



Men's Club members, Matt Decoster, Jeff Simkiss, Mark Swab and Jerry Waters cleaning up the East side of M-52, south of East Austin Road. They picked up the West side last Saturday.

**Skeleton, Cont. from pg. 1**

-- The doctor said this was not uncommon depth and noted the lack of tools of the Indians for digging. "The Indians didn't have tools to dig much deeper", Huelke said.

The Archeology Department is now examining the bones in an attempt to determine how long they might have been buried. The Department will also decide if it wants the bones for its collection.

The skull of the skeleton was spotted by Jim Baker and Jan Huber, as they walked along the top of the sand pit.

Jan said he looked down at the bottom and it seemed to me that what I saw was a skull. I ran

down and took another look. Then I was sure. I went home and called my friend, Richard Hosmer, and he came over. Sure enough. Dad was at work and said he couldn't come til noon and that we should wait. "You can't wait with something like that!" The two of us walked over to the Library to see what we could find on skeletons after other adults failed to believe our story.

On the way back from the Library, I had a thought. That land belonged to Mr. Schaffer and we ought to report the find to their office. But there no one believed me. Dig it up and bring it over".

No - one believed the boys and they called the local police number and were told they should

talk the matter over with their parents, first, the boys said.

With permission from the Schaffer Firm, the boys dug carefully and filled their pails. Jan said that the skull had apparently rolled down the hill in a cave-in. The boys reasoned that there might be more at the top of the bank and "sure enough we found the bones". Others who helped were: Susan Mester, 12, Scott Mester, 8, Robert Huber, 5, and Mark Chapin.

It didn't take Joe Fitzgerald long to summon the Chief of Police and in short order the State Police, Dr. D. M. Peterson, a Manchester osteopath and others were viewing the bones. Dr. Peterson identified the bones as a human skeleton and said it was probably that of an Indian. The skeleton was complete except for hands and feet. It had a complete set of teeth - no cavities. Only one tooth fell out, the Doctor said.

At the suggestion of another Manchester doctor, Dr., William Purfield, the bones were taken to Ann Arbor's U of M for the study.

Dr. Robert Hendrix, Medical Examiner and pathologist at the University, assisted with the investigation.

Note--- James Baker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Baker, Manchester, and Jan Huber were playing around, near the gravel pit with their bows and arrows when, from the top of the hill, Jim spotted what looked like a skull. He and Jan went down for a closer look, and sure enough, it was a skull.

When Jan talked about murder that was enough for Jim. So he did what any 9 year old might do -- he ran home to tell Ma and even 'Ma' found it hard to believe.

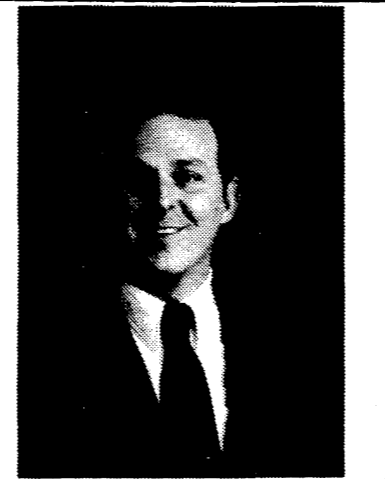
Jim was not present during the excitement that followed, so he missed out in the publicity from the press.

The skeleton was later on display at the Library. Dorothy Irwin's Correspondence with his family. "Dear Father, Mother, Sister", compiled by Maxine White, granddaughter of J. E. I.

May 30th, 1864 (last Monday in May which is now our legal Memorial day). This morning we moved toward the front but were kept in reserve all day and at night threw up breastworks to protect our position. Heavy fighting on our right.

May 31st. We fought all day, steadily, and making a heap of noise, gained on our part of the line about half a mile. No casualties in our regiment. Towards night heavy cannonading far to the south, thought to be on the Chickahominy (River).

Wednesday, June 1st. Very quiet all along the line, till just at



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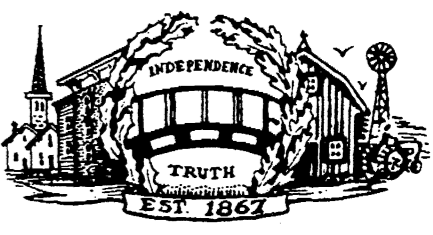
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## Before Memorial Day began, Down Memory Lane

IN FLANDERS FIELDS  
Captain John D. McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt drawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you from failing hands, we throw  
The Torch - Be yours to hold it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

Excerpt, as taken from the original book of John Emory Irwin's Correspondence with his family. "Dear Father, Mother, Sister", compiled by Maxine White, granddaughter of J. E. I.

night, when a heavy engagement took place on our left, which involved some changes in our own line. Heavy firing and cannonade continued till quite late.

June 2nd. This morning we fell back to our old line of pits, and towards night, farther still. They attacked our rear and our right was deployed on skirmish and lost quite a number. Our Co., five wounded and some missing.

June 3rd. This morning our right came in and our whole line advanced and we had a heavy fight all day. Holding our own yet, I believe; and God protect us and give us the victory, is my prayer.

June 4th. There has been a great deal of shifting about today. Our Corp. moved to the left and relieved a division of the 2nd, who moved to the left again. We have got a good breastworks and can hold it against a strong foe.

June 5th. We have lain still in the pit all day with occasional shelling and no casualties. At dark heavy muskets and cannonade on our immediate left, but we have not attacked the enemy and have tried to keep the Sabbath.

June 6th. It was very quiet till four o'clock or so, and I think they drove in the 2nd Division pickets on our right with considerable noise, and we expected a general engagement but were not attacked. May God keep us ever.

June 7th. The rebels yelled at our pickets and drove them in, in front of us about ten o'clock, and sent quite a strong force against the 2nd Div., but we regained our skirmish line and hold it still. Davy Holmes killed.

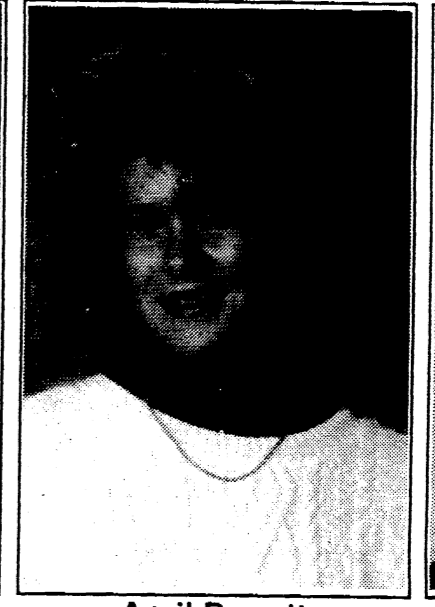
June 8th. It was remarkably quiet till after dusk, when scattering musketry commenced all along

## MANCHESTERS FINEST



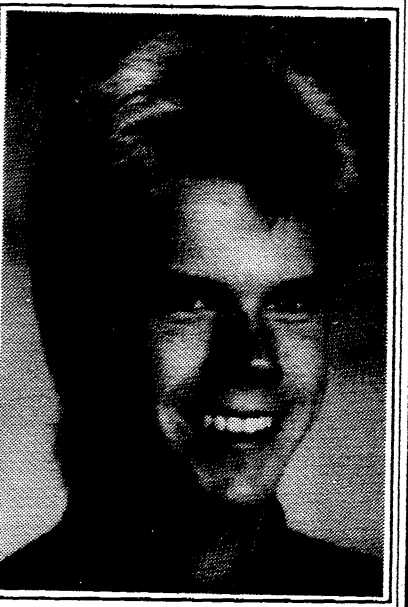
Jeffrey Hughes

Jeffrey Hughes: Co-Valedictorian 1992, National Honor Society, Key Club President, German Club, DAR Good Citizen of the Year, Optimist Student of the Month (October 1990), American Legion Boys' State Representative, Active Boy Scout working toward Eagle Scout, Captain Varsity Golf.



April Barrett

April Barrett: Co-Valedictorian Class of 1992, 1992 Class Treasurer, President of the National Honor Society, SADD Treasurer, ROTC Scholar/Athlete, Commencement-Baccalaureate Committee Chairperson, Principal Leadership Award Recipient, Optimist Student of the Month (February 1990), Key Club member, Yearbook staff, Homecoming Queen, Captain Varsity Basketball, Captain Varsity Volleyball, Academic All-Conference.



Darian Davies

Darian Davies: Salutatorian 1992, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Quiz Bowl Team, Science Academic Games Team member, Optimist Student of the Month (January 1991), Member of SADD, Manchester High School Band Drum Major, Captain Track Team.

## SENIOR PROM



Shown enjoying the Senior Prom, from left to right; Rebecca Scherdt, Tod Jedele, Jody Mitchel and Lance Luckhardt

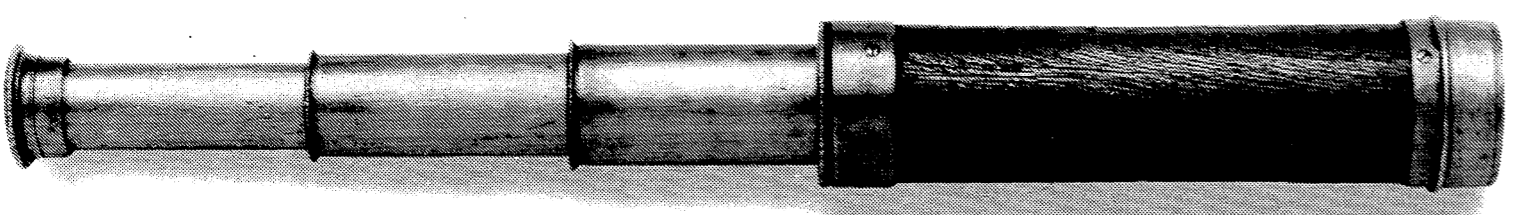
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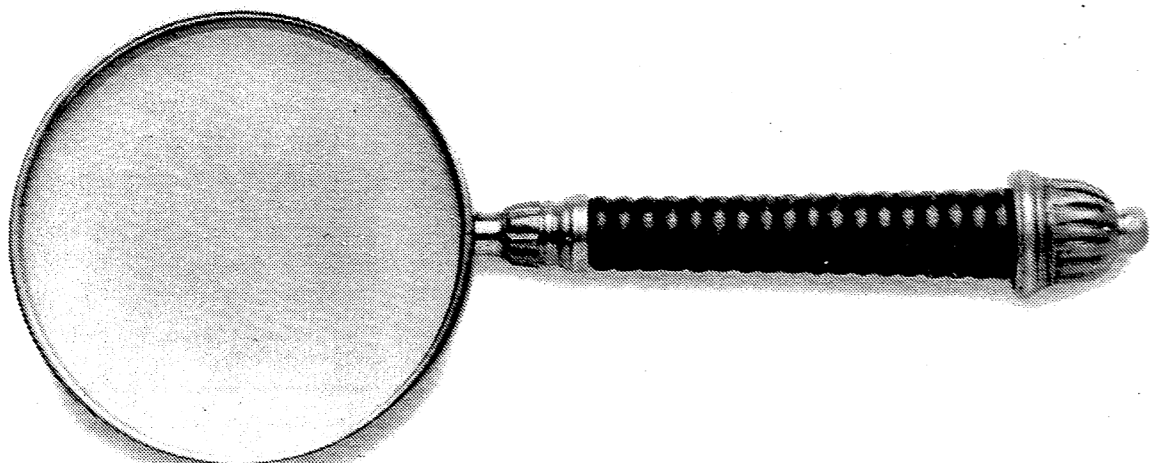
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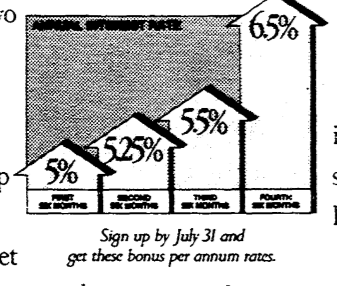
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COMMUNITY NEWS



EMT's Gene Kemeter and Jeff Knasiak of the Manchester Fire Department help members of Boy Scout Troop 426, sponsored by the Manchester Optimists, with their First Aid Merit Badge. Here Chris Kemner tries his skill with "Resuscitation Annie."

Ferris Seeks Michigan Water Resources Commission Review of Washtenaw County Public Pool Discharges

William D. Ferris, candidate for Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner, announced that he is requesting the Michigan Water Resources Commission to take up as soon as possible the question of the legality of the emptying of swimming pools into the Washtenaw County storm drain system.

Mr. Ferris stated that he had become aware of the potential significant danger of this practice when he learned that pool water contains significant concentrations of chlorine and trihalomethane (THM). In correspondence revealed to Mr. Ferris between the incumbent Drain Commissioner and others, Ms. Bobrin stated that all public and private pools in Washtenaw County are connected to storm drains rather than sanitary sewers and admitted that such connections are probably illegal and contrary to State regulations.

The significance of the problem, according to Mr. Ferris, can best be illustrated by noting that all Ann Arbor municipal pools are connected to storm drains and emptied approximately nine times each swimming season. Rather than drain a pool every time a child has an accident, Ann Arbor highly chlorinated its pools. Mr. Ferris calculated that from Memorial Day to Labor Day Ann Arbor discharges 472.5 lbs. of chlorine and 4.5 lbs. of THM per pool yearly into the Huron River and the Great Lakes.

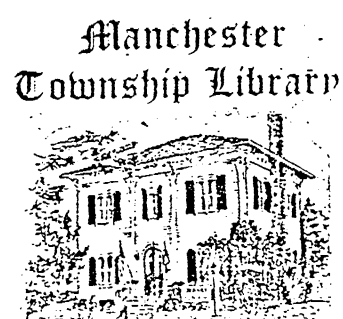
Noting that THM is highly carcinogenic and that the Great Lakes Commission recently called for a ban of chlorine, stating that chlorine is the biggest present danger to the Great Lakes, Mr. Ferris stated, "The knowing inactivity of the incumbent leads me to the conclusion that it is time to clean house and have an environmentally safe drain and sewer system in Washtenaw County. That means Janice Bobrin has to go."

Secretary of State Offices Closed Summer Holidays

Secretary of State Richard H. Austin announced that all 180 Secretary of State branch offices will be closed for the three traditional summer holidays. The offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day; Friday, July 3 to observe Independence Day; and Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

School Lunch Menu

- Monday, May 25: Memorial Day, No School
Tuesday, May 26: Submarine Sandwich, Potato Chips, Dill Pickles, Peach Half, Milk
Wednesday, May 27: Steak Nuggets/Sauce, Tri-Taters, Coleslaw, Bread & Butter, Dessert, Milk
Thursday, May 28: Tomato Soup/Crackers, Bologna Sandwich, Vegetable Sticks, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Friday, May 29: Cottage Inn Pizza, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Cookie, Fresh Fruit, Milk



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Pat Ahrens has left the library for employment at the University of Michigan. We wish her success, yet regret the loss of such an efficient and friendly staff member.

Marsha Chartrand has also recently left our staff. Lucky for us that she's organizing the summer reading program and still editing the Manchester Histories.

One of Pat's tasks was the handling of overdue materials. To ease the transition for the new staff members, the library will not charge fines for any overdue material returned from May 23 through June 1, no matter how long its' been overdue!

Help us clear our files and make a fresh start with our newest employees, Carol Johnson and Connie Peterson. Ann Fowler will also join our staff on a temporary basis this summer. Stop by to meet them!

HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY, Logan Ross May 22nd. Photo of a baby.

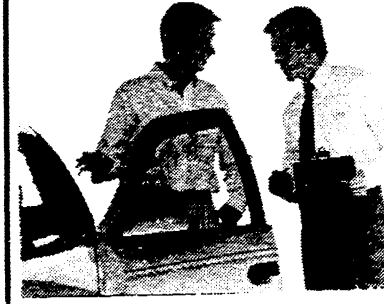
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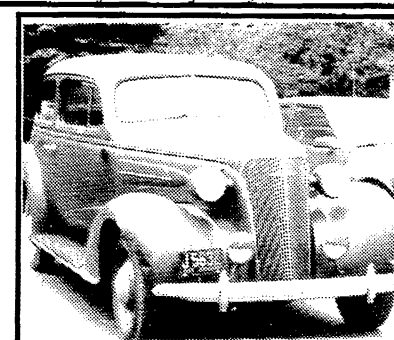
Senior Citizens News

- T.V. Ludwick



Thursday, May 14, the seniors had a celebration honoring Manchester's 125th anniversary at their noon senior lunch. Pictured above, a pose in old fashion finery.

We had 88° last Sunday and what a relief to have rain, even if it stopped the river races a little early. What a place to be, on the water earlier that day. Anybody deliberating falling in? There were time trials at home for the Indy race as hubby has not missed a year either listening to or viewing those "speed devils" in action since 1923.



The Ludwicks arrived at last Thursday's senior tribute luncheon appropriately in their '37 Chevy.

Alber at 428-8707 for your bus reservation or you may sign up at senior meals.

Thursday, May 28: Whee, Jan serves Chinese today (that will bring them all out, huh?). Come one and all as our cook and helpers do this "up brown". Bingo follows at the Center. This is the night of the senior-sponsored card party at Freedom Township Hall for all ages beginning at 8:00 p.m., come.

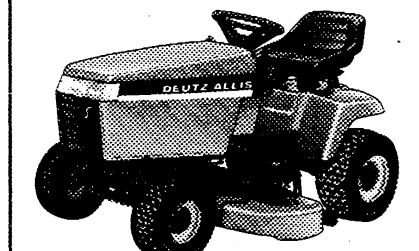
Friday, May 29: Bus will leave the Center at 9:00 a.m. on a Craft Class Field Trip to Plymouth and there is still room for others that would like to go. Give Erma a ring to enjoy this trip.

Have a safe and fun Memorial Day -- fly your flag.

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Heredity is a theory you believe in when your child's report card is all A's. -E.E. Kenyon

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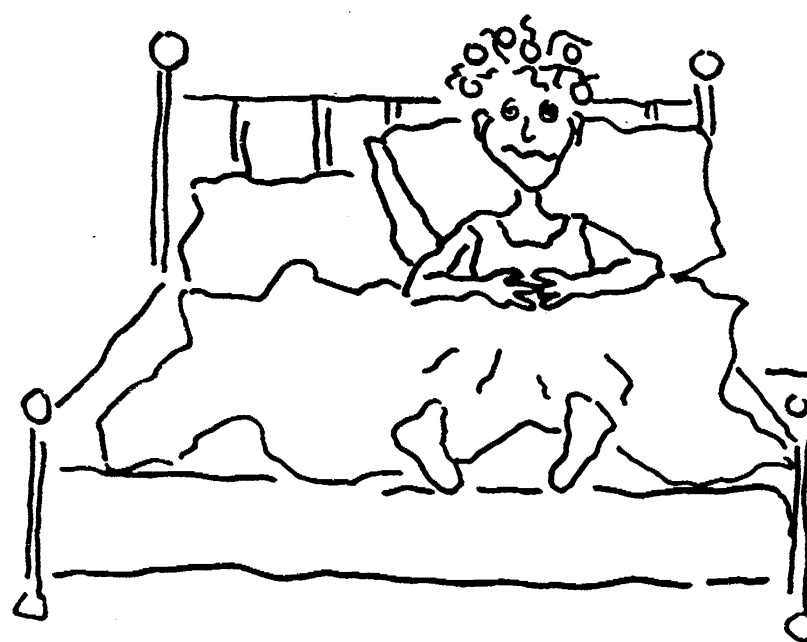


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1992 Rural Education Days a Success



Students from the Manchester High School Leadership Class assisted in various ways with the Rural Education Days program held on April 29 and 30. Bryan Hoeft is pictured above. Over the two day period more than 1,100 third grade students from throughout the county participated in the program including Klager Elementary third graders.

More than 1,100 students and 200 teachers and chaperones participated in the second annual Washtenaw County "Rural Education Days" on April 29 and 30. The activity was sponsored by the Washtenaw County Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Program and the Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee.

The purpose of Project R.E.D. was to educate third grade students about local agriculture and natural resources. Students represented 22 schools from the Ann Arbor, Saline, Ypsilanti, Whitmore Lake, Willow Run and Manchester areas. Learning stations included a walk

through Michigan commodities with Abe Lincoln; sheep and wool; water quality; farm equipment; soil conservation; farm animals and dairy from moo to you. The finale of each session was, "A Taste of Michigan" featuring samples of ice cream, dried cherries, beef hot dogs, popcorn, apples, apple juice, potato chips and soy nuts. Each participant also received a goodie bag filled with agricultural information from various organizations and a free seedling provided by the Washtenaw County Soil Conservation District.

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-- and dry. Health good. Rations plenty. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

June 15th. We crossed the James at night and marched for Petersburg, walking rapidly all night and made a tiresome time of it. Nothing of importance to write, more.

June 16th. Marched all day long and reached the front at four o'clock and we expect to charge the works this evening. May God keep me from harm and give us success.

June 17th. He did keep me from harm and gave us success according to my prayer. I thank Him very much. Our Brigade was not actively engaged till today when we relieved a portion of the 5th Army Corp. and fought all day and

night, driving the enemy.

June 18th. Today we advanced our line in the morning to find the rebels who had fallen back. In the afternoon we charged again and got the first railroad. Here I lost my brother and went back with him to Division Hospital. He died between one and two this morning (19th) and I could only give him a soldier's grave. Good Leem. Poor fellow. We can't help each other any more.

Petersburg, Virginia, June 19th, 1864 3rd Div. Hospital Mother, Dear Mother,

It is with a heavy heart I sit down to write to you news that I know will almost kill you to hear. Leman—poor man—Oh, My God, how can I write it—is dead. Yesterday we charged the rebels rifle pits again, and our regiment being clear

in the advance suffered most severely. We were obliged to cross an open field and over a deep ravine and (faded out ink) which the rebels had (faded out ink) raking fire. Many a poor fellow fell before we got to the cut, many more fell before they could get out, and still more before they could secure themselves on the opposite side. Among the latter was my only brother. Oh, My Mother, may our Heavenly Father temper this deep affliction for you.

It was a great blessing that I was allowed to be with him to the last. I think it was between one and two o'clock when he was wounded and he lived about twelve hours, and was perfectly rational to the last, though he suffered much. He seemed to feel from the beginning that he had but a little while to live.

I helped carry him off the field on a stretcher and went with him by the doctor's permission, when he was taken in an ambulance to our Division Hospital. Doctor French, our kind old Surgeon, did not attempt to deceive either me or him, but said he thought there wasn't a chance for him to get well.

The wound was caused by a musket ball which entered his right side pretty well back, and came out at his left, passing, I think, through his bowels. I made him as comfortable as I could, giving him water and morphine and stimulants occasionally. I talked with him on the subject of religion. He didn't feel prepared to die and I prayed with him, after which he prayed rationally and earnestly for himself and then for you. He wanted me to bid you all goodbye for him, and tell

you not to grieve or mourn for him. This he did several times. His weakness increased fast, from loss of blood. I sat by him and held his hand. Among the last things he said were tell Mother and Father and Sister not to grieve. A little while after he said with much difficulty, "I hope to meet you in Heaven." His breath came shorter and he complained of being cold. I wound (?) better and (?) his feet—helped him change his position a little and sat by his side holding one of his hands. His strength failed fast. He had lost his voice and could only whisper, "GoodBye, GoodBye." This was the last he said and in a few minutes he ceased to breathe and his spirit had gone back to God who gave it. Now my Mother, I have told you all.

I am a man and though my heart feels so bare and desolate I mean to try by the help of God, to look upward and say, "Thy will and not mine be done." The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. But for you, Mother, my heart bleeds afresh. May He who tempers the wind and the waves to the shorn lamb, shower Heaven's richest blessing on you all and we will strive harder than ever to so live that when He hath done with us here we shall hear His welcome voice, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the way of the Lord."

Stephen Fairchild is wounded in the neck, partially paralyzed, but not in much pain. George Cook is wounded in the heel but not seriously. Justin Cook is well yet.

I have given our lost one a soldier's grave in the burying ground of our Third Division Hospital. The military rule is such that he cannot be disturbed before October, I think, but if you should ever wish to transfer his remains to another resting place I think you can without a great deal of difficulty, find the first burying ground site of our Third Division Hospital near Petersburg, Virginia. A large head and foot board mark his last resting place with his name, Co., Regt., Date, so it can be identified. Our Chaplin knows the spot and many of our boys.

Now, Mother, Good bye. Write to me often for I shall be lonely, and pray often, for the fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much and my God who doeth all things well, so order it that as a nation and as individuals we may soon come forth from this deep affliction a better and a happier people.

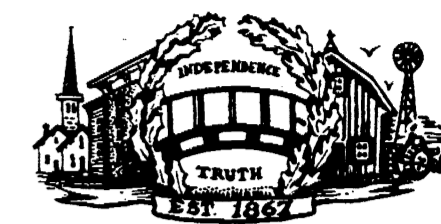
Your Affectionate Son, John E. Irwin

The tradition of Memorial Day was actually started by women of the Confederacy who began to go at various times and places to strew flowers on the graves of their soldiers. The custom spread to the north when General John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, set aside May 30th as Decoration Day. Traditionally governors of the northern states proclaimed the day as a legal holiday. National observance was later enacted proclaiming the day as the last Monday in May to accommodate labor and business.

We found the letter from John E. Irwin particularly poignant in that a local son was lost to the battles and the letter was written to the mother of the fallen son by another son who was at his side at the time of his demise.

Last week we inadvertently did not credit Edna, "Granny", Knauss for bringing to our attention the SKELETON article. Sorry Granny.

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## Down Memory Lane Manchester's First Ford Dealer

On May 9, 1912 Ferdinand C. Huber (1885-1962) bought two lots on Adrian Street for \$600. He also bought a Ford car from E. G. Wiedman in Ypsilanti for \$690. This was a Model T, 1912 Touring car. The two lots are where the parking lot is today next to the buildings that were occupied by L. V. Kirk for many years.

In the fall of 1911, Ferdinand built a garage on the two lots. Fred Uhr laid the cement blocks. Robert Clark's grandfather Howard Clark and his men did most of the carpenter work. This came to be known as the "Little Old Garage" across the alley from the new one that he later constructed and was much larger.

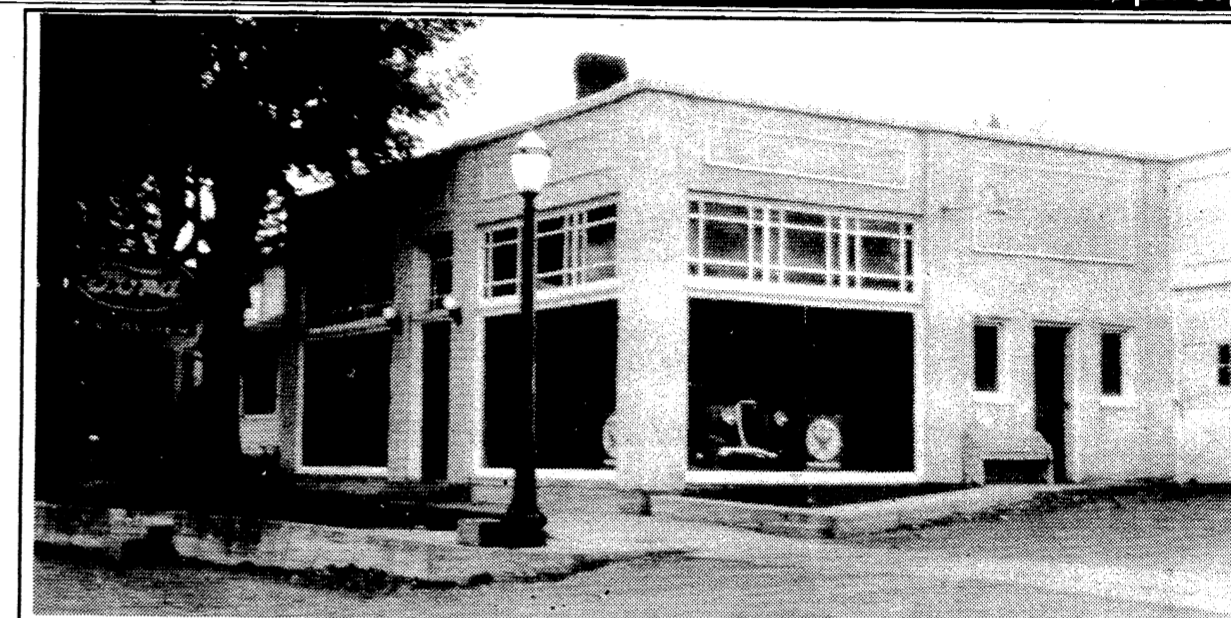
Ferdinand was a "Tinner" by trade and he had worked for many years for Mr. Houck of Houck's Hardware. He thought if he could not make a go of it in the car business he could always return to his tinner's trade. After

he built the "Little Old Garage" he installed a half dozen furnaces, the first one being for Mattie Swift, who had a hat shop where Fahey Realty is at the present time.

Ferdinand was still intensely interested in selling cars and Dr. Scheurer was one who encouraged him to do so. Many people were skeptical of autos, and thought that the "horseless carriage" was not here to stay. Mr. E. G. Wiedman consented to let Ferdinand have a few cars to try to sell in Manchester, and that was the beginning of the Ford business in Manchester. E.G. Wiedman and Ferdinand had been in school together.

Some of the first employees that Ferdinand had were brothers Herman and John Huber, Alvin Clark, Carl Schaible, Harold Roller, Webster Schill, Harold Burch, Hy Logan and Leroy Heimerdinger.

It is interesting to note that he had the first gas station in



Pictured Above: F. C. Huber's Garage on Adrian Street

town. Prior to this time, gas could be bought at Houck's Hardware or at G. H. Breitenwischer's Dry Goods Store. Gas was sold at these places for gasoline cook stoves and the few people who owned cars.

Ferdinand operated the Ford Garage in the new building across from Tirb Chevrolet, where there is a parking lot at present, for several years before selling out to Carl M. Schaible. Mr. Schaible operated from there for 25 years before selling that garage to Leroy Heimerdinger. Carl Schaible then built the ga-

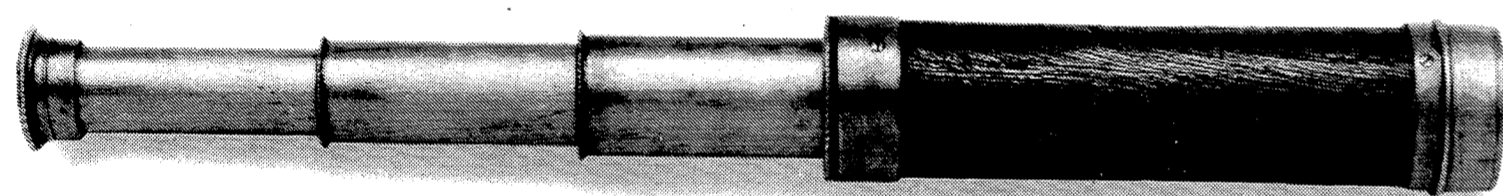
rage at the present site of Midwest Ford. It should be noted that Ferdinand sold the "Little Old Garage" several years before this to Earl Koebbe, who operated out of that garage until he built his new building (1946) where Koebbe Welding is at the present time

Ferdinand married Leleh Ridley in 1915 and they had three children Robert Huber, Margaret Lee Huber and Joan Huber Walz, all of whom had a chance to help out at the garage. Leleh is residing at the Chelsea Methodist Home and is 99 years old.

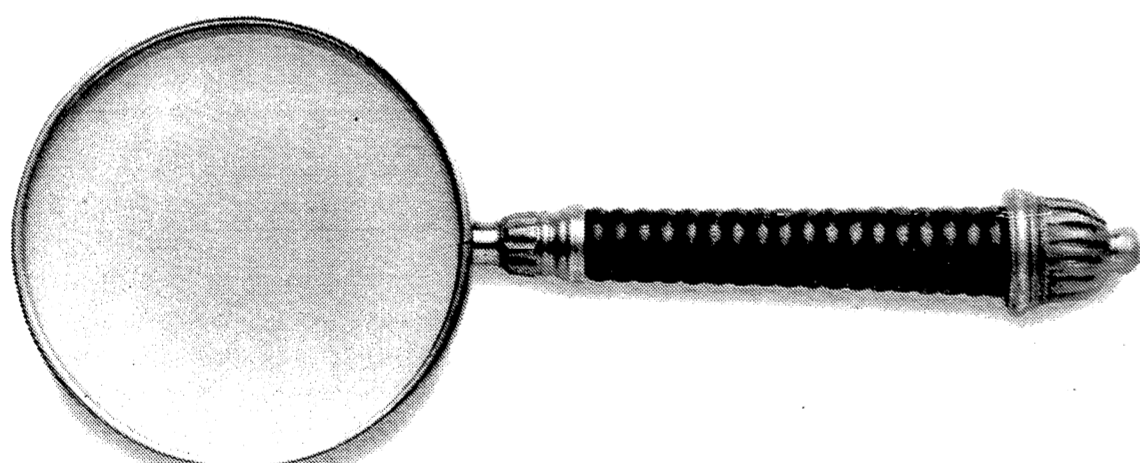


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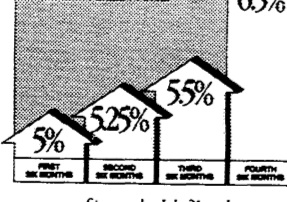
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Pictured above: Ann Pat Wolf, Suzan Seabright and Judy Caron—the Woodchucks with proud branch manager Mark VanBogelen.

## Woodchucks Win!

Early this spring First of America senior management decided to focus a campaign on enhancing customer service. A competition was organized among tellers and customer service representatives from 22 branches of First of America from Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

The contest was set up as "The Knowledge Bowl" and consisted of questions about the bank's products and services. Manchester branch team members were Ann Pat Wolf, Suzan Seabright and Judy Caron, and they decided on the team name, "Woodchucks."

Playing "Wheel of Knowledge" March 10, the Woodchucks beat the New Hudson Knuts. On March 26, they were victorious against the Jackson (Zeeb Rd.) Zebras playing "Tic Tac Dough."

The April 8th format was "Jeopardy" and the Woodchucks' foe was the Main Office Millions. Again, the Woodchucks prevailed.

The Jeopardy format was chosen for the final competition May 1st and the Woodchucks squared off against Arlington Square's Liz's Leading Ladies. The Woodchucks wanted us to let you know they "killed them!"

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