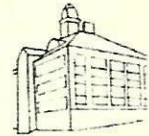




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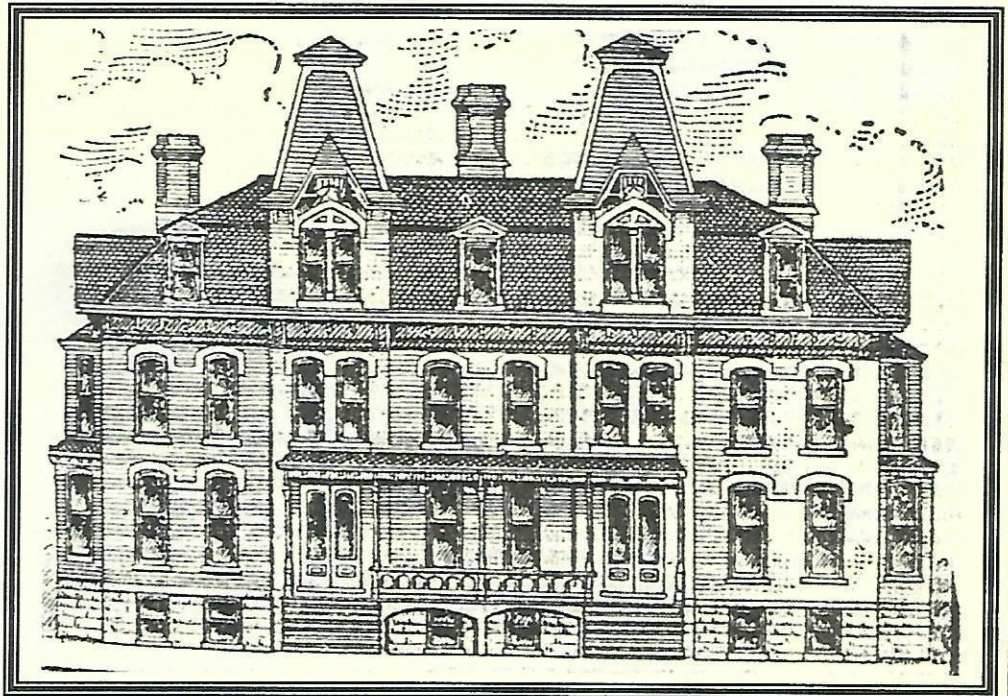
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Clinton County Medical Care History.....

Medical care in Clinton county goes back as far as the earliest settlers. Records show that in 1856 there were three physicians in St. Johns: **Dr. Louis W. Fasquelle, Dr. DeWitt Clinton Stewart and Dr. J. Stone.**

By 1866/67, **Dr. Andrew J. Wiggins**, a graduate of Geneva College in New York, was practicing in St. Johns. By 1888, he made the decision to build Wiggins Sanitarium at 108 Spring Street.

The building was designed as shown below, but for some reason, was not built that way. It was originally a two story, second empire brick, with a mansard roof and a central tower over the main entrance.

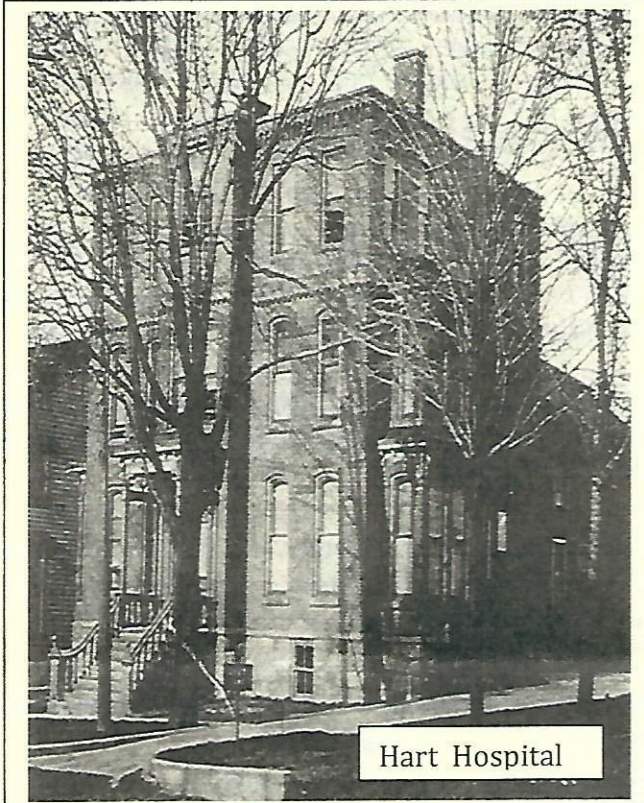


*Wiggin's Sanitarium as it appeared in the
1897 Michigan Gazetteer and Business Directory*

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In 1908/09 the sanitarium closed and became the Wiggins House, a hotel/boarding house. In 1911, **Drs. Arthur O. and Eugene Hart** bought and completely renovated the building into a 15 bed hospital. They converted the top floor attic into a surgical floor. Surgical patients were securely strapped to a stretcher and carried up and down a narrow, steep flight of stairs. The facility was called variously, the Hart Hospital, the Old Hospital and the St. Johns Hospital.



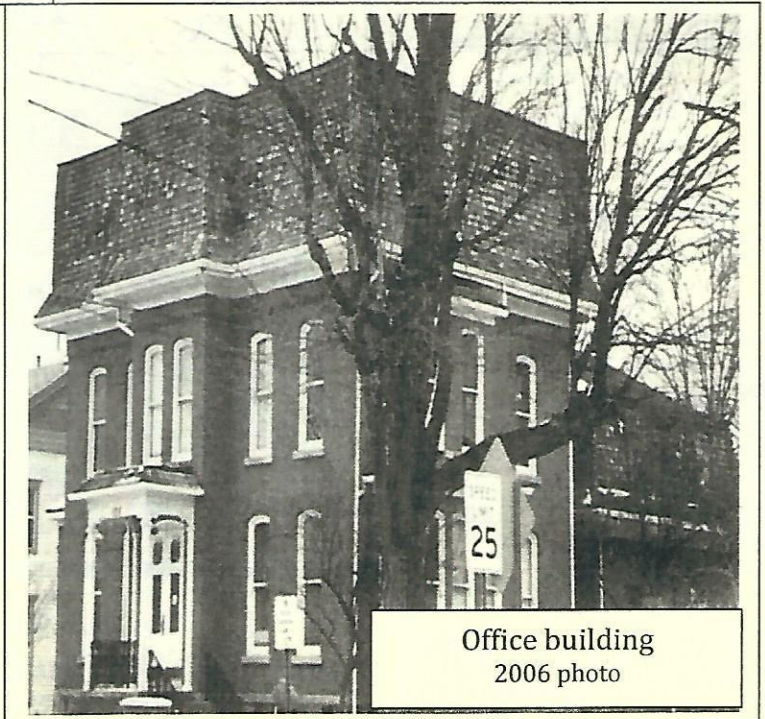
Hart Hospital

By 1926 the need for a larger more convenient facility became obvious, because of failing health of both Drs. Hart, and in 1927 Clinton Memorial Hospital opened.

After Clinton Memorial opened, the old hospital became the Hart Clinic, containing doctor's offices. On January 1, 1931, a Clinton County Republican News ad lists the following doctors practicing medicine at the Hart Clinic: **Dr. A. O. & Dean W. Hart, Dr. F. E. Luton, Dr. C. T. Foo** and **Dr. T.Y. Ho**. They were open daily 1-4:00, except Sunday and Thursday afternoons. Other hours by appointment only.

Eventually, the building was sold and converted into apartments. Subsequent owners replaced the mansard roof and at present the building is being used as an office building.

St. Johns Hospital, St. Johns, Mich. Surgical, obstetrical and chronic medical cases only. Rates reasonable, expense of hospital care in most cases less than the wages of a nurse in a home. Full staff of physicians and surgeons. Each department in charge of specialists. Fully equipped X-ray and clinic laboratories. **Margaret M. Brown, R.N., Supt.**
CCR - Jan 23,?



Office building
2006 photo

Clinton Memorial Hospital

On May 5, 1926, a subscription drive, to fund a new hospital, was launched by **Schuyler Marshall**, publisher of the *Clinton County Republican News*. The hospital was built principally on land donated by **General Oliver Spaulding**. Total outlay for hospital property was less than \$3,000.

The complete cost of the hospital was approximately \$165,000. Many thousands of dollars were saved through volunteer hours and donated equipment for the hospital and grounds. The only wood used in the building was for the windows, doors and the floor of the x-ray laboratory. Most of the furnishings of the hospital were donated. The hospital was formally dedicated on November 11, 1927. On December 5, 1927, the first seven patients were transferred from the Hart Clinic/St. Johns Hospital on Spring Street to the new Clinton Memorial Hospital.

The original hospital had 52 patient beds. Room rates ranged from \$4 a day for medical/surgical beds in a ward to \$7.50 for private bedroom with bath. \$1.00 a day was charged for infant care. The cost included patient's room, meals, doctor care, laundry and nursing expenses.

The first surgery was a tonsillectomy on December 6, 1927; the first births were **Robert Bishop** and **Shirley Osgood**. The outpatient department opened in 1929.

In 1947 funds were raised for a 25 bed/ 22 crib-bed nursery, and third story addition. \$60,000 came from residents of St. Johns and \$40,000 from the hospital's accumulated operating reserves.

By 1952, the average cost of a day's stay at CMH was \$15.95. And in 1953 the year's average was 96 patients a day seen at the hospital.

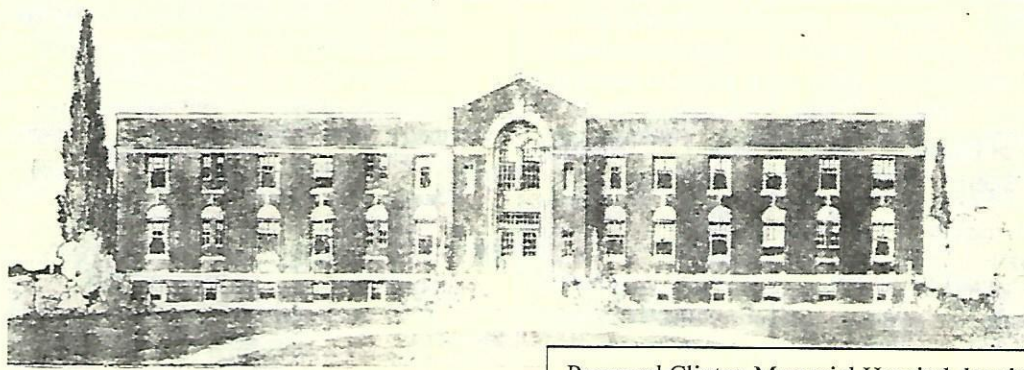
In 1954, a \$40,000 two-story wing was built. The cost of a bed in a three-bed ward was up to \$14.00 a day in 1958. Funds for a million dollar expansion for the Fehling wing, on the south side, came from the \$250,000 estate of **Edward and Mary Fehling** and \$525,000 from Hill-Burton Funds in 1964. In the 1970's, the decision was made to accept osteopathic physicians to the staff and a clinic was built adjacent to the hospital.

24 hour emergency services were opened in 1976.

The hospital was literally reborn as it was rebuilt from the inside out in 1997-98, a \$10.5 million dollar process. In 1999, Clinton Memorial became a division of the Sparrow Health System.

As of 2002, Clinton Memorial has vastly extended services, including nuclear medicine services, along with quick access to the Sparrow Health System Hospital of Lansing. The hospital is down to 28 beds. In April 2010 it was announced that Clinton Memorial Hospital would be known as Sparrow Clinton Hospital.

The Hospital News - Supplement to Clinton County Republican News - 1926/27



Proposed Clinton Memorial Hospital drawing

Hospital Gets Fine Donations

Gifts from all Corners of County Swell Larder at Clinton Memorial

CCRN - 31 Oct 1935

Hundreds of quarts of canned fruits and vegetables, and \$37 in cash were included in the gifts received by Clinton Memorial hospital on Donation Day this year. The event was sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary and received fine response from almost every part of the county. The list of donations follows:

A friend - \$5	Miss Minnie Barrington - \$2	Mrs. Alice Streeter - \$1
Mr. & Mrs. Lee DeWitt - \$4	Jack Spaulding, Detroit - \$4	Mrs. L Putt - 4 qt grape juice
St. Joseph Catholic Church - 3 1/2 quarts plums 2 quarts rhubarb 3 quarts tomatoes 1 quart tomato juice 1 1/2 quarts grape butter 2 quarts apple sauce 1 quart peaches & 1 jelly	Mrs. Fred Tremper - 2 quarts baked pears 1 quarts baked apples 2 quarts pear sauce 1 pint pear preserve 1 pint peach preserve 1 jell	Miss Mary Smith 2 quarts tomato juice 3 quarts tomatoes 2 quarts sweet corn 2 quarts peas 1 quarts plums 2 quarts peaches
Mrs. Fannie Brown - 7 qt tomato	Mrs. C. C. Vaughan - 12 jelly	Althea Knapp - 15 jelly
W. C. T. U., by Mrs. Martin 8 quarts cherries 6 quarts peaches 5 quarts pears 1 quart raspberries 3 quarts plums 5 quarts tomato juice 3 quarts tomatoes 1 quart peach pickles	C. C. A. by Mrs. Scott 37 quarts plums 33 quarts pears 24 quarts peaches 7 1/2 quarts jam & 6 jelly 1 quart tomatoes 8 quarts pickles 1/2 bushel pears 1/2 bushel apples 1/2 peck carrots 3 cabbage	Mrs. M. Weller & Louise & Mary Kelly 2 quarts cherries 1 quart pickled peaches 1 quart peaches 1 quart plums 1 quart pickled beets 1 quart spiced apples 1 quart pears 2 quarts tomatoes
Otis Fuller - 1/3 bushel pears	Mrs. Nathan Moore - 36 qt peach	Mrs. Jolly - 2 quarts peaches
The Eberts 1 quart & 1 pint pear conserve 1 qt Blue Davison plum preserve 1 quart peach butter 1 quart maple syrup 1 quart peaches 1 quart green tomato pickles 6 pints strawberry preserve 1 pint raspberries 1 pint peach conserve 1 pint plum butter 1 pint pickles	Crescent Club by Miss Sarah Pouch 21 quarts peaches 2 quarts plums 2 quarts pears 1 quart strawberries 3 quarts cherries 8 quarts tomatoes 30 jelly 1 quart corn	Independent Club by Mrs. Robert Woodruff 1 quart pickles 1 quart pears 2 quarts cherries 3 quarts tomatoes 3 quart applesauce 1 quart dill pickles 2 quarts peaches 1 pint tomato preserves
Mrs. Walter Smith 2 quart tomatoes 2 quarts peaches	Mrs. A. D. Lyon - 1 pint marmalade 6 jelly 6 quarts cherries	Mr. & Mrs DeWitt Hunt - 1 peck quinces
St. John's Episcopal Guild 9 quart peaches -- 2 jelly 5 quart pears 4 quart tomatoes 2 quarts plums & 1 quart plum jam 1 quart beets 1 quart pickles 1 pint tomato relish	Mrs. C. L. Smith 1 quart raspberries 1 quart cherries 1 quart quince & pear preserves 2 quarts tomatoes 1 quart pickled apples	Mrs. Rex Serrine 1 quart pears 1 quart cucumbers 1 quart cherries 2 quarts tomatoes 1 pint pickles 6 jelly [**list will be continued in next issue]

Form Society of Physicians

Clinton Doctors Organized in 1874 with L.W. Fasquelle, president. [CCR- 9 Apr 1931]

In 1864 there was an effort made to form a Clinton County Medical Society. In fact there was some sort of meeting, but the doctors were so few and the population so scattered and means of travel so difficult, that the new organization did not last quite two years. The present Clinton County Medical Society was formed 10 years later.

During the 10-year period there had been an influx of population into the county and an increase in the medical profession. A call was sent out to those "regularly engaged in the rational practice of medicine". The meeting was set for July 9, 1784 in the village of St. Johns. Those present were: Carper V. Bebee, Ovid; L.T. Wells, Ovid; Edwin Doty, Maple Rapids; S. M. Post, Eureka; L.A. Laurason, Fowler; L. W. Fasquelle, St. Johns, G. E. Corbin, St. Johns; and C. C. Dellebaugh, Westphalia.

Drs. Corbin, Doty and Bebee drafted a constitution and the first officers elected were: President, L. W. Fasquelle; Vice president, C. V. Bebee; Treasurer, L. T. Wells; Secretary, G. E. Corbin.

The preamble to the constitution adopted stated that the purpose of the organization was to "promote kind feelings and remove prejudices that are liable to exist while strangers to each other, and that a free exchange of opinions is calculated not only to harmonize the views but also to add to the common stock of professional knowledge."

Some of the earliest homeopathic physicians listed in Clinton county history were: Caleb Lamb, 1853; T. B. Lamb, 1855; Timothy Baker, 1855; M. J. S. Cook, 1865; and D. L. Roberts, 1865. The membership of the medical society in 1880 included the following names: G. W. Topping, DeWitt; E. V. Chase, Elsie; H. Hart, Eureka; S. M. Post, Eureka; L. A. Laurason, Fowler; Edwin Doty, Maple Rapids; Samuel H. Welling, Maple Rapids; Abbott, Ovid; O.B. Campbell, Ovid; S. C. King, Ovid; W. K. Yuil, Ovid; C. C. Dellebaugh, Portland; L. O. Ludlum, Shepardsville; G. E. Corbin, St. Johns; L. W. Fasquelle, St. Johns; S. E. Gillam, St. Johns; N. B. Welper, St. Johns; A. J. Wiggins, St. Johns; and Simon Herras, Westphalia.

Without the aid of automobiles to travel about the county; without the aid of scientific laboratories, X-ray, and before the modern science of sterilization was known, or hospitals thought of, these men served the people of the county in sickness amid hardships and with a loyalty that brought them a deserved high place in the regard of the public. These doctors were more than professional men; they were counsellors of the families they served, not only in matters of health, but in any trouble they might encounter.

Dr. J. Cullins

Osteopathic Physician - CCR - January 1924

For more than a half century, osteopathy has successfully treated disease and injury. Osteopathy treats the fundamental cause of all sickness--lowered body resistance. Nature gives the normal body power to keep itself strong and well. Only when resistance is lowered by abuse, misuse or injury does it become sick. Only when normal resistance is restored will health return. Osteopathy builds resistance b direct methods. It frees the nerve channels by adjusting the frame work of the body at the point where it impinges them. It makes sure of proper blood supply by freeing blood channels from all obstructions. The body does the rest. Osteopathy is a normal way to insure and restore health. It follows in nature's own footsteps. Osteopathy methods are usually successful in cases of bad winter colds, la grippe, and pneumonia. Resistance of your body--its ability to throw off sickness, is the best key to freedom from winter ills. Dr. J. A. Cullins, office 111 National Bank building is thoroughly competent to administer to your ills. For professional advice and scientific treatment of all forms of illness, consult Dr. J. A. Cullins.

Dr. V. C. Symmonds

Osteopathic Physician - CCR - January 1931

Osteopathy was discovered by Dr. A. T. Still and given to the world in 1874. It emphasizes the structural integrity of the body mechanism as the most important factor of the organism's well-being; and holds this factor to be of greater importance than the chemical or fuel intake. it is the science or system of healing which emphasizes the diagnosis of disease by physical as well as laboratory methods, with a view of not discovering the symptoms but the cause of the disease, Osteopathy is the treatment of disease by scientific adjustment of abnormal structure with particular attention to the spine, together with inherent resources of the organism, which, with good habits, clean living and correct thinking will overcome disease and re-establish health. Osteopathy is today recognized as one of the highest ranking professions and is practiced in St. Johns by an efficient Osteopathic physician and laboratory diagnostician, Dr. V. Symmonds, who has offices in the D. C. LeBaron building. Phone for special appointment. If you are not enjoying complete health you should consult this Osteopathic physician, regardless of the nature of your trouble.

NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS

Courtesy of archives staff & other discerning researchers.

CCR - 18 Sep 1877

The running race advertised between "Rook Mirandi" of Owosso, and Estes' "Maggie" of St. Johns, came off at the Fair Ground, last Saturday. The day was fine and the horses in good condition. Rook took first and third heats and Maggie second, in which heat she threw one of her front shoes and broke the other in two. The last heat she ran barefooted. No time given. Rook is undoubtedly the finest running stallion in the State, and he has beat the best time made in the Sate by any other horse, a half second. Maggie is a well bred nag, not withstanding her pedigree is unknown. She was put in fine tit [sic] by **Mr. H. M. Estes**, who well understand how it is done.

Opening Day at Round Lake

Cl. Rep. 18 May 1899

Wm H. Benson, proprietor of the Round Lake resort will give an opening Friday, May 26. Good time sure. First class band and orchestra. Ball in the evening. Bill, care of horses, supper and dance tickets \$1.00 per couple. Literary exercises in forenoon, sports, etc., through the day. Round Lake and grounds are looking very nice. The house is painted and made two stories high, neatly decorated, etc.

"People would hardly expect a brawl at the Guilford [Maine] Historical Society, but in May, member Al Hunt, who was irate that rare photographs of the town had been loaned to a local restaurant, might have bumped against the society's secretary, **Zarvin Shaffer**. According to witnesses, Shaffer then punched Hunt in the face, Hunt's wife grabbed a chair, and Shaffer's son yanked Mrs. Hunt away by her hair",

FOR SHERIFF

Loren Castle, of St. Johns, will be a Candidate.

Loren Castle, of St. Johns, former deputy sheriff, announces that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff. Loren has got the muscle, and if he went after a man he would have to come. If nominated and elected, he would make a good officer.

FORMER ST. JOHNS GIRL WRITES PLAY, 'LITTLE HALF CHICK'

CCR - 25 March 1926

In the March issue of Primary Education, a leading school magazine, is published a six-act play written by **Miss Gladys Gregory**, daughter of Mrs. **Alma Gregory** of this city and a former St. Johns girl. The name of the play is "Little Half Chick", and it requires a cast of 19 children.

The play is cleverly written and makes an interesting production. It was copywighted [sic] by **Miss Gregory** in 1925.

WILL CALL IT "SAN JUAN" PRETTY SUMMER RESORT WILL BE PLATTED AT ONCE.

SJN - 24 Oct 1901

At a meeting of the stockholders of the summer resort recently purchased by St. Johns parties on White Lake, near White Hall, held Tuesday, a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, and another committee appointed to have the property surveyed and platted.

The twelve front lots which face the lake were apportioned among the twelve stockholders by lot.

While the stockholders have not definitely decided on the name for the resort they are practically agreed on "San Juan", which is the Spanish for St. Johns.

By the scheme of platting adopted there will be some seventy lots which may be offered for sale later on. **Dr. J. H. Travis**, of Elsie, who is one of the stockholders was present.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS FOR COUNTY FAIR

[SJV 6 Sept 1900]

Wednesday, Sept 26: Green Running Race for horses owned by Clinton county farmers.

First Prize--Saddle and Bridle. Second prize -- Five Dollar Blanket. Third Prize-- Good Halter, and Whip by **Jesse Granger**.

Friday, Sept. 28: Green Pace or trot, for horses owned by Clinton county farmers, that have never been in a race. First Prize -- Choice of any \$10.00 suit of clothes by Clark & Hulse. Second Prize -- Ten dollar robe by Davies & Adam. Third Prize -- Five dollar blanket by Corbit & Valentine.

Dr. Gillam will attend, free of charge, all who may sustain broken limbs or other injuries in above races.

George A. Estes will receive entries and appoint judges for these races.

GET MARRIED AND GET A STOVE

Fowler & Ball offer a Garland \$20 "Success" Steel Range to any couple who will get married in front of the grand stand.

SPECIAL LADIES' BICYCLE RACE OPEN FOR WOMEN

AND GIRLS RESIDING IN CLINTON COUNTY!

First Prize -- Choice of \$10.00 jackets by **Noble Burnett**. Second Prize -- a pair of \$4.00 shoes, choice stock by Harry Mack. Third Prize--choice of \$5.00 Ladies' Hat by the Mercantile Company.

SPECIAL, FREE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF CLINTON COUNTY, BICYCLE RACE

First prize--ten dollar bicycle suit by Wilson Bros. Second Prize--five dollar toilet set by Travis & Baker. Third Prize--one box of cigars by O.P. Dewitt.

COME YE WITH GOOD UNDERSTANDING

The Tromp Shoe Company will offer a pair of No. 13 Shoes, cost \$5.80 at wholesale, to the man with the biggest feet who attends the fair. **Dr. Dunn** will be judge of this department.

Special offers to be classified. **John Hicks** will give a rug, **A. O. Hung**, a hammock; **R. G. Allison**, a set of knives and forks; **St. Johns News**, five years' subscription; **Republican**, five years' subscription.

Classes will be arranged for above and other special offers that are made to Secretary Fitzgerald before next week Thursday. All who have anything to offer please report at once.

Age License - SJN 20 Sep 1900:

There has been considerable speculation regarding the offer made by Fowler & Ball of a steel range to the couple who will be married in front of the grandstand any afternoon of the fair.

The range is a modern one and ought to make any young couple just starting out in the world happy enough.

The couple who contemplate securing the stove are expected to give due notice of their intentions to the secretary, so that they may be "entered" along with the other prize packages and arrangements made for the deal.

An intimation reached the secretary's ears one day the latter part of last week that an Ovid couple were trying to get up enough courage to appear in public. That official immediately wrote them, pledging his assurance that the marriage would not only be felicitous, but entirely proper and decorous. From the letter receive in reply, no positive assurance can be given, but there is a possibility that Fowler & Ball may be short a stove. However, the couple have given no formal notice, so that the offer is still open to any couple in the county.

Justice Marshall will perform the ceremony and **County Clerk Smith** will issue the license without charge, so that the whole matter can be closed up most inexpensively and all the groom will have to do will be to hustle around the rest of his life looking for bread.



Articles that make you just say "HUH"??

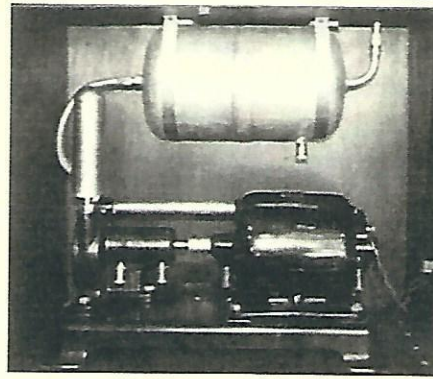
So what is an Electric theatre????
What is an auxetophone????

NEW ELECTRIC THEATRE

CCR - 19 Dec 1907

The new electric theatre opened on Monday evening in the building recently occupied by **Charles Cross** and purchased by **Alex Morrison**.

The building has been repainted and repaired. The woodwork and ceiling are blue and with the beautiful new elevated seats it presents a very inviting appearance. An auxetophone has been installed, which furnishes very pretty music. Piano and vocal solos will also be given.



The Auxetophone was arguably the world's first phonograph that used a powered source of amplification. The principle involved utilizing a motor-driven turbine pump to provide compressed air to the special diaphragm in the sound box. The sound box contained a reeded diaphragm that would vibrate in sympathy with the movement of the needle on the record grooves. The reeds would modulate the flow of the air through the horn, thereby dramatically increasing the volume of the sound. The instrument was so loud, that it was unsuitable for use in normal sized rooms. Although a few were reportedly sold for use in homes (most likely in large ballrooms), most were sold for use outdoors or in very large restaurants or auditoriums. The standard sound box also allowed the instrument to function in locations where electricity was not available.

[<http://www.auxetophone.com/Operation.html>]



other Huh moments.....

How would you like to be named:

"CUNIGUNDA SCHNUTE"

taken from Clinton County records

Epitaph:

*"Erected to the memory of
John Phillips
Accidentally Shot
As a mark of affection by his
brother"*

From Church records, 10 August 1816

"Gone off George Phillips, elder.

Disorderly left the church
and gone off to another body."

From *Two Centuries of Costume in America*, Vol. II, comes the following:

"Her hair in front is craped at least a foot high, much in the form of a churn bottom upward and topped with a wire skeleton in the same form, covered with black gauze which hangs in streamers down her back. Her hair is a large braid turned up and confined with a monstrous large crooked comb. She reminded me of a monstrous cap worn by the marquis of Lafayeete's valet, commonly called on this account the Marquisies devil."



ANCIENT TOMBSTONE HUMOR & EPITAPHS

<p>"Beneath this silent stone is laid A noisy antiquated maid, Who from the cradle talked till death, and never before was out of breath."</p>	<p>"Readers, pass on, nor waste your precious time On bad biography and murdered rhyme: What I was before's well known to my neighbors What I am now is no concern our yours" 1797</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Here lies the bones Of Joseph Jones, Who eat whilst he was able; But once o'er fed He dropped down dead, And fell beneath the table. When from the tomb, To meet his doom, He rises amidst sinner: Since he must dwell In heav'n or hell take him---which gives the best dinners." 1690</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"As I walked by myself I talked to myself, and thus to myself said to me, Look to thyself and take care of thyself For nobody cares for thee. So I turn'd to myself, and I answered myself In the slef-same reverie Look to myself or look not to myself the self-same thing it will be" 1810 90 year old Robert</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">"Here lies, returned to clay Miss Arabella Young, who on the first of May Began to hold her tongue."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"Here lies the body of John Eldred, At least he will be here when he is dead; but now at this time is alive the 14th of August, sixty-five."</p>
<p>"Anne Harrison well known by the name of Nanna Ran Dan Who was chaste but no prude; and tho' free yet no harlot. By principle virtuous, by education a Protestant; her freedom made her liable to censure, while her extensive charities made her esteemed. Her tongue she was unable to control, but the rest of her members she kept in subjection. After a life of 80 years thus spent, she died 1745."</p>	<p>"Here lies the body of Nick Hookes, of Conway, Gent. Who was the 41st child of his father William Hookes, Esqre. by his wife Alice & the father of 27 children, who died 20th of March, 1637"</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">[on the tombstone of a wife] "This poor man wept and the Lord heard him and delivered him out of his troubles"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"Here lies the body of James Vernon, Esq., only surviving son of Admiral Vernon; died 23rd July, 1723"</p>
<p>"Poor Martha Snell, her's gone away, Her would if her could, but her couldn't stay, Her had two bad legs and a badish cough, But her legs it was that carried her off."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"Here lies John, late Mayor of Dundee Here lies him, here lies he, A B C D E F G Di do dum di do dee"</p>

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- 1956-1965 issues of the *Clinton Co. Republican-News* on microfilm
- Gunnisonville Cemetery Lot Owners Plat Map
- Post Card – Bath School Disaster 1927
- Greenbush Twp. Voter Registration Ledgers 1859-1931 (abstracted data)
- Greenbush Twp. Party Enrollment Ledger 1906-1908 (photographed copy)
- Scrapbook kept by Norma (Lewis) Rivest & Agatha (Anderson) Lewis
- *Clinton Co. Farm Plat Book*; ca 1962
- *Clinton Co. Atlas & Plat Book*; 1987-88
- Clinton Co. Plat Map; 1991

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2012 Dates Archives will be closed

- ☞ Sep 3 - Labor Day
- ☞ Nov 12 - Vet Day
- ☞ Nov 22-23 - Thanksgiving
- ☞ Dec 24 - Jan 3, 2013 - Christmas/New Year's

MORE NEWSPAPERS FILMED

The Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society were able to have ten more years of the newspaper, *Clinton Co. Republican-News*, microfilmed in May 2012. These issues span the years 1956 through 1965 and include the historic 1956 St. Johns centennial issue. The filming was made possible by several donations including one for \$2,500 which was given anonymously.

The **Archives of the Clinton County Historical Society** is located at 16101 Brook Road in Dewitt Township Community Center. Volunteers are there to give research assistance from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Fridays. Phone: (517) 482-5117. Web page: dewittlibrary.org/CCHS. CCHS members have free usage of the Archives, non-member cost: \$5.00 fee per day.

The **Historical Society** meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm Nov. through March and at 7:00 p.m. Apr. through Oct. If you are able to attend our meetings, please contact the Archives for location. Regular meetings are not held in June & December.

The **Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum** complex is located on the west side of the courthouse square in St. Johns. www.pgsmuseum.com. To join the Friends of the Museum, contact them at: pgs.museum@hotmail.com; or PGS Museum, P.O. Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Mr./Mrs/Miss _____	List 5 Names you are Researching:
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HORSE SANK FROM SIGHT BAD ROADWAY NEAR LAINGSBURG CAUSES TROUBLE

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Frank Green, of Ovid, had a thrilling experience one day last week while driving on the road between Ovid and Laingsburg.

As is well known to everyone who has had occasion to travel in that section of the county, there is a piece of road through the large swamp this side of Laingsburg which has occasioned considerable trouble.

It was at this point that Mr. Green came near getting into serious difficulty. While passing through a very narrow portion of the road Mr. Green's horse slipped off the turnpike into the side of the road and began to sink. Before Mr. Green could hardly recover himself, the animal was entirely out of view with the exception of his head and his back. With considerable presence of mind Mr. Green clung to the lines and by a mighty effort urged the fast disappearing animal to greater exertion and was rewarded for his effort. the floundering horse managed to strike footing enough to enable him to climb out of the sinkhole, and he soon regained his place on the highway.



The condition of the road is said to be such as to require the attention of that township officials, and it is suggested that a satisfactory road cannot be maintained where the present road runs and that the proper thing to do would be to run the road around the sink hole where it can be made safe and avoid possible suits for damages which may come with the road in its present condition.