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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Highlights of 1982

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY; Tom Jones, director of the Historical Society of Michigan, challenged us to establish a goal - that by the end of 1982 we would have one-tenth of the population of St. Johns as members.

Dengler gave our museum gifts of china and housewares.

Our genealogists rang in the new year by moving to the Hila Bross home on N. US 27, about four miles north of St. Johns.

We began the new year \$4,500 richer because at the December, 1981 meeting Hila Bross gave us that much which had been generated from the history book project.

FEBRUARY: We mourned the passing of Faye Hanson, a charter member.

MARCH: Hila Bross, a charter member, was made an honorary citizen of St. Johns. She served as librarian there from 1965-74 and was also cited because of her service to clubs.

Individuals and clubs donated about \$600 to the DeWitt library in memory of Faye Hanson, long-time librarian there. Ford Ceasar was succeeded by Betty Moore as president.

We celebrated Magnolia Week at Payne Gillam Scott Museum with a re-enactment of the battle of Yorktown, sort of, when Denise Gallup brought a group garbed in authentic reproductions of uniforms and clothing of that period, to display and demon strate life of the 18th century soldier and his lady.

SEPTEMBER; "Bells, Steeples and Spires" was the theme of our annual home tour which included a decorator showcase home furnished by two St. Johns businesses. All churches in the downtown area were included along with our museum.

MOVEMBER; Treva Merrill Smith, an avid supporter of our museum, died and through the 1) Early vouchers known as generosity of her heirs numerous items were donated.

DECEMBER: The new "Doctor's Office" opened in one room at our museum which is only fitting as three doctors lived, at various times, in the home-turned-museum which is the oldest brick home in St. Johns now.

and Wilma Bates of Ovid donated many items to our museum. Alice Bottum

Coming Soon

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING: January 20, 7:30 p.m. at Capitol
Savings & Loan, St. Johns, with a
program on the historical survey
of Clinton County by the state
historical commission. Included
will be pictures, maps and information on historical sites.

GENEALOGY DIVISION: Free instructional classes will be conducted at the January 10 and February 7 meetings. Both are in the community room of Capitol Savings & Loan at 7:30 pm. The public is also invited. Bring questions or problems involving genealogizal research. Maps, books, magazines and research materials will be available.

PAINE-GILLAM-SCOTT MUSEUM: Because of the high cost of energy PGS will be closed from January 16 until March 13 this year.

QUIZ

(A continuation of questions supplied by Janet Snyder last month)

Early vouchers known as were issued by the county board of supervisors for killing . This method was used for the pioneer's in Clinton to supplement their income.

2) What town held the honor of the first county seat in Clinton?

Our geneaologists found a new home at 4700 Brock Road in the DeWitt Township Hall.

Genealogists are selling a book containing the records of the late Rev. Guilford S. Northrup, a minister who kept detailed records which were made available by Hila Bross and her sister, Mildred Country man. They are granddaughters of Northrup.

In The News

A collection of newsy events of recent weeks about Clinton County as reported in area newspapers.)

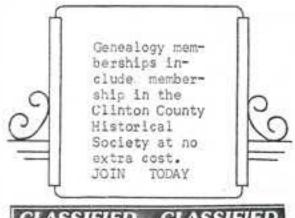
The Clinton County Board of Commissioners approved allowing commercial 'irms to sell products at booths they will be able to rent at the county 4-H Fair next August. Rising cost was the reason. Officials said 'irms who had been renting space on a "display only" basis had indicat and they would not return next year if they couldn't sell. It has been raditional here to have a kids-only fair and although commercialization had been suggested in the past officials always rejected the dea arguing they wanted to preserve the "for the kids" image of the went.



County officials were given the go-ahead to remodel the Clinton County Jail my the state. Earlier state officials had mandated a new jail be built. Voters, however. rejected bond proposals for a new facility several times in recent years.

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- 4) Name of the newspaper that issued its first edition in St. Johns in August, 1866.
- 5) On the 4th day of November, 1873, the first meeting of what society was held in Clinton?



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MANTED: Ideas for upcoming meetings. Call Betty Moore at 224-2025 or Janet Snyder, 224-4315 for geneology ideas.

GIFT

I want to remember the PAINE -GILLAN - SCOTT MUSEUM. Enclosed is my Friends of the Museum donation.

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