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ZABST LUMBER CO

Pur Quality Lbr & Contractors

The Sentinel, January 3, 1976

By SHIRLEY WILLARD

Sentinel Special Reporter

A new business soon will reopen the doors of one of Fulton's turn-of-the-century buildings.

Quality Lumber and Contractors, Inc., will occupy the two southern sections of the lumber yard owned by Marvin Zabst from 1953-74.

The business will be a home center, handling not only lumber but also paneling, floor covering, ceiling tile, paint, wallpaper, siding, storm windows and related items.

The store will be open seven days a week and some evenings to accommodate the do-it-yourself and local remodelers. Patricia Leavell, Mike Eckert, Kent Cone and Mike Lamar will be the employees.

Recent remodeling of the old structure includes making several rooms into one large showroom area. The repair area also has been remodeled and renewed.

The original structure was built about 1900 on the main street of Fulton, also known as the Michigan Road at that time. It has housed a variety of businesses, the earliest of which was a livery stable. Stable owners were Frank Freese, a Mr. Johnson and Wallace Wagoner, who also had a harness shop. Wagoner later had a livery stable in Rochester at 1010- Main street.

About 1912 a Mr. Pippinger had a garage there with a single pump for gasoline.

In 1918 Earl Enyart had a movie theatre in this building. He got the cushioned seats and hand-cranked carbon-light projector from a theatre at Macy that closed. The film often broke and had to be patched four or five times a night. Russell and Dorothy Cooper sold tickets and someone played the piano to provide background for the silent movies. Among the films shown was "Tarzan" with Elmo Lincoln (formerly) of Rochester.

Many years later Enyart met Elmo (born Otto Linkenhelt) who was visiting his mother in Rochester in 1933. Neighbor kids gathered in the street in front of Mrs. Linkenhelt's house after dark and imitated the Tarzan yell, so Elmo came to the door and gave such a Tarzan yell it could be heard "clear to the courthouse."

Tickets to Enyart's movie house were only 10 cents but even that was hard to come by in those days and he operated the theatre only one year.

Some time in the 1920s Jim Lutz brought back the garage business, followed by Henry Fernbaugh, who sold his business to Loris Easterday in 1925.

Easterday operated the garage for two years, then converted it to a movie theatre. A contest to name the theatre was held with Howard Frain, bank cashier, winning on the entry "Home Theatre." Opening night brought a \$40 house. The theatre had two to three showings a night to a seating capacity of 100.

A year after the movie venture, Easterday left the building and located another garage in town. Still active at age 80, he operates Easterday's Machine Shop, a repair shop for all types of engines, in a building next to his home east of the Fulton hardware. He also does welding and gun repair.

The building was converted back to a garage with the Guyer brothers, Walt, Harold and John, operating it from 1929-33.

The building remained empty until 1935 when Dwight Rouch

rented it until the spring of 1937 when he built his business next to his home.

During his stay, Rouch brought Chevrolet sales to Fulton, affiliated with Charles Kepleer of Rochester, and also had a wrecker service. Still working at the age of 75, Rouch runs a licensed inspection station and handles garage repairs in his garage four blocks west of the bank.

Fulton's most illustrious citizen, world famous animal trainer Jorgen Christiansen, used the building next, from 1939-41. While associated with Cole Brothers circus he trained his 24 palomino horses there.

Mrs. Christiansen died in Fulton, and Jorgen married again, to Edna Curtis, former circus rider, in the Fulton home of Virgil Baker. Later they moved to Rochester, where Jorgen died in 1969, and was buried in the Fulton Citizens cemetery. Edna is living in Canterbury Manor nursing home, Rochester.

In 1941 Midland Building Industries took over the two southern sections which were operated by Paul Easterday until 1953 when Marvin Zabst bought it.

What was until recently the office section of the lumber yard was a little restaurant around 1905. Other uses have been as a motorcycle shop operated by John Louderback in the late 1920s, a tire shop with Bill Abbott, owner and, finally, a tin shop owned by Earl Mills.

PETERSON & MORTON

Adds Richard L. Kehoe

The Sentinel, January 12, 1976

Richard L. Kehoe, Jr., has become a partner with Robert E. Peterson and Douglas B. Morton practicing in the law firm now known as Peterson, Morton & Kehoe, with offices in the Knapp building, 100 West Ninth Street.

Kehoe has been associated with Peterson and Morton since August, 1973 and has practiced in Rochester since being admitted to the Indiana bar Oct 10, 1973. He received the juris doctor

degree from the University of Notra Dame Law School in August, 1973, abd his B.S. Degree from Manchester college in 1968.

Prior to the practice of law, he was a teacher, in the Plymouth Community School Corporation where he taught speech, coached debate and forensics and directed the dramatic program of the high school. - - -

F&M BANK

Glenn Skersick, President

The Sentinel, January 15, 1976

Glenn Skersick was named president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank Wednesday afternoon upon the retirement from that position of Howard Wertzberger, who was appointed to the newly-created position of chairman of the board.- - -

Wertzberger, president since 1968, will remain wih the bank as a consultant on a part-time basis and maintain an office there. He retains his seat on the board of directors.

Directors also appointed William Gordon to succeed Skersick as vice-president, advancing George Hoover to the cashier position vacated by Gordon.

Other bank officers are:: Francis Sanders, assistant vice-president and Kewanna branch manager; Kenneth Jones assistant cashier; Mrs. Katharine Orr, assistant cashier at Kewanna branch; Mrs. Lorraine Parkhurst, assistant vice-president and manager of auto branch; Mrs. Doris Biggs, assistant vice-president, and Robert Gohn, audior.

INDIANA MOTOR BUS DEPOT

Moved to Bezy's Restaurant

The Sentinel, February 4, 1976

The Indiana Motor Bus company has moved its Rochester terminal to Bezy's 11 restairamt (formerly the Point) at Ind. 14-25 on the south edge of the city, Robert P. Weller, passenger agent, announced today.

Weller said the new bus station will be under the

management of Joe Manser of Rochester. The station agent will be Joe D. Lippet of Plymouth. - - - -

LAKESIDE 66 SVC STATION

Pur Ken Gentry

The Sentinel, February 17, 1976

The former Lakeside 66 service station will become Gentry's Corner on March 2 under the ownership of Ken Gentry in association with his son, Mark.

The business will be a combined full-service gas station and a used car sales and service operation. - - - -

Gentry has been a car salesman in Rochester for nearly 12 years. He was with the former Bud Hartman Motors across the road from the Phillips 66 station at the east junction of Ind. 25 and 14 for nine years and has been with Hartman's successor, Schnarel Motors, for nearly three years.

His son presently is in the mechanical department of Dickerhoff Trucking company of Mentone.

The Phillips 66 station at Ind. 25-14 has been closed since the first of the year.

RICHARD BAIR PHOTOG.

Pur John Wicoff

The Sentinel, February 24, 1976

John Wicoff of Wicoff Studio, 824-1/2 Main street, has purchased Richard Bair photography, 916 Franklin avenue, it was announced today.

Wicoff is a 1966 graduate of Rochester high school and a 1971 graduate of Valparaiso university. He has been employed as a manager for a full-line camera and photographic supply store in South Bend, a salesman for photo processing lab and retail photo goods store in Fort Wayne and served as a full-time wedding photographer for Zehring Studios, Mishawaka, while a student.

He attended IVY Tech's course in commercial and industrial

photography at the South Bend campus and is a member of the Professional Photographers of Indiana, the Rochester Kiwanis club and Grace United Methodist church.

A graduate of the Winona School of Professional Photography, Wicoff specializes in wedding portrait, commercial and industrial photography.

All negatives taken by Bair will be on file at the Wicoff Studio, says Wicoff.

Bair is closing his operation due to a heart attack he suffered last fall. He has operated Bair Photography for the past 16 years.

JAIL BREAKS, ROCHESTER

History

The Sentinel, February 24, 1976

The current concern about what to do with the Fulton county jail - and Friday's jail break - has prompted Mrs. Frieda Sullivan Hill, 315 Main street, to bring to The Sentinel a newspaper article about Fulton county's first jail, a jail break in the 1840s and what happened to the key to that first jail.

The article appeared in The Sentinel about 1935 and was written by the editor, Major Albert Bitters.

The first Fulton county jail was built of logs in 1837 and stood midway between what is now Madison and Monroe and Eighth and Ninth streets, directly east of the present Court-house.

According to Major Bitters' story:

"The county jail was a log structure, two stories, the lower being 16x16 feet square. Windows were placed in the north and south sides thereof, which were made secure with heavy iron bars, their ends inserted in auger holes in the logs.

"The floor was of heavy logs (puncheon), walls and floor full of old-fashioned iron cut spikes driven in to prevent prisoners from cutting or boring through it to liberty.

"The upper part was used by Sheriff Benjamin C. Wilson

and his deputy. (Wilson was sheriff 1845-49)

“Entrance to the second floor of the jail was by outside stairway, the lower landing being at the southeast corner. The only entrance to the cell was by means of a heavy trap door through the center of the upper floor, a prisoner being required to descend therein by a ladder, which was then withdrawn by the officer and the trap door secured by a strong hasp and bolt.

“Some time after Mr. Wilson became sheriff, a man by name of John Eno was incarcerated on a charge of horse theft. In due time Eno gained the confidence of Sheriff Wilson to such extent that he was considered a real ‘trusty.’

“One day the officer and his deputy brought an unusually good dinner to the jail and thought it would be kindness to allow Eno to eat dinner with them in the upper quarters, so the ladder was lowered and the prisoner ascended. Inadvertently the door in the outside stairway was left ajar, with a large hand-forged iron key sticking in the lock on the outside.

“Eno jockeyed for position until he observed no hindrance between himself and the open door, lunged suddenly, sprang through the door, slammed it shut, instantly turning the key and locking the sheriff and deputy on the inside, stuck the key in his pocket and decamped.

“All about the jail was woods, undergrowth and thick hazel brush, hence Eno made an easy get-away. He then cast the jail key in the bushes on the south bank of the Tippecanoe river, about two miles west of Michigan road bridge.

“The sheriff and deputy yelled like Indians but it was some time before they aroused help to release them. The prisoner was captured, however, some time later in the Kankakee river country in the northern part of Indiana.

“About 1846 the old jail took fire and burned. Years later the old key was found and returned to ex-sheriff Wilson, who in 1874 brought it to the old Rochester Republican office and presented it to the late Major Bitters and it was regarded as a valued relic for a decade or longer. It hung on the south wall

full many a day, used as a little hammer with which to drive wedges into the type to make the form 'lift.'

"Finally someone 'snouged' it and sold it to a junk dealer. He disposed of it to Jacob Gerson, Israelitish keeper of a general store south of the courthouse and from him it came into the possession of Mel True, son of Jasper True, a respected old citizen. Mel predeserved the key during intervenng years until March 30, 1925, when he gave it to this writer as postmaster to be deposited in the cornerstone copper box in the new federal post office building (in Rochester), April 2, 1925, there to remain until future ages recover the key and read this story.

WOMAN OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Margaret Shafer

The Sentinel, March 4, 1976

By Margery Overmyer

Family Page Editor

"It was a great day when our family moved into the sheriff's home. It had a bathtub, for heaven's sake!"

The enthusiasm Mrs. Margaret Shafer showed when she recalled this event abound as she reminisces about the 83 years she has been part of Rochester's history.

She was nine years old when her father, Stilla Powell Bailey, was elected sheriff in 1902. The sheriff served two year terms in those days and Mr. Bailey was reelected to serve until 1906.

Before moving into the sheriff's resodemce, the Baileys lived at 609 Jefferson street, (built by Mr. Bailey) where five children were born. The home has remained in the family and Mr. & Mrs. Elliott (Bill) Bailey live there now.

In the early days, Mrs. Shafer recalls the house had only outdoor plumbing and Saturday night baths were taken in a bucket-filled washtub. So it was a special treat for the family to move into a home with indoor plumbing.

Mrs. Shafer's mother was Estavia "Essie" Indianola Myers Bailey. "She was named after a heroine in a book and the name

of a ship and we had a lot of fun kidding her about it”, our vivacious Woman of the Month recalls.

Margaret’s youngest brother, Byron Bailey, was born in the sheriff’s home. The only other baby to be born there, she recalls, was the late Mildred Fultz, a long-time local teacher.

“I don’t think people today know what pollution is”, Mrs. Shafer emphasizes. “Just think how things were then. The unpaved streets were always muddy or dusty and we had to be very careful where we walked because of the manure. Don’t you think that polluted the air?”

“But life was slower then, we made our own fun and I have many happy memories.”

She remembers the first movie (silent, of course) was shown outdoors where the Times theater s now. “We sat on benches and there must have been a canopy overhead but I can’t recall that”. Earle Miller ran the first movie house, The Earle, at the Knapp building location, she remembers. Then there was The Manitou (close to the present Sentinel building). My Theater (where Adlers is now) and the Kai-Gee (at the Local Finance site). The list could go on.

Then the late Lisle and Charles Kriegbaum bought the Robbins garage and converted it into the Times theater, where local citizens have been enjoying cinema magic ever since.

Mrs. Shafer’s musical talents came to the fore at the Times where she played the piano (and later the organ) to accompany the screen antics. A cue sheet accompanied the film to suggest music to be played to create certain moods. For instance, she recalls with a giggle playing “Flower Song” to instill pathos and “The William Tell Overture” whenever cowboys were part of the action.

Margaret’s job at the Times became obsolete wth the advent of talkies. “Our whole family piled out to see the first movie with voices, ‘The Jazz Singer’ with Al Jolson. The house was packed!” The organ was sold to the Kewanna Methodist church.

“When we were young we made our own fun. There was no television and we didn’t even have radio. My two sisters, (the late Mrs. Helen Wagoner and Mrs. Louise Taylor) and I thought nothing of keeping up with our brothers, skinning cats and playing games under the street lights at night”.

The Methodist church had an important part in their lives as it still does (Margaret has been church organist for “50 years at least”) The church was in the same location then, but the edifice faced Jefferson street instead of Seventh street. Mrs. Shafer remembers the Ladies Aid would serve meals to raise money for the church. And she recalls the 25-cent maple syrup and hot biscuits suppers served at the Christian church.

With mouth-watering relish the chicken dinners served at the Dinner Bell on Old Michigan Road come to mind. “We paid only 35 or 50 cents and the food was delicious!” The restaurant was run by Mildred Culp, sister of Mrs. Lee (Zora) Sharpe.

Margaret’s mother belonged to the Pythian Sisters and Rebekah Lodge, but for the most part her life revolved around her family. A fact hard to believe since she had six children. At the end of Mr. Bailey’s term as sheriff, the family moved to the 14-room house at 1229 Madison street. A cleaning woman came in once a week, but each child had chores, too.

Mr. Bailey went into the planing mill business on East Eighth street with his father-in-law, Jonah Myers. Later he bought into George Black’s hardware business, which still remains a family operation today. First Max worked with his father, then Byron and Elliott joined in the operation and now Byron’s sons run the store, retaining the picturesque atmosphere set by their predecessors.

Margaret and Robert Shafer were a steady couple in their high school days. Then he went to Purdue university and she stayed home, working and waiting for him to graduate before their marriage. “We had no idea of getting married while Bob was in school the way young people do today. How times have changed”, she muses.

During high school days two or three couples would get together on Sunday nights to sing around the piano, make fudge and pop corn. “And we had a ball”, Margaret laughs.

House parties at Lake Manitou provided the biggest excitement for teenagers then. The thought that those were Victorian days is distilled when one learns that the house parties were coed! “I had a hard time talking my mother into letting me attend”, Margaret remembers, “but we were so naive and innocent, there were no problems”. Turner’s cottage on the southwest shore was a favorite house party site.

While Bob was at Purdue Margaret traveled to Lafayette frequently by train or car for exciting weekends that included fraternity banquets and campus dances. The girls stayed in the fraternity houses (“My mother frowned on that, too”) with the boys herded into the upper floor.

Margaret and Bob often took canoe trips down the Tippecanoe river, camping out on a friendly farmer’s land and depending on the farm wife to sell them milk and eggs or even a freshly-baked pie, if they were lucky. Hugh Barnhart and one of his beaux often accompanied them on these float trips.

Traveling to Lafayette and a long train excursion she made to visit relatives in Montana when she was 19 years old were the extent of her travels as a young girl. She recalls, though, going to Chicago and South Bend by train with her mother to buy fabric for her wedding dress and to complete her trousseau.

With her mother’s help she made most of her own clothes, including a heavy chinchilla coat. One of them pulled the thick material through the machine while the other worked the foot pedals.

After the Shafers were married in 1916 they lived on the Peirce Ward family (sic) in Richland township. They continued to come into town for church, social and family activities. Then they lived with Margaret’s mother before buying the Pontiac street home where she still lives. They purchased the house from her great-aunt, the late Mrs. Jacob Myers (mother-in-law of

Mrs. Ray Myers for an unbelievable \$2,500. “Compare that with the price of houses today”, Margaret exclaims.

Mr. & Mrs. Shafer raised three children, Barbara Leaverton of St. Joseph, Mo., Sara Lewis of South Bend and Phil deceased. Margaret has fond memories of summer days the family spent in a cabin near Atwood.

Her late husband was associated with Equitable Insurance of New York and worked for the state highway department after his retirement. Always active in politics, he served as the mayor of Rochester in the early 1950s.

The influence of Robert’s father, Winfield Shafer, is still felt in Fulton county. He began the local college (now defunct) and started Woodlawn hospital in a large home on the site of the present hospital. Upon their father’s death Bob’s brother, Dr. Howard Shafer (David Shafer’s father), cut short a surgery practice in Chicago to run Woodlawn.

So two Rochester buildings which are entwined in Margaret’s life, the jail and the hospital, are facing drastic changes and possible demolition. It saddens her to face this possibility, but she does so realistically. And that is what one would expect of this lady who faces life with grit and fortitude and happiness in her heart.

WHITMER GYM

Owner, Fulton Co YMCA

The Sentinel, March 9, 1976

Ownership of the former Whitmer gym and the land directly to the east was vested in the Fulton County Family YMCA Monday when the deed was transferred from the City of Rochester to the Family Y.

Should the Y relinquish the property, ownership would revert to the City. - - - -

MARTIN PRODUCTION

Expanding

The Sentinel, March 11, 1976

Martin Production Services on Indiana avenue just north of Eighth street has embarked upon an expansion program with the acquisition of a Logansport company and additional floor space in the Modern Materials building (former Crystal Dairies plant).

The Martin company, which started in 1972 in a garage and moved to its present building in September of 1973, now is a partnership involving Ted Martin and Melvin Woodcox

They have purchased the assets and contracts of Logansport Screw Products, a supplier of component metal parts to original equipment manufacturers in all fields of manufacturing.

These operations will be moved to the present Martin building to join the light and secondary machining and assembling work now being conducted there.

The small tool and die and the heavy machining operations will be moved from the present building to the newly-acquired area in the building on East Fourth street owned by Modern Materials. - - - -

MOORE BUSINESS FORMS

Robert E. Clark, Comptroller

The Sentinel, April 9, 1976

Robert E. Clark, a member of the general production staff of Moore Business Forms at Glenview, Ill., has been appointed comptroller of the Rochester plant effective May 1.

He will succeed Stanley B. Stevens, who has been named to the corporate cost and pricing staff as financial associate at the corporate headquarters in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Stevens, his wife Chris and their children Mark, 17, Matt, 16, and Jackie, 13, will leave Rochester about June 1 following the close of the present school term.

The move to Rochester will mark a return to Indiana for

Clark, who joined Moore Business Forms as a cost clerk in Mount Dennis, Ontario, Canada in 1955. He was corporate auditing and cost supervisor at the Angola, Ind., plant in 1967-68.

He moved to the central division headquarters in 1968 and in 1973 was named divisional cost manager, a position he held until the beginning of this year when he joined the general production staff.

Clark is an associate member of the Jaycees, and belongs to the Congregational United Church of Christ and society of Industrial Accountants.

In Arlington Heights, Ill., where he resides, he organized a youth hockey league that started with two teams and now has over 300 boys

Clark and his wife Winnifred have two children - Julie, 14, and Karen, 10 - and expect another child in August. They plan to move to Rochester in August.

ZIMMERMAN'S PASTRIES

Pur, Ray Schrader

The Sentinel, April 26, 1976

Elmer and Helen Zimmerman, owners and operators of Zimmerman's Pastries here for almost 25 years, announced today the sale of the business to Ray Schrader, who is manager of the Rochester office of Local Finance corporation.

The change in ownership will become effective next Monday. It will mark the end of a 38-year career in the bakery business for the Zimmermans.

The Zimmermans started their bakery in Rochester in 1951 when they obtained the lease of the Taylor bakery on the northeast corner of Eighth and Main streets which now is occupied by the expanded Farmers and Merchants bank.

In February of 1964 the bakery moved to larger quarters at its present location, 723 Main street, which had been occupied by the former Morris grocery. A Coffee Nook was added at that time

Elmer Zikmmerman went into the bakery business in 1938 when he joined a bakery business in 1938 when he joined a bakery in North Manchester. From 1947-49 he owned a restaurant in North Manchester in a building owned by Maurice Sadowsky of Rochester, who owns the building now occupied by Zimmerman's Pastries.

In 1949 Zimmerman purchased a bakery in Constantine, Mich., which he and his wife operated until coming to Rochester and opening their bakery here on Nov. 30, 1951.- - - -

They have three married sons - Jack, a bakery manager for the Safeway grocery store chain in Los Angeles, Cal., Dr. Richard, director of computer research for the Hewlett-Packard company in Polo Alto, Cal., and Roger, with the Ashram bakery in Indianapolis.

The Zimmermans have five grandchildren, all in California.

Schrader has been with Local Finance for seven years and has been Rochester manager for one year. He is a native of Grovertown and was a navy baker for three years on the destroyer USS Morton during the Vietnam War. He also attended Ball State university for two years.

He is a member of the Jaycees, Moose lodge and American Legion at Plymouth.

KROGER SUPERMARKET

Wes Jones, Mgr.

The Sentinel, May 3, 1976

The appointment of Wes Jonea as manager of Kroger supermarket, 913 Main street, was announced today.

He assumed his new duties Saturday, replacing Steve Johnson. Johnson has been promoted to produce merchandising representative for the 26 Kroger stores in the South Bend Fort Wayne area, including Rochester.

Jones comes to the city from the Kroger Super Store at the Maplewood shopping center in Fort Wayne, where he was co-manager. He has been with the food firm three years, also

serving at outlets in Lansing, Mich., and South Bend.

The new manager and his wife, Kathleen Ann, are the parents of two children, Wesley James, 5, and Stacy Lanae, 3. The family will move to the city as soon as housing is obtained.

Johnson, a native of this city and graduate of Rochester high school, has been manager of the local store for three years and with Kroger 12 years. He is a member of Grace Methodist church, a director of the Kiwanis club and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Johnson family will continue to reside in the city, at 1207 Rochester boulevard. Steve and his wife, Tina, have two children, Misty Marie, 8, and Steven Eric, 4.

FIRST NATL BANK

Adds Directors

The Sentinel, July 1, 1976

The First National bank of Rochester announced today that the board of directors has elected two additional members, effective today. They are:

--David E. Hastings, senior vice-president, who joined the bank last April. Hastings moved here from the Peoples National bank of Washington, Ind., where he was president and director.

--Donald E. Showley, Rochester township farmer and a director of the Fulton County REMC. Showley concluded on Wednesday a four-year term on the Rochester school board.

The First National bank board of directors now has 10 members.

FULTZ REUN

Chloris Barkman Home

The Sentinel, July 2, 1976

First cousins of the Fultz family in Indiana met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Chloris Barkman for a reunion recently. Some of the cousins had not seen each other for 40 years.

A basket dinner was served at the noon hour with Dea Fultz asking the blessing

Present were Anna Vandergrft, Gilbert, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. Otto Fultz, North Webster; Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Vanlue, Indianapolis; William Miller, Warsaw; and Charles Culp, Elkhart.

Local people attending were Stellavon Fultz, Mr. & Mrs. Dea Fultz, Rhea Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Van Duyne, Telford Conrad and Mr. & Mrs. Al Brown.,

Mr. & Mrs. Nate Wierick of Wasaw and Allene Biddinger, second cousins, also attended.

The group recalled incidents that happened when Grandma Fultz came to stay in their homes.

Unable to attend were Irene Culp of Elkhart, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Fultz of Indian Lake, Cleo Brundidge of South Bend and Alice Feece of Mishawaka.

KUMLER REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, July 2, 1976

The John J. Kumler family met for its 43rd reunion Sunday at City Park. This was the first reunon held since 1962, when they met at Royal Cnter.

There were 57 members and two guests present. May Kumler was the oldest and Mike Woolington Jr., of Logansport, was the youngest. Coming the farthst was Harlan Kumler and his daughter, Mary, of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

The group voted to meet at City Park again next year on the fourth Sunday in June.

Families attending were Dean and Lois Kumler; George and Pat Hoover, Jeff & Jennie; Forrest and Elnora Baker, all of Kewanna; Earl & Blanch Baker, Royal Center; Everett & Thelma McVay, Lyle, Roger, Faye, John and Marjorie, of Freedom; John & Margaret Hargroves of LaPorte; Haddy & Florence Smith of Coldwater, Mich.; Harlan Kumler and Mary, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; Byron Kumler, Harry & Jayne Saeger, Bradley and Tina. Allen Morris and Darlene Saeger, all of Troy, Mich.; Darl & Jessie McVay, Diana, Cathy and Philip, of Lucerne; Rex Murray of Idaville, Bill & Delores Kumler, their children, Jim and Teresa, and grandson, Mike Woolington Jr., all of Logansport; Richard & Nancy Kumler, Robert and Andrew, of LaFountain; Andy & Nancy Noftger, Mike, Brian and Rod of Bunker Hill; May Kumler, Bob and Darla Kumler and Chuck, Linsy and Linda Ewen, Matt and Beth, and Lois Ewen, all of Rochester.

SMILEY REUN

Ray Smiley Home

The Sentinel, August 4, 1976

The annual Smiley reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Smiley, Lake Manitou.

Those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. Roger Gowdy, Jeff and Joel, all of Elkhart; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fleming, Elizabeth, Billy and Davie, all of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Tullis, Wabash; Miss Corinne Smiley, Terre Haute; Mrs. Glen Smiley, Milford, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Smilley, East Lynn, Ill; Miss Jane Smiley, Detroit, Mich.; Tom Tullis, Wabash; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Smiley and Lori, Argos; Miss Judy Smiley, Tampa, Fla.; Mr. & Mrs. Everett Smiley, Jan and Alan, all of Columbia City.

Those attending from Rochester were Mr. & Mrs. Russell Smiley, Mrs. Earl Smiley, Mr. & Mrs. John Smiley and Don Smiley.

THE ROCHESTER SENTINEL

Jack K. Overmyer, Owner

The Sentinel, August 18, 1976

The purchase of Hugh A. Barnhart's stock interest in The Rochester Sentinel was announced today by Jack K. Overmyer, editor and publisher.

Barnhart, whose family has been involved in the publication of the newspaper for 90 years, will continue his association on a consultancy basis as publisher emeritus. He has resigned as a member and chairman of the corporation's board of directors.

Overmyer has been co-owner of the newspaper since 1960 and president of the corporation since 1970. With the current purchase, he assumes full ownership.

A native of this city, Overmyer is a 1941 graduate of RHS. He majored in history and political science at Indiana university and also served as director of athletic publicity for I.U. while a student. A member of The Indianapolis Star's sports staff six years, Overmyer returned to Rochester in 1952 as managing editor of the newspaper. He has been editor and publisher since 1966. He is the son of Charles S. Overmyer and the late Edyth Kingery Overmyer of this city.

Barnhart's father, the late Henry A. Barnhart, bought The

Sentinel in 1886 when it was a weekly and transformed the newspaper to daily publication in 1896. Henry was elected to the first of his five terms as U.S. Representative in 1908 and leased The Sentinel that year to two of his longtime employees, Harold (Hurd) and Floyd (Pete) Van Trump.

The Van Trumps were in charge of The Sentinel until 1913, when they started a new daily newspaper here, The Fulton County Sun, later renamed The Daily News when merged with The Rochester Republican.

Dean Barnhart, the congressman's eldest son, succeeded the Van Trumps as manager and editor of The Sentinel, resigning as reporter for The South Bend News-Times to take the position.

Hugh Barnhart returned to Rochester from World War 1 army service in 1919 to become editor of The Sentinel, brother Dean moving to Goshen as publisher of The Goshen Democrat. He now resides in that city.

In 1924, Hugh Barnhart and Floyd Van Trump effected another newspaper merger to become co-owners of the new paper, named The News-Sentinel. Harold Van Trump retired from the local journalism scene at that time.

Overmyer purchased the Van Trump stock interest in 1960 and the newspaper in 1961 resumed its original name of The Rochester Sentinel, dating from 1858.

KLINE'S TV & APPLIANCE

Grand Opening

The Sentinel, August 19, 1976

Kline's TV and Appliance at 126 East Eighth street will begin a week-long grand opening observance at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the remodeled quarters formerly occupied by Baker hardware and the H&D Creamer carpet firm.

Managed by Tim Kline in association with Dick Showley, Kline's first opened its door to the public Aug. 6. - - -

Tim Kline is a son of Raymond and Showley is a son-in-law. - - -

COLONIAL INN

May be Rezoned

The Sentinel, August 24, 1976

The Rochester City Plan Commission unanimously recommended Monday night that the former Colonial Inn property on the north shore of Lake Manitou be rezoned to permit a townhouse development of up to 15 buildings. - - - -

PUBLIC SVC INDIANA

Fred R. Hodel Retired

The Sentinel, August 25, 1976

Fred R. Hodel, administrative assistant of Public Service Indiana company's Wabash area headquarters, retired Aug. 1, after 46 years of service with the company.

Hodel, former Rochester resident, was manager of Public Service Indiana at Rochester 18 years. He left the Rochester office in 1974 to assume the administrative position in Wabash.

Hodel was transferred from Noblesville in 1939 to Rochester as chief clerk. While in Rochester he was promoted to accounting supervisor and local manager. He held the administrative assistant position in Wabash until his retirement.

ONSTOTT REUN

James Onstott Home

The Sentinel, September 8, 1976

The Onstott family reunion was held Aug. 15 in the home of James and Vicki Onstott in Rochester.

Attending the event from Rochester were: Ann B. Onstott, Florence Onstott Scott and son, David; George & Helen Onstott Slisher and daughter, Rebecca; Forrest and Phoebe Onstott Heishman, and Mr. & Mrs. James Onstott and daughters, Carrie and Jessica.

Out of town family members attending were David and Nikki Onstott and Laura, Leslie, Matthew and Adam Onstott, all from New Jersey; Stephen Onstott, Susan Onstott Shahlapour, Amy Onstott Gonzalez and children, Alicia, Rudy, Mike and Kathy, all from Chicago.

TABLER REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, September 8, 1976

Eighty-five members of the Tabler family met in Rochester city park Sunday for a family reunion.

Those present were: Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Tabler and family, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Moss and family, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Tabler, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tabler, all of Logansport; Mr. & Mrs. Adam Sommers, Grass Creek; Mr. & Mrs. Louis Lozan and family, Mentone; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Goodman, Chicago; Mr. & Mrs. James Crist and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Williamson, all of Twelve Mile.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Tabler, Miss Jackie Tabler, Ralph Grove, all of South Bend; Kenneth Tabler, Dayton, O.; Mrs. Sandy Wheadon and children, Twelve Mile, and Mr. & Mrs. Herman Goodman, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Horban and family, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Henriott and family, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Tabler, and Mrs. Mary Nolen and children, all of Rochester.

F&M BANK

Rick Weaver, Assist Cashier

The Sentinel, September 9, 1976

Richard (Rick) Weaver, formerly of Akron, has joined the staff of the Farmers and Merchants Bank here, President Glenn Skersick announced today, and presently is undergoing training to assume the position of assistant cashier.

Weaver has been teacher of business administration at Plymouth high school for the past six years. He is a graduate of Akron high school and holds degrees in business from Manchester college (bachelor's) and Indiana university (master's). He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Weaver, RR 2, Rochester, and is a member of the Akron Church of Brethren.

Weaver and his wife, Pat, now reside in Plymouth but will move to this area as soon as housing is available. Mrs. Weaver teaches at the Argos elementary school.

MOORE'S STORE

Closing Out

The Sentinel, September 10, 1976

Moore's store on East Fourth street road has announced that it will close Saturday for an unknown period of time.

According to Jack Randis, sales manager for Moore's western division, all stores in Indiana will be closed by Saturday and an inventory will be taken for a proposed sale of the stores to J.P. Knight, Texas. Randis said that right now future plans are "up in the air."

The Moore's stores are undergoing a reorganization and most of the stores were closed Wednesday. The Rochester store was allowed to remain open until Saturday by the courts. The reason for the extension was not known by Randis or local employees.

The Moore's store in Rochester was on Main street before the Wile's fire burned out that location in 1975.

Moore's came to Rochester April 17, 1968 with Robert Atkinson as the store manager. Bernard Bickle is the current manager.

COUNTY COURT

Needed Now

The Sentinel, September 21, 1976

By WILLIAM FREYBERG

Sentinel Managing Editor

Fulton county will lose the services of Small Claims Court Referee Judge Keith Tyler next Jan. 1 and Circuit Court Judge Wendell C. Tombaugh will handle those duties in addition to his regular caseload.

And frankly, says Judge Tombaugh, it won't work.

Judge Tombaugh says that "there is no way that Judge Tyleer will be able to serve as referee of the Small Claims Division of the circuit court next year because of the press of personal business coming up for him."

And there is no one else around who will take the job, so he will do it himself, said Judge Tombaugh.

But that isn't going to work because a backlog of cases in both circuit and small claims courts is bound to build up to a point that it is intolerable, says the judge.

Therefore, residents of Fulton county should pressure their state legislators for creation of an additional court in Fulton county - a

full-fledged county court or a superior court - and they should start that pressure now, Judge Tombaugh declared.

It's the state legislature's fault in the first place that Fulton county is facing a bind in court operations, the judge stated.

When the Indiana General Assembly abolished justices of the peace courts throughout the state, effective Jan. 1976, it established new county courts for almost all of the state's 92 counties. It also provided state assistance for paying the county court judges a salary high enough to attract good men to the position.

But county courts were denied 22 counties and Fulton county was one of them. Those counties were told to establish small claims divisions of their circuit courts and to find someone to be the judge - called a referee.

The General Assembly required that the referee be an attorney admitted to the Indiana Bar but it prohibited an attorney who practices in a circuit court from being the referee in that circuit court's small claims division.

That eliminated all attorneys in Fulton county from taking on the small claims referee's post here as an extra, or "moonlighting" job.

And the post in Fulton county doesn't pay enough - the salary this year was \$7,500 - to attract an attorney from another county to give up part of his own practice and travel here once or twice a week to hear cases.

That \$7500 extra that some attorney might earn seems like plenty, but it certainly didn't whet the appetites of anyone qualified for the job, according to Judge Tombaugh.

After searching far and wide, Judge Tombaugh finally prevailed upon Tyler to serve as Fulton county referee "as a personal favor to me," the judge said.

Tyler, who lives at Lake Manitou, is a retired Indianapolis attorney who agreed to serve on a part-time basis in a manner that would fit in with his own personal schedule.

At the time he accepted the post last October, Tyler was national vice-president of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, an organization of 26,000 owners of Airstream mobile homes

In 1977, Tyler will become president of that club and he will not have time to be referee of the Fulton circuit court's small claims division, Tombaugh said.

Still unable to find anyone else for the post, Judge Tombaugh says he will take the job himself at no change in his salary. He said he

will devote every Monday to small claims division cases.

Cases going to small claims division include most traffic law violations, minor offenses (misdemeanors) such as assault and battery, and civil cases in which the amount involved is less than \$3,000.

The name of the small claims division includes the word “small” but what is happening there belies that word.

So far this year, said Tombaugh, the division has handled 800 traffic cases, 150 small claims cases and 150 misdemeanor cases.

In the first six months of this year, the division has taken in more than \$13,000 for the Fulton county general fund and over \$27,000 that went into the state treasury.

That made it a \$40,000-plus operation in half a year.

Tombaugh said that with Mondays being given to small claims division and Fridays to juvenile court matters, he will have only Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for all other court matters.

That won't be nearly enough time, he states. “Something will have to give . . . And what will happen is that there will be a backlog built up to the point that justice, which includes a speedy trial, can't be done.”

Fulton county deserves a new county court, Judge Tombaugh declares. At the very least, he says, the county deserves to share a county court with another county.

The county has the facilities. The entire third floor of the Courthouse has been given over to the court system and has been remodeled to provide a county court room and other rooms for use by a county court.

It's squarely up to the people of Fulton county, says the judge, as to whether justice can continue to be done here.

FIRST FEDERAL S&L

Now In Its New Bldg

The Sentinel, September 24, 1976

First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Fulton County this morning opened the doors of its spacious new headquarters building at Ninth and Monroe streets, following almost a year of construction. - - - -

First Federal began its existence Jan. 3, 1966, in the back room of that building, originally the site of the Ewing grocery, and in 11 years has grown to \$30 million in savings assets. - - - -

BRENNAN INS. AGCY.

Pur Agnew Insurance Agency
The Sentinel, October 1, 1976

The Brennan Insurance Agency, oldest in Kewanna, was sold this week by Margaret Brennan to John M. Agnew of the Agnew Insurance Agency of Kewanna.

The Brennan Insurance Agency was started in 1928 when John F. Brennan, Margaret's father, purchased the business of Isaac Hendrickson and Son. The Brennan agency has been in the same location since later in 1928 when it was moved from the office on Logan street to its present location on Main street.

Miaa Brennen has operated the business since her father became ill. She received her first insurance agent license in 1932.

The house in which the agency is located is one of the oldest ones in Kewanna. One of the foundation stones has a date of 1878.

TOMBAUGHS BECOMING

Local Historians

The Sentinel, October 9, 1976

By SCOTT FORNEY

Sentinel News Editor

Most people in Fulton county know Wendell Tombaugh as a judge, but few people probably realize that he and his wife Jean also are becoming historians - particularly historians of Fulton county.

Most of the important facts about Fulton county are on record somewhere in the county, but the problem is where to find those records and, when they are located, how to find the information one is searching for. These are the problems the Tombaughs are trying to solve.

In their work, the Tombaughs will index records of marriages in the county, guardianships, estates, census records, and already have indexed Barnhart's History of Fulton county.

Also completed is an indexing and expansion of the 1850 census for Fulton county. The book includes as much information as the Tombaughs could dig up on every family listed in the census. The biggest problem with indexing these records,

according to Judge Tombaugh, is interpretation of the original records.

The original records are on microfilm which the Tombaugh read on a micro-film reader in the den of their home at 700 Pontiac street where most of their work is done.

The records are hand written and that is the problem. When a name or other information comes up that is illegible, the Tombaugh begin a series of crosschecking of other available records to try to come up with the proper spelling. Sometimes this is almost impossible to do and when this happens it is noted in the final draft.

One of the many items listed in the census books is the area of the country or what foreign country the families listed in the book came from. That single column gives the reader insight into the background of Fulton county.

Before that information can be printed, though, a lot of work goes into gathering the information and organizing the findings. Once the information is gathered it is listed on index cards which are kept in boxes until ready for typing.

When all the information has been filed and placed in index boxes, the typing begins. The Tombaugh type up the master sheets for printing on two electric typewriters in their den and when the typing is completed they are ready to begin printing the copies.

In the basement of their home the Tombaugh have a table-top offset press which "sometimes works pretty well, and other times doesn't," according to Judge Tombaugh. One of the problems with the press is that it doesn't have a counting device and Mrs. Tombaugh must count each copy as it comes from the press.

When all the printing is complete and the pages have been put in order the books are ready to be bound. The books are wrapped and sealed and taken to North Manchester by the Tombaugh in the family car where they are bound by the Heckman Bindery.

An 1850 census, though, is not something every family wants. Jean Tombaugh says most of the books probably will be sold to libraries, geneology societies or historical societies. The boos are advertised in The Indianapolis Star in a column called Indiana Ancesters.

But the Tombaugh quickly point out that the books are not being done to make money, but rather to provide information that they feel is important to the history of Fulton county. Judge Tombaugh said he hopes the information will help some future historians who might want to write a history of the area.

One of the most interesting books done by the Tombaugh is a compilation and indexing of the county's cemeteries. Presently they are working on Citizen's cemetery in Rochester, but one book of listings is already complete.

The books give directions to all the cemeteries in the county, many of which are long forgotten, and lists names on the stones and all the informaton available on the persons buried there. Other books of this type have been published but Judge Tombaugh points out that none appear to be as complete as the Tombaugh books.

One feature in the Tombaugh books that is mising in other purlications is directions to each stone. The book lists the way the rows in the cemetery run, and all rows are read the same direction, making it easy to locate every stone.

Most of the work on the cemetery books is done in the Tombaugh's free time and so must be spread over many months. The work begins by going to the cemeteries on free afternoons and recording on tape all the information that can be taken from the stones. This information is typed up in rough form before the Tomaugh's organize it in preparazation for printing.

The first of the cemetery books to be printed is entitled Fulton County, Ind. Cemetery Incriptions. It required over two year of work to complete. It contains cemetery incriptions from Wayne, Liberty and Henry townships, and is 804 pages long.

It was Jean Tombaugh who started the whole thing. She

published a book in 1965 on the Chitwood Family, of which her family, the Craguns, are a branch. The book went into a second printing this year.

Judge Tombaugh credits his wife with getting him interested.

“You couldn’t be married to her for long and not get interested,” he says.

The biggest problem in a project of this sort? Time.

Judge Tombaugh says he and his wife hope to put out 30 books eventually, if they can find the time. He said that they are easing into retirement by doing the books and that once he does retire, most of his time will be spent on the publications.

Obviously, books of this sort never will be best sellers but the Tombaugh says they didn’t go into the project with ideas of making a lot of money from the books. “It’s rewarding to hear from people who have been helped,” said Mrs. Tombaugh. The Tombaugh will make the books available to the public, though.

All the books printed so far are available through Tombaugh Publishing House. Books planned for the immediate future include the 1860 and 1870 census, volume two of Fulton County Cemetery Inscriptions, and Miami County Cemetery Inscriptions, Allen and Perry townships.

PROBATION PART-TIME

Resigns

The Sentinel, November 11, 1976

Pete Shafer, part-time probation officer for Fulton county has resigned and will be replaced Jan. 1 by Mrs. Brad (Barbara) Baker, Rochester police officer.

Shafer, who will have been with the probation office for one year, will go into the advertising business with his father, Dave, in Rochester. He also is the director of Fun Services, which provided games and entertainment at special events.

Shafer will be available to help the county probation department on an assignment, non-paid basis.

Mrs. Baker has been with the Rochester police department

since April 1, 1972 and will be working full-time for the probation department.

Shafer pointed out that the probation officers are paid 90 percent of their salary from a federal grant, five percent by the state and five percent by local contributions, so that the addition of a full-time officer will not require the county to come up with more money to pay the officer.

Geprge Jones will continue as the chief probation officer and Kenneth Overstreet will remain as a part-time officer.

LEITERS FORD

Meal Site

The Sentinel, November 24 1976

Area 5 Nutrition Director Terrence R. McGovern announced today the opening of the third area meal site for senior citizens. The new site is the United Methodist church in Leiters Ford and meals will be served on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon to any person 60 years of age or older, starting Nov. 29.

The program will be implemented by Mrs. Faye Jahn, site director, and Mrs. May Williams, home delivery manager. Mrs. Williams will be responsible for taking meals to the physically disabled and for providing transportation to the site. - - -

The other sites in the county are at the Rochester Civic Center and the Kewanna Town Hall.

HOME HANDY MAN

Pur Joe Williams

The Sentinel, November 26 1976

Joe Williams today announced that he has purchased Home Handy Man from Richard Gregory and will operate the business under the new name of Builders Home Center.

The firm is located on Ind. 25 at the northeast edge of the city and handles a complete line of building materials including dimensional framing lumber.

Williams, who has been manager of the business since its opening two years ago, plans an early expansion of display and office areas. - -

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Duane Border is assistant manager, Pierre Abel handling

bookkeeping and also sales.

Williams, a native of this city, is a 1970 graduate of Rochester high school. He and his wife, Susie, reside on Barrett road at Lake Manitou..

ZOPPES

To Perform at Delphi

The Sentinel, December 16, 1976

The Zoppe circus family of Rochester, which used to perform free acts for children of Fulton county at Christmastime under sponsorship of local organizations, is doing the same thing now at Delphi.

Sponsored by the Delphi American Legion, the Zoppes will perform in the former Delphi school gymnasium Monday at 7 p.m.

The show will feature Johnny Zoppe and his rhesus monkey revue and will include Princess Sonja, an aerialist; Johnny Zoppe Sr., with a "clown alley"; the Don Philips jugglers from Milan, Italy, and Susan Sheryll, a Nashville recording artist who sings country-western songs.

The clown alley will have two Rochester residents - Miss Carolyn Warmbrod and George Crissinger - among its performers.

Each person attending will receive a free record done by Susan Sheryll, who will sign autographs at the conclusion of the show.

As a final attraction, Santa Claus will make an appearance.

PRESBYTERIAN ORGANIST

Mary Deniston Honored

The Sentinel, December 20, 1976

Mrs. Mary Deniston, Rochester, was honored recently by the congregation of the Presbyterian church upon her retirement as church organist for 24 years.

Mrs. Deniston, wife of Rochester City Judge William Deniston, was presented a gold bracelet by the congregation at a special reception following Sunday morning services at the church. The gift was in recognition of Mrs. Deniston's 24 years service.

Following the church reception, Mrs. Deniston was feted by her family members and close friends gathered to be with her on the special occasion.

Mrs. Deniston, acknowledging the honor from the church

membership, said the past 24 years as organist have been gratifying. She noted that it had been a privilege to work with the choice choir directing of Mrs. Louella McGuire.

Mrs. Harriet McAllister now has assumed the duties as organist.

In addition to her church duties, Mrs. Deniston has been children's librarian at the public library since June, 1968. As children's librarian, Mrs. Deniston conducts all story hours as well as supervises youth activities in the children's room at the library. She is in direct charge of selecting the reading material for children. Mrs. Claire Zehner, county Librarian, said Mrs. Deniston has the responsibility to see that children read the right books for their age and education. Mrs. Zehner said Mrs. Deniston is outstanding in her reading guidance program for the youth of the county.

Mrs. Deniston and her husband have two children, Mrs. Marianne Wagoner, Franklin, and Mike Deniston, Rochester. They have one grandchild. Mrs. Walter McDougle, mother of Mrs. Deniston, is a resident of the Peabody Home in North Manchester. She was in attendance at the church reception and also at the dinner party.

Also among the friends and family attending the event were Mrs. Deniston's three sisters, Mrs. Jean Garber, Rochester; Mrs. Kathleen Downs, Alton, Ill., and Mrs. Helen Smith, of Indianapolis.

FULTON COUNTY CLERK

Keeps Court Records

The Sentinel, January 18, 1977

By SCOTT FORNEY

Sentinel News Editor

To most Fulton county citizens, as well as people all over the country, the Courthouse is a mystery. If we think about it at all, we think of it as that picturesque building downtown, or as the place where trials are held.

Then comes the day when a form needs to be filed, a license bought, a parcel of land located, or any one of hundreds of other things and we're told to go to the Courthouse to a certain office. Unfortunately, that's how many persons learn of the offices and services available in their local and county government.

One of the most commonly used offices in the Courthouse is the office of the county clerk. The official name for the person holding this office is clerk of the circuit court and his job covers many areas. The

manual of instruction and legal guide for clerks of the circuit courts of Indiana describe the job this way.

The courts uniformly hold that the clerk of the court is a ministerial officer who has charge of the clerical part of its business. He is custodian of its record and seal, issues process, accepts filings of commencement of actions in litigation, enters judgments and orders of the court, receives money in his official capacity, makes certified copies of records, issues many miscellaneous licenses and licenses to practice various professions, and must keep a record of all wills and matters of trust in probate proceedings.

In other words, the clerk of the circuit court (for Fulton county it is Merrill Kendall), is responsible for keeping records and issuing licenses. In the Fulton county clerk's office, on the main floor of the Courthouse, records of all civil, criminal, probate, juvenile, adoptions, small claims and misdemeanors can be found.

These records, with the exception of adoption, are open to the public for examination.

Also kept there are voting registration records and records of campaign expenditures. The clerk is responsible for processing the votes on election day.

Need a marriage license or a passport for the honeymoon? The clerk's office is the place to go. He also issues all hunting, fishing and trapping licenses.

Kendall has five persons working for him - Kathryn Spice, first deputy; Cathleen Green, traffic deputy clerk; Jennette Jenkins, deputy clerk; Jean Garber and Jean Wagoner, part-time assistants. Their biggest job is the keeping of records and the collecting of money, including the collection and distribution of support checks.

Some interesting facts can be found by examining these records, including the fact that the clerk's office collected \$25,000 in 1975 and \$72,934 in 1976. The increase is due to the elimination of the justice of the peace courts and the taking over of their duties by the circuit court.

The records also list these comparisons between 1966, listed first, and 1978.

Civil cases filed, 230-298; criminal cases filed, 89-95; juvenile cases filed, 88-81; adoptions, 8-17; divorces filed, 51-152; marriage licenses requested, 162-190; support paid, \$120,594-\$297,453; passports, 31-92.

Also added to the clerk's workload this year were 961

traffic cases, 151 misdemeanor cases and 223 small claims cases. Altogether, 1,923 cases were filed in the clerk's office in 1976.

PROBATION OFFICE

Major Arm of Circuit Court

The Sentinel, January 25, 1977

By SCOTT FORNEY

Sentinel News Editor

Under the jurisdiction of Fulton circuit court is the probation officer - Fulton Circuit Court. This office does exactly what the name implies - handles probation matters assigned to it by the court.

The Fulton county probation officer is George Jones. He is assisted by Assistant Probation Officer Mrs. Barbara Baker and volunteer probation officer Kenneth Overstreet. Overstreet works strictly as a volunteer; he is never paid for his duties in the probation office.

Although some orders may be received from the state probation officer, Judge Wendell Tombaugh stresses that each probaton office is under the direction of the circuit judge for that area and each office may be run differently. The judge sets all the guidelines for the operation of the office.

The purpose of the office is to gather information requested by the court pertaining to probation of both juvenile and adults.

While the office handles about the same number of adult offenders as juveniles, most of the work is done with juveniles. Jones explained that the reason for this is that no work is done with adults until sentence is passed while with juveniles a great deal of paperwork must be completed by the probaton office before sentencing.

A possible juvenile offender may be referred to the probation office by the police, sheriff, schools, or a private citizen. When a referral is made, the judge may order a preliminary report on the suspected offender. The preliminary investigation done by the probation office consists of a social history of the juvenile.

When the report is completed it is sent to the judge who makes sure it conforms to his basic policy. If it does, he sends it to the prosecutor who will decide if enough evidence exists to proceed with the case.

If the case is sent on to court, a preliminary hearing is held and

the defendant is read his rights. Jones pointed out that a trial will not be held unless a parent or guardian is present with the juvenile.

The next step is arraignment, when the petition drawn up by the probation office is read by the judge. At this time the juvenile enters his plea of guilty or not guilty. If he pleads guilty, a pre-disposition report is made by the probation officer including opinions and recommendations.

The final step is a dispositional hearing at which time the sentence is announced.

However, if the defendant pleads not guilty, a fact-finding hearing will be held. Jones noted that there is no such thing as a jury trial for a juvenile; everything is handled by the judge.

If, after the fact-finding hearing, the juvenile is found guilty, a pre-disposition report is done and a dispositional hearing conducted.

A few years ago many juveniles were sent to institutions such as White's for rehabilitation, but in the past eight years Tombaugh has not sent anyone. Instead, they are being placed on probation or sent to the Indiana boy's or girl's schools.

Tombaugh said he believes better results are being achieved by sending youngsters to public institutions and it also gives the juvenile the opportunity to pay off any money owed because of his crime.

Tombaugh said that if Fulton county were compared to other counties in the area, he is sure Fulton county would be very low on delinquency cases. Jones said that figuring \$20 per day at a private institution for 12 juveniles a year, the probation system has saved the taxpayers \$788,400 in the past nine years.

In 1976 the probation office had 232 referrals, adults and juveniles combined. Of that number, 204 were handled formally; that is they appeared in court. The remainder, 28, were processed informally. Institutionalization was required for 50 persons. The rest were placed on probation and are being handled by the probation office. Tombaugh noted that the probation system has a lot of critics, but said no one is placed on probation who appears to be a bad risk. He said one of the biggest problems is what to do with a mentally retarded juvenile since there are no facilities to handle those cases.

Still, as Tombaugh and Jones see it, the purpose of the probation department is to help the offender without having to send him to prison, especially in the case of juveniles.

"Two or three days in our juvenile detention is better sometimes than a month at some institution," Jones said.

ROSEDALE MOTEL

Pur Robert Cunningham

The Sentinel, March 10, 1977

The Rosedale motel on Old U.S. 31 just south of Rochester now is under the ownership of Robert and Lena Cunningham following its sale by Mr. & Mrs. Alvin J. Klipp.

The motel, built in 1952, by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Reser of Rochester, had been owned and operated by the Klipps for 18 years following their move here from Gary. The Klipps purchased the business from Mr. & Mrs. Carl Durham in 1959.

Cunningham said the name of the motel and the room rates will remain the same. The motel has 19 rooms.

Born and reared in Rochester, Cunningham served in both the Army and the Air Force during a 10-year period ending in 1955. After service, he owned and operated the former Rochester Iron and Metal Salvage company on West Third street near the present Riddle school, then owned and operated a salvage yard in Akron.

During a 13-year span after that, he and his wife Lena, a native of Plymouth, traveled the country. At one time they owned and operated a motel in Cody, Wyo., and they also owned and operated five dairy farms in northern Wisconsin.

The Cunninghams have three daughters, Mrs. Ron (Sharon) Simons, Rochester; Gloria, at home, and Mrs. Adair (Tina) Siedelmann, Ladysmith, Wis., and two sons, John and Bruce, both of Ladysmith.

A brother of Cunningham, Joe, lives in Rochester, as do two sisters, Mrs. Mary Knight and Mrs. Chuck (Mildred) Nolen.

Mr. & Mrs. Klipp have no plans for the future except to travel. They will reside in the Village Apartments in the 1300 block of Monroe street.

OLYMPIC SPORTS CENTER

Pur Bill Parker

The Sentinel, March 11, 1977

The Olympic Sports Center at Eighth and Main streets will come under the ownership and operation of Bill and Kim Parker Saturday following its sale by Mr. & Mrs. Doug Coursey.

Coursey and Ed Acker of Rochester opened the store in the spring of 1972. The Courseys purchased sole ownership in

January, 1975. Mrs. Coursey (Carol) has been operating the store since then while her husband continued his employment with McMahan-O'Connor Construction company of Rochester.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Parker are natives of Rochester and graduates of Rochester high school. Parker is the son of Mrs. Virgil Parker and the late Mr. Parker of Rochester. Mrs. Parker is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Zimmerman of Rochester.

Parker will manage the store while Mrs. Parker continues as a teacher and girl athletic coach at Caston Educational Center.

Parker said no immediate changes are planned for the business except for an enlargement of inventory, particularly in athletic apparel.

F&M BANK

H.J. Richter, Kewanna Mgr

The Sentinel, March 12, 1977

Harry J. Richter, Liberty township resident, has been appointed manager of the Kewanna branch of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, President Glenn Skersick announced today.

Richter, who replaces Francis Sanders in the post, for the past 3-1/2 years has been field supervisor of auditors for the Indiana Employment Security Division. In this position, he directed the work of 14 auditors in offices at Lafayette, Logansport, Kokomo, Marion and Fort Wayne.

The new Kewanna manager joined the Employment Security Division as an audit examiner in the Logansport area until being advanced to field supervisor. Previously, he had worked for the accounting firm of Crowe, Chizek and Company in South Bend and for Closson Lumber company in Logansport.

For the past 12 years, Richter and his wife, the former Dorothy Douglass of Wayne township, have operated an accounting and tax service from their farm home south of the city on Ind. 25.

Richter is a graduate of Fulton high school and holds a BBA degree from the university of Notre Dame. He is a member and past president of the Fulton Lions club, is presently co-chairman of the Fulton County 4-H Fair Board and is a member of the Rochester Elks lodge.

The Richters are the parents of two sons, Todd, freshman, and Brian, fifth grade, both at Caston Education Center.

Other members of the Kewanna branch staff are Mrs. Katharine Orr, assistant cashier; Mrs. Elizabeth Reason, teller, and Mrs. Evelyn Peters, bookkeeper.

REPORTER

To Bread Maker, Clayton

The Sentinel, March 15, 1977

Rochester native Bernard Clayton Jr., Indiana University editor and writer, has experienced a writing career that spans all phases of newspaper reporting and writing to "breadmaking."

Clayton, editor of the new I.U. newspaper and "Your University," an alumnae publication, has added breadmaking to his accomplishments. He is author of "The Complete Book of Breads," a 900 page cookbook that explores all aspects of breadmaking. He has baked over 300 loaves of bread himself.

Clayton's interest in breadmaking was the result of several trips to Europe when his fancy for the dark European bread led him to gather all sorts of recipes and to try all of them.

Clayton's father was reared in Rochester and at one time was a reporter on The Sentinel news staff. The younger Clayton's grandfather, George Clayton, was a city night watchman here.

NEWCASTLE TWP

New Community Building

The Sentinel, March 17, 1977

Thirty-five months after it lost its community building to a tornado, Newcastle township in northeast Fulton county has a new community building ready for use.

Appropriately named the Newcastle Township Community Center, the one-story, 40-by-80-foot structure stands on the grounds formerly occupied by the Talma school and gymnasium buildings on the southeast side of Ind. 25 in Talma.

The gymnasium, which served as a community building, and the school building were destroyed by the tornado of April 3, 1974.

After delays caused by government red tape and difficulties in meeting a myriad of federal and state regulations, the new community building now can be used by groups of the township.

The building committee that spearheaded the successful effort to

construct the center and is in charge of its operation has decided there will be no rental charge to Newcastle township organizations, clubs and church groups using the building for regular meetings.

For fund raising events and private parties, there will be a \$25 rental; plus a \$10 janitorial deposit. The latter will be refunded if the building is left in satisfactory condition.

Use of the building can be arranged by calling Wendell Grass, Newcastle township trustee and building committee member, at 223-3036.

Financial donations still are being accepted and can be sent to Mrs. Linda Erp, building committee treasurer, at RR 5, Rochester. A non-financial contribution needed is a flag pole for an American flag donated by Mayor Wayne Hittle of Rochester.

The building committee has scheduled a Wilt's Benefit Days fundraiser for Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. The coupons needed by shoppers to participate in the event are available from Mrs. Erp at her residence in Talma and also from the other building committee members:

Joe Crill, chairman; Virgil Biddinger, vice-chairman; Mrs. Harriett Jameson, secretary, and Dave Burkett, Don Craig, Bob Daake, Carl Davis, Delbert Nutt, Scott Stinson and Grass.

A&W DRIVE-IN

By Robert Timbers

The Sentinel, March 17, 1977

Robert Timbers, who has been in the restaurant business in Rochester for most of the last 30 years, has purchased the A&W drive-in for the second time and plans to open it for the season about April 1.

Timbers bought the drive-in and the associated miniature golf course next to it from Charles Wyrich of Kokomo.

From 1947 to 1962, Timbers was associated with the Streamliner (formerly Modern Dairy Bar) at the south edge of Rochester. He was manager 12 of the 15 years.

In 1962 he purchased the A&W drive-in and operated it until selling it in 1969. For 2-1/2 years he was produce manager at the Wilts Food Center on East Ninth street, then he purchased the Hamburger Hut on Main street. He sold that business last June and since then he has been night manager four nights a week at the Streamliner.

Timber's wife, Judy, will continue to operate her Timbers Knitting Hut from their home on Barrett road while working part-time

at the A&W.

FULTON METAL MFG

Terry Long, V. Pres Gen Mgr
The Sentinel, March 19, 1977

Terry A. Long has been elected to fill the newly-created position of vice-president and general manager of Fulton Metal Mfg Co., Inc.

Rex Sims, president, announced that Long will be responsible for the total operation of the company, including the development of new business expansion.

Long previously held the position of vice-president of planning and materials for MarkHon Industries Inc, Wabash. He and his family will retain their residence in Wabash at this time.

Also, it was announced that George Jackson has been named manager of manufacturing. Jackson will have the responsibility for all production at Fulton Metal. He and his family reside at 1502 Bancroft avenue.

Fulton Metal produces metal fabricated products including dampers, access doors, panels and custom enclosures for the air pollution control industry. Sales are nationwide.

FULTON-PULASKI

County Court Near Reality
The Sentinel, March 29, 1977

A joint county court for Fulton and Pulaski counties that would replace the small claims division of the circuit courts in the two counties apparently will become a reality on July 1.

The bill establishing the joint court now needs only the signature of Gov. Otis Bowen to become effective following its passage in the Indiana House last Thursday.

Introduced by Senator Robert Peterson (D-Rochester), the bill received Senate passage Feb. 23. It has the backing of the Indiana Judicial Study Commission.

Wendell C. Tombaugh, judge of the Fulton circuit and juvenile courts, began the drive for a joint court, noting that the courts in both Fulton and Pulaski counties had become seriously overloaded due to the addition of the small claims division.

Judge Harold Staffeldt of Pulaski county and the bar associations of both counties joined Tombaugh in the effort for a joint county court.

When the General Assembly abolished Justice of the Peace

courts effective Jan. 1, 1976, it established county courts in all but 23 counties to handle the cases formerly processed by JPs. Those 23 counties, including Fulton and Pulaski, were told to set up small claims divisions of their circuit courts to handle the extra cases.

The extra work soon became too much in both Fulton and Pulaski counties and the move for a joint county court began.

There will be one judge for the Fulton-Pulaski court and he must be an attorney admitted to the bar. The position will be a full-time one and the attorney will have to give up his private practice to accept the post.

The position will draw an annual salary of \$23,500 and the state will pay most of it, according to Judge Tombaugh.

Gov. Bowen will appoint the first judge, who will serve from July 1, 1977 through Dec. 31, 1978. The position will be on the ballot in both counties in the elections of November, 1978.

Judge Tombaugh said that both counties have the facilities for a county court and that the judge will spend as much time as required in each county.

When the third floor court area of the Fulton County Courthouse was remodeled in late 1975, space was allotted for a county court.

The joint county court will handle civil cases involving not more than \$1,500 plus traffic and misdemeanor cases.

Judge Tombaugh said that Fulton county's small claims division handled a volume of these types of cases last year that was double that handled in the Wabash county court.

"This new court will be a money-maker for Fulton county because of the volume of work that is available to be done," Judge Tombaugh said.

TALMA TORNADO

Unexpected by Everyone

The Sentinel, April 2, 1977

By Mrs. NORMA ECKERT

About The Author

(Editor's Note: The tornado of April 3, 1974 struck many places in Fulton county and its effects were countywide.

Among the hardest hit areas were the small community of Talma along the Tippecanoe river in Newcastle township.

Although not in Talma when the tornado arrived, one of the

persons most deeply moved by the devastation was Mrs. Russell A. Eckert of Logansport, the former Norma Walker.

Mrs. Eckert and her brother, Lon Walker, now of Indianapolis, spent many summers along the Tippecanoe at Talma visiting their grandparents, the late Mr. & Mrs. Charles M Walker. Later, Mrs. Eckert and her husband purchased the Walker home and they still own a place along the river.

The grandparents located a summer home along the Tippecanoe primarily because of the residence there of Bill Kubley and Lottie Cram, brother and sister of the grandmother.

Mrs. Eckert, whose husband is the radiologist at Woodlawn hospital as well as at Logansport Memorial hospital, arrived in Talma the morning after the tornado. For several days after that, she put down her thoughts in writing.

The following, heretofore unpublished, is the article Mrs. Eckert composed. It is published today in observance of the third anniversary of the tornado.)

“I’ve been through a hurricane in Florida, a monsoon in the Far East and disastrous storms in South America, but none of these is as vicious as a tornado.”

The man, who had worked in construction projects all over the world, continued: “With other storms, you know when it’s coming. You board up your windows and prepare to sit it out in a safe place, but with a tornado, you just never know when it’s coming or if it’s coming. You get warnings, sure - but it could skip your area completely.”

And that’s the way it was with Talma, Indiana - nobody was looking for a tornado on April 3, 1974.

Many, whose homes and mobile homes were destroyed, own only what clothes they were wearing when the tornado struck. But they can still smile, even when the going is rough - like the young mother, who, grateful that she and her children are alive, terms herself, “The Talma Streaker.”

She was taking a bath at the time. Suddenly, her whole house and all of her possessions disappeared from around her and she was left sitting in the bathtub (which hadn’t moved) screaming for her children and wearing what everybody else wears when they take a bath - nothing.

The children popped up from the rubble like little mushrooms,

frightened but miraculously unhurt, so she grabbed them and streaked across the street to a still-standing house.

Bless those understanding, hard-working women at the Talma Methodist church. They, along with many other women in the community, kept a procession going of hearty good food and hot soups from their country kitchens to the church basement - backed up by plenty of hot coffee, hot chocolate and milk donated by dairies. People from just everywhere brought food - and a bakery truck from Warsaw backed up to the church to unload the generous contents of bread, rolls, and milk.

Beginning with the morning after the tornado, the Tippecanoe fire department auxiliary (from the tiny town of Tippecanoe, four miles from Talma) set up headquarters to dispense food at Burkett's grocery in Talma, and the Rochester fire department auxiliary ladled out hot chili and coffee at Hatfield's general store in Talma. The Hatfields and the Burketts furnished the space, along with much-needed warmth and comfort.

It was all done with no collections taken - it was all given cheerfully and free to victims and workers alike.

People are beginning to come out of their shock now, and the anecdotes flow to provide future reminiscences.

Joe and Blanche Duzan drank hot coffee in the church basement - very bruised and very sore, but with their sense of humor intact, as Joe remarked that "you just can't fool Mother Nature." Their new trailer is in the Tippecanoe river.

Charles Good stood looking, with anxiety and frustration, at his cornet case, jutting illogically from the second story outside wall of his partially-destroyed house. He had played his cornet in the Purdue band when he was a college boy (Mr. Good is in his 70s) and he didn't want to lose it now.

His grandson retrieved it for him, while a crew of Manchester college students rescued a treasured antique bedroom set, exposed by a missing roof and two missing walls.

Probably the first group on the scene to help were the Civil Defense men. The Marshall county group, led by a Mr. Fish, were performing a myriad of tasks - directing traffic, hooking up wires and communications lines temporarily, answering questions, and leading people to the ham operator (constantly on duty to relay messages to the outside world full of anxious relatives and friends)

Come to think of it, I don't think those men ever did go home.

They were joined later by the Civil Defense men from Logansport . . . and there may have been others that I don't know about.

There were so many people and groups of people who came to help. Talma talked about it . . . They appreciated it and wondered about all the concerned and generous people in this world that is supposed to be so crass and uncaring.

The saws continued going all day - and for days. Mennonites from farther north had arrived the first day after the tornado to free the street of Talma of the fallen trees. It was quite a task, since the street truly was lined with large, old trees on both sides.

I don't think the people quite realize it yet, but one reason that the town looks so frightening to them is the absence of the old, familiar trees, to say nothing of the old, familiar houses.

As we picked our way precariously over a real sunken living room, ducking under a dangling piece of ceiling, Freida Green remarked, "It's hard when you've lived in one place for 43 years." Their house is destroyed.

There are a few sick people. In spite of careful watching on the part of the National Guard and the law organizations, some looting exists. Neighbors take in their less fortunate neighbors, and they also take in their neighbors' furniture - partly to get it out of the elements, but mostly to get it out of the looter's eye.

One young couple, whose new mobile home blew apart, returned at 6:30 o'clock in the morning, following the tornado, only to find looters searching for tools and anything that could be carried away.,

They stated it with a matter-of-factness that I knew took courage, and they gratefully accepted warm blankets sent by people in Logansport. I know looters have got to be sick, because nobody could be that mean.

But kindness continues also. Donations of food, clothing, bedding, and various household essentials pour in - there is talk of having more than they can handle, not so much because they don't need the things, but because traffic is quite a problem and sorting things takes time.

Still, various offerings are eagerly seized. My husband arrived with a big box of well-worn, but freshly-washed blue jeans; one of the workers at the Talma church happily exclaimed that she knew about 40 kids who could use them right that minute. Once, they felt they had more bedding than they could use - but before the day was gone,

they were completely out of it; then a Salvation Army semi arrived with bedding and all kinds of good things in it.

What a wonderful job they are all doing! How could they even start to know what they need, when the ones who have lost everything don't yet know what they need? How could you possibly know what you need - now and tomorrow and next week - if everything you owned disappeared without warning into the sky?

There are small miracles - like the lady who announced that she had found her little gold wedding ring in the grass near where their mobile home had stood (and she didn't even quiver when she said it.)

An open truck load of boys from Culver Military Academy went by to clean up a debris-strewn area - perhaps in the mobile home section where the sweet little two-year-old girl was killed. The lack of additional deaths and serious injuries was, of course, one of the biggest miracles.

Ralph Hatfield, whose mother had run the old Talma General Store 50 or 60 years ago (or maybe longer than that), found an old kerosene cooking stove, which he set up in his store.

People were invited to come in and cook on it, if they had anything to cook, and anything to cook in. If not, they could come in and have a free bowl of chili from the Rochester fire department auxiliary, which Ralph keeps hot on his kerosene stove.

Of course, there is no electricity in the town . . . but water is no problem, since there are many flowing wells around.

Is anyone missing the front half of a bright red car? It's in the top of our apple tree.

And there is a large metal object, which my husband claims is, or was, a boat - wound around a telephone pole in our driveway. More correctly, the telephone pole is lying down in our driveway. It's lying near our chimney . . . Not far from our "bent-double" television tower.

Still, we're lucky. There are lots of people in Talma who speak of their houses using the past tense.

FULTON-PULASKI

County Court Judge

The Sentinel, April 5, 1977

Rochester attorney John J. Delworth Jr., a former Fulton circuit judge and Rochester city attorney, is expected to be appointed judge of the Fulton-Pulaski joint county court which will come into being next

July 1.

A petition from the bar associations of both counties recommending Delworth for the post will be presented to Gov. Otis Bowen, who on Monday signed the bill creating the new court.

The county court will replace the small claims division of the circuit courts in Fulton and Pulaski counties. The new court was requested because both counties' circuit courts have become overloaded due to the abolishment of Justice of the Peace courts, effective Jan. 1, 1978.

The position will be a full-time one with an annual salary of \$23,500. The state will pay the majority of the salary. The county court judge will spend the necessary amount of time in each county and can reside in either county.

Delworth has resided in Rochester since 1957. He was city attorney two times - from January, 1958 to January 1966 and from July, 1967 to January, 1976.

During the year of 1966 he was judge of Fulton circuit court, replacing Frederick Rakestraw who was appointed to an unexpired term as a justice of the Indiana Supreme Court.

Both counties have facilities for an additional court. Fulton county made provisions for another court when the entire third floor of the Courthouse was turned over to court operations during remodeling in 1975.

The small claims divisions of the Fulton and Pulaski circuit courts have been handling these types of cases since J.P. Courts were abolished, but the workload has become much too great for the circuit court judges in the two counties.

Both Wendell C. Tombaugh of Fulton county and Harold Staffeldt of Pulaski county are judges of the circuit court and the juvenile court in their counties and are handling small claims division work in addition.

Judge Tombaugh has been taking care of small claims division work on Mondays and juvenile matters on Fridays, leaving only three days a week for circuit court cases.

There is one other court in Fulton county to which traffic cases are assigned - Rochester city court. However, the same law that abolished justice of the peace courts calls for elimination of city courts effective Dec. 31, 1979.

Rochester city court, which is in session only on Monday nights, hears traffic cases primarily and some misdemeanor cases but no small

claims matters.

Both Fulton and Pulaski counties became overloaded with court work because they were among the 23 counties which were denied county courts in the law that abolished J.P. Courts. These 23 counties were told to create small claims divisions of their circuit courts and to employ a “referee” to handle the division.

The law stipulated that the referee must be an attorney admitted to the Indiana bar but it prohibited an attorney who practices in a circuit court from being the referee in that court’s small claims division.

After months of searching, Judge Tombaugh finally prevailed upon Keith Tyler, a retired Indianapolis attorney living at Lake Manitou, to be the referee for the Fulton small claims division. Tyler held the position during 1976 but resigned at the end of the year due to pressing personal business.

Judge Staffeldt never was able to find a referee for his small claims division and he reported at a meeting in Rochester last December that he was hearing as many as 32 small claims division cases one night a week and still was falling behind in his circuit and juvenile court work.

Judge Tombaugh says that the new county court will not cost Fulton county any money. He said that the amount of money that will go to the county general fund from county court will be more than whatever the county’s share of the judge’s salary will be.

ENYART ’S DISCOUNT

Opening Friday

The Sentinel, April 20, 1977

Enyart’s Discount will open in newly-remodeled quarters at 1619 Main street Friday, Emerson Enyart announced today. The business presently is located in the Enyart Motor Sales building at Fourth and Madison streets.

The new location is the former long-time quarters of the John Deere farm implement agency. It became vacant last spring when the Rochester Farm Center moved to a new building on U.S. 31 west of Rochester.

Enyart’s Discount is owned by Earl Enyart and Ursa Enyart, their son, Emerson and Emerson’s wife Barbara. Bernie Bickle, who managed the former Moore’s store here will be the manager of the Enyart store and “there will be all familiar faces among the clerks and assistants,” Emerson Enyart said.

Although not all merchandise has been delivered, the store will have a wide variety of items for sale at discount prices, including: Small appliances, housewares, sporting goods, furniture and bedding, auto care supplies, tools and equipment for the handyman and the professional, bicycles, lawn and garden tools, shoes and western boots, wearing apparel (primarily pants suits and denims), carpeting, lamps, paints and supplies.

Enyart noted that a large amount of parking space is available on the south side of the building.

A grand opening will be conducted later after all merchandise has been delivered.

Enyart Motor Sales will continue in operation on East Fourth street with Dale Furnivall, who has been service manager, becoming general manager of sales and service.

WE-LIKE-IT TRAILER CRT.

Pur Robert Caywood

The Sentinel, April 25, 1977

Robert and Nancy Caywood of Rochester have purchased the We-Like-It trailer court at the east junction of Ind. 14-25 and have renamed it Caywood's Lakeshore Court.

It is one of two business changes involving the Caywoods. Formerly associated with the Smith and Williams real estate agency of Rochester, the couple has started its own real estate business called Bob Caywood and Associates.

The house at the trailer court that fronts Ind. 14-25 will be remodeled and the Caywood real estate office will be moved there from the couple's home on Barrett road on the north shore of Lake Manitou.

The transaction for the sale of the trailer court was completed Saturday with John P. Wydeveld of Chicago.

The trailer court has 32 spaces on three acres of ground, with 300 feet of Lake Manitou frontage.

GRASS CREEK ALUMNI

Enjoy 39th Annual Reunion

The Sentinel, May 4, 1977

One hundred and sixty-eight members and guests attended the 39th annual Grass Creek high school alumni banquet conducted in the Caston high school cafeteria.

“Down Memory Lane” was the theme of the program for the evening when two 60-year class members, Mrs. Lela Thomas Thrush, Rochester, and Albert McLochlin, Star City, were presented charms. Also receiving gifts of charms were 50-year members Cloyne Hazelby, Detroit, Mich.; Forrest Daily, Royal Center; Clyde Leedy, Logansport; and Carl Herrold, Grass Creek.

The 24-year class members recognized were Mrs. Shirley Fields Shively, Terre Hauts, and Jay Herrold, Grass Creek.

Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Mary Applegate Hiatt, Rochester, who introduced Chase Huber, of Peru. Huber served as master of ceremony for the occasion.

Business reports were given by Mrs. Marjorie Spotts Jones, Kewanna.

Brief talks on “high school days at Grass Creek” were given by Calvin Alber, class of 1912; Devon St. Clair, class of 1938, and Alan Hizer, class of 1960.

A moment of silence was observed for members who died in the past year.

Letters were read from the following members who were unable to attend: Mrs. Edith Wilsheimer, Las Cruces, N.M.; Marvin Mogle, Tucson, Ariz.; Everett Huffman, New Haven, Ind.; Chester Dailey, Oaklawn, Ill.; Elium Gault, Manchester, N.H.

Music for the dinner hour was provided by Mrs. Varvaline Behmer, Culver. Musical numbers also were presented by the Ringmasters Male Barbershop Chorus, of Peru.

A cake walk was conducted with prizes awarded to Robert Thomas, Grass Creek; Mrs. Hazel Myers Henry, Kokomo; Albert Huffman, Logansport; John Herd, Kewanna, and Orville Thomas, Grass Creek.

Door prizes were awarded to Mrs. Mary Hizer Van DerWheele, Argos; Mrs. Nola Douglass, Rochester; Mrs. Dorothy Hendry Trumbower, Uniondale, and Mrs. Zora Mullins Conner, Muncie

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Bob Jones, president; Don Wilson, assistant-president; Mrs. Neva Funk Mikesell, vice-president, and Essie Gault Sides, secretary-treasurer.

It was announced the 1978 alumni meeting will be on the third Saturday in April, next year.

In closing the program, Mrs. Hiatt read the poem, “Ma’s Old Galvanized Wash Tub.” She led the group in singing “God Be With You.” The closing prayer was presented by Bob Jones.

MENTONE EGG FESTIVAL

Honors Larry Bell

The Sentinel, May 23, 1977

“A Salute to Larry Bell” will be the theme of this year’s Mentone Egg Festival.

The June 9, 10 and 11 annual tribute to the chicken industry that made Mentone the “Eggbasket of the Midwest” will pay special recognition to the Mentone native whose aviation career spanned the years from the earliest and crudest airplanes to the dawn of the space age.

Bell was founder of the company credited with building the first manned plane to break the sound barrier, the first U.S. Jet and first commercially licensed helicopter, in addition to work in rockets and guided missiles.

Because of the theme and because much of Bell’s work was for the military, the Saturday, June 11, 2 p.m. parade will include many military units and a military theme will be used in most of the floats. Trophies will be awarded first and second place winners. - - - -

MAKING A PLANE

To Fly Home to Rochester

The Sentinel, May 24, 1977

By WILLIAM FREYBERG

Sentinel Managing Editor

Near the end of this year or the beginning of 1978, Marvin Anderson will fly his own airplane from Creve Coeur, Mo., to Rochester and begin his retirement years in a community where he once lived.

What makes this rate more than passing notice in the newspaper?

The reason is that, if all goes well, Anderson will be flying an airplane that he made himself in the back yard of his home.

Anderson is the son of Opal and Dee Anderson of Lake Manitou. He was in the U.S. Air Force, retiring from the service in 1964. He lived in Rochester for five years, working for the Rochester Telephone company, then left here when he took a position with McDonnell-Douglas aerospace corporation.

A licensed pilot, Anderson has had a hobby of making airplanes for some time. He’s been working on his latest one for quite awhile and he expects to have it finished by October.

Anderson plans to retire from McDonnell-Douglas in October or in January. When he does, he figures to come back to Rochester in the airplane he has built.

There will be room for his wife in the two-place craft.

While building airplanes isn't a frequent event around here, it is a hobby that is highly popular across the nation and there is a nationally-distributed magazine called "Homebuilt Aircraft" devoted to this pastime.

The Fall, 1976 issue of the magazine carried a feature story on Anderson's latest effort.

Anderson's plane will be a single-wing craft, rather than the more popular biplanes that many hobbyists are putting together. It is based on a design by another amateur plane builder, Jerry Bakeng pf Everett. Wasj/. Amd os ca;;ed tje Baleng Duce/

It has the basic rag and steel tube type of construction and it can be flown from either the front or rear seat since the center of gravity remains constant. Most of the time, it will be flown from the rear seat.

The plane will cruise at 120 mph or perhaps a bit faster and it will have a short take-off distance - about 125 feet.

While following the basic Bakeng design, Anderson had put in his own variations of three external tanks that will not carry fuel, but camping gear since Anderson is an avid outdoorsman.

Anderson's plane is what is called a parasol type, with the wings set higher than the fuselage and the cockpit beneath the wings. A pair of small doors that fold out and down will make entrance to the ship a short step off the ground.

Fulton county has many airplane enthusiasts and we imagine that many of them will be wanting to talk with Anderson when he does arrive here in his own, home-made craft.

ART COLONY

Annual Spring Show

The Sentinel, May 24, 1977

Mrs. Marilyn Kruger, Akron, won "Best of Show" and took first place for her oil painting during the Fulton County Spring Art show at the Rochester Civic Center. Mrs. Kruger received \$50 for "Best of Show" and \$25 for first place.

An oil by Anita Hoehne of Rochester received the "Popular Vote" award of \$30.

Second place in oil paintings went to Grace Kistler, Logansport.

Receiving honorable mention in the oil category were Helen Lewis, Akron; Mary Jane Bowell, Rochester; Mrs. Ted Ellis, Wabash, and Mrs. Irene Troutman, Kewanna.

Water color entries and placings were: First place, L. Reith, Marion, \$25; second place, Vivian Lindsay, Warsaw; honorable mention, L. Reith, Marion.

Mixed media entries and placings: First place, Karen Payne, Logansport, \$25; second place, Betty Daniel, Akron.

Photography: First place, Marjorie Lichtenwalter, Rochester, \$25; second place and honorable mention, Caroline Stephen, Rochester.

Student entries:

Paintings: First Place: Janet Jones, Rochester, \$15; second place, Tammy Grouleau, Rochester, \$10.

Crafts: First and second place, Laura Bowers, Rochester, \$15 and \$10; honorable mention, Betsy Shelburne, Rochester, \$5.

Photography: First Place, David Heyde, Rochester, \$15; second place Dave McCarter, Rochester, \$10; honorable mention: Allen Willard and Steve O'Dell, both Rochester, \$5 each.

COUNTY COURT JUDGE

Delworth to Become

The Sentinel, May 25, 1977

Rochester Attorney John J. Delworth Jr., will be sworn in by Gov. Otis Bowen Thursday, June 2, as judge of the new Fulton-Pulaski joint county court.

The ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. in the governor's office at Indianapolis, according to Elmer Douglass, Fulton County Republican chairman.

Douglass was in Indianapolis Tuesday afternoon when Gov. Bowen made the appointment of Delworth and arranged for the swearing-in ceremony.

The appointment was made upon the unanimous recommendation of the bar associations in both Fulton and Pulaski counties. Both Republican county chairmen signed the resolution prepared by the bar associations.

The joint county court will come into being July 1 to replace the small claims divisions of the circuit courts in each county. The Indiana General Assembly created the new court during this year's session because the small claims courts had placed too great a burden upon the

circuit court judges - Wendell Tombaugh of Fulton county and Harold Staffeldt of Pulaski county.

Delworth will serve as joint county court judge until Dec. 31, 1978 elections and the first elected judge will take office on Jan. 1, 1979.

Joint county court sessions will be conducted in the Courthouses of each of the two counties on a schedule yet to be determined. The position is a full-time one, with an annual salary of \$22,500; the state will provide the majority of the salary.

Delworth said today that before opening the new court, he will travel to one or more of the county courts already in operation to study their setups. He noted that the court in Warsaw handled over 5,500 cases last year and he indicated he would be looking closely at its system.

Delworth said it is important to note that the new court is not a small claims court. The new court will handle cases up to \$3,000 while small claims courts could handle cases only up to \$1,500. He also said that while the court is scheduled to begin operating July 1, sessions actually will begin just as soon as he is able to organize the new court.

Delworth indicated the court also may meet in night sessions if the case load warrants. He said if night court does become necessary, it would be held on alternate weeks in each county.

Delworth, a Democrat, has resided in Rochester since 1957. He was city attorney two times - from January, 1958 to January, 1966 and from July 1967 to January, 1976.

During the year of 1966 he was judge of Fulton circuit court, replacing Frederick Rakestraw who was appointed to an unexpired term as a justice of the Indiana Supreme Court.

FIRST FED S&L ASSN

James M. Snyder

The Sentinel, June 1, 1977

The employment of James M. Snyder as mortgage loan manager for First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Fulton County was announced today by President Richard E. Belcher.

Snyder began his new duties Tuesday at the home office here. He comes to First Federal from the Peru Federal Savings and Loan Association, where he has been loan and security officer. Snyder and his wife, the former Connie Deeb of Rochester, expect to move to the city later this month. His wife has been fifth grade teacher at Holman

elementary school in Peru.

Snyder, 27, is a native of Waynetown and earned a B.S. Degree in finance from Indiana State university. He currently is studying toward a master's degree in management from Ball State university.

Before joining Peru Federal in 1973, he was office manager for two years for the family-owned L.P. Gas distributorship in Waynetown. As loan and security officer for Peru Federal, he had responsibility for savings counseling, loan and direct deposit services, and individual retirement accounts. In Peru he has been active in Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce and Church of the Brethren.

In addition to Snyder, First Federal's mortgage loan department also includes Garland Masterson, vice-president for mortgage loans, and Mrs. Joanne Callahan, assistant mortgage loan manager.

THE ROCHESTER SENTINEL

Linda Mullendore

The Sentinel, June 4, 1977

Miss Linda Mullendore, 21, a 1977 journalism graduate of Franklin college, will join The Rochester Sentinel Monday as news editor, according to William Freyberg, managing editor.

She will replace Scott Forney, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Forney of Rochester, who has resigned. Forney will rejoin the Armed Services as an informational officer in the Navy. He is a veteran of the Air Force and was with The Nappanee Advance-News before coming to The Sentinel 10 months ago.

Miss Mullendore's father is a former newspaperman and her mother is a former English teacher. They now live in Haslett, Mich., near East Lansing.

At Franklin college, Miss Mullendore received instruction in various facets of journalism, wrote stories and did photography for the school newspaper and also was an intern with The Franklin Daily Journal newspaper.

She was active in extra-curricular activities in both high school at East Lansing, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, and in college, where she was a member of campus honorary societies and of Delta Delta Delta social sorority.

As Sentinel news editor, Miss Mullendore will cover Courthouse offices and city and county government affairs as well as editing copy and doing page layout.

FIRST FED S&L ASSN

Proposes to be Fed Stock Assn

The Sentinel, June 6, 1977

Richard E. Belcher, president of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Fulton County, said today that the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Washington, D.C., has approved the proposed plan of First Federal to convert from a mutual association to a federal stock association. First Federal is the first savings and loan association in Indiana to convert to stock.

FULTON-PULASKI

County Court Judge's Decision

The Sentinel, June 7, 1977

By WILLIAM FREYBERG

Sentinel Managing Editor

John J. Delworth Jr., will make numerous decisions from the bench of the Fulton-Pulaski county court which comes into being July 1, but few will be as difficult as his decision to accept the position as judge of the court.

Some people might think that it would be easy to decide to take a job that pays a guaranteed \$23,500 a year plus providing a nice place to work - in the Courthouse of Fulton and Pulaski counties.

But there's more to it than that.

The position of county court judge is a fulltime one; Delworth will give up his private practice of law in Rochester.

And Delworth's appointment by Gov. Otis Bowen is only for a year and a half. The position becomes an elective one effective Jan. 1, 1979 and it will be filled in the elections of November, 1978.

Delworth has been this route before and it didn't work out as well as he would have liked.

In January of 1966, Frederick Rakestraw, now a Rochester attorney, accepted appointment to an unexpired term as an Indiana Supreme Court Justice and Delworth was appointed to finish Rakestraw's term as Fulton circuit court judge.

Rakestraw's circuit court judge term ended Dec. 31, 1966 and the position was on the ballot in the November elections of that year.

Delworth, a Democrat, stood for election to a full six-year term on the circuit court bench in November of 1966 but he was defeated by Republican Wendell Tombaugh. Tombaugh was reelected in 1972 to a term that ends Dec. 31, 1978.

There's been no change in Delworth's political affiliation and it was a bit unusual for Republican Bowen to appoint a Democrat to the county judge position.

Delworth had solid backing for the position in the two Republican counties, however. Not only did the bar associations of both Fulton and Pulaski counties unanimously recommend the appointment, the Republican chairmen of both counties signed the bar associations' resolution supporting Delworth..

A possible hitch developed when a Republican attorney from Indianapolis indicated some interest in the job. But it was decided by the attorneys and the GOP chairmen in both affected counties that Delworth was the best man for the job - even though he is a member of "the other party."

Delworth was sworn in by Gov. Bowen last Thursday and thus is the county judge right now even though the court doesn't come into being until July 1. He said the other day that he thought long and hard before making himself available for the position.

He remembers 1966 and recognizes the possibility of a repeat in 1978.

But he noted that it took considerable support from Republicans for him to receive the appointment and he is counting on doing a good enough job to gain popular backing when election time arrives.

The year 1978 will be quite an interesting one in Fulton county, politically, with two major judgeships on the ballot - circuit court and county court.

WADE-IN MARINA

Pur Chuck Ziegler

The Sentinel, June 29, 1977

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Ziegler of Rochester are the new owners of the former Wade-In Marina on the north shore of Lake Manitou and they have changed the name of the business to Ziegler's Wade-In Marina.

Ziegler said that he and his son Dan are on full-time duty at the business, while his wife Jean will spend part-time there. Harold Costello remains as service manager.

The business, which began several years ago as Miller's Bayside Marina, will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Seven days a week throughout the year, Ziegler said.

Ziegler's is the exclusive dealer in this area for Mercury marine

merchandise sales and service. It also will carry a complete line of tackle, bait, ice, equipment for the water skier and a full line of boats and motors, including deck boats, pontoon boats and fishing boats.

The business will also sell gasoline and oil for boats and has boat ramp facilities.

Ziegler said the firm will emphasize rental of pontoon boats.

During the winter, Ziegler's will sell and furnish supplies for snowmobiles.

The Zieglers moved to Rochester in 1968. Ziegler formerly was national sales manager for Topps Manufacturing company of Rochester.

BROOKER REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, July 27, 1977

The 27th annual Isaac Brooker reunion was held Sunday, July 24, at the Rochester city park shelter house. A carry-in dinner was served at 12:30 p.m., to 75 relatives and friends.

The oldest person present was Mrs. Ed Brooker, Walerton; the youngest was Sara Hudkins, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Hudkins, Rochester. Traveling the farthest distance to attend were Mrs. Don Winslow and daughters, Christina and Alexandria, of Wilmington, Del.

Following the dinner, a business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Guy Anderson, president. Officers elected for 1978 were Dorothy Cox, president; Mary Frances Schneider, vice-president, and Robert Cox, secretary.

The fourth Sunday of July, 1978, was chosen for the next reunion at the same location.

MILLER REUN

Fish & Fun Campgrounds

The Sentinel, July 27, 1977

The 11th annual Henry Miller family reunion was held July 24 at the Fish and Fun campgrounds on the Tippecanoe river with 36 relatives and three guests present.

Following the noon meal, a business meeting was conducted by President Charles Miller.

Elected as officers for the coming year were Kenny Miller, president; Joe Day, vice-president, and Jill Miller, secretary-treasurer.

A float trip down the Tippecanoe was taken in the afternoon,

with Charlie and Freda Miller as chaperones.

Attending from Rochester were Mrs. Dollie Miller; Mr. & Mrs. Marty Burns and Amy, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Riffle and family, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Miller, Terry Miller and Christopher, Mr. & Mrs. Don Reynolds and family, Mrs. Peg Miller and Mrs. James W. Shearer.

Attending from out of town were Mr. & Mrs. Joe Day, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Lease and Michael, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Miller and Erika, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Minglin and Stephen, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Miller and Mrs. Carrie Miller.

Guests were Robert Nye, Berniece Louderback and Barbara Stratton.

H & R TIRE SUPPLY

Pur Wildon H. Scholl

The Sentinel, July 29, 1977

H & R Tire Supply, 104 East 16th street, will become Foremost Tire Supply Inc., on Monday when sale of the firm to Wildon H. Scholl of Rochester becomes effective.

Seller is Harry Wallace of this city who established the business five years ago and who will remain with the new owner for a time as consultant.

Foremost Tire Supply offers tires and a full line of tubes for autos, farm implements, trucks and off-road equipment, at both wholesale and retail prices. B.F. Goodrich is the principal brand, but National, Remington, Armstrong and Michelin lines also are carried.

Scholl has been a local resident since 1960, when he came to the city as vice-president of the First National Bank. For the past seven years he has been with the division of bank supervision and examinations for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ROCHESTER SENTINEL

Mrs. Susie McGuire

The Sentinel, August 1, 1977

Mrs. Susie McGuire, a 1975 graduate of Rochester high school, began duties today as editor of The Rochester Sentinel's LifeStyles department, according to William Freyberg, managing editor.

She replaces Mrs. Shirley Oates, Lake Manitou, who resigned after nine years as an editorial employee of The Sentinel.

Mrs. McGuire is the former Susie Sims, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rex Sims of Rochester. She is married to Tim McGuire, son of Dr. &

Mrs. Carson McGuire of Rochester.

The couple resides on Barrett Road on the north side of Lake Manitou.

Mrs. McGuire studied journalism, graphic arts and business English in high school and after graduating from RHS she spent one year in Australia and attended Sydney university.

She is active in the Fulton County Players and Round Barn Cabaret in Rochester and is an instructor for the Pam and Louise Dance Studio of Rochester.

Members of The Sentinel's editorial staff besides Mrs. McGuire and Freyberg are Jack K. Overmyer, editor and publisher; Ed Hamilton, Sports editor; Miss Linda Mullendore, news editor, and John Savage and Robert Nwcomer, photographers.

HUDKINS SHEET METAL

Heating & Air Conditioning

The Sentinel, August 1, 1977

Hudkins Sheet Metal Heating and Air Conditioning is in full-time operation a mile northwest of Rochester on Monticello road, according to John P. Hudkins, owner. The firm went into part-time operation the beginning of the year. - - -

Services offered by the business are the design, fabrication and installation of sheet metal duct work and the sale of General Electric heating and air conditioning equipment. Hudkins is an authorized franchised dealer for General Electric. - - -

Hudkins is the son of Mrs. Mildred Hudkins, RR 3, Rochester, and was educated in the Rochester and Burton school systems.

He was employed by Fulton Metal Manufacturing of Rochester from 1966 to 1971, during which time he attended a five-year apprentice program in sheet metal at Ivy Tech, South Bend. From 1972 to 1975 he worked at Workinger Electric Inc., in Elkhart.

Hudkins and his wife Phyllis have four children, John, 13; Laura, 12; Cathy, 9, and Jason, 4.

RHS CLASS OF 1927

50-year Reunion

The Sentinel, August 29, 1977

On Friday evening, Aug. 5, the members of the Rochester high school class of 1927 greeted each other at their golden anniversary reunion in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist church, Rochester.

Six teachers, 28 graduates, and 21 guests enjoyed the dinner and fellowship. Howard Wertzberger offered the prayer.

Myron Berkheiser was master of ceremonies and asked the teachers and graduates to give reports of what each had done during the last 50 years. The atmosphere of fellowship and closeness reunited the classmates with reminiscences of high school days.

Wertzberger read the names of the 22 classmates and of the nine teachers who are deceased.

Elsie Spohn Iler and Mary Wylie Bowen read several letters from members and faculty who could not be present.

Wertzberger thanked the committee for its work and cooperation in planning the reunion.

Lavonna Bailey Stinson played the piano and Prof. Richard Crowder led the group in singing the RHS song. Berkheiser gave the benediction.

Gene Shobe Alan from Montrose, Cal., received the \$10 prize for having come the longest distance to attend the reunion.

The out-of-town classmates present were Kathleen Mullican Lowe, Indianapolis; Willodean Ball, Akron; Bonita Ream Bailey, Huntington; Margaret Coon Meredith, Fairland; Clifford H. Fields, South Bend; Irene Fultz Culp, Elkhart; Helen Miller Day, Akron; Prof. Richard Crowder, West Lafayette; Nila Ambler Carrithers, Middletown, O.; Gene Shobe Alan, Montrose, Cal., and Lola Bick Eisenman, Rhinelander, Wis.

The teachers who were present were: Fred Rankin and Kathryn Kessler Smith, Indianapolis; Nellie Stipp Daly, Winamac; Msry Fugate Hardin, North Manchester; Edith Thomson and Rena Wright, Rochester.

DEAMER BUILDING

Occupied Next Month

The Sentinel, September 1, 1977

The fire-ravaged Deamer building on East Ninth street across from the Courthouse will be reoccupied by the Deamer real estate and Lancaster insurance offices the early part of October following extensive remodeling and redecorating.

George Deamer, owner of the building that was gutted by fire last Jan. 14, will establish his real estate, abstract and title plans offices in the entire west part of the building.

At the south end of the east side of the building an 800-square-

foot apartment with central air conditioning and fireplace has been built. This area also would be suitable for a business office. It has a separate entrance.

The Deamer building formerly was two stories, with the real estate and insurance offices and Manitou TV, Stereo occupying the lower floor and apartments above.

Adjoining it to the east was another two-story building with Moore's shoe store and Horn's Cycle Center on the first floor and apartments above.

There were seven apartments in the two buildings and the January fire began in a wall between the kitchen and the living room of an apartment above Horn's Cycle Center.

A total of eight apartment dwellers escaped without serious injury from the blaze, which was discovered at 4:56 a.m., but both buildings were gutted and total damage was set at \$203,000

The east building, owned by Robert Ewbank of Rochester, was damaged beyond repair. It was purchased several weeks after the fire by Garl Shank of Rochester and was razed

The Rochester First National bank, directly east of the burned out area, has purchased the east property from Shank.

First National President Al Price said the bank has no immediate plans for the property. It might be used as a parking lot, at least for awhile, he said today.

The second story of the Deamer building was removed and a new roof and brick exterior have been installed in addition to extensive redecorating of the interior.

EASTERDAY REUN

Kindig Home

The Sentinel, September 3, 1977

The 57th annual Easterday family reunion was moved to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bondi Heinzmann and Mrs. Ethel Kindig Aug. 21 due to rain. Mrs. Kindig held the first reunion in 1920 at the same place.

Movies of the Easterdays' trip to Germany were shown by Mr. & Mrs. Von Easterday of Kokomo to the 42 members and guests present.

It was decided to hold next year's reunion at Bryant's Camp and Fish Resort on the third Sunday in August.

VanLUE REUN

Chloris Barkman Home

The Sentinel, September 8, 1977

The VanLue family met for its 10th reunion at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Chloris Barkman for a carry-on dinner.

The 59 family members attending were: Mrs. Anna Vandegrift and Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Bronczyk of Gilbert, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Raitz Jr of Bemidji, Minn.; Mrs. Leonard VanLue, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard VanLue Jr., and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert VanLue and David, Mr. & Mrs. Phil Marsh and daughter, all of Indianapolis; Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Wallace of Greenfield; Mr. & Mrs. Ronald VanLue and family of Fort Wayne; Mr. & Mrs. John Boogess and sons of Tallmadge, O.; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Fuller and family of Christianburg, O.; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kerr and family of Grove City, O.; Mr. & Mrs. John VanLue and Mr. & Mrs. Dan VanLue and family of Syracuse, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Vandegrift of Galien, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Tony Miller and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Minglin and daughter of Warsaw; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Metzger of West Lafayette; Mr. & Mrs. James Barkman and sons of Rochester, and Magon and Mandy Showalter of Logansport.

TABLER REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, September 13, 1977

The Tabler family reunion was held Sept. 5 at the Rochester City park.

Those present were: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Sommers, Grass Creek; Mrs. Edna Goodman, Mrs. Helen Horban, Mr. & Mrs. Ashel Tabler and Marsha; Cathy Havens, Phyllis Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Tabler, Rochester; Mr. & Mrs. Roy Minter, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Tabler and Mark Tabler, Logansport; Julie Titus, Walton; Mr. & Mrs. James Christ and Mr. & Mrs. Don Williamson, Twelve Mile; Mr. Kenneth Tabler, Indianapolis; Mr. & Mrs. David L. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Tabler, Timothy, Scott and Beth Ann Tabler, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Kline and family, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Szezerba and family, Miss Jacqueline Tabler and Ralph Groves, South Bend; Mr. & Mrs. David Tabler and family and Miss Cindy Keogima, Muskegon, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lashbrook and family and Mrs. Daisy Lashbrook, Rensselaer.

A business meeting was held to make plans for next year's reunion.

Officers re-elected were Raymond Tabler, president; Erma Williamson, secretary-treasurer and Ashel Tabler, reservations and tables.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Raymond Tabler.

SHERRARD REUN

Plank Hill Park, 12 Mile

The Sentinel, September 13, 1977

The descendants of Solomon and Christina Baker Sherrard met at Plank Hill Park, Twelve Mile for the 50th anniversary of the first reunion. H.W. Sherrard Sr., Rochester, has attended all of the reunions. After a carry-in dinner, pictures were taken of those attending the first reunion.

The oldest member present was Mrs. Bertha Julian, 86, of Peru. Andrew Crippen, age two months, Grass Creek, was the youngest and those traveling the longest distance were Sgt. John & Nancy Pratt, Rapid City, S.D.

Officers elected for 1978 were Larry Callahan, president; Merrill Louthain, vice-president, and Mrs. Delorys Tong, secretary-treasurer.

Those from out-of-state were Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beckenhauer, West Point, Nebr.; Mrs. William Frye, Holdrege, Neb.; Mrs. Carole Novak, Lansing, Ill.; Mrs. Mildred Coleman & daughter, Lawton, Mich.; and Ssgt & Mrs. John L. Pratt & sons, Rapid City, S.D.

Others were: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bandelier & granddaughter, New Haven; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Callahan & son and Mr. & Mrs. Sterling Bolyard, Indianapolis; Mr. & Mrs. John Depue and Mrs. Don Umbaugh, Argos; Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Noyer, Arcola; Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Tong and Mrs. Bertha Julian, Peru; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bookwalter and Mr. Merrill Louthain & son, Logansport; Mr. & Mrs. Casper Bollet, Mrs. Pat Frank & daughter and Mr. & Mrs. Howard Louthain, Twelve Mile; Mrs. Michael Foreman & sons, Macy; and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Crippen & sons, Grass Creek.

From Rochester, those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. Basil Scott, Mrs. Vernon Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scott, Mr. & Mrs. H.W. Sherrard Sr., Mr. & Mrs. H. Weldon Sherrard Jr., Miss Jenny Arnett; Mr. & Mrs. L.D. Thousand and Lowell D. Thousand Jr.

KROGER STORE

Keith Smith, Mgr.

The Sentinel, September 19, 1977

Keith Smith, 42, who has been with the Kroger company for 13 years, is the new manager of the Rochester Kroger store, replacing John Henthorn who has been transferred. Henthorn's new assignment has not been determined yet.

Smith comes to Rochester from Frankfort, where he was store manager for nine years. Previously, he was co-manager at the Connersville store for two years and also worked in the Anderson and New Castle stores.

A native of Mount Vernon, O., Smith is married to the former Wanda Wildermuth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Wildermuth of Akron. The couple has two daughters, Heather, 10, and Cindy, 7. The family will move to Rochester when housing is located.

LEITERS STATE BANK

Kewanna Branch

The Sentinel, September 23, 1977

The former Key theatre building has been chosen as the site of a Leiters Ford State bank branch in Kewanna, pending approval of the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions.

The state agency must approve location of bank branches.

Ed Stanley, bank president, said that Stan Reinholt will manage the branch, if approved, and that it is hoped approval will be received by the end of next month. - - - -

Stanley said that 25 percent of the bank's customers are from the Kewanna area. The bank opened a branch in Rochester a year and a half ago.

Peru Production Credit

Bonnie Burlett, Mgr.

The Sentinel, September 23, 1977

Mrs. Bonnie Burkett, RR 1, Akron, now is manager of the Rochester Branch of the Peru Production Credit association (PCA).

She replaced Jim Showley, who was named administrative coordinator to the president at the association's main office in Peru.

Mrs. Burkett has been a PCA employee for three years and served as office secretary and assistant to the manager before assuming her duties as manager. She has two children, Brenda, 15, and Beth, 11.

MOBILE SVC STATION

Pur Eddie Walters

The Sentinel, October 5, 1977

The Milliser Mobile Service station at 601 Main street has been sold to Eddie Walters of Rochester, Hurshel Milliser announced today.

Walters will continue his employment with United Parcel Service and his son, Rick, will operate the station.

Milliser has owned the station for more than 17 years over two different periods of time. He purchased it in 1953, sold it in 1960, repurchased it in 1966 and continued in ownership until last Sept. 1. He continued at the station for a month while the Walterses became acquainted with the operation.

Before buying the station the first time, Milliser worked at the former Armour's Creameries on East Fourth street for 12 years and at the former Studebaker corporation plant in South Bend for one year.

Seven years ago, he installed a car wash at the station and 58,000 cars have gone through the wash since then.

ATTORNEY FIRM

Joined by Woman

The Sentinel, October 6, 1977

Mrs. Susan L. Blickenstaff has joined the law firm of Brown, Brown & Rakestraw, 122 West Eighth street.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Brown, RR 2, Rochester. The father is a partner in the law firm.

Mrs. Blickenstaff was born and reared in Rochester and received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Manchester college in 1967. She graduated from the University of Kentucky Law School at Lexington in 1975.

She was employed as a law clerk by Allen County superior court in Fort Wayne during the year 1975-76 and worked in the Fort Wayne National Bank trust department during the year 1976-77. She is a member of the American Bar association and the Indiana Bar association.

She is the mother of two children, Amy, 8, and Michael, 7.

BING CROSBY, BOB HOPE-1

Stopped in Rochester

The Sentinel, October 18, 1977

Entertainer Bing Crosby, who died of a heart attack in Spain Friday at the age of 74, was more than a voice on a record or an image on the screen to a number of Fulton county residents.

He was a famous personality whom they saw in person in Rochester one time.

Mrs. Elizabeth Felix, who was Fulton circuit court reporter for many years, recalls the day she saw both Crosby and his close friend, Bob Hope, at the former Berghoff Cafe when it was at Ninth and Main streets where the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant now is located.

Mrs. Felix saw the pair from a window at the Courthouse as they were entering the Berghoff in 1940. She called to fellow Courthouse employees and a number of them went across the street to the Berghoff to get a closer look at the men.

Crosby and Hope were on their way to South Bend to see the premier of a new movie entitled "Knut Rockne, All-American."

Mrs. Katie Schwenk, daughter of Mrs. Felix, remembers that day too. She was too young to go into the Berghoff, so she and some friends "pressed our noses right up to the window and peeked at them."

Funeral services were to be conducted for Crosby today at St. Paul's Roman Catholic church in Brentwood, Cal.

BING CROSBY, BOB HOPE-2

She Remembers Their Visit

The Sentinel, October 20, 1977

Eighty-six-year-old Mrs. Edna Heitger of 602 Madison street, remembers when Bob Hope and Bing Crosby were at the Berghoff cafe when it was at Ninth and Main streets because she was their waitress.

Mrs. Heitger recalls Crosby putting his arms around her and autographing his napkin for her. She said Hope wasn't as affectionate.

She remembers the couple telling her they were on their way to South Bend to see the premier of a new movie called "Knut Rockne, All-American."

Crosby also went to the jukebox to see if he had a song in it. Sure enough, he did, Mrs. Heitger says.

BING CROSBY

Here More than Once

The Sentinel, October 21, 1977

It seems that the late Bing Crosby must have enjoyed his first visit to Rochester; he returned five years later.

Some local residents have recalled that the noted singer-actor was here in 1940 - with comedian Bob Hope when the two were enroute to South Bend for the premiere showing of the movie, "Knut Rockne, All American." They paused for refreshments at the Berghoff long a popular cafe and night club located where the Kentucky Fried Chicken now holds forth.

That report triggered a memory in Robert Walters of South Bend, a Rochester native with an encyclopedic memory of local history. He said that Crosby was back in the city later after having appeared in a show at South Bend.

Sure enough. The Sentinel's files confirmed Walters' remembrance.

It was about 11 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 1945, when Crosby and three unidentified companions (one female) walked into the Berghoff.

There probably are middle aged women here today who still cherish Bing's autograph they obtained on that occasion. The Sentinel reported that his table was surrounded "from all directions" with young women bearing pieces of paper, napkins and notebooks. Crosby responded with smiling agreement, politely refusing owner Louis Ninios' apologies for his customers' audacity.

Someone in the crowd, The Sentinel's reporter wrote, injected a nickel (yes, only a nickel in those days) into the juke box. Bing's voice sounded, crooning "The Song of Old Hawaii." And the real Bing sang right along with it.

When Crosby and his party left, one young woman took the glass he had used for a souvenir. We wonder who she was and if she still has it.

Bing was accosted by more autograph seekers as he left the cafe and he obliged the late-comers as he went to his car.

Crosby had been in South Bend to appear with Hope and the latter's radio show entertainers at a war bond rally before 55,000 in Notre Dame stadium raising over \$200,000.

Bing was enroute to Indianapolis that night to play with Hope in a bond benefit golf match on Memorial Day at the Speedway course, the 500 Mile Race being in war abeyance. Hope passed through

Rochester the same evening without stopping.

Crosby died at 73 last Friday in Spain. It becomes obvious now that he was more than just a screen image for many local citizens.

ROUCH REUN

Harold Showley Home

The Sentinel, October 22, 1977

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Showley, RR 2, Kewanna, entertained members of the Rouch family at a noon luncheon in their home.

A tour of places in the area that had concerned the Rouch family in the past was enjoyed during the afternoon.

The group returned to the Showley home for ice cream and cake in honor of the birthdate of Mrs. Loyd Rouch.

Those attending were: Mrs. Ethel Stipp, Mrs. Helen Work and Mrs. Lorene Wood, Valparaiso; Mrs. Orpha Fry, Mrs. Garnett McFarland and Delbert Roy Rans, Winamac; Mr. & Mrs. Ermal Pownall, Wabash; Mrs. Loyd Rouch, Mrs. Annabelle Clary and Mrs. Elnora Smiley, Rochester; Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Rouch, Fulton; Mrs. Irene Rouch, Mrs. Janece Herrold and Mrs. Ruth Agnew, Kewanna; Mrs. Margaret St. Clair was a guest.

CAREER GUIDANCE SYSMS

Opening Here

The Sentinel, November 2, 1977

A.L. (Al) St. Clair of Rochester, a professional guidance counselor, will open a business called Career Guidance Systems in Room 306 of the Knapp building Monday, he announced today.

St. Clair said the business will offer career counseling at any age level to help persons decide what changes they may wish to make in their lives and how to make them, with the goal of preparing them for the kinds of jobs that are available today.

Later, the business will offer to local industry organizational programs in creative problem solving, value engineering, systems safety analysis and management by objectives.

St. Clair's background includes 18 years as a field representative training military and civil personnel in nuclear safety and in Titan 11 rocket propulsion engineering, which included the Gemini space program.

He also has taught guidance courses in industry and has been a sales manager and a sales personnel trainer.

St. Clair has prepared a program to help high school students choose goals (occupation, lifestyle etc.) which is being used by seniors in Maconaquah and Bloomington high schools.

TIMES THEATRE

Leased to Jeffery Housouer

The Sentinel, November 3, 1977

The Times Theatre here has been leased to Jeffery Housouer of Plymouth, owner Robert Murphy said today. Housouer will take over its operation next Friday.

The new operator has been manager of the Rees theatre in Plymouth.

Murphy came here in 1973 from Michigan City to purchase the local theatre, which had been closed, and reopened it early in 1974 after a complete remodeling. He plans to retain his residence in the city but will concentrate on his insurance and real estate interests in the Michigan City area.

PIZZA HUT

Coming Here

The Sentinel, November 8, 1977

Construction of a Pizza Hut is scheduled to begin in Rochester this week or no later than next week, according to Albert Kirk, attorney for the Dayland corporation of Wichita, Kan., which holds the franchise rights for Northern Indiana.

The Pizza Hut is to be built by Hamstra Construction company of Wheatfield on the west side of Ind. 14 East, between Hook's Drug store and the Rochester Medical Arts Building, across from the Fulton county airport.

The Pizza Hut is expected to employ 15 full-time and part-time persons and will be managed by a local person, who has not been hired at this date.

The Pizza Hut will have table space for 80 persons and will feature an Italian style menu.

AKRON EXCH STATE BANK

Pres, J. Randall Leininger

The Sentinel, November 12, 1977

J. Randall Leininger has been elected president and chief operating officer of the Akron Exchange State bank, succeeding

Harikd L. Groninger.

Leininger, with the firm since Jan. 1, 1963, has been executive vice-president. Groninger will continue with the bank as chairman of the board until his retirement next August.

Members o the board besides Groninger and Leininger are David E. Caston, Ted R. Jontz, Dr. John McKee, A.M. Price and Richard E. Day.

Caston was elected to the board this month after a change in majority ownership of the bank was approved last month by the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions. Leininger and Caston now are the majority owners of the firm. Caston, RR 1, Decatur, has been in the banking business for 14 years.

Caston formerly was associated with the Lincoln National bank in Fort Wayne and will join the Akron bank's staff in an advisory capacity as well as serving as a director.

ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS

Grand Opening Fri & Sat

The Sentinel, November 16, 1977

Electronic Systems of Rochester, 324 East Eighth street, will have its grand opening Friday and Saturday with free refreshments and registration for prizes of a 40-channel C.B. Radio, a noise cancelling power microphone and a C.B. antenna

Paul Atchley and Rex and Peggy Sims are co-owners of the business. Achley will be general manager and store operator.

Atchley said that while the store will specialize in C.B. Radios and equipment, it also will feature AM and FM radios, scanners, stereo systems and speakers and car stereo systems including installation and service.

Atchley is a graduate of Ivy Tech, where he received an associate degree in electronics, a field that has been his hobby for some time

CPA FIRM

Announces Merger

The Sentinel, December 13, 1977

Dave Smith, local certified public accountant, has announced his Rochester office has merged with McQueen and Thieling of Plymouth and Bremen, effective immediately.

Rochester office headquarters are located in the Vacuumatic

building on East Eighth street with the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday mornings during tax season.

One of the three partners will be in the Rochester office every day for client's needs, according to Smith.

Smith's wife, Virga, will complete her bachelor's degree in business this month at IUSB and will join the firm Jan. 1, 1978.

FULTON METAL MFG CO

Pur Long, Jackson & Gifford

The Sentinel, January 4, 1978

The sale of Fulton Metal Mfg. Co., Inc., of Rochester by Mr. & Mrs. Rex Sims to Terry Long, Wabash, George Jackson, Rochester, and Dean Gifford, Urbana, became effective Tuesday.

The firm, on Wabash road south of 18th street road, produces metal fabricated products, including dampers, access doors, panels and enclosures for the air pollution control industry. Sales are nationwide.

Long, who joined Fulton Metal as vice-president and general manager last month, now is president of the company, Jackson, who has been with Fulton Metal for five years as plant manager, becomes vice-president and general manager. Gifford will not be involved in daily operational matters at the plant.

Long and his wife Karel have three children - Sherri, 17, a senior at Northfield high school; Sue, 14, a freshman, and Brent, 8, a third grader. The family has purchased the home on County Road 50 East that was built by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pedigo and will be moving here soon.

In Wabash, Long was a member of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors and was president of the Chamber's industrial division; was president of the Exchange club; a member of the Junior Achievement board; a member of the Wabash country club, and attended the Calvary Baptist church.

Jackson and his wife Alene have four children - Rich, 21; Mike, 20, in the Navy, Terri, 17, a high school senior, and Susie, 10. He is a member of the Manitou Moose Lodge, Rochester VFW and Rochester American Legion.

The family resides at 1502 Bancroft avenue.

Sims and his wife Peggy have lived in Rochester since he became manager of Fulton Metal when it was established with three employees in February of 1959. The simses purchased entire ownership of the company later, and it now has 22 fulltime employees.

Sims said that he and his wife will retain residence at Lake Manitou and will spend the coming year in travel.

They are involved in other companies and will “form a new situation which will be announced later,” Sims said.

HALTERMAN GROCERY

Pur Wayne Arnett

The Sentinel, January 7, 1978

Halterman's grocery store at Fourth street and Indiana avenue has been sold to Wayne Arnett, 26, RR 2, Rochester, by Otis Halterman, longtime owner of the store with his brother, Harrison (Het) Halterman.

Arnett said there will be no change in the name of the business or in the store hours - 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Arnett has lived in Rochester most of his life. A 1970 graduate of Akron high school, he was a journeyman meatcutter for the former Marsh store in Rochester for two years and for the Wilt's Food Center on East Ninth street for two years. He also worked at the Wilson packing house in Logansport for two years and was manager of the Streamliner drive-in restaurant here for 1-1/2 years.

He and his wife, Marsha, have one child - Shannon, four months old.

Arnett said that he will be at the store fulltime and that Mrs. Ruth Westwood will continue as a clerk.

There has been a grocery store at the Halterman spot for at least 70 years. The first owner was Christopher Richardson. Other owners have been Roy Adamson, Perry Jones, Swihart and Johnson, Sam Powell and Son, Merrill and Ort Waltz and Robert J. Waltz.

Harrison Halterman purchased the store from Robert Waltz in October, 1947. The following November, Otis Halterman joined the business as a partner and the brothers owned and operated the store until Jan. 1, 1977 - almost 30 years.

Harrison sold his half interest to Otis when the former became Fulton county auditor.

Otis Halterman said he will remain at the store the rest of this month. He said that he and his wife, Adlele, have no specific plans after he leaves the store.

AKRON EXCH. STATE BANK

J. Randall Leininger

The Sentinel, January 11, 1978

J. Randall Leininger was reelected president of the Akron Exchange State bank and Harold Groninger was reelected chairman of the board during the bank's annual meeting Monday.

Other bank officers are Mrs. Pat Hoffman and Kim Lewis, assistant cashiers.

Board members besides Leininger and Groninger are David Caston, Richard Day, Ted Jontz, Dr. John McKee and A.M. Price.

CHAMBERLAIN'S BAR

Pur Gene Mattix & Daus

The Sentinel, January 11, 1978

Chamberlain's Bar and Lounge, 128 East Eighth street, has become a family affair following its purchase from the estate of Mrs. Laura Chamberlain.

Ownership was transferred Monday to Mrs. Gene Mattix and her two daughters and sons-in-law - Sonja (Sonny) and Dick Geiger and Micki and Steven Nard.

Mrs. Geiger will be manager of the business. None of the previous employees will remain with the business.

The new owners have added sandwiches, bean soup, chili and bar snacks to the menu.

Mrs. Mattix said the name of the business will remain the same. There has been a Chamberlain's tavern in Rochester since the 1880s, although it has not always been at the present location.

ROCH TELEPHONE CO

Edwin C. Mercer

The Sentinel, February 4, 1978

Edwin C. Mercer, vice-president of the Rochester Telephone company, has resigned that position. The resignation became effective Friday.

Mercer had been with the company for 26 years. He started in 1952 as plant clerk, later became commercial manager and then vice-president.

Mercer will continue as a member of the board of directors until the annual stockholders meeting March 17.

WOMEN FLYERS HISTORY

Helen House

The Sentinel, February 16, 1978

By HUGH A. BARNHART

Former Editor, The Rochester Sentinel

I have received a letter from Dorothea E. Hendricks of Pendleton, Ind., informing me that there is now being assembled a national history of women flyers in the United States and also a state history of the native Hoosier female flyers. Both of these books will emphasize the story of the pioneer's accomplishments with the airplanes of those early days.

I was asked to give a complete story of Helen House, Rochester's most accomplished woman flyer. I knew her well since her childhood. She was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter House and during those flying days became the wife of Wayne Outcalt, also an experienced early aviator.

When the Rochester airport came into being the couple were the first managers of the facility. They established their combined home and office on the southwest corner near Ind. 14. They were on duty 24 hours a day, although few airplanes landed here at night as a lighted airstrip did not come into being until many years later.

I remember about those days quite well;. Male and female flyers from over the state had organized a club and each summer they came to Rochester in a group, planes of various makes landed on the city sod airport for an afternoon and night.

They stayed at the Colonial hotel. The evening meal gave the aviators an opportunity to interest Rochester citizens in aviation and to promote the building of a modern airport. Each visit attracted large crowds to see the 25 to 30 planes in action.

Helen House, being a charter member, acted as hostess for these shows and being one of the first women flyers in the state was able to tell the younger members of the club all about the pioneer days of flying. She always flew on each tour.

Mrs. (House) Outcalt died Sept. 13, 1954. - - - -

ATTY R.L. KEHOE, JR.

Joined, Alan D. Burke

The Sentinel, February 17, 1978

Richard L. Kehoe, Jr., has announced that effective Monday, Alan D. Burke joined him as an associate in the practice of law. Burke

is a 1966 graduate of Michigan City high school and a 1970 graduate of the University of Notre Dame where he received a Bachelor's of Business Administration.

Subsequent to his graduation from the University of Notre Dame law school in 1973 where he received the Juris Doctor Degree, he has practiced in the Legal Services Program of Northern Indiana, Inc., South Bend. In September, 1974 he was named Deputy Director of the Legal Services Program, a position held until his recent resignation. In that capacity he was instrumental in developing Legal Services from a five attorney agency to only St. Joseph county to a fifteen attorney agency serving eight Northern Indiana counties, including Fulton county.

He has been a guest lecturer at the University of Notre Dame Law and Business schools and at Indiana University at South Bend. Much of his practice has been concentrated in the area of Consumer Law and in 1973 he was recognized by the National Consumer Law Center, Boston, for his expertise in this area.

Burke is married to the former Susan G. Goetz and has two daughters, Jennifer, 5, and Kathryn, 3. The family anticipates moving to Rochester at the conclusion of the present school year.

FULTON COUNTY TIRE CO.

Pur, Monteith Tire Co

The Sentinel, March 2, 1978

Fulton County Tire company, located east of the city on Ind. 14, has been purchased by Ray Monteith of Warsaw and will continue operation under the name of Monteith Tire of Rochester.

Gene Walker, former owner of the business, will remain as manager. Walker has owned and operated the tire concern for the past two years, having opened the business with Bill Johnson here in August, 1971.

Monteith Tire company started its existence in Warsaw 13 years ago and now has 15 stores in as many Indiana cities, including Logansport, Plymouth and Flora in this area.

The new owner said that the local Monteith outlet will add Michelin tires and a comparatively-priced tire line, Falls, to the Firestone tires and batteries already offered by the firm.

Walker's wife, Peg, and Pat Burkett will remain as members of the staff with two more persons to be added. Monteith also said that additional service equipment is to be installed.

BABCOCK MARINA

Pur. Raker Family

The Sentinel, March 8, 1978

Babcock's Marina on the north shore of Lake Manitou has been purchased by the Raker family and has been renamed Raker's Port Hole.

Steve and Donna Raker and his parents, Arvine and Geneva Raker, jointly purchased the marina in mid-February from Bill Babcock and they have started tearing down the back portion of the building.

The Rakers, also associated with Raker Construction, plan for the marina to be a year-round business. It will have summer needs for lake users and will be the winter dealer for Articat snowmobiles. The Rakers have purchased the Articat dealership for this area from Smith Brothers Diesel.

Plans are for an opening date in April and a grand opening for the snowmobiles in August.

Summer items will include ski supplies, boating equipment, fishing tackle and bait and a complete swimwear line for men and women.

Besides the snowmobiles, winter accessories will include snowmobile suits, jackets, ski pants, mittens, hats, scarves and other winter needs including children's wear.

HARDESTY PRTG CO

To Expand

The Sentinel, March 31, 1978

Hardesty Printing company today announced a major expansion of its production facilities at 824 Main street.

Owner Frank Hardesty said that a 20 by 52 foot building will be erected at the rear of the building to provide increased production required by growth of the business. - - - -

CULLIGAN SOFT WATER

Pur James M. Downs

The Sentinel, April 1, 1978

Sale of Culligan Soft Water Service, 129 East Fifth street, was announced today by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Newman. The new owner is James M. Downs, Rochester, who took over operation of the business today.

Downs said the firm will continue to operate under the same

name and that there will be no change in personnel. His wife, Cressie, will assist in the operation on a part-time basis.

The Newmans purchased the soft-water business here in November, 1974. Their immediate plans are to continue as a Culligan franchise operator, probably in Missouri.

Downs has been employed 15 years by Topps Garment Mfg. Co. here, leaving the position of sales manager. He was born in this city, graduated from Culver high school and attended Indiana University. He also holds a real estate broker's license.

Mr. & Mrs. Downs are the parents of two children, Jim, 15, and Elizabeth, 11. The family resides on the east shore of Lake Manitou.

SUNFLOWER SHOP

Pur, Robert Bradway

The Sentinel, April 3, 1978

The Sunflower Shop, 616 Main street, was sold Saturday to Robert and Gretchen Bradway by its founder, Mrs. Nancy Eggers.

The business will continue under the same name, said the new owners. Mrs. Eggers opened the shop in November, 1973, offering patterns and supplies for knitting, needlework, needlepoint and crewel. She plans to assist her husband, William, in the operation of Eggers Sales company, a manufacturers' representative firm. The Eggerses reside on the southeast shore of Lake Manitou.

Bradway is a native of Akron. He and his wife recently moved to the city from Fort Myers, Fla.

Mrs. Bradway said that she plans to expand the shop's yarn inventory, to offer advanced classes in knitting and teach the designing of knited garments. Her husband will be associated in the operation of the business, but also plans to open a small-equipment rental business here soon.

FULTON CO LIBRARY

History

The Sentinel, April 5, 1978

By MRS. GRACE STINGL MASON

Editor's Note - This is National Library Week and most appropriately, Claire Zehner, head librarian of the Fulton County Library, has submitted a history of the library as written by Mrs. Grace Stingl Mason on May 22, 1931, head librarian at that time. It reads:

The Rochester-Fulton County Library owes its origin to the

Woman's club of Rochester.

In the fall of 1903 a meeting was held at Indianapolis to arouse interest in libraries in Indiana. Miss Alice Stahl, a member of the Woman's club, was much in favor of establishing a library in Rochester and, as no one else seemed able to attend the meeting, she took it upon herself to go. She returned very enthusiastic and had learned the procedure which was necessary to obtain a public library. Various people had talked of the need of a library in Rochester, but this was the first definite action taken.

A mass meeting of the town was called with a member of the State Library Commission present who explained the matter more fully. A vote was taken and it was decided with few dissenting votes to undertake the establishment of a public library according to law.

The members of the Woman's club, of which Mrs. W.S. Shafer was president, and the University extension club circulated the subscription paper to raise the required amount necessary before the town council could levy a tax. No person was permitted to pay more than \$14. Soon, enough was subscribed to justify immediate action and a Library Board was appointed.

On Jan. 24, 1904, Mrs. Shafer was made president during the first board meeting and Mrs. L.M. Brackett was made vice-president. Omer B. Smith was secretary and other members were Mrs. A.H. Robbins, Daniel Agnew, Jonathan Dawson and B.F. Fretz.

In March, 1904, the library Board met with the Township Advisory Board and trustee to bring up the question of including Rochester township in the territory which would support the library. Talks were made by Professor W.H. Banta and George W. Holman. It was decided that petitions be sent to the teachers of the township to secure signatures. The desired number were obtained and Rochester township joined with the city in the forward movement.

Members of the Board spent much time in collecting the subscriptions which had been made. The use of the grand jury room in the courthouse was obtained for the library and the services of Miss Iva Etta Sullivan were secured through the Library Commission to care for the books which had been purchased.

In March, 1904, correspondence was begun with Andrew Carnegie in regard to securing funds for a library building. A gift of \$10,000 and later an additional \$3,000 was granted provided that the local board guarantee a sufficient amount to purchase a lot; the present location was finally decided upon and secured from Isaiah

Walker. Several benefit basketball games and entertainments were given for the library.

Plans for the building were accepted and contract let. The formal opening was held Sept. 4, 1907.

The Library served Rochester and Rochester township until July 1921. The Board signified to the County Commissioners that the Rochester Library desired to extend its services to all the county not having library service.

The first librarian, Miss Sullivan, remained until 1910 when she resigned and was replaced by Miss Opha Pletcher. In 1912 Miss Grace Stingly was elected librarian. Under her direction the county work was organized.

A small branch library served Liberty township and located in Fulton. The remainder of the county was visited by a book-truck carrying 900 volumes with space for 12 people inside. The truck visited schools and towns during the school year and towns and houses in the summer.

The original 500 volumes grew to almost 17,000. The original circulation of 9,690 became 101,259 in 1930. A total population of 10,890 was served; 3,527 in Rochester, and 7,363 in the rural districts. In 1905, the income was \$2,215 and in 1930 it was \$9,690.

The only gift of money that the library received was made by Dr. Jacob C. Spohn in 1909. Three thousand dollars was bequeathed, \$500 of which was received each year for six years. Books of adult non-fiction were bought from this fund.

Mrs. Zehner ha updated the report with the following facts:

Circulation, 195,689 books and periodicals; Interlibrary loans, TWIX service, 165, borrowers, 6,838; volumes, 56,375; periodicals, 119; microfilms, 180; pamphlets, 6,055; filmstrips, 80; slides, 35; sound recordings, 2,235; income, \$128,305.97, and 4,652 persons used films in 1977.

The library serves a population of 13, 024 persons and is a member of the Indiana Library Film Flick Service.

F&M BANK

Annual Meeting

The Sentinel, April 13, 1978

Farmers and Merchants bank experienced increases in all phases of the business in 1977, stockholders were informed Wednesday at the bank's annual meeting.

Presidentt Glenn Skersick reported that total assets increased \$2.8 million, at year's end, an increase of \$2.4 million. Loans were up almost 19 percent, to \$17.1 million, and earnings per share were \$51.67 compared to \$48.34 the year before. - - - -

COAST TO COAST

Grand Opening

The Sentinel, April 13, 1978

Grand opening of the new Coast to Coast total hardware store here has been changed to May 24, owner Harry Miller said today as applications for employment began..

The Coast to Coast store had been set for a May 4 opening, coincident with that of the adjoining Spurgeon's department store. However, some delay in construction has prompted Miller to revise these plans.

Miller also owns, with his wife Betty, the Coast to Coast store in Plymouth. He and the local store's manager, Roger Burkholder, were interviewing prospective setup employees Wednesday and today. - - - -

Burkholder, store manager, comes to the local post after 3-1/2 years as assistant manager of the Ben Franklin store in Plymouth. He and his wife, Donna, have taken residence in the city.

The Millers have operated the Plymouth outlet of Coast to Coast the past four years. - - - -

SWITCHES, INC.

Leiters Ford

The Sentinel, April 17, 1978

Ground was broken at Leiters Ford this morning for a factory expected to employ 200 to 250 persons at the beginning.

The firm, Switches, Inc., manufactures wire harnesses for the automotive and appliance industries. It is headquartered in Goshen and now has a plant at Bruce Lake, near Kewanna, which will be closed when the Leiters Ford plant is in operation. - - - -

AUBBEE GRADE SCHOOL

Closing End of School Year

The Sentinel, April 18, 1978

The Culver Community Schools board of trustees voted 3-2 Monday night to close Aubbee elementary school at Leiters Ford at the end of this school term and send pupils to Culver and Monterey.

JUNKYARD JUNCTION

Trucker's Nickname

The Sentinel, April 20, 1978

The intersection of U.S. 31 and Ind. 14 on the southwest edge of Rochester, scene of many traffic accidents and subject of a local campaign for an Ind. 14 overpass, now has a nickname.

James Heyde of Rochester said he was returning from Indianapolis on U.S. 31 Tuesday afternoon when he heard conversations by semi-rig drivers about the intersection over his CB radio.

And he learned that the truckers have dubbed the site "Junkyard Junction."

At one point Tuesday, three wrecked semi-rigs could be seen near the intersection after two semis collided Monday night and another jackknifed Tuesday morning.

BRADWAY RENTAL & SVC

Opens Monday

The Sentinel, April 25, 1978

Bradway Rental and Service Inc., will open for business Monday east of the city on Ind. 14 across from the Fulton county airport site. The business will occupy a building constructed for display and storage by the former Miller's Bayside Marina.

Owner Robert Bradway said his firm will offer a varied line of small equipment for rent to home owners as well as to contractors, plumbers, electricians, etc.

The equipment includes compressor, small tractor, garden and lawn equipment, cement equipment, floor sanders and many miscellaneous tools.

A native of Akron and graduate of Akron high school, Bradway has moved to the city from Fort Myers, Fla., where he was general manager of an acoustical and insulation company.

He and his wife, Gretchen, recently purchased the Sunflower Shop in downtown Rochester, which Mrs. Bradway is operating.

SUNSHINE CLEANING CTR

Pur, Bill Mulvaney

The Sentinel, April 26, 1978

Bill Mulvaney, Rochester, has purchased the Sunshine Cleaning Center, 528 East Ninth street, from Leroy Bennett and Ralph Henderson.

Mulvaney said he plans to keep the present employees at the cleaning center to assist in the operation. They are Mrs. Janice Roe, Mrs. Alta Burt, Mrs. Betty Smith and Mrs. Janet Andrews.

An eight-year resident of Rochester, Mulvaney also owns and operates the Dairy Queen a block east of the cleaning center on Ninth street. Assisting him in the Dairy Queen operation are his wife, Noreen, and their children, Billy, 11, and Mary, 10.

The Mulvaney family moved to Rochester from Dearfield, Ill., in 1970 where they had owned a Standard service station in Evanston, Ill. Mulvaney owned and operated the Ford dealership at 602 Main street, under the name of Mulvaney-Vogler Ford until two and a half years ago. The business was then sold and is presently known as Damas Ford. The Dairy Queen operation was purchased three years ago. - - -

ROCH EMPLOYMENT SVC

Roch Chamber of Commerce

The Sentinel, April 26, 1978

The Rochester Employment Service office, designed to help local residents find suitable employment in the Rochester community, will open Friday in Room 202 of the First Federal Savings and Loan building, Ninth and Monroe streets.

Operated by the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the office will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Volunteers will staff the office, with Mrs. Tom (Marilyn) Guthrie as office manager and Bill Montle as counselor.

There will be no charge for services of the office, either to employee or employer. - - - -

SPURGEON'S

Comes to Rochester

The Sentinel, May 3, 1978

Spurgeon's comes to Rochester Thursday morning, opening its handsome new department store at 713 Main street as the 72nd in the company's chain of stores in six midwestern states.

Its opening signals the return of department-store merchandising services to the city, since a mid-summer fire in 1975 wiped out Wile's and an entire quarter-block of retail establishments. - - - -

CURV-INN RESTAURANT

Pur, Frank Johnson

The Sentinel, May 3, 1978

The Curv-Inn restaurant in Kewanna has reopened under new management. Frank and Juanita Johnson purchased the business. They are not new in the community but the restaurant business is new to them.

Curv-Inn is open Tuesday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served as well as short orders and sandwiches. The restaurant will be closed on Mondays.

PERU PROD CREDIT

H.E. (Ed) Snyder

The Sentinel, May 8, 1978

H.E. (Ed) Snyder, a native of Rochester, is the new manager of the Fulton county office of Peru Production Credit association, 1001 Main street. He replaces Mrs. Bonnie Fear, who resigned.

Announcement of the changes was made by James Showley, administrative assistant of PCA at Peru.

Phil Runkle remains as assistant manager of the Fulton county office and Mrs. Maurice (Kathy) Siders remains as office assistant. Mrs. Phil (Pat) Thompson has joined the office as secretary.

Snyder has been with PCA for 14 years, serving all that time as manager of the Miami county office at Peru. Before that he was with the former Armour Creameries in Rochester for 20 years.

The son of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Snyder, he is a graduate of Rochester high school, attended Purdue university and is a World War 11 veteran.

He is a member of the Rotary club, First Baptist church,

Masonic lodge and Eastern Star, all of Peru.

Snyder and his wife, the former Mary Lou Newcomb of Rochester, have three married children - Lyman, of Franklin, Marcus, of Peru, and Mrs. Mark E. (Amy) Snyder, of Indianapolis.

The new office manager will retain his residence in Peru.

FULTON BRANCH BANK

James Bitterling, Mgr

The Sentinel, May 11, 1978

James Bitterling, Ligonier, has been named new assistant cashier and branch manager of the Fulton branch of the First National bank of Rochester. He will start June 9 and will move into the area as soon as housing can be obtained.

Bitterling will replace Ron Gundrum, who resigned to enter the real estate business.

Announcement of the new branch manager was made by Al Price, president of the bank.

Presently, Bitterling is loan officer for the State Bank of Syracuse, where he has worked for about a year. He is a former branch manager for the American Finance company of Nappanee. Bitterling previously was in business in Kewanna as owner of the Beehive retail store.

A graduate of Purdue university, Bitterling has a bachelor's degree in industrial management and majors in economics and accounting.

He is married to the former Kenan Cook of Kewanna, where Bitterling was born and raised. They have four sons.

COMPETITION CYCLES

Bill & Jill Hammel

The Sentinel, May 15, 1978

Competition Cycles, owned and operated by Bill and Jill Hammel, has opened for business next to their home one-eighth mile north of Rochester on Old U.S. 31.

Specializing in parts and accessories for all types of motor-cycles, the establishment also services and sells new and used motorcycles by order. Some accessories featured in addition to regular maintenance items are helmets, tires, tubes, shields, rain and riding suits, boots and leathers.

Doing the mechanical work in his spare time is Bill Hammel,

who is employed with Hammel Chrysler-Plymouth as sales manager. His wife, Jill, is manager of the Cycle business. - - - -

A grand opening sale is planned for the beginning of June.

COAST TO COAST

Grand Opening

The Sentinel, May 23, 1978

Wednesday morning will be grand opening of the new Coast to Coast "total hardware" store at 709 Main street.

Harry and Betty Miller, store owners, and Manager Roger Burkholder will officially signal return of the Coast to Coast merchandising name to the city.,

ARNOLD'S CLOTHING

Owners, Bill & Brenda Arnold

The Sentinel, June 5, 1978

Arnold's, the third of Rochester's four new downtown retail stores, plans to open for business in the week beginning June 19 at 701 Main street.

Bill and Brenda Arnold, owners of the store that will feature fine clothing for men, women and children, made this announcement today.

Arnold's will occupy 3,300 square feet in the northwest corner of the new quarter-block building at Main and Seventh streets. Already open there are Spurgeon's department store and Coast to Coast store. Still to come is Martha's Queen Fashions, with the dental offices of Dr. Timothy Ravencroft completing the structure's occupancy. - - - -

The Arnolds are opening their second clothing store here, having operated Brenda Jeanne's Fashion Shoppe at DeMotte the past seven years. The family resides at Lake Village with their four children, sons Dean, 14, Dan, 12, Doug, 9, and an adopted Korean daughter, Amy, 7.

ADLER'S STYLE SHOP

Closing Out

The Sentinel, June 7, 1978

The closing of two retail establishments in Rochester is making room for the expansion of three other local businesses.

Now in the process of closing is Adler's Style Shop, 812 Main street.

Moving into the store once it is vacated will be the B & B Store,

which is next door at 814 Main street. Owner Phil McCarter said he plans to knock out part of the wall which separates the two stores to create more display and storage space for his business.- - -

Mrs. Mary Jo Lewis, manager of Adler's, said owner Phil Adler is not interested in owning the store any longer. Adler resides in Indianapolis six months out of the year and in Florida for the other six months, she said.

VILLAGE COLORS

Closed Three Weeks Ago

The Sentinel, June 7, 1978

Village Colors, 423 East Ninth street, closed about three weeks ago when owner Dick Enyart decided to go back to his former job as a traveling manufacturer's representative.

This closing has made room for the expansion of Clay Floor Covering, 820 Main street, and Kline's TV & Appliances, 126 East Eighth street.

Max Clay, owner of Clay Floor Covering, bought out the paint store's Smith-Alsop paint lines and now offers the house paints as part of his extensive business expansion.

Kline's TV & Appliances has bought the building which housed the paint store and plans to turn it into a Radio Shack store, co-owner Tim Kline said.- - -

Enyart, who owned Village Colors for four years, previously was a manufacturer's representative for 10 years. He and his wife, Helen, still own Village Apartments on Madison street and plan to stay in Rochester.- - -

LORD'S DRESS SHOP

To become Cato's in July

The Sentinel, June 21, 1978

Lord's dress shop at 800 Main street will become Cato's July 13, following an extensive remodeling of the interior of the premises.

The Lord's chain of 100 stores has been purchased by The Cato Corporation of Charlotte, N.C., which operates 300 outlets in 14 southeastern states. This will be Cato's first venture into northern Indiana.

A closing-out sale of Lord's merchandise will end Saturday and the store then will be closed for remodeling prior to the July 13 re-opening. According to Cato officials, its new line of merchandise will

feature improved quality and newer fashions over Lord's previous offerings, from infants through mature women's wear.

The Cato chain was begun in 1946 by Wayland H. Cato Sr. His son, Wayland H. Cato Jr., now is president and chairman of the clothing chain.

Jean Turner, manager of the Lord's store, will remain in that position for Cato, along with staff members Debbie Swango and Cindy Border. Additional personnel also is to be hired later.

ERMA'S SHIRT TALES

Will Open in August

Compass Edition, June 21, 1978

Erma's Shirt Tales, offering a complete line of custom lettered T-shirts, will open early in August at 822 Main street, formerly occupied by Rochester Auto Parts.

The new business will be in the front portion of the building while the remainder, including basement, is to be used for an expansion of facilities of Hardesty Printing company that adjoins it on the south.

Robert and Erma Martin of Rochester are the owners of Shirt Tales. Mrs. Martin, who will operate the business, said that two heat transfer machines are to be installed in public view at the front windows. Besides custom lettering and transfers of T-shirts, the shop will offer a line of accessories, including suspenders, tote bags and night shirts, with other items to be added.

KINDIG REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, July 3, 1978

The Kindig family reunion was held June 25 in the City Park. Ten families were present for the first reunion after 15 years. It had been an annual event for 50 years.

Dinner was served to the 65 members present.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. & Mrs. Cleon Kindig, San Jose, Cal.; Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Kindig, Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. & Mrs. Omer Kindig, Warsaw; Philip Kindig, Oxnard, Cal.; Paul McDowell, Chicago; Robert McDowell, Akron, O.; Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Jones, Boynton Beach, Fla., and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Durham, Indianapolis.

Also, Kathryn Tubbs, Pleasant Lake, Ind.; Marilta Stinson, Fort Wayne; Mary & Bob Tice, Kent, O.; Mr. & Mrs. Francis Smith, Leiters Ford; Ron Doram and Roberta Dice, Peru; Patty and Carrie Kindig,

Peru; and Dorothy Cunningham, Peru.

Mr. & Mrs. Cleon Kindig, San Jose, Cal., are spending a few days with relatives and friends.

CASUAL FLAIR

Mrs. Suzanne Beattie

The Sentinel, July 11, 1978

It's about time for a change of luck for Mrs. Suzanne Beattie, the new owner-operator of Casual Flair, 120 East Eighth street.

Mrs. Beattie worked for Adlers Style Shop, which went out of business last month. Before that, she worked for Wile's department store, which was one of three stores destroyed by fire in the summer of 1975.

She and her husband, Don, who reside at 325 West Seventh street, have bought the women's apparel store and taken over operations. Mrs. Beattie is managing the establishment, assisted by her two daughters, Teresa, 18, and Cindy Randell, 22.

The store previously was owned and operated by Mrs. Barbara Warner, RR 3. Rochester, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jo Ann Warner, RR 3 (Riverwood Acres), Rochester, who ran the operation for a year and a half.

Mrs. Jo Ann Warner said she and her mother-in-law do not plan to open another business in the near future and left the operation to pursue other interests.

Casual Flair will continue to offer a complete line of women's wear. Mrs. Beattie said, "The store will continue to carry Queen Casual, Ditto, Turtle Backs, Country Mill, Toni Todd and Vicky Vaughn lines of clothes and is already starting to get new fall styles in stock, she said.

PETERSON & MORTON

,Ted A. Waggoner

The Sentinel July 13, 1978

Ted A. Waggoner, 24, a 1978 graduate of Indiana University School of Law at Bloomington, is associating with the law firm of Peterson and Morton in Rochester. Waggoner recently was admitted to practice before the Indiana Supreme Court.

A 1975 graduate of Indiana State university, Waggoner participated in student government activities, was a member of the Blue Key fraternity and a member of the ISU Varsity swim, team. He

was named an Alan C. Rankin Outstanding Senior, one of four students so chosen.

While in law school, he spent two years as a legal clerk for Ken Nunn, an attorney in Bloomington.

Waggoner is a native of Franklin, where he graduated from Franklin Community high school. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Waggoner, reside in Franklin.

LAKE MANITOU BANDS

Inspired Kenny Jagger

The Sentinel, July 18, 1978

Editor's Note: The following article concerns the musical career of a former Rochester resident and appeared in The Indianapolis News, written by staff reporter Kathleen Van Nuys. Jagger grew up in the city, graduating from Rochester high school in 1937. His father, Ray, operated the Schlosser Brothers creamery here. Jagger is a frequent visitor with friends here.

Kenny Jagger has spent 40 happy years playing "big band" music at the organ - providing enjoyment for persons who are dining, dancing and celebrating memorable occasions.

"Some people describe my music as 'the big band sound'," he said, happy they recognize the style that became a major part of his life.

Appearing at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis, Jagger is at the source of his first close-up encounter with big bands. Amos Otstott, playing the club on Monument Circle, took his band to Lake Manitou in 1936 to perform at the Colonial Hotel and Gardens.

"I was a kid in high school (Rochester) waiting tables for the summer, and I heard the finest bands in America,:" Jagger said. "One month it was Jan Garber, the next, Frankie Masters out of Chicago. On weekends, the A.C. Bradleys (hotel owners) would engage Glen Gray, Fletcher Henderson, Earl Hines, Ray Noble and Jimmy Dorsey.

"Across the lake, at the Fairview Hotel, Tiny Hill and other big name bands were competition," he said. "Ostott brought Marilyn Maxwell and Buddy Rogers, who went with Ted Weems and then to Pasadena Playhouse and into (motion) pictures.

"Jimmy Cathcart's Benny Goodman-style band already was popular at Indiana university. Warpy Waterfall did much of the arranging and played 'Goodman' clarinet solos. Henry Watkins made the arrangements. I'd see him at a table working and talk with him.

“The late Earl Geiger (Muncie), who was with Hal Kemp, was a sensitive stylist,” said Jagger. Others who influenced his life and music are Mark Warnow and his Hit Parade orchestra, Johnny Hodges, with Duke Ellington, “another great stylist,” and Freddie Martin, whose orchestral style on the organ was a product of big bands.

Jagger was a young pianist who played organ at the Grace Methodist Church in Rochester when he entered Sherwood Music School in Chicago to study theater and radio organ entertainment under Mildred Fitzpatrick, First Nighter radio program organist. He returned to the Bradleys Colonial hotel to play organ in the basement rathskeller.

Having had a band in Rochester high school, Jagger was aware of problems created by personality conflicts and musicians moving out of town so he had ruled out having his own orchestra.

“It’s tough, making a living as a musician,” he said. “With the same degree of success, I’d be a millionaire doing something else. But life has been good to us (family). There’s nothing in the world you can’t accomplish if you want to.”

His biggest thrill in the late 1940s was a midtown Manhattan engagement and radio program. His cousin, actor Dean Jagger, a Columbia City native, heard a broadcast and visited him.

In the early ‘50s, Jagger played more than five years at the Graylynn hotel. He had a 13-week television show on which Ruby Wright, Anderson singer who married orchestra leader Barney Rapp, drove from Cincinnati to appear.

“I got a kick out of playing the Indiana Theater electronic organ when the theater reopened showing *Gone With the Wind*,” he said.

Jagger encourages audience’s participation and watches dinner guests smile and talk as they relive happy times through his music. He knows many of his listener’s favorite tunes but sometimes draws a mental blank on song requests.

“Show tunes, golden oldies and Viennese waltzes are popular,” said the man who sometimes stretches from limb to limb, his left foot on outer organ pedals and his hands far right on upper plane octaves. “I feel it after four or five hours,” he said of stretched leg muscles.

“A pleasant surprise recently are requests for more Gershwin and country western tunes. When I get into those, I hear feet moving before people get on the dance floor.

He recalled playing in establishments while they were being robbed. The manager of one ran to the cash register to oblige and

avoid trouble. Another time, a man held a gun in a patron's stomach.

"I kept on playing," Jagger said.

The man whose interest in motorcycles began about age 14 didn't own one until he was 35. He sometimes rides his BMW (Bavarian Motor Works) to club engagements.

MARTHA'S QUEEN FSHNS

Opens Next Week

The Sentinel, July 21, 1978

Martha's Queen Fashions opens its new and enlarged clothing store next week, becoming the third occupant in Main street's new retail building.

The firm, specializing in large sizes of women's clothing, will stage a grand opening sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the 1200-square foot location at 103 East Seventh street. Both summer and new fall merchandise will be on display.

Mrs. Martha Winterrowd, store owner, is doubling the size of her former location at 321 East Eighth street with the move, providing a general expansion of all items of clothing offered to customers. - - - -

Miss Linda Hewitt and Miss Sue Clark assist Mrs. Winterrowd as sales persons in the store's operation.

Martha's becomes the third retail outlet to open in the new building, being preceded by Spurgeon's department store and Coast to Coast hardware store in May. - - - -

MILLER REUN

Fish & Fun Campgrounds

The Sentinel, July 31, 1978

The 12th annual Henry Miller family reunion was held July 23 at the Fish and Fun campgrounds on the Tippecanoe river with 44 relatives and six guests present.

Following the noon meal, a business session was conducted by President Kenny Miller.

Elected as officers were Warren Lease, president; Jeff Miller, vice-president, and Kris Lease, secretary-treasurer.

Attending from Rochester were: Mrs. Dollie Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Wyman Shearer, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miller, Teri and Christopher Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Reynolds and family, Mr. & Mrs. Marty Burns and Amy, Joan Miller, Jeff Miller, Peg Miller, Scott Miller, Kelley, Carrie and Hank Riffle, Dee & Evelyn Miller and Mr. & Mrs. Warren

Lease and Michael.

Attending from out-of-town were Mr. & Mrs. Joe Day and Mr. & Mrs. Dick Day, Akron; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Palestine; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Miller and Erika, Hot Springs, S.D.; Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kern and Mr. & Mrs. Tim Kern and family, Peru.

Guests were Susi Gibbons, Bernice Louderback, Mr. & Mrs. Omer Pieratt and Melissa and Meda Wiebles.

CORA'S SHOP

Cora del Rosario

The Sentinel, August 1, 1978

Cora's Shop, a new specialty retail establishment, will open here in mid-September at the Carr building, 324 East Eighth street.

The owner and operator will be Mrs. Cora del Rosario of Rochester.

At its opening, the shop will offer a complete line of uniforms of all types, for men and women; and also maternity wear, including dresses, pantsuits and lingerie. Mrs. Del Rosario expects to add other specialty lines later.

PARADISE Auto-Truck Plaza

Walter Kronberg

The Sentinel, August 2, 1978

The Paradise Auto-Truck Plaza being built on the south side of U.S. 31 between Ind. 25 and Old U.S. 31 south of Rochester hopefully will open the first part of November, owner Walter Kronberg said today. A 50-by-100-foot structure is being built on 20 acres of land and there will be two service islands for cars and two for trucks with diesel fuel.

The building will contain a family restaurant; a banquet room a truckers' lounge with showers and restrooms; a minimart with quick foods, gifts and western wear, and offices for S&K Trucking, Central Indiana, Illinois Trucking and S&K Oil Products companies.

Kronberg said the restaurant will seat 100 persons and the banquet room will seat 80 to 100 persons. Smorgasbord and salad bar will be featured. The banquet room will be available for meetings and for catered gatherings.

A garage and wrecker service will be part of the operation and there will be ample parking for both cars and trucks. The business will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. - - -

HIATT'S GARDEN FARMS

Clarence & Gene Hiatt

The Sentinel, August 4, 1978

Hiatt's Garden Farms, a retail farm market, will open for business Thursday at its newly-constructed building west of the city off the U.S. 31 bypass.

The firm will be operated by Clarence Hiatt and son, Gene, and their families. It is located just south of the U.S. 31 overpass of the Erie Western railroad and can be reached from the city by continuing on West Third street past the 4-H fairgrounds, immediately behind that crossing of U.S. 31.

Although the building is not yet completed, the Hiatts are proceeding with the Thursday opening because the season of locally-grown fruits and vegetables is at its height. Grand opening will be later.

Hours at the start will be 10 a.m. , to 8 p.m., daily except Sunday.

The 22 by 64 foot building has an eight-foot porch extension and features a 16x16 foot walk-in cooler and a partially-cooled salesroom of the same size for cheeses and other perishable products.

Garden Farms according to the Hiatts, will offer home-grown as well as out-of-season and tropical vegetables and fruits; a large variety of local and Wisconsin cheeses; Michigan apples, peaches and other fruits; garden and canning supplies, vegetable and flower bedding plants, in season; nuts, popcorn and dry cooking beans; honey, sorghum and fruit jams; potted plants for all occasions.

The Hiatts have long experience in growing and selling and plan to offer their long-established dressed poultry by order at the new market. Opportunities for pick-your-own vegetables and blueberries also will be provided.

BROWN REUN

Grand Lake, Colo.

The Sentinel, August 7, 1978

Twenty-nine members of the family of the late Mr. & Mrs. Selden Brown met in Grand Lake, Col., for a camp-out. Mr. & Mrs. Parke Baxter, Rochester, were vacationing in the area and spent an evening with the group.

Those attending were: Edith and Clayton Nicholson, Henryville, Pa.; Ann & Eric Sandberg, Madison, N.J.; Margarek Brooke & John,

Lexington, Mass.; Nancy & Lew Powell and Mary, Heather and Alan, Bend, Ore.; Mrs. Margaret Powell, Florida; Jesse & Hellen Brown, Rochester; Joyce & Dave Mills, Ada, Okla., and Carol & Dave Werner and Mark and Greg, Warsaw.

Also Walter & Sherry Brown and Julie, Michigan City, Ind.; Rick & Elaine Brown, Indianapolis; Conde & Ellamae Holloway, Rochester; Walter J. Brown, Georgetown, S.C., and Grace Stojanovic & Tim Shelton, San Jose, Cal.

ARNOLD'S CLOTHING

Now Open

The Sentinel, August 14, 1978

Arnold's clothing store now is open in the northwest corner of the new retail building at Seventh and Main streets, leaving just one vacant in the structure where a vacant lot stood for almost three years.

ROCHESTER SENTINEL

Troy Cozad Joins Staff

The Sentinel, August 14, 1978

Troy Cozad, 22, a 1978 journalism graduate of Indiana university, today joined The Rochester Sentinel newsroom staff as reporter with general assignment duties.

He will specialize in governmental reporting, covering the Rochester City Council, the Fulton Board of County Commissioners and the Fulton County Council, along with other local government agencies.

Cozad graduated from I.U. last May with majors in journalism and history. At I.U., he was a columnist and later editor of the opinion page of The Indiana Daily Student, the I.U. Newspaper, and also covered the Bloomington City Council.

He also has been a correspondent for The Louisville Courier-Journal.

A native of Huntington, he is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Cozad. His father is a school teacher and former principal at Huntington high school.

MORRIS REUN

Akron Park

The Sentinel, August 18, 1978

The annual Monroe Morris family reunion was held at the Akron park Sunday, Aug. 13. After a basket dinner, a business meeting was held with the following elected to serve as officers for the coming year: Robert Sutton, president; Richard Bennett, vice-president; Sarah Sutton, secretary-treasurer, and Jan Bennett, assistant secretary.

Those attending were, from Akron: Wayne Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Klein and family, Mr. & Mrs. Al Jennens, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gast and family and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Spangle and son.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Morris, Mary Morris and Mr. & Mrs. James Hacker, Wabash; Mr. & Mrs. George Dawald and Tim and Mr. & Mrs. Mike Morris, Roann; Mrs. Alden Morris and Colleen, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sutton, Macy; Mrs. John Kerlin, Mrs. Charles Alexander and family, and Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Sutton and family, Silver Lake.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Hyder Todd, Peru; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Schneider and family, Indianapolis; Mr. & Mrs. Jay King, Michigan City; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morris, Lapaz; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Squint and family, South Bend; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Gast, Burket; Mrs. Paul Bell and Robbie, Jennifer Ruprecht, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bennett, Fort Wayne, and Mary Lou Dawald, Crawfordsville.

GENERAL TRANSFER.

Phil LeRue, Mgr.

The Sentinel, August 19, 1978

A new member of the Rochester community literally will get rolling Monday.

The new addition is General Transfer, Inc., a shipping firm that distributes household items such as candy and soap throughout Indiana and surrounding states.

The company has established its main distribution terminal in Rochester in a newly constructed warehouse north of the Erie-Western railroad tracks and east of Fulton avenue.

The new building will be used more as a transfer point for goods being shipped throughout the state than a storage location, said Phil LaRue, terminal manager.

The building can handle 16 trucks at a time and will employ

35-40 persons when operations begin next week. However, LeRue said, "I'm sure we're going to increase our volume and grow."

The company originally was based in Kentland, which is in Newton county near the Indiana-Illinois state line. The company decided to move its main distribution terminal to Rochester because it is more centrally located and had space for a more modern facility, LeRue said.

VAN LOU REUN

Ronald Van Lou Home

The Sentinel, August 23, 1978

The Van Lou family reunion was held Saturday in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Van Lue and family of Fort Wayne. There were 62 members present for a basket dinner.

Those attending were: Lois Hayes, Norfolk, Va.; Joann Falk, Bozemen, Mont.; Duane Falk, Canada; Anna Vandegrift and Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Bronzyk, Gilbert, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Raitz Jr., Bemidji, Minn.; Mr. & Mrs. John Boggess and family, Rallmadge, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Fuller and family, Casstown, O.; and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kerr and family, Orient, O.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Hurbert Van Lou and David, Mr. & Mrs. Phil Marsh and family, Mrs. Leonard Van Lue, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Van Lou Jr., and family, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Van Lue and family, Fort Wayne; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Palestine, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Minglin and family, Warsaw, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Metzger and family, Rochester; Mr. & Mrs. John Van Lou, Douglas and Diana, Syracuse; Mr. & Mrs. Chloris Barkman, Rochester; and Mr. & Mrs. James Barkman and family, Rochester; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Culp, Elkhart, were invited guests.

The 1979 reunion will be at the home of Jerry and Becky Van Lou Kerr in Orient, O.

This is the first time in seven years that Mrs. Anna Vandegrift and her four daughters, Lois Hayes, Joann Falk, Rosella Bromczyk and Esther Raitz had the opportunity to be together.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Miller and Mr. & Mrs. Chloris Barkman were the hosts for the out-of-state families for several days.

RON'S X-PRESSWAY

Ron Lett, Owner-Mgr.

The Sentinel, August 25, 1978

A new gasoline station will open for business this weekend in Rochester.

Ron's X-Pressway, at Madison and Ninth streets, will have the pumps turned on at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, said Ron Lett, owner-manager of the new station. It is the site of the former Freeway station. - - - -

The station will be a family-run business operated by Lett, his wife and their two sons.

Lett is a lifelong resident of Fulton county and presently lives at Bel-Wood Acres. He first worked in a gasoline station when he was 14 years old and managed the station on the same site of his new business when it was owned by South Central Oil from Rollo, Mo. South Central closed the station 11 months ago.

FARMERS-MERCHANTS MKT

Opens at Leiters Ford

The Sentinel, August 31, 1978

The Leiters Ford Farmers and Merchants Market will open for business Saturday at 9 a.m. and will continue until dark.

Sponsored as a community event, the market will be conducted each Saturday until Halloween, with all types of items including farm products welcome from anyone wishing to sell either from rented booths or by consignment auction. - - - -

Persons wishing to rent a booth space should call either Keith Thomas, 542-4622, or Bill Shidaker, 542-4343. Those wishing to sell at auction should call Gene Reichard, 542-4580.

FARM BUR INSURANCE

J. Van Brown, retires

The Sentinel, September 15, 1978

J. Van Brown, former Rochester attorney, will return to his native city as a full-time resident Oct. 1 upon his retirement as associate general counsel of the Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance company at Indianapolis.

Brown and his wife, LaVaughn (Ikie), maintain a home on Country Club drive at Lake Manitou.

Brown practiced law here, and also was city attorney, until 1958. He then became chief of the right-of-way division of the Indiana State

Highway Commission and later served as an assistant attorney general of Indiana, joining the Farm Bureau Insurance legal staff in 1965.

SMITH REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, September 25, 1978

The descendants of Albert Smith held reunion Sunday, Sept. 17 at Rochester City Park. This was the first reunion in 13 years.

There was 67 present from Florida, Ohio and Indiana.

Edna Bedford was elected secretary-treasurer for the coming year. It was decided to hold next year's reunion on Sept.9 at Rochester City Park.

SEALED POWER CORP

Lloyd W. Sells, Mgr

The Sentinel, October 10, 1978

Lloyd W. Sells became manager of Sealed Power Corp'n's Rochester plant Monday to succeed Wesley Cross, who is retiring after 16 years in the local post.

Sells has been plant manager of Sealed Power's facility in Muskegon, Mich., for the past five years. Cross will remain with the company as an advisor and consultant to Sells until his retirement becomes effective Dec. 31.

The new manager joined Sealed Power at Muskegon in 1960 as a management trainee. A year later, he was promoted to foreman and then was advanced to general foreman. In 1963, he was named labor relations supervisor and held that position for seven years. Prior to becoming Muskegon plant manager, he served three years as plant employee relations manager.

An army veteran of 41 months' service, Sells is a graduate of Muskegon Community college and of Michigan State university, where he earned a degree in production management.

He and his wife, Ketherine, are the parents of three children, Steven, 15, Jacqueline, 13, and Cynthia, 11. The Sells family currently is residing on Country Club drive, Lake Manitou, until the completion of their new home in the Schoolview addition.

Cross and his wife, Dorothy, reside at 1320 Washington street and plan to remain in the city following his retirement.

Sealed Power's Rochester plant machines cylinder sleeves for heavy equipment. It opened in 1948 and currently employs more than

230 men and women. The corporation is the world's largest manufacturer of piston rings and is a major producer of tappets, transmission oil filters and related engine parts, as well as of cylinder sleeves.

BROWN-BROWN-RAKESTRAW

In Their New Office Bldg

The Sentinel, October 18, 1978

The legal firm of Brown, Brown and Rakestraw this week occupied its imposing new office building at 227 East Ninth street, continuing the city's business expansion along that east-west artery.

The one-story brick structure was designed by the Lafayette architectural concern of Stewart Kline and Associates. Ed Waltz Building Service Inc., of Rochester was the general contractor.

Design of the building involves a central lobby and waiting area from the Ninth street entrance. Opening from that are for attorney's offices with adjoining secretary work spaces, a conference room, law library, kitchenette and basement, the latter for future expansion of facilities. A parking lot at the rear is accessible from a driveway at the west side of Ninth street.

The structure more than doubles the firm's previous quarters at 122 West Eighth street. Some interior finishing work remains to be done.

Attorneys of the firm are Jesse Brown, Lawrence Brown, Frederick Rakestraw and Susan Blickenstaff, daughter of Lawrence Brown. Secretaries are Olive Jane Hathaway, Martha Walton, Martha Utter and Laurie Summerlot.

The late Selden Brown, father of Jesse and Lawrence, originated the firm when he opened law practice here in 1914. Jesse joined his father in 1938. Lawrence in 1949. The senior Brown died in 1961. Rakestraw became a partner in 1971 and Mrs. Blickenstaff joined the firm last year.

The former law office on West Eighth street has been purchased by Shore and Hoehne, certified public accountants, for an expansion of their facilities, now located at 1204 Main street. A complete interior remodeling of the building is in progress and its occupancy is anticipated by the first of next year.

LARRY'S BARBER SHOP

Pur, Ross Pearson

The Sentinel, October 20, 1978

Ross Pearson, formerly of Kokomo, is the new owner-operator of Larry's Barber Shop in the 1300 block of Main street.

Pearson, who took over the shop five weeks ago, has spent 23 years in the barber business. He graduated from the Indiana Barber college in 1955 and is the former owner of the Yankee Clipper shop in Kokomo.

Pearson is a member of the Elks, Moose and Masons, is an active bowler and golfer and a member of the First Baptist church.

He and his wife, Lynn, who is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fear of Rochester, presently still reside in Kokomo but they have purchased a home in Smith Court in the Lakeside Addition channels at Lake Manitou.

TAX PREPARATION

Owner-Operator, Ervin Doty

The Sentinel, October 26, 1978

A tax preparation business has been established in Rochester by Ervin Doty, of RR 2.

Doty moved to the community from Angola where he was in the tax preparation business for the last 24 years. He works out of his home on Monticello road and specializes in farm tax preparation.

He was an income tax collector with the federal government for six years. He had Certified Public Accountant training through the government and was certified by the government.. He is a graduate of LaSalle university in Chicago in higher accountancy and holds a bachelor of science degree in education and a master's degree from Indiana university. He is a graduate of Indiana Central university.

Before doing income tax preparation, Doty was a teacher for 40 years, primarily in mathematics and physics. He was a principal for 27 years in Indiana schools.

He and his wife, Florence, have four children - Ralph, a captain in the police department in Fort Wayne; Neil, a collector on the Indiana Railroad; Mary Alice Barr, who works for the government in Alaska, and Virginia Jolley, Kingsbury.

He is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Masonic lodges.

Doty will take appointments beginning immediately. Information may be obtained from him at 223-5868.

RADIO SHACK

Opens New Store

The Sentinel, November 9, 1978

A Radio Shack Home Entertainment center will have its grand opening in Rochester Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. The new store is at 423 East Ninth street.

Brad Tam will manage the store, assisted by Brenda Harness. Besides the regular Radop Shack merchandise, the new business will carry Magnavox television sets, Fisher and Craig stereo equipment and Clarion stereo equipment. - - - -

SHOWCASE

Pur, Rakich & Fetzer

The Sentinel, November 25, 1978

The Showcase, 622 Main street, has been sold to Milan Rakich and Donald Fetter of Culver and will continue under the same name at that location with no change in operation of the business.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Traeger of Rochester, former owners and founders of the firm, made the announcement of the sale today. The new owners took possession Wednesday.

Rakich and Fetzer also own and operate the Touch of Class gift shop at 111 East Washington street in Culver.

The Showcase offers gift items, draperies, wallpaper and framing services. Present members of the store's sales staff will remain: Mrs. Jackie Burkett, Mrs. Betty Figert, Mrs. Marge Lichtenwalter, Mrs. Kathy Treglia and Mrs. Jan Coon.

The Traegers have sold their home at 1322 Hill street and plan to take up permanent residence near Orlando, Fla., in mid-December.

MOORE BUSINESS FORMS

Mgr., Bradley W. Zahn

The Sentinel, December 8, 1978

Bradley W. Zahn will become manager of the Rochester plant of Moore Business Forms Inc., on Jan. 1 to replace Leonard E. Reichenbach, who has been named manager of the corporation's Angola plant.

Zahn comes to Rochester from Salem, Ore., where he has been controller for the Moore plant four years. Prior to that he had been associated seven years with Moore at its Visalia, Cal., plant as accountant and, later, controller.

A native of Minnesota, Zahn joined Moore in 1959 at Modesto, Cal., following his graduation from Modesto Junior college and Humboldt institute. In 1964, he was transferred to the Moore divisional offices at Emeryville, Cal., where he became senior accountant in the Pacific division accounting department.

He and his wife, Shirley, are the parents of two children, Steven, 15, and Monica, 13. The family will join him here upon the close of the Oregon school year in June.

Reichenbach was chosen as the first manager of Moore's Rochester plant when it was established in 1972. He has overseen its growth to a present site of 170 employees and now takes over management of one of the company's largest plants, with 290 workers.

At Angola, Reichenbach will replace as manager James W. Webster, who is retiring as of Jan. 1.

Reichenbach began his career with Moore at Lewisburg, Pa., in the order department in 1960. He became preliminary department superintendent in 1965, planning superintendent in 1967 and manufacturing superintendent in 1970 before leaving Lewisburg for Rochesteer.

Reichenbach and his wife, Sandra, reside on the west edge of the city. They have two children, Sandy, 21, a senior at Indiana State university, and Brad, 15. The family will remain here until the conclusion of the present school year.

FIRST NATL BANK

Ernest Bonine, Retires

The Sentinel, December 20, 1978

Eight promotions at the First National bank of Rochester will become effective Jan. 1 upon the retirement of Ernest Bonine after a 41-year career with the local firm.

Al Price, president of the bank, announced today the following changes involving officers of the firm.

Larry Carr, from assistant cashier to cashier; Ed Bellows, from auditor to vice-president and comptroller; Phil Thompson, from assistant vice-president to vice-president; Mark Kistler, from assistant cashier to assistant vice-president, and Mrs. Dorothy Lease from assistant trust officer to trust officer and assistant vice-president.

Three employees will advance to officer status. They are Mrs. Mary Ruth Ingram and Mrs. Cathy Miller, both to assistant cashier, and Steve Hull, to acting auditor.

Bonine, who resides with his wife, Martha, at 218 West 11th street, has been cashier of the First National bank since 1937 and he was named to the additional position of vice-president in 1968.

He joined the bank when it was on the northwest corner of Eighth and Main streets where the Parker Sports Center now is located.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1971, the bank occupied its newly-constructed building at the present location, the southwest corner of Ninth and Madison streets.

It fell to Bonine to lock the doors of the previous bank building for the last time at 3 p.m. On Wednesday, Dec. 28.

SHORE & HOEHNE

Move to New Offices

The Sentinel, December 30, 1978

The firm of Shore & Hoehne, Certified Public Accountants, will open its new and expanded offices at 122 West Eighth street on New Year's Day, moving from its previous location at 1204 Main street.

The Eighth street building formerly housed the law offices of Brown, Brown and Rakestraw, which recently were moved into a new structure on East Ninth street. It has been completely remodeled and redecorated to house the accounting business.

Partners of the firm are Byron B. Shore and David L. Hoehne, both of Rochester. - - -

Registered certified public accountants with the firm have been Shore, Hoehne and Mrs. Patty Hoehne. Joining them Monday will be a fourth, John Pitcher. He comes to the city from the South Bend office of Bernth, Casper and Dennis, certified public accountants. Pitcher and his wife, Peggy, and son, J.F., 4, are residing in the Schoolview addition on the south edge of the city.

Others associated in the operation of the business are Mrs. Marie Shore, Mrs. June Vrana, Mrs. Joyce Smiley, Mrs. Lois McClure, Mrs. Sally Reynolds and Miss Tami Halterman. - - -

The Shore & Hoehne partnership was formed in April of this year. Shore and senior partner, operated his own CPA firm in the city since 1948. He is a native of Rochester and graduate of the University of Notre Dame. Hoehne joined the firm in November, 1976. He is a Liberty township native, a graduate of Ball State university and was employed as a CPA with the Bernth, Casper and Dennin firm in LaPorte before coming to Rochester.

SHORE INSURANCE AGCY

Pur, Robert Weaver

The Sentinel, January 12, 1979

The Rochester Insurance Agency in the Shamrock Realty building at 222 East Ninth street is open and ready for business, according to owner Robert Weaver.

Weaver, who purchased the Shore Insurance agency from Mrs. Marie Shore, has been employed by the Mutual of Omaha insurance companies since 1976.

The Rochester Insurance Agency will carry a full line of commercial and personal insurance and bonds. Weaver will be an independent agent representing several property and insurance companies, including Auto Owners, Ohio Casualty, Merchants Property, Travelers and Ohio Farmers. He also will maintain his Mutual of Omaha affiliation.

Weaver is a graduate of the Indiana School of Business. He is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel with 21 years of service. Weaver resides on West Ninth street with his wife, Betty. They have six children, three of whom are attending college at Indiana and Purdue universities.

Along with Weaver, personnel in the new office will include receptionist-secretary, Chris Sumpter and insurance agents Terry Foreman and Buddy Pollock.

PARKER'S SPORTS CNTR

Bill & Kim Parker

The Sentinel, January 30, 1979

Parker's Sports Center at Eighth and Main streets will go out of business on Sunday after nearly two years in the location.

Owners Bill and Kim Parker have not announced their future plans. Jay Heyde of Rochester, owner of the building on the northwest corner of the intersection, was in Indianapolis today and could not be reached for an announcement concerning future of the store quarters.

The building has been the location of a sports store since the spring of 1972 when the Olympic Sports Center was opened by Doug Cursey and Ed Acker. The Parkers purchased the store and changed its name on March 12, 1977.

For 105 years before the Olympic Sports Center opened, the building housed the First National Bank, which on Dec. 31, 1971 occupied its present building at Ninth and Madison streets.

FULTON INDUSTRIES

Mgr., Bill Wilson

The Sentinel, February 5, 1979

Fulton Industries, Rochester's newest manufacturing plant on the west side of U.S. 31 just south of Olson road, has decided to maintain a low profile in the community, according to Plant Manager Bill Wilson.

Therefore, no information will be provided to the public about the plant, including such things as volume and schedules of production, number of employees and amount of payroll.

The plant is owned by the Rochester Manufacturing Company of Rochester, Mich., and was built to machine rough castings for auto, tractor and off-road vehicles.

Ground for the 30,000-square foot building was broken last May 4 with Lawrence Weting, president of the firm, presiding. Production began sometime late last year.

At the time of the ground-breaking, Weting said the local plant would be known as Fulton Manufacturing to avoid confusion with the name of the parent company.

However, that name, subsequently became confused with the Fulton Metal Manufacturing company on Wabash avenue south of Rochester and the name of the new plant was changed again, to Fulton Industries.

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

The New Woodlawn Opens

The Sentinel, February 5, 1979

It isn't quite business as usual, but the new Woodlawn hospital now is in operation with 16 patients and already has recorded its first birth and its first surgery.

In temperatures hovering around the zero mark, the 16 patients were transferred Sunday morning without incident from the old hospital at Seventh and Pontiac streets to the new 49-bed, three story building on East Ninth street next to the Rochester city golf course.

Emergency medical technicians of the Fulton County Emergency Medical Service, registered nurses and other hospital staff moved the patients in county ambulances to a structure that had been filled the previous day with equipment and supplies.

Members of the Indiana National Guard unit based at Logansport provided manpower and trucks to help with Saturday's

move and they returned on Sunday to help some more.

Mrs. Joyce Faye Paul, RR 3. Rochester, had the twin distinctions of being the first patient in the new building and also recording the first birth.

She was in labor at the time she was transferred, being placed in her bed at the new building at 8:48 a.m. At 3:25 p.m. Sunday, she gave birth to an 8 lb, 13-1/2 oz., girl which she and her husband, Jerrel, named Elizabeth Erin. It was the couple's first child; Mrs. Paul has a daughter by a previous marriage.

Before Sunday was over, the new hospital recorded its first surgery case, an appendectomy.

Alba Elkins, RR 1, Macy, probably felt like an airline passenger on standby status. A cardiac patient, he was scheduled to be the first person transferred to the new hospital but he was "bumped" by Mrs. Paul. However, he was the second patient to occupy a room and the first male patient.

Robert E. Kelsey Jr., hospital executive director, said that although there were a myriad of details associated with the two days of moving, the patients were transferred without any problems "and that was our main concern."

The patient count, which was near 30 just two days before the transfer, was down to 16 by the time Sunday's moving day arrived.

Kelsey said he expects the number of patients to increase sharply as elective surgery, which had been curtailed for a week or so, is resumed.

A considerable amount of work remains to be done in the new hospital, but none of it seriously affects patient care.

Telephones are in working order and the same numbers are to be used by the public as before - 223-3141 for general calls and 223-4911 for emergencies. Calls to the 223-4911 number go directly to the emergency department, where emergency medical technicians are on duty at all times.

Kelsey reminded the public that persons going to the emergency department should not use the front entrance, but should go directly to the northeast side of the building, where there is a special emergency entrance under a canopy.

Among the things yet to be done are installation of outdoor, lighted signs identifying the building as Woodlawn hospital and directing traffic to the proper places.

The building identification sign will be at the main roadway

entrance at East Ninth street (Ind. 14-25} Where the roadway divides, there will be a directional sign for main lobby, emergency department and for deliveries of supplies.

There also will be a lighted sign above the double-door entrance to the emergency department.

Non-lighted signs were delivered and installed previously, but the lighted signs have not arrived yet.

SIMPSON GARDEN CNTR

Pur., Joe Plat

The Sentinel, February 7, 1979

Joe Palat, Rochester, has purchased the Simpson Garden Center and Craft Shop on East Fourth street and reopened the store as "The Greenhouse" this week.

Palat, a native of Rochester who graduated from Rochester high school in 1972, said he plans to offer the same type of merchandise for the time being while he acquaints himself with the business.

He hopes to eventually expand the interest and the market in house plants and bring the greenhouses back into full production. He also intends to expand the garden center merchandise.

"I want to keep the small country store atmosphere," Palat said. "We're not trying to be extremely fancy or high dollar, but just want to get the product to the customer at a price you can afford." - - -

ERMA'S SHIRT TALES

Opening Warsaw Branch

The Sentinel, March 16, 1979

Erma's Shirt Tales, 822 Main street, will open a store in downtown Warsaw this spring. The new store is expected to be opened in April.

The Warsaw shop will carry the same line of shirts, transfers, and custom letters that are available in the Rochester store.

Mrs. Bev Basham will manage the Rochester store while owners Bob and Erma Martin divide their time between the two locations.

WADE-IN MARINA

Chuck Ziegler

The Sentinel, March 23, 1979

Ziegler's Wade-In Marina, owned by Chuck Ziegler, has been appointed a Sea Nymph dealer for the local area.

Sea-Nymph of Syracuse, Ind., has been manufacturing aluminum boats for 35 years and is recognized as one of the finest companies of its type in the country. Ziegler's Wade-In Marina will be handling their complete line of boats, which include runabouts, fishing boats, bass boats, John boats and canoes.

FULTON CO. CLUBS

61st Convention at Akron

The Sentinel, March 28, 1979

Mrs. Lucille Doering, county president, led the 61st annual convention of the Fulton County Federation of Clubs, hosted by the Akron Women's club in the Akron Church of God.

The organ prelude was given by Mrs. Clair Moore and the invocation song was led by Mrs. Ronnie Utter. The pledge to the flag was led by Mrs. Roy Meredith and the welcome was given by Mrs. Ed Gray with the response by Mrs. James Fritts. Mrs. Russell Bartholomew presented devotions and Mrs. Ernest Smith gave the secretary and treasurer's reports.

Mrs. Harold Shewman reported on the auditing committee and Mrs. Fritts presented the new resolutions. Mrs. Virgil Biddinger introduced Mrs. Gray, president of the Akron Woman's club; Mrs. Von Kochenderfer, president of the Pleasant Valley club and Mrs. W.O. Geerken, president of the Rochester Women's club. These presidents reported on what their club means to them and their community.

The speaker for the morning session was Mrs. Carol Weldon, 13th district president. She presented history on the beginning of the Federation clubs and stressed the many goals, accomplishments and opportunities for service in Federation work. She announced that the state convention will be April 25 and 26 in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Earl Barkman gave grace before a luncheon which was provided by the women of the Akron Church of God.

Mrs. Lloyd Jefferies presented a memorial service for Mrs. Harry Wallace.

The afternoon entertainment was provided by the Tippecanoe Valley high school jazz band and Mrs. James Hall's Puppet Ministry.

Departing chairwomen presenting reports were: Mrs. Frotts, Conservation; Mrs. Delbert Hunter, home life; Mrs. Tom Hauptert, international affairs; Mrs. Barkman, public affairs; Mrs. Utter, good will; Mrs. Kermit Biddinger, historian; Mrs. Manuk Eryman, Latin-American fellowship and scholarship; Mrs. Biddinger, publicity; Mrs.

Harold Shewman, student loan; Mrs. Con Shewman, IFC and GFWC clubwomen magazines, Mrs. Meredith, legislation, and Mrs. Joe Crill, community improvement.

The attendance award, a traveling gavel, was won by the Akron Women's club and first prize for collecting the most foil for recycling went to the Rochester Women's club. A special award was presented by Mrs. Doering to the Akron Women's club for having four members present who had never before attended a convention.

An invitation was extended by the Rochester club to host the 1980 convention. The club collect was repeated in unison.

ROCHESTER SENTINEL

William Freyberg, Editor

The Sentinel, April 2, 1979

The Rochester Sentinel today has a new editor.

He is William Freyberg, who has been its managing editor since 1971. As editor, he assumes full responsibility for The Sentinel's editorial policies, news content and news personnel.

Announcement of Freyberg's promotion was made by Publisher Jack K. Overmyer, who is relinquishing the position of editor which he has held since 1954. Overmyer's active direction of the newspaper's management will continue, as will the appearance of his editorial column, "Considered Comment."

Freyberg, 48, has been a member of The Sentinel's news staff since 1955 except for a year as reporter for The Lafayette Journal & Courier. He joined this newspaper upon his graduation from Indiana university's journalism department and has served, successively, as sports editor, city editor news editor and managing editor.

Freyberg is a native of Tiffin, O., and graduated from Hyde Park high school in Chicago. Before moving to Rochester, he resided in Valparaiso.

He has been active in local affairs since coming to the city, being a past director and president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, participating in Fulton County Players stage productions, and helping to direct Little League baseball activities. He is a member of the Grace United Methodist church and a veteran of two years' service with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Freyberg also is past-president of the Indiana Associated Press Managing Editor association and is an alumnus of the American Press Institute at Columbia university in New York City. He writes a regular

editorial column, "Between You 'n Me," for The Sentinel's Viewpoint page.

He and his wife, the former Janet Smith of Valparaiso, reside at 812 Pontiac street. They are the parents of three children: Mrs. John (Becky) Hart, Mentone; Larry, Tustin, Cal., and Jerry, at home.

Freyberg directs a news staff at The Sentinel that consists of Troy Cozad, Marc Jump and Mrs. Susie McGuire as reporters copy editors. Jerry Freyberg is staff photographer, with John Savage and Robert Newcomer as part time photographers. Marijane Hoffman is a part-time newsroom assistant.

RAKERS MARINA

Gets Franchise

The Sentinel, April 5, 1979

Raker's Porthole Marina on the north shore of Lake Manitou has received the exclusive franchise for Wetbike watercycles by Spirit Marine division of Arctic Enterprises.

The Wetbike provides a combination of cycling, boating and water skiing and is driven by a jet pump. It has a 50 hp (723 cc) Suzuki motor.

The Wetbike has a flotation capacity that easily supports two adults. As a safety feature, it has a tether safety switch and spring loaded throttle. If the rider falls, the engine automatically stops and the Wetbike settles into the water upright. It has no propeller to worry about.

TERMINIX INTERNATIONAL

Branch Mgr, Edw. E. Acker

The Sentinel, April 5, 1979

Edward E. Acker, formerly of Rochester, has been named branch manager for the Joplin, Mo., office of Terminix International, Inc.

Acker joins Terminix after working two years as sales training manager with another exterminating company in Birmingham, Ala.

Acker is a U.S. Army veteran. He and his wife Jocelyn have two daughters, Julie and Angela.

Terminix International, headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., is one of the nation's largest termite and pest control companies.

RACKET CLOTHING STORE

Pur., Wayne Mikesell

The Sentinel, April 7, 1979

Sale of The Racket, men's clothing store at 728 Main street, to Wayne and Virginia Mikesell of Newcastle township was announced today by H.C. Herkless, co-owner.

The new owners, who took possession earlier this week, will hold a special sale of merchandise, then close the store for a complete interior remodeling. It will be reopened under the new name of Wayne's Fashions.

The Mikesells said they will offer apparel for men and young men, with expansion and additions to the current lines of men's wear.

Mikesell is a salesman with Gottschalk Realty and said that he will maintain his association with that firm for the present. A native of Newcastle township, he is a former two-term township trustee there and the couple still reside on the family farm. Mrs. Mikesell, who will join her husband in the active operation of the store, formerly was bookkeeper 12 years for Wilson Coal and Grain company here.

The Mikesells have three children: Jack, Columbia City; Garry, Berne, and Mrs. Dale (Kay) Gordon, Newcastle township.

Herkless, who has been associated with The Racket for 32 years, will assist the new owners at the store during a short transition period. His plans for the future are indefinite.

The Racket is one of the city's oldest retail businesses, having been in its present location since 1918. It began in 1907 where the Farmers and Merchants bank now is situated, later moving to the present Sewing Center location. J.F. Dysert founded the business as a clothing store, although The Racket name had been used previously by W.H. Guthrie, who offered a line of sundries for sale.

Dysert was joined in partnership by Charles E. Pyle in 1916 and in 1936 Pyle became the sole owner. He died in 1971. His widow, Mrs. Margaret Pyle, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Moore, and Mr. & Mrs. Herkless have been co-owners since.

CATO'S STORE

Planning to Close

The Sentinel, April 10, 1979

The Cato's store at Eighth and Main streets is one of several in the northern parts of the nation which the company will be closing over a period of time this year.

A closing-out sale of the stock of women's fashions will be conducted, but the dates of the sale have not been made public.

Cato's opened its Rochester store last July 28 in quarters formerly occupied by the Lord's Dress Shop. The Lord's chain of 100 stores was purchased by the Cato corporation.

Cato is based in Charlotte, N.C., and operates some 300 outlets in the southeastern states. Purchase of the Lord's chain marked Cato's first venture into merchandising in northern states.

POLICE CHIEF CALVERT

Resigns

The Sentinel, April 12, 1979

Rochester Police Chief Roy Calvert announced today that he will resign from the police force on April 30 after seven years as head of the department.

In his letter of resignation to Mayor Wayne Hittle, Calvert said: "The present and past administrations have been fair, but I find it almost economically impossible to raise a faily on my present salary."

Calvert receives an annual salary of \$11,500. He and his wife, Pat, have three children - Jeff 12, Gary, 11, and Jennifer, 8.

He did not announce his plans for the future, except to say he will continue to reside in Fulton county.

Calvert joined the police department on Aug. 1, 1970 after six months as a Fulton county deputy sheriff.

On March 12, 1971, at the age of 26, he was promoted from patrolman to acting chief of police by then-Mayor Harrison Halterman. On March 16, 1972, Calvert was appointed to the full rank of chief by Mayor Hittle.

In his letter to Mayor Hittle, Calvert expressed his thanks "for all you have done to help me. I feel that we have one of the best police departments in this area and it will continue to be so."

BEEHIVE BLDG

Location of Baldwin Sundries

The Sentinel, April 27, 1979

Richard and Florence Baldwin will open their new Baldwin Sundries in the former BeeHive building in Kewanna Saturday.

The store will carry a variety of health and beauty aids, greeting cards, paper products, tobacco products, school supplies, magazines, cameras and film. It also will have a phone service and a soda fountain.

DEAN FOODS CO.

Thomas L. Rose, Vice-Pres.

The Sentinel, May 29, 1979

Thomas L. Rose, native of Rochester, has been elected vice-president of production for food plants by Dean Foods company's board of directors. The election took place earlier this month at the company's headquarters in Franklin Park, Ill.

Rose has been with Dean Milk company since 1954, when he joined the firm at its Rochester plant as a production trainee. He later became manager of the Rochester plant and subsequently moved on to the following manufacturing positions: District supervisor of plants at Rochester, Louisville and Ewart, Mich.; plant manager of the Amboy Packaging Company Division at Amboy, Ill., and special projects manager at Rockford, Ill.

Since 1975, Rose has been staff director of food operations for Dean at Rockford.

His promotion to vice-president was announced by Kenneth J. Douglas, chairman of the board of Dean Foods.

Rose attended Ball State university and Manchester college following his graduation from Rochester high school. He was a member of the 1953 RHS football team that went undefeated and shared the Central Indiana conference championship.

He and his wife, Nancy, reside at Rockford, Ill., with their daughter, Anna. The couple has four other children: Dan, Elgin, Ill.; Jeff, attending college in Los Angeles; Julie, married, and Dianne, attending the school of nursing at Ball State university.

Dean is a diversified food processor and distributor whose 1978 sales were \$420 million. The company produces a full line of dairy and other food products including ice cream and frozen novelties, aged cheddar cheeses, special foods such as dip, pickles, relishes, salad dressings and cranberries, jarred herring and smoked fish, powdered coffee whiteners and aseptic products.

DEAMER & DEAMER

Robert Glen Deamer

The Sentinel, June 5, 1979

Robert Glen (Bob) Deamer has assumed management of Deamer & Deamer, Realtors, a Rochester firm which was founded by his grandfather 55 years ago.

He became manager of the office at 109 East Ninth street due

to the illness of his father, George Deamer, Jr., who has returned to his home at Mt. Zion southeast of Rochester but is not expected to resume full-time duties at the office for some time.

A 1958 graduate of the former Talma high school, Bob Deamer received a doctorate degree in American Studies from the University of New Mexico.

He taught at three colleges before joining the local firm - Alpena community college, Alpena, Mich., the University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse, Wis., and at Thiel college, Greenville, Pa.

He is author of published articles on American literature and culture, and is especially interested in the literature of the American West.

Deamer received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study 19th century American literature and culture during the summer of 1978.

Deamer is a licensed real estate broker. He and his wife, Eleny, a native of Brazil, South America, have one child - Eric, 6. Mrs. Deamer is employed in the Deamer and Deamer office.

Deamer and Deamer was founded by the late George W. Deamer; his son, George Deamer, Jr., joined the firm shortly after its founding.

For many years, the offices were in a two-story, office-apartment building at the site occupied by the present structure. The former building was gutted by fire on Jan. 14, 1977 and subsequently torn down to make way for the present one-story brick building.

BROWN BROWN RAKESTRAW

Rick Brown Joins the Firm

The Sentinel, June 5, 1979

Rick Brown, a 1972 graduate of Rochester high school, joined the Rochester law firm of Brown, Brown and Rakestraw Monday, bringing to five the number of attorneys now associated with the business.

Rick is the son of Jesse Brown, one of the partners in the firm.

A native of Rochester, the younger Brown received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Valparaiso university in 1976 and his law degree from Indiana university at Indianapolis this year.

He is married to the former Elaine Rumble of Mount Etna, near Huntington.

In addition to Rick and Jesse Brown, attorneys of the firm are

Lawrence Brown, Frederick Rakestraw and Susan Blickenstaff, daughter of Lawrence Brown.

The law offices are housed in a new building at 227 East Ninth street which was occupied last October.

LUTHERAN CHURCH MARKER

To Be Dedicated Monday

The Sentinel, June 12., 1979

St. John Lutheran Church, Rochester, will have a dedication ceremony for the St. Paul Lutheran Church historical marker near Tiosa Monday at 2 p.m. The plaque has been purchased and installed by the family of Allen and Mae Umbaugh, former members of the St. Paul congregation.

St. Paul Lutheran Church was located one-eighth mile east of the corner of 375E and 650N about two miles east of Tiosa. The land is now occupied by the old Lutheran cemetery, which belongs to Newcastle Township.

The congregation first met in 1849 in the Irvin schoolhouse in Newcastle Township. In 1850 an organization was formed in the home of George Perschbacher Sr., with the following members and wives: Perschbacher, Nicholas King Sr., Jacob Stockberger, John Mechling, Daniel Swineheart, Solomon Dumbauld, George Stockberger, Solomon Stockberger, Paul Stockberger, Samuel Mechling, Sallie Stockberger, and Daniel Wagoner.

For a time the new congregation worshipped in a neighboring schoolhouse. In 1863 they erected a neat frame church (34x50 feet) for a cost of \$1,450. On the south and east side of the church was a cemetery. The oldest gravestone records the deaths of Mariah Wagoner, Oct. 24, 1857, and Joseph Wagoner, Mar. 20, 1857.

The abstract shows that Jacob Stockberger and wife Hannah sold one-half acre to the Evangelical Lutheran Church for \$5 Sept. 2, 1855. Jennie Packer unmarried, sold 41-160 acre to George Perschbacher Sr., James Shelly and Jacob Zerbe, trustees of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church for \$25 Mar. 30, 1889.

Rev. C. Sturken of Logansport served as the first pastor. Rev. T.W. Corbett was the pastor 1862-64, when the church was built. Other pastors were Andrew V. House 1864-75, Isaac Hursch 1868, Amon E. Gift 1878-1900, George F. Dittmar 1901-07, George O. Jost 1907-09, Charles H. Pence 1910-12, A.M. Hahn 1913-14, E.J. Meissner 1915-16.

From 1917 to 1920 the Tiosa congregation shared a pastor with the Bruce Lake-Lutheran Church: George Scherer 1917, Jay B. Weygandt 1917-19. The Bruce Lake congregation disbanded in 1920, so from then on the Tiosa church shared a pastor with the Rochester Lutheran church: Paul Mader 1926-29, William J. Schroer 1930-31. In 1931 the Tiosa church consolidated with the Rochester St. John Lutheran church.

After the closing, the Tiosa Lutheran church was sold to Vernon Scott, who converted it into a barn on his farm about 1-1/4 mile west of the original site on county road 250E. This barn is still in use. The pulpit, lectern and bell from the Tiosa church were brought to the Rochester church and are still in use there.

The cemetery and old church lot was deeded to the Newcastle Township trustee for \$1 June 2, 1934.

The dedication ceremonies include an invocation by Rev. Larry Bergman, history of the church, recognition of the former members, thank contributors, and presentation of the historical marker to the Newcastle Township trustee, Lyman Dawson.

WILLIAMS REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, July 12,, 1979

The 47th Williams reunion was held at the Rochester City Park on Sunday, July 8 with 25 members present. A carry-in dinner was followed by socializing with members present from Michigan, Alabama and Hartford City.

Darlene Stroupe and Rosemary Williams were re-elected president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

The 1980 reunion will be held on July 11 at the park.

ED WILSON STORE

Pur. Dave Dameron

The Sentinel, July 16,, 1979

Sale of Ed Wilson's clothing store at 727 Main street was announced today by its founder and owner, T.W. (Ed) Wilson.

The new owner is Dave Damron of Fort Wayne, who took possession of the business Friday. Wilson is retaining ownership of the building.

Damron is a native of Gilead and a graduate of North Miami high school and of Ball State university. For the past year, he has been

employed by White Automotive corporation of Columbia City in materials management for automotive and agricultural fields. Prior to this, he was a sales representative.

Damron is married to the former Carol Baber, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Baber of this city. The couple has a son, Kyle, 10, and plans to move to the city as soon as housing is available.

The new owner said he will offer the same lines of men's and women's clothing as before and will continue business policies offered by Wilson. Present personnel of the store also will continue: Mrs. Mary Rans and Mrs. Blanche King, the latter on a part-time basis.

Damron said he plans a grand-opening sale at a later date, at which time the store's name will be changed to Dave's Village Gentleman.

Wilson is to remain with Damron in an advisory capacity until Aug. 1. He has no immediate future plans. Wilson founded the store in August, 1955, in the building now occupied by Gemini at 114 East Eighth street. It was moved to its present location in February, 1958.

MAGGIE'S RESTAURANT

Pur. Jim Apostolis

The Sentinel, July 23, 1979

Maggie's restaurant at 719 Main street has been sold by Jim & Maggie Covington to Jim Apostolis, a native of Greece, who will take over ownership and operation next Monday morning.

Apostolis, who also owns a restaurant in Hobart where he resides, was born in the town of Pitios on the Greek island of Chios. He came to the United States six years ago and he purchased the Hoosier Coffee Shop in Hobart four years ago. He said that he will retain the name of Maggie's restaurant and that he will keep the same menu items while adding a few Greek specialties, including salads. - - - -

Mr. & Mrs. Covington will have an "open house" at the restaurant next Sunday to introduce the new owner to customers. Free coffee and donuts will be served from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. that day.

The Covingtons said that their plans for the future are undecided.

Mrs. Covington has operated the restaurant since late 1972 after purchasing it from Steve Thompson when it was known as the Courthouse View. That name came from the time the restaurant was located at 114 East Eighth street, in view of the Courthouse across the street. The restaurant was moved to its present location in 1955.

EWEN-SKIDMORE REUN

Preston Ewen Home

The Sentinel, July 25, 1979

The Ewen and Skidmore reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Preston Ewen.

Those attending were Tammy Ewen, Mrs. Prewitt Ewen, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Ewen, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ewen and Garrett, Mrs. Lindsay Ewen Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay Ewen and Matt and Beth, Mrs. Victor Skidmore, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Skidmore and Travis, Steve Skidmore and Karen Burkett, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Curt Milton and Greg and Mark, Dan and Cheryle Draper, Gene Melton, Carol Gamble, and Joe, Andy and Mary, all of Rochester.

Also, Linda (Ewen) Weidman and Barton and Rebecca, Warsaw; Amy and Cathy Adams, Middletown, O.; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ewen and Todd and Teresa, Salem; Mr. & Mrs. Pat Finley and Michael, Tim, Brian, Danny and Mary, and Kay (Skidmore) Myers and Brett, Doug and Scott, all of Fort Wayne; Nancy (Ewen) Noftsgger and Mike, Brian and Rod, Bunker Hill; and Mr. & Mrs. James Moody and Erik, Finley Park, Ill.

BURGER CHEF

Terry DeWeese, Mgr.

The Sentinel, July 30, 1979

Terry DeWeese is the new manager of the Burger Chef restaurant in Rochester, having been promoted from the position of assistant manager of the Elwood Burger Chef restaurant.

DeWeese has been in the fast-food business for eight years. He started as an hourly worker for Burger King in Anderson upon graduation from high school and two years later was promoted to assistant manager. During the next five years he served Burger King in Castleton and Kokomo.

In February, 1978, he returned to Anderson and joined Burger Chef and later went to Elwood as assistant manager.

DeWeese is married and the couple has two children - Todd, 7, and Brenda, 2. His wife, Sharon, is employed at the Rochester nursing home.

CRAIG REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, August 2, 1979

The Craig family reunion was held on Sunday, July 29 at the City Park.

Those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. Alan Craig and son, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Guy, Mrs. Dale Craig, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Craig and Mrs. Maxine Wells, all of Kokomo.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Craig, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Craig, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Rhodes and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Russel Wagoner, Mr. & Mrs. Merrel Wagoner and son, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Zellers, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hassenplug and daughters, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Wagoner and daughters, Mr. & Mrs. William Sult and family, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Mow and family and Mr. & Mrs. Michael McFarland and family, all of Rochester.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Don Summers and family of Chalmers, Ind.; Miss Angela Thompson, Akron, and Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Egbert and daughter, Fort Wayne.

ZARTMAN REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, August 11, 1979

The 57th annual Zartman family reunion was held Sunday at the Rochester City Park with 55 Zartman descendants attending with their families and friends.

A carry-in dinner was held by cousins from Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Nebraska. During the afternoon approximately 30 more cousins stopped by.

Mrs. Marlee Jensen of Omaha, Neb., is compiling information for the update of the Zartman family history book and spoke to the group about the project. Hopefully, the new book will be published in 1981 and family cooperation was asked.

New officers elected are Lawrence Zartman, Kewanna, president; Homer Martin of Walkerton, vice-president, and Betty Yeider, Coldwater, Mich., secretary-treasurer.

The next Indiana Zartman reunion will be at the City Park the first Sunday in August, 1980. The national reunion is held each summer on the second Sunday in August at the Evangelical Lutheran church, Brickerville, Pa.

RIBORDY DRUG STORE

Opening Saturday

The Sentinel, August 16, 1979

The Rochester Ribordy drug store, under construction for five months, will open for business on Main street at 16th street at 9 a.m. Saturday, manager Garry Davis announced today. - - - -

Davis, from Remington, has been with Ribordy for 5-1/2 years. He was assistant manager at the Rensselaer store for four years and was manager of the Lowell store for 1-1/2 years before coming to Rochester.

He is a graduate of Indiana State university in chemistry and of Purdue university in pharmacy. He is a member of the American and the Indiana Pharmaceutical associations and of the Elks lodge.

He and his wife, Sherry, have two children - Anson, 6, and Brooke, 2-1/2. The family will move to Rochester when housing is obtained.

The assistant manager of the store will be Tim Sullivan, who now is assistant manager of the LaPorte store.

The store here will employ about 20 persons.

TORX-IND METAL

Jim Clarkson, Mgr.

The Sentinel, August 17, 1979

Joe Sisti, general manager at Torx Products-Indiana Metal on Old U.S. 31 north of Rochester, has been promoted to director of engineering at Camcar corporation headquarters in Rockford, Ill., the company announced today. He is being succeeded here by Jim Clarkson, who has been with Camcar for 26 years in various sales and sales management responsibilities.

Sisti and his wife, Jo, have resided in Rochester for the last 12 years. Their four children - Jeff, Jon, Jeannine and Janelle - graduated from Rochester high school.

Sisti became plant manager here in 1968. In 1975, he succeeded Val Pemberton as general manager when the former was promoted to group vice-president for Camcar. The Sistis came here from Rockford.

Clarkson and his wife, Joanne, have two daughters - Pamela, a recent graduate of Hanover college at Madison who now is with an advertising agency in Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Jerry (Susan) Murdoch, of Belvidere, Ill. Mr. & Mrs. Clarkson will move to Rochester from Rockford when housing is obtained.

MORRIS REUN

Akron Park

The Sentinel, August 21, 1979

The descendants of Monroe and Amanda Whittenberger Morris met in the Akron Park for their annual reunion, with over 104 people present.

After the noon meal, a business meeting was held with Roy "Butch" Morris of Gilead being elected as president; Steve Sutton, Silver Lake, vice-president; Mrs. Roy (Becky) Morris, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Steve (Vicki) Sutton as Mrs. Morris' assistant.

A special surprise was the presence of James Morris, 96, of the Miller nursing home in Plymouth. He is the eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Morris. He was brought to the gathering by his daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Lester McGriff of Argos.

Those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hataj and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Eitel of Edgerton, Wis.; Mr. & Mrs. Roger Eitel and son, and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Beres, Chris and Collette, Cassopolis, Mich.; children of Mr. & Mrs. John (Annabelle Tillett) Eitel, Fifield, Wis.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Schneider and children, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Clem II Stacy, Bradley and Scott Schneider, of Indianapolis, daughter and grandchildren of Mr. & Mrs. Jay (Helen Tillett) King, Michigan City.

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Klevsir, Julie and Jill and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Squint, South Bend, daughter and grandchildren of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morris, Lapaz; Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Easley, Ipava, Ill.; Jeff Morris, Lafayette, and Mary Lou Dawald, Crawfordsville.

Others present were, Mr. & Mrs. James Hacker, Mrs. Frank (Mary) Morris, Wabash; Mr. & Mrs. Dick Riff and Becky, North Manchester; Mrs. Ella Morris, Mrs. Mae Morris and Colleen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morris and Jason, Mr. & Mrs. George Klein, Mrs. Freida Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Smith, Eugene and Steve, Gilead; Mr. & Mrs. Addison Krom, Mr. and Mrs. George Dawald and Tim, Roann; Mrs. Jennifer Ruprecht, Fort Wayne and Mrs. Darsie Bell, Robbie and Paula, Angola.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Sutton, Lori, Christine, Wendy and Jarrod, Mrs. Marie Kerlin, Chad and Amanda Alexander all of Silver Lake; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sutton, Macy; Mr. & Mrs. Hyden Todd, Peru; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tombaugh, Claypool; Ms. Kathy Griswold, Warsaw and Mr. & Mrs. Matt Gast, Burkett.

Also, Mary Ruth Morris, Mrs. Lanna Bowyer and Laurie and Dale, Mr. & Mrs. Don Nicodemus and Brian, Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Klein,

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Klein, Gary and grandson Joshua Spangle, Wayne Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Kyleg, Mark Gast, Jennifer Gast and Ryon, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gast and Mr. & Mrs. Al Jennins, Akron.

SMILEY REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, August 22, 1979

The annual Annis and Milton Smiley reunion was held at the City Park on Sunday, Aug. 5.

The following people attended the reunion from out of town: Margaret Vander Heyden; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Smiley and Wynn, Mr. & Mrs. Everett Smiley and Alan and Charles, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Pressler, Janice Smiley, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hubbard and Kimberly and Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Doc Johnson, Rae Ann Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Smiley, Corrine Smiley, F. Dale Smiley, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Tullis and Rachael and Jessica, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Gowdy, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Tullis, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McCombs, Mrs. Edith Haimbaugh Smiley and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fleming and family.

Those attending from Rochester were: Gladys Smiley, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Smiley, Mr. & Mrs. Devon Ogle and Debra and Terri, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Smiley, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Smiley, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Smiley, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Smiley, Jerry Smiley and Mr. & Mrs. John Smiley.

Also, Mike Myers, Margi Wittman, Rick Fischel, Ron Howton and Diana, Mary Kay Cantrell and Gwen and Erie, Lucille LaDuc and Mrs. Arthur Sheets.

The next Smiley reunion will be held the second Sunday in August in 1980.

THREAD SHED

Pete & Penni Shafer

The Sentinel, September 17, 1979

The Thread Shed, a fabric and custom tailoring shop, will open in Rochester at 1018 Main street Wednesday morning.

The business, owned and operated by Pete and Penni Shafer, will feature fabrics, patterns and items needed for sewing.

Besides the merchandise available, Mrs. Shafer will provide a custom tailoring service, along with alterations. Mrs. Shafer has been doing custom tailoring and alterations for the past eight years.

Assisting the Shafers in their new venture will be sales clerks

Cindy Crissinger and Alice Tyler.

Not all the items ordered for the new store have arrived, but the business will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Shafers have lived in Rochester 15 years and have four sons: Mike, 17; Mark, 16; Rob, 13; and Danny, 11.

CHICAGO & IND. RR

To Cease Operations

The Sentinel, November 8, 1979

The Chicago & Indiana Railroad company, successor to the Erie Lackawanna railroad in Fulton county, has given up its attempts to continue rail service in this area and will cease operations Dec. 31.

The decision was revealed today by M.M. Crawford, president of the Chicago & Indiana. It means that the three-year effort to keep east-west rail shipments moving into the county finally will be abandoned.

That will leave the north-south Norfolk & Western railroad, through Rochester, and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, through Fulton and Kewanna on a northwest-southeast route, as the county's only rail shippers.

The Chicago & Indiana had been operating between Decatur and Griffith since June, taking over the line from the Erie Western Railway. Shippers and receivers had withdrawn their support from the latter railroad, which had operated the 152 mile line since September, 1977.

Formation of the short-line railroad had come about after the Erie Lackawanna went into receivership in 1976 and its operations were absorbed by Consolidated Rail Corporation (ConRail). The latter, however, chose not to continue service along this area of the former Erie Lackawanna line, opening the way for formation of the new company.

The Public Service Commission had approved state subsidy for the Chicago & Indiana, as it previously had done for the Erie Western, toward its operational costs. These costs also were being aided by payments from shippers and receivers.

According to Crawford, the Chicago & Indiana president, efforts of the company to remain in business faltered before a projected purchase price of \$21.5 million for property and equipment of the line. He said: "Simply put, the interest on this amount alone would exceed

the gross revenue on the line under even the most favorable of circumstances. As trustees of our shareholders' monies, we simply could not ask them to continue to incur the operating losses without a realistic chance of eventual purchase and profitability."

Local shippers and receivers along the former Erie Lackawanna line are investigating the possibility of continuing to receive rail service via the Norfolk & Western. This could be done by switching cars to the abandoned tracks.

KROGER STORE

Steve Johnson, Mgr. Again

The Sentinel, November 20, 1979

Steve Johnson, a native of Rochester who was manager of the Kroger supermarket here from mid-1971 to mid-1974, has returned to that position at his own request following five years as produce merchandising representative for 26 Kroger stores in Northern Indiana.

Johnson succeeds Dan Harrold, who has become manager of the Kroger store in Columbia City.

When the new Kroger store being built at the Rochester Plaza shopping center in the "triangle" at the south edge of the city is completed, Johnson will be its manager and the present store will be closed.

A graduate of Rochester high school, Johnson has been with the Kroger company for 17 years. He is a member of Grace United Methodist church of Rochester.

Johnson and his wife, Tina, have resided at 1207 Rochester boulevard since he became Kroger manager here for the first time. They have two children - Misty Marie, 11, and Eric, 8.

FIRST NATL BANK

Price Retires

The Sentinel, November 27, 1979

David E. Hastings, senior vice-president of the First National bank of Rochester, will become president of the bank on March 1 upon the reirement of Albert M. Price, president since June 17, 1968.

Hastings was selected by the bank's board of directors to be Price's successor after Price announced his intention to retire at the end of Febriary.

Formerly president of the Peoples National Bank and Trust company in Washington, Ind., Hastings joined First National here on

April 5, 1976 as senior vice-president and a trust officer.

That position was created because of continued growth of the local bank, which also has a branch in Fulton.

Hastings had been with the Peoples National bank for 29 years before moving here. He is a graduate of Washington high school, attended the University of Evansville and completed courses with the American Institute of Banking and the Bank Administration Institute.

He holds certification from the National Trust School at Northwestern university, has been an instructor in banking courses at Vincennes university and is a past president of the Illinois chapter of the Bank Administration Institute. He also is a past member and regional secretary-treasurer of the Indiana Bankers association's Bank Operations committee.

He is a member of the investment committee of the Indiana Bankers association and attended the Stoner Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers university this year.

He and his wife, Charlotte, have a son, James, of Orange, Texas, and two daughters - Mrs. Joan E. O'Brien, Columbus, and Mrs. Laura Gault, North Manchester.

Price has been in the banking business for 34 years, serving as trust officer, board secretary and cashier. He joined First National here as vice-president on Jan. 1, 1967 and became president 1-1/2 years later.

During his presidency, the bank's assets have grown from \$13 million to 56 million and loans have increased from \$4 million to 30 million.

Price and his wife, Mary, will continue to reside in Rochester and he will remain as a consultant and member of the board of First National. He also is a consultant and director of the Akron Exchange State bank.

He is a director and member of the Executive committee of the Rochester Telephone company and a board member of Fulton Metal Manufacturing company of Rochester and Tip-E-Pack Inc., of Burket.

Price also is second vice-president and member of the board of Ancilla college at Donaldson and a member of the board of the Ministers Pension Development Fund for the North Indiana Convergence of the United Methodist church.

He is a member of Grace United Methodist church at Rochester, Elks and Moose lodges and the Rochester Kiwanis club. The Prices have a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Mitchell of Del Ran, N.J.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Childs Apparel. To Open

The Sentinel, November 28, 1979

The Gingerbread House, a children's apparel store, is slated to open Dec. 9 in Rochester at 800 Main street (formerly Cato's).

The store will carry clothes for newborns to age 14 with such brand names as Health-Tex, Carter, Sedgfield Jeans, Billy the Kid, Peaches and Crea., Kim Originals, Don-Mor, Brian, Weather Tamer, Eden toys, Quiltex, Chandler and Renso. - - - -

Owners of the store are Jack and Neile Hyndman, Columbia City. The couple also owns a store under the same name in Columbia City. - - - -

The Hyndmans have been in business in Columbia City for several years and they decided on opening a shop in Rochester after a drive-through.

The local store will employ two to three persons.

TIMES THEATRE

Twin-theatres, Opens

The Sentinel, December 19, 1979

The Times Cinema 1-11 will open to the public Friday following a three-week remodeling that has transformed the building at 618 Main street from a one-screen to a twin theatre business. - - - -

The theatre has been closed since Nov. 26 for extensive remodeling.

Jeff Housouer, 24, purchased the business from Mrs. Edna Murphy last Nov. 2 after having leased it since Nov. 11, 1977.

The history of the Times theatre dates to Thursday, Feb. 14, 1924 when the Char-Bell theatre (its original name) opened with the Holbrook Blinn picture entitled "The Bad Man." Admission was 10 cents for the evening flick.

On Friday and Saturday, "Half A Dollar Bill" played, along with live entertainment of two acts of "Keith's Vodvill-2" which were from a vaudeville act he did. Admission was 10 cents for Friday matinee; 20 cents for Friday night; 25 cents for Saturday matinee and 40 cents for Saturday night. Sunday matinee was 20 cents and Sunday night was 40 cents.

An ad running in the Feb. 13, 1924 Rochester Sentinel stated that "due to factory delay, the 'Estey' pipe organ we ordered will not be available for the opening performance." - - - -

DANNER 3-D DSCNT STORE

Opening Wed. June 11

The Sentinel, February 21, 1980

Danner's 3-D discount store will open Wednesday, June 11, in the Rochster Plaza at the south city limits, Rochester Chamber of Commerce officials have been informed. - - - -

FULTON GETS M.D.

Dr. E. Maj'd Reiling Jr.

The Sentinel, March 15, 1980

The town of Fulton will have its own doctor starting Thursday when Dr. E. Maj'd Reiling Jr., opens a practice at the Fulton Medical Center on Ind. 25 at Dunn street.

Dr. Reiling resides in Indianapolis with his wife and children. Mrs. Reiling is a licensed dentist and is working for Indiana university and will move to Fulton this summer. The Reilings have two children, ages three and seven years.

Dr. Reiling, 35, is a native of Iran, born in Rezaieh. He became a citizen of the United States in 1973.

He did his medical studies at the Tehran University School of Medicine, where college and medical training were combined. He had two years of internship - one year in Tehran and another year in New York city at the Catholic Medical Center.

He had four years of residency in general surgery at Wright State university affiliated hospitals and he also had residency in nuclear medicine at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Ky.

Dr. Reiling has published two books and has done extensive research on mutation. He is a member of the American Medical association, the Ohio State Medical association, the Indiana State Medical association and the Persian Medical association. - - - -

OLD HOSPITAL BLDG

City Wants Action

The Sentinel, May 28, 1980

The Rochester City Council drafted a letter to the Fulton Board of Coiunty Commissioners Tuesday night, seeking to have the old Woodlawn Hospital grounds and building at Seventh and Pontiac streets repossessed as stipulated in the terms of sale.

The old facility is vacant and is rapidly deteriorating, with the

building unkept and an eyesore to the community, the council noted.

In the letter to the commissioners, the council states:

“We applaud your recent letter to the owners of the old Woodlawn Hospital requesting that they comply with the stipulations of the sale.

“As representatives of the City of Rochester, we are concerned with the liability this building poses to the city. The lot and building greatly distract from the appearance of this residential neighborhood, but, more importantly, the condition of the building and especially the leaning chimney creates a real hazard to the community.

“Since the owners of the property have not met the conditions of sale and show no inclination of action towards this end, we urge you to repossess this property and correct the conditions or resell it to someone who will demolish the building safely and use the property for its zoned use.”

The county commissioners have sent two letters, one on March 19 and one on May 20 to the owners of the property advising them that among the terms of the sale was that the property “be maintained in such an order that it should not create a nuisance in the neighborhood in which it is located.

The second letter noted that there is a provision in the abstract for the property that states. “that should you fail to keep the hospital property in good repair and if you do create a nuisance, that the title would revert back to Fulton County.”

The letter also states: “At the present time, the grass is extremely high and the grounds are unsightly, the building is unsightly and it is a definite nuisance to the community.

Further, the letter states: “The Fulton County commissioners hesitate and regret to take action against you, but they will be forced to do so unless you do something with this property.”

No reply has been received to either letter.

The property was sold on Sept. 18, 1979 for \$30,000 to Scott Reed, Rt. 5, Rochester, and Walter Hagen, Miller Woods, Ill., at public auction Sept. 18, 1979. Since that sale, Reed has deeded his portion of the title to his wife, Marsha L. Lee, Rt. 5., Rochester.

At the time of sale, Reed and Hagen stated that they planned to ask that the area be rezoned from residential to business so they could convert the building to office and storage purposes. No move has been made by the owners to have the area rezoned and little has been done to keep the grounds and building in a safe condition.

LEITERS FORD BANK Pres.
Pur Counting House Bank
The Sentinel, June 2, 1980

A holding company headed by Ed Stanley, president of the Leiters Ford State Bank, has purchased controlling interest in the Counting House Bank of North Webster, and Stanley will assume presidency of the latter - subject to approval by the state banking regulatory agency.

Stanley's wife, Judy, vice-president of the Leiters Ford Bank, also will be vice-president of the Counting House Bank.

Other members of the one-bank holding company are Wayne Roe of Lake Wawasee, retired former majority shareholder and former president of the Leiters Ford State Bank; David DeHart, Chevrolet dealer of Gaston and a director of the Leiters Ford State Bank, and Robert Marcecilli, senior vice-president of the Citizens National Bank of Marion.

Roe will be chairman of the holding company, DeHart will be president of the holding company and Marcecilli will be chairman of the Counting House Bank board of directors. All five purchasers will be members of the board.

Also, to be a member of the board is J. Homer Shoop, retiring president and controlling shareholder for the past 33 years of the \$22 million Counting House Bank, which has offices in Warsaw as well as North Webster.

The holding company, named Northwest Indiana Bancshares Inc., offered \$2,400,000 for all 300,000 shares of outstanding stock of the Counting House Bank; 24,200 shares sold for \$80 per share, and an additional 5,075 shares are contracted at Shoop's death at 1-1/2 times their book value at that time.

Among the retiring directors of the Counting House is Chris Schenkel, well-known television sportscaster, who is chairman of the board.

The bank building has a camelot theme and castle design offices, and served as headquarters of the Mermaid Festival during the event's early years.

Stanley and DeHart purchased controlling interest in the Leiters Ford State Bank from Roe in September 1974 and the former became president of the bank at that time with his wife becoming vice-president.

The bank opened a branch in Rochester on Dec. 16, 1975 and a

branch in Kewanna on Sept. 5, 1978.

The Stanleys, who live at Leiters Ford, will move to the North Webster area according to the announcement of the purchase of the Counting House Bank.

LEITERS FORD

Track To Be Laid

The Sentinel, June 3, 1980

Volunteers from ConRail will lay 150 feet of railroad track at the Leiters Ford Depot Museum Friday, beginning at 9 a.m. Railroad fans from Fort Wayne and Huntington also will participate.

Ties and rails were donated by Railroad Components, the company that is tearing out the old Penn Central tracks across Fulton and neighboring counties.

A carry-in picnic will take place at noon. The public is welcome to help observe, take pictures, visit, bring food and share in the picnic.

John Sutton of Rochester is restoring the two work cars that belong to the museum. Then the work cars will be placed on the track and be operable. A shed will be erected at the west end of the track to house the work cars.

The Fulton County Historical Society owns and operates the Leiters Ford Depot Museum, which is open in the summer only. The depot was built in 1880 and a 100-year birthday party is being planned.

Wilma and Woodie McGlothin of Leiters Ford bought the depot from the Erie Railroad in 1967, moved it a block west, converted it into a museum, and deeded it to the Fulton County Historical Socoetu in 1977.

KROGER SUPERSTORE

Opening Sunday

The Sentinel, June 5, 1980

Steve Johnson, manager of the Rochester Kroger store will open the new 26,410 square-foot Kroger Superstore in the Rochester Plaza at 8 a.m. Sunday, June 15, according to Ted Engel, vice-president. Central Marketing Area. Kroger Food Stores.

The new store will be the fourth Kroger store location in Rochester and will replace the 15,600 square foot store on Main Street which has been in business since 1962. In total, The Kroger Co. has been serving the Rochester area for more than 50 years. The new store will continue to be a part of Kroger Food Store's Central

Marketing Area, which operates 82 stores in central and northern Indiana.

LEITERS FORD

Track Is Laid

The Sentinel, June 11, 1980

Seven volunteers from ConRail laid 150 feet of railroad track at the Leiters Ford Depot Museum Friday and Saturday. The track will be used to run two motorized work cars on and give rides.

ConRail employees who donated their time to lay the track were Mark Minix, Rochester; Paul Minix, DeLong; Jerry Boswell, Tyner; Kerry Martin, Culver; Robert Rans, Culver; Phillip Stevens, DeLong; and Jon Graham, Grovertown.

Using tools and the equipment truck from ConRail, the men laid the track by hand and drove the spikes with hammers in the old-fashioned way. Harvey Tyler of Leiters Ford moved the rails, each weighing 900 pounds, into place with his fork-lift tractor.

Some of the rails and ties had been donated by Erie Railroad in 1969. Most of the rails and ties were donated by Railroad Components, the company that is tearing out the old Penn Central tracks across Fulton and adjoining counties. These were moved to the museum a week ago by John Sutton, Doyle Flory., Bob Lowe and Bill Willard. Bob Sloane of Railroad Components loaded the ties and rails with a fork lift borrowed from Kewanna Implements. Dick Crull brought the stone and Sutton spread it out with his back hoe.

Others who helped lay the track were Walter and Tab Van Meter, Leiters Ford; Herman Pickens and his grandsons, Tony and Andy, Logansport; Larry Minix, DeLong; Kevin Cox, Leiters Ford; Bob Kirtland, formerly of DeLong now living in Florida; Ted Lewis, Akron; and Shirley Willard, president of the Fulton County Historical Society.

Dinner for the workers was provided by Bettie Grass. Jane Croy, Jan Nelson, Linda Stayton, Ruby Richards, Margaret Aldridge, Sandra Thomas, Wilma McGlothlin, Paul Davidson and Walter Van Meter, all of Leiters Ford, and Shirley Willard, Rochester. - - - -

SupeRx CENTER

Opening Sunday

The Sentinel, June 13, 1980

The SuperRx Health Care Center will open in the Rochester Plaza on the south edge of the city Sunday at 9 a.m., marking the third store opening in the new shopping center in the "triangle" between Old U.S. 31 and Indiana 25. (The other two are Kroger Superstore and Danners 3D)

Mark Batman is manager of the SuperRx Drug Store. The pharmacists will be Donna Clark and Frank Heisler. - - - -

FULTON CO. POLICE

Roy Calvert Joins

The Sentinel, June 17, 1980

Fulton County Sheriff, Robert Nugent, announced Monday that Roy Calvert, former Rochester City Police Chief, has joined the Fulton County Police Department to replace Thomas Hickle, who has resigned due to other commitments.

Calvert, 36, of 1314 Franklin Ave., resigned his post at the city April 30, 1979, citing economically impossible to raise a family on the salary provided by the city.

Calvert and his wife, Pat, have three children - Jeff, 13, Gary, 12, and Jennifer, 9.

Calvert joined the police force Aug. 1, 1970, after serving six months as a Fulton County Deputy Sheriff. He was made acting chief of the city force in 1971 and was appointed fulltime chief by Mayor Wayne Hittle in 1972.

WILLIAMS REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, July 16, 1980

The 48th Williams Family reunion was held Sunday, July 13 at the Rochester City Park with 41 members present.

Following the carry-in dinner, a business meeting was held with Jim Williams of Rochester and Rosemary Williams of Fulton being elected as president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

The 1981 reunion will be held at the Park July 12.

EDWARDS REUN

Ted Edwards Home

The Sentinel, July 22, 1980

The 14th annual reunion of the descendants of the late Lawrence and Georgia Edwards was held at the Macy home of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Edwards Sunday, July 13.

Those attending were Mr. & Mrs. Carl Allen, Mr. & Mrs. James Hayes and Jeff, Rob and Katie and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Scroggs and Dawn, Chuckie, Benjie and John, Muncie; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Edwards and Harold Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Edwards, Joel and Jackie, Warsaw.

From Rochester were: Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Baber, Mrs. David Damron and Kyle.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Baber, Akron; Mr. & Mrs. Orville Renfroe, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Reese, Jim, Linda, Dawn and Mike Beery and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Macy; and Mr. & Mrs. Jon Reese, Indianapolis.

The next reunion will be held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Hayes, Middletown, Ind.

MILLER REUN

Fish & Fun Campground

The Sentinel, July 29, 1980

The 14th annual Henry Miller family reunion was held July 27 at the Fish & Fun Campground with 39 relatives and a guest present.

Following the noon meal, a business session was conducted by Jeff Miller, president. Officers elected for 1981 were: Debbie Reynolds, president; Susie Miller, vice-president; Terri Miller secretary-treasurer, and Charlie Miller, chaplain.

Those attending from Rochester were: Dollie Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miller, Terri Miller and Christopher, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Don Reynolds, Debbie Reynolds, Peg Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Wyman Shearer, Kim Burns and Amy, Mrs. Byron Riffle Sr., Kelly Riffle, Kerry Nelson and Brandon, Tom Sayger, Doc Miller, and Mrs. Cranor Smith.

Attending from out of town were Mr. & Mrs. Warren Lease and sons, Macy; Mr. & Mrs. Dana Reynolds, Kokomo; Irma Zolman, Warsaw; Mr. & Mrs. Joe Day, Akron; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Palestine; and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Minglin and family, Warsaw.

Bernice Louderback was a guest.

BROOKER REUN

Roch City Park

The Sentinel, August 5, 1980

The 30th annual Isaac Brooker family reunion was held at the Rochester City Park Sunday, July 27 with 65 members and guests present.

After a carry-in dinner, a short business meeting was held with the remainder of the day spent socially.

Officers were elected for 1981. They are: Kathryn Kokko, Arlington Heights, Ill., president; Donald Hudkins, Greencastle, vice-president; and Mary Ellen Groleau, Bensonville, Ill., secretary.

The birthday of Dean Neff of Rochester, the oldest member present, was celebrated. The youngest member present was Jessica Moyer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Moyer, Laketon.

Traveling farthest was Annette Hunneshagen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Hunneshagen Jr., of Bradenton, Fla., and granddaughter of Geneva Hunneshagen of Rochester.

STAINED GLASS WORK

Braxton Eikenberry's Art

The Sentinel, August 6, 1980

By Susie Sime, LifeStyler Editor

While traveling around most everyone at some time has noticed a building - whether it is a church, home or old business - that is highlighted with stained glass windows or doors.

The thought that often comes to mind is (besides its beauty) how is that done? And that is where the talent of Braxton Eikenberry comes into focus.

Eikenberry, a 27-year-old native of this area, has taken stained glass working as his craft and occupation and is enjoying all its aspects from the first pattern selections to the finished product.

Eikenberry lives on County Road 200, a mile north of Macy, and has his studio arranged in his home. Throughout the house visitors will notice all kinds of his works - the beautiful kitchen window; windows in the kitchen cupboards, hanging and table lamps, framed pictures done in intricate pieces of stained glass.

"While I was in school, I was always hanging around the art room - sculpting, painting, drawing and the like - and was very creative in the art field. That's when I decided to go with art as my career," he explained.

Eikenberry grew up in the Mexico area and is a graduate of Caston High School, so he knows the area very well. "There are some nice pieces of stained glass work around here, but a lot of my customers are from the bigger cities - that's where this kind of work is needed."

Currently he is working for a man in Indianapolis who has purchased an old church and is restoring the stained glass windows in it.

"It's going to be quite a task," he said. "I must take all of my equipment to Indianapolis and set up shop right there. The bad thing is that I'll have to use scaffolding and my shop will be set right on it. Then I'll have to tear everything down each day - it'll probably be a two-week job at least."

He has just finished making a stained glass hanging lamp for a man who already had stained glass windows in his home and wanted a glass lamp to match. Eikenberry had to design a pattern to match that of his customer's and try to match the glass that was originally used, so that everything would correspond.

Customers wanting items made are shown pictures from books or from Eikenberry's personal portfolio of his previous works of art which allow the customer to actually see finished products and then correspond with their color choices.

After diagrams and a price range are selected, the customer is shown sample pieces of glass to choose the actual materials, including colors as well as textures.

Eikenberry draws two patterns for the finished product. One is cut out like a dress pattern and is used to cut each individual piece of glass. After the glass is cut, each piece is placed upon the second pattern and it is pieced together like a big jigsaw puzzle.

He then outlines each glass piece with a copper-foil tape and solders each together.

If a person wants different pieces of work done, or if Eikenberry must make a new mold for an old piece of work, then a few different steps must be taken.

He makes the mold around the old piece or from hand, fires it in his kiln, cuts the glass to fit and again fires it in the kiln, making it the exact shape and size needed.

Most of his materials can be ordered from catalogues, but they come from places such as Columbus., Ohio; Kokomo, or California. Many times he is able to pick up pieces of stained glass, parts or

sheets of glass at auctions.

“Really, there isn’t much competition in this field,” Eikenberry stated. “Most of this kind of work is done in Kokomo, South Bend or Indianapolis - so I have a different society to appeal to. People in this area appreciate this kind of work more than in the bigger cities because they know the true beauty of stained glass work.”

Eikenberry spends much of his time at festivals from the spring to the fall and was at the Logansport Mall last year for a month during a display-show on arts and crafts.

“It is obvious by watching Eikenberry’s talent at work and observing his finished products that he is a genuine artist and craftsman in his field. And, hopefully, more people will see his works displayed throughout the area in houses, buildings and churches and a bit of the traditional past will become more a part of our lives.

H.S.&M.

Buys Country Miss

The Sentinel, August 6, 1980

Hart Schaffner & Marx, apparel manufacturer and retailer, and Country Miss Inc., have announced that an agreement in principal has been reached for Hart Schaffner & Marx to acquire the Country Miss business. Country Miss is a manufacturer of women’s diversified apparel in the moderate to better price range, with sales of \$2.1 million in its fiscal year ended September 29, 1979. - - -

BURNS REUN

Akron Lions Club Bldg

The Sentinel, August 20, 1980

The families of Emma and Oliver Burns held a family reunion Sunday, Aug. 10 at the Akron Lions Club building with 74 members attending.

Local families attending were Mr. & Mrs. Rex Bowen and Teresa and Sandra, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Smith and Craig, Marty Smith, Terry Jr., Julie and Chris Smith and Carol Calloway, all of Rochester; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Miller, Denver; Mr. & Mrs. Glen Calloway, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Fincher and Paul and Shelli, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Smith and Jeffery, Chris and Jerry and Mr. & Mrs. Gary Raber and Brian and Haley, all of Macy; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Smith and Betsy, Casey and Sallie and Emma Burns, all of Akron

Other guests were Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Burns and Mr. & Mrs. Garret Ginn of Athens.

WALTERS REUN

Edith Overmyer Home

The Sentinel, August 26, 1980

The family of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Walters held their fourth annual family reunion in the home of Edith Overmyer with Bernice Cummins as co-hostess. Randy Mow gave grace before dinner.

Those present from Rochester were: Mr. & Mrs. Randy Mow and Christy, Greg and Gary Mow, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Walters and Natalie and Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Bud Walters, Mishay Walters, Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Heinzmann and Stephen, Mr. & Mrs. Edd Walters and Starr and Troy, Morris DeMarco and son Tony and Tony DeMarco.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hartzler and Mrs. Rick Overmyer and Melia of Akron.

VETERINARIAN PRACTICE

Pur Dr. Kerrick Deardorff

The Sentinel, August 30, 1980

After three years in the Rochester area, Dr. Robert M. Mason has sold his veterinarian practice on Old 31 at County Road 600 North to Akron native Dr. Kerrick Deardorff.

Dr. Mason will move to Gainesville, Fla., where he has accepted an assistant professorship at the University of Florida. Mason will work in the Rural Animal Medical Service - a consultation service dealing with farm livestock.

Dr. Deardorff has worked in the Silver Lake and Akron areas since his graduation from Akron High School and Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine. He will move the practice to the building formerly occupied by DeLawter Equipment on Old U.S. 31 on the north edge of Rochester.

Mason started the local practice in 1977 after graduating from Purdue in 1976 and working a year in Kokomo - his hometown. His practice has dealt 60 to 70 percent with farm animals and 30 to 40 percent with companion animals, such as cats, dogs and horses.

Dr. Mason, his wife Sue and their children, Emilee, Cara and Betsie will move to Florida before the start of the fall term at U. of F..

The new name will be the Deardorff Animal Clinic. Deardorff and his wife, Brenda, have two children, Kristin, 4, and Kelly, 2. The

family plans to remain residents of the Akron area while operating the Rochester clinic.

WOODLAWN HOSP

Old Building

The Sentinel, September 3, 1980

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to instruct county attorney William Deniston to proceed with legal action concerning the old Woodlawn Hospital site at Seventh and Pontiac streets.

Deniston this morning stated that he will file within the next 10 days a suit claiming public nuisance that will seek to correct the problems and ask for damages on behalf of the county commissioners.

Deniston noted that if a judgment is awarded in the county, there is a possibility that ownership of the grounds and building may revert to the county and that "there is a feeling among the commissioners that if that happens, the grounds will be turned over to the Fulton County Library Board, if they are interested in the site."

When the property was sold at public auction, the library board entered a bid of \$1 to show its interest in the property, but the property was not sold to the board.

The county commissioners have sent two letters to the owners of the old Woodlawn Hospital site - Lawrence Hagan, Miller Woods, Ill., and Marsha L. Lee, Rt. 5, Rochester - asking that they correct the problems at the property. No replies have been received.

There have been various threats made in writing by the commissioners to reclaim the grounds as stipulated in the terms of sale.

The terms of sale, as stipulated by the Fulton County Council, state "The deed shall contain a clause requiring that the building located on the property to be sold, or any property replacing the present property, shall be maintained in such an order that it shall not create a nuisance in the neighborhood in which it is located."

Examination of the deed shows that no such clause was included.

Deniston stated today, however, that the fact that the clause was omitted has no bearing because no property owner can let property become a public nuisance.

The building is in such general disrepair with the old chimney showing several cracks and a definite lean. There are open spaces in window areas that formerly contained air conditioners, and the grounds

surrounding the building have not been maintained by the owners.

Twice over the summer months, workers from the Rochester Street Department have mowed the grounds. The cost of that work is to be added onto the taxes on the property.

The old hospital site was sold to Hagan and Scott in a public auction conducted by the county commissioners in the fall of 1979. Reed's ownership since has been transferred to Marsha Lee. The hospital was sold for \$30,000.

The suit to be filed by Deniston will be filed in the Fulton Circuit Court.

ROCH TELEPHONE CO

Terrell Named President

The Sentinel, September 3, 1980

Alan B. Terrell assumed the position of president of the Rochester Telephone Company Tuesday to replace James Shultz, who has retired. Terrell comes to the city from Seymour, where he has been division marketing manager for Continental Telephone System. He and his wife, Linda, and children Molly, 4, and Grant, 2, reside at 917 Clover street.

WOODLAWN HOSP

Old Building

The Sentinel, September 4, 1980

The first contact in almost one year between Fulton County officials and the owners of the old Woodlawn Hospital property came Wednesday as Marsha Lee, Rt. 5, Rochester, telephoned the courthouse seeking zoning information.

Mrs. Lee contacted County Auditor Harrison Halterman at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Courthouse, asking how the site of the old hospital is zoned.

Mrs. Lee was referred to Rochester Mayor Don Cook by Halterman. Cook stated this morning that he had heard from her late Wednesday.

Mrs. Lee told Cook that she had a prospective buyer of the old hospital grounds and that she needed to find out the zoning of the site - which is zoned R2, residential and duplex dwellings.

Cook said that Mrs. Lee told him that her prospective buyer owns a motel in Kokomo and recently purchased a hotel-motel in South Bend.

Cook added that Mrs. Lee told him that she was sorry for all the inconvenience that had been caused and that she was trying to clear up the problem.

Cook said he referred Mrs. Lee to City Plan Commission president Tom Marrs, who was unavailable for comment today.

The communications from one of the co-owners came on the same day a story appeared in The Sentinel noting that the Fulton Board of County Commissioners was starting legal action against the owners of the building, citing it as a public nuisance.

The building is in general disrepair with broken windows and structural defects showing, and the grounds are unsightly.

The county commissioners have sent two letters to the owners seeking rectification of the situation and until Wednesday, had received no response.

The building was sold to Larry Hagan, Miller Woods, Ill., and Scott Reed, Rt. 5, Rochester, on Sept. 18, 1979. Since that time, Reed has deeded his ownings over to Mrs. Lee. The owners paid \$30,000 for the building and grounds at a public auction held by the commissioners.

STAINED GLASS WORK

Braxton Eikenberry's Art

The Sentinel, September 10, 1980

Compas Edition

Braxton Eikenberry, Akron, is one of 200 artists who will exhibit works at the Greenwich Village Art Fair at the Burpee Art Musum in Rockford, Ill., Sept. 13, and 14.

Eikenberry, who specializes in stained glass work, will compete with the other artists for several fair awards, including the Best of Show which includes a \$500 honorarium. - - - -

WOODLAWN HOSP

Old Building

The Sentinel, September 11, 1980

A complaint was filed Wednesday against the owners of the old Woodlawn Hospital by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the landowners of the City of Rochester.

The suit, filed in Fulton Circuit Court against Marsha Lee, Rt. 5, Rochester, and Larry Hagan, Miller Woods, Ill., asks for the abatement of a nuisance, located at Seventh and Pontiac streets.

The wording of the suit contends that the current owners have not kept the building in proper shape and that it has become a hazard with a chimney tower that is leaning and may topple in the near future.

The suit filed by the commissioners calls for a stoppage of the deteriorating condition of the old hospital and that damages, of an unspecified amount, be recovered.

The commissioners voted Sept. 2 to proceed with legal action against the owners following several attempts to notify the owners of possible legal action if the area and building were not maintained to a better degree. - - - -

LOUDERBACK CHEV-BUICK

Honors Charles R. Bilyew

The Sentinel, October 6, 1980

Mr. & Mrs. Tad H. Louderback hosted a dinner at the Lakeside Inn Monday, Sept. 29, in honor of Charles R. Bilyew, who is retiring after 40 years as a mechanic and service manager at Louderback Chevrolet-Buick.

A gold watch and a monetary gift were presented to Bilyew for his years of service.

Those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. Bilyew, Mr. & Mrs. Louderback, Robert Lee Green, Gregory Agnew, Jackie O'Hern, Timothy Figlio, Barbara Ralstin, Melinda Warmbrod, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Anderson, and Mr. & Mrs. H. Weldon Sherrard Jr., all of Rochester, and Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Tildon and Ryan, Scott Tilden and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wagonknecht, Akron, and Mr. & Mrs. Warren Lease, Macy.

Other guests were from Peru and Kokomo.

HOEHNE & HOEHNE

Merges With Another Firm

The Sentinel, October 7, 1980

The certified public accountant firm of Hoehne and Hoehne has merged with the firm of Holdeman, Fulmer, Chiddister and Co. of Elkhart, Goshen and Nappanee, it was announced today.

Dave Hoehne became the firm's ninth partner and the office, at 122 W. Eighth St., became the fourth office for the company, effective Oct. 1.

According to Patty Hoehne, manager of the local firm, no changes in office personnel will be made, but possibly another CPA will be transferred here from one of the other offices.

“We’re pleased with the merger,” Mrs. Hoehne said. “It allows us to give our clients better service, as we are now capable of specializng.”

The CPAs at the Rochester office are the Hoehnes and Elaine Brown.

The Hoehnes bought the CPA firm here from Byron Shore, a lifelong resident of Rochester who opened his CPA office in 1947 when he became associated with the Hoehnes.

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

J.C. Rhodes, Vice-President

The Sentinel, November 4, 1980

J.C. Rhodes, manager of the Sonoco Products Co., in Akron since 1973, has been named a vice-president-operations in the general products division and will move to the corporation headquarters in Hartsville, S.C., within a few weeks.

A successor to Rhodes at Akron has not been named yet.

Rhodes, a native of Hartsville, has been with Sonoco since his graduation from Clemson University in 1961. In 1978, he was named general manager for the midwest region of the company in addition to his plant manager duties at Akron.

He is president of the Akron Park Board and a member of the Akron Lions Club. Rhodes and his wife, Ann, have two children - David, at Clemson University, and Julie, at Tippecanoe Valley High School.

In his new position, Rhodes will have the operations responsibility for the northeast, midwest, southwest and western regions.

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is an international producer of paper and of converted paper, plastic, wood and metal products for a variety of industries. The plant in Akron was opened in 1963.

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO

W.C. Lynn, Manager

The Sentinel, November 5, 1980

W.C. Lynn, rather than J.C. Rhodes, is the manager of the Sonoco Products plant in Akron.

It was reported incorrectly in Tuesday’s Sentinel that Rhodes, who has been promoted to a vice-president-operations in the general products division, was Akron Plant manager.

Rhodes actually has been general manager for the midwest region of the company since 1978 and has been based at Akron. He previously was the Akron plant manager.

Lynn has been plant manager since since 1978.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Branch Building

The Sentinel, November 8, 1980

Ground will be broken at the south edge of Rochester at 11 a.m., Tuesday for a \$325,000 branch building of the First National Bank of Rochester.

The one-story building with brick veneer, exterior will be constructed on a lot along the north side of East 18th Street directly east of the Streamliner Restaurant.

Purchased from Richard McClure, the lot formerly was a used car display area for Damas Ford of Rochester. It is bordered on the north by 17th Street, the east by Madison Street and the west by Old U.S. 31. There will be access from both 17th and Madison streets.

David E. Hastings, bank president, said the new branch will be a full-service branch providing all banking services except lock boxes.

There will be three inside tellers and three bank officers on duty and there will be four drive-up windows. Names of the branch manager and other personnel will be announced later. - - -

The First National Bank, founded here on July 23, 1866, has one branch at this time - in Fulton.

MANITOU LIQUORS

Pur Patricia Piper

The Sentinel, November 18, 1980

Manitou Lquors, 902 Main St., now is under the ownership of Patricia Piper, president of Mid States Beverages Inc., following sale of the business by Mr. & Mrs. Garl Shank of Lake Manitou.

Mrs. Piper and her husband, Kip, are residents of Peru, where Kip Piper is co-owner with his father of Circus City Beverages.

The Pipers will maintain their residence in Peru, although they hope to find a summer home at Lake Manitou. Mrs. Piper will manage the store here. The couple has one child, Angela, 14.

Mrs. Piper is a native of Fort Wayne, where she taught 4th Grade for 4-1/2 years. For the last 5-1/2 years, she has been a 4th and 5th Grade teacher at St. Charles School in Peru; she has retired from

teaching to devote full-time to her new business. She is a new member of the Manitou Women of the Moose. - - -

Manitou Liquors was founded in the mid 1930s by Charles Kriehbaum in a rented building that stood on land now occupied by a city parking lot on the northeast corner of Seventh and Main streets.

It was purchased in 1938 by Everett R. Lichtenwalter and his wife, Elizabeth, who owned the business until Lichtenwalter died in 1965. Mrs. Lichtenwalter owned and operated the business after that. Shank became a co-owner when he and Mrs. Lichtenwalter married in 1968.

The store was moved to its present location in 1957 - - - -

Shank, who is working at the store part-time to help the new owner, will announce his future plans next spring.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

18th Street Branch

The Sentinel, November 22 1980

Mark W. Kistler, assistant vice-president of the First National Bank of Rochester, will become manager of the bank's Rochester branch when it opens next spring. - - - -

Kistler joined First National as an assistant cashier in August 1970. He became an assistant vice-president Jan. 1, 1979. He is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Madison, Wis.

A native of Richland Township, Kistler is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne C. Kistler, Rt. 3, Rochester, and is a 1958 graduate of Richland Center High School.

He served four years in the Air Force after high school and also worked for three years in Rochester before enrolling at Western New Mexico University at Silver City, N.M., from which he was graduated in 1968.

He taught one term at Caston Junior High School, then was a state bank examiner for about two years before joining First National.

He is a member of the Rochester Optimist Club, of which he is a past-president, and of the Manitou Moose Lodge, the Center Odd Fellows Lodge, and Grace United Methodist Church.

Kistler and his wife, Patricia, have four children at home - Lisa, 16, Scott, 12, David, 11, and Amy, 9. - - - -

SONOCO PRODUCTS CO.

Mgr., Merl A. Tinkey

The Sentinel, November 29 1980

Merl A. Tinkey has been promoted to general manager, midwestern region of the general products division of Sonoco Products Co., according to J.C. Rhodes, division vice president-operations, general products division.

Tinkey, 46, is plant manager at Robesonia, Pa. He and his family will move to Akron, where the division has its midwestern regional office.

The new general manager, a native of Claypool, joined Sonoco in 1955. He has been a spiral superintendent at the Akron plant, superintendent at Monroe Falls, Ohio, and plant manager of the Lowell, Mass., plant. He will begin his new assignment Monday.

Edward A. Harris, currently manager at Sonoco's Chicopee, Mass., plant, has been promoted to the position of plant manager at Robesonia to replace Tinkey.

Harris, 35, a native of Florence, S.C., will move to Robesonia with his family. He has been the plant manager at Chicopee since February 1978 and was earlier plant superintendent at Robesonia. A graduate of Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., he joined Sonoco in 1969. - - - -

AUBBEE SCHOOL BLDG

Donated to Aubbee Twp

The Sentinel, December 17, 1980

The Culver Community School Corporation deeded the Aubbeenaubbee Township Elementary School building in Leiters Ford to the Aubbeenaubbee Township trustee Monday, as was agreed to during a Leiters Ford town meeting Dec. 9.

The official document was recorded in the office of the Fulton County recorder on Tuesday. It listed the lots as 27 through 31, 63 through 68, and 77 through 82. - - - -

BLUE PRODUCTS CO

Moving to 317 East 8th

The Sentinel, December 31, 1980

Blue Products Co., Inc., will be operating from new quarters beginning Friday, moving 1-1/2 blocks east to 317 East Eighth St., in the west portion of the Sheet Metal Plus building.

Garry Daniels, owner of the janitorial supplies firm the past 15 years, said that the business has been in the present location about 25 years.

New owners of the building at 130 East Eighth St., are Jesse and Rick Brown, local attorneys. They will occupy it as law offices about April 1, following remodeling.

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