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A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

VARIOUS TIME AND ENERGY CONSTRAINTS HAVE CURTAILED THE EDITOR'S RESEARCH AND RECORDING OF LOCAL HISTORY - WHICH HAS BEEN FOUND ON PAGE 4 OF EACH ISSUE OF TRAIL TALES.

HOWEVER THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF A BOOKLET OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH (PRINTED BY THE ARGUS, TOWN & JACOBS, PUBLISHERS), ADVERTISING THE VARIOUS BUSINESSES OF BRIGHTON VILLAGE IN 1898, IMPRESSED US AS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ACQUIRING A MORE INTIMATE GLIMPSE INTO THE COMPOSITION OF THE TOWN ALMOST A CENTURY AGO.

AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO ACCURATELY LOCATE THESE PLACES OF BUSINESS, SOME SITES OF WHICH ARE STILL IN EXISTENCE.

- GEORGE PITKIN, DRUGS & GROCERIES
c. 412 W. MAIN.
- F.T. HYNE, GRAIN, PRODUCE, ETC.
501 W. MAIN.
- G.S. BURGESS & Co. GENERAL STORE
334 W. MAIN
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321 W. MAIN
- GEO. B. RATZ, HARDWARE
331 W. MAIN
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140 W. MAIN

DATES TO REMEMBER

- MAR, 7, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING. PROGRAM: PUBLISHING. 227-1760 FOR INFO.
 - * 9, 9-11 A.M. WORK IN ARCHIVES. WELCOME.
 - * 11, 7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETS TO CONSIDER PROGRAM PLANNING FOR GENERAL MEETINGS.
 - 13, 5-8 P.M. MARGE WILCOX AT THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY TO ASSIST GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.
 - ** 21, 7:30 GENERAL MEETING. PANEL DISCUSSION - HISTORY OF THE AREA. 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. PUBLIC WELCOME.
 - * 25, 7:30 SOCIETY BOARD MEETING. WELCOME.
 - * 28, 7:30 BRIGHTON HISTORY BOOK COMM.
 - ** 30, 9-3:30, SOCIETY BOOTH AT COMMUNITY FAIR AT HIGH SCHOOL.
- * AT OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN.
** SEE RELATED STORY, P. 2.

THE SOCIETY EXTENDS
SINCERE SYMPATHIES
TO THE FAMILIES OF
WINIFRED ALLEN
MADELINE BARTON
RALPH BIDWELL, SR.

PATRON: JOHN ALLEN (FL), ERV & DOROTHY BANDKAU, VAL & KATHY JACOBY (FL), TOM & AUDREY LEITH, HORACE & YVONNE TAYLOR.

COUPLES/INDIV: EUGINIA ANDERSON (HOWELL), BERT & MARIEANNA BAIR, WAYNE & SALLY BALDWIN (GRAND RAPIDS), BERNICE CHAPPEL, MR. & MRS. JOHN CURRY (EATON RAPIDS), EMIL & JOAN ENGEL, KATHERINE HAMPTON (HARBOR SPRINGS), JAMES & JUDY MURRAY (DEXTER), TRISH PETRAT & RICHARD ZAHLER & PATRICIA & MICHAEL, BOB & PAULINE SCHAFER (97), GERALD & GWEN SWANN, BUD STEDMAN (FL), LOIS CLARK (MIDLAND).

DON'T REMEMBER IF YOU'VE PAID SOCIETY DUES? CHECK THE ADDRESS LABEL ON THIS NEWSLETTER - IF THE DATE IS NOT 96 OR LATER PLEASE CONSIDER RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

NO DATE ON THE LABEL? YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL HELP WITH SOCIETY ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES AND TESTIFY TO YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SOCIETY'S PURPOSE AND GOALS. AFFIRMATION SUCH AS THIS ENCOURAGES THE BOARD TO CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE TOWARD THESE SAME OBJECTIVES.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...DONATION FROM LOIS CLARK OF MIDLAND, TO THE LYONS SCHOOL FUND.

...VAL & KATHY JACOBY, OF FLORIDA, FOR THEIR DONATION TO THE GENERAL FUND.

BILL AND HELEN HYNÉ FOR THE ALBUM AND SCRAPBOOK OF CLIPPINGS FROM THE ARGUS.

...HORACE AND YVONNE TAYLOR FOR THE OLD CIGAR BOX AND A 1938 ISSUE OF THE MICHIGAN MILK MESSENGER.

GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 21

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE HISTORY OF THE AREA? A PANEL OF PERSONS WHO HAVE SPEND MUCH OF THEIR LIFE IN THIS AREA (SEVERAL OF WHOM WERE BORN HERE) WILL TRY TO ANSWER THEM.

THE MEETING, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M., AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 300 E. GRAND RIVER. THIS WILL BE A MOST INTERESTING MEETING. TRY TO NOT MISS IT. (PERHAPS YOUR QUESTION WILL STUMP THE PANEL.)

ARCHIVES: AN INVENTORY OF BOOKS, PHOTOS, FAMILY HISTORIES, SCRAPBOOKS, ETC. IS CONTINUING. NORMALLY MEETING THE 2ND SATURDAY, 9-11 A.M., AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, FEEL WELCOME TO JOIN US. CALL 229-6402 TO CONFIRM THE DATE; ONCE IN A WHILE IT GETS CHANGED.

BRIGHTON HISTORY BOOK: A LETTER SENT TO THOSE WHO MIGHT ALLOW THE USE OF BOOKS, PICTURES, MEMORABILIA, ETC., IS HAVING SOME RESULTS ALREADY. IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE THIS LETTER BUT WHISH TO HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE CONTACT CAROL McMACKEN, 231-2957 OR MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402. EVERYONE'S COOPERATION WILL ENSURE THE BOOK WILL BE THE BEST IT CAN BE.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION: 132 E. GRAND RIVER. WON'T BE LONG NOW AND THE PROTECTIVE SCAFFOLD WILL BE REMOVED AND THE NEW SECOND FLOOR WINDOWS CAN BE VIEWED.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT, APRIL 6, WILL BENEFIT THE RESTORATION AND THE NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION, CHRISTMAS IN APRIL. (DOES HOME RENOVATION FOR THE ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED AND IMPOVERISHED.) THE EVEN WILL BE AT THE CONSERVATION CLUB, 6060 E. M-36. CALL 227-6210 FOR MORE INFO.

COMMUNITY FAIR, MARCH 30

THE SOCIETY WILL HAVE A BOOTH SET UP IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM. THIS WILL BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR YOU TO PURCHASE TILES, POST CARDS, MILL POND PICTURES, COVERLETS AND MEMBERSHIPS.

EXTRA ISSUES OF TRAIL TALES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PLANNED LOCAL HISTORY BOOK? ASK US. WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU.

FROM 10 A.M.-3:30 P.M. EXTRA HELP COULD BE USED AT THE BOOTH. CALL MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402 TO SET UP YOUR SCHEDULE.

GREAT AMERICAN HOME AWARDS

PRESERVATION SUCCESS STORIES ARE WHAT MAKE UP THE ANNUAL CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION. FOR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND AN APPLICATION FOR THE 1997 CONTEST CALL 202/673-4283 OR SEND A S.A.S.E. TO THE TRUST, 1785 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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: HATTIE VIRGINIA ARNOLD, MIKE DYBOWSKI AND ROSALIE DYBOWSKI GRY-SWINSKI'S SIGNATURES WILL SOON BE EMBROIDERED ON THE QUILT.

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?

ART FAIR, AUGUST 10-11

ITS NOT DIFFICULT TO LOCATE PEOPLE WILLING TO HELP AT THE SOCIETY BOOTH. A GENERAL CHAIRMAN IS NEEDED.

THIS IS A FINE PUBLIC RELATIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SOCIETY. THE SALE OF TILES, COVERLETS, LEMONADE, COOKIES, ETC., HELPS FILL THE PRESERVATION FUND COFFERS. CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER WITH YOUR OFFER OF HELP.

ACTIVITIES OF OTHER GROUPS

MARCH 16-17, 1-4 P.M. QUILT SHOW. KEMPF HOUSE CENTER FOR LOCAL HISTORY, 313/994-4898. ALSO 'BROWN BAG' LECTURES, NOON-1 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY, MAR. 6-MAY 15. TOPICS: STORIES IN STONE; HISTORY OF QUILTS; STEINWAY PIANOS; ANN ARBOR'S NORTH SIDE, THIS MONTH. CALL FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE.

MARCH 17, 4-6 P.M. GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING, FIRE HALL, 9384 WHITMORE LAKE RD. PROGRAM: CIVIL WAR. PUBLIC WELCOME.

MARCH 31, 9:30-5 P.M. 23RD MICHIGAN ANTIQUARIAN BOOK & PAPER SHOW. NEW LANSING CENTER, 333 E. MICHIGAN AVE., LANSING. 517/332-0112.

APRIL 6, 7-MIDNIGHT, HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION. LAS VEGAS NITE. TO BENEFIT RESTORATION FUND AND CHRISTMAS IN APRIL.

MAY 3, MICHIGAN ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE. MARSHALL, MICHIGAN. 313/459-6800, EXT. 235.

ARE YOU A RAILROAD BUFF?

THE BLUEWATER MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 296, ROYAL OAK 48068-0296 (810/541-1000), ANNOUNCES SEVERAL EVENTS DURING THE COMING MONTHS. CONTACT THEM FOR INFORMATION.

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

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GEO. B. RATZ

HARDWARE

THE SUBJECT OF THIS LITTLE SKETCH,
FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE,
HAS BEEN KNOWN IN BRIGHTON VILLAGE,
EITHER IN HIS SHOP OR STORE;
AND SINCE HE'S BEEN AMONG YOU
IN BUSINESS DAY BY DAY,
HE HAS GAINED A REPUTATION
THAT NO MAN CAN GAIN SAY.
HIS STOCK OF BUILDERS' HARDWARE
IS STRICTLY UP-TO-DATE,
AND IS OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC
AT A LIVE AND LET-LIVE RATE,
AND ALL THE KINDS OF HARDWARE,
FROM A HAND SAW TO A FILE,
ARE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC
AT A RATE TO MAKE THEM SMILE;
AND THEN, IN STOVES AND RANGES,
HE HAS A WONDROUS LINE
OF THOSE BEAUTIFUL PENINSULARS
AT PRICES WAY DOWN FINE;
OR, IF YOU WISH A HEATING STOVE
TO KEEP A FIRE ALL NIGHT,
HE HAS THE FAMOUS HEATER,
THE UMPIRE ESTATE AIR TIGHT.
HE HAS PAINTS AND OILS AND BRUSHES,
HE HAS WINDOW GLASS AND NAILS,
AND TINWARE OF ALL CLASSES,
TEAPOTS, CUPS AND PANS AND PAILS;
OTSEGO STEEL GOODS AND CUTLERY,
AND NICKLE PLATED WARE,
AND A HANDSOME SILVER PLATED STOCK,
YOU ALL CAN PURCHASE THERE.
'Twill pay you well good people,
IF YOU WILL BUT EXPLORE
THE MANY NOTED BARGAINS
IN GEO. B. RATZ'S STORE.

G.J. BAETCKE & Co.

BANKERS

THE FIRM OF G.J. BAETCKE & Co.
A BANKING BUSINESS DO
AND THEY HAVE USED DEPOSITORS
ALWAYS GOOD AND TRUE.
THEY DO A BANKING BUSINESS
THAT IS CONSERVATIVE,
AND KEEP THE MOTTO FAITHFULLY
TO LIVE WHILE OTHERS LIVE.
ON THE DETROIT NATIONAL
THEY DRAW THEIR DRAFTS OF STATE,
WHILE ON THE CHASE OF NEW YORK
THE FOREIGN DRAFTS DO WAIT.
COLLECTING AND DISCOUNTING AND
ALL BUSINESS IN THEIR LINE,
IS ATTENDED TO QUITE PROMPTLY
IN A MANNER GENUINE.
MR. BAETCKE IS ALSO AGENT
FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES GOOD
TO PROTECT YOUR RESIDENCES
AS EVERYBODY SHOULD,
THE HARTFORD AND FIVE OTHERS,
ALL OF THEM THE BEST,
AND HE IS A NOTARY PUBLIC
ALONG WITH ALL THE REST.
SO, IF YOU WISH SOME BANKING
AND FIRE INSURANCE TOO,
OR NOTARY WORK REMEMBER
AND KEEP THIS NAME IN VIEW.
DEPOSITORS NEED NOT WORRY
IF WITH THEIR CASH THEY GO
AND DO ALL OF THEIR BANKING
WITH G.J. BAETCKE & Co.

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