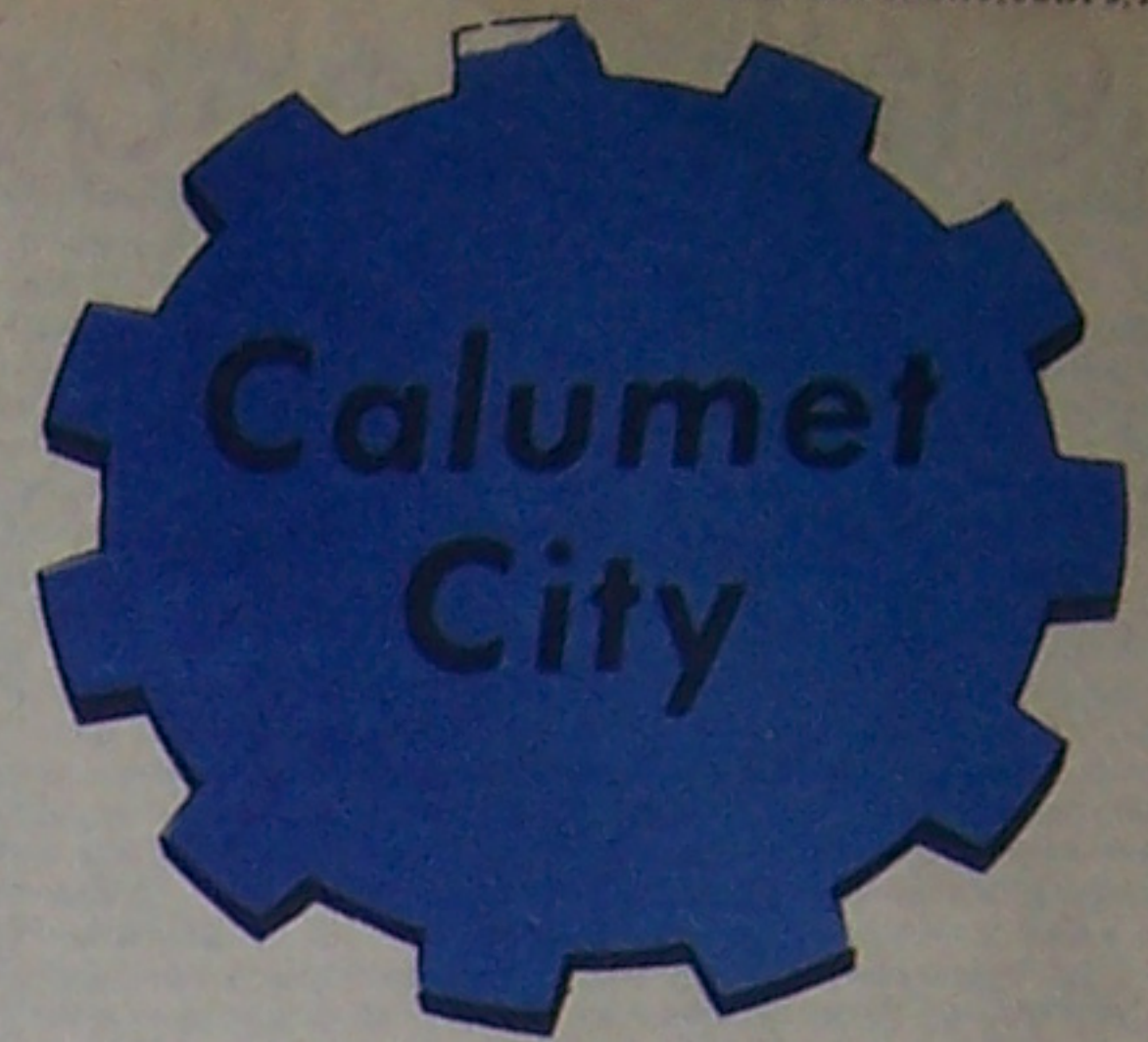




A two room schoolhouse was the learning center for the farm families in the south end of Calumet City before the turn of the century. Attending Prairie School were children of Dahlman, Meyers, Carr,

Wigley, Smith, Pizzotti, Rehder, Jonhman, Eilers, Peterson, Pooritz, Drake, Kellar, Lesmeister, Workman, Dykema, Sweringa, VanDerWondi, Hoffman, Perry and Schrum families.



# Kalamick River, The Beginning

An Indian brave of the Algonquin tribe stood on a sandy ridge with furrowed brow. He pulled his ragged blanket about his thin shoulders and looked toward the south where the smoke from a settler's chimney curled up into the sky.

From the cabin came the smell of white man's cooking. The smell of home baked bread drifted to the hungry Indian's nostrils. He shrugged off the pride of his ancestors and made his way to the cabin to beg a piece of white bread and perhaps a dipper full of fresh milk before he made his way southward to Joliet to be among his own kind. Perhaps he might stay a day or two as a farm hand. It would help to buy winter supplies for his family.

His eyes wore a wistful look. He was the last of his father's tribe to travel the old trail from Manistee, Michigan where the tribes used to secure salt for the winter.

Beyond the ridge, he knew was the Little Kalamick where as a youngster he hunted the water fowl, wild ducks, mud hens, crane and geese that abounded in the wild rice and celery. He learned to trap the muskrat, and mink for fur, the fish and fowl for food.

As he approached the white man's cabin, youngsters scurried inside to announce his coming. A housewife in a calico dress with a white apron dusted with flour from the bread she was baking stood at the door. In her hand she held a heel of a fresh baked loaf and a mug of fresh milk. Gingerly she held it out to the Indian, her eyes a little frightened, yet full of compassion for the Red Man.

Before she handed him the bread she pointed with her thumb to the barn. "Mister could use a hand cutting wood when your done," she said.

Wordlessly the Indian accepted her offering, sat down on the stoop, ate the warm bread, drank the milk and then wiping his lips on his ragged sleeve, made his way to the barn.

The land belonged to the white man. To the north would come many white men to work in factories in nearby towns. They would build homes, schools, churches and stores. They would call this place Calumet City.

The history of Calumet City dates back further than the Algonquin, further back than the Potawatomi and the federation with the Chippewa and Ottawa.

It begins with the last glacier, called the Wisconsin, some 12,000 years ago. Its passage left ridges and rills. Depressions became lakes and ponds. The land turned green with the melting of the ice.

The birch, aspen, alder, tamarack, spruce and fir took over the land. Linden, elms, oaks and cottonwoods lined the rivers which would be later called the Grand Kalamick and Little Kalamick.

In 1575 Louis Joliet and Father Jacques Marquette wrote of paddling down a stream lined with Linden believed to be the Calumet River.

Before this the Indian roamed the area and used the high land located along the Michigan City Road for overnight camps on the way from Joliet to Manistee to secure salt for the winter.

The name Calumet comes from the word "Kalamick" meaning drainage forms or the Calumet Rivers.

Michigan City Road was a major trail which, after leaving Hammond, was where a large Indian Village existed. It abandoned the Tolleston Beach area and then turned sharply northward to an Indian Village at Hegewisch.

Water sites were the locations of some settlements. Of these, the one at Thornton was most prominent and actually carried a name "the Chicago."

Robert LaSalle is known to have paddled down the Calumet River in his canoe to his camp at the end of the trail which is now known as Hohman Ave., in Hammond.

With the excellent natural habitat for birds and animals of all

kinds the region was visited first by French fur trappers and later the English.

There are no existing records that the area was settled by earlier homesteaders. However, evidence was found in the Sand Ridge Nature Center area of a farm located there in the early 1800's. Bits of artifacts such as a bullet, glazed pottery, hog teeth, a piece of coal and a coin dated 1823 support this contention.

Shortly before this, Calumet City almost became a part of Wisconsin, except for Judge Nathaniel Pope. All of Cook County was originally part of the Territory defined as the Northwest Territory. January, 1818 a petition was received from the territorial legislature of Illinois by Nathaniel Pope, the delegate in Congress, praying for admission of the territory into the union as an independent state.

Originally the northern line, drawn by Congress, would have given the site of Chicago, Calumet and 14 northern counties to the Wisconsin territory. Judge Nathaniel Pope warned Northern congressmen that Illinois would become a Southern, pro-slavery state if it were not tied to the North by a harbor and a Lake Michigan coastline. He won his plea and the line north was advanced to its present location.

Calumet City is located within a township whose system evolved from a law enacted in Congress in the year 1785.

Settlers were slow in coming to the region. There were only 368 persons living in the entire Thornton Township area in 1850. The low lying areas between the numerous sandy beach ridges called swales existed as poorly drained marshes, thus the area was slow in coming under the influence of the plow. And there were the Indians themselves, making their way in small groups to land beyond the Mississippi.

It wasn't until during the Civil War that the first known settler purchased land and carved out a farm in the timbered groves along the Tolleston Ridge Area.

Hans Johann Schrum came from his native Holstein Germany when he was 19 years of age and lived in the Chicago area. He worked as a section hand on the Illinois Central Railroad saving enough money to purchase 277 acres of fertile farm land along the Little Calumet River. The greatest portion of land was purchased from the Illinois Central.

In 1863 Johann Schrum built his first home on the higher land to the north of the property. He then sent for his brother Peter Nicholas and the Schrum name became entrenched in the history of Calumet City.

They farmed the land planting hay, potatoes and corn. The sons of Johann Schrum continued to farm the land after their father's death until 1901 when they established a dairy company to supply fresh milk to residents in what became known as the West Hammond and Hammond area. They had a herd of 30 to 40 cows and the milking barn was located on the site of the present P.N. Schrum Sons pickle factory.

Shortly after the Civil War about a dozen veterans were granted parcels of land in the area around the Schrum farm.

In 1884 a plot for a section of land near Hoover School along 159th Street was recorded and was to be called Schrum's Village.

Names of other "first families" living in the south section were Conway, Downs, Croissant, Dahlman, Meyers, Hoffman, Pike, Tanis, Kratt, Reel, Lesmeister, Magnusson and Workman.

Rinard Workman purchased government land at Liberty, Ill., (159th and Torrence—site of the River Oaks Shopping Center) and became the first grower of sugar beets. He also initiated the onion growing industry which reached a remarkable output in 1918. Workman married a daughter of Peter Schrum.

In 1868 another pioneer John G.W. Freitag acquired 110 acres extending from the Calumet River to 152nd St., and from the

present location of Price Street to Lincoln Ave. He farmed the land until September 1879 when he divided the land into lots and was known as the "man who became wealthy through the increased value of the land."

Schrum eventually sold much of his land to developers and gave 51 acres of forest to the Cook County Forest Preserve district to be now known as Wentworth Woods.

In 1869 industry came to the area in nearby Hammond. With it came an influx of immigrants and settlers to fill the need for workers. West Hammond became what it still remains, a bedroom community, supplying workers for plants in the surrounding areas.

In 1890 the G.H. Hammond Packing Co., opened its doors east of the State Line. It attracted German Lutherans with knowledge of the trade of butchering and sausage making. They settled along Sibley Boulevard.

At the same time that two German settlements, one in the north and one in the south were establishing themselves, a group of Polish immigrants built homes in the vicinity of Pulaski Road. As in the previous settlement pattern, the Polish built their homes on higher land. They called their hamlet "Sobieski" after a famous Polish general who defeated the Turks at the battle of Khotin in 1673.

With the establishment of the three settlements, schools and churches were built. In the far south the Schrum children and those of other settlers attended first the Prairie School at the corner of River Oaks Drive and Burnham Avenue, now the site of a liquor store.

A second school, Globe School, in the south end of the community was built in 1882 on River Oaks Drive and River Drive, site of the notorious Plantation and Twin Oaks bar which has been torn down this year to make room for a gas station.

In the far north, the other German settlement, rented space in a home on Ingraham for a temporary schoolhouse. In 1887 the settlers decided to have their own church. They met in the schoolhouse and organized the St. John Lutheran Church. The first church was constructed of wood for a sum of \$839.96 at Harding and Gordon St.

In 1906 the current site at Harrison and Sibley was purchased and a new church constructed. Shortly after that the Lutheran School was established and continue to enroll children in standard academic and German language classes until the 1940's.

The temporary schoolhouse at Ingraham Ave., was the forerunner of Douglas School which was opened in 1897 at Freeland and Sibley.

In the Polish settlement a visiting priest recognized the need for a parish church. He built a little wooden chapel with donations of \$5 from each family for construction materials.

This little chapel was demolished by a severe wind storm and the first permanent church was started. The cornerstone was laid on Oct. 27, 1891 and on Feb. 25, 1892 the first mass was held in the new church. Its site was the some 48 lots at the corner of 155th Place and Lincoln Avenue, where the present beautiful edifice stands. At that time only seven families lived in the immediate area of the church.

Many families in Chicago owned land in the vicinity of the new church, St. Andrew the Apostle Church. They soon moved to the Hamlet to make their permanent homes.

On June 13 a tornado tore the new church asunder. Grief stricken parishioners began picking up the pieces of their only lovely church. Undaunted, the Polish speaking pioneers set about again building a new church and on Oct. 1, 1892, workmen

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## IT TAKES MORE THAN LUCK TO BUILD A CITY

FOR THE PAST 79 YEARS, CALUMET CITY HAS PULLED HERSELF UP BY HER OWN MUDDY BOOTSTRAPS-FROM A COUPLE OF DIRT STREETS TO A MODERN GROWING CITY OF 39,000. IT'S TAKEN YEARS OF HARD WORK, BUT MORE, IT'S TAKEN DEDICATION BY THREE GENERATIONS OF UNSELFISH CALUMET CITY CITIZENS. IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT THE DEDICATED CITIZENS WHO SERVE AND CONTINUE TO SERVE ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. THANK YOU!



Calumet City Mayor  
ROBERT C. STEFANIAK

## CALUMET CITY

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- JOHN JARANOWSKI, JR. Alderman, 3rd Ward



A farm hand operates a potato planting machine on the Johann Schrum farm in the south end of the city.

Schrum and his sons were also inventors of farm machinery.



# A City Changes Its Name

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repaired the damaged foundation and set about planning the new structure, a brick building this time.

The new church was dedicated on May 14, 1893, just three months after the village was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois.

A long awaited school building was delayed until the fall of 1893 because the church was out of funds. As funds were accumulated a frame school house was constructed and classes began in Jan., 1894 with 64 children enrolled. By December of that year the enrollment was 78 students.

Oct. 23, 1901 a fire swept through the buildings of the G.H. Hammond meat packing plant on the far north end. Local fire companies were assisted by those from South Chicago and Hammond. Four acres of building were destroyed totaling \$500,000 and 1,800 employees found themselves out of work. At the same time a strike at the W.B. Conkey Company further threatened to cripple the area economically.

All sections of the city were affected by the double tragedy and people began moving back to Chicago, seeking employment.

In St. Andrew parish, out of some 400 families belonging to the church, only 200 remained. Somehow the community reeled back onto an even keel as the remaining citizens were absorbed into other industries.

In 1908 the Sisters of Nazareth asked and were given permission to take over the teaching duties at St. Andrew. The enrollment increased to such proportions that a two story frame addition was built onto the school house.

In 1911 a beautiful brick building was erected to provide a home for the sisters. In 1914 a new school was built and the rectory was constructed for a total of \$100,000.

In 1918 another tragedy struck St. Andrew parish. The church was destroyed by fire due to defective wiring. Heavily debt ridden, the parish could not undertake the building of the church at that immediate time. The school had a finished basement that doubled as an auditorium and masses were said there. Plans were started to build the new edifice in 1929 and the church was finally dedicated in October, 1932.

Although the hamlet of Schrumville, Sobieski, or West Hammond had only 500 residents in 1892, considerable talk circulated in the hamlet that it should have a central government. Positive steps were taken and a meeting called.

On Jan. 9, 1893 the people within the village limits met and decided to incorporate. Necessary legal steps were taken and the village was incorporated under the public statutes of the state of Illinois. On Feb. 13, 1893 the first village election was held.

John Hessler became the first village president. Charles D. Linder was elected village clerk and appointed treasurer. Trustees included August Mayer, Henry Leber, Henry Neckel, Adam Stachowicz, M. Jaranowski and Richard Zimmerman. A.F. Knotts, mayor of Hammond and developer of Calumet industry, became the first village attorney.

Elections for president, clerk and half of the trustees were conducted annually. This made for a spirited political picture as one campaign was completed and another started.

The only official elected for a period of more than two years was the police magistrate. This office was created in 1903 and the term was four years.

Adam Stachowicz, village trustee, developer of the first subdivision in Calumet City, was credited with the securing of

the first postal sub-station for the village in 1898.

At the time of the G.H. Hammond Company fire in 1901 the village had only one fire department. It wasn't until 1902 that a second fire station was built at the corner of Freeland and 154th Pl., the site of the Faith Bailey Health Center.

In the same year Engnice Greeley reported that it would be impossible to drain the district by a gravity sewer unless the south end of the village could be raised by filling to a depth of six to 10 feet. Residents of the village who lived along State Line petitioned the board of trustees to take steps to open the street from Sibley to State St.

In 1909 the West Hammond Brewing Company was incorporated. It had moved from Crown Point, Ind., where it had operated under another name. Covering an area of nearly two acres, the brick structure, with what was considered the latest equipment, produced both lager and near beer.

Officers of the corporation were Richard Winkler, president; C.H. Mayer, vice-president and manager; Henry Lindner, secretary and treasurer and Frank Fonda as brew master.

The village had no public improvements. There were no streets, nor were there any sidewalks. In 1902 a two story brick building was built and was known as the Village Hall and jail. This was located on Wentworth Ave., about 100 feet south of State St.

Water mains and hydrants to supply water for domestic and fire protection were finally laid in nearly every street in the village, says a 1902 ordinance book. Streets were laid out and wooden sidewalks constructed. A main sewer was laid in Lincoln Ave., and a lateral sewer connected in State St.

"One of the greatest improvements accomplished," says the 1902 book, "was the construction of an electric light plant for lighting public streets and buildings. The first electric light plant provided for street lights only.

In 1902 the population rose to 3,500 persons.

The police department in West Hammond was organized in the early 1900. In 1907 a competent law officer came to be its head, Joseph Nitz. Chief Nitz's ability to converse in many languages was a tremendous asset as the ethnic makeup of the community called for a bilingual official.

The Law and Order League, a commission composed of actively-inclined residents, was formed to cooperate with the police to preserve peace and order.

Frank J. Wachewicz's "Real-Estate-The Wachewicz Way-Easy to Pay" sign appeared on a vacant store front on State Street to acquaint the public that there were real estate opportunities in West Hammond.

"Dead Line" valley was owned by a prosperous South Water Merchant named Casper Staub. The area referred to was a marshy area between Pulaski and Sibley Streets. Wachewicz, commissioned by Staub, built up the area with modern homes.

One joint after another had opened up in the "Red Light" district. In 1916 when Indiana went dry the West Hammond saloon keepers were delighted. (Calumet City is still a mecca for Indiana's Sunday, holiday and after hour drinkers.)

West Hammond also inherited some honky-tonk operators from Hammond, Ind., during the prohibition. Plummer Ave., in Hammond began to receive pressure from the Hammond Police. The owners picked up beer and "B" girls and moved to Calumet City.

Mayor Paul Kamradt was elected on a reform platform and proved to be a reformer and economist. He fostered the plan for setting aside a portion of the city for the Forest Preserve

District and reduced operating expenses.

As a tribute to the veterans of World War I, a Memorial Park and Fieldhouse were constructed in 1918. The park remained the community center for well over 30 years.

During the decade of 1910-20 a great number of Irish and Italian immigrants came to West Hammond to live.

In 1920 the U.S. Census showed that there were 7,492 residents in the city. Of that number 5,234 or 69.8 per cent were native white; 2,229 or 29.8 per cent were foreign born and 28 or .4 per cent were Negro.

Of the foreign-born, 2,361 immigrated from Poland; 1,363 came from Germany; 178 from Ireland; 99 from England. The German-Polish ethnic background remained dominant. During this period Calumet City had grown by 2,544 persons or 51.4 per cent over the 1910 census.

Despite efforts of the citizenry and Kamradt to try and control the unsavory element moving into West Hammond, State Street taverns sprouted including several owned by Al Capone, crime overlord and beer baron of the 1920's. Prohibition brought scores of Federal agents on just as many raids.

By 1923 things were so bad that citizens circulated petitions demanding that the city change its name from West Hammond to Calumet City to shed the cloak of notoriety the name had earned.

In the early twenties Ford Motor Company announced its \$6,000,000 Ford assembly would be constructed in Hegewisch and Jones Laughlin Steel Co., built a plant in Hammond. The two new industries meant still more people would be settling in Calumet City.

Frank Wachewicz, top realtor in the community, opened the Park View Garden a subdivision west of Memorial Park. The lots were sold for \$695 and up.

A few years later a portion of the Schrum farm land was sold to start a subdivision that is now known as the Gold Coast area. Construction began in 1925.

In 1924 the name of the city was changed from West Hammond to the present name of Calumet City. The people wanted to shed the "cloak of notoriety" the name of West Hammond had earned. The vice conditions and a mix up of mail delivery due to the similarity between the names of Hammond and West

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## Calumet City's Historical Dates

- 1863-Schrum family settles.
- 1869-1st industry opens, G.H. Hammond Packing Co.
- 1870-Prairie School, 1st school opens in West Hammond.
- 1888-1st church founded, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- 1891-Adam Stachowicz, Harvey D. Reed and Grover Stevens open 1st subdivision. St. Andrew Church founded and dedicated.
- 1893-500-member community incorporated as the village of West Hammond.
- 1898-1st post office opens in West Hammond.
- 1901-Disastrous fire totally destroys G.H. Hammond Packing Co. Schrum Pickle Co. founded.
- 1907-Pumping station and sewer system built.
- 1911-West Hammond becomes a city. Forest Preserves purchases Schrum land.
- 1912-Wentworth High School built.
- 1914-Volunteer fire department organized.
- 1918-Memorial Park and fieldhouse built.
- 1921-Faith Bailey begins 1st city health program.
- 1924-West Hammond changes its name to Calumet City.
- 1925-City Hall built. St. Victor Parish established.
- 1933-TF High School burns.
- 1936-Church of Christ established.
- 1945-Central Construction Co. begins building Gold Coast.
- 1951-Library built.
- 1957-Our Lady of Knock Parish established. Community Presbyterian Church established.
- 1959-Faith Bailey Health Center built.
- 1960-Wentworth Shopping Center built.
- 1962-Calumet Expressway opens.
- 1964-Calumet City School of Special Education built.
- 1965-Land for River Oaks annexed to city.
- 1966-River Oaks Shopping Center opens.
- 1967-1,250,000-gallon water tower constructed.
- 1968-City celebrates Diamond Jubilee. Opportunity Training Center opens.
- 1971-First tenant moves in Park of River Oaks condominiums.

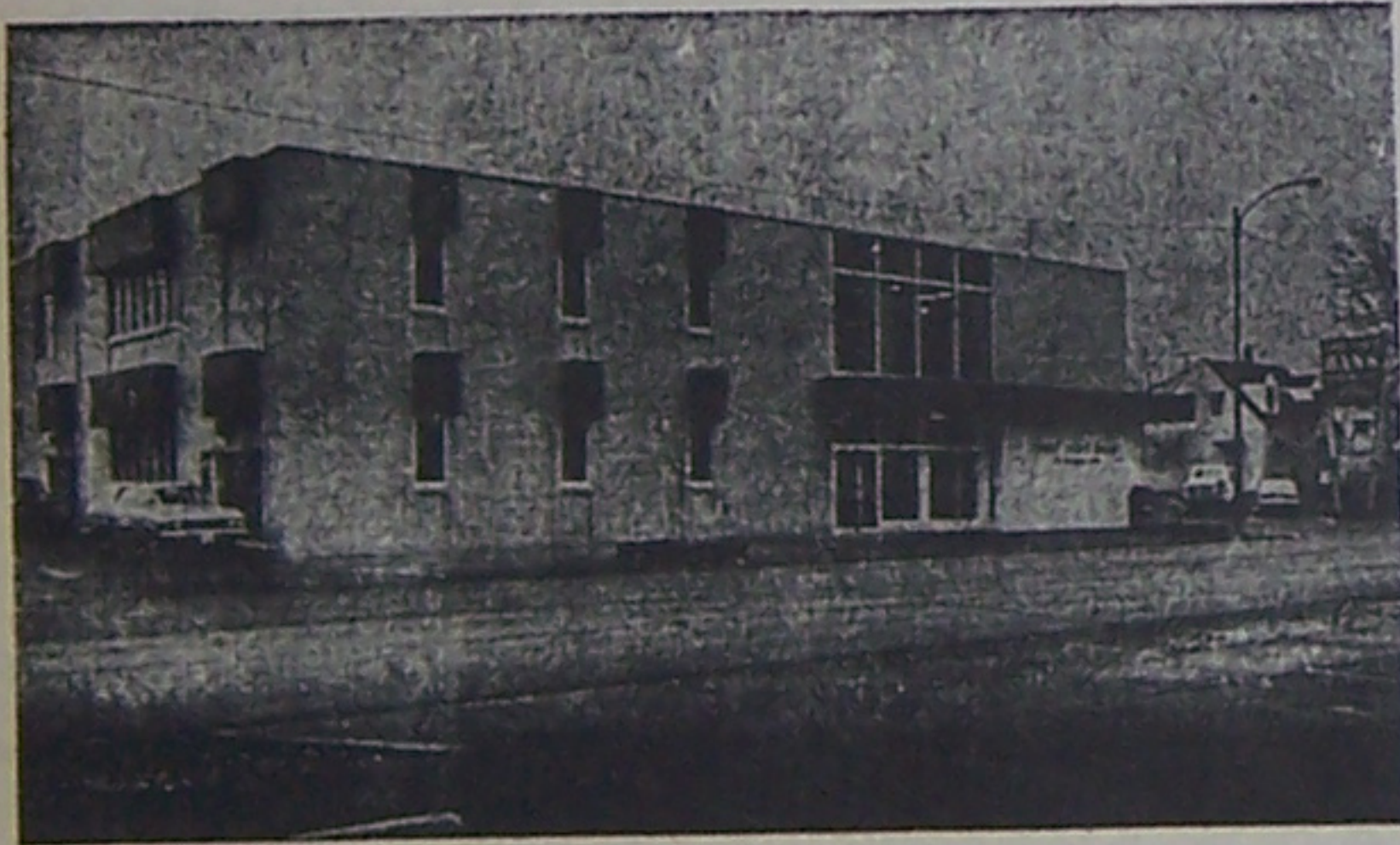


A venture into the dairy business preceded the P.N. Schrum Pickle Company enterprise by the sons of first settler Johann Schrum. One of the dairy wagons is shown here just before starting out on a milk route. The wagons were washed each night in the clear waters of the Little Calumet River.



In the fall of 1955 Calumet City's south end was inundated when the Little Calumet overflowed its banks. This scene was a familiar sight in Gold Coast with some sections taking enough water to float a row boat. The community mobilized to assist the flood victims and the Illinois Guard came in to maintain a watch against looters. Subsequent floods were averted with the construction of dikes along the river.

## GROWTH AND PROGRESS In A Growing Progressive Community



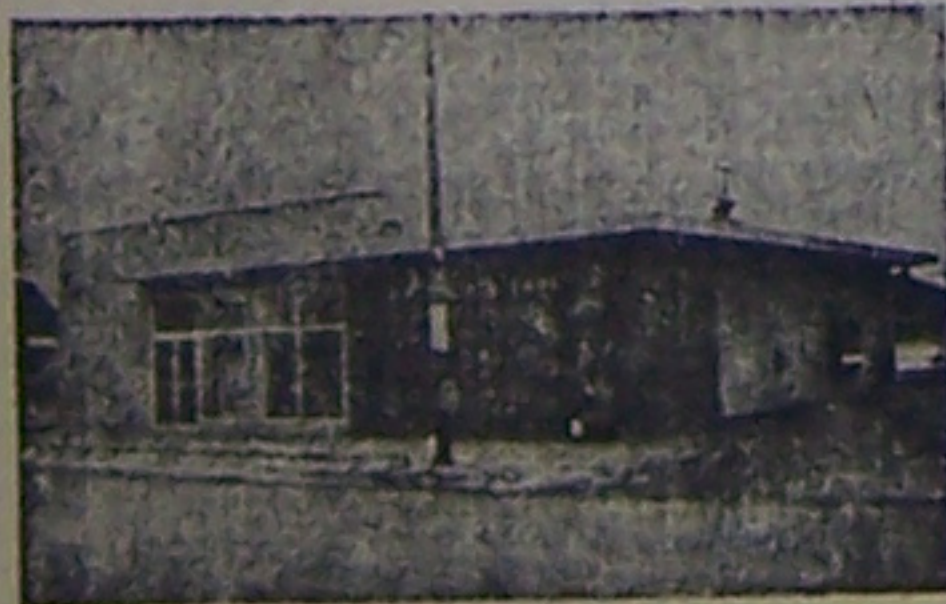
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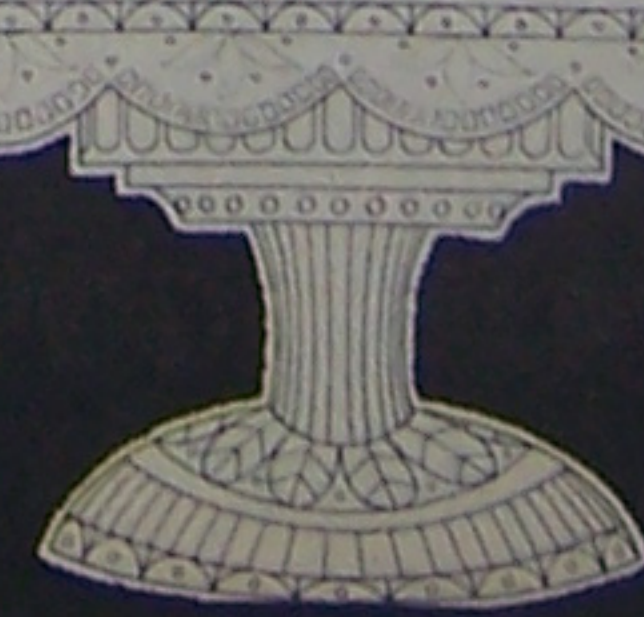
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# Horton Waterspheroid Nation's Largest

CALUMET CITY

Calumet City sports an imposing 1.25 million-gallon Horton Waterspheroid that looks like an ordinary elevated tank, but really has two entirely different purposes.

The top one-million gallons serve the city's distribution system. The remaining 250,000 gallons constitute a fire-fighting reserve for the 100-

acre River Oaks center. About 60 businesses, housed in 1.2 million square feet of the commercial center, have created some 2,800 jobs. Chicago Bridge and Iron Co.

is responsible for the design and construction of this tank, the largest Horton Waterspheroid in the nation. Selection of the tank, part of a \$760,000 waterworks expansion, depended greatly on its esthetic value. The city wanted the

structure to harmonize with its attractive new shopping center. When the tank design and color scheme were finally settled, the center's architect gave his whole-hearted approval. Only one million gallons of storage capacity were

required for the city, so the River Oaks organization paid the extra cost to add 250,000 gallons of storage for the center's fire protection. The organization also deeded the tank site and access route to the city.

The tank, which stands 86 feet to the bottom capacity line, provides sufficient elevation to assure constant pressure in the distribution system.

Some 8,800 feet of new 16-inch water mains are included in the city's expansion program, along with a new booster station with two pumps, and automation and four new pumps for the main pumping station.

It will soon be joined by one like it on the west end of the community in Torrence Park. The city sold bonds to be repaid from water revenue to improve water service to the west end and to loop the entire community.

## Fisherman's Joy At Hessville Sporting

You'll be right on target when you buy your archery equipment at Hessville Sporting Goods, 6637 Kennedy in Hammond. Owned by Jim and Ken Coots, the store specializes in complete lines of camping, fishing, golf, hunting and archery equipment.

It's a brand new store, opened in May of this year. The only sporting goods store in Hessville, it carries all Coleman supplies from stoves, heaters, smokers, canteens and sleeping bags. You will also find hunting supplies,

shells, cartridges, guns (such as Winchester, Remington, Savage, Browning, Mossberg) and rods and reels (such as Garcia, Mitchell, Johnson, Heddon, Quick, Berkley, Penn, and Pflueger).

While they carry many types of bait and lures already, soon you'll be able to pick up live bait at the Hessville store. You may also be interested in having your reels rewound.

They also boast a Trilene mono-filament reel rewinder for six to twenty pound test lines.

## New Sounds At Stereo Components

There are a lot of new sounds in the music field today, but it won't mean too much if you don't have the proper equipment. Stereo Components, 6022 Calumet, in Hammond offers the latest in amplifiers, speakers, turntables, tape decks and software to do justice to innovative changes in today's music.

Founded in 1962, Stereo Components now employs nine persons to serve their customers. Service is a byword at this establishment. They also offer top facilities for demonstration, so you know what you're buying before you take it home.

Their latest product addition is closed circuit television monitors, cameras and lenses. You will also find

all lines of stereo component systems. Their company started in the automotive 8-track, am/fm radio line and

have progressed into more sophisticated systems. Stereo Components in Hammond. Sounds interesting.

## Dry Goods Give Way To Insurance

The Walter W. Schultz Agency Inc., had its beginning in 1923 when a small business was purchased from John C. Ton and was located at what now is 18100 Torrence Ave., Lansing, Ill. This business consisted of a dry goods, post office, and small insurance business.

In 1930 this business moved to the present location at 18119

Torrence Ave., and the dry goods business was phased out. In 1961, the Post Office operation was discontinued and the Agency has continued to grow until today. It has 12 full time people associated with the office and it serves the people of Lansing and surrounding communities with complete insurance service.

## Raymond Real Estate A Newcomer To Lansing

Recently founded in 1970, Raymond Real Estate Inc., is located at 18525 Torrence Ave., Lansing, Ill. The corporation was founded by James W. Raymond with the intention of becoming a major outlet for investment and commercial real estate sales

and management in the growing south suburban communities. One of their major goals is to become directly involved in developing both residential communities and commercial properties. Raymond intends to combine his knowledge of

the real estate with his experience as a general contractor to attain his goal.

They now have four employees with James W. Raymond and J. Michael Bonet as the present owners of the firm.

## Ski House Highlights Fashions

The Austrian Ski and Sport Haus was opened at 4854 West 183rd St., Country Club Hills, November 15, 1971. The purpose in mind was to bring to the far south side professionalism and specialization in merchandising of sports equipment and supplies.

Their initial opening travels soon faded into a successful 1971-72 ski season. They were able to meet a great number of people from surrounding communities. At the present time they are engaged in a summer sports season. Tennis, back packing,

bicycles, swimwear and footwear are the strongest lines at this point.

The Austrian Ski and Sport Haus is planning to highlight the ski season with fashion shows, ski movies, ski demonstrations, and technical tips.



Residents of Calumet City when it was known as West Hammond were Mr. and Mrs. John Leszczynski and daughter Jennie. They are pictured in front of the family home at 533-154th Pl. The little girl on the right is granddaughter Monica Bonczyk. Jennie still makes her home there. She is the mother of Albert Wisowaty, president of District 215 Board of Education.

## Seek Exhibitors For Lake County Fair

Homemakers, artists, collectors and hobbyists are being sought as exhibitors for the 120th annual Lake County Fair.

Mrs. Daniel Thomas, Crown Point, fine arts department leader, said today that entries for the nine divisions of competition in Fine Arts are now being accepted. Written entry deadline is Aug. 9.

Amateur hobby enthusiasts are urged to enter their

projects for Fair competition. The divisions are: textile fabrics, canned goods, baked goods, paintings and art, ceramics, hobbies, photography, house plants, and collections.

Entry blanks and premium books may be obtained from Mrs. Thomas through the Secretary's office on the fair grounds south of Crown Point. Written requests may be made by writing to Lake

County Fair, Box 327, Crown Point, Ind. 46307, or by calling the office at 663-3617.

Mrs. Thomas notes that all entries must have a written entry form on file before Aug. 9 to be accepted for exhibits in the fair. No late entries will be accepted.

Last year more than 5,000 exhibits were displayed.

The Lake County Fair will be held Aug. 19-26 this year.

Lansing Hosiery And Lingerie Outgrown Old Shop

In a small wooden building with walk up steps, a little shop was opened known as Lansing Hosiery and Lingerie. This was shortly after World War II and hose were still at a premium. The contents of the shop began to increase and it was not long before it outgrew both the name and the size of the shop. The first move was not very far, just next door, but the size of the shop and the amount of merchandise increased. The name was changed to the Fashionette.

In 1963, the next move took them down the block to their current location at 3312 Ridge Rd., Lansing, Ill. The name remains the same but the stock now includes just about anything the lady needs such as nightwear, lingerie, dresses, sportswear, purses, and jewelry.

The firm was founded by Florence Aumick and her two daughters Bonita Straka and Jackie Protsman. They now employ 7 people.

## A City Grows

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Hammond were the reasons for the name change. The city also moved ahead with the rebuilding of the water system to allow for population growth for the next 50 years.

In 1925 still another subdivision was opened up with the sale of the Hammond Country Club. McEwen and Essley, subdividers, proceeded to construct a variety of housing units which were available for rent or purchase.

Thus began the movement to the south of the city. During the same era, settlement occurred west of Burnham Ave., near the present location of Thornton Fractional High School. Scattered homes began to spring up along the major routes of 159th St., Michigan City Rd., Burnham and Torrence Avenues.

In 1924 Wentworth Ave., which was an old brick road, was reconstructed and resurfaced and six miles of concrete streets were laid in Calumet City.

In 1925 many families of St. Andrew the Apostle parish desiring an English speaking mass began to meet at Memorial Park fieldhouse. They established a church that same year and purchased land for the building of the church now known as St. Victor.

The congregation continued to meet at the park until a wooden church and school were built in 1927. These structures were used until 1929, at which time the present brick church and school were completed.

In 1925, under the administration of John Jaranowski, the new city hall was completed.

Construction of homes in the Gold Coast area began in 1926 but

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## Doubles Growth In 5 Years

Lansing Paint and Supply Co., 3219 Ridge Rd., Lansing, Ill., opened for business May 27, 1965 just in time to help some people with painting for the Memorial Day weekend.

Sources were pooled by Andrew VanderZee, Ben Kamistra, and Garrett Eriks to make this company a reality.

The existing property was purchased, cleaned, and filled in to begin the new building. It was a one story structure, one half for display, one half for stock.

Within five years, the center wall was moved back to make room for a growing display area.

Its specialties are in offering to the community the widest selection of national trade names in paints, floorcoverings, and tile that can be found. Names such as Dutch Boy, Lambert,

Graham, Armstrong, and hosts of others. During the busy season, eight full or part time persons are employed to help in presenting their products and service to its customers.

## R & R Realty Grows To Complete Facility

R & R Realty and Development Corporation, 8130 Calumet Ave., Munster has gone in only three years from a small, two-man real estate office to a complete real estate, insurance, and development corporation.

Now employing eight, R & R offers a competent staff for efficient and satisfactory service.

Its owners and founders are Jerome Riskin and Robert Bruno.

## 21st Anniversary Sale



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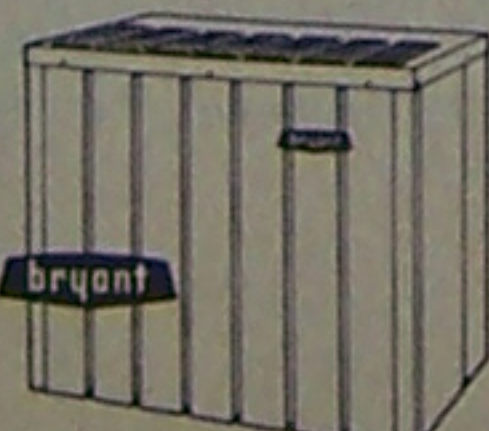
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## The Old Story

Henry Ford developed the Chicago-Hammond Airport back in the 1920's as a depot for his assembly plant located in Hegewisch. Through the years after Henry Ford discontinued his ownership of this field, it passed through many owners and operators. In the winter of 1968, Chi-Way Aviation Corp. moved onto the field. And that was the end of one era and the beginning of another. Parking and ramp areas were blacktopped. An east-west runway 2500' x 75' was laid and taxi-ways to it and to the hangars were put down at the same time and runway lighting added to E-W runway.

## THE NEW STORY

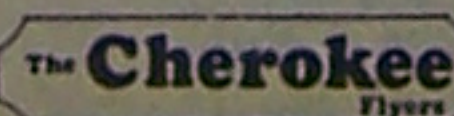
Cherokee Flyer Ltd. has just acquired the lease of Chicago-Hammond Airport, and like any growing successful business, has added new blood, ideas and plans to make Chicago-Hammond a convenient south side location, and a potential leader in industrial airport facilities. For example, lights to be added to the north-south runway. Exterior of the east-west runway to handle larger commercial traffic.

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House movers brought many large homes across the State Line from Hammond in the early 1920s. One of the movers was the father of local contractor Zygmunt Jocha. 701 Memorial Dr., Calumet City. Jocha's father left the moving business in 1925 to establish his own construction firm.

## Joe's Offers Personalized Service

A business spanning 27 years is being continued by one young man. He is the son of Joseph Mikalajczak, whose business became a byword in the community and is known as JOE'S ELECTRIC SERVICE, 606 Burnham Ave., Calumet City.

and wiring service with his stepfather, Sam Sebastian. In 1944 Joe opened a small store and electrical shop on Lincoln Ave. out of which he conducted an electrical service and installation business.

construction leveled off in Calumet City, Joe found himself down to only enough work to employ two electricians. Forseeing an end to this business venture, he turned his attention to selling and repairing appliances. By this time he had opened a store at 606 Burnham.

He became the first franchise dealer for Philco and his business still holds this distinction. In 1958 he added to the 606 Burnham store and began handling six other brands of appliances, Whirlpool, RCA Victor and Autocrat, Caloric, Electrophonic, Packard Bell.

His two sons, Dennis and Terry, worked with him in his store and continued to operate the business under their mother's guiding hand after their father's death.

Since then Terry purchased the business from his mother in October, 1970 to give her the rest she so richly deserved after the 25 years of work in the business. Terry eliminated the electrical contracting, so he could concentrate more thoroughly on the selling of televisions and appliances, the part he enjoyed the most.

## Gardiners Has All Your Needs

The store with an interesting history of progress is Gardiner's Ace Hardware Inc., 18059 Torrence Ave., Lansing. Founded and first owned by the Bock family, the store became part of Walter's Hardware and Variety in the 1940's. In 1965, the Gardiner's (Richard and Burton) bought the store and remodeled it, adding more floor space.

Today, Gardiner's Ace offers a complete line of garden supplies, hardware, and diversified products. You will also find televisions, radios, car stereos, air conditioners and paint. You might say it's an all purpose store.

## Calumet City, A City On The Move

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was abandoned soon after its inception due to the onslaught of the depression of 1929.

State or local officials later stepped in and condemned the property not fully developed and had the half completed structures removed.

The crash of 1929 came too late to affect the 15 census of the United States. The 1930 census showed that Calumet City now had a population of 12,298, an increase of 4,806 people in the community. This represented a 64.1 per cent increase over the 1920 statistics.

The first high school was Wentworth High School at Wentworth and Memorial Drive. It opened its doors in 1916. It has since been replaced with Woodrow Wilson School, a new Wentworth Junior High School was constructed in 1964 at Superior and Memorial Dr.

Sobieski School in Lincoln District was rebuilt as Lincoln School in 1928. Douglas School was torn down in the early 1960's. Students moved from Wentworth High School to Thornton

Fractional High School in the late 1920's and the new high school burned down in one of the worst fires in the area in 1933. It was

rebuilt with funds and labor provided by the Works Progress Administration. Since then the district built a separate high school in Lansing and has made several additions to the present TF North site.

Calumet City has lived through the infamy of being called the "Sin City." Reform set in the early 1960's and today only a few tawdry joints remain.

With the end of the building boom in the south section, or Gold Coast area, the attention of builders and developers turned to the Torrence Park area in the far northwest. Today that section houses a fourth of the total population.

The building boom has brought water and sewer problems which the community must correct. It has a need for additional fire fighting facilities and added library facilities. All these items are in the plans of the present city administration.

A comprehensive city plan is being formulated to insure an orderly redevelopment and further expansion of the city. Areas have been set aside for industrial development. A new commercial and condominium development west of River Oaks insures greater commercial potential for Calumet City.

## Leachwood Park Nears Completion

Sidney Vander Werff, general contractor and developer of the Leachwood Industrial Park, reports that almost all of the Park is sold out and built up with several new industries locating there in the last year.

The Vierk Beverage building is nearing completion. Hadady Machining Company's new facility is in the planning stage, as well as the Kay Manufacturing Company. Additions have been completed on a few of the existing buildings with more being planned. One 2-1/2 acre parcel remains to be sold, however several contracts are now being worked on.

In view of the limited land available for industrial construction, Vander Werff has developed a 32 lot residential subdivision at Chicago Avenue and 173rd Place. Lots are priced in the modest price range. Development arrangements have been made in cooperation with the Lansing Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Vander Werff normally specializes in industrial and commercial construction, having built most of the buildings in the Industrial Park as well as many of the Ford Dealership facilities in the area and many of Lansing's commercial buildings.

He still sees Lansing as one of the finest communities in the area with a hard working Village administration, top

grade police and fire departments and an educational program second to none. Lansing's growth as predicted before has presented some problems in respect to water, sewer, school expansion and park facilities. However, with the past performance as a guide, he is sure that these issues will also be resolved.

## Complete Office Equipment

Richard F. Hoyt, who retired to Florida in 1945 founded Dick Hoyt The Typewriter Man, Inc. in 1923. The store, located at 647 State St., Hammond, was originally located on Hohman Ave., Hammond.

In 1930 Edward W. Eurlay and Michael Kitsberg joined the Dick Hoyt Company. The two became co-owners of the store upon Hoyt's retirement and in 1960 the company had a new store built at its present location. Kitsberg retired to Dallas, Texas in 1963, making Eurlay the present and sole owner of the Dick Hoyt Co.

The store, which carries a complete line of office machines, supplies, and furniture, prides itself on being one of the major suppliers to businessmen in the Calumet region, from NIPSCO to Lewin's.

## The Finest In Dry Cleaning

Lansing Cleaners dates back to the 1940's when Frank McNary started out with a door-to-door dry cleaning route. The first small plant was opened by McNary and his wife, Mildred in 1949.

Through the years they have added to it, enlarging and improving the facilities.

McNary has died since then, but Mildred, their son-in-law and daughter, Paul and Sandra Yingling, and 29 employees continue to serve the public in the McNary tradition.

Lansing cleaners offers executive shirt laundering, custom drape service, and cold vault storage, as well as the finest in dry cleaning. Free pick up and delivery service is featured at five convenient locations.

## Growing News Agency

Founded in 1929 by George Dockweiler, Lansing News Agency is located at 18117 Williams St. Lansing, Ill. Edgar Dockweiler assumed ownership on October 1969.

Over a period of 43 years, the business has grown from one Model-A Ford, two employees and 15 newspaper carriers to six trucks, 16 adult employees, and 110 carriers. The company distributes all Chicago and local newspapers.

want, such as same day delivery and good service, etc. These are things they deserve, but so often don't receive. Making them happy, makes me happy," said Terry.



The bicycle was a simple riding apparatus, no ten-speed, no fenders, no lights, no chain guards. George Bowman lived just across the line in Hammond at the turn of the century, but he was a frequent visitor to the home of Peter N. Schrum in Calumet City.



The Austrian Ski and Sport Haus, 4854 West 183rd St., Country Club Hills, rounds out their purpose of bringing professionalism to the community by adding extra surprises during ski season for their customers. (SUN Photo)

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# Lansing Firm Opens Arms To Small Industries

Barney and Louis Bucha, owners of Standard Precision Grinding Co. are also the developers of The Industrial Center located at 2800 Bernice Road, Lansing. They formed their company in 1948 after returning from army service. They started in a four car garage located in Calumet City.

Realizing from their own experience the difficulty in finding suitable and available vacant building space located in an area zoned for light manufacturing, the Bucha brothers decided to develop their own industrial park. This park would have rental units that would attract small light manufacturing businesses like theirs.

In 1950 they purchased eight acres of land in Lansing that was zoned industrial. This property is located east of the Pennsylvania Railroad and north of Bernice Road. It is now known as the Industrial Center at 2800 Bernice Road.

They began to build buildings to be available for immediate occupancy in order to attract businesses to locate

there. Since the start of their Industrial Park in 1951 they were successful in attracting 28 businesses to Lansing. Some just starting and others moving from other cities.

At the present time they have nearly 80,000 sq. ft. of buildings constructed and still have additional vacant land to build 60,000 sq. ft. All buildings are rental units and help smaller companies to get started and some expand to where they buy land in Lan-

sing and build larger quarters.

The following businesses are now located at 2800 Bernice Road: Standard Precision Grinding Co., Kenrow Plastics Inc., Apache Inc., U.S. Army Engineers, Central Machine, Inc., Dupli-Tape Inc., Schwoegler Laboratories, Lan-Tool Co., Lansing Welding, Urethane Tool & Engineering Co., Moss Distributing Co., Professional Beauty and Barber Supply, Aeromet Industries, Change Part

Engineering.

The following were former tenants, some still in Lansing: Carter Controls, Inc., Wal-Mar Inc., Miller Supply, Calumet Engraving Co., Superior Warehouse Co., Horizon Machine Co., Leisure Time, Inc., South County Business Machines, L & N Electronics, Inc., Engineering Block Sales, Chicago Extrusion Co., Inc., Kingery Steel Fabricating, Inc., K & M Industries, Air Pollution

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Standard Precision Grinding Co. specializes in the manufacturing and recon-

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Tessa Sikorski, daughter of one of Calumet City's pioneer businessmen, John Sikorski, stands next to family car, a Mitchell, only the second in the city.

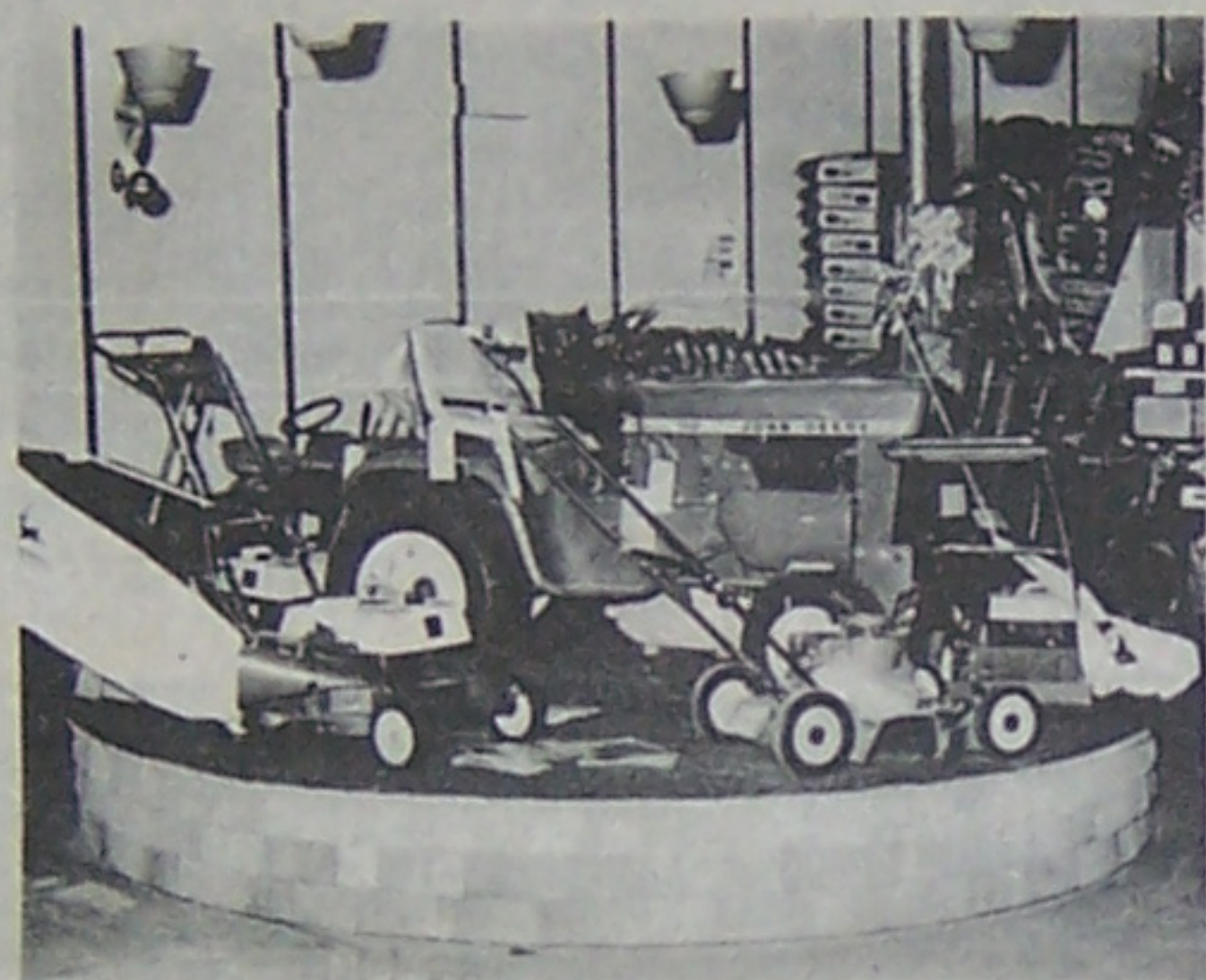
## Onion To Garden Center

What is today the finest garden center started out as an onion warehouse. In 1963, the Vanschouwen family turned it over to Rich Ostman who used it for a paint warehouse until January 1972.

At this time Rich and Bill Vroom went into partnership and opened up Sunnybrook Lawn and Garden Center, the south side's largest and most complete garden center.

During the early years of the business as an onion warehouse, many of the residents of Lansing worked there.

The firm is now located half a mile east of Torrence Ave., of Glenwood Lansing Rd., Lynwood, Ill. It employs four people in the garden shop. The firm is still under the auspices of Rich Ostman and Bill Vroom.



Sunnybrook Lawn and Garden Center, located a half mile east of Torrence on Glenwood Lansing Rd., Lynwood, features lawn and garden equipment plus small engine repairs built by prisoners of war. (SUN Photo)

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south side of Chicago and south suburbs. Founded and still managed by Dick Nelson and Grant

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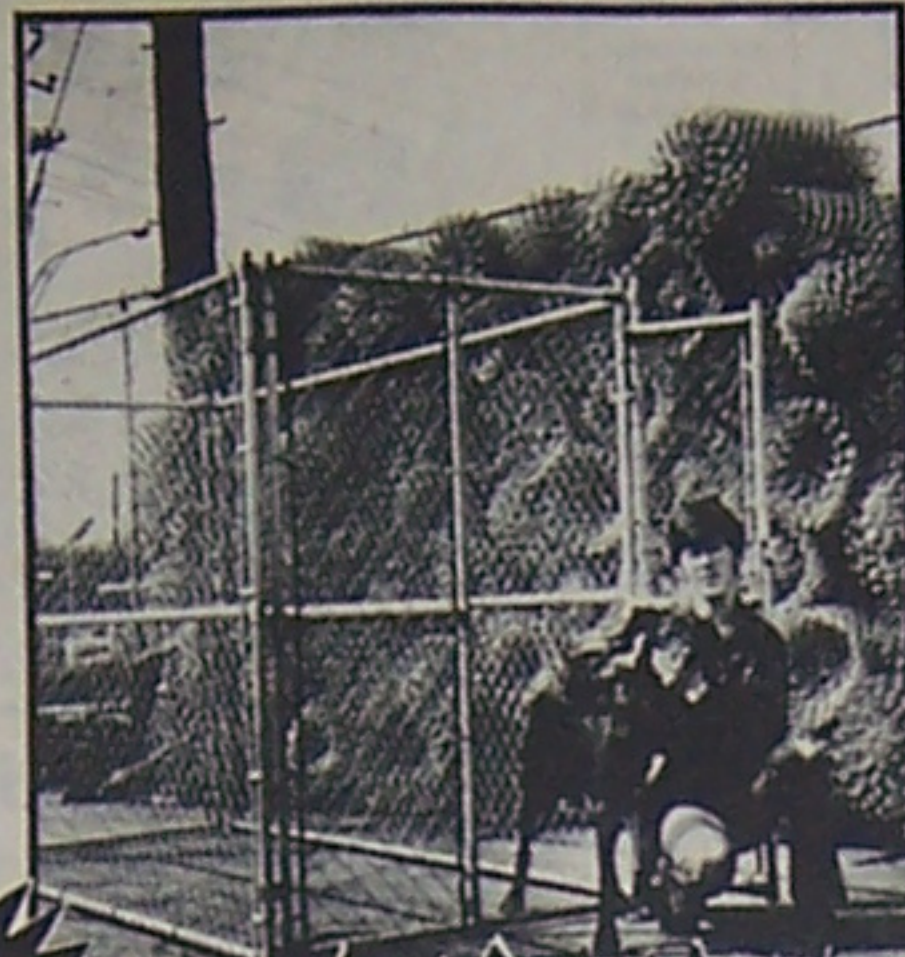
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## City Seal Shows Indian Heritage

The official seal of Calumet City was changed in 1962. The idea was initiated by Mayor Joseph W. Nowak, who asked that a seal be designed which would incorporate some of the history of Calumet City.

It carries all the colors of the schools in Calumet City. The Indian chief and peace pipe recall the early inhabitants who followed Indian trails through Calumet City.

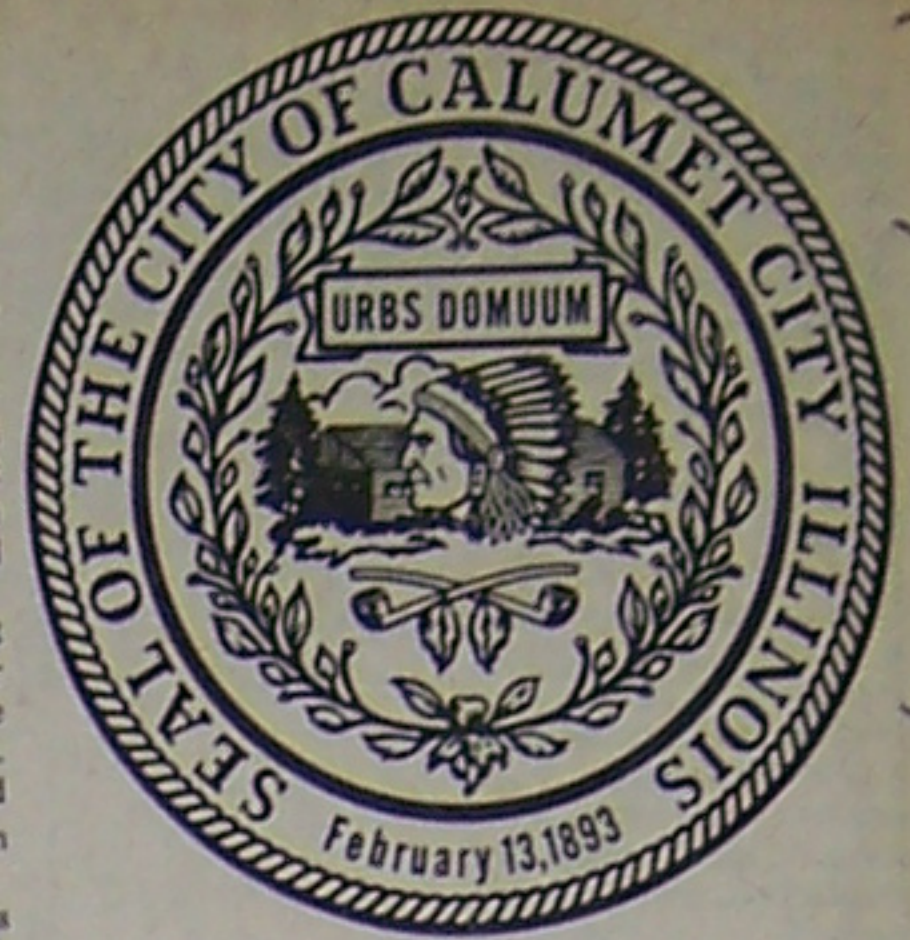
The log cabin points up the city's motto "Urbs Domuum," meaning city of homes. The braid rope trim carries the colors purple and white. Background of the seal is gold. Wreath of leaves is in gold and white with green berries.

Peace pipe is shown on the colorful city flag as dark brown with white trim.

The slogan is in purple lettering on a white banner. Foliage around the home representing the forest preserves is in dark and light green. The log cabin has a light tan roof and rose colored siding.

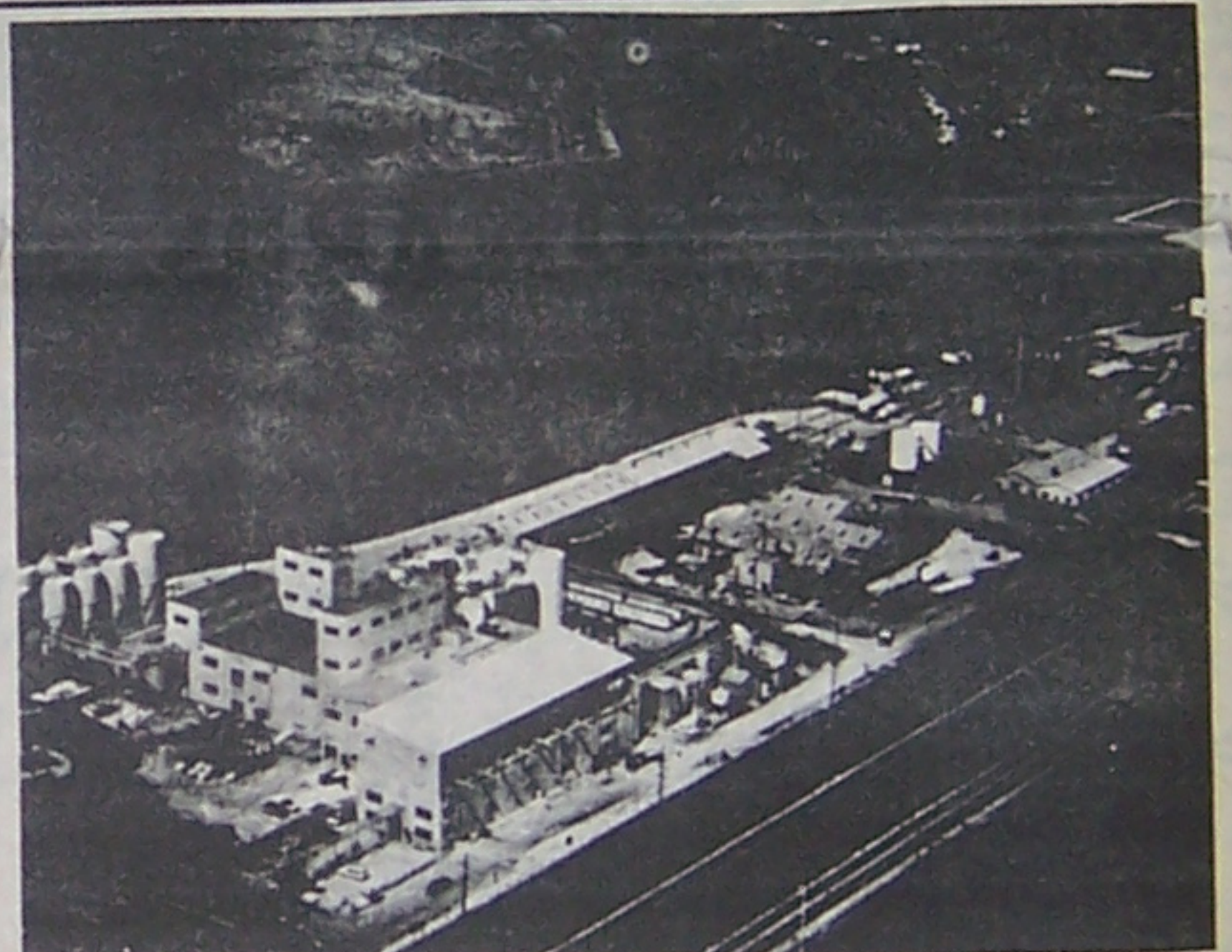
Chief Calumet, who does not represent any particular tribe, has red, white and blue feathers in his headdress. Date of the incorporation and lettering in inner circle are in purple.

Only one official city flag is in existence and that stands to the right of the American flag in the city council chambers.



A teeming shopping center with a million and a quarter gallon water tower as a distinguishing marker occupies 100 acres of what used to be the Dahiman

farm at the corner of River Oaks Drive and Torrence Ave., Calumet City. The multi-million dollar complex draws shoppers from the entire Calumet area. (SUN Photo)



### Growing with the Community

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"Although the basic design, process and hardware are essentially the same as in our Big Spring plant, we have incorporated some innovative ideas in the areas of space utilization, packaging, loading facilities and operation," said W. L. Whittington, Manager of Chemical Manufacturing for Cosden.

Major improvements were made in the color blending facility and extrusion operation. Hardware was re-designed to a higher efficiency and individual elements of the color blending operation are in a better relationship to each other. Cosden engineers modified the design of the extruders used for pelletizing polystyrene. An increase in extruder horsepower and optimization of the machine's throughput resulted in a marked increase in extruder capacity.

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Primary product of the Calumet City Plant will be polystyrene. It will be furnished in 16 basic grades, including medium-impact, high-impact, furniture grade and appliance grades. Users can choose from a full line of more than 2,000 colors. In addition, this newest Cosden

facility will custom manufacture polystyrene to meet service requirements of a demanding application.

The Calumet City facility is located on a 64-acre site 20 miles south of downtown Chicago at the intersection of Interstate Highway 94 (Calumet Expressway) and the Little Calumet River in Calumet City, Illinois. It is the first domestic facility to be built by Cosden using the experience of the Big Spring plant.

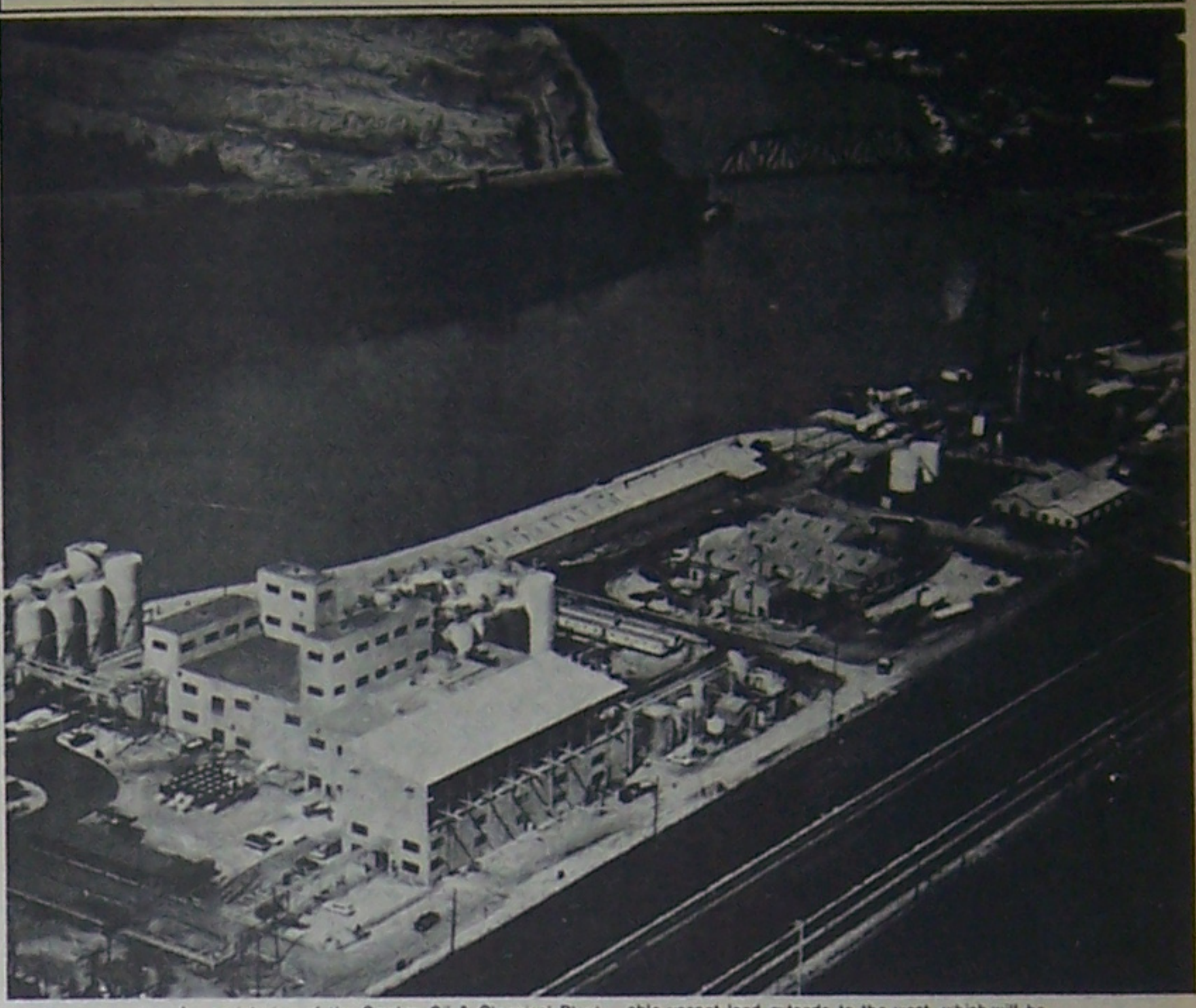
## Pierce Slogan Is Quality

Jim Pierce founded the firm of Pierce Builders in 1959. The present location of the company is at River Oaks Dr. and Burnham Ave., Calumet City, Ill., and employs 40 people. Pierce Builders built garages as their products.

"Quality is not expensive... It's priceless" is the slogan on which Pierce Builders opened its door in the spring of 1959. On this premise Pierce Builders has constructed their garages.

Pierce Builders has made many contributions to various community projects in the Calumet Region. Jim Pierce is an active member of the Lansing Lions Club, and a member of the Indiana Home Builders Assn.

# Plant Of The Future On Calumet River



An aerial view of the Cosden Oil & Chemical Plant in Calumet City, on the bank of the Little Calumet, clearly shows the extensive construction of new plant facilities. The original site is on the right. Consider-

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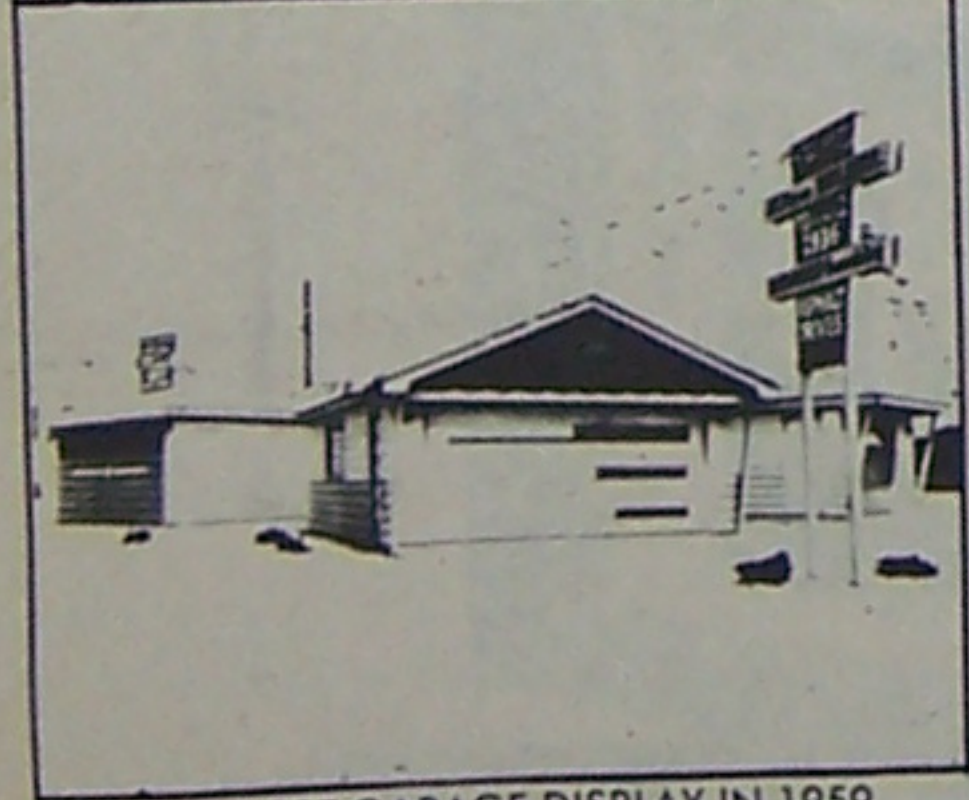
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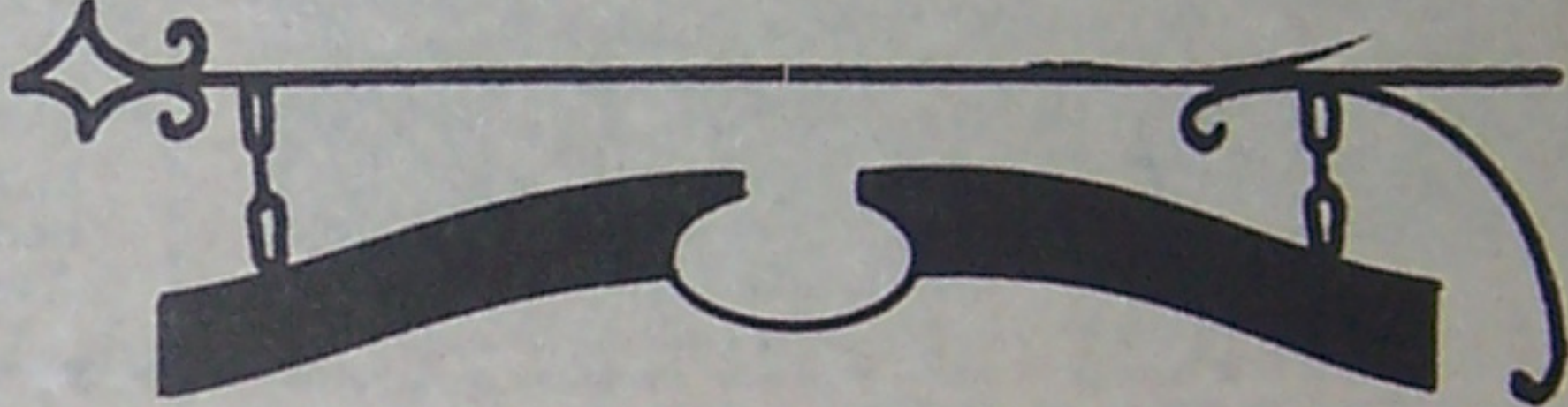
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# First State, A Full Service Bank

First State Bank of Calumet City was organized in 1958 by a group of prominent Calumet City citizens who felt the city was in need of banking services.

The first directors were Richard J. Fitzgerald, Dr. Thomas Tyrrell, Frank Ginalaki, John Taylor, who also served as the first bank president, the late Stanley E. Bejger, former mayor of Calumet City, Casey J. Stefanik and the late Orville Lindner.

Present management of the bank is directed by Dr. Thomas C. Tyrrell, chairman of the board, Robert C. Collins, president and Gene L. Kirk, vice president and cashier.

The firm now employs 45 people and recently completed the third stage of expansion with the construction of a 40 by 74 foot addition which includes a basement storage and equipment area, main lobby, new teller windows, two drive up windows and a second floor bookkeeping department.

The drive-up windows open at 8:30 a.m. a half hour before the regular business hours of the bank for the convenience of the general public on its way to work or business. The bank opened in

November of 1958 with an original building size of 60 x 60 feet. In 1962 a second story addition of the same size as added. The second addition described above was completed in 1971 and the building now fronts Burnham Ave. with 200 feet and a 125

foot deep parking lot across the street.

Total resources are presently in excess of \$20 million dollars.

Collins credits the support of the community for the continued growth and success of the bank.

"The people supported us, or we would not be here today," said Collins. "They are worthy of something they can be proud of, so that they may continue to do their banking business here. All we have to sell is service."



Robert C. Collins, president of First State Bank visits with Mrs. Chester Sosnowski in one of the conversation areas of the remodeled lobby. (SUN Photo)



Hoover School built during the term of President Herbert Hoover bears his name. It was originally a four room school house and today after many ad-

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The year 1920 was a big one for the family of John Sikorski, Calumet City businessman. The year marked the 25th wedding anniversary of the couple. Front row left, Mrs. Sikorski, son Steve, John

Sikorski, daughter Anna. Back row Helen, Tessie, Victoria, both deceased, Joe and Charles Sikorski. Charles was a former fire chief of Calumet City.



Left, Joe, Mike and Ed Berwanger wear the dress of the snappy 1920's. Their father Michael Berwanger owned an inn and boarding house at State Line and State St. One half of the bar was in Indiana and the other in Illinois.



John Sikorski is a stately figure astride his horse behind his dairy store on 155th Street. Sikorski was one of several businessmen along the street at the turn of the century in Calumet City.

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# Residential Growth Brings Change

Calumet City has experienced many changes in the course of its history from a sleepy farm village in the 1880's through the turn of the century. Then a community with very limited industry totally dependent on neighboring communities for employment. A notorious, flamboyant city whose reputation became known nation wide as a fun town during the 1900's. A booming residential growth brought a change.

Now it is on the verge of becoming the center of commercial growth in the center of the south suburbs. It has adequate educational facilities for educating its children. There are twelve schools for students kindergarten through eighth

grade. These include Wentworth Junior High School, Woodrow Wilson, Lincoln School, Hoover and Schrum Memorial. Parochial schools include St. Victor, St. Andrew and Our Lady of Knock.

In addition the Caroline Sibley School, Sandridge and the Everett McKinley Dirksen Schools are located in Calumet City and administered by District 149 in Dolton. A school for mentally handicapped, the Calumet City Special Education School for Special Education has been established in the community for the past eleven years.

A full four year high school and recent annexation to the Thornton Junior College district provide secondary and higher education facilities for the community's teenagers.

The possibility of a full four year college in South Cook County is on the horizon.

The area of greatest building activity was in the south east section of the city known as the Gold Coast. The tremendous increase in population produced a 58.2 per cent increase in the city's population by 1960. Since 1960 the growth has been to the north and west with an increase in commercial and industrial structures. New construction sites are in evidence with prices estimated in the \$18,000 to \$45,000 price range.

The pattern of residential construction is changing too. Emphasis is on rental units. Twenty-five per cent of the land within the city limits is still available for future home

sites. Its industries are mainly chemical and food product in nature. In the extreme far north west bordering Calumet Harbor there is considerable vacant land which is available to industry.

The greatest surge in commercial establishments Oaks Shopping Center at 159th St. and Torrence Ave. A 100 acre tract of land was annexed

to Calumet City in 1964 and in April, 1965 work began on the giant shopping complex. The area was selected because its accessibility of location to the potential market area ranging from 63rd St. in Chicago to Michigan City, Ind.; and from Lake Michigan south beyond Chicago Heights and Valparaiso. It is within a mile of the Tri-State Tollway and the Calumet Expressway.

## 6 Alpert Generations Have Served Calumet City

Alpert's Store, located at Burnham Ave., and 153rd St., in Calumet City, Ill., has a large selection of famous brand wearing apparel and shoes for all members of the

family. They have been serving the community for six generations with personalized and courteous attention. There is free parking for their customers.



A pool hall in the center of Calumet City which boasted in its window that it served only non-alcoholic beverages was a favorite gathering place of the young men. Proprietor was Anton Sczyplior, wearing a striped shirt. Others (left) were John Riczko, Ted Totzke, Stanley Rosinski, a Hammond defective, Gust Totzke and John Wolf.



Physical education for women was one of the innovative programs Ed Fedosky brought to the Calumet Memorial Park District in 1924. The Calumet City resident served the park district as recreation director for many years before taking up coaching duties at TF High School.

## McNary's Staff Keeps Up On The Latest

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### Insurance Accounting Services

Casey J. Stefaniak and Sons Insurance Agency, Inc. started out in one room of the Stefaniak residence on November 1, 1951. Since that day, a growing business necessitated a move to their present location at 930 Burnham Ave., Calumet City.

Casey J. Stefaniak, founder of the agency, now serves as chairman of the board. His wife, Clara, and son Thomas P. Stefaniak run the business with the aid of two full-time and six part-time employees.

Stefaniak and Sons offers insurance services, Illinois auto licenses, income tax filing, and business accounting services. It is affiliated with Stefaniak Realty.

Lansing, Ill., was founded March 1, 1969 by Meleba B. McNary, vice president and Patrick McNary, tours and group consultant. The firm offers complete travel service - air, steamship, and train.

The firm started with a staff of two. After six months they met all specifications and produced enough volume to be approved by all government controlled conferences.

It is difficult to achieve these accreditations in such a short time. It involves being interviewed by each airline, steamship, and rail lines. They survey the progress and each send in a report and evaluation to the various conferences to be further studied and voted on. When approved, the firm is given ticket stock and validating plates from the airlines to enable the firm to write our tickets. Until that time an agency must buy their own tickets and they receive no

commission. One year ago, McNary's Ports of Call expanded from its location on Bernice Rd. to their present and larger headquarters. They now have a staff of six and well ex-

ceeded the million dollar gross this past year. The company insists that the staff continue to attend classes provided by the airlines, to keep up with the latest in travel so that their

clients can get the most for their money. The firm has been commissioned by the various airlines, trains, ships, hotels, tour operators, and car rentals.

One of the successful business establishments in Lansing, The Village Bakery, and its successor in Calumet City, is owned and operated by Mrs. Delores Peters. All efforts are geared toward pleasing the public.

Brides-to-be can see and choose from wedding cakes on display every Saturday morning and make their selections regarding size, color scheme, and ornaments to top their cakes, along with free delivery to the place of reception. They are also famous for

their atomic cakes which are made up daily or can be ordered for birthdays in either conventional round or sheet cake size. Fancy miniature pastries, a wide variety of fancy cookies, and a full line of bakery goods are also available.

The address in Lansing is 17809 Burnham Ave., 474-3600; and in Calumet City, 1758 Sibley Blvd., 862-9325. Hours are Monday through Saturday 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. The bakery is closed Sunday.

## Famous For Atomic Cake

## Stockle Carries 10 Popular Brands

J. Stockle Beverage Company, 402 Wentworth Ave., Calumet City, was

founded August, 1934 by John J. Stockle, who is still president of the company. Since then, he has been joined by his son Ronald J. Stockle, vice-president, in 1954, and Peter J. Stockle, treasurer, in 1962.

Employing 13, J. Stockle Beverage Company carries Old Style, Special Export, Heinekin, Blatz, Braumeister, Kingsbury, Near Beer, Weideman, Stite Malt Liquor, and Dortmund-Action Brau beers.

### Have Cure For Fuzzy TV Picture

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Some pretty ostentatious floral pieces marked the opening of a new bakery in Calumet City during the 1920's at 204-154th Pl. The building has changed hands

many times and now houses a beauty shop. (Photo courtesy of Victoria Studios)

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A Democratic candidate for state representative from the 30th district, Frank Giglio, 1326 Mackinaw Ave., Calumet City, has owned and operated Calumet City Plumbing Company for the past five years.

Giglio, age 38, is married to the former Eileen Hoffman, daughter of Julius and Dora Fienklestein Hoffman of Calumet City. His parents are John and Jennie Fillippo Giglio of Chicago. Giglio has four children: Jerri, 14; John, 12; Cindi, 8; and Mike, 6; and two brothers: Raymond and Richard Giglio.

Giglio attended Oliver H. Perry Grade School and Leo High School, both in Chicago. He majored in economics for two years at St. Joseph College, East Chicago and served for two years in the U.S. Army, Troop Information and Education N.C.O.

After his military service, Giglio moved from his home in Chicago to Centralia, Ill. for four years, where he was employed by Fowler Plumb-

ing and Heating Company. Giglio returned to the Chicago area in 1961, and has resided in Calumet City ever since. He is a member of Our Lady of Knock Church, Calumet City. Besides being a licensed private pilot, Giglio is a

member of Knights of Columbus; Grand Financial Secretary of the Order of the Sons of Italy, State of Illinois; member of the Italian Catholic Federation; and he is on the Calumet City Chamber of Commerce.

In politics, he has served as former president of Thornton Township Young Democrats, secretary of Cook County Young Democrats, Democratic Precinct Captain for ten years, and Alderman in the 7th Ward, Calumet City.



A sidewalk ends abruptly in front of the Liesenfelt & Demerling West Hammond Brewing Co. beer parlor at 574 State Line Ave., in 1917. Looking westward/some of the early homes in the north end of Calumet City and their dirt walks are clearly seen. The tavern was moved to Plummer Ave., in 1921.

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## Your Auto Is Their Business

Ciastko Bros. Inc., 1227 Burnham Ave., Calumet City, Ill. began in early 1950 as a service station business before the Gold Coast Area Development. In 1961 it was expanded to a home heating oil business.

After doing a successful business for many years, Ciastko Bros. further expanded to become a franchised Goodyear Tire Dealer in 1961. At the present time they have plans for additional service bays to give added service.

The company specializes in front end work including wheel alignment, balancing of tires, all types of disc and regular brake work, tuneups, exhaust systems, and shock

absorbers. Founders of the business were Leonard and Ray Ciastko, later joined by another brother Walter in 1961 when the firm was expanded. The present owners have remained the same except

that Walter died in January 1972. Fourteen full and part-time people are employed by Ciastko Bros. Inc. The firm deals in Goodyear Tires and Arco Petroleum products. The firm is active in civic organizations in the com-

munity. They have always subscribed to the local high schools office occupation programs which has provided background for the youth. They have trained many of the mechanics and office help in the area.

## Shop Carries Daughter's Name

"My husband was looking for a location for the starting of a Spud nut shop, that's how we got into the women's wear business," said Mrs. Opal Gemmel who owns and manages the Patricia Ann Shoppe.

Through searching for a location for a Spudnut Shop

the Gemmels found that Janet Style Shop, 3318 Ridge Rd., Lansing was interested in selling out its business. Gemmel bought the business and renamed the store Patricia Ann Shoppe after their daughter. The store was opened in August of 1961 with a complete

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