

### **The 1950's and 60's**

In the early 50's a library was added to the fire station. It was also used for Township Board meetings. The old Township building in the Village Park became a burden and was sold to the Methodist Church. It was moved to the rear of the Methodist Church where it served for another 30 years. A one-bay fire station was built at Ackerson Lake. The Fire Department got into the rescue business when Vic Hawley donated a panel truck that he had used to deliver groceries. The system of constables and a Justice of the Peace gave way to part-time police officers and the District Court.

A pipeline was laid across the Township and Standard Oil built the terminal that is still in use. Subdivisions were developed and homes built like never before. Building codes were adopted and our first Zoning Ordinance was enacted. Building Inspectors and Zoning Administrators had to be hired. This ten-year period saw the greatest growth in Napoleon's history with 1,801 people coming to the Township and nearly 300 homes built