



ROCHESTER

A SKETCH
OF ONE OF
THE BEST
TOWNS ON
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View on Main Street

Introductory

Ten years ago a little book, "Beautiful Rochester," was published by "Yours Truly," and was well received by its patrons and friends. During the past ten years great changes have been wrought in our beautiful village, and we take pleasure in presenting another edition showing the growth and improvements during that time. Today the population of Rochester is nearly double that of a decade ago. We have many improvements not then thought of, and the end is not yet, for we believe that Rochester has a bright future before her. With

transportation facilities second to none—an electric road and two steam roads—she presents most favorable attractions to those desiring a manufacturing and business point. As a residence city, she is also most favorably situated. Send this little book to your friends, that they, too, may have a better idea of her growth and beauty.

W. A. FOX.

December, 1907.

Rochester Past and Present

The earliest white inhabitants of any unsettled country must by the nature of their surroundings, be objects of historical interest. Hence a short sketch relative to the early settlement of this village may be interesting.

On the 17th of March, 1817, the advance guard of civilization pitched its tent on the site of the village of Rochester, where for long the red man had held undisputed sway. This venturesome little band consisted of James Graham and his son Alexander and Christopher Hartsough and their families, who made their first stopping place on the banks of Paint Creek and rolled up the first log house erected in Oakland County, near the lot now occupied by Mrs. John Barger.

The next year John Hersey made the first entry of land. Wm. Russell, Benjamin Woodworth and Hersey building

the first saw mill and subsequent grist mill.

In 1826 Gov. Cass, Austin E. Wing and Charles Larned laid out the original plat of the village, nine houses being the nucleus.

On the 1st of February, 1847, Hosea B. Richardson and Isaac Adams surveyed and platted an addition east of the original, and Lysander Woodward platted one on the north side of the same. The original plat is most eligible and beautifully located on a high plateau lying between the Clinton River on the south and Paint Creek on the north, the latter also winding its sinuous way along the eastern side of the plat.

Not until 1869 did the inhabitants seek for an independent government by being incorporated.

By sure degrees the foundation has been laid and by healthy



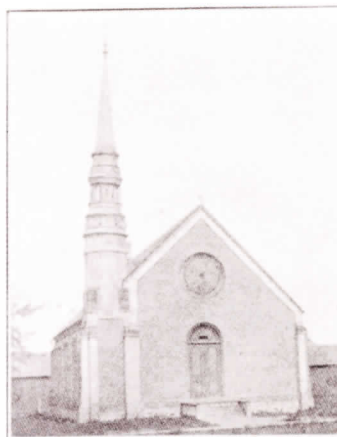
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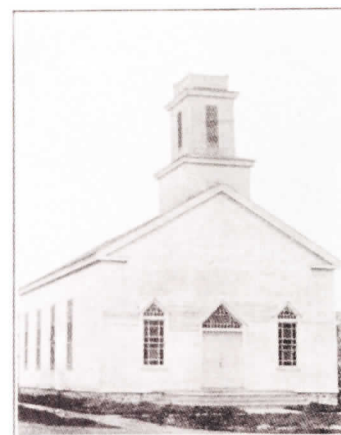
Bit of Paint Creek Scenery



Methodist Episcopal Church



Universalist Church



Congregational Church

growth, the village of Rochester has no peer in place of its size in Michigan. Located in one of the most productive and at the same time most delightful agricultural sections of the state, being a business center for a large tract of country where productions are constantly pouring in and always finding a first class market.

The advantages afforded by the two swift running streams have been to an extent utilized by men of enterprise in a paper mill, two flouring mills, and a woolen factory, and yet there is abundance of room for the exercise of more capital, energy and skill.

No healthier location in the State than Rochester; no standing pools or miasmatic swamps are here found, but the air is salubrious, and with the best system of water works in existence, clear and pure and in abundance for man and the lawn, renders it a place in which to live from a sanitary point of view.

The nearness to Detroit, thirty-one miles on the Michigan Central Railroad, 25 by trolley, together with the pleasantness of the location, must in time induce business men of that city to build family residences here, as the electric road makes the town almost a suburb of Detroit, and the Grand Trunk, running east and west, gives an outlet in these directions.

During the past ten years three subdivisions at the north, south and west have been added to Rochester and hundreds of people now occupy fine homes there where were only farms a few years ago. Many new industries have opened and the increase in population has been of most decided advantage to the village all around.



Prof. F. W. Wheaton

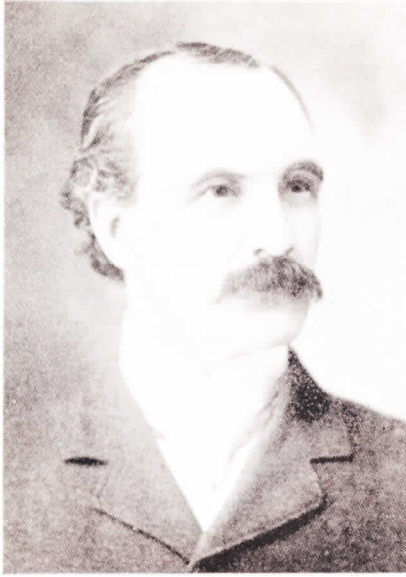
Schools of Rochester

Closely following the first settlement in this region steps were taken to secure educational advantages, and in the year 1823 or 1824 the first school was taught on the site of the present village of Rochester, it being kept in the house of Alexander Graham, the first house built in the county. In 1828 the first school house was built, it being erected on the lot now occupied by the Congregational church, which lot having been donated for school purposes by the proprietors of the village plat. Miss Maria LeRoy was the first teacher and had about ten pupils. The second school house was built in 1835 and afterwards destroyed by fire. During the year 1846 a third school house was erected on Walnut street, and after serving as school house, town hall and subsequently as church, was removed to Main street and occupied as a furniture store house,



Baptist Church

burning a few years ago. As an outcome of the select schools, which for some years had supplied a higher grade of education than the public school afforded, a building was erected for academic purposes in 1847 and was opened the same fall by the late Robert Kedzie. It was called the Lyceum and under various instructors attained a high degree of excellence. In 1857 the Lyceum as a private school ceased to exist and the property was transferred to school district No. 5 of Avon township and has since been known as the Rochester Union School. This building was burned in 1888 and the following year the present handsome brick and stone structure was erected. The first cost of the building was \$8,000, and the past summer an addition costing \$6,000 has been erected to meet the demands for larger accommodations. At present eight teachers are employed, as follows: Superintendent, F. W. Wheaton; Principal, Miss Elizabeth Vowles; Preceptress, Miss Eva G. Newell; Grammar, Gertrude Jackson; 4th and 5th Grades, Miss Mattie Buchanan; 2nd and 3rd Grades, Miss Hilda Upton; 1st Grade, Miss Florence Lintz; Kindergarten, Miss Donna Easterly. Board of Education—President, Dr. J. E. Wilson; Secretary, J. F. Jackson; Treasurer, H. J. Taylor. Trustees, H. F. Stone, C. S. Chapman.



Rev. W. Lindsay

Frank W. Wheaton, Superintendent of the Rochester schools, is a native of Grass Lake, Michigan. Graduating from the Grass Lake high school, he taught several terms of district school, afterwards filling the principalship of the Horton graded schools, Perry schools six years, Durand schools five years, Yale schools one year. With fine prospects he began his duties in the Rochester schools last September and is giving good satisfaction by his methods of teaching and the excellence of his discipline.

Rochester Churches

The Congregational Church, of Rochester, was organized in 1827 and consequently is 80 years old. Present church edifice was dedicated 1854. During the 80 years the church has had 43 pastors. The society owns a commodious parsonage.

The Baptist church was formed in the old Stony Creek edifice June, 1854. In 1855 the society bought the unfinished Christian church in Rochester, completed it and are still occupying it.

Methodist Episcopal Church was organized July, 1866, and a school house was purchased as a meeting house. The present brick chapel was built in 1876. During the past year the parsonage has been greatly enlarged and made into a most attractive residence for the pastor.

The Universalist church was organized in 1838. In 1868 a frame church was built, which was burned ten years later. In 1881 the present brick edifice was erected. The Universalists do not at present hold services, but St. Phillip's Episcopal Mission holds a service every other Sunday morning. The Lutherans also occupy the church every other Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Wilfred Lindsay, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Rochester, was born at Springfield, Elgin Co., Ontario, in 1860. His early life was spent on the farm. When a mere boy the Christian ministry as a life work made an irresistible appeal to him. With this controlling him the whole course of his training was ordered accordingly. His collegiate studies were taken in Victoria University, Ontario, and Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. In 1890 Mr. Lindsay was married to Miss L. L. Selley, youngest daughter of the late Dr. Selley, of Toronto, Canada. The eighteen years of his ministerial work, with the exception of one year in Stratford, Ont., has been spent in Michigan. He was called to the Rochester church last May, after completing a pastorate of eight years at Allegan. Mr. Lindsay is an earnest, thoughtful man of broad culture, intensely interested in all that affects human life and already holds a high place in the esteem of our people.

Rev. Albert A. Rose, pastor of the Rochester Baptist Church, is a native of Grass Lake, Mich. Upon graduating from the



Rev. A. A. Rose



Rev. H. W. Yokom

Ovid high school he took a thorough theological course and became a minister in the Baptist denomination, after spending several years as an evangelist and singer. He has served pastorates very acceptably at Athens, Bronson, Grass Lake, and Ortonville, coming to Rochester in 1906, where he is doing good work, being highly esteemed by not only his people, but by the community at large.

Rev. H. W. Yokom comes from a family of Methodist preachers, his grandfather a Methodist presiding elder and his father, only brother and brother-in-law also being preachers in that denomination. He was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry from Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania. Was educated in the public schools and Albert University at Belleville, Ont., afterward taking a four years' course in theology. He joined the Detroit conference in 1881, I. W. Wiley presiding bishop. He married Miss Evangeline Inglesby, whose parents were Vermonters. Has a family of three sons and a daughter. The eldest, a graduate of Albion college, is a teacher at Houghton; L. S., second son, a graduate of Detroit school of law after two years in the literary department of the U. of M. The third son graduated from U. of M., is a civil engineer, teaching last year in Cornell University, Ithica, N. Y. The only daughter is a graduate of Michigan conservatory of music, Detroit, and is now a member of the faculty. Mr. Yokom has but recently begun his pastorate in Rochester, but has already many admiring friends.

Social Orders

The social and fraternal life of Rochester is represented by sixteen different organizations, viz.: A. F. & A. M., R. A. M., O. E. S., I. O. O. F., Rebekahs, F. & A., K. O. T. M. M., L. O. T. M. M., I. O. F., Lady Foresters, W. M. A., W. R. C., P. P. P., Modern Brotherhood, G. A. R., Woman's Club.



Rochester Union School



"Overlook" Farm

Home of J. J. Snook and family, contains 170 acres beautifully situated one mile south of Rochester on electric road, overlooking the lovely Clinton Valley. Soil and location particularly adapted to fruits, general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Snook, with his late wife, Ella D., have been widely known in social, literary, horticultural and agricultural circles, and contributed to a number of publications. Mr. Snook held the office of Justice of the Peace for sixteen years, and many positions of trust and honor. Has composed and issued several books and booklets, the last just out, a handsome volume of beautiful thought, beautifully expressed, containing with illustrations more than 260 pages, entitled, "*New Poems and Glad Outings*."

Of which the *Pontiac Press-Gazette* says: "In the publication are contained over one hundred selections from the pen of Mr. Snook, who may well be termed the poet laureate of Oakland. The volume is full of good cheer and has the right ring."

The *Rochester Era* said: "The poems show a fluency and ease of writing, and the themes are treated in a wholesome manner, reflecting the beautiful and true. It is beautifully gotten out, making it a handsome table or gift book."

The *Herald and Presbyterian* of Cincinnati, said, under New Publications: "The author loves beauty, and appreciation of the beautiful things of life are apparent on all the pages of the volume."

The *Detroit News-Tribune* has twice quoted from its poems with kindest expressions.

The *University Herald*, Ada, O., says: "We have read with pleasure many of the exquisite poems in this book and so true is the sentiment and so expressive the poetic picturing that one can almost smell the fragrance of the flowers and hear the singing of the birds. We feel only the joy of it all. The gifted author has put it in undying verse."

If not found in stores or news stands it can be obtained from author and publisher, "Snook of Overlook," Rochester, Mich., for \$1.00 and 15 cents for postage.





H. J. Taylor

Harvey J. Taylor is essentially a man of affairs. Born in Oakland Township, Oakland Co., Mich., he engaged in farming near Rochester in 1879. For several years he was in the hardware business, selling out to enter the Rochester Savings Bank as cashier. He has served several terms as town supervisor, village trustee and village clerk, and is now a member of the school board. In addition to his banking interests he acts as administrator and executor of a number of estates, and a capable and conservative business man, his services are in constant demand. An engraving of his fine home on West Fifth street is shown herewith.

Homer A. Case is the capable assistant cashier of the Rochester Savings Bank in which capacity he has served several years. Has fine clerical ability and is now serving his third term as township treasurer. Mr. Case has a fine home on Oak street. Is a Mason and a popular citizen.



H. A. Case



Geo. S. Ross

George S. Ross was born in Northampton, Penna., in 1840. Came with his parents to Michigan in 1853, settling on the farm two and a half miles west of Rochester, which homestead he now owns. In 1892 he invented and secured patents on the famous Ross Lever Truss for hernia for men, women and children. His business increasing, in 1895 he retired from the farm and located in Rochester, where he devotes his entire time to the manufacture and adjustment of his aid to suffering humanity.

Bert McCafferty conducts a sample room in Rochester and handles the best grades of wet goods and cigars. He owns his store building and last season erected a fine brick residence on West Fourth street, a fine engraving of which is given herewith. Mr. McCafferty came to Rochester from Lapeer four years ago.



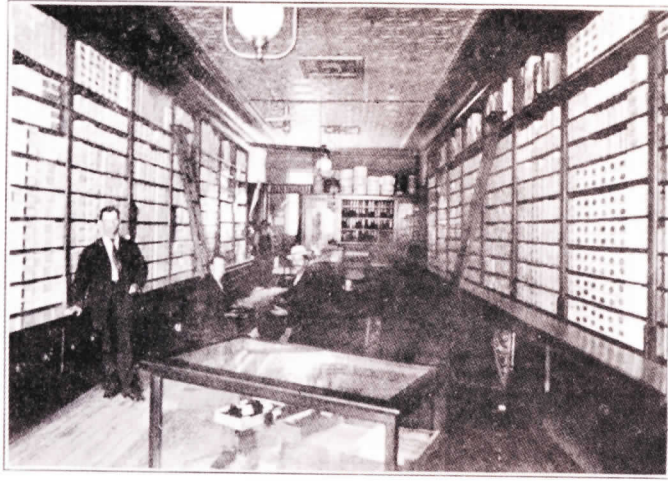
B. McCafferty



Residence of H. J. Taylor, West Fifth Street



Residence of B. McCafferty, West Fourth Street



Interior Stalker's Shoe Store

An Up-to-Date Shoe Store



H. H. Stalker

That Mr. H. H. Stalker runs one of the finest shoe stores between Bay City and Detroit is conceded by all who have passed the portals of his elegant establishment in the Palmer block. He caters to all classes of trade and carries in stock all grades, from the cheapest in price to the highest qualities of the better sort, but everything in his stock is the best that money can buy—solid and substantial. Among the lines carried by Mr. Stalker are the Royal, Queen Quality, "Buster Brown" and many others of equal merit. Mr. Stalker sells his goods on the lowest possible margin. He also carries a nice assortment of hats and caps, showing many designs and patterns of the best makers. A specialty is also made of shoe repairing.



G. C. Dennis

George C. Dennis may well be called a pioneer druggist and business man of Rochester. Was born in Hope, New Jersey, and came to Rochester 35 years ago. In 1880 he opened a drug store here. He now occupies the corner Lambertson store on Main street and carries a fine line of drugs, medicines, stationery and school supplies. Mr. Dennis has been honored with township and village offices and is one of Rochester's most respected citizens.

Albert G. Griggs, a farmer and banker, is a successful business man, who is now vice-president of the American Savings Bank, one of Pontiac's leading financial institutions. In addition to his banking and farming interests Mr. Griggs is heavily interested in the Oakland Telephone Co., operating a large independent exchange in Pontiac and running many lines to other towns. He has been honored many terms as Avon's supervisor and also served two



A. G. Griggs



E. R. Frank

terms most acceptably as register of deeds of Oakland county. He has a fine farm home three and one-half miles west of Rochester.

Edwin R. Frank, son of the late John Frank, is a native of Avon. A veteran of the "Old Fighting Fifth" he saw valiant service during the civil war. For the past five years he held a position in the state house at Lansing, but is now conducting a successful real estate business in Rochester.



J. W. Horn

James W. Horn, born in Rochester, is one of the younger business men, a year or so ago succeeding his father, Abram Horn in the long established grocery business. He carries a fine line of goods. A man of fine clerical and business ability he has held the responsible office of village assessor for many years, being regularly re-elected each spring.

B. E. Norton is the popular manager of the Michigan State Telephone Co. to which he devotes his entire attention. By close attention to business he has built up a large and growing telephone exchange in Rochester, which also takes in a large section of the farming community. Bert is a Mason and has a fine home on West Fifth street.



B. E. Norton



G. A. Axford

George A. Axford is a native of Oakland Township, but for a number of years has been a resident of Rochester. In company with his brother, Lee, he is conducting one of the largest and most complete sporting goods stores in this part of the state. An immense line of tobaccos, cigars, sporting goods, post cards, etc., is carried. Mr. Axford has just closed his second term as township treasurer and is also U. S. express agent. Is an enthusiastic member of a number of fraternal societies, including Masons and Odd Fellows.



Wm. Tienken

in business they today own their own store building, a substantial brick block, which is filled to repletion with all kinds of hardware, stoves, cutlery, tinware and everything that goes to make up a store of the kind. The partners, William Tienken and Charles W. Case, are

Enterprising Hardware Establishment

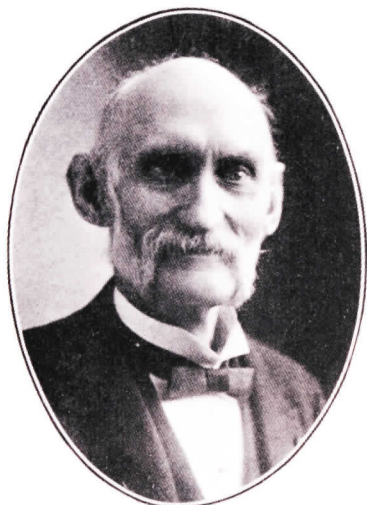
You may travel old Oakland county all over and you will not find a more complete hardware store than is conducted in Rochester by Tienken & Case, two young men who have a strong hold on the esteem and respect of the buying public of Rochester and surrounding country. Succeeding H. J. Taylor



C. W. Case

energetic business men, splendidly equipped for the business, and they enjoy a trade that is ever increasing. Their plumbing and tinning department is always crowded and they richly deserve the success they have achieved.

Rochester's Old Boys



S. Harris



R. C. Sprague



C. S. McDonald

Every town has scattered abroad through the different avenues of commercial life boys who were born and brought up within her borders who have "made good" in their undertakings. Rochester is no exception to this, and your publisher takes pleasure in presenting several of our "old boys" whom it is a delight to honor. While these names may not be familiar to those who have taken up Rochester as a residence within the last few years, we who can look back 20, 30 and 40 years, remember with pleasure the boys whom we knew in boyhood's days—boys who were with us in the old days, and whose occasional visits to Rochester are of a most pleasurable character. They still retain the best of feeling for the old town and never lose an opportunity to speak a good word for her.

In presenting the well-known countenance of Mr. Samuel Harris of Chicago, it is a pleasure to give a short sketch of his career. Born in Hartford, Vermont, in 1836, he came to Rochester with his parents when one year of age. With a strong mind for mechanics at the age of 12 years he made a model of a steam engine in brass. After working at railroading for several years he returned to Rochester and operated a small foundry and machine shop until 1862, when he raised Co. A, Fifth Michigan Cavalry and served through the civil war, being the only commissioned officer going from this township. At the close of the war he opened a pension office in

Washington, D. C., where he was located until 1873, when he removed to Chicago. Since that time he has been engaged in the sale of steam engines, boilers and machinery, many of them being his own inventions. He has large warerooms in the Windy City, and carries on a most extensive business. He makes occasional visits to Rochester, in whose welfare he is deeply interested. Is active and energetic in everything he undertakes and is a splendid type of a Christian citizen.

Samuel T. McCornac is another old Rochester boy who has legions of friends in this, his old home, and wherever he is known and honored. Received his first education in the old academy on the hill. Over 34 years ago he went to Detroit, where he has been responsibly connected with the great wholesale dry goods firm of Edson, Moore & Co. for nearly that entire period. Mr. McCornac is a brother of J. W. McCornac of Rochester, and makes frequent visits to friends here, who are always delighted to meet him.

Charles S. McDonald is the son of Benjamin F. and Maria Duncan McDonald. He lived with his parents on the farm and in Rochester for some years, then went to Ann Arbor. He was educated at Ann Arbor High School, University of Michigan and University of Goettingen, Germany. He was admitted to the practice of law at Detroit, where he is now in practice, a member of the firm of McDonald & Fowler. His partner is a graduate of the literary and law departments of



C. P. Adams



S. T. McCornac

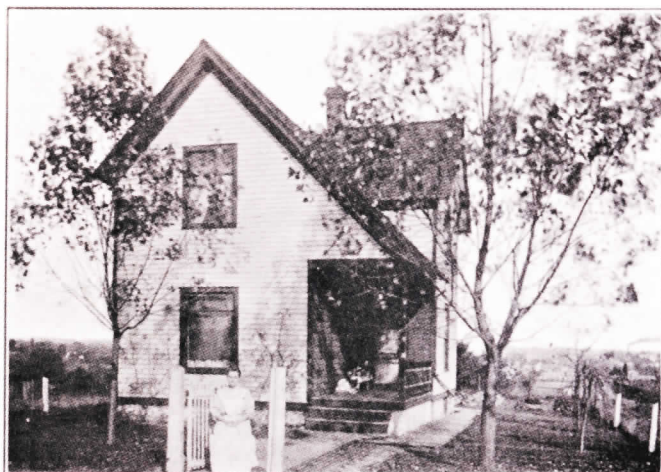


M. E. Carlton

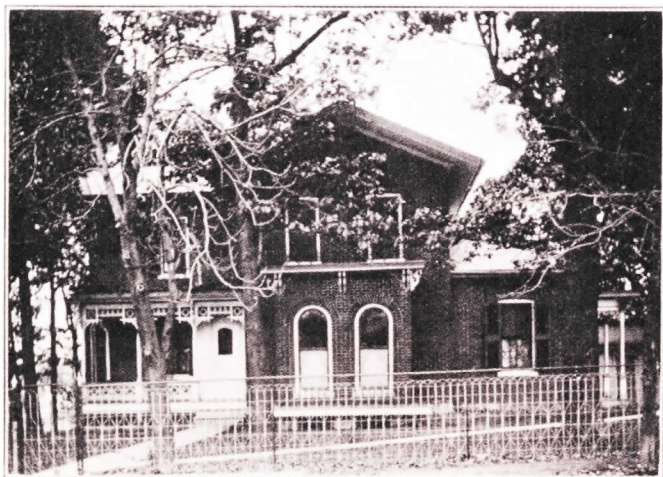
Yale University. Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Linda E. Harris in the year 1900. He is a member of the Psi Upsilon College Fraternity, University Club, Detroit Club, Detroit Curling Club, Unity Club, Detroit and Michigan Bar Associations.

M. E. Carlton, of Flint, is a native of Rochester, where his mother, Mrs. Maria Wilcox, still resides. Mr. Carlton received his early training and schooling in Rochester, and afterwards fitting himself for a business career by careful preparation and study. After a number of years "on the road" in the interests of a large Chicago concern, some twenty years or more ago he opened a book, stationery and wall paper establishment in Flint, which he still conducts with signal success. Mr. Carlton still has a warm feeling for Rochester and her people and makes frequent visits to this, his old home.

Charles P. Adams, another product of the good old farm, was born on the old Adams homestead west of Rochester, and spent his early years here, attending the old academy of pleasant memory. Leaving Rochester he found his way to



Rhyndress Home, Oakland Avenue



The Oaks. Residence of Mrs. E. R. Mathews

Detroit, where for upwards of twenty-five years he has been connected with the extensive wholesale dry goods house of Krolik & Co., and is now and has been for many years, cashier of the concern.

Rollin C. Sprague is another of the old boys who delights to remember the town as his birthplace and the scene of his early boyhood. The son of Dr. Rollin Sprague he was for years engaged in business in the old stone store erected by his father in the early 40's. Upon the closing up of the business he went to Detroit, where he has resided ever since. Mr. Sprague is an extensive traveler, returning a few months ago from a year's visit to London with his daughter, and he makes frequent trips whenever the spirit moves him. Mr. Sprague is an enthusiastic Mason, belonging to old Zion blue lodge, Detroit Sovereign Consistory and the Shrine. One of Mr. Sprague's pleasures is a frequent trip to Rochester, where he delights to spend a time with old friends and among the scenes of his early boyhood.

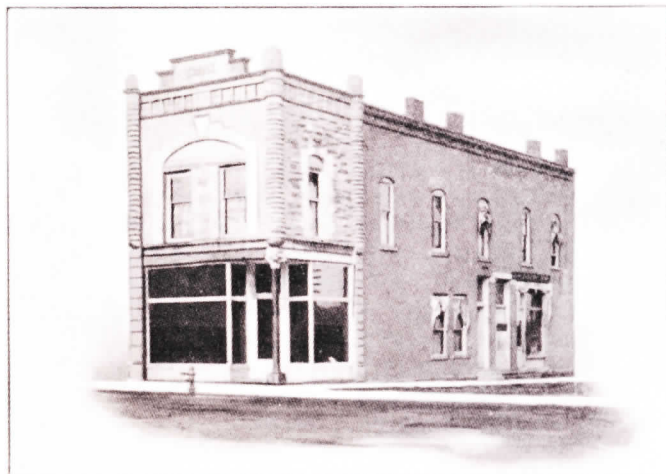
The Rochester Savings Bank

Is one of the substantial and solid institutions of Rochester and is considered one of the safest concerns in this part of the state. Succeeding the banking firm of Webber, Hale & Co., this bank has steadily grown in strength and standing. Its statements of financial standing rendered to the state banking department show a steady growth in deposits and strength of

resources, which is a source of gratification to all connected with the institution. H. J. Taylor, a careful business man, is cashier, and Homer A. Case is the efficient assistant cashier. W. C. Chapman, of the Western Knitting Mills, is president, while the directors are among Rochester and Romeo's most substantial business men.



H. J. Taylor, Cashier





T. E. Neely

A Flouring Mill of the First Class

Thomas E. Neely, proprietor of the roller flouring mills bearing his name, came here from Brown City and took possession of the mills in 1896 and has run them with marked success ever since. The capacity of the mill is 50 barrels a day and Mr. Neely makes the celebrated "People's Choice," a flour which finds a ready market, and is very popular with all who enjoy a first-class flour. He also has put in a new Buckwheat flour rig and solicits a share of your patronage, and also does feed grinding on short notice. "Tom" is an enthusiastic Odd Fellow and is now Vice-Grand of Rochester Lodge No. 68.



Neely Mill



Mead's Laundry, Main Street

Charles A. Burr is a native of Utica, Mich., coming to Rochester in 1883, since which time he has been actively engaged in business as merchant, banker and farmer. Made a fine record as postmaster under Cleveland and organized the new State Savings Bank of Rochester of which he is cashier.



C. A. Burr Residence, Walnut St.

The Rochester Fire Department



Names—Top row—Geo. Franklin, Geo. A. Axford, Wm. Chatfield, Geo. Barley, Louis Silverthorne. Lower row—Charles Compton, Hugh Bigger, Wm. Folland, Wm. Harrison, Wm.

Benson, chief; John Pointen, Herman Engle, Wm. Shattuck, Harry Wood, John LoRee. Department organized 1896.



Dr. O. J. Lasenby

Dr. O. J. Lasenby is a native of Mason, Ingham Co., Mich. A graduate of the dental department of the Detroit College of Medicine in 1900, the Doctor took up the practice of his profession in Rochester eight years ago. He has served the village as president for two terms, 1904-06, very acceptably, and is a Shriner and Elk. He has just taken very fine quarters over the Rochester Savings bank.

Elmer J. Lambertson was born in Rochester in 1861. Being brought up in the dry goods and shoe business he started out for himself 22 years ago and as "The Old Reliable" has built up a fine trade. Is a prominent Mason and a popular and successful business man, carrying large lines of merchandise in the different departments of his store.



E. J. Lambertson



Dr. C. S. Strain

Dr. C. S. Strain, like many another good man, is a native of Ohio. His grandfather and father being physicians, it was but natural that the son should follow in their footsteps. Graduating from the homeopathic department of the Detroit College of Medicine in 1900, he at once came to Rochester where he has built up a fine practice.

A Flourishing Coal and Lumber Business



P. J. O'Brien



O'Brien Bros.' Plant



A. F. O'Brien



Lillian O'Brien
Daughter of P. J. O'Brien



Mrs. P. J. O'Brien



Master Thomas O'Brien
Son of P. J. O'Brien

The lumber and coal business carried on by O'Brien Brothers on North Main is one of the largest and most complete to be found in any town of many times the size of Rochester. The company is composed of P. J. and A. F. O'Brien, who give their entire attention to the business, and carry large lines of lumber, bill stuff, cement, brick, coal and

everything that is carried in a well appointed concern of the kind. A. F. O'Brien, who joined his brother in the business over a year ago, is a keen business man, and with his brother P. J. they are seeing their business increase by fair dealing and promptness in all details.

P. J. O'Brien was born on a farm five miles west of Pontiac in 1875. In 1878 he moved with his parents three miles south and one mile east of Rochester and there remained, receiving his education from the district school and working on the farm until the spring of 1898, when he moved to Oxford and associated himself with his brother in the lumber and coal business. In the following spring he established a lumber and coal yard on Water street, Rochester, and by strict at-



Residence of P. J. O'Brien

tention to business has made a success. Was secretary of the Rochester Fire Department for seven years and has served two terms as Village Treasurer and is at present Village Clerk and Record Keeper of the Macabees, this latter office he has held for six years. Is also a member of Rochester Lodge No. 5 F. & A. M. and Foresters of America. At the present time he is associated with his brother in the lumber and coal business and enjoying a large trade.



Geo. W. Flumerfelt
Councilman

George M. Flumerfelt, president of the State Savings Bank of Rochester, is another prominent man of affairs, operating a farm in Oakland, besides owning another big one near Clarkston. Mr. Flumerfelt is a careful, conservative business man and the new bank made no mistake in naming him as its president. He is also a member of the village council and has a beautiful home corner Walnut and Fourth streets.

John F. Jackson is the senior member of Jackson & Co. who operate the old established foundry and machine shop. Mr. Jackson is a fine mechanic, an influential member of the village board, and director and secretary of District No. 5, which includes the village of Rochester. Mr. Jackson although a young man has for many years been connected with the village government and is an authority on municipal affairs.

Edward J. Summers, president of the village of Rochester, was born on Utica Plains, a few miles southeast of Rochester. When the trolley road was run through Rochester he was one of the first conductors, and having had eight years' experience is now the oldest conductor in active service, although not the oldest in years. Careful and painstaking he is most popular with the people patronizing the Detroit United Railway. Mr. Summers has a pleasant home on Second street and is serving his first term as village president.



J. F. Jackson
Councilman



E. J. Summers
Village President

Joseph W. McCornac, a native of Rochester, is the efficient shipping clerk at the Western Knitting Mills, and foreman of the inspecting department. Mr. McCornac is closely identified with the municipal, business and social affairs of Rochester. He is at present serving his third term as trustee of the village, has for the past eight years been the capable and energetic secretary of Rochester Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., and served the township most acceptably for five years as its clerk. A man of exceptional clerical ability his work in all that he undertakes is well done. Mr. McCornac is an old member of the Detroit Light Infantry and during his long residence in Detroit was an enthusiastic military man. He served as sergeant of the Columbian Guards during the World's Fair at Chicago and is rated as one of Rochester's most loyal, patriotic and best citizens.



W. J. Fraser
Councilman

William J. Fraser is a native of Romeo, Mich. He was a soldier in the civil war. During a long residence in Detroit he was the first Commander Farquhar Post G. A. R., also serving as deputy sheriff under Sheriff G. H. Stelwagen. For a number of years Mr. Fraser was traveling salesman for one of the largest society supply houses in the country. He came to Rochester several years ago and is now engaged in the harness business here, carrying a large stock of harness and horse goods. Mr. Fraser is a village councilman, High Priest of Rochester Chapter R. A. M., Patron of Rochester Chapter O. E. S., and is a patriotic and energetic citizen and business man.



J. W. McCornac
Councilman



A. L. Ross

Azariah L. Ross, Supervisor of Avon township, was born in Northampton County, Pa., coming to Rochester in 1878. He has always occupied a high position as a farmer and a man of affairs. At the October session of the board of supervisors Mr. Ross was unanimously elected chairman of the board, which was a high compliment to his ability. He is also a most successful farmer.



T. Dahlmann

Theodor Dahlmann is a native of New York City, and has been a resident of Rochester since 1858, during which time he has been engaged in the jewelry business. Was postmaster under Harrison and is now serving his third successive term as town clerk. A man of fine clerical ability his services are in constant demand.



E. S. Letts

Erastus S. Letts is another business man of Rochester with interests to keep him busy. He is one of the four Justices and is engaged in the implement business, identified with the Twentieth Century Tile Roofing Co., and has lumber and farming interests which help to occupy the attention of a busy man.



C. Compte

Charles Compte, Justice of the Peace, has an office in the Lambertson block and in addition to his judicial duties conducts a successful fire insurance business. Mr. Compte is a member of the fire department and proudly wears a gold badge for seven years constant service.

Hon. Henry L. Wood, Justice of the Peace, removed to Rochester from Ithica, Mich., four years ago, where he was a man of affairs for many years and twice a member of the state legislature. He came to Rochester to engage in the hardware business with his son and was last spring elected Justice of the Peace. Mr. Wood is a veteran of the civil war and commander of W. P. Everett-Post G. A. R.



H. L. Wood



J. B. Godfrey

James B. Godfrey, Justice of the Peace, is a native of Keynshaw, England, coming to America in 1893 and locating in Detroit. Came to Stony Creek, near Rochester, in 1901, connecting himself with the Rumsey Wool Stock Co., leaving the company a year or two later to run a general store, which he still conducts at Stony Creek. Was elected Justice of the Peace in 1906.

A Substantial Business Man and Citizen



Madison Square Cottage



Oak Street Cottages



Griffey Home on Fifth Street

C. G. Griffey, who has done much for the development of Rochester by the erection of four fine houses here and who has an abiding faith in the future of our village, is a native of Erie Co., Pa. In 1861 he started the Girard Union. In turn he established the Corey Press, Petroleum Centre Daily Era, and Erie Daily Republican. In 1868 he started the Coneaut, O., Citizen, conducting it until 1873, when he went to Negaunee, L. S., where he established the Iron Herald, which he conducted most successfully for 30 years. At Negaunee he was post-master for eight years under Presidents Garfield and Harrison. He represented the



C. G. Griffey

second district of Marquette county in the state legislature of 1880, and the 30th district in the state senate of 1890. He sold his newspaper at Negaunee in 1903. Paying a visit to Rochester in 1903 he was much interested in the village and built a fine cottage on Madison Square, which is occupied by his son and wife. He erected two modern cottages on North Pine street in 1904, and his elegant home on Fifth street last year. He has extensive business interests in Negaunee and Ohio. Mr. Griffey is a fine writer and makes a success of everything which he undertakes and is a good citizen and business man.

The State Savings Bank of Rochester



Has just opened its doors in what is undoubtedly one of the finest banking offices outside of Detroit. Finished throughout in oak, with tiled floors and elegant furnishings and surroundings it makes a most attractive appearance. The building just erected by the bank is a beautiful piece of architecture and a monument to the energy and enterprise of its president, cashier and board of directors. The bank starts out under the most favorable auspices and offers the best banking facilities to all, where depositors and customers will be treated with the utmost courtesy and given all consideration consistent with safe banking. The capital stock of the concern is \$25,000. George M. Flumerfelt, a careful, conservative business man, is president, and Charles A. Burr, late of the well-known banking firm of Burr & Newberry, is cashier, while the board of directors is composed of a number of the solid business men and farmers of Rochester.



C. A. Burr, Cashier



Fangboner Residence, Madison Avenue

George N. and William Fangboner are natives of Mt. Vernon. Coming to Rochester several years ago they have made a first-class reputation as carpenters and many of Rochester's best houses are the work of their hands. Last year they finished a fine home for their mother and themselves on Madison Square, a fine picture of which is presented here.

G. L. Dawe is a native of Canada. He has been a merchant tailor for twenty years, coming to Rochester and opening a shop in the Hotel St. James block a year ago. He carries a fine line of suitings and everything in his line is done in the best manner and at reasonable prices. He is now located in the Peter Lomason building on Main street.



G. L. Dawe



A Substantial Implement Business

George Burr is a native of Sterling, Macomb county, Mich., coming to Rochester eight years ago to engage in the agricultural implement trade. His business has rapidly increased, and Mr. Burr has added to his lines until now he carries a full and complete assortment of field, hog and poultry fencing, harness, collars, blankets, robes, whips, gasoline engines, cream separators, sewing machines, fire proof safes, Hoover potato diggers, sorters, carriages, wagons, sleighs, salt, cement, plaster, phosphate, wind mills, pumps, tanks, Osborne spring, spike, and disc harrows, sole agent for Gale, Wiard and Syracuse plows and repairs, agent for McCormick Machinery and repairs, etc., etc. Manure spreaders, farmers hardware, feed and seed, gloves and mitts, trunks, stock foods.

Mr. Burr owns the two buildings in which he carries on his business and is already crowded for room. His trade extends over a wide range of territory and he well merits the success that has come to him.

William E. Rice is engaged in the wagon and carriage repair and blacksmith business in his own shop on East Fifth street. Mr. Rice is a good workman and has an extensive business in his lines, always aiming to give satisfaction to his customers. Last year he completed a fine cement brick residence on East Fifth street, every brick of which was made by himself and son. A good engraving of his home is here presented.



Residence of W. E. Rice, Fifth Street



Residence of G. M. Flumerfelt, Walnut Street

The Flint Division of the D. U. R.

The Flint Division of the Detroit United Railway is the outcome of an idea realizing the necessity for a more direct, frequent, economical and interurban method of transportation between the beautiful villages of Rochester, Orion, Oxford and Romeo and the great commercial center Detroit, and formulated itself during the winter of 1898-9 into the practical fruition of the project, viz: the Detroit & Lake Orion Railway Company, incorporated March 22, 1899. By a hearty co-operation all along the proposed line rights of way were secured,

ferred to the Detroit United Railway, who now operate it and it is considered one of their best properties. No traction company in the United States has better equipment or service than has the D. U. R., with its splendid city lines and a suburban system that is well-nigh perfect. In addition to the Flint Division, there are the Orchard Lake, Pontiac, Wyandotte, Rapid, Ypsi-Ann and Northville lines which give the public the best of service at a low rate of fare. The system is managed on a broad-gauge plan and is a great benefit to the villages and



in many cases by private purchase, no pains being spared to make the route practical, direct and speedy. Practical grading was started May 16, 1899, and cars were first operated Sept. 28, 1899, the first car entering Rochester on that date, the Romeo end not being ready until Nov. 19, of the same year. The road was speedily pushed Flintward and that city was reached in another year. A few years later the road was trans-

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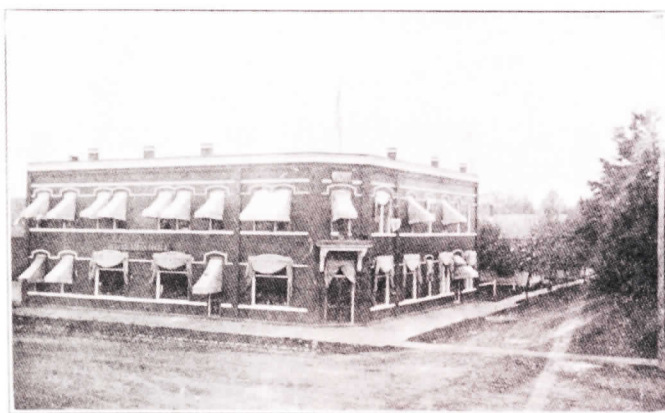
First Car in Rochester—Rochester Trestle



E. E. Robson

A Modern Hotel

Michigan is noted for her fine inland hotels, and Rochester is not behind the procession. On the corner of Main and Third streets stands the Detroit Hotel, a modern hostelry, of splendid reputation as a well-kept and comfortable home for the traveler. The building is a substantial two-story brick structure of 30 rooms, well heated and lighted. The landlord, E. E. Robson, spares no pains in making his guests feel at home, in which he is ably seconded by his good wife. Mr. Robson is an Oakland county product, born in Milford, and while he has been running the Detroit Hotel for several years it was only last year that he purchased the property. He is an enthusiastic Elk and Knight of Pythias.



Detroit Hotel

A Successful Merchant and Manufacturer

E. A. Hudson is a native of Rochester. He left here when quite young, finally locating in Oxford, Mich., where for several years he was engaged in the mercantile and real estate business. He came to Rochester five years ago and engaged in the grocery business in the Smith block building up a splendid trade. He carries an immense stock of fancy and staple groceries. Mr. Hudson has recently entered the produce business and is meeting with success. In addition to his grocery and produce business in Rochester, Mr. Hudson

owns and conducts the Hudson Die & Tool Works at 69-71 East Woodbridge street, Detroit, where a large force of skilled workmen is at all times, night and day, employed in the manufacture of models and experimental work, dies and special tools. In the year and a half he has been engaged in the business he has worked up a large and constantly increasing patronage. Mr. Hudson has just finished a fine home on Oak street, an engraving of which is shown here.



E. A. Hudson



Residence of E. A. Hudson, North Oak Street

"Jim Smith's Tavern"



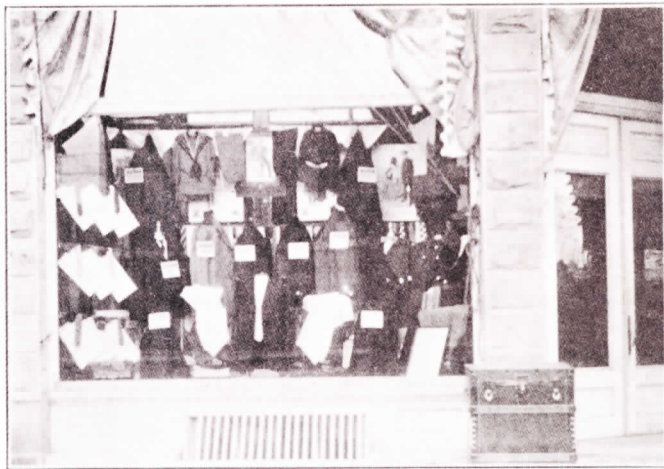
This hostelry, better known as the Hotel St. James, is famous all through Michigan for the excellence of its cuisine and for its homelike and comfortable quarters. J. W. Smith has been landlord of this hotel for seventeen years. The hotel contains 21 rooms and is a model for cleanliness and neatness. Mr. Smith is one of Michigan's most popular landlords, and the traveling men all have a good word for him and his famous hotel. Mr. Smith is a native of Dublin, Ireland, but has been a resident of Rochester and vicinity for 27 years.



J. W. Smith

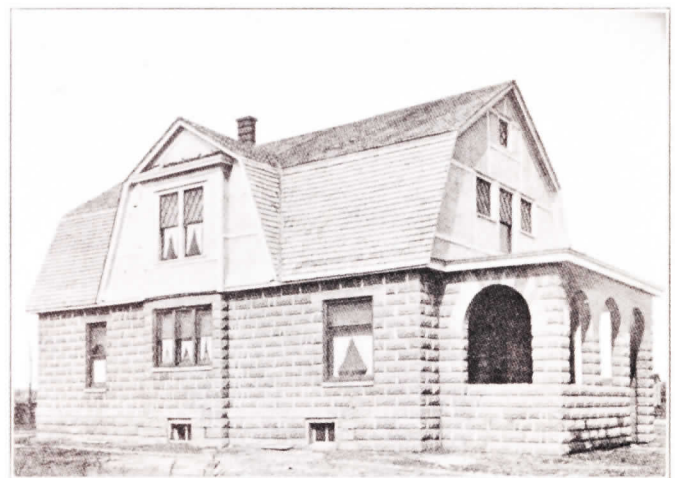


J. W. Smith Block



Finsterwald Display Window

L. Finsterwald & Co. conducts a first-class clothing establishment in the Masonic Block, and but few stores outside the big cities carry as fine a line of clothing and furnishings. L. Finsterwald, of Marine City, is head of the firm, while Harry Bigger, one of Rochester's bright young men, is in charge as manager. The other members of the firm are Herman Finsterwald, and Albert Marx.



Residence of L. G. Satterlee, North Main and Griggs Streets

A Model Livery and Sales Stable

C. C. Barnes is a Rochester boy who is giving the village one of the best livery stables she has ever had. He is in the market for carriage and work horses and carries on a business in this line that is giving satisfaction with all who place commissions with him. He makes a specialty of turnouts for funerals and social occasions and his prices are most reason-

able. The satisfaction of taking a buggy ride is always enhanced by having a good turnout. This is what you always find at Mr. Barnes' well equipped establishment, and you will receive courteous treatment and the worth of your money every time.



L. G. Satterlee

L. G. Satterlee is the inventor of the cement shingle machine now manufactured by the Twentieth Century Tile Roofing Co. He has an abiding faith in the future of cement and is now giving all his energy to the interests of the company, being on the road nearly all the time. Mr. Satterlee has invented a number of articles in connection with the cement industry. A fine picture of his elegant cement residence is here shown.

Julian S. Peters is a native of Troy, this county, but has lived in Rochester for over 60 years, or nearly all his life. He is a veteran of the civil war and a man of rare clerical ability. Last spring he retired after 21 years ser-



J. S. Peters

vice as Justice of the Peace, during which he acquired a fine reputation as a fearless, accurate and unprejudiced Justice. Out of the thousands of cases tried by him, not a single one was decided

against him on appeal. He now conducts a most successful real estate, pension and insurance business. A fine picture of Mr. Peters' home on Main street is also shown.

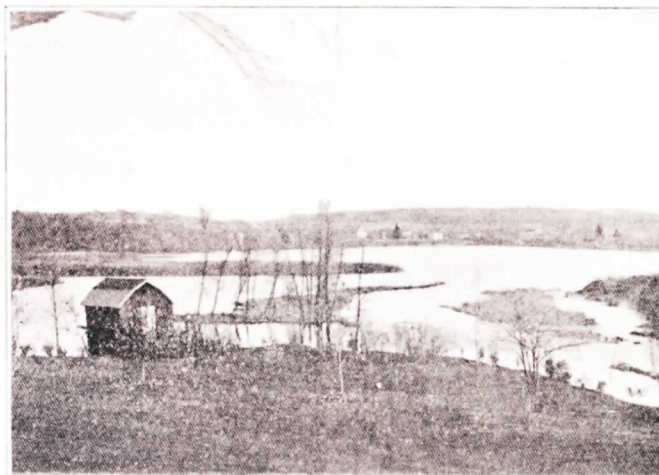


J. S. Peters' Residence, Main Street

An Ideal Country Home



C. S. Chapman's Residence

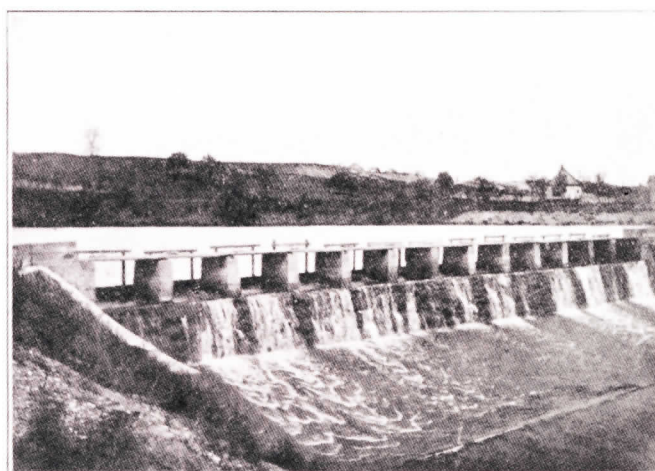


Chapman's Lake

The beautiful home of Mr. C. S. Chapman on North Main street is one of the beauty spots of the village. Mr. Chapman acquired the James Newberry property of 27 acres several years ago, whereon he erected an elegant stone residence, which was fitted up in a most artistic and substantial manner. The grounds are laid out in drives and walks, and with the beautiful foliage and shrubbery, it is an ideal home. Mr. Chapman has also built a large barn on the same general lines, which is one of the finest and best appointed barns in the state. He takes great pride in his home, which he well may, as it is certainly a monument to his good taste as well as an ornament to the village.

Mr. Chapman comes from New England stock, being born in Proctorsville,

Vt., in 1864. He early showed an independence of spirit by becoming a clerk in a retail clothing store at Ludlow, Vt., at the age of 16, and later entering the employ of Jourdan, Marsh & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers of Boston, Mass. He came with his parents on their removal to Michigan, and entered the employ of Edson, Moore & Co., Detroit, wholesale dry goods dealers, remaining with them ten years. In 1891 he engaged in establishing the Western Knitting Mills which has since become such a splendid commercial enterprise. Personally Mr. Chapman is well known to most of the jobbing trade who handle their lines of goods, having traveled extensively throughout the United States.



W. K. M. Dam

Rochester Water Works



Water Works Reservoir



Reservoir Under Construction

About 1894 several Rochester gentlemen conceived the idea that the village could be provided with water on the gravitation system. On the farm of Wm. Fox, two and a quarter miles west and north of Rochester, is a spring, or rather a series of springs, 150 feet higher than the village. A competent engineer was engaged who pronounced the project of conveying the water from the springs to the village, feasible. After several weeks of agitation the question of waterworks was submitted to the people and carried overwhelmingly. A plat of ground, covering one acre, was purchased by the village and the work of developing the wells commenced. Since which time 23 acres more land adjacent have been acquired by the village. A series of wells were sunk in the springy soil to the depth of sixty feet or more, which were connected and run into a main twelve inch pipe, which was gradually reduced to eight inches. The contract for building the works was let to T. C. Brooks, of Jackson, who employed home labor. Over six miles of pipe was laid, and the pressure being sixty pounds gives the village one of the finest plants in the country. All this at a cost of less than \$35,000. Additions to the pipe lines have been added until today there are ten miles

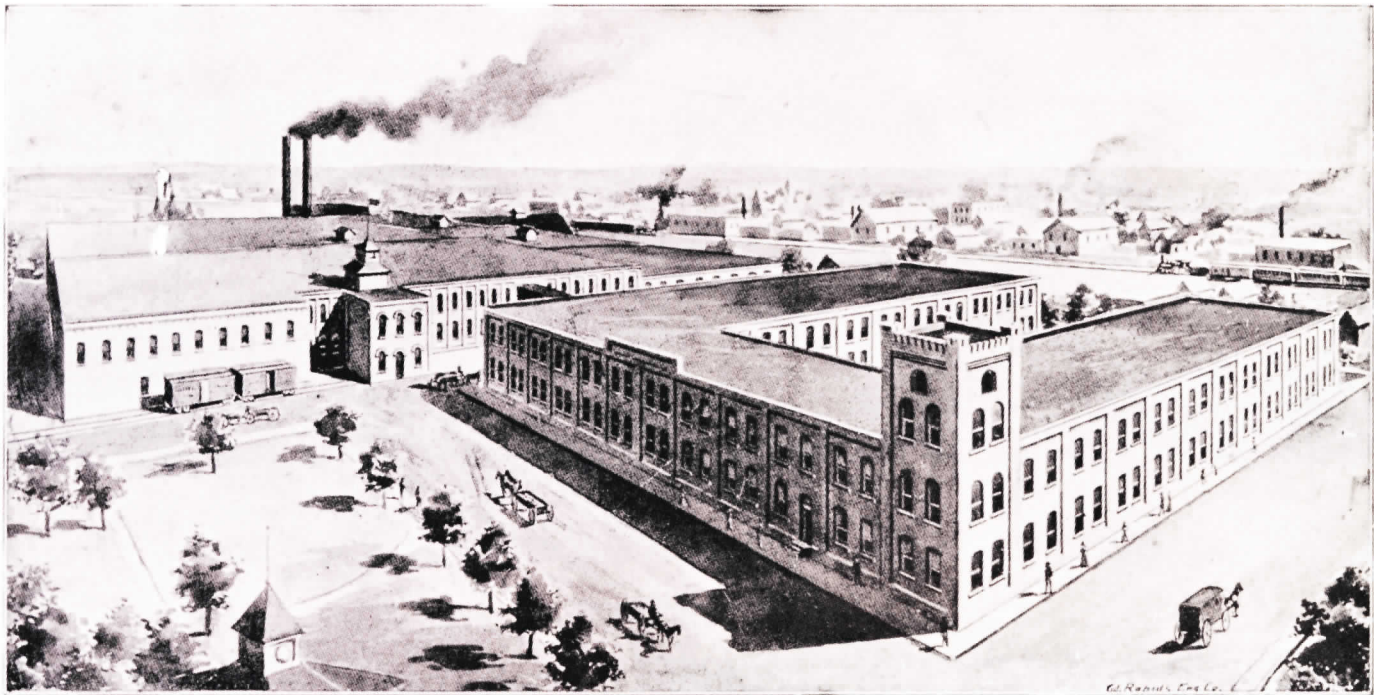
of pipe and 375 water takers, with a revenue of \$1,850 per year. The analysis of the water shows a purity unsurpassed by any water in the state. Rochester is proud of her waterworks system and well may she be. A well equipped fire department of two companies is maintained to still further protect the property of the village against fire. The first public test of the system was July 4, 1895.

With the completion of the new reservoir at the waterworks the system is on better footing than ever. The new reservoir was commenced in May, 1906, and completed August 8, 1907. The dimensions are: 225 ft. long, 100 ft. wide and 22 ft. deep, with a capacity of two million gallons. The bottom, west and north sides are of 6-inch cement, four and one, the bottom resting on 555 piles. The south dam is 26 feet high (four under level) and is nine feet at base, sloping up on the south side to an 18-inch top. This is made of 3 and 1 concrete and is heavily reinforced with carbonized steel rods. Water is furnished the new reservoir by springs from the bottom. A ten foot driveway surrounds the reservoir, perfectly graded to a six-inch slope from the inside. The old reservoir is 12 feet higher than the new one and consequently does not draw from the new until 12 feet of water have been exhausted in the old.



Water Works Wells

Western Knitting Mills



Situated at Rochester, 25 miles north of Detroit, on the Michigan Central Railroad may be found the immense plant of the Western Knitting Mills, one of the largest concerns manufacturing woolen goods in the world. The factory has been known under its present name since 1891, when the new mills were built, near their yarn mills, which had been located here for many years. The mills are built of brick and stone, two stories and basement, and the machinery is of the most modern type. Altogether the mills, including two large warehouses, occupy a space of 111,000 square feet. A

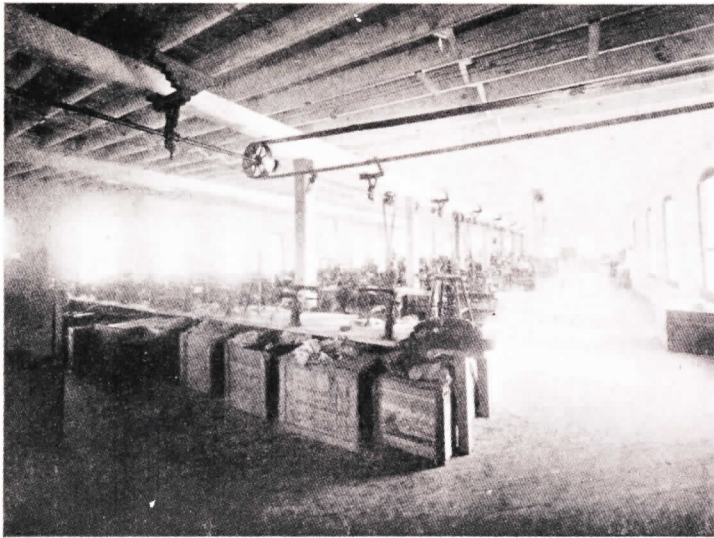
side track from the M. C. 520 feet long runs directly into the plant, solving the problem of loading and unloading freight. The factory contains over 400 knitting, sewing and tufting machines and can employ upwards of 500 people when in full operation. One of the difficulties of the company has been in securing sufficient help to manufacture their large output, and there is always a demand for available help. They manufacture over 500 different styles of woolen gloves, mittens, halfhose and lumbermen's socks, of which 100,000 dozen are sold annually, exclusively to the jobbing trade. The factory is operated by water, steam and electricity, the company controlling one of the best waterpowers in the state. An engraving of their fine stone dam is shown in this book. The mills have their own system of electric lights, over 500 incandescent lights being used and their equipment is up to date in every respect.



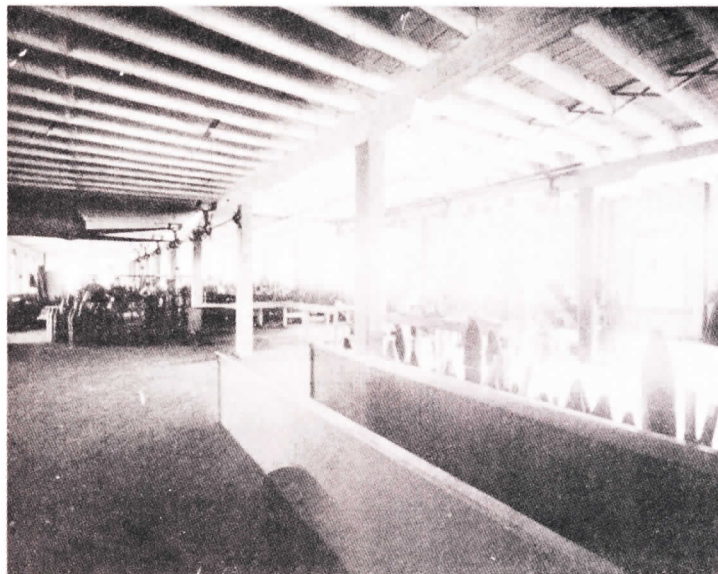
Mating Room

William C. Chapman, secretary and treasurer of the corporation, is a native of Proctorsville, Vt., where he was born in 1866, coming to Detroit with his parents in 1880. After graduating from business college he was bookkeeper for the late W. C. Yawkey for six years, and then engaged in the lumber business at Rhinelander, Wis., where after three years he sold out and returned to Detroit. On the organization of the Western Knitting Mills in 1891 he came to Rochester as secretary and treasurer of the company. Mr. Chapman is largely interested in real estate in Rochester, having platted two additions to the village. Has served three years as village president and is interested in all that pertains to its improvement and prosperity.

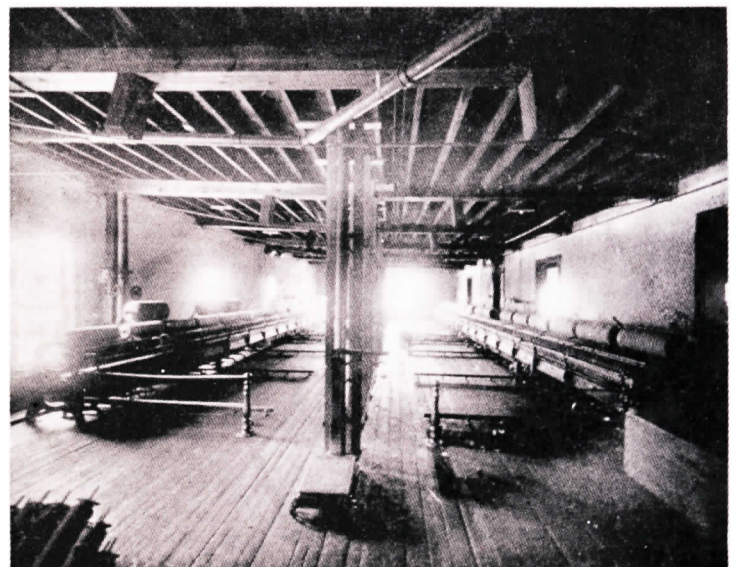
Western Knitting Mills



Machine Room



Knitting Room



Spinning Room

An Enterprising Newspaper



W. A. Fox

The Rochester Era was established in April, 1873, by the late T. B. Fox, and for 35 years has been one of the institutions of Rochester, increasing with the growth of the village, until now it has an enviable reputation as a substantial, reliable newspaper, with a large and increasing patronage. On the death of the founder, Mr. T. B. Fox, in 1893, his son, W. A. Fox, took up the work and has met with marked success. The Era has an advertising patronage that embraces many of the largest general advertisers of the country, who are attracted to it by liberal policy and large and growing circulation. But few country newspapers enjoy a larger volume of local and general advertising than does The Era, which is much appreciated by the management.

A well-equipped job printing department in connection is prepared to handle all the job printing that may be entrusted to it, while the prices will be found as low as possible for good work.



The Late T. B. Fox



Era Building



Residence of W. A. Fox, East Street

Views of Rochester



Fifth Street looking East



Fifth Street looking West



Main Street looking South



View on Neely's Flats



Old Swimming Hole on Paint Creek



Drs. Jesse and Jerry Wilson

Dr. Jesse E. Wilson, the pioneer physician of Rochester, was born in Canada of American parents, Jan. 31, 1829. He located in Rochester 52 years ago. Was first president of the village in 1869, and has served on the school board for 35 years. But few physicians have a record of so long and successful a practice as Dr. Wilson, throughout which he has shown rare skill and ability as a physician. He is still engaged in active work. Until one year ago he was engaged in practice with his twin brother, Dr. Jerry Wilson, who passed away deeply lamented by the entire community, among whom he had worked for so many years.



C. S. Kressler

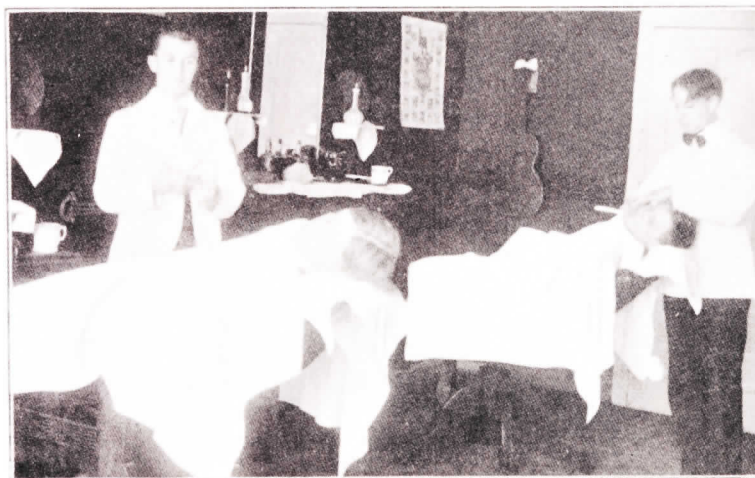
Charles S. Kressler, superintendent of the Rochester electric light plant, is a native of Rochester and has devoted many years to the study of electricity and is well equipped for his position. Is one of Rochester's bright young men, a Mason and Forester of America.

George A. Hammond, deputy sheriff for Avon township, was born in Oxford, Mich. Soon after the trolley road commenced running Mr. Hammond was given a place as conductor, which he held until two years ago when he resigned to look after his private business. Besides owning a farm near North Branch Mr. Hammond is president of the Twentieth Century Tile Roofing Co. and the International Mining & Milling Co. of Ontario, both promising companies. He is a very successful and painstaking business man and official.



G. A. Hammond

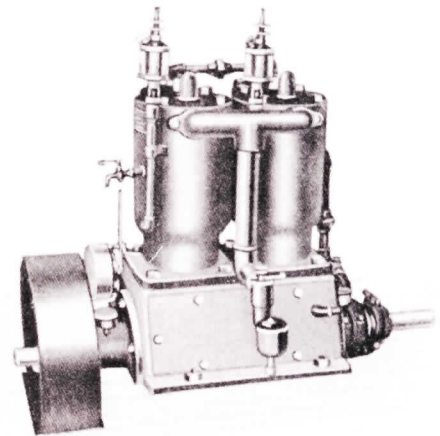
Carl Benson, proprietor of the West Side barber shop, is a native of Rochester. He learned the barber business several years ago and is a first-class workman. A short time since, on the removal of Mr. Meseraull, he bought his shop, which he has been conducting with marked success ever since. Everything about the shop is neat and tasty and Mr. Benson merits the success that is coming to him.



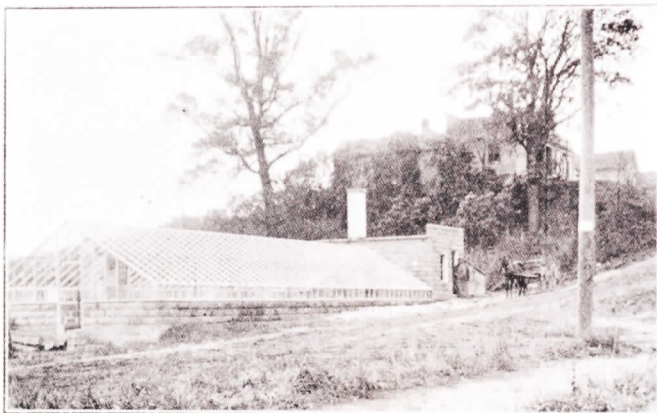
Carl Benson's Barber Shop

Ayres Gas Engine and Automobile Works

Located at Rochester, Mich., manufacture stationary, portable and marine engines, any power and size desired. They claim for their simplicity and durability, that they are the best engines made. These engines are first-class, well built machines, warranted to develop their horse power and more too. There is so little mechanism about them that within a few hours they can be understood by any one. Mr. R. W. Holmes is president and manager of the company and will gladly answer any inquiries concerning the Ayres gas engines.



Rochester's New Greenhouse



F. Dahlmann's Greenhouse

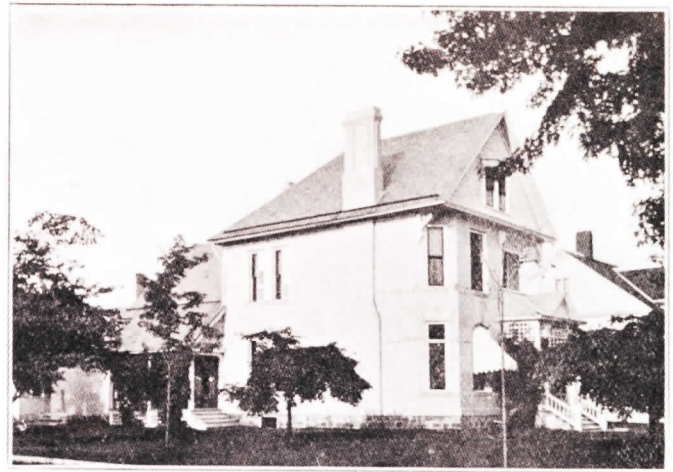
Frank Dahlman, who has just completed his new greenhouse on East Third street is a native of Rochester and a graduate of our high school. As a gardener he has made a success for several years, and his usual foresight saw that a greenhouse would be a good investment in Rochester, erecting one on his own property just off Main street, on East Third street. The building is of cement and glass, 20x60 feet, 10 feet high, with a cement block office 10x20 feet and a coal shed 12x20 feet. The building is heated by hot water and is modern in all its details. The sloping roofs are covered by 2,000 feet of glass, the panes being 16x16 inches. Mr. Dahlmann will make a specialty of early vegetables for market, together with plants, shrubs, flowers, etc., and he will undoubtedly build up a fine business, as he is a practical man and will attend closely to all the details of the business.



Frank Dahlmann



Harry Bigger



Residence C. K. Griggs, West Fifth Street

Harry Bigger, manager of the clothing store of L. Finsterwald & Co., is a native of Rochester, where all his life has been spent. Educated in the schools of Rochester, he early showed a marked ability for business, and as a member of the firm and manager of the business, has made a decided success.

C. K. Griggs has for many years been engaged in the grain and produce business and in addition he operates one of the best farms in the township—the old Griggs homestead, three and one-half miles west of Rochester. Mr. Griggs is a grain and produce buyer operating largely and is always ready to pay the best prices. A view of his beautiful home is shown here.

Our Mail Carriers



J. P. Tucker



J. A. Bridges



P. J. Lawrence

Joseph P. Tucker, R. F. D. carrier No. 1, is a native of White Lake, this county. Left his farm to locate in Rochester a few years ago, when he was appointed mail carrier. Mr. Tucker erected a fine residence on West Third street last season where he resides with his large and interesting family.

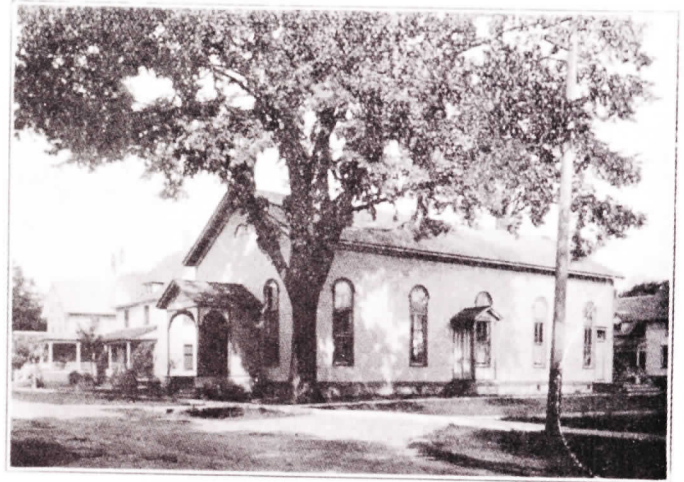
Jerome A. Bridges, R. F. D. carrier No. 2, also carries on a branch of the Union Tea Co. and does a good business. He carries a fine line of teas, coffees, spices and confectioneries,

and himself and wife have just added a lunch department to their fast growing business, where short order lunches are served at all hours.

Porter Lawrence, R. F. D. carrier No. 3, is a native of Oxford, Mich. Last season he bought a small farm near Mt. Vernon, where he lives with his family, driving to Rochester post-office each morning to gather up his mail.



Municipal Building



Avon Township Hall



W. C. Chapman's Residence, Walnut Street

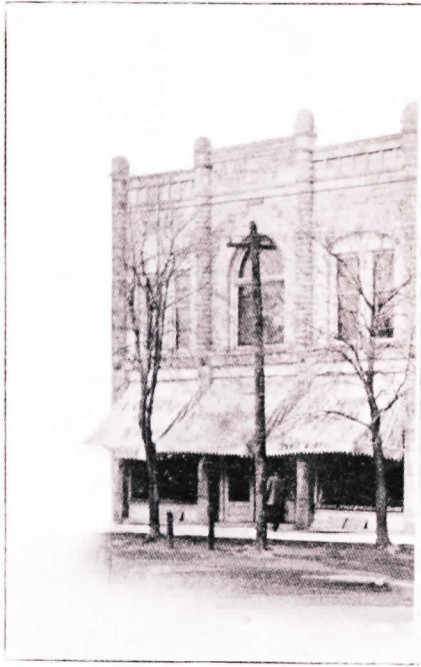


John Black's Barber Shop

John Black came to Rochester from Royal Oak but a short time ago and bought the East Side barber shop of Mr. Becker, and has a fine business. It is a three-chair shop and the boys are always busy. Mr. Black gives his personal attention to the business and it is rapidly increasing under his careful management.

A Fine Dry Goods, Shoe and Millinery Establishment

But few villages of the size of Rochester contain a better or more attractive store than will be found in the Masonic Block. While in business but four years Jennie Mowers & Co. have continued to grow and prosper, adding new lines, until today they have a business they may well be proud of. Miss Jennie Mowers, the resident partner, is associated with her brother, Dr. Mowers, of Fennville. As manager of the business Miss Mowers has gained and added to her acquaintanceship and business, which she fully appreciates by bending every energy to cater to the wants of her customers in every detail. In addition to a well and carefully selected stock of dry goods, ladies' and children's coats and cloaks, and other kindred goods, will be found a line of ladies, gentlemen and children's shoes second to none, while the millinery department is a bower of beauty. As the seasons come the most attractive and beautiful millinery creations are shown, and the large patronage enjoyed by this department proves its popularity with the ladies of Rochester and surrounding country.



Masonic Temple



Interior of J. Mowers & Co.'s Store



View on Main Street

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