



WEST BLOOMFIELD—Shenandoah, the old round barn, may be living its last days in the woods overlooking Walnut Lake where it has stood for over half a century. Property owners have offered the structure to Greenfield Village, if the Village doesn't want it they plan to tear the barn down to make way for more modern buildings.

A Yes or No to Determine Fate of Historic Shenandoah

By MARION PATRICK
West Bloomfield Correspondent

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Shenandoah, the old round barn, which for the past 60 years has stood firmly on its massive fieldstone foundation overlooking Walnut Lake, may soon be relegated to the past.

The land on which the barn stands has been purchased by Bloomfield Real Estate Co. and Shenandoah must go, unless the company's offer of the barn as a gift to Greenfield Village is accepted.

Shenandoah was built in 1890 by John Miller on land which originally was part of a land grant made to an early settler, Peter Richardson, in 1824 and was

signed by "J. A. Adams, President."

What prompted Miller to build a round barn has remained a mystery but it's perfect cylindrical form has never ceased to amaze modern architects.

The name "Shenandoah" across the front was fashioned of hand hewn chips, a nostalgic reminder to Miller of his childhood spent in the Shenandoah Valley in Pennsylvania.

Many changes have taken place in the vicinity of the old barn since the first stone was laid for its foundation.

The few Indians remaining at that time have vanished as have the trappers and the furry animals they trapped.

The one room school with its

potholed stove and rough board desks had gone and in its place stands a modern edifice of learning.

The old winding roads, impassable with heavy drifts in the winter and deep ruts in the summer have been replaced with blacktopped or gravel roads where cars whizz by.

During the long winters the lake was practically deserted but during the summer months, families made the long trek from Detroit to enjoy life in their cottages. Now hundreds of permanent homes dot the landscape.

Sail and speed boats are common on the lake where once a few hand-made row boats furnished transportation, not fun.

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Civic Center Site Deal Closed by City

SOUTHFIELD — Final papers closing the purchase of a 166 acre civic center site on Evergreen between 10 and 11 Mile roads were signed last week by Southfield city officials.

The land is being bought from Mary E. Thompson, Southfield resident and is paid for from yearly recreation funds. A special civic center account will be set up this year.

The city will buy 106 acres at \$4,500 an acre and take a two year option on the other 6 acres.

Notices of church group meetings and special services must be submitted in writing by 3 p.m. on Thursday before publication date.

North Adams

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
(EAST OF WOODWARD) & TROY

Elizabeth Yates — MI 6-1682

Party Celebrates Birthday, New Patio at Forman Home

Steamed clams and grilled lobster, complete with bibs, was the specialty of the house at the Charing Way home of the Donald Formans Thursday evening. The party had a dual purpose—the christening of the new patio and Forman's birthday.

The couples joining in the fun were the Paul Carricks, the Marvin Lohrs, the Dick Browns, the Vincent Hayes, the Leonard Garbows, all of Charing Cross Hamlet.

Home again after three weeks touring the west are the Fred Pantlions of Rouge Circle. They visited the Mark Pattoms, former residents of Bloomfield Hills, at their ranch at Yellowstone national park. Then on to Bremerton, Wash., where they were houseguests of relatives, Dr. and Mrs. H. Barner, whose home is on Puget Sound.

While in Bremerton they toured the "Mighty Mo" one of the famed battleships of World War II.

The Robert Woolleys of Boling broke drive spent their three weeks vacation on a lake near Marcell, Minn. Joining them was Mrs. Woolley's mother, Mrs. M. H. Munhall of Champaign, Ill.

The Murray Osborns of Bretby drive have been attending the laboratory school at the American Baptist Assembly Grounds at Green Lake, Wis., during the past two weeks. Osborn was studying junior high work, Mrs. Osborn was taking a primary course.

Another family touring the West for the past month were the Edward Smiths and children, Scott and Jeffery, of Charnwood drive. During their travels they visited friends in Denver, Colo. and San Francisco, Calif.

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July and Chris Conrad, children of Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Conrad of Square Lake road, have returned home after visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. St. John of South Bend, Ind.

July is presently visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Opp, who have moved back to North Adams road from Ypsilanti. The Opps were Birmingham residents 35 years ago, and recently celebrated their 55 wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Vincent Hayes of Charing Way hosted her bridge club, made up of residents of Charing Cross Hamlet, on Thursday afternoon. The group meets monthly and includes, Mrs. Paul Carrick, Mrs. Marvin Lohr, Mrs. Dick Brown, Mrs. Leonard Garbow, Mrs. D. Rickmeyer, Mrs. Donald Forman, Mrs. L. Oudette.

There were hours of conversation and record playing before the sandman caught up with the pajama party. Dana LaVere hosted recently at her home on Kent road. Joining her for the evening were, French, Donna Richardson, all of Susan Melcher, Sandy Clemens, Linda Esler, Linda Gilley, Patty the North Adams area.

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