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THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1987

Homecoming Sunday Celebrates 125 Years



Rev. Victor Schoen, left, with Rev. Bob Macfarlane, will be HOMECOMING PREACHER on Sunday, July 19, at 9:30 a.m. Worship at Emanuel Church.

Emanuel United Church of Christ, Manchester, will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the congregation next Sunday, July 19, 1987. Guest Preacher at 9:30 a.m. Worship will be Rev. Victor Schoen, retired UCC Minister from Indianapolis, and son of the former Emanuel Pastor, Rev. Albert Schoen (1919-1928).

AN "ALUMNI CHOIR" has been formed for the occasion, and will lead the singing of hymns from both American and German heritages.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES for a Founder's Memorial Garden will take place along with an Ice Cream Social on the lawn following worship. There were thirteen founders who established Emanuel Church in 1862. Those original charter members still have many relatives who reside in Manchester.

George Unterkircher, John Hartbeck, Fred Schill, Henry Aichele, Henry Haeschle, George Briegel, John Schlicht, and Matthias Schaible.

A HOMECOMING BANQUET will be held at the American Legion Hall for all ages, in the evening from 5-8 p.m. A brass band for dancing, and a German sing-a-long are planned. Pastor Macfarlane, along with the Anniversary Committee encourage all members and friends of the church to participate, by making reservations at the Church office (428-8359). The Committee consists of the honorable John Swainson, Mary Blossom, Arlene Walter, Russell Jenter, Verna Sinclair, Adeline Dickie, Richard Spafard, Mary Kallewaard, and Pastor Macfarlane.

Community Fair Approaching Fast

Manchester Community Fair time is fast approaching. It is time to think about completing sewing projects, checking the vegetables and flowers in the gardens, and planning the baked goods that you want to exhibit at the fair, for others to see and enjoy.

The fair books will be out soon, some in the mail for those of you who have entered exhibits in the past three years and also at several locations in and around Manchester. Check the fair books for the rules on the new A.T.V. pull and on the new division for entering open class dairy cattle.

Anyone interested in putting a booth in the Merchants tent should contact Kathy Richardson or Carol Britten at 428-8474 or 428-8589 for information.

Federal Food Distribution

Federal surplus foods will be distributed in Manchester Area Friday, July 24 at the Manchester United Methodist Church from 10:00 to 12:00.

Figures designating low income families as released by the Federal Government are as follows for households in which the head of the family is under 60 years of age: Family of 1, income \$7,150; family of 2, income \$9,620; family of 3, income \$12,090; family of 4, income \$14,560. Add \$3,008 for each family member beyond family size of 4.

Income totals include all sources of income for all members of the family. If you have any questions call 428-8852 or the Community Agency (CSA) in Ann Arbor at 994-1650.

Glen Erin Pipers Provide Entertainment



The Glen Erin Pipe Band will provide the entertainment at the Heritage Day festivities on Thursday, July 16, beginning at 1 p.m. on the Commons on West Main Street. The band is based in Lansing, but because bagpipers and highland-style drummers are few and far between, members are drawn from as far as Alma, Ypsilanti, and Pontiac. Members of the band range in age from 18 to 60 and perform at Scottish and Irish affairs and in parades and

other special events throughout Southern Michigan. The pipe major is Fred Lewis, St. Johns attorney and retired judge.

With reeds of three sizes in each set of bagpipes, careful tuning is a must before the pipes are played. The picture shows two members of the band tuning the pipes. A pipe tunes one of the three drones that provide a background sound to the melody played on the band instrument known as a chanter.

Sand Lake Hotel Burns To The Ground

Loss Over \$30,000 On Building— Few Guests And Help Lose Clothes And Valuables

Manchester Enterprise July 19, 1928

An airplane circling over the old Putnam hotel on the south side of Sand Lake about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon attracted the attention of people at the resort and they discovered that the hotel roof was on fire. So rapidly did the flames devour the dry timbers and so great was the excitement that very little in moveable property was saved.

People who were asleep in rooms on the third floor were awakened and escaped unhurt, but forgot to save all their belongings, and some who were bathing were most unfortunate. Two young ladies who had donned knickers and gone on a "hike" returned to find their diamond rings, money and clothing burned.

The only attempt to extinguish the fire was made by help, guests and cottagers. No outsider help could be summoned, it is said, because the telephone could not be reached and the wires were burned off.

There was no breeze and no other buildings were burned, even the bath house adjoining was saved with fire extinguishers. But few guests were registered in the house at the time.

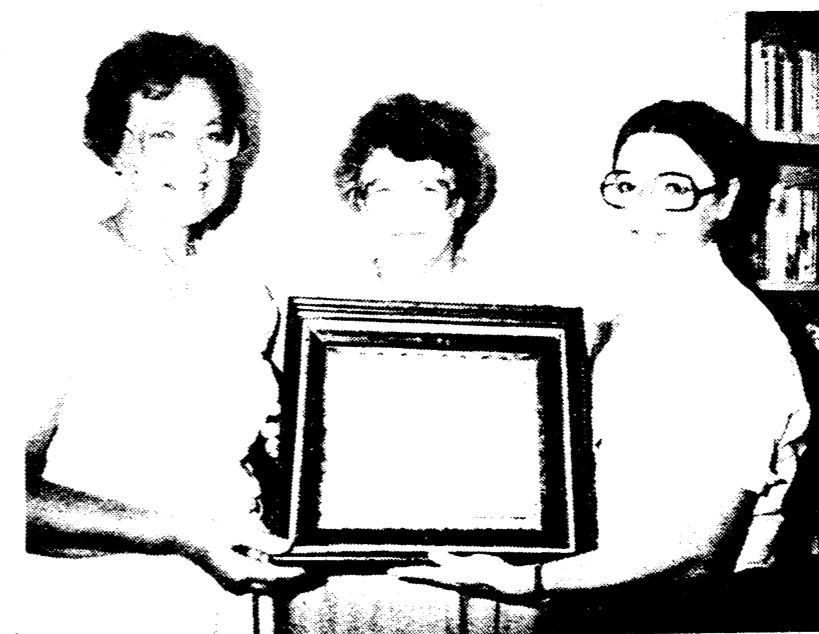
The cause of the fire is undetermined, but it apparently started in the attic and had been burning some time when discovered. It is said the insurance inspector visited the house but a few days before and Mr. Schleh had but a few days ago paid the insurance premium.

The hotel was built in 1833 by J.J. Putnam of Adrian, who owned it many years and was followed by his son, E.E. Putnam. Carl Schleh, who ran the Saline Tavern, became proprietor in 1921, purchasing the property of a Toledo banker named Carr and Fred Wood, a Tecumseh lawyer, comprising the Putnam Resort Co.

Mr. Schleh made improvements, consisting principally of a change in the ball park and the erection of one of the largest and finest dance pavilions in the country. He sold out to George and John Rehm of Monroe and a few days ago John disposed of his interest to George, who had

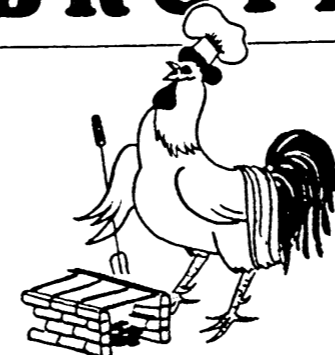
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Historic Designation Received By Library



The Dr. James A. Lynch house, location of the Manchester Township Library since 1934, was designated Michigan Historic site number 1384 on February 19, 1987. Recently the citation was framed and hung in the library. Pictured from the left: Olga Nichols, President of the Library Board of Trustees, Margaret Goodrich, Librarian and Susan Gleason, Trustee.

the ANNUAL Manchester CHICKEN BROIL



34th Year Thursday, July 16, 1987

MSU's Ag Expo July 21-23

The effects of last fall's poor harvest conditions will probably still be evident on much of Michigan's cropland when Ag Expo is held at Michigan State University July 21-23.

Thousands of acres of cropland were damaged by rutting, and soils were compacted as farmers struggled with harvest operations.

Realizing the soil damage problems that would likely follow the rains, MSU agricultural engineers and agronomists began creating a soil profile correction demonstration site on MSU's south campus last fall. Work on the site continued through spring.

Approximately 75 acres have been set aside for the demonstrations. Free shuttle buses will operate every few minutes between the Ag Expo public parking area and the field demonstrations, visitors should plan on about two hours to tour the site.

Tim Harrigan, project manager of the Ag Expo field demonstrations, says the purpose of the demonstration site are:

- To help farmers learn to recognize plant reaction to soil compaction.
- To help farmers locate and identify compacted or restrictive soil layers beneath the surface.
- To enable farmers to become more familiar with the ability of various tillage implements to correct compacted soil.
- To explain the options for immediate soil repair procedures and to help farmers develop long-range plans for continued land improvement through crop rotation and tillage management.

Several sites have been created for this demonstration.

The first will demonstrate results of axle load and tractor tire configuration on shallow and subsoil compaction and the corresponding effect on plant roots. This demonstration was created by using a liquid manure tank that was first fully loaded (3,350 gallons), then three quarters loaded and then half full. The load was first pulled with a tractor with front wheel assist and equipped with single tires,

then with a tractor equipped with duals. The tractors pulled the load over five plots when soils were wet.

In an adjacent test area, deep ruts were created to permit comparison of various soil repair methods. A trench dug through this test site will enable farmers to become familiar with the effects of ruts on soil structure and the effectiveness of various repair procedures.

A third test site was intentionally compacted and planted to winter wheat. Following the harvest, various tillage implements will be pulled

adjustment, applications, etc.

A tillage tool adjustment clinic will feature demonstrations and exhibits by tillage tool manufacturers. It will include such items as sweeps, chisels, points, coulters, disks and other items commonly used for soil damage repair.

through the wheat stubble to demonstrate their effect on the soil surface and the wheat residue cover, and their ability to shatter shallow and subsoil compaction.

Trenches will enable visitors to make performance comparison between various implements used on the site, such as the moldboard plow, chisel plow and chisel attachments, the disk harrow, coulters, V-ripper, V-ripper with winged points and other deep tillage implements.

A variety of tillage equipment will be operating continually at the site so that farmers can see their performance under field conditions and then raise questions about cost, horsepower requirements, implement

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A snake has no ears. However, its tongue is extremely sensitive to sound vibrations.

It Isn't The Car...

"It isn't the car that begins to whine when forced to stop for an old stop sign—it's the driver. It isn't the car that takes a drink, then quickly loses it power to think—it's the driver. It isn't the car that fails to heed the dangers of reckless, discourteous speed—it's the driver. It isn't the car that steps on the gas and causes an accident trying to pass—it's the driver. A car may be bent and twisted away, but it isn't the car that will have to die—it's the driver."

will receive a one year subscription of MICHIGAN HISTORY magazine.

Bales said a Michigan Sesqui-centennial gold coin will be awarded in a special category for the best color photograph that includes the Michigan Sesqui-centennial logo.

Come on Michigan! Don't miss your chance to show-off your favorite Michigan hideaway! But hurry because July 24 is the deadline.

A copy of the rules are available at most participating Kodak dealers and by writing the Office of the Michigan Sesqui-centennial, 300 S. Washington, Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48933.

"We are very excited to be part of a photo contest that highlights Michigan's outstanding people and places," said Merri Jo Bales, executive director of the Michigan Sesqui-centennial Commission.

Prizes include Kodak products, a weekend for two at the Grand Hotel, annual family passes to Greenfield Village Ford Museum, and special Sesqui-centennial photographic books.

In addition, first place photographs will be published in the November/December issue of the award winning MICHIGAN HISTORY magazine.

All honorable mention winners

**Kirk
Excavating**
Sand—Gravel—Fill Dirt
Basements—Driveways
428-7938
Dave Kirk
14180 Schleweis Road
Manchester

Bridgewater Township Board

June 15, 1987

Bridgewater Township Board meeting June 15, 1987, was held at the hall with all Board Members present, and three electors, a special guest Mike Scully, Chief of Manchester Fire Department was also present.

Supervisor Parr called the meeting to order, at 8:00 p.m. with everyone present.

The Clerk read the last months minutes, Board accepted the minutes as were read.

Treasurer Fraumann gave a Treasurers report on the balance on hand being \$39,770.76.

Clerk presented the bills for approval. Andy Poet made the motion, seconded by Leonard Days, that we pay voucher 1898-1924, including check #1924 as a over draft on budget. Board will amend budget when all line items of the Membership and dues are final. Board passed. June is month to discuss Fire Department.

Supervisor Parr introduced Mike Scully to the Board. Chief Scully gave opening remarks and discussion followed.

The Fire Department contract will be done by Manchester Township sometime this coming year.

OLD BUSINESS
Board went over the Audit Report that is now final. Discussion followed. A copy of the Audit is on file at the Clerk office and all Board members have a copy also.

Clerk presented a PA116 from Albert and Kenneth Feldkamp of 40 acres in Section 24#45-4E. Andy Poet made the motion, seconded by Leonard Days, to accept this application, Board passed.

Treasurer Fraumann presented agreements for the Clerk and Supervisor to sign for Tax Collection, Tax Account and General Account.
NEW BUSINESS
Supervisor Parr reported on the last Planning Commission meeting. The township Board is awaiting proof of activity of the Tirb Gravel Pit, to be placed under the Grandfather clause to operate the business.

No Zoning Report was given. Leonard Days reported on roads, and his research on the work for the township.

Clerk announced that we will be having an Eagle Scout complete a project working at the township grounds. Work details are planned to clean front fence in cemetery and clean around back of the hall. Discussion was held on insurance coverage.

Lucille Blumhardt, Historian, reported on her finding of reproducing minutes from the past years.

Harlin Fraumann announced again the meeting October 6, 1987, of the Historical Society meeting here.

No further business to come before the board, Leonard Days made the motion, supported by Fraumann, to adjourn. Board approved.

Next meeting July 20, 1987.

Karen Weidmayer,
Bridgewater Township Clerk

present in the saliva of infected animals and is commonly transmitted by bites. Each year, as many as 25,000 Americans must undergo treatment for rabies as a result of contact with animals suspected of being rabid. This "treatment" is actually a preventive measure, a series of shots given after the bite but well before the symptoms of rabies have a chance to appear. If treatment/vaccination is not given, and if the animal was, indeed, rabid, symptoms, ranging from persistent nausea to violent muscle spasms, convulsions and progressive paralysis, may be expected to appear within 30 to 50 days following exposure. Once the symptoms appear, death from cardiac or respiratory failure usually occurs within a week.

At present, rabies in wildlife cannot be controlled. There is nothing we can do to keep the raccoons who raid our garbage cans from getting rabies. But we can protect ourselves against the threat they pose in two ways—by immunizing our pets, so that they cannot contract the disease and transmit it to us, and by avoiding direct exposure to wildlife that may be rabid.

There can be no overstating the importance of immunizing household pets. And that means cats as well as dogs. Many people never think of immunizing their cats. Yet, for the past several years, cases of rabies in cats have exceeded those in dogs.

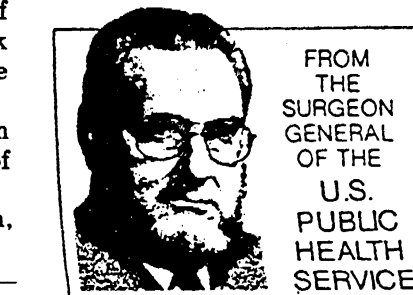
It's not too difficult for adults to avoid exposure to rabies, but children pose special problems. Parents should warn children against trying to pet or befriend raccoons, especially if they wander into the yard in the daytime or appear to be ill. Raccoons are nocturnal animals. Sighting one in the daytime should be taken as a sign of possible illness. Children also should be cautioned against befriendling stray domestic animals or any animal that shows signs of being sick.

People who might be exposed to rabies in their jobs, such as veterinarians and wildlife conservation personnel, should be given pre-exposure immunization with a new low-dose vaccine recently licensed by the Food and Drug Administration. Because this new vaccine is only one-tenth the currently used one-milliliter dose, it is much less expensive. Its low cost is expected to increase its use by people visiting or camping in areas where there are rabid animals. It also may be used to protect people who travel to parts of the world where rabies is widespread, such as parts of Africa, India and Latin America.

To prevent rabies in someone who has been bitten by a rabid animal, wash the wound carefully as soon as possible, then see that the victim is given prompt medical attention. If treatment is indicated, rabies immune globulin and vaccine should be given.

Rabies, particularly in raccoons, has become a public health problem. But it is not a cause for alarm. To protect your family, immunize your pets and warn your children to stay away from raccoons and other animals, wild or domestic. Common sense and a measure of caution are the keys to preventing rabies.

FROM THE SURGEON GENERAL OF THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
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GOLDEN CREAMED ONIONS

2 pounds small fresh white onions (or 2 (10 ounce) packages frozen small white onions),
2 cups whole milk, divided use
2 tablespoons corn starch
1/3 teaspoon salt
dash white pepper
1-3/4 cups finely grated carrots, well-drained

Peel fresh onions and cook until still firm; for frozen onions, defrost. Drain well. Heat 1-3/4 cups milk in large saucepan over medium heat. Mix corn starch with remaining 1/4 cup milk and stir into boiling milk. Stirring constantly, boil for 1 minute. Add salt, pepper and grated carrots. Stir in well-drained onions; heat thoroughly and ladle into heated serving dish.
Yield: 8 servings

NATURAL FRUIT CAKE BARS (OR MINI MUFFINS)

3 cups mixed dried fruits and raisins, coarsely chopped
1/3 cup brandy
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
3/4 cup honey
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup buttermilk
1-1/2 cups whole wheat or all purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Combine dried fruits, raisins and brandy. Cover and marinate overnight at room temperature, stirring once or twice. In large mixing bowl, cream butter. Gradually add honey, beating well. Beat in egg, then vanilla and peel. Stir baking soda into buttermilk. Add to creamed mixture alternately with sifted dry ingredients, blending after each addition. Stir in fruits and walnuts. Spread batter evenly in greased and floured jelly roll pan (17" x 11") or miniature muffin tins. Bake at 350 for about 25-30 minutes, or until pick inserted into cake comes out clean. Cool in pan; cut into bars or remove from muffin tins.
Yield: about 4 dozen bars or 40 mini-muffins

Manchester Township Planning Commission Notice Of Public Hearing

TAKE NOTICE that Manchester Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing of the following applications for a conditional use permit:

By William J. Walkowe to place a mobile home as an accessory building to be occupied by an immediate relative on premises described as:

Commencing at Northwest corner of Section 15; thence southerly 1112.90 feet to Point of Beginning; thence easterly deflecting 91° 12' 20" left 459.03 feet; thence southerly deflecting 84° 11' 20" right 236.93 feet; thence westerly deflecting 96° 47' right 487.87 feet; thence northerly deflecting 90° 14' right 227.48 feet to Point of Beginning, being part of northwest ¼ Section 15, T4S, R3E.

at 18015 Herman Road, Manchester, Michigan presently zoned AR-Agricultural Residential District.

By Ronald D. Martin and Virginia S. Martin to build a residence on premises presently zoned RC-Recreation-Conservation District described as:

Commencing at southeast corner of Section 16; thence N 89° 51' 40" W 280 feet on south line of Section to Point of Beginning; thence N 89° 51' 40" W 376.42 feet; thence N 0° 14' 40" W 400 feet; thence S 89° 51' 40" E 248.07 feet; thence S 33° 51' 40" E 131.41 feet; thence 187.19 feet on arc of curvrad 325 feet chord S 17° 21' 40" E 184.61 feet; thence S 0° 51' 40" E 115 feet to Point of Beginning, being part of Southeast ¼ Section 16, T4S, R3E, 3.11 acres.

located on the north side of Mahrle Road .55 miles west of Grossman Road.

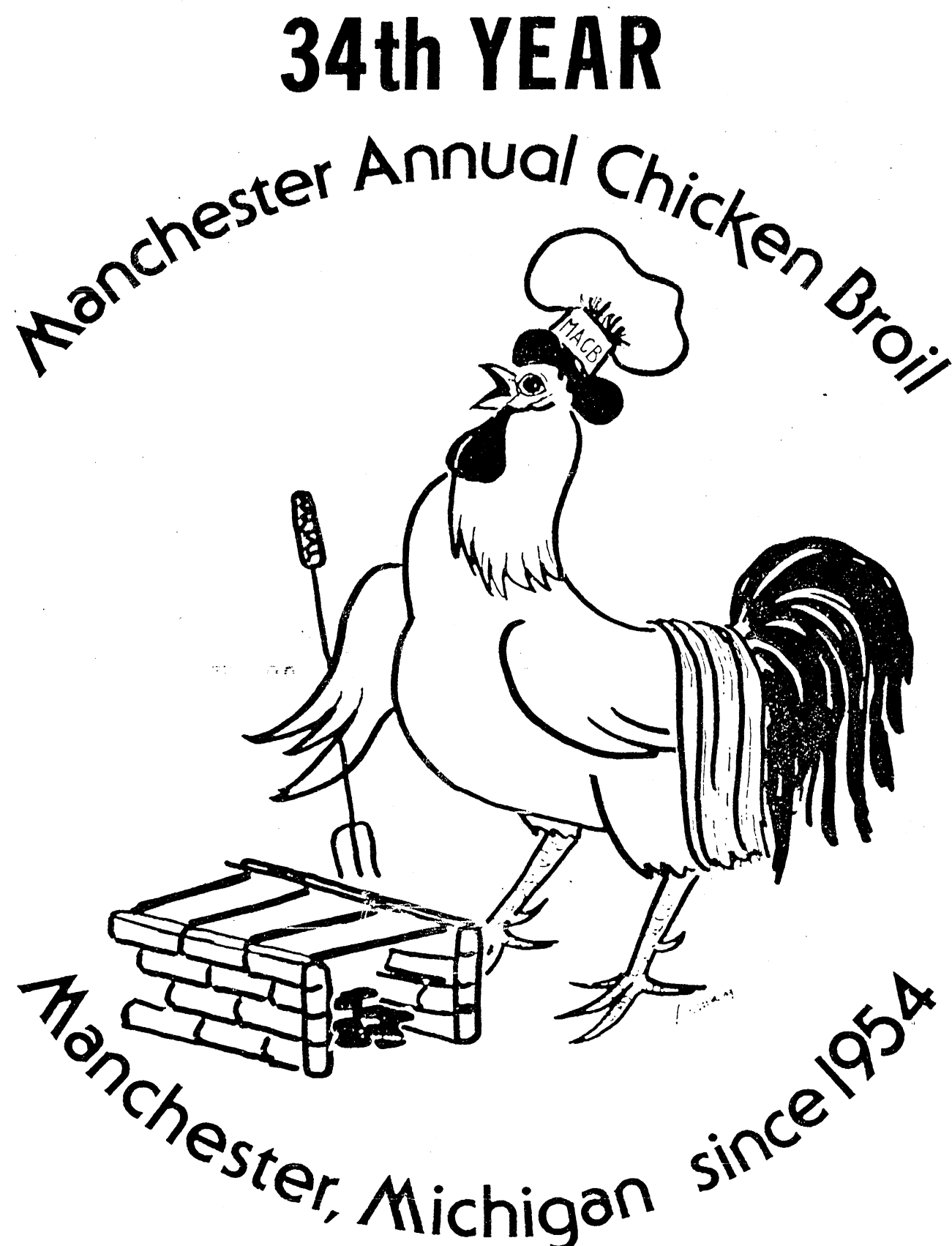
By Avery P. Duff for conditional use permit to build a residence on premises presently zoned RC-Recreation-Conservation District described as:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 20; thence West 238.75 feet in the North line of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter; thence South to the high water mark of a pond; thence Northeasterly along high water mark to a point in the East line of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter; thence North 1154.50 feet in the East line of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter to the Place of Beginning being a part of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 20, T4S, R5E, also granting 10 foot wide right-of-way over the premises on the east for access of Sharon Hollow Road as described in Liber 1760, Page 463, Washtenaw County Records.

which premises are on the north side of Iron Lake one-quarter of a mile west of Sharon Hollow Road.

Said hearings will be held on July 27, 1987, at 8:00 p.m. EDST, at Manchester Township Hall, 275 South Macomb Street, Manchester, Michigan.

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION



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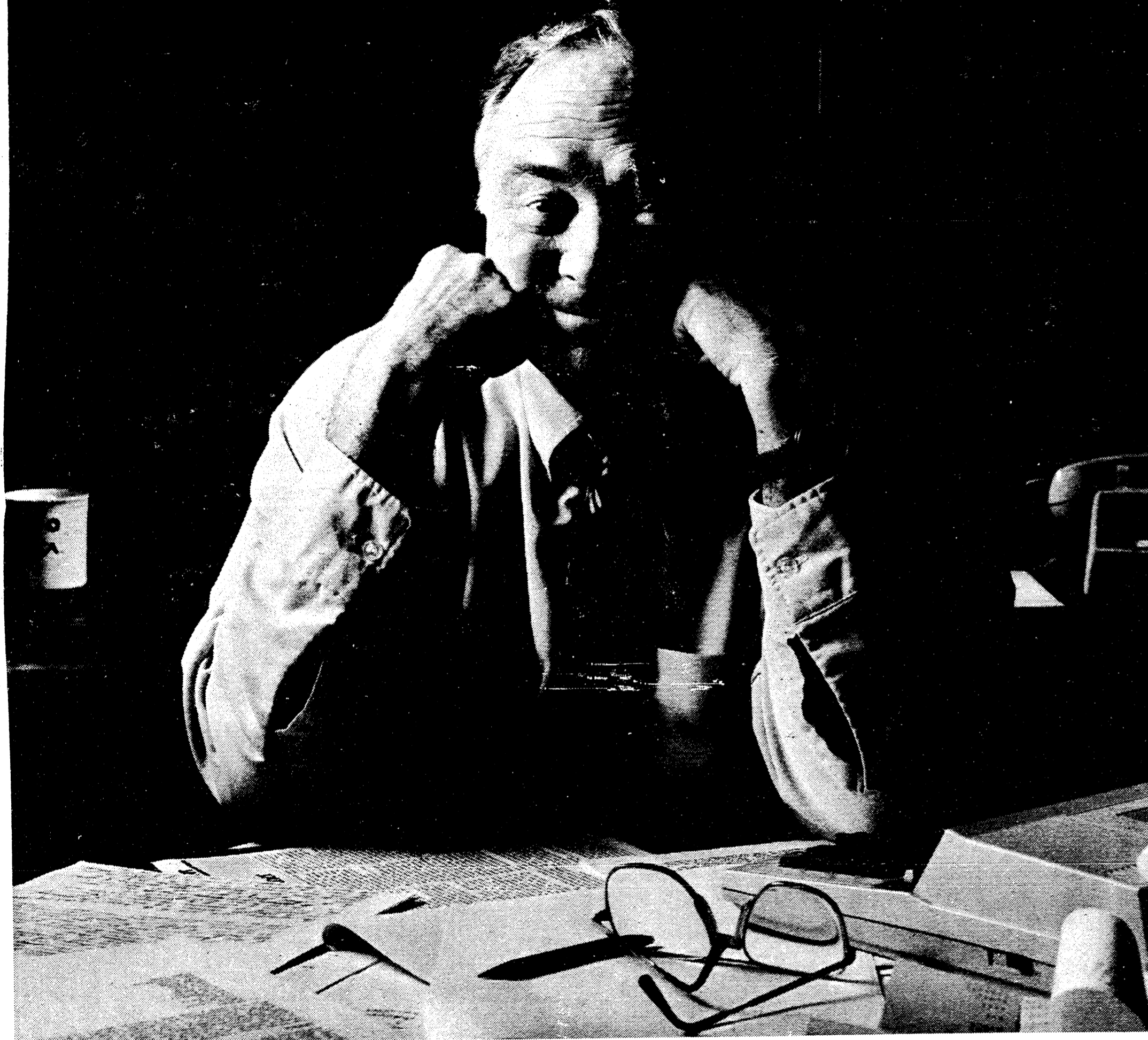
\$4.50 Advance Sale \$5.00 At Gate

Notice Of Public Hearing Sharon Township Zoning Board Of Appeals

A public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM EDST on Tuesday, July 21, 1987, at the Sharon Township Hall, 18010 Pleasant Lake Road, to consider an application for a variance from the Sharon Township Zoning Ordinance. This application from Mr. Clifford R. Green seeks to allow the temporary placement and use of a mobile home while building a permanent residence. The proposed site is located on Parr Road, in the NW ¼ of Section 36, (T3S, R3E) of Sharon Township.

Please direct written comments on or before July 21, 1987, to: Sharon Township Zoning Board of Appeals, Paul Kluwe, Chairman, P.O. Box 84, Manchester, MI 48158-0084.

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Successful 34th Annual Chicken Broil

Sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s helped to make the 1987 Chicken Broil one of the most successful ever, according to Ron Mann, Co-Chairman of the

Chicken Broil Committee. Although all the tickets have not been turned in yet, he estimates that approximately 12,000 dinners were served and that the profits

may possibly be the highest in the history of the annual event.

Weather plays a large part in the success or failure of the Broil, and the group has always jokingly employed the local clergy as a "Weather Committee." "This year," says Mann, "John Swainson predicted we would have sunshine and 74 degrees, and that's what we had." "Maybe," he added, "that shows that politicians have more control over the weather than the clergy."

Regardless of who or what is responsible, the weather was perfect, the chicken cooked to a mouth-watering tenderness and the cole slaw, rolls and chips were as good as ever. In fact, nothing went wrong. The chickens cost a little less, the Committee used less charcoal and profits could turn out to be a record.

Those profits this year will be used to buy 5 additional Life Line units to finish the project, bringing the total purchased to 15 units. These allow seniors and other medically needy citizens to instantly access emergency help without having to dial a telephone. In addition, the Broil plans to purchase shelving units for the Historical Room at the library. Any excess funds after these projects are completed will be put toward an undetermined project for next year.

In all, it was a very satisfying day, both for the Chicken Broil Committee and for the thousands of hungry guests.



Loading Grids With Chicken



To Charcoal Pits



To Chicken Testers



To Serving Lines

10th Annual Street Fair

Once again historic Manchester will close downtown Main Street for its 10th annual Street Fair on Saturday, August 1st, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The fair will include exhibits of original hand crafted works by talented artists. Exhibits will include jewelers, wood working, pottery, baskets and a variety of other displays. Heritage Crafters will demonstrate their talents by displaying a variety of ideas.

The merchants on Main will be having sidewalk sales along with many store bargains. Manchester Restaurants will be featuring food specials throughout the day.

Manchester Historical Society will be hosting their unique collectable sale along with forge demonstrations at the Blacksmith Shoppe on Main.

Take advantage of the pancake breakfast hosted by the K of C from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at their hall.

Included in the days events will be the Mill Run beginning at 8:00 a.m., registration is at 7:30 a.m., cost of \$2.00 includes breakfast. The run features a 10K, and a 2 mile walk or run through the village. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Hand Or Machine Made Wagons

Manchester Enterprise
April 23, 1903

Editor Enterprise:--As you are well aware, there are certain stores in the different villages where men congregate each evening to discuss and decide matters both important and trivial. It was in one of these in the village of Brooklyn during the summer of 1901 that I heard an animated discussion on the subject of wagons. Several were claiming superiority for the old handmade wagon, while as many more were earnestly presenting the merits and claiming superiority for the modern or machine made wagon.

Thinking that I knew something about wagons and believing the subject worthy of investigation, I have taken considerable pains to collect a little information along this line.

About 1850 or 60 the late A. G. Burton of Clinton began making iron axle wagons. A practical wagon maker by the name of Griffith had charge of the wood-work and Fred Mahrie did a large share of the ironing. The first of these wagons brought into this section was purchased by Columbus Aulls in 1861 at a cost \$125. The year following, James T. Aulls, James Stewart, Junius Short and G. D. Kies each brought home one of these new departure wagons. The five wagons I have mentioned are all

in active use and apparently good for a long time yet. Four have been cut down and wide tires substituted. Of these four, the one now owned by Wilbur Short has doubtless drawn the most heavy loads, but the one owned by C. Aulls has stood the most wear as for many years it was his only wagon. The one purchased by James T. Aulls has never been changed or repaired in any way and as it has had a varied history we will note some points which may be of interest.

In 1869 James Benham leased Mr. Aulls' farm, where Mr. Rawson now lives, purchasing the tools, etc. At the expiration of the lease in 1872 he had an auction and this wagon was sold to T. J. VanGieson for \$90, which was the price of a new Jackson wagon at that time. After Mr. VanGieson's death in 1899 the wagon was again sold at auction this time to Ira VanGieson for \$22.50.

In 1835 a young man by the name of Henry Stoehr came to Clinton and commenced the manufacture of wagons which gained steadily in popularity until his wagons were sought after by every teamster in this section of the state because, as the late William Baxter expressed it to me, "they could talk."

In 1852 James T. Aulls who was then living on the farm now occupied by Mrs. James Kress, purchased a light weight lumber wagon of Mr. Stoehr. In 1854 and 1855 it was used to draw gravel, to grade what is now known as the Jackson branch of the Lake Shore railway, which is considered one of the hardest tests a wagon can be put to.

In collecting the points for this bit of wagon history, I unearthed some interesting facts not directly connected with wagons.

The \$35 note give for the Stoer wagon at Mr. Aulls' sale was not paid when due and in time outlawed, but 20 or 25 years later the maker voluntarily paid it with interest amounting in all to an even \$100.

Mr. Stoehr, the wagon maker mentioned here, had a wedding journey worth recording. He walked to Ann Arbor--at that time the road was mostly through forest--was married and with his wife walked to Clinton again the same day. Alonzo Clark informs me that he remembers the circumstance well.

As to the point in controversy it may take some years to decide, as machine made wagons have been manufactured for but comparatively few years.



Sincerely Yours,
HENERY R. PALMER