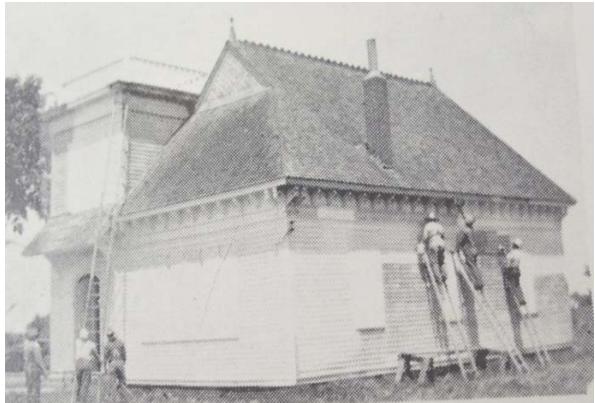


20TH CENTURY COMMUNITY



This 1916 Atlas Map shows a bustling town, its village charter ten years away, the city charter ten years from that in 1936. At right, a rare surviving photo of the Township Hall at the southeast corner of 11 and Van Dyke receiving a new coat of paint in the 1920s. It was used for storage until the 1950s, then torn down, taking with it valuable pictures and documents. A magnifying glass helps to study it further. Note the Electric Railway that loops at 10 and Van Dyke.



20th Century Community, continued

Joseph and Elizabeth Gill Rinke moved to Center Line in 1905, from 13 and Schoenherr where he operated a flour mill. Their children: Norbert (m. Cecilia, daughter of John F. Buechel), Edgar (m. Frances Young), and George (m. Edna DeLong), and Marian (Mrs. Milton Zott) was born in Center Line.

Joseph and Mike Smith owned Smith & Rinke Implements and Hardware Store just a block north of St. Clement's. The wooden water tank in back was used as a skating rink in winter for those brave enough to climb it. In 1917 on this site, the family involvement with the new auto industry led to the many Rinke franchises we still see today.

Children of Norbert/Cecilia: Roland, Roger, Richard, Joseph, Doris, and Ann Marie. The boys went into the family car business; Roland was City Councilman from 1954 to 1957.

Children of Edgar/Frances: Edgar Jr. and Fred. Jr. is still with the Chevrolet Dealership today

Children of George/Edna: Geraldine, Georgianne, George Jr., and Mary Elizabeth. George Jr. worked in the Rinke Appliance store with his father Henry Peters.

There are still many a Rinke in the area. Bruce is an enthusiastic source for family heritage.

Right, the Rinke sponsored Red Cross Float, 1986, for the city's Golden Jubilee parade. The Chevy dealership is in the background.



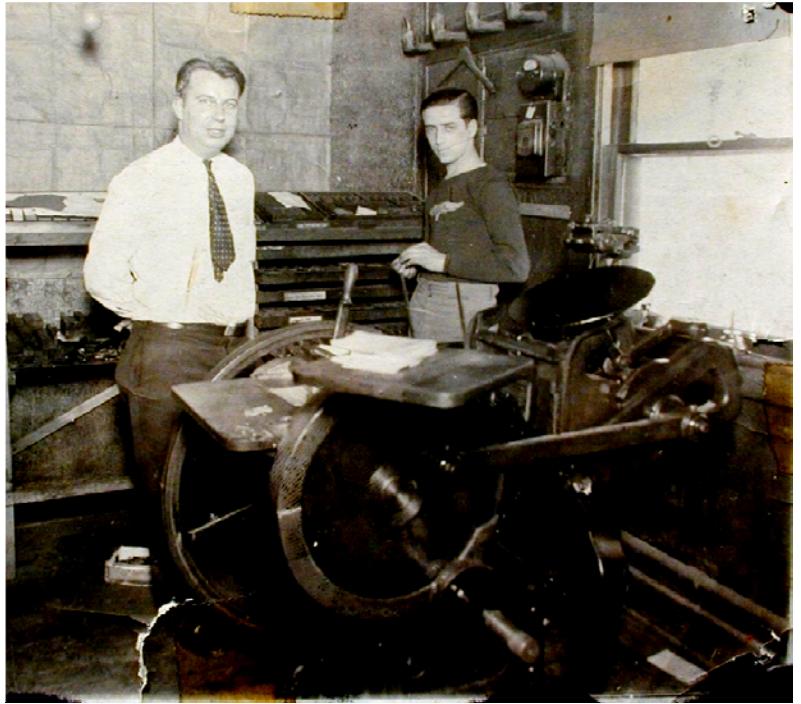
Left: J&J Vending owned by Ed Jenuwine after the State Bank failed during the Great Depression.

Below: The old fire station and municipal building with an early 1970s addition. The J&J Warehouse on Ten Mile became the site of the current City Hall in 1997.



20th CENTURY COMMUNITY

At right, Harold Stilwell at the printing press, pauses for a picture with an assistant. Harold proudly served the cities of Center Line and Warren for decades. The printing office, was for a time, located at the Bea's Grill site at Ten and Van Dyke.



Small plane enthusiasts pose in front of a current model in the 1930s. A resident recalled the crash of a small-plane in the vicinity of Kramer Homes around this time, but no further detail was available at this time.



The Liberty Theatre, built c. 1927, was home to two other businesses: Skelley's Skating Rink in the 1950s, then Grissom's Bump Shop until it was torn down in the late sixties.



Left, "Ma Zott" and son Milton in the 1940s, in the restaurant bearing her name.

20th Century Community, continued

Alex M. Schoenherr moved to Center Line in 1924 where he and brother Edward developed the subdivision in their names which produced Warren Boulevard. Brother Edward's interests were with the School Board, while Alex devoted himself to civic affairs. The brothers assisted municipal associates for decades.

Alex worked with Barney Hoste to supervise construction of the USO Building in the 1940s, later the city Recreation Building. It took only three months to Build.

Inset shows 1952 fundraiser with 400 people who raised money for the new St. Clement School.



Kramer Homes was built in direct response to the need for housing for automotive workers in the 1940s. Internationally renowned architects Eero and Eliel Saarinen developed a full-service community in a semi-circular plan with a school and nursery way ahead of its time. This is still co-operative housing today and a neat and sought-after alternative to home ownership that maintains a waiting list.



L-R: John Richard and Larry Stevens on "Hobo Day" at Kramer Homes, July 24, 1959

Checkers Champs posing with their trophies in the 1960s.



20th Century Community, continued



Above, women taking aim in an archery class; at right, "Tigers" pee-wee League season champs, 1963



Right, "Krazy Kar" on parade for Connell's Texaco station (late Kayo), c. 1950s. Built by Vincent and Robert Grobbel, today owned by the Detroit Shriners. Below, inside Bodega in the 1970s.



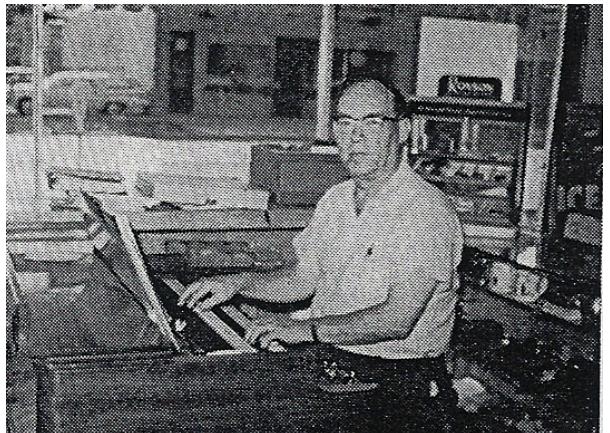
Above, the band plays on for the 50th Anniversary of Center Line; and left, the Lions Club float, 1986.. The Metropolitan Club, Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, Garden Club, and many more volunteer organizations have done "good works" too numerous to mention here. Many of these are thriving today and we thank them for enriching the community experience in the city of Center Line from the very beginning, through the City's Charter in 1936, and to the present.

20th Century Community, continued



Library activity, clockwise from top left: Helen Baumgartner, who taught kindergarten from 1952-1972; Glenn Wolfe, who taught school as well as his wife, was one of the founders of the library; Leslie Foss and wife holding the sign for the library that bears his name; the silk flower making class was the place to be in March 1981 with Kathleen Silverthorn at the far end of the table; Baumgartner stayed involved volunteering for the Red Cross and many a civic organization, and started her famous "Story Hour" for pre-schoolers, seen here reading to them.

Homer Hazelton was a beloved member of the community. Beginning as a teacher, he was first educated in music, returned to school for pharmacology, and opened Center Line Drugs. What better way to fill the slow times than to play the organ? He is seen here doing just that, and was often seen playing it.



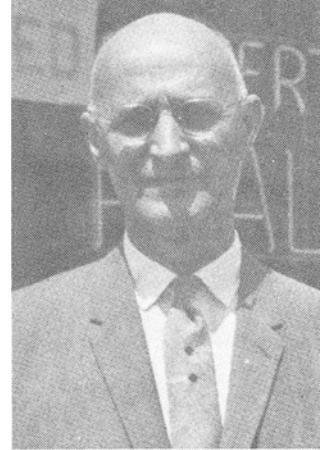
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Russell E. Lynch
1936 — 1942



Russell L. Isbister
1942 — 1946



James L. Eisele
1946 — 1954
1960 — 1963



Adelbert G. Hazen
1954 — 1960



Stephen Okros
1963 — 1968



Peter Tranchida
1969 — 1981



Mary Ann Zielinski
1981 - 1993
1997 - 2009

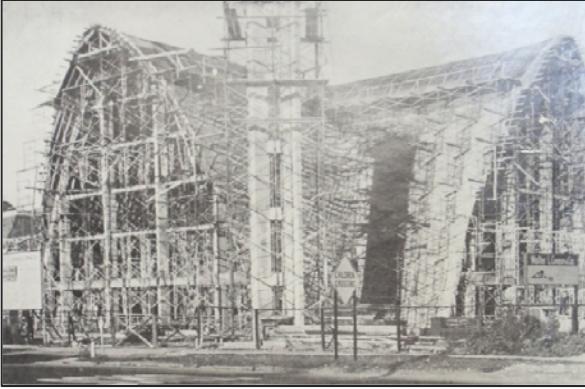


L. J. Nardi Jr.
1993 - 1997

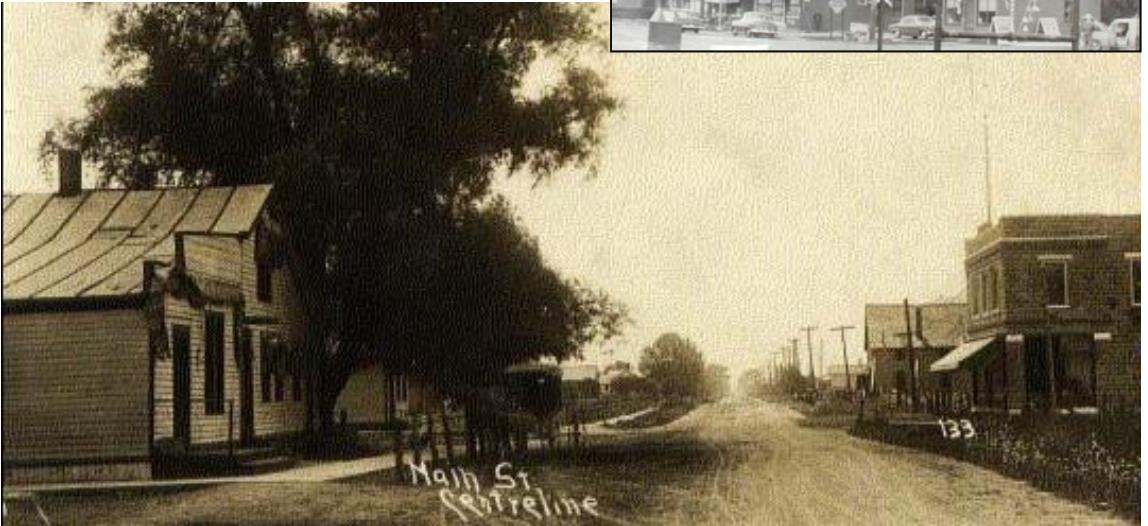


David Hanselman
2010 - Present

20th Century Community, continued



Above (L-R), the current edifice under construction. This unusual structure has become a landmark for 20th Century architecture. Right: the block before it was torn down.



Above, Van Dyke looking south from about Ritter Street, circa 1914.
Below, The same view taken in June 2011.

