

acres and 175 feet of lake frontage. According to the records they were paid \$55,000.00 for the property they had enjoyed for so long. They were just about the last people to sell out. NOTE: Grapes from their vineyard were at one time picked, packed and sold from a small building by the side of the road near the foot of the lake.

**1930** - There was a Museum established in a room in the basement of the High School. Frank Connor, John Coykendall, Ernest Short and several others collected many pictures, old papers, relics, etc. The museum articles were dispersed when the Honeoye School district rented and used the building.

**1935** - At this time, there was a drug store in Hemlock. The druggist name was H.W. Thurston.

**1937 - 1941** - A weekly paper was published here in Hemlock. It was called the "Hemlock Courier". It was published by Mr. William Fletcher at his home on Clay Street.

**1941 - 1946** - There was no Hemlock Fair due the scarcity of gas and tires and the war effort of World War II.

**1942** - The Hemlock Church Club was organized. The first meeting was held at the home of Lee and Mabel Coykendall on Main Street. The Club meets once a month and they have planned and promoted religious services as well as helping the two local churches financially. The Club is still active.

**1943** - This year the Hemlock High School boy's basketball team won the Class C Sectional championship.

**1943** - A Service Man's plaque was dedicated. There were 34 names listed of men of the area. The stone plaque is located on the lawn of the High School and it is dated 1941-1945.

**1944** - The Hemlock Baptist Church celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the erection of the church building. It was a two day affair held on August 5th and 6th.

**1947** - At this time we mention "The Roadside Craftsmen". In a new building across the main road from the 1812 Country Store, the Iron Works were operating. Clarence Curtis of Lakeville, New York and his workmen were turning out useful and ornamental iron articles. Roadside Craftsmen, Inc. went on the establish units in Avon and East Bloomfield.

**1949** - Kidnapped and murdered, the 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Lynn was walking to school from their home in Gullburg to Hemlock. She was picked up somewhere between there and town. Two days later, her body was found in a ravine south of Lima.

She had been shot to death. Her killer has never been found.

**1950** - "ECHO ROCK" - It was about this time that Arch Merrill tried to locate the ROCK on the west shore of Hemlock Lake. Echo Rock once was a noted landmark on Hemlock's shores. The ancient boulder, a child of the glacial age, was venerated by the superstitious Indians who knew nothing of the principle of sound waves, and believed the answering voices at Echo Rock were those of kindred in the Spirit Land, when in reality they were only echoes across the lake. When the City of Rochester raised the level of Hemlock Lake by building dikes to increase their water supply, the rock disappeared under water.

**1950** - At this time Frank Connor, Historian, was writing 24 installments of history for "The Livonia Gazette". Much of our material has come from these writings.

**1958** - June 16th, Hemlock voted to centralize with Livonia school. Ted Henry, of Hemlock, was elected to the School Board.

**1961** - Mark Wemett purchased the Hemlock hardware store from Hugh Drain. The store was destroyed by fire in 1977.

**1965** - "Livingston Leasing" was established by Mark Wemett for making and selling ice cubes.

**1972** - The new fire house was completed on Al Sharpe Avenue (Old Railroad Street). It replaced the old one on N. Main St. which had, for a long time, been too small.

**1976** - The Bicentennial of '76 was celebrated along with the Village of Livonia, where there was a parade and other activities. Hemlock had a special program at the fire house on May 8, 1976.

**1977** - The Metropolitan Hotel burned to the ground. It had first opened for business in 1850. The hardware store, to the north, burned at the same time.

**1982** - Dick and Donna Jopson bought the old Shell Station at the intersection of 15A and 20A and remodeled it into a grocery store, service station and an upstairs apartment. In 1985, Doug and Bonnie Rumpf bought the business from the Jopson's and continue to run it as a convenient store and gas station for the hamlet.

**1984** - Mr. Jack Evans, former resident and student of Hemlock, now owner of Velmex, Inc., East Bloomfield, N.Y. purchased the school building. Jim Sutton uses some rooms for his youth work. There has been some manufacturing there in recent years.