For the past year reprints of “Holiday Greetings – A Book of Poems” by Fred A. Bush have appeared on this page. “Brighton’s various industries told in merry rhymes” has a holiday souvenir of 1898. Town and Jacoby, publishers, originally printed it as a supplement to the Brighton Argus. Only a few of the poems remain to be reprinted in this issue. This month’s are especially appropriate for December. In future issues poems extolling the virtues of living in the area: Brighton Schools, etc. will be printed. (Marieanna Bair, Editor. 810/229-9402)

ARGUS

IN THE OFFICE OF THE ARGUS

Where this work was done
We do all kinds of job work
And try to please each one.
We give you, dear reader,
This Brighton Souvenir
And hope that you will keep it
And read it year by year.
And don’t forget the ARGUS,
While sliding down life’s hill.
Remember your home paper.
A dollar pays the bill.
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How to determine if your dues are up to date? The year for which dues have been paid is noted on the mailing label. If there is no date, or it’s less than ‘97, please consider bringing your membership up to date.

If you do not wish to become a member a contribution to the budgeted expense of Trail Tales would be appreciated. The purposes and goals of the Society are worthy of your support.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

Carolina Deluca for her service on the Society board.
Sheryl James, for transcribing Oral History tapes.
Allice Newcomb for a copy of a 1904 picture of a charming birthday party at G. Spencer.
Bob Steeman of Florida for picture I.D.
Jim and Marion Graham for copy of records pertinent to her great grandfather who was wounded at Gettysburg while serving in the 5th Michigan Cavalry.
Bob Bair, Joanne Ceru and June Kingle for helping with newsletter mailing.

Sympathies of the Society are extended to the families of
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