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Brighton Area Preservation News

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Jan. 20, 2-11 A.M. Archives work.
Jan. 22, 7:30 P.M. Board Meeting. Welcome.
Jan. 25, 6:30 P.M. Book committee meets.
Jan 27, 9-HOON. Board Planning meeting.


Mar. 7, 7 P.M. LGSS, LDS Church, 1041 W. Grand River, Howell: Publishing.

The Society extends sincere sympathy to the families of Penny Leith Pearshall and Mary Stewart Mathias.

Both were life long residents of the Brighton Area.
PATRON: Pat & Mary Fonseca (AZ) and Jere & Kay Michaels.


Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. If there is no date or the date is earlier than 1995, it seems proper consideration should be given to support the Society by remitting dues.

At the present time some of the names on the address labels are not current in their dues. An active, involved and paid up group is needed for the Society to continue its programs. Please do your part.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...Chuck Beach and Jaime Green who have served well on the Society board, their resignations were accepted with regret.
...Jaime Green for the donation of a spinning wheel she made from a kit.
...Brighton Office Supply for donation of a case of copy paper, a box of mailing labels and a copier cartridge.
...Doris Petersen for a picture of the cast of a minstrel show at the Rialto Theater and other artifacts.
...Nancy Hackney (FL) and Rose Smith for cash donations.
...Alene Anderson (Charlevoix) for the packet of identified pictures of early Brighton area residents and scenes and background on the Strothers family.
...Linda Neff and the Brighton Argus for their support of Society projects and events.
...Malby Middle School students of Anne Stratigos for preparing Trail Tales for mailing last month.
...Jim and Penny Szczesniski for storing theater seats for several years.
...Jackie Fuller for picture of a one room school. Identification is lacking. Can you help? See page 5.

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NAME ____________________________ PHONE ____________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________________________

NEW ( ) RENEWAL ( )

Activities in which I would like to participate:
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DUES: $25. Patron $2. Student (K-12, College)
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$7. Individual

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Or your overcoat on a nail may be torn,
And you’re looking round for something to buy,
Burgess’ tailor makes clothing you surely should try.

In fine underwear, in both cotton and wool.
For ladies or gents our stock is quite full.
In gents’ furnishings our stock is immense,
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For our stock is so large we can please one and all.
If only on Burgess & Co. you will call.
And then if you happen to be going away.
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In ladies fine dress goods in colored or black.
Our stock is so large there is nothing we lack.
In capes and cloaks we are right in the style.
And can give ladies prices to cause them to smile.
In corsets and gloves of the latest design.
We have a large stock and a beautiful line.
In hose too, for the young and the old.
We’ve got what you need to keep out the cold.
In carpets and oilcloths our stock is complete.
Our line of linoleums is quite hard to beat.
And last but not least, don’t have the blues.

When looking about for your family shoes.
For we have a fine stock at the price that suits.
Whether it’s rubbers or arctics or shoes or boots.
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EDITORIAL

Too often preservation is equated with Revolutionary/Civil War sites, places where world changing events took place, homes of national leaders, etc. Of what great historic significance are the ordinary events and people of the Brighton area? Without ordinary people there can be no earth shaping events. This community has a history. Its history can be overlooked in the rush into the 21st century. A rush that sometimes runs roughshod over the people who were pioneers, hard working citizens, who strove, and are striving to assure a place for life at a comfortable level. To cover the areas with sprawl seems not very conducive to preservation of the reason so many of us want to live here.

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