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## Weiss Receives Optimist Award

## Old Scenes Revisited



Mary Kallewaard with Hikah and her parents, Nancy and. Gerald Weiss

Manchester Optimists awarded the honor of Outstanding Student for the month of December to Hikah Weiss. She is the daughter of Nancy and Gerald Weiss in the Village.

Hikah was a member of the Drama Club in both 9th and 10th grades and a football cheerleader in 10th. She was elected class president in her sophomore year and was a member of the Law Explorers in 11th grade. Hikah tutored German both this year and last and has been a member of the Science Academic Team for three years.

This year she has been in the Quiz Bowl and is on the English

Writing Team. Hikah is Home coming Queen for 1989 and member of the National Honor Society. She has been a member for 4 years and is currently president of the Manchester Chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving. She is also a representative for Manchester Recreation Task Force and the Substance Abuse Awareness Committee.
She plans to attend the University of Michigan next fall, majoring in business administration and a foreign language. She envisions a career in international business. Congratulations, Hikah, for these outstanding accomplishments.

Quincy Herald, editor of the Quincy Herald, lived in Manchester when he was a boy, his father owning the farm now owned by John Gumpper on the Ypsilanti branch railroad in the east part of town. In his paper last week he says that the item on the death of Gen. Jabez H. Fountain at Los Angeles, Cal., "was read with more than usual interest by the editor of the Herald, as it revived many memories of our boyhood days at the old home in Manchester.
We remember Mr. Fountain well as a prosperous and successful business man prior to and during the war. As an associate of a young relative of Mr. Fountain's who lived with him some time, we passed many happy hours at his pleasant home midway between Manchester and east Manchester. Mr. F. was an enthusiastic republican and during the exciting campaign of 1860 he commanded a large local company of Wide-

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Awakes, a famous republican organization of that campaign, whose torchlight processions, marching in rail fence order, presented a grand and inspiring sight. While we were not old enough, about 14, to march in the ranks and carry a torch so followed them around with the rest of the boys and hurrahed for Lincoln and Hamlin.
We well remember the first war meeting held at Manchester immediately after Gov. Blair's call for one regiment of three months troops, Michigan's quota under President Lincoln's proclamation 75,000 troops. The Governor and the military board met at Detroit April 16, 1861, and made arrangements to organize, arm and equip the First Michigan Infantry without delay. On returning home from Detroit Mr. Fountain was injured at Clinton, being cut by glass from a shattered window in the car, resulting from firing annon in too close cannon in too close proximity. He appeared before the war meeting on his arrival at Manchester with his hand bandaged, told the
people what had been done and appealed for recruits to fill up the Manchester Guards, an Independent local military organization, which was to form one of the companies of the three months regiment.
If our memory serves us right, C.T. Allen, a tall, slender young country school teacher, and one of the most popular young men in that section, was the first young man to enlist. He afterwards served through the war in the 20th Infantry and rose to the rank of Captain. For many years he has been a popular methodist minister t Detroit The Manchester company was soon filled up and did good service at the front. On their return home in August they were given a grand reception and a big picnic dinner in the grove out of town. Those were exciting days which we can never forget. Little did we think then that the war would last four long years and that we would be permitted to serve in the ranks of the reorganized First from the Wilderness to Appomattox.

## Sharon Mill Historical Site

The Michigan Historical Commission has listed the Sharon Mill, 5701 Sharon Hollow Road, Manchester, in the State Register of Historic Sites.

Sharon Mills is a rectangular plan two-and-one-half story gable roofed structure constructed of clapboard clad post and beam and


This picturesque property is presently owned by Lillian Martin and is now the Sharon Mills Winery.
esting on an uncoursed split fieldstone foundation. A single story gable roofed frame generator room extends over the mill race. A single story rectangular plan gabled roofed fieldstone power house unit occurs at the rear of the mill. The Mill reveals Greek Revival inspiration in its simple massing and stylistic elements. The principle (west) and rear elevations are four bays wide and display symmetrical fenestration with plain surrounds, and are capped by a massive frieze. The south elevation is three bays wide featuring a set of offset windows in the second story rising from a slope exposing an entrance in the fieldstone foundation, beneath a water table. Its most distinctive element is a wide frieze linking massive gable returns. The north elevation is identical except for the generator room over the race, which features wide corner pilasters rising to a plain frieze and supporting a shallow pitch gable roof with returns. The split fieldstone power house unit's west elevation presents a bank of large windows, while the east elevation is four bays wide with symmetrical fenestration. The south is composed of a single sash window and double wide vehicular entry. All doors and windows occur beneath cut stone and keystone lintels, while frieze boards and returns were
employed to blend with the primary mill building.

Sharon Hollow has been a mill-site since 1834 when Amasa Gilbert erected a sawmill. Information about the original mill on this site is scarce, but according to local historians it was built in the 1830 's or 1840 's. John W. Rice, the Justice of the Peace of Sharon County in 1858, was an early owner of the mill, used primarily to grind flour. In 1874, Alexander Kirkwood bought an interest in the property and became sole owner by 1890. When Alexander Kirkwood died in 1900, his son George inherited the site. George Kirkwood operated the mill until 1926, when the mill was purchased by Henry Ford and essentially rebuilt during the 1930's. Henry Ford had personally visited the mill in 1926 to record its machinery and interview George Kirkwood.

In 1939, Henry Ford rebuilt the original stone and earthen dam which had washed out in 1926, and rebuilt the mill to exact specifications. He retained its original construction and stylistic elements and added the stone powerhouse to the rear. The Sharon Mill became the thirteenth Ford Village Industries Ford of an ambitious endeavor by part of an ambitious endeavor by
Ford to create a series of small water driven plants in rural areas continued on page 3


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## Changes In Driver Testing <br> Eleventh Consecutive Increase

Sweeping changes in the way Michigan drivers of commercial vehicles are tested and licensed will take effect on January 2, 1990, according to Michigan Secretary of State, Richard H. Austin. "The Commercial Motor Nehicle Safety Act establishes a uniform, nationwide testing and licensing system," stated Secretary Austin.
The revised standards are part of Michigan and federal initiatives to improve highway safety by improving testing, licensing and post-licensing procedures and controls for operators of commercial vehicles.
Starting in January, new applicants for a commercial license will take revised knowledge and skills tests. Drivers of commercial vehicles renewing their licenses may be able to waive the skills test, if they have a satisfactory driving record and two years experience driving the type of vehicle for which they wish to be licensed.
Drivers exempted from liensing requirements include firefighters meeting approved training standards and operating authorized emergency vehicles; farmers operating vehicles under 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) transporting farm products, machinery or supplies on trailers over 10,000 pounds GVWR within 150 miles of the farm; on-duty military personnel operating military vehiles; and individuals operating motor homes or other vehicles transporting personal possessions or family for non-business purposes.

## DIAL <br> -A- <br> GARDEN

The following is a monthly schedule of Dial-A-Garden, the system of pre-recorded daily gardening tips sponsored by the Washtenaw County Cooperative Extension Service. The system is in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Interested persons are invited to call 971-1129 at their convenience to listen to timely, up-to-date gardening information.
Thursday, January 4: Winter Checklist
Friday, January 5: Storm Injury on Trees
Monday, January 8: Growing Bromeliad s
Tuesday, January 9: Home Greenhouse
Wednesday, January 10: Plant Hardiness Zones

Among the time-saving products that received awards were a new drill bit that lets the user drill curved holes in wood and a wood boring bit that pulls itself into the work. Both were developed by Vermont American Tool Company.
The drill bit with the ability to drill curved holes is aptly called the "Around the Comer Bit." The new bit is good for rewiring jobs as well as for remodeling. deck lighting installations. and other jobs where there's a need to eliminate sharp inside comers that obstruct easy passages. The wood boring bit that pulls itself into the piece is called "Wood Eater." It has a self-feeding screw to do most of the work. Good news indeed for do-it yourselfers who like their projects to go quickly and smoothly.

The number of Michigan farmers who recognize the benefit of no-till planting systems continues to grow. 1989 was the eleventh consecutive year of increased no-till corn acreage in Michigan according to tillage curve just completed by the Conservation Service
"There were approximately


293,200 acres of no-till corn in 1989 compared to approximately 280,000 acres in 1988, an increase of 4.7 percent. No-till soybeans increased more dramatically from 69,000 acres in 1988 to 97,300 acres in 1989, a 41 percent increase", said Dwight Quisenberry, State Conservation Agranomist for the Soil Conservation

Service in East Lansing
In the State of Michigan there were 47,025 acres of no-till orchards, 31,400 acres of no-till wheat, 10,300 acres of no-till pasture, 12,700 acres of no-till hay, 10,751 acres of no-till oats, 14,659 acres of asparagus and 3,934 acres of no-till rye grown in 1989. Other no-till crops grown in Michigan included barley, blueberries, brambles, brassicas, field berries, brambles, brassicas, field or
beans, grapes, oats, onions, Till
radishes, snap beans, sorghum (forage), sorghum (grain), sorghum-sudan, sudex, sugar beets, sweet corn, tomatoes and trefoil.

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