



The purpose of the Brighton Area Historical Society is to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Brighton area.

The Society, indeed, is YOU. It exists because you want it to exist. And if each one of you attempted to recruit one member, your efforts would result in an increase in revenue that could be translated into programs and projects.

Please pay your 1983 dues as soon as possible. This will save us making you a special mailing request later. You can pay at a regular meeting or mail a check to:

John Korte
7500 Hamburg Rd.
Brighton, Mich. 48116

If for some reason you wish not to continue your membership, please send a note to the above address.

Our second annual Open House turned out very well. Unfortunately, the newspaper didn't run the article so visitor attendance was down, but everyone who did attend, had an enjoyable time. Bill Pless gave the Society copies of five of his manuals which contain a tremendous amount of Brighton history - thanks Bill. Also, a special thank you to Barb McCririe for a great job as chairman of the Open House.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

Peter & Marylou Shaw
Josephine Hyne
Alice Newcomb
Bill & Jane Tomlinson
Mary Mathias

The "OLD TOWN HALL"

The biggest concern of the B.A.H.S. at present is the preservation of the "Old Town Hall". The articles on the next page contain some of the feelings that are in the works.

In addition, the Board of Directors has sent a letter to Councilman McCririe expressing a desire for the building. Also, a petition has been started to show public support.

As a concerned individual, please feel free to write whomever you feel can be a help to us.

City buildings are put up for sale

There was disagreement on the future of the former library, a narrow, two-story structure with great historical value in the city since it used to be the seat of local government and the home for the volunteer fire department.

For years it has the city library until more spacious quarters were built in the new city hall complex.

The future use of the building is still unclear although a local historical group wants it turned into a museum. City officials are not enthusiastic about the idea but they agree it should retain its historical character.

Councilmember William McCritie said it was "one of only two truly historical buildings that this community has left."

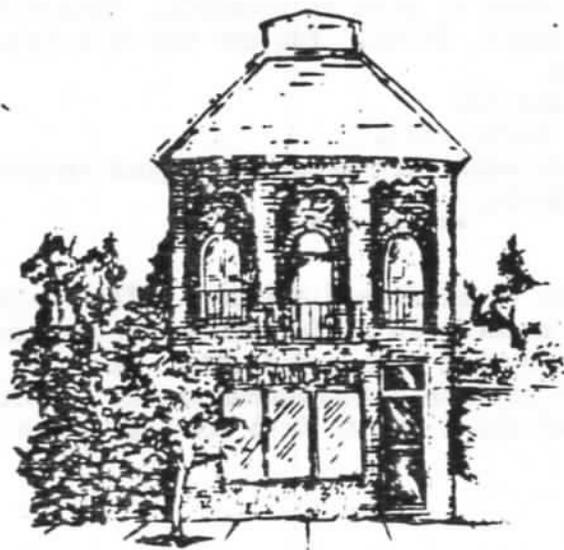
Monroe did not dispute the building's historical significance, but he suggested the council does not have the "wherewithal" to administer it.

"If you really want to preserve it," he said, "turn it over to the private sector and do it right."

He received little support from the council but the decision to put it up for sale was not resolved Thursday.

The recommended minimum bid for the old library was \$65,000.

from the Brighton Argus



Don't sell 'town hall'

To the Editor:

I have just read in the Argus of the proposed sale of various city properties. I can't believe that a conscientious city council would approve the sale of the old "town hall."

Brighton is fortunate to have a building of historical interest right in the center of the business district. This building should become Brighton's Historical Museum. Make it a real community project and I would suggest the Brighton Area Historical Society be given the sponsoring of it.

There are many very dedicated people in the Historical Society. They should be encouraged and helped in their efforts to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Brighton area.

My family owned and operated the Eastern House for a quarter of a century. The Eastern House stood on the northeast corner of the intersection of Main Street and Grand River. I was born there and spent a very happy childhood in Brighton.

Living in the center of the town's activities, we knew everyone for miles around. I can assure you there were many very special people in Brighton. Let's make Brighton special to people by some preservation of the past.

I want to compliment you on the presentation each week of a very interesting paper. Please make the Argus a booster for the "Brighton Museum."

Katherine Stuhrberg Hampton
Dearborn

**** WHAT'S IT ****

Answers to last issue.....

#877 - Hose supporters. Enabled wearer to attach stocking to undergarment. Prevented hosiery from sagging or falling when tops stretched.

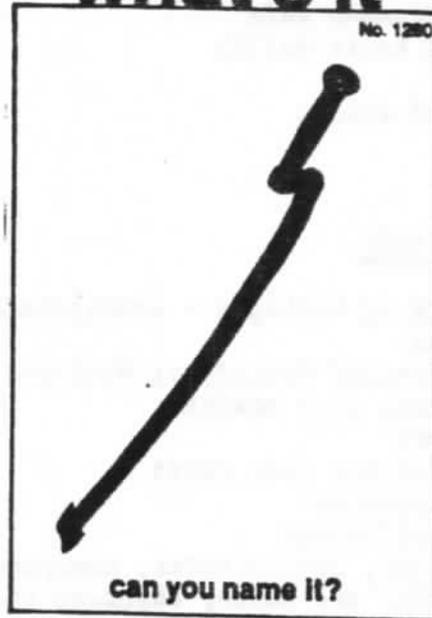
#677 - Pipe smoker's friend. Used to clean bowl, tap down the tobacco, pick up hot coals to light pipe and keep tobacco in pipe after lighting.

what's it



This what's it is not a real oldie, but it may bring back fond memories to many readers who remember automobiles with running boards. Submitted by Frank Bliss of Marlow Heights, Maryland. See next issue for answer.

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This month's feature looks like it might have belonged to a Samurai warrior. Fortunately the only cutting it was designed to do was of a peaceful nature. From Frank Bushey of Bloomfield, Conn., a frequent contributor to the series. See next issue for the answer.

MICHIGAN CENTENNIAL FARM PROGRAM

The Michigan Centennial Farm program is administered by the Michigan History Division, Michigan Department of State. Centennial Farm applications are available from the MHD, 208 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, Mich. 48918.

To qualify, a notarized application must state that:

1. the farm has a minimum of 10 acres with estimated sales of \$50, or if the farm is less than 10 acres, gross sales of \$250;
2. there has been continuous ownership in the same family for 100 years; and
3. there is a family relationship of the current owner to the owner of 100 years ago.

If the qualifications are met, a certificate will be sent to the farm owner. The plaques are supplied free of charge by either Consumer's Power Company or Detroit Edison.

Since the program began in 1948, nearly 5000 farms have been registered.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Start thru 12/7/82

INCOME

Membership dues	\$379.00
Bake sale	145.05
Refreshments	11.30
Flea market	280.00
Donations	49.01
Stationary sale	45.00
Doll house raffle	<u>22.00</u>
Total income	\$931.36

EXPENSES

State of Michigan - incorporation	\$ 30.00
Books	31.90
Historical Society of Michigan	15.00
Society logo masters	39.00
Stamps	15.00
Stationary note paper	229.44
Photographs	32.50
Miscellaneous	41.99
(coffee, certificates, newspaper ad, folders and paper, checking charge, etc.)	<u> </u>
Total expenses	\$434.83

BALANCE

Balance as of 12/7/82	\$496.53
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John W. Korte
Treasurer

DON'T FORGET.....

To be collecting and working on your individual "Historical Report".
At the November meeting, it was suggested that each member do a research project of historical interest. The subject matter is your choice; a place, family, lodge, event, business etc. (just so it pertained to Brighton area). The information will be held by the Society and added to as future research is done and/or displayed.

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