



"The Clinton Independent"

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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

"CHRISTMAS past"

CHRISTMAS present'

Annual home tour



Bringing in the Tree

Our annual home tour, co-chaired by Betty Moore and Larry Mc - Diarmid, will be Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On tour will be an assortment of historic old homes in St. Johns along with our own Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum and the former hospital at 108 N. Spring St., which Stepping Stone Development has converted to offices.

See separate brochure for complete listing of Home Tour houses and activities.

Christmas-Present activities include an assortment of programs at Paine Gillam Scott. See separate brochure for complete list of programs and times. For our sixth annual "Victorian Christmas" season the museum will again be decorated with things from Christmas' Past - complete with a cedar tree hauled from a Clinton County swamp. Catherine Rumbaugh, co-director, said over 220 hours were spent by volunteers to ready PGS last year and a similar volunteer effort was forthcoming this year.

SENTIMENTAL
CHRISTMAS
Songs, Hymns

As is traditional, old-timey Christmas songs, hymns and carols will be an important part of our holiday season including Wednesday evening candlelight tours with special music including a string quartet, woodwind quartet, pump organ and bell choir.

And, as has been traditional since the opening of PGS, your historic

Songs, Hymns & Carols

And, as has been traditional since the opening of PGS, your historic society will hold its December meeting at the museum. Set for Dec. 13 will include exhibits, cookie exchange and - still unconfirmed at press-time - a possible program by Gordon Olson, president of the Historical

Society of Michigan. NOW CONFIRMED...OLSON WILL SPEAK.

Special - "The Arts of Christmas," an art display-music program at PGS Dec. 17 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in co-ordination with the Congregational Church nearby. Rumbaugh said the plan is to provide an informal setting with a series of intermissions so PGS guests may enjoy the music and also view the art display at the church.

QUILT SHOW; Betty Moore reports that quilters who bring their own quilts - or an ancestor's quilt to display at the Home Tour Festival - will automatically become participants in the Michigan Quilt Project of Michigan State University Museum. Their quilts will be registered and become part of the project's book on quilts which is planned as part of Michigan's Sesquicentennial Celebration of Statehood in 1987.

The quilt show has long been a favorite part of our annual event and will be held in the undercroft of St. Johns Episcopal Church from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those planning to enter the show may contact Sharon Ashley at (517) 224-2122 for entry forms. For more information on the Michigan quilt project call Marsha MacDowell, curator of folk arts at MSU, (517) 355-2370.



Mail

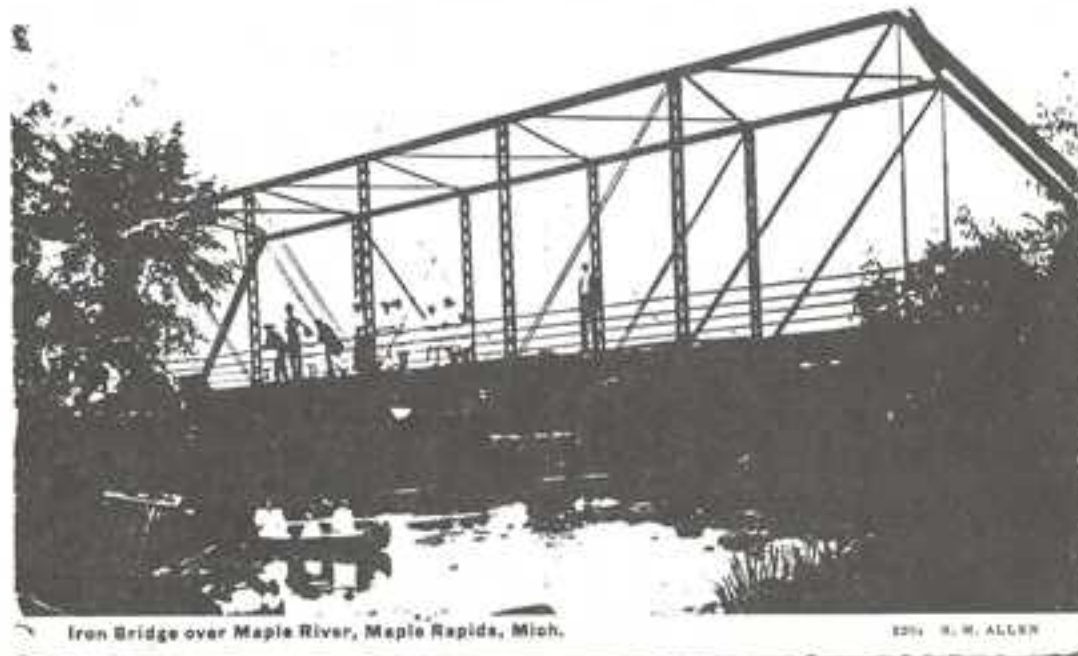
A letter from Charles E. Hulse, one of our members now living in Flint, has prompted the start of a new column featuring post cards which will be run as space permits from time to time.

Hulse shared the card at right with us and reported he has about 125 St. Johns cards now and he is "still hunting."

He also enclosed copies of several other cards in his collection which we will feature later.

"When I was a lad my father had a 1921 Ford and I recall many times riding over this bridge (at right). To me it was really a big thing...the old wooden planks in the floor rattled a scary tune," Hulse wrote.

Our thanks to Charles for not only sharing his cards but also for the new column idea.



Iron Bridge over Maple River, Maple Rapids, Mich.

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GENEALOGY GAZETTE

A NOTE FROM OUR PAST

RILEY DIST. NO. 6.
WINTER TERM 1893--4



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Because all of our December activities are covered in the separate brochures attached the monthly listing of activities that usually appears in this space was eliminated this month.

**Have a
Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy
New
Year!**



FAITH PRATT.
GEO. PRATT.
ROGER N. PRATT.
FLOYD PRATT.
LLOYD PRATT.
FRED I. BROOKS.
CHAS. A. BROOKS.
EDDIE PINGEL.
ROY BOEHLER.
AGNESS GRONES.
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LOUISE HORMAN.
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CLAUDE ODING.
CLYDE ODING.
KATIE PUNG.
CHARLIE KRUMM.

EDDIE JASTRAM.
MARY SCHRADER.
AUGUSTA SCHRADER.
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MARTHA LEUCHT.
KATIE SCHRAUBEN.
FRANK PUNG.
LOUISE PUNG.
MARTHA MARTEN.
HENRY MARTEN.
CHRIS MARTEN.
WELLINGTON WRIGHT.
HENRY WRIGHT
ELSWORTH WRIGHT.
FLOY WEBSTER.
MAUDE WEBSTER.
ADELBERT BURNS.
ERNEST JASTRAM.
LIZZIE ADAMS.

DEEDS AND THOUGHTS OF GOODNESS
LEAD TO HIGHER LIFE,
MAY IT EVER BE OUR MOTTO
THOSE TWO THINGS TO PRIZE:
DUTY AND STRIFE FOR KNOWLEDGE
IS DEMANDED IN ALL SCHOOL LIFE,
MAY IT LIKEWISE BE OUR MOTTO
NOT TO LOSE THE PRIZE.

LEWIS A. SMITH, TEACHER.

STILL AVAILABLE.....

Copies of the reprinted
1880 Clinton/Shiawassee
County History Book.

Cost is \$40 plus (postage.

NOT TO LOSE THE PRIZE.

LEWIS A. SMITH, TEACHER.

Riley Dist. No. 6, was known as the Pratt School built in 1878. It was a large frame schoolhouse located one-half mile west of Forest Hill on North side of Pratt Rd. The land was owned by Gus Pratt. The school building was removed by the Clarence Parks family and in June of 1957 the property reverted back to the original farm now owned by Carl & Alice Krumm.....J Snyder

Janet Snyder, Corresponding Secretary of C.C.H.Soc. & The Genealogists has recently accepted National Secretary of The Parke Society. The society is a "clearing-house for Genealogical research on all Park/e/s immigrants from the British Isles" Anyone wishing to join this society may write P. O. Box 334 St. Johns, MI or call Janet at 224-4315



names in the news

George and Geneva Wiskemann, CCHS members of Lansing, won a Certificate of Commendation for their many years of service and dedication to state and local history in Michigan from the American Association for State and Local History. The award was given the Wiskemanns at the group's annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

NEWS DEADLINE:

Deadline for submission of news items to appear in The Clinton Independent is the 10th of each month. Divisions within CCHS, and committees planning special projects, are asked to call Betty Jane Minsky, editor, early so she can reserve space for upcoming events. Contact her at Rt. 3, St. Johns, 48879 or call (517) 224-4410.



Season's Greetings

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County History Book.

Cost is \$40 plus postage.

About 25 copies are available & the publisher said this will be the last printing.

Send check to CCHS, Box 174
St. Johns, Mi. 48879.

HELP

Our Archives is in need of a small table for the microfiche reader. If you have a table contact any Archives volunteer or call 224-4315.