



Clinton County Historical Society

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JANE PIATT HONORED

Jane Ingersol Piatt of 13420 Bauer Road, Eagle, has been honored by being chosen as Clinton County's "150" First Lady. She was selected from a field of fourteen nominees for this prestigious designation.

Part of Jane's entry reads as follows: The nominee is descended from pioneer teachers and ministers who arrived in Eaton County in 1830s, prior to statehood, and is mindful and respected of that heritage. Born in Grand Junction, Colorado, June 1, 1909, she returned with family to Lansing for her early years. Her degree from Merrill Palmer Institute prepared her for work as a dietitian for Wayne C. Training School, director of St. Agnes Home for Girls, teacher at Pater School in Chicago and director of children's camps. Education at MSU, U-M, and Special Education from Eastern MU supported her service in the U.S. Army WAC, 1942-44; U.S. Air Force WAF, 1951-54 in England; and AR Res, 1954-1967, when she retired as a Major. She closed her active work career in special education for Lansing School District, 1963-1974.

She remains a member of Junior League, Alpha Chi Omega Alumni Assoc., YWCA (past officer), Greater Lansing Historical Society (twice past president), Retired Officer's Association, and national officer in Women's Overseas Service League and member of Capital Region chapter.

Many young people, particularly women, find a mentor and model for their own lives in this nominee. Her quiet attention to people's needs reflects her devotion expressed personally as well as through organizations, agencies and associations.

Jane was nominated by Babe Weyant Ruth, also one of Clinton County's outstanding personalities.

OTHERS ALSO TO BE HONORED

Fourteen Clinton County women nominated for the Michigan 150 First Lady Award will be honored in a ceremony of recognition by the Clinton County Historical Commission/Sesquicentennial Agency and the Board of Commissioners.

Following a brief ceremony Tuesday, September 29, 10:30 o'clock a.m. in the Board Room of the Courthouse, St. Johns, nominees and their guests are invited to a morning reception at the Historical Society Payne, Gillam, Scott museum.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CCHS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 17: 7:30 p.m. Capitol Federal Savings and Loan in St. Johns. Program will be the National Geographic's VCR on the Discovery of the Titanic.

ARCHIVES (DeWitt Charter Township Hall)

Open 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Mondays thru Wednesdays

PAINE_GILLAM SCOTT MUSEUM

Maple Street across from Courthouse in St. Johns

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

Honorees are Suzanne Elizabeth Brownell, E. Jean Cobb, Linda Carol Hodges, Janetholden, Bertha Lennemann, Juliette Platte, Catherine L. Rumbaugh, Violet E. Stewart, Jeanne I. Temple, Marie C. Thelen, Joanne Waddington, Mary Eleanor Welton, and Geneva Kebler Wiskemann.

NEW COMMISSION MEMBER

Evelyn Weiland of Westphalia Township is the new member of the Clinton County Historical Commission. Evelyn was the Editor of "Of Pilgrimage, Prayer, and Promise." The Story of St. Mary's Westphalia 1836-1986.

A slide program by Consumers Power at the August meeting of the Society interestingly presented the progress of generating power in Michigan.

Bob Zeeb and family celebrated their farm becoming a centennial farm recently.



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GENEALOGY MEETING

Because of the Labor day holiday, the Genealogists will meet at the Capitol Savings and Loan Building in St. Johns, September 14th at 7:30 p.m. Dorothy Millman will talk on the Archives in Washington, D.C.

Again may we ask that if anyone has any material they would like to see in either the Clinton Independent or the Clinton County Trails, please send it Catherine Reed at 581 W. State Rd., Lansing, Michigan 48906.

We need more membership. If each of us would invite someone to our next meetings, we could grow.