



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 new member, your efforts would result in an increase in revenue that could be translated into programs and projects.

The Old Town Hall is going to be a rental unit -- a book store for at least one year. It appears the City Fathers had their minds made up before we even presented the Study Committee proposal. This was very disappointing but the more everything is considered, maybe it's for the best. As an organization, I'm not sure if we are ready for such an undertaking! At last night's meeting there were only eleven people - not much of a turn out. There is still a need for chairmen (newspaper, programs, publicity, etc.) and I have yet to see that first member ask - "Is there anything I can do?". The work load is too heavy on a few people trying to keep everything going. We welcome and want your input, support and efforts. We must increase our active membership.

As things stand now, we will be able to use the building for meetings and storage. However, there are many details to be worked out between the City, the renter, story hour and BAHS. We intend to continue our pursuit!!!

MEETINGS:

Membership - Old Town Hall
7:30 pm 2nd Tuesday of each month

Board of Directors - Chamber of Commerce
7:30 pm 2nd Thursday of each month
Membership is welcome.

WELCOME new members since the last issue.....

Charles & Norma Pless
Joseph & Georgia Romine
Edna Peach
Thomas Anderson
Alene Jacob

Micheal Cuthbert

DOLL HOUSE RAFFLE.....

The winner was Marie Lelko of Hamburg. The Society made an even \$100. on the raffle. Thanks again to Mary Layton for the donation of the house and furniture.

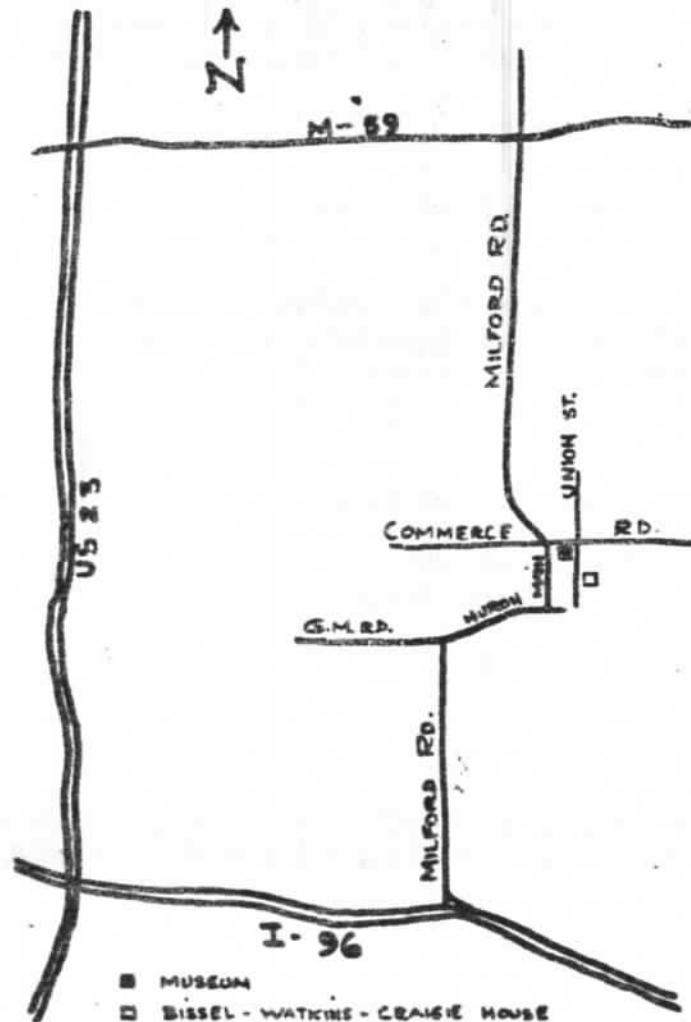
There is a cluster group of interested local historical organizations to which we belong. The groups meet twice a year to tour their museum (if one is available), share ideas, discuss problems and plan for the future. The other groups include:

Northfield Township Historical Society
Pinkey Area Historical Society
Green Oak Township Historical Society
South Lyon Historical Society
Livingston County Historical Society
Hamburg Township Historical Society
Hartland Historical District Study Committee
Waterloo Historical Society
Dexter Historical Society
Tyrone Historical Society
Milford Historical Society

SEMI-ANNUAL AREA MEETING OF HISTORICAL GROUPS:

DATE: Thursday, March 31st
TIME: 7:00pm - 8:00 Museum tour
PLACE: Milford Historical Museum
124 E. Commerce Street

Meeting and refreshments
8:00pm
Bissel-Watkins-Craigie House
332 Union Street
Milford (Across the street from museum)



INPROCESS.....

The paperwork has gone in for a State Historical Marker of the Old Town Hall and St. Paul's.

A request for \$10,000. of their Federal Block Grant money was submitted to the City of Brighton.

A grant of \$3000. has been applied for to the American Association of State and Local History - Nashville, Tennessee.

To have the "Old Town Hall" listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

UPCOMING.....

April 12th meeting - 7:30 pm Old Town Hall
Will Young, Milford Historical Society
"Involvement of community organizations"

May 10th meeting - 7:30 Old Town Hall
Katherine (Stuhrberg) Hampton, former Brighton resident
The old "Eastern House"

June 14th meeting - Time and location to be announced.
Last meeting until fall - possible pot luck supper
and program.

A public spaghetti dinner is being planned as a fund raiser.

*Friday April 8
Masonic Temple*

June 4 or 11 - 2nd annual Flea Market. Please start saving the items you wish to donate.

July 4th - We are planning for a parade entry and a concession stand selling popcorn and pop.

Art Fair - we hope to have a booth and raffle (maybe a Joe Mike painting and/or a quilt, if we can get one donated).

WE WILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

The following proposed amendments to our by-laws will be read at the general meeting in April and voted upon at the May meeting.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Qualifications

- c. A member shall be dropped by the Treasurer for non-payment of dues after a period of ninety (90) days and notice of a registered letter has been sent.

A proposed changed amendment to read:

- c. A member shall be removed from the membership list for non-payment of dues by April 1st.

Article VIII - Meetings
Section 2. Board Meetings

A proposed added amendment to read:

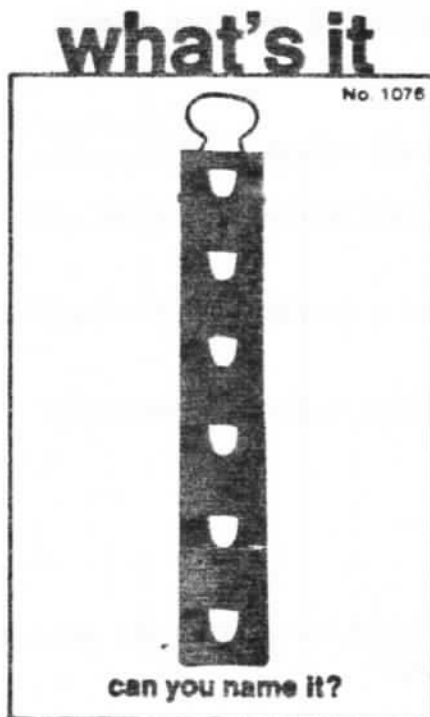
- c. Any Director who is unable to attend three board meetings (per year) will be considered as having resigned from the Board.

WHAT'S IT

Answers to last issue.....

#1077 - Ice cake holder. Back in the days of the Model T; it clipped to the running board at the ice plant to hold a cade of ice for the trip home.

#1280 - A roofer's tool. Used for replacing shingles and removing nails.



From C.E. Dornbusch, *Military of the Civil War* (New York 1971), I, 45-70. "In addition to its own regiment of sharpshooters, Michigan also contributed four companies to the First and Second Regiments of U.S. Sharpshooters, known as "Berdan's Rifles". To be eligible to join, candidate, firing from the shoulder, had to be able to hit ten times out of ten, a 10" diameter target at a distance of 200 yards".

That's a paper plate two football fields away!!!!