



Grand River Trail

TRAIL TALES

Brighton Area Preservation News

The purpose of the Brighton Area Historical Society is to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Brighton Area.

The membership is composed of people who feel this purpose is worthwhile and should be promoted.

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BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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BOARD MEETING DATES

CHANGED FOR 1994

Beginning January 17, the Board will be meeting on the third Mondays in 1994. Meetings will begin at 7 p.m., and will be held upstairs at the Old Town Hall, 202 W. Main. Members are welcome.

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YOU ARE NEEDED

Your participation in society activities and events is of utmost importance. There are lots of jobs and opportunities listed on the membership form which are in need of warm bodies. Offer to chair or help in any way you can. Attend a board meeting to see where you might fit in if you wish.

A few ways to help:

- serve as Membership Chairman.
- serve as Publicity Person.
- help prepare Trail Tales.
- serve as Treasurer January/April.
- donate old scrapbooks, diaries, photos, abstracts, journals.
- donate a safe place to store the buggy.
- contact Marieanna Bair with information and/or corrections for the history page.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *Jan. 15, 9-11 a.m. Archives Comm.
- *Jan. 17, 7 p.m. Board Meeting.
- **Apr. 8-9: Local History Conf., Detroit.
- **May 13: 2nd Annual Michigan One-Room School House Conf., Ionia.
- **May 23-24: Michigan Archival Assoc., Mackinac Island.
- *Old Town Hall, 202 W. Main. Members welcome.
- **Contact Historical Society of Michigan, 2117 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 48104.

PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

1994 MEMBERSHIPS 1994

Couples/Indiv: Norman & Mary Ann Catrell, Tim Kay Flynn, Jeannette Johnson, Carol King (TX), Charles & Norma Jean Pless (Roscommon), Sherrel Rutter (Detroit, 95), Florence Sullivan, Jim & Vicki Vichick (96).

Many thanks to those who have:

- a. renewed for 1994.
- b. brought memberships up to date.
- c. recently joined.

Membership renewals, especially, are an indication to the board that people are eager to support their efforts to accomplish the Society's goals.

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20th CENTURY EXHIBIT OPENING

The Michigan Historical Museum, in the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing, takes visitors on a journey, at no charge, through Michigan's past up to 1900.

Artifacts, from arrowheads and float copper to plows and dolls, are found in a woodland scene, Michigan's first capitol, a copper mine and a sawmill. "Growing Up in Michigan: 1880-1899" introduces visitors to a child's view of our state as the 19th century ended.

Many artifacts depicting Michigan in the Twentieth Century" are in place: a 1930s bungalow; a 1920s street scene; the Tigers of the 1960s. Artifacts are needed in exhibit environments such as "A Time of Transition: 1900-1905;" "Farming;" "Urbanization"; "Workers and Unions"; "Auto Industry"; "The Depression" to name a few.

If you have something you would like to offer the Museum and the people of Michigan, or if you would like to know more about what the Museum is looking for, please contact Larry Griffin or Bryant Lemon at (517) 373-3559.

(This museum is a facility of which all Michiganians can be proud. Visit it yourself and be glad of such a fine facility to which to take guests.)

ARCHIVES: Because of other commitments the Archives Committee will be meeting the 3rd Saturday in January, 9-11 a.m. (instead of the 2nd Saturday). Some archival material types of folders will be purchased for long term storage.

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY: Owners of older homes in Brighton are being contacted regarding the history of these homes. These histories and pictures are being compiled for research. The townships of Genoa and Brighton have many older homes which should also be included in a survey like this. How many of these older sites will be here 50 years from now. This shouldn't be put on the back burner. Contact Dave Barton, 229-5213, for information to get started.

LYONS SCHOOL: Christmas holidays mean we'll have to wait a while to see what changes in the grant application are recommended by Jaime Green's instructor. When these are made the application will be on its way.

Work is beginning on the wording to be used on the historic marker. School neighbors Jim and Vicki Vichick are looking into it.

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THANKS THANKS THANKS

for legal size folders which have been contributed to the Archives files.

to board members, committee chairs and so many who have worked so diligently this past year.

Nancy Fredenberg for serving as Membership Chair for the past several years.

*The greatest obstacle to growth
- procrastination.*

AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SOCIETY

Tiles - 1986/1993 tiles of local sites are available at Uber's Drugs, Society Bank, and Somewhere in Time.

Needlepoint Kits of the Old Town Hall - at The Quilter's Shoppe.

Photos of the millpond - one each of views from the north and south, at Uber's Drugs.

Postcard packages - 6 picture^s of local street scenes and 6 pictures of local transportation scenes, at Uber's and The Book Nook which also has post cards of the Old Town Hall.

Society notepaper - Ethel Gebben, 227-5375.

Space on the Signature Quilt - send signature and \$10. donation to the Society.

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Have you a collection you'd like to share? Please contact the Society so it can serve as a program at a general meeting.

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The Board will be determining what the site will be for the 1994 tile. Suggestions will be welcome.

SIGNATURE QUILT: Thanks to Dorothy Roberts Foster the signature of her grand-father, C. E. Placeway, will be added near her name on the quilt. Last month's signature of J.W. Hilton is still in need of a supporter.

Someone is needed to embroider names. Kay Spangler marks them on the quilt.

By the way, one doesn't need to be old, gone, or hold any special position to have one's signature included. You might send in your spouse's, as a special gift for a birthday, showing the esteem in which you hold them.

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CONDOLENCES

to the families of

EVANGELINE BELL

PAT LEUKER

CLARA SUTTON

These ladies have been long
time supporters of the Society.
They will be missed by many.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

NEW () RENEWAL ()

Activities in which I would like to participate:

- () Bake Sale () Help with Spec. events () Newsletter () Research
- () Board Member () Hospitality () Oral History () Restoration
- () Fund Raising () Programs () Photography () Video Taping
- () Genealogy () Membership Committee () Publicity () Other

work I would be willing to do: _____

- DUES: \$25. Patron
- \$25. Business/Professional
- \$12. Couple
- \$ 7. Individual

\$2. Student (K-12, College)

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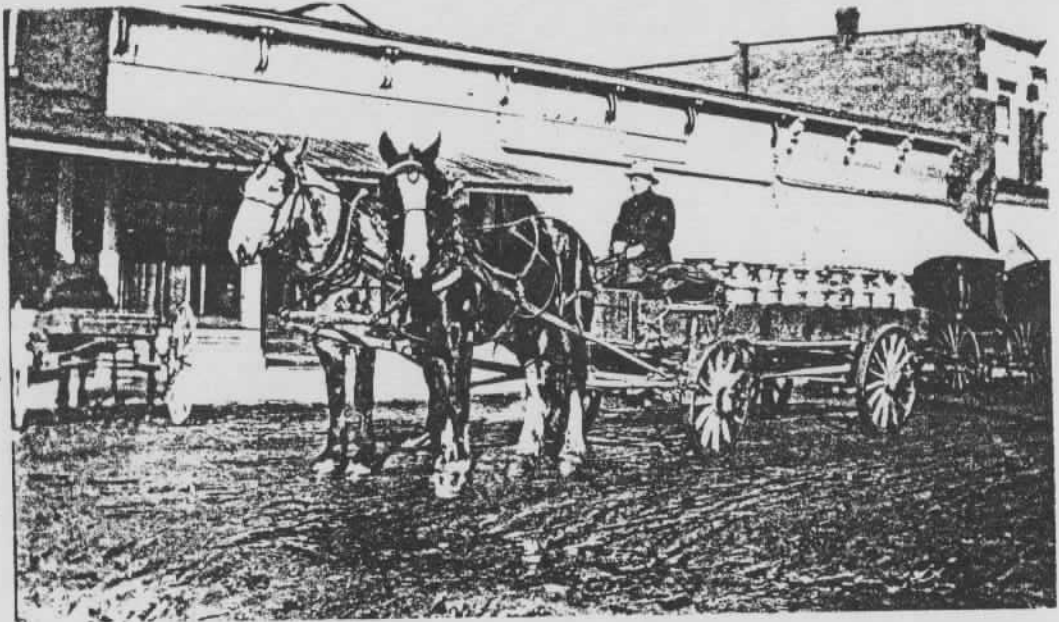
BRIGHTON AREA FARMERS: FROM BEEF TO DAIRY c. 1900 (cont.)

The temperature of milk, as it comes from the cow, is normally about 100°F. To prevent souring it must be cooled quickly. Farmers selling milk built tanks deep enough to bring cold water high on the cans. Water, as it comes from the ground, averages about 55 F. Often an extra well was dug which served the cooling tank in the milk house.

To keep the milk cool on the trip to the milk factory during hot weather the driver of the milk wagon covered the cans with a thick burlap blanket. This he'd wet in the cold water from the farmer's cooling tank. Conversely, during the winter the blanket was used to keep the milk from freezing. It was a hard way to make a living but people were accustomed to hard work, small pay and profit in those days.

The milk hauler also occasionally served as an errand boy and would make purchases for people on his route to be delivered on the return trip. To show appreciation the farmer's wife often had a hot cup of coffee and piece of cake waiting for him. He was also often the bearer of local news in those pre radio days.

Another local milk hauler was Clarence Taylor, whose picture is on the right. He's taking milk to the creamery in Brighton which stood on N. First Street between Cedar and Chestnut. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair. To be continued.)



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