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REXEL: Altho’ in temporary storage, a more permanent place is needed. Investigation into insurance costs are shocking. Anyone with another solution?

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY: Pictures of buildings in the area are to be taken. A volunteer is doing the city, Genoa and Brighton Townships also have early structures. Film and processing expenses can be reimbursed. Call if you can help.

LYONS SCHOOL: Two desks have been purchased for $50.00. Perhaps an alumnus, or other reader might wish to make a donation.

OLD TOWN HALL: The balcony and railing have recently been painted.

ORAL HISTORY: Persons to conduct oral histories are needed. A tape recorder is available and so are many long time residents of the area. The tape will always be here - the older residents will not.

NEED A LITTLE HELP? Materials with suggested procedure are available.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Several applications from Phoenix School have been received. Interviews will be conducted shortly and awards made soon.

For information or to help with any of the above please call 229-6402.

AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES MEET IN NOVI

It was held in the restored Novi Town Hall which had been moved to its site near the new library. A museum has been developed in the lower level. The program described the life and contributions of Porter, author and naturalist c. 1900. This group meets twice a year. Three members of the Society board attended.

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