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**A big welcome to Pat Anderson and to Don and Gery Leith. Thanks to all who join in the belief the preservation of local history is a worthwhile endeavor. Continued financial support is necessary to be able to participate more fully they are not alone. To those who've sent address changes - good work. When the P.O. makes the correction it costs the Society $2.00. Funds can be put to a better use than that.**

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