



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

Now that we have our first year behind us, it's time to really start to work. Five or six people can not do everything required if we are to grow and fulfill our purpose --- we need YOUR help. If you have any interest (special projects, photography, refreshments, membership contacts, research, director, whatever) and a little time, please contact one of the officers. "It may only take one person to pour the tea at the tea party but even more people are needed in the kitchen to wash the cups."

++++ SPECIAL NOTICE +++++

New meeting location - meetings will be held
at the Ann Arbor Bank and Trust Bld, (downstairs)
9948 E. Grand River Ave.
Brighton (up from Clore's Florist)

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- October 12 - Regular meeting - 7:30 pm - Ann Arbor Bank and Trust Bld.
November 9 - Annual meeting and election - 7:30pm - Ann Arbor Bank and Trust Bld.

*** UPCOMING ***

- October 16 - Second Flea Market at the Farmers Market - 8:00am to 2:00pm
If you have anything to donate, please bring it up early or contact Wally Jollitz.
- October 23 - Michigan Oral History Council annual meeting at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center near Wixom.
More details will be available at our October meeting.
- December - Our Second Annual Open House is being planned for sometime this month.

Special program - Katherine Hampton has agreed to do a program in the future on the Eastern House - watch for this date.

*** UPDATE ***

We have the following new members since our last newsletter:

Fred & Belva Muller
B. Pauline Chenoweth
Eleanor Davis
Bert & Mavieanna Bair
Frieda Nauenberg
Harry Davis

This closes our "charter" membership at 56 members. A complete membership listing will be available at the October meeting for those who want a copy.

Since St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Old Town Hall have been registered as historical sites by the State of Michigan, a major project will now be to raise the funds (\$1000-1500) for the historical marker.

A couple of ideas didn't work out for the Fourth of July but we did have an antique car in the parade thanks to Dr. Metz.

The flea market was great even if the weather wasn't. We made \$235.00 and had fun besides. Second flea market will be October 16.

The April photo night was very interesting but we didn't get as many new photos as we had hoped. This may be a repeat for 1983.

The genealogy class in May was well attended and showed how much work is required to do a chart. For those interested in this area, there are on-going classes in Howell.

Your 1982-83 membership dues can be paid starting next month.
\$5.00 single per year
\$8.00 couple per year

Our present bank balance is \$264.78.

Our stationary packs will be on sale at the meetings. This could be a good Christmas gift suggestion (and for your own use). This should be a large fund raiser for us.

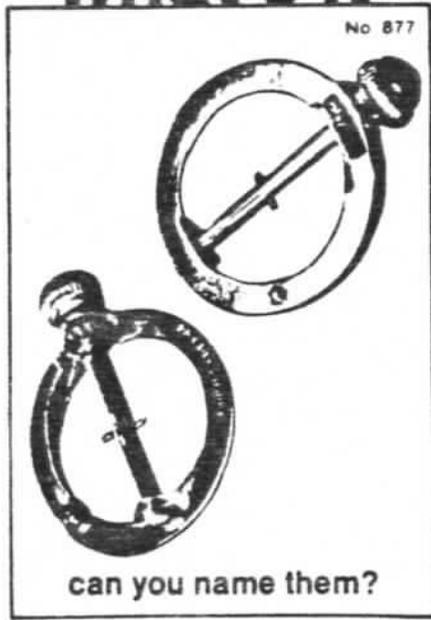
*** WHAT IS IT ***

Answers to last issue.....

#1276 - Pewter hand warmer. Was filled with hot water and carried inside a muffs by the ladies.

#277 - One man barbed wire fence stretcher. Iron bar through circular ring, with one end behind a tree, provided leverage to stretch wire.

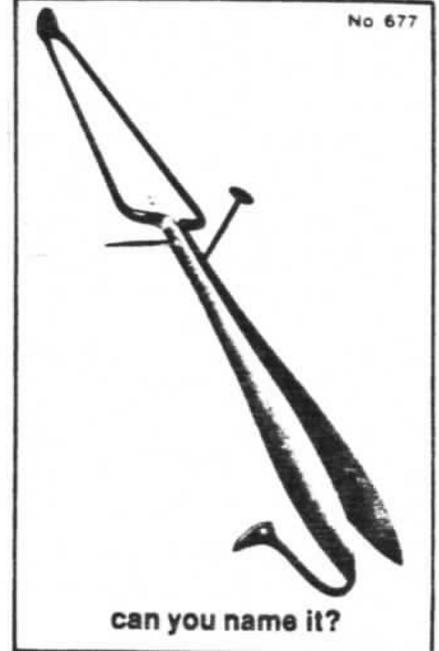
what's it



can you name them?

Take your time guessing what these what's its are. The frame and winder suggests their being part of pocket watches. Patented in 1899 they were produced and sold for peace of mind, not for keeping time. Courtesy of Frank Bushey, Bloomfield, Conn. See next issue for our answer.

what's it



can you name it?

This what's it looks like a metal sculpture of a praying mantis. Its owner, Mrs. Stacy L. Cole, Jr., of Downey, California, described four uses for this device. We will provide the answer in the next issue.

*** WANTED ***

If you or anyone you know has back issues of the MICHIGAN HISTORY MAGAZINE that would like to donate them to our library, please contact one of the officers.

As a member of the Brighton Area Historical Society, what do you want from the organization? What would you like to see us doing? Please give us YOUR ideas and comments.

Please dettach and bring to the next meeting or mail to - John Korte
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