



# Walled Lake Gazette

Our Readers Certainly Vary!



MARCH, 1993 Issue of this tiny Novel Newspaper - and - IT'S FREE!

## GLIMPSES OF AN EARLIER WALLED LAKE



The colorful turbulent past is gone. But all should be told of Walled Lake's once free-booting days.

Henry Ford

was looking for relics. Charles Wedow was at his Hillcroft Subdivision repairing his well pump. Charlie said: "Hey, Henry! Would you mind giving me a hand on this?"

The billionaire, who was a mechanic, took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and spent about an hour in the summer's sun - doing just that: Helping Charlie Wedow. (Continued on page 2 col 2..)



## MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS.

About sixty-five years ago in a corny, mythical little New England town the radio brought us a tuneful little ditty 'sing-song' that went:

"WONTCHA READ THE HOMETOWN THISTLEDOWN PAPER?  
OH! WONTCHA READ THE HOMETOWN THISTLEDOWN NEWS?"

*\*Editor's Note:*

Trouble is that silly little doggerel keeps in our memory. Now you heard it. Now you try to dismiss it from your mind!

It isn't even in keeping with Walled Lake Gazette's Policy! WE are more interested in creative writing that someone sends us than, say "Police Blotter News." Etc. HGC



## SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

Our Walled Lake Gazette has a new, larger format. We hope you may enjoy this "Spring Change".

On page eleven is a full page Walled Lake Legend.

Each issue we plan to have one page for legends and/or short, short stories.

Our "narrow" columns this issue, contain much trivia information you would find hard to beat. Locally there is a class of weight lifters who are putting on their exhibition of this on March 20, 1993. Their advertisement appears on page 10 top righthand column. Read it and attend!

Winter gave us all a stiff fight this year! But, you know what? Its MARCH now and he's packing his bags.

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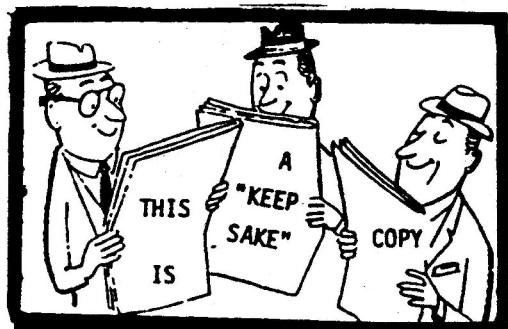
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### IN THE LAKE -

Youngsters often wore canvas water wings to keep afloat. Swimsuits were very discreet "V" necked and full cut. (Bikini was an atoll in the South Seas. And although the natives of such islands, were, even then, wearing such brief attire - we weren't!)

Men wore white belted trunks with matching tank top shirts.

P.S. There was also a local character - a heavy - set florid - faced man who was dressed only in BVD's and straw hat. The gentleman, deep in his sixties, waded around putting notes in pop bottles hoping the ladies would find the notes and him. Hopefully, neither ever happened.

### Lest we forget:

In the days of the nickel pop each was stand up to it's neck in a 50/50 mixture of the bobbing ice and water in a metal container. Cold? Brrrrr! Yessir they were c-o-l-d!

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*The four fundamental units of human society are the home, the state, the church, and the school.*

*The extent of George Washington's formal education corresponded to about the fifth grade in a modern public school.*

*One quintillion is written, 1,000,000,-000,000,000,000.*

*The game of basketball was invented by James Naismith of Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1891.*

*In 1904 the ice cream cone made its debut on the American scene.*

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for.

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wonderful departed  
townsman. To the  
unwary he'd remark  
either that he had  
cranked a car so  
hard that it boiled -  
or that it had "back-  
fired" and the car  
spun around all by  
itself!

We read somewhere  
that we should all try  
to "practice random  
kindness and sense-  
less acts of good.  
There's this guy - he  
comes to a toll gate  
and pays for six cars  
behind!

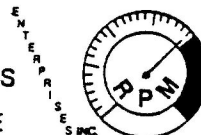
Chester A. Arthur,  
1881 became presi-  
dent when Mr.  
Garfield was shot.  
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one named "Arthur"  
we remember was a  
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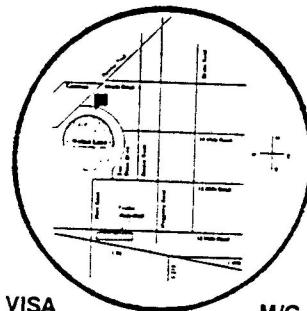
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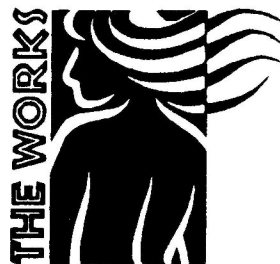
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bear into a neighbor's trap found  
on our land. Some fifty years  
later, at her funeral, the friend  
neighbor paid his respects. He  
still chuckled over the "trapped"  
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### "THE PETER PAN YEARS"

You who saw Peter Pan remember that  
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When their quarry had turned their  
back  
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- HGC -



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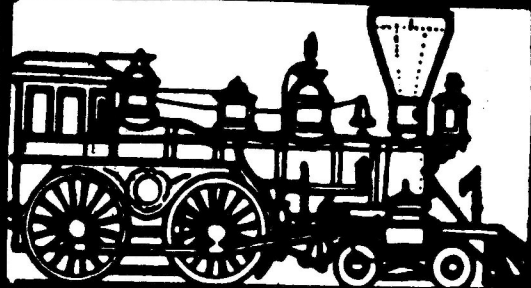
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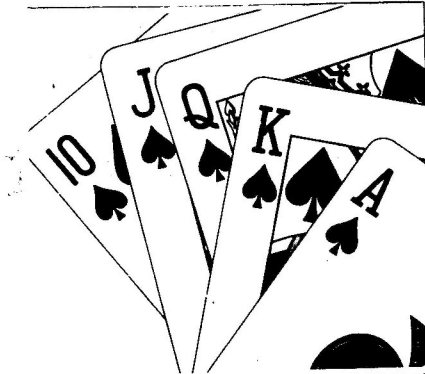
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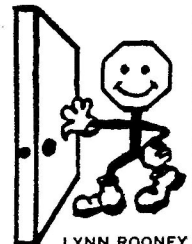
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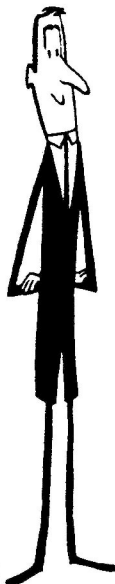
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They were making small headway when some noticed the farmer, weed in his mouth, idly watching them, shaking his head, and grinning. "Hey, old man," one of the players called out, "how would YOU handle this?" "Wal, boys," he replied, "if it was me, I'd dig a hole, roll it in, and BURY it!"



Little girls

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Duck



Dinosaur

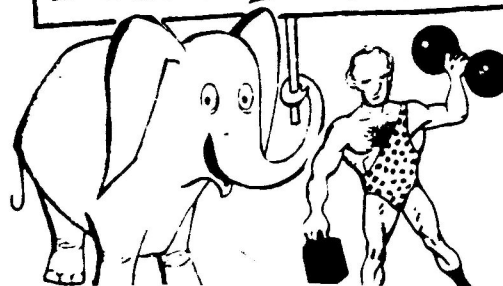


Sheep



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## WALLED LAKE LEGEND

I suppose every town has its memories of odd characters in its past. I was told of one whom I shall name Jeb Stoder, who lived in Walled Lake 70 years or so back and who perhaps the Town's most noted humbug.

He was a portly, florid faced person with an ambling gait and a jovial nature. It wasn't that he was fat, but rather that he wasn't hard and lean like so many of the townfolk. With his heavy horn rimmed glasses on, one might - if he had a mind to - think of Jeb Stoder as a horned tomato worm fattening on the endeavors of others.

Jeb lived close to the village in a unpainted, run down house with his sickly wife and a sprinkle of children of various ages. The townfolk looked kindly upon him. Why shouldn't they? He was forever helping someone, or I should say about to help someone. If a farmer needed hoeing during the hottest August days who would show up bright and early but Jeb, shiny hoe in hand - in time for breakfast with the family. He'd tuck a napkin completely around his neck, gaze happily across the loaded breakfast table and say something like: Nothing like a good breakfast, mam, to set a man fur work! and he'd been know to polish off as many as sixteen pancakes at a sitting to the awe and dismay of the hungry, waiting youngsters. Then, he'd rise, stretch to his full height, hitch his faded blue overalls up, jerk his thumb in the direction of the garden and holler (he seemed to always nearly shout when he talked). "Well, neighbor, them weeds awaiting fur us and we jest the feller what kin rout 'em outta there" - he seemed to paw the ground so eager was he to help his good neighbor. Then they would go and begin working and everyone remarked how eagerly he began (for he began many helping jobs!)

then suddenly - sure as a honeybee visits a flower - down the lane would come running a barefooted tangled hair kid yelling: "Uncle Jeb! Uncle Jeb! Come quick, Aunt Martha's spells upon her agin and you gotta watch us chil'en". Then a great sadness would come over Jeb (and the womenfolk present would pity him greatly" and he'd shake his head and angrily throw down his willing hoe in desperation and say" My! Oh My! here we just nicely got a piece of work started and Martha's spells come back - pore woman - fraid she's not long for this world!" .. and he'd trudge off seeming to regret each step that took him from his helpful ways. Two hours later he'd be fishing with one or two of the youngsters - "Anything to keep the youn 'uns happy", he'd say later.

In the midst of other activities he managed to find time for holding preaching meetings on hot summer nights. These would be held on a vacant lot alongside the hardware store and on these occasions he would hold sway over the listener with his thundering, stentorian entreaties for help to the heathen Chinese. At the end of the meeting he would personally pass his old battered hat, collect the money and put it into a small strongbox. He would then mop tears from his downcast eyes with his red bandanna. I suppose I could go on and on about this humbug. How once a neighbor boy remembered looking through the living room window and seeing Jeb wiping dust off his Bible and then opening it up and placing his glasses on the opened Book so that the visitor rapping at his door would think he'd just been a-studying it.

Or maybe you would like to find how he got his come-uppance; his complete exposure for all the townfolk to know for sure that he was a mountebank and a fraud and

indeed even a thief (or how was it his strong box collections never seemed to get themselves filled up?) Every cheat and every trickster has his day of reckoning. As a matter of fact, I don't know when if his came. Do you know what really interests me concerning him? I'll tell you.

Remember when instead of hoeing he'd be fishing with one or two young 'uns? Well, do you also remember that tangly haired kid who always found himself running to his Uncle Jeb's rescue when work was afoot? Well, that same kid was a long since dead relative of mine. He was fishing one day when this Jeb looked up in the sky at the drifting clouds and pointed to them and said: "Looky up that - see just as clear as heck that there cloud looks like a 'Prairie Schooner' (covered wagon) with a bunch of injuns surrounding her and the setting sun back thar looks like they done burnt themselves up another some miles back."

Now maybe Jeb Stoder was everything people said he was. Humbug! Fraud! No good idler! But I'm not one concerned in stirring up the tombstones over the dead. Its just that he was an interesting humbug. And I'm thinking that if he hadn't escaped from work that particular day and gone fishing he'd a been looking downward at the weeds as his respectable neighbors were doing and missed that sky picture that haunted his nephew his lifelong time. And do you know I've been looking for a repeat of that same sky picture noted over 70 years ago, - by this humbug. And maybe some day you or I will see it too.

The End  
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**Exercise Patience**  
**You know its a virtue**  
**Avoid allegations**  
**You know are untrue**  
**Look to your conscience**  
**When Seeking for answers**  
**Chances are answers**  
**Lie inside you.**

**William Swain**

### **BITTER CAFE**

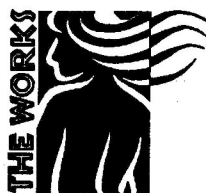
**The roadside cafe**  
**was run down and old**  
**We needed a meal**  
**and a break from the cold**  
**Our wheels pulled in**  
**And a rear one went flat**  
**My eye met a strangers**  
**Who snorted and spat**  
**I knew from the gesture**  
**A welcome was rare**  
**Stepped into the diner**  
**Pulled up a chair**  
**I glanced at the menu**  
**Selections were few**  
**Ranging from burgers**  
**To alphabet stew**  
**Then came a waitress**  
**With unshaven calves**  
**Who asked as predicted**  
**"Well, what'll ya have?"**  
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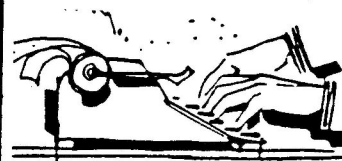
*Soaring in the wind  
 I've seen a dream.  
 For future's sake?  
 Or word of wisdom.  
 The lie of the valley  
 only grows darker!  
 Do you hear it?*

\*\*\*\*\*

*With a grain of salt  
 I've looked beyond  
 light and dark.  
 Two paths in view.  
 Both show beauty.  
 One has no truth.*

\*\*\*\*\*

*Place the shield  
 for the fight.  
 Source of light.  
 Hold it tight.*



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