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DECEMBER MEETING SET AT PAINE—GILLAM—SCOTT MUSEUM

The Clinton County Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas meeting, Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum. The museum staff will conduct a tour of the museum which has been decked out for its Victorian Christmas celebration.

A Fellowship Hour will follow along with a cookie exchange. All members are to bring cookies for the exchange. The refreshment committee is Almond and Dorothy Cressman, Max and Harriet Field, Inga Crost and Roma Hamer.

Christmas at the museum started the Sunday after Thanksgiving and will continue into January. Winter hours are Wednesdays from 2 to 8 p.m. and Sundays from noon until 4 p.m. If you would like to take a large group through the museum on a special tour, contact the directors, John and Catherine Rumbaugh or Bob and Lee Walling.

Wednesday activities include candlelight tours during evening hours with special music. Exhibits feature a cedar Victorian Christmas trees with toys, antique dolls, Victorian silver and Christmas postcards. A reproduction Victorian doll house is on display upstairs and the Township Room has been emptied to allow for the over flow of Victorian toys and other holiday related items from the museum's collection.

Wednesday evenings are made special with Christmas music and a unique demonstration of a popular Victorian toy, "the Magic Lantern." The toy is a slide projector operated with an oil lamp. The slides are hand painted scenes on glass. "The Magic Lantern" was made from 1890 to 1910.

If you haven't been to the museum for awhile you are in for some surprises. The kitchen restoration is nearly complete. The cupboards have been stripped and repainted and the fireplace has been refurbished. The new wallpaper is in the same brick red and tan colors found on the original wall paper discovered under the woodwork.

Don't forget the museum at Christmas. Friends of the Museum donations are needed to keep this beautiful and important institution operating. To grow, the museum must continue to take in new display items and your donations will help the staff acquire them. On the back of this newsletter is a Friends of the Museum form you can use to bring your donation to the December meeting or send through the mail. If you wish, the staff will make sure you get a receipt for tax purposes.

BOOKS ARRIVING IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Printing of the new 1980 History of Clinton County began Nov. 17 and should be finished before Dec. 19. The committee expects the 1,200 page books to be delivered to the St. Johns Ford Mercury showroom on U S-27 in time for Christmas giving. Those of you who have ordered books should watch local news media for announcement of their arrival.



MERRY MERRY MERRY Christmas

I want to remember the Paine-Gillan-Scott museum at Christmas. Enclosed is my Friends of the Museum donation.

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