Occasionally, history is revealed by chance. In early 1983, I happened upon the Anderson family of Glen Echo, Maryland, walking along one of our nature trails. Mrs. Carlotta Anderson was searching for the former site of her grandfather’s summer home, called “Bubbling Waters.” Her grandfather was Jo Labadle (1850-1933).

Several stone foundations along Aspen Trail were, at the time, shrouded in mystery. Mrs. Anderson, upon viewing the location, believed it to be the object of her search. A subsequent visit to the Livingston County Courthouse to examine land records verified her supposition. With this information the site acquired a new significance.

Jo Labadle summered at “Bubbling Waters” from 1912 until 1933. Charles Joseph Antoine Labadle — known as “Jo” — was a prominent Detroit labor leader and labor movement activist. Labelled the "gentle anarchist" because of his opposition to violence, he was an influential and prolific writer. A huge collection of his work is in the possession of the University of Michigan.

In 1985, the Huron-Clinton Metroparks obtained the land from the family. What remains? Today, can be found two separate building foundations and a living legacy of domestic flowers that continue to flourish. The site, largely overgrown, has been partially opened up by selective cutting of brush.

There remains much to be learned. Can anyone augment our limited knowledge of Jo’s residence at Kensington? Perhaps someone visited there or knew the family. In addition, we would also like to learn more of Jo’s brothers — Francis, Hubert and Oliver — who were involved in the production of silent movies in the local area. What do you know of them?

Mrs. Anderson is currently researching a book on Jo Labadle and his work. She needs assistance from us. Please contact me if you have anything to contribute or to share. (Bob Notzling, Kensington Nature Center, (313) 556-8438)

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**GENERAL MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 7:30**

At the Old Town Hall, 202 W. Main Street.

Jerry Roe, member of the Michigan Historical Commission, will be the guest speaker. His enthusiastic concern for the preservation and restoration of events and items of historic value to Michigan have taken him to many locations in Michigan, several other states and across the ocean. Jerry's infectious interest will encourage and guide those who have a similar interest.

Jerry's expertise and experience is invaluable. He is anxious to share these with us. The Society can make good use of his visionary nature in determining our goals, setting our priorities and determining how to accomplish them. Fund raising is a particularly successful activity of Jerry's. He is no stranger to Brighton. He attended the historic marker dedications of the Old Town Hall and the St. Paul's Episcopal Church. As usual, the public is welcome.

Next General Meeting, open to the public, is Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. This will be the Annual Meeting beginning with a pot luck dinner. Business meeting, the election of officers and a program will begin at 8. The place has not been determined.

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**EDITORIAL**

The support of members of the community is a most vitally needed response to any volunteer. This support must evidence itself with words, actions and funds. Yes, most volunteers will keep on struggling no matter what. But the development of a cohesive community is not a result of a few lone strugglers.

And how long can one expect this struggle to continue before exhaustion sets in? Discouragement takes over and a new undertaking is considered? A project which promises more return in the form of people attending general meetings, people offering to help with special events, people serving on the board, people taking photos, helping with nitty-gritty restoration, publicity, fundraising.

The active members of the Historical Society are determined the goals and purposes of the Society shall be accomplished. It would be good if more local residents joined in this determination. (Ed. M. Bair)