In 1960 the Brighton State Bank's first annex, housing the Installment Loan Center, was opened across the street at 317 W. Main. The 1951 addition to the original building was already proving to be inadequate for housing the bank's business.

August, 1963, saw the first branch of the expanding bank opened in nearby Hamburg in a mobile office on M-36 in a shopping center. Also that year, prior to construction of a new banking facility, the original building was sold to the city of Brighton for use as a city hall and police department for $20,000. After 53 years the main office was to be moved from its original site next to the mill pond. Construction of a new main office in 1964, at 300 W. North Street, continued the expansion program and ushered in other major changes. Located on the hill above the filled in valley, through which Ore Creek flows by way of a tube under the neighboring city parking lot, the building has been described as a 'contemporary brick and glass interpretation with a 'flare of French Regency', 'capped with gold anodized aluminum'. Two drive in windows were a significant innovation of the times.

Other expansion changes included the opening of more branches: 1967, Highland; 1969, Island Lake (an A-frame); 1972, Brighton Mall; 1979, Pinckney (closed December, 1987); 1988 Clarkson and 1989, Ann Arbor.

In 1985 increased activity necessitated a significant enlargement of the main office. That year changes of a business nature included joining PaceSetter Financial Corporation, a merger with Old Kent Financial Corporation and a name change to Old Kent Bank of Brighton. That year's remodeling of the physical structure included the first ActionBank 24 Machine installed at the main office and their subsequent appearance at all branches. (By Marianna Bair. To be continued.)

DATE'S TO REMEMBER
April 3, 9-11 a.m. Board workshop. Interested? Contact Marianna, 229-6002.
8, 7 p.m. Board meeting, 202 W. Main, upstairs. Welcome.
10, 9-11 a.m. Archives Committee, 202 W. Main, upstairs. Welcome.
16-17, 35th Annual Conference on Local History, MSU, Detroit.
24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Museum Planning Workshop, Hartland.
May 1, 10-12:30 p.m. Michigan Oral History Council roundtable, Chelsea.
3, 10-5 p.m. Genealogy & History Book Fair, Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.
P.O. Box 18144, Lansing 48901.
11, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting, 1st Presbyterian Church, 300 E. Grand River, Victorian Gardening.

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RECAP: Many attending the Antique Appraisal program at the March General Meeting were pleasantly surprised to learn the probably market value of some of the items they brought. We learned that condition of the item, historic significance, what's 'in', and the market for your item determined the cash value.

The May General Meeting will consider Victorian Gardening: garden plans, pest control, seed varieties and storage and preservation techniques are the items presently planned to receive attention.

At the turn of the century Deweyville was a post office name in Livingston County. Can a Trail Tales reader tell us where it was located? Contact Dave Barton, 229-5213. You will be acclaimed "Historian of the Month!"

SOCIETY BOARD WORKSHOP
April 3, 9-11 a.m., the third board workshop will be held, at Anne Stra- tigos' home. Fund raising will be the main topic of discussion. Board members, committee chairmen and any interested persons are invited.

LOGS AWARING PIONEER CERTIFICATES
Were your ancestors residents of Livingston County in 1800 or earlier? The Livingston County Genealogical Society has a Pioneer Certificate for you if you qualify. Send a business size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to LOGS, Box 1973, Howell 48844 for the application.