

# *In 1982, new Gaylord Middle School provided site*

ceremonies and Msgr. Francis Kaminski gave the invocation.

**1974**

## **Legal Profession and Judiciary**

US District Court Judge James Harvey was the featured speaker at the Hidden Valley luncheon.

Honorees included Melvin A. Freel, Randall M. O'Rourke, James Dreyer, John Dennany, Daniel Walsh, William A. Porter and Boyd Baird.

**1975**

## **Oil Industry**

Shell Oil Company was picked as a prominent company entering the region for the exploration of oil and gas.

Robert H. Nanz, vice president, Shell Oil Company Exploration and Production, Houston, TX, was the feature speaker. Also present was Frank L. Mortl, executive vice president, Michigan Oil and Gas Association, and Frederick H. Clark, vice president, American National Gas Service, Detroit.

The Rev. Duane Summers gave the invocation and Robert Kemp was the emcee.

**1976**

## **Life Support Organizations**

Dr. J. Philip Wernett, economist from the graduate school of business administration, University of Michigan, spoke on building a greater America.

The following representatives received awards for their respective organizations: Ambulance Corps, Ronald Vance; Civil Air Patrol, Tom Dickinson and Patrick Dipzinski; volunteer fire department, Paul Marciniak.

Gordon Everett was the emcee, and Msgr. Francis Kaminski gave

the invocation.

**1977**

## **Dept. of Natural Resources**

On July 16, 1977, in the spirit of the day, the DNR's new \$257,000 District 5 Headquarters Building was dedicated.

State Sen. Robert W. Davis served as the master of ceremonies. State Rep. Russell Hellman of Dollar Bay, and state Rep. E. Dan Stevens of Atlanta shared the dedication's main address. At the luncheon at Hidden Valley that followed, Dr. Howard R. Tanner, DNR director, spoke.

Natural Resource Commissioners recognized were Carl T. Johnson and Harry H. Whiteley.

The Rev. David Gemeund gave the invocation and was emcee.

Gary Waldo led a musical interlude.

**1978**

## **Higgins Industries, Vanderbilt**

Clifford H. Higgins Sr., president, gave the main address. With him were members of his family engaged in the business, and J. Richard Yuill, general manager.

The Alpine Bells bellringers entertained. The Rev. Charles Hastie gave the invocation, and Walter Brown was emcee.

**1979**

## **Champion Building Products**

John A. Ball, executive vice president of the company, gave the main address. Remarks were also made by Gov. William C. Milliken.

The company was in the process of completing their N-6 Plant, a \$20 million expansion of their facilities in Gaylord.

Neal Beatty, general manager of the Gaylord plant, also

attended.

Judge Daniel Walsh was the emcee; the Rev. Charles Hastie gave the invocation; and entertainment was provided the group by the Vocalaires Troupe of the Rustic Inn, Lake City.

**1980**

## **Alpine Regional Center**

Dr. Frank M. Ochberg, director of the state Dept. of Mental Health, was the feature speaker.

The community was facing a loss of the Alpine Center's \$3.7 million annual payroll by the planned closure of the center.

The Alpine Bells performed and James Mongeau was announced as the first annual Buergermeister.

**1981**

## **Detroit and Mackinaw Railroad**

With 1981 being the Gaylord Centennial Year, rail roots were honored. Gaylord was named after Augustine S. Gaylord, a railroad official in the late 1800s.

Charles A. Pinkerton, president, Detroit and Mackinaw Railroad Co., delivered the address, and Josephine Lilak was emcee.

**1982**

## **Education**

Held at the new Gaylord Middle School, the luncheon honored "Education — An Investment in the Future."

The program recognized the quality of Gaylord schools.

Dr. Philip E. Runkel, state superintendent of public instruction, gave the address. Superintendents Thomas Gill and Father James A. Suchocki represented Gaylord Community and St. Mary Cathedral Schools,

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