



Ten Mile Van Dyke area, Gas and service station.



The Walter C. Piper Co purchased farms off of Van Dyke north of Eight Mile Road and resold them into lots at fairly low prices. His lots were only about 35 feet wide. He named the streets in Southern Warren around Van Dyke after cars. There was the Hupmobile, Maxwell, Dodge, Ford, Federal Truck Co, Cadillac, Timkin, Essex, There was an **interurban** stop in front of Mr Piper's office on Van Dyke. The community of Van Dyke soon had its own post office. There were subdivisions along 8 mile road which led to the community name of **Baseline**. Detroit Edison began putting in electricity in the early 1900s. The American Can company was founded in 1901 and produced 90% of cans used for food in Michigan. (Wikipedia) Most families canned their own foods but as stores began carrying canned foods people had better year around choices for food with less work involved. By 1922 there was a Radio in most homes and 7 Michigan stations. **Telephone** service began around 1920 but was not in all areas. Sewers were put in. Natural gas service arrived in the late 1920's. In 1928 water service from Detroit was started in Warren. Most of the growth area was in southern Warren south of Eleven Mile road. **Center Line** wanting a fire department, water and sewers voted to become a **village in 1925 and a city in 1936.**

The area went from rural to urban with a huge growth in population. The Harwood house built around 1880, home of Homer Harwood who published **Warren's first newspaper, the Warren Watchman from 1880-1921.** In 1909 Henry L Clays came to Warren

with a well drilling machine. The Wiegand family were also well drillers and sponsored a community cistern near St Clement church..