies then skies begin, to swiftly let their showers in. Because compassion seems to reign, when farmers scan the skies for rain.

Esther Cushman Randall

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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Rogers Corners Waters and Fletcher Road Rev. Stephen Peterson, pastor 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH (United Church of Christ) Francisco Rev. Stephen Peterson, pastor 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
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ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN Ellsworth Road Rev. John Ribar - Missouri Synod 10:00 a.m. - Church Service 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School
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BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. E. F. Cranston South Macomb Street 10 a.m. - Bible School 11 a.m. - Worship Service 7 p.m. - Youth Groups 7:45 p.m. - Evening Worship 7:45 p.m. Thurs. Prayer Service and Bible Study
NORTH SHARON COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH Sylvan & Washburn Road Rev. Paul Collins, pastor 10 a.m. - Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service 6:30 p.m. - Young People 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service Wed. evening - 7:30 Prayer Meeting

WHERE TO LIVE?

BY REV. T. W. MENZEL BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

There are few persons or families who do not have to face the question of where to live. Some families have had to move every few years. And often there is a choice that can be made. Shall we live in the country, in a village or suburb, or in the inner city? And although there is a constant movement of rural people to the city areas, there is also the flight from the inner city to the suburb or the countryside.

As people who live in a smaller community or in the country we are very apt to be thankful for some of the benefits of living in a "small community." (Actually, your real community can be very small if you live in a large town, for you may try to live as one who has few connections with your neighborhood.) One is reminded of the 16th Psalm in which the poet is thankful: "The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." (Psalm 16:6)

But it is dangerous to congratulate ourselves in this way if we close our eyes to the faults of our own community. There are rural slums as well the slums of the city ghetto. And just as some people in the city try to get lost in the crowd, so we can move out of one community and into another because we are trying to escape responsibilities, whether of taxes, community involvement, or personal contacts. To want to "get away" may be bad in many ways. What are we trying to escape? There is a genuine sense in which we have a right to be thankful that "the lines have fallen for me in pleasant places." That is if we are truly making ourselves members of the community, whatever that community might be. A good community can be anywhere, in the city, suburb or countryside, if men are neighbors.

Where neighborhood is denied or shattered there is suspicion or strife. America must really face the question of whether we want real neighborliness, or whether we shall try to build separated prisons for our own kind, shut off from all others. That is not the American dream. Perhaps we all need to do more serious thinking about what it takes to make the area in which we live a real community, a fellowship of neighbors.

THIRD DAUGHTER IS BORN TO JOE KIRKS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kirk, 306 Rosalee, Bokenfield, California, are the parents of their third daughter, Elizabeth Margaree, born Tuesday, May 21 at Memorial hospital. She weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz. at birth. The other Kirk children are Eddie, 7; Julie, 6; and Jenny 4.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kirk, Manchester, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Muminco, West Los Angeles and a great grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Hickey, Santa Monica.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Knights of Columbus of Fr. Fisher Council have elected the following officers for the coming year. Grand Knight - William Schwab Deputy Grand Knight - Tehman Wahl Chancellor - James Scully Treasurer - Allen Benedict Recorder - Amelto Simmons Advocate - Russell Aiuto Warden - Duane Beuerle Inside Guard - Ray Gonyer Outside Guard - Carl Schwab Trustee - Tom Young

MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7th at 9:00 P.M., there will be a potluck dinner for the Senior Citizens of the Church. Beverages, rolls and table service will be furnished. Each family is requested to bring two dishes to pass. The Senior Citizens are to be guests and will not furnish. Rev. Cooper will be the speaker. Tuesday, July 2nd at 7:30, Bible Study Group.

CHRISTENED SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 16, John Joseph Curley, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Curley, was christened by Father Raymond Schlinkert of St. Mary's. Godparents were Mrs. Leon Ball and Mr. John Ball.

A buffet dinner followed the baptism at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curley. Guests included the baby's great-grandmother Mrs. Rose Ball of Chelsea, maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Duffield Ball, the Leon Ball family and John Ball.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curley of Cranston, Rhode Island.

CAMPAIGN TO REGISTER VOTERS STARTED

A state-wide campaign to register between 500,000 and one million potential Republican voters in Michigan has been started by the GOP with the appointment of Mrs. John Riecker of Midland as chairman of the drive. Party State Chairman Ely M. Peterson announced today.

"There are from one-half to one million unregistered voters in the State," Mrs. Peterson said, "particularly among the 21 to 30-year-age group. We hope that with the assistance of the various Republican auxiliary units of the Party organization, we will register every Republican voter in that group."

Mrs. Riecker also is Mrs. Peterson's special assistant for women's activities and she has served as vice-chairman of the Tenth Congressional District Republican organization.

"The registration of every eligible voter is of particular importance in Michigan this year," Mrs. Peterson said. "Although we do not have a contest for Governor, Lieutenant Governor or United States Senator in 1968, the races for President, the House of Representatives

atives, the Legislature and the county courthouses will have a great bearing on the future of Michigan and the Nation. After we register the unregistered, our next task will be to turn out the vote."

COLLEGE GRADUATES

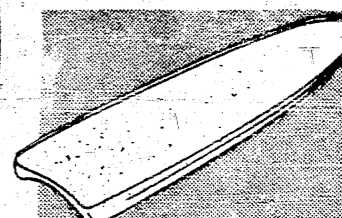
Degrees and certificates were granted to 1,490 students at commencement exercises at Ferris State College Sunday, June 16. The record number of graduates included students who had completed their programs of study in the summer, fall, and winter terms, as well as in the spring quarter.

Honorary degrees were presented to Dr. John R. Emens, retiring president of Ball State University; George C. Straayer, executive vice president of the Federal Wholesale Druggist Association, Inc.; and veteran faculty members Geraldine Travis MacGregor and Roy Newton who are retiring after 42 years on the Ferris staff. Approximately 7,000 persons attended the colorful ceremonies. Dr. Emens gave the commencement address.

Those receiving degrees and certificates from Manchester were: A.A.S., Cosmetology - Linda M. Blanchard; A.A.S., Dental Laboratory Technology - Jeannine M. Swank.

St. John Ch. 9 Verse 31

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4-H NEWS

A special meeting of the Sharon Valley Saddle Club was held last Wednesday evening in the Sharon Town Hall. The President, Jane Spangler, called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. All the members present answered the roll call by stating whether or not he or she would be showing at County Show. There were eighteen members and five visitors present.

The mystery tour, which had been held on June 15th, was discussed for the benefit of those members who did not attend.

Next, the members elected two delegates who will attend the 4-H convention set for July 24 at the Rural Activities Center. These delegates will be voting for 4-Hers and adults to serve on the 4-H Council. The Council is the governing body of 4-H and all its activities. Jane Spangler of Grass Lake and Carol Boehler of Manchester are the delegates to be campaigning at the convention. Mr. Clinton Fisk has been nominated to serve on the 4-H Council. The convention will be conducted much the same as any political convention with campaign speeches and demonstrations.

The major part of the meeting was taken up with

registrations for the upcoming 4-H County Youth Show scheduled for August 5 through 9 at the Rural Activities Center.

Club tour day is set for July 13 starting from the Clinton B. Fisk home at 12:30 P.M.

AGRICULTURE IN ACTION

It's fun to guess what the future will bring, but to a group of Michigan farmers, the guessing is a serious business backed by all the research and knowledge they can assemble.

What will Michigan agriculture be like in the next 10 or 20 years? Will only a few giant agricultural corporations dominate the field, or will continuing mechanization and specialization leave both the countryside and rural economics largely unchanged, except for less farm man-hours worked?

In either case, what kind of farm organization will best serve the agriculture of tomorrow? Will it be a straight-out, hardheaded marketing and bargaining outfit, a social-educational-legislative kind of organization, or perhaps a combination of both?

Such tough questions are the topic of a state-wide study committee, appointed by the board of directors of Michigan Farm Bureau, which has recently held its second meeting in Lansing. Making the task all the more difficult is the question of just who is a farmer (the land-owner, or a man he

may hire to operate it -- or both? Or is a "farmer" someone who receives a certain minimum percentage of his income from land?)

At the session the 17-member committee of top farmers heard an agricultural economist tell of the dwindling number of "man-hours" needed in agriculture, with only half as many worked in 1966 as were necessary in 1950 -- during a time when farm production has continued to soar.

"I have actually made a straight-line projection which proves that on the 25th of November in the year 1984, there will be NO man-hours worked on the farms of our nation . . ." joked James Shaffer of Michigan State University. "However," he added, "since other figures show that we will still have some farmers left, I guess we must assume there will still be something for them to do."

Although the group agreed there will always be farmers and always plenty for them to do -- it was also apparent to everyone that U.S. farming is in the midst of a radical transition -- again raising the question of what will Michigan agriculture be like in the next 10 or 20 years . . .

FARMING IS FAMILY OPERATION AT ZELLER'S

Farming is a family operation at the Zeller Poultry Farm, six miles southeast of Hillsdale. Charles and Barbara Zeller, with their four boys, operate 600 acres on West Card Road with an 11,000 bird poultry flock that will be featured on the State Farm Management Tour on August 1.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Zeller were born in Toledo, Ohio, but were reared in the community in which they now farm.

For nearly 20 years a poultry operation has been carried out on the farm, but it was expanded a few years ago. One building now used was built 16 years ago from a design developed by Michigan State University. But it is no longer a laying house, but used to house part of the pullet raising enterprise.

Features of interest to State Farm Management Tour visitors are the grain drying and handling operation, the feed mixing and grinding mill and the combination pullet raising and cage layer set-up.

Zeller had a general farm until 1964 when he disposed of his 30-cow dairy herd. Two years later the tomato damaged the barn and the house. Then the 30-cow beef herd was dispersed and a new, modern four-bedroom ranch-style home was constructed. Grain

production was expanded and drying, handling and feed mixing equipment was added.

Their caged laying house is 30 x 400 feet with two birds in each cage with a capacity for 11,000 birds. Automatic water fountains and feeding systems bring water and feed to the birds at all times. Eggs roll to the front of the cages for handy gathering several times each day. The laying house is ventilated automatically through a system of fans.

The poultry operation income received a big boost when the Zellers decided to raise their own pullets. Pullets of laying age cost from \$1.65 up but the Zellers have found they can raise their own layers for about \$1.35 each.

They buy 11,500 day-old female chicks and put them in several different heated pullet raising houses about June 15 of each year.

Charles Sheppard, Michigan State University poultry extension specialist, says that the Zellers keep excellent records of their poultry operation and it shows they have a low loss of chicks in growing them to pullets and a very low mortality rate for the laying flock.

Zeller's records show each hen averaged 249 eggs in 1967. The average at-farm price for Michigan eggs in 1967 was 24 to 26 cents a dozen. In 1966 it was 32 to 33 cents a dozen. Sheppard says better egg prices, even a 10 per cent increase, would give the operation a much better return.

This year the Zellers have planted about 300 acres in corn, 80 acres in wheat and 20 acres in oats. Minimum tillage is used extensively. All the land is soil tested to determine fertilizer need.

Last year the Zellers tried 20-inch rows and corn looked good until August. Then dry weather hit and the corn suffered from a lack of moisture and the yield was disappointing.

"I compromised to a 30-inch row this year, half-way between the old 40-inch row and the 20-inch row tried last year," Zeller commented. Zeller used a six-row planter and seeds as much as 30 to 40 acres in one day. He tries for a population of 17,500 plants to the acres. His first corn was planted on April 27 this year.

Corn is harvested with a three-row picker-sheller with a capacity of about 10 acres on a good day. Zeller says if corn is yielding 100 bushels an acre this is about the same capacity as the gas heated corn drier installation at the farm. This, of course, will depend on how dry the corn is that is being harvested. The batch drier will handle 250 bushels at a time and unless corn is very wet four or five batches can be dried in a 24-hour period.

The corn drier is set so that it will turn off automatically once the corn is dried to a desired moisture content.

He has the storage capacity for about 25,000 bushels of shelled corn on the farm. Two old silos, used for silage when dairy and beef cattle were on the farm, were remodeled and cemented inside to hold corn.

Metal bins were also put up. The drying and storage system is in its fourth year of operation. The total cost of construction was \$8,500 including \$3,100 for a dryer, \$3,300 for bins and materials and hired labor to repair the silo \$1,500.

Corn is hauled from the drying operation about a half mile to the grinding and mixing mill where feed for both farms is processed.

Zeller is a member of the advisory committee of Farm Bureau Services in Hillsdale County and is a former member of the county Farm Bureau board. He markets his eggs through the Farm Bureau.

It takes about 400 tons of corn a year to feed the present pullet growing as well as laying flock. Zeller buys the other ingredients for the rations and mixes feed daily.

The Zellers have a married daughter and five sons. The daughter, Mrs. Francis Audretsch, lives at Novi. The oldest son, Andy, 24, is a doctoral student at the University of Ohio, Athens, Ohio, majoring in biochemistry. Sons at home are: Charles Jr., a Hillsdale High School senior active in FFA, and younger sons Mark, 13, Matt, 11, and John, 8. Charles Jr. works with his father in the crop production and drying and the three younger boys work with Mr. Zeller in handling the poultry operation. During the winter season, when there is little crop work, Mr. Zeller and Charles also work with the poultry operation.

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ENTERTAINMENT FREE AT STATE FAIR

Michigan State Fair entertainment, which has been free at the Music Shell and Coliseum, will all be free this year, including the Grandstand Shows.

This is announced by E. J. "Jeff" Keizer, the new general manager, who claims this should be the best entertainment program ever offered by the State Fair.

The 119th annual event will open Friday, August 23 and continue through September 2, Labor Day.

The larger free entertainment program is a real bargain since it will be offered with no increase in the general admission price of \$1.50 for adults, with children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult.

Here's the lineup at the Music Shell: Friday, August 23, through Sunday, August 25 -- The Young Americans, the singing group which has been called "an explosion of happiness," plus Gladys Knight and the Pips, a top vocal quartet. Monday, August 26, through

Wednesday, August 28 -- Ed Ames, top singing star, plus Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, a foursome with a host of hit records.

Thursday, August 29, and Friday, August 30 -- The Cowbells, a family which loves to sing and perform, and Arthur Godfrey, the old redhead who has been one of the top radio and television stars of all time.

Godfrey and his radio band will play matinee shows at the Music Shell on August 29 and 30 and will perform with his horse "Goldie" at the Coliseum free horse shows on those evenings. He will also be at the Coliseum for the afternoon and evening horse shows on Saturday, August 31.

Saturday, August 31, through Monday, September 2 -- Frank Sinatra, Jr. along with Ballet America dance group and George Kirby and the Goldiggers, who are taking the Dean Martin spot on television this summer.

There will be fifteen free horse shows at the Coliseum. Meanwhile, in the Grandstand, the free entertainment program will include the Hurricane Hell Drivers, an auto thrill show, on the opening

Wednesday (August 23 - 25) and the State Fair Aerial Spectacular from Monday, August 26, through Monday, September 2, featuring a helicopter-acrobat act, the Zaccidid human cannonball act, pole bend, motor cycle tight wire act, plus many others.

DAIRY FOODS ARE BIG WITH 4-H GOURMETS

Wine tasting is an indulgence of gourmets the world over. Teenage gourmets in the U.S. are promoting cheese tasting parties. As a matter of fact, they taste and then recommend all kinds of dairy products.

These apprentice gourmets are 4-H members engaged in the national 4-H Dairy Foods program which emphasizes the high nutritional value of dairy products. The program is supported by the Camerton Company.

Arranging cheese tasting parties is only one of the ways 4-H is acquainting girls and boys with the many varieties of cheese and its use in dairy dishes.

Another aim of the 4-H Dairy Foods program is to help youngsters form good eating habits, and influence other members of the family to do likewise. About a half million 4-Hers are participating in this program, according to the Cooperative Extension Service which supervises 4-H.

"These versatile youths are bound to improve their own diets and acquire a taste for dairy products as well as milk and ice cream," one 4-H leader observed.

Since more than 90 percent of the nation's fluid milk supply is fortified with Vitamin D, the importance of including dairy foods with each meal becomes apparent. Milk also contains other vital nutrients, such as Vitamin B2, protein, calcium and phosphorus. Nutritionists recommend four or more glasses of milk daily for teenagers.

Camerton provides annual awards for outstanding projects. They are six \$600 scholarships; 18 educational trips to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, a handsome wrist watch to each state award winner, and a dairy foods medal to the four top members in the county.

DISTRICT BLACK AND WHITE SHOW MONDAY

The 1968 District Black and White Show for this area will be held at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds, on Monday, July 8, 1968 at 10:30 a.m. Kent Mattson, General Manager of Apache Ranch, Lapeer, Michigan, and a highly qualified judge, will be judging the show.

Any breeder of registered Holstein cattle and 4-H Club and FFA members with registered Holsteins are urged to exhibit. There will be an entry fee of \$1.00 per head to cover the cost of the show. 4-H Club and FFA members will not have to pay an entry fee on the first animal they exhibit.

Premium and ribbon money will be paid and will average \$21 per head shown. This will range from \$25 for a first place to \$14 for animals placing down in the class. Most animals will receive a premium.

You are asked to please bring the registration papers on each animal as they will be checked to determine if each animal is properly entered and identified. Health papers are not required on animals from herds not under quarantine.

Judging will include Bull Classes in the morning followed by Jr. and Sr. Showmanship. After the dinner break, the female classes and the group classes will be held. You may purchase your

lunch on the grounds from the 4-H kitchen if you wish. Hay and straw will be available on the grounds at a nominal charge.

The county show traditionally held on the first day of the Fowlerville Fair will not be held this year.

Top cattle from Livingston, Washtenaw, Wayne and Lenawee are expected. (counties) Cattle may be brought in on July 7th.

If you have any questions, contact Duane Girbach at 546-3950 or William J. Bamber at 546-2369.

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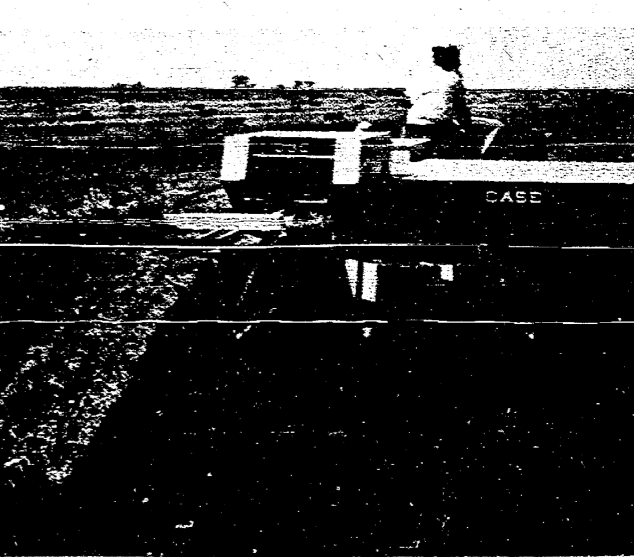


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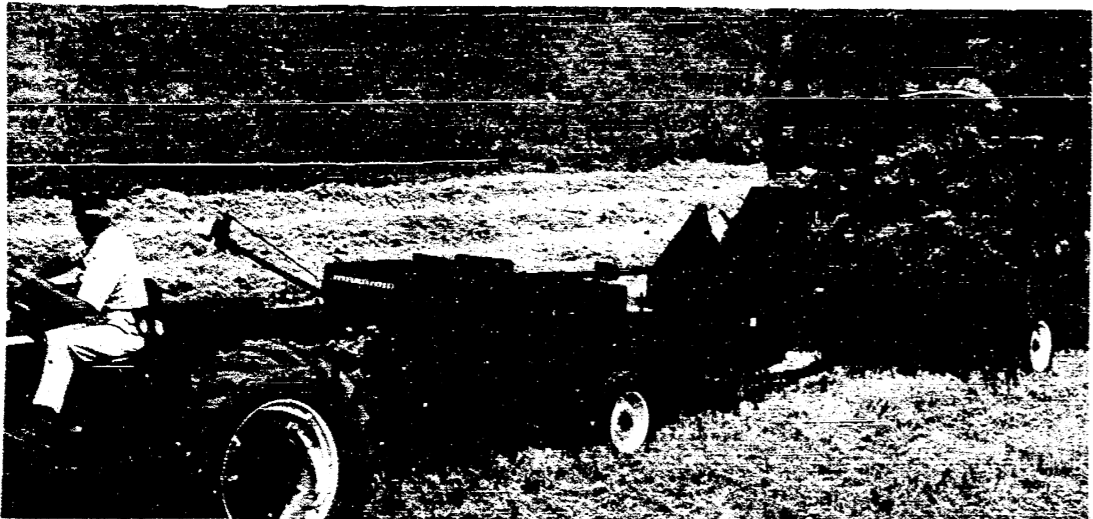
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MANCHESTER SPEEDWAY MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

Manchester Speedway is in the process of several repairs and improvements, Veryl Schill reported.

Mr. Schill pointed out that due to the number of people who have indicated they would like such a ramp, it will be a wise addition to the speedway facilities.

Repairs and replacements have also been made to the bleachers where necessary and Spike Miller of Tipton is reworking the parking lot for an additional 200 to 300 more cars.

\$75,000.00 PURSE - SECOND LARGEST

It was announced recently by Michigan International Speedway's President, Lawrence H. LoPatin, that the date for the first event at M.I.S. has been changed from Sunday, October 6th to Sunday, October 13th.

Mr. LoPatin stated that, "The decision to change the inaugural date was made due to the recent availability of the more suitable October 13th USAC date, and the cooperation of California race promoter, J. C. Agajanian. The October 13th date provides us with a race date clear of any International conflicts, and will also

give the drivers and crews additional travelling time between a September 29th race in Sacramento, California and our event at Michigan International Speedway."

"Since this is a brand new circuit, the drivers will require extra practice days prior to the qualifying periods to be held on the Saturday before race day."

LoPatin also announced that, "In line with this new date, and the importance of this inaugural event at what we expect will become the world's finest motor racing complex, we are guaranteeing a purse of \$75,000. This, together with accessory and lap monies, will provide the competitors with the second largest purse of the 1968 United States Auto Club Championship Circuit, and the second largest purse ever offered in the history of USAC - second only to the Indianapolis 500."

The October 13th event is for Indianapolis-type Championship cars; 250 miles on the Speedway's 2 mile banked oval. It is anticipated that the average speeds of the cars will exceed those of INDY by some 10 miles per hour.

Grandstand and general admission tickets are now

available and prices range from \$25.00 to \$5.00. Information can be obtained by writing: Michigan International Speedway, 2990 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan. 48202

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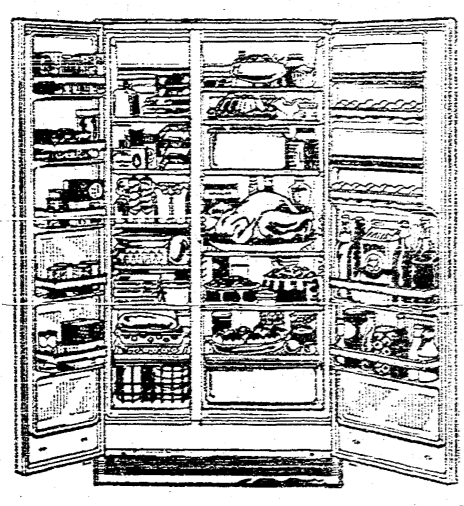
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NEWFOUNDLAND VISITORS

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Margaret Walker, speaking for herself and her sister said of their visit, "We've had a very good time here, much better

than we expected. It's much different than home but Uncle Hollis is from St. John and he knows the difference. Everyone has been just wonderful. We hope to come back again next year."

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HARE NAMES NEW CHIEF ASSISTANT

William Hettiger, 42, of Detroit, has been appointed Chief Assistant Secretary of State by Secretary of State James M. Hare.

Hettiger replaces Howard L. Jones who resigned to become a Democratic candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives from the 58th district of Lansing.

Hettiger has been president since 1963 of Stratton Associates, a municipal consulting firm based in Detroit and has extensive background in municipal financial affairs.

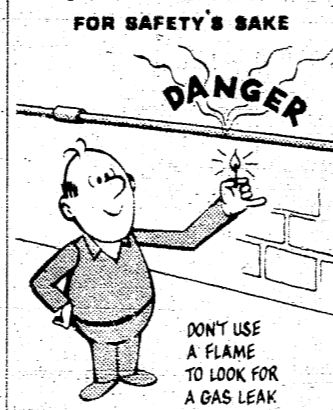
A former township supervisor in Grand Traverse County, Hettiger also was executive secretary of the State Municipal Finance Commission in 1956-61, was a member of the Governor's Commission on Metropolitan Problems from 1957-60 and a member of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Committee on School Financing in 1958-59.

Hettiger currently is a member of the Mayor's Committee on Voter Registration in Detroit and a member of the Metropolitan Stadium Committee, a group seeking to build a domed stadium in the metropolitan Detroit area with private funds.

Hettiger also is an associate member of the Municipal Finance Officers Association and of the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan.

Hettiger resigned posts as a Secretary of State branch manager and area chairman

of the Branch Managers Association upon his appointment as Chief Assistant Secretary of State.



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WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD

COMMISSION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WHEREAS, this Board has received a petition praying for the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of that portion of Albrecht Road, a 66 foot wide public right-of-way in Sections 20 and 29, Freedom Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, beginning at a point 3,670 feet east of Esch Road; thence northeasterly to its terminus with Mez Road for a Point of Ending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Washtenaw, that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, the 16th day of July, 1968, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. (E. D. T.) at the office of this Board, 555 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, to determine the necessity or advisability of abandoning the above described public road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this notice be given to all interested parties owning property adjacent to said public road and that such notice be posted in three (3) or more public places in the Township of Freedom and that such notice be printed in a newspaper published and circulated in said County of Washtenaw, said posting and publishing to be done 10 days prior to date of hearing.

Roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Frisinger and Weir

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Koch

Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

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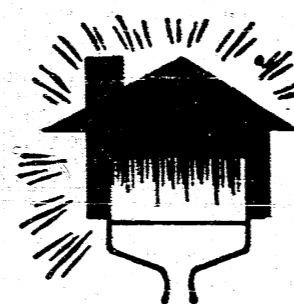
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by Carolyn Ahrens

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Over 10,000 guests are expected again this year and already the 28 committees are preparing for the state-wide event. Although the ladies are only to relax and enjoy the evening, they might give a helping hand by sending out, by the 13th of July, the postcard received in the mail. Remind your out-of-town friends and relatives of our goal--the youth who benefit from the proceeds--the delicious charcoal broiled chicken--and the side attractions of exhibits and a softball game.

Co-chairman Ludy Klager reports that there will be designated parking at high school and Double A Products with shuttle service to and from the Athletic Field. This will relieve some of the traffic congestion and parking facilities at the Field.

Tickets are now available from the workers or may be purchased at the gate for \$1.50, the original price fourteen years ago. Last year's profits of over \$4,700 along with some of this year's profits will total a \$6,000 pledge to the high school for track facilities.

The Frobnoll Party for the men workers will be held at Carr Park on Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Any man who has not been contacted by letter and wishes to help may contact Dan Boutell or Rollie Grossman. Ted Tapping is in charge of student help and any boy who would like to help may contact Mr. Tapping. These boys must register with him, the committee stressed. You will be most welcome.

Double A Honors Employees

By Carolyn Ahrens

A luncheon was held at Double A Products Company Wednesday, July 3, in honor of thirty-one employees who have been at Double A Products twenty years or more. They were presented with service pins by Mr. Donald A. Roach, General Manager. This is a "first at Double A", a company spokesman pointed out and they hope to continue the program annually as a 20-year service club, a club as yet unnamed.

Included at the luncheon as special guests were two employees who will retire within the next month, Julian Greenstreet who has been employed at Double A for twelve years and Frank Baker for nine years. The Management Committee also attended the luncheon.

The twenty-year-or-more employees were: Fritz Schiller, 32 years; Hollie Ayres, 31; Bill Johnson, 31 (he could not attend the luncheon because of illness); Alfred Strang, 31; Harry Martin, 29; Ed Ross, 28; Bill Eckles, 27; Opal Mann, 27; Leroy Dresselhouse, 27; Walt Silveus, 27; Bessie Pittman, 27; Bob Diferenderfer, 27; Myrtle Kemmer, 26; Walt Kies, 26; Leonard James, 26; Peggy Beissel, 25; Daisy Walz, 23; Earl Uhr, 22; Ed Hooten, 22; Art McCee, 22; Erv Kappler, 22; Gene Heckaman, 22; Irv Gill, 21; Vern Herman, 21; Bob Dunny, 21;

Larry Leeson, 21; Larry Miller, 20; Paul Kappler, 20; Fritz Wurster, 20; Jim Sloan, 20; and Bud Everole, 20 years. The employees are looking forward to this annual program again next year, a representative added.

Grand Opening

The Kopper Kettle will hold its Grand Opening Monday, July 15 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Irv and Donna Gill would like to extend an invitation to you to stop in and have a look around.

We hope everyone will turn out to welcome Manchester's newest addition.

Sidewalk Sales

This year's Sidewalk Sale is being held Wednesday, July 24.

Merchants say that goods are sharply reduced with a good variety and choice this year.

Arrangements have been made for a street fair for the kids to enjoy while mother takes advantage of the rare bargains.

Several local organizations will display some of their wares. Watch next week's Enterprise for samples of some of the bargains to be found this year.



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100th Year For Iron Creek Church



This anniversary cake was baked by the Manchester Bakery, marking the 100th Anniversary of the church. It was in yellow writing with colorful flowers. This cake was served in the afternoon after the reminiscing.



Rev. Forrest Cook of Grass Lake drove this 1923 Model T from Grass Lake to help Iron Creek celebrate their centennial. Mrs. Mina Trolz was dressed in centennial clothing to suite the occasion. Rev. Cook took Mrs. Trolz for a short ride which brought back many memories.

By Carolyn Ahrens

Elevator Operator Earl Mann Dies

Earl C. Mann, age 54, a life-long Bridgewater Township resident died early Tuesday, July 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital following an extended illness.

Mr. Mann was born March 12, 1914 in Freedom Township the son of Ernest and Laura Feldkamp Mann. He was married to Wilhelmina Sodr on January 21, 1944.

At the time of his death he operated with his brother Willard feed mills in Bridgewater and Manchester.

He was a life-long member of Bethel United Church of Christ in Freedom Township and is a former president of the church board.

Mr. Mann was a member of the National Grain and Agriculture Dealers Association, Director of Michigan Grain and Agricultural Dealers Association, Masons, Manchester Optimist Club and Kossel Farm Bureau.

Mr. Mann is survived by his wife; four sons; Earl Glenn and Victor, Bridgewater Township, Donald and Gerald both students at Ferris State College; 2 brothers, Willard, Manchester, Paul of Chelsea; sister, Mrs. Dr. John (Mildred) Will, Grosse Pointe Park; step-mother, Mrs. Anna Mann, Saline; step-brother, Dale Fossdick, Ann Arbor and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 5 at 1:30 p.m. at Bethel Church, Bridgewater. Rev. T. W. Menzel officiated. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Don't forget to contact all of your friends and invite them to the 15th annual Chicken Broil Thursday, July 18.

Enjoy all of the fine bargains at this year's Sidewalk Sale Wednesday, July 24.

On Sunday, July 7, 1968 at a 10:00 a.m. service, members of the Iron Creek United Church observed the 100th year of the original building of the Free Will Baptist Church of Iron Creek. After the services the parishioners gathered for a church picnic. Special services were then held at 3 p.m. with the reading of the church history by Thomas Cushman in the absence of Rev. Alvin Brazee, former pastor of Iron Creek Church, who could not be present due to illness.

The program included several guest speakers including Iron Creek pastor Rev. Ralph Janofski, Rev. Forrest Cook of Grass Lake, Leonard Solder of Flint, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Betts better known as the "Musical Betts" and an all-male choir as was the custom of years ago.

Rev. Cook drove a 1923 Model T from Grass Lake to the occasion and Mrs. Mina Trolz was appropriately dressed in centennial clothing.

The Little Church, as Iron Creek Church is often called, actually began in 1855 when a group of believers held services at Iron Creek School for several years until the present church was built and dedicated in 1868.

There have been many improvements over the years including electricity replacing oil lamps, heating stoves to an oil furnace, a church basement was dug out by hand in 1946, an electric organ, modern-day carpeting and many other repairs and gifts made possible by the generosity of the parishioners.

On March 27, 1905, funds were raised to build a parsonage, as noted by the history records. The dedication and love for their Little Church is seen today by the parishioners who have gathered together in remembrance of the foundation of their church. Many of the original founders being grandparents, aunts and uncles of today's church members.

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