



Clinton County Historical Society

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IN THE NEWS

New Perch For Old Bell:

The Watertown Heritage Bell, which called students in from recess for many years at the old Watertown Center School, has a new perch. It is now on top of the Township Complex building.

A citizens committee held fundraisers to cover cost of moving the bell and restoring its cupola.

A dedication ceremony will be held Sept. 7. The winners of a school bell poster contest will be honored.

Officials said preservation of the bell is dedicated to all generations of children.

Bath Man Tuned In To History:

A Bath man, Adolph Michael Hintz, retired farmer/antique dealer, has given a grand piano that was in the White House during Millard Fillmore's presidency, to the Millard Fillmore Museum in East Aurora, N.Y.

Built in 1851 by Boardman and Gray of Albany, N.Y., the piano is a rare square style. For 26 years it has been secreted away in Hintz' Bath home and during that time he often feared vandals.

According to historical documents, the piano was bought by Fillmore for his daughter, Mary Abigail.

Hintz, while an antique dealer, bought the piano from a Lansing woman who was a distant descendant of Fillmore.

Hintz said he was glad to see the piano go - that it belongs in the museum where it is being united with a standing harp that was also used by the Fillmores.

The piano is a work of art, constructly of rosewood with a cherry sounding board, ivory and ebony keys and a gilded brass inside.

When Hintz acquired the piano he also got documentation that it belonged to Fillmore.

Hintz, who is retired from a Lansing firm, lives east of Bath on a farm where he grows some fruit and berries.

He plans to travel to New York later to see the piano in its' proper setting, he said.

IF THERE IS AN "X" THIS SQUARE WE NEED YOUR DUES TO SEND THE NEXT LETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

No meeting information received by press time.

GENEOLOGY DIVISION

June 1, Capitol Federal Savings & Loan, St. Johns, at 7:30 p.m. with program by Gerald and Ardith Wolven on the Salt Lake City Geneological Library

ARCHIVES (DeWitt Township Hall)

Open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon-Wed.

PAINÉ-GILLAM-SCOTT MUSEUM

Maple Street across from courthouse in St. Johns

1-5 p.m. Sundays and
1-8 p.m. Wednesdays

IN THE NEWS

Club Roma now Sweetwater Wharf

The historic sprawling old dance hall on Round Lake in southern Clinton County is undergoing a facelift. And it's name has been changed to Sweetwater Wharf.

Recently work crews raised the 100 by 66 foot building two feet to allow construction of a new foundation.

The new owners Robert and Vita Titus plan to reopen the dancing and dining facility in Nov. 1987. They plan to return the club to its' original use - a top entertainment spot.

The couple is saving the all-white pine frame structure with its famous U-shaped dance floor.

A wharf has been built along side it.

The facility will seat 225.



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JUNE
And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days,
When Heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays,
And whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten,
—James Russell Lowell,
The Vision of Sir Launfal

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