

THE DRUMMER CLUB

Fred and Joan Emerson bought the building from Cederholm in the late 50's and started first with making it a "Private" club , [membership only] Fred worked full time and was a partner in "Spartan Saw" company in Agawam. Eventually they moved the old School house in South Worthington and adding it to the original building and soon after was given a liquor license and opened it up as a Bar and Restaurant.

Fred was very political minded and had lots of friends in Boston, He was very instrumental in our Bicentennial Celebration of 1968. He and Henry Snyder and Bert Nugent got all the ads for the book which pretty much paid for the parade, the Mummer's band and other things, Shrinner's and Floats.

For a number of years the Friday night's meal was "Fried Clam night " and getting in for dinner was almost impossible. Good Food, lots of families and friends, later in the evenings there were lots of young men and women there dancing to the many bands he had. Fun for all!

The town and The Drummer's Club have a history but those who were loyal learned to live with it and accept each others for the opinions . Sometimes it was done quite loudly but like many other things we all lived through it.

Joan Emerson had three Children Steven,Bobby and Gidget Marsh , who made friends and school in local schools./ Steven and Gidget are both deceased as are Fred and Joan. Bobby lives in Vermont with his wife "Tinker" Donovan. Makes regular visits back to town.

