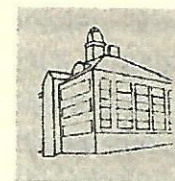




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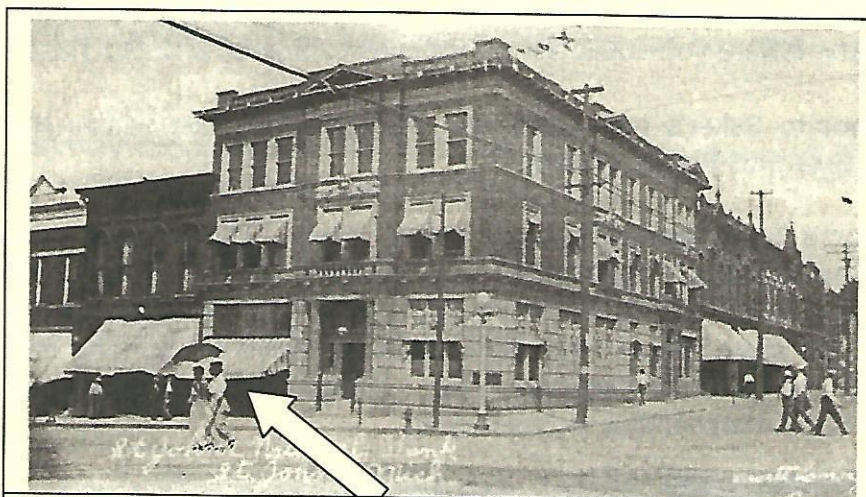
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Rehmann's Mens Wear – First Store

## The Origin of Rehmann's Men's and Boy's Wear in St. Johns

In 1929, the **Al Rehmann** family all huddled into Al Rehmann's 1928, 4-door Chevy and started on a trip from Zilwaukee, Michigan, to a destination of Chicago. Leaving at 12 midnight, Dad **Al Rehmann** with Mother **Elizabeth** and the five kids were nearing Ovid-Elsie country road (as the new pavement was laid down on M-21 between St. Johns & Owosso) when they had a breakdown. When talking with the dealer, **Herm Pohl** of Pohl Brothers, about the repair to the car, they told him they did not have the \$38.00 to pay for the work right then. They struck a deal and left Al's watch for Herm to hold until they returned. Upon returning the following week, they were talking with Herm and mentioned that they were tailors. He said that St. Johns needed a tailor and proceeded to take them to see **Mr. Luecht** at the St. Johns National Bank. Another deal was struck and Mr. Luecht offered the north part of the bank building for Al and Elizabeth to set up business as Rehmann's Clothiers with the tailors upstairs and the store below.

(As related by Robert Rehmann, grandson of Al and Elizabeth)

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## Downtown St. Johns, Michigan

### By John Rehmann

**Robert Rehmann** also provided to *Clinton Co. Trails* his father's, **John Rehmann's**, manuscript in which John described the businesses in St. Johns in the 1936-1990 time period. Here, slightly edited, is how he remembered the west side of the first block of Clinton Avenue:

The first business at the head of Clinton Street was occupied by **Fred Baker** and his son, Herb, a restaurant where you could buy coffee and a donut for 16 cents; lunches priced at 25 cents--this was for a hot-beef sandwich and coffee. The second floor was occupied by **Dr. Porter**, a doctor of optometry, where you could have your eyes examined and purchase a new pair of glasses for \$7.

Next door to Baker's restaurant was Durkee's Exclusive Ladies Hat Shop owned and operated by sisters, **Sue and Mabel Durkee**.

Then came **John Harley's** Second-Hand Shop. The front of this shop looked like it was built in 1870. The inside of this business was cluttered up with stacks of used items such as second-hand chairs, etc., piled on top of each other with a narrow aisle about twenty inches wide to get to the back of the store where there was a heating stove for burning chunks of cut cordwood which was piled up not far from the store front. Outside was a stairway so you could walk down to more second-hand merchandise in basement.

Next door was the newly-built Clinton Theatre owned and built by **Ray and Bill Beechler** in 1934. Inside of theatre was approximately 80 feet wide & 100 feet deep. Tickets were selling for 10 cents--children and 25 cents--adults. The Clinton Theatre had a beautiful marquee out front. The only other theater in St. Johns was the Star Theatre located in the Miller-Jones Shoe Store when the Clinton Theater opened. (*Margin note: Star Theatre sign was in the basement - seen in about 1955-1960.*) On the south front side of the theatre building was an exclusive ladies' ready-to wear business owned by **Mrs. Glen Tupper**. On the north front side of the theatre was Parker & Son Barber Shop (haircuts--25 cents).

Next to theatre was the J. C. Penney Store building now [ca 1990] owned by **Brandon White**. Upstairs were four offices, one being **Dr. Russell Kraft** a well-known dentist. Later, his father-in-law, also a dentist, joined him. **Dr. John Grassle**, an optometrist, examined eyes and fitted glasses.

Then came the Hafner 5 & 10 Cent Store, later vacated to another dime store and later still, Nu Vision Optical Store.

Next was the J. A. Byerly Grocery Store, a Michigan chain headquartered in Owosso. Each morning during the "in season" they displayed most of their vegetables on the sidewalk in front of store. **John "Hap" Ahern** was the manager and he was followed by **Paul Buehler**.

The Miller-Jones Shoe Store was next to the north, one of a chain carrying low-priced to medium-priced shoes. The manager of the store, which closed down about the early 1960's, was **Frank Valyer**.

Next came as the Millman Drug Store owned and operated by **Harold Millman**.

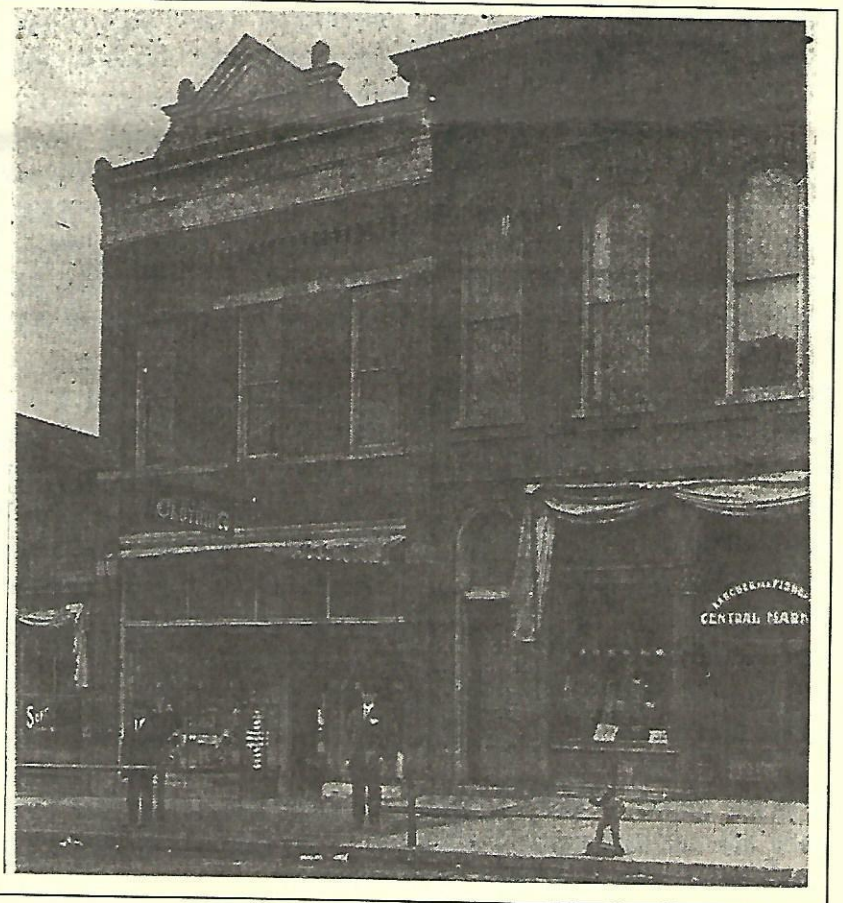
The Great Atlantic & Pacific Grocery Store (A & P), where **Rocky Maynard** was manager, stood next door. **Don Gilson** and **Don Britten** were the employees. This store had their various cereals [store brands] of which there were about six varieties, oatmeal and cornflakes being number one. When you ordered cereal, the employees would reach for a wood, 5-foot pole with a clamp on end to take the cereal box down from the upper shelf. Employees waited on customers; dill pickles in wooden barrel; Frankenmuth yellow cheese cut and priced per lb. Half of the grocery items were behind counters and. After you got what you wanted, the items were added up by hand on a receipt. Coffee in the 30's was mostly ground fine or medium by a special coffee grinder in the store or you could take home the coffee beans, which came in a wax-lined bag, where you could grind your own coffee. [Laundry] soaps were mostly in flakes; Fels Naptha was the popular bar soap; no liquid soaps.

Below the A&P was an outside stairway facing Walker Street which housed the **Howard Streeter** Barber Shop. **Gerald Irrer** started working for Howard about 1939 or 1940.

Note: Rehmann goes on to cover the rest of Clinton Avenue and some side streets. The complete transcript of his story, which he called, *The Biography of Downtown St. Johns, Michigan, from the Past to the Present, 1936-1990*, is on file at the Archives of the CCHS.

1956 Centennial –  
*Clinton Co. Republican News*

*43 Years Ago* – It was back in 1913 that Kuhns & Merrill were in the men's clothing business on the east side of the center block of Clinton Avenue. Standing in front of the establishment are the two owners, **Norman Kuhns and Robert J. Merrill**. The building now occupied by the Becker Appliance Store. At right was Central market, operated by **Karcher and Fishburn**. That building was destroyed by fire in December of 1946 and re-built by Rehmann's into their present modern clothing store. Shown at left is a portion of the frame building which is now Irrer's Barber Shop. At the time of the picture was taken it housed a restaurant operated by **Peter Eiseler**. Mr. Eiseler's daughter, **Mrs. Agnes Roberts**, is now a cook at Matthews Dairy store on Clinton Avenue.



# HELLO CENTRAL, GIVE ME EUREKA!

The following was edited from the 1921 *Clinton Telephone Company Directory*, a copy of which is held at the Archives of the Clinton County Historical Society. This directory lists the phone numbers for both St. Johns and Eureka subscribers.

## CLINTON TELEPHONE COMPANY

105 ½ West Higham St.  
St. Johns, Michigan  
September 1921

Leslie G. Brown, President and Manager  
C. L. Shafley, Vice President  
Henry Lindsey, Secretary-Treasurer

### Board of Directors

Henry Lindsey	J. C. McPrangle	C. W. Halsey	E. I. Hull	C. L. Shafley
D.R. Sturgis	Charles Bishop	Charles Travis	E. E. Sturgis	Leslie G. Brown

Two trunk lines are maintained between St. Johns and Eureka at considerable expense from which the Company receives no revenue. The use of these lines is free to our subscribers; to others the charge is ten cents for each five minutes. If this free service is to be continued, we must insist on subscribers keeping their conversations within the time limit. If you wish to make several calls in succession, so advise the operator. She can then give you special attention. You expect a prompt answer from Central. You should, therefore, be equally prompt in answering your own signal. Do not lay anything on top of your telephone. Many long drives have been made to remove shears, mouth-organs, button-hooks, alarm clocks, etc. Do not allow anyone to listen on the line when it is in use or to play with the telephone at any time.

Party Line Courtesy: Answer only your own signals. When you wish to use the line, remove the receiver from the hook and listen. If you hear no conversation, say "hello" once or twice to test the line. If you get no response the line is ready for your use. If parties are talking, immediately restore the receiver to its place and wait until they ring off. This company reserves the right to interrupt the parties using the line at the expiration of five minutes, if necessary.

Rural Subscribers: To ring Central, push the button on the left side of the telephone, turning the crank at the same time. If the operator gets your signal, she will answer at once. If in ringing for Central the crank turns very easily, you may know that the operator did not get your signal showing to you also that someone before you has been talking and failed to ring off, thus leaving the two lines connected through the switchboard. If you experience any trouble in getting Central the first, or at most, the second time, you may overcome the difficulty by ringing one long ring without using the button. Do not ring Central several times in rapid succession. It is always unnecessary, is very nerve-racking to a busy operator, and nearly always delays the service. Many times does an operator get to your signal just as you are ringing the second time. She must keep someone else waiting while you finish ringing or leave your call to answer another. This is useless delay.

It is the object of the Company to have its operators become as expert as it is possible to be. Yet, they are not automatic machines. They are human beings and subject to mistakes like others. Will you please give them this consideration?

# EUREKA EXCHANGE

Besides the subscribers' names, the phone listings include village names (Ashley, Bannister, Elsie, Eureka, and St. Johns), addresses. All Eureka addresses are rural delivery route numbers.

Albro, Myron  
 Argersinger, B  
 Armsrong Brothers  
 Ayers, Cad  
 Bair, Clarence  
 Baum, Earl  
 Beck, Frank  
 Beck, G A  
 Beck, Guy  
 Beck, Mrs. John  
 Beck, R G; Eureka  
 Garage  
 Beck, O E; Sawmill  
 Beebee, William  
 Betzer, Bert  
 Bigelow, George  
 Birmingham, Roy  
 Blank, Charles  
 Blank, Norton  
 Blemaster, Joseph  
 Bohill, Andrew  
 Bond, Archie  
 Boots, H M  
 Botsford, V C  
 Bradley, S A  
 Brewbaker, Cal  
 Brewbaker, Wilson  
 Bryant, Earl  
 Bryant, William  
 Burk, John  
 Burk, Milton  
 Cahoon, Willard  
 Carroll, Fred  
 Carroll, William  
 Carroll, Clayton  
 Carter, Volney  
 Chaffin, Mrs. Theo.  
 Cogswell, Delbert  
 Cordray, George  
 Cordray, Mrs. Jane  
 Cordray, John  
 Cowles, A E

Cowls, Ralph  
 Cox, Frank  
 Cunningham, Bert  
 Daggett, Ed  
 Daggett, Robert  
 Daggett, William  
 Danley, Anson  
 Day, Mrs. George  
 Dennman, Claud  
 Dobias, Martin  
 Doty, Frank  
 Dush, Mrs.  
 Eichorn, Clarence  
 Ellinger, George  
 Estes, C R  
 Fabis, Joseph  
 Fenner, Lewis  
 Foster, Floyd  
 Freeman, Clarence  
 Freeman, Millard  
 Gardner, Bert  
 Gardner, Fred  
 Gilson, Jay  
 Gilson, L F  
 Glover, Ross  
 Gottesleden, Rev. W E  
 Gower Edd; Hardware  
 Grait, Albert  
 Greenwood, Clarence  
 Grubaugh, Ephriam  
 Grubaugh, Fred  
 Grubaugh, H E  
 Grubaugh, William  
 Grubaugh, Arthur  
 Grubaugh, Peter  
 Hainer, Nehemiah  
 Halterman, Roy  
 Hankey, Ed.  
 Hankey, Frank  
 Hankey, John  
 Hankey, William  
 Hart, Ernest

Hawkins, Arthur  
 Henry, Arthur  
 Hess, Mrs. Joseph  
 Hicks, Alger  
 Hixon, D W  
 Holmes, Mrs. James  
 Honey, Glen  
 Houser, Josiah  
 Howard, Elwin  
 Huffer, Robert  
 Jeffers, A E  
 Jeffreys, Mrs. J R  
 Keiser, J H  
 Keiser, S J  
 Kellogg, Lewis  
 Kellogg, Charles  
 Kelsey, Carl  
 Kirby, William;  
 Blacksmith Shop  
 Krepps, Llewellyn  
 Kridner, George  
 Krull, William  
 Kuhns, John  
 Kuripla, George  
 Landis, William  
 LaRue, J C  
 Lavengood, C  
 Lewis Herbert  
 Lewis, H D  
 Lewis, Orvil  
 Lindsey, Henry  
 Loher Leo  
 Loher, Robert  
 Lyon, Orbie  
 McKinsry, Bert  
 KcNeil, A B  
 Martin, August  
 Martin Leo  
 Martin, Dora  
 Matthews, Florin  
 Miller, Otis; Restaurant

Miller, Otis, General Store  
 Moore, J. W  
 Morrison, W M; Gen. Store  
 Morrison, W M; Residence  
 Morrison, Dwight S  
 Morrison, Jay  
 Morton, Milton  
 Murray, Mrs. James  
 Murray, Arthur  
 Oberlin, Mrs. William  
 Oyer, John  
 Oyer, D S  
 Padget, James  
 Patterson, George  
 Patterson, Harry  
 Peck Roy  
 Peck, Leander  
 Perry, H F  
 Phillips, Austin  
 Pratt, Charles  
 Preston, Orin

Randolph, Arthur  
 Randolph, James  
 Randolph, Orlie  
 Richards, Roy  
 Risley, J M  
 Rosekrans, Don  
 Russell, Fred  
 Russell, Adam  
 Sanders, George  
 Saylor, Frank  
 Schlarf, Howard  
 Scott, Alvin  
 Shinnaberry, John  
 Shupe Frank  
 Simmons, Allen  
 Simmons, Arthur  
 Smith, J J  
 Somerville, F W  
 Stead, W T  
 Stevens, Arthur  
 Stevens, George  
 Stevens, Lee  
 Stevens, Selden  
 Stevens, Ray

Strauser, Sam  
 Strong, Evertt  
 Strouse, Sam  
 Sutfin, Ray  
 Teets, R P  
 Wadell, Charles  
 Wagner, David  
 Wagner Floyd  
 Wagner, Lewis  
 Wait, George  
 Walker, Jeff  
 Walterhouse, E G  
 Welling, Richard  
 Wiley, Harry  
 Wheeler, Frank  
 Wright, Mrs. Elizabeth  
 Wright, Virgil  
 Wright, William  
 Yodder, Jacob  
 Youdan, Mrs. Maggie



*Clinton County Historical Society Archives  
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**Who:** YOU!

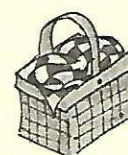
**What:** 2nd Annual potluck dinner. Bring a dish to pass and own place setting. Drinks are furnished.

**When:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** AgroLiquid, 1130 S. DeWitt Rd., St. Johns, MI (corner M-21 and DeWitt Rd.)

**Why:** "Getting From Here to There Before 1940" Please bring early transportation/travel related photos from Clinton County for documentation at Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum. Any Clinton County historical photos will be accepted. Scanners will be available and your photos returned to you that evening. A tour of the AgroLiquid facility will be available.

Please join us for good food, great conversation and some Clinton County transportation/travel history.



## DISCOVERED IN A SCRAPBOOK

The following information was gleaned from a scrapbook probably kept by **Beulah V. (Babcock) Bliss**. It was donated to the Archives of the CCHS by the Ovid Public Library in 1992.

<p><b>MARSHALL SCHOOL</b> Dist. #10, GreenbushTwp. 1906-1907</p> <p>Edna M. Parrish, Teacher F. E. Pierson, School Officer F. E. Southworth, School Officer George Stanlake, School Officer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pupils</p> <p>Beulah Babcock Nelia Babcock Lloyd Dell William Hudson Thomas Gannon Pearl Keener Florence Keener Emory Leland</p>	<p>Emory Ledyard Harry Leland Mamie Madison Howard Pierson Christena Reiser Iva Reiser Floyd Schonel George Scmitt Silas Southwell</p>																																											
<p><b>St. Johns High School Athletic Association</b> <b>First Annual Football Banquet</b> <b>December 10, 1920</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">N. J. Miller, Coach</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Lettermen - 1920</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">George Atkinson</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Louis Kelly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stanford Besse</td> <td>Percy Patterson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyd Brenner</td> <td>Marion Redfern</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morris Clemons</td> <td>Gordon Shaver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Percy Fitzpatrick</td> <td>Glen Tilford</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Russell Frank</td> <td>Lavern Weller</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leroy Holbrook</td> <td>Roland Weller</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kenneth Jackson, Captain</td> <td>John Zabelka</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Program</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Toastmaster</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Leroy Stinebower</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Team</td> <td>Captain Jackson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Side-line Eyes</td> <td>Morris Clemons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Before the Game &amp; After</td> <td>Gordon Shaver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24-9-36</td> <td>Roland Weller</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Music</td> <td>Betty Gay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The St. Johns Spirit</td> <td>Russell Frank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In the Game</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    Or on the Sidelines</td> <td>Principal Francis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Holding</td> <td>John Zabelka</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Football Through a</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>    Girl's Eyes</td> <td>Mary Clark</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fingerbowls</td> <td>Marion Redfern</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remarks</td> <td>Coach Miller</td> </tr> </table>	George Atkinson	Louis Kelly	Stanford Besse	Percy Patterson	Lloyd Brenner	Marion Redfern	Morris Clemons	Gordon Shaver	Percy Fitzpatrick	Glen Tilford	Russell Frank	Lavern Weller	Leroy Holbrook	Roland Weller	Kenneth Jackson, Captain	John Zabelka	Toastmaster	Leroy Stinebower	The Team	Captain Jackson	Side-line Eyes	Morris Clemons	Before the Game & After	Gordon Shaver	24-9-36	Roland Weller	Music	Betty Gay	The St. Johns Spirit	Russell Frank	In the Game		Or on the Sidelines	Principal Francis	Holding	John Zabelka	Football Through a		Girl's Eyes	Mary Clark	Fingerbowls	Marion Redfern	Remarks	Coach Miller	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Piano Recital</b> <b>April 21, 1910</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Pupils of Mrs. C. H. Misner</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nella Allen Glenna Bane Sarah McKinstry Stella McKinstry Verne McKinstry Alice Meehan Gertrude Meehan Myrtle Waltz</p> <hr style="width: 30%; margin: 20px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MENU - For an unnamed event</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Cuisine Conquest by Competent Cook</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pressed Pointers Paddys Choice Cordially Cheer Endless Sweets Crystally Clear Big and Little Bingers Cereal Compound with Cold Cuts Cutely Carved Colored Conglomeration Chinaman Cheer</p>
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## HAROLD GOULD FLUCKE

26 May 1895 - 9 March 1970

Harold Gould Flucke was born in St. Johns, the son of Artemus Eckart & F. Lorena (Gould) Flucke. In 1904, he moved with his family to Ovid where his father was employed by the Grand Trunk Railway as a ticket agent. The 1914 Ovid High School graduate served in WW I and then went on to earn his living as a commercial artist. In 1923 his application for a passport states that he is an artist and intends to travel to France, Holland, and Germany to study. He married Frances J. Urban on Jan 26, 1924, in Detroit. The Fluckes continued to live in the Detroit area and Harold died in Farmington.

Some of Flucke's original paintings and periodical pages of his cartoon-style advertising art can be found for sale on e-bay.com. Among the products he drew ads for were Chevrolet autos, Kelvinator air conditioners, AC spark plugs, and Eureka vacuums.

The centennial issue (June 1969) of the *Ovid-Elsie Banner* featured some of the full-length caricatures of Ovid businessmen and other citizens which Flucke drew while in high school. He also wrote humorous rhymes to accompany the drawings. Those whom he depicted were:

Arthur B. Acre, Recycled Sports Equipment Dealer  
William P. Atkins, Bookkeeper  
Howard S. Barker, Soda Fountain  
D. K. Barrus, Shoe Store  
Edward D. Beebe, Druggist  
George A. Davis, Livery Stable  
Marshall S. Duncan, Hotel Employee  
Albert Groat, Blacksmith  
William J. Hathaway, Grocer  
A. G. Hunter, Humorist  
Aden J. Lewis, Shoe Salesman  
H. D. Loree, Grocer  
Fred M. Losey, Livestock Dealer  
Frank A. Marshall, Constable  
Frank P. Meehan, Irish Musician  
John W. Mentor, Policeman  
A. T. Parrish, M.D.  
William R. Shaw  
Byron V. Soule, Lawyer  
Alfred I. Squire, Grocer

J. W. Stody, Poultry Feed Salesman  
Lou T. Storrer, Men's Clothier  
Benjamin B. Tucker  
Lester E. Tucker, Piano Salesman  
Custer Waltz, Pastime Movie Theatre  
Lloyd Webb, Butcher  
William G. White, Expressman



### Dr. A. T. Parrish

The doctor is a busy man  
His life with work abounds,  
We hardly see how he finds time  
To make his daily rounds.  
His is the Officer of Health—  
To him our thanks we give  
For keeping Ovid neat and clean,  
A healthful place to life  
The doctor is a hunter, too,  
And yearly goes up north  
With all his guns and knives & things  
To drive the Roe-buck forth  
He loves his little garden spot,  
He's fond of chickens, too,  
(We mean by "chickens", poultry  
For no other kind would do,)  
He has a little motor car  
With which he scoots about  
This speedy means of getting 'round  
He could not do without.





**Marshall S. Duncan**

Who doesn't know Marsh Duncan?  
He's a man you often meet,  
Either standing in the hotel door  
Or sweeping off the street.

He's a little hard of hearing,  
But his eye is clear and bright;  
And he'll stand upon the railroad track  
Until the train's in sight.

Then he hustles for the depot  
For he has to meet the train,  
And lead the unsuspecting ones  
To Ovid's "Pontchartrain."

But you've got to hand it to him,  
When you try to find a man.  
Who can find more ways to save a cent  
Than Mr. Duncan can.

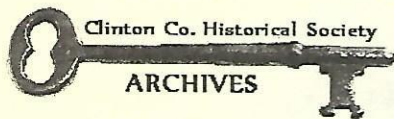


**William P. Atkins**

A man of affairs is our William,  
A man with an intellect keen;  
A fellow with polish and culture  
And possessed of strategic mien.

Discreetly he meets all the patients  
And beckons them sit down and wait;  
Says, "Doc will be in, in a minute,"  
Though he knows he will be an hour late

Bill's shark at the book-keeping business  
And writes witty stuff with his pen  
A Man most congenial and clever  
To meet in office of den.



## *The Archives Update...*

We have been busy with regular business at the Archives plus getting ready for the CCHS Potluck on June 22. (See this newsletter for details.) At the potluck I will be talking about the new Oral Histories webpage we have added. It includes audio interviews that were done in the 1970's. So please check it out. And Myrna will be talking about the Early Settler Certificates. We hope to see you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!!

### REPORT OF ACQUISITIONS & RESEARCH 2017 MARCH - MAY:

#### CHURCHES:

- Mint City First Free Methodist Church Directory, 2001-2002; 8 1/2 x 11; spiral bound, 31pp.

#### GENEALOGIES:

- *The Ancient Family of Palmer of Plymouth Colony*; Compiled by Carlton A. Palmer Jr.; Copyright 1988; 8 1/2 x 11"; hardcover; 213 pp.
- **Willard/Gunnison/Eddy** Family Genealogy; 8 1/2 x 11" white three ring binder, original photos and documents, photocopy photos and documents; 100+ pp

**GOVERNMENT:** 1873-74 Dog Licenses, DeWitt Township; 8 1/4 x 13"; 34pp

#### HISTORIES:

- The Biography of Downtown St. Johns, Michigan from the Past to the Present - 1936-1990; by **John Rehmann**; transcribed & typed by **LaRene Smith**; 8 1/2 x 11; 7 pp
- *Historical and Genealogical Record of the Michigan Daughters of the American Revolution 1988-2000*; Printed by Sheridan Books, Chelsea, MI 2004; 6 1/4 x 9 1/4"; hard cover; 372 pp.

#### NEWSLETTERS:

- The Bonanza Bugle; Lake Odessa Historical Society; Volume 49, Number 2, Nov. 2016; 8 1/2 x 11; 10 pp.

#### PHOTOS:

- William & Arthur **WIRTH**; Westphalia Area; 4 x 6; b/w
- **WIRTH** Farm, Manure Spreader; Westphalia Area; 4 x 6; b/w
- **WIRTH** Farm; Westphalia Area; kids in sleigh; 4 x 6; b/w
- **WIRTH** Farm; Westphalia Area; man with horses and wagon; 4 x 6; b/w
- Joseph **HANSES** with drag and horses; Westphalia Area; 4 x 6; b/w
- **HANSES** family; Westphalia Area; 4 x 6; b/w
- Westphalia Area Barn Raising
- Westphalia Area Farmers
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- Westphalia Area **Tiedt's** Farm Barn Raising
- Tintype photo of funeral flowers; 5 x 7"; a cross and a circle
- Elsie Fern (**Ward**) **BOTTUM**; 2 x 3"; color photo

#### SCHOOLS:

- A Guide to Locating Early School Buildings; CCHS Archives; 2002; 8 1/2 x 11; 8 pp

#### VERTICAL FILE:

- *National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 Yearbook 2011-2014*; Wilbur Thomas Lanphier Chapter; 5 1/2 x 8 1/2"; Stapled; 16pp
- *National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Yearbook 2009-2012*; Michigan Chapter; 5 1/2 x 8 1/2"; Stapled; 27pp
- *National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, Directory 2007-2009*; Michigan State Society; 5 1/2 x 8 1/2"; Stapled; 43pp
- *National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, Directory 2009-2011*; Michigan State Society; 5 1/2 x 8 1/2"; Stapled; 41pp
- *The Colonial Dames Of America, Chapter XXII, Michigan, 2009-2010*; 5 1/2 x 8 1/2"; Stapled; 19pp

#### VITAL RECORDS:

- Vital Statistics & Obituaries, 2015; Compiled from the Clinton Co. News by Rowlan Smith, 8 1/2 x 11; blue 3-ring binder; indexed
- Vital Statistics & Obituaries, 2016; Compiled from the Clinton Co. News by Rowlan Smith, 8 1/2 x 11; blue 3-ring binder; indexed.

**NAMES RESEARCHED:**

-Babcock, Benjamin, Bixby, Bleise, Carraseo, Clark, Cogswell, Cooper, Cornell, Crampton, Doolittle, Doyle, Ferguson, Hause, Heyesbach, Hicks, Hooker, Kelley, Keading, Keener, Knight, Losey, Lowry, Miller, Mull, Nelson, Oberlay, Olhansk, Phillips, Powell, Russell, Siegel, Smith, Snow, Stewart, Strickland, Wekenman.  
-Bingham & Essex Twps., St. Johns history, Fairgrounds, Chandler Marsh and Clinton County Veterans were also searched.

Respectfully submitted:  
Julie Peters, Director

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_

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## Touch of Humor.....

### **SOCIALS**

**Box Social:** Box lunches or dinners were auctioned off, the highest bidder in each case having the privilege of sharing the meal with its preparer.

**Shadow Social:** An event where the women's shadows were cast on a sheet and bid upon by the men.

**Toe Social:** Where women draped in sheets were picked as partners on the basis of their feet.

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An ancestor asked, "Could someone please send me the name and address of the people who live in the house across the road from the XXX cemetery? I would like to contact them about plugging in a series of extension cords to their electrical power--needed to bore two small holes into the cement of the marker to fasten the flag holder onto the marker."