

TRANSPORTATION



During the first era of New Milford there were no bridges of any kind. There may have been a footbridge later. In 1844 subscriptions were solicited and a horse bridge built across the creek. In 1851 the construction of the first railroad was begun through here, and completed in 1857.

One of the earliest transportation problems faced by Roseville residents was crossing the creek. F.W. Howard wrote as follows about the first bridge, which probably crossed at the present Second Street: "In the spring of 1844, Robert Allen, F.W. Howard, and others organized themselves into a committee to solicit subscriptions for a horse bridge across the creek. The people petitioned the county commissioners and offered donations for a bridge at Roseville without success, although it would accommodate three roads centering there."

"In time the amount subscribed was about one hundred dollars in labor and materials, and ten dollars in money, the sums ranging from 25 cents to \$2 each. After examination the committee decided they could build for that sum a bridge wide enough for wagons to cross by locating it at the narrow part of the creek, on the Brush Creek road, and they were successful. This was the first bridge at Roseville, and proved of great convenience, as Rosevillians could use it in high water in going by way of Jeffries Bridge to Zanesville."

Roseville residents could reach the larger stores of Zanesville in shorter time after construction of the Cincinnati, Wilmington and Zanesville Railroad. The company was chartered in 1851. Muskingum County subscribed \$100,000 for construction of the line as far as Morrow. Instead of extending the road to Cincinnati, the company made a connection with the Little Miami Railroad into that city.

The line was opened to Zanesville in May 1856. It crossed the northwestern corner of Roseville and Clay Township. With this improved means of transporting stoneware, that industry developed rapidly in Roseville and Clay Township. Large piles of ware were deposited beside the railroad track for shipment.

Jonas Burton wrote to the "Courier" in 1891: "The transportation of stoneware and various other articles gave Roseville a start, and it has become the center of a great trade, and noted for its variety of clays."

THE POTTERY INDUSTRY

Roseville has been a pottery center for more than a century. A large art pottery originated there and kept the name of the town after moving to Zanesville. Although the large art potteries in this city have been closed, many large and small potteries in Roseville are still operating.

Roseville is today justly proud of her potteries and can also celebrate more than 150 years of pottery making for William Lenhart built a pottery on "Potter's Alley" in 1838, the first in Roseville proper. An early pottery in the Roseville vicinity, was owned and operated by Washington Brown. It was first a log structure near Ebenezer. It was later remodeled in 1878.

In 1866 there were nine potteries listed as in or near Roseville, known as "Bluebird Shops", all producing stoneware. In 1888 there were seven, that of J.B. Owens employing 23 men, being the largest. In 1892 there were 15.

The following men were listed as "stoneware potters": W.A. McDonald, W.B. Lowery, C.F. Hood, George Lenhart, Clayton Jones, R.A. Weaver, and G.W. Brown. In addition to these C. King operated a pottery in the center of Clay Township.

At first these potters made enough for local use. There was no water transportation to market towns, and no main highway reached Roseville. It was on the Athens road $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Putnam.

Charles Jenkins owned and operated the last "Bluebird" pottery in Roseville, located in Bluffdale. The story of his grinding clay with an old blind horse has become a traditional one.

In 1885 the economic foundation of Roseville still rested as it does today, on the clay industry. The following men were manufacturers of stoneware jars and jugs for canning purposes: J.H. Beem, G.W. Brown, John Burton, Pace Brothers, Rider and Allen, Horatio Sowers, L.D. Stine, G.W. Walker, and J.L. Weaver.

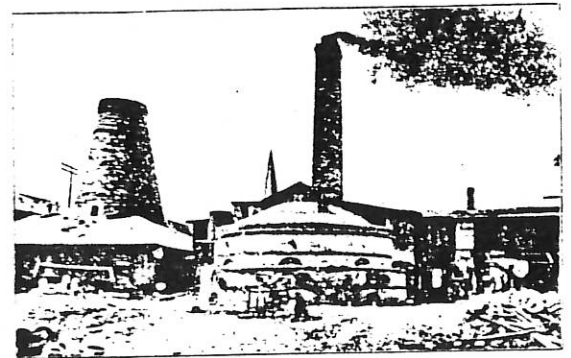
Other potters had specialities as the small potteries of the town do today. J.M. Dunnington made stoneware milk pans; Kildow and Company produced stoneware ink stands and fruit jars; W.B. Lowery specialized in frain tile and flower pots.

Several small Roseville potteries grew into large industries. After J.B. Owens had become phenomenally successful as salesman for Brown and McCoy, he paid \$300 for a small pottery on the site of the Tycer plant in 1885 when he was only 25 years old. Five years later he moved his plant to the Brighton district of Zanesville and ultimately became one of the world's largest manufacturers of pottery and tile.

George F. Young followed in the footsteps of J.B. Owens. In 1892 he became secretary and general manager of the newly organized Roseville Pottery Company and bought the former Owens plant. In 1898 his company acquired the Midland Pottery at Roseville which had taken the place of Kildow, Williams, and McCoy. In 1898, Young bought the Clark Stoneware plant on Linden Avenue in Zanesville and moved to that location. The Roseville Pottery ranked as one of the largest producers of art ware in the world before it closed in 1954.

Fortunately for Roseville some of the successful potteries of the town did not move away. George S. Brush came to Roseville in 1908 to manage the J.W. McCoy Pottery and laid the foundations for the Brush Pottery. The firm organized in 1886 by J.W. McCoy in the name of his son developed into the present Nelson McCoy plant known as Designer Accents. The present Robinson-Ransbottom plant had its inception with the purchase of the old Beem Pottery by four Ransbottom brothers in 1901.

The Brush Pottery, formerly the J.W. McCoy Pottery, stood where "The Commons", the early shipping point of all the Bluebird Potteries was located.

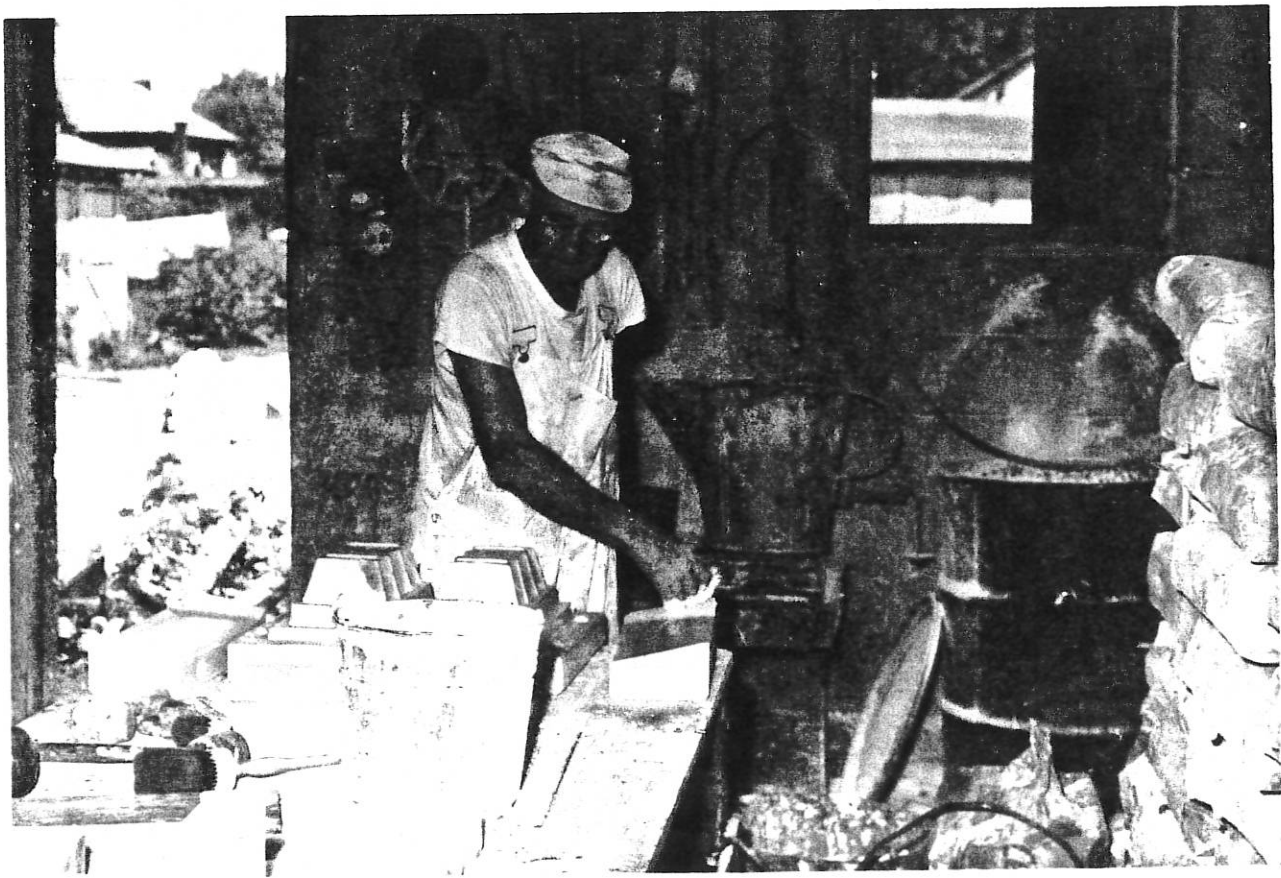


The Robinson-Ransbottom Pottery, reputedly the largest stoneware pottery in the world, is located in the village of Ironspot, one mile north of Roseville, and is a development of the former J.W. Beem pottery purchased by the original four Ransbottom brothers about 1901. The Nelson McCoy Pottery Company founded in Putnam nearly 100 years ago by the pioneer, Nelson McCoy, was established here in 1910 by his grandson. The Oakwood pottery, formerly the Baldozer pottery is also a pioneer in the industry.

Similar to the Bluebird shops of early days, a number of small novelty potteries have recently sprung up in the community. With the recent and ever-increasing popularity of the "what-not" shelves, these potteries are manufacturing clever items for the novelty lover. Ware dealers from all parts of the United States come here to buy ware. Among these novelty potteries were those operated by Walter Hamilton, noted for his clever dogs; Robert Brown for his complete line; and the Garret-Owens pottery for their varying and popular shapes. Also there was one owned and operated by Miss Ruth Prindle.

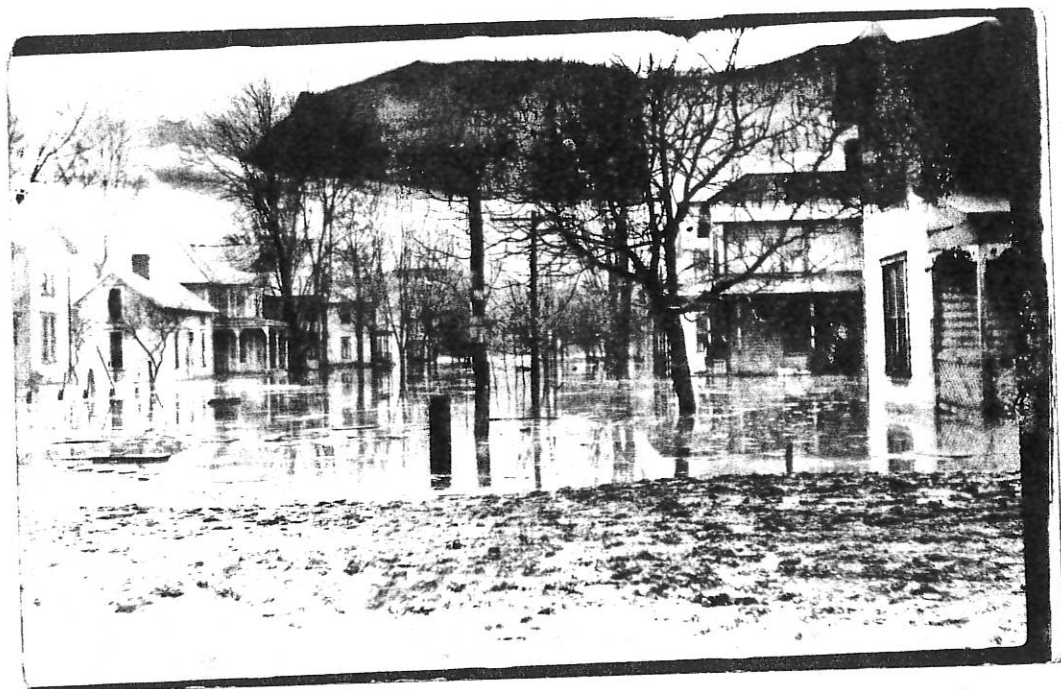
Yes, the pottery industry has flourished and many have been established over the years. The chief potteries in 1990 are: Robinson-Ransbottom Pottery, Cookson Pottery, Friendship I (formerly Tycer); Friendship II (formerly Ungemach), Designer Accents (formerly Nelson-McCoy), Roseville Novelty Pottery, Alpine Pottery, and Lehto Pottery.

A Ceramic Museum has been opened between Roseville and Crooksville where antique pottery as well as new pottery may be seen. Each year for the past 25 years, a festival and parade has been held in mid July.



Interior of a mould room in local pottery in early 1930's.

FLOODS, FLOODS, FLOODS



Roseville during the 1913 Flood



Main Street, Roseville during the 1932 Flood



Main and Third Streets during the 1950 Flood. On the left is the Roxy Theatre (now Ditter's Barber Shop) and Jane's Lunch (now the Library). Straight ahead in the brick home which was formerly Wesley Hall of the Methodist Church.

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To protect Roseville from the frequent overflow of the Moxahala Creek, residents secured Congressional approval of a \$490,000 flood control project in 1938 but no appropriation was made for the work. A calamitous result of this delayed protection was the Roseville community, together with Crooksville, Rose Farm and many other southeastern Ohio communities suffered millions of dollars of property damage from a flash flood in June 1950. Outside aid came to the area from the Red Cross and from a relief fund raised by the Times Recorder and Signal through public subscriptions and administered by the Salvation Army.

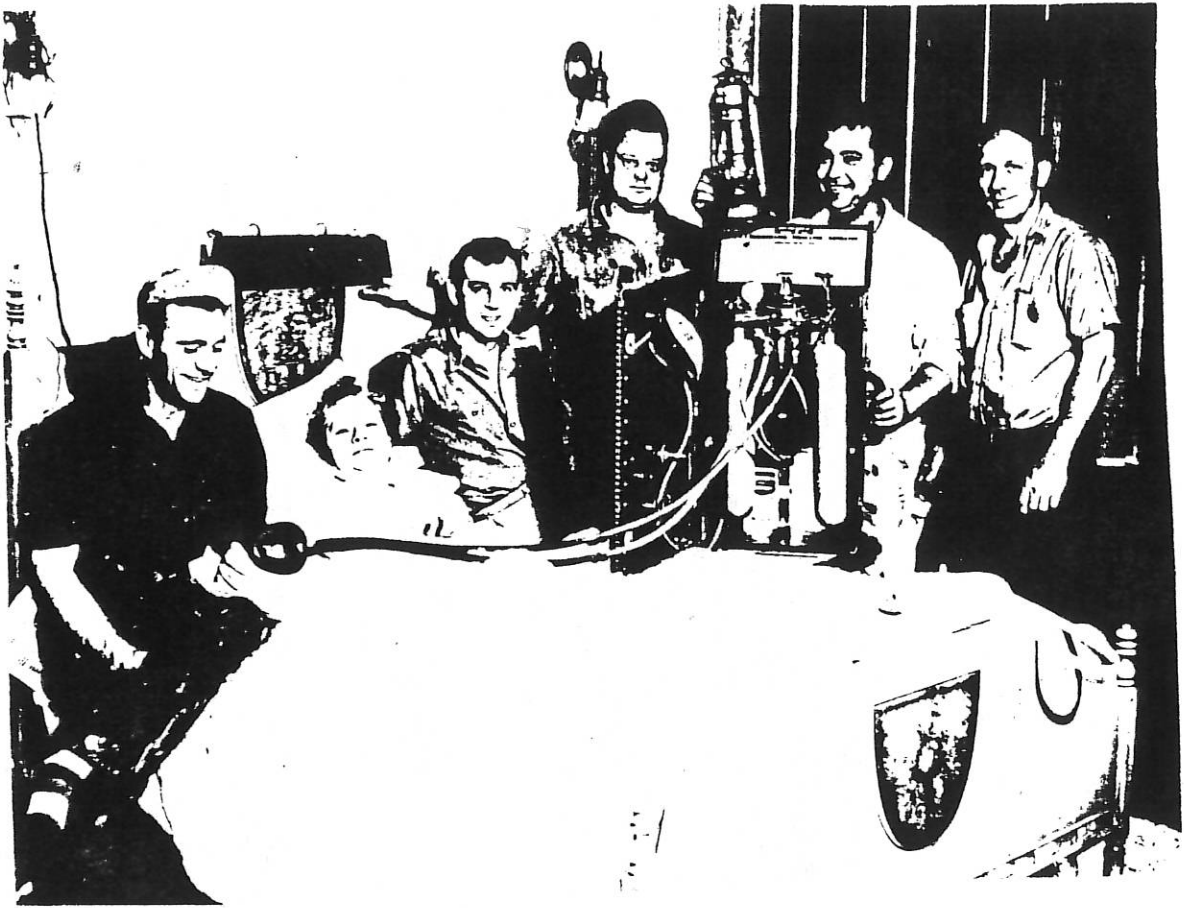


Motorboat sails up Main Street during the 1950 past former home of Miss Mary Ungemach at Second Street.

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A special Thanks for the donation of the Longaberger Ware to be raffled at the Roseville 1-5-0 Festival.



Stella Owens suffered a heart attack during the 1950 Flood and had to be put on life-support system for 17 hours in order to survive. Here several members of the community rescue team help save her life.

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HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY ROSEVILLE

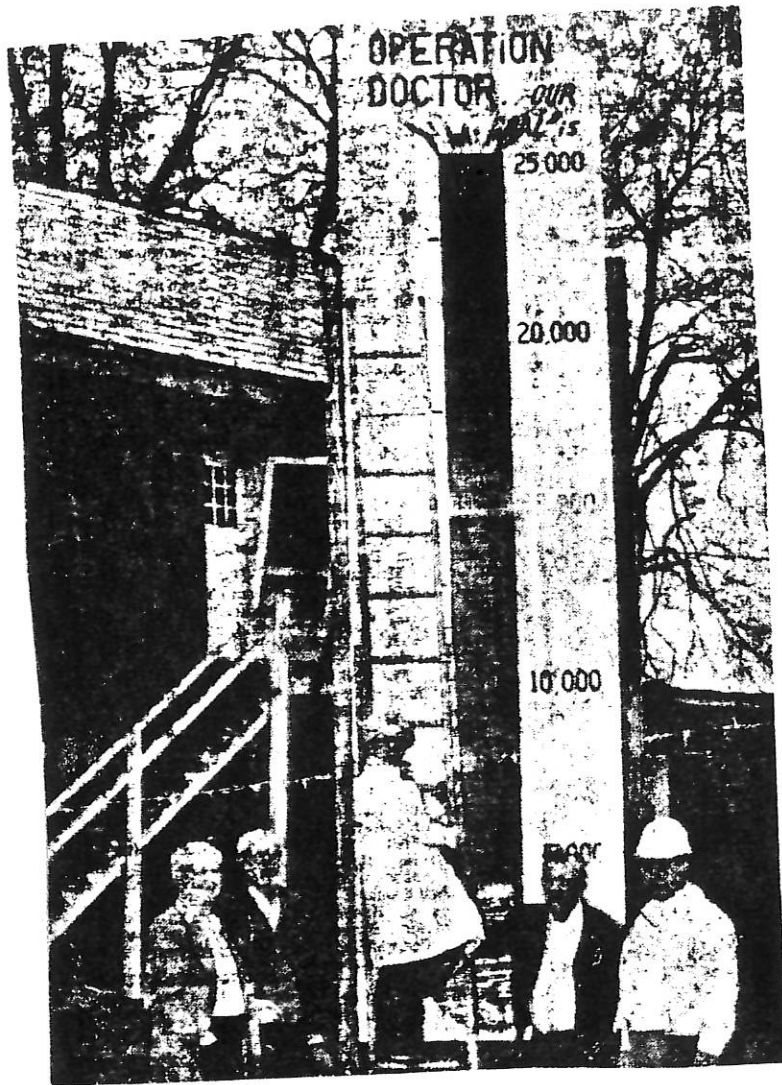


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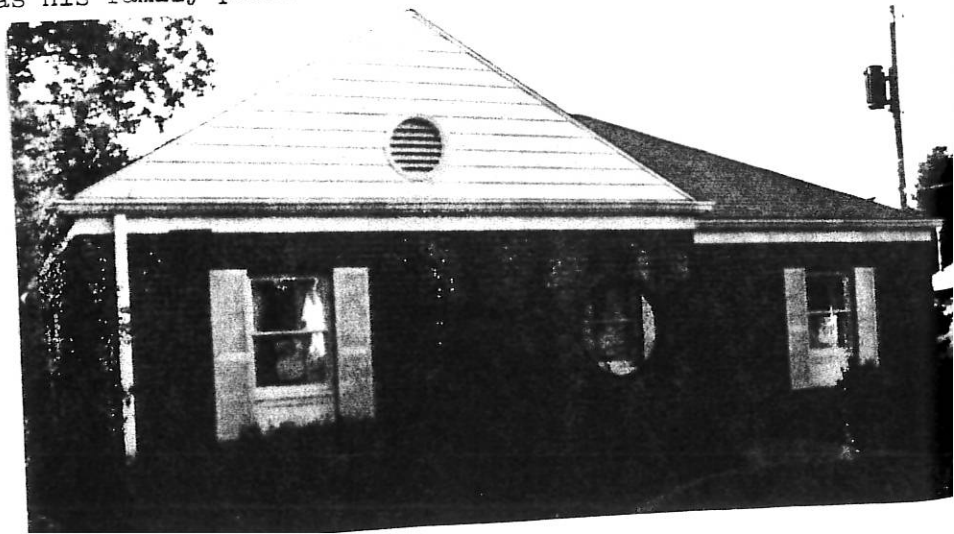
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COMMUNITY PROJECT



When the last doctor retired, an interested group of citizens met and elected a committee to find a replacement. Under the leadership of Carl Williamson and Bill Barker, the town contributed toward the education of a candidate. The project was named "Operation Doctor" and the fund-raising drive was on. The money raised help put Jack D. Butterfield Jr. through medical school at Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University. Dr. Butterfield now has his family practice in Roseville and also services both local hospitals.





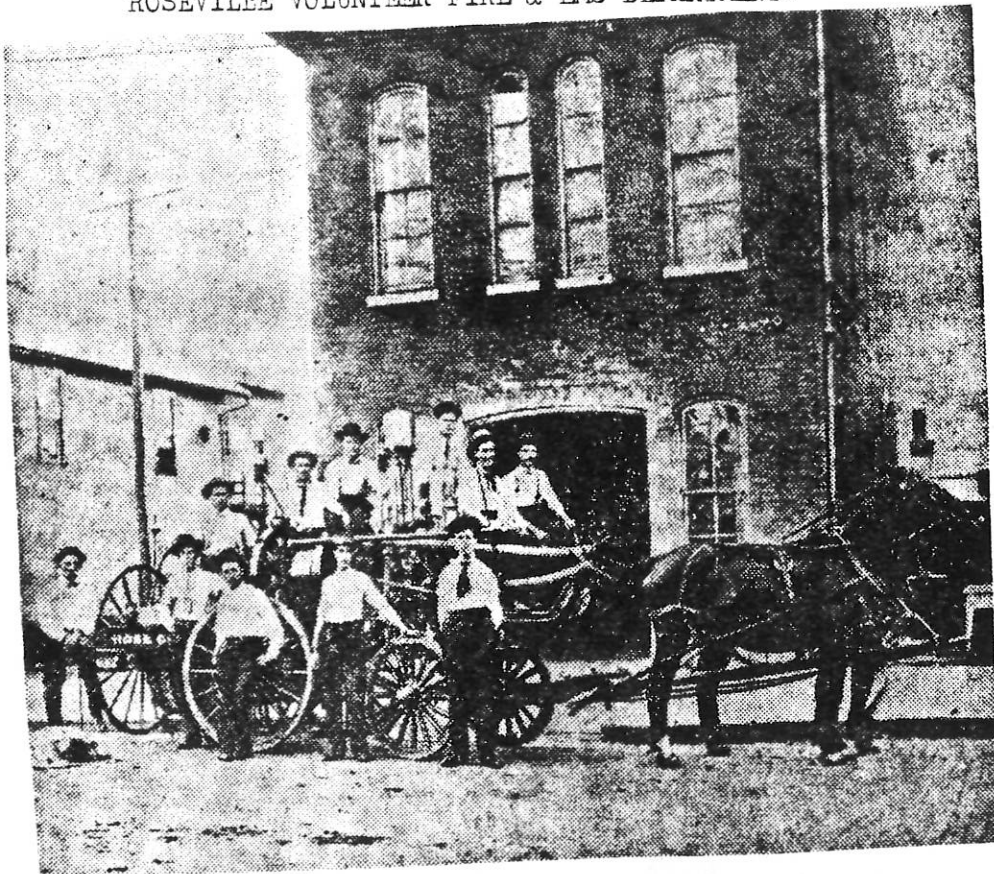
Mrs. Theta Wilhelm sits in her "Chair-E-Yacht" a present from the people of Roseville and was initiated by the couple behind her, Bonnie and Willis Taylor. The Taylors saw an advertisement for the unique vehicle on television and decided right then to buy one for Mrs. Wilhelm, who has been confined to a wheelchair from the effects of polio for many years. They thought it would take a year to raise the necessary \$1400 to buy the vehicle, but much to their surprise, public generosity in donations paid the bill in only three weeks.

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CONN'S POTATO CHIPS

A special Thank You for donating the ten-speed bicycles for our raffle fund-raising project at our 1-5-0 Birthday Celebration.

ROSEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENTS



This photo was taken about 1906 of the Roseville Fire Department when C.W. Lowery was fire chief.

The history of the Roseville Volunteer Fire Department dates back to the late 1880's. At this time they had hand-pulled pumpers from what we can gather. The fire station was originally on Main Street which now houses the Police Department and other city offices. The fire station is now located on First Street which was built in 1963. The first new horse-drawn gasoline powered pumper was bought about 1905. The first motorized pumper was bought around 1925 at which time C.W. Lowery was fire chief. The next new truck bought was a 1943 Seagrave which had a 500 GPM pump with 250 gallons of water. From 1943--1972 the Seagrave was the principal truck along with a 1951 Reo tanker. Also in that time span we had a 1955 GMC Rescue van. In 1972 a 750 GPM Sutphen pumper was bought. In 1976 the department was given a 1952 Army 6 x 6 from Civil Defense which was renovated into a tanker. Also in 1976 we received a 1000 GPM Sutphen pumper. We then purchased a 1976 Step-van to be used to transport firefighters to and from fires. But it was eventually turned into an emergency squad. At this time most of our emergency people were just into first aid. Eventually they became EMT's. We now have a fully equipped emergency squad, a 1986 Ford Van.

The fire chiefs from the beginning of the department to present are: C.W. Lowery, Noble Cosgrave, Charles Weaver, Zane Howell, Eldon Tatman, Fred Shields, Myron Mautz, Eddie Waltemire, Charles Cann, Alvin Taylor, and Rock Samson.

The firemen have always been very important to the town. In the early years of horse-drawn vehicles the story is related about the rash of "outhouse fires". Firefighters turned vigilantes but never caught the culprit. Another story was told that when motorized trucks were purchased the chief had to resign because he could only drive horses!

The department now has 20 firefighters and 16 EMT's. The equipment of the department now consists of a 1970 Chevy Tanker, a 1972 Sutphen Pumper, 1968 FWD Pumper, 1976 Chevy 4 x 4 Rescue Truck, and 1986 Ford Van. The fire department responds to approximately 25 to 30 runs a year and the emergency squad responds to approximately 270-300 calls. We give mutual aid and receive mutual aid from Crooksville, Newton Township and Harrison Township.

McIntire Library opened a branch in Roseville with Lucy Sagle as the first librarian. The Roseville Leader with Eva Kildow as its publisher merged with a Crooksville newspaper in 1950 and continued giving hometown news for many years before it too, folded.

Since it's incorporation, Roseville has had the mayor - council form of government. The town marshall 'kept the peace' for the village. He has been replaced by many competent police chiefs and officers because of the growing amount of crime. Past marshalls and police shiefs have included: Albert "Happy" Tracy, Bill Dawson, Don Morris, Robert "Buck" DeBolt, Fred Reese and Jeff Slack, who is presently chief.

The citizens of Roseville have always responded to a 'call to arms' in the country's many wars and lives have been lost in each one.

Former residents can recall our 'Decoration Day' parades with the veterans proudly carrying the country's colors. Onlookers, at that time, stood and saluted for this display. Were you a student who was given flowers, waited at the K of P building, joined the parade, and marched to the cemetery where you placed the bouquet on a veteran's grave? If so, you'll remember that you would not receive your report card unless you participated!

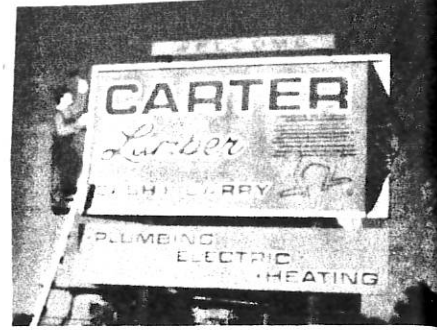
The American Legion still has the Memorial Day parade to the cemetery where services are held. Graveside ceremonies were held by the village this past Memorial Day 1990 for Alfred Ransbottom, a first sergeant in the Civil War. The Congressional Medal of Honr was bestowed, posthumously, for his capture of a flag of the 2nd Mississippi Infantry in hand-to-hand combat.

Our Community Days is a result of the Firemen's Festival. Each year streets were blocked, amusements and food stands opened for the enjoyment of all. For several years this festival was held at Moxahala Park. One would see a cavalcade of cars being driven to the 'doin's at the park'. After World War II, Community Days festival was launched again with the firemen playing the leading role again. Today all community organizations participate and a committee plans the annual event.

Organizations in existence today are the Masons, Eastern Stars, K of P, Phythian Sisters, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Progress Club, Lions Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts. and several Mother's Clubs.

Today, the population is less than 2,300, but with great spirit everyone has entered into the planning of our Sesque-Centennial -- October 20, 1990.

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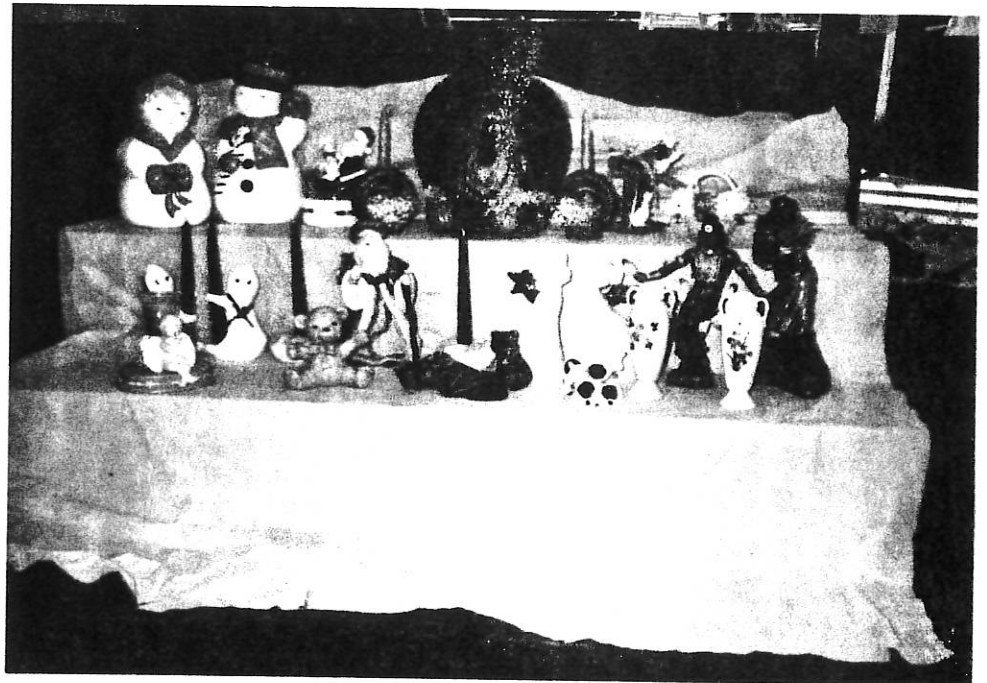


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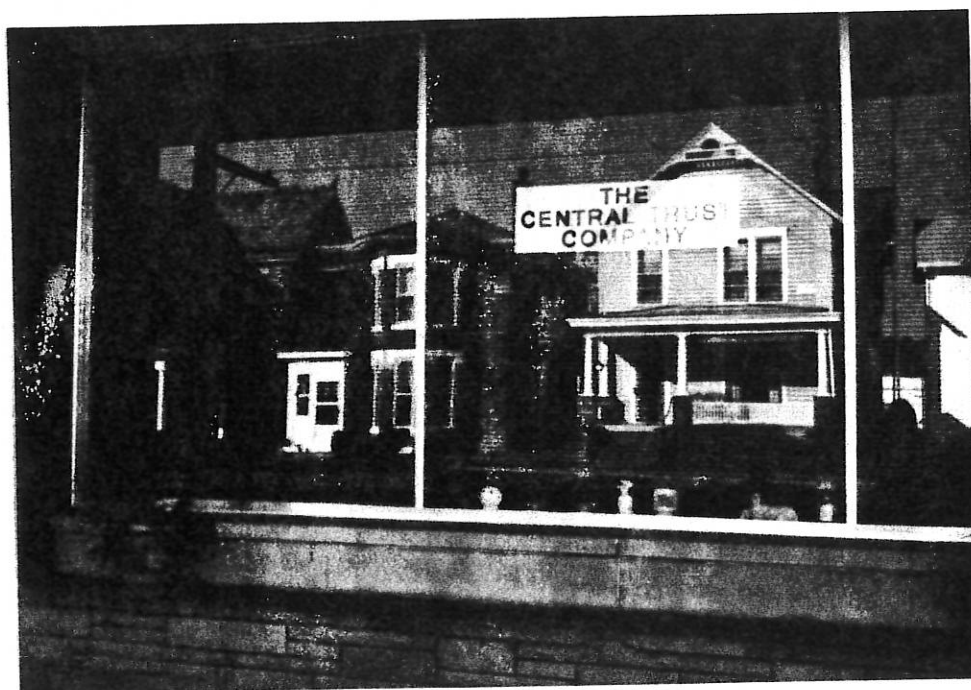
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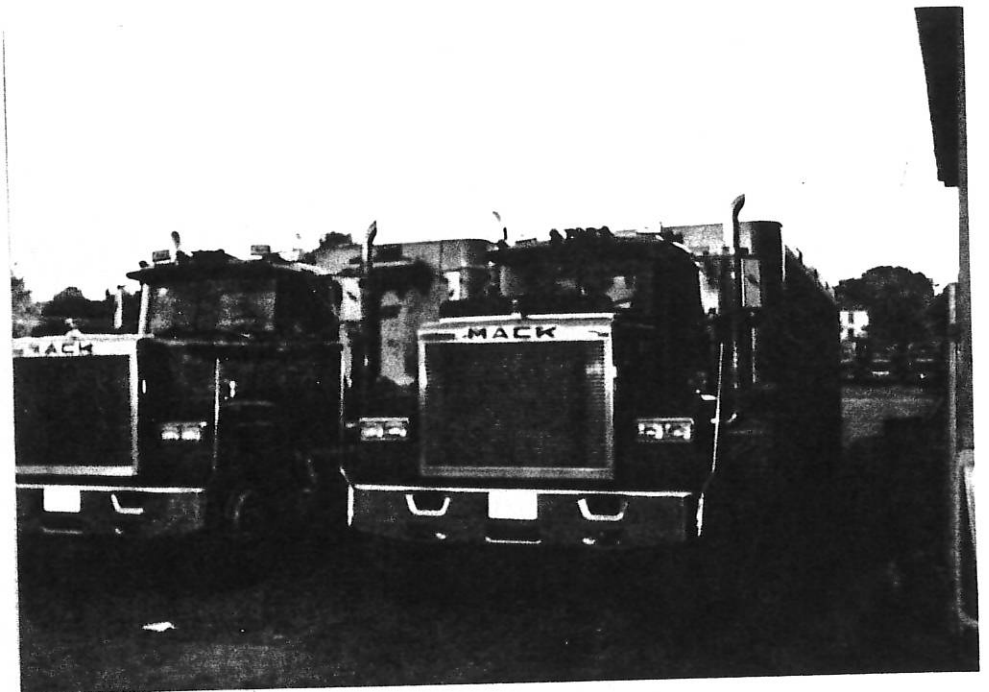
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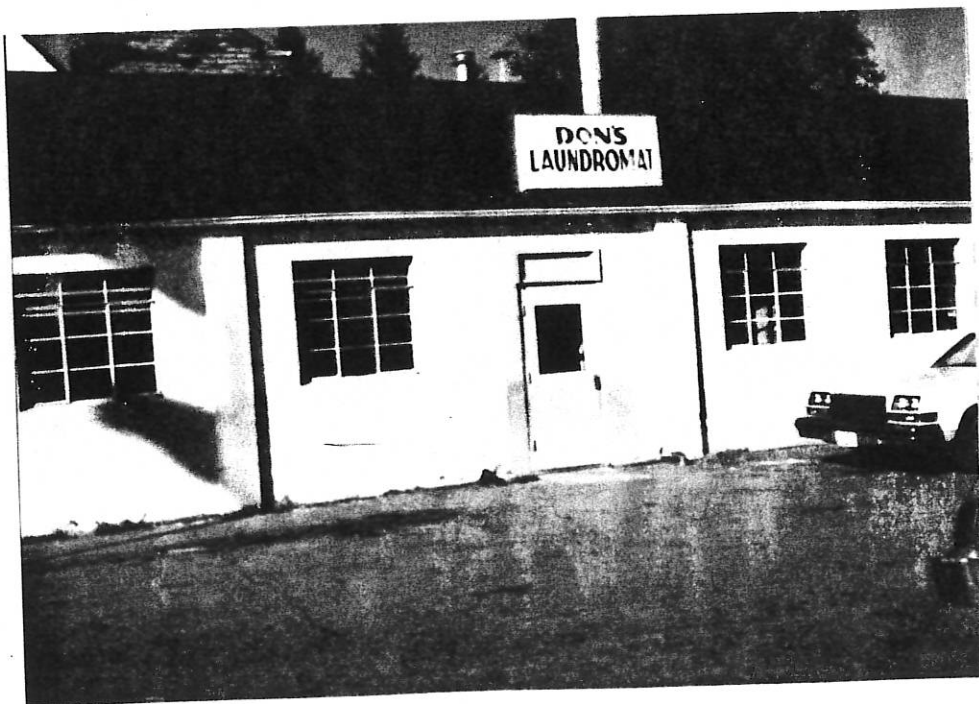
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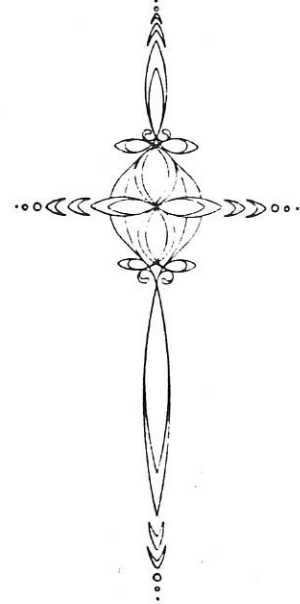
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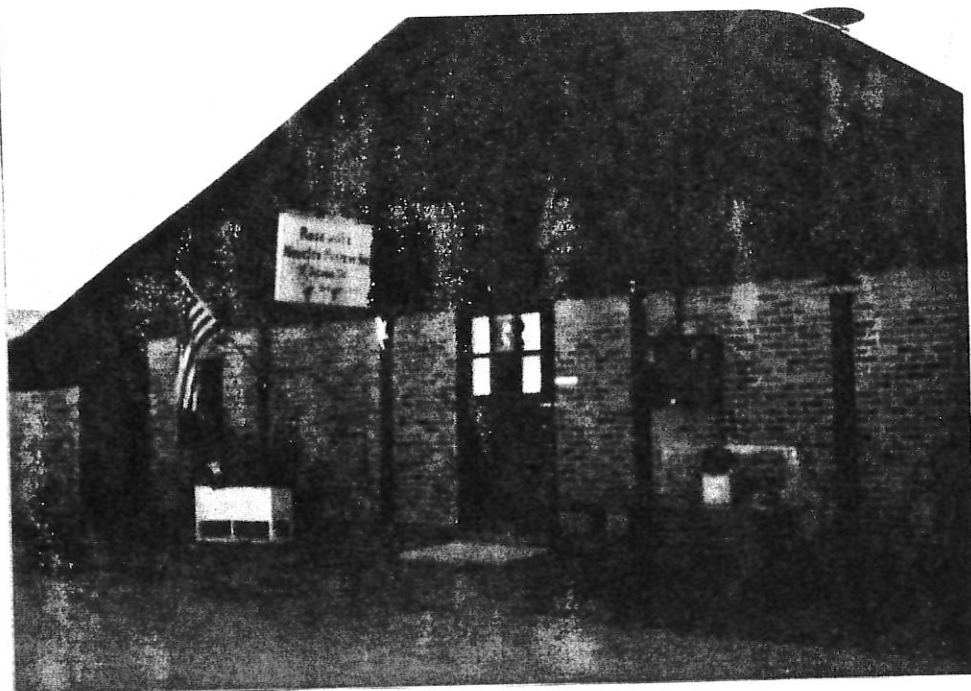
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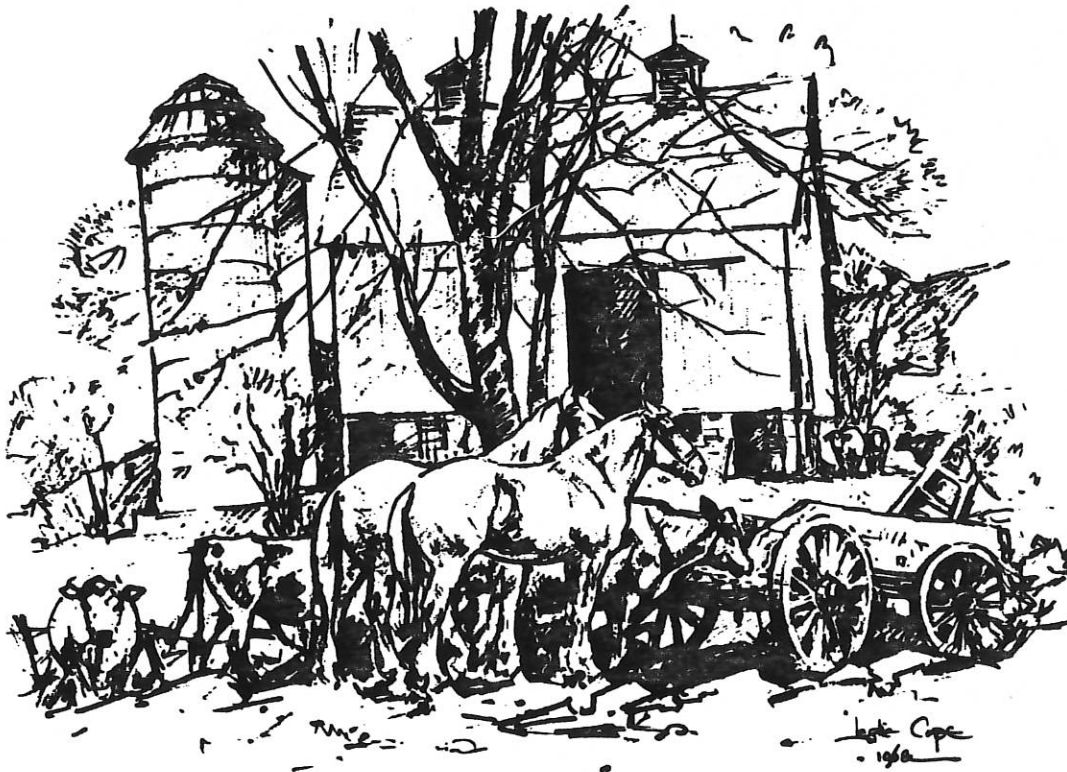
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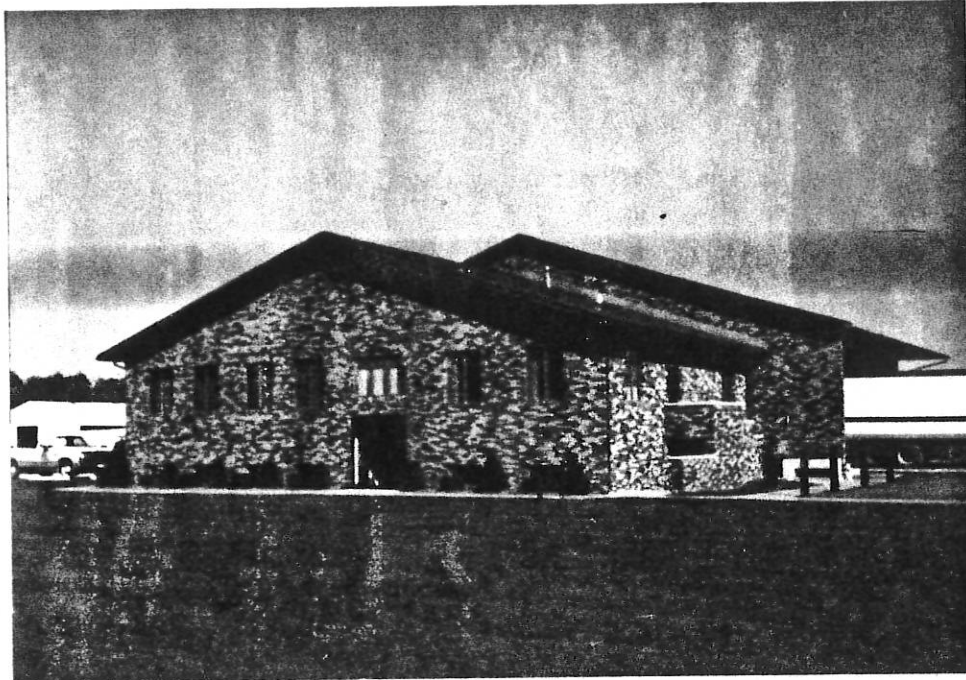


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