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FROM SETTLEMENT TO CITY - BRIGHTON MICHIGAN 1832-1945

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The book, written by Carol McMacken, has been eagerly welcomed by many in the area and around the country. Carol has contributed a fine, readable research work to the community.

The hard cover book has been purchased as housewarming, birthday, holiday, etc., gifts. Most often local residents and businesses buy it because it confirms a desire to know Brighton's history.

Parent-Teacher Tech, 117 E. Grand River, stocks it for the Society; or call 810/229-6402. The charge is \$60.00 for members, \$65.00 for non-members. There is a \$3.00 shipping fee if necessary.

Fewer than 100 remain of the first printing. The Society board is considering a 2nd edition.

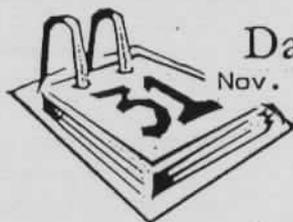
VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY BICENTENNIAL

By portage of their goods and letting the empty canoes down the wild gorge of the Columbia River by hide ropes, the Corps of Discovery leaves the mountains behind.

Continuing down river they find abundant water fowl which help prevent starvation. Costal Indians meet them and they trade for bushels of a root. The Indians are wearing blankets and clothes which they've obtained from northwest trading ships.

November 6, 1805, Capt. William Clark exclaims "Ocian in view! O! the joy." He determines they've come 4142 miles from the mouth of the Missouri.

A storm, lasting weeks, keeps them pinned down on the river's narrow beach with rocks and hills overhanging their campsite. High tide, high winds and high water keep them continually wet. Capt. Meriwether Lewis scouted ahead to find a better campsite, one nearer
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Dates to Remember:

- Nov. * 6: 1-4 p.m. Open House at Lyon School.
See samplers and hooked rugs.
- *10, 17: 1-3 p.m. Archives filing. Welcome.
810/229-6402 to confirm.
- 11: Veterans' Day.
- 24: Thanksgiving.
- *28: 6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting.

*Lyon School, 11455 Buno Road, Brighton Twp.

MEMBERSHIPS

BUS/PROF: *Matthew Matuszak, DDS, PC and The Fence Spot.

COUPLES/INDIV: Carolina DeLuca, *Paul DeLuca (gift from sister), (Howell), Sherrel Rutter (07, Detroit), Bob & Pauline Schaffer and Dan Schmidt.

*Welcome to new members Matthew and Paul. Continued growth of the Society is confirmed by new memberships. This supports the continuing dedication of renewing members.

The number of newsletters mailed this month is reduced due to the ongoing review of addresses. If your copy is stamped Complementary Copy its expense has been covered by others. It is assumed readers will support the Society by membership or donation.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...Ida Bair and John & Janice Field for help in mailing of the October issue (which was inadvertently titled November).

...Plank Road Quester members Heidi Clausnitzer and Rosemary Ulmer for helping host the October Open House at Lyon School.

...Bruce Owens for completing and hanging the sign publicizing the monthly Open House at the school.

...Milltown Questers for the fine Halloween memorabilia display and helping with the open house last month.

...Valerie Spence and Cub Pack #343 for planting tulip bulbs at the fence at the Lyon School. Wait'll spring!

...Glen Miller who corrected the location of former Ratz School (September issue) as the NE corner of Kellogg Road, not Euler, and Grand River.

...Parent-Teacher Tech, 117 E. Grand River, for stocking 'From Settlement to City...' for the Society.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

...local business(es) to stock Society sale items: coverlets, tiles, pillows.

...people to serve on the board to promote needed projects for a year.

810/229-6402 for information

PRESERVATION/RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: Determining where items are to be filed and how to record for retrieval for research continues. Several notebooks on county cemeteries are on the shelves.

LYON SCHOOL: Over 90 3rd graders from Spencer Elementary spent two days experiencing education in early Michigan. The pledge of allegiance at the flag pole was followed with a single file (girls and boys) trek into the school. McGuffey's Readers and slates were used and the teachers' well-planned lessons followed a short description of a c. 1890 day at Lyon School. Next May students from Hornung Elementary will visit. Home schooled groups have also visited. Other groups are welcome. The community supported this restoration - the community should make use of it.

FRIENDS OF LYON SCHOOL

Several major expenses have recently been incurred in the maintenance of Lyon School, Society headquarters.

A new power 'step-down' replaced the non-functioning one in the heating/cooling unit in the archives room, plus an inspection. The unit in the school room was also inspected. The work was performed by CamServices.

To avoid possible accidents two dead trees along the south side of the property have been cut and the stumps removed.

These kinds of maintenance incur charges which need to be paid. Contributions to Friends of Lyon School go far in continuing proper care of this historic site.

24th ANNUAL MEETING

November 28, 6:30 p.m.

Annual reports and election of board. All members are urged to attend to direct the future of the Society.

BASE FDT. HOME TOUR

The first two weekends in December a B.A.S.E. Foundation home tour will be held in Brighton. Docents for a three hour shift are needed. Call Sarah Grant, 810/220-1164 to schedule.

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New Renew Send Membership Card yes no (Please include Zip + 4 digit)Dues: \$500.00 LIFE \$25.00 Couple \$ 2.00 Student
 \$ 50.00 Patron \$15.00 Individual \$50.00 Bus/Prof.Be a Friend of Lyon School: \$10.00 \$20.00 \$25.00 Other \$ _____DONATION: \$10.00 \$20.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 other \$ _____

The Society is a 501(c)3 Income Tax Deductible Organization

\$\$\$ FUND RAISING PROJECTS \$\$\$

Book: FROM SETTLEMENT TO CITY - Brighton, MI 1832-1945, by Carol McMacken. Brighton's own history. Almost 500 pages, over 300 pictures. Members, \$60.00. Non-members \$65.00, + shpg. Available at Parent-Teacher Tech, 117 E. Grand River. Or 810/229-6402.

TILES: 6" square, ceramic tiles. 13 local scenes in black/white. \$8.00, 3/\$21.00.

1875 TOWNSHIP PLAT MAPS: Brighton, Conway, Genoa, Green Oak, Hamburg, Hartland, Iosco, Howell and Oceola \$1.00. 1915 city maps of Brighton and Howell.

LYON SCHOOL T-SHIRTS, S/XL \$12.00.

MUGS: \$5.00. NOTE PAPER \$2.50 pkg. TOTE BAG \$15.00. PEWTER PLATE \$35.00 All with the Old Town hall and millpond.

WOVEN AFGHAN \$45.00, red, green, blue with nine local sites.

TAPESTRY PILLOW \$28.00 shows depot and train.

SIGNATURE QUILT \$10.00. Your signature or another's to be embroidered on the quilt to remain in Society archives.

2004 CALENDAR \$5.00 with local scenes. MORE INFO? 810/229-6402.

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The ocean to spot vessels with supplies, and above high tide. Elk were plentiful, providing food and enabling new clothes to be made. A vote was taken whether to stay at Fort Clatsop for the winter: the first vote in the Northwest, first vote of a black slave and the first vote of woman. From plentiful forests the construction of a winter camp began.

WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Dec. 3-4: Christmas on the Farm. Waterloo Area Historical Society. 517/851-8788.

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

Advance Craft Homebuilders, Inc.; William P. Horal, DDS: **Lawrence Autobody; matthew matuszak, DDS, PC; Carol McCririe & Associates; Lindhout Associates; ** Promess, Inc.; The Fence Spot. Patronize these local, independent sustainers of the Society.

From a recent Highland Twp Hist. Soc. newsletter

Our Crazy English Language

"...[I]t is now time to face the fact that English is a crazy language -- the most loopy and wiggly of all tongues. In what other language do people drive in a parkway and park in a driveway?

In what other language do people play at a recital and recite at a play? Why does night fall but never break and day break but never fall? Why is it that when we transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when we transport something by ship, it's called cargo?

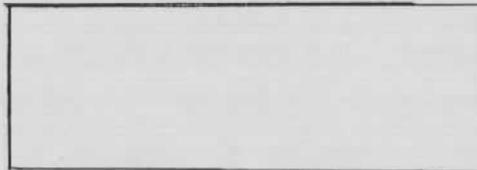
Why does a man get a hernia and a woman a hysterectomy? Why do we pack suits in a garment bag and garments in a suitcase? Why do privates eat in the general mess and generals eat in the private mess? Why do we call it newsprint when it contains no printing but when we put print on it, we call it a newspaper? Why are people who ride motorcycles called bikers and people who ride bikes called cyclists?

Why—in our crazy language— can your nose run and your feet smell?" --Richard Lederer

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JESSE B. COOLEY WORLD WAR I JOHN AVIS

In 1910, at the age of 14 (b. August. 31, 1986), Jesse Barton Cooley came from Milford to Brighton with his mother, Frances. October 4, 1917, his mother married Widower Frank S. Conely four days after Jesse entered the Army September 30, 1917. After training at Camp Custer the Private was transferred to Camp McArthur at Waco, Texas. As a member of Co. 3, 126th infantry, 32nd Division (the Red Arrow Division so named because they shot through every line the Boche put before them.) he was shipped overseas the following February to assure the 'world must be made safe for democccacy'. That August 2, 1918, not yet 22 years old, he became the first war casualty from Brighton in WW I.

Brighton Argus, August 28, 1918..."Today the flag on the village hall floats at half-mast..." begins the article telling of the death of Cooley in the fields of battle in France. Brighton Argus, July 13, 1921..."The body of Jesse B. Cooley, sacrificed veteran of the world war from Brighton is expected to arrive in Detroit Thursday. The body has been transported by the government from the battlefields of France, where it was buried following death in action. A military funeral will be held in honor of the veteran.

Brighton Argus, July 20, 1921..."The pain and ordeals of the great war were brought back to the minds of the Brighton people Sunday, when the body of one of Brighton's soldier heroes, Jesse B. Cooley, was buried at Fairview Cemetery." Rev. M.W. Weaver officiated and members of the American Legion were pall bearers, July 17, 1921.

The Brighton Legion Post was organized shortly after the American legion was formed in 1919. To commemorate Cooley's sacrifice the local post was named the Jesse B. Cooley American Legion Post #235. Members of that post are still bringing dignity and reverence to the final resting places of local veterans.

John Avis, at 27, was the other of the two from Brighton killed in WW I in France. July 31, 1921, he also was interred in Fairview. The Brighton Argus noted..."John Avis was killed in the Argonne Forest when going over the top for the 5th time, November 1, 1918, only 10 days before the Armistice was signed."Two and a half years before the Selective Service Act was made into law, Avis had enlisted December 4, 1915 in Detroit in the 6th Marines, 7th Co., 2nd Division which went overseas August 12, 1918. He was the son of James and Mary Avis. He had married Jennie Lewis February 6, 1917, and had a daughter Clara, b. February 26, 1918, in Long Island, New York. Again the American Legion was in charge of services at Fairview.

In WWII his nephew, Robert Avis, served in the Pacific Theater. The war to end all wars, didn't. The lives of 16 from Brighton were lost during that one. May we, who benefit from the sacrifices of Cooley, Avis and untold others, never fail to remember their dedication. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Honor Roll of Livingston County by Kenneth Payne and The Brighton Argus; 'From Settlement to City'..by Carol McMacken; obituaries collected by Milton Charboneau. Additions/corrections welcomed. 810/229-6402.)