# Beard Judging, Shaving Demonstration Scheduled Saturday



LEADING THE PARADE—Governor G. Mennen Williams, at left, wearing a Brothers of the Brush handlebar mustache and a green polka dot anniversary tie, both presented to him on his arrival in Chelsea Saturday afternoon, rode at the head of the big anniversary parade in an open car. With the governor (left) were Village President Donald Alber and, in the front seat, Sylvan Township Supervisor Maurice Hoffman.

## *Sorrowful Weeping Expected from Wives*

A preview of "the new look" for the male population of Chelsea after the close of Chelsea's 125th anniversary celebration this week will be given at 8 p.m. Saturday in the pre-pageant activities at the pageant site—the stage set up at the new Chelsea High school athletic field.

Seven Brothers of the Brush with the "most luxuriant facial foliage" will participate in a shaving contest conducted by the Remington Rand Co. The seven contestants will be checked by the anniversary queen and two members of her court to verify whether the "foliage" is properly fastened to the skin (grown, not artificially attached).

Following this inspection, each contestant will be given a Remington Rand electric razor to use during the contest. At the conclusion of the contest they will be given new razors.

Committees in charge said they felt sure that wives of many of the Brothers of the Brush will weep during the agonizing process of watching their husbands' beautiful beards shaved off, much the same as when thier son's curly locks were shorn for the first time. Because of the copious weeping expected, all wives are asked to bring their own "crying towels."

Following the beard shaving demonstration the anniversary queen and two members of her court will be presented with Remington Rand Princess electric shavers.

Beard judging is to take place on the reviewing stand in front of the Post Office at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Blue ribbons and a picture will be the prize for the winner in each of eight categories: best full beard; most handsome; ugliest; Van Dyke or chin beard; sideburns or mutton chops style; reddest; blackest; and the beard best suiting the character of the man wearing it.

A point system sheet is available from all merchants in the com-

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DELUXE TRANSPORTATION—This stylish model carriage played a prominent part in several of the special programs of the anniversary celebration in the past few weeks. Two weeks ago it was the "wedding coach" for the "Appelthwaite-Ogglethorpe wedding," a special Friday night entertainment put on by the Cavanaugh Cut-Ups Chapter of Chelsea Belles. It is the property of Paul Bollinger who was accompanied in the parade Saturday by his wife and family.

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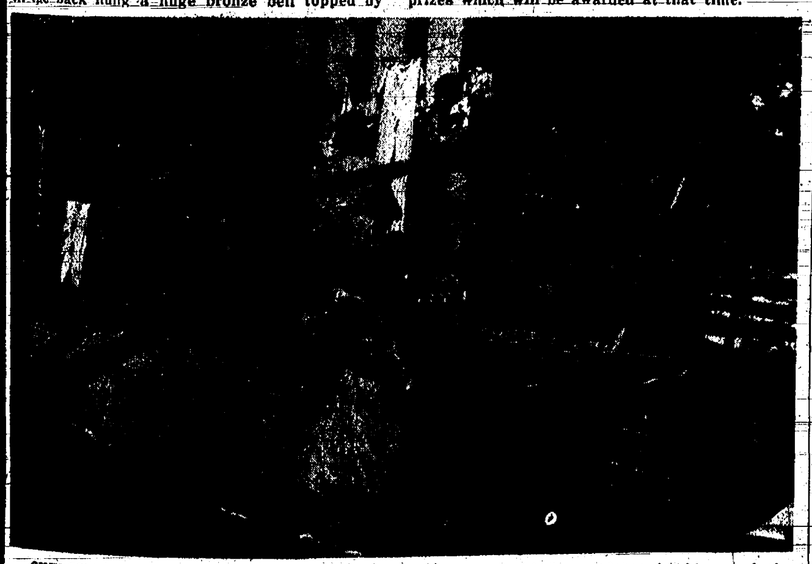
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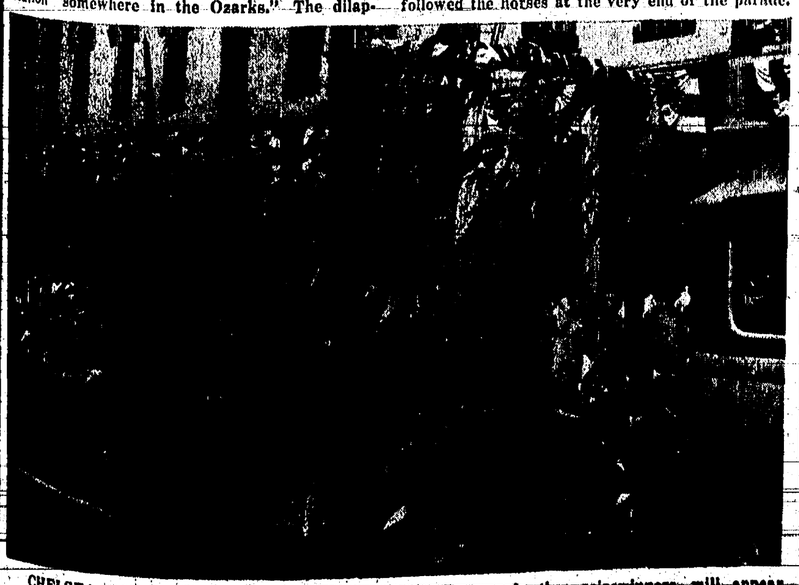
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INDUSTRIAL WINNING FLOAT—This huge Float entered by Central Fibre Products Co. was awarded first prize in the industrial division of Saturday's anniversary parade. Blue numerals and letters on the white background spelled out "125th Anniversary" and bouquets of gladioli backed the large figure of a horseshoe, symbol of good luck. At the back hung a huge bronze bell topped by the figure of an eagle. A striking effect was achieved by the well-balanced design and everyone was in accord with the judge's decision to award the float a first prize. All prizewinning floats will appear in next Saturday's parade and representatives of each sponsoring industry or organization are asked to be present to receive the prizes which will be awarded at that time.



CHELSEA PRODUCT'S float which won first place in the "most original" category in the parade Saturday, appeared to be a complete mountain family's home transplanted bodily from its location "somewhere in the Ozarks." The dilapidated cabin with its outdoor plumbing and the pig pen with a real pig squealing at the top of its lungs, all added up to create a scene that caused as much amusement as the "street cleaners" who followed the horses at the very end of the parade.



CHELSEA ROD & GUN CLUB won first place in the organizational and service club division with the above float in last Saturday's parade. This float, and other prizewinners, will appear again in this Saturday's final parade.

## *Mrs. C. Popovich Named Chelsea's Anniversary Queen*

Mrs. Charles Popovich, Jr., is Chelsea's 125th Anniversary Queen and she and her husband are looking forward to their week's vacation at Clearwater, Fla., the prize offered the winner of the contest by the anniversary committee.

Mrs. Popovich was announced as the winner Saturday evening at the Anniversary Ball at the new Chelsea High school gymnasium.

At the same time Mrs. George Merkel was named as the runner-up and because the two were so close, the anniversary committee decided a second prize was in order and Mrs. Merkel and her husband will be given a four-day trip to Chicago and $50 in cash.

The Merkels will be guests at the Conrad-Hilton hotel and will be entertained one evening in the Boulevard Room of the hotel and another evening at a famous smorgasbord restaurant which features a miniature opera house. They will also enjoy a four-hour daytime sightseeing tour of the city and a two-hour evening tour of Chinatown and other places of interest.

Mrs. Merkel, registered for the contest as Nancy Merkel, is the mother of four children, Ellen, 10 years old, Linda, 8, Michael, 4, and Ann, 3 years old. Relatives have offered to care for the children while the Merkels are in Chicago.

Mrs. Merkel, registered for the Mary Altar Society and served last year as chairman of the troop committee of Girl Scout Troop 140.

The queen, listed throughout the contest as Norma Jean Popovich, is the mother of a 2½-year-old daughter, Joanne, and a 16-month-old son, David. A friend has offered to care for the children while she and her husband are on vacation. Chelsea may well be proud to send Mrs. Popovich as the community's representative for a week's stay as the guest of the city of Clearwater, Fla. Exact date of the trip has not been decided.

Mrs. Popovich is a past president of Herbert J. McKune Unit No. 31, American Legion Auxiliary, and was recently elected a member of the executive committee of the Legion Auxiliary's Second District. She was the first elected vice-president of the Jaycees Auxiliary.

A graduate of St. Mary's school and a 1953 graduate of Chelsea High school, she was employed in the office of Rockwell-Standard Corp. Spring Division until after her marriage four years ago.

Mrs. Popovich and Mrs. Merkel were almost too overcome with emotion to say more than "Thank you" when they were called to the stage Saturday night. Mrs. Merkel said she was very happy and surprised to learn that the anniversary committee had decided to award her the unexpected prize of a trip to Chicago.

Both girls expressed appreciation for the support of friends who encouraged them and to all who purchased tickets for the pageant from them. The sale of the tickets was the means of gaining the points by which their places in the contest were tabulated.

In addition to caring for their families and working hard at selling tickets for the pageant, the two girls have been sewing anniversary costumes for friends. Mrs. Popovich has made 20 dresses

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HERE'S THE QUEEN!—Mrs. Charles Popovich, Jr., is shown in the photo just after she had been crowned "Queen of Chelsea's 125th Anniversary." Dressed in the gold lame' gown and white brocade cloak which is her official costume, she wears her rhinestone tiara with all the grace of royalty. She said she was so overcome to learn she had been named queen Saturday night that she was almost speechless; however, she had recovered her poise by Monday night when the crowning ceremony took place.

## Assembly of God To Start Building

One of the highlights in the history of the Chelsea Assembly of God church will be the "ground breaking" ceremony that will take place on the newly purchased lot on Old US-12 just east of South Main street.

This church has been planning and working toward this day since its opening here in July, 1954.

The Rev. H. J. Meppelink, pastor, says, "I can remember when starting five years ago with the first Sunday School attendance being a total of nine, a new building for worship seemed an impossibility. But I believe this to be a modern day miracle taking place as I look back and see how God has blessed this congregation."

"The new building will be of modern design, of block and brick face construction and will be a compliment to the community," the Rev. Meppelink stated.

Taking part in the ceremony will

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# Elaborate Floats Make Saturday's Anniversary Parade 'Outstanding'

## Estimated Crowd of 10,000 Lines Streets Along Route

Saturday's 125th Anniversary parade has received wide publicity because of the beauty of many of the floats entered as well as the originality displayed by those stressing the theme of pioneer days and those planned strictly for laughs.

Singled out for special commendation were the various marching units who took part, including the Chrysler Kiltie Band; the Southeastern Battalion of Knights Templar including knights from Ann Arbor, Northville and Ypsilanti; Zal Gaz Grotto of Ann Arbor the Zouaves of Jackson, and the Chelsea Brothers organizations, Chelsea and Dexter color guards, and the bands.

Leading the parade was an open car in which Gov. G. Mennen Williams, Village President Donald Alber and Sylvan Township Supervisor Maurice Hoffman rode.

Many people failed to recognize the governor because his appearance in the parade was unexpected. It had been announced previously that the governor would be here at 10 a.m. but could not remain for the parade. Late Friday, word was received that his plans were changed and he would fly here, arriving at Willow Run at 1:15 p.m. He arrived in Chelsea at 2 p.m. and after a brief ceremony in front of the reviewing stand where he was presented with a Chelsea Brothers of the Brush membership button, anniversary hat and a green polka-dot anniversary tie and fitted with a handlebar mustache, he and Alber and Hoffman headed for the Junior High School where his arrival signalled the start of the big parade. Presentation of the various anniversary items was made by Village President Alber and Sylvan Township Supervisor Hoffman. The governor wore the mustache throughout the parade.

A surprise visit to the Methodist Home had been arranged by village officials when they learned the governor would have a half-hour free immediately after the parade. The Rev. Edwin Weiss, superintendent of the Home was called by village officials shortly after noon to arrange for the visit and residents of the Home were awaiting his arrival after the parade.

The governor expressed a desire to see the infirmary and the quarters where the mentally ill and irresponsible senile patients

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### *Reserved Seats Still Available For Pageant*

Reserved seats for the remaining performances of the anniversary pageant are priced at 50 cents plus the coupon which is good for one admission ticket.

Attendance has been increasing each night, approximately 1,300 being present Tuesday.

## Agriculture Day Set for Thursday

Today (Thursday) is Agriculture Day of Chelsea's 125th Anniversary Celebration Week which began last Saturday and will be concluded Saturday, July 18.

One of the highlights of the day will be the parade scheduled for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Stanley Beal is in charge of assembling an array of farm machinery and equipment which will include many antiques.

The parade is so planned that spectators will be able to follow the development of farm machinery from the days of hand equipment to the most modern mechanized equipment.

Everett Van Riper, general chairman of Agriculture Day, said yesterday that the parade is one of the most complete agricultural displays he has ever seen.

After the parade the equipment will be on display at the Fairgrounds.

The parade will assemble at the Junior High school and will take the same route as last Saturday's parade—East to East Middle; west to Main street; south on Main street to Old US-12 and then west to the Fairgrounuds.

### *Thursday's Parade Will Start at 2:30 p.m.*

This afternoon's Agriculture Day parade, scheduled for 2 p.m., will be delayed one-half hour to await the arrival of the "Queen of Clearwater."

## *Auxiliary Police Commended for Help with Traffic*

Chelsea's Auxiliary Police have been commended by anniversary committees and by village officials and residents for the splendid job they have been doing in directing traffic during recent weeks, not only in Chelsea but in various places where they have been a part of the caravans of visitors.

Their control of traffic for Saturday's unprecedented crowd of visitors and residents was especially commended.

## *First Anniversary Baby Born to Paul Manns*

Chelsea's first baby born after the 125th Anniversary Celebration started at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 11, is Susan Jean Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mann. She was born at 3 a.m. at U. of M. Women's hospital, Ann Arbor.

Gifts for the new baby, as offered prior to the celebration week, are as follows:

One year's supply of vitamins from Chelsea Drug.

Baby book from Anderson's Department store.

Diaper bag from Vogel's Store.

(If the baby had been named Ann for Anniversary, 25 silver dollars would have been included.)

## Florida Queen Will Arrive Here Today

Patricia Marchiselli, currently reigning queen of the "Fun in the Sun" celebration at Clearwater, Fla., will be in Chelsea this afternoon for the express purpose of inviting Chelsea's anniversary queen, Norma Jean Popovich, to visit Clearwater the week of Aug. 16-22. The Clearwater queen has been delegated to advise the Chelsea queen that she is to ride in a special Chelsea float in a parade at Clearwater.

The Florida city has already made arrangements for a full week of activities for Chelsea's queen and her husband, Charles Popovich, Jr.

The Clearwater queen will arrive at Willow Run Airport on the Golden Falcon Flight. She is being sent here to personally greet Chelsea's queen and invite her officially to be the guest of the city of Clearwater, Fla.

A caravan of cars is being assembled to go to the airport and welcome the Clearwater queen on her arrival at 1:25 p.m. The caravan will return to Chelsea as quickly as possible in order that the Clearwater queen and the Chelsea queen may appear in the Agriculture Day parade.

Parade committees will be asked to delay the start of the parade until 2:30 p.m. to await the arrival of the caravan.

Donald Alber asks all Chelsea people available at that time of day to meet at the new Chelsea High school parking lot to start for the airport at 12 o'clock noon.

Alber said "Let's show Clearwater that we really know how to welcome royalty. This is our chance to show our appreciation for the

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### *Parade Line-Up*

Line-up for the Veterans and Fraternal Day parade Saturday, July 18, is to be as follows:

FLOATS—

Assemble on East street from Park street, south.

OLD TIME CARS—

Assemble on Park street between East and Main street.

HORSES, BUGGIES, ETC.—

Assemble on Park street between East and Madison street.

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## Why More Than One Million Unemployed Persons in Boom Times?

It is surprising to read the figures on unemployment today—in the middle of what amounts to boom times. The latest government report, issued earlier this month, shows that there are about 1,333,000 drawing unemployment pay.

Of course, a year ago this figure was well over 2,000,000, so the situation is not getting worse, nor is there anything particularly new in the latest report. The point to be remembered is that in good times such as these, more than a million Americans are accepting free handouts for doing nothing.

Naturally, one knows some of this number care little whether they work or not. In the various states the length of time an unemployed person may draw compensation varies, but there is a maximum time persons can draw this compensation. And many of them simply use up their maximum allowance and then go back to work—at least long enough to qualify themselves for another "vacation."

In short, we all know there are many who take advantage of a system set up to care for those deserving persons who for some reason or other cannot find employment when they honestly want to work.

In general, we feel that in prosperous times such as the present, anyone who really wants work can find a job. They may not find the job they want, but they can usually find work.

Those individual qualities of self-sufficiency, independence and pride which made America great are much needed today.

## Mouth-to-Mouth Respiration Now Approved for Saving Drowning Victim

The American Red Cross has made it official—the best way to save a drowning victim is by use of the "mouth-to-mouth" system.

The system is rather simple, and it is a wonder it had not been discovered before now. The first thing to do with a victim is to tilt the head backward. The mouth should be opened and the base of the tongue should be moved away from the back of the throat, and any obstruction in the mouth removed.

Then the rescuer opens his mouth as wide as possible and places it tightly over the victim's mouth, pinching the victims nostrils closed, and blows into the lungs at the rate of about once every five seconds, for an adult. For a child, one blows a little less hard every three seconds.

After blowing into the victim's lungs, remove the mouth and see if you hear the flow of air coming out of the lungs. Repeat the process in any event, although if you do not hear any exchange of air, you might recheck the head and jaw position to be sure there is no obstruction.

An additional tip, in saving a child, is to up-end it by holding the ankles and administering two or three sharp slaps on the back, between the shoulder blades. An adult, who might be too heavy to be lifted in such fashion, may be turned on his side, and the blows may be registered on his back, at the same place. Or, he too, may be up-ended, if possible.

We suggest you might clip this editorial and keep it for reference or re-read it until you know the process from memory because this knowledge may help you save a life some time in the future.

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The original purpose of the McClellan committee, as we recall it, was to gather information on which to base legislation to protect rank and file union members against oppression and extortion by their leaders. Having sparked no effective laws, it now seems determined to protect Walter Reuther against Jimmy Hoffa.

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## Newscast: "Civil Rights Fight Continues"




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By Elmer E. White, Secretary, Michigan Press Association

Democrats are starting another state-wide fight for reapportionment of the Legislature.

The Democratic State Central Committee June 28 decided to form a committee to plan for reapportionment, a drive that has new significance for Democrats because of the 1959 deadlock in the Legislature over state finances.

The State Central Committee acted after party members in the 14th Congressional district adopted a statement blaming the legislative stalemate on "the undemocratic reapportionment system which permits Republicans to subvert the needs of the state to satisfy their own and their party's selfish ends."

Democrats claim areas for the Senate, a Republican stronghold by a 22-12 margin, are gerrymandered to Republican advantage.

The State Senate seats were put into the constitution in 1952 by voters.

Democrats are expected to circulate petitions to put the reapportionment issue on the ballot. It would take signatures totaling 10 per cent of the votes cast for governor in the last election. This would be 231,218 based on the Nov. 4, 1958 turnout.

There is little chance for Democrats to get the issue on the ballot through legislative action. It would require a two-thirds vote of both houses to submit the issue to the people.

Senate Democratic Leader Harold Ryan, Detroit, said the proposal "wouldn't get to first base" in the Senate.

Democratic unhappiness with the present district lineup in the Senate was behind their refusal to endorse the proposal for constitutional revision that was on the ballot in November.

Delegates for the constitutional convention would be elected from present State districts.

Some Democrats would like to see outright abolishment of the Senate and creation of a unicameral Legislature.

A more likely proposal would be for the addition of seats that would be nominated by parties and elected at-large.

Democrats say the addition of at-large lawmakers would give the population centers a bigger voice in the Senate without stirring up opposition by taking seats away from Republicans.

But any attempt at reapportionment will be more than a struggle for power between Republicans and Democrats.

It boils down to a fight between urban and rural areas.

East and west Michigan settled differences and reached agreement on a proposal to give special names to North-South highway routes in Michigan.

The Legislature passed a bill to designate US-131 from the Indiana border to Kalkaska as the Mackinac Trail; M-78 and M-66 from the border to Kalkaska as the Green Arrow Route; and US-131 from Kalkaska to the Mackinac Bridge as the Green Arrow Route-Mackinac Trail.

The highway designation proposals were among the first to be made in the 1959 Legislature. It took about six months to work out a compromise.

A bill to designate a West Michigan Mackinac Trail was defeated after East Michigan interests said it would not be historically accurate. The original Mackinac Trail used by Indians went north from Saginaw.

The original Green Arrow proposal was threatened in the Senate, where backers of the Mackinac Trail bill said the state couldn't have one without the other.

But all differences were settled to enable passage of the package bill that combined the two designations.

All roads—including the Mackinac Trail and the Green Arrow Route—lead to the Mackinac Straits for Michigan sightseers.

The heavy Fourth of July influx indicated the Mackinac Bridge is still a major tourist attraction.

Ever since the Bridge was opened in November of 1957, the docks used by the Mackinac Straits ferries have been considered surplus property by the state.

But the Waterways Commission, which assumes jurisdiction over the docks under a bill cleared by both houses of the Legislature, said the docks have big potential.

The bill gives the commission supervision over docks at St. Ignace and Mackinaw City. The two communities would retain leases of portions of the docks for auto parking. The state would get a share of the parking receipts.

Commissioner director Keith Wilson said the Commission plans to spend about $100,000 improving the $4,500,000 docks, which have been deteriorating since the state ferry fleet was mothballed.

The Arnold Line and the Straits Transit Line, ferry lines to Mackinac Island, has been given leases to operate from the docks this summer.

The Straits Transit Line includes former state ferry workers who purchased one of the ferries for mainland-to-Mackinac Island service and tourist cruises.

## Special Education Executive Will Direct Easter Seal Camp

"Frank Wawraszk, Administrative Assistant for Rackham School for Special Education, has been chosen Director of the Crippled Children's Camp, sponsored by the Washtenaw County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc.," Herbert O. Benz, president of the society has announced. The camp will be held Aug. 17-28.

Anyone 8 to 21 years of age who is crippled or otherwise handicapped, may be eligible for the camp. Anyone interested in making application should contact the Washtenaw County Health Department.

The Camp is financed by contributions to the Easter Seal Drive.

Warren G. Harding is the only journalist to become President of the United States.

## SPECIAL ELECTION

### THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1959

**Junior High School Gymnasium**

1:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Shall the Board of Education of the Chelsea School District be authorized to sell the school district's interests in the following schools?

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**HOWARD W. FLINTOFT**
Secretary, Board of Education
Chelsea School District

## Uncle Lew from Lima Says:

Dear Mister Editor:

All I know about how them Senators and Congressmen carry on the nation's business is what I read in the papers. Fer instant, I was reading yesterday where one Senator butted in on the proceedings and talked fer a hour about somepun else. When they do this, they say they're "rising to a point of order" or somepun. My old lady has been butting in on my conversation fer years without "rising to a point of order." I'm going to call her attention to this new and more orderly system and tell her to watch her manners a little better in the future.

They spend half their time in Congress talking about nothing. I recollect one time when Senator Gore from Tennessee had to apologize to Senator Bush from Connecticut fer calling him a gentleman. It seems you're supposed to call your colleagues in the Senate "the distinguished Senator." Then Senator Bush had to apologize to Senator Kerr from Oklahomas. It seems that Senator Bush claimed that Senator Kerr made "false" statements. They looked up the rules on it and decided that the distinguished Senator from Connecticut had called the distinguished Senator from Oklahoma a liar. The rules said plain and simple that one distinguished Senator could not call another distinguished Senator a liar. So Senator Bush had to amend his remarks to say that Senator Kerr was handling the "facts in a careless manner." Such goings on!

And I remember one time when Democrat Senator Neely of West Virginia got up and said: "There are 58 Democrats in the Senate. God bless them. There are 47 Republicans. God have mercy on them." Some Senator rose up "on a point or oder" and allowed as how such talk was in violation of the Senate rules. If I recollect it right, they made Senator Neely amend it to where God's blessings would fall on everybody alike, including Senator Morse who, at that time, was calling hisself a Independent. I don't recall as how anybody put in a good word at that time for the taxpayers, like, "May the good Lord sustain and comfort them." But little oversights like that to the taxpayers is common in the Congress, Mister Editor.

Yours truly,
Uncle Lew.

**BUSY BEAVER 4-H CLUB**

The regular meeting was held recently at the home of Bonnie Mollenkopf. Plans were made for the Stockbridge Free Fair which will be held July 15-18. Mrs. Walz showed slides on different events.

The foods girls met recently with their leader.

Mrs. Clare Armstrong and David of Port Hope, spent several days with the Martin Hannewald family.

Norm Hannewald and Terry Schoonover went on a daily tour with their leader.

Norm Hannewald, reporter.

# JUST REMINISCING

Items taken from the files of The Chelsea Standard

## 4 Years Ago . . .

**Thursday, July 21, 1955—**

The Chelsea Village Council has approved the subdivision plat plans of the Chelsea Development Co., a newly-annexed subdivision at the southwest edge of the village.

In the scramble of preparing documents to be moved to the new Courthouse, the original deed to the Courthouse Square has turned up. The property was deeded by John and Ann I. Allen "to the supervisors," Jan. 3, 1828. The original deed, on which the description of the property was incorrect, was replaced with a corrected document dated Jan. 20, 1844.

Commander Charles Spencer and his staff of officers for the 1955-56 year will be installed Saturday with the "40 et 8" ritual team of Lenawee county executing the installation ceremonies at the American Legion Home.

## 14 Years Ago . . .

**Thursday, July 19, 1945—**

The Ladies' Aid Society of Zion Lutheran church, Rogers Corners, observed its fiftieth anniversary at appropriate services held during the regular Sunday morning service last Sunday. Guest speaker was the Rev. M. Schleicher, superintendent of the Williston, O., Mercy Home of the American Lutheran Church.

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church was the setting for the wedding of Martha Elizabeth Yost and Lowell A. Davisson. The couple will reside at 345 Madison street.

In the 34 Years Ago column (July 20, 1911): New cement sidewalks are being laid in several localities. There are very few board sidewalks now remaining in Chelsea. Another improvement is the installation of new hitching posts in front of the Gorman building and the side of the McKune Block on East Middle street.

John Adams was the last member of the Federalist party to be elected President of the United States.

## 24 Years Ago . . .

**Thursday, July 18, 1935—**

At the Village Council meeting Monday it was decided that the flag pole in the center of the Main and Middle street intersection will be taken down, although it is not yet definitely known where it will be placed.

John C. Leeman, a member of the CHS Class of '35 is the recipient of a Michigan Alumni Undergraduate Scholarship award and will be one of 50 high school graduates from all parts of the state who will enroll at the University of Michigan under the scholarship program begun five years ago.

J. E. Weber has installed a blower system in the Princess theatre which changes the air in the room every 10 minutes, a new type of cooling system just placed on the market.

## 34 Years Ago . . .

**Thursday, July 16, 1925—**

Chelsea's 1925 Chautauqua begins July 24 and continues through July 27. Approximately 185 Chelsea residents and businessmen have made contributions of from $1 to $15 each in order that the program may be presented without admission charges. The Chautauqua tent will be set up on the school grounds at East and Park streets.

The Michigan Central has a large force of men at work making extensive improvements to their property. The trucks are being raised eight inches and new ties are being installed from Ypsilanti to Francisco.

The Trojan Laundry is installing a new 35 h.p. boiler at their place of business on North Main street. Upon evacuation of the Merkel Block next to the laundry the management will occupy that room in addition to the one now occupied.

Adam Eppler has had a summer cottage and garage erected on his property at Blind Lake.

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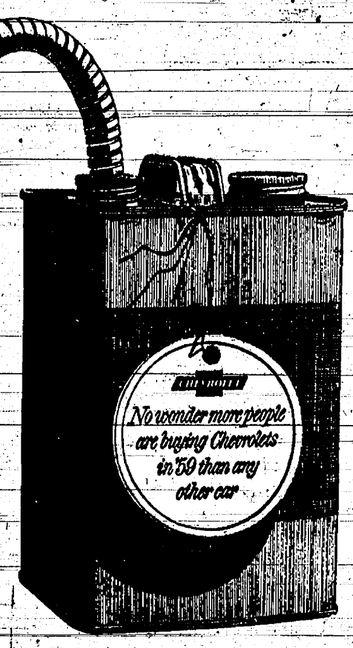
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## *Tax Levy of ½ Mill Approved for Special Education*

Manchester, Whitmore Lake, Dexter and 11 rural primary school districts held annual elections Monday to name school board members and to vote on the county special education proposal. Other districts in the county, including Chelsea, voted on the proposal June 8.

Results of Monday's election on the special education proposal were 884 in favor and 307 opposed.

This brings the total vote on the proposal in the entire county to 5,821 in favor and 1,858 opposed.

Chelsea was the only school district which registered a majority vote against the proposal, the June 8 vote being 262 "no" and 243 "yes."

Rural primary districts included in Monday's elections are Bennett, Braun, Crippen, Geer, Kimmel, Lapham's Corners, South Salem Stone, Superior Townline, Sutton, Thorne and Wash Oak, all in the eastern half of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Montange and children of 19640 Ivy road, returned Friday from a pleasant vacation trip to Kenosha, Wis., Sioux City, Mobille, and Denison, Ia., and Omaha, Neb.

Miss Carol Gieske returned home Wednesday after a 10-day trip to Texas with friends.

## Bands Face Busy Week Of Concerts

The Chelsea school's junior band will give a concert at 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the pageant site. All band members are to meet in the band room at the new Chelsea High school, Band Director Gayle Grove, has announced.

The junior band is also scheduled to march in Saturday's parade. Members are to meet at the Junior High school at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday night the Chelsea-Manchester community band will present a concert at the pageant site and should meet at 7:30 p.m. in the new high school band room.

The program will feature Byron Pearson as cornet soloist. A former member of the Chelsea High school band, Pearson is now a student in the School of Music at the University of Michigan.

Two baton twirlers, Lynne Slusser and Lynn Fahrner, will also be featured.

The Chelsea-Manchester community band will play again Sunday evening, July 19. A band concert will be given at 7:30 p.m., at Cascade Park, in Jackson. Chelsea members will leave from the high school at 6:30 p.m.

The next band rehearsal will be held Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m., in the band room.

Arizona is a leading mining state. It's principal mining products are copper, gold and silver.

## *Mabel Fox Touring Europe in Education Group*

Miss Mabel Fox, a Chelsea High school teacher, left New York Sunday on a European educational tour.

Teachers from various parts of the country are in the party of 29 making the tour which is sponsored by the National Education Association. The first leg of their jounrey is by air to Ireland's Shannon Airport.

The teachers will have an opportunity on the tour to inspect schools in the countries to be visited and to compare notes with European teachers. Experiences gained on the tour are expected to be helpful to them in furthering their professional careers and to provide materials which will be valuable in their classroom work with students.

After leaving Ireland the party will visit Scotland, England, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and France. They will return to New York, Aug. 27.

Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cobb who were in Chelsea Saturday to see the anniversary parade, were entertained that evening at a picnic barbecue supper at the Cobb home on North Main street. Those present in addition to Mrs. Cobb's parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Atkinson and son, David, of Cavanaugh Lake, were from Chelsea, Cavanaugh Lake, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Jackson and Bradenton, Fla.



"THE OLD PROSPECTOR" in Saturday's anniversary parade was none other than P. F. "Jerry" Niehaus who will again become recognizable as one of the assistant cashiers at Chelsea State Bank after this week when his anniversary beard will be removed. All the paraphernalia of his "prospecting" trek is slung across the donkey's back. Someone has inquired as to whether Jerry walked all the way to the Fairgrounds and back or if he rode back on the bus and let the donkey shift for himself—or did the donkey get a ride, too?

### Attend Mohrlock Funeral

Out-of-town relatives and friends who attended the funeral of David Mohrlock Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gauder of Tecumseh, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller of Swartz Creek, Robert Steinbach of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wortley of Lake Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Leek and son Paul, of Lansing.

### *Library Contributions*

Contributions for McKune Memorial Library were received this week from the Dorothy Shumacher Memorial Fund, Alfred Schneider, Wilbert Grieb, Charles Wortley, Martin Steinbach, Arthur Schmunk, Louis Abell, Chrysler Corporation, Mrs. Louis C. Karpinski and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Haselswerdt.

## Belles, Brothers of Brush Invited To Join in Parade

Chelsea Belles and Brothers of the Brush are especially invited to participate in Saturday's Veterans and Fraternal Day parade.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. and all units are to assemble at the Junior High school on East street at 1:30 p.m.

Floats that were entered in last week's parade will also be welcome as additions to Saturday's parade.

The four prize-winning floats are to receive their awards when they arrive at the reviewing stand in front of the Post Office as the parade heads south toward the Fairgrounds.

Old time cars and horse and buggy rigs are to be included in the line-up for Saturday's parade.

This will be the final parade of Chelsea's 125th Anniversary Week which closes Saturday night with the final performance of the pageant, "Remembering When."

### NORTH LAKE EXTENSION CLUB

North Lake Extension club's final meeting of the current year was held at the home of Mrs. Carl Lesser on Island Lake road.

Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Reuben Lindemann, chairman; Mrs. Philip Futscher, vice-chairman; Mrs. Homer Stofer, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Robert Eisele and Mrs. Luther Hildinger, project leaders; Mrs. Albert Ruhlig, news reporter; Mrs. Byron Soule, community chairman; and Mrs. Alvin Lesser, recreation leader.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 16 at the home of Mrs. Laurence Noah with Mrs. Grover Colby, Jr., as hostess.

## *Anyone Travel Further Than from California To Attend Anniversary?*

To date, honors for being former residents coming the longest distance to attend Chelsea's 125th Anniversary activities are shared by Arthur Faist of Lynwood, Calif., and Mrs. Marjorie Stoll of Torrance, Calif.

Oldest man and woman of continued residence in Chelsea, registered by Monday, July 13, were Dr. A. L. Steger and Mrs. Henry Fenn.

Edward Chandler, 95 years old, another long-time resident, had not been registered at that time.

To Mrs. Thomas Guirey, of Berkley, went the honor of being the former resident attending the pageant with the largest family.

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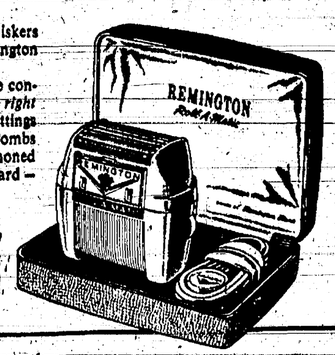

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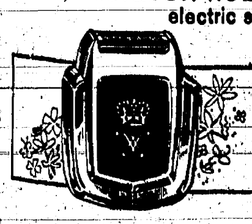
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As Chelsea's 125th Anniversary Celebration comes to a successful close, many people deserve thanks for their efforts in this fine community project. Rolly Spaulding and his committees, the "Belles" and the "Brothers" have all contributed much to the success of the celebration.

Many of the early customs and events in Chelsea's history have been recalled. I thought it would be of interest to tell you about Chelsea's early telephone service.

George P. Glazier was instrumental in getting the Michigan State Telephone Company to provide telephone service in Chelsea in 1881. Five years later, Lynn Gorton and A. W. Wilkinson organized the Chelsea Telephone Company. This concern operated until June 27, 1904, when the company, consisting of 141 customers, was sold to the Michigan State Telephone Company for $5,700. The records indicate that the switchboard was at one time located in the basement of The Chelsea Standard, where it was operated by employees of the newspaper. Later, it was moved to the office of Nelson Freer, a local attorney. The Michigan State Telephone Company became the Michigan Bell Telephone Company which today provides service to 2,133 customers from the Chelsea exchange.



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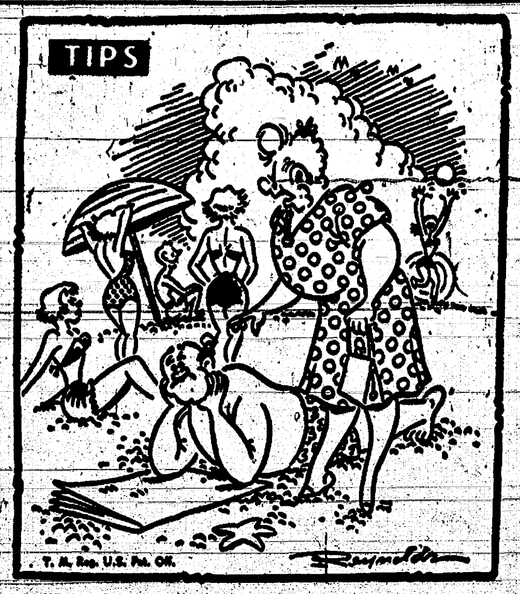
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## *Shaver Home in Their Family for Almost 100 Years*

Mr. and Mrs. LaRue Shaver believe their home at 508 West Middle street might be the only residence in Chelsea that has remained in the same family continiously for almost 100 years.

Located at the corner of Hayes street, it was built in 1860. The property included slightly more than an acre of land purchased from the Congdons, founders of Chelsea.

The house was built by the present owner's grandfather, Jacob Shaver, who brought his family from Palmyra, N. Y., to make their home here. He was a cooper-smith.

The Jacob Shavers had three sons and a daughter, Ernest E. Shaver who was a professional photographer here for many years; Milo Shaver who became a harness maker; Frank, who was a Chelsea barber; and Mrs. Rosalie Gregg.

The three sons were prominent musicians and played in former Chelsea area bands.

Following Jacob Shaver's death, one of his sons, Frank, became the owner, and after his death, LaRue Shaver bought it when the estate was settled. He has owned the place since 1940.

Part of the original acre site was purchased by Milo Shaver, father of LaRue Shaver, and he built a new home there (just west of the old homestead). The LaRue Shavers made their home there some years ago and still own it, in addition to the 99-year-old home in which they are living and which they have gradually modernized through the years.

## Thomas E. Quirk Will Report in August For Dental Corps Service

Thomas E. Quirk, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edmund J. Quirk, of Grosse Pointe, formerly of Chelsea, will report Aug. 19 for duty as a first lieutenant in the Dental Corps at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Lt. Quirk graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School, June 13.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Anna Hoag extends thanks for the many kindnesses shown her during her long illness and for the cards and flowers sent to her; also, for the thoughtful acts of kindness to the family following her death. Every kindness to her and to the family is deeply appreciated.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish in this way to say thanks to all who were so good to me while I was at the hospital and since my return home. It is wonderful to have such good neighbors. A very special thank you to Dorothy Stanley, for all she has done for me; such things can never be forgotten.

Mrs. Wesley Morrison.

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped me in any way during the Anniversary Queen contest and especially to Margaret and Homer Kuhl, my thanks and sincere gratitude. The co-operation of the people of the community and the many kindnesses and good wishes of my friends are deeply appreciated.

Norma Jean Popovich.

THANK YOU

I wish to express my sincere thanks to everyone who supported me in the Anniversary Queen contest.

Jill Barkley.

THANK YOU

Gingham Gals Chapter of Chelsea Belles and their anniversary queen candidate, Nancy Merkel, wish in this way to express their appreciation to everyone who voted for her in the contest.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all the relatives and friends for their visits, cards and gifts during Barry's stay in the hospital and since his return home. Special thanks to the Rev. Allan Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lesser and Rockwell Standard Corp.

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## JULY 11 thru JULY 18, 1959

NOTE: Kindly purchase a Souvenir Program at the start of the Celebration. It will contain the latest "up to the minute" Schedule of Events as well as photographs, historical sketches, names of committees and cast, and many other interesting features.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to Change)
More events are being added.

PIONEERS AND HOMECOMERS—Please register at McKune House Saturday through Saturday, July 11-18, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1959—Agriculture Day**

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.—Parade. Many antique farm equipment.
3:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.—At Fairgrounds—Old-Fashioned School. Threshing with Old-Time Rig.
3:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.—At Fairgrounds—Milking Contest.
4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.—At Fairgrounds—Harnessing Contest. Hog Calling Contest. Husband Calling Contest.
7:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.—Music. Preliminary to Program.
8:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.—At Spectacle Site—Introduction: Oldest 4-H Leaders in terms of service; Centennial Farm owners; Chelsea FFA 1st Chapter Members and Agriculture Teachers; State Farmers, FFA; Recognition of Agricultural Business in Chelsea with many years of community service; Village Blacksmith; Old-Time R.F.D. Carriers; Rural School Teachers; Rural Ministers; County Agent Al Watt, 1st 4-H Club Agent.
8:30 P.M.—Thrilling Historical Stage Spectacle, "Remembering When." Cast of 500 local participants. 250-foot stage. Followed by a 20-minute Gigantic Aerial and Ground Fireworks display.
1:00 P.M. 'til Bedtime—Carnival at Fairgrounds.

**FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1959—Industry Day**

10:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.—Open House at Chelsea Milling Co., with guided tours.
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.—Displays and Exhibitions at Fairgrounds. Brochure, "Facts About Industry in Chelsea," will be available at exhibit location.
4:00 P.M.—Ball Game at South Elementary School.
7:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.—Music preliminary to program.
8:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.—Entertainment - Barber Shop - Manchester (Sponsored by Chrysler Corporation.)
8:30 P.M.—Thrilling Historical Stage Spectacle, "Remembering When." Cast of 500 local participants. 250-foot stage. Followed by a 20-minute Gigantic Aerial and Ground Fireworks display.
1:00 P.M. 'til Bedtime—Carnival at Fairgrounds.

**SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1959—Veterans and Fraternal Day**

2:00 P.M.—Military, Veterans and Fraternal Parade.
3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.—Entertainment: Beard Judging Contest.
7:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.—Band Concert by High School Band.
8:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.—Remington Rand Shaving Contest.
8:30 P.M.—Thrilling Historical Stage Spectacle, "Remembering When." Cast of 500 local participants. 250-foot stage. Followed by a 20-minute Gigantic Aerial and Ground Fireworks display.
1:00 P.M. 'til Bedtime—Carnival at Fairgrounds.

## Ralph Wood Injured in US-12 Truck-Auto Crash

Ralph Wood of Lima Center, suffered internal and back injuries when a tractor-trailer hauling new cars smashed into the rear of his car at 6:25 a.m. Friday. He was taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Ann Arbor.

Reports of the accident state that Wood had apparently pulled out of Lima Center road and was headed west on US-12 when the accident occurred.

John S. Aldridge of Detroit, was listed as the driver of the hauliaway.

When the truck driver applied his brakes in an effort to avoid the collision the truck skidded 75 feet before the car was hit.

The impact drove Wood's car off the right side of the road, up an embankment, through a fence and into a potato field. The 1957-model car was demolished.

After hitting the car, the heavily-laden truck skidded another 105 feet along the left side of the highway and then flipped over on its side. Aldridge was not hurt.

Chelsea firemen were called to the scene two hours after the accident when it was feared spilled gasoline would start a blaze when the truck was being righted.

## Firemen Answer 7 Alarms Since Friday

Chelsea firemen responded to seven alarms since last Friday when they were called to stand by at the scene of a truck-car crash at Lima Center at 7:50 a.m. It was feared spilled gasoline would become ignited.

At 1:54 p.m. they were called to the Tom Spear place on Conlin road because of a rubbish fire.

At 4:30 p.m. Saturday there was a fire in the garage at the residence of Dr. John Pilkington, 234 Washington street.

Monday, at 12:45 a.m. a trailer and contents, including equipment for a shooting gallery at the carnival on the fairgrounds was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin, and at 10:30 a.m. a grass fire which spread over four acres of land at Keezer Lake, resulted in another call for the firemen.

Tuesday at 1:45 p.m., firemen responded to put out a rubbish fire at Chelsea Manufacturing Co., after children had been observed playing nearby, and at 6 p.m. firemen were called to the Minnie Scripter farm on Cavanaugh Lake, where a tree was afire and it was feared a marsh fire would be started.

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Melanie Jonelle Hofhanesian, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hofhanesian was baptized Sunday, June 28 at St. John's Armenian church in Detroit.

## Free Ice Cream, Carnival Rides, Balloons Highlight Children's Day

"Young Chelsea" turned out in full force Tuesday to really make their day a memorable one.

Beginning at 10 a.m., a children's parade formed at the Junior High school and marched through downtown streets to the West Middle street parking lot.

There a truck load of ice cream provided by Chrysler Proving Ground, was distributed free to all the children present.

There was no limit on the amounh of ice cream the children could have and Charles Lane, chairman of Young America Day, said it was doubtful if the children could hold out the rest of the day.

His doubts were dissipated, however, when he found that promptly at one o'clock, literally thousands of children accompanied by parents, grandparents and neighbors, descended on the carnival at the Fairgrounds where all rides were provided free for all youngsters.

Chelsea Milling Co., makers of Jiffy Mix products had purchased the entire assortment of carnival rides for the afternoon and free tickets were handed out to all the children.

There wasn't an empty seat on any of the rides and, in addition, Chrysler Corp. representatives were distributing thousands of free ice cream novelties and free balloons.

The day, long to be remembered by Chelsea youngsters, was made possible by the generosity of the two Chelsea area companies—Chelsea Milling Co. and Chrysler Corporation.

## 120 Kiwanians Here Monday For Pageant

Kiwanis club president, Leo Bishop was in charge of the program for the club's observance of 125th Anniversary Week commemorating the founding of Chelsea.

In celebration of the anniversary and as a special salute to the Chelsea club, a total of 120 Kiwanians representing every club in Division VI of the Michigan District of Kiwanis International, attended the meeting. The entire number also attended the anniversary pageant program at the Chelsea High school athletic field following the meeting.

Kiwanis clubs represented are Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Eastern, Ann Arbor Western, Belleville, Brighton, Dexter, Howell, Milan, Pinckney, Plymouth, Romulus, Saline, South Lyon, Whitmore Lake, Willis, Ypsilanti No. 1 and Greater Ypsilanti.

Other guests at the meeting were Chelsea were representatives of the Jackson Kiwanis club, sponsors of the Chelsea club when it was founded.

Also guests at the meeting were the 125th Anniversary Queen, Mrs. Charles Popovich, Jr., and her court, Mary Kay Brennan, Jill Barkley, Nancy Merkel, Eve Trinkle, Diane Holmes, Delores Schmitz, Juanita Hosier, Genevieve Wheeler, Janet Hoskins and Sue Eisenbeiser.

Rolland Spaulding, general chairman of the Anniversary celebration, and Donald Alber, Chelsea Village President, spoke briefly at the meeting and Alber's little daughter, Christy, sang "Remembering When," the anniversary theme song.

Alber also introduced the anniversary queen and her court and announced that the queen was to be crowned at the pageant that evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Burg, I, returned home Thursday by plane from their European trip and that evening participated in the big caravan to Dexter.

## Anniversary Potpourri

### Flora Dora Belles Entertain at Lawn Party

Flora Dora Belles, their husbands and families were entertained at a lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kealey Sunday, July 5. A pot-luck supper was served.

### A. L. A. Belles Travel to Plymouth

Sixteen members of A.L.A. Chelsea Belles enjoyed a trip to Plymouth as one of their chapter activities. They had dinner at the Hillside Inn.

The chapter has planned a picnic to be held at Pierce Park.

### Harmony Chapter Belles Meet for Breakfast

Harmony Chapter of Chelsea Belles held a breakfast at the home of Mrs. Elmer Lindemann Tuesday morning with 23 members and guests present. Mrs. Lawrence Wacker was co-hostess.

Another recent activity of the chapter was a luncheon and sightseeing tour of Jackson with Mrs. Loren Turner as chauffeur.

### Colonial Belles Visit VA Hospital

Colonial Belles Chapter of Chelsea Belles visited at the VA hospital in Ann Arbor Tuesday evening, all the members wearing their anniversary costumes.

The 30 women made the trip to Ann Arbor in a caravan of six cars.

At the hospital they distributed candy, gum and cigarettes to the patients.

### Limabelles Members Tour Ann Arbor

Limabelles Chapter of Chelsea Belles report having taken a trip to Ann Arbor the evening of July 8.

A picture-taking tour and lunch at a restaurant concluded the evening's entertainment.

### Anniversary Queen . . .

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and Mrs. Merkel has made seven dresses and 22 men's vests.

A total of 5,500 tickets were sold by all queen contestants and approximately half of these were sold during the WOIA radio marathon, broadcast from the Central Fibre tower building from noon Thursday until 1 p.m. Friday.

As anniversary queen, Mrs. Popovich was presented with an Elgin diamond-studded wristwatch, a gift from Wimans Jewelry Store and the Elgin Watch Co.

Members of the queen's court, in addition to Nancy Merkel, are the nine other girls of the top group of eleven which includes both Mrs. Popovich and Mrs. Merkel. Listed in alphabetical order, they are Jill Barkley, Mary Kay Brennan, Sue Eisenbeiser, Diane Holmes, Juanita Hosier, Janet Hoskins, Delores Schmitz, Eve Trinkle and Genevievc Wheeler.

They were guests at the Kiwanis club meeting Monday evening and were honor guests at each of the nightly pageants already given this week at the athletic field and will be honored at all remaining anniversary activities.

Each of the girls in the queen's court of honor receives a $25 bond in recognition of her standing in the contest.

The announcement of the names of the queen and her court was made during the intermission at the anniversary ball.

The 400 people who attended and the 11 girls who had been told they had the highest standings in the contest, eagerly awaited the announcement which followed the intermission entertainment.

This intermission entertainment included a barbershop quartet known as the Key Knights. The four are also members of the well-known Lyra Male Chorus of Ann Arbor.

Another highlight of the intermission entertainment was an exhibition by a group of Charleston dancers—Mrs. Russell Maurer, Mrs. Carl Schwieger, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Leach, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Edward Visel, Don Houle, Dr. P. E. Sharrard, and Robert Jacobs.

Eugene P. Anderson, personnel director at Chrysler Proving Grounds was introduced and spoke briefly. The Chrysler Corporation had supplied cars and drivers for the 11 queen candidates who had been announced that day.

### Gingham Gals Have Busy Week

Gingham Gals Chapter of Chelsea Belles had coffee and rolls at the home of their Anniversary Queen candidate, Nancy Merkel, Tuesrday noon and then "with their kids in tow" headed for the fairgrounds for the afternoon of free rides for the youngsters.

The group's activities the past week included entering a float "Saturday Night Around the Horse" in Saturday's parade.

Two of the members, Alice Bergman and Leona Kuhl also participated in the parade as "Lumpy, the Horse."

### Legion Auxiliary Members Advertise Anniversary in Flint

Six members of Herbert J. McKune Unit No. 31, American Legion Auxiliary, dressed in their anniversary costumes, assisted other Legion Auxiliary members of the Second District in entertaining the children at the Legion's Otter Lake Billet monthly birthday party Tuesday.

Enroute home they stopped at Flint and because of their costumes were the means of advertising Chelsea's 125th Anniversary celebration.

Those in the group were Mrs. Howard Walz, Mrs. Paul Frayer, Mrs. Irwin Klumpp, Mrs. Leon Shutes, Mrs. Merle Barr, Sr., and Mrs. Grant Schooley.

### Anniversary Parade . . .

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are confined. He told Miss Bertha Schlenkert, acting matron at the Home who was his guide for the tour, that it pleased him to see how well the patients were cared for and the general air of sympathetic understanding which was evident throughout the Home.

The governor went into each room in the infirmary and shook hands with every patient.

The Revs and Mrs. Weiss, who were in downtown Chelsea with a number of the Home residents they had taken in to see the parade, returned to the Home as the governor was preparing to leave. State, county and village officials who accompanied the governor to the Home remained in their cars or toured the grounds while the governor was inside.

It has been estimated that 10,000 people lined the streets to watch the parade. Comments of many of the out-of-town visitors indicated that Chelsea's 125th Anniversary parade was "bigger and better" than others they had seen in much larger communities. Some of the floats were even compared favorably with those seen in the annual New Year's Day Rose Bowl parade.

Surprising to many was the appearance in the parade of Ann Arbor's Santa Claus, Albert Warnhoff, wearing his white beard and red Santa Claus suit.

After the parade he presented a "bloodhound" to Washtenaw County Sheriff George Petersen. The bloodhound is a new pattern of the many toys Warnhoff makes throughout the year as gifts to hospitalized children and others. He said he worked late Friday night in order to finish the new design.

Warnhoff also presented a toy dog to Governor Williams and a toy bank in the form of a minature church to the anniversary queen, Mrs. Charles Popovich, Jr. He also delivered to her three pairs of silk stockings which were a gift from Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Ann Arbor. He later mentioned proudly that he was "the first one to kiss the anniversary queen" after she was named queen Saturday night.

Judged as winners in each of four divisions in Saturday's parade are those listed as follows:

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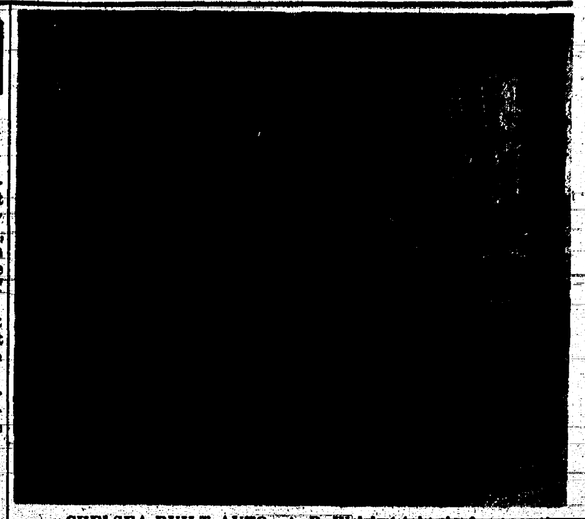
Open Class—Cavanaugh Lake Porcupines and Cut-Ups.

The prize-winning floats are to be in this coming Saturday's parade and will be awarded their prizes at that time.

Mayor and Mrs. Cecil O. Creal of Ann Arbor, and State Representative James Warner acted as judges for Saturday's 125th Anniversary parade.

George Atkinson, parade committee chairman, and members of the Chelsea Fire Department who served on the committee were commended on every side for the way they handled all details of the huge parade.

Atkinson has been asked to assist with the line-up of the parade scheduled for the coming Saturday, designated as Veterans and Fraternal Day.



CHELSEA-BUILT AUTO—A. R. Welch (right, in front seat) is shown here at the wheel of a Welch car, believed to be the first one of the four he manufactured here early in the century. Because of Welch's inability to secure financial backing here for his manufacturing venture, he moved to Pontiac and continued manufacture of the Welch and Oakland cars until 1911 when the firm was sold to General Motors Corp. Welch exhibited his Chelsea-made Welch car at the Chicago Automobile Show in 1903. Others in the picture with Welch could not be identified. The car was halted in front of the home at 138 East Middle street, now occupied by Dr. Charles Miller and his family, when the photograph was taken. The care was built at the old Chelsea Manufacturing Co., Ltd., located in what is now Daniels Motor Sales, Inc.


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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1. SEALED BIDS for the furnishing and delivery of

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for

**THE VILLAGE OF CHELSEA, MICHIGAN**

will be received by the Village of Chelsea, Michigan at the office of the Village Clerk in the Village Hall until

**12 O'CLOCK, NOON, EASTERN STANDARD TIME**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1959**

and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

2. The proposed work consists of the furnishing and delivery of a return activated sludge pump and laboratory equipment.

3. The contract documents are on file in the said Clerk's office, Chelsea, Michigan and at the office of the Consulting Engineers, Finkbeiner, Pettis & Strout, 2130 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio and may be secured from said Engineers.

4. All bids shall be signed and submitted on the blanks which are bound in the specifications and shall be secured from the Consulting Engineers. Bid blanks shall not be removed from the specifications. Bids shall state the price for equipment on the blanks provided therefor; shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes marked "Bid for Equipment at Sewage Treatment Plant" and addressed to said Clerk.

5. Each bid shall contain the name of every person, firm or corporation interested in the same.

6. The Village of Chelsea, Michigan, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any irregularities in bidding.

7. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 30 days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

By Order of the Council
VILLAGE OF CHELSEA, MICHIGAN
George L. Winans, Clerk

# Council Proceedings

Council Room
June 16, 1959

Regular Session.

This session was called to order by Pres. Alber at 8:00 p.m.

Trustees present: Barr, Blaess, Chandler, Kohsman, Lixey, and Paul.

The minutes of the June 2nd and the special session of June 11th were read and approved.

A discussion was held with Mr. Brown of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone in regards to a bond issue for the construction of additions to the present sewerage plant.

The following work has been completed toward the 1959 street program in accordance with plans and specifications: Bituminous Aggregate—Railroad Street, east of McKinley; Wilkinson Street, north of Wellington; Book and Wenley Streets; Elm Street; Patching on Flanders and North Streets.

Additions to the 1959 street program were discussed with Mr. Peter Kurzy. Hayes Street, the parking lots and alleys to be oiled in accordance with the Village dust program. Excavate and gravel Van Buren Street and parts of Taylor. A single coat of asphalt will be applied to the following streets. Buchanan, Van Buren and Taylor, south from Pierce. Motion by Blaess, supported by Lixey, to approve the street program as discussed. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

Motion by Chandler, supported by Barr, that no parking be permitted on either side of Railroad Street from McKinley Street east to the Village limits. Roll calls. Yeas all. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaess, supported by Kohsman, that the Village accept the low bid of $2,424.00 from Spaulding Chevrolet for a 6-cylinder two-ton cab and chassis. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

Motion by Lixey, supported by Barr, that Rha Alexander and Thomas Smith be appointed as special assessors for measuring curb and gutter. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

Motion by Kohsman, supported by Chandler, that Supt. of Light and Water, Homer Nixon be directed to transfer $15,000.00 from the Light & Water Department to the General Fund. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul, supported by Barr, to pay The Flynn Construction Company $15,000.00 as partial payment on the 1959 Street Program. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

A discussion was held in regards to the Village-Township Dump Site. The following suggestions were approved:

The dump hours should remain unchanged.

Mr. Ousley will be informed of the exact rules to which he must strictly adhere.

Cans and burnable rubbish must be separated.

Rubbish must be pushed to the back of the dump area.

No burning by industries after 1:00 p.m.

Gates to be locked at the specified hour.

Once a week a member of the Council or the Village President will make an inspection of the dump to see if the rules are being complied with. Special emphasis will be placed on the necessity of having the fires put out at 5:00 p.m.

Chelsea's telephone operator will be specifically instructed to contact the police if any fire in the dump site is reported after 5:00 p.m. The Officer will be instructed to visit the dumping site as soon as possible to inspect and, if necessary, report a fire call.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village of Chelsea shall enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Health agreeing to construct additions to the sewage treatment works by not later than May 1, 1960, in accordance with the plans and specifications now prepared and submitted to said Department, and as a further provision of said agreement, that the Village be issued a permit for the construction of sewers in accordance with plans now submitted to said Department; that the President and Clerk be authorized to sign said agreement for and on behalf of the Village. Motion by Chandler supported by Kohsman that the foregoing resolution be approved. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

Motion by Lixey, supported by Paul, to adjourn. Roll call: Yeas all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved: July 7, 1959.

Donald C. Alber, President.
George L. Winans, Clerk.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW,
MICHIGAN

A Regular Meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, held on the 16th day of June, 1959, in the Municipal Building in said Village at 8:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Councilmen Barr, Blaess, Chandler, Kohsman, Lixey, Paul.

ABSENT: Councilmen None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilman Chandler and supported by Councilman Kohsman:

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Chelsea deems it necessary to acquire and construct improvements to the sewage treatment plant of the Village consisting of alterations to the control building, primary settling tank and aeration tanks, a new aeration tank, two new final tanks, a new sludge-digestion tank and sludge beds, two new raw sewerage pumps, a return sludge pump and chlorination equipment, together with necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto; and

AND WHEREAS, the Village Council has caused an estimate of the necessary cost of acquiring and constructing said improvements to be prepared by Finkbiener, Pettis and Strout, consulting engineers, Toledo, Ohio, which estimate of cost is in the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand ($235,000.00) Dollars;

AND WHEREAS, the Village Council deems it advisable and necessary to borrow the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand ($235,000.00) Dollars to pay the cost thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Village Council deems it necessary to borrow the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand ($235,000.00) Dollars and issue the general obligation bonds of the Village therefor for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the sewage treatment plant of the Village consisting of alterations to the control building, primary settling tank and aeration tanks, a new aeration tank, two new final tanks, a new sludge-digestion tank and sludge beds, two new raw sewerage pumps, a return sludge pump and chlorination equipment, together with necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto, and the Village Council hereby approves the estimate of cost thereof prepared by Finkbiener, Pettis and Strout, consulting engineers.

2. The Village Council determines the period of usefulness of said improvements to be not less than forty (40) years.

3. A special election be and the same hereby is called to be held in the Village of Chelsea on Monday, August 10, 1959, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time for the purpose of submitting to vote of the qualified electors of said Village the proposition of borrowing the said sum of $235,000.00 and issuing the bonds of the Village therefor for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing said sewage disposal system improvements.

4. The proposition to be submitted at said special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the following form:

Shall the Village of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand ($235,000.00) Dollars and issue the general obligation bonds of the Village therefor for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the sewage treatment plant of the Village consisting of alterations to the control building, primary settling tank and aeration tanks, a new aeration tank, two new final tanks, a new sludge-digestion tank and sludge beds, two new raw sewerage pumps, a return sludge pump and chlorination equipment, together with necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto?

YES
NO

5. The Village Clerk will receive registration of electors qualified to vote at said special election who are not already registered until Monday, July 13, 1959, on which said day the Village Clerk will be at his office from 8:00 o'clock a.m. until 8:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, to receive registrations of electors qualified to vote at said special election.

6. The Village Clerk shall cause notice of registration to be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village of Chelsea prior to the last day for receiving registrations, the first such publication to be not less than ten (10) full days prior to said last day for receiving registrations, and shall cause notice of registration to be posted in at least ten (10) public places in the Village at least ten (10) full days prior to the last day for receiving registrations.

7. The Notice of Registration shall be in substantially the following form:

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW,
MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the Village of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, who is not already registered, may register for the special election to be held on the 10th day of August, 1959.

Registrations will be taken at the office of the Village Clerk each working day until Monday, the 13th day of July, 1959.

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS will be Monday, the 13th day of July, 1959, on which day the said Clerk will be at his office between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of receiving registration of electors qualified to vote.

George L. Winans, Village Clerk.

8. The Village Clerk shall cause notice of said special election to be published at least twice before the date of election in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village, the first publication to be not less than fifteen (15) full days and not more than four (4) full weeks prior to the date of special election, and shall cause notice of special election to be posted in at least ten (10) public places in the Village at least fifteen (15) full days prior to said special election.

9. The Notice of Special Election shall be in substantially the following form:

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW,
MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID VILLAGE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special election will be held in the Village of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, on the 10th day of August, 1959, from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of submitting to vote of the qualified electors of said Village the following proposition:

Shall the Village of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand ($235,000.00) Dollars and issue the general obligation bonds of the Village therefor for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the sewage treatment plant of the Village consisting of alterations to the control building, primary settling tank and aeration banks, a new aeration tank, two new final tanks, a new sludge-digestion tank and sludge beds, two new raw sewerage pumps, a return sludge pump and chlorination equipment, together with necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto?

Only those qualified and registered electors who have property in the Village assessed for taxes, or the lawful husband or wife of such persons are qualified to vote at said special election.

The place of election will be Sylvan Township Hall, West Middle Street, Chelsea, Michigan.

This Notice is given by authority of the Village Council of the Village of Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

George L. Winans, Village Clerk.

10. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and they hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Councilmen Barr, Blaess, Chandler, Kohsman, Lixey, Paul.

NAYS: Councilmen None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

George L. Winans, Village Clerk.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on June 16, 1959.

George L. Winans, Village Clerk.

BLUE RIBBON FLORISTS

Blue Ribbon Florists 4-H club held a regular meeting Monday, July 6, at the home of Barbara Goforth. Members planned a tour of gardens for the next meeting, scheduled for Aug. 5.

Demonstrations were given by Velma Wiseman and Barbara Goforth on flower arrangement and members responded by making separate arrangements and judging them.

The sharp-tailed grouse and prairie chicken are closely related and sometimes hybridize or cross.



WHO IS THE MAN with the club wearing a bearskin "suit" and store-bought shoes? Were the shoes a concession to the formal occasion of the Applethwaite-Oglethorpe "wedding" held recently? Someone thought his initials were L. H. The ladies with him are Chelsea Belles Geraldine Klink, Thelma Franklin and Eulahlee Packard.

## Legal Notices

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS AND DETERMINING HEIRS.
No. 44727.

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw.

In the Matter of the Estate of ALEXANDER NICOLAUS PALUDAN SEEDORFF, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held on the 8th day of July A. D. 1959.

Present, Honorable JOHN W. CONLIN, Judge of Probate.

It appearing to the Court that the time for presentation of claims against said estate should be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court; and that the legal heirs of said deceased entitled to inherit the estate of which said deceased died seized should be adjudicated and determined.

It is Ordered, That all of the creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims in writing and under oath as provided by statute, to said Court at said Probate Office, and to serve a copy thereof either by registered or certified mail or by personal service upon Willard E. Houpe, the fiduciary of said estate whose address is 17 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, Michigan, on or before the 16th day of September A.D. 1959, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased, and for the adjudication and determination of the heir at law of said deceased at the time of his death entitled to inherit the estate of which the deceased died seized.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in The Chelsea Standard, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

JOHN W. CONLIN,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy:
Anna Douvitsas
Register of Probate.
Houpe & Lamb, Attorneys
17 W. Michigan Ave.
Ypsilanti, Michigan. July16-30

STATE OF MICHIGAN
In the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw in Chancery.

FEDERICO S. ESCRIBANO, Plaintiff,
-vs-
OLGA P. FERRER de ESCRIBANO, Defendant.

No. AA-400
Order of Publication

At a session of said Court, held in the Circuit Court room of the Washtenaw County Building in the City of Ann Arbor, in said county and state, this 12 day of June, A.D. 1959.

Present: HONORABLE JAMES R. BREAKEY, JR., Circuit Judge.

Satisfactory proof appearing by affidavit of Federico S. Escribano, plaintiff, on file in this cause, that the said Olga P. Ferrer de Escribano, defendant herein, resides outside the State of Michigan.

On motion of Bernard W. Butler, attorney for plaintiff,

It is Hereby Ordered that Olga P. Ferrer de Escribano, defendant herein, appear and answer the Bill of Complaint filed in the above-entitled cause, within three (3) months from the date of this Order or said Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed by said Defendant.

It is Further Ordered that this Order shall be published within forty (40) days from the date of this order, in The Chelsea Standard, Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan, as required by law, and that, also a copy of this Order, together with a copy of the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause, be sent registered mail to said defendant, Olga P. Ferrer de Escribano, within twenty (20) days before the time prescribed for her appearance, at the following address: 60 Frontenac Avenue, Buffalo 16, New York, and that a return receipt be demanded therefor.

JAMES R. BREAKEY, JR.
Circuit Judge.

A true copy:
Luella M. Smith, County Clerk
Mildred M. Crawford, Deputy Clerk
July16-Aug27

FOR PUBLICATION—
Administration Account.
No. 44560

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Ann Arbor, in said County, on the 24th day of June A.D. 1959.

Present, Hon. JOHN W. CONLIN, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY J. Deely, Deceased.

Michael G. Deely having filed in said Court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 22nd day of July A.D. 1959, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in The Chelsea Standard, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

JOHN W. CONLIN,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy:
Anna Douvitsas
Register of Probate.
John P. Keusch, Attorney
Chelsea, Michigan July 2-16

NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Please to Take Notice that on Wednesday the 5th day of August, 1959, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the Judge of Probate at the Court House in the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, I will make application to the Honorable Judge of Probate in and for said County, to change my name from MICHAEL OZECHOWSKI to MIKE OSKEY.

Signed: MICHAEL OZECHOWSKI,
X (his mark)

Milan, Michigan, June 30, 1959. July 16-30

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION—
Notice of Hearing—Probate of Will—Determination of Heirs.
No. 44885.

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw.

In the Matter of the Estate of CARL C. CHANDLER, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held on June 26, 1959.

Present, Honorable JOHN W. CONLIN, Judge of Probate.

Notice is Hereby Given, That the petition of Dora Haselswerdt praying that the instrument filed in said Court be admitted to probate as the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, that administration of said estate be granted to Dora Haselswerdt or some other suitable person, and that the heirs of said deceased be determined, will be heard at the Probate Court on July 22, 1959, at 9:30 A.M.

It is Ordered, That notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three weeks consecutively previous to said day of hearing, in The Chelsea Standard, and that the petitioner cause a copy of this notice to be served upon each known party in interest at his last known address by registered or certified mail, or by personal service, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such hearing.

JOHN W. CONLIN,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy
Anna Douvitsas
Register of Probate.
Hendley & Rademacher, Attorneys
Chelsea, Michigan July2-16

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION—
Final Administration Account.
No. 44182

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Ann Arbor, in said County, on the 26th day of June A. D. 1959.

Present, Hon. JOHN W. CONLIN, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of CLARA V. STEVENS, Deceased.

Wiletta Hafner having filed in said Court her final administration account, and her petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 22nd day of July A.D. 1959, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in The Chelsea Standard, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

JOHN W. CONLIN,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy
Anna Douvitsas
Register of Probate.
John P. Keusch, Attorney
Chelsea, Michigan July2-16

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.
Final Account.
No. 44752

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw.

In the Matter of the Estate of IRENE E. GOETZ, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held on June 26, 1959.

Present, Honorable JOHN W. CONLIN, Judge of Probate.

Notice is Hereby Given, That the petition of Judson C. Goetz, Jr., the Administrator of said estate, praying that his final account be allowed and the residue of said estate assigned to the persons entitled thereto, and that the heirs at law be determined, will be heard at the Probate Court on July 22, 1959, at 9:30 A.M.

It is Ordered, That notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three weeks consecutively previous to said day of hearing, in The Chelsea Standard, and that the petitioner cause a copy of this notice to be served upon each known party in interest at his last known address by registered, certified or ordinary mail (with proof of mailing), or by personal service, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such hearing.

JOHN W. CONLIN,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy
Anna Douvitsas
Register of Probate.
Hendley & Rademacher, Attorneys
Chelsea, Michigan July2-16

## Chelsea Golf League

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| Chelsea Drug | 36 | 19 |
| Seitz's Tavern | 35 | 20 |
| Schumm's | 34½ | 20½ |
| Spaulding Chevrolet | 33½ | 21½ |
| Chelsea Mfg. Corp. | 30½ | 24½ |
| Buick Garage | 30½ | 24½ |
| Chelsea Lumber | 28 | 27 |
| Foster's Men's Wear | 25½ | 29½ |
| Merkel's Tavern | 22 | 33 |
| Chelsea Products Shop | 21½ | 33½ |
| Chelsea Products Office | 19 | 36 |
| Chelsea Cleaners | 14 | 41 |

Chelsea City Golf Tournament will be held from July 20-26. Call Harry Burnett GR 9-7412 or leave name at Foster's. Entries must be in by July 18.

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

TROOP 76—

Boy Scouts of Troop 76 who plan to go to summer camp must attend the Scout meeting at South school Tuesday, July 21, at 7 p.m. and turn in their camp money.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Faist and son, Richard, of Lynwood, Calif., and Mrs. Lois McTigue, of Los Angeles, left this morning after spending a week here visiting Mr. Faist's mother, Mrs. Mary Faist, and other relatives.


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THE STORY OF TODAY'S ANGRY YOUNG MODERNS!
Paul Newman
"The Young Philadelphians"
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TUES.-WED.-THURS.
JULY 21-22-23
AMERICAN LANGUAGE VERSION
BRIGITTE BARDOT
THE GIRL IN THE BIKINI
GINA LOLLOBRIGIDA in
FLESH AND THE WOMAN
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CHELSEA

FRI.-SAT. JULY 17-18
Susan Hayward in her first picture since winning the Academy Award.
"Thunder in the Sun"
IN COLOR
With Jeff Chandler.

SUN.-MON. JULY 19-20
"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS"
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ALSO: CARTOON

Sunday and Monday, July 19-20
"The Hanging Tree" In Technicolor. With Gary Cooper and Maria Schell.
"GOING STEADY" With Molly Bee and Alan Reed, Jr.
ALSO: CARTOON

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, July 21-22-23
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ALSO: CARTOON



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NOTICE!
VILLAGE TAXES
ARE DUE and PAYABLE

Beginning July 9, until further notice, the Village Treasurer will be in his office, 105 South Main St., for the purpose of collecting village taxes. Daily hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ALL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE

WALLACE WOOD
VILLAGE TREASURER


REPORT OF CONDITION OF

## Chelsea State Bank

of Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan, at the close of business June 10, 1959, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

| | Dollars Cts. |
|---|---|
| Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection | $ 801,941.28 |
| United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed | 2,715,303.44 |
| Obligations of States and political subdivisions | 958,239.32 |
| Other bonds, notes and debentures | 74,350.00 |
| Federal Reserve bank stock | 15,000.00 |
| Loans and Discounts (including $10.00 overdrafts) | 2,726,313.35 |
| Bank premises owned $1.00, furniture and fixtures $1.00 | 2.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | $7,291,149.39 |

LIABILITIES

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| Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations | $2,260,689.02 |
| Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations | 3,644,327.75 |
| Deposits of United States Government | 103,604.94 |
| Deposits of States and political subdivisions | 340,480.01 |
| Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.) | 5,169.59 |
| TOTAL DEPOSITS | $6,354,261.31 |
| Other liabilities | 58,444.92 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | $6,412,706.23 |

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

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| Capital* | $ 200,000.00 |
| Surplus | 300,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | 328,443.16 |
| Reserves | 50,000.00 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | $ 878,443.16 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS | $7,291,149.39 |

*This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of $200,000.00.

MEMORANDA

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| Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes | $ 550,000.00 |
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Alfred D. Mayer
My commission expires September 19, 1959.



1912 FOURTH GRADE—Mrs. Florence Howlett, who was honored Monday in connection with Pioneering Homecoming Day of Chelsea's 125th Anniversary is shown at right center in the above photograph with the fourth grade class she taught in the Chelsea school in 1912. Seated beside her is the school's music teacher, identified as Miss Maskey. Mrs. Howlett, who taught many years in Chelsea schools was presented with a certificate of honor by Eastern Michigan University President Eugene B. Elliott on behalf of the University and Pi Lambda Theta educational sorority in ceremonies Monday afternoon at McKune Memorial Library. Those in the front row are identified as Arthur Faist, Doris Schultz, Florence Vogel, Marjorie Mapes, Miss Maskey, Mrs. Howlett, unidentified, Edna Hirth, unidentified, and Paul Glenn. In the second row are Norman Schmidt, Selma Hepburn, Hilda Paul, Lucile McDaid, Elsie Cup, Doris Bagge, unidentified, Doris Schumacher, Clara Gutekunst, Sarah Isham, Anna Hagadon and Mark Glenn. Those in the top row are believed to be Warren Wheelock, Walter Page, unidentified, Kenneth Millspaugh, Hubert Moore, Clarence Gilbert, Willis Taylor, Roy Mohrlock and Robert Dole. It would be interesting to know if any of those unidentified at this time can be identified by others in the class.

# Mrs. Florence Howlett Honored Monday For Many Years Service to Education

Mrs. Florence Bachman Howlett, 92-year-old former school teacher, and Eastern Michigan University graduate, was honored Monday, by Eastern Michigan University and members of the Pi Lambda Theta educational sorority.

Eastern Michigan President Eugene B. Elliott traveled to Chelsea to present Mrs. Howlett with a certificate of honor which read, "Pi Lambda Theta joins Eastern Michigan University in honoring Florence Bachman Howlett for her long and faithful service to the teaching profession."

Several organizations presented cash gifts to Mrs. Howlett at the ceremony in her honor, held at McKune Memorial Library. These included the PTA, Chelsea Teachers Club, High School Library club and Pi Lambda Theta sorority.

Among those present for the ceremony Monday, Pioneer Homecoming Day of Chelsea's 125th Anniversary Week, were Mrs. Henry Morton, Mrs. Paul Mancell, Mrs. F. W. Ouradnik and Chelsea School Librarian Miss Johanna Wiese, all of Ann Arbor and representing Pi Lambda Theta; Mike Church of the Michigan Historical Society and the U. of M. Extension Service; Howard Thayer, assistant superintendent of Washtenaw county schools; David Sanborn, president of the Chelsea Teachers club; Charles Cameron, Chelsea school superintendent; the Rev. S. D. Kinde, pastor of the Methodist church; Albert Warnhoff of Ann Arbor; and P. F. Niehaus, Mrs. D. R. Hoppe and Miss Lillie Wackenhut.

A teacher in the Chelsea area for more than 30 years, Mrs. Howlett is revered by several generations of her former students. The advancing years have not lessened her enthusiasm nor diminished her interest in school and civic affairs.

Born in 1867 at Dresden, N. Y., Mrs. Howlett moved to Chelsea at the age of three. After graduating from Chelsea High school in 1885, she taught in rural schools for several years prior to teaching high school English for 11 years. "I taught in order to earn money for my teacher education," Mrs. Howlett states. She attended what was then Ypsilanti Normal School (now Eastern Michigan University) for many years on a part-time basis and received her Life Certificate from the institution in 1920. Mrs. Howlett has spent more than 30 years in full-time teaching in Chelsea and an additional two years in rural Webster township plus additional years of part-time teaching.

A great believer in individual differences, she took pride in being able to help individual students who were having difficulties in various areas of study. She often purchased clothing from her personal income for those children who were in need of additional garments.

Mrs. Howlett retired from teaching in 1934, after serving under ten different superintendents. She states that her first salary was $50 a month and that when she retired she was earning only about $100 per month.

She has been a member of the Chelsea Methodist church for more than 75 years and has been active in the Women's Christian Service Society, the Gay Nineties and the Cythereans, a social club, for more than 50 years. She is often honored by visits from her former students and finds great pride in the fact that one of her former students, Gorton Riethmiller, president of Olivet College, was the guest speaker when the new Chelsea High school was dedicated in April 1, 1959.

Though blind for the past 11 years, Mrs. Howlett followed and voted in the last school election because as she stated, "I want to keep up on education."




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# Summer Rec Attendance Totals 1,224

Attendance for the third week of the summer recreation program here, in spite of 125th anniversary activities, totaled 1,224. There was no Friday night dance.

Attendance was listed by Recreation Director Alan Conklin as follows: Morning playgrounds: North school, 127; South school, 152; Junior High, 140. Boy's morning program, athletic field, 227; swimming, 382; girl's evening program, 75; boy's evening program, 220.

## *Little League Results*

Wildcats 17, Braves 5—Charles Schmunk, Dennis Stoffer and Tom McClanahan pitched for the winners. The Wildcats' Neil Colvin had five hits to lead his team at the plate. Charlie Schmunk had two home runs, while Neil Packard also had a homer. For the Braves, Jimmy Cameron, Tim Grove and Francis Smysor shared the pitching. David Blaess doubled for the Braves and drove in a run.

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Wildcats 6, Cubs 5—In the closest contest of the summer the Wildcats edged the Cubs by scoring the winning run with no one out in the last half of the final inning as the Cubs made three consecutive errors to allow Mike Tarasow to score the winning run. The Cubs' David Good had tied the score with a three-run homer in the first half of the inning.

Charlie Schmunk and Tom McClanahan pitched for the Wildcats. Gary White and Bob Shackleton pitched for the Cubs.

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Braves 10, Tigers 5—Lee Satterthwaite and Oron Wireman pitched for the winners. Wireman and Jimmy Cameron each had two hits for the Braves while Satterthwaite poled a bases-loaded triple.

Dennis White and Gary Pritchard, Mike Hitchingham, and Gary Houle pitched for the Tigers. Mike Hitchingham had two hits for the Tigers.

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LITTLE LEAGUE STANDINGS

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| Wild Cats | 4 | 0 |
| Braves | 2 | 2 |
| Tigers | 1 | 3 |
| Cubs | 1 | 3 |

# Chelsea High Wins Accreditation On U-M List

Renewed accreditation of Chelsea High school by the University of Michigan has been announced by Kent W. Leach, director of the U-M Bureau of School services.

Graduates of accredited high schools may enroll at the U-M without taking admissions tests, providing they have maintained a satisfactory academic record and have their principal's recommendation. Graduates of non-accredited schools must pass U-M admissions tests regardless of their high school academic record.

The Chelsea school is one of 40 high schools throughout the state whose accreditation was renewed at this time.

## Ann Arbor Man Named to National Red Cross Fund Job

James L. Bauchat of Ann Arbor, has been appointed national fund vice-chairman for the American National Red Cross in Michigan in 1960. Bauchat recently returned from Atlantic City, N.J., where he attended the Red Cross convention and met with the national campaign chairman for 1960, Theodore V. Houser.

Bauchat and other public service leaders from around the nation jointed in early planning for the 1960 Red Cross campaign for members and funds and will begin immediately to organize the campaign in their home states. Red Cross services are maintained by voluntary gifts directly to chapters or through participation in local united fund drives.

Houser, of Fredericksburg, Va., is retired chairman of the board of Sears, Roebuck and Co. Bauchat is manager of the Ford Motor Company's Ypsilanti plant.

Bauchat served as chairman of the Washtenaw Out-County Red Cross campaign in March 1958 when 163 per cent of goal was reached, and was a regional fund chairman in Michigan during the past year. He has been a member of the chapter's board of directors; chapter vice-chairman; member of the executive and Safety Services committees.

## Jack Turner Becomes Member of National Holstein Cattle Breeders Association

Jack B. Turner of Chelsea was one of 1,310 new members admitted to the Holstein-Friesian Association of America by recent action of the Board of Directors.

Membership in the national Holstein organization now totals 50,813 and is believed to be without precedent in livestock history.

The Association ranks as the world's largest dairy cattle registry organization. It maintains all official records of the Holstein breed in this country at its Brattleboro, Vt. headquarters.

The earliest American dictionary was one published by Noah Webster in 1806.


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## *Patriotic Theme Used In Birthday Party At Methodist Home*

Decorations at a joint birthday party for 12 residents of the Methodist Home who were born in July, were in red, white and blue, in keeping with the patriotic theme of the month. The party took place Friday.

Favors were tiny American flags and even the birthday cake was decorated with flags.

Those honored include Mrs. Florence Ward, Mrs. Georgiana Oyloe, Mrs. Leillia Butte, Mrs. Lucy Leighton, Mrs. Maude Newark, Mrs. Ida Mae Harland, Mrs. Fannie Magill, Mrs. Margaret McKelvey, Mrs. Matilda Wilber, Mrs. Zella Wilkins, Mrs. Elizabeth Ricker and Mrs. Elizabeth Bodell.


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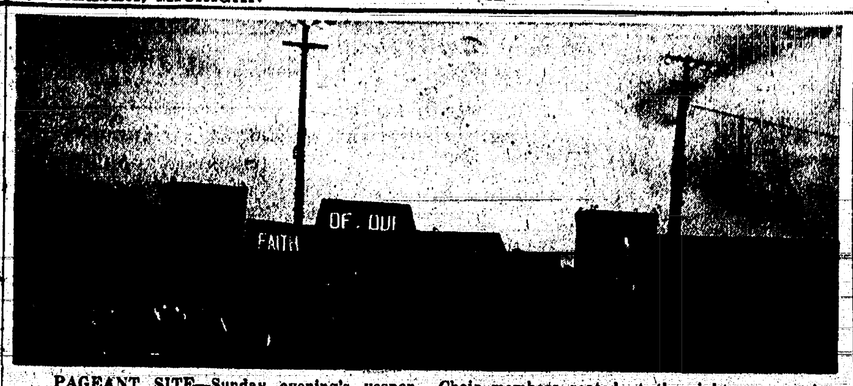
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PAGEANT SITE—Sunday evening's vesper service at the pageant site was an impressive introduction to this week's program of nightly pageants depicting the history of Chelsea from 1834 to the present. More than 1,000 people attended. Choir members seated at the right are wearing anniversary costumes. The choir is directed by David Sanborn. The school band members, directed by Gayle Grove, are shown at the left.

## *'Remembering When'*

There's a thriving town called Chelsea—
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Beside the New York Central tracks,
In rolling, fertile lands.

Its gracious streets are canopied
With fine old maple trees
And lead you to attractive homes
And gardens as you please.

There's love and charm and beauty
And friendliness and cheer,
So when you come to Chelsea
Warm welcome waits you here.

Now, Chelsea is "Remembering When"
In eighteen thirty-four,
A brave and hardy pioneer
Had opened its first door.

Once more bewhiskered gentlemen
And gals in crinoline
Are seen upon the village streets
In nineteen fifty-nine.

The men are tall in "stovepipe" hats,
And long tailed coats, and fancy vests—
Oh, it's a jamboree!

The ladies, in their period gowns,
Are keeping up, you bet!
With bonnets, mitts and parasols—
How pretty can they get?

So, "let us all be merrie,"
And "make the welkin ring"
With songs and happy laughter
For this anniversary fling.

And when it is all over,
And we have settled down,
Let's keep it bright and shining—
The good will of our town.

God bless and keep you Chelsea,
Wherever I may roam,
My heart comes back to greet you
My "Home, Sweet Home."

—Blanche Palmer.

## Attend Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses

Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Elden Buehler, Mrs. H. Grissom and Mrs. Bertha Hieber attended a four-day convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, held last week-end at the I.M.A. Auditorium in Flint. A capacity crowd of more than 18,000 delegates from many points in the United States and Canada attended.

Walter Fisher, a delegate from this area, reporting on the various events which occurred at the convention, said the principal speaker on Sunday was N. H. Knorr, president of the governing body of the world-wide Jehovah's Witnesses organization. Knorr recently returned from an organizational tours of Arrican countries. He commented on conditions of unrest among individual nations which he claimed is the result of a "spirit of worldly wisdom because political, commercial and religious leaders are following philosophies and diplomacies which are not compatible with evidences of fulfilled Bible prohecies."

Mrs. Marjorie Stoll and her daughter, Suzanne, of Torrance, Calif., formerly of Chelsea, are spending a month visiting another daughter, Mrs. Donald DeYonge at Iron Lake, Manchester.

# Vote Set for July 23 on Wheat Plan

Wheat growers of Washtenaw County have received their 1960 acreage allotments through the mail this week, Chairman Max Kalmbach of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, has announced.

There is a total of 2,686 farms with 1960 wheat acreage allotments in the county having a combined acreage of 26,011 acres. These allotments have been mailed at this time so farmers will have them in advance of the July 23 referendum, at which growers throughout the country will decide whether to market their 1960 wheat under the same quota system that has been in effect for several years.

On July 23, wheat farmers in Washtenaw county will join with those in 38 other states in a referendum to decide the type of marketing control program they will have for the 1960 crop of wheat. The referendum is held at this time so that farmers will know at winter wheat planting time whether marketing restrictions be in effect at harvest time in 1960.

The wheat program on which farmers will vote, Kalmbach said, is the same as that which has been in effect for the last several years.

Marketing quotas have been proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture as required by the law when supplies are excessive. They will remain in effect only if approved by two-thirds of the farmers voting in the referendum.

When wheat marketing quotas are in effect, farmers who comply with their individual farm wheat acreage allotments may market their entire wheat crop without penalty and are eligible for price support at not less than 75 per cent of parity. A grower who exceeds his allotment will be subject to marketing quota penalties on his excess wheat except that any grower may produce up to 15 acres for harvest as grain to farmers who comply with their acreage allotments.

The marketing quota penalty rate will be announced later, Kalmbach said. It is $1.07 per bushel for 1959-crop wheat.

Any farmer is eligible to vote who expects to produce more than 15 acres of wheat for harvest as grain in 1960, except a grower who participated in the feed wheat program in 1959.

Polling places established for the wheat referendum vote on Thursday, July 23 are:

Sylvan, Lima, and Lyndon townships—Sylvan Town Hall in Chelsea.

For Dexter, Webster, and Scio townships—Dexter Fire Hall in Dexter.

Manchester, Sharon, and Freedom townships—Sharon Town Hall on Pleasant Lake road in Sharon.

Saline, and Bridgewater townships—Saline Township Hall on Braun road.

Augusta, York, and Ypsilanti townships—Stoney Creek Grange Hall on Stoney Creek road.

Ann Arbor, and Superior townships—Superior Town Hall, Cherry Hill and Prospect roads.

Salem and Northfield townships—Emery Store on Vorrhies road.

Lodi and Pittsfield townships—Pittsfield Town Hall, State and Ellsworth roads.

Polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.


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## Spinning Exhibitions Given by David Stewart On Old Fashioned Wheel

David Stewart of Ann Arbor, demonstrated his prowess as a spinner of wool and jute yesterday afternoon from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. in Merkel Brothers show window and tomorrow, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. he will have his spinning wheel set up in the window of the Michigan Consolidated Gas company office at 108 North Main street.

Stewart began his hobby of spinning six years ago, using his late grandmother's wheel. He now has another spinning wheel which his grandmother had owned, and a third which he renovated himself.

The renovated wheel is made ow four kinds of wood, beech, alum, white pine and oak.

Since taking up his hobby of spinning six years ago he has given many demonstrations.

His appearance in Chelsea at this time is especially appropriate when many old fashioned and antique items are on display in observance of Chelsea's 125th anniversary.


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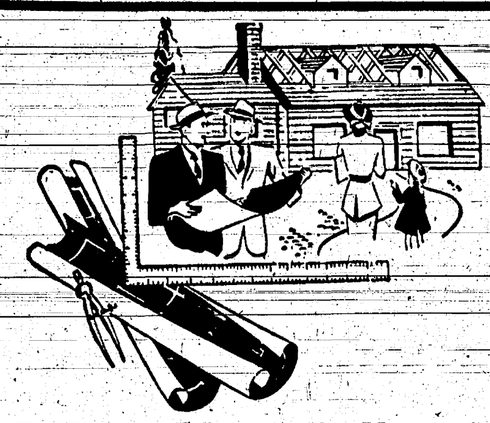
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## Karl Koengeters Honored Thursday On 20th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Koengeter were surprised Thursday evening with a family dinner at their home in observance of their 20th wedding anniversary.

Present for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Baller and children, of Howell; Mr. Koengeter's mother, Mrs. Helen Koengeter, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Koengeter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gray and children and Mr. and Mrs. George Henry and children, all of Ann Arbor; and Mrs. Koengeter's mother, Mrs. Rose Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Koengeter were married July 9, 1939, at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Ann Arbor, by the Rev. Carl Brauer. They lived in Ann Arbor until moving to Chelsea 10 years ago. Mrs. Koengeter is the former Edythe Cone.

The Koengeters' family includes two sons and two daughters, Charles, Linda, Janice and Edwin.

As a group gift from those present, the Koengeters were presented with a beautiful set of dishes in keeping with the china anniversary.

## *Donald Rowe Injured In Fire at Leoni*

Donald Rowe who is employed at the Lamar Pipe and Tile Co., west of Leoni, suffered a back injury during a fire which broke out at the plant at 10:30 a.m. Monday, causing an estimated $200,000 damage.

Rowe, who is the son of Mrs. Wesley Ellenwood, was taken to Foote hospital, Jackson.

Standard Want Ads get results!

# Community Calendar




Sylvan Extension club annual pot-luck picnic Sunday, July 26, 12:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Charles Guenther.

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Cavanaugh Lake Grange picnic, Sunday, July 19, at home of Mrs. Frank Gieske. Coffee will be furnished.

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29th annual Iron Creek Valley pot-luck picnic Sunday, Aug. 2, at 1 p.m. at Iron Creek church, Manchester. All former resident invited.

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WRC pot-luck supper 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 20, at the home of Addie Fitzmier, on M-92. Regular meeting follows.

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St. Paul's Guild Circle No. III, Mrs. Paul Niehaus, leader, Wednesday, July 22, at the cottage of Mrs. John Warren, Crooked Lake. Dinner at 1 p.m.

Ice Cream Social Tuesday, July 28, at Zion Lutheran church, Rogers Corners. Serving begins at 5 p.m. Barbecues, hot dogs, cake and ice cream, sundaes, coffee, soft drinks. Bake sale and bazaar. Fish pond. adv. 3

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St. Paul's Women's Guild Circle No. 1, Tuesday, July 21, 12 o'clock noon at Mrs. Adam Eppler's cottage, Blind Lake. Pot-luck dinner. Sandwiches and coffee will be furnished. Bring own table service.

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No social meeting of VFW Auxiliary in July. Business meeting July 27, Sylvan Town Hall.

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Sylvan-Lima Farmers' Guild meeting postponed until Monday, July 20, at Lima Community hall.

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Goodwill truck of Jackson will be in Chelsea July 20 to take your useable discards. Call Wesley Morrison, GR 9-1952 for pick-up. adv. 2



IN SPECIAL OBSERVANCE of Chelsea's 125th Anniversary Celebration, Chrysler Corporation presented to McKune Memorial Library 125 books—one for each year since Chelsea was founded in 1834. The presentation ceremony took place Tuesday afternoon in the children's room of the newly-opened library with D. R. Rodger, chief engineer-vehicle testing, and E. P. Anderson, supervisor of personnel and special services, representing the Chrysler Corp. Books piled on the carrier represent the 125 which will eventually be in the collection, each of which will bear a specially-designed book plate indicating it is one of the books presented by the Chrysler Corporation. Present to accept the gift for the McKune Memorial Library were Mrs. E. W. Eaton, left, and Mrs. Warren Daniels, wearing their anniversary costumes. Presenting a book to Mrs. Daniels is Rodger, while Anderson is at the right. Children seated in front of the stacked books are Sandra White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland White, and Keith Kusterer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kusterer.



JUNIOR BROTHERS of the Brush band played at Dexter when the Chelsea caravan visited there Thursday evening of last week. Shown, from left, the players are Barry Visel, David Blaess, Douglas Barker, Dennis Stoffer, Francis Smysor who played the bass drum that night and Jim Cameron with the snare drum, Mike Tarasow, Tim Grove and Tommy Sharrard. The group had a busy day Monday, too. They played at Pierce Park and later had a parade downtown.



DEXTER STREETS were swarming with activity and people Thursday evening when an estimated crowd of 2,500 took part in the festivities. A caravan of more than 400 Chelsea cars traveled to that community for an evening of street dancing and to invite the Dexter townspeople to attend Chelsea's 125th Anniversary celebration.

## *School District Holding Special Election Today Asking Sale of Buildings*

Chelsea School District is holding a special election today for the purpose of asking for authority to sell the seven rural schools which are still the property of the district.

The election will be held from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Junior High school gymnasium on East street.

Schools included are Beach, Jerusalem, Jewett-Stone, Lima Center, Palmer, Rogers Corners and Waterloo.

## Entertain California Guests

The Rev. and Mrs. William Steinmann of Seaside, Calif., arrived last Tuesday to spend the week with the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riemenschneider and sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McClure.

Mr. and Mrs. Riemenschneider entertained at a dinner on Sunday, guests being the Rev. and Mrs. William Steinmann, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McClure and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Peterson. The Rev. and Mrs. Steinmann left for their home at Seaside, Calif., on Tuesday.

# DEATHS

## Mary R. McKune

### Had Served as MCRR Clerk for 30 Years

Mary R. McKune, 532 North Main street, died Wednesday at Colonial Manor Nursing Home. She had been in failing health for some time and had been taken to the nursing home Wednesday morning.

Miss McKune was employed as a clerk for the Michigan Central Railroad in Detroit for 30 years before her retirement in 1949.

Born in Lyndon township, March 4, 1889, she was a daughter of Hugh and Catherine Somers McKune. She graduated from Chelsea High school in 1907 and later attended Cleary College, in Ypsilanti.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church.

After her retirement she returned to the family home here in 1949 and had made her home there with a brother, Lawrence McKune, who survives. A sister, Mrs. Agnes Fry of Detroit, also survives.

The Rosary was recited at the Staffan Funeral Home at 8 p.m. Friday and funeral services were held at St. Mary's church at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Fr. Lee Laige officiating.

Burial took place in Mount Calvary cemetery in Lyndon township.

## Mrs. Gertrude Stanley

### Former Chelsea Resident Dies Suddenly in Detroit

Mrs. Gertrude Stanley of Garden City, a former Chelsea resident for some years before leaving here in 1955, died suddenly Sunday evening at the home of a sister, Mrs. Annie Winslow, in Detroit.

Born in Germany, July 21, 1908, she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Geyer who were Dexter residents for many years.

Mrs. Stanley had made her home with Mrs. Stephen Slane for more than a year during her residence in Chelsea.

In addition to the sister in Detroit, Mrs. Stanley is survived by a son, Philip Winslow, in Florida; a daughter, Joanne Winslow of California; and two other sisters, Mrs. Wirt Masten of Ann Arbor, and Mrs. William Darcy of Lansing. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

Funeral services are being held at 10:30 a.m. today at the Muehlig Chapel, Ann Arbor and burial will take place in St. Thomas cemetery there.

# BIRTHS

A son, Jeffrey Lee, Monday, June 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Sweet. Mrs. Sweet is the former Dorothy Speer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byford Speer.

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A son, William Eugene, Thursday, July 9, at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Ann Arbor, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Esch. Mrs. Esch is the former Norma Jean Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bailey.

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A son, Matthew Robert, Saturday, July 4, at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Ann Arbor, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tobin. Mrs. Tobin is the former Janette Otte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Werner Otte.

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A daughter, Louise Anne, Saturday, July 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abbott of Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Abbott, the former Barbara Tobin, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tobin.

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A daughter, Susan Jean, Saturday, July 11, at U. of M. Women's hospital, Ann Arbor, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mann.

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A daughter, Marti Lee, Monday, July 13, to Mr. and Mrs. William N. Lawrence of Ann Arbor. Mrs. Lawrence is the former Thelma Ferguson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ferguson.

## *Florida Queen . . .*

(Continued from page one)

wonderful preparations they have made for entertaining our queen when she arrives in their city next month."

Chelsea's queen will be with the caravan to greet the Clearwater queen on her arrival at the airport.

## *Beard Contest . . .*

(Continued from page one)

munity and each Brother of the Brush should encircle the category he wishes to enter and leave or send the sheet to celebration headquarters.

Other special activities for the remainder of the anniversary week include a parade from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. today in observance of Agriculture Day.

At the fairgrounds, beginning at 3 p.m., there will be an old-fashioned school; threshing with an old-time rig; milking contest; harvesting contest; hog calling and husband calling contests.

Centennial farm owners, old-time 4-H Club leaders, FFA workers and others will be recognized in a half-hour program preceding the stage spectacle.

Tomorrow, Friday, is Industry Day and Saturday is Veterans and Fraternal Day with a parade scheduled for 2 p.m.

The complete program schedule for the remaining three days of the anniversary celebration is printed on page 5.

# NYCRR Forgives Chelsea For Wrecking Old Depot

According to information from Village President Donald Alber, the New York Central Railroad is "not mad at us anymore" for hooking a rope to the Chelsea depot of many years ago, fastening the rope to a train which had stopped here and then standing by while the train dragged it away.

The incident is a matter chronicled in Chelsea's history.

President Alber said if anyone in the community harbored any doubts as to the company's "forgiveness" the announced plans of the New York Central Railroad for the coming week-end will dispel them.

Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m., the Railroad company will have a large exhibit on the side track behind the celebration headquarters.

The exhibit will include two diesel freight engines, one switch engine, an old-time caboose, a new steel caboose and an Evans car which is a bus-type railroad car. The new-type car will be used to give rides to those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity. The car will travel back and forth from the Headquarters building to Hayes street.

Other units in the display will be open for public inspection.

Alber said parents should bring their children to see the exhibit and give them an opportunity that all youngsters wish for—to see "the inside of an engine."

# Caravan to Dexter Tops Them All!

The caravan to Dexter last Thursday night fulfilled predictions that it would be so long that the first car would reach Dexter before the last one left Chelsea. It was impossible to get an exact count of the cars but it was estimated that nearly 500 cars made the trip.

Chelsea's Anniversary Band led the Chelsea Belles and Brothers of the Brush from the parking lot to the center of the business district where the Dexter village president, Floyd Layton, welcomed Chelsea Village President Donald Alber and the Chelsea visitors.

Square dancing on the street followed but was interrupted when Dexter's Police Officer Beck served Chelsea Village President Alber with a summons for having "failed to obtain a permit for street dancing."

Alber was tried and convicted and sentenced to be hung in true frontier fashion. Alber was handcuffed and taken to a lamp post where he was supposed to be hung but he was "rescued" by Chelsea's Keystone Kops.

Square dancing and music by the Brothers of the Brush Band continued until the second contingent arrived at 9:30 p.m. The first group had left Chelsea at 7 p.m.

The anniversary pageant's Charleston dancers arrived with the second group and gave several demonstrations of their dancing. Chelsea's anniversary paddy wagon was pressed into service as transportation for the girls in the dance group.

One of the church groups at Dexter set up a stand to sell ice cream and popcorn balls and served coffee and tea free of charge.

Chelsea's Auxiliary Police Unit patrolled the main street where traffic was heavy and crowded with approximately 2,500 Dexter residents and Chelsea visitors.

Dexter firemen assisted in parking the many cars and were assisted by Chelsea firemen in putting out a fire started by "a firebug" as part of the evening's stunts.

# PERSONALS

Sunday guests for a picnic dinner and supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonald were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Neff, Mrs. Ray Canfield, and Mrs. Bernice Best, all of Milliken; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Canfield and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Duffy and family of Sunfield, Mr. and Mrs. Al Platte and family, of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Neff of Diamondale, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest York of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kealy of Chelsea.

Mrs. Nellie Kelly, formerly of Chelsea, returned last week after spending a year in California and spent several days this week visiting old friends and neighbors here. She will be making her home in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Bull and children, of Luther, spent from Friday until Tuesday with Mrs. Bull's mother, Mrs. Alfred Faulkner, and attended the anniversary pageant and other anniversary activities.

William Hawley of Dryden, and his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hawley and children, of St. Louis, Mo., spent Sunday here as guests of the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Wright. Mrs. Wright's daughter, Mrs. Neil DePuy of Tecumseh, spent Friday here.

## SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

### FIFTH WEEK—JULY 20-27

MONDAY-FRIDAY—9:30-11:30 A.M.
Supervisors: North School, Judy Wagner; South School, Ellen Keusch; Junior High, Priscilla Neal.
Ann Kayser, arts and crafts supervisor, will rotate on the following schedule: Monday, North school; Tuesday, Junior High; Wednesday, South school; Thursday, North school; Friday, Junior High.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, South School Athletic Field—9:30-11:30 a.m.
Baseball, 8-12 year olds. Monday, Cubs vs. Braves; Tuesday, Wildcats vs. Tigers; Wednesday, Bobcats vs. Lions; Thursday, Tigers vs. Cubs; Friday, practice for all teams.

MONDAY-FRIDAY AFTERNOON—12:45-4:00
Swimming Whitmore Lake.

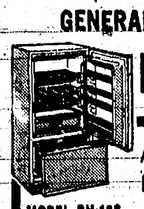
MONDAY-THURSDAY—6:30 p.m., Football field
Girls softball, badminton, volleyball and croquet.

MONDAY-THURSDAY, South Athletic Field, Boys.
Little League: Monday—Wildcats vs. Braves; Tuesday—Cubs vs. Wildcats; Thursday—Braves vs. Tigers; Friday—Bobcats vs. Lions. Game time is 9:30 a.m.
Babe Ruth League: Monday—Chelsea Americans at Manchester; Dexter at Chelsea Nationals; Wednesday—Americans at Willow Run; Nationals at Manchester. Game time is 5:45 p.m.

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## *Assembly of God . . .*

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be the District Superintendent of Michigan, the Rev. Everett Cooley, the pastor, the Rev. H. J. Meppelink, and the laymen of this congregation.

Special feature of the service will be the singing of the choir of the Stockbridge Baptist church under the direction of David Sanborn.

All friends and members are invited to attend this ceremony taking place at 8:00 p.m.

"This will indeed be a thrilling moment for this church, and we are looking forward to this day with anticipation," the pastor says. "All the work on the building will be donated labor with volunteers of this community working together."



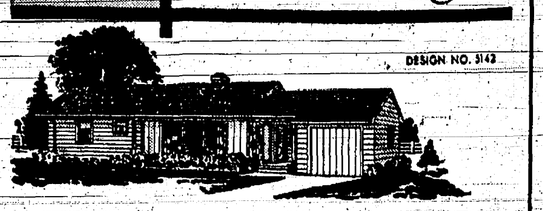

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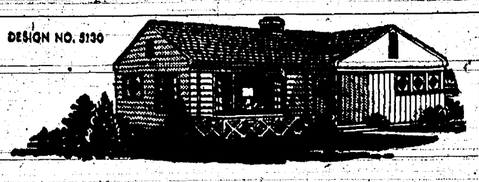
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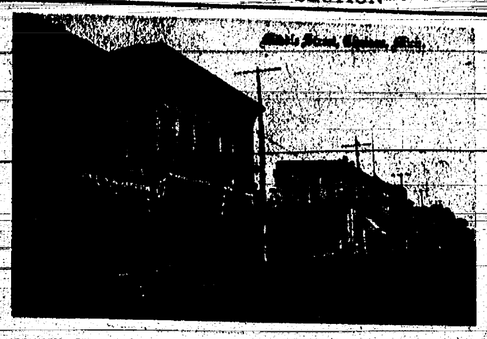
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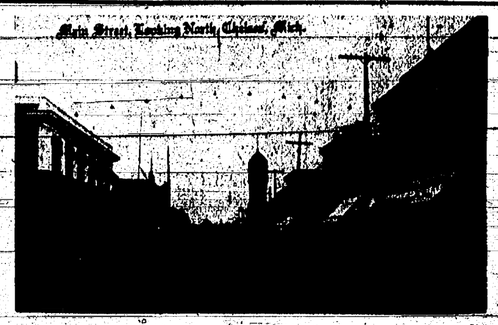
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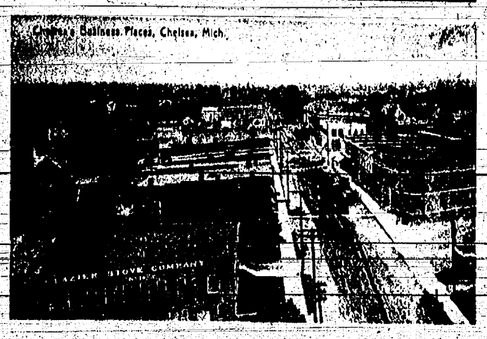
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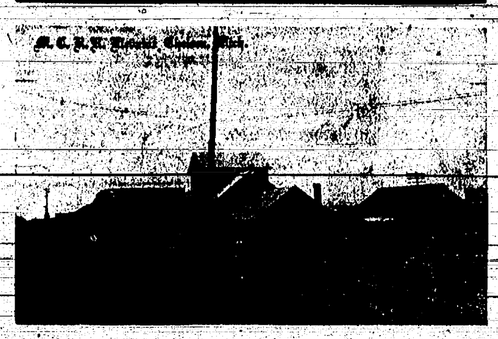
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## THE CHELSEA LEGEND

Some ground rules for reading this article should be stated at the outset: this is a quasi-history of Chelsea and the surrounding community. There has been no attempt to authenticate any dates or facts herein presented. Attention is called to the history of Chelsea written by Nina Belle Wurster, which is available at the Chelsea Library, also the newspaper files of The Chelsea Standard which are available.

The first beginnings for Chelsea took place in the year 1830 when Cyrus Beckwith settled on the east half of Section 14 of what was to become Sylvan Township. During the next several years more people settled in the area until, in the year 1834, an election was held and a Township Government formed. The new Township being named "Sylvan."

The new Township had several small hamlets and the nucleus of Chelsea was established about two miles west of its present site and took the name of "Davidson Station," because it was a stopping point for the Michigan Central Railroad and it happened to be near a farm owned by a man named Davidson. Later this place picked up the nick name "Gunntown" after a local character named Gunn.

At Davidson Station, or Gunntown, a flimsy structure was built by the railroad in 1848 to serve as a depot; however, it burned that same year.

During the 1830's, the Congdon brothers, Elisha and James settled the land on which Chelsea is built and probably for this reason they arranged certain land concessions in 1848 as an inducement for the railroad to establish a station house in Chelsea. This was an established fact in the year 1850 and as the trains began stopping in Chelsea the residents of Pierceville and some families from Sylvan Center moved into Chelsea.

As we have seen, "Chelsea" has not always been the name of the community. It is conceivable that we could still be known as "Davidson Station", "Gunntown" or "Kedron", providing the railroad had built a more substantial building in the first place. It has been suggested that arson was not uncommon during the early period of government to remove undesirable structures. Kedron is mentioned at this point along with Pierceville to give the reader an idea of distance. About five families located along Letts Creek to the north of the road on Main Street, this community was named Kedron by Darius Pierce because it reminded him of a place in Ontario County in New York state which was named after a river in Jerusalem. Pierceville was located near the intersection of Old US-12 and the Manchester Road. This will give an idea of the open country between the points that now comprise the north and south Village limits for Chelsea. The building of the station in Chelsea prompted the people of Pierceville to move into Chelsea and the village had rather a steady growth thereafter.

A school was started in 1854 by W. F. Hatch and several kinds and types came into existence during the succeeding years; some being good schools and some not so good. Our good people of Chelsea sent their children to school most of the time; however, there was one schoolmaster who learned to play the violin during school hours. This could only happen because the students did not attend classes, and in order to insure his contract the schoolmaster had to open the school every day . . . then he practiced the violin when no children attended his classes.

The growth of the community was curtailed by the Civil War, as opposed to the growth experienced during World War II. Company K of the 20th Michigan Infantry was made up mostly of men from the Chelsea area, who took their share of casualties. The Chelsea men were mustered out of service in 1865 and returned to the area to continue their civilian pursuits.

In 1868 our banking institutions got their start. George P. Glazier of Parma and Michael J. Noyes of Chelsea formed a partnership and established the first Bank Exchange. Later on a State Bank emerged from this partnership and steady progress has been made since that time with two notable exceptions. One was the forced closing of Mr. Glazier's Bank in 1907 and of course the "Bank Holiday" of the 1930's.

Chelsea weathered these closings nicely and it has been said that the closing of the bank in 1907 was politically inspired and not really necessary. The commercial accounts were paid off at the rate of 86 cents on the dollar and more than likely this Bank could have paid 100 cents on the dollar .. it had been allowed to remain open for business.

The economy of the community was tied fairly close to the railroad operation for the first 50 years of its existence.

A thriving hauling business developed between Manchester and Chelsea in the early years. Prices were low, based on 1959 standards. The cost of shipments by the barrel to Manchester was 17 cents per barrel. Any merchandise hauled on the return trip was at the rate of 10 cents per 100 pounds. When it is considered that the vehicle was a wagon, and motive power was supplied by horses or oxen, and the round trip might take a full day, the transportation cost was certainly not great. Early prices were generally arrived at by allowing the economic law of supply vs. demand to function to its fullest.

During this 50-year period the topography of the village went through a leveling off process, as an example, a pond was located on the northeast corner of East and Middle street . . . a huckleberry marsh and skating pond were at the corner of Adams and East streets. Ten feet of a knoll on the north side of Middle between Main and East streets was move to the south side of Middle street in the same area. This can be seen by viewing the area from the present village off-street parking lot. The contour of the community was quite rolling with pronounced gullies which have generally been filled and leveled by now, however on Main Street, at a point between Palmer's Garage and the McKune House was the worst sand hill on the road between Manchester and Stockbridge. At times teamsters would be forced to unload part of their load to negotiate the sand, then retrace their steps for the balance of the load.

Our churches were formed into the various congregations and buildings built during the last half of the century. Chelsea, from its inception, has always actively supported her churches and during the years the church has been a point of social contact through the various leagues and societies for the people of the community.

Several fires have played roles in Chelsea's history . . . the two largest took place six years apart. In 1870 the entire block on the west side of Main Street from Middle to the railroad was destroyed. This was a doubly serious blaze in that all village records were also burned. Immediately a rebuilding project was started, this time all buildings were constructed of brick. The test came sooner than expected when the James Hudler store in the middle of the new block burned the next year, and so the account says: "due to the splendid construction only one store was destroyed." Few of us will remember when the East side of Main Street from Middle to the hotel burned, but imagine the trials of fighting a disasterous fire such as that in the days of the hand-pumpers and bucket brigades!! Some can remember when the Winans Jewelry store caught fire. We can see it now, the heat at the front door so intense it couldn't be opened, the blaze rising from the workshop area being fed by a gas jet . . . Howard Brooks, the fire chief, directing the fight and at the same time using care and good judgment by not flooding the store with water. After a successful battle we see the store as it awaited cleaning. The paint accumulation of many years is hanging from the wooden ceiling like moss from the trees. The display boxes and displayed silver pieces completely scorched, soot on everything; no doubt a fire sale of grand proportions was held . . . . perhaps you can remember.

The general appearance of Chelsea in 1880 is that of thrift and good taste. It covers the slopes and crown of a gentle hill, its streets are well graded, sidewalks (wooden in design) have been generally laid out on all principal streets. All business houses and dwellings bear evidence of the recent growth of the area in newness, neatness and a modern style of architecture. It was during this year that the railroad built the present depot. Perhaps you can remember when the local boys hooked the old depot to the caboose of a departing train with a stout cable. For many years the Railroad cared for the lawns between the depot and Main Street, and the depot and East Street. Thus providing a pleasant formal garden atmosphere for train passengers and villagers alike.

By this time the Farmers Club had been holding Fairs for about eight years, the first of which was held on the site of our new High School, however after the first year a better site was found west of town. These Fairs became rather famous and attracted people from miles around. One main feature was the horse racing. Remember when "Texas Jim" brought racing horses each year to the Fair? It has been said that he always brought good stock and even sold some of his horses to the local "Sports." Trading horses in these years at the turn of the century required skill and luck, also knowledge of "tricks of the trade" helped. Those of you who remember Texas Jim no doubt can now judge who was the best horse trader in town.

Remember when the Fairs closed and the grandstand at the race track (located on the site of the present Methodist Home) was sold and moved to a point along the railroad tracks near the old freight house. The old grandstand was remodeled into a dried apple factory which operated for many years and provided employment for a number of ladies. The big job was to "pare" the apple by use of a hand operated mechanical paring machine and the pay was usually determined by the number of bushels pared.

Agriculture has always played an important part in the economy of Chelsea. Remember when the price of onions got so low that the onions in onion storage plants were scattered on some fields east of town in preparation to being plowed under for fertilizer. The result of such a move is unknown to the writer, but in this case the price of onions spurted up and the storage people went back to the fields, picked up and topped the onions, and shipped them to market.



**Looking east from the Methodist Home.**

Who remembers when Frank P. Glazier started the Glazier Stove Works in two small buildings on the site of the present Gamble Store—this was the year 1891 and as is well known, the business flourished; however on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, 1894 a fire started in the Glazier office and destroyed the office, the two stores used for mounting and storing stoves, and also the Congregational Church and parsonage. The next year Glazier bought all the property from Main to East along the railroad tracks and the buildings that are on the site today were started during the years immediately following. The Glazier Stove Co. became a giant in the industry practically overnight and in the early 1900's the firm was shipping products all over the United States and had a strong market in South America.

Remember when the local merchants turned street cleaners every spring and cleaned the cobble stone streets . . . great piles of debris, manure, etc., resulted and the village drayman hauled it all away. The hitching rail of the period was a peculiar one in that no matter how you ducked under it you were sure to hit your head. Remember the wooden sidewalks and the kerosene street lamps.

The first concrete finisher in the area was a man named Bill Yoakum and he had a special manner of mixing his cement, actually a bit of pure showmanship, but never proven. The Yoakum final mix (all mixed by hand) contained a small splash of red liquid carried in a small bottle on Mr. Bill Yoakum's person. This "touch" produced the best concrete in town and insured Bill of many jobs, in that nobody else knew the "secret" of good concrete mix. With the coming of Mr. Yoakum the wooden sidewalks began to be replaced by concrete.

Remember when, in 1906, the Michigan State Telephone Company had 6,000 subscribers in Washtenaw county and were growing state-wide at the rate of 2,000 subscribers per month . . . or remember when John J. Raftery had the best equipped store for men's clothing manufacture.

Remember when Chelsea had street car service from Wilkinson to Madison on Middle Street? W. A. Boland built a power house on the site of E. J. Bahnmiller's Feed Mill and laid track through Chelsea. Boland, in order to beat competition, hauled an electric car into Chelsea by steam locomotive and claimed regular electric car service in ten days . . . The locomotive pulled electric car was the first and only street car to run in Chelsea. This is not to be confused with the old D.U.R. which provided service for many years.

Remember when, in 1906, at H. S. Holmes Mercantile Company shoes were purchased from $3.00 to $4.00 and slippers at 75 cents to $1.50. Men's neckties at 25 cents, baby shoes 25 cents to $1.00.

The Chelsea Greenhouses owned by Elvira Clark featured cut flowers, plants, vegetables. Walter Leach was a shoemaker repairing all makes and brands on short notice. Adam Eppler was proprietor of the Central Meat Market and featured sausage of all kinds.

Remember when the men of the community took matters in their own hands and smashed saloon and pool room slot machines? It seems that several boys lost their money to the machines, several days later the Glazier factory whistle blew at 11 a.m. and the working crew simply walked out of the plant and raided the various saloons and poolrooms for the slot machines. All that they found they carried to the intersection of Main and Middle Streets and there managed to break them up. Imagine the delight of the bystanders as the money rolled in the street. One operator was alert to the raid and had his slot machine crated and delivered to the railroad for shipment—as the story was told to me, this was the only machine to escape destruction.

As 1910 rolled around, several things of importance to Chelsea transpired—the Frank P. Glazier saga came to a close when the State Supreme Court upheld the lower courts verdict. Part of an editorial published in the Feb. 3, 1910 edition of The Chelsea Standard says in part "By the decision of the Supreme Court today, sustaining the verdict of the Ingham County jury, Frank P. Glazier is removed from the active affairs of life as far as Chelsea is concerned, at least for a time.

There are few, if any, of our citizens but what are sorry that the Supreme Court should affirm the decision of the Lower Court . . . on the whole . . . did more for Chelsea than Chelsea did for him. When the affairs of the Chelsea Savings Bank are finally ironed out, the depositors will find that they have not been injured to any alarming extent . . ." The years have proven this editor to be a prophet and good judge of the people of his community. The publisher of the paper during this period was O. T. Hoover and the newspaper plant was located about where the present Gamble Store stands.

Can you remember when overcoats were on sale at W. P. Schenk & Company store at prices from $5.00 to $15.00, coffee was 20 cents per pound and the local Chelsea stock buyers were paying 4½ cents to 5 cents per pound for steers?

Dr's. Bush, Chase and Woods were the Village physicians and surgeons. Dr. A. L. Steger the local dentist while Dr's. Lane, Geo. Gorman and Defendorf were the veterinarians. James Gorman, Turnbull and Witherell, Stivers and Kalmbach were the Attorneys At Law.

For entertainment during this era, the Princess Theatre provided Saturday movies and illustrated songs . . . admission being 10 cents and 5 cents. Dancing at the Dance Hall on the Island at Cavanaugh Lake was popular in the summer months. Remember when the Steam Ferry carried the dance patrons to and from the Island. The old dance hall is still with us, being incorporated into a house on North Street. The dance hall was moved to shore and later sold and dismantled to be re-assembled in Chelsea as part of a house.

Chelsea continued to prosper through the years of World War I. A notable event took place during late World War I, two carloads of soldiers were enroute to Detroit from Camp Custer traveling on the D.U.R. line. One car stopped near the Methodist Home and the other crashed into the rear of it, injuring many of the passengers. A number of local places were used as first aid stations, among them was the Y.M.S.C. (Young Mens Social Club) located over Merkel's store.

In 1923 Chelsea had a new Village President in W. R. Daniels. M. J. Dunkel was President and General Manager of the Chelsea Screw Company, and general business conditions in Chelsea were promising . . . Mr. E. A. Tisch, proprietor of City Motor Sales, said that cars could not be secured fast enough to take care of the ever increasing demand for the product. The product being Durand, and Star automobiles . . . Remember when?

This was the era of the "Roaring Twenties." "Factories are running day and night, large numbers of men are employed, huge sums of money are being expended in weekly and monthly payrolls, which in turn is being spent in regular channels of business." (This account was taken from a Chelsea Standard published April 5, 1923.) The factories employed from 200 to 300 men and some operated on a 24-hour schedule. Demand for homes far exceeded the supply . . . which kept rentals at a good level. Educational opportunity was good in that the student could go through high school and the physical buildings were in good shape. Two railroads served Chelsea at this time, this fact coupled with the Junction point for N-S and E-W highways opened the Village to world-wide trade.

At this time the physical appearance had changed. The business section streets were paved . . . the flag-pole stood in the center of the intersection of Main and Middle Streets. The street lamps had been changed from kerosene to electricity, and Holmes & Walker were advertising "Red Star" oil stoves. Palmer Motor Sales were busy selling the Model T Ford, the Lincoln (7-Pass. Sedan, $4,900.00 F.O.B. Detroit) and the Fordson Tractor priced right at $395.00. Vogel & Wurster were claiming the "largest stock of merchandise in western Washtenaw county," silk dresses sold from $17.50 to $29.50. George A. McClure was selling seed potatoes for 75 cents per bushel at the farm.

Remember when St. Mary Reserves, Chelsea's Lightweight Basketball players won the Class C championship of the state of Michigan, at Detroit? This was the 100th game played by the Chelsea team out of which they have won 93.

The Rev. P. H. Grabowski took the leadership of St. Paul's Church in September of 1922 . . . by 1923, this was said of him: "He is a young man, energetic, capable, and has the confidence of his congregation who feel fortunate in having for their leader a man of his calibre." The Rev. Grabowski retired May 31, 1959 as pastor of this same church.

1929 finds Chelsea with a football team of remarkable ability . . . in 10 games Chelsea had scored 244 points to their opponents 50. The members on that team were: Russell McLaughlin, Dudley Holmes, Howard Holmes, Robert Foster, Carl Schneider, Andrew Eppler, Fred Irwin, Gerald Griffin, C. McLaughlin, Walter Mayor, Cyril Conk, Albert Cooper, R. Hutzel, Jack Gilbert, Dale Kern, Kenneth Beach, Donald Irwin, George Staffan, Mahlon Dunkel, A. Schiller, Edward Steiner, Polens, and of course, Coach Harold Spaulding and Captain Arnold Fahrner.

This is the year of talking motion pictures . . . the Princess Theatre is advertising "Hoot Gibson" westerns and the Majestic in Ann Arbor is advertising Al Jolson in "Say it with Songs." Chelsea moves on towards the depression of the 30's with no premonition of what is to come . . . Butter sells for 42 cents per pound and ten bars of P & G Naptha soap costs a total of 35 cents, coffee 30 cents a pound, oranges 15 cents per dozen. RCA radios may be purchased at Palmer Motor Sales and the Atwater-Kent radio is being sold by E. J. Claire & Sons of Chelsea and Ann Arbor. Chelsea Hardware Company is selling furniture and is the authorized Maytag Agency. Vogel & Wurster were selling blankets at a real bargain—$2.95 a pair . . . remember??

The mid-1930's saw the Army flying the mail, the Civil Works Administration going out of existence, the N.R.A. and Public Works Administration operating along with C.C.C. Camps and training schools to help bring the country out of the depression. But what of Chelsea during this period? As a civic project, a combination Township and Village Hall was proposed based on Federal Aid; the planning was well along and the outlook was good until a curtailment of federal funds, via the C.W.A. Project, forced cancellation of the project. The stockholders in our two banks (Farmers & Merchants Bank and Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank) voted to merge these banks and operate as one banking institution.

Candidates for Village President were J. E. McKune on the Peoples Party and Roy Harris on the Independent Party for the 1934 Village Election. Mr. McKune was successful in the race.

Walter Cox was filling ice houses at Cedar Lake . . . the Kiwanis Club, organized in the 20's, was becoming the most active civic group in the community, which is a distinction the club still enjoys to this day.

Charles Lane was officiating in school affairs as President of the Boys & Girls Council of the fourth grade.

Industry in Chelsea was active during this period . . . M. J. Dunkel was still leading the Chelsea Division of Federal Screw Works, which had an average payroll of 135 employees . . . Mr. Dunkel was also President of the Chelsea Board of Education during that period. Central Fibre Products Co. had produced steadily since the 20's and employed about eight men. Chelsea Milling Company was one of the leading industries with a payroll of about 30 people. One important local industry passed into oblivion at this time . . . the Cement Plant at Four Mile Lake, which had been operated by the State, was dismantled and removed from the local business scene. Hoover Steel Ball Company was located where the present Chelsea Manufacturing Company has their plant. These firms and others in the community turned out quality products and the dynamic managements found new outlets which in turn kept the workman steadily and profitably employed. Wages paid were up to standard for the work performed . . . labor troubles were unknown in an era of strong labor union activity in other Michigan cities. This speaks well for the mutual respect and co-operation between local management and local labor.



**The D.U.R. Station**

World War II approached and with "Pearl Harbor" our young men again were called on to fight for their country. The Chelsea industries were placed on a "War Time Basis" and carried their share of the load. George Doe was the local War Bond officer and worked hard promoting the effort . . . Remember when?

The 1950's saw Chelsea in the role of a village bursting at her seams . . . building activity had continued at such a rapid pace that few building sites were left inside the village limits.

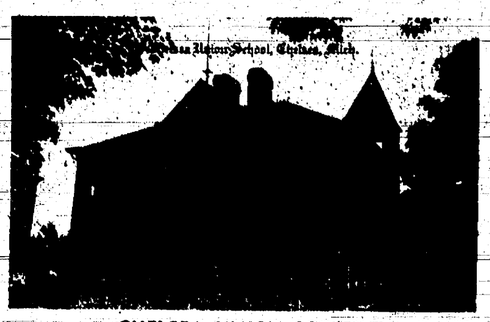
Chelsea's first subdivision was built and taken into the village . . . two new grade schools and a new high school are now in use. Most of our churches and the Methodist Home have expanded their facilities, new churches have been established. Local political activity had regained its rightful position of importance . . . modern administrative methods are being practiced in village government.

Remember when the Spring Plant caught fire and Chief Balmer was injured fighting the fire . . . . Remember the Easter week-end freight train wreck along the East Street crossing?

The village is prosperous and while "remembering when" it is also looking forward with confidence.

## 125 YEARS OF EDUCATION IN CHELSEA SCHOOLS

The first meeting of the Sylvan School District took place June 14, 1834, at which a Board was elected. It was also voted that $31 be raised by taxes for building a schoolhouse, and other purposes, although no proposed dimensions for the schoolhouse were mentioned. The sum mentioned is so small that no doubt some of the labor and materials were to be donated.



Chelsea Union School, Chelsea, Mich.

**CHELSEA UNION SCHOOL**

Harriet Wines was the first teacher in Sylvan No. 7 school and the following school officers were elected: Thomas H. Godfrey, Samuel Dunham, and Edward E. Conkling as Commissioners of Common Schools and Nathan Pierce, John R. Jewett, Freeman Lawrence, John C. Winans, and Edmund E. Conkling as Inspectors of Common Schools.

Sylvan voted on Nov. 11, 1836 to have a "school on the scholar, each one to pay what he sends—Each person sending scholars shall be holding for the schooling and the wood." The Oct. 20, 1836 meeting had voted "to get 1½ cords of wood to a scholar, to be delivered by Dec. 1. If not got by that time E. Potter authorized to get it at 15 shillings per cord." Later the required amount became fixed at ½ cord per scholar.

Sylvan voted in 1837 to build a new schoolhouse for its 41 pupils, 22x24 feet, the cost of which was to be in excess of $100.00, though the full amount was not stated. Early in 1838 it was voted to assess a tax of $25 for the purpose of buying a stove. In November of 1844, Sylvan voted to build a schoolhouse 22x22 feet, to be built on the corner east of the old one, said schoolhouse shall be painted with two good coats of red paint trimmed with white."

In March of 1843 the old school house was destroyed, whether as a prank or an act of vandalism is unknown but the assessor was authorized "to settle with the Mohocrats that tore down the schoolhouse on condition of penitence and pay-

## UNADILLA

Miss Mary Cool of Webberville, spent three days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hartsuff.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Max Kalmbach the past week were Mr. and Mrs. William Van Slike of Fowlerville, Mrs. Esther Noah of North Lake, Mrs. Margurite Hadley and Mr. and Mrs. Reamon Hadley.

Mrs. Clair Barnum and Mrs. Arthur Brooks and daughters, Nancy and Janet, visited Mrs. Paul Pickett and new son at Fenton, Tuesday.

Russell Roepcke of California, came by plane to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Marie Kimmell, Thursday. He is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Roepcke.

Milton Pickett of Tucson, Ariz., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Jennie Pickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wright visited their aunt, Mrs. Jessie Bailey, near Brighton, Sunday afternoon and in the evening called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roediger at New Hudson.

Mrs. Max Kalmbach attended a breakfast party at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Schuter in Chelsea, Friday morning, honoring Mrs. Wm. Simons of Seaside, Calif., who was a former classmate and neighbor of those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hartsuff and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hartsuff of Holt, spent the week-end at Tawas Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Reamon Hadley and Mrs. Margurite Hadley attended the funeral of Mrs. Marie Kimmell in Jackson, Thursday. Later they visited their uncle and aunt at Hanover.

Mrs. Elaine McBee and son and Mr. and Mrs. John Fowler and daughter, of Walled Lake, called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pickett Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Anita Bowdish and children, of Michigan City, Ind., was a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Roepcke.

Mrs. R. N. Stephens of Evanston, Ill., spent a few days the past week with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Embury.

Mrs. Jennie Pickett and son, Milton, attended church services at Munith Sunday morning and spent the remainder of the day visiting friends and relatives there.

Mrs. Ethel Embury and Mrs. Ruth Reilly called on Mrs. Lorna May Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Barnum and Mr. and Mrs. Erston Clarke were at Walden Woods Sunday afternoon to see a display of old cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Bangs Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Richmond and sons and Melvin Richmond and children had a picnic dinner at Bruin Lake, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Embury visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rowe near Dexter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Barnum and Joanne and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Camburn attended the funeral of their cousin, Willow Kelly, in Jackson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Richmond, Mrs. Melvin Richmond and Mrs. Emma Goodwin spent Sunday in Detroit.

Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd May, was taken to the hospital in Ann Arbor last week with rheumatic fever. He has returned home but will have to remain in bed for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sawdy and two daughters, and Seymore Sawdy of Quincy, were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Embury. In the evening they all attended the street dance at Dexter.

Mrs. Sarah Proctor of Stockbridge, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. William Pyper.

Callers of Mrs. Myme Rose and Mrs. Delores Reno the past week were Mrs. Robert Churchill and Mrs. Carl Miller of Jackson, Mrs. Kotter of Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper of Ann Arbor, Dr. and Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Ralph Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Purchase, Mrs. Erma Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Maschke and Helga.

Barney Roepcke, Mrs. Betty Roepcke, Mrs. Margaret Brown and Mrs. Amelia Biehn were among those from here who attended the funeral of Mrs. Marie Kimmel in Jackson, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pixley of Walled Lake, called on Howard Pickett one afternoon last week.

## FOUR-MILE LAKE

The Rev. and Mrs. Louis Caister and family were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Heydlauff and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris and family were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Noyess of Chelsea. A family picnic was held on the lawn honoring three birthdays in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wright and family, of Ypsilanti, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wright and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Underwood of Lexington, Ky., and Mrs. Allan Elsasser of Dexter, were guests at a picnic held on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Wright and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Heininger were Sunday evening visitors of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wahr and family, of Heim road.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abdon and Mrs. Floyd Gentner of Chelsea, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Abdon and family. It honored the ninth birthday of Alan Abdon.

Mrs. Harvey Fischer is a patient at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Ann Arbor.

ing the sum of seven dollars" with an extra settlement for the stove and its pipe.

For teaching school during the summer of 1834 in Sylvan, Harriet Wines was paid $10; Arnold Bell received $36 for teaching the following winter. Next year he was paid $37.50. In 1867 Sylvan hired O. S. Clark as a teacher at a salary of $25 per month; probably teachers were at that time "boarded out" to allow both teacher and patron to practice necessary economies.

The general practice was to hire a woman teacher during the summer, and a man during the winter when the bigger boys had little to do on the farm, and thus were in school. It was felt that a woman teacher could not manage these bigger boys, and the feeling may well have been correct.

In 1853 there were 17 families living in Chelsea, making a population of 63 people. There were 21 children registered at the local school, and half of them were members of the Congdon families. In 1854 a fair-sized school was built on West Middle Street (just West of the present Telephone Building). W. F. Hutch was the first teacher. He was vice-president of the Pioneer Society and Superintendent of the Sunday School of the Congregational church. This was not a regular district, so the school was known as a "select" school.

The site at Park and East was donated to the district in 1860.

In 1861 a new school was built on this site by Elisha Congdon. He gave $1,000 of the original cost of $6,000. Early principals were Professors Macomber, Van Cleve, and William Wines. The school was first graded in 1868-69 under the supervision of Professor W. Cary Hill. Other members of the faculty were Mrs. S. G. Burkhead, Miss Marion Thomas, and Miss Minnie Hardy. The following year Miss Libbie Congdon (Mrs. D. B. Taylor) was employed as a preceptress.

School activities included a debating society and a column of "School Notes" for the local paper.

This building was torn down in 1873, and was shortly afterward replaced by the present structure.

The members of the first class to graduate from Chelsea High School in 1875, were Aaron B. Avery, Moses N. Avery, Mary L. Brown, Lillian Drake, James S. Gorman, and Anna L. Warner.

In 1895 examinations were given to students finishing the eighth grade. The diploma admitted the holder to enter any high school in the county and to the Freshman class in the Agricultural College. Lillie Wackenhut, Ralph H. Holmes, Lulu E. Speer, Lula H. Steger, Edwin L. Kensch, Frank C. Fenn, and Cora J. Steger were among the members of the class which held Graduation Exercises at the Opera House, on June 26, 1895.

The faculty of the Chelsea Schools in 1898-1899 included W. W. Gifford, Principal; Carrie McClaskie, Preceptress; Florence N. Bachman, English; Idalene Webb, Sciences; Dora Harrington, Grade 8; Mamie Fletcher, Grade 7; Anna Beissel, Grade 6; Elizabeth DePew, Grade 5; Mary Van Tyne, Grade 4; Clara Belle Hemans, Grade 3; Marie Bacon, Grade 2; and Louella Townsend, Grade 1.

Carrie McClaskie was vice-president of the Washtenaw County Teachers Association.

Mr. Gifford had a State Teachers Certificate; Carrie McClaskie, Mamie Fletcher and Louella Townsend, Normal Life Certificates; Florence Bachman and Dora Harrington, First Grade Certificates. (Florence Bachman received a Life Certificate from Ypsilanti Normal College in 1920).

Mary Van Tyne, Clara Belle Hemans, and Marie Bacon had Second Grade Certificates.

The School Inspectors for Sylvan Township were Schuyler Foster and Henry Steinbach.

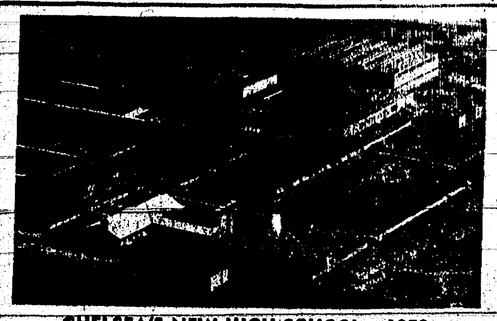
To obtain the Third Grade Certificate, the basic certificate, one had to be at least seventeen years old and to demonstrate reasonable knowledge in reading, spelling, geography, grammar, and arithmetic. Seven months of experience was needed to qualify for the Second Grade Certificates. All the Grade Certificates were valid only in the county where issued.

In 1904 the Chelsea High School was placed by the State Inspector of Schools of Michigan on the Approved List of High Schools of Michigan for three years after the Board of Education increased the science laboratory facilities. Graduates were then admitted to all departments of the University of Michigan and the colleges and normals of the state without examination.

In October 1906 there were fifteen teachers and 435 students in the Chelsea School.

All of the grades from kindergarten through twelfth have been taught in the original building still located on East Street. About the year 1910 several portable wooden buildings located on what is now the playground were used by grades up to four, after which students went into the brick building.

When the other side of the high school building containing the superintendent's office and studyhall was completed in 1910, the portable wooden buildings were moved to Madison Street, and rebuilt into homes, some of which are occupied by Chelsea residents today.



CHELSEA'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL - 1959

The following year, on Monday, July 11, the Board requested those attending the annual meeting for an additional appropriation of $2,500 to complete the new building. The taxpayers were surprised and indignant, and challenged the legality of the request, as they felt the $25,000 previously appropriated should have included the building completed and ready for occupancy.

The Board was finally authorized to sell the wooden buildings to the highest bidder or bidders. Board members were President H. W. Schmidt, Secretary J. Bacon, Dr. G. W. Palmer, L. T. Freeman, and Frank Staffan. The treasurer is not revealed. Total budget for operating the schools for 1909-10 was $13,303.15.

By May, 1910, The Chelsea Standard reports that workmen were laying floors and expected to finish the building in six weeks.

The class of 1911 was the first to graduate from the new high school.

At a special election March 2, 1926, a bond issue for $40,000 to finance a gym passed by six votes. With 3 invalid ballots, 199 voted for and 193 against the proposal.

The structure was to be 51x101 feet, at the west end of the high school and north side of the old grade building, using walls of both. A stage at one end was to make it useful as an auditorium.

By April it was announced that the Kempf Commercial and Savings Bank had been the successful bidder on the school bonds. By April 29 the announcement was made that successful bidders had been the J. W. O'Connor Construction Co. of Kalamazoo, $25,000; Ligo Heating and Ventilating Co., Auburn Indiana, $10,600; and Fowler Barker Electric Co. of Lansing, $993.50. These were all second bids, as the first submitted had been too high. Work was expected to begin rather soon. Architects were Warren Holmes Powers Company.

By mid-July $11,093.89 had been paid on the contracts, and the architects fees had risen to the sum of $941.88.

By mid-August the work was said to be progressing so well that the gym would be ready for use when school opened.

The March 15, 1934 edition of The Chelsea Standard states that a C. W. A. project costing $8,500 has thoroughly renovated the buildings at East, Park and Harrison streets. The buildings were replastered all the way through; wainscoting and coat hooks were removed, and plaster applied. Lockers were installed. New floors, baseboards, mouldings, stairways, redecorating and general refinishing greatly improved the structures.

Enrollment at that time was 439.

The extensive improvements were reported to have given employment to 40 to 45 men during the depths of the great depression.

In February of 1939 school was badly hit by a flu epidemic, with 128 absent on Feb. 17, (Friday) and a short session Monday revealed 199 students and 3 teachers absent. School promptly closed again, and was not reopened until the following Monday. This enforced closing cost students their spring vacation.

At the annual meeting, Monday, July 10, 1939, presided over by President O. D. Schneider, people voted to transfer $5,600 from the general fund to the building and site fund, and to assess one mill extra for one year. T. S. Tanner architect, was engaged to plan a 28x51 feet addition. Work on the addition started immediately. This was the "home ec" and science part of the building.

The first classes were held in the addition in January, 1940. Miss Elizabeth Muzzall became the first home economics instructor.

School enrollment in the elementary grades exceeded total enrollment of ten years previous.

Something had to be done!

Two new elementary schools were built between 1950 and 1955.

The South Elementary School was built on Pierce street at a cost of $307,266.11. The architects and engineers were Louis C. Kingscott and Associates, Inc., of Kalamazoo. Students moved into the school in January 1953 and the building was dedicated April 20, 1953.

The second new elementary school, the North Elementary School, on McKinley Street was built for $206,457.30. The architects were Louis C. Kingscott and Associates, Inc. The dedication date was May 6, 1955. Continuing increases in enrollment resulted in the construction of two four-room units on the campus of the North School at a cost of $155,868.98. The architects were Yamasaki, Leinweber and Associates, Inc., Birmingham. These units were occupied in the fall of 1958.

Arthur F. Schmunk was principal of the elementary schools when they were dedicated, and Dr. J. V. Fisher was President of the Board of Education.

The school population continued to increase in the Chelsea School District. The number of pupils enrolled in the secondary school reflected the increase in the number of pupils in the elementary schools.

Citizens Committees were formed to study the need of the community for a new high school and the means for realizing that need in terms of resources. The Chairman of the various committees were: Carl Chandler, Curriculum; Kathleen Bernath, Fact Finding; Clay Langston, Architects and Buildings; Stuart Booker, Finance; and Walter Leonard, Publicity. The many hours of devoted interest and work of these and many other members of the Chelsea School District resulted in specific recommendations.

In 1956 the firm of Yamasaki, Leinweber and Associates, Birmingham was selected to draw plans for the new high school. The campus-type structure was built for $1,693,296.26. Furniture and equipment cost $214,187. Students in grades 9-12 were moved into the new high school on Feb. 2, 1959. Students in grades 7-8 were left in the old high school on Harrison street which became the junior high school. The old section was closed except for music and band classes. Formal dedication was on April 19, 1959.

The dedication address was given by Gorton Riethmiller, President, Olivet College, a graduate of Chelsea High. One of the guests of honor was Mrs. Florence Bachman Howlett, a graduate of the class of 1885 from Chelsea High School who started her teaching career in 1895 and taught nearly 40 years in the Chelsea School District.

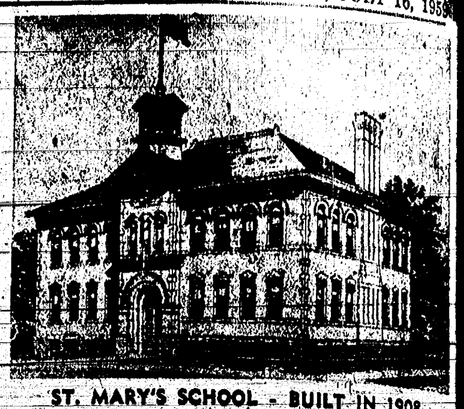
The members of the Board of Education were Dr. J. V. Fisher, president; Earl Beeman, treasurer; Howard W. Flintoft, secretary; Dudley K. Holmes, trustee; and Leon R. Marsh, trustee. The administrative staff included Charles S. Cameron, superintendent; Charles H. Lane, High School Principal; and Arthur F. Schmunk, Elementary Schools principal. There were 28 teachers on the Junior and Senior High School Faculty and 30 teachers on the Elementary Schools Faculty.

### St. Mary's School

The original St. Mary's School and Convent was built in 1908 under the supervision of the pastor, the Rev. Fr. William Considine. The Sisters of St. Dominic from Adrian, were the teachers. The school consisted of the first eight grades. In 1909 a two-year commercial course was added. The first class consisted of six girls—Anna Merker, Agnes Breitenbach, Gladys Shanahan, Marie Steele, Gertrude Eiseman, and Ruth Raftrey.

By 1916 the school had added a complete High School course. The first graduating class numbered two, Herbert McKune and Louis Eder. As the years went by, the classes grew larger and the boys of the school began to make their mark in the field of athletics. In 1923 the St. Mary's basketball team gained state fame by winning the Class D Championship at Detroit. Team members were Phillip Hoffman, Paul Hoffman, Maurice Hoffman, Gerald Madden, Julius Eder, Edward Eder, Paul Conlin, and Billy Reidel. They were coached by Roy Evans and managed by A. G. Hindelang.

Again in 1926, a team managed by William Kolb missed the State Championship Class D Trophy by losing the final game by one point.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL - BUILT IN 1908

In February, 1926, a fire destroyed the school building. On May 5 of the same year a new building was started and was finished before the end of 1925. The dedication was made by the Right Rev. Bishop Michael J. Gallagher of Detroit. The pastor at the time was the Rev. Fr. Thomas Fallon, assisted by the following Church Committee: E. J. Foster, Martin Merkel, William Wheeler, J. Vincent Burg, I. James McCarthy, Matt Swickerath, Edward Keusch, Chauncey Hummel, John Young, and Bert Conlan. The school, as it stands today, was the product of their planning.

In 1934, because of lack of space, the high school was discontinued and today the first eight grades provide the education for 200 pupils.


In the early spring of 1947, there came into being a new establishment of automotive repair in Chelsea. Because of the nature of his previous experience in the field of automotive stopping devices, Homer T. Balmer named his establishment "Balmer's Brake Service."

Applying his abilities, Mr. Balmer took in all types of automotive repair, and the business prospered. In 1954 he saw fit to expand and enlarged his building.

Since the beginning of his business he had given competent wrecker service and by 1954 he employed three wreckers.

BALMER'S
BRAKE SERVICE



WEBER'S DAIRY BAR was once known as A. B. Clark's Grocery Store. That business was transformed into a restaurant called "Tower Cafe." Mr. Lee Mayne was the first to operate the establishment as a Dairy Bar, opening in 1945. In 1948 Fred and Marion Schaff became the owners. Leroy May bought the business in 1952, and in 1954 it was sold to LaVerne (Onie) Niehaus. The Dary Bar was managed by Niehaus until the present owner, Frederick C. Weber, purchased it in March of 1958.

WEBER'S DAIRY BAR





*"Fosters"* - 1942.

The first building erected on the present site was completed and opened for business in 1937. It was of knotty pine construction with a seating capacity of 60 persons.

In 1942, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Foster named the business "Foster's." They had one of the finest collection of antiques including a total of 135 guns, many of them very rare. These antiques adorned the interior of their business.

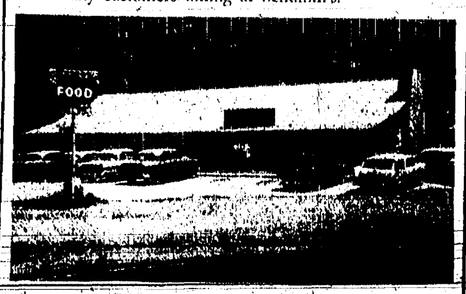
A fire which started from a bolt of lightning in 1945 destroyed the entire building and the antiques.

A new building of log construction with a seating capacity of 80 persons was completed the same year, and a new collection of antiques was started for the benefit of the many people who were served food and beverages by the Foster's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schumm purchased and renamed the business "Schumm's" on September 10, 1951. A complete line of dinners and luncheons were served by Mr. and Mrs. Schumm and two employees the remainder of 1951.

In 1952 and 1953 the kitchen facilities were enlarged and new equipment was installed. In June, 1956, a new dining room was opened, bringing the seating capacity to 160 persons. Schumm's now has a staff of 20 persons.

Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and other prize steers are purchased from local 4-H Fairs for serving the many customers dining at Schumm's.




SCHUMM'S

Prior to 1910 there was a wood frame blacksmith shop in the location now occupied by W. E. Farrell Sheet Metal. In 1910 Simon Hirth built the present building to be used also as a blacksmith shop. That same year he planted a vine beside the building which now covers almost its entire side. Many of the rings used to tie the horses are still anchored in the wall.

In 1920 Updyke & Harris bought the business and started a sheet metal shop, and in 1926 H. B. Murphy took over this business and remained there for 25 years. Upon Mr. Murphy's passing W. E. Farrell assumed ownership in 1951.

W. E. FARRELL
SHEET METAL



*JUG ON HANDLEBAR,*

a representative of the Chelsea office of the MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY peddles his way to an emergency job—thawing frozen gas pipes with wood alcohol.


Long, long ago . . . Chelsea was a buoyant youngster of 78 years when MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY started service here.

There were 412 customers in that year of 1912 when the gas company came through with a "modern" miracle. Chelsea, small as it was, got direct gas pipeline service. Since then, the people of Chelsea and the people of MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY have become warm friends. So it is with great pride that MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY salutes Chelsea on its 125th Anniversary and looks forward to many more wonderful years of friendship with this town . . . now graced with the dignity of age, but still filled with the promise of tomorrow.

MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY

# THE HISTORY OF CHELSEA'S CHURCHES

It is difficult for our citizens of the 20th century to imagine life of the people who pioneered our area 125 years ago. Their homes were small, poorly furnished, difficult to heat in the long cold winters. They were totally void of those things we consider as essential comforts today—running water, bathroom facilities, refrigerators, furnaces, electric lights, etc. etc.

Many of these early settlers suffered from disease, fear, poverty, overwork. Death from diphtheria, smallpox, tuberculosis and like ailments came to many and at times would destroy an entire family. Folk needed a great religious faith to strengthen them for the struggle to survive. Knowing this need was the challenge that brought young men with the gospel.

It was to a bleak, bare life of hardship and suffering, of privation and poverty, of toil for the body and weariness for the spirit that men were called to minister in a life devoted to the salvation of men. Many times the clergy were to be teachers, lawyers, and doctors too of a sort in addition to being preachers of the Word.

Those laymen who were religious were strong in their beliefs and would congregate in the homes for a sharing of faith. This was often their only social contact.

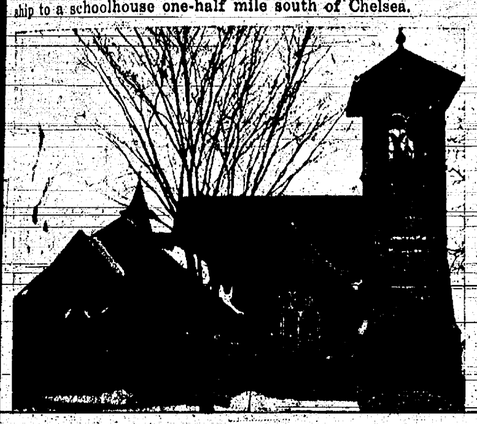
To these gatherings would come the circuit rider, or a priest, whose parish would consist of an entire county or at least from five to ten scattered mission groups. There were revivals to conduct in the hope of winning those outside the Christian faith, weddings to perform, sacraments to administer, doctrines to teach, parishes to organize and to oversee, prayer groups to strengthen, funerals to be held.

Out of these contacts in homes or schoolrooms came organized church groups of the different denominations whose history is a vital part of our community and is recorded in part here.

### First Congregational

The First Congregational Church was formed on Feb. 21, 1849 with 16 members. They were: Wm. Davis, Lucy Davis, John C. Winans, Mahlon Wines and Ann Wines, Amos Davis, Jared Hatch, Ruth Hatch, Moses Crowell, Emeline Crowell, Betsey Winans, Charles H. Wines, Emily Wines, Abi Spaulding, Polly Hatch and Abigail Begole.

For two years the newly organized church held services mostly in neighborhood schoolhouses. Then in 1851, because of increased membership, the church moved its place of worship to a schoolhouse one-half mile south of Chelsea.



First Congregational Church, Chelsea

In the fall of 1851 Elisha Congdon donated the land for the site where the present church stands and by the summer of 1852, just two years after the first building had been built in Chelsea, the church was dedicated with a membership of 54 persons and the Rev. Josephus Morton as pastor.

For eight years this truly pioneer church, with its bare walls and floors, unshaded windows and low-backed pews, was the only church building in the village. A large box stove placed in the vestibule, with smoke pipes running two-thirds the length of the auditorium, provided little in the way of heat, but much in the way of dirt and discomfort. The arrangement of the church was unusual, the pulpit being at the front and the choir occupying seats on a raised platform in the rear. During the singing the congregation arose, turned their backs to the pastor, and faced the music. Later the order was changed; the seats were turned around and the pulpit placed at the back of the church with the choir.

The first church building having become too small to accommodate the increased congregation, it was dedicated in 1871 to remodel and enlarge it. The grading of Middle street a few years before had left the church in an elevated position and a flight of six or eight steps on the outside was required to reach it.

It stood so high that by removing the ground to street level and excavating a few more feet, a basement was added. When this remodeling was completed, little was left to remind one of the old church which had served the congregation for 20 years. A neat substantial building had taken its place, with a basement suitable and convenient for the social meetings of the church and for the installation of a furnace. This was the second building in town with a basement and the second with a furnace. The dirt that was removed from the church property was hauled by teams and used to fill in a marsh where the Junior High building now stands.

This heated basement was in great demand as a meeting place for the townspeople. Home talent plays, lectures by University of Michigan professors, magicians and bell-ringers all ente. ained in it. Because of its constant use the village council erected the first lamp in front of the church that was placed outside of the business district.

By 1888 a movement was under way to build a parsonage, which became a reality in 1889 with the construction of a very fine building on the church lot at just about where the main entrance now is. Progress was underway for an addition to the rear of the church costing $5,000 when the church and parsonage were destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, 1894. Only the organ was saved.

A fund-raising campaign was started immediately to replace the loss and in June of 1894, four months later, a local builder, John P. Foster, started construction on the present church. The Reverend Wm. H. Walker was pastor during this period of chaos.

On Jan. 31, 1895, dedicatory services were held and the Rev. Walker announced at the service that the church was now entirely free of debt. Later the parsonage was added.

In 1953 the need for a church school addition was felt and in 1954 construction was started. Dedicatory services were held in 1957 for the new construction and the completely remodeled sanctuary, which is the present church home.

Ministers who have served the church are as follows: Josephus Morton, Feb. 21, 1849—; Hiram Elmer, Jan. 1, 1855—March, 1959; James F. Taylor, Jan. 1801—July 1, 1866; O. C. Thompson, (3 months. Supply for Rev. Taylor.); James F. Taylor, Oct. 1866—Oct 6, 1867; Thomas Jones, Jan 4, 1868—; O. C. Thompson, Supply; Robert Hovington, —1870; Benjamin Franklin, Feb. 1871—1874; Daniel F. Hathaway, Mar. 20, 1875—Mar. 31, 1877; Thomas Holmes, Apr. 22, 1877—Dec. 31, 1884; John A. Kaley, Feb. 15, 1885—Nov. 20, 1887; John Edward Reilly, July 8, 1888—Sept. 22, 1889; Orange C. Bailey, Jan. 1, 1890—Apri. 29, 1894; Wm. H. Walker, Oct. 7, 1894—Aug. 9, 1896; John S. Edmunds, Oct. 4, 1896—Oct. 19, 1898; Carl S. Jones, Jan. 1, 1899—Apr. 30, 1905; Martin Lee Grant, Nov. 5, 1905—Dec. 1911; Chas. J. Dole, Feb. 4, 1912—Apr. 30, 1916; P. W. Dierberger, Oct. 29, 1916—July 1, 1921; E. A. Carnes, Nov. 1, 1921—March 1, 1923; E. L. Sutherland, Sept. 1, 1923—Apr. 1, 1926; A. E. Potts, Sept. 12, 1926—Jan. 1, 1933; Chas. Wolff, Sept. 1, 1933—Sept. 13, 1936; Raymond W. Barber, Apr. 1937—Mar. 1942; Wm. H. Skentelbury, Sept. 1, 1942—Aug. 31, 1952; Thomas Toy, Jan. 1, 1953—Sept. 15, 1957; Philip Rusten, Dec. 1, 1957 to present.

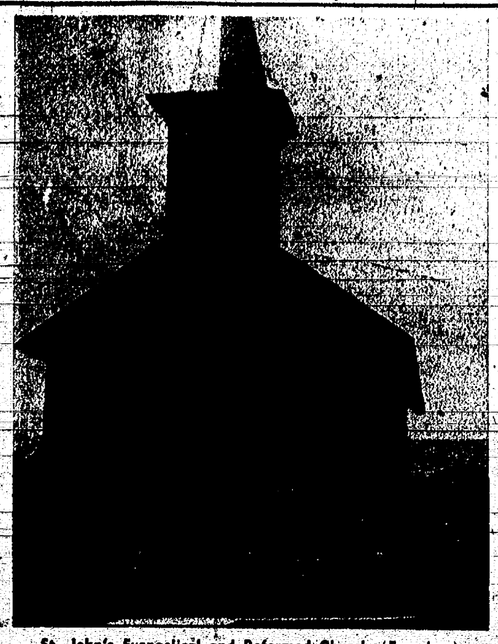
### St. John's Evangelical and Reformed (Francisco)

In 1875 shortly after the Rev. Christoph Metzger of Waterloo began conducting worship services in Francisco, he was asked to come every two weeks to begin organization of a congregation. The services were held in the afternoon in the district school house in Francisco. There were about 12 members, but the average attendance was from 30 to 40.

In 1876 the congregation united under the name "Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation," with the help of the Rev. S. Klingman of Scio, the head of the Lutheran Synod of Michigan. The congregation joined the synod that fall.

In 1879 the congregation decided to build a church. A plain frame church was built—48' long and 28' wide. Members canvassed the surrounding communities and the cost of $1,800.00 for the church building was raised to cover the cost.

The congregation united with the one in Chelsea this September, 1881, and had their own minister, the Rev. Ludwig



St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church (Francisco)

Bach, who served from 1881 to 1883. Other ministers who followed were: the Rev. Jacob Bahr, 1883-84; the Rev. P. Haering, 1884-5; the Rev. J. Vontobel, 1885-6; the Rev. John Soell, 1886-9; Ernest G. Aldinger, 1889-95; Wilhelm Wildi, 1895-98; Jacob Graber, 1898-1907; Albert Schoen, 1907-8; P. Laubingayer, 1908-12; Max E. Schulz, 1912-13; Albert Schoen, 1913-17; F. Boehm, 1918-26; P. H. Grabowski, 1926-50; Henry Kroehler, 1951-56; E. O. Davis, 1956-58. The present pastor is Donald H. Voss who began his work on March of this year.

It had long been the dream of the congregation to build an educational building. As the membership grew under the leadership of the Rev. E. O. Davis, the plans materialized. On April 14, 1957 ground was broken at the rear of the church for a 30'x62' addition.

On June 10, 1957 the Rev. Henry Kroehler, a former pastor, now President of the Michigan-Indiana Synod, joined with the Rev. Davis in the cornerstone laying. The property for the site was given to the church by Mrs. Mary Willy. The addition has been in use since December, 1957.

### North Lake Methodist

One year before Michigan was admitted to the Union and one year after the adoption of the State Constitution, the Methodist Episcopal Society was organized at North Lake. These pioneers, who struggled with swamplands, forests, wild animals and Indians, to establish homes, schools and churches, had a deep appreciation of the inner things of life. To the 12 men and women who felt the need of God in their own lives, and who looking down through the years visioned this need in other lives, we pay tribute. The names of these pioneers of faith, who started what was known as the North Lake society, are: Charles Glenn, Mary Glenn, John Glenn, Jane Glenn, Aaron Veder, Catherine Veder, Joseph Hartsuff, Phebe Hartsuff, Jasper Moore, Martha Moore, Elijah Brown, Clarissa Brown.

The leader of the class was Charles Glenn, who came to Michigan from New York state in 1833. He bought two lots of land from the government in the township of Dexter, where he lived until his death in 1876. Charles Glenn was leader of the class for 35 years and local preacher more than 30 years. His son, Hamlin Glenn, was leader nearly a year when the place was made vacant by his death. His father was appointed to the place, which he held until his death.

Wm. Wood, a faithful, beloved Christian man, was leader from then until his death in 1897, a period of 21 years. Then his daughter, Mrs. P. E. Noah, became leader and served in that capacity as long as the class meetings were continued.

From 1836 to 1946 the society held services in the home of John Glenn. In 1846, Charles and John Glenn, brothers, built at their own expense a one-story building 20x26 feet, which was used for both school and church purposes. It stood on the line between the farms of Richard Webb and John Glenn. Later it was moved to the Robert Glenn farm and used as a shop for many years.

The first class book is dated 1838. The society was then on the Dexter circuit, Flint River District, Detroit Conference. The presiding elder was S. P. Shaw. The circuit preachers were G. W. Breckenridge and Charles Babcock. The members came from Unadilla, Dexter and the vicinity where Chelsea is now located. In 1840 the society was put on the Ann Arbor District. In 1847 it belonged to the Owosso District. During years past it has been on charges with the Methodist churches of Williamsville, Lima Center, Unadilla, Pinckney, Dexter, Waterloo, and with Unadilla and North Waterloo, and then again with Dexter. Of these eight churches only Dexter and North Lake are now used for worship.

In 1857 John and Jane Glenn deeded the land on which this church stands to the society. Not until Jan. 27, 1866, was a meeting called to consider building a church. The Rev. T. P. Johnson was then minister. The present building was built during the year 1866 at a cost of $2,645.87. This included an indebtedness of $800 which was loaned by four members. At this time there were 57 members—four of whom were members of the first class. The records show that 2 gallons of kerosene oil purchased for the church cost $1.00 and that the janitor was paid $4.00 for caring for the church for six months. In this same year, 1866, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glenn presented to the church a pulpit Bible.

In 1876, under the leadership of the Rev. James Diverty who was then pastor of Lima Center and North Lake, a revival was held. Twenty-nine young people, many of whom became leaders in this and other places, accepted Christ and in January of 1877 united with the church in full membership.

In 1907 the church building was remodeled at a cost of about $1,000. The Rev. P. J. Wright was the pastor. Dr. Wm. Dawes was the presiding elder. The Rev. Seth Reede, who was then more than 80 years old, was one of the speakers. The Rev. Littlejohn, then the Methodist pastor at Pinckney, was also one of the speakers. The Rev. Fred Cooper, one of the 29, of the class of 1876 was with us and said, "You need the church and its influence. The world is better for its being here."

In 1919, during the pastorate of the Rev. Fred Coates, a revival meeting was held by Miss A. Estella Fassett. Many were won to Christ. We have many memories of her untiring efforts and beautiful Christian character.

In 1919 a Delco lighting plant was installed, with every pledge paid. It cost $500.00.

In 1925 the Rev. Elwyn Stringer secured pledges for the improvement of the church building and the annexation of the Grange Hall, which was located on the first corner west of the church. Charles Johnson a faithful member of both the


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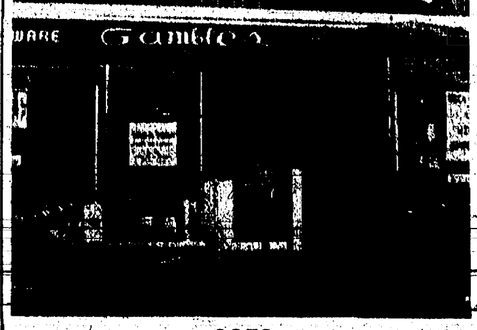
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Gambles came to Chelsea in March of 1941, and have always been in the same location. In 1951 an extensive remodeling job was completed, which provided more space and a modern appearance. Then in 1954 a Basement Furniture Department was installed to enable us to keep in step with a growing Chelsea.

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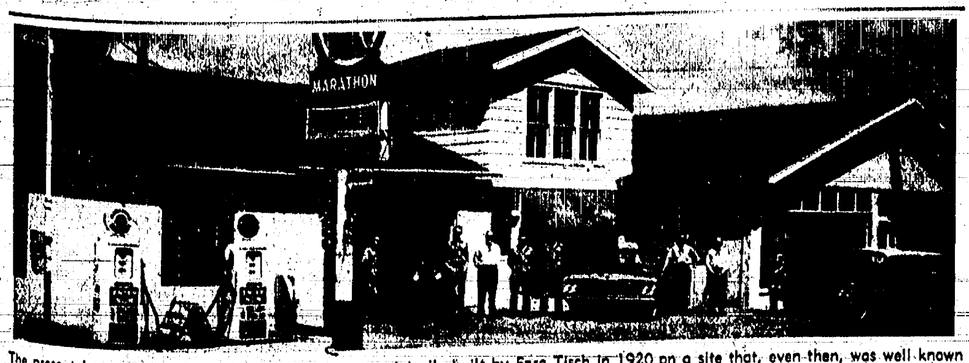
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In 1929 Harold "Pappy" Spaulding purchased the building from Ezra Tisch and bought out the Chevrolet dealership from Sylvan Chevrolet. He changed the name to Spaulding Chevrolet Sales & Service, took a look at the size of the mortgage and went to work. The business became a family affair in 1946 when Rolly Spaulding, who had been working in the dealership over the past few years, entered into partnership and the business continued as a partnership until the death of Harold Spaulding in 1954. Since that time Rolly Spaulding has continued to operate Spaulding Chevrolet Sales & Service in the spirit in which it was founded—with a quality product, efficient service facilities and qualified personnel.

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church and the Grange, secured this building for us for $1.00. The entire community was interested in this project and gave liberally both of time and money to help, especially in moving the hall to the south of the church. It has proved to be very useful with its classrooms for the Sunday school classes, its kitchen, dining room, and assembly room for social activities. This was done at a cost of about $1,200.

Dr. Addison Leeson was our superintendent when the project was started and helped us in a very fine way, both by securing $100.00 for us and with advice and encouragement. The Rev. Wm. Johnson was our pastor during the completion of this work.

After the celebration of the Centennial in 1936, the Rev. Herbert Brubaker was appointed pastor. During his pastorate the church was redecorated and a new carpet was purchased. After this was completed, there were special services held in March, 1938.

The Rev. Brubaker was pastor until 1940 and was succeeded for two years by the Rev. Ronald Brunger. Following the Rev. Brunger was the Rev. Carl Strange, who was pastor until 1946.

In 1946 the Rev. Dalton Bishop was appointed as pastor of the Dexter-North Lake charge. During his pastorate the church was completely redecorated, inside and out, a new oil furnace was installed. The cost of this campaign was $1,037.00.

At the Annual Conference of 1951 North Lake was taken from the Dexter charge and placed with the Salem Grove church. These churches are still together. In 1951 the Rev. Vern Panzer was pastor and while he ministered to the church the organ was bought, early in 1952. The organ was dedicated Sept. 27, 1952 with special services in the afternoon.

In September of 1952 the Rev. Panzer left the charge and was succeeded by the Rev. Hans Leitner. He was pastor until 1954.

In 1954, the Rev. Louis Caister was appointed. In 1956, in preparation for the 120th anniversary celebration, the church was redecorated, new carpet laid, altar rail rebuilt, floors sanded and finished, front steps repaired and railing installed. The women of the church painted the dining room and kitchen at this time also. The above was accomplished at a cost of more than $1,700.00. During this time an altar table was built and given to the church. At the time of the celebration of the 120th Anniversary the church started raising money for the purchase of additional property which was accomplished in the spring of 1957.

The present pastor, the Rev. Harry Pyscher, began his duties here in June of this year.

## St. Mary's Catholic

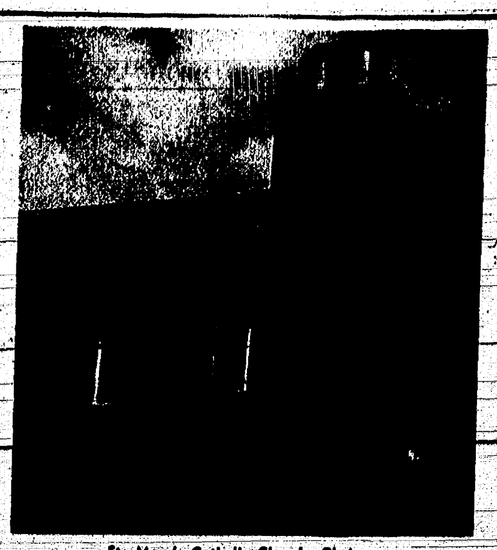
St. Mary's church of Chelsea had its beginning in what was known as the old St. Mary's Catholic church in Sylvan township. As early as 1830 a group of Irish settlers took up land and made their homes in the wilderness, especially in Sylvan and Lyndon townships. Since there was no Catholic church nearer than Ann Arbor, these people missed being able to practice their religion except for an occasional Mass celebrated in someone's home. Thomas Carroll, who lived south of Cedar Lake, opened his home for this purpose as early as 1833.

Soon after this, Darius Pierce, a member of the State legislature, offered a parcel of land to the settlers for the establishment of a church and a cemetery. The tract was two acres, consisting of a pleasant hillside, and there, in 1844, was built the first Catholic church of this area. It was a plain unpainted church with neither bell nor cross. After two enlargements its dimensions were about 20'x28' in the main part with a smaller room about 18'x20' on the east side. The interior was also unpainted with plain wooden pews. The altar candlesticks, which survive, were about three feet tall, of turned wood painted black. For many years these candlesticks were in the possession of the late Mrs. J. E. McKune and are now at the home of Mrs. William Stewart of Cavanaugh Lake. Tradition says that the boards for the church were sawed at the mill that stood on nearby Mill Creek, which connected Mill Lake and Walsh Lake.

There was no resident priest in those early days, so the church was served by a missionary who made infrequent and irregular visits. His arrival would be heralded by a messenger who notified parishioners of the time of the services. Sometimes the priest would stay overnight in the anteroom behind the altar, but more often in the home of one of the nearby residents.

Before the church and cemetery were established, Catholics buried their dead on the McLaughlin farm about two miles away, and perhaps all of those burials were removed to the cemetery, for there are stones in the cemetery dated much earlier than 1844.

One of the more prominent products of this early parish



St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chelsea

was James Savage. His family lived nearby and James attended the church until he went away to study for the priesthood. He came back in 1869 to celebrate his first Mass in his own church. He later became the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Savage of the Most Holy Trinity church in Detroit, often referred to as the Corktown church. When he died in 1927, he was buried in the old Sylvan Cemetery before the spot where the altar had stood when he said his first Mass. A tall granite cross marks his grave.

Another local boy who became a priest was Charles O. Reilly. He was pastor of St. Patrick's church, Detroit, and later pastor at St. Mary's of Adrain, where he founded St. Joseph's Academy, a well-known school today.

Listed among the parishioners who were prominent in the Old Sylvan St. Mary's church were the Savages, Cassidys, Burnses, Dorans, Hagens, McIntees, Walshes, Looneys, O'Neills, Quigleys, Marrianes, Morriaseys, Giles, Lammers, Gormans, McKanes, Morans, Howes, Mullens, Duffeys, Walls, Ryans, Kennedys, Flemings, Geraghtys, O'Conners, and McKunes. Many descendants of these families are members of St. Mary's church today. It is believed that the first child to be baptized in this church was Rose Moran, although no official record was kept at that time.

In 1869 a new brick church was built in Chelsea and with the beginning of regular services the old church began to decline and soon stood empty. The cemetery, however, is still maintained and occasionally a burial is made there today. It is now known as Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

The cornerstone of the present St. Mary's church tells us that the church was built in 1869 and was called "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart." Later the name was changed back to St. Mary. In those days this church was considered to be of considerable size and its very tall steeple could be seen for some distance. It was one of Chelsea's landmarks until a severe wind storm damaged it. In repairing it, the steeple was lowered considerably. This remained until about 1947 when, because of rotting timbers, the steeple was removed and the church appeared as it does today.

To first couple to be married in the present church was John Foster and Julia Hindelang. Both have many descendants living in Chelsea today.

Official records of the church go back only to 1861. At that time Fr. Van Jennup was the parish priest. He remained until 1869. Following him was Fr. Thomas Rafter in 1869; Fr. T. F. Slattery in 1874; Fr. Patrick Dewey in 1878. In 1885 Fr. William P. Considine came to Chelsea and remained until 1916, filling the longest pastorate of the parish to date. 1916 brought Fr. Crowley and in 1918 Fr. Henry Van Dyke came for the first time. Fr. Thomas J. Fallon served from 1924 to 1928 and the Fr. Van Dyke returned to serve from 1928 to 1936. Fr. John Nagle served a few months in 1936 and he was followed by Fr. Lawerence Dorr who was here until 1942. In 1942, Fr. Lee Laige came to Chelsea and has served as pastor these past 13 years and is the present pastor.

Around 1910, when the parish was well established, a Catholic school was built. It was a three-story brick building accomodating 12 grades. It burned in 1924 and the present school was built in 1925.

Today St. Mary's has grown from that tiny church in Sylvan to a thriving church with a membership of more than 200 families. It has active organizations in the K. of C., Altar Society, Holy Name Society, and Young Ladies Sodality. It maintains a grade school with 200 pupils, as well as a convent and a rectory. Our well kept Mt.Olivet Cemetery is also part of the parish responsibility.

## Zion Lutheran

Zion congregation originally was the western half of the St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran congregation, which decided to form a separate congregation on Nov. 20, 1865, and a church was built in 1867. Pastors of the St. Thomas congregation and of the Bethel church served Zion's until its first pastor was called, the Rev. John Baumann, in 1873. The church was built for $3,213.35. A parsonage was provided in 1873, and also a school for religious instruction. These were replaced by new buildings in 1889 and 1893, respectively. In 1909 a chancel was added to the church, as well as art glass windows and other improvements costing $8,000.

The congregation celebrated its golden anniversary in 1917, after a few months delay to repair severe damage to church and parsonage by a tornado. A new pipe organ, just installed, was not damaged. This organ is soon to be rebuilt and modernized. The organist, Mrs. Irma Grau, injured by the tornado, has served Zion congregation for 35 years.

A two-story brick Parish Hall was built in 1949, on land acquired in 1945, fronting on Fletcher road and across Waters road from the church. In 1955 a modern brick parsonage was also built on this land.

Zion's has been served by the following pastors: J. Baumann, 1873-85; P. Merz, 1995-88; H. Lemster, 1888-1910; E. Thieme, 1910-26; M. W. Brueckner, 1926-54; R. Kaiser, 1955-57; C. J. Renner, 1958. The Rev. Brueckner is retired but he and Mrs. Brueckner still reside near the church.

Zion church has a Sunday school, Brotherhood, Women of Zion and Luther League (youth) organizations, all of which are very active. It is a member of the American Lutheran Church, which is soon to be merged with the Evangelical Lutheran Church and The United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

## St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed

St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church (United Church of Christ) traces its beginnings to the year 1854 when the Rev. Friedrich Schmid, pioneer German missionary who founded 20 churches in Michigan, began conducting occasional services in the homes of five Chelsea area families. The Rev. Schmid, who served as pastor of Bethlehem church, Ann Arbor, until 1871, made the trips to Chelsea on horseback.

Christian Spring, who came to Scio township as a teacher was prevailed upon by the Rev. Schmid to study for the ministry "because of his broad knowledge." He became pastor of St. Jacob's church at Waterloo in 1858, coming from there to Chelsea to conduct services. Thus began almost 15 years of close association with the Waterloo church.

By 1865, 11 more families were added to the original group and under the leadership of the Rev. Joachim Schladermund, who had succeeded the Rev. Spring at Waterloo, banded together to form St. Paul's congregation.

Listed as the heads of these 16 families who were charter members of the church are John Scheffel, Jacob Buehler, George Mast, George Wackenhut, Fred Broesamle, Jacob Schumacher, August Boos, Joseph Schatz, George Heselschwerdt, J. Fahrner, Michael Lehmann, Sr., Fred and Israel Vogel, John Mohrlock, John Schaible and David Faist.

The first meeting of this group was held at the home of George Wackenhut, now the home of Mrs. Martha Weinmann, 527 South Main street.

In 1868 a church was built on the site of the present building on East Summit street. Records state that "on Jan. 10, 1869, 43 persons partook of Holy Communion in the new church."

The Rev. George Turk of the Waterloo church, served the Chelsea church in 1869 and 1870 and then the Rev. I. F. N. Wolf began a four-year pastorate.

Other ministers who served at St. Paul's are the Rev. Moritz Graupner, 1875-1877, who lived in the first parsonage owned by the congregation (now the home of the Herbert Pauls, 152 East Summit street); the Rev. W. Bunge, 1877-1878; the Rev. M. Metzger, pastor of St. John's, Waterloo, who served until the Rev. L. Bach took over the work in 1880 and 1881; the Rev. G. Robertus, during whose pastorate (1882-1887) the present parsonage at 134 East Summit street was purchased (the first parsonage had been sold in 1880); the Rev. C. C. Haag who began an eight-year pastorate in 1887 (during which, in 1892, the old church was replaced with the present building); the Rev. G. Eisen, 1895-1896; the Rev. L. Koelbing, 1896-1901; the Rev. A. A. Schoen, 1901-1920; the Rev. G. W. Krause, 1920-1921; and the Rev. P. H. Grabowski, 1922-1959.

The Rev. Grabowski concluded 37 years as pastor of St. Paul's on May 31, 1959 having tendered his resignation Feb. 24 on advice of his physician. He remained, however, for pastoral duties other than Sunday services, until the scheduled arrival Sept. 1, of the Rev. Paul M. Schnake of Caseyville, Ill., to become pastor of the church. Sunday services, during the summer of 1959, are being conducted by Raymond Whitehead, senior theological student at Union Seminary, Buffalo, N. Y.

Many years of loyal service have been the rule at St. Paul's church, rather than the exception, however, two instances are outstanding enough to be included in this historical sketch—that of Paul E. Niehaus, now choir director, and Miss Amanda Koch, both of whom have been members of the choir continuously for the past 50 years.

First mention of a Sunday school was made in 1875. Later discontinued for several years, Sunday school was resumed in 1887.

The Women's Guild was formed Jan. 1, 1947, by merger of the Ladies' Aid Society, which was founded in 1887, and the Women's Auxiliary, organized in 1921. Circle groups were instituted by the Guild in 1958.

The Mission Club was organized in 1935 by the late Mrs. Elizabeth Wackenhut with membership originally restricted to women more than 70 years old.

Other organizations are the Young People's League organized in 1902, and the Kum-Dubi Young Couples Club, organized in 1954.

Major improvement projects over the years have been: 1904—Remodeling and redecorating and installation of compensating pipe organ; 1936—Remodeling, redecorating and purchase of electric organ; 1940—Church hall constructed at rear of church; 1951—Church and hall redecorated; 1956—Basement added under the church proper.



St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Chelsea

While St. Paul's has been affiliated with the synodical work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church through the years, official membership in the Michigan-Indiana Synod became a fact by vote of the congregation only last year, 1958.

St. Paul's was included in the 1934 merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the 1957 merger of the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches as the United Church of Christ.

Anticipating the need for a new, larger church building for the growing congregation, the Pielemeier family has donated four acres of their farm for a site, provided construction is begun in 10 years.

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The building housing Farmers' Supply Co., 122 Jackson Street, was moved to its present location in 1888 from just around the corner on Main Street where it had served for many years as a hotel. The present Sylvan Hotel is now located there. The Farmers' Supply building is believed to be the first hotel built here, soon after Chelsea was founded. In some of the upstairs rooms the walls are still covered with the original wallpaper from the days when the building served as a hotel and later, after it was moved to the present location, as a rooming house. Line Downer, who had been with a traveling show, bought the place and operated it as a rooming house. She later married Alison Knee. A Mrs. Barrett owned the rooming house for a time before it was remodeled for use as a feed mill.

Successive owners and operators of the feed mill include Ransom Lewis, who was located there for a number of years prior to 1936; Vincent Ives from 1936 until 1944; and the present owner, Anton Nielsen.

FARMERS' SUPPLY CO.



The History of Pharmacy in Chelsea

DRUGS AND DRUG SUNDRIES have been sold in Chelsea for the past 125 years. At first they were sold in grocery stores and general stores, then in 1894 Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hummel opened the first Drug Store in Chelsea. The store was located in the building just recently vacated by Wilbur Hinderer's grocery store.

In 1895 Mr. Hummel sold his share of the partnership to Mr. Winans. The store operated under the name of Armstrong & Winans Drug, Grocery and Watch Repair Store. Three years later, in 1898, Armstrong and Winans sold their store to Mr. Glazier who moved the store across the street to the present location of the Chelsea Drug. The store was called The Bank Store, because the first bank in Chelsea was installed in this drug store in 1898. Later on the bank was moved next door in the present location of the Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. The bank was called The Chelsea Savings Bank.

The same year, in 1898, Henry Fenn and Lou Vogel opened a drug store in the present location of Fenn Drug store.

In 1908 Mr. Glazier sold his store to Mr. Freeman who moved the store into the Freeman Building, now occupied by Schneider's Grocery store. One year later, in 1909, Mr. Vogel left the partnership with Henry Fenn and opened a drug store in the building vacated the year before by Mr. Glazier. Mr. Vogel operated this store until 1924 when he sold out to J. V. Burg, I. In 1948, just 24 years later, Mr. Burg sold out to C. M. Lancaster who at that time changed the name to The Chelsea Drug and has been operating under that name for the past 11 years. In 1958 the Fenn Drug Store was sold to Mr. Lancaster, after 60 years of service to the health and happiness of this community.

THE CHELSEA DRUG

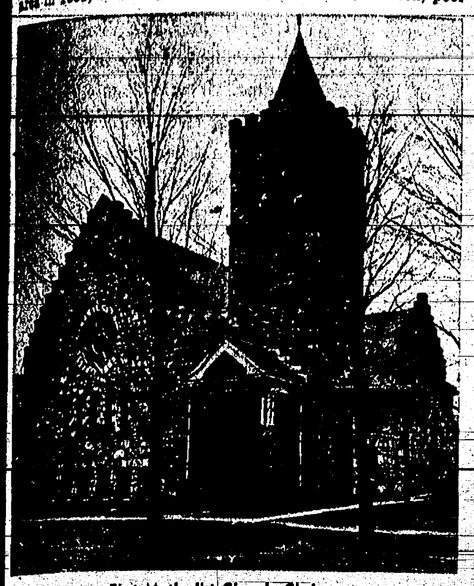
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### First Methodist

Methodism was well established in the Chelsea area before the local community had a church. This is highlighted by the conversion in 1837 of a farm boy living north of town near Unadilla. He attended a Methodist church and became a Christian of profound convictions. He was Judson Dwight Collins.

With his conversion came the call to Christian service and when he was able to do so he enrolled in the first class of the University of Michigan. In four years he graduated from the University with honors in 1845. On April 15, 1847 he sailed for China as a missionary. He returned to the Chelsea area in 1851, suffering from ill health due to overwork, poor



First Methodist Church, Chelsea

food, and hardships in China. He died in 1852 and is buried northeast of M-92 in the Collins Cemetery in Lyndon township.

President Angell of University of Michigan fame said, "It remained for the University of Michigan through the person of one of its graduates, to make the most significant contribution to China's history. Judson Collins . . . went to China as a missionary and laid the foundation of its educational life in a little public school in the city of Foochow."

In 1853 the Rev. B. A. Hedger, pastor of the Lima Center Methodist church, rode his horse into the village of Chelsea with its population of some 62 souls and sensed a call from the Lord to establish a Methodist Society here, which he did. The Rev. Ebenezer Steel was the first assigned pastor and Chelsea became part of the Lima Circuit. Services were held in an old brick school and the first Quarterly Conference (Annual Meeting) found J. Boynton, C. Clements, M. M. Boyd, W. Warner, S. Raymond, J. Cushman, G. Hawks, A. Storms, James Davison, and J. Preston present.

A Sunday school was organized in 1854 with Silas Sargent as superintendent. The population of the village in 1855 was about 200 and many of the incoming families became Methodists. In 1857 a Mite Box Society was organized to raise funds for the building of a church. Admission charge was five cents for ladies and ten cents for gentlemen. In 1860 the name was changed to the "Ladies Saving Circle of Chelsea" and later became the "Ladies Aid." One session centered its discussion on the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency.

April 10, 1858 found an ever-increasing demand for a church building and a special Quarterly Conference was called with the Rev. S. C. Stringham in charge. Among those present were the Rev. J. W. Crippen, circuit preacher, M. M. Boyd, E. Francisco, W. W. Whedon, J. W. Green, Elisha Congdon, Silas Sargent, and John Clark. Mr. Congdon donated a site for a church and it was constructed at a cost of $8,000. Dedication services were held Sept. 8, 1859 with the Rev. B. I. Ives as guest speaker.

In 1860 M. M. Boyd and S. Sargent were appointed to set out trees around the church and to grade the grounds. (At least one of the trees is still alive)

Part of the present parsonage was built in 1866 with additional rooms added later.

The first church stood for more than 40 years until destroyed by fire Jan. 8, 1899.

Immediately the congregation set about building the present structure and it was dedicated Feb. 15, 1900. The Rev. B. I. Ives who had dedicated the first structure 40 years previous was invited to return as guest preacher for the dedication of the new church. The Rev. J. I. Nickerson was pastor. During the raising of funds many folk like Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Glazier, Dr. and Mrs. George Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. John Schenk, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Burkhart, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bacon and many others gave leadership and sacrificial gifts to make the church construction possible. A newspaper account of the dedication of the present church said, "The success of the M. E. Society of Chelsea in erecting this new edifice has been most remarkable. The church is undoubtedly the finest, for its cost, in southern Michigan. It is built entirely of field stone, with broad unbroken front, constructed on the plan of an old Scotch church, low with crow-stepped gables. The entrances are at the sides, and at the right a square tower with battlements rises some 60 feet. The auditorium and chapel of the church are finished in quarter sawed oak, the pastor's study in curly birch, and the choir room in bird's eye maple."

Actual cost of the church was only $16,000 but today it is valued by insurance appraisors at more then $150,000. Farmers donated stone and many teams of horses were used to haul materials. Key stones over the windows were all cut from one huge rock taken from the Tom Sears farm at the rear of the Chelsea cemetery.

A choice Kimball pipe organ was dedicated in 1901 and re-built in 1936 as a memorial to Lillie E. Wood, mother of the late Mae Wood Staffan.

The Epworth League was organized in 1890 and became the Methodist Youth Fellowship in 1939.

All women's groups in the church merged in 1942 to form the Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. Joseph V. Fisher the first president.

After extensive repairs in 1945 a re-dedication service was held. The Rev. Everett Major was the pastor. Bishop Raymond Wade of Detroit was guest speaker. A youth choir directed by Mrs. A. A. Palmer furnished anthems. Mrs. P. M. Broesamle played for the service. She served as organist for 30 years.

Several full-time Christian workers went out from the Chelsea church: Hon. H. C. Winans and his wife (nee Emma Kempf) went to Iquique, Chile, in 1887; others were the Rev. George McIlwain, the Rev. Adolph Roedel, and Carrie Bowen. Albert B. Storms, D.D., president of Baldwin Wallace college, Berea, O., was born in Chelsea and received his Christian training here.

Mrs. Florence Howlett is our senior member. She united with the church in 1885.

In June of 1953 Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit appointed the Rev. S. D. Kinde as pastor.

On Dec. 6, 1953, a complete new chancel was dedicated as a part of a centennial celebration of the parish.

1954 brought a complete renovation of the exterior stonework and the stained glass windows. The church was completely reroofed. The interior was redecorated throughout in 1955.

In 1957 the growth of the Sunday School had reached the point where additional class rooms were needed. A Building Fund campaign, headed by Dr. Joseph Fisher in 1958, resulted in the necessary financial support to begin work on a proposed 16-room Educational Unit to cost $70,000. The building, now under construction, when completed will be 92 feet long and 48 feet wide with two stories. It will be officially dedicated in September, 1959.

### Assembly of God Chapel

Five and one-half years ago the idea of starting an Assemblies of God Church in Chelsea was conceived in the mind of the Rev. J. H. Meppelink, then pastor of the Ypsilanti Assembly of God church. After looking over the possibilities, the Rev. J. H. Meppelink began holding Sunday afternoon services in the Old IOOF Hall, 116 South Main street, during February, 1954, and received good response.

In June, 1954, the Rev. H. J. Meppelink, presently pastor of this church, graduated from Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., and felt led to come to Chelsea to take the responsibilities of pioneering the local Assembly. Sunday School was first held on July 4, 1954, and the Sunday evening services began shortly after. The doors of the Assembly have never since been closed for any Sunday services, summer or winter.

On the opening day of Sunday School, we opened the doors for Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Davis, Sharon and Bill; and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wisecup along with Pastor and Mrs. Meppelink, and one other boy for a total of nine. The following Sunday four were absent, leaving only five in Sunday School that day. However, growth has been gratifying, until, after much hard work and canvassing, we have an enrollment of 83 in Sunday school. Our morning worship service averages approximately 65, and the Sunday evening services are well attended, averaging 40.

Within the church, many organizations have been organized, including our Christ's Ambassadors with a stimulating program for the Youth, Men's Fellowship for the men, Women's Missionary Council for the ladies. We have sponsored three Vacation Bible Schools for the children. Our church is also helping to sponsor four missionary couples; one family each in Japan (a sister to Mrs. Meppelink), Philippines, Africa, and India; as well as "Revivaltime," our international radio broadcast heard on the ABC Network at 10:30 p.m. Sunday evenings.

Plans are being completed for the new Chelsea Assembly of God Church to be constructed on Old US-12 East, directly across from the Stop and Shop Super Market. Actual construction will begin this summer.

### The Methodist Home

The Chelsea Methodist Home of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Church is maintained as a residence for elderly people who are in need of care during the remaining years of their lives. While ministers and their wives have been members of the family throughout its existence, a great majority of our guests have been lay members of the church. The Home is located in the midst of spacious grounds at the western edge of Chelsea.

The Home was located in Chelsea through the generosity of the late Frank P. Glazier, a prominent Methodist of the village, who gave the site and a substantial sum of money toward the construction of the first building.

That there is such a home is largely due to the vision and



zeal of the late Dr. James E. Jacklin, a member of the Detroit Annual Conference, and for many years editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate. He created the sentiment for such a home. He secured the site and funds for the first three buildings. The foundation of the endowment was personally solicited by him, as well. For many years he was the Executive Secretary of the Home and in his years of retirement continued to follow its fortunes with sympathetic interest. Largely responsible, also, for the establishment and early guidance of the Home was the late Dr. Charles W. Baldwin, a minister of the Detroit Conference, who served as the first secretary of the Board of Trustees.

The Home was incorporated by order of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Oct. 30, 1905 and began its ministry of service on Dec. 1, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bovee were the first residents and were cared for in a private home near the center of Chelsea pending the completion of the first building, the central unit of the present group of buildings. This unit was opened for service on Oct. 30, 1907. Because of the increasing demand for its facilities, the south wing, known as Mrs. Ella Hanley Hall, was built and dedicated on Dec. 12, 1915. The North wing, known as D. and Mrs. Marquis L. High Hall, was completed and occupied on May 13, 1926. These buildings are of the Georgian type of architecture, and are constructed of vitrified brick and have red tile roofs.

In September, 1942, Kresge Hall was dedicated. This unit, named after Mr. Sebastian S. Kresge, was made possible by the generosity of the Kresge Foundation. In Oct. 1949, another modern residence wing was opened, the costs of which, for construction and furnishings, were contributed by the churches of the Detroit Conference and by Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Kimball, Christian philanthropists of Hillsdale.

A colonial style Chapel, capable of seating 150 persons was constructed in 1951 with funds contributed by the late Mrs. Anna E. Kresge, the Kresge Foundation and a number of interested friends.

### St. Barnabas' Episcopal

Until June, 1954, there had been no Episcopal church in Chelsea. At that time, with about 20 people showing a desire for the church of their choice, a Mission church was started. The first services were held Sunday evenings, beginning June 6, at the Crooked Lake home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Booker with H. C. Crandall, Jr., a licensed lay-reader of the Church, in charge. Mr. Crandell was a graduate student at the University of Michigan at the time and was living in the area. On Wednesday evening, July 14, Bishop Richard S. Emrich of the Diocese of Michigan, and Dr. Henry Lewis, Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Ann Arbor, met with the group at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Eaton, to organize and name the new church. The group chose the name St. Barnabas and rented the Community Fair building (formerly a country school) on Old US-12 to remodel for church and church school use. The first Mission committee was headed by M. J. Anderson, chairman, with S. R. Booker, treasurer, and Mrs. E. W. Eaton, secretary.

In August, 1955, Bishop Emrich appointed John E. Lee, lay vicar of the Mission and a house was rented for his use as a vicarage. He served the church for two years, leaving to take up Diocesan work in Detroit. Under his able leadership the church acquired two and seven-tenths acres of land with 258 feet frontage on Old US-12 as a site for a future building, and the little Mission prospered, the membership increased and a building fund was started.

Dr. Henry Lewis of Ann Arbor interviewed men coming out of the Seminaries and chose for us the Rev. Richard Cockrell of Madison, Wis., to serve as vicar of St. Barnabas. He came to us July 1, 1957. During his stay here, he was ordained to the Priesthood at St. Barnabas church.

In October, 1958, Mr. Cockrell resigned his position here to go to Grosse Pointe, and the Rev. Allan Reed, of Toledo, O., was chosen to replace him. Under his leadership the people of the church are planning to erect a building on their property in the near future.

### Church of Christ

In September, 1958, through the combined efforts of the elders of the Churches of Christ at Ann Arbor and Taylor Center, worship services were started in Chelsea.

The Rev. M. S. Hudgins has been the minister since September, 1958. The temporary place of worship is the I.O.O.F. Hall on M-92, south of Chelsea. Plans for the future include a church building.


## LOOKING BACKWARD...

The building housing Anderson's Dept. Store was built by Mr. William Schenk in 1892, and was used by Mr. Schenk to house Schenk's Dept. Store for 47 years. Two floors and basement were occupied as selling space for the many departments that catered to the needs of the families of the Chelsea area.

Mr. Schenk operated this store until 1944 when he sold stock and fixtures to Mr. John Glick who operated the store as Glick's until April, 1954, when he sold the store and fixtures to Grace and Andy Anderson who have operated it as Anderson's until the present time.

## LOOKING FORWARD...

We promised you when we started that we would strive to offer merchandise of unquestionable quality at modest prices. The fact that we have continued to grow, we believe, tells us that you have liked our assortments, our quality, our friendly service and our modest prices.

We believe in Chelsea and surrounding area, and we promise to continue to improve our offerings and our service in the years to come.

ANDERSON'S DEPT. STORE



## Schneider's - Since 1914

The business was purchased in 1914 by Oscar D. Schneider from Emil Kantlehner, brother of Walter Kantlehner. It was located in the store just north of the Chelsea State Bank. The Kantlehner Brothers had started the business in 1900.

In 1928 Mr. Schneider moved to the present corner location, operating the store with Waldo Kusterer as a partner.

Carl Schneider and Howard Flintoft purchased the partnership in 1943.

1914 - 1959

CHELSEA'S OLDEST FOOD BUSINESS

SCHNEIDER'S STORE





*Mr. Samuel Mapes, on right, at reins of his horse-drawn hearse, about 1905.*

## HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED...

FUNERAL FIRM MARKS 61 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. Samuel A. Mapes first established his undertaking business on May 24, 1898 in a store building directly behind the Chelsea Drug Store, on West Middle Street.

In 1906 the Mapes Undertaking Co. moved to its present location, where it has been in operation since that time. Mr. Bruce Plankell came into the firm as a partner in 1926, purchasing the business in 1936, upon the retirement of Mr. Mapes. In 1942 Mr. Martin Miller bought the business, and in November, 1951, Mr. Louis Burghardt entered into partnership with Mr. Miller. On July 9, 1952 Mr. Burghardt purchased the firm and has continued as sole owner since that time.

Many changes have taken place since 1906, as shown partially by the accompanying photographs. The photograph at the left, below, was taken about 1920.





BURGHARDT FUNERAL HOME

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This business is a continuation of the well drilling business established about 1890 by the late Geo. H. Foster who was an auctioneer and ventriloquist of no mean ability as some of our older citizens will remember. Two of his sons, Eugene and Harry, entered the trade with him. In the early 1900's, when the water system was installed in the village, Harry Foster learned what was then known of the plumbing and heating industry by taking a correspondence course. He then opened the first plumbing shop in Chelsea under the firm name of G. H. Foster & Son.

After the death of the elder Foster and Eugene, Floyd Rowe purchased an interest and the business was continued as H. E. Foster & Co. In the late 1920's and early 1930's, Julius Eisele had a share in the firm. At Mr. Foster's retirement in 1937, Mr. Rowe became sole owner and in 1952 his son, Duane, took over the operation of the well machine and later, upon passing his examination as master plumber, the firm became known as Floyd D. Rowe & Son, Plumbing, Heating and Well Drilling.



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## St. John's Evangelical and Reformed (Rogers Corners)

In December, 1890, the Rev. Dr. Paul Irion, who was pastor of Bethel Evangelical Church of Freedom township held services in the area in homes and in the public schoolhouse.

Those who attended these services felt more and more the need of a regular church organization and in a meeting on July 31, 1891 decided to organize. They appointed a committee of five men to draw up a constitution to be submitted to members in a meeting to be held on August 24, 1891. The members of this committee were: Frederick Eisemann, John G. Feldkamp, Arnold Heinrich Kuhl, Friederich Breitenwischer and John Moessner. In this meeting it was also decided to name the new church St. John's Evangelical Congregation of Freedom Township.

In a special meeting on Jan. 9, 1892, it was decided to build a church 30'x46'. Subscriptions were taken up and the sum of $1,450 was signed in that meeting and $782.00 after the meeting, thus the building committee was enabled to go ahead and call for bids. The contract was let to George Beckwith of Chelsea who went to work immediately and had the church building and a small church schoolhouse finished in the late



St. John's Evangelical & Reformed Church, Rogers Corners

fall. The church was dedicated in November, 1892.

In October, 1894 the congregation extended a call to the Rev. J. B. Meister of Adrian as the first full-time pastor. Rev. Meister accepted the call and arrived Dec. 16, 1894. In August, 1895 the congregation bought the house with one acre of land from William Beuerle at 3074 Fletcher road which still serves as the parsonage.

In recent years the church has been served by various area pastors. In 1956, the Reverend E. O. Davis became the pastor of St. John's as well as the church at Francisco. Under his leadership the church grew in numbers and an educational addition was begun which is now nearing completion.

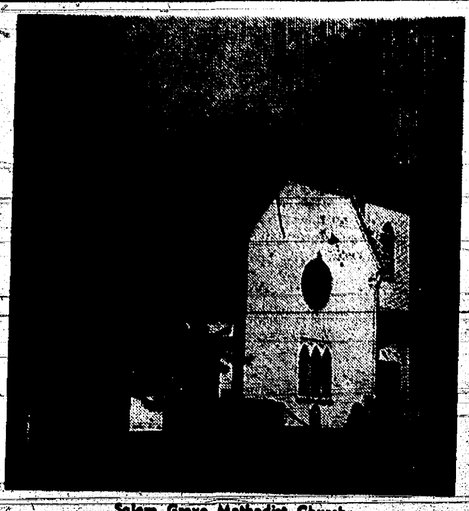
The present pastor, the Reverend Donald Voss, began his work in the parish on March 1 of this year.

## Salem Grove Methodist

Many of the early pioneers who brought about the founding of the Salem Grove M. E. church were of German decent; their homes being humble log houses.

In 1852, the Rev. Jacob Rothweiler, a German minister, came into this quiet countryside to visit in the homes of the people. His pastorate was in Detroit, but he decided to include this community in his circuit. He was soon convinced that a church should be organized. However, the organization of a church society was not accomplished until late in the spring of 1853 when the Rev. John Schweinfurth came to this community from Ann Arbor, and preached in the various homes. This method was pursued for five years. During this time, the Rev. Jacob Krehbeil, the Rev. E. Bauer, and the Rev. Seb Barth ministered to the people.

The Rev. John Schweinfurth came here for a second term in 1857. Due to the gradually increasing number of worshippers, many folks felt the necessity of building a church edifice. After considerable discussion regarding a suitable



Salem Grove Methodist Church

location, Mr. William Riemenschneider, who had just lately taken up land from the government, donated the church site and the adjoining church property. Thus, in 1858, a frame building was erected by volunteer workers from the community.

During the next ten years, the Rev. Andreas Mayer, the Rev. Henry Krell, the Rev. Gustav Bertram, the Rev. Valentine Jahraus, the Rev. Jacob Braun and the Rev. Gustav Herzer ministered to the needs of an ever-growing congregation.

By 1869 the congregation had grown to such an extent that a resident pastor was desired. Therefore, during the third pastorate of the Rev. John Schweinfurth, a parsonage was built in 1870. However, his successor, the Rev. C. A. Reuter was the first to occupy the new parsonage.

During these years, Salem German M. E. church had been one of the preaching places in the Ann Arbor District. In 1874, this church and Zion church at Trist, near Waterloo, severed connection with Ann Arbor, and became what for many years was known as the "Francisco Circuit."

Between the years 1873-1887, the following ministers served the church: the Rev. Conrad Wehnes, the Rev. John Schneider, the Rev. G. H. Fiedler, the Rev. Adam Weber, and the Rev. Theodore Schumann.

Now it became evident that the first little church no longer sufficed for the needs of an ever-increasing congregation. A meeting was held to determine what steps might be taken toward erecting a new church building. Michael Schenk attended the meeting, and being determined that a new church building was definitely needed, took the first steps by making a generous donation. Then he went about the community enlisting the financial aid of his fellowmen. Thus, enough money was finally raised to warrant building a new meeting house. This took place in 1888 during the administration of the Rev. George Mitter. The old frame building was moved across the road and used as a shelter for the minister's horse; later, it was remodeled and used as a garage.

The pastor's chair, which is still in use, was donated by the Rev. Weiler, who was District Superintendent at that time. In 1902, a system of gas lights was installed in the building.

The Rev. Andrew Kruemlig came to serve Salem church in 1889. He served only one year, and was succeeded by the Rev C. A. Militzer in 1890. Mrs. Militzer was always ready to carry her part of the church work. In Nov. 1890, she organized the first Ladies' Aid Society here with 19 members from this community; she also became its first president. Many of the men said that an organization entirely in the hands of women would never last. Although this little group felt very humble at first, they have proved to be of much helpful service to the church. One of their first projects was to purchase a bell for the church belfry. Next, a Communion service was purchased; many other projects were undertaken and completed. The 50th anniversary of the society was celebrated in 1940 with an appropriate program. It was also in 1940 that the Ladies' Aid Society and Missionary Society were united into one organization to be known as the "Women's Society of Christian Service." Truly the women have held an important place in the church.

The Rev. Paul Wuerful was sent as pastor in 1894. An organization for the young people was started in 1896, known as the "Epworth League." Sunday evening church services were preceded by a short program of worship by different members of this group. Monthly meetings were held in the homes of the members. The Rev. Wuerful served the church for five years, to be followed by the Rev. L. S. Kaetterhenry, th Rev. Henry Lenz, and the Rev. J. E. Beal, who each served four-year terms.

In 1911, the Rev. George Nothdurft came to Salem church.

The Rev. Henry Lenz came to serve a second term in 1918. However, this term was for only a year. The following year, the Rev. Hartman Bau of Ann Arbor, acted as supply pastor for this church. Succeeding him were the Rev. Carl Ertel and the Rev. Fred Schweinfurth.

The Rev. Fred Ross came in the fall of 1925. While he was the pastor, in May, 1929, fire destroyed the parsonage. Many of the old church records which were kept in the parsonage library, were destroyed at that time. During the summer of 1929, a new, more convenient, and better equipped parsonage was built. This was first occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. H. Lenz who came here for a third term which was to last for 13 years. While here, the Rev. Lenz was aked to change the name of this church in some way to distinguish it from another charge by the name of "Salem." He gave this church the name of "Salem Grove," by which name it is now known. The congregation was saddened by the death of Mrs. Lenz in January, 1942.

In the fall of 1933, the merger of Salem Grove church with the Detroit Conference was effected.

The Rev. Lewis Green, then a student at Adrian College, followed the Rev. Lenz in 1943. After two years, the Rev. Robert Vanderhardt served as pastor for only one year, to be followed by the Rev. Ernest O. Davis in 1946.

The Rev. Davis was instrumental in organizing a Cemetery Association for the church. Since then the cemetery has been kept in a much better condition and a sizeable sum has been placed in a Trust Fund in Ann Arbor for the perpetual upkeep of the cemetery.

In June 1949, the Rev. Vern Panzer and family came to minister to the people of Salem Grove. When he resigned to accept a call to Reinbeck, Ia., the Rev. Hans Leitner came to supply the pulpit. In 1954, the Rev. Louis Caister came to minister to the people of the Salem Grove church, remaining until June, 1959. Present pastor is the Rev. Harry Pyscher.

The Salem Grove and North Lake churches were combined into one charge in the summer of 1951 and have remained together to the present time.

In 1955 the church was completely redecorated inside and painted outside, and a new oil furnace was installed.

## Waterloo Village Church

On Dec. 10, 1872, members of the Waterloo community met to formulate plans for the building of a village church. As approved the cost ran to some $4,000, a great deal more at that time than it appears now in this day of inflation and high prices. To many who gave so generously it was a real sacrifice, but the cause was thought important enough to make any effort worthwhile. The names of many of the original contributors are known to you and in many cases their descendants' names still appear on the church roll. Others are no longer represented here except by the unforgotten token of their gift to this house of worship.

Structurally the building is much as it was when it was first completed. Through the years the external appearance has remained a landmark of which all could be proud. The spire and the red brick have about them an air of timelessness, unchanged as the faith that made the building a necessity in the first place.

The interior has undergone numerous alterations but none as extensive as those just completed. The lighting has been altered on several occasions to meet the needs of the time, from flickering gas to the electrical service that we enjoy today. The ceiling has been lowered, the walls changed in color and various other measures to keep abreast of the current needs.

In the extensive redecorating which was dedicated a few weeks ago, as much had been done as possible to improve and yet not change the mood of the original building. New floors, new carpeting, a new piano, and new altar furniture were chosen to blend in comfortably with the dignified and traditional character of the church itself. The walls were decorated, the pews painted, a new furnace installed and many other items. In all these things the committee and the congregation tried to save the old as much as possible and add only those things which would make it more attractive. This is a church that is proud of its age and there is satisfaction in knowing that for 87 years it has resisted the ravages of time as has the faith that inspired it.

## Chelsea Baptist

The Chelsea Baptist Church was started in October, 1951 by the Rev. Roy Grindall of the North Sharon Community Bible church.

The Rev. David A. Wood came as pastor in May, 1952. The first services were held in the I.O.O.F. Hall on the Chelsea-Manchester Road but in 1957 the congregation moved into their new church building on Wilkinson street.

CHELSEA GREENHOUSES was founded in September, 1901, by Elvira Clark Visel when she built a small greenhouse in the front yard of her father's home. It was financed with money she had earned by teaching school. She continued the business in a small way until she was able to build more greenhouses, which today consist of five.

She continued the business alone until Nov. 24, 1945, when she sold a half interest to Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Armstrong who had been with her since March 15, 1933.

Mrs. Visel passed away Oct. 21, 1957, and since that time the business has been owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

CHELSEA GREENHOUSES





1910 - 1959

Palmer Motor Sales, Inc., was established in 1910 by Leigh G. Palmer in a two-car garage at 136 East Middle Street with the Regal automobile being sold. In 1911, the business was moved to its present address at 222 South Main Street. A subdealership was obtained from Ford Motor Company adding the Ford car to the line, and also the EMF. In 1912, a Ford franchise was awarded, and the Regal and EMF dropped from the line. In addition to selling Fords, Studebakers were on the line from 1915 to 1917, the Dodge car from 1915 to 1916. In 1918, a two-story fireproof automotive shop was built on the rear of the building, and the Fordson tractor added to the line until it was dropped in 1927. Lincoln was added in 1920; Mercury in 1938. These cars were sold by Palmer Motor Sales until 1942. In 1948 the present showroom was built in front of the old garage and office buildings, uniting the two. In addition to being a Ford dealer, Leigh Palmer has been associated with the Standard Oil Company since 1910, and is also an Auto-Owners Insurance Company agent. Today, Palmer Motor Sales, Inc., is the third oldest Ford dealership in the state of Michigan; and its president, L. G. Palmer is the oldest living franchised Ford dealer in the state.



PALMER MOTOR SALES, INC.



The Chelsea Elevator Company was located in the large brick building on Main Street next to the railroad tracks and was operated by Frank Sweetland. Its competitor, The Wm. Bacon, Holmes Company, was just across the drive in the place now occupied by the Chelsea Lumber Company office building.

In 1908 Frank Storms, O. C. Burkhart, and A. B. Clark bought out Mr. Sweetland, and 1913 Warren R. Daniels assumed O. C. Burkhart's interest. In 1908 the products sold were huckelberries, chickens and grain as well as coal and lumber. Of course deliveries of coal and lumber were all made with horse drawn wagons, including the daily huckelberry pickups in the Waterloo area. Prices paid for huckelberries ranged from 7c to 10c a quart. The first truck was a 1917 Model T Ford converted into a pickup.

Buying and selling chickens was another part of the operation of the Chelsea Elevator Company. In fact, the records show on good days over 100 crates of live chickens shipped to the Detroit market. Just before the holiday season in 1916 the Company began a dressed chicken operation on the second floor of the building now housing the Buick-Oldsmobile garage. Within two weeks they were shipping each day as high as 500 dressed chickens packed in barrels to New York City. However, during the third week the floor caught fire under the kettles of hot water used to scald the chickens. The building was badly burned and the chicken business discontinued.

During these same years Dan McClaren owned and operated a bean and hay business just to the west of the Chelsea Elevator Company along what is still known as the "Bean Siding." He employed as many as 25 women to sort white beans.

The William Bacon, Holmes Company and the Chelsea Elevator Company merged in 1926 forming the Chelsea Lumber, Grain and Coal Company.

Frank Storms was active in the business until 1939 at which time Warren Daniels assumed full responsibility for its operation. James Daniels took over as manager in February of 1945 and was joined by Bob Daniels in April of 1955.

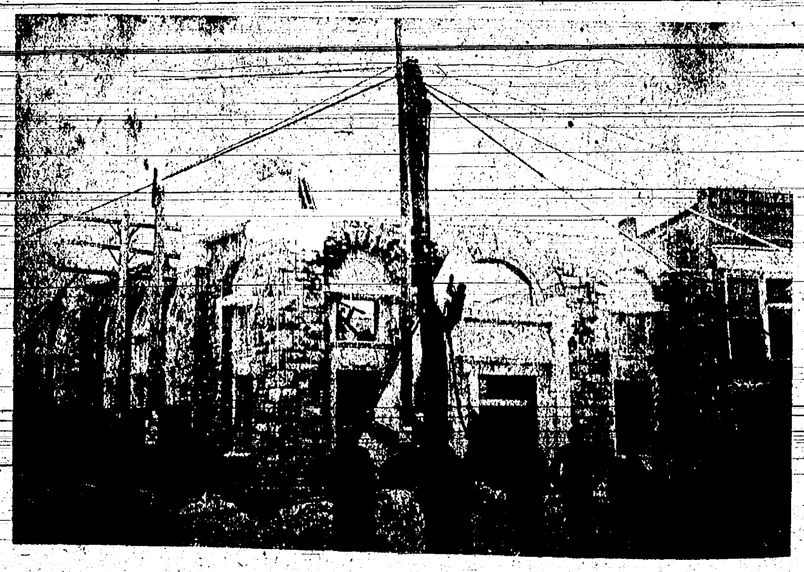
Chelsea Lumber Co.

*"Where the Home Begins"*

John Panarites opened a candy kitchen in the building in 1919 and called the business "John's." John and Mamma did business there for 39 years until it was sold to Louie Birch in February of 1958. Louie has made many remodeling changes and now serves lunches in addition to operating the soda fountain.

LOUIE'S

DAIRY BAR



In 1934 the Farmers and Merchants Bank and the Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank were merged and the name changed to Chelsea State Bank. The Farmers and Merchants Bank had been organized in 1908 and the Kempf Bank in 1876.

The photograph above was taken in 1901 and shows the present bank building being constructed. The building was built by Frank P. Glazier in memory of his father, George P. Glazier. The building was purchased by the Farmers and Merchants Bank in 1927 and has been in continuous use as a banking house since that time.

At the time of the bank merger in 1934 the total resources of the merged bank were slightly in excess of $1,000,000. Today the resources of the Chelsea State Bank are in excess of $7,500,000. This growth reflects the physical and economic growth of the entire community. On the occasion of the 125th anniversary of Chelsea the officers and directors of the Chelsea State Bank wish to thank the people of the community for their support in the past and we look forward to continuing to serve the community in the future.

CHELSEA STATE BANK

*MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION*

# CHELSEA'S INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

The founders of Chelsea, Michigan gave little if any thought to the industrial future of the village. The date was three years before Michigan's admittance to statehood and manufacturers of the nation were concentrated in the New England states; agriculture and trade were the only practical concern of early settlers in a newly-opened territory. Many of the families who chose this particular section for a home and livelihood came from the East where waterpower was abundant and where small industries were providing many of life's necessities in a growing volume but they did not concern themselves with establishing new ones here. If they had, some other location with possible waterpower would have been selected.

Because travel and movement of supplies and marketable produce was dependent on wagons drawn by oxen or horses and because north, south, east and west roads passed through or near it, Chelsea became a favorable location for blacksmith shops, carriage and wagon works, and cooperage shops; and these first industries prospered for many years. The blacksmiths were truly artisans, capable of making most of the hand tools required by the farmers, woodsmen and housewives. The last of the blacksmith shops, owned and operated by Mr. Henry Schumacher, located on Park Street, was in existence until 1955.

Adam G. Faist known as the wagon maker and agricultural implement dealer enlarged his plant by erecting a new building and installing labor-saving machinery in 1899. This was just a few years before the automobile was to revolutionize a nation's travel and haulage facilities.

Like most every early community Chelsea could support a barrell maker or cooper because so much of the produce raised (even eggs) needed this type of shipping container. A sash and blind factory is also mentioned in previous histories of Chelsea as being among the first industries. The first grist mill of record near here was built in 1853 at Sylvan Center. The funds for its construction were raised by popular subscription, it was run by water power and had stone grinding wheels.

### The Railroad . . .

The extension of the "Central" railroad from Detroit through Chelsea on its way to Jackson and Chicago gave impetus to the industrial prospect of Chelsea in 1841. The community now had a faster and cheaper way to ship produce and crops to a large market. However, for many years the railroad did not encourage manufacturers and it probably even had a reverse effect since it was now possible to get better delivery of factory-made articles from the then established manufacturing centers of the nation, and no local effort was made to compete with outside suppliers.

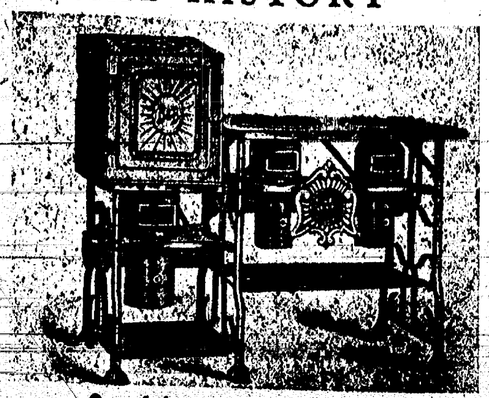
A few industrial ventures were started in this period such as boot and shoe making, planing and cider mills. One of the boot makers, Leander Tichenor invented and built a row boat made of treated canvas stretched over a wooden frame. Because it was a light, yet very sturdy craft the demand was greater than the supply of about 15 units per year.

Except for the blacksmiths, Chelsea's first metal working plant was operated by Charles L. Miller and Hiram Lighthall. The Chelsea Foundry and Machine Shop started about 1877 and manufactured plows, agricultural implements, machinery, carriages and wagons. The Chelsea plow, Miller's invention, had an improved jointer and shim piece and was a great favorite with farmers who became acquainted with its advantages.

### Stoves . . .

Chelsea's first interstate manufacturing business, the Glazier Stove Works was started in 1891 by Frank P. Glazier, son of the local banker. The products manufactured were a well-designed blue flame oil-heating stove as well as an oil burning cooking-stove. The market was ready for this product, the fuel kerosene had been universally distributed for a number of years. Sold under the brand name of B & B for Brightest and Best, domestic sales grew steadily and the company also developed the foreign market. An exhibit of the entire line of the Glazier Stove Works was installed at the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904.

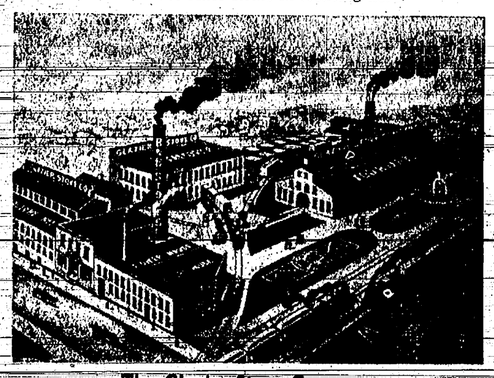
The first buildings occupied by the firm were located on the east side of Main Street between Middle and the railroad. In 1894 this factory was destroyed by fire but Mr. Glazier immediately set about re-establishing production on an expanded basis to meet the increasing demand for his products. He had the vision of the profit possibilities in manufacturing and purchased land on the north side of the railroad from Main to East Street. Residences and buildings on this piece of land were removed to other sites in the village or torn down. Construction of brick multi-floor factory buildings was begun and their architecture and grouping has been a land mark of the village ever since and affectionately known as the "Tower Building", "Welfare Building" and the "Spring Plant."



One of the stove company's finest.

Frank P. Glazier was a product of the times. All around the nation men of courage and ingenious energy were pyramiding fortunes by rapidly expanding the capital they controlled without thought of spreading their activities too thin or of a day of reckoning. The day of the Corporation was at hand and Mr. Glazier incorporated in 1901 with a $300,000 stock issue. Before the company's failure in 1907 Mr. Glazier had promoted many improvements to the village, three buildings were typical of his influence in that they were all built of cut stone in grand proportions, the Methodist Church, The Chelsea State Bank and an office building for his company now occupied by Frigid Products. It was because of his generous donation of the first building in memory of his mother that the Methodist Home for the Aged was located in Chelsea. He also was the instigator of the electric power plant and water works system taken over later by the village.

Mr. Glazier was also active in the financial affairs of the village, Washtenaw County, and at one time was Treasurer of the State of Michigan in the Warner administration. He followed his father as president of the Chelsea Savings Bank. His financial failure in 1907 involving the Glazier Stove Works, the local bank and all of his other interests was a shock to his many friends and supporters and afforded his many enemies a chance to say "I told you so." This one man's influence on the Village of Chelsea cannot be over-emphasized. The factory buildings which he had built and which eventually became vacant, were a constant reminder to the citizens of the community that industry was needed, and many attempts were made to interest other firms in locating here.



The Glazier Stove Company.

### Automobiles . . .

The Village has a place in early automobile manufacturing history. A. R. Welch started the Chelsea Manufacturing Co. just before the turn of the century. He was an inventor and the plant was located in the building now occupied by W. R. Daniels—Buick-Oldsmobile Sales and Service—was devoted to the manufacture of novelties. Among Mr. Welch's inventions was an expansion plug which is used in large quantities by Chelsea Products, Inc., today and is still known as a Welch plug. Another of the many mechanical devices he worked on was an automobile which he built in the Chelsea factory and in 1903 took to Chicago to exhibit in the February Automobile show. This car was priced at $2,000 f.o.b. Chelsea and attracted enough attention at the show to encourage Mr. Welch to reorganize his company calling it Chelsea Manufacturing Co., Ltd., with a capitalization of $200,000. A production schedule of 15 cars per month was planned. The company ran into financial difficulty and petitioned bankruptcy early in 1904. Welch, with what he could salvage, moved to Pontiac and continued to manufacture Welch-Pontiac cars until it was sold to General Motors in 1911 and Mr. Welch, an automotive pioneer, retired.

The second attempt to establish a segment of the growing automobile industry in Chelsea was made by The Lewis Spring and Axle Co., occupants of the Stove Works plants. It was exciting news to the village in 1915 to learn that the Hollier Eight was to be manufactured here. This car sold for $985 f.o.b. Chelsea. Energetic sales efforts were made to promote the Hollier but all eyes were on Ford and it soon became an unprofitable venture. The company had adopted a standard color advertised as "Hollier Blue" and exhibited both a six and eight cylinder car at the 1918 New York Auto Show.

### Machine Tools . . .

The Chelsea Stove Manufacturing Co., which was formed to continue the business of the Glazier Stove Co. after receivership, stock of which was held by Detroit parties, operated the plant for a few years but gradually sold off the equipment and material. The A. B. Stove Co. of Battle Creek purchased the range department in 1909. In 1910 the board of directors authorized the sale of the buildings and remaining equipment to Grant & Wood Manufacturing Co., a $1,000,000 corporation; they used these to manufacture automatic metal working machines. These machines were used all over the world and the company owned and controlled all the U. S. and foreign patents. The man who formed this company were experienced industrialists: president, Ebin B. Boye, former sales manager of Warner-Swasey Co.; vice-president, Arthur O. Smith, president, of the A. O. Smith Co. of Milwaukee; Harry L. Stanton of Chelsea was secretary and treasurer, and Walter E. Flanders, president of the E.M.F. Co., was a member of the board of directors. Grant & Wood Manufacturing Co. took over the Grant Automatic Machine Co. of Cleveland and the machinery and equipment was moved to Chelsea. John J. Grant was the inventor of the multiple spindle automatic screw machine that was to be built. Grant has been called the father of the ball industry in America. Every machine used in the manufacture of balls for bearings up to that time had been invented by him. Mr. Erwin E. Wood, factory manager of the new company, had previously been with Jones & Lamson Machine Co., Pratt & Whitney and Niles-Bemment Pond Co., as factory manager, chief draftsman, designer and general superintendent.

It was announced that the company would also engage in the manufacture of high grade balls for bearings. Late in the fall of 1910 Grant & Wood were employing over 150 men and expected to hire 250 more by the first of the next year.

### Cement and Peat . . .

The big news in January 1904 was that the White Portland Cement Co. had acquired land at Four Mile Lake and the General Manager, H. C. Millen, would supervise the building of the largest and best cement plant in Michigan. This company was not successful for long and in 1908 the Millen Portland Cement Co. took possession of the plant and property. The new company was capitalized for $500,000. An item in the Chelsea Standard stated that the wiping out of the White Portland Cement Co. by Millen was a stormy period in the history of the cement business here when revolvers played a part in business and a condition similar to a Central American revolution existed. Mr. W. J. White was also referred to as the chewing gum magnate.

The capacity of the plant in 1908 was 500 barrels of cement a day. The company owned over 700 acres of land, 550 acres of which contained the finest deposit of marl in the world, remarkably free from foreign matter, testing 96 per cent of carbonate of lime. The plant was the only one in the country that had the necessary raw material, marl and clay, on the same property. Mr. Millen was an experienced cement man in that he had grown up in the business with his father. However, in October, 1909, a Jackson bank began foreclosure proceedings against the Millen Portland Cement Co.

Nathan S. Potter, a Jackson capitalist, organized the Michigan Portland Cement Co. in 1911 with a capitalization of $500,000 and took over the Four Mile Lake property. In 1917 the use of marl was discontinued in the manufacturing process because the bed was exhausted and crushed rock shipped in from northern Michigan was substituted. The plant continued to operate successfully for a number of years. In 1923 the State of Michigan leased the property from the company for $75,000 a year with an option to buy. The state operated the plant as an annex to the state prison, using convict labor wherever possible. The state exercised its option to purchase and continued manufacturing cement for state use until 1929 when it was abandoned.

Many attempts have been made to utilize the peat deposit in the South Main Street marsh. In 1903 The National Peat Fuel Co. with main offices in Detroit was organized to process a million tons of peat. A German educated peat expert spent some months here to establish a plant and digging procedures but there is no available record that operations were successful. In 1920 another attempt was made to put the plant on a commercial basis. The Morisite Process Co. again started the peat business in 1922 but failed in their efforts. The peat is still in Chelsea's mosquito jungle, the marsh.

### Motorcycles . . .

In 1911 a big industrial merger involving the Grant & Wood Manufacturing Co. was announced. The new company, of which Walter E. Flanders, president of the E.M.F. Co. and a member of the board of directors of Grant & Wood and at one time superintendent of the first Ford Motor Co. plant, was the moving spirit, included the Flanders group of factories at Pontiac. The capitalization was two and one quarter million dollars for the purpose of engaging in the manufacture of motorcycles and automobile parts. Many plans were made to take care of an increase in population which would be employed by the new company here. Officials of the company requested that new housing be built in the village and announced plans to convert the old Glazier Stove Co. general office building into a modern hotel.

Flanders "4" motorcycles manufactured in the Chelsea plant were exhibited at the New York Auto Show in 1912. The big industrial merger had a very short life even for that day, for in April 1913, the Detroit Trust Co. started foreclosure proceedings. The Flanders plants here were sold to Mr. Rothchilds of Chicago in 1914 for $80,000.

After the Flanders failure the Motor Products Co. with headquarters in Detroit was organized with a capital of $150,000 to continue the manufacture of Flanders motorcycles. B. F. Falter of Chicago, was president of this new company; B. F. Howard, sales manager; D. W. Caswell, production manager; and Don R. McCord, secretary and treasurer In 1914 they absorbed the Cricket Cyclecar Co. of Detroit and announced that manufacture would be in Chelsea.

### Springs and Bumpers . . .

The Lewis Spring & Axle Co. which occupied the stove plant buildings in 1915 had been founded at Jackson in 1891. Their original product was springs which was later expanded by the absorption of the Clark Motor Co. in 1911 to include axles, transmissions and engines. A wheel plant was also acquired in 1913, making them one of the largest auto parts manufacturers in this section of the country.

In 1914 Lewis Spring & Axle Co. started making complete chassis, and then a complete car, the Hollier. The company had developed valuable experience in eight cylinder motors and was very successful in the field of aeroplane engines. The Jackson plant was sold to Briscoe Motor Co., Inc. in 1915 and Frederick C. Lewis, 36-year-old president, decided to move the entire factory to Chelsea. Mr. Lewis was a talented pianist and organist and attended concerts and grand opera in Detroit and Chicago. It wasn't long before he organized a Chelsea band to delight the citizens of the village on many occasions.

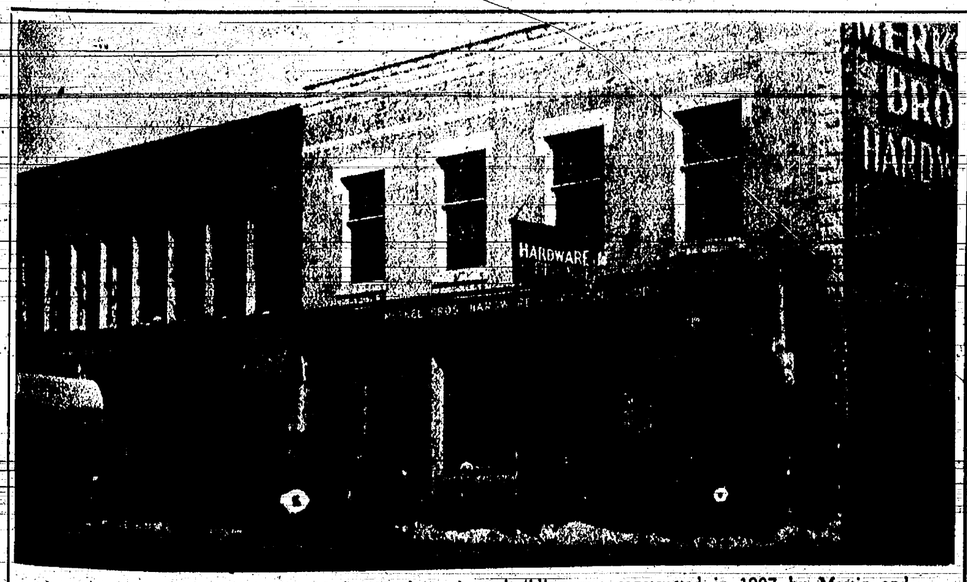
Estimated output of the plant in 1914 was 1,000 tons of steel springs per month made by the new Lewis-Baker process upon which they had been working for the past five years. An item in The Chelsea Standard of Dec. 20, 1920 stated that the "Lewis Spring & Axle Co. would resume operations but unless something new turns up they will possibly have to close again in a few days. The aeroplane experimental work which has been in progress for some time is nearing completion. It will be ready for trial in about a month when it will be taken to Selfridge Field for the test. The work is in charge of S. F. Baker and H. S. Becks, aeronautical construction engineers." In 1921 the company received an order to manufacture 1,000 Miss America electric washing machines. This was the last of the activities of the Lewis Spring & Axle Co.

In 1922 the C. G. Spring Co. of Kalamazoo, opened the Lewis Spring & Axle Co. plant to manufacture bumpers and car springs. The company had plants in several parts of the United States and were well established in the spring business. A suit brought by the government in 1923 under the Sherman Anti-trust Act charging monoply and restraint of trade in the automobile bumper industry against the American Chain Co. also named the C. G. Spring Co. as a defendant. Shortly after this the company ceased operations in Chelsea. The Monarch Bumper Manufacturing Co. announced that they would occupy the building next to North Main Street north of the village power house and other adjoining buildings to manufacture bumpers and fender guards.

### Bearing Balls . . .

The start of the ball business in Chelsea began with Grant & Wood Manufacturing Co. who made ball machinery as well as bearing balls. The department was continued after the merger with the Flanders Manufacturing Co. In 1918 however, the machinery, patents and business were sold by the receivers to the Hoover Steel Ball Co., a new company formed by Mr. L. J. Hoover. The equipment was removed from Chelsea to their Ann Arbor plant.

In 1917 the Chelsea Steel Ball Co. was formed with a $75,000 capitalization by Timothy F. Callahan, Conrad Lehman, M. J. Dunkel, John Kalmbach, L. F. Freeman and P. G. Schaible. Mr. Callahan, who was a resident of the village during the time the Flanders Manufacturing Co. was in existence, was named as general manager. Machinery was purchased and the building now occupied by the Chelsea Manufacturing Corp. on Hayes street, was built. This company enjoyed good business and found it necessary to expand both building and equipment in 1919. The entire business was sold to the Hoover Steel Ball Co. of Ann Arbor who operated it as a branch plant for a number of years.




As memory best serves, the Merkel Hardware store building was constructed in 1907 by Martin and Michael Merkel for a business investment. Jabez Bacon, father of Donald Bacon, was the first occupant and he operated a hardware store there for several years.

The building was then partitioned and leased to Howard Brooks who ran a pool room and bowling alley on the north side and to Joseph LaRosa, now of Dexter, and a person best remembered as "Charlie Tornado" who ran a fruit and tobacco store on the south side. Ice cream cones were one cent each.

The fruit and tobacco store then became a tire and battery store and "Shorty" Riedel was the proprietor. He later sold the business to Charles Bycraft. J. A. Conlin ran a taxi service from the Bycraft tire and battery shop.

In 1923 the shop was taken over by F. W. Merkel and with the addition of a few hand tools it became the start of the present hardware store.

Originally, there was a stairway to the second floor in the center of the building. This led to the Maccabees hall which for many years was the center of social activity in Chelsea. Masquerade parties, dance contests, box socials, high school proms, and church parties were held in this hall. Jacob Alber, father of Donald Alber, had a real estate office on the second floor.

The north part, which is now the furniture store building, was built in approximately 1906 by Frank Staffan, grandfather of G. L. Staffan. The building was partitioned with a stairway going up the center and remained that way until this year.

For many years the north side of the second floor was The Staffan Funeral Home. The south side was used for medical offices of Dr. J. T. Woods and the back was the Odd Fellows hall.

George and Jonathan Seitz operated an ice cream parlor and bowling alley on the north side of the main floor from 1906 until 1916. On one occasion a lofted bowling ball hit the smoke pipe on the stove causing the building to fill with soot.

The Seitzes sold the ice cream business to Jack Parker and he sold it to Herbert Laros. It was later sold to Wilbur Hinderer and finally to Clarence Bahnmiller. This north half of the building was then partitioned and Cy Dillon and Jay Tuttle ran a barber shop on one side and Harry Lyons had a shoe store on the other. Lloyd Heydlauff started his business career in the back of the Dillon & Tuttle barber shop. The building then became the quarters for the Chelsea Recreation and that business remained until this year.

The south side of the present furniture room was a movie house for many years. In its earliest days it was known as the "Chicago Theatre" and later, the Princess Theatre. One of the earliest owners was a Mr. Greenwood followed by Wirt McClaren, Warren Geddes, and Edward Weber. Mr. Weber operated the theatre until the space was converted into a furniture and floor covering store for the present Merkel Brothers firm.

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We Congratulate
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Also to our employees and friends whose co-operation has contributed to our success in Chelsea.

CHELSEA MFG. CORP.

PARKER'S CHELSEA CLEANERS started in business in 1948 in the present location, 113 Park Street, where, for about two years, Jack and Bill Pruner had operated a dry cleaning establishment.

Outside walls of the building date back to the time when Corwin's Livery Stable was located there before the turn of the century. Charles Martin owned the livery stable early in the 1900's.

In the 1920's, A. B. Clark and his son, Gilbert, operated a produce market and grocery there after the interior of the building had been remodeled. Clark later fitted the space for use as a dining room for a restaurant operated first by his daughter, Mrs. Jessie Schenk, and later as the Tower Cafe. Later, Clark used it for storage space after he built the adjoining store.

Parker's Cleaners started out 11 years ago with two employees. There are now seven employees with pick-up and delivery service in Chelsea and surrounding towns.

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## LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Balmer and family, of Lansing, were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Balmer. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Balmer of Williamston, and Mrs. Donald Hanes of Lansing, were Sunday afternoon guests.

Larry and Janice Hopkins spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wollpert in Grass Lake.

Fred Hadley returned home Monday afternoon from St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Eva Stofer returned home Friday from Charleston, Ill., after spending several weeks with her son and family. Her grandchildren, Cheryl and Robbie Stofer are making an extended stay with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hogan and daughter, Kathy, of Detroit, spent the week-end with the latter's mother, Mrs. Eva Stofer. Kathy remained to spend the week with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Noah and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Widmayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Almond Horton and sons of Wayne, were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Noah.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Baker spent a few days last week touring northern Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Baker were Sunday afternoon guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Chamberlain in Hell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bott of Battecse Lake, were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Mary Clark and son, Dean.

Jim Goodwin of Stockbridge, called Thursday evening on Mrs. Mary Clark and son, Dean.

Mrs. Mary Clark and Dean were Friday evening dinner guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGauley and son, Wayne, of Felts Plain, were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Mary Clark and Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cotton and son, Eric, of Lansing, were Saturday afternoon and evening guests of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bott.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wiebush and daughter, of Saline, were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor.

Mrs. Walter Keezer and children of Chelsea, spent Friday with Mrs. Wesley McClain and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cluckey and children spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McClain and family.

Lester Prentice was a Sunday dinner guest of his niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Longstaff near Leslie. It was a birthday dinner in honor of the former's sister, Mrs. Grace Kushmaul, of Grass Lake.

## SHARON TOWNSHIP

Mrs. Emma McSwain of Hooks, Tex., has been visiting friends and relatives in Michigan since the first of June. She is presently a guest of Mrs. Jesse Tutter.

## NORTH FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Notten and family attended the school class reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Snyder of Grass Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller spent Thursday evening with George Zeeb and Mrs. Esther Waddell. Sunday evening they called on Mr. and Mrs. David Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Miles called on Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Quiatt Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Mary Gieske was a Friday evening supper guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Verland Loveland of Monroe, spent Sunday with Mrs. Leonard Loveland and attended the church picnic held at Red Arrow Park. They also attended the services at the athletic field in Chelsea, Sunday evening.

Connie Nelson of Jackson, spent from Saturday until Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Peterson. Mrs. Orla Ackley was a Thursday afternoon caller there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Steinman of California, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riemenschneider were Wednesday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Peterson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riemenschneider.

## SALEM GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Schenk and family attended the annual picnic, Sunday, July 12, of the Class of '37 of Grass Lake at Grass Lake County Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Widmayer entertained on Sunday at a family gathering. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Widmayer and daugher, Barbara, who left on Monday morning for Washington D.C., Mr. and Mrs. William Hogan and daughter, Kathryn, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. William Kruper and family of Dearborn, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Widmayer and Miss Kathleen Widmayer of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burley and family of Hanover, Miss Janet Widmayer of East Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Widmayer of Howell, Miss Donna Noah of Ann Arbor, Shari and Robert Stofer of Charleston, Ill., Mrs. Eva Stofer, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Widmayer and John, and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Noah, Duane and Lynwood of the Chelsea area. Most had been to the Chelsea parade on Saturday and attended the various Chelsea area churches on Sunday morning. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Don Widmayer and family, of Rogers City.

### Iron Castings . . .

The Nov. 24, 1924 issue of The Chelsea Standard reflects the discouraging industrial outlook of that period with the following front page article "M. B. Gibirson of Ann Arbor leases foundry building. New industry will be launched by experienced foundry man. Leases the foundry building of the Lewis Spring & Axle Co. With the exception of the C. G. Spring & Axle Co., operations during the past two years industrial activities in the mammoth plant north of the railroad have been decidedly quiet, so much so in fact that the stillness has been oppressive for several years, and any company which endeavors to gain a start in Chelsea will undoubtedly meet with considerable encouragement." The foundry incorporated as Chelsea Foundry Co., manufactured window weights, bell traps, ash pit doors, dome dampers, dump grates and sewer strainers, employed 15 to 20 men.

The Chelsea Foundry Co. remained active until 1928 when it was purchased in July 1929 by the Advance Pattern & Production Co. of Detroit. J. A. Merrill, the resident manager, operated it for a number of years as the Chelsea Foundry and Manufacturing Co. and produced many tons of high grade grey iron castings. All foundry operations in Chelsea ceased in 1936.

### Garments . . .

The second floor of the building now occupied by Frigid Products was used in 1919 by F. S. Goebel of Canton, Ohio, to manufacture dresses and aprons. In 1922 this company was reorganized and the new company was headed by Carl Bagge, president, Herman J. Dancer, secretary-treasurer with Fred Goebel, manager. The equipment was moved from the original location to quarters over Dancer's store. About 25 women were employed in manufacturing a similar line of garments.

### Flags, Toys and Games . . .

The Detroit Flag Co. approached village investors in 1925 with a proposition that they would locate here if proper inducements were given. After a careful investigation the holders of claims against the Lewis Spring & Axle Co. signified their willingness to take stock in the new concern in the amount of their claims. The company had been in operation for a number of years as a flag and decorating business but because sales had been poor since the war they had devoted some effort in developing toy manufacturing. The plan was to increase capitalization from $100,000 to $150,000, purchase the Tower Building, add new equipment and increase their working capital. They expected to hire 40 to 50 people in Chelsea. Mr. Ernest Jewell was president and the local investors were also represented as officers and members of the board of directors. Operations were started but it was not long before the company failed and never revived.

### Rubber Goods . . .

Another attempt to find occupants for the plants north of the railroad resulted in the location of the Wyandotte Rubber Co. in the Welfare Building. This company was engaged in the production of light rubber goods, balloons and novelties with a force of about 50 employees. As is the case of many of the business starts making local news, very little mention was made of corporate demises and it is uncertain just how long this plant continued in operation here.

### Automobile Upholstery . . .

The Sterling Michigan Corporation purchased the building now occupied by Rockwell-Standard Corporation, in 1937, and after making many major repairs to the building and moving car loads of equipment and material from their eastern plant began producing upholstered cushions for automobiles and railroad coaches as well as several types of insulation materials. This company remained in Chelsea until 1939 when they sold the building and moved their equipment back east.

### Gears . . .

The Dexter Machine Products, Inc., with E. B. Sorensen, president, Ward A. Tupper, vice-president and superintendent, and Hugh E. Sorensen, secretary and treasurer, constituted a modern 80x120 factory building on Old US-12 just at the then village limits. The company moved their equipment from Dexter, in 1934 and began the production of high precision shaved gears used in the fire control and turret drive mechanisms of the B-29 Super Fortress. In 1944 Bowser, Inc., of Fort Wayne, Ind., leased the company with option to purchase and continued to manufacture the same products until 1947 when they moved the entire operation to Fostoria, Ohio. After Bowser, Inc., exercised their purchase option, Messrs. Sorensen located the Dexter Machine Products Co. in a building near the original plant and manufactured precision gears until 1957 when the plant was discontinued.

### Electrolytic Capacitors . . .

The Bowser, Inc., building was unoccupied for five years, but in 1952 the Gudeman Co., a subsidiary of Bowser, Inc., renovated the structure and moved in the equipment to manufacture small electrical parts. In 1959 this company suddenly decided to move their plant to Connecticut, leaving a fine factory building vacant again.



### Flour Products . . .

The milling industry has long been an important one in Chelsea and the forerunners of the present Chelsea Milling Co. which manufactures and distributes the "Jiffy" Mixes throughout the nation dates back to the nineteenth century. Chelsea Rolling Mills advertised the excellent flour manufactured here as early as 1890. The White Milling Co. built and equipped a flour and feed mill in 1907. Directors of this company were D. C. McLaren, E. K. White, Geo. W. Coe, D. E. Beach, and John Kalmbach. In 1923 the Wm. Bacon-Holmes Co. organized the present Chelsea Milling Co.

### Screw Machine Products . . .

Mr. M. J. Dunkel first came to Chelsea with the Grant-Wood Mfg. Co. as an automatic machine expert. He later left the Grant-Wood Mfg. Co. to work with other automatic machine companies but returned to Chelsea in 1913 to organize the Chelsea Screw Co. with an authorized capital of $18,000. He was president of this new company, P. G. Girbach, vice-president, and Conrad Lehman was secretary and treasurer.

The first factory was in the building now occupied by W. R. Daniels, Buick-Oldsmobile. In 1915 the company erected the first unit of a new factory building (40x100 ft.) on South Main street. The rapid growth of Chelsea Screw Co. necessitated racapitalization in 1916 to $50,000, and the election of Mr. Ed. Vogel as vice-president followed.

In 1928 the company was purchased by the Federal Screw Works which is one of Chelsea's highly valued industries.

### Mechanical Springs . . .

The forerunner of one of Chelsea's largest factories was the Chelsea Spring Co. organized in 1939 with D. H. Van Hove president and treasurer; Harry Fante, vice-president, and Miss Audrey Harris, secretary. This company was a subsidiary of the Falls Spring & Axle Co. of Detroit. The company purchased the building formerly occupied by The Sterling Michigan Corporation and acquired equipment to manufacture all kinds of mechanical springs and wire forms. Total employment of about 150 was planned at the start.

The Spring Plant has had a continuous growth since locating here with many additions to its buildings and equipment. It has been part of numerous mergers and consolidations and is presently a branch plant of the Rockwell-Standard Corporation which has plants throughout the United States.

### Future Plants . . .

Chelsea has been industry minded since 1900. Many propositions have been presented to the business men of the village by companies who desired to locate here and they have been carefully studied and appropriate aid has been offered in many cases. At the present time the Chamber of Commerce has an Industrial Development Committee whose duty is to present Chelsea to industry looking for favorable factory sites and to work with any company considering this as a location.

## CHELSEA INDUSTRIES

Industries now located in the Chelsea area were contacted to submit histories of their respective businesses which were to be included in this article. Those histories follow that were received as a result of this inquiry.

### Chelsea Heat Treating, Inc.

Wayne Heat Treating Co. was organized in 1953 by Wayne Gow, who was joined in 1955 by Elden Heller.

Being limited for space and capacity the company was reorganized and refinanced under the name of Chelsea Heat Treating, Inc., and moved to larger quarters at 11850 Dexter-Chelsea road on May 4, 1959.

New production equipment was added to give the area a more diversified heat treating service.

### Central Fibre Products Company

Central Fibre Products Company was organized on Aug. 6, 1920 by Jabez Bacon who was then in the hardware business, his son, Donald H. Bacon and Howard Holmes, of the Chelsea Milling Co., with Howard Holmes as its first president, Jabez Bacon as business manager, Donald Bacon as sales manager and Benjamin Bacon as shop manager.

Operations commenced in a frame building known as the green barn, which stood at the side of the New York Central Railroad tracks near the present Chelsea Lumber Co. Original products were paper fleece twine, and kraft and tissue cord. A few reed chairs and floor lamps were also produced.

The first employees of the company were Garnett Weir, Allyn Kaercher, and Leonard Witherell. Garnet Weir is still with the company, having a continuous record of employment of almost 39 years. As the business expanded, in 1924, the company moved its operations to the stone building on North Main Street, which is now occupied by Frigid Products. Chelsea operations of the company were conducted in this building for almost 15 years. During this period the cord business was expanded to include the manufacture of paper covered wire, paper filler and trimsticks, all of which are used in the automotive industry.

In 1930 the company acquired a factory in Detroit to carry on the manufacture of passenger car trim parts for the automobile industry and the plant in Detroit employed approximately 100 people before it closed in 1942 at the commencement of World War II. During this time the company commenced the manufacture of Power Take-Off's for trucks.

The so-called saw toothed building was acquired March 9, 1936 from the General Spring Bumper Company and had been a part of the original Glazier Stove Company property. On Feb. 17, 1940 an additional parcel was purchased which had been owned by the Lewis Spring & Axle Co. During the war period the Company manufactured parts for the 90 mm. anti-aircraft gun and for various models of tanks used by the United States Army.

At the close of the war the business formerly conducted in the Detroit plant was moved to Chelsea and the Detroit factory was sold.

In 1945 the Power Take-Off Division, which had greatly expanded during the war, was sold to a group of local people and the business is now being operated as Chelsea Product,s Inc., a division of the Dana Corporation. The Company then concentrated its entire manufacturing operations on the production of paper and tissue seaming cord, tacking strips, bare wire and paper covered wire as well as its original product, paper fleece twine.

On March 31, 1947, 90 per cent of the plant was destroyed by a disastrous fire and it was necessary to rebuild all of the factory buildings except the brick paper warehouse which had not been damaged. The building formerly used by the Chelsea Light and Water Department was purchased on June 25, 1947, shortly after the fire. The tower building erected in the early 1900's by the Glazier Stove Works, was purchased from the Federal Screw Works on Sept. 30, 1952. The tower clock was modernized on the 18th of July, 1955 to operate electrically and a number of civic minded persons in the community contributed to the cost. Needless to say, the clock tower is one of the landmarks of the village.

### Chelsea Milling Company

This company, owned and operated by the Holmes family, and predecessor flour mills, owned and operated by the forebears of the present Holmes family, has been milling wheat in Washtenaw county for 115 years. These flour mills have been located at New Hudson, Dexter and Scio as well as at Chelsea. The first was built at New Hudson in 1844. The first mill in Chelsea was built in 1879 at approximately the site of the present mill and came into possession of the Holmes family shortly after the turn of the century.

The present mill has developed from a small operation serving the farmers and grocery stores in the immediate vicinity to its present position of national prominence in the prepared flour mix industry.

The company's first "Jiffy" prepared mixes were introduced in 1930, making Chelsea Milling Company one of the pioneers in this field. Today, the company's entire activity is in the prepared mix field.

With its fourteen "Jiffy" Mixes sold to housewives throughout the fifty states, the company's products rate from No. 1 to No. 3 in national sales standing.

The company's entire operation from milling of flour through the mixing, packaging, and shipping of the prepared mixes is almost completely automated. The pioneering achievements of the company in this direction have been unequalled in its industry. The automatic sorting, warehousing, and shipping of finished products is so advanced technologically that this operation has been the subject of many articles in nationally distributed technical and trade journals, as well as having been the subject of numerous technical papers presented to various engineering and other scientific groups.

### Chelsea Products

Chelsea Products was incorporated in December, 1945, by a group of local businessmen. The original Board of Directors consisted of: H. S. Holmes, chairman of the board; R. W. Wagner, president; E. W. Eaton, vice-president and treasurer; M. W. McClure, secretary, P. G. Schlable and E. A. King. The original Board served during the 12-year history of the company, until it was sold to the Dana Corporation of Toledo, Ohio, on April 1, 1958.

Immediately after incorporation of the company, construction of the plant and office, at its present location on Buchanan street, was started. In June, 1946, the building was com-




*The above photo shows the founder of Kantlehner Jewelers, Frederick Kantlehner, and his wife.*

KANTLEHNER JEWELERS

*CHELSEA'S OLDEST MERCANTILE BUSINESS*

Established in 1868 by Frederick Kantlehner and now operated by his son, Walter F. Kantlehner. When the present owner started in charge of watch repairing in 1898, he was Chelsea's youngest merchant; presently he is Chelsea's oldest merchant.

The Kantlehner family slogan for 91 years:
*"WHERE GEMS AND GOLD ARE FAIRLY SOLD"*

WALTER F. KANTLEHNER

FOSTER'S MEN'S WEAR was founded as the men's wear department of H. S. Holmes Mercantile Co., a general store which entered the business field in Chelsea in 1872. The business continued as such until 1913 when Harmon S. Holmes retired and a new partnership between Edward Vogel and Dallas Wurster was formed under the name of Vogel & Wurster. In 1946 this partnership was dissolved, Helen Vogel assuming the business of the women's department and Mr. Wurster taking into partnership Robert G. Foster in the men's department, under the name of Wurster & Foster. Mr. Wurster died in 1950 and at that time the business became known as Foster's Men's Wear.

The store has always featured brand name merchandise. We are proud to be numbered as one of the 50 oldest Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothing dealers in the country, having carried that famous brand of clothes for 68 consecutive years. So we can truly say

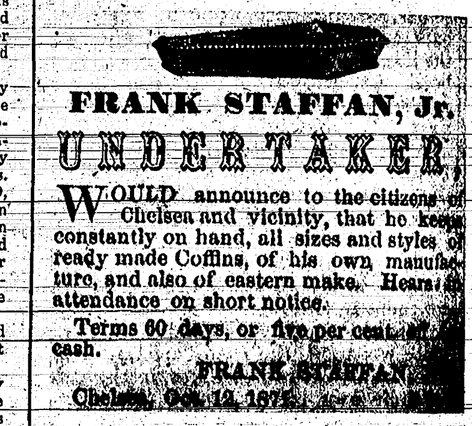
*"BUY YOUR CLOTHES WHERE GRANDAD DID"*

FOSTER'S MEN'S WEAR

Warren R. Daniels, now president of Daniels Motor Sales, Inc., began in the automobile business as a sub-dealer for Dodge Bros. automobiles. He received his first car the day before Thanksgiving in 1917, but did not make sales until March 1st of 1918. On that day he sold two cars, one to Jule Strieter, the other to Herb Paul.

In 1925 he took over the Buick Agency, and in 1933 the Oldsmobile Agency. The business was incorporated on March 1, 1957.

DANIELS MOTOR SALES, INC.



FRANK STAFFAN, Jr.

UNDERTAKER

WOULD announce to the citizens of Chelsea and vicinity, that he keeps constantly on hand, all sizes and styles of ready made Coffins, of his own manufacture, and also of eastern make. Hearse in attendance on short notice.

Terms 60 days, or five per cent off for cash.

FRANK STAFFAN
Chelsea, Oct. 12, 1872.

This advertisement was taken from an 1872 edition of the old Chelsea Herald. It is the oldest edition on record at the Chelsea Standard office. By the time this ad appeared, Frank Staffan had been in the Funeral business in Chelsea for 19 years. Since that time two generations, George P. Staffan and George L. Staffan, have followed in this business, giving Chelsea more than 100 years of continued service in their profession. Our continued service to a Chelsea that will prosper as in the past.

STAFFAN FUNERAL HOME

Kusterer's Food Market was opened at its present location at 111 South Main St., on Nov. 9, 1946 by the late Waldo H. Kusterer and his son, Luther M. Kusterer, in the building owned by the late Dr. Sibbald. The building had formerly been occupied by Freeman's Grocery from 1895 to 1907, then by the Dancer Brothers "Gents' Furnishings" and later it was rented by Grove's Variety Store who occupied it until 1946.

Waldo Kusterer had been in the grocery business since 1920, first with L. P. Vogel, and then in 1922 he became associated in partnership with the late O. D. Schneider in the Schneider & Kusterer Grocery. This partnership continued until Aug. 2, 1943, when it was dissolved.

Since the death of his father in 1957, Luther Kusterer has continued to operate the business.

KUSTERER'S FOOD MARKET

CHELSEA'S OLDEST APPLIANCE DEALER

Established in 1928, Frigid Products has pioneered the sale of home appliances from gas engine-washers and home lighting systems to the most modern ways of better living.



HOME APPLIANCES - TELEVISION - FROZEN FOOD LOCKERS

FRIGID PRODUCTS

113 North Main Street LLOYD R. HEYDLAUFF Telephone GR 9-6651

BLAESS ELEVATOR COMPANY, under the management of Julius E. and William K. Blaess, has operated in Chelsea since September 1, 1946. Prior to 1946 Oswald W. Blaess began converting the old cement plant into an elevator, beginning in 1941, and operated under the name of Oswald W. Blaess & Sons.

*The Present Operations Consist of:*

- ☆ The Largest Grain Storage in Washtenaw County.
- ☆ A Modern Bulk Feed Plant.
- ☆ A Modern Bulk Fertilizer Warehouse.
- ☆ Liquid Nitrogen Solutions.
- ☆ The Latest in Spraying and Weed Control.

Larro Feed, a product of General Mills, Inc., has been the foundation for the ever-growing feed business.

It's a pleasure to be a part of a Progressing Community.

BLAESS ELEVATOR COMPANY
CHELSEA, MICHIGAN

STATE FARM INSURANCE (Auto, Life, Fire)

State Farm came to the Chelsea area in 1927, just five years after George Mecherle founded the Company in Bloomington, Ill. Originally, only auto insurance was written, and only for farmers owning their own farms. Later, non-farmers were allowed to join. A new idea of insurance company organization and management was introduced by State Farm's founder, such as semi-annual premiums, comprehensive and the famous 80-20 collision coverage.

In 1929, State Farm organized a life insurance company and in 1934 fire insurance completed the family type of insurance offered to the public.

Herman Hayes and Elden Weinberg were local agents in this area and, in 1947 the present agent, Wallace Wood, was licensed. Agent Wood worked at the Chelsea Spring Co. as a tool and die maker, writing insurance on a part-time basis, until 1951, when he became a full time agent.

G. R. Mecherle, State Farm's founder, insisted on the Company being represented by exclusive agents, specializing in the family insurance needs, with home-town service, even away from home.

located and the company moved from rented quarters in the Central Fibre plant to the new location.

During the 13-year history of the company, four major additions were added to the plant. The latest addition of approximately 10,000 square feet, which was completed in June 1957, brings the total to approximately 41,000 square feet, almost three times the size of the original plant, which had appeared adequate, when the firm was organized in 1945.

During the 13 years Chelsea Products has grown from a total of 65 employees, at its incorporation, to its present employment of approximately 175.

The company manufacturers a complete line of Power Take-Offs for any make of truck manufactured in the United States, as well as models adaptable to several foreign makes. Chelsea Power Take-Offs are in use in most of the major countries of the world and are sold through Export Agencies to countries as far away as Australia and Africa.

Chelsea Power Take-Offs are used for a multitude of tasks, such as operating dump bodies, up to 50 tons capacity; winches, from 5,000 lbs. to 100,000 lbs.; garbage trucks, gasoline tank trucks; milk tank trucks; street sweepers; truck mounted post hole diggers; hydro-cranes and many other types of special equipment. The latest addition to the Chelsea line is the new Split Propeller Shaft Power Take-Off. This new unit was designed to meet the demand for a super heavy duty unit to fuel the new jet liners, which are now flying on the world airways. These new jet liners carry as much as 24,000 gallons of fuel, and with the New High Capacity Chelsea Power Take-Off they are able to refuel these jet liners at a pumping rate as high as 1,200 gallons a minute.

### Federal Screw Works

The development of this company in many respects is typically similar to that of many of America's successful industries; a humble beginning, growth that withstood difficult situations, at times threatening its very existence, but surviving to continue to be an increasingly important part of the industrial life of the community.

The original company, formed in the spring of 1913, was named the "Chelsea Screw Company". Operations were located in the building now occupied by Daniels Motor Sales at 508 Railroad street and 10 employees made up the labor force. M. J. Dunkel with Conrad Lehman and Pauline Girbach were the infant company's officers. Included among the workers were: George Clark, Joe Dreyer, George Hafner, Harold Kaercher and Jack Wallace. Later Coral Combs, Isadore Eder, John Forner, Ed Gentner, Charles Heizer, Joe Hafner, Ed Hammond, Carl Mast, Jim and Ross Munro, Albert Nicoli and Bill Wright were added.

As it does today, the company made only special screw machine products.

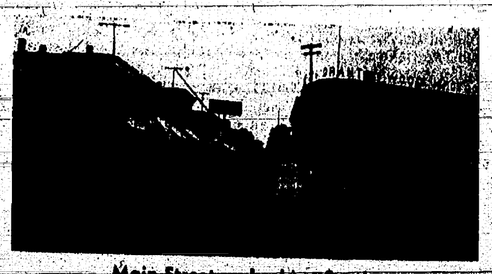
In three short years, because of need for more space to house the growing industry, a new building with over 4,000 square feet of floor space was constructed on part of the present site for two principal considerations, electric power and transportation. The Detroit, Jackson and Chicago trolley car line, which served as the principal carrier for the company's products, has long since gone the way of most interurban railroads while the substation property of the Consumers Power Company was in recent years purchased by the company and the equipment removed.

Later on, in the year 1919 a wing was added to the building that included the South Main street office and again in 1925 the plant was expanded westward to Congdon street. After this addition, the plant reached the impressive total of 30,000 square feet. The 40,000 gallon water tank and tower built at this time still serves the plant's sprinkler system while the boiler stack also erected in 1925, tallest in this area, succumbed to progress and was torn down ten years after new oil burning boilers were installed in 1946.

In 1928 the Chelsea Screw Company merged with Federal Screw Works to become the Chelsea Division of the corporation. The Federal Screw Works had its beginning in a small brick building on Beaubien street in Detroit in the year 1917 and its success up to the merger paralleled that of the senior company. However successful these and other acquisitions in Lansing and Cleveland had been on their own, as a part of Federal Screw Works they were collectively severely tested during the great depression. It was during these trying days that both the Lansing and Cleveland plants were sacrificed to the situation and the company contracted into the Detroit and Chelsea facilities in its efforts to survive. As an aftermath of the depression, the corporation was reorganized in 1939 and with this reorganization emerged optimistic plans for the future to replace the pessimism of the depression.

During the second World War, the Chelsea Division mushroomed into every vacant factory building in town; into the clock tower building of the old Glazier Stove Works now occupied by Central Fibre Products Company, the adjacent administrative building of the Glazier group known as the Welfare Building, the current home of Chelsea Grinding Company, the Hoover Ball Plant on Hayes street now Chelsea Manufacturing Corp., and even into the old peat factory which now stands abandoned.

For its efforts in producing war defense materials, the Company with over 650 of its Chelsea employees received awards and citations from the Ordnance Departments of the Army and Navy. Congratulatory messages from Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, Arthur Vandenburg and Prentice Brown, Senators and other national government officials upon receipt of the Navy "E" award were gratifying to the Company, its entrepreneurs and workers, and to the community as well.



Main Street - Looking South

In the immediate post-war years the company vastly expanded its sales force and in order to fully utilize the trained personnel and highly integrated facilities acquired during the war years, set out to make its reputation as a producer of close tolerance, fine finish, hard-to-make metal components. Since the war some 35,000 square feet of floor space has been added to the Chelsea operation and most of its older equipment has been replaced by the most modern type available.

Today the Chelsea Division has some 85,000 square feet of floor space, employs 250 men and women of the Chelsea community, with a payroll of well over $1,000,000 annually, is one of Chelsea's and Sylvan Township's principal employers of labor and one of its largest taxpayers. Although the industry of which it is a part is highly competitive and many serious problems necessitate constant vigilance, the management looks to future progress and the sharing of greater prosperity with the Chelsea community.

Certainly M. J. Dunkel and his associates had confidence in the industrial climate of Chelsea to locate their business here and whether or not their vision embraced the 250 employees now working in one of the countries largest non-captive screw machine facilities, the fact that Chelsea has this industry today was due to their decision to locate here and their enterprise in developing its inital success.

### Fortune Industries, Inc.

In 1953 Fortune Industries, Inc., chose Chelsea as a good place to start a business. It was chosen due to its location, availability of good workers and, basic raw materials.

A new series of products was developed for use in the metal finishing field. These products are perishable tools for use in deburring and surface finishing. They are primarily used in tumbling barrels, rotary finishers and vibrators.

The business was founded on the basis of working with industry to develop new methods of manufacturing.

Present products are tumbling media composed of synthetic abrasives bonded into cintered or vitrified shapes.

### Rockwell-Standard Corporation, Spring Division

Rockwell-Standard Corporation, Spring Division in Chelsea, was founded in 1935 as a part of the Falls Spring and Wire Company of Detroit. Originally its principal products were mechanical springs. During the next four years wire forms, clips and small stampings were added to the product line. In 1939, the operation was moved to Chelsea and became known as the Chelsea Spring Company. (To almost everyone in the Chelsea area it was, and still is, known as the "Spring Plant.")

The "Spring Plant" was sold to the Standard Steel Spring Company of Coraopolis, Pa., in 1950 and became known as the Chelsea Spring Division of Standard Steel Spring Company.

1953 found its name being changed again, due to a merger of the Standard Steel Spring Company with the Timken-Detroit Axle Company. This new name being the Rockwell Spring and Axle Company (later changed to its present name "Rockwell-Standard Corporation, Spring Division".

Today its principal products are mechanical springs, wire forms, moulding clips, wiring clips, and small stampings.

Its customers include all the automobile producers, many of the major appliance, truck, and agricultural equipment manufacturers. The extensive customer list embraces producers of building supplies, mechanical rubber products, conveying equipment and manufacturers of many specialty items.

The management of the Spring Division in Chelsea has always taken an active part in the civic affairs of the city and is proud to have been a part of its commendable progress.

## CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY

In January 1932, guests of the Club were State Child Study Association officers, one of whom, Mrs. Baldwin, talked on "Libraries". At the January 18 meeting a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of starting a library in Chelsea. Winifred Palmer headed this committee. Two weeks later the club voted to stand the expense of cleaning the store which was donated for use as a library.

The library started its existence in the store owned by the Palmer family which now houses a shoe repair shop on East Middle Street. It was too big a space for a couple of bookcases and a table or two, so the first thing to be done was to cut it down to size. This was done by dyeing sheets a maroon color and hanging them across the space, using the back premises for storage and workroom, and the front part for the public's room. The donated book cases and tables were painted maroon, too, and some of these things are still being used in the Library today.

The Library was started with 22 donated books and 100 loaned from the State Library. It was run by volunteer help. Two members of the Club were on duty each library period, and this was three hours twice a week. A bake sale had to be given by the Club to replenish the Club treasury at this time, and it brought in $11.50. The Library was supported with some outside assistance later, by the Child Study Club from the time it was started in February, 1932, until it became tax supported in 1938.

The Club was woefully poor and the depression was upon us, but they managed to find ways to get money for this, their pet project. They gave bake sales, many of them, card tournaments with tickets at 15 cents, at least one Tag Day, puppet shows, a benefit movie, and also had "Give a Book" weeks to build the book collection. Fourteen women gave volunteer help faithfully over the years, to disprove the contention of State officers that the library could not be run with volunteer help.

In 1933 the Library was offered space in the Chelsea State Bank in the upstairs front room and accepted it gratefully. The village gave $50.00 in support and the American Legion $15.00, and helped to move the books and furniture to the new location. The Library Budget in early days was about $200.00 per year as contrasted with this year's of $5,800.00. The club members learned to repair books and there was a regular book-mending day. This repair work was later done by W.P.A. workers who mended many books for the library over a period of years.

In 1936 the Library began to give all duplicate copies of books to the N.Y.A. camp. This practice of giving extra copies to others has continued down to the present time. Books have gone to N.Y.A. camps, Mill Lake, Cassidy Lake, Percy Jones Hospital, the American Legion Hospital in Battle Creek, children's books to Chelsea, England, schools in the South and many other places.

In January 1938 a plan was made to petition the Village Council to make the Library tax supported. A proposal was put before the people in March asking for a one-half mill tax levy for the Library. The proposal passed by one vote. Later it was raised to one mill. Now the Library was a tax supported fully public library, but the club has never ceased to make gifts to it and to be concerned over its welfare.

The Library moved from the second floor of the Bank to the old Kempf bank building, now occupied by Grove's store in the year 1940. In June 1947, when the present Municipal Building was purchased and remodeled to house municipal offices, the Chelsea Public Library was moved by vote of the people, to the second floor of this building. In 1948 the Club presented the Library with the beautiful reproduction of Van Gogh's "The Park at Arles." In 1949 the Library took over from the Club, the sponsorship of a lecture series which continued until 1954. Other gifts to the Library from the Club have been thirty dollars worth of phonograph records, the dictionary stand and $100 nearly every year since 1947.

In 1951 the Club undertook a three-fold project, of which one was a Building and Site Fund for the Library. This fund has progressively grown since 1951 and was climaxed with the Bequeathal, by the late Mrs. E. J. McKune, of her home on South Main Street to the Library, as a memorial to the McKune family. The new Library, a result of hard work and appreciated contributions from the people of the community, was opened to the public June 29, 1959.

## United States Post Office

According to records of The Post Office Department the Post Office at Chelsea, Washtenaw County, was established as Kedron on January 2, 1849. Its name was changed to Chelsea on July 19, 1850.

Elisha Congdon was the first postmaster and records show that during the year 1851, Mr. Congdon reported $59.50 receipts. Today, under Carl Mayer, annual receipts total over $50,000.

One of the first locations of the Chelsea Post Office was on the west side of Main Street between Middle Street and the railroad tracks. Later it was moved to the building now housing the Chelsea Restaurant, and then to the Bank Building on the corner of Main and Middle Streets.

In 1937 our present Post Office was built giving Chelsea a building of which it can be justly proud.

## CHELSEA ORGANIZATIONS

The story of the many and varied organizations of Chelsea is like the story of Chelsea itself and the place it is assuming in the history of our country. As the town has grown, groups have formed, filling the needs of the people in terms of service, recreation, character-building, and education and culture. It is interesting to note that approximately as many presently existing organizations were founded in the last decade, 1949-59, as were in the first century of Chelsea's history, 1834-1934. The first fifty years show only one organization, the Masonic Lodge, Olive Lodge No. 156, F&AM, with a charter granted at the close of the Civil War. The next half century which included World War I and the depression found nine more groups forming, with emphasis on service. As the town progressed more attention could evidently be put on education and recreation, although the service area necessarily continued at a strong pace. The tremendous population growth, urbanization, and economic changes following the wars have been largely responsible for the increase in the number of organizations. As we read thriugh the histories of these groups, we realize that it is here that men and women have had dreams of a better village and have worked diligently toward making these dreams come true.

### Olive Lodge No. 156, F. & A. M.

On the evening of January 13, 1865, when our village was just a youngster of 31 years, a small group of men received a charter from the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Michigan.

At this meeting Andrew J. Sawyer, having been elected Worshipful Master, assumed his duties and thus began the Chelsea Masonic Lodge. An organization whose first requirement is a belief in God; whose purpose is not to take the place of any man's church, but to teach the moral and social virtues, which should lead men to church.

### Woman's Relief Corps

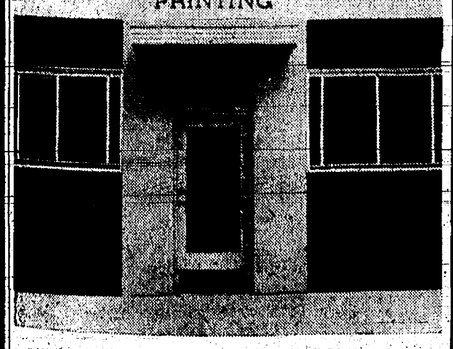
A group of women met December 10, 1890 in the Post club rooms to organize an Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Union veterans of the Civil War. Mrs. Halstead representing the Dept. of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps, was present for this meeting.

Membership was limited to wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of members of the Grand Army of the Republic. (At present anyone is eligible.).

In the year 1897 a monument was erected in the cemetery, by the Post and Auxiliary and patriotic citizens, in memory of all Union Soldiers in this community who died in the Civil War.

The purpose of the Woman's Relief Corps is to promote patriotic education, to give flags to schools, churches and other organizations. The flag in use in the lobby of the Chelsea State Bank was presented to the bank by District No. 8 of the Women's Relief Corps at a District meeting held in


Chelsea Standard
PRINTING



Growing with Chelsea
Since 1871

Chelsea's first newspaper appeared in September, 1871, when Andrew Allison moved into town with his printing equipment and set up shop to publish The Chelsea Herald. At that time the front page of the four-page newspaper he produced contained only national and general news. What little local news was used appeared on the inside pages, along with patent medicine ads.

O. T. Hoover, one-time publisher of The Chelsea Herald, started The Chelsea Standard in 1890 and in 1906 purchased The Herald. For a short time this publication was called The Chelsea Standard-Herald, but soon the name reverted to The Chelsea Standard.

In 1907 The Chelsea Tribune was founded by Charles H. Young & Son as a second paper in town. By 1910 The Tribune was being published twice weekly.

M. W. McClure bought The Standard in 1920 and in 1924 consolidated The Tribune with The Standard. McClure continued as publisher until April 1, 1947, when Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leonard purchased The Standard which they still publish.

Today, as always, The Standard is first and foremost, a paper to promote that which they feel is good for Chelsea.

The Chelsea Standard
Chelsea's Home Newspaper for 88 Years
108 East Middle Street Telephone GR 5-9581



Harper Sales & Service, Inc., one of the oldest Pontiac dealerships in the country, is now located at 118 West Middle street in a building constructed in 1945 for Walter A. Harper who started the business under its present name in 1926. At that time it was located in the building just west of the present garage and showroom. Harper came here from Jackson in 1923 to work for Adam Faist and his son-in-law, Oscar Lindauer. Faist had started in the automobile business at that location in 1912 as Chelsea's Overland and Willys-Knight dealer. Previous to that, since the 1890's, Faist had operated a woodworking shop there and built wagons and buggies. Lindauer became Faist's partner in 1923 and in 1925 they sold the business to W. G. White. A year later Harper bought it. Sumner Oesterle became Harper's partner in the business in 1955 and in 1957 his brother, Ralph Oesterle, joined the firm. Harper retired from active participation in the business Jan. 1, 1959. Sumner Oesterle is now president and treasurer of the corporation and Ralph Oesterle is vice-president and secretary.

Harper Sales & Service, Inc.
118 West Middle Street Phone GR 5-5311



March 19, 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Kern and son, Dale, purchased the home at 622 South Main Street where they have resided since. On March 21 of the same year, they bought the John Kelley draying business, which consisted of 2 horses, a dray, 3 bales of hay and 5 bushels of oats. They operated the draying business until 1924, selling out to Howard Walz. Mr. Kern then went to work for the D.U.R. electric railway as station agent. In 1930 the railway was discontinued and he opened a gas station on the same property as the station now operated by Pure Oil Co. In 1933 he sold this station to Edward Keusch and moved across the street where the Foor Mobil station is now located. In 1936 he sold out to the Allshouse brothers and went to work as a car salesman and still sells cars in connection with his real estate business. In 1940 he received his Real Estate License and has since continued to operate at his present address. In 1924 a son, Richard, was born, who still resides in Chelsea with his family.

We wish in this way to thank everyone and hope to continue our business here in Chelsea.

KERN REAL ESTATE



DETTLING'S MARATHON SERVICE, operated by John Dettling for Ohio Oil Company, is located at Old US-12 and M-92 on the site of the hamlet designated as Pierceville in 1833, before the founding of Chelsea.

The corner was vacant for many years until around 1920 when a wooden building was erected there and Roderick Miller operated a gas station for the Staebler Oil Co.

James Parks, who now lives in Florida, became the new Staebler agent in 1928 and built a modern service station of that day at the corner with a driveway from Main street to US-12 (now Old US-12).

Among those who operated the station are George Raviler, Donald Robbins, Robert Bauer, Theodore Faist and Carlton Chriswell.

In October, 1958, the present new building was completed by Ohio Oil Company.

Dettling's Marathon Service
Corner Old US-12 and South Main St.
Phone GR 5-7821 Chelsea, Mich.



Established on February 24, 1887, when William J. Knapp purchased the property then owned by George Mast. At that time a meat market and poultry packing plant occupied the building. Mr. Knapp started the present hardware as well as a furniture store.

On April 29, 1889, Mr. Knapp sold a half interest in the business to Victor Hindelang. In 1908 Knapp and Hindelang sold the business and leased the building to Fred Belser who later bought the building. April 23, 1917, business and property was sold to Nelson Dancer. June 22, 1921, business and property was again sold to a partnership made up of Alphonsus Hindelang, Herbert Schoenhals and Edward Fahrner. October 16, 1923, Edward Fahrner sold his one-third interest to John and Helen Kilmer. January 4, 1926, Alphonsus Hindelang sold his interest to John Kilmer and Herbert Schoenhals.

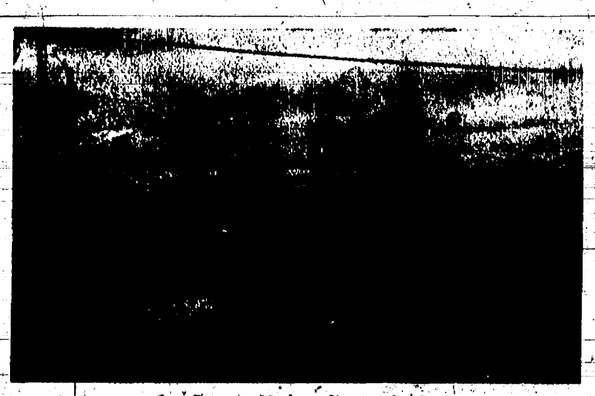
February, 1928, the Schoenhals' interest was sold to Lewis Haselschwerdt. Kilmer and Haselschwerdt then operated the business until Mr. Kilmer's death in 1942. Mrs. Kilmer continued as a partner until the business was sold to Thomas Bust in October, 1956. The firm specializes in hardware, paint and garden supplies. Chelsea Hardware has enjoyed 74 years serving the Chelsea community with quality merchandise and friendly service.



CHELSEA HARDWARE
110 South Main Street Telephone GR 9-6311



Jackop Schumacher started a blacksmith shop on this site, 501 South Main Street, in 1875. He and his son, Henry, moved the shop to Park Street in 1889. In 1900 the D.U.R. built a depot on the property. In 1924 Lynn Kern started a service station in the building, which he operated for approximately 3 years. Abbott Oil bought the station in 1926 and Ed. Keusch, followed by Leo Forner, ran it until Emmett Hankerd, the present operator, took over in 1937. In 1952 the Pure Oil Co. bought the station and continued to run it in the old D.U.R. depot until it was razed in 1956 and replaced by the present modern building.



*Our Present Modern Service Station Completed in 1956*

HANKERD'S PURE OIL SERVICE
501 South Main Street Phone GReenwood 5-7411



Friday,
July 17
Is Designated
Industry Day
Show Your
Appreciation
of Them
By Attending
the
Industrial
Displays

Saturday,

July 18

Is Designated

Veterans

and

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Day

Watch for

the

Big Parade!

Chelsea. The school band was presented a beautiful flag a few years ago.

Mrs. Amelia Van Riper is the oldest living member of the Corps as to membership in the Corps, having joined in 1912. Mrs. Helen Kilmer, Mrs. Susie Hulce and Mrs. Mary Adams joined early in the 1920's.

The present membership is thirty-two and meetings are held the third Monday of the month in members' homes. They continue to give flags where needed and help families who lose their possessions by fire.

On Memorial Day bouquets (200) have been placed on graves of Veterans. This has been a project of many years standing. A representation of the Woman's Relief Corps has always taken part in the Memorial Day parade.

The Grand Army of The Republic was discontinued nationally on October 16, 1956, following the death of the last member.

## Olive Chapter No. 108, O.E.S.

Olive Chapter No. 108 Order of the Eastern Star, received its original charter on October 11, 1893 under the leadership of Miss Elizabeth Armstrong as Worthy Matron and Theo. E. Wood as Worthy Patron.

Carrie Palmer Young is the only living Charter member. Mrs. Anna Hoag, the oldest Life Member, died June 30, 1959 at the age of 103 years and eight months.

Mrs. Ada Litteral is the oldest (in service) living Past Matron with Mrs. Leon Hice the present Worthy Matron and Mr. Lewis Noll, Worthy Patron. There are 208 members at present.

## Olive Chapter No. 140, R.A.M.

The Royal Arch Masons received their charter from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan January 17, 1900.

Rolla S. armstrong was the first first High Priest of Olive Chapter.

## Chelsea Rebekah Lodge No. 130

The Chelsea Rebekah Lodge No. 130 was instituted at Chelsea, Michigan on July 24, 1918. The ceremony took place in the Maccabee Hall above Merkel's Store, and meetings followed in the hall over the Gamble Store for a number of years.

There were six charter members consisting of the following: Marguerite Moore, Mary Schneider, Ruth French, Helen Thomas, Charlotte Alexander, and Nellie Laird. Charlotte Alexander is the only remaining charter member.

The Lodge grew to one hundred and fifty Brothers and Sisters, with a current membership of ninety.

Meetings are held at the I.O.O.F. Temple on Manchester Road on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, except during July and August when vacations are taken.

## American Legion, Herbert J. McKune Post No. 31

In 1919 an application was made to The American Legion headquarters for a temporary charter by the following ex-servicemen: Ransom S. Armstrong, Paul O. Bacon, Albert L. Brock, Clare H. Fenn, Hollis W. Freeman, John R. Hummel, Roland E. Kalmbach, Roland T. McKune, George E. Nordman, A. A. Palmer, Clarence A. Raftrey, Don F. Roedel, Sidney W. Schenk, Ernest L. Wagner and George W. Walworth.

A charter was issued, officially establishing Herbert J. McKune Post No. 31 of the Department of Michigan, and since that time the Legion has been a leading spirit in every civic endeavor in Chelsea, and has clearly shown its sense of individual obligation to the community.

Under able leadership the Legion has been in the foreground in the celebrating of our national holidays, especially Memorial and Armistice Days, and has taken an active part in child welfare and Americanization work.

Among other projects that the local Post sponsors are: Fourth of July Fireworks, Oratorical Contests, Junior Baseball, School Awards (to outstanding Juniors each year), Boys' State, and of course the marking and decorating of veterans' graves.

The first Commander of the American Legion was Dr. A. A. Palmer.

## Boy Scouts of America

Scouting is undoubtedly the oldest continuing organized semi-social boys' activity in Chelsea. Many of our men today have, as boys, enjoyed the moral enrichment of scouting in much the same way as their sons are presently doing. Scouting has been and is a great benefit to our boys and they have been a great credit to our community.

Boy Scouts of America became a part of Chelsea in 1925 with the organization of "Troop No. 1 of Chelsea Michigan." Twenty-four boys under the leadership of Mr. E. P. Steiner and the sponsorship of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club, began what has been an ever-expanding element of the community. Hikes, camp-outs and merit badges were important functions in the new troop's life but the most important of all was ushering at the University of Michigan football games at Ferry Field, such a pleasure was worth all the tired legs, sore feet and mosquito bites encountered during the summer.

During the early and mid-thirties, a Sea Scout Post was chartered and thus for the older boys of the troop, dreams of the life of a sailor became a reality with their summer outings on the "J. T. Wing."

In 1938 "Troop No. 1 of Chelsea, Michigan" received its present designation, Troop No. 25 of the Washtenaw-Livingston Council. Mr. Vincent Swickerath was the Scout Master; the roster included approximately twenty-eight names and more than thirteen years of scouting had been proudly accomplished and mutually enjoyed.

From 1938 to 1944 the members of Troop No. 25 were the Boy Scouts in Chelsea. However in 1944 the Mothers Club of Chelsea, applied for a Cub Pack Charter and with its issuance, 40 nine- and ten-year-olds in six cub dens came to know what their older brothers had been experiencing. Cub Pack No. 125 of the Washtenaw-Livingston Council was a part of our community.

Thirteen years of active scouting and cubbing passed, and Troop 25 was being swamped with boys who had finished Cub Scouting and were ready for Boy Scouts. Limited supervisory personnel necessitated limiting the number of boys the Troop could accept. Under these circumstances Troop No. 76 became Chelsea's third scout unit. Again the Chelsea Kiwanis Club was the sponsoring organization. Robert Horste and Elmer Kiel were the scout masters of a 15-boy troop.

Nineteen hundred and fifty-eight brought further expansion of the scout program with a charter being issued to the Explorer Post of Troop No. 25. Under the competent direction of Mr. Elwyn Beach the older boys of the troop were given an opportunity to continue their scouting under a program more appropriate to their age.

Today the twenty-four boys of "Troop No. 1 of Chelsea, Michigan" are represented by over one hundred and twenty-five boys in Pack 125, Troop 25, Troop 76 and Post 25. The cooperation of the community, the generosity of the scout leaders and the enthusiasm of the boys has perpetuated this growth and shall, under the stability of the basic scout laws, perpetuate future growth. The opportunity for broadened perspectives and moral assurances shall be available to an ever increasing number of Chelsea's boys.

## 4-H Clubs

4-H Clubs were formed in the Chelsea area during the years 1927-1936. Mr. Homer Stofer, North Lake, was leader of a boys Forestry Club and trees were planted on the Stofer property. Members included quite a few of the local area farmers of today.

In the late twenties a Kiwanis Club sponsored, Potato Club for 4-H members was organized in Chelsea. A Kiwanian was responsible for a boy wishing to take the project. Records are vague about the purchase of the seed potatoes but it is thought that the Kiwanian financed the 4-H Club member and at the harvest season the Kiwanian was reimbursed by the member. A potato show was held in the Sylvan Township Hall and the members showed a certain number of potatoes which were judged, and placings made.

For some reason this project was dropped by the Kiwanis and no Crop or Garden group functioned until Allen Broesamle organized a group in 1939. Many of the boys who were in his group are now living and farming in this area. In the winter months Allen leads an Electrical and Handicraft group. He is still an active 4-H Club leader.

Not to be outdone by the boys, a girls club was organized in the summer of 1936 with Mrs. T. G. Riemenschneider as the leader. She is still leading the club which was called the Dutch Cooks. Over the years Mrs. Riemenschneider's club has won many honors in the county and state shows. A winter club also was formed under Mrs. Riemenschneider's direction and it too has had many honor winners. Some of the 95-plus girls that Mrs. Riemenschneider has taught are presently living in the community.

Two years later in 1938 Mrs. Darwin Downer, of Chelsea, organized a 4-H girls club. Many of the members were from the village but as other curricular activities interfered, Mrs. Downer gave up her leadership several years ago.

As time passed other clubs were organized in the area—Mrs. Walter Wolfgang, an active member in many community activities, has been a leader since 1940.

Mrs. Lewis Heselschwerdt is another of the many women who have given time to this project.

At the present time there are many clubs in this area with members both from the country and village.

## The Woman's Club of Chelsea

In 1931 several young women teaching in the Methodist Sunday School talked of forming a child study club. They wrote to the State Association of Child Study Clubs for information, and after visiting the Dexter Club they invited women from the other churches to join with them and held their first meeting April 5, 1931. Membership was limited to 20 members. The club has, from the first, enlarged on its object—"The unified study of child nurture for the betterment of home and community"—and has become a Woman's Club as important interest fell into three categories showing the vision of the members for a better community: the starting of a public library, the starting of a Girl Scout Troop, and work with the needy. These the club has worked on and contributed to throughout its history, and organizations which have grown out of these efforts, with of course the cooperation of many other community members, are The McKune Memorial Library, The Chelsea Girl Scouts, The Young Mothers' Child Study Club, the Grass Lake Child Study Club, the Recreation Council, the Community Chest, the Chelsea Social Service and the Chelsea Needlework Guild.

From 1932 until 1946 the club had the entire sponsorship of the Girl Scouts which included finding leaders and supplying their uniforms, organizing Courts of Awards (which included dinner for the families) and staffing summer camp (a tremendous job but successful as in 1943 forty-six girls and seven leaders attended—teachers assisted and mothers went out daily to help in the kitchen). Some funds that year came from the War Chest Fund Drive. The club has derived most of its income for its projects from Rummage Sales, and more recently has included a Smorgasbord for a colorful atmosphere.

Community service for the needy has included furnishing layettes and literature, mending worn garments, packing boxes for shut-ins, preparing surgical dressings and providing toys, food and clothing. Growing out of this to avoid duplication in community aid, was the Social Service Committee and finally, in 1956, The Chelsea Social Service, Inc. Service work also includes membership in the Washtenaw County Infirmary Auxiliary, and locally, a committee to form a Recreation Council to work with the Village Council. This program finally became successful in 1950 and the club donated substantial sums until it became completely supported by the Community Chest in 1955. The club is also pleased to have had a part in this latter agency. In 1953-54, after a previous failure to interest organizations in a Community Chest, representatives of industry and organizations were invited to two successive luncheons put on and paid for by the Woma's Club and continuing effort o the part of the whole town, the Community Chest became a reality. Concern for problems resulting from the wars has resulted in the baking of thousands of cookies for Army hospitals, collecting fats, knitting, Russian relief, Korean relief, the adopting of two European children, and the adoption of a Korean orphan.

The realization of one of the biggest dreams of all is the Chelsea Public Library, now The McKune Memorial Library; for as the hisotry of the library shows, club members scrubbed and painted (besides actually running the library) and, although it has long since been tax supported, with the moving this year into permanent quarters, the historic McKune House, members along with many others of the community are still scrubbing and painting besides their many other contributions. The Library Site Fund Committee received its first money from the club, and this year the club voted five hundred dollars to redecorate and furnish a club room in the library for use by the public.

The Woman's Club intends to be a continuing part of the culture of Chelsea.

## Chelsea Girl Scouts

The first Chelsea Girl Scouts were organized in 1932 as Lone Troops. They were organized under the sponsorship of the Chelsea Woman's Club which was then known as the Chelsea Child Study Club. The first leader, at that time known as Captain, was Mrs. Lawton Steger. By 1937, there were 64 registered Girl Scouts and they were governed by a Council of five, but still under the sponsorship of the Woman's Club.

In 1946, other organizations began sponsoring troops. These included the Woman's Club, the Young Mother's Child Study Club (now the Chelsea Child Study Club), and the American Legion Auxiliary. A year later the PTA began sponsorship of the Brownie Scouts. In 1948 there were 35 registered Scouts.

In 1947, the Chelsea Council joined the Cedar Lake Camp Committee which sponsored an established summer camp at Cedar Lake.

In 1954, Chelsea joined the newly organized Washtenaw County Girl Scout Council which included Chelsea, Dexter, Whitmore Lake, and Ann Arbor. At this time there were 112 registered Scouts in 5 Troops and Mrs. Lewis Bernath was the first local chairman, now known as Neighborhood Chairman.

In 1958, The Washtenaw County Council united with the Lone Troops and Councils of Washtenaw County, Livingston County and west Wayne County in the present Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. This past year, there were 11 Troops, with 190 registered Girl Scouts and 63 registered adults. Four of these troops were Brownie Scouts, 5 were Intermediate Troops, and 1 a Senior Mariner Troop.

## Chelsea Child Study Club

The Chelsea Child Study Club, at first called the Young Mothers' Child Study Club, was organized in September, 1935.

The club has been interested in many community projects. The library often has called their attention, in the early days with a book donation and during this past year by a $200 gift for the remodeling. Playground equipment, a traffic flasher for the North Elementary School, vitamin tablets for undernourished children, an early interest in a summer recreation program, donations to the milk fund, sponsorship of a Cub Scout Pack, Christmas packages and many other services have kept this club active in the community.

The club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays during the winter nine months of the year as it did in the early years. Many worthwhile speakers and displays have made up the programs of the club and there have been several enlightening trips. The group has helped in the formation of some of the other Child Study Clubs in this area.

## Chelsea Rod and Gun Club

The Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, an affiliate of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, is an organization whose objective is to further and advance conservation in all it's phases.

The Club was organized on March 19, 1937, and was accomplished through the inspiration and dedication of the late George W. Hart. Many conservation minded men in the community of Chelsea assisted in the formation of the Club but the name of George W. Hart, according to the records available, indicates that he was the primary instigator.

In 1952 the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club purchased sixty acres of unproductive land from the late Elvira C. Visel and promptly began the planting of pine and spruce trees. At the present time there are approximately ten thousand trees on the project.

The Club has long contemplated the building of a club house but at the present time no decision has been made.

## Band Boosters Club

Originally, The Band Boosters began in 1940-1941, with the organization of the Band Parents' Club. This Club was formed to help the Band by raising funds for uniforms, etc. Their first president was Mr. Gadd. Under his leadership they purchased 35 uniforms at $50.00 each. They were also given the Band Flag by the D.A.R. at that time.

The Club was later reinstated in 1949-1950 under the leadership of W. Pearson, with Mr. Rima as a part-time band instructor.

It was during the past several years that the club was changed to The Band Booster's Organization—their name and objective: Section I. "The name of this organization shall be, The Band Boosters Club of the Chelsea Public Schools. This Club shall be independent of, and not affiliated with, any other than the Instrumental Music Department of the schools."

During all of these years, with the help of all of the many friends and neighbors, the Band Boosters have purchased many uniforms and instruments, given donations for many causes and paid for many enjoyable and educational trips. It is a very worthy enterprise and will continue to be so in the future.

## Parent-Teacher Association

In January of 1945, the embryo of the present Parent-Teacher Association was started in the kindergarten room of the old elementary school with Mrs. H. T. Moore as the president. Its chief aim was to bring the school and community closer together. The Elementary Parent-Teacher Association, sponsored by the Young Mother's Club, affiliated itself with both National and State Parent-Teacher Associations.

For its first project the Association made curtains for the kindergarten room. Among the many other projects completed by the P.T.A. were the purchase of band equipment, record players, aquariums for the kindergarten rooms, dark room curtains for North and South Elementary schools. The Parent-Teacher Association now sponsors the pre-kindergarten round-up, Fluoride Clinic, Safety Patrol Boys and Girls, Brownies and Girl Scouts.

The Parent-Teacher Association founded a lucrative project—the Penny Carnival, and has continued this project until the present time.

Later, a Parent-Teacher Association was started in the high school. For awhile it was inactive, but finally was reorganized as a part of the Elementary Parent-Teacher Association.

Thus, the Parent-Teacher Association has taken an active part in contributing its efforts to the advancement and betterment of the school and community.

## Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 4076

The Chelsea Unit, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4076, was chartered April 20, 1945. As the name implies, it is an organization of men who have served in various branches of the United States Government services outside the continental limits of the United States during time of hostilities.

The parent organization was formed by various groups of men who had served the government during hostilities on foreign soil. This came about just 61 years ago.

At the time the Chelsea post received its Charter there were 78 members listed. The first commander was Charles S. Ritter, Jr., and the present commander is Ren Hytzel.

During our existence we have aided with many community projects, such as purchasing colors for the High School Band, raising funds to send the Band to our State Convention at which time they won the Junior Championship of the State V.F.W. and contributing to the Community Fund.

## Ladies' Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Chelsea was instituted on July 10, 1945 by Mrs. Clyde Trangmar, Department President of Michigan, with Mrs. Magdalene Weber as the first president.

In the first year of the existence of the organization hospital work was done at Percy Jones Hospital at Battle Creek, The V. A. Hospital in Ann Arbor, Howell Sanitarium, and the Ypsilanti State Hospital.

There have been three wheel chairs purchased by the Auxiliary and presented to Disabled Veterans.

In May 1946, the first Buddy Poppies were sold in Chelsea by the Auxiliary and Post and this event takes place every year.

The Auxiliary has presented flags to the local schools, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, D.A.V., the Future Home-makers of America and the Junior Girls. A flag was presented to the new high school at its dedication.

## Chelsea Chamber of Commerce

In 1947 a group of the Business Men of Chelsea organized the Chelsea Business Men's Association. The main purpose was to co-operate with the Village Council in their program of Village Improvement. President of the Chelsea Business Men's Association was Ferd Merkel.

In 1948 Walter Harper took over as president and it was during that year the the Business Men's Association changed to the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.

It was in 1948 that the ground work was done on the beautiful and much used Pierce Park. This park has been close to the hearts of the Chamber membership since that time, and they have worked diligently to keep it beautiful.

The main activities of the Chamber as they have co-operated with the Village Council are highway signs, parking, street lighting, program of co-operative trade events for the merchants, ice skating facilities, lovely park developed at Main Street and Letts Creek, publicity for the Waterloo Recreation Area, of which Chelsea is the gateway.

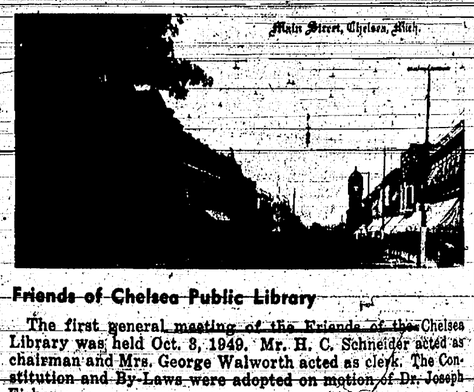
The Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Southeastern Michigan Tourist Association, who have helped us greatly in bringing the loveliness of our area to the attention of the public. Our Color Tours are an annual event which have brought thousands into the area, and the very successful Junior Chamber of Commerce Chicken Barbecue which is held each fall at the height of the Color Tour program has been growing in popularity each year.

In 1958 the Chamber of Commerce ordered 10,000 colorful brochures advertising the beauty of the Area and particularly Chelsea. These brochures will be distributed at Travel Shows, and will be mailed to those requesting information regarding the Chelsea Area.

As was expressed by one of Chelsea's old-time businessmen, "The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce has had much to do with the development of the area and we are only beginning in the steady growth that is bound to come in future years."

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus, known throughout the world as the right arm of the Catholic Church, was established in Chelsea in 1947. Its many activities include upholding the teachings of the church, care of the sick and needy, sponsorship of an insurance plan for the entire family, and the maintenance of Boysville. Locally, members give a Christmas party for the children at St. Mary's Church. Grand Knights have included E. Tobin, D. Rowe, R. Devine, J. Dumouchel, E. Hankerd, L. Wahl, G. Merkel, W. Guest, and H. Ortbring.

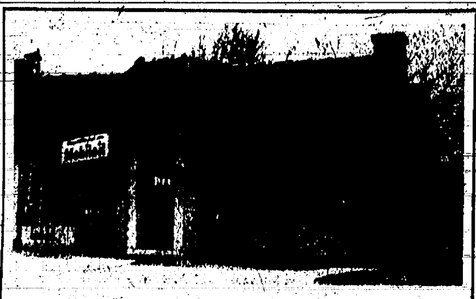



## Friends of Chelsea Public Library

The first general meeting of the Friends of the Chelsea Library was held Oct. 3, 1949. Mr. H. C. Schneider acted as chairman and Mrs. George Walworth acted as clerk. The Constitution and By-Laws were adopted on motion of Dr. Joseph Fisher.

At a meeting held in the Library on Nov. 5, 1949 the following officers were elected: Mrs. R. A. McLaughlin, president; Mrs. R. W. Wagner, vice-president; Mr. H. C. Schneider, secretary-Treas.

At this meeting it was suggested that a letter be prepared for circulation among prospective members. Two hundred such letters were sent to prospects in the village and surrounding area. The letter stated that the primary purpose of the organization was to enlist citizens as active friends of the library, to stimulate gifts, endowments and bequests, to

McPherson Oil Company leased the above station at the corner of South Main Street and Lincoln Street for Mobil products on Oct. 1, 1938.

FOOR MOBIL SERVICE

520 South Main Phone GR 5-5221

PRODUCTION MACHINING COMPANY was established in 1946 on West Middle Street in the Wheeler Building. Two employees handled mostly implement repair and welding.

1947 saw a move to 524 North Main Street, the present location. Fifteen people are now employed in the manufacture of tractor and implement parts.

We wish to express gratitude to Chelsea's old established firms, whose patronage and assistance through the years has contributed largely to what measure of success may have come to us.

PRODUCTION MACHINING CO.

*Helping Chelsea Grow*

*Since 1890*

Chelsea's Standard Oil Bulk Station was established around 1890. At that time all gasoline and kerosene was shipped in barrels. Principal use for these products at that time was for illuminating and cooking purposes. Records indicate A. J. "Acey" Munn was agent several years before Maynard Knickerbocker acquired the business Jan. 28, 1922 which he continued until his death, July 20, 1947. Lester C. Schulze was agent from July 21, 1947 until Feb. 4, 1952, at which time the present agent, Geo. A. Knickerbocker, acquired the business. Through the years the uses of the products and the variety of products has mushroomed until today two bulk delivery trucks are kept busy.

STANDARD OIL CO.

GEO. A. KNICKERBOCKER, AGENT

754 Book St. Phone GR 9-3131 Chelsea, Mich.

Winans Jewelry Store was started about 1880 by Lewis Winans and was located in half of the store on North Main Street, now occupied by the Patty Ann Shoppe. The other half was occupied by the Armstrong Drug Store.

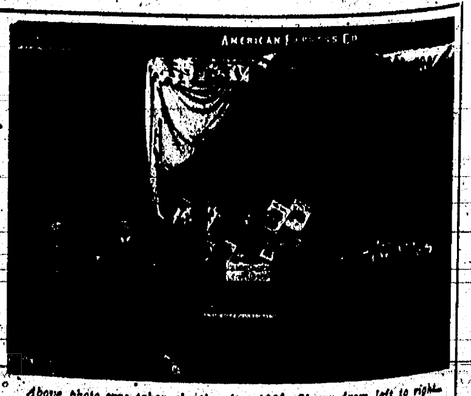
After the death of Lewis Winans in 1889, Albert E. Winans purchased the stock from Mrs. Lila Campbell, Mr. Lewis Winans' daughter. Albert Winans had previously been employed in the store as a clerk and watch repairman.

In 1900, the store was moved to its present location, 108 South Main Street, together with the American Express office, which had been operated at the old location by Albert E. Winans.

In 1905, the firm name was changed to A. E. Winans and Son, and operated under that name until 1929, when Albert Winans retired. It has been operated since by Elmer E. Winans under the name of Winans Jewelry Store.

After returning from military service in World War II and attending Bradley University Watchmaking School, a son, George, entered the store with his father, making this the third generation to do business in this one location.

WINANS JEWELRY STORE



*Above photo was taken shortly after 1900. Shown from left to right are Elmer A. Winans, A. B. Winans and Warren Geddes.*

keep the public informed as to resources, services and possibilities of the libarary, and to help it in every possible way in its education aims.

Another early undertaking of the newly formed society was the creation of a book-plate suitable for use in books given for the Memorial Shelf. Miss Ida Brown did the drawing of the book-plate as a gift to the Library. The Memorial Collection offers a fine opportunity for members of the Community to participate in a worthy means of remembering a loved one, as indicated by the following quotation from Seneca:

"THE COMFORT OF HAVING A FRIEND MAY BE TAKEN AWAY, BUT NOT THAT OF HAVING HAD ONE."

A Memorial Gift has been made in honor of Mr. H. C. Schneider. Other substantial gifts are: radio-record player and albums, a large dictionary, magazine rack, record cabinet, book shelves, electric fan, files containing better than 4,100 death items as gathered from cemeteries and old bound copies of The Chelsea Standard. Many anonymous gifts to the building fund which was started in 1952 when the Woman's Club of Chelsea under the leadership of Mrs. W. R. Daniels donated $100.00. One of the finest gifts has been the McKune House which was officially received Jan. 3, 1959. After considerable remodeling the new home of the Chelsea Library opened its doors on Monday, June 29, 1959. Monies used to cover the better than $12,000.00 cost of remodeling came from the Friend's Building Fund and from contributions both large and small.

June 29, 1959 the name was officially changed to "Friends of the McKune Memorial Library."

### Chelsea Recreation Council

The Chelsea Recreation Council, Inc., was established as a corporate body by the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission in July, 1950. The Council is a non-partisan non-political, non-profit administrative group whose purpose is to plan a program of recreation for the children of Chelsea and surrounding area. The playgrounds operate five days per week for a six-week session, usually including the last week of June, the entire month of July, and the first week of August.

For the first five years of its existence, the Chelsea Recreation Council solicited funds from private and commercial sources in order to carry out its specified purpose, generally operating on a budget of $1,600 to $1,800. With the organization of the Chelsea Community Chest in 1955 came a complete revision of the financial arrangements, according to which the Recreation Council became one of the major recipients of funds allocated by this centralized agency.

The Council employs eight adult directors and supervisors to provide activities for the more than 1,200 children who participate weekly. An arts and crafts program is provided for children of primary ages. Opportunities to participate in ping-pong, horseshoes, badminton, volleyball, miniature golf, and parlor games, in addition to team sports such as baseball, football, and basketball are provided. Informed instruction and assistance in various skills are automatically included. Several baseball leagues practice and compete during this period.

Afternoons are devoted solely to swimming for all age groups. Bus transportation, as well as full use of the facilities of the beach, is provided by the Council free of charge to the children. Incidental instruction by the staff and periodic visits by an American Red Cross field representative have contributed to an improvement in swimming skills by many youngsters.

### Modern Mothers Child Study Club

The Modern Mothers Club was organized Nov. 13, 1953 with the help of the Chelsea Child Study Club. We started with nine charter members: Mrs. Paul Kalmbach, Mrs. John Murdock, Mrs. Philip McGibney, Mrs. LaVerne Niehaus, Mrs. Eugene Shroyer, Mrs. David Strieter, Mrs. Duane Weiss, Mrs. Wilbur Werner, and Mrs. George West.

The first president was Mrs. David Strieter, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Philip McGibney, and program chairman, Mrs. LaVerne Niehaus.

Mrs. Philip McGibney became president in 1955-56 and we added three more members. During January our club headed the Polio drive and with the help of others we had a successful year.

During 1956-57, with the assistance of the Chelsea Child Study Club, we organized a new group now known as the "Kinder Klub." Then the club organized the "Suburban Mothers Club" at North Lake. The club president during this year was Mrs. Jack Musser.

In 1957-58 Mrs. Jack Merkel took over as president. We added two more members. In the spring we had a card party.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson was our president in 1958-59. This year we entertained our husbands with a progressive dinner and a Valentines party for our children. We also had a bake sale with the proceeds going to the McKune Memorial Library. Mrs. Ralph Oesterle is now presiding as president.

### Chelsea Community Chest

The Chelsea Community Chest is a non-profit organization established and operated by the citizens of the Chelsea School District through a Board of Directors consisting of 21 members.

The first Membership Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting of the Chelsea Community Chest was held on October 12, 1954.

The first contributions totaled $7.50. This amount represented contributions from nine individuals.

The first agency members were the Girl Scouts, Social Service Committee of Women's Club of Chelsea, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Chelsea Recreational Council Incorporated, Boy and Cub Scouts, United Health and Welfare Fund of Michigan Incorporated, Salvation Army, and Chelsea School Band Instrument Fund.

The first meeting of the first campaign committee was held Oct. 26, 1954. The first campaign goal was set at $9,000. The total collected on the first Chelsea Community Chest drive amounted to $11,885.14.

The 1959 campaign goal of the Chelsea Community Chest was set at $13,132. Total collected was $13,046. This was distributed between nine agency members. The 1959 agency members of the Chelsea Community Chest were the Girl Scouts, Chelsea Social Service, Inc.; American Red Cross, Washtenaw County Chapter; Chelsea Recreational Council, Inc.; Boy Scouts of America, Portage Trails Council; Michigan United Fund; Salvation Army; Chelsea Band Instrument Fund; and Children's Christmas Party Committee.

### Chelsea Junior Chamber of Commerce

The Chelsea Junior Chamber of Commerce was chartered in January of 1955. Its membership is limited to those young men between the ages of 21 and 35. It is primarily a service organization, and concerns itself with leadership training, both of the youth of the community and its own members. It sponsors the Teen-Age Safe Driving Rodeo, an annual chicken barbecue, a Distinguished Service Award, a Christmas Song-Fest, a community development survey, and a youth center for the youth of Chelsea. It works activily on park and library development. The current membership is 29.

### Chelsea Junior Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary

The Chelsea Junior Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary was organized in June 1956 and chartered in July of the same year with Ann Arbor being the extending local.

The aims of the group are primarily to assist the Junior Chamber of Commerce and to be active in community service.

### Chelsea Social Service

The Chelsea Social Service is an outgrowth of the Social Service Committee of the Chelsea Woman's Club. In 1951, a survey of the club membership revealed interest in social service work on the local level. As a club project, a Social Service Committee was formed, with Mrs. Paul Schaible serving as the first chairman.

Their aim was to help families through emergencies or to give assistance until such time as regular help from welfare agencies could be established. Their experience during the first year, when they worked with only $100.00 from club funds, was limited to a comparatively few families. Nevertheless, they served a total of 82 persons that first Christmas.

When the Chelsea Community Chest was formed in 1954, the Committee petitioned for Chest funds and received an initial grant of $300.00, which enabled them to expand their activities. The Chest was willing to support their efforts for they knew this money would all be expended locally. The Community Chest continued to support the activities of the Committee with a larger grant after a year's experience demonstrated the need for this type of agency in the community.

On Jan. 22, 1956, the Chelsea Social Service, as it exists today, came into being with the securing of the part-time services of a social worker to operate the office under the supervision of a Board of Directors. Members of the original board were: Louis Burghardt, president; Mrs. R. W. Wagner, vice-president; Mrs. Sallie Smith, secretary; Mrs. E. W. Eaton treasurer; and Mrs. Kent Walworth, Mrs. Paul Schaible, H. T. Moore, Charles Lancaster, and Harold Jones. Mrs. Walworth was replaced in 1959 by F. W. Merkel. Mrs. Louis Ramp has served as Director since Nov. 1, 1956, with Mrs. Schaible holding the post until Mrs. Ramp was ready to assume her duties.

The agency is housed in the Council chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Building opposite the old library. A clothing depot is maintained on the third floor where new clothing contributed by the Needlework Guild is kept for distribution to the needy. In addition, used clothing of good quality is stored here for use as needed.

The office is open on each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon throughout the year, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Needy persons or persons wishing help with any kind of problem are welcome here.

The functions of the Director include the giving of emergency assistance with food, fuel, clothing and medical care to needy persons; counselling with persons with problems and referring them to the appropriate professional agencies for help; and supervising community giving to the needy at Christmas time in such a way as to prevent duplication and to insure that all those in need, particularly children, receive gifts of food, clothing and toys.

### Chelsea Auxiliary Police

This organization was founded in the early spring of 1957 by former Washtenaw County Civil Defense Director Col. Robert E. A. Lillie, with the co-operation of the late Erwin L. Klager, then Sheriff of Washtenaw County, for the purpose of added police protection in case of an emergency or disaster.

Following a basic nine-month training program 16 members were graduated from an original starting class of 27. These graduates were furnished uniforms and equipment by the Washtenaw County Board of Supervisors.

The training programs were completed through the co-operation of the Sheriff's Department, Civil Defense Authorities, Michigan State Police, Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Ann Arbor Police Department. Thirty-four hours of Primary and Advanced First-Aid training has also been received through the co-operation of the American Red Cross.

Members of this organization are required to voluntarily donate their services in co-operation with the National, State and County Civil Defense programs and have been called to assist in the recent wind disaster in Ann Arbor, the brush fire emergency near Dexter and with many civic functions including traffic control.

### Chelsea Co-Operative Nursery

The Chelsea Co-operative Nursery began in the spring of 1957 in order to provide a unique opportunity for both parents and pre-schoolers to explore situations together and to help bridge the gap between home and school. It grew until there were 18 charter members who were: Mrs. Paul Boehler, Mrs. Charles Cameron, Mrs. William Chandler, Mrs. James Gaunt, Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Mrs. Paul Kalmbach, Mrs. Charles Lancaster, Mrs. Jack Merkel, Mrs. Jack Musser, Mrs. Jack Pilkington, Mrs. Keith Poulson, Mrs. Charles Powers, Mrs. J. Raymond Seitz, Mrs. David Strieter, Mrs. Don Goodson, Mrs. Jack Wellnitz and Mrs. George Winans.

The group first raised money by having a bake sale, hobo breakfast and a fair booth for which these industrious women sewed all summer on hobby horses and doll clothes. As they procured the means, needed equipment to set up a nursery was purchased and enthusiastic fathers made new furniture, repaired second-hand equipment and painted everything child appealing colors. The nursery facilities on the third floor of the Municipal Building were investigated and passed by the Washtenaw County Board of Health, State Fire Marshal, and licensed by the Michigan Social Welfare Commission. Mrs. Jane Schlosser Schairer consented to be the nursery school teacher and the first session was held Sept. 3, 1957, with subsequent sessions on Tuesday and Tursday mornings throughout the school year.

In the summer of 1958 the Beach School on Dexter-Chelsea Road, was rented from the Chelsea School system to provide more adequate facilities. The Co-operative Nursery School is operated co-operatively by the parents of the youngsters attending and is open to any family in the community that is interested enough in the development of their child to spend time and some money to make the co-operative nursery work.

### The Friendly Club

The former Past Chiefs Club of the Pythian Sisters changed their name to the Friendly Club when the Pythian Sister Lodge of Chelsea disbanded in 1957.

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday evening of each month at the homes of the members for a dessert luncheon, short business meeting and social hour.

### The Kinder Klub

In the winter of 1957 the need was felt for a third child study club. In January the Kinder Klub was organized under the auspices of the Child Study Club and Modern Mothers Child Study Club with a membership of 25 women.

One of the special features each year is our annual valentine party for the children. Another special program is the husband's night.

Kinder Klub is a social rather than a service club.

### Herbert J. McKune Post 31 Auxiliary

Many girls will REMEMBER WHEN—

—We organized the Herbert J. McKune Auxiliary Unit No. 31 on July 17, 1933 under the capable supervison of Mrs. A. L. Brock.

—Our rehabilitation of veterans work was done at the Dearborn V.A. Hospital, as well as Battle Creek, then Ypsilanti State Hospital and then the Ann Arbor V.A. Hospital.

—A president in her turn asked us to sell poppies on street corners in Chelsea or perhaps make coffee, sandwiches and beans in a tent at a carnival (especially during the Chelsea 100th Anniversary) to raise money for this rehabilitation work, as well as sew and help furnish our Otter Lake Billet (home for orphans of veterans or children of disabled veterans whose wives must work).

—Each president would ask "Shall we send a girl to "Girl State"? (which is sending a Chelsea High Junior girl, of high scholastic standards and if possible a daughter or sister of a veteran, to Ann Arbor for 10 days of government teaching in a college atmosphere.

—Each year we were asked if we wished to sponsor a magazine drive, proceeds from which we have purchased 6 hospital beds, 5 wheel chairs, 3 invalid walkers, 1 back rest, 1 bedside table, 2 pair crutches, 1 pair bed rails and 1 traction bar, for use by the community of Chelsea citizens, and how recently a splendid bake sale netted us a nice contribution toward the McKune Library Fund.

—We distributed our Christmas gifts to veterans in hospitals and their families, hankies to mothers of veterans on Mother's Day, Greetings to Gold Star Mothers and Sisters, sponsoring of Brownie Troops; when we initiated the program of serving special dinners at the Legion Home (instead of tents as of yore) proceeds for veteran rehabilitation work and furnishings for our Legion Home at Cavanaugh Lake, and recently we organized our Junior Unit consisting of fourteen members, ages 2 to 18, whom we trust will carry on our very charitable work in the future.

### Kiwanis Club of Chelsea

The Kiwanis Club of Chelsea was sponsored by the Jackson Kiwanis Club on March 21, 1924, with a charter membership of 35. Warren Daniels was the first president and Paul F. Niehaus was the song leader, a position he still holds today.

The Chelsea club has since sponsored clubs in Dexter and in Pinckney.

In 1945 the club staged a Minstrel Show to raise money for the electric lights at the school football field. Since that time Goose Tatum and his basketball team appeared in the new High School Gymnasium to raise money for needed equipment in the new auditorium.

Perhaps one of the best known projects of the Kiwanis Club has been the annual Halloween Party held for the children of Chelsea and the surrounding territory. Cider, donuts, prizes, and a huge bonfire have helped to make it a yearly success.

Each year the club holds several banquets including Farmers' Night, with 100 farmers as guests; the Octogenarian Banquet for all Chelsea area residents over 80 years of age; the September Welcome Banquet for the new teachers in the schools; and the All-Sports Banquet for letter winners at Chelsea High School.

Citizenship Awards are given each year to two members of each class in Junior and Senior High school.

The Kiwanis Club sponsors the Boy Scout troops in Chelsea and in 1957 built a cabin at Bruin Lake which was donated to the Boy Scout Camp there.

One member in particular deserves mention for his attendance record over the years. Paul F. "Jerry" Niehaus has maintained perfect weekly attendance for more than 35 years.

## LIMA TOWNSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Zack and daughter, Ann, were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Juergens and also viewed the parade. Ann remained to spend the week with Mr. and Mrs. Juergens.

## NORTH LAKE

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Wilson from Wednesday until Saturday were the former's mother, Mrs. Helen Wilson of Shreveport, La., and his sister, Mrs. Kathryn Kantack of Chicago, Ill. They attended the Thursday and Friday night festivities of Chelsea's 125th anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Buss and family also were guests of the Wilsons.

The Bernie Cranna reunion was held at the Henry Gilbert home Sunday, July 12. A pot-luck dinner was served at noon to the 34 guests present. Swimming and boating were enjoyed in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houk and grandson, Danny Houk, attended the 125th anniversary parade of Chelsea, Saturday afternoon.

## ROGERS CORNERS

Mrs. Lydia Zahn, Mrs. Irma Grau and son, James, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Grau and family enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday, July 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Koebbe at Pleasant Lake.

Monday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bristle and family were the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John McConky of Monticello, Ill., and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thompson of Ypsilanti.

Jerry Bristle spent last week at 4-H Camp, Brighton.

## WATERLOO

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Carrie Beeman on Thursday, July 23 and not on the 16th as previously announced, due to the Chelsea celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Pluck had as their week-end guest, Dr. Tsukasa Horie, resident doctor at Herman Kiefer hospital in Detroit. He is originally from Japan. Guests on Sunday were their children and Mrs. Martha Terrell.

Gerald Hess of Detroit, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hess and Mr. and Mrs. Welton Bohne.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Coulter just returned from attending the convention of the American Seed Trade Association at Washington, D.C. They spent two weeks sightseeing in the East. They spent the week-end at the Gorton home here where they entertained their grandchildren, Lynn and Douglas Coulter, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beeman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Beeman and son spent from Sunday until Friday in northern Michigan.

Emory Runciman spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Frances Bartig of Coon Hill and also visited Glenn Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hess entertained the former's brother over the 4th from Saturday until Monday night.

Callers of the week of Mrs. Ione Moeckel and Laura Riethmiller were Mrs. Walter Bohne of Francisco, and Mrs. Alda Lehmann of North Francisco; also Mrs. Pearl Schiller of Albion, her two granddaughters of near Detroit, and uncle and aunt from Adrian; also Mrs. Raymond Coulter and grandchildren, Douglas and Lynne, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stanfield and Deloris of Stockbridge, were Sunday evening callers of the latter's mother, Mrs. Anna Walz.

Miss Kay Carty of Ann Arbor, spent Friday night and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Carty, and brother, Kenneth.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Beeman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dykemaster in Jackson. In the afternoon they called on Mrs. John Beeman in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Carty and Kenneth spent Friday evening with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Beeman and Luella, in Stockbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Young of Twin Lakes, spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Beeman; also granddaughters, Miss Linda Beeman spent Wednesday night and Thursday and Miss Rosemary Beeman spent Thursday night and Friday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stoker of near Grass Lake, spent Saturday evening with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Goslin of Weberville, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Barber.

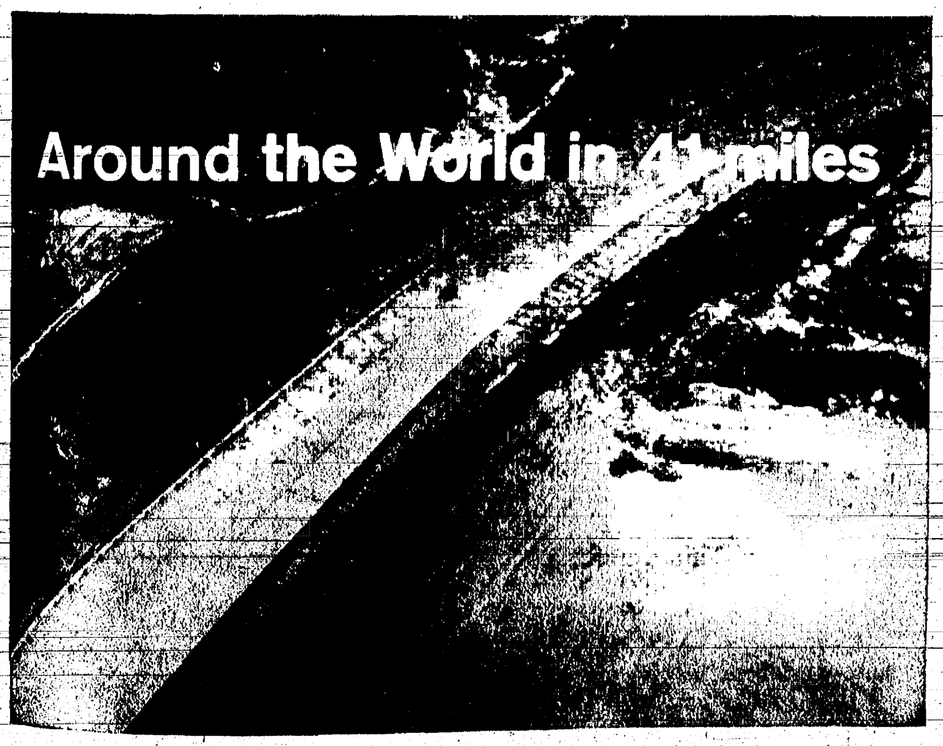
Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Barber of Stockbridge, spent Sunday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Barber. Their granddaughter, Jane, was a Saturday afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Leonard and family, of Jackson, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beeman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fairbrother and family attended the funeral of an aunt and uncle in Detroit and Canada who were killed in an auto accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rentschler and mother, Mary Rentschler, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mollenkoph in Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rentschler and Robert attended the church picnic at Red Arrow Park, Sunday afternoon.


## The Story of the Chrysler Engineering Proving Grounds

About 3 miles south of Chelsea lies a vast plot of land crisscrossed by some 41 miles of roads that don't seem to go anywhere.

This is the Chrysler Engineering Proving Grounds—and the roads have a definite purpose. On them, our engineers can re-create the driving conditions (except for extreme climates) facing motorists in virtually any spot on earth.

Here, using some of the toughest tests ever devised, is where we find out just what our cars can do—and how we can build them so they'll do even more.

The history of this 4,000-acre laboratory begins, for practical purposes, in 1945. It was then that Chrysler Corporation started its search for a site to base a new kind of car-testing center. A place where we could compress a lifetime of wear and tear into weeks and months; where we could stage crashes and rollovers to test safety equipment; where we could have the privacy needed for developing new vehicles.

The qualifications for the site stacked up clearly. It would have to be big enough to permit construction for many different kinds of tests, level enough for long, turnpike-type straightaways, hilly and rugged enough to let us test cars on just about every kind of terrain they'd be likely to encounter in service.

It would have to be no further than 60 miles from Detroit, where our engineering and manufacturing facilities are. And finally, it would have to be close to a town—a firmly established, forward-looking community where our Proving Grounds people could live comfortably, shop easily, and send their children to good schools. After making comprehensive studies of fourteen areas, we chose Chelsea.

But a plot of land two miles wide and three miles long can't be had just for the asking. We had to buy it, and the negotiations took five years. When the news leaked out that somebody was buying up a lot of land near Chelsea, the rumors started flying. According to one, the land was going to be used as a nudist colony. Whether this affected the ultimate price is not known.

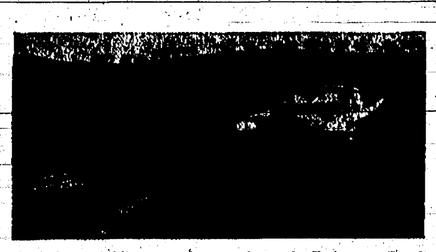
Finally we had all 4,000 acres. In the summer of 1951 we started the preliminary clearing, and by early 1952 began the gigantic job of reshaping the terrain. By the time we finished, it had grown into the largest private earth-moving project ever undertaken in the State of Michigan.

What goes into a modern automotive proving grounds? The first thing, our people decided, is a good high-speed test track. So we built one.



*First installation at Proving Grounds was concrete High-Speed Oval. Cars go around it at 140 mph without sway.*

Laid in a 4.7-mile oval, this track is probably the most precisely engineered road of its kind ever built. Its concrete surface was actually ground down, so that it is more uniform than the best highways in America. The expansion joints were cut in with diamond saws. And the sweeping curves at each end of the oval are so precisely banked that a driver can enter them going 120 miles an hour, take his hands off the wheel—and relax. The car will carry completely around the curve and head right down the straightaway all by itself.



*One of the world's worst places to drive, the Endurance Road helps develop better springs, surer steering.*

And the High-Speed Oval was just the beginning. In rapid succession came a series of other important testing facilities. Examples:

- *Two concrete straightaway strips to test stop-and-go brake endurance, acceleration, high-speed braking.*
- *An 8-mile-long Endurance Road, laced with axle-busting stretches of Belgian block, Georgia gravel, and Michigan dirt. It's the road that asks the question, "How much can a car take—and still keep going?"*
- *Three man-made hills—one, with an awesome 32° grade, is a duplicate of Arguello Boulevard in San Francisco, the steepest paved public road in America.*

- *An engineering workshop, two blocks long, where the test cars are equipped, studied, and torn apart, again and again, until every last detail of their operation has been wrung from them and evaluated.*

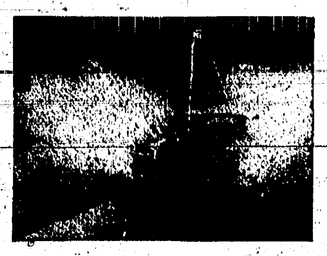
Of course, the Proving Grounds' most important resource is its people. Today there are about 400—graduate engineers, old-time car builders, analysts, mechanics, highly skilled test drivers. They're the



*Testing begins and ends in two-block-long engineering workshop, staffed and equipped to make test-results pay off in better-built cars.*

ones who put the cars through the wringer, who find out what happens and why, who look for new ways to make our cars better.

How are they doing? You can find the answers on roads all over America—and nowadays, all over the world. Chrysler Corporation cars are probably the most thoroughly tested cars ever built in volume. And it shows up in their handling ease, their performance, their durability.



*Slam-bang dunking in 340-foot-long water trough tests ignition, brakes, engine.*

So, we at Chrysler Corporation Engineering are mighty proud of our Chelsea Proving Grounds. To the people of Chelsea, we say, "Thanks. You've been good neighbors, and we hope you feel the same about us. Because we expect to be your neighbors for the next 125 years!"

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# - Services in Our Churches -

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**
**The Rev. Philip Rusten, Pastor**
Sunday, July 19 through Aug. 16. Vacation!
Regular church services begin again Aug. 23.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**
**The Rev. Fr. Lee Laige, Pastor**
Sunday, July 19—
7:00 a.m.—First Mass.
9:00 a.m.—Second Mass.
11:00 a.m.—Third Mass.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**
1883 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor
Sunday, July 19—
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
Lesson-sermon: "Life." Golden text: "As the Father hath life in himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself." John 5:26.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHAPEL**
116½ South Main Street
The Rev. H. J. Meppelink, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
10:00 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service.
Wednesday, July 22—
7:45 p.m.—Bible study.
Thursday, July 23—
7:30 p.m.—Young people's meeting.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
**The Rev. S. D. Kinde, Pastor**
Sunday, July 19—
10:00 a.m.—Worship service.
10:00 a.m.—Nursery, kindergarten and primary department Sunday school classes.
11:10 a.m.—Junior department Sunday school classes.

**ST. BARNABAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Old US-12, Community Fairgrounds
The Rev. Allan W. Reed, Vicar
Sunday, July 19—
10:00 a.m.—Holy Communion with sermon.
Wednesday, July 22—
8:00 p.m.—Adult study course—Christian leadership.

**METHODIST HOME CHAPEL**
The Rev. E. J. Weiss, Pastor
The Rev. G. P. Stanford, Chaplain
Sunday, July 19—
8:00 a. m.—Worship service.

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH**
(United Church of Christ)
(Francisco)
The Rev. Donald H. Voss, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
9:00 a.m.—Worship service. Sermon topic: "Thine Is the Glory."
10:00 a.m.—Sunday school.
Monday, July 20—
meeting.
8:00 p.m.—Men's Brotherhood

**CHELSEA BAPTIST CHURCH**
Wilkinson Street
The Rev. David A. Wood, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
10:00 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Worship service.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**
M-92, ½ Mile South of Old US-12
Stanley Hudgins, Minister
Sunday, July 19—
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Worship service.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**
(Rogers Corners)
The Rev. C. J. Renner, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
9:00 a.m.—Sunday school.
10:15 a.m.—Worship service. Sermon topic: "Good Trees."
Monday, July 20—
7:00 p.m.—Junior choir rehearsal.
8:00 p.m.—Senior choir rehearsal.
Wednesday, July 22—
8:00 p.m.—Sunday school teacher's meeting.
Thursday, July 23—
7:30 p.m.—Luther League. An evening with the stars.

**WATERLOO VILLAGE CHURCH**
(Evangelical United Brethren)
The Rev. Dale Ferris, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
10:00 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:15 a.m.—Worship service.

**SALEM GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**
US-12 at Notten Road
The Rev. Harry Pyscher, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
10:15 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship.

**BETHEL EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH**
(United Church of Christ)
Freedom Township
The Rev. T. W. Mensel, Pastor
Sunday, July 19 and 26—
Vacation Sundays. No church or Sunday school services.

**GALILEAN BAPTIST MISSION**
Lima Center Hall, Lima Center
The Rev. W. Winebrenner, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
10:00 a.m.—Worship service.
11:00 a.m.—Sunday school.
7:30 p.m.—Evening service.
Midweek services each Wednesday at 8 p.m.

**NORTH SHARON COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**
The Rev. Richard Doot, Pastor
Sylvan and Washburn Roads
Sunday, July 19—
10:00 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Worship service.
7:30 p.m.—Evening service.
Midweek prayer meeting services at 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays.

**GREGORY BAPTIST CHURCH**
The Rev. W. T. Cochran, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
10:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
11:15 a.m.—Sunday school.
6:45 p.m.—Training Union.
8:00 p.m.—Evening worship.

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH**
(United Church of Christ)
(Rogers Corners)
The Rev. Donald H. Voss, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Worship service. Sermon topic: "Thine Is the Glory."

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH**
The Rev. P. H. Grabowski, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school.
10:45 a.m.—Worship service.

**UNADILLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
The Rev. William Yauch, Pastor
Sunday, July 19—
10:00 a.m.—Morning worship will be in charge of the ladies of the Missionary Societies.
11:00 a.m.—Sunday school.
7:00 p.m.—Senior High group meeting.

**NORTH LAKE METHODIST CHURCH**
Sunday, July 19—
8:30 a.m.—Early worship service.
9:45 a.m.—Regular worship service.
10:45 a.m.—Sunday school.

The state of Tennessee is rich in minerals, its livestock and agricultural interests are varied and important, its lumber production is large, its commercial interests are assisted by reason of its navigable waters, especially the Mississippi river.

## CAVANAUGH LAKE

Week-end guests entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dault and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dault included Mr. and Mrs. Al. Marks of Alpena. Marks is an antique car dealer known throughout the state and he was interested in seeing Saturday's 125th Anniversary parade. Other guests here for the week-end and for the parade were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dault and family and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dault of Detroit. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Parker and family.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Lesser this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riemenschneider, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lesser and Gary, and Alton Lesser.

## Howard Congdon Treasures Record of 1895 Free Press Route

Howard Congdon, of Ypsilanti, was in Chelsea for the anniversary parade Saturday and brought to The Standard office a small record book which he had used in 1895 and 1896 when he was agent and carrier for the Detroit Free Press in Chelsea.

Congdon is a descendant of two pioneer Chelsea families, the Congdons and Pierces. His mother was the former Sarah Pierce, one of the Pierce family for whom Pierce Park was named. He recalled that he bought the agency from L. P. Vogel when the latter finished school.

His list of customers included names of many people prominent in the life of the community 60 years ago.

Among them are James Harrington, Lew Klein, Clarence Maroney, Fred Roedel, Collin Babcock, Ben Bacon, H. S. Holmes, James Gorman, J. A. Eisenman, Mrs. Hoffman, George Begole, George Kempf, Link Wood, W. P. Schenk, Robert Boyd, Theo. Wood, R. A. Snyder, Frank Staffan, Mr. Burg, A. Wilkinson, Dallas Wurster, Ed. Vogel, Tom Speer, George Wackenhut, McKune House, Chelsea House, Charles Whitaker, Lewis Vogel, Bill Martin, Wes Canfield, Dr. Conlan, Thos. McNamara, George Webster, L. T. Freeman, Fred Heller, George TurnBull, S. Mapes, F. P. Glazier, H. Schumacher, Rev. W. P. Considine, C. Spirnagle, John Gates, Jacob Eder, A. Neuberger.

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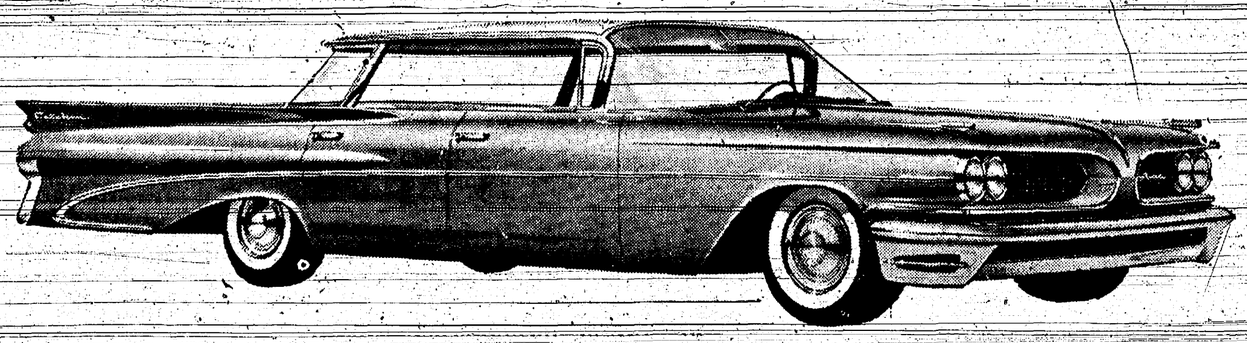




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