

DEDICATED TO THE ANCESTORS AND CITIZENS
OF TAWAS TOWNSHIP FROM 1857 TO 2007
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Tawas Township, being only one of two townships in Iosco's first days, was divided and new townships soon after emerged from it. Ottawas Bay began the first settlement in 1854, becoming the village of Tawas City, eventually incorporated as a city. Tawas City celebrated its Sesquicentennial 2005. This booklet primarily pertains to Tawas Township boundaries of today.

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Cover photo: "Threshing Time at the Laidlaws"

Note: Many of the names were taken from various information and documents. The names may have "different" spellings throughout this book. This was most common of the earlier years as names were spelled the "best they could", by the one writing them.

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HISTORY

THE PAST

Information taken from History of the Lake Huron Shore - 1883 published by H.R. Page & Co, Chicago, 1883.

COUNTY SEAT: The Act of Legislature by which Iosco County was erected, provided that the county seat should be located at Ottawas Bay. By an ingenious act of pruning, the name "Tawas" was obtained, and the new settlement on the bay struggled under the title of Tawas City.

ORGANIZATION OF TAWAS TOWNSHIP: The townships of Tawas and Sable were erected in 1857, at the same time the county was organized. Tawas included all that part of the county in Townships 21 and 22, in the several ranges, and Sable included the residue of the county. The first election in each was held the first Tuesday of July, 1857, in Tawas, at the office of Gideon O. Whittemore, and in Sable at the store of Henry Daggett, at Sable settlement. The name of Sable was changed to Au Sable by Act of Legislature in 1877.

First officers of Tawas:--Supervisor, Gideon O. Whittemore; clerk, George C Beach; treasurer, James O. Whittemore; justices of the peace, Henry W. Carey, Gabriel B Lacorse, David F Crawford, Alexander Munro; highway commissioners, Joseph Mattinson, Simon Andrews, Alexander Munro; school inspectors, Gabriel B Lacorse, Charles Hunt; constables, George C Beach, Charles H. Whittemore, John McCallam, Robert Campbell; directors of the poor, Thomas Wlietinct, Archibald Toner.

Photo: First Tawas Township Hall was located on Mathews Street in Tawas City.

Next known hall: Tawas Township purchased from Catherine Curry May 5, 1896, for \$20. 1903 Plat Map shows Town Hall on the corner of Section 28, part of northeast quarter of the northeast quarter (M-55 and Rempert Roads).

Next hall was located on corner of M-55 (Hemlock Road) and McArdle Roads. It occupied in the "second" building of the Vine School.

Present hall on corner of M-55 (Hemlock Road) and McArdle Roads. The "Vine School", used as the hall, was torn down and a new building was erected on the same property.



Below are some positions that were filled over the years. This is not a complete list. The names and dates were taken from the township records.

YEAR	SUPERVISOR	YEAR	SUPERVISOR
1857-1862	Gideon O. Whittemore	1907-1909	Walter Laidlaw
1863-1864	Charles Whittemore	1909-1912	George C. Anschuetz
1868-1871	James H. Cogshall	1912-1913	David Low
1872	Ebenizer Laidlaw	1915-1917	George C. Anschuetz
April 1873	William O Taylor	1918-1919	Edward Londo
Nov. 1874	Cornelius North	1920-1921	Frank Blust
April 1875-1876	C. D. Hale	1922-1923	Edward Londo
1878-1879	Sibley G. Taylor	1924-1930	Henry Anschuetz
1880-1881	Cornelius North	1931-1942	Ferdinand Schmaltz
1883-1884	John Huston	1943-1945	Wm. A. Schmaltz
1884-1885	Sibley G. Taylor	1946-1947	Harrison Frank
1885-1890	Adolphus F Zeiter	1947-1951	George A. Prescott 3 rd
1890-1891	Joseph W. Miner	1951-1963	Glen Long
1891-1892	A. F. Zeiter	1963-1966	Edward Nelkie
1892-1895	Michael Murphy	1967-1970	Walter A. Kasischke
1896-1900	George C. Anschuetz	1970-1980	Lavern Koepke
1900-1901	John Preston	1980-1984	Stuart Hutchings
1901-1902	Malcom Mcleod	1984-1996	Merlin Look
1903-1905	George C. Anschuetz	1996-Present	Paul Westcott
1905-1906	David Davidson		

YEAR	CLERK	YEAR	CLERK
1857-1859	George C. Beach	1906-1909	Charles Curry
1859-1861	C. H. Whittemore	1909-1910	Charles V. Force
1862-1863	James O. Whittemore	1910-1913	Walter E. Laidlaw
1863	Charles C. Whittemore	1913-1914	Julius Rhode
1863-1864	Joniah C. Tolfree	1914-1917	Edmond Londo
1864	Albert C. Brown	1918-1922	W. E. Laidlaw
1867	Zadeck R. French	1923	LaFayette Colby
1867	D. D. Waller	1924-1926	Andrew Lorenz
1873	James H. Cogshall	1927-1929	Frank Blust
1873	John A Weckerly	1930-1936	Andrew Lorenz
1874-1875	John Huston	1936 Jan-Apr	Rose Lorenz
1875-1892	Danforth B. Dixon	Apr 1936-1937	Wm. Bellinger
1892-1893	G. L. Cornville	1937-1940	Frank Blust
1893-1894	A. J. Zeiter	1940-1969	Walter Miller
April 1894-1895	W. B. Kelly	1969-1972	Walter J. Laidlaw
1895-1896	Bradley Perry	1972-1978	Marion L. Ulman
Oct 1896-1901	Malcom Mcleod	1978-1980	John Katterman
1901-1902	Richard Tompkins	1980-1984	Betty Look
1903	Walter Laidlaw	1984-1994	Ruth Revord
1904-1905	R. Tompkins	1994-Present	Michelle Westcott
1905	Malcom Mcleod		

YEAR	TREASURER	YEAR	TREASURER
1857	James O. Whittemore	1913-1915	Joseph Blust
1873-1875	George W. Rhodes	1916	Frank Nelkie
1875-1877	John W. King	1917-1918	Carl Look
1878-1879	George Darling	1919-1920	Malcolm Mcleod
1880-1882	John Huston	1921-1922	Waldo Curry
1882-1884	John Weckerly	1922-1923	Joseph Watts
1884-1885	Rueben Wade	1924-1925	Waldo Curry
1885-1886	Amos B. Heilman	1926	Frank Nelkie
1887	Henry Frank	1927	Mary Nelkie
1888	John Weckerly	1928-1929	Frank Nelkie
1889-1890	Joseph Miner	1930	Karl Kobs
1890-1893	George W. Mount	1936-1947	Omer Frank
1894-1895	Henry Frank	1947-1970	Irene L. Lorenz
1896	John Preston	1970	Buryl Hughes
1897-1899	Lafayette Colby	1976-1982	Irene C. Hughes
1900-1901	Richard Tompkins	1983-1992	Walter A. Kasischke
1903	Chas. Curry	1992-Present	Sheri J. (Grabow) Williams
1908-1913	Waldo Curry		

THE PRESENT

Tawas Township Officials, Appointees, Etc. 2007: Supervisor, Paul Westcott; Clerk, Michelle Westcott; Treasurer, Sheri Grabow; Trustees, Daniel Warner, Ervin Biggs; Deputy Clerk, Melissa Stewart; Deputy Treasurer, Barb Jacob; Assessor, Kristie Philpot; Zoning Administrator, Rick Wilson; Liquor Inspector, Rick Wilson; Fire Administrator, Ervin Biggs; Planning and Zoning Dan Warner-Chairman, Janette Lee-Secretary, Brian Hager, Gerald Friedgen, Don Michalski; Board of Review, Clare Herriman-Chairman, Buryl Hughes, Craig Roberts; Board of Appeals, Robert Reasner-Chairman, Larry Lorenz, Howard Look, Dan Warner, Joe Blust, Michelle Westcott-Secretary, Jan Groff-Alternative; Cleaning, Tammy Hager



SCHOOLS

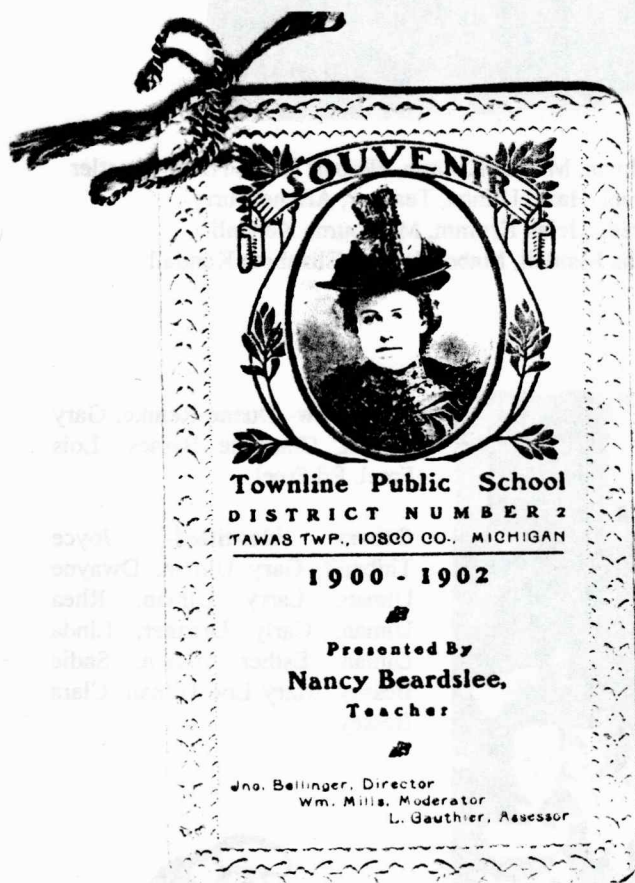
PAST TAWAS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICTS

UPPER TOWNLINE, District #2: 1948 *Social Survey of Upper Townline School District*, by Isabelle J. Leslie- "The first schoolhouse was built of logs about 1885. This old schoolhouse still stands today and is being used for a blacksmith shop by Charles Lange who purchased it from the school district when the new school was built. It was located about a quarter of a mile south of the present site.

The present schoolhouse was built about 1898 (Corner of Lorenz and Townline Roads). In nineteen twelve another room was added and for about ten years ten grades were taught, employing two teachers. This was then cut to eight grades and one teacher, and in nineteen forty-three the seventh and eighth grades were voted to be transported to the town schools so at the present time there are only six grades and one teacher.

The school bus from Tawas City transports the children above the sixth grade to either the Tawas City or East Tawas schools. Most of the parents encourage their children to go on through high school although very few of them have more than an eighth-grade education. I think the reason why so few of them went on to school was because of the expense of having to board in town if they went on to school. Very few of the people could afford this and unless they had relatives to stay with in town, were forced to quit at the eighth."

Pupils listed:



Philo Soper	Freddie Marks
Alpheus Bellinger	Edith Paradise
Matilda Gauthier	Clara Proper
Jennie Proper	Amanda Frank
Etta Frank	Elmer Proper
Eddie Marks	William Gauthier
Robbie Webb	Fannie Webb
Albert Marks	Rozella Paradise
Mabel Frank	Nathaniel Paradise
Caroline Holsire	Melvin Ulman
Roy Wintchel	Jennie Goodrow
Mabel Goodrow	Fred Ulman
Judson Freel	Paul Albert
Archie Bellenger	Mary Freel
David Ulman	Eddie Ulman
Sadie Boomer	Ida Hunter
Fred Ulman	James Ostrander
Arthur Freel	Norman Ostrander
Robbie Bellinger	Ethel Bellinger
Freddie Frank	Ethel Frank
Anna Proper	Loretta Mills
Willie Ostrander	Nettie Ulman
Earl Webb	Edith Proper
Irene Paradise	Clarence Gauthier
Aaron Gauthier	Hugo Holsire
Anna Abert	Mary Abert
Myrtle Mills	Johnnie Bellinger
George Ostrander	Nelson Ulman
Minnie Holsire	Edna Webb
Veldora Bellinger	Williard Proper
Anna Fredkerison	Elsie Proper
Emma Fredkerison	Andrew Abert
Charley Rupp	Lorenzo Paradise
Julius Kopp	Ethel Hunter
Edson Hunter	May Ostrander

Upper Townline School about 1937



Front row (left to right) Robert Messler, Marshal Proper, Albert Ulman, Marion Krumm, Herbert Look, Harry Chestler
Second row (left to right) Harry Kendall, Carl Kendall, Marvel Freel, Hazel Ulman, Teacher, Arlene Curry
Third row (left to right) Marvin Ulman, Violet Bessey, Leonard Freel, Helen Krumm, Melbourne Kendall
Back row (left to right) Valerie Chestler, Cleobelle Kendall, Kendis Kendall, Mabel Bessey, Elizabeth Kendall

Upper Townline at Christmas Time



Front row- Duane Reinke, Gary Ulman, Charlotte Bessey, Lois Freel, Ed Freel

Others identified- Joyce Thibault, Gary Ulman, Dwayne Ulman, Larry Ulman, Rhea Ulman, Carly Dreager, Linda Ulman, Esther Ulman, Sadie Bessey, Mary Lou Ulman, Clara Bessey



Upper Townline at Christmas Time

Girl's head Charlotte Bessey

Front row (left to right)
Butch Binder, Donna Freel, Judy
Quarters.

Second row (left to right)
Ed Freel, Johnny Quarters, Sharon
Phillips, Lois Freel, Larry Ulman.

Back row (left to right)
Gary Ulman, Clara Bessey, Larry
Freel



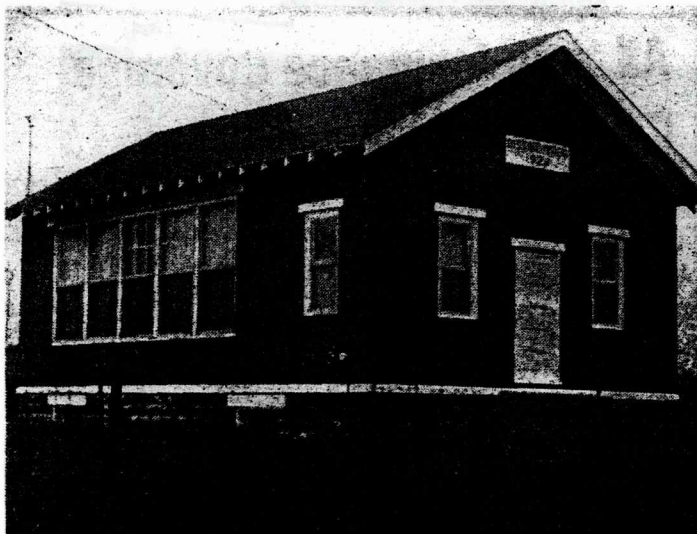
Upper Townline 1944 **Front row** (left to right) Richard Roemer, Donald Ulman, Deloris Frank, Harold Bessey

Second row (left to right) Stan Ulman, Lawrence Bessey, Jim Tilton, unknown, Shirley Proper, Nancy Freel

Third row (left to right) Clarence Bessey, Betty Bessey

Back row (left to right) Merlin (Red) Look, Gerald Potts, Harry Chestler, Marshall Proper, Herb Look, Betty Freel,
?Sylvia Ostrander, Jean Potts

LOWER TOWNLINE, District #3: Townline and Kobs Roads. This building still stands; it was converted into a home.



'LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE' — Located on a hill overlooking Townline Road is this building which once served residents of that area from 1924 until reorganization of the district with Tawas Area School. Farm families along the road had great interest in their schools and provided two substantial brick buildings known as the Lower Townline School and the Upper Townline School.



Front row (left to right) Sylvia LeClair, Mrs. Rowley

Back row (left to right) Jeannie Lutz, Mrs. Lutz, Aletha Moore, Lula Krumm



Some known students (not in order): Front row Pattie Klein, Allen Moore, Sally Klein, Roger Konenski
Back row Larry Krumm, Dennis Konenski, Sandy Konenski, Ray Moore, Teacher Kohn, Ken Thibault, Francis Konenski

ANSCHUETZ SCHOOL, District #4: North Kobs Road near Cold Creek. *Tawas Herald News December 1909*: "The children in Dist. No. 4 were called to school on Friday by the fine new bell, which was hung on Thursday."
 This building was destroyed by a fire in later years.



Photo 1910: Teacher, Miss LaVina Cox **Front row** (left to right) Arthur Anschutz, Guy Wood, Stephen Wellna, Elmer Musolf. **Middle row** (left to right) Helen Wood, Francis Wellna, unknown, Ronald Curry, Martha Wendt, Helen Avendt, Irene Krumm **Back row** (left to right) Miss Cox, Minnie Graf, Eleanora Anschutz, Irma Anschutz, Martha Wellna, Leo Avendt, Gertrude Wood, George Avendt, William Wood.

Photo: about 1932

Front row (left to right) Walter Blust, Leo Nelkie, Cecil Nelkie, Richard Shover, Edmond Whitney, Earl Shover

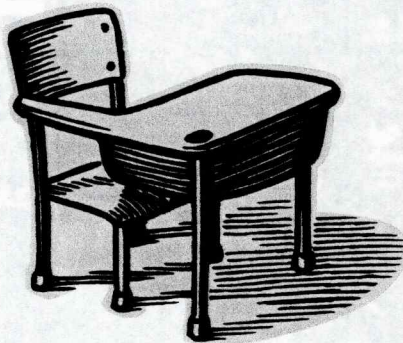
Middle row (left to right) Harold Springer, Tony Nelkie, Raymond Whitney, Agnes Blust, Harold Shover, Bob Nelem, John Katterman

Back row (left to right) Ida May Nelem, Marie Blust, Lois Nelem, Harold Katterman, Ervin Shover, Paul Blust, Tom Nelkie, Bernard Nelkie





1939
Front row (left to right) Gladys Anschuetz, Betty Groff, Alvin Bischoff, Arlene Bischoff, Leona Shover, Gretchen, Phyllis Blust, Phyllis Bouchard
Middle rows (left to right) Clyde Anschuetz, Jack Anschuetz, Don Youngs, Waldamor Bischoff, Cecila Bouchard, Willard Groff, Earl Bischoff, Jos. Bouchard, Betty Youngs, Margret Blust
Back row (left to right) Clara Whitney, Lillian Anschuetz, Rich Shover, Russ Anschuetz, Agnes Blust, Walt Blust, Ed Anschuetz?



LIDLAWVILLE SCHOOL, District #5: Located southwest corner of Rempert and Laidlaw Roads. The Laidlaw School was operational until school consolidation and bussing caused it to close. The school building was used as a community center until 1970, when it was demolished.

SOUVENIR

IN
MEMORY
OF
SCHOOL
DAYS



19 14

The School is out, vacations come
The bell has ceased to sound
The old School House has lost its hum
And silence broods around.



LIDLAWVILLE SCHOOL

District No. 5
Tawas Township, Iosco County, Mich.

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**NONA LAIRD, Teacher**  
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SCHOOL BOARD

W. E. Laidlaw M. McLeod
G. Fahselt

PUPILS

Albert Fahselt	Rachel Leggatt
Ethel Wright	Helen Laidlaw
	Hernice Wright
Mildred Wright	Minnie Woyahn
Rinold Woyahn	Margaret Laidlaw
Walter Laidlaw	Clara Lange
Martha Lange	George Lange
Myrtle Whiteside	Le Roy Leggatt
Christina Fahselt	Walter Goedecke
Edwin Vallancourt	Harold Franks
Pearl Franks	Emma Rempert
Allan Barrett	



1915
Christmas at
Laidlawville



1931 at Laidlawville School (left to right) Lornetta Goedecke (in back, and in photo at left side with Margaret), Margaret Anschuetz, Inez Anschuetz, Carl Schmalz, Lyle Goedecke, Russell Goedecke, Ruth Schmalz



*This only a little remembrance
That I'm leaving, dear
pupil, with you.
But it carries a load of
good wishes
For happiness all your
life through.*

Students listed:

- Esther Baringer grade 6 age 13
- Ruth Schmalz grade 6 age 12
- Dorothea Schmalz grade 4 age 8
- Lyle A Goedecke grade 7 age 13
- Carl Schmalz grade 6 age 13
- Loyd Baumgardner grade 5 age 12
- Leroy Anderson grade 3 age 8
- Margaret Anschuetz grade 2 age 8
- Marian Klinger beginner age 4
- Lary Klinger grade 1 age 6
- Herbert Fisher grade 6 age 14
- Billy Baumgardner grade 4 age 9
- Eloise Anderson beginner age 6
- Inez Anschuetz grade 6 age 11

Photo around 1937

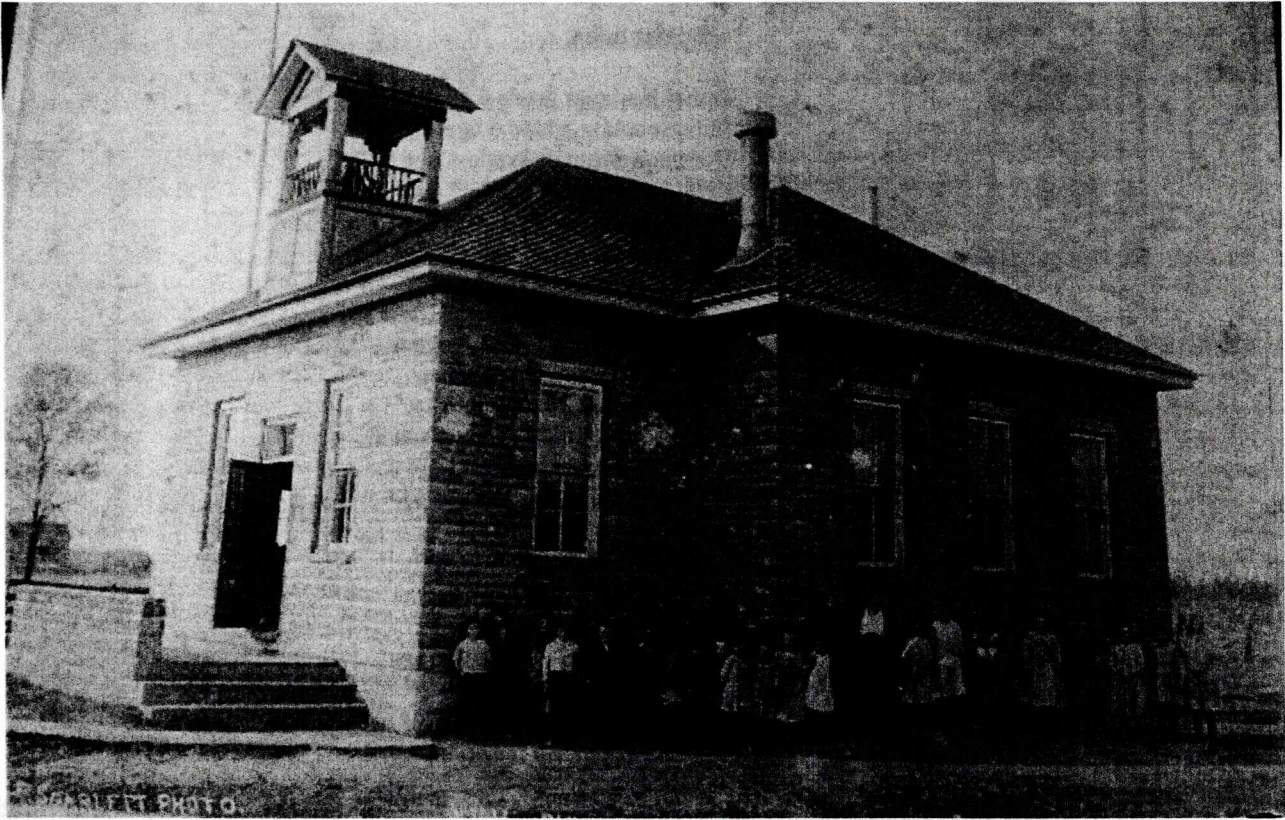


Front row (left to right)
Teacher- Eleanor (Cecil) Reinke,
Lyla Alexander, unknown, Russ
Barnes, Sally Anderson, Virginia
Klinger, Willard Bouchard,
unknown

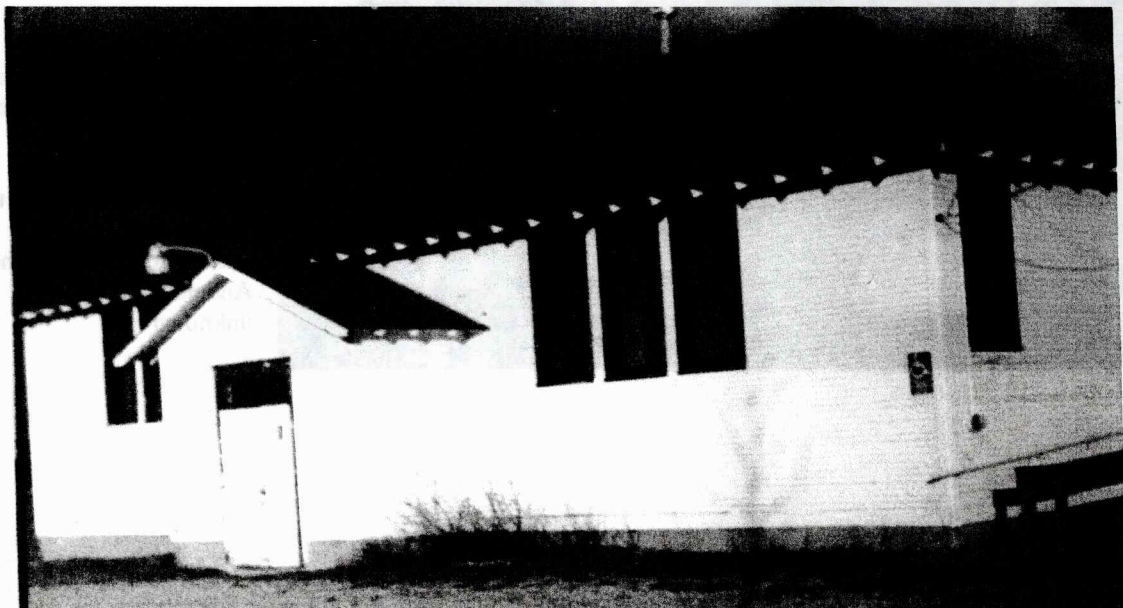
Middle row (left to right)
unknown, Marian Klinger, Jim
Fahselt, Kobs, Erwin Barnes,
unknown, Kobs

Back row (left to right)
unknown, Fred Barnes,
unknown, Leroy Barnes, Eloise
Anderson, Larry Klinger,
unknown

VINE SCHOOL, District #9: McArdle and Hemlock Roads. The first Vine School can be still seen across from the present Township Hall. The school was cold and had cracks in it. This building still stands with some modernization over the years, as it was made into a home.



Sometime later, a new Vine School was built across the road from the first school building. It was a two room school house with bathrooms in the middle section. This building eventually was used as the township hall and later torn down when the new hall was built. Photo shown below is second school house used as the township hall.



Grades K-Fifth Attendance Report 1926-1927 Teacher, Dorothy Phelps

Slevinski, Bernard	Blust, Richard	Allen, Blythe
Lorenz, Arthur	Kobs, Charles	Birkenbach, John
Birkenbach, Tresa	Drezwicki, Veronica	Bouchard, Louis
Lorenz, Leo	Tamanek, Bessie	Bouchard, Noe
Kobs, Lucile	Schenkel, Louise	Ebert, Grace
Drezwicki, James	Curry, Ralph	Katterman, Evelyn
Drezwicki, Walter	Curry, Arlene	Katterman, Ruth
Siems, Dorothy	Lorenz, Anna	Lorenz, Mary
Rapp, Deloise	Drezwicki, Clarence	McArdle, Florence
McArdle, Mary	Drezwicki, Alma	Michalski, Phyllis
Birkenbach, Josephine	Bradford, Helen	Schenkel, Walter
Curry, Kathryn	Bouchard, Louise	Siems, Joel
Michalski, Clarence	Kobs, Raymond	Slevinski, Edward
Siems, Herman	Slavinski, Lucile	

Grades Sixth- Ninth Attendance Report 1926-1927 Teacher, Lucille Mann

Schenkel, Albert	Tomanek, John	Lorenz, Frederick
Kovatch, Helen	Frockins, Leroy	Curry, Waldo
Miller, Herbert	Rhodes, Gwendolyn	Siems, George
Chambers, James	Birkenbach, Adam	Birkenbach, Sophia
Drzewecki, Sophia	Schenkel, Gertrude	Drzewecki, Henrietta
Birkenbach, Eva	Lorenz, Edward	Lorenz, Emma
Frank, Allie	Frank, Wilmer	Frank, Mabel

Grades K-Fifth Attendance Report 1929-30 Teachers, Marion Snyder- Carlton Merschel

Blust, Bernice	Blust, James	Barnes, Edgar
Barnes, Leanord	Allen, Blythe	Bouchard, Noe
Biggs, Lyle	Biggs, Wilma	Bradford, Helen
Drzewiski, David	Drzewiski, Frances	Drzewiski, Angelia
Drzewiski, Clarence	Drzewiski, Cecelia	Drzewiski, James
Drzewiski, Alma	Fisher, Herbert	Frank, Percy
Frank, LaVern	Fashelt, Kenneth	Curry, Ralph
Irish, Billy	Kobs, Raymnd	Kobs, Lucille
Lorenz, Andrew	Lorenz, David	Lorenz, Mary
Rapp, Izma	Rapp, Gerald	Rapp, Deloise
Rapp, Virginia	Schenkel, Louise	Michalski, Clarence
Michalski, Phyllis	McArdle, Betty	Townsend, Henry
Pierson, Corela	Barnes, Leroy	

Grades Sixth - Ninth Attendance Report August 31, 1931 Teacher, Delos Snyder

Allen, Blythe	Bellinger, Edwin	Biggs, Glen
Bouchard, Louise	Bouchard, Noe	Bradford, Helen
Curry, Kathryn	Curry, Ralph	Drzewicki, Alma
Drzewicki, Clarence	Drzewicki, Cecilia	Drzewicki, James
Drzewicki, Walter	Ebert, Grace	Frank, James
Katterman, Ruth	Kobs, Raymond	LaGrant, Doris
LaGrant, John	Lorenz, Anna	Lorenz, Arthur
Lorenz, Mary	Michalski, Clarence	Rapp, Deloise
Rapp, Izma	Rapp, Gerald	Schenkel, Louise
Schenkel, Walter	Tomanek, Bessie	Townsend, Henry



Photo around 1937

Front row (left to right) Cecelia Bouchard, Joe Bouchard, Vera Rapp, Dorothy Blust, unknown, Snyder, Irene Smyczynski, unknown, Ken Rapp, unknown, Anschuetz, Orville Fisher, unknown.

Middle row (left to right) Roger Earl, Rosetta Lorenz, unknown, Clarabell Earl, Betty McArdle, Bud Fahselt, Billy Biggs, unknown, Don Long, unknown, Wayne Biggs

Back row (left to right) Teacher- Evelyn Katterman, unknown, Virginia Rapp, unknown, Francis Fisher, unknown, Walter Smyczynski, unknown, unknown, Teacher- Delose Snyder



Front row (left to right) Robert Frank, James Bessey, Willard Watts, Barbara Binder, Gary Hackett.

Second row (left to right) Nelson Bessey, Dale Peters, Wilber McGuire, Dean Kobs, Gary Goddard.

Third row (left to right) Dale Harten, Donald Harten, James Herriman, James Katterman, Raymond Heckman,

Fourth row (left to right) Marcilla Bessey, Patricia Kobs, Carl Grabow, Terrie Hill, Dennis Whitford, Linda Curry,

Fifth row (left to right) Sheryl Grabow, Kay Earl, Alice Anschuetz, Victoria Mullennix June Coates, Danial Bessey.

Last row (left to right) Darwin Biggs, Mrs. Rollin, Teacher.

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION 1952: *Iosco County News excerpt October 2, 1952*: "...Voters of 13 Tawas area school districts approved the formation of a rural agricultural school district by a vote of 1,357 to 396 in a special election Tuesday.

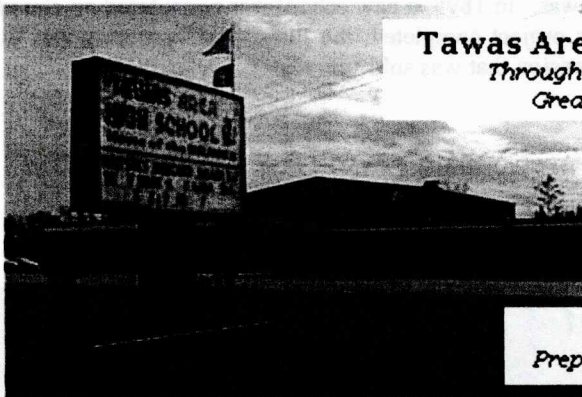
The election successfully brought to a close a campaign which started three years ago with the formation of a Tawas area school study committee, and was carried on for two years by a joint committee of the East Tawas and Tawas City schools and several of the rural districts.

School districts affected in the reorganization are: East Tawas, Tawas City, Tawas 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9; Baldwin 2; Grant 2 and 3; Alabaster; Wilber 4, all in Iosco county; and Whitney 6, in Arenac county."

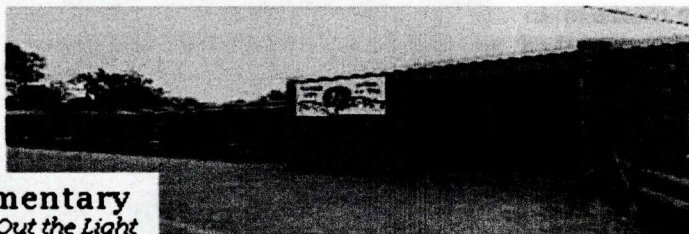
PRESENT SCHOOL

Present location is 255, west M-55. From Don Thwing-Superintendent: "Tawas Area Schools currently has 1,480 students enrolled. The district is located in Iosco County and encompasses approximately 167 square miles. The school district's population is approximately 11,250. All of our buildings are NCA accredited. Each has also made adequate year progress requirements. Our education, yes, report card grades included three A's and 1 B.

While Tawas Area Schools strives for excellence in its academic programs, it also promotes pride and accomplishment in the extra-curricular offerings. Our sports teams compete favorably. Tawas has won the girls All Sports Award for six years in a row. Our boys have won it four years in a row."



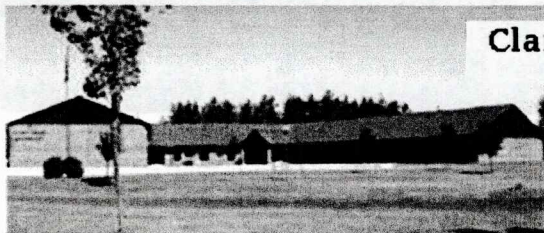
Tawas Area High School
*Through These Halls Walk the
 Greatest Students in the World...*
Grades 9 - 12



Tawas Area Junior High
Preparing Today for Our Tomorrow...
Grades 7 - 8

**Grades
 4-6**

Tawas City Elementary
*Bringing Out the Light
 From Within...*



Clara Bolen Elementary
Where Futures Begin...

**Grades K-3
 & Young 4's**

CHURCHES

PAST CHURCHES

REORGANIZED CHURCH of LATTER DAY SAINTS: *1948 Social Survey of Upper Townline School District, by Isabelle J. Leslie-* "...was built in 1889. At that time it was located in the Lower Townline about eighty rods west of the present highway US 23. In nineteen hundred it was moved to the present location in section four as this was a more central location and the most of the membership was from this community. Later this church burned and the present church was built in nineteen ten. It has a present membership of about fifty and Harrison Frank, a local farmer, is the pastor."

MEDOTHIST E. CHURCH: *1948 Social Survey of Upper Townline School District, by Isabelle J. Leslie-* "...built about 1887 and was very active for a great many years. It was disbanded for financial reasons about 1920 and in the early 1930's the building was sold for \$90 dollars and the money turned over to World Missions in Chicago."

The Townline M.E. Church purchased land February 18, 1885 from Christena Smith price \$1 (Section 33).

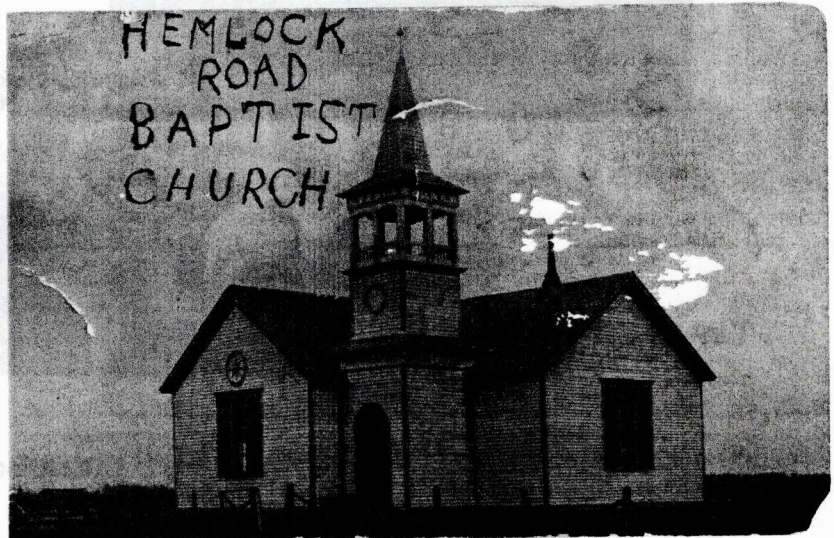
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH: The congregation was organized in 1870 in East Tawas. As the church grew, it was decided a combination church, school, and parsonage should be built. In 1878, that complex was erected on Plank Road. It was across the road from the original congregation cemetery. A new church building, more centrally located, was erected in 1890 in Tawas City. As the new church was dedicated that year, the school remained active on the Plank Road site. The school was still on Plank Road with Mr. Dommer teaching. In 1894, the pastor and his daughter started a school in town for the children living in the village of Tawas. In 1895, a new school was considered on church grounds in Tawas City and in 1896, it was dedicated. With this project completed, the Plank Road property was disposed of except for one-quarter of the land kept for a cemetery extension that was sold years later.

PRESENT CHURCH

HEMLOCK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH:

Early History of Hemlock Road Baptist Church written by Elizabeth Ferrister 1943: "I have been asked to tell what I can of the Church History the first few years. In January 1885 three men were chosen to act as Building Comm. They were Mr. Fred Latham, Mr. Reynald Anschutz and Mr. Guy Ferrister. The carpenter was Mr. Stark. Many others helped. April 17th, 1885 the Bldg. fund has grown to \$342.50 so building was begun.

In March the different men got together and cut the timbers from Latham's farm. The 40 acres are now owned by Mr. Arthur Anschutz. They hewed the Timbers with broad axes, and drew them on the ground given by Mr. Reutley. The Church was built that summer, but was not plastered until in March 1887.



The cleaning was done by the neighbors. Everyone was so interested having a church in the neighborhood that they were anxious to do all they could to help. Each one gave what they could. Several of the men solicit money from anyone who would contribute. This was done by many of the people who were not Christians and also by some who belonged to other churches. As a result when the church was finished there was no indebtedness to trouble us.

The Reverend Prescott furnished the paint for the church. When the church was built, it contained only what would now be the church proper. The doors were in the front, but no windows were there. When the addition was built on in later years, and also the belfry, the doors were changed and the windows were put in the front.

February 1886 saw our great revival. It lasted nearly 4 weeks, and the church was crowded to capacity. Up to this time there was only 3 Baptists in the community. They were Mr. and Mrs. Reutly, and Mr. Guy Ferrister. We were not very comfortable through the evenings as there was only the sub-floor with plenty of cracks thru which to let in the cold.

The pews were planks nailed onto blocks of wood- with no backs of course, and also no cushions. But we never thought of it as uncomfortable for the meetings were so interesting and spiritual. Many prayers and testimonies came from the sleigh loads of people from the Tawas and the surrounding country. We very seldom reached our homes until 2 o'clock in the morning. And singing! Oh such singing! God must have heard and blessed us. There were 2 stoves, one at the front and one at the back of the church. We had lots of wood to keep good fires.

At this revival many were converted and baptized and added to the church. I had been a Christian since I was 13 but had never belonged to any church until that time. In these 57 years our church doors have never been closed. If we did not have a paster we managed to keep our Sunday School going. Sometimes we were badly handicapped for teachers. Our Sunday School average was 40 or 50 but very often we were helped by some of our kind friends from Tawas City coming to our rescue. Mr. Waterbury, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Tait from East Tawas, and Dannie Latter from Reno were among these, and we were always glad to welcome them.

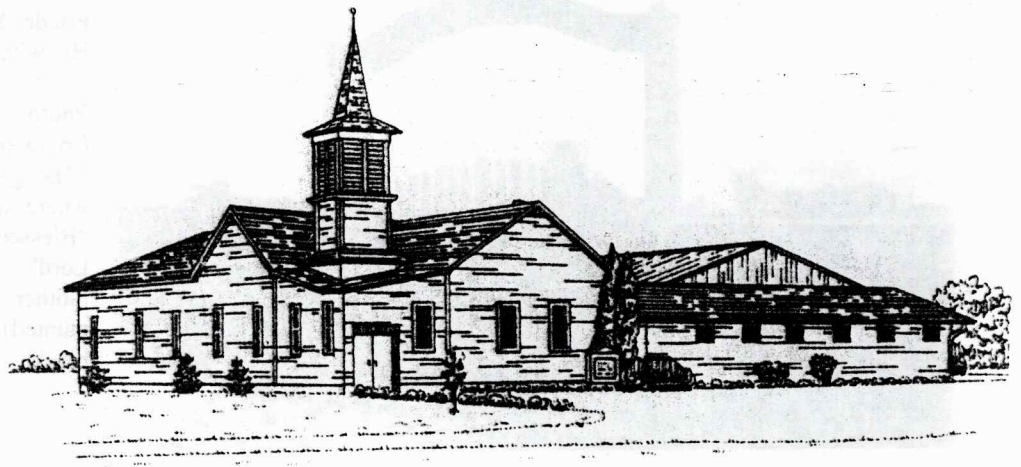
One Sunday I very often think about, my husband was sick and I took the three children and the church key and went early to be there to open the church. But no teachers came that day, but there were about 40 children and I wondered how I could manage all of them. First we sang two or three hymns, and then we said the Lord's Prayer together. Then for the older ones we opened the bibles. We had plenty of them. We repeated the Ten Commandments with a few added thoughts. The next class told me the disciples' names. Then we sang some more hymns and who should walk in but the Rev. Prescott. I was speechless but I managed to explain our difficulty and ask him to talk to the children, which he did. Then he went home with us for dinner and came back in the evening and preached. The children carried the announcement home and the church was full.

For many years the young people had B.Y.P.U. every Sunday night. Thursday nights Prayer meetings and if there were only a few there we always tried to remember the words of our Lord when he said "For where two or three are gathered together in my name there will I be in the midst of them."

In 1889 the church was dedicated, and the Pulpit Bible was given by our first minister, the Rev. Horton."

From Delores Fernandez:

In 1970, an addition with a baptistery and choir loft was added to the present sanctuary. As growth continued, it became apparent that more space was needed. In 1976, the church purchased 12 more acres for a total of 15 acres. In 1978, plans were made for a gym and Sunday school classrooms. In 1980, Hemlock Road Baptist Academy K-eighth opened.



CEMETERIES

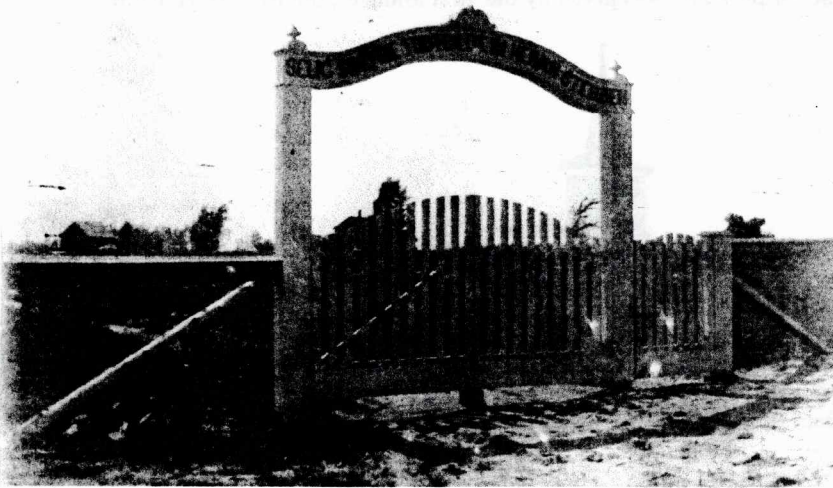
TAWAS TOWNSHIP CEMETERY (Now known as **MEMORY GARDENS CEMETERY**): *History of the Lake Huron Shore - 1883, published by H.R. Page & Co, Chicago, 1883*: "In the early days of Tawas City there was no ground set apart for a burial place, but as is usually the case, the nearest spot of high ground was made sacred by the graves of the dead. Such a place was found in the vicinity of where the Prescott mill now stands, more nearly where the railroad track crosses the main street leading along the bay shore. Subsequently a few graves were made across the creek on a spot of high ground, and about 1875 the present cemetery grounds were purchased by the township. The cemetery is situated about one and one-quarter miles from the village and contains five acres."

Warranty Deed – Cemetery- Tawas City: Received for record August 25 A.D. 1873 at 4 o'clock---This Indenture made this twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight-hundred and Seventy three Between Fannie H. Drake and Louise M. Martins of Pontiac Michigan, James O. Whittemore & Melissa S. Whittemore his wife, Charles H. Whittemore and Abbie W Whittemore his wife of Tawas City, Mich. of the first part and William O Taylor Supervisor, Ezra J. Brookhouser, Daniel Simpson, John Huston and Daniel D Haller Justices of the Peace Constituting the Board of Health of the Township of Tawas in the County of Iosco and State of Michigan and their successor in Office parties of the second part. Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first part for an in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said parties of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged do by these presents grant bargain sell remise release alien and confirm unto the said parties of the second part and to their successors in office forever all that certain piece as parcel of land situate and being in the Township of Tawas County of Iosco and State of Michigan and known and described--(five acres)

1948 Social Survey of Upper Townline School District, by Isabelle J. Leslie: "Due to modern changes the cemetery is now under city management."

PRESENT CEMETERY

ZION LUTHERAN CEMETERY also known as **COLD CREEK CEMETERY**: *History of the Lake Huron Shore - 1883, published by H.R. Page & Co, Chicago, 1883* "The Lutheran society also have a cemetery on Cold Creek, about two miles from the village.



Friedrich W. Schlechte built this gate.
His wife Sophia died in 1899.

Photo: taken August 23, 1900.
Comments from August Schlechte:
"The gate to the entrance of cemetery where mother is buried. Inscription: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord". Papa had built this gate after mother died. The letters are tin (not painted). The gate is white, the letters black.

POOR FARM CEMETERY: By Alonzo J Sherman; several records refer to a cemetery on the county poor farm located on Sparton Road in the southern part of section 10 Tawas Township. The first legal reference to its location is in the May 12, 1921 indenture in the Iosco County Deeds Libre 63 page 599, where the county sold 25 acres of the poor farm but excepting the cemetery: from the common corner of Sections 10, 11, 14 & 15 of Tawas Township, then starting 37 ½ rods E of the ¼ post between sections 10 and 15 as a place of beginning then running east 5 rods, then north 2 rods and 12 feet, then west 5 rods, then south 2 rods 12 feet to the beginning, in Section 10. The above location of the cemetery is still in the indenture of the current owner of the property. The cemetery has recently been surveyed by Iosco County, and corner monuments have been installed.



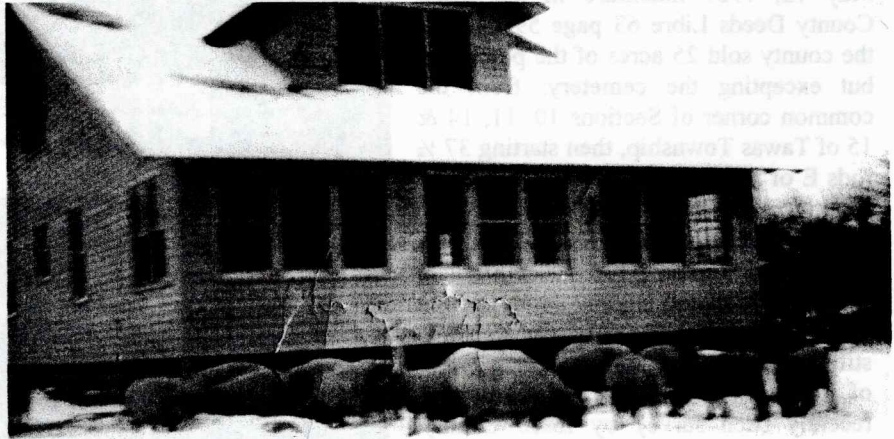
LIDLAW FAMILY CEMETERY: Located on the boarder of Sections 16 and 17 Tawas Township. This cemetery is on private property, believed to have been established about 1872.



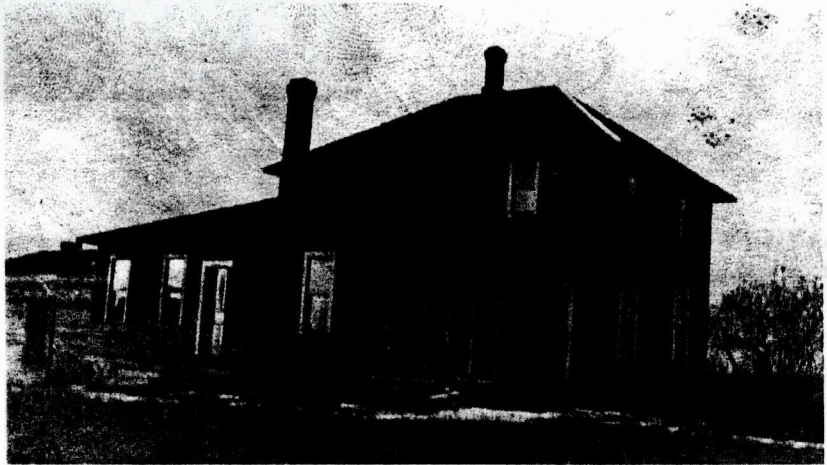
FARMS

SOME PAST FARMS

ANSCHUETZ, ANDREW farm: Located Plank Road. Photo: right. He was born in Tawas Township 1892, son of Henry and Augusta Anschuetz. Andrew went to Laidlawville School and Emanuel Lutheran School and walked five miles for three years. He joined the Army in WW1. In 1920, he bought a sixty acre farm on Plank Road. He married Esther Anderson 1921. They raised three children: Inez, Margaret, and Allan. The farm was sold in 1944.



ANSCHUETZ, HENRY farm: Henry was the son of Johannes Anschuetz and Margaret (Zorn). He homesteaded on Kobs Road. He married Augusta and started a family. All the children were born there. They had nine children: Julia, Anthony, Edwin, Ferdinand, Walter, Andrew, Edna, Frieda, and an infant who died early. He was Justice of Peace, 1890-1892, and Tawas Township Supervisor. He also was the Land Surveyor for the township. Henry owned several sawmills. Photo: late 1880's.



ANSCHUETZ, FERDINAND farm: Located Plank Road. Photo: October 1938.

Tawas Herald News 1916: "Quite a number attended a bee, hauling gravel for Ferdinand Anschuetz, on Wednesday. He is preparing to build a new barn."

BARNES, FRED farm: Fred, son of Joseph and Ellen Barnes, was born 1925 Keystone farm in Prescott, Michigan moved to a farm on Lorenz Road. Fred started first grade at the Vine School with Lucy Allen as teacher. He lived there about six years. The family moved from that farm 1932 to his present residence on Laidlaw Road. He attended Laidlaw School with his teacher being Walt Laidlaw in 1932. His next teacher was Ernestine Cecil who married Martin Reinke. He graduated from eighth grade and started at East Tawas High for ninth grade.

Joining the US Navy at seventeen years of age, his boot camp was at Great Lake Navel Training Station at Great Lake, Illinois. From there he was sent to the Panama Canal Zone where he was a mine sweeper. He transferred back to the U.S. and took combat training at San Bruno, California. Soon he was transferred to Guam as a seaman guard. In August of 1945, he transferred back to the U.S., finishing out at Grosse Isle, Michigan.

In 1946, Fred joined the Navel Reserve, taking a two week cruise on a light cruiser- USS Albany, a new ship at that time. Cruising off the Island Bermuda, he was gun pointer. In August 1947, he went on active duty at Grosse Isle, Michigan as master at arms duty.

He married Carol Kuster in 1953. In 1970, Grosse Isle Navel Base closed, and he returned to his present home on Laidlaw. Later he worked for the State Park Service as a Park Ranger at the Aloha State Park in Cheboygan, Michigan, where he was promoted to Park Officer. He was laid off for three years and then was recalled to Harrisville for three to four years where he retired at 62. Since then, he has enjoyed his retirement by hunting and fishing and bowling on the senior league at Oscoda Vista Lanes. Fred lost his wife, Carol, in January 2000, after almost 47 years of marriage. He purchased his farm in 1968 from his brother Irvin Barnes.

BARNES, EDGAR G. farm: 1950, first farm was located Laidlaw Road. "Got up at six- fed cows, pigs and sheep then went to work in town. I owned 39 acres- grazed my cattle, planted oats, corn, and alfalfa, baled hay on my farm and others who did not have a baler. I had a huge vegetable garden, bean patch, rhubarb, and picked berries. My wife, Genevieve (Jenny), helped with the farm, canned all of the vegetables, put up jam and jelly, and cooked great meals. We raised seven children and had a good life on our farm."

BARNES, JAMES HENRY farm: Located Townline Road. He married Helen McDermid.

BELLINGER, JACOB farm: He married Jennie Ecker, and owned 80 acres.

BELLINGER, JOHN farm: Purchased land at corner of Townline and Lorenz Roads. He married Martha Ecker, and emigrated from Canada. They built their house out of locally saw-milled lumber. Their homestead was a 16 foot by 28 foot home on the Townline Road, with a barn out back for livestock. They donated ½ acre for the building site of the Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church. This ½ acre was deeded back in 1958, to the owners at that time, Fred and Lena Bell, and Joe and Adeline Frank. These parties sold the property in 1963, to Muriel Benson. Her and her husband, Joseph, tore the church down and built their home, and a barn from the wood salvaged from the church.

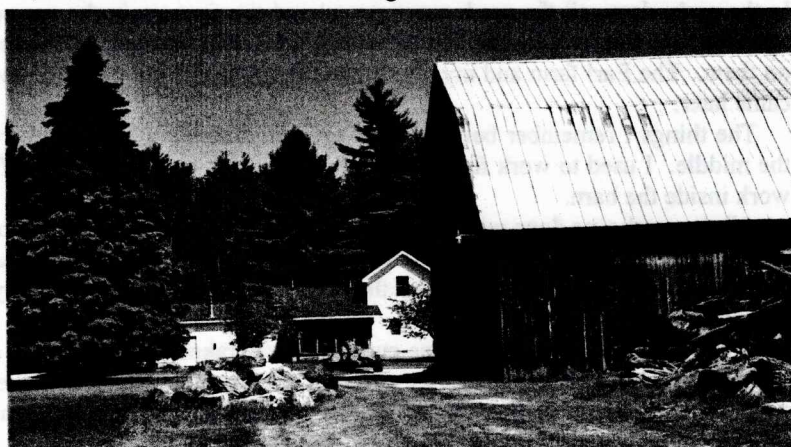
BERG, HERMAN farm: Located Kobs Road.
Photo right: taken 2007.

BESSEY, WALT farm: Told by Charlotte Bessey. "This farm began about 1943, located McArdle Road. This farm had cows, chickens, and horses. They took vegetables to town, and sold them. The cows were milked 5 a.m. and 6 p.m."

BLUST, ANDREW farm: Born in 1826, Baden, Germany. Farm location was on Meadow Road.

BLUST, ANDREW farm: Son of Bernhart Blust. Farm location was the Meadow Road. He married Elizabeth Ebert.

BLUST, BERNHARDT farm: Located Meadow Road.



BLUST, JOSEPH farm: Pioneer resident of Tawas Township sold his farm to Ernest Scholtz, of East Tawas in 1919. *Tawas Herald News 1897:* "Joseph Blust owns 80 acres on the Meadow Road in Tawas Township, 55 acres of which is improved, good buildings and orchard. This season he harvested 400 bushels of corn; 400 bushels of potatoes; 1000 bushels of other root crops; 192 bushels of oats; 20 ton of hay; 41 bushels of wheat, and 75 bushels of peas. He has 20 head of stock."

BOUCHARD, HECTOR NAPOLEON (PAUL) farm: Told by Phyllis (Bouchard) Spencer; "The Bouchard Farm started around the late 1800's when Hector Napoleon Bouchard, who most of the time went by (Napoleon or Paul), came over from Montreal, Canada, and settled on a couple of 80 acre parcels in Tawas Township. It was there on the corner of M-55 and McArde Roads that the old homestead began. Napoleon married to Mary (Brabant), owned and ran his crop farm of hay, corn, beans, potatoes, wheat, oats, and other vegetables. They had ten children. Their eldest was son Leonard Bouchard lived on M-55; Joseph; Victor also had a farm on M-55; Margaret, Leo, George, Frederick, Louis, Mary (Louise), and Noah."

"Leonard Bouchard and Melina (King) had four children- Joseph, Cecila, Phyllis, and Harold (Frenchie) Bouchard. The oldest son, Joseph, built a home on Plank Road in Tawas Township with his wife Helen (Woizeschke), and still resides there today. They have nine children; Phyllis, Joseph, Clara, William, Mary, Ann, James, John and Margaret. Their oldest daughter, Phyllis Spencer, with her husband Ken, still reside in Tawas Township today. For four generation the eldest child in the family resided in the Tawas Township and two still live there today."

Told by Joseph Bouchard Sr.; "The original farm was 80 acres, and later an additional 80 acres was purchased which joined the farm and fronted on M-55. All kinds of animals were raised, cows, horses, pigs, chickens, geese and ducks. The crops raised on the farm went to feed the people, animals, and for sale. I remember talk of bringing the grain over to a mill, by wagon, in Whittemore where it was ground into flour and brought home to use. The only thing they had to buy from the town was sugar, salt, pepper, and a few of the other things that they could not grow.

He had two very large barns, an ice house, a granary, a large wood shed, and a number of out buildings. A wonderful tool shed with a line shaft from the windmill which ran grinders, lathes and drill presses. This building had been the original house that they lived in before building the large brick home.

This large brick, two story house was built in the early 1900's and the thousands of bricks were made at the farm. The material was shipped in by railroad car and transported by wagon for the seven or eight miles to the farm. It took a long time to build the house which had a washroom, large kitchen, two bedrooms, a parlor, a dining room, living room, and a pantry off the kitchen down stairs, and a host of small bedrooms upstairs. They had ten children, eight boys and two girls.

There was a large orchard with two cherry trees, two pear trees, two plum trees, and a large assortment of different apple trees, about two acres in size. Some time earlier my grandfather had purchased some 200 acres of wooded land up by Indian Lake from which they cut the telephone poles and enough wood every year to feed three stoves all winter long. In the early days, all the roads were gravel and the farmers in the surrounding area got together and erected their own telephone line and maintained it themselves. The side roads off M-55 also had to be maintained by the people who lived on them. The Earl farm and my grandfather's farm were the only ones on the first mile on north McArde Road. Others came later.

The things I remember best were my grandmother's cooking and her large sugar and lard cookies with the raisin in the middle. I used to work for my grandfather for ten cents a day, and if it rained, I didn't get paid, but we did as much work inside the barn.

All the work was done with horses; there were always three teams of big horses. Grandfather had to stand on a box to harness them. He alternated them, working one team for the morning and one team in the afternoon. The third team would start out the next morning so they were well rested and not always out the same time every day but rotated and well kept.

I am not sure how the hay was cut, but it was raked into a window and picked up by a hay loader behind a wagon pulled by horses. Before that, they gathered the hay into what they called haycocks and pitched it onto the wagon with pitch forks by hand. It was then hauled to the barn and put up in the mow by a huge hay fork and a series of ropes to unload the wagon. Before this it was all done by hand."

As far as Joseph Bouchard can remember, around the mid 1950's, the farm was sold to George Prescott who eventually sold the farm to John Katterman, and his son, Bill Katterman, and wife, Jill, who still farm it today.

BRADLEY, THOMAS farm: Located at the edge of Tawas City. *Tawas Herald News 1929:* "Thomas Bradley, age 77 years, was killed by an enraged bull late Sunday afternoon at his farm at the city limits."

COUNTY POOR FARM: *History of the Lake Huron Shore - 1883 published by H.R. Page & Co, Chicago, 1883* "In the fall of 1869 the supervisors purchased 320 acres of Mr. J. A. F. Scheffler, in Tawas Township for a poor farm. One hundred acres have been cleared and are under cultivation. Good buildings have been erected and many valuable improvements made."

Written by Alonzo J Sherman 2007: "The Iosco County Superintendents of the Poor, purchased a farm about 1871, to be used as the County Poor Farm. It contained 320 acres and was located on the South one half of section 10 of Tawas Township, being located on the North side of West Sparton Road, between Plank and Kobs Roads.

The original house located in the Southwest corner of the farm burned down in October 1871, and they then renovated an old log house near the East end of the farm. Sometime around 1900, a new house was built along West Sparton road about half way between Plank and Kobs Roads, now being at 1284 West Sparton Road. These houses were locally called the poor house.

All the standing pine timber on the farm was sold in 1874. After some land was cleared in 1876, the county solicited bids for someone to rent the farm and work it on shares. Rent was \$500 per year, and the county got one fourth of the crops.

The county solicited bids in 1879, for a "Keeper of the Poor," who was required to be a farmer, have a wife and a team of horses. The Keeper of the Poor was paid \$500 per year to operate the farm. And for caring for the inmates, he was paid weekly \$3.75 for an adult, \$3.00 for a child of 10-3 years, \$2.00 for a child less than 3 years, and \$1.00 for a child less than 3 years with her mother.

The Keeper of the Poor was directed to furnish good wholesome food consisting of potatoes, bread, onions, cabbage, tea, sugar, coffee, beans, butter, syrup, rice, and to furnish fresh meat or mutton twice a week, and fresh beef or mutton soup twice a week on days fresh meat was not furnished. Meals were served at 7a.m., 12 noon & 5 p.m.

Various records indicate that the county furnished a barber who came to the poor farm and cut the inmates hair. The county also furnished a doctor who made calls to the poor farm to care for the inmates. The county purchased chewing tobacco for the men and snuff for the women. There were no records found that indicate what if any work the inmates were required to do on the farm. However, on poor farms in other counties, and the one this author visited in the 1940's, inmates able to work were required to work.

A Journal kept by the Keeper of the Poor for 1874-1893, is now located in the Register of Deeds Office. An index to this Journal was published by the Huron Shores Genealogical Society on February 2, 2004. The journal contains information on about 200 inmates: Given is their name, age, sex, residence, date admitted and cause of pauperism, date of discharged and cause of discharge, and notations if blind, mute, epileptic, idiotic or insane. The age of inmates from 1874-1893 ranged from 8 to 87 years of age. These were individuals as well as families. Apparently, there was a Journal after 1893, but the location of it is unknown.

A new 120 acre farm was purchased in 1921. This was the West 120 acres of the Southeast one fourth of Section 20 of Tawas Township, being located on the north side of M-55 west of Lorenz Road, and was called the "County Infirmary." The County Infirmary was 160 acres by the 1930's, including the complete Southeast on fourth of section 20 of Tawas Township. The County Infirmary was closed during the late 1930's after Social Security was implemented.

The infirmary buildings on M-55 burned down in 1972, except for two old barns, which are still there. Both the old and new poor farms are now privately owned. The Poor Farm Cemetery is still owned by Iosco County."

Neil Thorton: "After the sale of the county farm in 1954, the old infirmary was used for about 10 years as a private nursing home."

The Iosco County News reported August 1972: "A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the old "county farm" across from the Waldo Curry farm on M-55. The building was owned by Robert Curry."

DAVIS, B. W. farm: Located in Laidlawville. Mr. Davis had been a resident of Tawas City for a number of years. He was a general agent for the DeLaval cream separator. He was married and lived for some time in the city before moving to the farm he had purchased and where he died (1922).

DRZEWIECKI, JOHN farm: Born in 1844, Poland. Farm location was McArdle Road.

DREZWIECKI, FRANK farm: Located McArdle Road.

DREZWIECKI (FISHER), JOSEPH farm: Located Meadow Road. He married Johanna Blust. Surname was changed to Fisher. Photo right: 2007



EBERT, AUGUST farm: Purchased land in 1885, located southwest corner of Rempert and Meadow Roads. He raised a family of 11 children. August farmed until his passing 1931. His two sons, William and Albert along with their mother, Tillie, continued until her passing 1965 and then William in 1971. The farm was vacant for many years but stayed in the family until 1990's when it was sold.

EBERT, JOHN farm: Located Meadow Road between Lorenz and Rempert Roads. He purchased the land in 1885. He raised his seven children. At his passing in 1943, his two sons, John and Joseph, kept farming. The property was then owned by James Blust, grandson of John. Today it is owned by the Look's and is farmed by James Groff.

Photo below of the farm in 2007, today owned by Marlene Look, it was the homestead of John Ebert and his wife Mary (Schmidt).



FAHSELT, HENRY farm: Was a part time farmer located on M-55. He raised sheep. It is now currently the home of the Tawas Animal Hospital owned by Dr. Tim Burg.

FAHSELT, OSCAR farm: Located in Laidlawville.

FRANK, HARRISON WILLIAM farm: Surviving daughter, Allie Mae (Frank) Cuny, remembers life in Tawas Township. Her father came from Canada and lived on a farm on the Townline. She was born in 1914 Reno township, later returning back to Tawas. She grew up on the Hemlock Road, when it was just a sand road.

Allie attended the Vine School, a two room school house. She would get up about 7 a.m. School started at 9, in the winter months having to wade to school with snow banks clear up to her hips. Two recess of 15 minutes each in the morning and afternoon. At this time they would play ball or games such as Pull-away, Tag, Farmer in the Dell and Ante over the House. She remembers one time the school could not pay for the books, so the parents were charged for them. With 12 children in the family, her father sold veal so he could buy books for his children. Later, Allie graduated from the East Tawas School and County Normal. She taught a couple years in Reno Township and three years at the Upper Townline School. She married Eugene Cuny.

Younger children worked out in the fields chopping grain. Once she remembers her brother James and she got on top of the hay-loaded wagon for a ride back home. While traveling homeward, the wagon tipped and the load of hay along with them rolled down a hill. No one was hurt. They had thought it was a lot of fun.

Sometimes tragedy would hit. While her father was in the National Forest cutting wood, Allie's mother left her 18 month son Lewis in the sand pile near the door when she went inside to feed her infant child. After returning outside, Lewis was not there. Hurriedly, mother looked in the nearby well. Not finding him, she ran to the barn, only to discover he was not there. On her way back to the house, she again looked down in the well and found Lewis floating to the top of the well. Grabbing him, she raced across the field to find Judd Freel and his father. They took the child and tried to revive him without success. Usually wells were covered, but at that time it had been left uncovered after someone had watered the horses earlier. Father returning home after dark, learned Lewis death as a neighbor ran out to tell him.

Allie can remember visiting the Poor Farm. At the time, there were about 20 men and one woman. The lady was Elva Edith O'Dell, who was a midget. Elva ate her meals separately in the kitchen, where she had her own small table and chair. She owned a hat shop in East Tawas, and Allie would stop in and visit.

The most talked-about event on the farm was at deer hunting. Her father would go hunting with a group. Seeing them return, the children would run out to see who got the first deer. Normally it would be her father, "Dead Eye Dick," with the trophy. This term was used when referring to someone who was a good shot.

FRANK, OMAR farm: Located Townline Road. Born in Canada, he came to area at age nine months. Besides farming most of his life, he worked at the United States Gypsum Company's quarry at Alabaster and at a sugar factory at Bay City for four years.

FREEL, JOSEPH farm: Located Townline Road. He was the son of William Freel. Newspaper 1987 article written by Neil Thornton, submitted by Don and Joyce Lake: "...Joseph Freel, one of Iosco County's last pathmaster, was 90 years old when he recalled several incidents involving his service in supervising road construction along the Townline Road running through Tawas Township. "I can remember years ago seeing my dad take a long pole, push it into the road and then shove it out of sight. You can see what we had to put up with in the spring. There was no bottom to that road."

A farmer most of his life, Freel had lived at the same place along the Townline for 64 years. "The old Townline has always been a pretty lively place, what with all my many relatives living in the neighborhood. It was a "pretty lively place" for other reasons, boasting a pair of brick one-room school houses at the upper and lower ends, both financed by the hard-scrabble farmers living along the road who provided their hard-earned tax dollars to hire the best teachers available to match the best educational facilities they could provide for their children."

GAUL, FREDERICK farm: In 1878, the Gaul's purchased about 160 acres of farmland from Augustus Zimmert and wife.

HARRIS, CHARLES farm: Known also as Captain. He was born in New York 1832. He married Caroline Wood. His obituary written in 1908 states, "He carried the first U.S. mail to Tawas by boat." He lived on the farm for 35 years.

HOSBACH, HENRY farm: Located McArdle Road. Photo right: 2007 what remains of the homestead.



HUGHES, BURL farm: Purchased about 1931, by parents James and Nancy Hughes, located on Meadow Road. It is co-owned by Sharon Yates and Charlotte (Hughes) Martin. This farm had some cows and crops. Chores began at 6 a.m.

KATTERMAN, JOHN C. SR. farm: Born in 1859, New York, he came to Iosco County with his parents when a boy. He homesteaded his farm on the Hemlock Road. He married Johanna Binder. They had three children, one who died in infancy, William, and John. Mr. Katterman was also a painter by trade.

KATTERMAN, WILLIAM farm: Location northeast corner of Rempert and M-55 Roads.

Photo New Herald May 1957: "Wind damage. Frank Warywocki, left, William Katterman center and Mrs. Warywocki look over the flattened barn on the Katterman farm after Thursday's wind and rain."



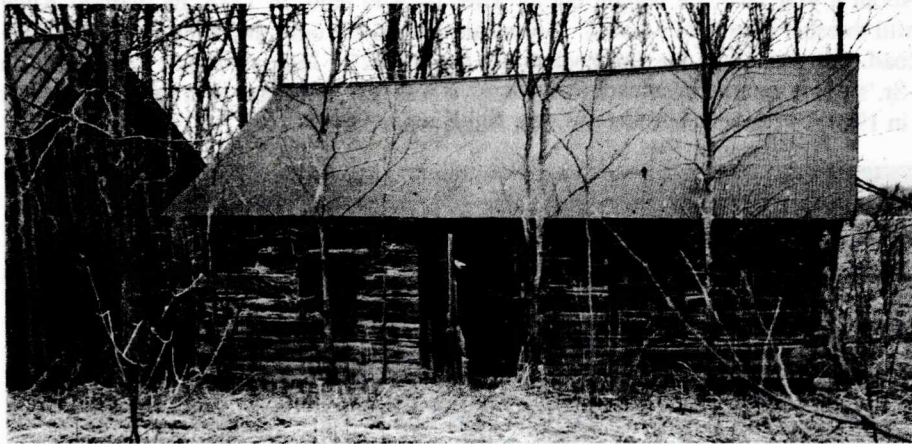
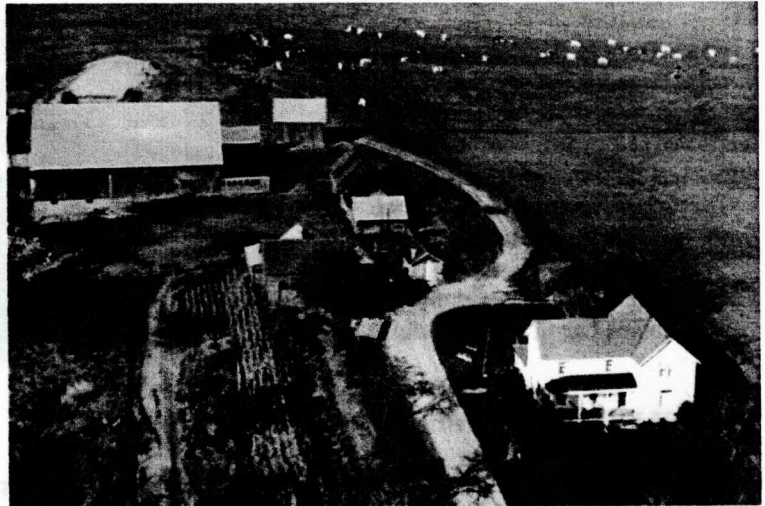
KEHOE, MOSES farm: Located Hemlock Road. He married Mary Cecilia McGuire.

KLINGER (KARZISKI), ANDY farm: Andy and wife Georgene (Black) purchased a farm on Laidlaw Road in 1932. Andy was a member of the Laidlaw School Board.

KLISH, ALBERT farm: Located Rempert and Meadow Roads. It is currently owned by Krause. Photo Right: 2007.



KOBS, OTTO farm: Located Miller Road. This farm was a dairy farm. Later, the farm was owned by Charles and Raymond Kobs. Photo: taken 1955, farm of Charles and Raymond Kobs.



KRUMM, AUGUST farm: Purchased December 1893. August and wife Augusta raised a family of four children. Carl, the youngest, then farmed until his passing in 1982.

Photo left: Krumm log cabin homestead, still standing 2007

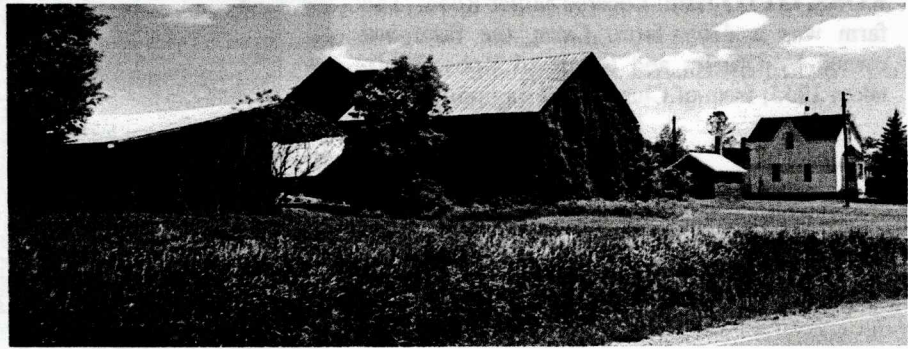
KRUMM, EDWARD farm: Told by daughter, Lulu Lacy Lear. Edward was married to Viola Ulman. Their farm was in the 1940's, 80 acres on Townline Road. It was a dairy and crop farm, with animals. They milked about ten cows, Holsteins. Edward emigrated with his parents, August and Lena Krumm, from Germany, who homesteaded 40 acres on Oats Road. Edward walked to Anschuetz School. He walked to the German church on Second Avenue in Tawas City.

LAIDLAW farm: Now owned by William, Brenda, and Richard Laidlaw. This farm was a dairy farm. It is currently leased to the Curry's. Two Laidlaw brothers, James and Ebenezer, moved to Tawas Township in 1866. They acquired large parcels of forest, which they would log. They let the land be sold for unpaid taxes. They established a mill on what became Laidlaw Road. It produced lumber and shingles. A little community surrounded the mill- a boarding house owned by the Shippey's, a general store, post office and homes. Eventually, a school was built on land loaned/leased to the school board for 99 years. The school was known as the Laidlawville School.

For many years, the Iosco County Gazette and the Tawas Herald would have a section on local "happenings", and news from the various communities including Laidlawville. The Laidlaw mill produced lumber that built the school, the lumber for the original Plank Road, and lumber for the Wilbur Township Methodist Church. Two disastrous fires caused the demise of the mill, for there were no insurance monies. Some of the property evolved into a family farm at first 160 acres then 200. The mill was gone; the post office, general store and boarding house soon followed.

LANGE, CHARLES farm: Charles and Amelia farmed on Lorenz Road. This farm began April 1913. The farm had cows, chickens, and pigs.

LOOK, CARL farm: Located on the Meadow Road. He purchased 80 acres from Joseph Blust on April 18, 1896. He farmed there until his passing in 1931. His young son, Carl, took over the farm. Carl Jr. then sold the farm to his brother's son, Bernard Look. The farm today is farmed by his cousin, James Groff. Photo right: 2007.



McARDLE, JAMES W. farm: Located on the Meadow Road.

McARDLE, JOHN Sr. farm: Located on the Meadow Road. An apprentice of the tinsmith trade, he came to Tawas Township at the age of 21 years. About a year later, he bought eighty acres of wild land. In 1888, he married Alice Louise Chambers. He was a successful thresher man for 35 years. It was said he had the only threshing machine in the area while living on the Meadow Road. He moved to the Hemlock Road about 1925. John served as Justice of the Peace. Photo below: John McArdle Sr.'s home on the Meadow Road. Years, it was just a log part with the upright built on later. He sold it to Andrew Blust in 1924, and later Andrew's son, Jim Blust, owned it.



McARDLE, JOSEPH farm: Born in 1863. He purchased a farm on the Meadow Road. Joseph married Rose Culham in 1893. He was killed at his farm while engaging in unloading buckwheat. He was using a rack-lifter, when the large lifting wheel in the peak of the barn broke, and a large piece of which was hurled struck him on the head crushing his skull in 1905.

McLEOD, MALCOLM farm: Located in Laidlawville. He married Carrie Carpenter 1881.

MILLER, ADAM farm: Located on Lorenz Road, just inside Tawas Township. Adam and his wife, Teresa, a brother, Walter Miller, and his sister, Agnes (Mrs. Stephen Birkenbach), came to America in 1910. Adam and Teresa had two sons, John (Jack) and Richard. The boys attended the Upper Townline School.

NELKIE, TOM and LYDA farm: By Janet Coyer: purchased their farm on Laidlaw Road from Andy and Georgea Klinger in 1946. "Tom lived on the farm for 56 years and Lyda for 50 years. The farm was sold in 2002, to Matt and JoAnne Tripi. It was a 40 acre dairy farm which had about 45 head of cattle. It also contained chickens, a couple of horses, and no farm would be complete without a dog. The dog's job was to round up the cattle at milking time. Most of our dogs were Collies. Milking time was 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. The crops raised were corn, hay, and wheat.

After Tom retired in 1989, he had a big garden. Hay season was always a busy time on the farm, with a lot of the family helping during that time. Tom also farmed 40 acres on the Ted Lang property next to the farm, and also across the road on the Klinger farm, about 100 acres total was farmed. Three children were raised on the farm. Everyone should live on a farm, it is a good experience. A lot of our relation would come to visit at the farm. The kids, grandkids, and great grandkids have a lot of good memories at the farm. Most Sundays, family would come for chicken dinner. Lyda was never sure how many would be there, but always had enough to eat. Christmas Eve was always fun at the farm. Hearsay is that the farm was a potato farm owned by a famous baseball player. After Tom retired, he raised a few beef cattle."

Photo: 2003



PECK, OTTO: Born in Germany 1870. He came to this country when 20 years old. A few years later he returned to Germany and married Emma Ziehl. They returned and settled in Tawas Township.

PERRY, WILLIAM farm: The Perry family was among the early settlers of Tawas Township. While they were making a fine farm on the Hemlock Road, Mr. Perry ran a saw-mill near by.

POVISH, ARTHUR farm: January 1944, Alfred P. Siems to Arthur and Margaret Povish, 128 acres. Mr. Povish retired from Detroit Shovel in the late 1940's. He began farming in Tawas, both his own place and the County Farm up the road. He had Holsteins, was one of the top milk producers in the county. He raised a bull the size of a small elephant and sold it to MSU for artificial breeding purposes.

PROPER, ORVAL farm: Told by Shirley Stonehouse. Located on Lorenz Road, this farm had around four cows, ten chickens, some pigs, dogs, cats, and various times, ducks and geese. Father farmed on his forty acres and rented some property from his sister, Clara Ulman. The crops that he raised were used to feed his livestock. There were fruit trees, apple and pear. They had raspberries, boysenberry, blackberry, and grapes.

Enough potatoes were planted to last the winter, along with carrots, rutabagas, onions, and what ever else could be put in the root cellar. My mother canned peaches, pears, apple sauce, tomatoes, green beans, beets, raspberries, and blackberries. She made every kind of jam or jelly there was. She canned sweet pickles, dill pickles, bread and butter pickles.

I can remember if some of the other farmers had a sick animal, they came to dad. One time, I remember Russ Potts came and got him, as he had a sick goat. Dad took the bottle of castor oil with him and gave it to the goat. The goat died anyway, but that got rid of the castor oil, so we girls didn't have to take it!

There was the time when my grandma and grandpa lived in the farm next to ours. They had two of their grandkids with them. I went up there to play with them. When I came home, I found my mom and my sister was in bed. They had been wallpapering the living room and had taken the stove pipe down from the coal stove with just coals inside. The house was cold, so I crawled into bed with them, which woke mom up. Mom went out to the kitchen to put coal in the cook stove and passed out. She came to and called for my sister Marie. Marie went out, and she slid under the kitchen table, Mom called for me. I went out there, and Mom hollered, "Go get grandma!" When we got back, grandma threw open the doors and windows and said they had been gassed from the live coals in the stove. The doctor said if grandma had not given them an eggnog drink they probably would have died. The eggnog was used to induce vomit.

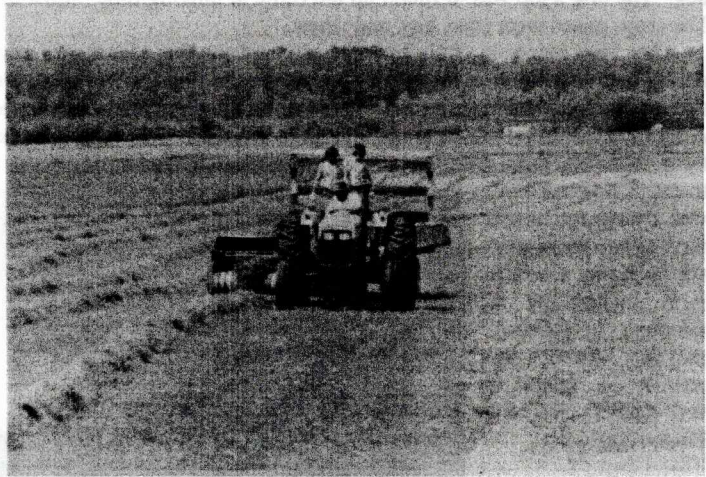
PROPER, WILLIAM farm: Located at Lorenz Road, this farm had cattle and sheep. William's wife was Susan Slingerland, a pioneer family of the county. This land is currently owned by Stan Ulman.

REINKE, JOSEPH farm: Told by Barb Ashmore and Duane Reinke. "It was located on Chambers Road and was purchased in 1952. His wife was Cecila Fisher. It started out as a dairy farm milking 8-12 cows twice daily by hand. Chickens were also raised for personal use, and some of the eggs were sold to surrounding neighbors.

In 1955, electric milkers were introduced to the operation, and more cows were added to the herd. In 1962, the dairy cows were sold, and the beef herd was started. During this time, the chickens were eliminated from the farm.

Huge gardens were planted during this time period to feed the large family of six children. In the fall of the years, lots of canning was done and the basement shelves were full of vegetable, pickles and many other canned foods. There also was a huge potato bin filled with potatoes grown on the farm.

In the 50's, the farm house was converted from the old coal stoker furnace, which had to be filled 3 to 4 times daily to fuel oil furnace and later to propane. In 1970, the raising of pigs was added to the farm, and the second barn was built to house the pig operation. 1972, the last of the original old barn was tore down, and the present day barn was finished. 1978, the pigs were sold off due to falling prices, but the beef cattle remained. The beef cattle were eventually sold off in 1984. Russ and Jane Nelkie currently own and farm this property."



REMPERT, OTTO farm: *Tawas Herald News November 1917:* "Otto Rempert has sold his farm to John Katterman Jr."

ROEMER, RICHARD farm: Purchased farm in 1920. He raised some cattle and had five horses until it did not pay any more. He sold out his equipment and went to work for the gypsum company.

SCHMIDT, JOSEPH farm: Told by Joyce Schmidt Heinrich. "This farm started with August Schmidt family and is over 100 years old. My father worked at the C. C. Camp for awhile. He also worked on the farm. We grew oats, corn, hay and potato. We had cows. When you were big enough, you were out milking- up at 5 a.m. to milk. Back then you had to separate the milk for the cream. My dad took it to town every Saturday to sell. When our chores were done, we had to get cleaned up for school and take the cows to pasture. We had 40 acres on the Meadow Road. My mother went to work cleaning cottages, and later on my dad worked in the saw mill down town."

Photo: October 1945, Jim Schmidt plowing on the Schmidt Farm on Oates Road.



SCHOLTZ, ERNEST and MARTHA farm: Told by Betty (Blust) Bellinger. "Ernest and Martha homesteaded on Kobs Road. They were lifelong friends of Michael Blust Sr., and later, his wife, Josephine (Birkenbach) Blust. Josephine met them; when she was a young mother living across the street. Josephine and her two young sons, Howard and Mike Jr., often visited with Ernie and Martha. They helped Martha with chores, such as tending chickens; the vegetable garden, and helping Ernie chop kindling wood. Josephine enjoyed a nice visit over coffee, tea and etc.

Ernie and Martha were frugal, as many people of the day were. At times, they did purchase things of convenience, as needed. Over the years, they had gone from horse drawn carriage and equipment, to tractor, and to a modern day car.

Sometime after Ernie's passing, Martha began selling the land. She sold to Barb (Cook) Kaiser- Svoboda, ½ the acreage, later the house, and another ½ acre to David Lixey and wife Sandy. Martha moved to Tawas Village Assister Living in East Tawas. She loved how Dave and Sandy kept her orchard trees. How they had tried to salvage the home, while adding onto the old home, without a major change. She also loved the care that was given to her old flowers and bushes. Ernie would have been happy over Barb Svoboda's "Animal Park Reserve". Ernie loved animals, the woods, and his farm land."

SHERMAN, MELVIN farm: Located on Chambers Road. He married Helen Blust.

SMITH, JOSEPH farm: Born in 1810, Ireland and immigrated to Quebec. He came to Iosco County and began farming in 1867 on Meadow Road. The Smith family members were among the earlier settlers of Iosco County.

SMYCZYNSKI, ANDREW farm: Purchased 1931, located on Lorenz Road. Told by daughter Irene Smyczynski Schmidt; "My memories of Threshing Day: Always was hard work and exciting. My mother and I would bake and cook a large meal for the threshers (farmers that would gather to help each other out to harvest the crops). They would go from one farm to another. Johnny Rapp had the Threshing Machine, the only one that I know of. We would see all the neighbor farmers that day and the meal would be the talk of the day." Photo: house and 1936 Ford car.



ULMAN, JOHN farm: Told by Alma Lange. "He was a life long resident of the township. His farm started around 1918 when he bought it from Samuel Proper. He married Clara Proper. John worked at National for an unknown number of years, then, he farmed. His farm was located at the corner of Townline and Lorenz Roads. He had horses on the farm which he did all his farming with, like plowing and cutting hay. He had cows, chickens and planted a garden.

What his wife, Clara, couldn't can, she put in their root cellar, which was down on the hill from the house and a second cellar closer to the house. They preserved some of their meats by putting them in a large crock and covering them with melted fat. John and Clara had thirteen children. John had four sisters; Mrs. Violet Krumm, Mrs. Sarah Gauthier, Mrs. Clara Bessey, and Mrs. Maggie Hughes. Maggie is still living and is 104 years young and resides at Lake Wood Manor in Tawas City." Photo: taken around 1910.



ULMAN, JOSEPH farm: Joseph and his wife, Alice (Goodrow), first homestead was one half mile south of the Townline on McArdle Road. In 1920, he sold the 80 acre homestead to Milo Curtis, and bought a 40 acre farm from William Freel on the Townline Road. They had three daughters; Stella, Blanche, and Phylis.

Granddaughter, Mrs. Marilee (Jordan) Cholger remembers her grandfather, Joseph, had one leg due to diabetes. As a child, she always was waiting for it to grow back on. Grandfather was a bee keeper and kept many farm animals. Property is now owned by the Cholger family.

Photo: located on Townline Road, house about 92 years old.



ULMAN, OREN farm: Located 3 ½ miles from US-23 on Townline Road. Oren and wife Esther raised cows, chickens, and pigs. They also farmed crops. Esther had cut some of her fingers off in a chain saw accident.

ULMAN, ROBERT farm: Came to Tawas in 1877, in a covered wagon from Strathroy, Ontario. He purchased a farm on Townline Road, being the second family to settle on that highway.

WADE, REUBEN farm: A civil war veteran. His farm was located on the Hemlock Road

Tawas Herald News 1897: "Rueben Wade has one of the best farms in the county, situated on the Hemlock Road, in Tawas Township. It contains 129 acres, 80 of which is under cultivation. Fine farm house a large barn with stone foundation. He has two acres of orchard. This season he harvested 700 bushel of potatoes, 155 bushels of wheat, 849 bushels of oats, 266 bushels of peas; 40 tons of hay and 2300 bushels of other root crops. He has 37 head of stock."

ZIMMITT, AUGUST farm: *Tawas Herald News 1897:* "August Zimmitt owns 100 acres on the Plank road in Tawas Township with 60 acres improved good buildings one and a quarter acres of orchard. He has harvested this year 50 tons of hay, 700 bushels of root crops; including 300 bushels of potatoes; 450 bushels of corn; 84 bushels of barley 155 bushels of peas; 40 bushels of oats and 52 bushels of wheat. He had about 50 bushels of apples. Mr. Zimmitt keeps 15 head of stock.

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Albert, Aug
 Anchuetz, J. H.
 Barnes, James H.
 Berg, Herman
 Brown, E.
 Buchard, Napoleon
 Culham, Geo.
 Davis, Wm.
 Davis, John
 Erickson, Gus.
 Folsom, H.
 Frank, O.
 Gates, Chas.
 Gooder, Geo.
 Graham, J. E.
 Hayes, F. E.
 Holloway, A. S.
 Johnson, Antone
 Kirbetz, N.
 Krumm, Daniel
 Lang, Chas.
 Look, Fred
 McKenzie, Geo.
 McLellan, Angus
 McLeod, Angus
 Menary, James
 Miller, Carl
 Murchison, Norman
 Paradise, John
 Povish, Thomas
 Reinke, Fred
 Rempert, R.
 Snook, Wm.
 Thielsh, Gottlieb
 Timereck, A.
 Trainer, Peter
 Ulman, Nelson
 Wyman, John
 Young, Wm. E.

Albert, John
 Avendt, Frank
 Boomer, N
 Brown, Chas.
 Bertch, Aug
 Blust, Barney
 Chislock, John
 Dettmar, Geo.
 Dettmar, Mrs. C.
 Fahselt, Oscar
 Gaul, A.
 Freel, Wm V
 Gauthier, Mrs. J.
 Hermely, John
 Godecke, Chris., Jr.
 Hartman, J.
 Harris, Chas.
 Kehoe, Moses
 Krumm, Aug
 Kobs, P.
 Mason, Wm.
 Lorenz, Bernard
 Ostrander, Thos.
 McArdle, Joseph
 Matheison, Walter
 Mills, Wm.
 Matuszak, N.
 Matcheret, Geo.
 Proper, Wm. H.
 Pangburn, B.
 Ruell, John
 Rhodes, Julius
 Smith, A
 Thomas, Wm.
 Timereck, C.
 Ulman, Jas.
 Wright, L.
 Winchell, E.
 Yax, Oliver

Bishoff, A.
 Anderson, Jake
 Bagley, Jas.
 Braban, S.
 Biggden, J.
 Bradley, Thomas
 Cooley, Andrew
 Drake, H. L.
 Drzewiecki, John
 Fahselt, George
 Gaul, Theo.
 Freel, Joseph
 Groff, Wm.
 Hosbach, Chris.
 Godecke, Chris. Sr.
 Hanna, Mrs. Geo.
 Hunter, C.
 Katterman, John C
 Klish, Mike
 Klish, Albert
 Menzies, John
 Laidlaw, Geo. W.
 Pfahl, Rudolph
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 Musoff, H.
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 Peck, Otto
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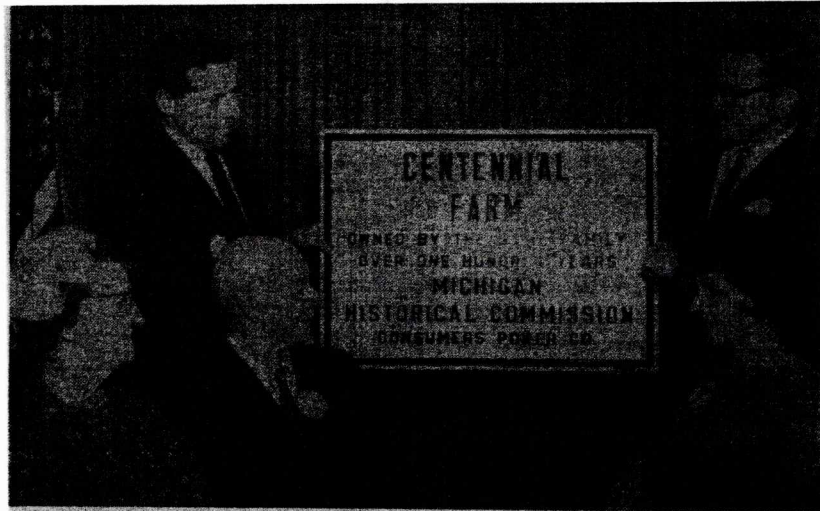
CENTENIAL FARMS

ANSCHUETZ FARM: Homesteaded by Johannes Anschuetz who was born in Germany in 1829 and married Margaret Zorn. They had five sons George, Henry, Ernest, Herman, John, and one daughter, Annie. This farm located on Plank Road.

Next Generation: John had two sons, Elmer and Arnold and one daughter, Adella.

Next Generation: Arnold farmed 80 acres for many years, and then the farm went to Harold, his son.

Next Generation: Harold farmed for many years and has a saw mill there. It was recognized as a Centennial Farm in 1968, the first in Iosco County by the historical commission.



RECEIVING Iosco County's first centennial farm plaque is Harold P. Anschuetz, right. At left is Maurice Rhodes of Consumers Power Company. Seated at right is Mrs. Anschuetz and at left are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Anschuetz.—Tawas Herald Photo.

CURRY FARM: Brothers, Isiah and Thomas Curry, started farming in 1868. When the brothers split the farm, Waldo Isiah Curry, son of Thomas, received 240 acres.

Next Generation: Waldo Isiah Curry and his wife, Clara (Anschuetz), deeded the farm to Waldo James Curry and wife, Evelyn June Kelchner.

Next Generation: Waldo James Curry and wife transferred the farm to Robert N. Curry and wife Kathleen F. (Warzynski). In 1958, Waldo James Curry bought the Katterman farm, an 80 acre parcel that was the home and barns of Thomas Curry.

Current Generation: Robert and Kathleen Curry. They will transfer the farm to sons, Mark and Karen Curry, and Eric and Kelly Curry.

This is a dairy farm. Waldo began milking 15 cows 1949 in old stantion barn and in 1953 built a parlor and was milking up to 30 cows. Presently, they are milking about 200 cows in a double 10 parlor that was built in 2003. Milking shifts are 4:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. two times a day. The milking herd is fed up to seven times per day. All young stock is fed two times per day.

The farm today is a composite of many of Waldo James neighbors and friends' farms- August Lorenz farm, Ray Warner farm, Charles Timreck farm, and the Iosco County Poor Farm (Arthur Povish), the total of 565 acres.

The one old passing of time event was the grain threshing. One farmer, John Rapp owned the threshing machine and would go farm to farm. Each day everyone in the group would meet at a farm and thresh the oats. Huge potluck dinners were prepared by the wives while the men did the harvest. We kids, boys 4-10 years old, drove the horse teams or Ford, Ferguson, Oliver tractors. Some of the names recalled are "Frenchie Bouchard, Gus Lorenz, Art Povish, George Biggs, Grant Bessie, Glen Long, and Delose Rapp.

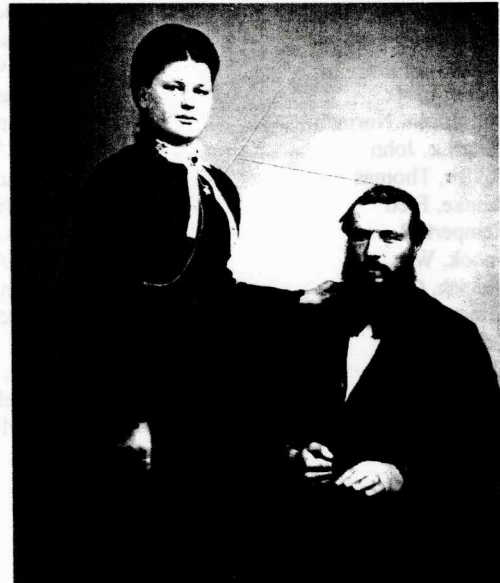
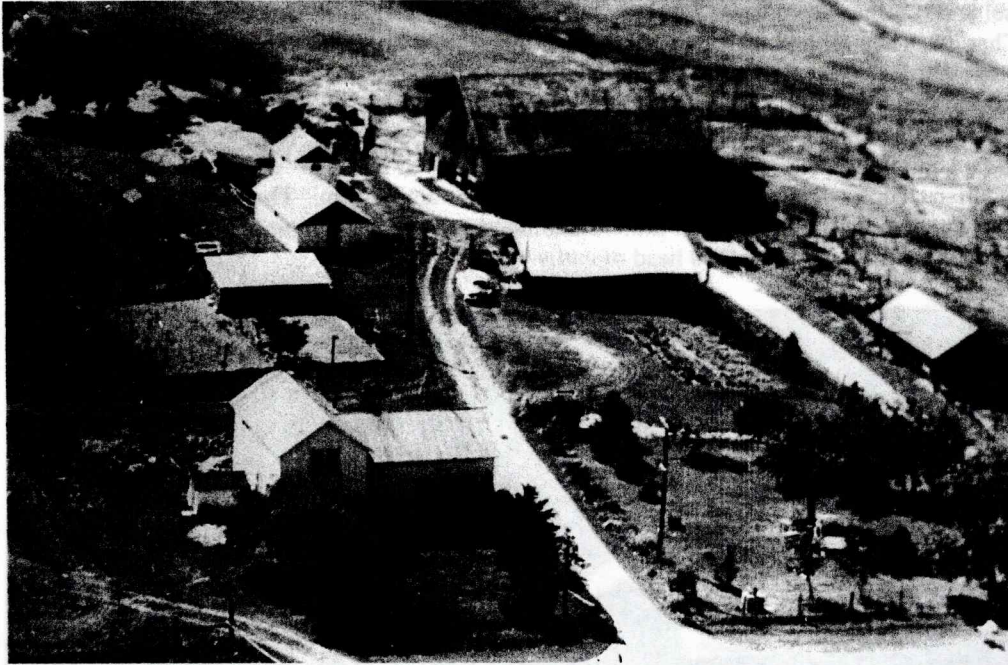


Photo: Thomas and Katherine Curry

MILLER FARM: Told by Judy (Miller) Wojahn-Douglas. Leopold and Katherine Muller (now spelled Miller) migrated to America in 1865, first staying in New York for a year. They purchased a house in Saginaw, then came to Tawas and located on the farm on the now Miller Road. Leopold had to clear the land and prepare for the harsh winter by planting and harvesting food from the small garden and building a cabin. The cabin was built near the creek so Katherine could have water close at hand. By spring he was busy clearing more land. The German families worked together and created a "small German hamlet" in the northern wilderness.



Leopold spent most of his days developing his farm to meet the Homestead requirements of having a working farm within five years. He was a brick layer but could not use this occupation as there were no bricks available in Northern Michigan.

The next fifteen years, Katherine and Leopold realized their dream of a large family having ten children Christina, Jacob, Susan, John, Frank, Anna, Charles, William, Augusta and Louise Miller. With a large

family, the Muller's built a farmhouse from the timbers cut on their own land. A large barn was built for the dairy herd and hay.

The Mullers met the Homestead agreement and family members have operated the farm for over one hundred and thirty years. A courageous couple and their children live on in the lines and traditions of their families. German Lutheran and the importance of religion and education were diligently taught.

Next generation: John and Elizabeth (Bessinger) Miller took over the farm in 1899. John was an inventor but never had anything sent in to have a patent. He had his own blacksmith shop and was able to make all the parts he needed for the machinery or what ever they needed. They had two work horses, King and Queen, for garden and field work.

John worked ten years as treasurer of Vine School District. He was also keeper at the County Infirmary (County Farm) across from the Curry farm. His son, Walter, shaved and cut hair for the older men at the infirmary and did other things to help out. John and Elizabeth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1943 on the Miller Farm. Seven children were raised on this farm. Hubert, Sheriff Charles Miller who was killed in 1934 attempting to solo capture a four time murderer, Alvera who owned and operated Johnson Auto Supply, Doris who won state wide recognition for their Victory Garden during World War 2, Florence, Erma and Walter H. Miller.

Next generation: Walter Miller took over farm in 1939. He was born in 1909 and married Dora Coates. They raised four children: Nancy, Judy, Bonnie, and Ronnie Miller. Ronny died in 1977, and had no other direct descendant to take over the Miller farm. Later Katherine Wojahn Finley, (grand daughter of Walter Miller), purchased the 30 acres and home, which delighted Walter. The farm was still in the family.

They raised pigs, chickens, and cattle and always had dogs and cats that were kept outside in the barn. The children were each given a calf when they graduated that could be sold.

Judy recalls her father Walter telling how his grandmother carried a bushel basket of blueberries on her head to take seven miles to town to sell. On her way, a bear scared her, and she spilled all the berries. Lots of great stories were told at family gatherings which always had around twenty people at the dinners. Family sang around the piano, played cards- mainly euchre. The Germans were good cooks and her grandmother (Elizabeth) lived with them after John Miller passed away. She was a fun loving person.

NELKIE FARMS LLC: Paul Nelke (now spelled Nelkie) was born in 1839, Prussia. He married Regina Benke in 1883 in East Tawas. They had two children, Frank and Edith. In December of 1900, Bernard and Sophia Blust purchased property on M-55 (Hemlock Road). In 1911, they sold the property to their daughter, Mary, and her husband Frank A. Nelkie. They owned and operated the farm while raising nine children: Francis, Bernard, Russell J., Edward, Thomas, Anthony, Leo, Cecil and Regina.

Next Generation: In 1937, their sons Russell J. and Edward Nelkie took over the family farm in a partnership. Russell married Grace Brussel and continued to operate the dairy operation. They raised six children: Russell P., Joyce, Lloyd, Emily, Shirley and Charles. They all had their daily chores on the farm, before and after school, and helped at planting and harvest times. Brother Edward went into the home delivery of milk and other dairy products to schools, businesses and homes. Ed married Irene Klass, and they had two children, Judy and Gary.

Next Generation: In 1973 Russell J. and wife sold the dairy farm to their eldest son, Russell P. and wife, Jane (Trudell) Nelkie. They plan on continuing the family tradition. They have seven children- Mark, Christina, Joseph, Jeffry, John, Kenneth and Jennifer. Today, Russell and Jane still work on the family farm. They along with their two eldest sons, Mark and Joseph, have formed the farm into a limited liability company. The farm has grown to 565 acres of owned land, 340 acres of leased property, and over 300 head of cattle.



PRESENT FARMS

BIGGS, ERVIN farm: Purchased 1940, by George Biggs, property was a farm previous. This is a cash crop farm, hay.

BINDER, BURLY farm: Purchased farm from Elmer Frank. Started farming in 1954, located on the Townline Road. His main source of income from the farm was milk cattle and he sold the milk. He grew crops for his farm. Presently Mr. Binder sells hay and has a garden.

ERICKSON, DUSTY farm: Started farming 2002, cash crop. He also farms Richard Blust farm on Kobs and Svoboda farm on Sparton Road. "I work full time driving gravel train. I get up about 5 a.m. and work around 10-14 hours driving truck and then farm on the side, after work."

GROFF, JAMES farm: “After immigrating to Tawas in April 1882, my grandfather, Gustave C. Graf, purchased 40 acres in October 1887, on Rempert Road, ¼ mile from Meadow Road. He purchased an additional 80 acres. In Gustave’s passing, my father, Albert H. Groff, youngest son of Gustave, took over the farm. He purchased another 80 acres across the road. Today, I, James Groff, son of Albert, farm 640 acres of which 160 acres I own. The rest of the acreage is rented from what were older farms in the Township- such as the Looks, Krumms, Eberts, Chestlers and Schmidts.

This farm is a dairy operation milking 112 cows daily, with about 121 head of young cattle. My wife Thelma, son Troy, and daughter, Becky, help in the daily operation which includes milking and feeding at 6:00 a.m. every morning. At 6:00 p.m. it’s back in the barn to milk and feed. Our day ends around 8-9 p.m. Spring, summer and fall are very busy with working ground and planting crop such as corn, oats, and hay. Later, the bailing hay, combining oats, chopping and picking corn.”

Photo: taken in 1940’s.



KATTERMAN, WILLIAM farm: Previously the Bouchard farm located on McArdle Road. “John J. and Mary Katterman, and family, acquired the Neopoleon Bouchard farm from George Prescott by trading our house in Tawas City, for the farm in 1964. We, John, Mary, Donna, Debbie, and William D. (Bill), moved to the farm in 1968. The farm had been run down by that time, and many of the old farm buildings had been left in ruins. Through the years, two tool sheds, the old pig barn, the young cattle shed, have been torn down and cleaned up by Bill.

In the early 1980’s, William D. and Jill Katterman, moved to the farm where they still reside with their son, Blake (Jonathan Blake). During this time, the old 1910 brick house has undergone many renovations. It has been done, keeping many of its original moldings and period features intact.”

KLISH, JAMES farm: “This farm started in 1884. The farm has beef cattle, crops, hay, oats, and corn. The day starts at 7 a.m. with one and a half hours of chores in the morning and two hours at night. In the summer there is field work and fewer chores.

This farm was bought by my grandfather, Albert Klish, who immigrated in 1881 from Germany/Poland. My father, Alexander Klish, stayed on the farm and now myself.” Photo: 2007



LANGE, LEO farm: Leo and wife Alma began farming December 20, 1945. This farm is located ¼ mile from Townline on Lorenz Road. This farm consisted of cows, chickens, pigs and crops. Daily routine was up at five in the morning to feed all the animals and later at five p.m. again. Currently this farm is inactive. Alma recalls, "About 30 years ago, I got up one morning and found a man in the family room. I did not know who he was or where he came from. I was scared half to death. Leo took him to town and dropped him off at a restaurant."

MICHALSKI, CLARENCE farm: "Grandfather Steve Michalski and wife, Anna, took out a mortgage with the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul dated April 1, 1929 for a sum of \$3000.00 purchasing 120 acre farm on south McArdle Road from George W. Martin, thus beginning his year of farming. Present day owners of the farm are Clarence and Clara Michalski, son Donald, and daughter, Mary Ann.

Steve began farming milking cows and raising beef. Clarence worked outside the farm but raised beef cattle once Steve retired. Present day the beef cows are gone, and Don and brother, Gregory, cash crop with corn, wheat, soy bean and alfalfa hay.

The work that was done daily was done hands on. Steve milked his cows by hand, all 17 of them for starters.



Starting time was very early because Steve worked at the alabaster plant to help support the farm. Calves were fed and barn cleaned by hand. Hay was put up loose in mow. Corn was cut with corn binder and oats were bundled and threshed through a thresher. One memory that is remembered is the gathering of neighborhood farmers to fill silos with corn. Each year four to five silos needed filling. Those remembered are the Gus Lorenz farm, Grant Bessey farm, and Jim Blust farm."

PROUDFOOT, RANDOLPH farm: Purchased in 1952, Randolph and Sophia (Blust) are the 47th owners of this property. They have rented land for 23 years and owned for 55 years. The farm was previously begun in the 1870's. This farm is a dairy, crop and animal farm, with seven acres planted trees. They are now retired. Their farm stories are "Farmers exchanged labor for threshing, silo filling and some wood cutting. Women made big meals, best cooking. Today everybody does it themselves."

Randolph and Sophia were married in 1944. "We raised seven children and educated them; six have college degrees. The children had to work on the farm and have a work ethic. My husband worked out all the time, Timco and National Gypsum. We enjoy country living quietness and clean air compared to the city living. We built all new buildings on the farm."

WARNER, MERLIN farm: Began in 1951. This is a crops and animal farm.

WILLIAMS, SHERI (GRABOW) farm: "The first purchase of land was September 11, 1865, the United States to John Powers. The Williams farm was previous owned by Arthur and Margaret Povish on M-55. Mr. Povish retired and sold the farm in the late sixties. It was again sold in the early seventies to three separate individuals- Polidori's, Bill and Rhoda Wickert, and I. This farm is a hobby farm with riding horses, miniature horses, and miscellaneous creatures."

BUSINESSES

SOME PAST BUSINESSES

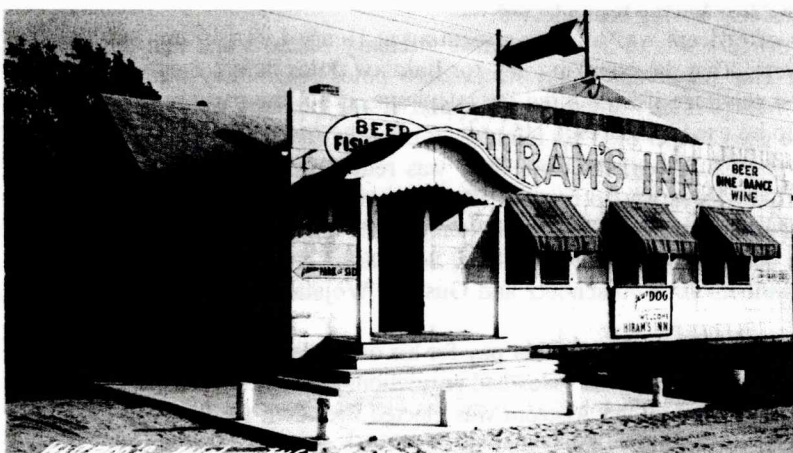
ANSCHUETZ SAWMILL: In 1911, it was moved to Cold Creek and later to corner of Plank Road and Hemlock Road. At the Cold Creek, he used creek water for the steam engine that cut the logs. All lumbering was done with crosscut saw and horses.

C and W EQUIPMENT COMPANY: Located on M-55 between Lorenz and McArdle Roads. Opened around 1970, and was owned by Robert Curry and Daniel Warner. It consisted of sales and service. They sold White Farm Equipment, which included tractors and tillage equipment and sold New Holland hay equipment. This company closed in 1986.

HERN, JOHN: Blacksmith on Hemlock Road and Lorenz Road intersection.

Photo: Mr. and Mrs. John Hern in 1918.

Tawas Herald News September 1904: "For Sale-my blacksmith shop, with an excellent business, together with one half acre of land, and a good house and barn, is offered for sale. Situated four miles from Tawas City, on the Hemlock road. Address John Hern, Vine P.O., Mich."



HIRAM'S INN: Located south on U.S. 23

FAIRWAY SURPLUS: Owned by Eddie Parker located on Sparton Road. A lot of his inventory was of the Army Surplus. *Neil Thorton:* "...People came from all over just to see what kind of stuff was around his fenced in yard. He was also known as a "fish specialist."

KOBS ROADWAY TELEPHONE CO.: 1914 submitted by Norma J Kobs, daughter-in-law of Otto Kobs, Sr. "For anyone who has ever used a Roadway Telephone Company system and the box type telephones that fastened to the wall, this report of the Kobs Roadway Telephone Company will bring back memories.

The information is sketchy and has been written primarily from what was gathered from the recorded minutes of meetings held by the Company. The minutes were recorded in a small ledger-type book which has been stored in the Otto Kobs Sr. farm house for 93 years. Some of the names of property owners were checked out in the 1903 Iosco County Plat Book. This plat book has also been stored in this farm house for perhaps 104 years. The farm house is 109 years old.

The Tawas Township residents today will find this report interesting, humorous, and historical especially if they had relatives or friends who lived in the township then.

Do you remember the long and short rings; ringing Central and hearing "Number, Please"; the Party line conversations? Did your children walk to school when the snow drifts were deep and frozen solid enough to enable them to reach up and touch the sagging telephone lines?

The Kobs Roadway Telephone Company's main line followed Miller Road starting east from N. Chambers Road. It crossed McArdle Road, crossed what is now Lorenz Road; continued east through one mile where there was no road; crossed what is now Rempert Road to Miller Road again, then on to Plank Road. The Minute Book calls this corner, Wood's or Kobs' corner. The line then continued south east on Plank Road to the Tawas City limits.

From the names of people listed in the book, which did not live directly on the Kobs Roadway Line but on adjoining roads, it was necessary for them to provide poles and wire to join the Kobs line, maintain and pay their share to the Tawas City limits.

This book contains records of 28-29 meetings. Meetings were held twice a year, some three or four times a year, and some years there was no record kept. After Michigan Bell made an offer to take over the company in 1933, only three more meetings were held until August 28, 1944.

The company held its first recorded meeting in the year 1914. The following officers were elected by making a motion, supporting it and then having it carried by remaining members. The first elected officers were Andrew Lorenz, Secretary-Treasurer; Otto Kobs, Sr., President; Lester Wright, Vice President; Hugo Marwinski, Business Manager. The minute book does not record another Vice President having been elected.

The first decision made after the election of officers was to have a meeting at Henry Lietzo's and that the charter would be open until then. Other decisions were: That the company pay for Laidlaw poles before they were molested.; That a party selling out-the purchaser had first privilege if he wanted the telephone, if not the party returned the line to the company for \$20.00; That the phone not to be used longer than ten minutes- if other parties called (to use it), please give up the line after ten minutes. Very soon that same year the time limit was reduced to five minutes; That the company was to raise \$5.00 for drop wire; That Otto Kobs was to be paid \$3.00 for transportation; That the company was to give 50 cents for tools; That the Manager should receive \$1.75 per day to repair the line; That rent must be paid to the company by the tenth of the quarter; That the company pay Andrew Lorenz, Secretary-Treasurer, a compensation of \$5.00 for bookkeeping. During this meeting, members John Anschuetz and Gustave Wojahn, also participated in the decisions.

In July 1915, the following business was conducted: That each member pay for his own telephone box; That two new members should be taken in, providing they agree "to live up to the rules and regulations", and meet with the company on the main line with pole and wire at the price of \$25.00"; John Alstrom was elected President for the year 1916 and Andrew Lorenz continued to be Secretary-Treasurer, these two men held these offices for two more years. It was important during this year to approve the company's returning to Mrs. Alstrom, the five dollars she had paid as part payment on a new share. It was also approved that the company get one set of wire grips.



On June 1, 1918, they voted to make a new contract with Michigan State for five years at \$7.00 per telephone. Other decisions made 1919-1920: That Christ Goedecke pay for Andrew Lorenz's time for his coming down to "cut off his line"; That Miller pay \$1.00 for having his carbins cleaned; That a member be fined 10 cents for having to be notified of payment due for telephone rent after the 10th of the quarter; Treasury balance on hand was .50 cents; Rates of \$10.00 were approved for first quarter of 1920.

Names of members of the Company mentioned in the minute book 1914-1920 were Otto Kobs, Andrew Lorenz, Lester Wright, Hugo Marwinski, Henry Leatzo (Lietz), John Anschuetz, Gustave Wojahn, Carl Wojahn, John Alstrom, Christ Goedecke, Miller, Gregory, McQuire, and Quick.

Business decisions 1921-1932 were: That company was not responsible for fire damage caused by poor wiring; That company pay Laidlaw Roadway \$10.00 for half interest in pole line extending from Fahselt place to Wood's corner (possibly Mary E. Woods); That the company make up payment of McKay phone; That eight long rings be used for calling for meetings and for rental; That a member was expected when joining the company line to agree to certain conditions such as keeping it in repair and in paying the expense of up-keep of the portion of the line from the Kobs corner on; That each member pay for three months in advance not monthly as before; That Harry Anker pay \$2.00 for use of company line from Kobs Corner to Tawas City.

1929-1932 decisions made by company members: That Albert Rempert be paid .25 cents per hour to repair the line. That Emil Zieloff receive the right of a phone for \$5.00; That anyone turning in his phone and wishing to have the rights will pay \$1.00 per year for 3 years, in case of non-payment he shall lose his rights. During these three years five phones were removed from homes and all had charges against them.

From 1921 through 1932 the names mentioned in the minute book were Terry (perhaps Perry), Harry Anker, McKay, Joe Brabon, Rempert boys, John Seal, Arnold Anschuetz, Swanson, Clarence Earl, Russell Anderson, Albert Rempert and Emil Zieloff.

In 1933 the book's credit page indicated that a balance due of \$178.00 was paid up in 5 months. In August of that year Arnold Anschuetz was voted to take the "phone man" to every house to inspect the phone for .36 cents a member. At the August 31, 1933 meeting the offer which the Bell Company made was voted on, carried and accepted. In October Charles Miller purchased a phone from the Kobs Roadway paid \$11.00 for year's rent; Mrs. Miller paid the remaining \$1.00 which Otto Kobs turned into the Treasurer.

On May 26, 1934, Mr. J. Nesbitt's phone was installed for \$12.00 per year. August 24, Mr. Cheney was approved by the company to receive a telephone for \$1.00 per month, pay .50 cents for treasurer's fees per year and all expenses of his phone. There were no records of any meetings of the Kobs Roadway Telephone Company for ten years from 1934-1944.

The last meeting was held August 28, 1944 at John Seal's. There were six members present at which Walter Miller, Clarence Earl and Henry Schatz were accepted as share holders at the price of \$5.00 per share for each. Walter Miller was elected President; Henry Schatz, Secretary-Treasurer. These business decisions were made: That the Indian Lake Line not be accepted as a part of the Kobs Roadway Telephone Company; That the rental price of a telephone to non-shareholders was to be \$15.00 payable quarterly in advance; That the rental price of a telephone to shareholders was to be \$15.00 per year payable quarterly in advance with a rebate of \$4.00 per year for labor in maintaining the Roadway Line; That the charge for re-establish service on a line that has been disconnected for back payments or infraction of company rules would be \$2.00; That no service shall be re-established on any line unless all back payments and connecting charges are paid in full; That a \$2.00 re-establishing charge would be divided as follows- to lineman for cutting service .75 cents, to lineman for reconnecting .75 cents-to treasury of company .50 cents; That any share owner whose telephone has been discontinued must pay \$1.00 per year to hold his share. If no payment has been made in 3 years after the telephone has been discontinued, the share reverts to the company.

The following names mentioned in the book after 1932 were George Wojahn, Charles, J. Nesbitt, John Miller, Mr. Cheney, Henry Schatz and Walter Miller."

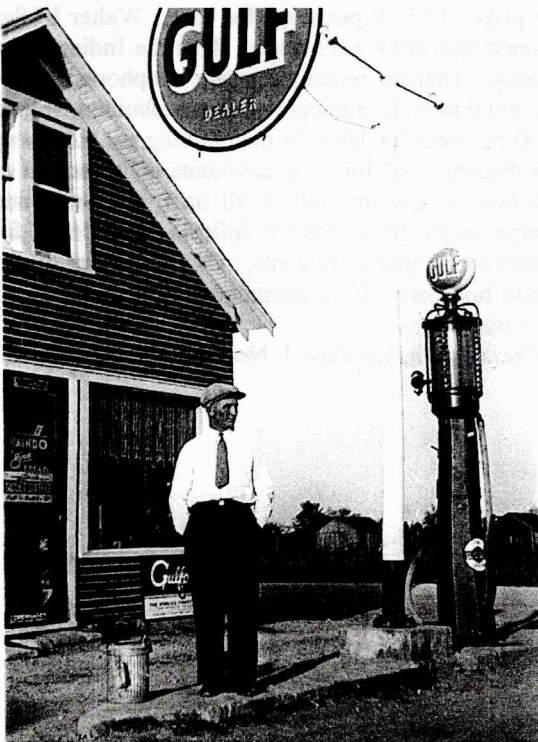


LANGE, CHARLES (CARL): blacksmith shop located on Lorenz Road. Building was the first Upper Townline School.



LORENZ, ANDREW: Blacksmith shop located on southeast corner of Lorenz Road and M-55.

McARDLE GAS STATION and STORE: Located on M-55. John (Jack) Sr. McArdle bought the original Vine School around 1925, made a home of it, and built a small grocery store and gas station. John Sr. came to the township with a brother and two first cousins from Stratford, Canada. He homesteaded on the Meadow Road. After his death in 1928, John C (Jack) Jr. and wife, Josie, upgraded the store and gas station around the 1930's. John Jr. retired from the store in the early 60's and passed away in 1963 while golfing at the Tawas Golf Course. The home is currently owned by his great grandson and wife, Dennis and Kristie Koehn. Photos below are of John (Jack) Jr. and his mother.



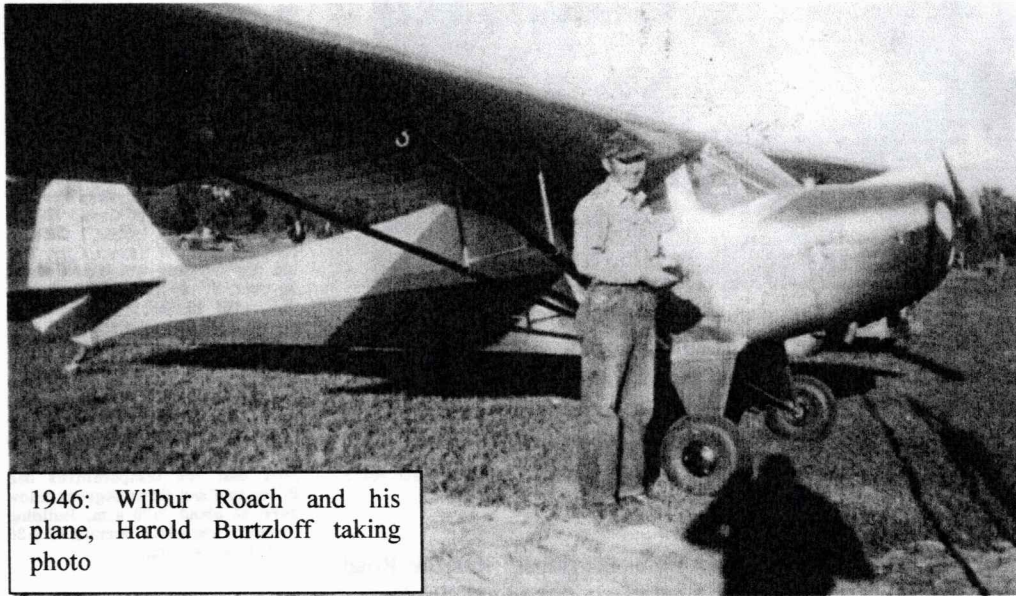
NELKIE'S DAIRY: Photo left: 1957 News Herald.

NOTICE

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 Skim Milkqt. 12c
 Chocolate Milkqt. 22c
 Coffee Cream ...½ pt. 22c
 Whipping Cream ½ pt. 35c
 Half & Halfpt. 30c
 Cottage Cheeselb. 30c
 Butter Milkqt. 17c
 Butterlb. 70c
 Ice Cream½ gal. 97c

NELKIE'S DAIRY
 Phone FO 2-3101

At one time milk was bottled on the farm on M-55. It was started by Frank A. Nelkie and sons. Then it became the operation of sons, Edward and Russell Nelkie in 1937. Edward had entered the dairy processing business July 1, 1934 at the age of 17. He had 16 farms that he picked up milk daily in big cans. After a few years Edward and Russell went their separate ways. Ed went into the home delivery of milk. He delivered to homes, schools and some grocers. Russell continued to run the dairy farm. In 1964, Edward sold his milk delivery business to his brother, Anthony. He had it for a number of years. He retired and sold it to his nephew, Allen. It eventually folded.



1946: Wilbur Roach and his plane, Harold Burtzloff taking photo

TAWAS CITY AIRPORT: Located on Meadow Road. Wilbur Roach left the Air Force as a fighter pilot and after a short time in Illinois he met Earl Davis- another Air Force man. Both men and Fred Marsh of Tawas City built the Tawas City Airport, the first useable private airport in Iosco County. The airport was completed in 1946 and ran for four years with Roach instructing students in the two airplanes they purchased

for the licensed flying school. A concrete block hanger was constructed and the field had three runways.

Among the first veterans to start under the GI bill training program were Harold Moeller, Arthur DeLage, Harold DeLosh, Earl Shover, Jack Dixon, William Pollock and Peter Pfeiffer. Experienced students included Albert Chaney, Lynn Ryan and James Martin. On July 11, 1947, the Tawas Herald announced that Janet Keiser, now Rapp of Tawas City, was the first woman flyer in Iosco County to solo at Tawas City Airport. She later successfully received her private pilot's license. Wilbur Roach now resides in East Tawas. Marsh and Davis have passed on.

PRESENT BUSINESSES

BECKY'S DOG HOUSE: Located on M-55. Owned by Becky Robb and opened in fall of 2005. This business provides beautiful smelling dogs. The most exciting thing "I just like to see the smiles on the owners face when they pick up their babies!"

BUCKHORN INN: Cecil Ernest operated a roller rink at Tawasville during the mid 1930's, site of the Buckhorn Inn. The building was made of huge logs. They used the dance floor for roller skating and had free Saturday night movies outside. Right, *Tawas Herald News* article: March 1, 1967.



BUCKHORN INN INC.: Owned by Martha and son, Larry Gentges. They opened in 1970 on M-55, corners of Plank and Harris Roads. It has been called the Buckhorn for over 50 years except for a brief time of about 9 months. It was called the Iaw-was-sy Inn. This business has provided the community a meeting place for good times with grins and giggles. Exciting moments have been, "Many wedding receptions, bridal showers, baby showers, and surprise birthday parties, fish dinners, and just- we are all here, so let's party."

CAPTAIN'S TABLE: Owned by Dawn and Phil Litwiller. Previously was the Road House. Business is located on US-23. Opened in 2003 it offers good food and drinks.

CARROLL BROADCASTING INC.: WKJC-FM 104.7, WIOS-AM 1480, and WQLB-B-Rock-103.3 FM. Owned by John Carroll. It opened in 1958, and is located 523 Meadow Road. This business broadcasts news, weather, sports and entertainment. The memorable events that have taken place: "In 1987, we had a fire, completely destroying our building and all its contents. In 2003, our father, who started the business, passed away, John Carroll Sr."

CROSSROADS GRILL AND NIGHTCLUB: (Club building itself not in the township, but property of storage shed in Tawas Township) owned by John Zanti and James W. Freytag. This business started in 2004, and replaces Coaches Corner and previous to that, the Alibi Inn. It is located on the corner of US-23 and Townline Road. This place offers good food, dancing, music, pool, spirits and lottery for daytime activities or a fun night out. The most exciting moments recalled were Dee Twelve- Diz, Eminem's Bands members "Proof" and "Swiftly" making an appearance twice- also Kid Rock's body guard and M'M's DJ.

Fire Destroys Buckhorn Inn

TAWAS CITY - A Tawas landmark was lost early Wednesday morning when flames destroyed the Buckhorn Inn on M55 at Plank Road.

Cause of the fire was undetermined, but James Lansky, Tawas City fire chief, said that when his department arrived at the scene "it looked like it had started in the bar area rather than in the furnace room."

Buckhorn employees closed the bar at about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday and the fire was spotted by an unidentified Tawas Tube employee at about 1:00 p.m.

Lansky said the man went to the Midway Restaurant where the Tawas City fire department was called.

"When we got there," Lansky said, "the fire was coming out of the roof. There wasn't anything that could be saved."

When the firefighters saw how bad the fire was, East Tawas firemen were called to the scene in an attempt to help control the blaze. Lansky said that between the two departments between 7,000 and 8,000 gallons of water were poured on the burning building.

It was about two years ago that Robert Kendall, of Grand Blanc, bought the well known pub from Helen Zubek, of Tawas City. The old log building which was about 30 feet by 80 feet had been re-decorated inside since the purchase. Managers were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Magee, of Grand Blanc, Mr. Kendall's daughter and son-in-law.

Severe weather conditions faced the firemen as they fought the blaze from 1:00 a.m. to about 5:30 a.m. Lansky said he had one report that the temperatures had fallen to about three degrees below zero at about 3:00 a.m. Building remains were still burning at 9:30 a.m. this morning.

FARM BUREAU INSURANCE: Owned by Brian and Donna Lansky. Our business started in 1990, but we opened our new office in Tawas Township in 2001. It is located 80 M-55. We offer all lines of insurance and estate planning. The most exciting event was "That we transformed our office location from a previous residence to our Insurance Office and also opened two business rentals at our location attached to our building."

FOREST CONSTRUCTION: Owned by Terry Yates starting in 1994, previously Burly Hughes from 1968 to 1991. Located at 335 Meadow Road, this business serves for remodeling, new construction, roofing, siding, garages and decks.

GINGERICH FEED AND IMPL INC.:

Owned by Donald L. and Louise F. Gingerich and Mark, Dianne and Scott Gingerich. This business started in 1945 Tawas City behind the Liberty Building. In 1973, it relocated to 50, west M-55. Gingerich offers lawn and garden supplies, farm supplies, feeds and fertilizers.

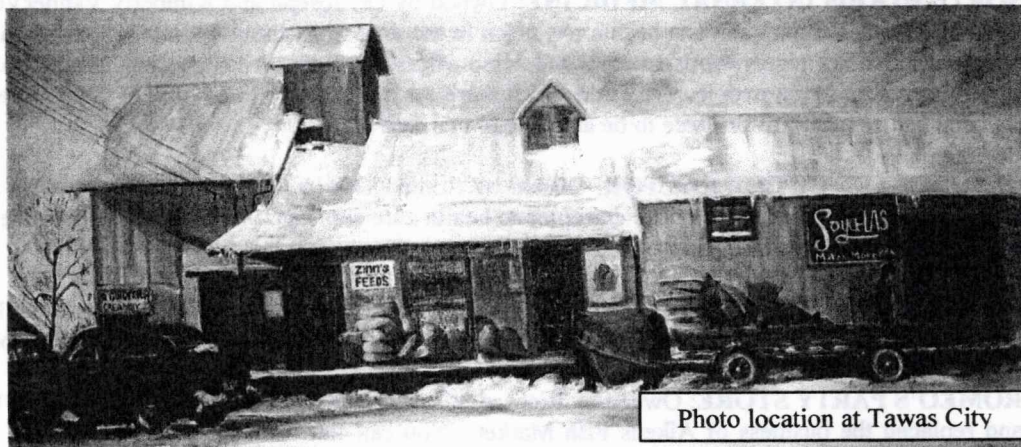


Photo location at Tawas City

HASAN, MAHMOOD S., MD, PC: Mahmood opened his business in 1988, moved from Tawas City to Tawas Township on M-55. This business offers the practice of urological surgery (Urology).

IOSCO COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION: President Paul Fredenburg. Business opened in June 1994. This business merged in the National Gypsum Employees Credit Union. It is located 118 W. M-55 (between Dean Arbour Ford and the Tawas High School). It offers financial services. The memorable event was the opening of our new facility on M-55, December 2005.

IOSCO CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Executive Director- Theresa Delage, owned locally led entity of state government. Opened July 12, 1951, by a referendum of the residents of Iosco County located 190 M-55. They make available to the community reforestation seedlings, environmental education and assist with forestry questions. The exciting event was "Forester available for free assistance to Iosco County residents. Over 3 million seedlings have been planted in Iosco County in the past 20 years!!! Every 3rd grade student receives a tree seedling each spring."

IOSCO COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY: Constructed in 1965, opened in 1966. Owned by Iosco County and located on Plank Road near Clara Bolen Elementary School. This facility offers skilled nursing care, rehabilitation and Alzheimer's care. The most memorable event was the addition of the 28 bed Alzheimer's unit.

IOSCO REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY (IOSCO RESA): Located at the corner of M-55 and Rempert Roads. Owners are the citizens of Michigan and Iosco County. County School Districts were established at statehood on January 26, 1837. At that time there were 83 counties each with a superintendent office. In 1962, they were consolidated into 57 Intermediate School Districts. This business offers general education, special education and vocational education services such as truck driving school, training for school bus drivers, motorcycle safety course, and ATV safety course. We are also a third party testing facility for the State of Michigan for drivers licensing, CDL's, automobiles and motorcycles.

The most exciting moment was the construction of our building. Since the inception of County School Districts and Intermediate School Districts, we have rented our facilities. In July of 2002, we moved into our own facility that was built without an additional tax levy to the citizens of Iosco County.

K D's JUST IN STYLE: Owners Kim Blust and Doris May. Business opened December 1, 2005. It is located 80 M-55. Business offers formal wear (women and men), shoes, perfume and jewelry. Most exciting event is the annual prom fashion show.

KIRBY'S ONE STOP SHOP: Owned by Karen Kirby and is located on US-23. Previously it was the Tawas Furniture Store. This business opened in 2002. It provides a gas station with bait, snacks, beer, wine, pop, milk and etc.

NORTHWOODS INTERNAL MEDICINE: Owned by Dr. Joseph and Kimberly VanderVeen. This business opened April 2003. Dr. VanderVeen has been a physician in the area since June 1995. It is located on M-55 across from Tawas Area High School. Northwoods Internal Medicine offers the most up to date healthcare available in a compassionate environment by caring people. They added, "We are all just grateful to be able to reside in and serve such a beautiful area and community- so fortunate to be able to call this area home!"

R. J. LeCLAIR, CHIROPRACTOR: Owned by Ron and Nikki LeClair. Opened in 1977, and located M-55, east of Plank Road. This business provides chiropractic health care services. The most memorable event was "1979, when we built and moved into the new office and established ourselves at that location."

RIGG LAND SURVEYING, INC.: Owned by William Rigg. This business opened in 1998 and replaces the Tri County Insurance Co. It is located on M-55 between Wilber and Plank Roads, servicing the community with surveying.

ROMEO'S PARTY STORE: Owned by Richard S. Romeo. Opened in 1973, it is located on US- 23 near the Townline, and replaced the business of Aikens Fish Market. You can find here cheese, smoked fish, jerky, Michigan beer and wines, greenhouse, Christmas trees and etc. Richard's memorable event that happened was, "when two people from Denmark came in and wanted to buy some hand made signs I used for advertising. They were art dealers from New York City."

ROSE ICE COMPANY: Owned by Larry and Penny Rose located on Ruell Road. This building was previously owned by Bernie and Vi Slavinski who lived in an upstairs apartment for many years, having a fruit market during the summer months. After the purchase by the Rose's, it was a bait shop for two years and then the ice company in 1975. They employ between fifteen and twenty-five high school and college students.

SHER-LOCK MINI STORAGE: Owned by Todd and Nancy Huebel, opened in 2004, located M-55 near Rempert Road. This business provides self storage units.

ST JAMES ELECTRIC INC.: Owned by Ted and Kay St James. This business is located 220 Randall Road, corner of North Street and Plank Road, serving with electrical contracting. Ted's father, John St James, started the electrical business in Tawas City 1939. After thirty years, Ted took over in 1969, and moved it to Tawas Township. This 68 year old electrical business is still operating with the help of son John, who has worked in the business for 27 years. St. James Electric is a third generation family-owned business.

ST JOSEPH HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: Located on M-55 and owned by St Joseph Health Systems. This business offers durable medical equipment, oxygen supplies and general medical equipment.

SUPERIOR PAINTING CO.: Owned by Jay Quarters. Business started in 1995, located near Meadow and Lorenz Roads. It offers painting and drywall services. His most exciting event is, "seeing the customer smile with satisfaction when the work is completed!"

TAWAS ANIMAL HOSPITAL: Owned by Dr. Tim Burg. Business started in 1978, on M-55, previously owned by Dr. Fred Besancon (veterinary) and wife. In 1991, a new clinic building was erected. The office was enlarged and modernized in 2003.

TAWAS CITY DPW: Business has been opened for about 15 years. It replaces Davidson Contractor, located 460 Meadow Road.

TAWAS FOOT CLINIC: Owned by Dr. Rod Russell Wright, opened in 1984, and located 166 M-55, between Wilber and Plank Roads. This office deals with Podiatry (Foot) Care. Special moments remembered, "The office was opened on January 20, 1984 on Saturdays only. After being open for a couple weeks, those Saturdays were full of patient appointments. I recall one Saturday when the parking lot was so full; patients were parking on M-55 and walking to the office with their walkers.

One fall afternoon at the Tawas Foot Clinic, Dr. Wright's father had stopped by to check on how the business was going. We had a burning barrel out back that the paper products were burned in, and we sent Bill (dad) out to burn the papers. Next thing I know, the Dr. had to stop caring for his patients and help put the fire out in Timreck's hay field. Dad always seems to find a way to let things get out of hand. Years later his garage burned down, after a car engine had backfired and caught on fire."

TAWAS KITCHEN AND BATH INC.: Owned by Thomas and Suzanne Bohmier. Opened in 1978, business replaces Bohmier Cabinets, located 1212 south US 23, south of Townline Road. This business offers kitchen and bath cabinets, countertops and complete bath remodel (factory or custom).

TAWAS SIGNS: Owned by Geoffrey Bohmier. Opened in 2006, located 1212 south US 23, south of Townline Road. Mr. Bohmier deals with any signage and repair work.

THE COUNTRY STORE: Owned by Dan and Sheri Williams. Opened in 2005, located M-55, dealing with corn burning stoves. Adding, "We would like to thank the neighborhood for the support shown to us in this endeavor."

TIME AFTER TIME ANTIQUES: Owned by Estella Bonds. Opened in 1998, located 729 M-55 near Dean Road. This business offers antiques, collectables, appraisal fairs, appraisals for insurance and appraisals in the shop. The most memorable event was "the excitement of seeing my dream come true. I have been collecting, studying and planning since I was 14 for my own antique shop. My husband, Fred, made it come true when he retired."

WALLEYES FOR IOSCO COUNTY INC.: Fish farming in Tawas Township. Founded in 1983, Walleyes for Iosco County, Inc. joined forces with Michigan Department of Natural Resources to build a Walleye rearing pond in Tawas Township. With fund raisers, donated manpower and equipment, the task was completed.

Since start-up, the group has planted 7,500,000 walleye fingerlings in Tawas Bay and other Iosco County Lakes and the backwaters of Au Sable River dams, contributing much enjoyment to the area fisherman.

Other projects the WIC club has undertaken include: With help of Huron Pines RC&D, a portion of Dead Creek bank was stabilized to reduce bank erosion and silt entering Tawas Bay. WIC and Baldwin Township worked together to improve the fishing site to Tawas River off Nunn Road, enlarging the parking space, adding a handicap fishing site and a small boat launch. Cooperation between WIC, DNR Fisheries Division and Fish America, a 1,200 foot long reef was added to Tawas Bay in August of 1988 enhancing Tawas Bay fishing. Walleyes for Iosco County would like to thank all who have supported these goals and accomplishments. "Good fishing."

WARNER TRUCKING AND EXCAVATING: Owned by Rick Warner. Opened in 1996, this business moved from East Tawas to Tawas Township. Located M-55, this business offers construction and excavating.

ZUBEK MOTORS SALES: Located M-55 and Plank Road, is owned by sons, John and Albert Zubek. This business opened in 1948. They started selling farm equipment, then sold Packards, Rambler-Nash, American Motors, Jeep and now presently Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep. This business provides new and used automobiles and has a repair service. The building burned to the ground in 1992 and reopened 1993 in its new facility.

Iosco County News February 1957: "Zubek Motor Sales, on M-55 west of Tawas, is the new Nash-Rambler dealer for this area. Al Zubek, who owns and operates the business, reports that he has recently accepted the dealership. He will operate a complete service department. In addition, the business will continue to service all makes of cars and farm equipment."



MEMOIRS

OLDEST TAWAS TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

PIERCE, HUBERT: Born 1904 Chester, Michigan. This spry gentleman of 103 years has been a resident twice during his life. He is retired from carpenter, mason, building and farming work. Hubert first came to the township during the depression years. His friend, Walt Laidlaw, encouraged him to come and stay at his father's empty farm. Walt and Hubert were acquaintances in Curtisville where Walt was teaching at the time. These two friends enjoyed hunting among other activities.

Hubert worked on the WPA here in the depression. He dug sewer ditches by hand in Tawas City. He remembers while working one day, they shoveled into a rough rotted box which turned out to be a coffin. They alerted the Authority, who then told them to dig a hole behind the ditch and put the bones in it. While attempting to do what was instructed of them, a doctor pulled up to find out what all the commotion was all about. The doctor left taking the skull with him.

He also remembers a time when slot machines were legal here. Then the machines were outlawed, and he remembers Walt took care of some of the machines here for about a year for a man in Detroit who owned them. The ban was lifted for a short while, and Walt put them back out. Hubert remembers helping Walt go and empty the machines, splitting the monies up between Walt and the man in Detroit.

Baseball- Hubert says Tawas had the best playing team. They were tops. He recalls while in Curtisville his ball team was no match for the Tawas team, but they all had lots and lots of fun playing ball.

After about two years in Laidlawville, Hubert sold his animals and left for Saginaw, later moving back to Mio and purchasing 40 acres of his father's old homestead. Continuing with his building skills, he left for California building churches and etc. During one of his vacations, he came back to Tawas looking to buy a place for his retirement. By 1973, he came back to the township and stayed. When asked what brought him back here, he says "He liked the area so well." I asked Hubert what contributes to his longevity. His reply, "The Lord has been good to me."

NATIVE TAWAS TOWNSHIP SENIORS

ANSCHUETZ, HAROLD: Born 1934, childhood location was near Dean and Plank Roads. He is still a resident. His forefathers homesteaded in 1868. The activities were playing ball in the summer, ice skating in the winter. He attended the Anschuetz School and describes it as lots of fun. His mother was a homemaker, and his father farmed and worked at Anderson Coach.

BARNES, EDGAR: Born 1921, parents moved to Tawas for more land. They were renting land in Reno. He has been a resident since 1924. He recalls the blacksmith shop, located on the corner of Lorenz and M-55. "Our house, 1912 Laidlaw, was the post office of Laidlawville." Activities were picking huckleberries, working on the farm and playing outside. "Walked to Vine School 1 ¼ miles, Laidlaw School ¾ mile, started school when I was six. School was fun, had friends and enjoyed learning about different places. I liked history and foreign places." Went to Hale for one cent by train. Father was a farmer all his life, gardener, sold fish and vegetables. "Everyone had a horse and buggy, helped out neighbors with barn raising, etc."

BIGGS, ERVIN: Born 1936. His childhood location was Meadow Road between McArde and Lorenz Roads, now the James Klish farm. He is still a resident. Mother was born in the township (Townline Road). The places he remembers are the Township Hall, originally at Rempert Road and M-55, Anschuetz School, Vine School, McArde Store and the Poor Farm House. Ervin attended the Vine School, walked 1 ½ miles. His father farmed, milked cows and grew cash crops and also worked at National Gypsum. The big events he recalls in the township were telephone and electric lines (1940's) and paving of M-55 (1950's).

BLUST, JOSEPHINE (BIRKENBACH): Born 1919, daughter of Stephen and Agnes Brikenbach. Her childhood location was near Hemlock and McArdle Roads. Her parents, Stephen and Agnes, first came to Tawas in 1910, renting the Schelfler's farm located on M-55. They farmed the land, and Stephen also did carpentry work. Later, they bought a farm on the northeast corner of McArdle and Hemlock (the St. Martin's farm).

Josephine started school at the Vine. "I just got started, then, we moved to Grant Township. My father worked farming, and got a job at National Gypsum."

BOUCHARD, CECILIA: Born in the house on the second 80 acres of Napoleon (Paul) Bouchard. "As a child I was always so fascinated by my grandfather's ice house. I could never believe how we could go in the dead heat of summer; grandpa would get a big cake of ice out of the ice house. It would be so cold and still so hard. Grandpa told me how he kept it that way. The ice house, as they called it, was made up of eight inch thick walls that were filled with sawdust and a foot of sawdust on the ground floor. They would take a team of horses out to Tawas Bay in the winter when the water was frozen, cut the ice out in blocks, haul them up on wagons, and bring them back to the ice house. There they would cover them individually with sawdust. They would keep it in the ice house all winter and summer and used the ice for grandma's ice box in the house when needed or for making ice cream when company would come along for a holiday or big Sunday dinner."

I used to love to watch the three teams of horses that Grandpa used and how he took care of them so well and rested them. I can still recall the large orchard we had with so many fruit trees and all the other food we grew in the garden. We picked wild blueberries and we had all the fruits and vegetables you would need like strawberries, rhubarb, grapes, cherries, apples, pears, peach trees, plum, crab apple. Many of these were made into jam or jellies. We even had horseradish, and everything that could be canned was. Grandpa made large bins to hold the apples and other items for the winter. The wheat was sent out to be milled into flour for baking.

With so much work, Grandpa always had a hired man or two, and Grandma had a hired lady to help out with because of all the farm work and the ten children. Grandma made her angle food cakes from scratch and would always say it was a good day when the cake came out high."

When Cecilia was in high school, she helped out the other farms in the area with cooking during threshing time. She remembers helping Mrs. Katterman, Mrs. Ulman, and Mrs. Ted (Margaret) Anschuetz and daughter, Lillian. The farmers would go from one farm to another helping each other bring in their crops.

BOUCHARD, JOSEPH and wife HELEN: He was born 1926, and Helen in 1929. Still reside in the township. Location of childhood was the old homestead of Hector Napoleon Bouchard (who went by Paul Bouchard) on McArdle Road. "Paul was very good friends with their neighbors the Earl's, Nelkie's and Curry's and others who also owned farms in the area as well as a few other who's names I can't remember at this time. Hector (Paul) Bouchard moved here from Montréal, Canada in the mid 1800's. He settled in on McArdle Road and homesteaded there. Mary (Brabant) Bouchard was a native of Tawas City and married him."

As children, we went to the Vine School on the corner of M-55 and McArdle Road which was a two room schoolhouse, first through eighth grade. The Anschuetz School was located on Kobs Road north of M-55 and was a one room school house which also taught the first through eighth grade.

We started out walking as young kids to the Vine school for the first through fourth grades. As we got older, we walked to the Anschuetz School up to the eighth grade. One of the things about winter was school didn't get called off because of snow. Sometimes when it had snowed so hard, it would crust over and we could walk on top of it. Snow, that was up to the top of the fences, we cut across the field on top of the snow, right by walking over the fences. There were times when the little ones couldn't make it through the snow drifts without help, and so for their own safety, they would have to stay home if it got too bad outside.

With the one room school house, each grade would move up to the front of the class for each subject, and it rotated like that all day long with each grade and each subject. This made for a busy day as it was hard to concentrate on your own subjects when so much commotion was going on in the classroom.

The activities the children had in the township were mainly 4-H. Each kid tried to grow at least one prize vegetable or raise an animal. These were shown off at the fair grounds and then sold if they wanted to after the ribbons were presented.

Joseph's parents: "Leonard Bouchard, son of Paul, born in 1895, went to work after he returned from WW1. He worked in a car factory in Detroit. He returned to Tawas several years later where he met and married Melina King. They lived at the fairgrounds in the Tawas area for a short while. From there they moved out to one of the farms of his father, and rented one of the homes on the farm. Next he moved to a house on M-55 near Dean Road where he lived most of his years. He moved to the high rise for the remainder of his life. He worked for a construction company and later worked as a carpenter, building houses in the area and around the inland lakes. He did a lot of other carpentry work for many individuals. Closer to retirement, he took a job as maintenance/custodial for the State Police Post. Melina (King) Bouchard was a school teacher in her early days before she married Leonard. When the war started she went to work at the Amek Defense Factory in Tawas, making filters for army vehicles and gas masks during the war. When her four children were older, she went back to teaching at St. Joseph School in Tawas for several years.

One year there was a wicked tornado that came through and killed one person and left a lot of damage behind in the township. When we were young, there were dances held at least once a month between the other farm families in the community. The whole family would attend. Someone would play the fiddle and maybe, the wife, would play the piano if there was one. We would have a square dance and a potluck. That was the entertainment and the whole family was involved."

GREENE, VALERIE (CHESTLER): Born 1924, daughter of Thomas and Belle Chestler, in farm house located on corner of Meadow and Lorenz Roads. Thomas Chestler purchased property after leaving his family home located on Krumm Road off of Meadow Road. Thomas married Belle Konenski, and they purchased adjoining 80 acres from Norman Murichson, that eighty was sold in 1992.

"When I was very young there was a hall called "Grange Hall", just kiddie corner from us. Neighboring people would gather on week-ends to relax, visit and play their musical instruments for dancing. My dad was pretty good at playing a mouth organ. I was never in the building but remember it before it was torn down.

A mile north of us, on Hemlock Road (M-55), was a small convenience store. We kids couldn't wait to go there to try out the "punch board." I don't remember the cost of a punch but if you got the right one, you won a box of candy. A mile west of that was a larger store known as McArldes. If we needed something in a hurry, we would go there. They had more to choose from.

A mile south of us was our little "Upper Townline" two room school house where we walked to every day. All eight grades were in one room. There was between twenty five and thirty five students. In those days, the snow seemed so much higher then we were, but that never stopped us. I remember getting a certificate for not missing a day of school. We were never lacking of things to do. At recess or lunch hour we were outside choosing sides for playing ball or games that everyone was included in. Many times our teachers were right there with us. At Christmas time we had programs with plays, poems, singing, Santa Claus and presents.

Not a lot of kids went on to high school. I imagine it was because of lack of transportation. I found a place in town to stay with a family and worked for my room and board. My parents also supplied them with meat and vegetables.

In the summer we had chores to do, pulling mustard and wild carrot weeds. We picked bushels of wild blueberries, cranberries, and had a huge strawberry patch, a garden, and lots of potatoes and corn. In early fall, wheat, oats and rye had to be harvested. The neighbors all helped each other at threshing time. My mother must have done a lot of planning to feed about a dozen men at meal time.

I never got involved much with the animals. We had a lot of cows which had to be milked by hand twice a day, horses, pigs and sheep. My mom handled the chickens. Every year she looked forward to getting baby chicks. At one time or another we had ducks, geese, turkeys, and even guinea hens.

During World War Two, it was very difficult for most farmers. Very few young men were spared from being drafted. We still own the forty acres and I wouldn't trade those farm memories for anything."

GROFF, MARION (KRUMM): Born 1929, and is still a resident. Childhood location was near Krumm and Meadow Roads. Parents were born in the township and never moved out. She remembers the old houses that were tore down and replaced on the farm lands. The activities were working at home, had chores to do. "Children of my age were depression babies." Marion went to the Upper Townline School. Her parents were farmers all their life. The big event was the blacktopping of county roads.

"I remember walking to school and back every day. It was nearly two miles each way. Teachers also walked, I don't remember them having a car. We heated the school with a big wood and coal furnace. Water was carried in for drinking from an outside spring and poured into a large container. Our lunch buckets sat on a table in the room. No hot lunches or refrigeration, no phone at school. Kids took turns pulling a rope in the hall to ring the bell. We had outside outhouses. Kids took turns cleaning off blackboards and taking erasers outside to pound out chalk dust. We had all eight grades in the same room. We went to the front of the room when our class was called and sat.

We always had a Christmas program which was a big thing. It was held at night and well attended. We had an end of year picnic and homemade ice cream. It was made in crank type ice cream freezers where you kept adding salt and ice to freeze the mixture.

My first year of school was called chart class. I still have my report card, this was attending school, back in the Great Depression. I think we were all happy with our life style as everyone seemed to be in the same boat. At recess and noon hour we played outside games, not even heard of today."

GROFF, WILLARD: Born 1930, childhood location was Rempert and Meadow Roads. He still resides in the township. Grandparents came from Germany. Willard walked two miles to Anschuetz School. He recalls playing on the hills, ice skating and working on the farm. Parents were farmers, and father worked as a mechanic for Look's Garage. Story passed down was, "Grandpa walked all the way to Alabaster to work for one dollar a day." Big event was "Barkman's store burnt down in Tawas City around 1945-46."

The Reservoir Lid...as told by William Groff: I remember going with my dad, Albert Groff, as well as Carl Krumm, Carl Look, and James Blust, to get a cook stove for Carl Krumm's wife, Frieda. We were in Dad's 1937 Buick, a trailer in tow, headed for Hale, Michigan. Little did we know, when we returned home, the reservoir lid to the cook stove was missing, it must have fallen off somewhere along the way.

To say that Frieda was just a bit upset is an understatement. The guys certainly should have been paying more attention to the task at hand. As it was, it took the muscle power of all four men, Carl, Carl, James and Dad, to get that heavy duty cook stove- minus the lid, lifted out of the trailer and into the house, whew! What a job!

Years later, I was talking to Carl and Frieda's daughter, Marion Krumm Groff, about my adventure with Dad over to Hale and back to get this cook stove. Lo and behold- she, too, remembered the missing reservoir lid. Her dad had made her walk into town, (it was at least two miles from home), to place a note in the local paper regarding the missing lid. The notice read "anyone traveling between Hale and Tawas who finds a lonely reservoir lid is to contact Carl Kurmm as he lost it on his way back from Hale". Believe it or not, a short time after the notice appeared in the paper, someone brought the errant reservoir lid back to its original cook stove. This had given Carl a sigh of relief and made Frieda a happy homemaker. What's that old saying? All's well that ends well.

HEINRICH, JOYCE (SCHMIDT): Born 1937, childhood location Oates Road and M-55. Still resides in the township. "My grandfather August Schmidt came here from New York in 1882. Someone told him that there was good land here. He and the Ebert family came here. Grandfather August Schmidt and Ebert worked on the ship to get over here."

My Aunt Tillie and Uncle Mike lived across the road. I remember one day she made Lemon pies and set them by the open window. The meringue looked so good I just had to have some. I took my finger and took a big chunk of it, and it was so good! I did it again. Now, there was a lot gone from the pie. I was caught and did I ever get it. She took me home and told my mom. I got it from her, the razor strap. I was not a happy kid anymore and did not do that again.

We children asked our dad how we were born. He said he pulled us out of the rain barrel that sat by the corner of the house. Sometimes we would get 25 cents to go to the show. We would have to walk there on the dirt road, M-55 and down Nunn Road. If it was wet, you were all muddy by the time you got home. I was glad when they paved M-55 in 1956. I was also glad when they built our new Township Hall, the other one was a mess, previously an old school house.

"My three brothers, my sister and I went to the Lower Townline School. Our teacher was Mrs. Rollin, another teacher was Herb Cholger. We walked three miles to school every day. We had a lot of fun at school. Classes were k-eighth grade, all in one room. We had a big wood stove in the basement. The boys had to put wood in the wood box. Paste—they sure made it good, we ate a lot of it. There was a fight I think almost everyday. One day the boys put a snake in Mrs. Rollin desk and we all got it.

We picked milk pods and hung them on the fence to dry; someone would pick them up once a week. We got about 3 cents for a bag. They used them in World War 2 to make parachutes. One boy Stormy was always getting in trouble. He put snakes and frogs in the teacher's desk all the time. One day he put Limburg Cheese on the wood furnace and we all got out of school.

When you got into trouble you laid your hand out on the desk and she would take a ruler and hit your knuckles with it, it sure did hurt. One winter day she came out to tell us to come in and we all threw snowballs at her, we had to stay after school that night. One time I cut my hair all up, I did not want to be in the Christmas Play, but I still had to be in it. Those were the good old days. It is something to tell your kids about and laugh about. I have lived in Tawas Township all of my life, seen things go by- dirt roads and old shingle homes, which are now paved roads and painted homes!"

HENSEY, RUTH (KATTERMAN) ALBERTSON-HENSEY: Born 1917, childhood location M-55 between Lorenz and Rempert Roads. A description of Tawas Township was mostly all farms, Vine School, Grant School, Anschuetz School, Township Hall, and the McArdle Store and Gas Station. The activities of the children were ice skating, playing in the snow and helping on the farm.

"My dad did farming and worked at Alabaster Gypsum. We had no boys, so I had to help him in haying, I was his teamster. In the winter he hauled wood. My Grandpa Katterman used to tell us stories. Evelyn and I used to walk down the road to visit them. I graduated from East Tawas High School then the Iosco County Normal. Taught school for five years, got married in 1941. My McArdle grandparents had the store and gas station on M-55 and I used to help them there. The big events recalled were the plane crashed on the side road, and Henry Fahselt house burned next to my folks."

HERRIMAN, BETTY (BROWN): Born 1929, childhood location Meadow and Kobs Roads. She is a resident. One of the places she recalls was, "Dead Creek, and we had to walk through the water when it flooded to get to school." Her activities were ice skating on creek flats, sledding, and ice boating made by father. Going to school was 1 ½ mile walk. Her father worked at the County Road Commission (for 44 years).

What she recalls in the township, "I can not remember when my father built our home on the Meadow Road. I grew up there until I graduated from Tawas High School in 1947. We, my three brothers and I, had a great childhood. Work and school was a great part of growing up. We didn't have electricity and only a flowing well was our water supply. We had a big garden, chickens, cows, goats and rabbits. My job was to milk the goat, take a pint of milk on my bike to the shoe man in Tawas. Good neighbors. After my graduation we moved to Wilbur. Then in 1948, I married Clare Herriman. In 1953, we moved back to the Tawas Township on M-55. Our family grew up on M-55. Our oldest son, Chris, lives in Arizona and works for computer chip Company, Sherry works for Blue Cross in Washington D.C., Craig and Harvey work for Dean Arbour. Clare retired from U.S. Gypsum after 42 plus years.

My only big event was school buses for the county kids, but I could walk to school faster than riding the bus for an hour. Life was great and I wouldn't change any of it."

HOWE, KATHRYN GRACE (CURRY): Born 1918, raised on the Curry farm section of Waldo Isiah Curry on M-55. Grandparent Thomas Curry, and her parents, owned and worked the farm since 1868. The activities were farming, baseball, going to fairs, Fourth of July, and square dances at Tawas Hall. Often teachers would board at their house.

"Mr. Joe Barnes' house burned and Waldo jr. went to help. Mr. Barnes ran out of the house carrying his mattress, quoting the Bible, "The good Lord said, "Take up thy bed and follow ME." The big event remembered was "Shivery, happened when newly weds returned home. Banged pot and pans at their door and then had food for a party."

Places Kathryn recalls: "Andrew Lorenz's blacksmith shop on southeast corner of Lorenz Road and M-55. The McArdle Store and Gas Station operated by John and Josie McArdle. The Vine School was a two room schoolhouse. Teachers that boarded in our farmhouse were Louise Leitz and Miss Summerfield in 1920's. "I went to Sunday school at the Hemlock Road Baptist Church, taught by Mrs. Chambers, relative of Ruth Hensey. The Schenkel's family farmhouse was across from the John Katterman farm. Mrs. Schenkel fell on the ice while pumping water, hit her head and died soon after, leaving four young children." Vine School days; "Walked to school. Occasionally in the winter, dad Curry picked up children in a sleigh pulled by horses."

HUMBERT, INEZ (ANSCHUETZ): Born 1923, childhood location Plank Road. Her father, Andrew Anschuetz, was born in the township and had a farm on Kobs Road. Her mother was a school teacher. Activities were school picnics, Christmas program, and in spring, the teacher taking them past the Laidlaw farm to pick wild flowers.

“Our teacher cleaned the school room. She stired fire in the stove before school started. The school had a well. We had some kind of a fountain. The boys filled it with water carried in by the pail from the well. We had to get permission to get a drink. The out door toilet, one for boys and one for girls, had to get permission to go there during school hours. When it came time for Halloween, the boys would like to tip the girl’s toilet over. The Goedecke boys set traps on their way to school to catch wild animals for pelts. In the winter, we coasted down hill, in a field across from the school, Karl Kobs place. The boys fixed it up. It was a steep hill. The older boys would let the small ones ride on top of them, an event at quite a speed. In winter Mr. Schmaltz would fixed up a set of sleighs, drawn by horses. He filled it well with straw. On a bad day, he would come and picked us up. Naturally, the boys would jump off and throw snow balls at the girls. When I was in the second grade, my mother made a path for me to walk to school because the snow was so deep. I think there is still a building on that land, it was a garage for the teacher’s car.”

KATTERMAN, JOHN J.: Reminiscing early days in Tawas Township, “My folks, William and Emma Katterman, told me the story that on January 22, 1920, the day I, John J. Katterman, was born, the doctor drove over the gate in the driveway on top of snow. The gate was made of wood, so it held the snow real well.

My father, William Katterman, used to work on the ice on Tawas Bay with his team and sled for a dollar a day. I remember when he returned home from his days work, he was almost frozen, even though he wore a large, heavy fur coat. In the early days, we didn’t have electricity, inside plumbing, or running water. We had a well outside that we gathered water to use for cooking and bathing. Dad dug a hole 10’ X 10’ by about 15 feet deep near the ditch that ran through the farm. We used that to water the horses and cattle in the winter time when it was full of water. During the summer, the hole didn’t fill with enough water for the cattle, so we had to take them to Cold Creek to water. That was my job with my Shetland pony.”

LAIDLAW, BILL: Born in 1939, childhood location Laidlaw and Lorenz Roads. His great grandparents moved here to harvest timber. When asked what school was like he replied, “First rode a red-white-blue school bus. It was a long ride going the entire length of Townline Road before coming home.” His parents worked as teachers in Glennie, and farming. The big event he remembers was the Tornado about 1955.

LEAR, LULU LACY (KRUMM): “Cleaned barn after morning milking and put hay down for night time. I milked three cows at night so I wouldn’t have to wash dishes because when my mom cooked potatoes, she never soaked the pan to make it easier for cleaning. So I’d hide the pan so it didn’t get washed till it set in the water awhile.

When blueberries were ripe, after the morning milking chores were done, we’d make a day of it and pack a picnic. We filled every container we could get a hold of with blueberries. We had to watch for the red ant hills. Strawberry time was the same way, loaded up and went to picked all day. We cleaned berries all day and into the next day.

Threshing time was a good time. Everybody worked hard and ate well (cooked for a couple days to feed the crew). I went to the Lower Townline School, walked ¼ mile. It was fun walking in the winter time to school; snow banks were taller than we were.”

LOOK, MERLIN (RED): “I was born in 1932 Tawas Township. I was raised on the Meadow Road on the corner of Krumm Road. Farming life was what my parents, Carl and Helen (Katterman) Look, did. I went to school at the Upper Townline. I remember neighbors helping neighbors, especially at threshing time. I remember when Willie Groff hit the barn at his house with his dad’s old Cadillac, said he was green homing, did he get in trouble.

Then it was my road to Politics. It all began with the trip to Hale with friends Merlin Warner and Jr. Anschuetz. We were taking Jr.’s baler to get repaired. On our way back home, after consuming a few bottles of undisclosed liquid, we came upon the Township Hall. They were having a caucus and we were curious to what that was all about, needless to say, we found out. Jr. came out of there as Justice of the Peace, Merlin and myself received the position as Constables. Later, I became a trustee and then Supervisor, for a total of 39 years serving Tawas Township. I was the Supervisor when we built the new hall. This project took us nine years to accomplish, saving \$5,000 a year. Total cost of the hall was \$45,000. It has been GREAT living in Tawas Township!”

MARTIN, CHARLOTTE (HUGHES): Born in 1925, childhood location near Meadow and Kobs Roads. She still resides in the township. The activity was baseball. She walked to Tawas City School. Her parents worked on the farm and at National City. A big event was, free movies outside at the Buckhorn.

MICHALSKI, CLARENCE and DONALD: Clarence was born 1919, and son, Donald, in 1947. Childhood location was south McArdle Road and west M-55. Grandfather, Steve Michalski, bought a farm in 1929, moving from Alabaster, with his wife Anna (Blust) and son, Clarence, who was nine years old. Some places remembered were Jack McArdles Grocery Store, Vine School and the County Farm. The activities were baseball in the summer, ice hockey in winter. Clarence and Don attended the Vine School and walked ½ mile each day. After the war, Clarence worked for William Look and Sons for a short time then went on to Anderson Coach while his wife, Clara, remained a housewife raising seven children."

PROUDFOOT, SOPHIA C. (BLUST): Born in 1921, childhood location Kobs and Sparton Roads. Still resides in the township. Her grandparents homesteaded on the Meadow Road. The activities were very little-self made. She walked to Anschuetz School, also called Swamp School, about 2 miles. Her father farmed and worked at Alabaster until he was hurt on the job in 1923.

ULMAN, BETTY (FREEL): Born 1929, childhood location was Townline between McArdle and Chambers Roads. Both parents were born in Tawas Township. She remembers the McArdle Store. Childhood activity was playing "anti I over" (throwing ball over roof). Went to Upper Townline School walking 1 ½ mile. Jobs parent had; farming, WPA and working on Townline Road.

WARNER, MERLIN: Born in 1927, childhood location was near M-55 and McArdle Roads. Some places recalled were the Jack McArdle's Store and the Vine School. His activity was baseball. School attended was Vine School, "going to school was great, didn't have to walk far." His father, Raymond Warner, worked for National Gypsum Company.



MISCELLANEOUS

CHOLGER, HERBERT: "My first experience with Tawas was in the winter of 1919. My mother, Julia (Kobs) Cholger, came back home from Detroit on a train with a baby and children aged two, four and six years old. She arrived at the station 9 p.m. Her father, John Kobs, picked us up with a bob sled, a two-seater, no car. Location of childhood was Plank and Kobs Roads. Was only on Kobs farm for one year and we moved into Tawas City.

The reason grandparents came here was; Tawas area was a settlement of German immigrants, who were all farmers coming for the same reason, "something better". I remember the typical one room elementary school on Kobs Road. I never attended as we moved and I started in the Tawas City School. One thing I do remember, there were very few spoiled kids. I spent many summers at the farm.

My father's parents were August and Amelia Cholger. They were farmers in Wilber Township, located about 10 miles from Kobs farm. I often thought about but never asked how did they ever meet? A barn dance or perhaps church? My father left the farm to work in Detroit. He came back and started a garage and welding shop in an old blacksmith shop. Built a new building in 1928, and it is still in the family on Lake Street. Today, I am a resident of Tawas City, (Harris Ave., same as Plank Road going west) I never got off the Plank Road!"

FRANK, OMAR: By Edwin W. Bellinger. Omar Frank married Mary Bellinger, only daughter of John and Margaret Bellinger. In the mid 1970's, Omar told the following stories to his great nephew Edwin W. Bellinger and his great-great niece, Josie E. Bellinger.

Omar was working at U.S. Gypsum. In 1916, while he was greasing the dragline, he was electrocuted by lightning. Electricity went from his head, through his right arm and out his elbow, also down his right leg, burning him in both limbs very badly. It took a very long time for his injuries to heal. The company doctor attended to him, at that time the U.S.G. Co. had a company store, company houses at Alabaster and its own company doctor.

Remembers when he worked for the D & M Railroad, the train in Alabaster got away from the crew on a downhill grade and went thru the bumper, smashing right into the U.S. G. Company store.

Remembers oxen pulls; farmers along Townline Road (Portlo Road) came with teams of ox and carts and would have competitions for fun. The bet was that winner would take the other's team home, but no one ever took the other's team, no matter whoever won. They would put teams, each on either side of the fence. The team that pulled the other team closest or thru the fence, won.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

of the

NORTHEASTERN MICHIGAN BASE BALL LEAGUE

1924



President—Mazon J. Finet, Alabaster

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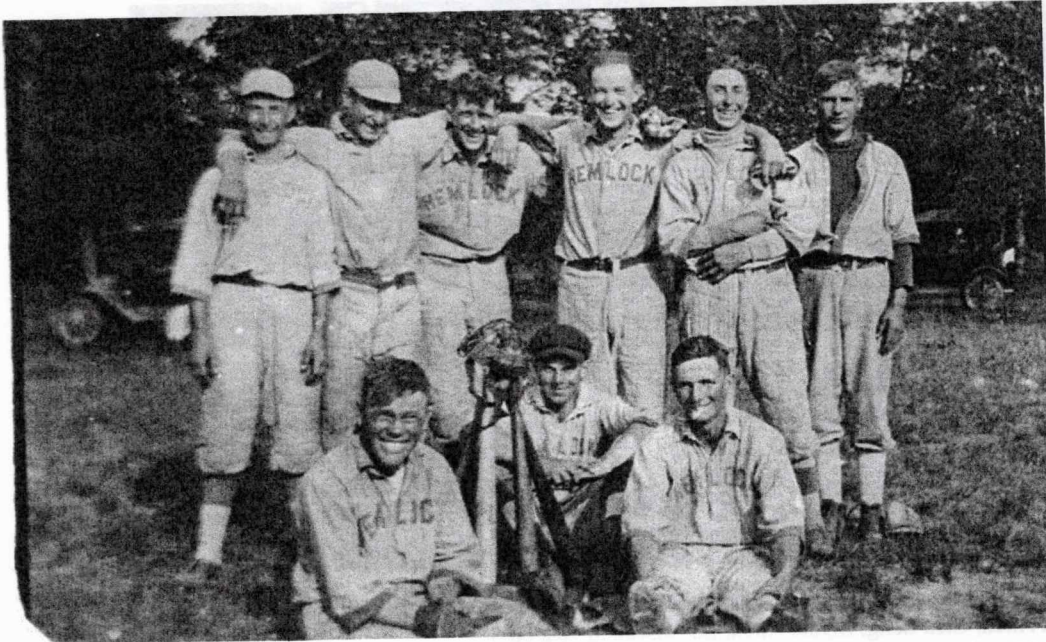
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HERRIMAN, CLARE: Clare and Betty have lived in Tawas Township the past 54 years, on M-55. He was one of the last Justice of Peace of Tawas Township from 1962 to 1964. He was then elected to the Tawas Area School Board, serving as board member, Vice President, and one year President. Their children, Harold, Sherry, Craig, and Harvey, all graduated from Tawas. Clare presented each of his children their graduation diplomas. He served on the Board of Education 1964-1978.

Clare recalls Ernie Cecil's Hemlock Team and others. The Tawas Township Ball Park was located at the Buckhorn. The league started in 1916. Jack McArdle was a pitcher. He chewed (Slipper Elm) put the juice on the ball, a very effective pitch, later this pitch was outlawed from baseball. Some players of the Buckhorn Division playing 1930's and before were Glen Long, George Biggs, Norton Freel, Clare Frank, Elmer Frank, Les Frank, Willford Youngs, Clarence Curry, Grant Bessey, Bill Sherman, Walt Laidlaw, Oren Ulman, Allen Herriman and Pete Blust.

Later players of Tawas Township were John Ulman, Merlin Warner, Clare Herriman, Olen Herriman, Don Youngs, Herb Look, Bill Groff, Russ Anschuetz, Ed Anschuetz, Don Long, Jerry Rapp, Harold Wagmer, Johnny and Butch Katterman, Bernie and Chummy Lorenz and Rollie Gackstater.



1918-known
players:

- Hadwin
- Allen
- Biggs
- F. Nelem,
- Art Anschuetz
- Ted Anschuetz
- A. Anschuetz
- Sherman
- Jack McArdle

Hale Player List

Richard Greve, Russell McKeen, J. H. Johnson, Earl Slosser, Otto Rahl, Dale Johnson, Morris Streeter, Stanley Shellenbarger, Clyde Humphrey, Lyman McClure, Clyde Murphy, Chuck Fellette, Ira Scofield, Clayton Douglas, Don Raider, Elmer Edsel, Dennis Chrevia, LeRoy Sabin, Raymond Reid, Kenneth Salisbury.

Manager—J. H. Johnson, Phone 16-F21

Director—A. E. Greve

Secretary and Treasurer—Albert Gardner
Umpires—Forrest Streeter, Hugh Slosser
Scorekeeper—Robert Greve

Hemlock Player List

Lawrence Jordan, George Blust, Clarence Curry, Claire Franks, George Biggs, A. Anschuetz, Deios Snyder, Glen Long, John McArdle, Ed. Sieloff, B. Youngs, Floyd Schneider, Harold Ross, Don. St. Martin.

Manager—John McArdle

Director—Ed. Sieloff

Umpire—Arnold Anschuetz

Scorekeeper—Ernest Schmalz

Townline Player List

Oran Ulman, Norton Freel, Henry Hobart, Wm. Sherman, Grant Bessey, Edward Smith, Burton Freel, Wm. Bessey, Lester Biggs, E. Friedrichsen, A. Herriman, Elmer Frank, Lester Frank, Wm. Baker, C. Ulman, Floyd Ulman, C. Proper.

R. E. Potts—Manager and Director

Umpires—Wm. Bellinger, Henry Oates,
Fred Erickson

Scorekeepers—Henry Oates, Burton Freel

1935 SCHEDULE
IOSCO-OGEMAW BASEBALL LEAGUE

- MAY 12—
Prescott at Hemlock *L-2 & 6*
Meadow Road at Townline
Alabaster at Hale
- MAY 19—
Townline at Prescott
Hale at Meadow Road
Hemlock at Alabaster *W-5 & 7*
- MAY 26—
Prescott at Hale *W-4*
Meadow Road at Hemlock *W-14 & 8*
Alabaster at Townline
- JUNE 2—
Prescott at Alabaster
Hemlock at Hale *W-15 & 22*
- JUNE 9—
Hale at Townline
Alabaster at Meadow Road
- JUNE 16—
Meadow Road at Prescott
Townline at Hemlock
- JUNE 23—
Hemlock at Prescott
Townline at Meadow Road
Hale at Alabaster
- JUNE 30—
Prescott at Townline
Meadow Road at Hale
Alabaster at Hemlock
- JULY 7—
Alabaster at Prescott
Hemlock at Townline
- JULY 14—
Prescott at Meadow Road
Townline at Hale
- JULY 21—
Meadow Road at Alabaster
Hale at Hemlock
- JULY 28—
Hale at Prescott
Townline at Alabaster
Hemlock at Meadow Road
- OFF DAYS**
Prescott.....June 9 and July 21
Hale.....June 16 and July 7
Hemlock.....June 8 and July 14
Meadow Road.....June 2 and July 7
Townline.....June 2 and July 21
Alabaster.....June 16 and July 14

Alabaster Player List

Clarence Benson, Claude Benson, Harold Rollin, Wm. Roiter, John Roiter, Harold Johnson, Joe Roberts, John Wellna, Harry Bolen, Chauncey Tate, Marvin Benson, Ed. Benson, Ed. Smith, Henry Smith, John Smith, Ray Isola, Joe DeLosh, Gus. Proulx, Carl Erickson, Carlton Nash.

Manager—John W. Roiter

Director—Marvin Benson, Phone 192-F4

Umpires—Fred Erickson, Herman Johnson,
E. Wickert

Scorekeeper—C. Beck

Prescott Player List

Robert Christie, Don Christie, Ervin Christie, George Best, Jack Best, W. Pan-ecke, S. Panecke, L. Turbuck, Robt. McPherson, Barney Cliff, Percy Meyers, Ray Owens, Jay McCarthy, Cliff Stoner, Leroy Henry, E. Smith.

Manager—Robt. McPherson

Director—E. S. Cornwell, Phone 4

Umpires—A. Solomon, Coleman Lawrence

Scorekeepers—W. Mott, H. Weishuhn

Meadow Road Player List

Ed. Nelkie, Rollie Gackstetter, Floyd Frisch, Clarence Jordan, Mutt. Jordan, Ges. Kohn, Howard Kohn, Tom Nelkie, Harold Waterman, Leslie Frisch, Arthur Lorenz, Fred Blust, Bob Sholtz, Al. Herri-man, A. Siegel, Albert Blust, Bill Gack-stetter.

Ed. Nelkie—Manager and Director

Umpires—Felix Stepanski, Emil Frisch

Scorekeeper—Jim Frank



1938 HEMLOCK BALL TEAM sponsored by John (Jack) McArdle- emblem on uniforms, Gulf
Front Row left to right: Aut Allen, Glen Long, Blythe Allen, Ed Anschuetz (bat boy)
Middle row left to right: Earl Herriman, Elmer Frank, Josie McArdle, Jack McArdle
Back row left to right standing: Pete Blust, Clarence Curry, Ted Anschuetz, Art Anschuetz, Wilford Youngs

GROFF, GERALD: REMEMBER--

Remember dad telling me, he went to the Ebert's farm every Friday night to hear about the war. They had a radio and we didn't.

Remember how heavy the lantern was when I had to hold it for my sister, so she could see to milk the cow. I was only five years old.

Remember when electricity was finally installed in 1952.

Remember when we finally got an inside bathroom in 1961.

Remember my mom's homemade bread, baking in the old wood cook stove.

Remember walking to school 2 miles, K-third grade to the Anschuetz School on Kobs Road. Teacher, Mrs. Bielby, gave us blankets to keep warm.

Remember walking a mile to take the milk cows to pasture every morning and returning at night to bring them back for the evening milking.

Remember hunting with my dad and the Eberts.

LORENZ, LARRY: First generation here was great grandparents, Barney and Amelia (Laffer) Lornez. They homesteaded 80 acres on northwest corner of Hemlock and Lorenz Roads.

His son, Andrew Lorenz, (Larry's grandfather), built a house on the south east corner of Hemlock and Lorenz Roads where he had a blacksmith shop (previously the Hern's). About 1939, he closed the blacksmith shop.

Andrew's son, Edward Lorenz, who married Sophia Birkenbach, had son, Larry Lorenz. "I was born in a small house just east of Clare Herriman's house on south side of Hemlock Road. After WW2 my dad built a house on Plank Road, we moved in 1947. I was the first freshman class to start in the new Tawas Area High School in 1957."

MIELOCK, JANET (KLEIN): Moved to Tawas 1946. Childhood location was U.S.-23 and Townline Road. "My folks, Les and Peg Klein, bought the grocery store in 1945, known as the Kleins Market. It is now known as Romeo's Market." Places remembered are the U.S. Gypsum. "I loved watching the buckets go back and forth. I loved attending the Lower Townline School; it was fun, one big happy family."

"We made our own activities, neighborhood baseball games. I went to Lower Townline until seventh grade, and then went to Tawas High School. It was fun to go to the High School. I got to ride the red, white, and blue bus instead of walking to school."

NELKIE, RUSSELL PAUL - REMEMBER-

Remember that picking up bottles in the ditches (at two cents each) made us feel on top of the world when we could get a dollar worth of bottles.

Remember the Kobs Dump located north of Miller Road west of McArdle Road, always had our pick up full.

Remember when snow added up to what was a real winter. Sometimes could not see the plow trucks from the snow they threw up as they went by.

Remember skating on ponds in the fields in winter that seemed to develop every year (not for several years now).

Remember pumping water for the cattle by hand.

Remember we used to have to load manure by hand, never had a tractor with a loader until about the early 1960's.

Remember getting cold feet and hands while driving open tractor in the older times (no heater in the cab back then).

Remember having to drive the tractor, clear to Zubek's across from the Buckhorn, just to get air put into the tires because nobody had an air compressor.

Remember having to haul our milk to the dairy on Plank Road with tractor and wagon, due to rebuilding M-55 (sand was too soft for trucks to get through). I milked my share of cows by hand. We shipped our milk in ten gallon cans. We still have the original building that housed the milk processing plant.

Remember when square bales were tied up with wire and weighed about 80-90 lbs. each. We were using Harold Goedecke's old Oliver baler.

Remember chasing cattle to pastures down country roads, back when everyone kept up their fences. (Can't today)

Remember one old cow that would not cross the blacktop on M-55. Tried all kinds of ways, but just would not cross black top.

Remember in evenings, neighbor kids would come over and would play hide & seek, kick the can, baseball, and football.

Remember NO television in our house until the 1960's, before it was a real treat to go to the neighbors to watch TV.

Remember the older days when farmers exchanged labor to thresh grain, cut wood, shred corn and etc. The gather was many, the food was plenty, and the only time we had cold beer and pop.

Remember shucking grain and corn by hand. Grain and corn cut by a binder (pulled by horses and later tractor) shucked by hand, loaded on wagons, hauled to a threshing machine or corn shredder. Grain was carried to storage by hand.

Remember loading hay on a wagon by hand with a ground driven hay loader behind the wagon.

Remember unloading wagons with a hay trolley system. Hay forks were used to lift hay to the peak of barn and pulley to a mow dropped and leveled off by hand. The hay was lifted by the power of horses and later tractors.

Remember always took the time to load the family up in our family pick-up on Sunday morning to go to church.

Remember when seeing a deer was a special event, now they are all over the place.

Remember cutting our logs with a two man cross-cut saw.

Remember I got pulled over by the cops (age 12) driving to school in the family pick-up. I had a special drivers permit to drive at age 14. When I got stopped by the cops and they followed me all the way home and talked to my dad. All was O.K., because dad had a farm. When taking Drivers Ed., they didn't really know what to do with me because I had already been driving for three years.

Remember stories told of the early days of our farm, where our great grandparents had their main operation on Meadow Road and took their cattle to that location later in the day.

Remember one time our great grandmother came back to our farm, to find that the neighbors had put their cattle in our pasture (I guess you would call it stealing a free lunch).

Remember our John Deere 40 was one of only tractor around to make it up the hill on Woods Hill (Knobs Road) because of the soft sand.

Remember going to Anschuetz School K-third grade, walked to school, then went to St. Joseph School on U.S. 23. Rode my bike to school a lot, sometimes was able to ride the school bus. Sometimes had to stay home, and not go to school, work had to be done on the farm first.

NOVAK, KATE (KONENSKI): Born 1912. Childhood location was Meadow Road. "I walked to the Townline School. In winter time, I walked in snow deep to the waist. Activities were ball games, picking berries, skating. In winter and in spring we would go to the woods to see different trees. School was fun. Parents were farmers. The big event was the fair each year. Other enjoyment in the township was hunting and fishing, catching Brook Trout in our place."

OLSEN, ARLENE (ANSCHUETZ): Born 1922. "My parents lived on Indian Lake Road. They ran a resort, food, gas, cabins, boats and etc. I came to live in the township when my dad's brother, Elmer "Shorty", bought the resort, mom, dad, and family moved in with grandpa and grandma. The township had Anschuetz, their school. The teachers were very good. The township residents had many parties and activities for the children.

The biggest event that I recall was the day grandpa and grandma's house burned down. I don't know if I should say this, but grandpa Anschuetz and my dad had a whiskey still in the shed out next to the barn. They made good stuff. Even the sheriff came out to sample and buy. Please note that these people are no longer living, so they will not be upset with telling this. We kids tried to sample also.

Farming was their occupation, crops, and young cattle and cows. The young cattle were kept in a pen in the barn. I'll never forget the day brother Clyde went out to the barn where the cattle were, and played a mouth organ. Guess what? All the cattle jumped over the pen and ran out of the barn. Grandpa was so mad. Clyde was scared.

I remember Aunt Della's wedding day, she married Wilfred Youngs, a wonderful man. Sad he died so young. They were a nice couple. They took me with them to the theatre for movies. On Saturday nights they dropped me off at the Buckhorn for the dance. That is where I met my husband Bill. We were married 67 years. He passed away February 2, 2006."

PROPER, MARIE: Born 1930, went to the Upper Townline School. "In the early 40's the "government" would send food commodities to our school. Large cans of pork & beans, grapefruit sections, and canned beef. Each child would be the "cook" on a schedule made by the teacher. The beans were heated and divided amongst the children for lunch.

Every fall the "government" would deliver burlap bags to the school. Our whole group would walk the one mile, to the railroad tracks, and pick milk weed pods growing there. Then a truck would pick these up at a designated time. These pods were used for flotation gear, for our service men during the war. My memory tells me they were used for parachutes silk also."

REINKE, DUANE: Born 1942, his father moved from East Tawas and lived on the Townline Road. He went to school on the Townline walking a quarter mile to get there. His father worked at the National Gypsum while his mother was a housewife, and worked part-time as a waitress. He recalls the year 1952, the big snow blizzard that came, while they were trying to move from the Townline Road to Chambers Road.

SCHMIDT, IRENE (SMYCZYNSKI): Born 1926, married James Schmidt. Location of childhood was Lorenz Road. Parents, Andrew and Josephine Smyczynski, came from Poland to Detroit. "My father worked at Ford in the foundry. He was laid off so they traded the home in Detroit for the farm on Lorenz Road, in the 1930's. The activities we enjoyed were sledding and ice skating in the winter, soft ball games with neighbors, picking arbutus in the spring, and blueberries in July and August. Always took basket of food for a picnic while picking berries!"

Irene attended the Vine School and notes it was a long walk. Her parents farmed. A big event she recalls was "When my parents received the telegram that my brother Tom was killed in WW2, many boys were killed and injured."

SMYCZYNSKI, CHET: "Clare Earl and I started kindergarten together at the Vine School in 1938. We were instantly best friends for life. We traded sandwiches and such. I remember, after one Christmas, when Clare came wearing a new shiny pocket watch and I had a new jack knife. After eyeing each others gifts we decided to trade. When I got home, I just had to see inside of "his" watch. Suddenly the springs, gears, and wheels shot up everywhere! The next day at school Clare told me we must trade back. His folks were angry. Where was I going to get \$1.50 to replace the watch? I went home and cried. I told my brother, Walter, and he told me to gather up what parts I can find, as he knew Tony Lorenz tinkers with watches and clocks. Two days later, the trade back was made and the bond continued to grow."

STASIC, MARIE (NASH): "September 1941, I arrived at Vine School, or Tawas Nine. The school had two rooms, only one used for a class room. When the bell rang, and everyone was seated, I had 22 beaming faces from beginners to sixth grade.

In those years, a teacher could teach for two years, on a County Normal Certificate. As the weather got colder, we had the use of the big, pot bellied stove for heat. I had to pay Chester Smyczynski, fifty cents a week to bring in the wood for the stove. My wages were \$150.00 per month, a lot different than today's pay check.

The kids were all very good, in during or doing their jobs. Each kid had a job to do and they did it. It was a good group of children and they all got along nicely.

The Christmas Program was the big event for the year. We had an eventful year with no problems or accidents. I can understand why a person can become a life-long dedicated teacher, but I gave up my last year of teaching because of World War Two. They started a gas mask plant in the Ford Garage building. Being I had four brothers in the service, I felt it was my duty to help in the war effort.

Many of my students are now deceased, but there are several still in the Tawas area. When they see me, they still call me "Teach". I thank the School District for the opportunity to spend a year teaching their children."

STONEHOUSE, SHIRLEY (PROPER): Born 1934. Childhood location was Lorenz and Townline Roads. She remembers skiing while being pulled by a dog, skating on the swamps and playing ball. School was the Upper Townline, all the grades from K to eighth was in one room. "My mom was a house wife, and my dad farmed and worked at Alabaster.

"We had a tornado (about 1957) that took our trailer and picked it up off the foundation, then hit a light pole and settled it back down. My son, Tim, who was about 2 months old and I were in the trailer. It took my parents barn and scattered it across the road in Harrison Frank's farm. We found our dog that was tied to his coup in the swamp with just her nose sticking out.

DID YOU KNOW: Photo: 1918 OLD STUMP FENCE- The farmers cleared their lands and used the stumps for their fence.



VINE POST OFFICE: Located at Warner house on corner of McArdle and M-55 Roads.

VINE GRANGE: The Grange Hall was located on the corner of Lorenz and Meadow Roads, on the northeast corner. Many dances were held there among other activities.

1904: "Executors' Deed- George Cornville to Vine Grange No. 744. Made this 7th day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and four between George Cornville, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Philindar Perry late of the County of Iosco, deceased of the first part, and Vine Grange No. 744 of the Patrons of Husbandry of the State of Michigan of the second part." The sum of ten dollars was given.

1911: In 1911 Albert C Perry and Wife sold land to Moses Friedman "excepting and reserving one-half acre from the southwest corner of the above described lands heretofore sold by Philinda Perry to the Patrons of Husbandry.

1927: Indenture made October 26, 1927- Between Moses Friedman and Fannie Friedman of Detroit to Adam Bielinski, of the same place, trustee-" that certain land being in the Township of Tawas, County of Iosco and the State of Michigan described as follows: The west half (1/2) of the Southwest quarter (1/4) of Section 28, T 22, N.R. 7E., containing eighty acres more or less, except on (1) acre, more or less, off the South west corner of said description occupied by the Grange Hall.

1931: Indenture made August 17, 1931 between Adam Bilinski and wife to Andrew Smyczynski and wife Josephine of Detroit, "The west half of the south west quarter of section twenty eight (28) of town twenty two (22) North of Range seven (7) each containing 80 acres of land more or less according to government survey, excepting 1/2 acre of land in the south west corner occupied by the Grange Hall One dollar and exchange of property."

1955: April 19, 1955 Recorded in Deeds, Andrew Smyczynski and Josephine and Armand Renaud, for one dollar and other valuable consideration. "The west half of the Southwest quarter of section twenty eight, of township twenty-two north, range seven containing 80 acres of land more or less, according to government survey."

This deed has no mention of the Grange Hall; in later deeds found, did not mention the 1/2 acre of the Grange Hall. According to family members the hall was torn down.

MEADOW ROAD 1921

Mr. Dirth is on the sick list.
 John Buckner is busy buzzing wood in this vicinity.
 Mrs. Carl Look spent Tuesday with her son, Richard, and family.
 Several from here attended the Ely sale on the Hemlock Tuesday.
 Alfred Franks is visiting his daughters, Mrs. Bert Papple and Mrs. Elmer Colby.
 S. A. Holloway, who was badly hurt a few weeks ago, is much improved at this writing.
 Quite a number attended the farmers meeting held at the Grange hall Friday evening.
 Miss Lizzie Ebert is spending a few weeks assisting her sister, Mrs. Joe Blust, in Baldwin.
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Look and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Look's father, August Schmidt.
 Mary Ebert and Mrs. Geo. Seymour of Flint are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Ebert.

Laidlawville.

Miss Lillie Long spent Sunday with her parents.
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1903

Laidlawville. 1903

Julius Hartman is seriously ill.
 Will Fasheldt is home for the holidays.
 Mrs. Theodore Lange and children, are visiting relatives in Saginaw.
 F. J. DeLong, of Barrington, is visiting at the home of J. A. Shippy.
 Quite a number of people from the Tawas attended the entertainment Wednesday night.
 Mrs. Marockette and daughter Jennie, of Bay City, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ruel.
 Mrs. W. E. Laidlaw and daughter are spending a few days with Mrs. L's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Culham, of Vine.
 Mrs. Harry Sylvester and two children, of Bay City, are spending a few days with Mrs. S.'s father, Amos Lake.

The entertainment given by the Laidlawville school, Wednesday evening, was a decided success. The program consisted of recitations, dialogues, songs and tableaux. After the program the presents were taken from the tree, and then Mr. George Fasheldt presented the teacher, Miss Jackson, with a beautiful toilet case, a gift from the school children.

16, 1917

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

On Tuesday of this week the house on the old Minor farm, on the Plank road, owned by Mrs. L. L. Johnson and occupied by Steven Berkenbeck, caught fire from sparks from the chimney and was burned to the ground.
 The family saved all their furniture but lost 25 bushels of potatoes which were stored in the cellar and a quantity of stove wood which was piled near the house.
 The loss on the house was about \$1,000 with no insurance.
 This house was one of the oldest in this vicinity, having been built by Moses Minor. When built it stood on the location where Mrs. Minor lives at present, next to the Presbyterian church, but a great many years ago was moved to the farm. Though old, the house was in good condition and was said to be one of the best finished houses inside in this locality.

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1903

TOWNLINe TOPICS.

Amos Preston of Flint is home on a visit.

Mrs. Chas. Brown and grandson, Lee, attended the M. E. church service last Sunday.

Don't forget the M. E. Sunday school next Sunday, September 1, at 2:30 sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Shotwell of AuSable visited at the home of E. Webb Monday.

Wm. Rutterbush of the U. S. Marines came home Tuesday on a short furlough.

Frank Ulman spent a few days at his home here and returned to his work at Flint last Monday.

A Harvest Home supper will be served at the M. E. church Monday evening, September 9. Don't forget.

Mrs. Paul Rutterbush went to Bay City last Friday evening for an extended visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Preston and two children, Irene and Elmer, autoed to Bay City Friday, returning Sunday.

Thomas and Mrs. Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas of the Henlock road attended the M. E. church service last Sunday.

Mr. Penrose of Ontario, Canada gave us a fine sermon last Sunday at the M. E. church, thanks to Rev. Howard. It was a rare treat.

The farewell party given in honor of Elgin Ulman's departure for Camp Custer last Tuesday evening was well attended. Everyone had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Webb accompanied their son Robert Webb and family on an auto trip to Port Hope. They will visit at Weidmans Isabella County, and other points enroute.

Plan on coming to the M. E. church Sunday, September 8, and hear the program. A special Harvest Home address will be given by the pastor, Rev. Harry Howard. It will be the pastor's last Sunday with us, so be sure and come.

Townline Topics. ^{JAN} 1906

Preaching services here next Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

Miss Etta White attended the box social at Alabaster last Friday.

Ada Ulman is visiting at the home of her uncle, William, at Turner.

The bear has been caught at last. Proper brothers got it, and realized \$18.00.

Miss Etby Freel had a troublesome lump removed from her hand last Saturday.

Ephram Webb and wife were called to Strathroy, Ont., this week by the

TOWNLINe TOPICS. 1918

The school children are busy getting ready for Christmas.

Melvin Ulman of Turner visited relatives on the Townline last week.

Ed. Young and his hay baler have been baling hay for Dave Low this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Herriman of Grant Sundayed with Mrs. H's mother, Mrs. L. Mills.

Don't forget the church and Sunday school services at the M. E. church next Sunday Dec. 22.

Mrs. Nina Hartman of Bay City came last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Peck.

Andrew Sherman came home from the Great Lakes training station on a few days furlough. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sherman.

Harrison Frank and family autoed from Calcite last Saturday and are spending a few days with relatives here before moving into their future home on Cecil Cox's farm on the Henlock.

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Albert Fahselt returned home from Bay City on Wednesday.

Chris. Goodecke made a business trip to Alabaster on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. E. Laidlaw spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Ed. Graham.

Martin Musolf spent a few days this week at the home of his uncle, G. L. Fahselt.

Archie and Harry Graham visited their cousins, Earl and Harry Fahselt Sunday afternoon.

Edith Graham visited a few days the last of the week with her cousin Margaret Laidlaw.

Oscar Fahselt was cutting up corn stalks for M. McLeod and Geo. Fahselt the first of the week.

Carl Miller went to Bay City on Saturday to visit his son, Henry. He returned home on Monday.

Theodore Lang came home on Friday from Owosso where he has been working in the sugar factory.

Edwin Anschuetz arrived Tuesday from Batrum, Sask., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Anschuetz.

Mrs. Ross Kitchen and little daughter, of Hale visited a few days the latter part of the week with Miss Hazel McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McLeod and children of Cabri, Sask., arrived on Wednesday for an extended visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McLeod.

12-1944

IOSCO FARMS WIN HONORS AT GRAYLING

Take High Prizes in Vetch And Alfalfa Seed Production

Local farmers made history for themselves and Iosco county early in November by participating in the Ninth Annual Potato and Apple Show held this year at Gaylord.

The county is by no means noted for her fruit production, and potato growers failed to participate in this 1944 state show, however, vetch and alfalfa seed growers took part in the legume department of the show and definitely ear-marked Iosco county as second to none in the production of legume seed.

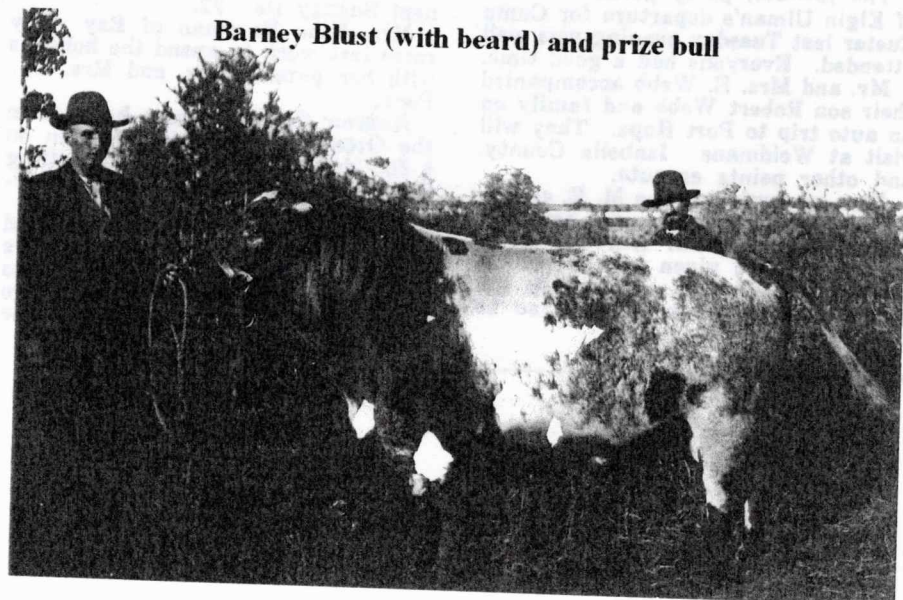
In the vetch department, Walter H. Miller of Tawas township walked away with high honors of the show, while Harold Goedcke, also of Tawas township, placed his vetch sample in 3rd position, and 4th place was taken by Jack Alda of Wilber township.

In the uncertified alfalfa seed class C. T. Prescott placed a peck of his eighty bushel seed crop in 1st position among all other exhibitors of Northern Michigan. While Harry Van Patten's sample from Grant township followed into 2nd position, and Roy Coates, also of Grant township, received an award of merit in the same class.

VETCH: Definition: any of the number of leafy, climbing or trailing plants of the sea family grown chiefly for fodder and as a green manure.



Cold Creek



Barney Blust (with beard) and prize bull

1905

- July 10. Mr. Schor, two men and team went to Miller's Mill after Road grader, and graded M. P. Millers hill to the amount of \$2.50.
- July 10. Rudolph Raupert, for grading hill at his place in 1905, two men and team one half day. \$2.00.
- July 10. Lang for fixing scraper. 75[¢].
- July 10. Frank Lang for ditching, \$5.00.
- July 10. August Abert, filling and grading two hundred and fifty feet long sixteen feet wide two feet deep on south side of cold creek between sect 23 & 24. to the amount of \$9.00.
- Sept 17. Order to C. H. Prescott & Sons, for tile and dynamite to the amount of \$134.90.
- Sept 17. Frank Abert Order for grading and filling two feet deep sixteen feet wide and one hundred and forty feet long between Sect. 23 & 24. \$9.00.
- Sept 17. Steve Ausclunty, Order for grading and filling on the north side of cold creek between sect 23 & 24. fill to be two feet deep 16 feet wide 300 feet long to the amount of \$10.00.
- Sept 17. Frank Avault, for brushing and snagging two rods wide, two hundred feet long between said Sect. 23 & 24. \$3.75.

1906

Proceedings of Highway Commissioners.

Sept 17. 06 Barney Blust. Order for grading and clay in hill at H. Anschutz, also hill on north side of creek at same place, three hundred feet long on the south side of creek one hundred and forty feet on the North to the amount of \$10.00

Sept 29. Ephraim H. H. for widening Bridge and putting in five posts not less than six inches at top and two stringers not less than eight inches, and walls up outside of posts and covering and furnishing all except plank. \$8.00

Sept 29 August Blust. for digging out and building 12 feet on east side of Mendon Road Bridge over dead creek and furnishing all except plank to the amount of \$23.32.

for hauling plank = 3.00 for stringers 20.32
 Sept 29. Julius Hartman, for building two culverts and furnishing cedar. \$4.50

Sept 29. Herman Fashelt. for thirty six feet of lumber. \$1.00

Sept 29. Elzie Laidlaw for four stringers cedar 12 inches top and 22 feet long. \$14.00

Sept 29. Ottawa Lumber Co. for fourteen hundred and eighty feet of lumber \$16.00 per M. \$23.68.

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1907.

Proceedings of Highway Commissioners

To. Geo. C. Anschutz ^{Bill} for labor dynamite fuse and cap \$6.71

Oct 6 To. C. S. Prescott for tile \$134.00

May 1907 25 pieces cedar 20' each \$5.00

June 17, 1907 35 pieces \$7.00
18 pieces 18 feet long 180

Oct 28, 1907 three stringers 22 feet long ten inches at top. \$6.00
three posts. 60
10 pieces 16 feet long 150

Oct 24, 1907 team and two men hauling timber for meadow bridge 7.50
29 hauling lumber 3.00
29 two men Building Bridge one day 3.25

April 15, 1907 let job to Scarlet to brush and clear 140 rods in length and 2 rods wide on the east side of Town line between Grant and Sawas. \$9.00 and to haul and log out 40 rods on the north end to Scarlet's north corner, commencing about 60 rods south of Mel. Sherman's north corner running south. Consideration 3.50

July 8 1907 Otto Lock and team on grader 8 1/2 days

Proceedings of Township Meetings

Meeting held on the day of April 1914 A.D. 190.....

The whole No of votes cast for the Office of Supervisor was One Hundred and Forty Four (144) votes of which Geo C Anschuetz received Ninety Seven (97) votes and Henry W West received Forty Seven (47) votes total (144 votes)

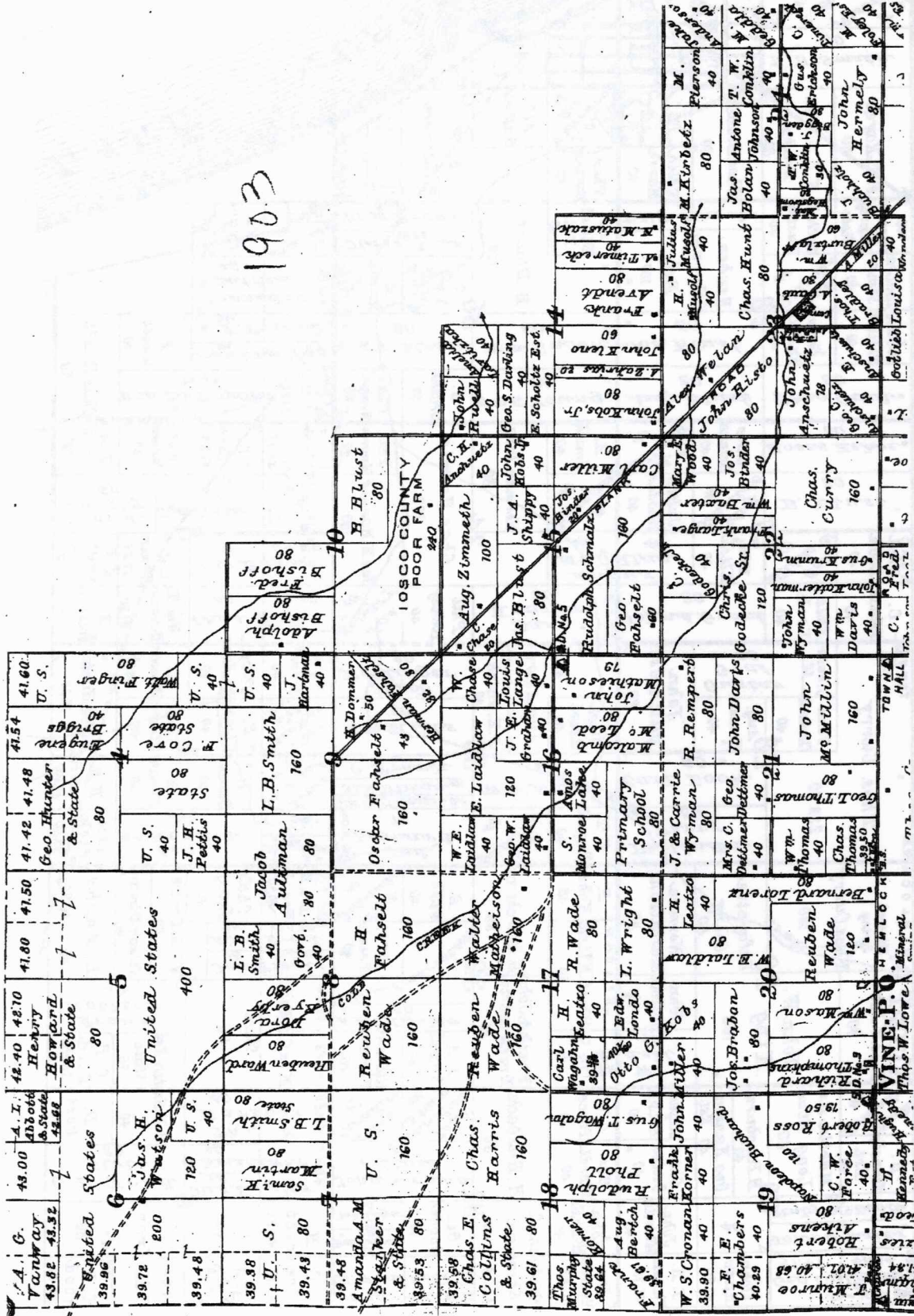
Geo C Anschuetz having received a Majority of all the votes cast is declared elected Supervisor for the ensuing year

The whole No of votes cast for the office of Township Clerk was One Hundred and Thirty Eight (138) votes of which Edward Londo received Sixty Nine (69) votes, Julius Rhode received Sixty Nine (69) votes, there being also two tickets with their respective names on ^{more writing} and paste in a Hat, and the ticket with the name of Edward Londo was drawn and was declared elected to the office of Township clerk for the ensuing year

The whole No of votes cast for the office of Township Treasurer was Ninety Nine (99) votes of which Joseph Blust received Ninety Nine (99) votes

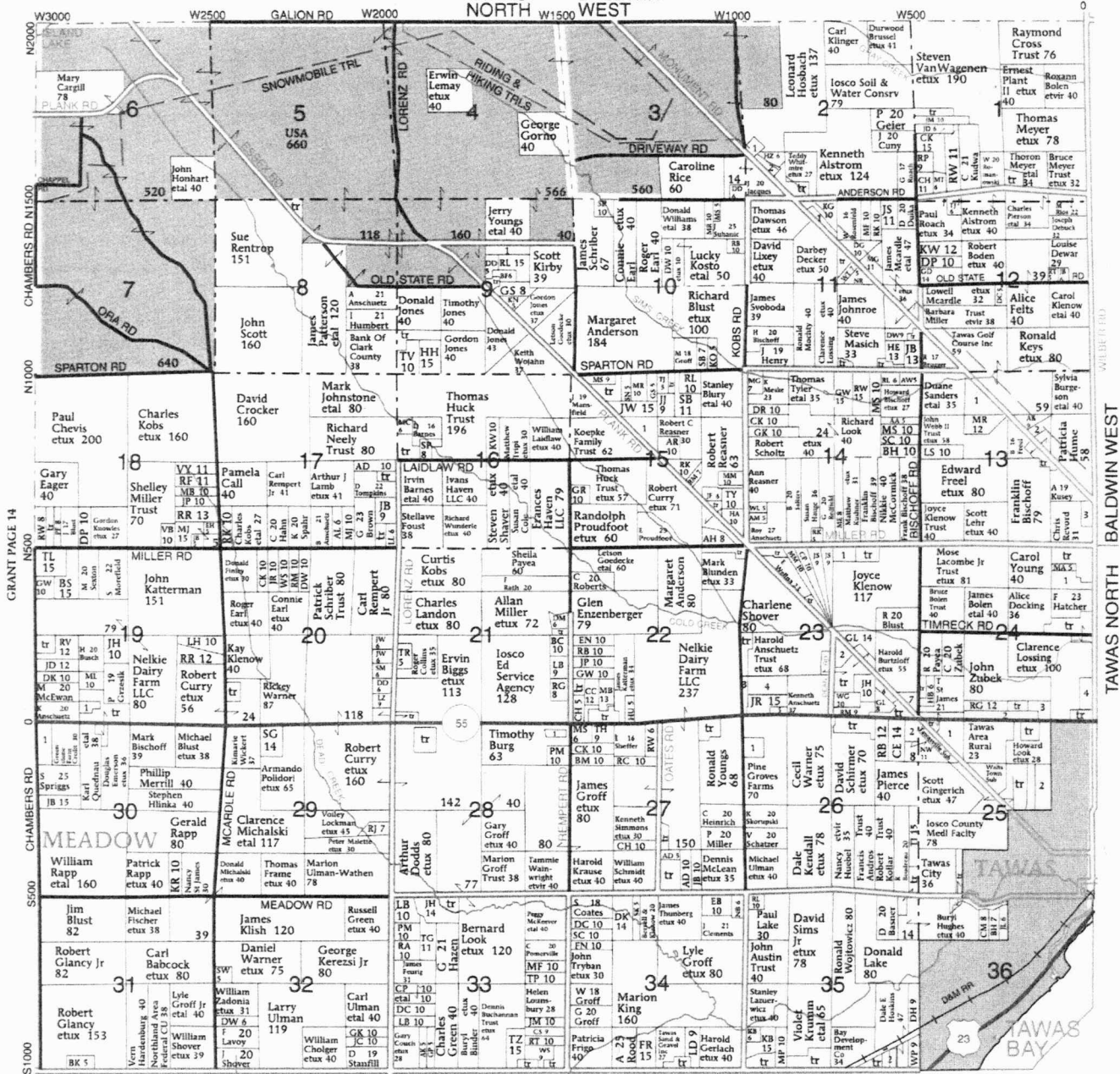
The whole No of votes cast for the office of Justice of the Peace for Full Term was One Hundred and Thirty Six (136) votes of which Malcolm W Lead

1903



2005 TAWAS TOWNSHIP PLAT MAP

WILBUR 'W' PAGE 26
TAWAS NORTH BALDWIN
NORTH WEST WEST



TAWAS 'N' PAGE 16

