

Rival City Now Buried Under Sand

Saugatuck, Mich. — In 1834 construction began at the bend of the Kalamazoo River on a sawmill to wrest the rich pine forest from the land to help rebuild Chicago after the great fire.

It was Singapore, Mich., a community that in its heyday promised to rival the richest city in the Midwest.

Fifty years later, the streets

were grown over with shrubbery and open doors clacked in the winds off Lake Michigan. Singapore was a ghost town. Today only a plaque remains to mark the once-booming community.

Although Singapore was the most famous, it was just one of many ghost towns that sprinkle the pages of Michigan history.

Boom and bust economy, creeping forests and relentless sand carried by the lakes have covered many a memory of days of promised grandeur in the state.

Other names that ring through the history pages are Kensington and Ora et Labora. Kensington was between Brighton and Ann Arbor in the southeastern part of the state. Its doom was sealed in 1838 when the notoriety from a bank scandal resulted in a boycott of the town.

Ora et Labora was founded in 1847 between Bay City and Port Huron, an attempt to establish a religious, socialistic-type ideal community. A party of 280 German settlers based their settlement on "prayer and work." But the settlement disappeared shortly after the Civil War.

But few, if any, of the ghost towns can match Singapore for momentary brilliance. The first settlement arrived in 1834 and the New York and Michigan Co. promised to build a sawmill to bring additional residents to the area.

In 1837, the company made good its promise and the sawmill was built at a total cost of nearly \$100,000. The Astor House, then considered the finest hotel in the state was built shortly after the mill and its dining room served as a dance hall for the entertainment-starved workers.

A bank followed in 1838 and it issued money to pay the mill hands. The script was taken in at company stores but it was not much good beyond 10 miles of the city limits.

Law required a certain amount of specie be kept on hand to back the money but hard-pressed bankers found a way around such rules. They arranged that the necessary amount of specie be available at some centrally located point so it could be picked up by the about-to-be-inspected bank.

When the examiner would finish with one bank, the specie was sent by speedy messenger to the next bank down

the line. At one point, legend tells, an Indian messenger dropped the species from his canoe when he was headed for Singapore from New Richmond.

After the word was passed down the line, New Richmond fought a delaying action by opening its doors of hospitality to the nonplussed examiner. After a feast and entertainment he left for Singapore

but the money was there when he arrived.

It had been recovered from the river with blacksmith tongs.

Singapore progressed and at its peak boasted three sawmills, two hotels and several general stores along with the bank. But the pine stands became exhausted, sealing the town's doom. By 1895, most of the people had gone.



TRIAL RUN — Her spinnaker swelling in a strong wind, Sceptre, Britain's unsuccessful 1959 America's Cup challenger, glides across Firth of Clyde in the first in a series of trials against the 12-meter yacht Sovereign, a potential British challenger for the forthcoming America's Cup races. Sceptre beat Sovereign by 200 yards in the race. (UPI)

Open Sundays
10:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M.

MONDAY and FRIDAY
9:30 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

TUES., WED., THURS., SAT., 9:30 to 5:30

ACRES of FREE PARKING

3 DAY SALE

Newberrys

635 E. Jackson

MEDFORD SHOPPING CENTER STORE

Bring the whole family... 34 big departments to shop in leisure. Enjoy lunch at our own...

ROGUE SIDEWALK CAFE

Outdoor atmosphere with indoor comfort

Former Ashland Man Retires From Army

Ashland — Capt. Marvin A. Messer, former Ashland resident, has retired from the U. S. Army after 20 years of military service.

In 1941, Messer was commissioned a second lieutenant, and was stationed in Iceland during the early months of World War II with an anti-aircraft unit, returning to the United States for paratroop training.

He saw action in the European conflict as part of the 101 Airborne group followed by occupation duty in Berlin. Messer has had tours of duty in England and Korea, as well as in the U. S.

Captain Messer, his wife, Mary, and their two children, Mary Adran, 14, and Randall, 12, are making their home in Fairbanks, Alaska, where they spent the captain's last tour of duty before retirement. Messer has established an electronics firm there.

The captain is the son of Mrs. Annie G. Messer, 694 Oak st., Ashland.

Two Performances Set for Circus

Performances at 4 and 8 p.m. of the Kay Brothers European style circus will be held at the National Guard armory Friday, July 19.

Sponsored by Batterys A and D, Oregon Army National Guard, the program features the Tangier brothers, the Flying Trapeze, the Educated Chimpanzees, the Hollywood Canine review, ponies, an elephant, acrobats, juggling, clowns, and other acts.

Children may obtain free tickets from any business or professional people.

Tickets also may be purchased at the circus gate.

LADIES' ITALIAN STYLE THONGS

Reg. \$1.98 **1.57**

Reg. \$2.99 **2.37**

Reg. \$3.99 **3.17**

WHAMO AQUA JET PLANE

Reg. \$3.98 **1.44** CHARGE IT

Boy's Wheat JEANS

Sizes 4-12 **1.88** CHARGE IT

Ignition Tune Up KITS

For Cars, Trucks, Tractors

1.99 CHARGE IT

DENIM CAFE CURTAINS

46x36 Reg. 2.98 **1.88**

46 x 30 Reg. 2.98 **1.88**

46x24 Reg. 2.29 **1.77**

Valance Reg. 1.00 **88¢**

DACRON CURTAIN PANELS

42-in. by 81-in. **99¢**

Men's Long Sleeve WHITE SHIRTS

Reg. 2.77 **1.97**

Reg. 3.49 **2.27**

Reg. 1.66 **1.33**

Boys Short Sleeve Shirts

Sizes 10-14 Reg. \$1.37 **99¢**

BRING THIS COUPON **FREE**

LITTLE PRO BAT-A-ROUND BATTING TEE

Reg. \$2.95, Free With Each \$3.00 Purchase, or More

BOYS' SHORTS

Reg. \$1.19 **87¢**

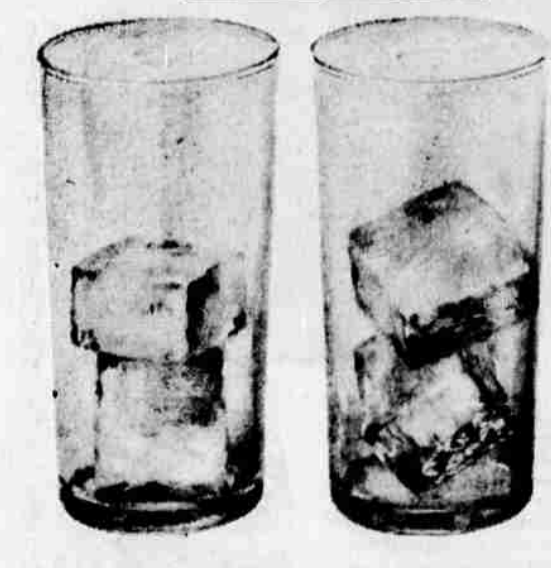
SHOP AND COMPARE THESE BIG BARGAINS

Pour one more pay no more! RC Half Quarts

SAME PRICE AS KING SIZE SERVES 1 MORE

3 drinks (not 2)

SWITCH TO RC HALF QUARTS & SAVE!



'62 Motorola TV Floor Models

Portable TV **166⁰⁰**
2 only, 19 in. Reg. 199.95

Harbinger TV **177⁰⁰**
4 only, 19 in. Reg. 199.95

Table Model TV **179⁹⁵**
1 only, 23 in. Reg. 229.95

Console TV **188⁸⁸**
2 only, 19 in. Swivel Base. Reg. 218.00

Free Delivery in Medford Area on Console TV and Stereo.

FINE-FURNITURE STYLING... FINE STEREO PERFORMANCE

Yet priced like a portable

MOTOROLA

Coffee Table Stereo Console

- Multi-Channel Amplifier with 3 Output Transformers
- 3 Separate Speaker Systems
- Super-Quiet Automatic Record Changer

129⁹⁵

Contemporary styling. Model 8K100: 16" high, 30" wide, 17 1/2" deep.

FINISHED ON ALL 4 SIDES FOR USE ANYWHERE