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Reminiscences

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During the past three weeks, you have been reading in this column a number of reminiscences which I have presented verbatim as written in 1922. These are all things that none of us living today could remember simply because we were not old enough.

This week, however, I have put together a series of reminiscences that I have compiled from my own memory. Do you remember:

"When Mike Sands in our 1960 photo drove this little 1959 Isetta car around Albion which had only one door, located on the front?"

"When local farmers did their own butchering and rented lockers in cold storage where they kept their frozen supply of home grown goods?"

"When loose hay was loaded by a hay loader onto farm wagons or trucks before hay bailers completely took over?"

"When Orleans County was dotted with one-room school houses, most of them totally unequipped with any sort of inside plumbing?"

"When wooden screens and wooden storm sashes were put up and taken down each spring and fall by every home owner?"

"When wooden telephone booths were common in public buildings equipped with a bi-fold door you could close for privacy and a seat to sit on?"

"When you pushed a hand propelled lawn mower over your lawn once a week?"

"When almost every housewife canned

her own fruits and vegetables?"

"When West Bacon Road had but one house and the Gaines Town Dump served as a trysting place for young lovers?"

"When you could buy a passenger ticket at the New York Central depots in Holley, Albion and Medina?"

"When downtown Albion had three hardware stores, three grocery stores, six clothing stores, five shoe stores, three drug stores, two furniture stores, six bars and three gas stations?"

"When you looked forward to listening to weekly radio programs before every household had a black and white TV?"

"When only girls wore pony tails, bleached their hair and had their ears pierced?"

"When every basement had a coal bin, big 'octopus' furnace and ash cans?"

"When the only sneakers were either black or white Converse high tops you wore in gym class, baseball games or for basketball?"

"When the means of duplicating flyers, programs, reports, etc. was done by typing a stencil for the mimeograph machine?"

"When you could buy 78 RPM records before they came out with 45's, 33's or 8 track tapes and when the automatic record changer was the greatest device in sound equipment?"

"When it was considered totally improper for women not to wear hats in church?"

Next week, more reminiscences will follow which many readers may remember.