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RAIN SCARES NOBODY

Ox Roast Is 'Sellout'

In spite of a downpour early Saturday morning and skies which threatened more of the same right up until noon, the village of DeWitt was a gracious host to a huge crowd all day Saturday and Saturday night for the 13th annual Ox Roast.

Hundreds of early arrivals jammed the main four corners to see the colorful parade, led by the DeWitt Veterans club color guard and the DeWitt high school band, Robert Berube conducting.

The band was followed by huge floats, farm machinery, antique cars, military vehicles, horses, the Westphalia paddy-wagon and dozens of kids in and on all manner of conveyances.

PARADE judges Dorothy Carson, Marilyn Kreider and Pete Griswold had a difficult time deciding which were the best entries in the various divisions. After careful deliberation they awarded cash prizes donated by DeWitt merchants as follows:

Grand prize, DeWitt Child Study Club float; senior division, Methodist church, first;



ONE-HORSE COVERED WAGON—First prize winner in the junior division in the DeWitt Ox Roast parade Saturday was this covered wagon (partly obscured by a member of the "team") drawn by a tricycle made over into a "horse". The "teamster" was a little tired at this point, however, and needed some assistance. The kids were members of the Hiltz family.

DeWitt Grange, second; junior division, Hiltz family, first; rickshaw boys, second; most unique, Chester Raby's antique cross-cut saw; novelty, Parker Insurance Model A.

Total attendance at the 14-hour affair was difficult to estimate, but it must have numbered well into the thousands. Over 1,000 pounds of Jack and Stan Lenneman's succulent pan-roasted beef was sold out by 8:30 Saturday evening, as well as just about everything else the food tent had to offer. The food supply was quickly replenished, however, and nobody went away hungry.

A NICE selection of kiddie and adult carnival rides got a big play right up until they were shut down at midnight. Radio station WJLS provided background music during the evening and did a remote broadcast right from the spot.

A huge game tent packed with carnival games of skill also received quite a bit of attention.

General chairman Woodrow Armstrong expressed his thanks to all who helped make the Veterans Memorial Building benefit affair a huge success. He said final tabulation of financial receipts would not be available until later this week, but he was certain the results of the combined community effort would be the best ever.

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13th ANNUAL
DEWITT OX ROAST

BENEFIT OF THE DEWITT MEMORIAL BUILDING

SATURDAY - AUG. 26, 1961

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

ADULT RIDES — KIDDIE RIDES
GAMES FOR ALL AGES FOOD - DRINKS

PARADE — CASH PRIZES FOR WINNERS

FREE ENTERTAINMENT



The DeWitt Memorial Building was erected to honor all War Veterans, and to provide opportunities for wholesome recreation, education, civic and other leisure time activities.

The chief source of funds to equip, maintain and improve this Memorial to their sons and daughters, living or dead, is an OX ROAST which is held one day each year, the latter part of August, by community-wide cooperation of organizations and citizens under the leadership of the Memorial Association Board. The only compensation is the satisfaction of having helped provide quarters for democratic community-wide activity. This valuable building will always be DeWitts "Unfinished Business."

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MISS DEWITT—A royal kiddie escort is given Miss DeWitt, Robin Kay Green, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Green, 2555 W. Main st., of DeWitt. Miss DeWitt's sister, Sharon, 10, and Gordon Keck supply the mobile force for the "royal" carriage during the Ox-Roast Festival parade.



AGRICULTURE FLOAT—An auto pulls a float with DeWitt youths riding atop it with signs depicting the agriculture products grown on DeWitt area farms during the DeWitt OX-Roast Festival parade Saturday.

Ox Roast Big Success In DeWitt

(Special to The State Journal)

DEWITT, Aug. 26—DeWitt held its annual Ox-Roast festival Saturday, complete with carnival, parade, art show and 1,000 pounds of roasted ox.

Some 5,000 people shared in the ox-roast feast. Five people were served for every pound of roast.

A parade led by the DeWitt high school band and Miss DeWitt, one-year-old Robin Kay Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Green, 2555 W. Main st., kicked off the festivities.

An art show was held in the library featuring more than 80 paintings of abstract, portrait and scenic art.

Two huge 500-pound chunks of ox were roasted by "chefs" Jack and Stan Lennemann.



GRANGERS ON PARADE—One of the more colorful entries in the DeWitt Ox Roast parade Saturday morning was this huge float entered by the DeWitt Grange. Its theme

illustrated the agricultural prowess of the local Grange. Parade judges awarded it second prize in the senior division.

Huge Attendance at Ox Roast

Weatherman Gave Perfect Day

DeWitt — After the weatherman gave DeWitt a scare with rain in the very early morning hours of Saturday, August 26, he relented and the 13th annual Ox Roast has been added to history as a very successful day. Crowds came early and lined streets to view the parade, which each year opens the day at promptly 11 a. m. The directors of the Memorial Building are to be thanked for a wonderful day after their weeks of hard work. Woodrow Armstrong was general chairman of the event and with his fine group of the helpers gave us a profitable day.

Paul Mulford as chairman of the parade, assisted by Frank Toleson, had L. J. Griswold and Mrs. Averill Carson and Mrs. Paul Kreider as the judges and this is their report:

THE GRAND prize, \$25, went to the DeWitt Child Study Club. In Senior division, the Methodist Church received \$8 for their float; and DeWitt Grange received \$5.

In the Junior division, the Chuck Hilt's children drew \$8 and Billy Ballard and Jay Bond \$5.

For most unique entry, Chester Raby received \$7, and Parker Insurance for a novelty entry received \$7. Perry Bond and Denise Jameson each received \$1. The business places of DeWitt and East DeWitt furnished the prize money.

After the parade the eat tent and game tent opened and were busy until late in the evening. Every one enjoyed those fine roast beef sandwiches. With the meat cooked over open fire where all could see if they wished. The huge ban was opened for any one to see by our chefs, Jack Lenneman and his son Stanley, who as usual did a fine job.

THE LADIES of DeWitt and community furnished the home made pies. Herbert Hardtke and John Reust, and their fine group of helpers did a good job of feeding the hungry people.

The bake sale by Blue Star Mothers and Royal Neighbors, and candy sale by Goodwill Circle was well attended.

The WILS truck provided music during the afternoon and evening, and anyone was welcome to dance.

We were very pleased to have a beautiful float and several entries from our neighboring town of Westphalia.

Our Ox Roast is always a home coming day for many of our former residents and it was a usual sight to see groups shaking hands and then pause for a visit.

A FINE ART exhibit at the Memorial building with Faye Hanson as hostess was well attended and well worth viewing. I for one didn't know we had so many fine artists in our community. The younger generation sure kept the rides busy. How successful financially we were will be reported at a later date by our board of directors.

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HORNING IN—This horn player of the DeWitt high school band got plenty of attention as the band paraded at that community's annual ox roast Saturday morning. (Journal Photo.)



SPECTATORS—The DeWitt ox roast parade and plenty of interested spectators, including the youngsters who watched goings on with great interest. (Journal Photo.)

Veterans Club Big Aid To Memorial Building

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The DeWitt Veterans club deserves a lot of praise for the many valuable and worthwhile contributions it has made to the DeWitt Veterans Memorial building. Also for the interest and assistance of the club in promoting any cause whereby funds are raised to maintain and improve the building.

Beginning with the publicity program for the August, 1960 DeWitt Ox Roast (an event held annually for the benefit of the Memorial building), pennants of various colors have appeared above and across the streets in DeWitt. They have been very effective in arousing community interest and attracting public attention. Each year, these pennants, which are the property of the DeWitt Memorial association, are hung, maintained at proper height, removed and stored for the association by the DeWitt Veterans club.

ALSO, beginning with the August, 1960 DeWitt Ox Roast, many people have expressed thankful remarks about the "park-type" benches (with support) that are used in the operational area of the Annual Ox Roast and in the recreational areas of DeWitt. These benches are the property of the Village, which is responsible for their storage and upkeep. On the basis of cost of materials only, the benches were purchased by, and donated to the Village by the person or business concern whose names appear on the benches. The DeWitt Veterans club donated

time, labor and equipment necessary to build and paint the 30 benches.

Each year, on Monday through Thursday nights immediately preceding the Ox Roast, a mobile public address system visits nearby communities to further assist in the pre-advertising campaign. The P A system, which belongs to the Memorial association and which is installed in a vehicle donated for the purpose, is usually manned for three hours per night by members of the DeWitt Veterans club.

DURING the past several years the DeWitt Veterans club has made the following donations to the DeWitt Veterans building:

Flag that is used on the pole which the club installed in front of the building. Flag that is located on the north wall of the main auditorium. Floor-type shuffle board in the main auditorium. Two dart game backing boards that are located on the north and south walls of the small auditorium. Ping pong table and two card tables. Game units can be used by all organizations, but they have to furnish their own playing equipment.

ON JANUARY 17, 1963 the DeWitt Veterans club donated two floor-model wardrobe units (with casters) to the DeWitt Memorial building lobby. These units represent a donation of great value, not only cost-wise, but from a utility standpoint. They have greatly improved the appearance of the lobby and have corrected an otherwise inadequate facility for hats and coats. The unique design and versatility of the units have brought a much appreciated solution to a bad problem.

Each unit has amazing capacity. Double hanger bars hang clothes from both sides. Coat capacity; 72. Three large hat shelves, capacity; 40. Lower shelf for parcels, etc. Four feet long, two feet wide and 76 inches high. Needless to say, every individual or organization that uses the building will enjoy the use of these units and will join the Memorial association in an expression of thanks.

IN CERTAIN ways, current rules permit free use of the Memorial building by local

clubs, lodges, schools, churches, Grange, fire department and village government.

The Memorial association directors continually strive to provide more and better means of serving more people in every possible way. The attainment of such a goal is made much easier through assistance such as that given by the DeWitt Veterans club.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PARADE—Several hundred people lined the streets of DeWitt last Saturday morning to watch the opening parade for the 15th annual Ox Roast. In the top row are the Methodist Youth Fellowship float, first-prize winner in the junior division; an unidentified lassie who brought up the rear of the entire parade yelling, "Wait for me!"; and members and

auxiliary of the Clinton-Gratiot 40 et 8 whooping it up on their big, red fire engine. In the bottom row are the grand prize-winning OES-Job's Daughters float; Eozo the Clown, sponsored by the DeWitt Child Study club, who won first prize in the senior division; and an eight-legged "caterpillar" which had trouble staying in the middle of the street.

RAIN STAYS AWAY

DeWitt Stages Another Successful Ox Roast

The 15th annual DeWitt Ox Roast got off to an uncertain start last Saturday morning as ominous clouds threatened to wash out the starting parade. But the skies cleared by noon and the community's big fundraising affair was blessed with good weather and a big crowd the rest of the day.

Sponsored by the DeWitt Memorial association, the Ox Roast featured a bounty of home-cooked food, carnival rides, games, street dancing and fireworks in addition to the parade.

Staged largely through volunteer donations of time and material, the affair is held each year to raise money for the support of the Veterans' Memorial building.

THIS YEAR'S parade was one of the best ever and featured a wide variety of entries.

tries in various categories were listed as follows by Mrs. Hazel Norris, one of the judges:

The grand prize went to the float entered by the Order of Eastern Star and Job's Daughters. In the senior division first prize was awarded to the Child Study club for their float featuring Bozo the Clown, second went to DeWitt Dairy Bar and third was won by DeWitt Grange.

In the junior division the Methodist Youth Fellowship won first, FHA was second and Jim, John and Helen Rach took third.

DeWITT Pharmacy had the most unique entry and the award for the best novelty entry went to Chester Raby. Boys' bicycle prizes were won by David Lankford, Roger Rummell, Warren Everett, Leslie

Mallett and Harmon Everett.

Andrea Malenfant, Mary Paquet, Kathy Paquet, Susie Kimball and Linda Mallett won the girls' bicycle awards.

The other judges were Ralph Woodruff and Pete Griswold.

The pan-roasted beef cooked by Jack Lenneman and Eugene Coin was a big hit as attested by the constant lineup in the cafeteria tent, which was under the supervision of Earl Coryell and Norman Savage.

PAUL MULFORD was general chairman of the affair, assisted by Bill Weston, parade chairman and Lawrence Keck, publicity chairman.

Music was provided by radio stations WJUD and WILS.

Mulford and the committee chairmen expressed gratitude to all who assisted in any way to make the community project a success.

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DeWitt art show attracts over 800

BY MRS FAYE HANSON

DeWITT — One of the cultural things that has been introduced in the DeWitt area in the last few seasons is the Art Show, sponsored by the DeWitt Public Li-

brary in conjunction with the Ox Roast celebration.

Over 800 persons viewed the many beautiful and inspiring things that were on display in the Memorial Building Friday afternoon and Saturday.

All people showing must be DeWitt area residents or former DeWitt area residents.

THE DeWITT Ceramic Studio had a pre-showing on Christmas pieces with Santa and a lighted tree in the forefront.

An interesting duo was Mrs Alfred Peterson of Round Lake and her sister, Mrs Cecil Gearhart of Houghton Lake. Both women do beautiful oil paintings.

The artists entering the show for the first time were Mrs Vera Dack and Frank Baldwin.

ANOTHER interesting combination was Dr and Mrs Maurice Becker. They each entered a canvass of their own and one that was a joint effort with each taking a turn with the brush and not always agreeing on what the other added.

Juniors showing were Gary Lattimore with humorous sketches, Kent Courtland with two water colors, Alice Custard with an oil seascape and Gary Becker with modern designs.

MRS KEITH Blizzard showed a pastel of the Methodist Church and a picture created of calico, yarn and a button on a linen background as well as a huge seed Mosaic.

Old favorites Mrs Nellie Boyd and prototist Joe Wheat also loaned their creations for the event.

Mrs Forrest Basore had on display an inspiring canvass of

the Pieta. Mary Kuknle of Alward Lake also showed two oils.

Mrs Michael Yatchman of Lincoln Park, a former DeWitt girl, had a beautiful display of hand painted china.

CHESTER RABY loaned part of his collection of arrow heads to display. These have all been picked up in the DeWitt area over the years.

Mrs Earl Pierson loaned a quilt made by village people 70 years ago with their names embroidered on it. This became quite a conversation piece with people asking "Do you remember when?"

Mrs Allen Stampfly loaned many old photos of the village, Lansing and Jackson.

AND LAST but not least floral arrangements were brought in by Mrs Avery Lee, Ward Miller and Earl Klaver.

It is hard to realize how much talent a small village really has until one begins to dig for it. Through the efforts of many, DeWitt had a very successful art show.

Victor 4-H club credits its leaders

VICTOR— The Victor 4-H ball team held a potluck and hamburger barbecue at the Victor field Sunday. They used the barbecue pit which the outdoor cooking boys built as a 4-H project.

Three ball games were played during the afternoon. One between the fathers and the older boys, one between the fathers and the younger boys, and one between the mothers and the girls.

THE 4-H CLUB, with a membership of 93, brought their year's activities to a close by exhibiting at the 4-H Fair. These activities were made possible through the cooperation of the parents and leadership of the fol-



Mrs Maurice Becker shows a painting of a western snow scene which she and Dr Becker painted together. They also exhibited separate pictures of scenes of Grand Canyon at the annual art show in conjunction with the Ox Roast celebration in DeWitt.



Mrs Alfred (Carrie) Patterson of Round Lake Road, DeWitt, left, and her sister, Mrs Cecil (Lucy) Gearhart of Houghton Lake, exhibited some of their paintings at the annual art exhibit at the Ox Roast celebration last week in DeWitt. Mrs Patterson shows an oil painting sketched in Florida. Mrs Gearhart's painting is of Ygiguassu River Falls in South America.

Keep the Tax Money in St. Johns Vote YES on the Liquor by the Glass Proposal Tuesday, November 3

The City of St. Johns will benefit from the tax revenues because:

- 85% of the licensing fees revert to the City of St. Johns.
- 2% of the sales tax is earmarked for schools.
- 4% of the excise tax is earmarked for schools.

We could continue to quote statistics on why voting yes would enable St. Johns to receive its fair share of tax revenue that amounts to millions annually, but we leave that for you to decide on election day.

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tomology; Betty Harte, rabbits and poultry and girls softball; Emer Smith, beef, sheep, dairy crops; George Hazle, beef, sheep and dairy; Marion McMaster, flower gardening; Harriet Harte, flower gardening and sewing; M Wesley Hazle, vegetable gardening and sewing; Shirley Smith, sewing; Doris Strouse, horse pony; Hewitt Van Velsor, boys softball.

THE junior leaders were; Kenneth Smith, swine; Mike DeVane, Scott Matteson, Steve Jones, Aaron Bishop, boys outdoor cooking; Larry Harte, rabbits.

A meeting will be called soon to issue 4-H reports. It is important that members attend the meeting, as projects are not considered finished and fair premiums will not be paid unless these reports are completed.

East Hubbardston

Rev John Buckner preached last sermon here Sunday. There was a farewell dinner for the family at the Palo charge Sunday after the church service, which was very well attended from both Hubbardston and Palo participants.

The Buckners moved to Wal Lake Tuesday.

Alice and Paul Langdon entertained the Lattimers and C. Langdons for dinner Monday.

The C. S. Langdons returned Wednesday from a week's trip into North Dakota. Much fire damage is reported from the Dakota and Minnesota. At Milwaukee just before boarding the Clipper Tuesday night they came across Doris Dailey Hockstra and family from Detroit.

Mr and Mrs Douglas Bell of Jordanville, N. Y., were entertained for a couple of days last week at the Lattimer farm. Bell was a college roommate of Mrs Lattimer.

John and Gary Lattimer of Englewood, N. H., are visiting their grandparents for two weeks. They arrived by plane from a camp in Maine. Their parents, Dr and Mrs J. K. Lattimer and sister, Eran, are on an extended trip in Europe.

The Lattimers recently entertained Helen and Marjory S of Lansing, also the L. Moores and Linda.

Mrs Minnie Cusack fell in home Sunday evening. She X-rays Monday.



There was gaiety galore in DeWitt Saturday, despite overcast skies that threatened to wipe out the annual Ox Roast. A large crowd lined the route of a parade around the downtown area. This clown band was one of the many entries in the parade, which included farm equipment, fire trucks, clowns, Scouts, old cars, fraternal organizations, floats and beautiful girls.

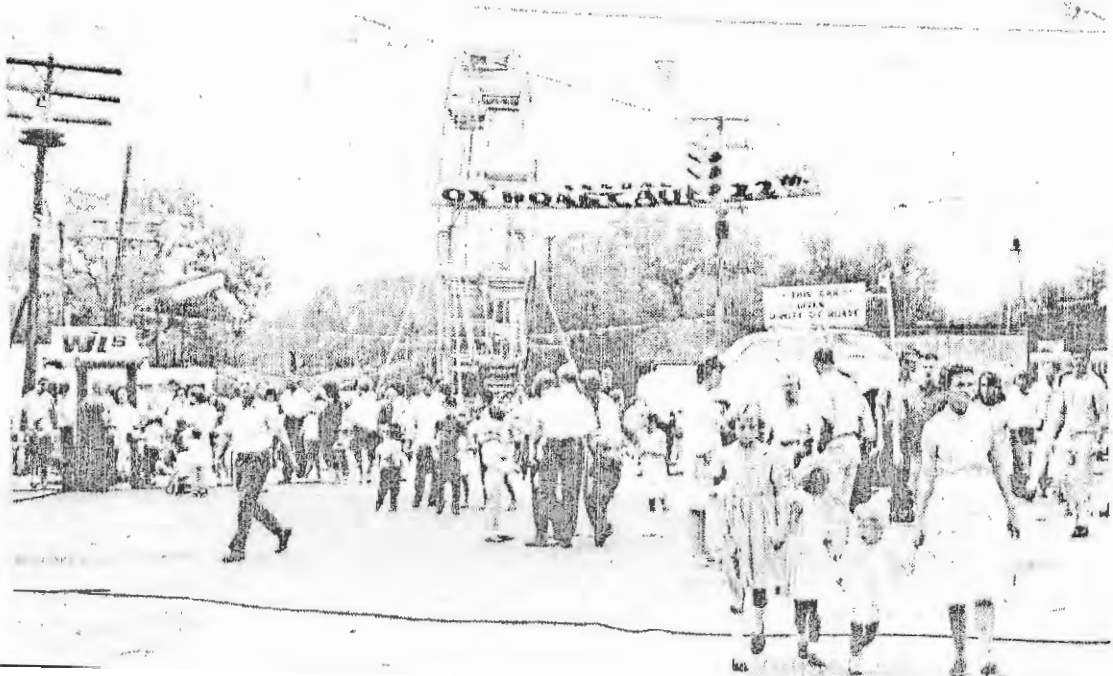
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DeWitt pastor to be feted

DeWITT — A farewell dinner will be held for the Rev Dr Robert F. McClellan Jr. at St. Anne's Church on Sunday, Aug. 30.

Dr McClellan who has been serving St. Anne's Church for nearly two years will begin teaching at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio this fall. He received his doctorate degree in June from Michigan State University.



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Large Crowd Gathers for Ox Roast Day Parade

A large crowd was on hand Saturday morning at the corner of Main and Scott streets in DeWitt to watch the parade for the annual DeWitt Ox Roast turn the corner. The DeWitt High School band sets the pace south on Scott, while the DeWitt Township Fire truck gets ready to make the turn. The sun was shining here, but before the parade was over, a heavy rain shower soaked the participants.

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By MRS LEO J. HANSON — Phone 669-9384

Over 400 see art, exhibits

DeWITT — Over 400 attended the fifth Annual Art and Craft showing sponsored by the DeWitt Public Library Friday and Saturday.

Adults showing were: Mrs Nellie Boyd, Joe Wheat, Carrie Patterson, Ruth Henning Yatchman, Pat Basore, Nancy Magsig, Mrs William Judge, Mary Kuhnle, John Overholt, Marguerite Shafley, Frank and Dorothy Baldwin, George Couling and Freda Bolinger.

Juniors showing were: Kent Courtland, Kent Armstrong, Gary Becker, Denise Hiatt, Kenneth Coin and Jeffrey Kristin.

Old photos and clippings were loaned by Louis Phillips, Ruth Overholt, Mrs Theodore Martzke and Mrs Archie Magsig.

Mr and Mrs Willard Mason have received word that their son, Marine Corp. William Mason has landed in Vietnam.

Mr and Mrs Charles Wilcox and daughters will spend the Labor Day weekend visiting relatives in West Virginia.

Mr and Mrs Ronald Phillips and Suzanne are vacationing at Otsego.

Regular meeting of DeWitt Job's Daughters will be today (Thursday) and installation of Guardian Council will be made.

DeWitt OES No. 30 will resume meetings on Friday, Sept. 3.

Mrs Raymond Locher and Mrs Leo Hanson were Friday luncheon guests of Miss Marcia Dettloff at Lights' in Lansing.

Houseguests of Mrs George Miller and family this week are Mr and Mrs Jack Kaylor and Stuart and Gregory Mix of Huntington, Ind., and Mr and Mrs James Moxey and baby of Angola, Ind.

Mrs Herbert Custard of Mendon has been visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs Zella Custard and family.

Mr and Mrs William Supel of Cochran, Pa., have been visiting her sister, Mrs Mary Paquet and family.

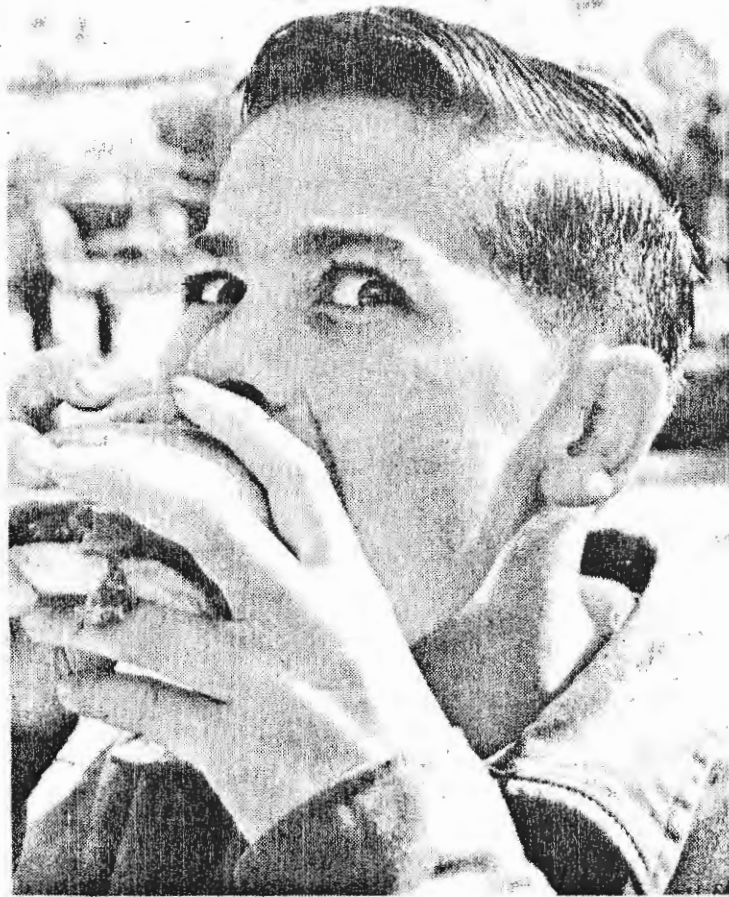
Miss Jane Walter entertained at a bridal shower for Miss Clarice Korte at the Walter home Aug. 18. The guests were former high school and Melba Beauty School classmates of the bride-to-be. The evening was spent socially and the hostess served refreshments.

George Malenfant, son of Mr and Mrs Fred Malenfant, has been accepted as a student at the St. Joseph Seminary, Westmont, Ill. and is now in residence there.



Lots of Activity on Rides and Streets at DeWitt Ox Roast

Downtown DeWitt Saturday was a busy place as youngsters and adults turned out for the annual Ox Roast sponsored by the DeWitt Memorial Assn. Rides were going on most of the afternoon, and the food tent did a steaming business. The game tent was also a busy place. The car showing in the center of this picture was won by Count Paul Wakefield Saturday evening.



Gosh, This Ox Is Tasty

Robert Hudson, 11, of DeWitt had his eyes literally light up Saturday when he bit into a tasty ox-burger at the annual DeWitt Ox Roast. Robert is the son of Mr and Mrs Robert G. Hudson of DeWitt. Other pictures of the ox roast and parade can be found on other inside pages.

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DeWitt Youngsters Happy in the Rain

Despite a heavy rain shower Saturday morning, these youngsters on board the DeWitt Grange float in the DeWitt Ox Roast parade were happy and not the least bit worried about the weather. They got soaked, but later the storm clouds left and the Ox Roast drew big crowds.

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Looking over blueprints for the new DeWitt Memorial Building are members of the board of directors of the DeWitt Memorial Assn. Left to right are: seated, president Earl Coryell, Keith Blizzard and Dale Farhat; standing, Secretary Joe Hennigan, Lloyd Ballard, Ed Tudor, Vice President Ron Mull, and Treasurer Armour Knight. Another member of the board, Lee Rummell, was unable to be present for the picture.

New addition to 'rededicate' *DeWitt Memorial Building*

DEWITT — The DeWitt Memorial Assn. hopes to break ground before Aug. 28 for a new 50 by 70-foot addition to the existing DeWitt Memorial Building across the street from the high school.

The new addition would add 7,000 square feet and would be a bi-level structure. There would be no connecting doors to the present building, which would be rented to the DeWitt District Library to provide much-needed space.

A COMMON FRONT would be built across the south ends of the buildings, and attractive planters would be added to enhance the appearance of the building.

feet of space on each of the upper and lower floors. The entrance to the new building will be at the same level as the present entrance, and from a foyer inside the door, stair steps will lead up and down.

THE UPPER floor will have a lounge, snack bar and a large dance floor. Downstairs will be a large meeting room for the large number of area organizations that use the present facilities, plus a kitchen and a half-dozen small storage rooms.

The new building will be of solid masonry walls, with windows eliminated to hold in any noise from the dancing or other activities.

THE DEWITT District Library will be a great beneficiary of the

The DeWitt District Library Board consists of two members from the City of DeWitt and two from DeWitt Township. Mrs Mamie Archer is president of the board, while Mrs Fern Wellington is vice president, Mrs Shirley Keck secretary and Kenneth Weaver treasurer.

THE MEMORIAL Building is located at 206 W. Washington Street, across from the high school. One-half of the site for the building was donated by Mr and Mrs William Rodgeron for a public library, and they consented to have a memorial building built there as long as it contained a library. The other half of the site was purchased from the Methodist Church.

The DeWitt Memorial Building was erected through the efforts of

The Aug. 28 starting date was

would be added to enhance the appearance of the building.

The Aug. 28 starting date was a target set last Thursday night by the Memorial Assn. board. That's also the date for the annual DeWitt Ox Roast, a fund-raising event put on by the association, and it is hoped the sight of construction on the building will spur community activity in the raising of money for it.

ST. CLAIR PARDEE and C. Douglas Pardee, St. Johns architects, have been commissioned for the planning phase of the work. Blueprints and specifications have been given to a Lansing contractor to give the association an over-all cost estimate. If the cost, in the board's opinion, is too high, the board may act as its own contractors.

"The present board has committed itself to making a start," President Earl Coryell said last week, "believing that there are many people who will get behind us in this endeavor in whatever way they can help. Finances will be the greatest need, and we hope large numbers of people will voluntarily come forward with financial help."

"OUR BOARD has made tentative agreement with the DeWitt District Library Board to lease them the present building when the proposed new one is completed. This will be on a rental basis, which will fully, or nearly so, amortize the building cost of the new building."

The new building will be a bi-level affair, with 3,500 square

ties.
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THE DEWITT District Library will be a great beneficiary of the new proposal. The small room presently used for the library will be retained by the Memorial Assn. for small group meetings, and the rest of the present building will be turned over to the library.

This will provide about four times as much space as the library has now in its crowded, single room. It will add 2,800 square feet to the library, including the present kitchen space at the front end.

THE DEWITT Library has been operating in very small quarters, considering its circulation. During 1962-63, for instance, the DeWitt District Library had 8,653 volumes on its shelves, an average of 1.1 volumes per capita. Circulation during the same time was 26,198, an average of 3.4 per capita. These figures compared at the same time to St. Johns with 11,082 volumes and 28,851 circulation.

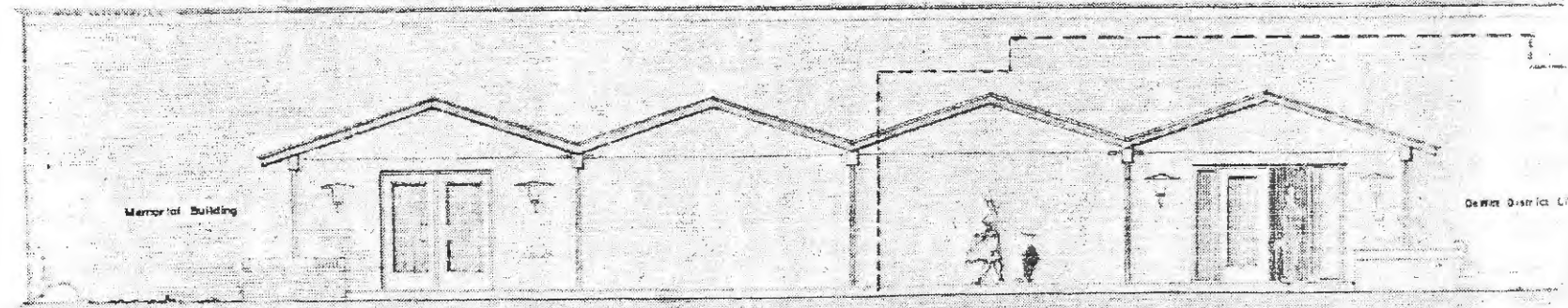
of the site was purchased from the Methodist Church.

The DeWitt Memorial Building was erected through the efforts of all the clubs and organizations in the DeWitt area as a memorial to the veterans of all wars from the area. It was a special memorial to Francis Richmond, Lewis Phillips Jr., Russell R. Ribby, Earl Benson, Don D. Ingalls and Vincent Paul Lerg, who gave their lives in World War II, and to Richard Pike, who died in the Korean War.

MR AND MRS Vern Walker opened the building fund campaign by giving \$1,000 toward the project. Clubs and organizations followed suit by staging money-making projects for funds. The building was erected in 1947-48 by L. T. Barks, a local contractor.

The Ox Roast, set this year for Aug. 28, was born as a means of raising funds for maintaining and finishing payment for the building.

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Proposed New DeWitt Memorial Building (Dotted Lines on Right Side Show Size of Present St

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War's Ox Roast will take on significance because of the donations to help finance building.

THE years the DeWitt Memorial Building has housed the DeWitt Public Library and has been a meeting place for the Veterans Club, Cub Scouts, Outcasts, Townie and Girl 4-H Clubs, Tops Club, Neighbors, DeWitt Grange, Gun Club and many other groups. It is also used for many banquets and wedding receptions in the area.

The building was re-dedicated in 1960, at which time the War Mothers presented a plaque with the names of the war dead on it. The plaque now hangs over the drink fountain in the main lobby. The DeWitt Vets' Club also presented a 50-star flag to the building at the re-dedication.

THE YEARS the Vets' Club made a number of donations to the building, including a table in front, two card tables, the two wardrobe units in the main entranceway. The building also houses the "cancer fund" which gives aid free of charge to all who seek it.

The building was placed in the hands of a group of donors, which included Mrs. M. J. Ker, Mrs. Hazel Norris, Martha Lennemann, L. J. Blizard, Willy Wanger, Leo Spade and La Rogerson.

The present board which



One of the big beneficiaries of the new Memorial Building will be the DeWitt District Library, which will have available most of the space in the present building. The library board includes Kenneth Weaver (left), Shirley Keck and Mamie Archer, along with Mrs. Fern Wellington, who was absent for the picture. Weaver is treasurer of the board, Mrs. Keck is secretary, Mrs. Archer is president, and Mrs. Wellington vice president.

28th 4-H Fair opens Monday

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and 8 p.m. Sponsored by the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce, the

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Ormonston and Rhoda Peck for clothing; Mildred Omlor, Mrs. Lawrence Burgess, Martha Faust and Pat Johnson for foods.

PAT KEMP for knitting; Delmas Moldenbauer for other home ec projects; P. G. Lundin for handicraft; Al Dowdy for entomology; William Kirkpatrick, Barry County 4-H leader, for rabbits, vegetable garden, con-

Asks citizens consider housing

A formal request for the construction of a low-cost housing project for senior citizens was made to the St. Johns City Board last week.

Clarence Hill of the Clinton County delegation of senior citizens to the commission said he represented the group and also the mission.

HILL INTRODUCED a resolution whereby he said a housing authority could be established if the city could get a grant from the federal government for the construction of apartments for senior citizens.

He said there would be no charge to taxpayers, that the project would be paid off in 50 years. The rental of the apartments would be similar to one with rental of \$30 a month. Residents would provide their own food since no central dining hall were provided for.

HILL SAID such a project might well fit into the urban renewal project of a building "would be a boon to our town." He asked the fathers consider such

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Memorial

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This year's Ox Roast will take on added significance because of the need for donations to help finance the new building.

OVER THE years the DeWitt Memorial Building has housed the DeWitt Public Library and has been a meeting place for the DeWitt Vets' Club, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownie and Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Tops Club, Royal Neighbors, DeWitt Grange, Rod and Gun Club and many other groups. It is also used for many large banquets and wedding receptions in the area.

The building was re-dedicated July 27, 1960, at which time the Blue Star Mothers presented a bronze plaque with the names of DeWitt's war dead on it. The plaque now hangs over the drinking fountain in the main lobby. The DeWitt Vets' Club also presented a 50-star flag to the building at the re-dedication.

OVER THE YEARS the Vets' Club has made a number of donations to the building, including the flag pole in front, two card tables and the two wardrobe units in the main entranceway. The building also houses the "cancer closet" which gives aid free of charge to all who seek it.

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This is the DeWitt Memorial Building as it looks now. It is located across the street north of the DeWitt High School. Work will start soon on a new addition to the building on its west (left) side.



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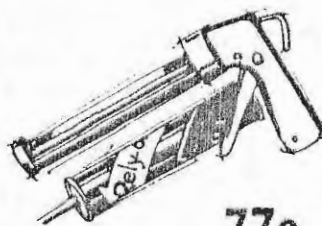
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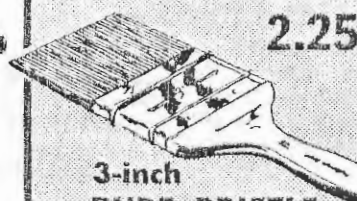
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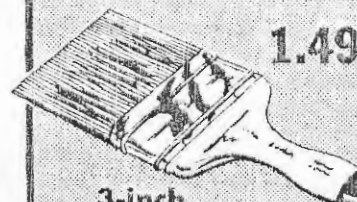
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"DURING THIS period of time, the community has grown with ever-increasing speed until the very small area used by the DeWitt District Library is very over-crowded. During recent years there has been much discussion about adding to the building...

"The present board has committed itself to making a start. We sincerely hope we have the community's support in this project. It will be a source of pride to everyone. Just as 20 years ago when the present building was made a memorial, this will be a rededication."

No word yet on drought aid plea

There was still no word from Washington Tuesday on the status of a request that Clinton County and 21 others in the southern and middle sections of the state be declared drought disaster areas.

William Smith, ASCS office manager, said he had talked with the Lansing office of the ASCS about 10 a.m. Tuesday and no word had been received. Smith said eight new counties had been added to last week's 14 seeking drought assistance.

CLINTON COUNTY got some assistance from the weather men

28th 4-H opens Mo

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and 8 p.m. Sponsored by the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce, the show will be run by Bill Young, a baritone singer and master of ceremonies. Acts will include "The Kolozsys," a five-person teeterboard act; "Pork Chop Revue," a trained pig act; "Leslie and Co.," a magic and illusion show; and "The Wheelers," a marimba act.

CONNIE ZIMMERMAN, organist, will play for the two shows and will stay over on Wednesday to provide music for the 4-H show.

Wednesday at 9 a.m. will be the judging of dairy cattle. At 3 p.m. will be the dairy showmanship contest. An exhibit parade by clubs will be held at the bandshell at 7:30 p.m., and at 8:30 will be the style revue. The variety show and presentation of awards will start at 8:45 p.m.

THE VARIETY show program will consist of four acts—two winners in small group and large group competition at the 4-H Talent Show July 10.

Julia Silvestri will play several numbers on the electronic accordion, and Mary Ann Butler will have a couple of vocal solos for the audience. In large group numbers, the Kitchen Krew Kapers, a kitchen band under the direction of Ardis Sibley, will perform. Participants are Beth Ann Greene, David Johnson, Ed Johnson, Larry Johnson, Linda Johnson, Jim Smith, Barbara Smith, Allen Sibley, Carol Sibley, Diane Sibley, Susan Sibley, Shirley Steinhart, Colleen Wood and Lenore Wood.

ALSO PARTICIPATING will be an act called "Country Cousins Dancing 'Round the World," a group supervised by Mrs Mildred Stoy. Dancers will include Linda Davis, Kathy Nickel, Kathy Davis, Claudia Ritter, Sharon Stoy, Kathi Haviland, Greg Crowley, Ronnie Whitefield, Bill Stoy, Craig Ritter, Mickey P and Randy Davis.

Most of the activity at the fair will center around the barns and other buildings at the 4-H fair grounds. The locations of exhibits are as follows:

More Room Planned for Library, Community Meetings

Rites Launch Memorial Building Addition at DeWitt

DeWITT — An addition to the DeWitt Veterans Memorial Building was started Monday with a formal ground-breaking ceremony at noon.

Members of the Veterans Memorial Building Association said they hope excavation for the bi-level addition will be well under way by the end of the week, as heavy machinery moves in where the first spade of earth was turned.

L. J. Griswold, one of five members of the original building association to attend, turned the first dirt. Other members of the original board who joined in the ceremony were: Mrs. Arthur Walker Burns, Mrs. Howard Walker, Leon Blizzard and John J. Lenneman.

REPRESENTS LIBRARY

Mrs. Faye Hanson, librarian, represented the DeWitt Library, while Loyd Berkhimer, councilman, represented the city of DeWitt.

Lee Rummell was master of ceremonies. Rev. Dom Dohanyos

of the Portiuncula in the Pines Retreat House, DeWitt, gave the invocation. Father Dohanyos was chaplain of the 78th New Jersey Lightning Division in World War II. Rev. Ernest Cornbellack, DeWitt Methodist Church, gave the benediction.

The Memorial Building addition will give DeWitt needed room for its library and community events. The present building, constructed 20 years ago, is the home of the library and the meeting place of many community organizations.

LIBRARY TO BE MOVED

Mrs. Hanson said the library's circulation has grown to such an extent that the present room is inadequate. The shelves are filled and books are stored on desks and on makeshift shelves.

When the addition is finished, the library will be moved into the present meeting room. The library space will be used for gatherings of small groups.

Plans call for a lounge, snack bar and dance floor in the addition, along with a meeting

room, kitchen and storage space.

The existing building and the addition will be joined with a common front.

The program is a continuation of a project started 20 years ago as DeWitt residents sought

means of providing a living memorial for its veterans. Operating as a non-profit organization, the building association annually sponsors an ox roast and other events to help maintain the building. Rent paid by the library also helps to defray costs.

School May Open by Nov. 1

DeWITT — DeWitt High school students may be attending class in the district's new high school building by Nov. 1.

C. H. Fuerstenau, superintendent, said today the contractor on the new structure is working to have classrooms completed by Oct. 15. If the contractor

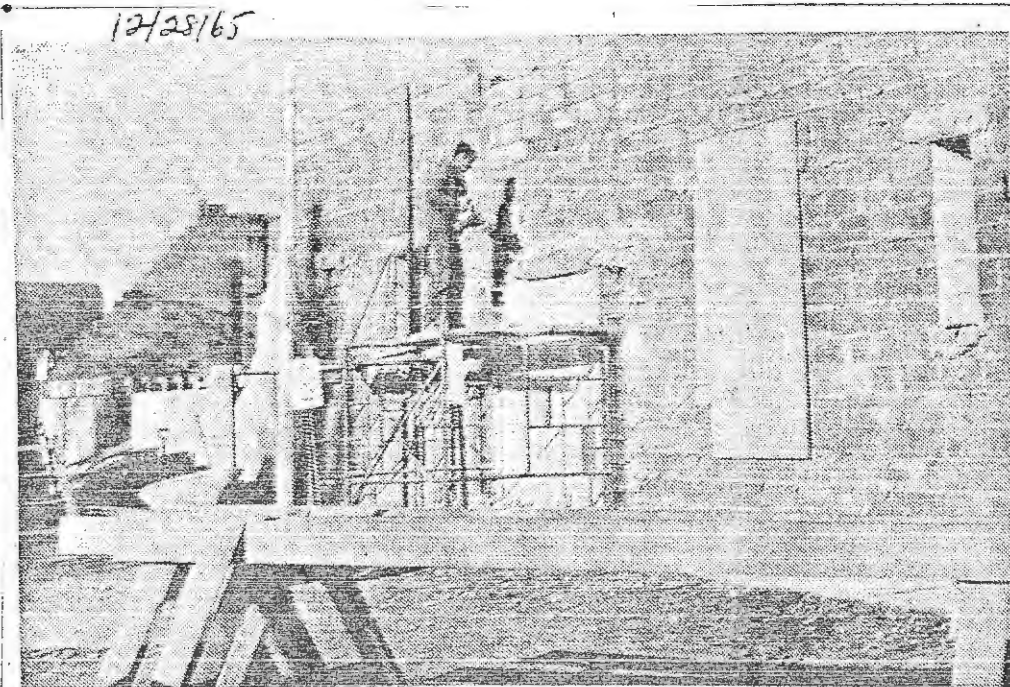
meets this deadline, the moving of equipment can be started in time to have classes in the Herbison Road building by the first of November, Fuerstenau said.

DeWitt's classrooms are now crowded with enrollment at an all-time high of about 1,100, but when the 263 high school students are transferred the situa-

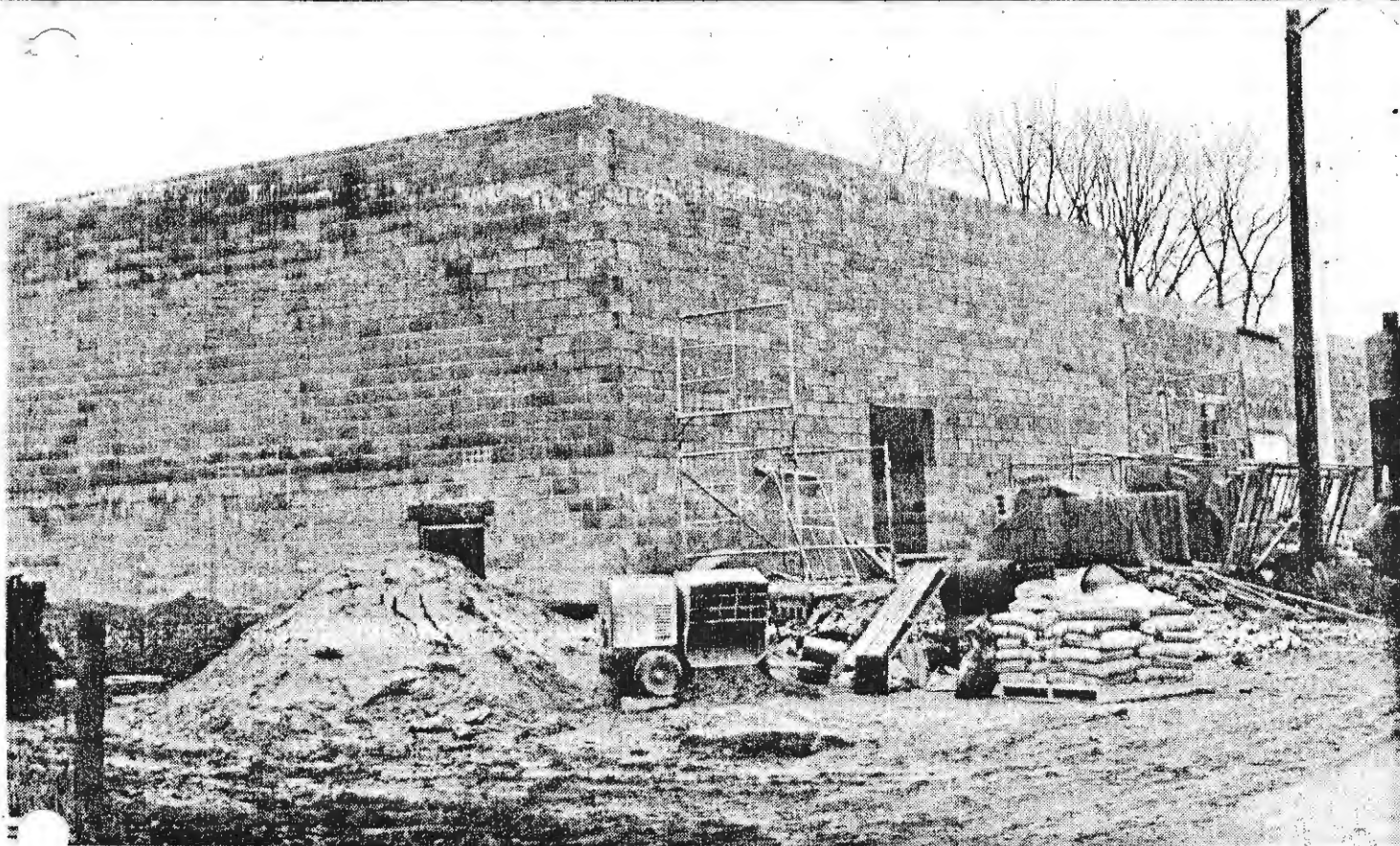
tion will be eased, the superintendent said.

Other work on the new building will continue after students are using the classrooms, it is possible the entire building located across Herbison from the Lake Geneva subdivision, will be ready by Dec. 1, the school executive added.

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CIVIC CENTER EXPANSION — Construction of an addition to the Memorial Community building in DeWitt is well under way. The project will double the size of the community center which was erected after World War II as a memorial to veterans. The DeWitt Township library, now housed in a 20 by 30 foot room in the building, will occupy the meeting room of the original building when the addition is completed in the spring. (State Journal Photo)



DeWitt Memorial Building Addition Shaping Up

The walls are up and the steel beams for the roof were to go on this week on the new addition to the DeWitt Memorial Building. The building construction blossomed rapidly in December after the association accepted a "splendid proposal" from Richard L. Corr Jr. of DeWitt to do the masonry work on a cost plus 10 per cent basis. Association officers picked out the brickwork for the front last week; the new and old buildings will have a common front, though the interiors will not be connected.

New superintendent hired at DeWitt

DeWITT —Hobart Jenkins, who has spent 16 years in the Detroit Public School system, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the DeWitt Schools, it has been announced.

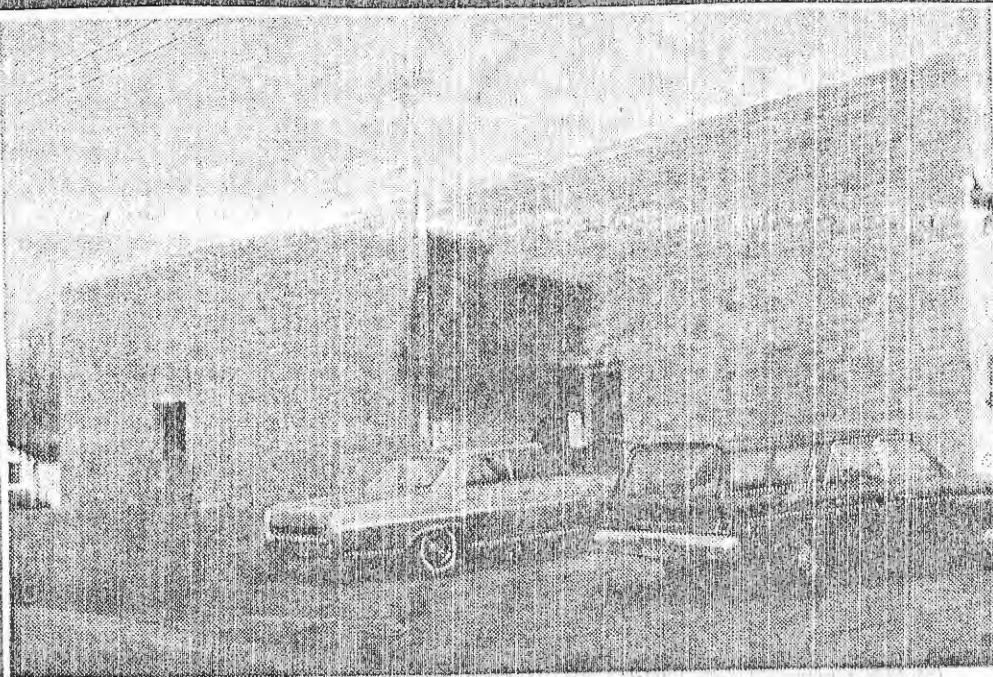
Jenkins will take over the superintendent's post in July when the present superintendent, C. H. F. Beau, retires.

Jenkins, 41, will assume his new post as assistant superintendent Feb. 2 and will serve through July 1 in that capacity.

AN ARMY veteran of World War II, Jenkins is currently serv-



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BUILDING FUNDS NEEDED—DeWitt's Memorial Building is being enlarged, and the exterior work has been completed, but additional funds are needed to complete the project. The building houses the library and is a community meeting center. (State Journal Photo)

DeWitt Memorial Building Project Needs Donations

By FAYE HANSON

State Journal Special Writer

DEWITT — The Memorial Building is DeWitt community's unfinished business.

Since its beginning prior to World War II, the Memorial Building has been a community project, built and maintained by donations and volunteer labor.

With an expansion program under way, the building committee is again seeking contributions to complete the project.

A two-story addition will provide new quarters for the li-

brary and a center for social and club meetings. The shell has been finished and the roof completed, but funds are exhausted.

TICKETS FOR BLOCKS

The building committee, asking for donations to complete the addition, is selling tickets for concrete blocks. As a part of the campaign, the committee will award a trip to Hawaii for two of the contributors.

The current fund raising plan is a continuation of the efforts that started prior to World War

II when Mr. and Mrs. William Rogerson offered two lots across from the present junior high school on Washington Street for a library site.

The library, located over the old fire station, was started by the DeWitt Civic Club in 1934. Need for new quarters was evident, and the land was donated, providing the Civic Club could raise money for the building.

The war halted building plans, but after the fighting ended the project was continued with the additional need for a community meeting place. A memorial to the men and women of the community who had served their nation was proposed.

Mrs. Earl Pierson, assistant librarian, issued a call on Oct. 16, 1945, for two representatives of every organization in DeWitt Township to discuss the project. L. J. Griswold presided at this meeting which launched the Memorial Building.

Mrs. Howard Walker, librarian, explained the idea of the Civic Club, and Mrs. P. J. Carris told of the need of a recreation room for young people of the community.

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An ox-roast was held in the fall of 1946 and it has become an annual event to provide funds

MID Michigan NEWS

DeWitt Approves Teacher Salaries

DEWITT—The DeWitt Board of Education Tuesday night unanimously adopted a salary schedule for teachers which will begin at \$5,100 and reach a maximum of \$7,000 after nine years.

The salary schedule was agreed on after negotiations with representatives of the DeWitt Education Association. Representing the teachers were William Stoller, Mrs. Loretta Sharp, Mrs. Arlene Robson and Eldon Van Spybrook.

During the meeting, the board

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During the meeting, the board also heard plans for a special education room, discussed a bus program and learned that three persons have announced candidacy for the school board.

Hobart Jenkins, assistant superintendent, reported on plans to open a Type-A room in the DeWitt system in September. The room will be for special education classes, with the site yet to be chosen.

Requests for special education classes were made to the board last year and a committee was named to study the program.

Jenkins was also questioned by a group of parents about rumors that children will be forced to walk a mile to catch buses in the future.

The inquiry was made by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dolby, Mrs. Sally Hennigan, Mrs. Pat Finch, and Mrs. Louis Fox.

Jenkins stated that the only transportation changes now under consideration are how to use the equipment and manpower as efficiently and economically as possible.

He explained the changes could mean children would be asked to gather at collecting points to lessen the number of stops per bus. But Jenkins assured the parents no child would be asked to walk more than a few blocks

Lightning Hits Pole; Power Out

DEWITT — Schools, business concerns and homes over a wide area here were temporarily without electricity Wednesday morning after lightning struck a utility pole on Price Road, according to a Consumers Power Co. spokesman.

Affected were between 6,000 and 7,000 power users.

Mark Blackman, assistant to the utility firm's divisional manager in Lansing, said service was halted for varying times up to 45 minutes.

He said the lightning shattered a utility pole about 9 a.m., tangling wires and knocking out four substations.

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The original building incorporators were: L. J. Griswold, J. B. Vincent, Leo Spayde, Leon Blizzard, Mildred Carris, Hazel Norris, Mr. and Mrs. William Rogerson and Verne Walker.

They appointed the following board members: Herbert Hardtke, Merle Walker, Donald Reed, Carl Peterson, Evelyn Curren, Allen Foy, Herbert Pizzell, James Brill and Russell Sibley.

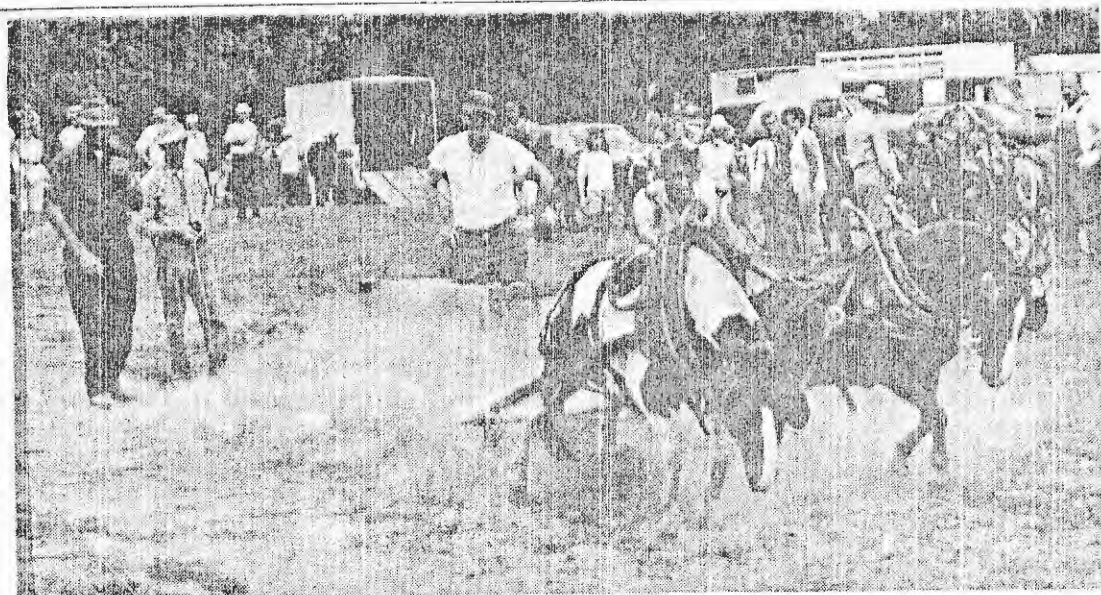
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A bronze plaque placed in the lobby by DeWitt Blue Star Mothers reads: "Lovingly dedicated to the men and women who served in all branches of military services and to those who gave their lives for their country — Vincent Paul Lerg, Lewis S. Phillips Jr., Don Ingalls, Francis Richmond, Russell R. Ribby, Earl Benson and Richard Pike."

NO COMPENSATION

The Memorial Board works without compensation to keep the building equipped and ready for banquets, receptions, meetings and parties and as a headquarters for the Boy Scouts and other organizations. Present members are: Earl Coryell, Ronald Mill, Joseph Hennigan, Armour Knight, Dale Farhat, Jim Decatur, Ed Tudor, Lloyd Ballard and Robert Taylor.

The building has grown in popularity and as the town grew the structure needed to be expanded. The library now is crowded and will be moved into the present meeting rooms. The new section, when completed, will have additional space for dances and meetings, but now is listed among the community's unfinished business.



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DeWitt Memorial Building



On Oct. 16, 1945, Mrs. Earl Pierson, Assistant Librarian, issued a request to every organization in DeWitt Township to send two representatives to discuss the possibility of building a community building in DeWitt. A piece of property on West Washington Street, where the present memorial building stands, had been donated by Mr. & Mrs. William Rogerson, for the purpose of building a library, but they were agreeable to the construction of a community building, provided a library was accommodated.

The first donation was a pledge of \$1,000 given by Mr. & Mrs. Verne Walker. All of the organizations agreed to raise money for this purpose. They formed a non-profit organization to erect and maintain a building, and named their group the "Memorial Association."

In April, 1946, delegates and leaders of clubs met to find a way to raise money. They decided on a street carnival, which was a very successful three day event, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Most prizes and articles for booths were donated with expenses being less than \$100.00. Later the event was cut to two days, Saturday and Sunday, and at present is a one day event, being held the second Saturday before Labor Day weekend of each year. From this street carnival, the present 29th annual Ox Roast has grown, and it has become an annual event to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the Memorial Building. Jack Lenneman and Don Reed were the principle chefs and became known as the "Barbecue Kings" of Central Michigan.

The original building incorporators were L.J. Griswold and J.B. Vincent, Leo Spayde, Leon Blizzard, Mildred Carris, Hazel Norris, Verne Walker and Mr. & Mrs. William Rogerson.

This building was dedicated to all veterans of all wars. It has been the meeting place for all local organizations and is quite unique in its inception and use.

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In September, 1965, an addition to the Memorial Building was started. This addition gave DeWitt the needed room for its Library and community events. This addition, which is still unfinished to date, calls for a lounge, snack bar, and two more restrooms, the dance floor, paneling and ceiling are completed.

Our building now houses one of the most modern libraries in the state, for an area of this size. It is a member of the Central Michigan Library System. There is currently a meeting room with complete kitchen facilities for use by the public and also a second level also for use by the public.

1973

PROGRAM

SATURDAY AUGUST 18th



27th

DeWitt Ox Roast

1972

PROGRAM



26th

DeWitt Ox Roast

Saturday, August 19th, DEWITT, MICH.

**-EVENTS & PARADE MAP-
EARLY HISTORY OF DEWITT**

1975

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SATURDAY AUGUST 16th

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DeWitt Ox Roast

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SATURDAY AUGUST 17th

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28th

DeWitt Ox Roast

1976 PROGRAM

**Saturday, August 21st
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**30th
DeWitt Ox Roast**

Who Puts on the Ox Roast? What is the money used for?

Volunteers from our community, individuals, members of clubs, organizations, members of our local government and it's branches . . . all these combine year after year, without pay, to put on the DeWitt Ox Roast. All funds raised are used solely for the Memorial Building. Coordinating all the volunteer and other help needed to organize all the activities of the Ox Roast is an eight member Memorial Association board, all volunteers, all serving without pay, for a three year term at the minimum. The Ox Roast is the one single time a year set aside to raise funds for the Memorial Building. Without the Ox Roast, there would be no sources of funds other than minimal building rental fees and outright donations of funds which occur from time to time. Without the Memorial Association, the building and all assets and liabilities would revert to the city's governing body in total. We hope you can easily see why it is so important to run a successful Ox Roast once a year.

Persons interested in serving on the Memorial Association board may contact Linda Hodges at (517) 669-9602. Thank-you.

The DeWitt Memorial Association Salutes DeWitt on its 8th Birthday.

Congratulations to "Citizen of the Year" Art Newman.

Special Thanks to all groups, clubs, organizations, merchants, and individuals that help us make the Ox Roast possible.

Thank-you!

DeWitt Memorial Board

All proceeds
are returned to
benefit the
Memorial Building

DeWitt Ox Roast

Saturday, August 20, 1983



**General Activities start at
10:00 am & end at 11:00 pm**

The 1983 Ox Roast
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DeWitt 37th Annual Ox Roast
Saturday, August 20, 1983
Saluting DeWitt on its 150th Birthday
Featuring a Full Day of Fun for All Ages

Parade: The longest and best in its history beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Theme: "Happy Birthday DeWitt"

10 K Fitness Run: Free Fun Run 9:00 a.m. — 10K Run starts at 10:00 a.m. —
\$7.00 entry fee

Arts and Crafts Fair: Sponsored by Historic DeWitt Arts and Crafts Council—Over 50
of Michigan's finest craftsmen—Riverside Park—Musical entertainment from
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Rides and Carnival: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. — Michigan State Amusement Co.

Canoe Rides: Riverside Park—11:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

Kiddie Zoo: North of the Bridge—12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

DeWitt Co-operative Pre-school Creative Capers: Excellent supervision—More fun for the
little folks at Riverside Park—12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Mighty-Mini Tractor Pullers Assoc.: On Washington St. —1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rock Concert: 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. featuring Geneva—Located behind Fuerstenau
School on Washington Street

Third Annual Frog Leapin' Contest: \$100.00 in Prize Money—\$1.00 Entry Fee—A real
sight to behold—Columbian Squires of St. Jude's your host—Riverside Park 1:00 p.m.

Bingo Tent: Uptown—11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Beer Tent: Ballards Lumber Yard—11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. —Music by Don Lee

Video Games: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Game Tent

Food and Concessions: Uptown 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Riverside Park 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ox Burgers cooked at both locations, ice cream and corn on the cob also at both
locations—Food prices have not changed since 1978—Best home made pies any-
where

Hobby Show: Completely New—Located at the Memorial Building—12:00 Noon to
4:00 p.m.

Third Annual Mr. Legs Contest: Lovely legs judged by lovely ladies—A Big Blast!—Arrive
Early—7:00 p.m. at Firehouse Uptown

DeWitt Art Gallery: On E. Washington St. —Featuring St. John's Men's Art Club—
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ox Roast Tennis Tournament: Located at the High School Tennis Courts

DeWitt Conservatory: Presents Ric Mitchell Dancers—Uptown—4:00 p.m. and
6:00 p.m.

Note: See the Memorial Building (The reason for the Ox Roast). The proceeds have been
spent well: a) The front of the building b) Upper level floor refinished c) More
improvements in the making