Society Bank, 9948 E. Grand River (formerly Ann Arbor Trust and then Trustcorp) opened for business in May, 1979. It is located where the two story frame house of Victor Clode was standing.

1981 saw the construction and opening of the Standard Federal office at 8516 W. Grand River. Prior to the construction of this building and the several restaurants on either side the land was tilled for many years as a farm.

January, 1991, Comerica installed a branch office at 5678 Whitmore Lake Rd. A home which became a landscape business (English Nursery) and then was Bucky's Pharmacy, was there prior to the construction of the strip mall, Boardwalk, where the bank is located.

The most recent opening of a branch bank is that of N.B.D. Bank, 9656 E Grand River which held their grand opening February 10, 1993. This site also was part of the same fruit orchard where D.N. bank is located.

If the number of banking facilities in a community give any indication of its prosperity level it is this writer's opinion the Brighton area is in pretty good shape. (Prepared by Marleann Bair with many thanks to the congenial personnel of all these establishments for their cooperation and help in the preparation of this series. Information was also acquired from Alice Newcomb, Tom Leith, 1890 History of Livingston County, Michigan History Magazine and Michigan Pioneer Collections. Any who have additional information or corrections are encouraged to call 229-6402.)

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DATES TO REMEMBER
June 10, 7 p.m. Board meeting, 202 W Main, upstairs. Welcome.
12, 9-11 a.m. Archives Committee, 202 W main, upstairs. Welcome.

July 4, Hooyay for the U.S.A.!
8, 7 p.m. Board meeting, 202 W Main, upstairs. Welcome.
10, 9-11 a.m. Archives Committee, 202 W Main, upstairs. Welcome.
13, 7:30 p.m. General meeting; Cemetery Research with Milt Charbonneau.
17, Picnic outing to a local cemetery.

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EDITORIAL
Your president had the pleasure of speaking to Carol Mcmacken's third grade class last month. After reading a booklet compiled by Great Lakes Bancorp the children asked questions. Almost each had a query and not always were we able to answer. What is a Quackenbush? Where was Brighton Mills located? Why were there three hotels? When did electricity first come to Brighton? What kinds of houses were built? What's a toll house? The list goes on. A comprehensive book on the history of the area is needed. Contact the Pres. with your offer to help book chairman, Heidi Newman.

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RECAP OF MAY GENERAL MEETING
"It was wonderful" was a comment heard often. The program offered by Scott Kinst included a slide presentation. Discussion centered on American gardens and plants from the early days of our nation and the manner in which they evolved from the east to the midwest.

Suggested techniques to recreate early garden styles included the various types, the time period, and the wide variety of displays. We learned about the use of fencing in gardening, authentic walkways and drives and how to restore and preserve in the most appropriate manner. Stone fencing, wire fences into which intricate patterns were woven, wood fencing with fancy knobs, etc., were described. One might find early examples of plants in old cemeteries.

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JULY 4th PARADE
The Society will have an entry. Your presence would be encouraging. This is a fine opportunity for publicity for our organization.