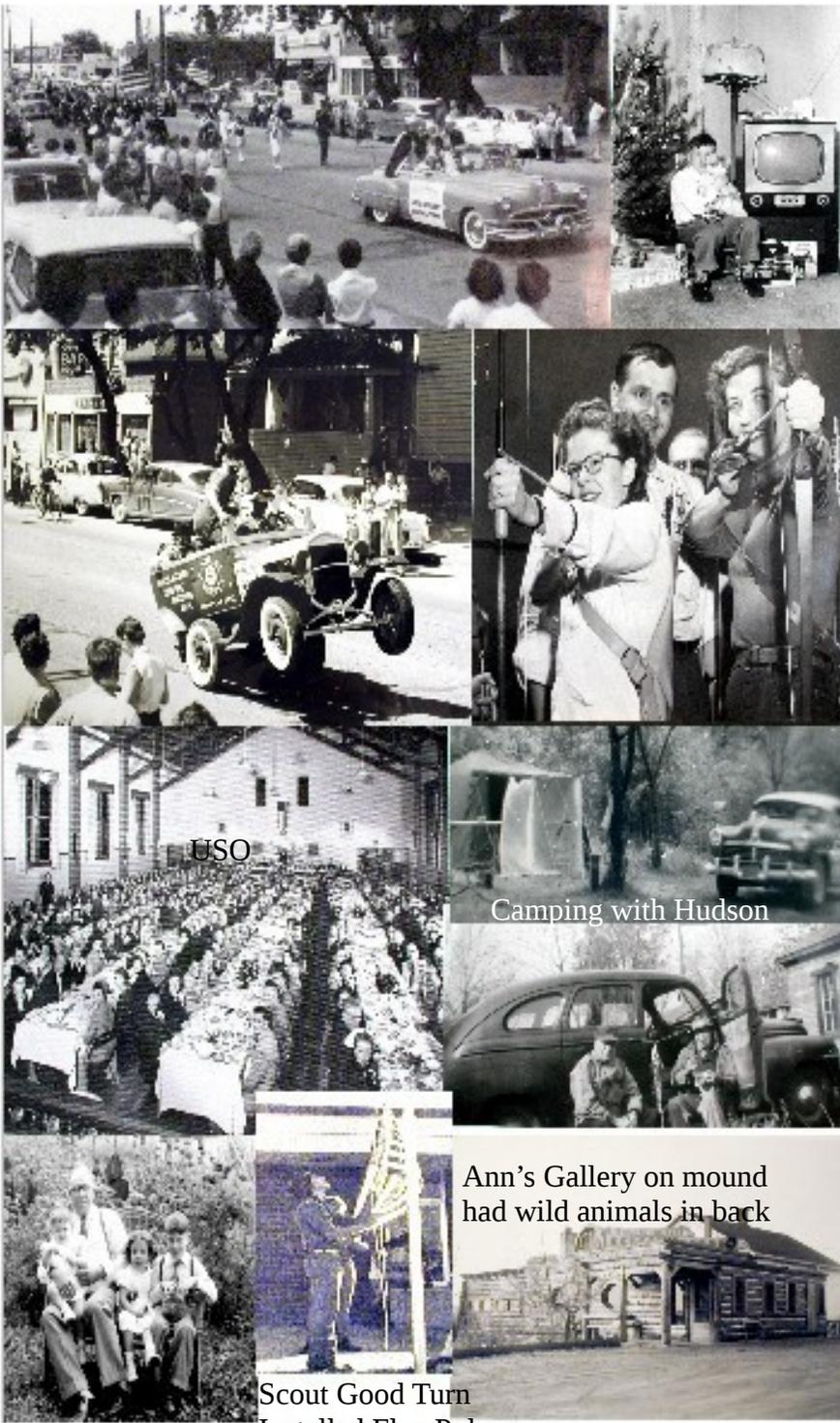


Families left more of the child raising to the TV and to schools and peer groups had an increasing influence. **Commercialism set in.** There began a great quest to buy material things. This became an end in itself. **The drug and pop cultures increased.** Soon family members were alienated from each other and the community. Crime increased along with teen pregnancy and social alienation. But wars went on. During the **Vietnam war which was the longest in our history, 1955-1975, nearly 60,000 Americans died.** 7,484 women served in South Vietnam, **2,650 from Michigan died.** Many servicemen came back wounded or messed up to say the least. We were insulted, called baby killers, murders. We had just done what we were ordered and to survive. But the war was on TV every night. **Many lazy unpatriotic people at home did not care and did not understand.** For the first time we were ashamed of those unpatriots and felt they did not deserve to live our free country which was paid for by hundreds of thousands of us soldiers who fought for and many died to secure. **We actually won the war but lost the peace.** Some of those unpatriotic low lifes are with us today enjoying their freedom to rip veterans memorials out of our Warren Union Cemetery that we paid for with our lives. **Paul G Hazen Drive was named for one of our young native sons who was awarded medals** for his bravery in Vietnam. Many others gave their all also. **See the story on Mike Grobbel's wonderful website.** <http://centerline.grobbel.org/>



He even tells how Clem Grobbel fought in Russia. The I696 Freeway was built across the middle of Warren along Eleven Mile Road and completed in 1978. Other roads were improved. **Population peaked** in Warren at 179,300 1972. In Center Line at 10,400 1972 The **1980 population** of Warren was 161,134 with an average density of 4,684 persons per square mile. Minimum Wage: \$3.10 and the average salary: \$15,757 Milk 85 cents 1/2 gallon. Apples 39 cents a pound. Bread Sliced 55 cents. Ground Beef \$1.39 per pound. Ham and Cheese Pizza \$2.49. Pot Roast \$1.49 per pound.

In the **1980s, 1990s and 2000s** Warren urbanization continued. Just as in the early 1900 industrialization (growth of industries) and mechanization (machines doing the heavy work) reigned, now automation and greed took over. With the personal computer available for a reasonable price it was used by businesses to improve efficiency and productivity and to put many bread earners out of work.