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Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

There's a blizzard going on right now like these eyes haven't seen in many a moon. Stories are going on about multiple car pile ups, stranded school buses loaded with youngsters, and how lousy it all is for business.

As my mind wanders back, trying to recall previous storms, other instances and things of little note come to mind. None will bring any tears, solve any problems or cause confusion of mind.

For some reason, the thought of me in new bib overalls is flashing. Where is that picture of me at age 4 with my new bib overalls "just like my railroading dad's," red hen under one arm and collie dog by my side. Bare foot, too.

We had a great variety of well pumps as we moved from one farm to another as a boy. The best one was green and had a sheetmetal housing. Water came up in cups when the crank was turned.

What I remember most about this pump was the day I decided to take a lick of snow off the top and the tip of my tongue stuck to the metal. The tip stayed there, too. I can still remember the sting.

On the same farm we had a windmill about 50 yards from the house. It was my job to fill the reservoir in the wood range from that pump. The wind power filled the buckets, so pumping didn't tire me, but carrying those buckets did.

Of course, to cut down on trips I'd fill the buckets to within an inch of the top. And, being a skinny 8-year-old the water would spill over the top and fill my shoes.

Once you start recalling childhood days, one thing leads to another. How I loved to get up on a chair and help mother make doughnuts. She'd drop them in the hot grease and I'd turn them over. Wow, were those doughnuts good!

Another thing I liked to do as a boy was get my dad's World War I leggings he wore with his uniform and wrap my legs. I didn't even know what it meant, but I went "over the top" and captured bunkers and won war after war.

Moths finally got the leggings.

Another thing the moths must have gotten was my dad's grey flannel knickers. He used to wear them when he played golf in the early 20's in Kalamazoo. I got an urge last year to find those knickers so I could look like a "swell" on



It was pretty cool waiting for the school bus during the weeks sub-zero weather. These kids on Sashabaw near Fleming Road must have dressed according to the weatherman's instructions.

JC'S schedule 'Winter Carnival'

The Clarkston Area Jaycees will present their first annual winter carnival on Sunday, February 21.

The carnival will be held at the Village Parking Lot and on the Mill Pond from 1 to 5 p.m.

Among the events listed by the committee, which is headed by Roland Elkins, are skating races for students from

the 5th through 12th grades and an ice or snow sculpturing contest for students in the 9th to 12th grades.

A traveling trophy will be presented to the winning class in the sculpturing contest. Individual prizes will go to the winners of the skating races.

Plans are being completed to present an exhibition of dog sledding and Boy

Scouts will demonstrate their sled techniques.

Arrangements are also being made to provide facilities for spectators.

"We hope that the community will support the carnival with enthusiasm," said Elkins. "Further details will be released in the immediate future."

Registration

deadline

Feb. 5

February 5th is the last day to register for the March 8 Village Election, according to Village Clerk Artemus Pappas.

The clerk will be at his home at 55 West Washington from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on that day. These special hours have been designated to accommodate citizens who wish to become registered.

the links, but they're gone.

Bermuda shorts will never look as good as grey flannel knickers on a golf course.

Twp. residents organize

Approximately 50 people attended an organizational meeting of the Independence Township Association on February 1.

Officers of the fledgling organization are Mark Harris, Allen road, president; Lloyd Hanson, Cranberry Lake, vice president; Julie Smith, Woodhull Lake, secretary and Pat Johns, Allen Road, treasurer.

Tom Hunter has been directed to draft papers of incorporation for the organization. The structure will be

patterned after the Oakland Township Association, which has been lending assistance.

The composition of various committees was discussed, but assignments were delayed until after questionnaires are circulated in the area.

The questionnaires will ask residents' opinions on what areas the organization

should concentrate.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on February 15. They will meet at the Independence Township Hall.

UAW-Hawk stalemate

No progress was reported at the Feb. 1 meeting of negotiators for Hawk Tool and UAW Local 540.

Allen Hawke, a spokesman for the company, reported that the union had remained adamant in their demands.