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RECAP --- JANUARY GENERAL MEETING
Those in attendance at the General Meeting January 14 at the Miller Community Center, enjoyed the usual great Pot luck. President Sara Graham, conducted a short business meeting which was followed by a slide show encouraging the preservation of significant structures. This term includes not only large important buildings but also can include a milk house, a smoke house, granery, etc. Jim Dennis, our speaker, encouraged responsible preservation and restoration. He urged us to be more aware of architectural styles and to be aware of how renovation can either enhance or destroy the original construction.

Alice Kupka, outlined her plans to conduct a historic resources survey of the city of Brighton. (See elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The next General Meeting will be March 11, 1986; Pot luck at 6:30.

Because of the bulk mail rate for Trail Tales, those with addresses other than Brighton usually receive this newsletter the third week of the month. If you'd like it sooner let us know; we'll send it first class. The newsletter is not for

EDITORIAL
Local, state and federal government agencies sometimes, in various ways, support the historic preservation and restoration efforts of a community. To depend on government funds means various regulations must be observed and it seems the local citizens lose control of the project; it never becomes quite what a community expects. In any event, a community should not depend on the government to preserve its history.

That the Brighton area has sufficient volunteers ready, willing and able to protect our historical treasures is certainly obvious.

The Society urges all to become active in whatever manner is possible to make their contributions to this preservation. (Ed. M.Bair)

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