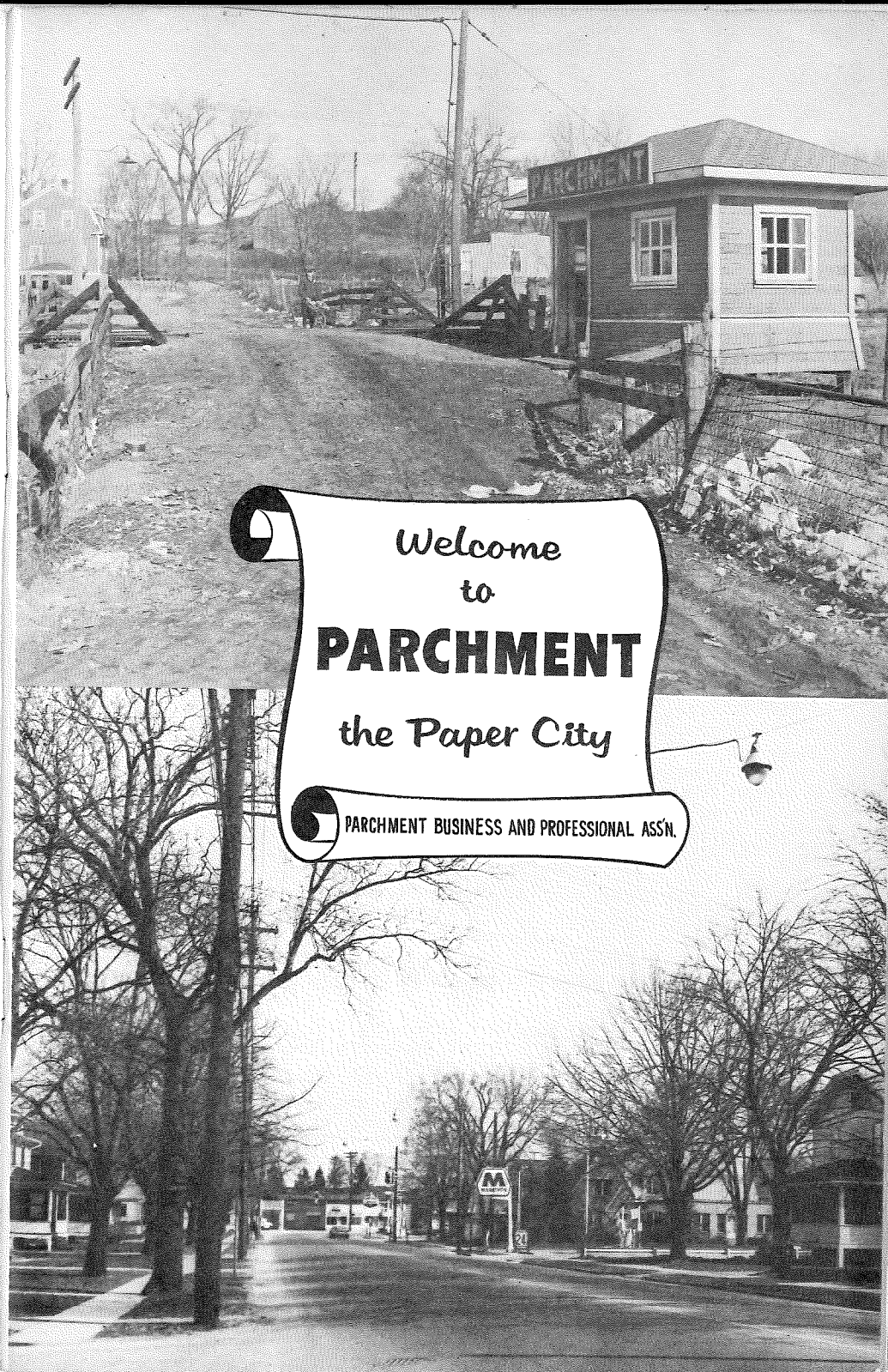


25th Anniversary

City of Parchment

May 14, 15 and 16, 1964



Welcome
to
PARCHMENT
the Paper City

PARCHMENT BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASS'N.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSION AND APPROVAL

BY GOVERNOR

We, the duly elected, qualified and acting members of the Charter Commission chosen by the electors of the Village of Parchment at the election held on the 8th day of November, A.D., 1938, for the purpose of framing a Charter for the City of Parchment, do hereby certify that in pursuance of the statutes of the State of Michigan, we framed the foregoing Charter and unanimously adopted the same as the Charter of the City of Parchment at our regular meeting held on the 6th day of February, A.D., 1939.

Alfred Southon
Chairman

Richard M. Mendenhall
Secretary

Ralph A. Hayward
John B. MacGregor
Frank D. Libby
Alton L. Pullen
William E. Walker
Amasa Brewer
George MacDonald

Members of the Charter Commission
of the City of Parchment

I hereby approve the foregoing Charter of the
City of Parchment this 24th day of February, A.D., 1939.

Frank J. Fitzgerald
Governor of the State of
Michigan

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History of Parchment

The City of Parchment traces its beginning to the founding of the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company in 1909. As the company grew, more and more employees were added. With more people, the needs for community organization and services became more evident.

As the community became organized, first as a village and then, in 1939, as a city, it was almost impossible to separate the company from the city, the church, and the school. The Fire Department, the water supply, trash and snow removal, were all company functions. The governmental administrative functions were all conducted through the KVP office. This was quite economical, as was reflected in a low tax rate. Of course, this "benevolent paternalism" which was inspired by Mr. Kindleberger's determination to have a model town for his people could not continue.

Many of the town improvements and governmental services had a two fold purpose in the earlier days. During the Depression, it was Mr. Kindleberger's purpose to see that everyone had enough work to provide them with their needs. Mill employees shared the work so that there were two or three days' work a week for most.

Some of the first residents boarded with families, and others lived in tents pitched on the bank of the Kalamazoo River. As the company grew, the building of residences was accelerated, and the company also built many company houses.

Community pride was stressed at all times. Prizes were awarded for well-kept lawns, and there are anecdotes of direct action in the few cases where indifference was involved. People faced with unexpected emergencies or sickness were materially helped without fanfare. The holiday season was a gay event in Parchment. Private homes were illuminated and decorated, a trend which continues even now, so that a tour of Parchment at the Christmas season has been a must for many people from surrounding areas for many years.

One of the first services to be relinquished by the company to the municipal government was the weekly trash pickup service and street maintenance which has been continued with the same excellent service. The Street Department now operates nine pieces of motorized equipment such as trucks, sweepers and snow removal apparatus in addition to much smaller pieces for use in the park. The old barn has been replaced in the last year with the much more attractive and fireproof garage for the use of this department. One of the advantages of living in Parchment is this well-organized street and parks department and the services rendered. Glen Flamm is the experienced head of this department.

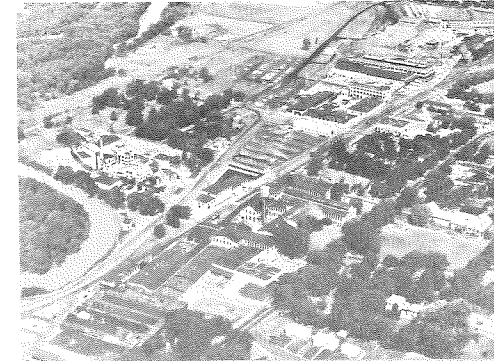
In 1955, KVP turned over the park and its maintenance, the Fire Department with its equipment, and the Water Department, with the understanding that it would supply bulk water to the city for a ten-year period.

At this time the city built its present combined City Hall and Fire Station and added a modern auto pumper to the fire protection facilities. Other equipment, including rescue tools such as oxygen, inhalators, and additional hose, was added to bring the department up to its present fine standard. A well-deserved salute should be given the volunteers who serve so faithfully and efficiently. John DeFouw is the present chief.

PAST



PRESENT



The Water Department was expanded at this time with new transmission lines in the shopping center area and on Island and Eunice Avenues. A new pumping station was constructed on Eunice Avenue. Since that time there has been a constant program of improvements, mostly of internal nature.

As a result of a recent bond issue vote, a well field is being developed on North 20th Street, new transmission lines to our present system, and a loop system near the High School and Orient Street area. Water Department Supervisor is Sam Pool.

The resulting model city is the Parchment we have today on a grown up scale, and with such deep roots, Parchment can only have a bright future.

Past and Present City Commission

FRANK LIBBEY*

WILLIAM WALKER

ALFRED SOUTHON

GEORGE MacDONALD

RICHARD RHEM

EMIL FOSTER

JOSEPH SCHWEISS*

HORACE STONE

FORREST CHRISTY*

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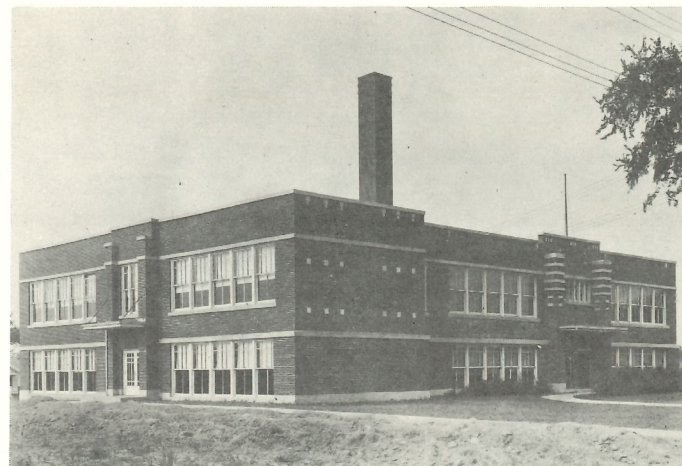
JOHN CARTER

* Denotes Mayor

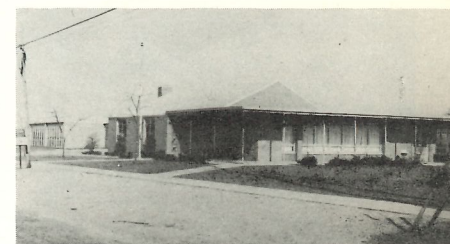
Parchment Schools

The schools in Parchment have always enjoyed an excellent reputation. With the construction of a modern high school five years ago, Parchment now offers complete grades one through twelve.

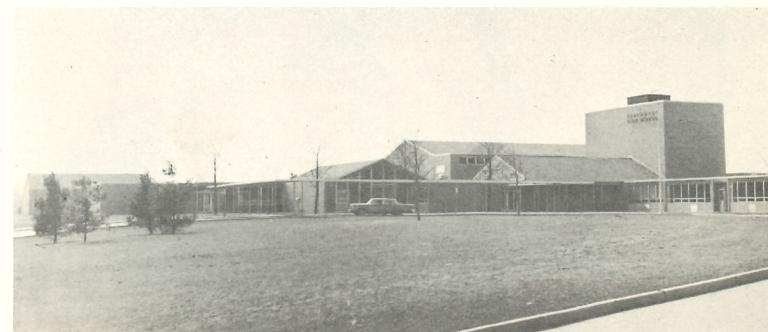
There are four schools in the Parchment School System. Two of the schools are in the city of Parchment. They are; Parchment High School, and South Elementary. The other two schools in the district are the North Elementary in Cooper Township and Barclay Hills School in Kalamazoo Township. The city of Parchment is responsible for approximately 70 per cent of the district's school taxes.



The South Elementary School soon after its construction.



Barclay Hills School



Parchment High School

Churches

Originally, Parchment's church life was centered around the Parchment Union Church, now known as Union Methodist Church of Parchment. The Men's Club famous suppers attracted overflow crowds from Kalamazoo and many of the citizens who participated in these suppers were affiliated with other downtown Kalamazoo churches.

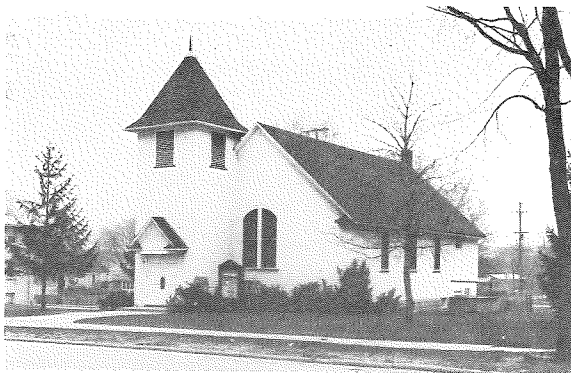
This spirit of cooperation was best shown when the present St. Ambrose Catholic and the Haven Reformed congregations were formed. For some time there were services for all three denominations each Sunday in the Community house.



St. Ambrose Catholic Church



Union Methodist Church of Parchment

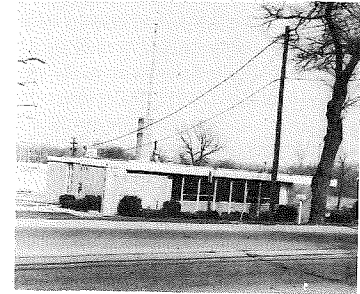


Pilgrim Holiness Church

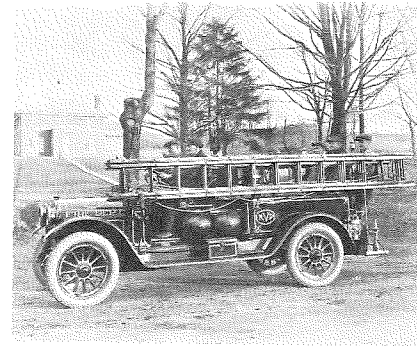
City Services

A top-notch volunteer Fire Department, along with a fine Police Department, serve the City of Parchment. A modern City Hall-Fire Station serves the community. Parchment also has an excellent sewage disposal plant where all sewage from the city is processed. This plant complies with every health regulation set down by the State and County Health Departments.

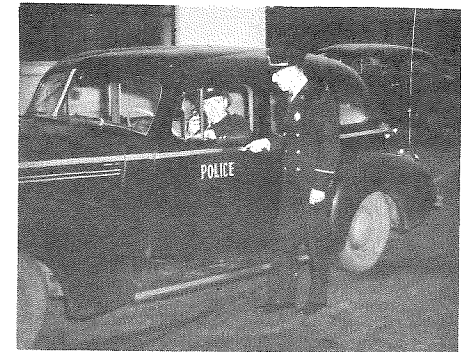
In 1955, the city built its present combined City Hall-Fire Station. The City Hall provides for the centralization of all city records. The Water Department has been expanded and a new well system is being developed on North 20th Street. The Street Department now operates nine pieces of motorized equipment and accounts for the well-kept look in Parchment.



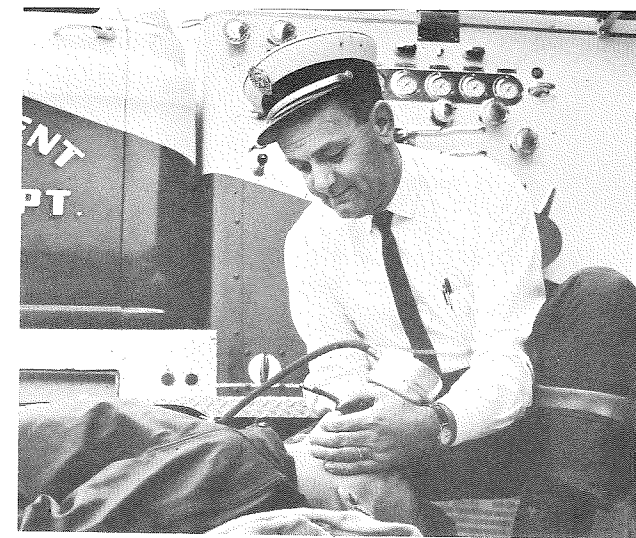
Parchment City Hall



The Parchment Fire Department has come a long way since this photograph was snapped.



Present Parchment Police Chief Robert Herrick and the late Al Billig posed for the photographer in their Hudson Terraplane.



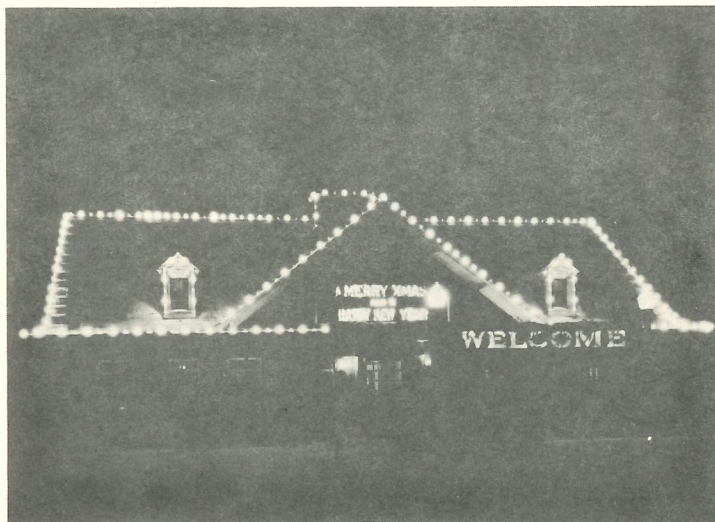
Modern lifesaving equipment is immediately available to Parchment residents. John DeFouw, Parchment Fire Chief, demonstrates the use of a respirator.

Community House

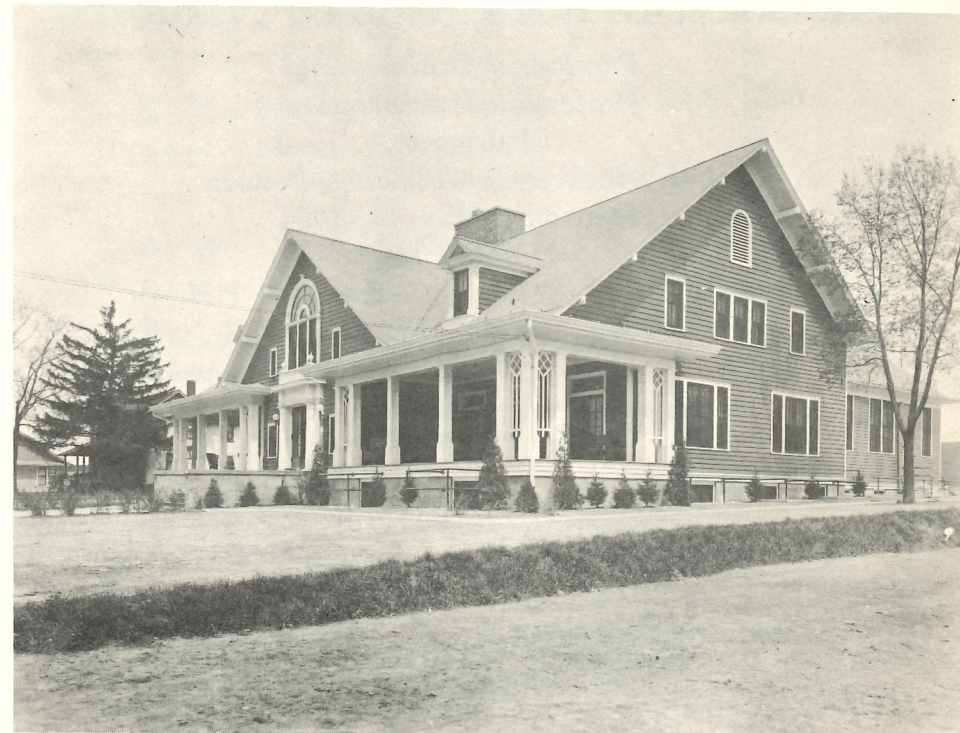
The Parchment Community House, and later the Union Methodist Church of Parchment, has been a center of Parchment life for 42 years. It was dedicated at "Parchment Town" on April 8 and 9, 1922. Since that time, additions have been constructed until the building reached its present size. For many years, Christmas parties, KVP Long Service Banquets, and events within the community were always held in the Community House. Even after KVP sold the building to the Methodist Church, it remained a community meeting place. This familiar landmark will soon be torn down to make way for a new bank.



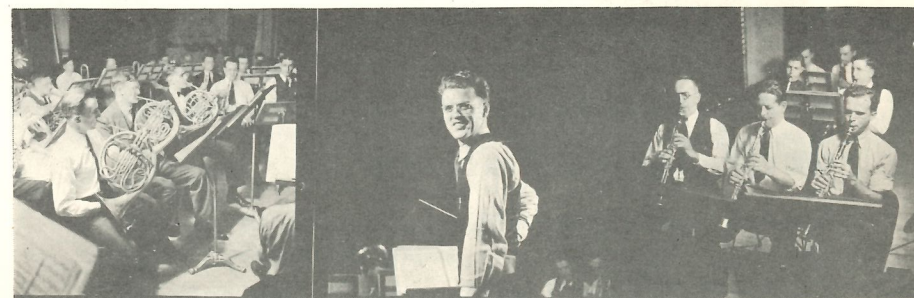
The early predecessor to the Community House was the KVP Welfare Hall.



A familiar sight during the holiday season was a gaily decorated Community House.



The Community House as it looked at its dedication in 1922.



Music was always a part of Parchment, and the Community House was a center of activity.

PROGRAM

Thursday, May 14, 1964

*Parchment Business and
Professional Association*

Parchment

25th Anniversary Banquet Dinner

Thursday, May 14, 1964

Holiday Inn

Price \$4.50

Time 7:30 P.M.

Invocation Rev. Maurice Kaser
Montague, Mich.

Remarks:

The Early City Frank Libby
First City Mayor

Village and Its Founding A. A. "Doc" Southon
Member City Charter Commission

Parchment Now and Its Future Mayor Don Lent
Dinner Music — Bob Sanders

MIDWAY OPENS AT 5 P.M.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Friday, May 15, 1964

4:30 P.M. — Midway Opens

6:30 P.M. — Disc Jockey Show — WKMI

9:00 P.M. — Street Dance — The Blue Notes

Saturday, May 16, 1964

10:00 A.M. — Opening — Aerial Bomb

11:00 A.M. — Parade — Pets — Bicycle
Led by Parchment's First Fire Truck

1:00 P.M. — Little League Games

3:00 P.M. — Band Concert — Parchment High School Band

5:00 to 7:00 P.M. — Boy Scout Barbecue Dinner

8:30 P.M. — Fireworks

9:30 P.M. — Old Fashioned Round and Square Dances
Sponsored by Parchment P.T.A.
Dale Allers, Caller

LOCAL BOOTHS SPONSORED BY

Parchment Business and Professional Association

Girl Scouts
Friends of Library
Parchment Methodist Choir
Mothers Study Group

P.T.A.
Boy Scouts
St. Ambrose Men
Booster Club

School Program

MAY 14-15

School Festival of Arts and Sciences including:

8:00 P.M. — Three one-act plays — High School Auditorium

7:30 to 10:30 P.M. — (also during the day)
High School Open House — department displays

MAY 15

7:30 P.M. — Barclay Hills School Music Concert —
4th and 5th grades

7:30 P.M. — North Elementary School Dance Recital
(Mothers Study Group)

Shopping in Parchment

Shopping in Parchment has always been pleasant and satisfying. Besides the original central or downtown district, two shopping centers have been developed. Harding's Market, which started in the downtown area, was the first constructed. It is now located at the north city limits. Shoppers Lane, which presently is a large complex of stores, is at the south end of town. Between the three facilities, almost anything can be found. This draws potential buyers from miles around. A recent survey shows shoppers from as far away as Hastings on the north, Battle Creek on the east, and Portage and Vicksburg on the south. Delton, Richland, Plainwell, Otsego, Prairieville and Doster areas also send many people to Parchment.



Sports . . . Through the Years

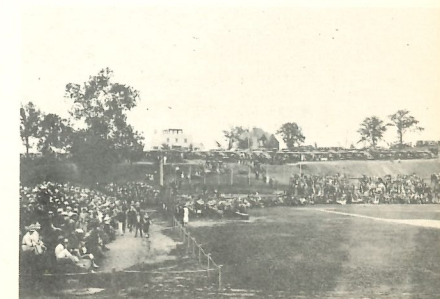
Times certainly have changed. Not too many years ago, the athletic activities at Kindleberger Park centered around the KVP baseball team. Now the diamonds in Parchment reverberate with the high-pitched shouts of Little Leaguers, Babe Ruth Leaguers, and Connie Mack Leaguers. Parchment, for many years, had one of the finest baseball teams in the state, and many big league clubs had rough going against Parchment teams at Kindleberger Park. Parchment, through the years, won the Kalamazoo City Championships in baseball and basketball many times. Golf, tennis, badminton, football, and many other sports have all been enjoyed by Parchment citizens, but baseball has always been the favorite.



A familiar scene at Parchment ball games.

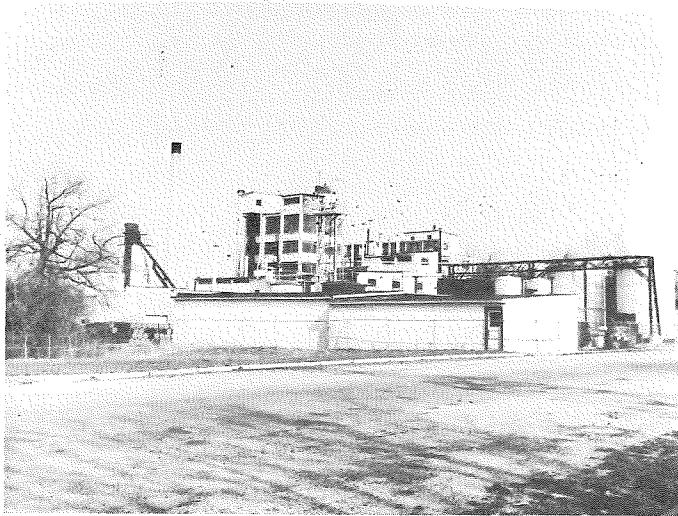


Recognize anyone?



Industry in Parchment

Parchment's industry has always centered around the KVP Division, but other industry has been a welcome citizen in Parchment.



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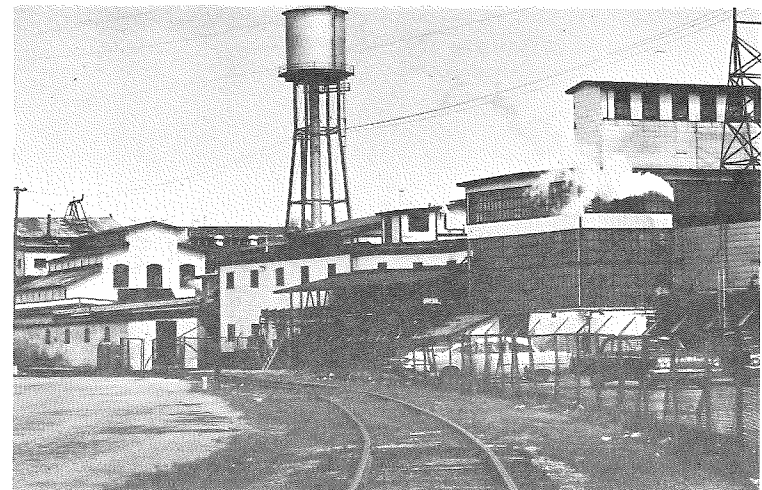


American Wire Cloth Company



Interchemical Corporation — Printing Ink Division

KVP Division



KVP-Division — Douglas Lyttle photo.

History of KVP

In 1909 a man named Harry Zimmerman came to Kalamazoo to take a position in a local paper mill. He was soon convinced that there were opportunities for still another paper mill in Kalamazoo; especially one that could manufacture vegetable parchment.

Mr. Zimmerman contacted his brother-in-law, Jacob Kindleberger, and together the two men obtained the capital necessary and incorporated the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company on October 27, 1909.

In an abandoned sugar beet factory on the banks of the Kalamazoo River, the tiny company began to convert rag waterleaf into genuine vegetable parchment. Its first order was filled on April 8, 1910.

As the years passed, new facilities were added. The first printing press was purchased in 1910; the forerunner of a company-wide printing department. Waxing equipment, an Inking Department, and a staff of artists enabled KVP to produce an even wider variety of food protection papers.

In 1918, two paper machines were installed, and in 1923, a second paper mill to house two more paper machines was built. Papermaking facilities were further expanded with the installation of a fifth paper machine in 1938, and a sixth paper machine in 1943.

The company started to expand outside of Kalamazoo in 1938 and now boasts of several branch plants. In 1943 it acquired a pulp and paper mill in Espanola, Ontario, as well as cutting rights in a 5,400 square-mile timber concession.

Jacob Kindleberger, president of the company from 1916 to 1936, is recognized as having put KVP "on the map."

When Mr. Kindleberger became Chairman of the Board in 1936, he was succeeded to the presidency by Ralph Hayward. Upon Mr. Hayward's death in 1951, Alfred Southon became president.

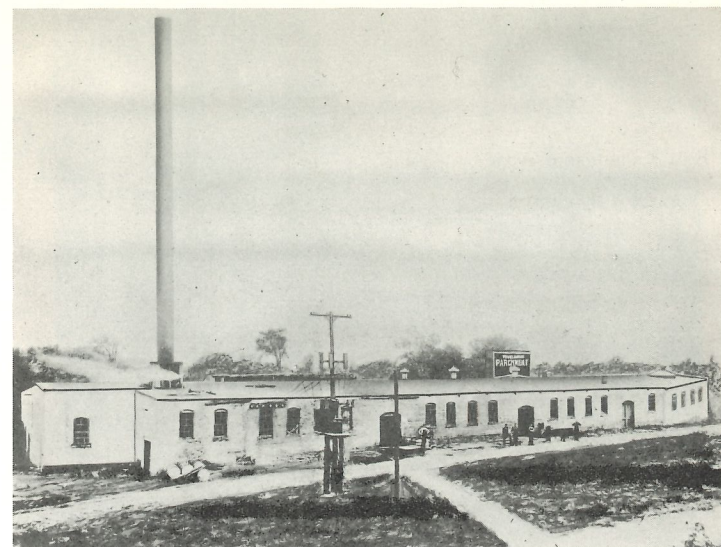
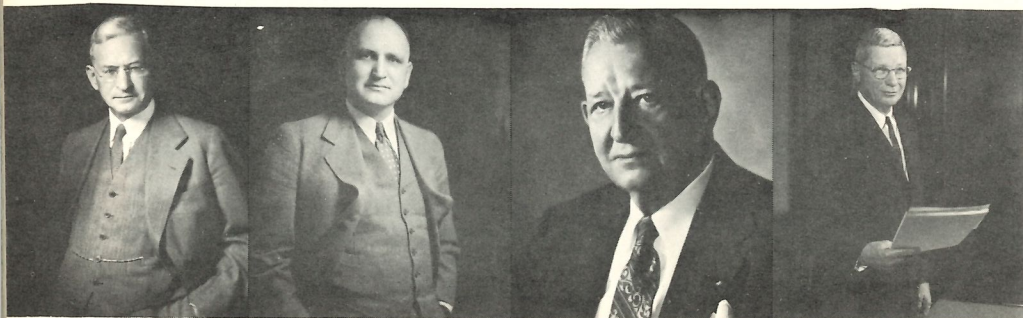
In 1952 when Mr. Southon became Chairman of the Board, he was succeeded by Dwight L. Stocker. Early in 1960 KVP and the Sutherland Paper Company became one. Under the leadership of Dwight Stocker, the KVP Sutherland Paper Company has become a respected giant of the paper industry.

Jacob Kindleberger

Ralph Hayward

Alfred Southon

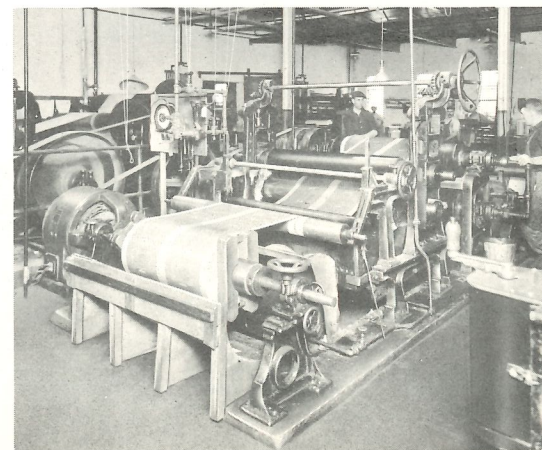
Dwight Stocker



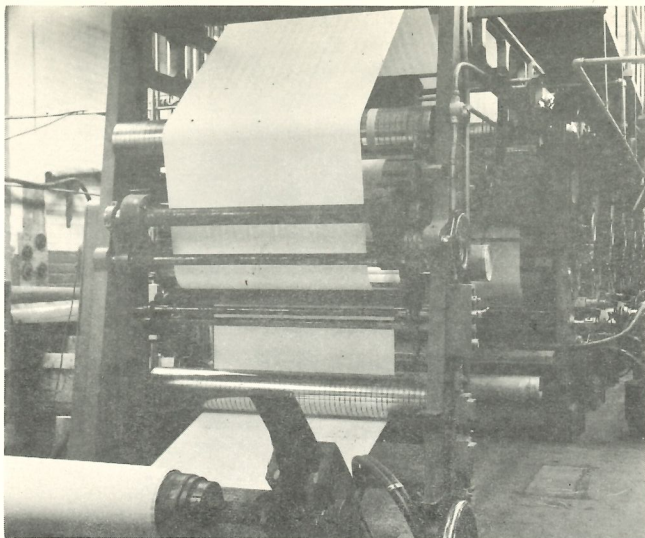
KVP's first mill.



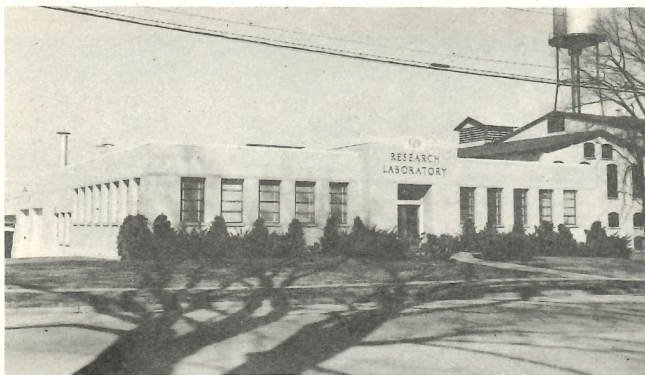
Uniforms were quite the rage during the 1920's.



An early wax machine turned out glossy wrappers.



Printing presses have changed in the last fifty years.



The KVP Division Research Laboratory.



Parchment . . .



A Good Place to Live

Parchment Business and Professional Association

The Parchment Business and Professional Men's Association was formed in 1950. Its original purpose was to advance the mutual interests of the members and to do certain civic functions outside the scope of city government.

Among the original incorporators were Dan Durren, Don Lent, Arnold Wykstra, and Emil Foster.

Some of the community projects sponsored by the Association are Children's Christmas Party, Wolverine Boys' State Representative, Interlochen Must Camp Representative, street lighting during the Christmas season, school Halloween parties, and contributions to various civic organizations.

As evidence of the interest members have shown in civic affairs, four of the members have also served as Mayor of Parchment. They are Arthur Fitzgerald, Frank Clark, Donald Lent, and William Schallhorn. Present officers are Brendon Boekeloo, President; Howard Pierce, Vice President; Mrs. Clayton Johnson, Secretary; and Arnold Wykstra, Treasurer.

The present purpose of this organization is to unite the business and professional members of the community to promote the general welfare of Parchment and the Parchment area, for mutual assistance, cooperation, encouragement, and improvement.

A&P COMPANY	MR. DONALD LENT
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CARL'S MARATHON SERVICE	MARIE'S RESTAURANT
ECONOMY PRINTING COMPANY	PARCHMENT CLEANERS
BEN FRANKLIN STORE	PARCHMENT DEPARTMENT STORE
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