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ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY, DEC. 2

THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD UPSTAIRS AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN, AT 7:30 P.M. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND. ELECTION OF 1997 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE HELD AND REPORTS OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS WILL BE GIVEN. ANY MEMBER CAN NOMINATE SOMEONE WILLING TO FILL A BOARD POSITION. YOU CAN NOMINATE YOURSELF. THE MANY RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN WHICH THE SOCIETY IS INVOLVED ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF INTERESTED PERSONS.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HOME TOUR

SINCERE, WHOLEHEARTED THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO JULIETTE RILEY FOR ORGANIZING A FINE HOME TOUR LAST MONTH. THE LAST SOCIETY SPONSORED TOUR WAS HELD IN 1990. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR JULIETTE'S LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE IN CHAIRING THIS EVENT.

WITHOUT THE COMPLETE AND RELIABLE COOPERATION OF THE HOMEOWNERS THERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A HOME TOUR. HEIDI AND MASAYUKI IIZUKA, JANE AND RANDY STEPHENSON, FONI AND HARRY TUBBS, TERESA AND MARK TUCKER AND MARGE AND PAT WHITE HAD ALL, OBVIOUSLY, PUT IN A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT IN READINGYING THEIR HOMES. THOSE TOURING WERE MADE AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF RESTORATION AND RENOVATION INSTEAD OF BULLDOZING AN EARLY RESIDENCE. THE AMBIANCE OF AN OLDER HOME IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE IN ANY OTHER WAY - IN FACT IT TAKES YEARS. THE SOCIETY IS MOST GRATEFUL.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *Nov. 4, 7:00 P.M. PROGRAM PLANNING.
- 7, 7:00 P.M., LIV. CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, LDS CHURCH, 1041 W. GRAND RIVER, HOWELL. "NEW YORK ANCESTORS".
- ** 9, 9-3 P.M. ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP.
- 13, 5-8 P.M. AND NOV. 26, 1-5 P.M. GENEALOGICAL HELP AT BRIGHTON LIBRARY WITH MARGE WILCOX.
- ** 19, 1-3 P.M. ARCHIVES FILING.
- ** 21, 7:30 P.M. HISTORY BOOK MEETING.
- ** DEC 2, 7:30 ANNUAL MEETING.
- 5., 7:00 P.M. LCGS. 227-1760.

* 202 W. MAIN. WELCOME.
**SEE RELATED ARTICLE.

BUS/PROF: ADVANCE CRAFT HOME BUILDERS.

PATRON: FRED & BERNICE HYNE (ANN ARBOR).

COUPLES/INDIV: DAVID APPS (97), NORMAN & MARY ANN CATRELL (98), JOE & PAULINE CHENOWETH, DORIS M. FAY (97), WALLY & MERILYN JOLLITZ (97), EDWIN & SHERRY NYHUS (97), LARRY & RITA SCHILLINGER, JAMES & GLORIA WINCHEL, PAUL ZURAWSKI.

THE SUPPORT OF DUES PAYING MEMBERS IS MOST APPRECIATED.

NEARING THE END OF THE YEAR THE TIME IS COMING FOR REVIEW OF THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO RECEIVE TRAIL TALES. TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO THOSE REMITTING ANNUAL DUES (WHICH HELPS PAY THE NEWSLETTER BILL) THE SOCIETY MUST REVIEW THIS LIST. IF YOUR LABEL DOES NOT SHOW A '96', OR LATER, DATE OTHERS HAVE BEEN BEARING THE COST. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER BUT WANT TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION TO THE GENERAL FUND. (THE NEWSLETTER BILL IS \$225.00+ PER MONTH.)

ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE THE POSTAGE EXPENSE OF EACH ISSUE INCLUDES A DIFFERENT FOLDING AND TAPING OF THE EDGES. THIS WILL ENABLE THE FANTASTIC SORTING EQUIPMENT USED BY THE POST OFFICE TO DO A BETTER JOB OF DELIVERY TO YOU ON A MORE TIMELY SCHEDULE. A FEW PENNIES MAY BE SAVED ON EACH AS SOON AS ALL ADDRESSES ARE CERTIFIED. IT PRESENTLY COSTS .12¢+ FOR EACH BRIGHTON ADDRESS.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...DONNA NELSON FOR A 1911 WALL MAP OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHOWING STREET LOCATIONS AND PROPERTY OWNERS' NAMES.

...ROBERT WATSON FOR COPIES OF 1893, '99, 1910, '23, '28, '38 SANBORN MAPS OF BRIGHTON CITY. THESE WERE PREPARED FOR THE USE OF LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS SHOWING LOCATIONS OF CISTERNS, BUSINESSES AND THE MATERIAL FROM WHICH THEY WERE MADE AND WHAT KINDS OF MATERIALS WERE STORED.

...DORIS PETERSEN FOR MORE EARLY PICTURES (MOST OF WHICH ARE IDENTIFIED), SOME OF HER GRANDFATHER'S (DR. JACOB D. SINGER) WRITINGS AND SEVERAL BHS ANNUALS (WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.)

ARCHIVES: JANICE FIELD AND JOANN CERU MET WITH US AS ITEMS OF LOCAL HISTORICAL INTEREST AND DONATED MATERIALS WERE FILED. YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS PROJECT.

HISTORY BOOK: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 21, 7:30 P.M. A FINE SOURCE OF EARLY BRIGHTON POST CARDS HAS BEEN A REAL HELP IN THE PREPARATION OF A LOCAL HISTORY BOOK. IT WILL BE A MORE INCLUSIVE RECORD OF THE AREA'S PAST IF YOU CONTACT CAROL McMACKEN, 231-2957, WITH YOUR PICTURES, LETTERS, MEMORIES, ETC. CALL TO CONFIRM THE MEETING SITE:

LYONS SCHOOL: NOVEMBER MONDAYS AT NOON IT IS PLANNED TO FINISH EXTERIOR PAINTING PROVIDING THE WEATHER COMPLIES. CALL 229-6402 TO CONFIRM.

ORAL HISTORY: THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIETY WILL BE AT THE NOVEMBER 9, MOHA WORKSHOP IN WALLED LAKE. "LEARN HOW TO PRESERVE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY...HOW TO ASK GOOD QUESTIONS...USING EQUIPMENT...ETC." ARE A FEW OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE ADDRESSED. MANY THANKS TO NEW MEMBER SHERYL JAMES-VIGMOSTAD FOR HELPING WITH TRANSCRIBING TAPES THE SOCIETY ALREADY HAS.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOC: WITH WHOM THE SOCIETY IS COOPERATING IN THE RESTORATION OF 132 E. GRAND RIVER, HAS HAD ELECTRICAL WORK AND CEILING LIGHTING ON THE SECOND FLOOR COMPLETED. LOCAL COMPANIES ARE ASKED TO DONATE TOWARD A NEW PAVER BRICK FRONT ENTRY. DONORS' NAMES WILL BE INSCRIBED ON TWO SIZES, DEPENDING ON AMOUNT OF THE DONATION. ANYONE CAN DONATE. CALL 227-6210.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

A FREE SEMINAR IS BEING PLANNED. CALL DEBBIE McGRATH, 810/684-0024 FOR MORE INFORMATION. LCGS ALSO NOTED A PBS TV SERIES REGARDING SEARCHING FOR YOUR ANCESTORS WILL BE AIRED IN JANUARY, 1997.

SOUTHFIELD AMERICAN ANTIQUES SHOW & SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE SOUTHFIELD CIVIC CENTER, 26000 EVERGREEN (@ 10½ MILE ROAD) NOV. 22 (2-9 P.M.), 23 (NOON-8 P.M.), 24 (NOON-5 P.M.)

(HOME TOUR, CONT.)

MERCHANTS OF THE AREA, WHEN INVITED TO HANDLE PRE TOUR TICKET SALES, GAVE THEIR FULL COOPERATION. THE EFFORTS OF ART VENTURES, BOOK NOOK, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CLOTHES EXPRESSION, COUNTRY CREATIONS, C.W. INTERIORS, GARDEN SPOT RESTAURANT, HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, KIDS-GO-ROUND, LIL' PROFESSOR BOOKS, NOSTALGIA ANTIQUES, PERFECTLY SEASONED, AND WOOD 'N THINGS ARE APPLAUDED. YOUR PATRONAGE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

FLORISTS WHO SUPPORTED THE TOUR WITH CONTRIBUTIONS WERE: CLORE'S, COLLEEN'S ROSE GARDEN AND KELLY'S FLORAL CREATIONS.

EACH HOME WAS STAFFED WITH MEMBERS OF THE OWNERS' FAMILY AND SOCIETY MEMBERS. RICCI BANDKAU, CHUCK AND JANICE BEACH, NORM AND MARY ANN CATRELL, BONNIE CORRIGAN, LIBBY EISENHARDT, JOHN AND JANICE FIELD, LESLIE HEALY, JEANNETTE JOHNSON, DON KEEHN, SHIRLEY KNIGHT, BRENDA MCCARTEY, CAROL AND LESLIE McMACKEN, JOE MIKE, JUDY PARSONS, ROSEMARY
 MEMBER ALL RESPONDED TO JOANN CERU'S REQUEST TO SERVE AS HOUSEGUIDES.

HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER PERSONNEL WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE IN PROVIDING PUBLICITY. THANKS ALSO TO BRIGHTON BAR AND GRILL FOR THEIR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD PRINTING EXPENSES.

A SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCE OF A HOME TOUR IS THE SUBTLE ENHANCEMENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS IT CRITIQUES ITS OLDER STRUCTURES AND CONSIDERS RESTORATIVE EFFORTS ON A BROADER SCALE.

PROCEEDS FROM THE TOUR WILL HELP WITH EXPENSES CONNECTED TO THE VARIOUS PRESERVATION/RESTORATION PROJECTS IN WHICH THE SOCIETY IS INVOLVED. PLANNING FOR THE 1997 HOME TOUR WILL SOON GET UNDERWAY. CONSIDER HOW YOU MIGHT SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

TILES: THE 1996 TILE, THE RIALTO THEATER, IS ABOUT READY FOR PRODUCTION. EARLIER TILES (DEPICTING SITES OF EARLY BRIGHTON AREA SITES) ARE AVAILABLE AT NOSTALGIA ANTIQUES, 416 W. MAIN. OUR THANKS TO CLARENCE HINES FOR STOCKING THESE FOR US.

COVERLETS: THESE ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT NAUGHTY 'N NICE, 412 W. MAIN, FRAN FINK, OWNER. IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS CRANBERRY RED AND HUNTER GREEN HAVE BEEN ORDERED. A BROCHURE DESCRIBING THE VARIOUS SITES WOVEN INTO THE COVERLET, ACCOMPANIES EACH.

POST CARDS: ARE STOCKED BY SHARON STEINHAUER AT THE BOOK NOOK.

SIGNATURE QUILT: TO HAVE ONE'S NAME EMBROIDERED ON THE QUILT WOULD BE A MEMORABLE GIFT. ONE CAN BE ASSURED IT'LL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. THE QUILT WILL REMAIN IN THE SOCIETY ARCHIVES. A \$10. DONATION WILL ATTEST TO YOUR EXISTENCE OR THAT OF ANOTHER.

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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"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON AGUS, 1898

MORE FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

IRA W. CASE & SONS DRY GOODS

ABOUT A HALF A CENTURY SINCE
THE NAME OF IRA W. CASE
WAS KNOWN AMONG THE BUSINESS MEN
WHO DWELT WITHIN THIS PLACE.
AMONG THE BRIGHTON PIONEERS
HE RANKED ABOUT THE FIRST,
AND HE HAS SEEN TRADE AT ITS BEST
AS WELL AS AT ITS WORST.
ALTHOUGH TO-DAY HE'S NUMBERED
WITH THOSE NOW PASSED AWAY,
THE BUSINESS THAT HE STARTED
IS GOING ON FROM DAY TO DAY.
HIS SONS NOW RUN THE BUSINESS
AND WOULD SAY TO ONE AND ALL,
IF YOU WISH TO PURCHASE DRY GOODS
JUST GIVE THIS FIRM A CALL.
THEY HAVE A LINE OF DRY GOODS
ALL STRICTLY FRESH AND NEW,
THAT AT A MODERATE PROFIT,
THEY ARE PLEASED TO OFFER YOU.
THEY KEEP A STOCK OF CARPETS TOO,
AND PAPER FOR YOUR WALL,
AND MAKE IT QUITE A OBJECT
TO CUSTOMERS WHO WILL CALL;
AND HATS AND CAPS AND FURNISHINGS,
AND WINDOW SHADES AS WELL,
ARE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC TRADE
AT PRICES THAT WILL SELL.

(CONT. NEXT COLUMN.)

AND IN THE WAY OF BOOTS AND SHOES,
THEIR STOCK IS GOOD AND TRUE,
THEY WARRANT TO ALL THE LADIES,
THEIR GREAT \$2.00 SHOE.
AND LIKEWISE IN TAILOR-MADE CLOTHING,
I SPEAK NOT HERE IN PUNS,
THEY'LL TAKE YOUR MEASURE CAREFULLY
AT IRA W. CASE & SON'S.

E. S. ROSENCRANS HAND LAUNDRY

THERE'S A SUBJECT OF MUCH INTEREST
TO OUR CITIZENS TO-DAY,
AND ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT
A FEW SHORT WORDS I'LL SAY.
A CLEAN NECK TIE OR COLLAR,
A SHIRT THAT'S CLEAN AND BRIGHT
ALWAYS ATTRACTS ATTENTION
IN DAY TIME OR IN NIGHT.
E. S. ROSENCRANS HAS ESTABLISHED
A HAND LAUNDRY IN TOWN,
WHERE IN THE WASHING BUSINESS,
HE HAS GAINED A RENOWN;
SO TAKE YOUR SHIRTS AND COLLARS,
YOUR CUFFS OR WHITE NECKTIE,
AND HAVE THEM DONE IN FASHION
AT BRIGHTON'S HAND LAUNDRY.