



THE CLINTON INDEPENDENT 1982

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

it's Spring



PRESIDENTIAL POTPOURRI

Twenty five persons heard President Ford Ceasar speak on "Zacharish Chandler - Clinton County Farmer" at our February meeting. He detailed the genealogy of the Chandler family and the work of the Senator in conquering what had been a marsh wasteland in Bath and DeWitt Townships.

Chandler Road and Chandler's Marsh were named for the Senator.

Members are urged to bring a show-and-tell item for discussion and display at our April meeting.

Thanks to the nominating committee for nominating officers elected at our March meeting. (Separate story this page.)

Thanks to Alden and Doris Livingston who hosted our March meeting. (Separate story page 4.)

Libby Spoelma has resigned as chairperson of our Oral History Committee. We regret that & thank her for a job very well done.

...Ford Ceasar

MOORE ELECTED

It's going to be Madam President come May.

At the March meeting CCHS members elected Betty Moore to succeed Ford Ceasar as president.

Charles Coletta was named vice-president; Janet Snyder, corresponding secretary & Randy Phelps, treasurer.

Caesar, Hila Bross & Ken Coin comprise the board.

Installation of the officers will take place at the May meeting.

SPRING QUIZ

Spring begins on the day the center of the sun is directly over the equator.

In our area this was:
1) _____. The last day of spring is; 2) _____. In Leap Year spring begins: 3) _____

Answers on page 4.

GENEALOGY



WHOO'S WHO IN OUR FAMILY TREE

NEW GENEALOGY OFFICERS FOR 1982 - 1983

CHAIRMAN	JANET M SNYDER
VICE CHAIRMAN	ARLENE SCHRADER
SECRETARY	WILMA SOWLE
TREASURER	REUBEN EIRSCHLE



See separate flyer
for list of genea-
logy events.

NORTHRUP - EARLY CLINTON GENEALOGIST

The late Rev. Guilford S. Northrup (grandfather of Hila Bross and Mildred Countryman - two of our members) was a genealogist long before it became fashionable. A meticulous record-keeper, he recorded baptisms, marriages & funerals he performed during his 57-year ministry in various Mid-Michigan & northern Michigan communities until his death, at age 85, in 1939. His records are complete with Biblical text preached at funerals and human interest comments about the occasion.

His granddaughters turned those records over to our genealogists for indexing and copying and that task was recently completed. A bound copy of his material was recently presented to Mrs. Bross in appreciation of her work in our Society which she was instrumental in forming in 1974. Now ill, she is recovering at her son's home at Traverse City.

History records that flags flew at half-mast in St. Johns, stores closed during the hour of his funeral and he was honored with a half-hour memorial service from the Methodist chime tower on his funeral day. Northrup had served Baptist and Congregational parishes. Mrs. Bross said he was well-liked and that was the reason for the Methodist honor.

In 1912 he published a book recording his Grandfather Munroe's family history which he had traced back 800 years to Ireland & Scotland. The book was printed by a Williamston newspaper publisher. The few copies remaining are family treasures as the printing plates were destroyed when the paper burned the same week that Northrup died.

He was cited by the Institute of American Genealogy in 1930 for tracing The Munroe family. His research revealed the first Munroe came to America

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COST INCREASED

The National Archives changed its pricing & payment policies on mail requests for copies of veteran record files Sept. 1, 1981, & each record file went from \$3 to \$5. A prepay policy requires payments be sent with orders when total cost is known - check, money order or VISA or MASTER CARD. If cost is unknown, price quotation can be obtained by requesting "MATF Form 26" from: Military Service Records (NNCC), National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

The Archives' Central Reference Division gets over 200,000 mail request annually for files about veterans, like pension files, military service, bounty land applications, for the period from the Revolutionary War to the early 20th century.



UPCOMING CCHS MEETINGS

April 15, 7:30 p.m. at Congregational Church in St. Johns....with a slide presentation on George Washington and a show-and-tell. Members are urged to bring an old item for display.

May and June meetings will be at Capital Savings & Loan in St. Johns, 7:30 p.m, on third Thursday.

PAINE GILLAM SCOTT MUSEUM GOINGS-ON

"National Volunteer Week - April 18-24 reminds us at the Museum that a BIG THANK YOU is in order for all who have given of themselves in maintaining and supporting the operations of our museum. We're indeed grateful and most appreciative." The Staff.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS: Restored historical house; Dallas Township exhibit; Dengler estate gifts and a collection of German Steins.

MUSEUM HOURS: Museum is at 106 Maple Street, St. Johns. Open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 2 to 8 p.m. Will be closed Easter Sunday.

COMING UP: Magnolia Week at the museum with special events Sunday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 5. Saturday, May 8 is "Calico Trash and Treasure Sale" starting at 10 a.m. with an auction at 2 p.m. Donations for the auction are needed. This is a township sponsored event. For more information call 224-2894 or 224-7402.

This is a great way to let someone else do your work. Instead of having your own garage sale, we will sell it for you and you will be making a donation to the museum. So, help yourself and us. No clothing and we prefer "toteable" items only.

Listed below is a list of township people to contact to make donations to the Trash and Treasure Sale.

LEBANON: Nellie Nobis 593-2592 or Wava Messer 593-3431

DUPLAIN: Betty Schwark 834-5406

BINGHAM: Roma Hamer 224-7726; Zita Dianda 224-4954 or Lee Walling 224-3843

RILEY: Illah Martens 224-4055

EAGLE: Volunteer needed

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ESSEX: Randy and Paula Phelps 224-2283

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GREENBUSH: Arlene & Stewart Smith 224-3675
BENGAL: Nancy & Gerald Myers 593-3437
WESTPHALIA: Volunteer needed.
VICTOR: Dorothy Parker 651-5435 or Ann Giffels 651-5578
DEWITT: Alta Reed 487-3081 or Mike Reed, same number

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST NOW GOING ON --- WIN A PRIZE -- DETAILS BELOW - PLEASE HELP



JUST LIKE
FINDING MONEY

Every organization needs money to operate. Asking your friends to join is easy - for CCHS it is "just like finding money." We urge you to help us find new money and new

members in the months ahead. President-Elect Betty Moore has a nice surprise prize which will be given to the person bringing in the most new members from now until June 30. The prize will be awarded at our July pot-luck at Maple Rapids.

IT'S EASY: Just ask your friends to join. Our dues are: \$4 single member
\$7 family
Mail your friend's name and address & dues to: \$2 Age 18 & under

Clinton County Historical Society, Box 174
St. Johns, Michigan 48879

Be sure to include your name so you can be credited with getting the new member. Our treasurer will send the new members a receipt if they want one.



GENEALOGISTS MEET:

((BENEATH THIS STONE, A LUMP OF CLAY,
LIES UNCLE PETER DANIELS,
WHO TOO EARLY IN THE MONTH OF MAY
TOOK OFF HIS WINTER FLANNELS.))

MEDWAY, MASS.

MAY 3 FOR PROGRAM ON CEMETERIES. MEMBERS
PLEASE BRING YOUR UNUSUAL TOMBSTONE PICTURES
FOR DISPLAY OR RELATED MATERIAL. 7:30 P. M.
AT CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK BLDG IN ST. JOHNS.

- APR. 13 NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GEN. SOC. WILL HAVE A SEMINAR IN ANN ARBOR ON LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH.
- APR. 17 DETROIT SOCIETY FOR GEN. RESEARCH WILL HAVE A LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE ON GEN. SOURCES OF THE UPPER HUDSON RIVER & NEW YORK STATE. TO BE HELD AT WAYNE STATE UNIV.
- APR. 24 SAGINAW GEN. SOC SEMINAR "FINDING & USING GEN. RECORDS INSIDE GERMANY"
- APR. 23 THREE CENTURIES OF GERMAN IMMIGRATION TO BE HELD AT
& 24 GRAND CENTER, GRAND RAPIDS, MI.
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WESTERN MICHIGAN GEN. SOC. WILL CO-HOST THE MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCILS
ANNUAL SEMINAR OCT 1 & 2, 1982 AT THE MARRIOTT, IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
RESEARCHING NEW YORK WILL BE THE THEME. NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS ARE
BEING SCHEDULED. WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Palatines to America

Formation Meeting for MICHIGAN CHAPTER
Friday Evening, April 23, 1982
9:30 p.m., Gerald R. Ford Room
Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan

For More Information Call
Janet Snyder 224-4315



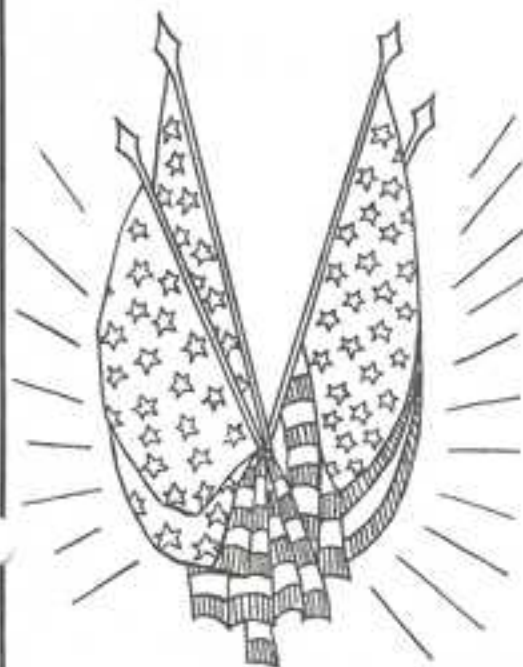
GAZETTE

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in 1541 as a prisoner of a Civil War in England. He was one of 14,000 Scots who invaded England under Charles II. Prisoners were shipped to America & sold as slaves to American planters.

(Compiled by Betty Jane Minsky from Northrup's records)

ESSEX TOWNSHIP MEN IN WORLD WAR I



Ralph Hewitt, Leroy Face, Bert Newton, James Sowle, Glen McNeill, Larry Wilbur, Sam Terwilliger, Orrin Jolls, Laverne Groom, Oliver Benson, Lloyd Young, Elmo Young, Herman Young, Jay Timmons, Homer Greenhoe, John Woodbury, Cecil Woodbury, George Abbott, Percy Upton, William Rice, Percy Creaser, Oscar Lee, Stanley Ryan, Galusha Gardner, Frank Poley, Kirk Gaily (influenza victim) Hessel Anderson, Ed Moritz, Maurice Jewett, Edward Armbrustmacher, William Armbrustmacher, Leo Bauer, Floyd Patterson, Terry Roberts, Frank Leclear, Jim Grubaugh, Charles Plowman, George Newman, William Baxter, William Newman and Hollis Bottum.

DISCHARGED: Roy McNeill, William Terwilliger, Alfred Cowles, Glen Newton and Henry Taege.

(Compiled by Wilma Sowle)

QUERRIES: No. 029-81 About Alexander & Hannah (Gleason) Spraker who came to Clinton County from Steuben County, N.Y. He died in St. Johns when his son Henry was about 1½ years old. (Henry born July, 1868 in N.Y.) Hannah remarried in 1876 to Thomas Woodthron of Vernon, Mich. Need Alexander Spraker's death date and burial place. Send to Ralph Cook, 2691 Larry Tim Drive, Saginaw, Mi. 48601.

No. 030-81 Seek info on Charles Young, married Sarah A.M. Pierce Briggs, widow of Rufus Briggs, before 1870. Desire correspondence with any Young or Briggs in central Mich. From Gertrude M. Briggs Vore, 2278 Evadna St., Pontiac, Mi. 48054.

No. 031-81 On Daniel Sparks who died previous to April, 1863 probably in Shiawassee County, but near Ovid. From H. Sparks, PO Box 241, Laingsburg, Mi. 48848.

No. 032-81 Need info on Alexander Ingraham family that came to St. Johns about 1863-65. Send to John Ingraham, 15114 Nichols Rd., Bath, 48804.

No. 033-81 Info about Charles & Henry Groesbeck; Lydia Elizabeth Hurd and her father, John Hurd, and his wife, Saryann Burns, all of DeWitt and Dallas Township area. Send to Ruth S. Kennedy, Box 57, Birmingham, Mi. 48012.

HERES A NEW TWIST.... Myrtle Salter, Rt. 5, Box 409, Ft. Pierce, Fla., 33450 has info about William F. & Harriet Goodwin Wells family that lived in the Elsie area during the last century. Send SASE.



SPOT LIGHTING

LIVINGSTON FARMS

EXCERPTS FROM REMARKS BY ALDEN, GENE & DORIS LIVINGSTON when CCHS met at their sugarbush on Livingston Rd. in March.....

His father began the sugarbush with a pan & about 300 buckets. The first building was erected in 1912, expanded and modernized in 1936. It burned about 1973. Now it contains 1,800 trees, many "on pipeline" so sap flows by tubes directly into the sugarbush. Wood is still used for fuel. In a good year they burn 20-25 cord.

Alden recalls when sap was gathered with horses & barrels. The sugarbush produces about 250-600 gallons, depending on kind of season. He said 25-40 weather is best to make sap run.

The pipeline creates a vacuum and that gets a little more sap from the trees. A sophisticated evaporator has replaced the old flat pans. A "pill" placed in the tree opening starts the sap running earlier and gives a longer run.

Quite a contrast from when Indians heated stones, hewed out wooden buckets & threw the hot stones in the sap to evaporate it. Maple syrup was the only sugar they had.

The Livingstons said maple syrup is best stored in a refrigerator or freezer.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST ANNOUNCED



President-Elect Betty Moore has said she will give a prize to the person who brings in the most new memberships from now through June 30.

The surprise award will be given at the July pot-luck meeting at Maple Rapids

To make your participation in the contest easier membership forms are included in the separate flyer that accompanies this newsletter. Lets all work and try to double our membership by July.

Quiz Answers

- 1) March 20
 - 2) June 20
 - 3) A few hours earlier
- Have a Happy

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