



"The Clinton Independent"

1984

County Grapevine

JIM PRINCE, president and son of the firm's founder, announced recently the Wolverine Stockyards, a landmark in St. Johns for the past 50 years, will go out of business. He said the decrease in small farmers in the Mid-Michigan area was the reason; that in recent years the weekly auctions drew 100 or less cattle. The firm will continue its Clare operation where a large number of small farmers still exist.

Located on N. Mead Street, just off of U.S. 27, the firm was founded in 1933 by Erie O. Prince who died in 1961. He had been active in the livestock business in the Detroit area before coming to Clinton County.

The last sale at the St. Johns facility was Sept. 26.

RECORD PRICES were paid for 4-H livestock at the annual sale at the Clinton County Fair this summer. Laura McCollar of Eagle got \$10 per pound from Diamond Jim Tire of St. Johns for her champion lamb. Theresa Silm 4-H youth leader, believes that is a record price for any animal ever sold at the annual event.

Later the grand champion beef steer at the Michigan State Fair sold for \$4 per pound. It was owned by Bill Ritchie of Bath. He also had the state's 1st and champion steer in 1978.

CCHS congratulates both young people and the county 4-H youth program

OX ROAST - SLICE OF AMERICANA - DeWitt celebrated its 38th annual ox roast with a frog



STILL AVAILABLE - DEWITT ARE HISTORY SERIES

DID YOU KNOW THAT....

DeWitt was the county seat of Clinton for about 20 years....there are 5 old cemeteries in DeWitt but once there were 10...a bill once passed the state Senate making DeWitt the state capital. That once there was a town on the south side of the Looking Glass River with sawmill, gristmill, hotel, stores, cabinetmakers, barrelnmakers, blacksmiths, a brewery, doctor and lawyer with a population larger than DeWitt's...the first schoolhouse in Clinton was at Schavey and Howe Roads...that many Indians in the area did not leave willingly but by military force ????

All that and more is documented in the DeWitt Area History Series available from the Faye Hanson Public Library, 204 W. Washington St., DeWitt. Printed as a Sesquicentennial project, the series has over 300 pages of text and photos of DeWitt and parts of Riley, Oliv and Watertown Townships.

Printed in 13 volumes, they sell for \$2 each or all 13 for \$22. Written by Kenneth Coin,

OX ROAST - SLICE OF AMERICANA - DeWitt celebrated its 38th annual ox roast with a frog jumpin' contest and arts/craft show highlighting the event. There was an exhibition of paintings by Joe Wheat, DeWitt artist who died in 1971 at the age of 44.

VEGAS NIGHT AT EAGLE - This quiet little southwestern Clinton County town came alive when the Clinton Division of the American Cancer Society held a Las Vegas Night fund-raiser in the park. With a state license, guests drank beer, munched popcorn and played black jack & craps.

WACOUSTA CELEBRATED TOO with a Labor Day Festival which has been a 29-year tradition. The three day event include parade, beer tent, softball tournament, bingo and dancing.

ST. JOHNS HOME DEVASTATED when a tornado touched down on a home owned by Bruce and Rose Welton on E. Francis Road about seven miles northeast of St. Johns in September. The home was declared a total loss but the Weltons, who were in the house at the time, were not hurt.

Printed in 13 volumes, they sell for \$2 each or all 13 for \$22. Written by Kenneth Coin, proceeds go to the library which is upgrading its' collection of local history which includes books, letters, essays, genealogies, photos and etc. Those are being catalogued and indexed and are available for public use.

Fantastic Fish

A 34 pound, 6 ounce brown trout caught at Bar Lake, Arcadia by Robert Henderson of Vestaburg was qualified by the National Hall of Fame at Hayward, Wisconsin as a new all-tackle and 10 pound line class world record. It was 12 ounces heavier than the existing record-holder caught by a Utah man in 1977. Prior to that the record was held for more than a century by a 39 pound, 8 ounce brown trout from Loch Awe, Scotland but that was - in more recent years - disqualified because of poor documentation.



Twenty-six people attended our August picnic on the grounds of the Turner-Dodge Mansion in N. Lansing. Frank Dodge, one of that city's outstanding citizens during the first quarter of the century, lived in the mansion and enlarged it to it's present size. Dodge was secretary, at one time, for the old interurban line that ran between Lansing and St. Johns.

John Curry, a trustee for the Friends of the Turner-Dodge House related much of the building's history as he led our tour.

Your CCHS Board of Directors holds meetings the second Thursday of each month. Members are welcome. The board voted last month to buy a micro-film reader for the Archives as the existing one has seen better days.

(FORD S. CEASAR, president)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Congratulations to Ford who was recently appointed to the Lansing Historical Commission for a one year term.

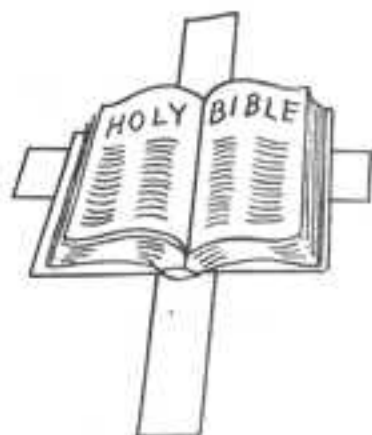
GENEALOGY GAZETTE

MEMORIES:

DeBAR BIBLE RECORD

(Submitted by Janet Snyder)

Holy Bible, printed by the New York American Society 1852. Found in attic of Caroline Barrett's grandparent's home in Oakland Co., Mi. They lived in Clinton County for many years. Name written on inside front cover, "Angeline DeBar."



John DeBar & Angeline Kellicutt married Dec. 18, 1845
John J. DeBar & Sarah E. Panches married Mar. 26, 1870

Second Page:

Cornelia DeBar	born	Oct. 16, 1846
David DeBar	"	Feb. 15, 1847
John DeBar	"	Jan. 7, 1849
Sarah DeBar	"	Jan. 13, 1852
Alonzo DeBar	"	Oct. 9, 1854
(1st name faded) DeBar (Willie)"	"	Feb. 14, 1864

Third Page:

John DeBar	born	Nov. 20, 1820
Angeline DeBar	"	Feb. 11, 1829
Cornelia DeBar	died	Nov. 23, 1904 Durand, Mich

Fourth Page:

John A. DeBar	died	Jan. 29, 1878
John J. DeBar	"	Oct. 11, 1870
David DeBar	"	Oct. 25, 1923

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CCHS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

OCT. 18 Capital Federal Savings & Loan, St. Johns, 7:30 p.m. Presentation by Claire Fitzgerald of the M.S.U. Brass Ring Society about the restoration work on a Carrousel that had been at Crystal Lake during the hay-day of summer resorts.

NOV. To be announced later.

DEC. 13 Christmas program at PGS Museum in St. Johns. 7:30 p.m.

CCHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OCT. & NOV Second Thursday of each month at PGS at 7:30 p.m. Membership welcome.

DEC. No meeting in December.

GENEALOGY DIVISION OF CCHS

OCT. 1 CCHS Archives at DeWitt with Arlynn Gantz speaking on researching military records.

NOV. 5 Place and program information unavailable.

PGS MUSEUM (in St. Johns)

OPEN:
Sundays: 1 () p.m.
Wednesdays: 2 - 8 p.m.

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Oct. 25, 1923
Nov. 26, 1927
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Chesaning, MI

Alonzo S. DeBar

Sarah Jane (DeBar) Rodwell

Sundays: 1 - 2 p.m.
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ARCHIVES (in DeWitt)

OPEN:
Mondays, Tuesdays and
Wednesdays at town hall.

Caroline Barrett is searching for information on the above John A. Debar and wife Angeline Kellicutt family, they came to Clinton Co., MI around 1849. The above children(2nd pg) born N. Y. exc. Willie b. MI. Attended old Bath School. Did any of Johns bros/sis come to MI & settle in area. DeBar family info greatly appreciated..Caroline Barrett 5069 Maple Ave. Oscoda, MI 48750

Help wanted!

The Genealogists ask your help in identifying the following men as Civil War Veterans. They are listed as being from St. Johns, MI & Bingham Township. Call 224-4315 or write P. O. Box 23 St. Johns, MI.

Barnum, Elias	Bingham Twp.	Miller, David	St. Johns
Butler, Frank	St. Johns	Pack, Theodore,	"
Edington, Harmon	"	Pectil, Nehemiah"	"
Ellsworth, Sam	"	Plumstead, Chas."	"
Fish, Valentine	"	Scott, Emanuel	Bingham Twp
Gray, Benj. F.	"	Teneick, Simon	"
Higbee, Myron	"	VanConsant, Lewis	"
Mathews, Elias	Bingham Twp.	THANK YOU.....	

THE SUSTAINING HARVEST

He who dedicates himself to history dedicates himself to nothing and, in his turn, is nothing. But he who dedicates himself to the duration of his life, to the house he builds, to the dignity of mankind, dedicates himself to the earth and reaps from it the harvest that sows its seed and sustains the world again and again.

ALBERT CAMUS, *The Rebel*



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