"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1998
FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH
BRIGHTON (Conclusion)

No fairer spot has nature ever given
To build a home and dwell near heaven:
For here both quiet and order do prevail,
Friends never forsake you, or ills do assail.
While churches stand whose spires to heaven ascend,
And point the sinner to the latter end:
Their merry bells float music on the air,
And call the people to the house of prayer.

Here, schools the very finest may be found,
In which the tree of knowledge doth abound.
While merry children, robed in garments fair,
Attend the schools, with hearts so free from care.
Between the setting and the rising sun,
Electric lights are viewed by every one:
And houses and stores strive with all their might,
To light your paths with heaven's electric light.

A railroad joins in doing well its parts
To make of Brighton, quite a business mart:
While water power, from many a distant hill,
Grinds up the grain the farmers bring to mill.
The business men all strive with might and main
To use you so that you will call again:
They do their best, in dealing with their trade,
To place another competition in the shade.

From east and west and from the north and south,
The village name is heard in every mouth:
And people come from very far and near
To sell their produce and do trading here,
So if you wish a place to call a home,
To settle down and never longer roam,
To dwell in village, city or in town,
Just pause in Brighton, friend, and settle down.

GENERAL MEETING, MAY 29, 7 P.M.
The Green Oak Township Historical Society will open the Gage House Museum for our tour. Located at 6400 Kensington Road, south of Grand River, this 160 year old house is a typical example of the evolution of a two story upright built by the early settlers in Green Oak Township.
The Gage family was among the earliest. As agriculture changed so did the home. Rooms were added, utilities installed, exterior decor changed, exterior structures were modified; all creating a typical Michigan farmstead.

Hundred of artifacts reveal how these settlers lived and worked in the "good old days" to raise their families. Farm tools, household objects, furniture, maps, other paper ephemera and garments are on display. Have questions as to how this centennial farm developed? The answers will probably be found here.

A special exhibit this year is one of education in the township. A book for each of the eight one room schools is being prepared for visitors' scrutiny. The cellar, complete with exterior door, is chock full of tools, etc., all identified.

The grounds give evidence of early landscaping. Good weather should encourage you to come by 5 P.M. for a walk on a farmstead. At 7 P.M. a short business meeting will be held to be followed by the tour.

Ample parking is available. Children and the public are invited.