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DATES TO REMEMBER

- APR. 4, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING. PROGRAM: USING THE CENSUS. 227-1760 FOR INFORMATION.
- 6, 7-MIDNIGHT, HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION LAS VEGAS NITE. TO BENEFIT RESTORATION FUND AND CHRISTMAS IN APRIL. 810/227-6210.
- 10, 5-8 P.M. MARGE WILCOX AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY TO ASSIST WITH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.
- \* 13, 9-11 A.M. WORK IN ARCHIVES. WELCOME. 229-6402.
- 12 & 13, 38TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON LOCAL HISTORY, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY. WORKSHOPS ON ARCHIVES, FOLKLORE, ORAL HISTORY VIDEO-TAPING, GENEALOGY, MARINE ARCHIOLOGY, ETC. 313/577-4003.
- \* 22, 7:30 SOCIETY BOARD MEETING. WELCOME.
- \* 25, 7:30 BRIGHTON HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE. WELCOME.
- \* AT OLD TOWNHALL, 202 W. MAIN, UPSTAIRS.

GENERAL MEETING RECAP

MANY THANKS TO DR. HARRY DAVIS, TOM LEITH, MARK McMACKEN AND ALICE NEWCOMB FOR THE VERY ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE PROGRAM.

THANKS ALSO TO PAT McMACKEN FOR MAKING THE VIDEO AND ANNE STRATIGOS FOR THE REFRESHMENTS.

THE MAY 9, GENERAL MEETING WILL HOST REENACTOR RON WEBB, OF THE 17TH MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, CO. E. WE'LL HEAR OF HIS EXPERIENCES AS A YANKEE SOLDIER AS HE COMES OUTFITTED IN HIS MILITARY GARB. AND, IF CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOW, A BANG-UP SURPRISE.

BOOK COMMITTEE MEETS REGULARLY

THE FOURTH THURSDAY EACH MONTH, 7:30 AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN, FINDS CAROL AND MARK McMACKEN, 231-2947, SHIRLEY KNIGHT, 229-9288, AND ALICE NEWCOMB, 229-9373, LOOKING AT MATERIAL AVAILABLE AND CONSIDERING CATEGORIES TO BE COVERED. READERS OF THIS NEWSLETTER ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.

EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, RECREATION, INDUSTRIES, BUSINESSES, TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ETC. COME TO MIND. WITHIN THESE GROUPS ARE ASSOCIATED SUBJECTS, I.E., GOVERNMENT COULD INCLUDE TOWNSHIP BOARDS, CITY COUNCILS, POLICE/FIRE PROTECTION, ETC.; EDUCATION COULD INCLUDE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, GRADUATIONS, BUILDINGS, PLAYS, ETC. RECREATION COULD INCLUDE BALL GAMES, PARADES, PICNICS, ETC.

IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE ONE MIGHT HESITATE TO LOAN PRECIOUS PICTURES, WRITTEN MATERIAL, ETC. COPIES CAN BE MADE OR A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE MIGHT EXAMINE THEM TO DETERMINE THEIR USABILITY. CALL CAROL; SHE'S ANXIOUS TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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PATRON: DON & RICCI BANDKAU, KATE & LARRY LAWRENCE, DENNIS & MARIA LITTLEWORTH.

COUPLES/INDIV: ROBERT & DIANE ASSENMACHER, HEIDI BANDKAU, HEATHER BANDKAU, RICHARD & ELAINE BLIGHT, MARILYN CAMPBELL (IN), GREG & PAM PARK (O), MIKE & JANET WOODFORD (97).

THE MAJORITY OF SOCIETY MEMBERS HAVE RENEWED MEMBERSHIP FOR 1996. IF YOU'RE NOT SURE - PLEASE CHECK THE LABEL. A DATE EARLIER THAN 1996 OR NO DATE AT ALL? PLEASE REMIT DUES AND JOIN IN THE SOCIETY'S EFFORTS TO PRESERVE AND DISSEMINATE THE HISTORY OF THE AREA.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...MARGARET SQUIRE FOR NEGATIVES OF SQUIRE'S ELECTRIC SHOP c. 1950.  
 ...TOM LEITH FOR THE 1927 PLAT OF THE COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION AND GOLF COURSE PREPARED BY HIS UNCLE TOM S. LEITH.  
 ...ALENE ANDERSON FOR THE COPY OF A RECEIPT FROM THE E.N. PITKIN FURNITURE STORE, 1910. ALSO THE PICTURE BELOW. SHE HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL. YOU CAN HELP.

ARCHIVES: COMPILING A STREET BY STREET AND ROAD BY ROAD HISTORY OF THE AREA TAKES A LOT OF TIME AND ENERGY; BUT IT'S BEING DONE. YOUR HELP CAN BE PUT TO GOOD USE. CAN'T MAKE IT ON THE 2ND SATURDAY? CALL MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402, AND LET HER KNOW WHEN IT'S MORE CONVENIENT.

HBA: ROOFTOP HVAC UNITS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED, THE ROUGH PLUMBING IS IN. NEW PLATE GLASS SOON. THEY IT'S TIME TO REBRICK THE FRONT. ALTHO' MANY HAVE CONTRIBUTED GENEROUSLY OF MATERIALS, LABOR AND FUNDS, DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE JOB OF RESTORATION AT 132 E. GRAND RIVER.

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS A MONTH?

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OFFICERS NOT BE EXPECTED TO SERVE FOR YEARS AND YEARS. PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF THE AREA IS IMPORTANT SO THEY CONTINUE WILLINGLY. HOWEVER THEY NEED A BREAK. A VOLUNTEER TREASURER AND V.P. ARE NEEDED. CALL PRES. BAIR, (OR ANY OTHER BOARD MEMBER) 229-6402 AND FIND OUT WHAT IS REQUIRED.



HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATES AT ISLAND LAKE, 6-1911

SITTING IN THE BOAT, L TO R: 1. (?) 2. LORRAINE WILSON PLESS. 3. (?) 4. MABLE CAMPBELL PADLEY  
 STANDING IN THE BOAT, L TO R: 1. (?) 2. GENEVA HILTON PITKIN. 3. (?) 4. MILDRED CAMPBELL.  
 STANDING IN THE WATER: (?) CLASS OF 1912.  
 CAN SOMEONE ID THE OTHERS? CALL MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402 TO SEE THE 7x10 PRINT AND COMPLETE THE NAMES.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

**ART FAIR:** NEW MEMBER, JENNIE ANDERSON, 517/545-7553, HAS OFFERED TO CHAIR THE SOCIETY BOOTH FOR THIS EVENT. THE SALE OF TILES, COVERLETS, LEMONADE, COOKIES, ETC., HELPS FILL THE PRESERVATION FUND COFFERS. THE P.R. FOR THE SOCIETY IS VERY VALUABLE ALSO. CALL HER AND TELL HER WHEN/HOW YOU CAN HELP. DATES ARE AUGUST 10-11.

**COVERLETS:** (BLUE/BEIGE REVERSIBLE) WITH SCENES OF EARLY BRIGHTON MAY BE PURCHASED AT UBER'S DRUGS, THE BOOK NOOK OR NANCY FREDENBURG, 229-9100. UBER'S ALSO STOCK EARLY PICTURES OF THE MILL POND, POST CARDS OF LOCAL SCENES AND TILES WITH HISTORICAL SCENES OF THE BRIGHTON AREA. THE BOOK NOOK ALSO CARRIES POST CARDS.

**SIGNATURE QUILT:** THE SIGNATURES OF IRENE R. AND CHELSEA "CHET" PAQUETTE WILL SOON BE EMBROIDERED, FOR POSTERITY, ON THE QUILT. THIS QUILT, WITH NAMES OF MANY BRIGHTON AREA RESIDENTS WILL REMAIN WITH THE SOCIETY. FAMILY NAMES ARE GROUPED TOGETHER AND MAKE AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF SUPPORT OF THE SOCIETY'S GOALS AND THIS FUND RAISING PROJECT. THE QUILT COMMITTEE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO BE LEFT OFF. SEND IN YOUR DONATION OF \$10. AND A SIGNATURE. SIGNATURES OF EARLY RESIDENTS ARE AVAILABLE

THE SIGNATURES OF JOHN BIDWELL, HAROLD E. JARVIS, LAWRENCE NAVARRE AND HERMAN MARTEN ARE FOUND ON A 1926-27 POLLING LIST. SEVENTY YEARS AGO THESE PEOPLE LIVED IN THE BRIGHTON AREA AND HELPED MAKE DECISIONS WITH THEIR VOTE. A \$10. DONATION, AND THE NAME YOU'VE SELECTED, WILL SEE THEY ARE INCLUDED. THE QUILT WILL REMAIN IN THE SOCIETY ARCHIVES. HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR SIGNATURE?

### OTHER MAY DATES

- MAY 2, LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, ANNUAL MEETING AND POT LUCK. "MICHIGAN PIONEERS AND THE ERIE CANAL" IS ON THE PROGRAM. CALL 227-1760 FOR INFO.
- 3, MICHIGAN ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION CONF., MARSHALL, MI. 313/459-680, EXT 235 FOR INFO.
- 9, 7:30 P.M. BRIGHTON SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING, 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 300 E. GRAND RIVER. CIVIL WAR REENACTOR.
- 19, 2-4 P.M. GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL TOUR THE YPSILANTI MUSEUM. CALL 810/486-9113.

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### BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Activities in which I would like to participate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale    | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Spec. events | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Research     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality            | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral History | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs               | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography  | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Taping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy    | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity    | <input type="checkbox"/> 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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MORE "HOLIDAY GREETINGS" FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898  
A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

M. RYAN

THE SHOEMAN

IF IN BRIGHTON YOU ARE LOOKING AROUND,  
FOR A PLACE WHERE GOOD GOODS ALWAYS ABOUND,  
YOUR ATTENTION A MOMENT I WOULD INVITE  
TO A STOCK THAT IS REALLY "CLEAR OUT OF SIGHT:"  
'TIS THE STOCK OF M. RYAN, THE SHOEMAN, YOU KNOW,  
THAT WILL JUST FILL THE BILL WHEREVER YOU GO.  
IN BOOTS AND SHOES HIS STOCK IS COMPLETE,  
JUST WHAT YOU NEED TO COVER YOUR FEET;  
THE W. L. DOUGLASS WORLD-NOTED SHOE,  
AND THE PINGREE & SMITH ARE HIS SPECIALTIES TOO.  
IF YOU SEEK FOR A BETTER YOU'RE LOOKING IN VAIN,  
AND IF YOU HAVE TRIED THEM, YOU'LL TRY THEM AGAIN.  
AND THEN RUBBERS OF EVERY CONCEIVABLE STYLE,  
HE CARRIES IN STOCK ALL OF THE WHILE;  
THE SNAG PROOF RUBBER OF RUBBERS IS KING,  
AND FOR THE BUSY LABORER IS QUITE THE PROPER THING.  
HE HAS SHOES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE SHORT OR TALL,  
IN FACT HIS STOCK IS BIG ENOUGH TO SHOE YOU ONE AND ALL.  
IN GENTS' FURNISHINGS HE HAS A NOBBY LINE,  
TO SATISFY THE GENTLEMEN WHO LOVE TO MAKE A SHINE;  
IN GLOVES AND MITTENS AND SHIRTS AS WELL AS FANCY TIES,  
HE HAS A STOCK THAT WILL GIVE YOU ALL A GENUINE SURPRISE;  
IN STAPLES AND FANCY GROCERIES TOO,  
THE FINEST AND BEST HE IS OFFERING YOU;  
THE PURE JAMO COFFEE THE BEST IN ALL LANDS,  
THE RESPECT OF ALL LOVERS OF COFFEE COMMANDS.  
SUGAR AND SPICES, COFFEES AND TEAS,  
ALL OFFERED TO YOU AT PRICES THAT PLEASE;  
A LINE OF TOBACCO AND CIGARS TOO, AS WELL,  
ARE OFFERED TO YOU ALSO, AT A PRICE THAT WILL SELL;  
SO HEED THIS LITTLE WARNING AND REMEMBER EVERMORE,  
YOU CAN GET SATISFACTION AT M. RYAN'S STORE.

CHARLES H. NEWMAN  
CITY MEAT MARKET

COME ALL YE WHO ARE HUNGRY,  
AND WANT SOMETHING TO EAT,  
TO NEWMAN'S CITY MARKET  
AND BUY HIS FANCY MEAT.  
FINE CUTS OF BEEF HE OFFERS  
YOU,  
AND CUTS OF PORK AS WELL,  
AND SAUSAGE AND BOLOGNAS,  
AND COLD MEATS TOO, HE'LL  
SELL;  
AND CANNED GOODS WITHOUT  
NUMBER  
HE HAS A NOBBY LINE,  
FRESH OYSTERS TOO, IN  
SEASON,  
AT MARGINS VERY FINE.  
HE GUARANTEES TO PLEASE  
YOU  
IN ROAST OR STEAK OR  
CHOP,  
IF WHEN FOR MEATS YOU'RE  
SEARCHING  
YOU'LL AT HIS MARKET STOP.

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