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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

Ten years ago the late Hila Bross, who was instrumental in forming CCHS, called together everyone she felt had an interest in history - and urged them to bring along a friend - to a meeting to discuss formation of a historical society for Clinton County. She chose February because that was National History Month. At that meeting everyone was asked to answer one question: "Why are you interested in forming a history society?" So it is only fitting that our president, Betty Moore, decided our February meeting would be a repetition of that February a decade ago. We will again gather in the Municipal Building at St. Johns at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a friend. An then, on Feb. 16, we will all reaffirm why we want a historical society in Clinton County.

QUIZ

Under the atheistic Communist regime of Russia there is no official celebration of Christmas. Father Christmas was the name of the old Russian Santa Claus; he disappeared with the revolution. But there is a new figure symbolic of winter and he bears a suspicious resemblance to the officially banned Father Christmas. There is no Christmas tree any more, but a New Year's tree brings the same spirit of rebirth in the midst of hardship there. What is the name of the new figure symbolic of winter in that country? (Answer further down on this page)

HELP - WE NEED \$

Try as we might, CCHS cannot live by dues alone. We are dependent on the generous donations and gifts of members and outsiders, especially for our museum and archives. Especially needed NOW are funds to continue operating Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum. Even a small donation would be helpful. To make it easy to contribute we have enclosed a selection of donation coupons on the bottom of this page which can be filled in and mailed with your check. Because they are opposite the mailing address clipping off the coupons won't destroy any informational portion of the newsletter. If you have friends who are not members but who you feel might contribute please tell them about our need. Indeed, ask them to join. Any financial help that anyone can give at this time will be greatly appreciated.

NO DUES - NO NEWS

Golly, we hate to take that kind of a hard-nosed policy. But for the past few years we have continued to send newsletters to over 100 former members who didn't pay their dues. With the high cost of printing and postage we can no longer afford to do that. All dues are due - for the new year - in January. Please send your remittance now. In February we will cross-check our mailing address with our unpaid membership roster and anyone who does not have their dues paid (except courtesy issues which go to other historical societies and government officials) will be



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QUIZ ANSWER

Grandfather Frost. And with the cold snap that greeted Michiganders over the New Year perhaps we should add a Grandfather Frost to our custom and thereby extend the Christmas holiday into the new year.

REPRINTS

CCHS is offering a reprint of the 1880 "History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan" again. The book was reprinted by CCHS in 1974 and was a popular source for the study of local history and genealogy. Included is information on Michigan's involvement in the Civil War and an account of each man from Clinton and Shiawassee who served in that conflict. Because the reprint was sold out years ago CCHS felt this would be an ideal time to again offer reprints. The books are \$37.50 (plus \$1.50 for mailing) and can be ordered from CCHS, Box 174, St. Johns, 48879. Books can also be picked up - and the cost of mailing saved - at the PGS Museum or the Archives.

STOLEN

(The information provided here was snatched from Ruth Delo's "Memory Lane" column in a recent issue of the Clinton County News) ST. JOHNS HIGH SCHOOL OPENED 25 YEARS AGO - That was the headline dated Jan. 5, 1950. Then the new Rodney B. Wilson High School in St. Johns (now used as a junior high) was occupied for the first time...

PORTIUNCULA

IN THE PINES (Nov.10, 1960 headline in CCN) In the valley of Mount Subasio near Assisi Italy there stands a small chapel known as St. Mary of the Angels. It was built in the 12th Century on a little portion of ground without trees, called the Portiuncula, and was the favorite chapel of St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order.

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CLIP AND MAIL, WITH YOUR CHECK, TO: Clinton County Historical Society, Box 174, St. Johns, Mi. 48879

Check One -

- Enclosed is my dues, \$4, for 1984. (For individual members)
- Enclosed is our dues, \$7, for 1984. (For couples)
- Enclosed is 1984 dues _____ (\$4 for individual or \$7 for couple) plus a contribution of \$ _____

Use the extra money: (Check one) As you see fit _____
 For PGS Museum _____
 For the Archives _____



I get courtesy copies. Thanks a lot but I'd like to be a dues-paying member. Here's my check.

NAME:
Street, city, state (and don't forget your zip-code):

GENEALOGY

GAZETTE



COMING UP

"BRING A FRIEND!"

PAINE GILLAM SCOTT MUSEUM: Closed for the winter from Jan.15-Mar.10 PGS reopens Sunday, March 11. Meanwhile PGS seeks trash 'n treasure for its May 12 auction. That is PGS' big money-making event. Anyone with items, new,old used or just so-so, call 224-7402.

CCHS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m., Capitol Savings & Loan, St.Johns, with film made by the late Dr. Ho on K-12 school activity in 1940. Dr. Ho captured in color & sound teachers & students in their everyday activities in school in St. Johns.

Feb. 16 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Municipal Bldg., St.Johns. This is our 10th anniversary celebration. See related story other side.

March 15 ANNUAL MEETING 7:30, Capitol Savings & Loan, St.Johns. (NOTE: Disregard date for annual meeting shown in membership-meeting book mailed out earlier. That was in error. MARCH is our annual meeting month.)

GENEALOGISTS: Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m., Capitol Savings

Meet the people

REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON CO., 1863 continued:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Reg.</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Spooner, Nathan S.	13 Oct 1860	(R)	
Silvers, Joseph	29 Oct 1860		
Silvers, Caleb	29 Oct 1860		
Stiles, Benjamin	1 Nov 1860		
Stiles, George W.	6 Nov. 1860		
Smith, E.	5 Apr 1862		
Shaw, Henry S.	5 Apr 1862	(R)	Sec. 22
Silvers, William	7 Apr 1862		
Stephens, Benjamin	1 Nov 1862		
Stickney, William	1 Nov. 1862		
Shaw, Alfred	1 Nov 1862	(R)	
Scott, David	1 Nov 1862	(R)	
Stephens, Leander N.	1 Nov 1862		
Strouse, Aaron	1 Nov 1862		
Spayd, Abram	4 Apr 1860		
Sherwood, Marion	4 Apr 1860		
Sevy, Edmund F.	4 Apr 1860		
Shilt, Daniel	4 Apr 1860		
Thomas, John	4 Apr 1859		Sec. 19
	(REMARKS: 8 mos in town)		
Tinklepaugh, Edward L.	4 Apr 1859	(D)	Sec.11
	(REMARKS: 15 yrs in town)		
Thompson, Henry G.	4 Apr 1859		Sec.16
	(REMARKS: 6 yrs in town)		
Thomas, Phillip	4 Apr 1859	(R)	Sec. 17
	(REMARKS: 9 yrs in town)		
Townsend, G. Washington	4 Apr 1859		Sec. 5
	(REMARKS: 1 yr in town)		
Tinklepau) Eli	4 Apr 1859		Sec. 11
	(REMARKS: 15 yrs. in town)		
Thomas, David	4 Apr 1859		Sec. 17
	(REMARKS: 7 yrs in town)		

Townsend, G. Washington	4 Apr 1859	Sec. 5
	(REMARKS; 1 yr in town)	
Tinklepaugh, Eli	4 Apr 1859	Sec. 1
	(REMARKS; 15 yrs. in town)	
Thomas, David	4 Apr 1859	Sec. 17
	(REMARKS; 7 yrs in town)	
Turk, Wil H.	4 Apr 1859	Sec. 6
	(REMARKS; 4 yrs in town)	
Taylor, Samuel C.		Sec. 25
	(REMARKS; 2 yrs in town)	
Thomas, William		Center SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 17
	(REMARKS; 8 yrs in town)	
Thomas, George		(REMARKS; With his father)
Tripp, Edwin		
Thomas, Zenas	17 Sept 1860	
Tinklepaugh, Charles	2 Oct 1860	Sec. 11
Tinklepaugh, John J.	1 Nov. 1862	
Thompson, John G.	4 Nov 1862	
Trask, Lafayette L.	4 Apr 1863	
Upton, Philo	5 Apr 1959	Sec. 32
VanWormer, L.D.	5 Apr 1862	
Voorhees, Ralph S.	4 Apr 1863	

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Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m., Capitol Savings & Loan, St. Johns. Program on the Mayflower Passengers & their descendants by Maralyse Brooks.

Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m., Capitol Savings & Loan, program to be announced.

Archives in DeWitt Township Hall is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

CONTINUED:(From other side) On 45 rolling, beautiful wooded acres just east of DeWitt, the sons of St. Francis have built a retreat house called Portiuncula in the Pines. It was built in 1955 (still exists & is a popular place for people to go for retreats).



Happy New Year

Clinton County Historical Society



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