

VILLAGE OF HONOR
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The village of Honor was first located November, 1894, by E. T. Henry, at that time foreman for the Guelph Patent Cask Company, and Geo. Briggs, of Wolverine, Michigan. The land upon which it stands was bought of Robert Buckans.

About the first of April, 1895, E. T. Henry arrived on the grounds with a crew of men and a small portable sawmill, and began to clear a place for a set of camps, which were run by our genial friend. Charles H. Giles, of Wolverine, Michigan. After making his fortune, Mr. Giles retired from the business to his farm in Cheboygan county.

Mr. L. F. Lane was the first one to start a general merchandise store, moving his stock from Lake Ann. Since building his store lie has had it enlarged, so that now its dimensions are fifty by one hundred twenty feet.

The Case Mercantile Company were second to putt in a Stock of general merchandise; they were afterwards succeeded by J. L. Crane who has enlarged both stock and store. There are at present two general stores, one hardware, one bazar store, one blacksmith shop, a barber shop and three boarding houses.

The township board deserves great credit for the valiant fight and the success which they have attained in keeping out a licensed saloon. Considerable headway is being made in improvements on our streets and great credit is due our worthy path master, Henry Ryan, for the able manner in which he conducted the-work. We believe we have the nucleus of a thriving village.

The Guelph Patent Cask Company has spent considerable money in erecting its plants, and clearing laud, and it is here to stay.

Wolverine is one of the liveliest towns on the Michigan Central railroad north of Bay City, and the company is desirous of making a good town of Honor.

The surrounding land is of good soil and can be made into beautiful farms, which will yield an abundance of fruit, and farm produce of various kinds.

A twenty-five hundred dollar schoolhouse is being erected, which will be ready for school by the first Monday in September, 1896, and we hope to give the boys and girls the invaluable advantage of good schooling.

A church organization has been formed with three auxiliaries, Sunday school, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Church services are held every other Sunday at three o'clock p. m. the alternate Sundays at seven o'clock p. m. at Case's hall, pastor, Rev. O. M. Snider, Homestead, Michigan.

Mr. J. A. Gifford, general manager for the Guelph Patent Cask Company, has donated two of the best lots in town for a church site, and it is hoped in the near future a church building may be erected. The name of our town was selected in honor of Mr. Gifford's baby daughter.

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