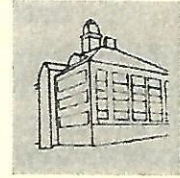




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Our apologies for the Newsletter being late. We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

ARNOLD SCHOOL CENSUS

The following names of students appear in the school census lists for the Arnold School District No. 10, Bingham Twp., 1903-1919. This school building was located on the south side of Parks Road between DeWitt and County Farm Roads. The census records are held at the Archives of the Clinton Co. Historical Society.

Adamec	Malana	Dutcher	Geraldine	LeBarron	Max S
Adamec	Anna	Dutcher	Dorthy	Lewis	Fred
Bartlett	Luella	Eldridge	Flossia/Flossie	Odell	Netty M
Beadle	Athol	Ewer	Belford	Odell	Pearl I
Beadle	Forest	Georgia	Lois	Padget	Vernon
Beckwith	Loyd	Georgia	Glenn	Padget	Glen/Glenn
Beckwith	Edna	Georgia	Guy	Padget	Alice
Beckwith	Melvin	Glenn	Willis D	Patton	John
Bened	Urp...(?)	Hathaway	Robert	Reese	Evert
Brooks	Amelia	Hathaway	Don	Reese	Bessie
Brooks	George	Headecky	Anton	Reese	Fred
Brown	Carl	Headecky	John	Reese	Henery
Brown	Lucil	Henson	Mearl	Rice	Susie
Brown	Donald	Henson	Francis	Rice	Oral
Brown	Earl	Henson	George	Rice	Floyd
Castle	William	Henson	Lyle	Rosekrans	Doris/Dorris
Cook	Marshall	Homola	John	Rosekrans	Bell/Belle
Cook	George	Homola	Mike	Rosekrans	Francis
Cook	Isabella	Homola	Josef	Sheldon	Cecil
Cook	Emma B	Homola	Agnes	Sheldon	Opal
Cooley	Henery	Homola	Matilda	Sheldon	Charlie
Crampton	Earl	Hreshel	Johnie	Smith	Lester
Crampton	Leon	Hunt	Harl	Snyder	Ward F
Crane	Mary	Hunt	Gale	Snyder	Ella C
Cressman	Frank	Hunt	Mary	Snyder	Clayton H
Crosby	Lawarence	Kapral	Joseph	Snyder	Theral/Therrel
Crowner	Donna L	Kapral	John	Stephens	Ray
Crowner	Doris A	Kapral	Susie	Sturgis	Alberta/Elberta
Crowner	M.DeForest	Knapp	Althae/Althea	Swanchara	Steve
Davis	William E	Kovatch	Julia	Swanchara	Tony
Dummond	Mable	Kovatch	Peter	Wilcox	Hazel
Dummond	Ollie	Kovatch	Margrete	Willard	Chester W
Dummond	Earl	Kudelka	Elmer	Willard	Arthur
Dummond	Sam	Ladisky	John	Willard	Lyle
Dutcher	Guy	Lake	Eddie	Willard	Florence

MINUTES OF OLIVE GRANGE No. 358

The Archives holds two books of secretary's records of the Olive Grange, 1902-3. The grange hall is located at the corner of DeWitt and Jason Roads. **Inice Forbes, Mrs. J. W. Ennest, and Nettie Cole** signed the minutes at various times. Here are some items edited from their records:

Mar 22, 1902

- Music for dance cost \$9. Profit on dance = \$2.69
- Bro. **Leon Ennest** made a motion to have a warm sugar dance the 4th of Apr.

Mar 29, 1902

- Elected: Overseer, Bro. **Allison Merrihew**; Steward, Bro. **Riley Lamberson**; Gatekeeper, Bro. **J. W. Ennest**.
- The job of furnishing hay [to feed the horses] for dance was left to Bro. Riley Lamberson for \$1.50.
- Bro. Ennest asked if any objections to letting Bingham Grange use our false whiskers & wigs. They were lent to Bro. **Eaton and Peck** who were present from Bingham Grange.

Apr. 19, 1902

- Greenbush band boys wished to know the price of renting the hall. Motion made by Bro. J. W. Ennest that hall be let for \$3.

May 10, 1902

- Sis. Ennest said. "There should be something done as there were some of our youngest members stayed downstairs and smoked." Motion was made by Bro. **Jay VanDike** that we allow no more smoking in the hall at Grange meeting.

Aug. 9, 1902

- The following officers were appointed: Steward, Bro. **Orrin Forbes**; Lecturer, Sis. **Ann Huntoon**, Gatekeeper, **O. Huntoon**.
- It was decided that we take our tables from the kitchen to the beach for picnic.

Nov. 22, 1902

- The following officers were appointed: Steward, Bro. **Roll Taylor**, Lecturer, Sis. **Millie Taylor**.

Dec. 6, 1902

- Expenses for dance: Music \$10.50; Hay \$1.25; Help \$4; Butter \$1.17; Groceries \$18.98.
- Motion was made by Bro. **Jay Van Dike** that we have a dance and oyster supper New Year's night.
- Third degree conferred on **Tom Lapham**.

- Dance Committee: Bro. **Armel Hugelot**, Bro. **Charles Cole**, Bro. **J. E. Ennest**.

Feb 7, 1903

- Bill of Bro. Forbes: 5 gal. oil \$6; lock for door \$1.50; matches 10¢.
- "Talk in regard to not paying dues and coming to hall and staying downstairs. Thought, if they come, they should pay their dues with the rest."
- Instrumental music, **Bertha Larkins**; song, **Clara Merrihew**.

Feb. 14, 1903

- Motion made by Bro. **Frank Larkins** that we buy a new organ. It was suggested that we get up dinners, the proceeds to go for a new organ.

Feb. 28, 1903

- Named Director for ensuing year, Bro. **Lewis Carpenter**.
- Program Question: What are the duties of Rural Free Delivery Service regarding a rural mail box and keeping the road open and penalties may be imposed for non-performance of same?" Led by Bro. Ennest, Bro. **Brown**, et al.

Mar. 14, 1903

- "Bro. Ennest said he went and seen about the organ and agreed to pay \$40 for it when it was cleaned and gives good satisfaction."
- Song by **Cassie & Maggie Brown**.

Apr. 4, 1903

- Sis. **Edna Lamberson** moved to take the new organ back.
- Bro. **Irvin Forbes** moved to have Mr. Warner come out and clean the old organ.
- Program Question: When is the best time to sow clover seed and how much per acre?
- Bro. G. Brown presented a bill of 24¢ for two lbs. of coffee.
- Bro. Eugene Forbes presented a bill of 72¢ for 6 gal. of oil.

Apr. 18, 1903

- **Oral and Orpha Hildreth** were proposed for membership.

Apr. 25, 1903

- Program Question: Give plan for systematic housecleaning; led by Sis. **[Myra] Brown** with a few chosen remarks.

May 16, 1903

- "Bro. Brown spoke of being in St. Johns and talked with the foreman of the foundry about plow points. Bro. Ennest and Bro. Allison Merrihew talked in

favor of having executive committee go and see about making contract for plow points."

- Loss of \$3.24 on dance.

May 30, 1903

- Song: *Farmers Feeds Them All*.
- Bro. Ennest made a motion that the Grange pay the Minstrel Singers for Sis. Larkins' funeral. [d 18 May 1903]
- Bro. Brown made a few remarks in regard to telephone at Grand Ledge; Bro. Ennest made a few remarks in regard to St. Johns telephone.

June 24, 1903

- "Resolution: Whereas death has entered our door and removed our Worthy Lady Assistant Steward, therefore resolved, that we as members pay this slight tribute of respect to our Sister **Nellie Larkins**. Resolved that Olive Grange loses one of its most faithful patrons in society, a valued member...."

Nov. 7, 1903

- The application of **Linn Devereaux** was presented.

Dec. 30, 1903

- Committee on organ sold ninety tickets on organ for 20¢ ea.
- Worthy Secretary presented a bill of \$28.50 for janitor work for opening hall fifty-two nights and washing dishes five times.

Olive Grange



December 2014

Archives closed on following dates in 2015

Apr 3 - Good Friday

May 25 - Memorial Day

July 3 - Independence Day

Sept 7 - Labor Day

Nov 11 - Veterans Day

Nov 26-27 - Thanksgiving

Dec 24-31 - Christmas

- How long has it been since you reread your files or notes on a certain family line and then checked what sources might be new on the internet?
- Have you ever gone to Google Maps or other sites to check for a street view, aerial or satellite view of your ancestor's home or at least the location of where it was?
- Instead of 'having the blues' on a dreary grey day, haul out those boxes of old photos and make sure you've identified all the people and places. Even digital photos must be completely identified for future generations, If photos were taken at a certain place or event, tell about the event or place and why there were there.
- Have you checked on E-Bay or other online sites specializing in paper collectibles/old family Bibles? Running a surname check with online museum collections and auction catalogs, etc. can sometimes land a gold mine.
- Have you ever tried to research a "family legend" to find out how much truth there is in it? Once I read about someone's ancestor who "was a well known public figure who died when the floor collapsed beneath him at a public event". Research showed the man was a notorious, convicted criminal who was hung to death in a town's public square as ordered by the court! It was just another case of someone trying to change history or "prune the family tree". Family history is what it is, don't try to change it. Besides that, future generations will likely find those things the most interesting about the family! An old English proverb says, "He who has no fools, knaves or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning." And George Bernard Shaw said, "If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you might as well make it dance!" Perhaps your ancestors just had a "bad heir" day.

NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS

Courtesy of archives staff & other discerning researchers.

Yuletide visitors and Events from SJN - 1 Jan 1903

Harry Briggs spent Christmas at his home in Ovid.

Mrs. Christian Thelen of Bengal was in St. Johns Friday.

Miss **Ella Barnes** of Pewamo was in St. Johns Wednesday.

J. G. Martin of Fowler was in St. Johns one day last week.

John Burk of Eureka as in St. Johns one day last week.

Miss **Mary Harr** spent Christmas with relatives in Fowler.

Miss **Anna Smith** was the guest of Riley friends Christmas.

Mr. & Mrs. James Manning spent the holidays in Bay City.

Miss **Amelia Wadell** spent Christmas with relatives in Fowler.

William Cox of Old Mission, Traverse county, came Tuesday.

Mrs. Tilda Freer spent Christmas with her son in Eaton Rapids.

Miss **Gertrude Heimbaugh** is spending the holidays in Burr Oak.

Mr. & Mrs. C. E. A. Bunge spent Christmas with relatives in Fowler.

R.K. Colloway of Lansing was in St. Johns on business Tuesday.

Mrs. W. D. Ramsay left Tuesday to visit relatives in Shepardsville.

Miss **Berta Brendahl** has been spending the holidays in Laingsburg.

Will Gross of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with Miss **Mable Walbridge**.

Mrs. Frank Townsend of Caro is visiting her cousin **Mrs. E. M. Smith**.

F. R. Everett of Ovid was in St. Johns on business last week Wednesday.

Miss **Julia Curtin** visited her aunt, **Mrs. David Lang**, in Fowler last week.

Mrs. Jennie Norton is visiting her daughter, **Mrs. Joseph Ramsey**, of Beebe.

Frank Krepps of Greenbush has secured employment in a furniture store.

Mrs. Charles Heller of Fowler visited **Mrs. A. D. Gillson** part of last week.

Mrs. E. L. Ballinger spent Christmas with **Mrs. C. W. Salisbury** in Fowler.

G. B. Faxon of Ovid mad a business trip to St. Johns Friday of last week.

Miss **Cecil Hunter** of the Republican spent Christmas at her home in Ovid.

Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Krepps were the guest of Coruna friends Christmas.

Miss **Esta Bellows** is spending the vacation at her home near Eaton Rapids.

Miss **Hazel Penney** is the guest of her sister, Miss **Belle Penny** of Sheridan.

Mrs. & Mrs. Alfred Peck and daughter are spending the holidays in Detroit.

Carrie & Ada Coon are spending the vacation with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Miss **Katharine Serviss** of Detroit is the guest of her sister, **Mrs. Chas. Merrifield**.

Mrs. C. Blemaster is visiting relatives and friends in Detroit during the holidays.

Fred Hosley of Duplain was in St. Johns last week.

Richard Gay is very ill with catarrhal pneumonia.

J. W. Wright of Ithaca was in town on business Friday.

O. H. Shaffer of Owosso was in St. Johns one day last week.

J. W. Clemens of Lansing was in St. Johns one day last week.

Miss **Carrie Miers** left Tuesday to spend two weeks with relatives in Niles.

Mr. & Mrs. Adin W. Skinner of Bengal spent Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Henry Crowell was called to North Star last week by the serious illness of her mother.

May Gannon came last week from Jackson to live with her mother, **Mrs. Alcesta Proctor**.

Mrs. George Waldron spent Christmas at the home of her son, **Harry Coleman** of Pontiac.

Hugh Allen & Miss Julia Seaman of Greenville visited **Mrs. B. F. Hall** over the holidays.

O. B. Winley of Detroit spent a few days last week at the home of **Mrs. Elizabeth Tremper**.

Stanlake Jury spent the first of last week as the guest of his brother, **Arthur Jury** in Saginaw.

Mrs. S. J. Wilson is visiting her daughter **Mrs. L. L. Conn** of Durand during the holidays.

Luther Lyon and family of Grand Rapids are visiting his parents **Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Lyon**.

Mrs. B. E. King & children of Mason are visiting her parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Eugene King**.

Miss **Winifred Vredenburg** of Owosso was the guest of her brother, **Warner**, Christmas day.

Miss **Erma VanAuker** was the guest of friends in Lansing from Christmas until Sunday evening.

F. E. Valentine and **John Harmon** of Grand Rapids were guests of Miss **Edna Frink** Christmas.

Miss Edith Cunningham and **Miss Margaret Lake** spent Friday afternoon with friends in Fowler.

Miss **Daisy Kinley**, who teaches in DeWitt, left St. Johns Wednesday for her home in Lebanon.

Mrs. E. Phelps, who was the guest of **Mrs. D. Cole** recently has returned to her home in Ortonville.

Wm. Gates of Oak Harbor, Ohio is the guest during the holidays of his uncle, **M. Christopher Bunge**.

Eugene Murdock of Ann Arbor is spending the holidays with his people, **Mr. & Mrs. F. F. Murdock**.

Miss **Nina Chappel**, who has been teaching in Rose City, is spending the holidays at her home in Bengal.

Mrs. E. L. Pennington of Riley spent Christmas with her sister **Mrs. A. C. Weatherbee** of Ovid.

Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Wolcott and daughter **Helen** left Wednesday of last week for Steubenville, Ohio to spend the holidays.

Miss Alice Chapman has been spending the past week in Ann Arbor with her parents, **Mr & Mrs. W. H. H. Chapman**.

Mr. & Mrs. L. Klingensmith and two daughters of Sarnia, Ontario, were the guests Christmas of **Mr. & Mrs. Byron Danley**.

Mr. & Mrs. Murrett Ridenour and two children have been spending the holidays with **Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Ridenour** in Owosso.

Mrs. R. D. Lyon of Grand Rapids is the guest of Mr. Lyon's sisters, **Mrs. E. H. Crowley** & **Mrs. H. J. Burgess**, through the holidays.

Mrs. Samuel Deckham of Oxford arrived Friday to visit at the home of her brother-in-law, **Wm. Deckham**, of Union Home, until Monday.

Mrs. S. P. Pierce of Ionia returned home last Wednesday after spending a week with **Mrs. E. I. Parmenter** and Miss **Jessamine Mead**.

Mr. & Mrs. D. A. Newman of Stanton are visiting his brother, **W. H. Newman** and other relatives & friends in St. Johns this week.

Arthur Brown who is attending the Columbus Dental College at Columbus, Ohio is spending the holidays at his home in Maple Rapids.

E. L. Valentine was in Ovid Tuesday & Wednesday of last week on business and also visited relatives, **Mr. & Mrs. James Valentine**.

Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Zigler and daughter of Bryan, Ohio are spending the holidays with **Mr. Zigler's** brother, **John Zigler** of Washington township.

Guy Norton, Irving Smith, George Marvin, Edward Hogan, Oliver Merrill & Claude Lockwood are home from the U of M on their vacation.

Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Patterson are spending two weeks in Ann Arbor and will be accompanied home by Miss **Ivah Patterson** of Carthage, Illinois.

Mr. V. R. Lyon and son, **Floyd**, left Saturday for Ithaca to visit friends over Sunday, after which the latter went to Barryton for the holidays.

Mrs. Theodore Lorey and **Don Raymond** returned to Columbiaville, Lapeer county last Wednesday, after attending the funeral of Robert Valentine.

Miss **Florence Wheat**, who has been engaged as trimmer in a millinery store at Kalkaska during the past season, is visiting at her home in St. Johns.

John Green arrived from Grand Rapids Wednesday and spent the night with friends in St. Johns, leaving the next morning for his home in Victor.

Mrs. Thomas Porter entertained her mother, **Mrs. F. S. Soutier** of Fremont, and sisters the Misses **Maud and Mable Soutier** of Beaverton this week.

Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Clark, R. G. & Grace left Christmas morning for Mt. Vernon, Ohio where they will spend two weeks with Mrs. Clark's parents.

Miss **Anna Gray** of Sarnia, Ontario and **B. Hanes** of Westphalia spent Saturday in St. Johns.

H.A. Sage has been ill with grip but is recovering.

Louis Beach is spending two weeks at his home in Buffalo.

Miss **Maud Townsend** of Fowler was in St. Johns Saturday.

Rev. N. L. Brass of Elsie was in St. Johns, Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Ruth Andrews returned Saturday from a three week visit in Ovid.

Miss **Lillian Tait** of Detroit was the guest last week of Miss **Grace Gibbs**.

Mrs. Elmer Buck spent Sunday with her mother, **Mrs. Isabell Mundell** of Fowler.

Miss **Lena Norris** of Owosso was the guest over Sunday of **Mrs. Frank Downham**.

Principal **F. P. Buck** attended the state teachers association in Saginaw the first of the week.

Arthur Jones of Big Rapids was the guest of Miss **Mary Cunningham** over Christmas.

Miss **Emma Harvey** of Union Home is attending the state teachers' association at Saginaw this week.

Miss **Eva French** of Ovid was the guest over Sunday of the Misses **Soutier** at the home of **T. H. Porter**.

Miss **Lulu Isbell** of Grand Rapids spent Christmas day at the home of her parents, **Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Isbell**.

Mrs. Harry Pouch returned home Saturday after spending Christmas at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. A. Pouch**.

Miss **Bertha Pettis** of Flint is the guest in the home of her cousin, **A. P. Cowell** for a few days this week.

Mrs. John Fortress and son, Ray, returned to their home in Gaines Friday, after spending Christmas with her daughter, **Mrs. Ernest Bartram**.

Attorney **Frank R. Montfort** of Ithaca was the guest Friday & Saturday of his mother, **Mrs. M. F. Pitts**.

Mrs. C. R. Martin and son, George, of Battle Creek, spent Christmas at the home of her mother, **Mrs. George Hunt**.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Black and baby spent Sunday at their old home near Pinckney with Mrs. Black's parents.

Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Kuhns of Elkhart, Indiana, are the guests of relatives in Greenbush and St. Johns for two weeks.

Miss **Anna Ketcham** of the St. Johns schools is visiting friends in Saginaw and attending the state teachers' association.

Mrs. Mary Wheeler of Fowler returned home Saturday, after spending a few days with her daughter, **Mrs. Ray Washburn**.

Miss **Ora Ash** returned to her home in Hersey Saturday, after spending three weeks in the home of her uncle, **H. A. Sage**.

Mrs. F. Geisenhaver of DeWitt visited her mother, **Mrs. M. Waltz**, of Fowler from Sat. until Wed of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brownell and two sons of Flint were the guests of **Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carter** the latter part of last week.

Miss **Lydia Parmenter** spent Sunday in Shepardsville.

Mrs. Laura Coleman of Shepardsville spent Monday in St. Johns.

J. Earle Brown made a business trip to Grand Rapids the first of the week.

Ernest Jefferson of Big Rapids, visited in St. Johns over Sat. & Sun.

H. H. Fitzgerald of Flint was at his home in St. Johns over Christmas Day.

Miss **Etta Mc Hugh** of Fenton is spending New Year's with Miss **Mayme Fedewa**.

Paul Seibert of Detroit is spending New Year's with his parents in St. Johns.

W. G. Weidman of Cleveland called on St. Johns friends the first of the week.

W. H. Sheldon of Lansing spent Monday with **Mrs. R. A. Buck** on his way to Ionia.

Thomas Bromley Jr. of Muncie, Indiana spent Christmas with his family in St. Johns.

Dr. A. H. Kenyon was called to Hudson, Massachusetts Tuesday by the serious illness of his brother.

John Chick of Grand Rapids spent Christmas and until Monday at his home in St. Johns.

Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Berry and daughter were the guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Eaton** of Ovid.

Dr. Fred Leland of Chicago spent Christmas holidays with his parents **Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Leland**.

Miss **Lela Gleason** of Elsie visited Miss **Edna Lawrason** at the home of Miss **Ethel McCabe** Monday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Hall of Freeport have been spending a week in evangelistic work at the F. M. church.

Supt. **W. D. Bishop** and **W. H. Brunson** left Tuesday morning to attend the teachers' association in Saginaw.

Mrs. S. C. Avery left Friday morning for Perry where she visited her brother **George Rowe**, until Sat. night.

Commissioner **Theo. Townsend** was prevented from attending the state teachers' association at Saginaw by illness.

Mrs. F. E. Doremus and son, of Detroit came Monday to spend a few days with **Mrs. Charles Hulse**.

Miss **Blanche Banta** of Jackson returned to her home Monday after a short visit at the home of **Mrs. W. M. Leland**.

Arthur Jury returned to Saginaw Monday morning after the latter part of last week at his home in St. Johns.

Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Pulfrey of alma returned home Monday after spending Christmas at the home of **Dr. & Mrs. Weller**.

W. H. Feek left Tuesday for Fostoria, Ohio where he intends spending the winter with his daughter, **Mrs. James Lewis**.

Arthur Placer of Detroit returned Tuesday after spending Christmas with his mother, **Mrs. Mary McCloud**, near St. Johns.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kathe and son of Cadillac are spending the holidays at of his parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kathe**.

Dr. A. H. Kinmond of Grand Marias spent Christmas with his mother and sister.

Mr & Mrs. O. N. Benjamin visited **Mrs. E. Ellis** in Grand Rapids over Christmas.

Miss **Ada Cockrane** has been visiting her sister **Mrs. J. C. Fareel** in Detroit.

Miss **Mary Williams** of Ovid was the guest of **Mrs. Thos. Fishburn** Friday.

Miss **Dolly Wagner** of Pontiac is spending the holidays with her aunt, **Mrs. Edith Wagner**.

Everett Webb of Durand visited at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Crandall** over Christmas.

Mrs. Mary Clark and two children spent Christmas in Big Rapids with her mother and sister.

Orrin Blanchard is visiting his daughter Miss **Marie Blanchard** in Detroit.

The Misses **Lizzie Ott, Louis & Mamie Fedewa** of Fowler were in St. Johns on Friday.

Mrs. J. W. Berry and son visited her mother. **Mrs. G. W. Plough** in Vernon over Christmas.

Mr. & Mrs. T. H. Cox spent Christmas in Carland at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Cox**.

Mrs. George Thomas left last week to visit **Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Brace**.

Miss **Effie Weatherwax** of Mt. Pleasant normal is spending the holiday at her home in St. Johns.

Mr. & Mrs. Ira Shaw visited their son, **Wilson J. Shaw**, at his home in Vanderbilt.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Bingham are visiting **Mr. & Mrs. John Albring** in Toledo during the holidays.

Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Look are spending the holidays in Fowlerville at the home of **Mrs. Walter Soules**.

Mr. & Mrs. William McAuslan and three children are spending the holidays in Sears with her sister.

Mrs. Floyd Ploughman and **Mrs. Mary Taylor** have been visiting relatives in Rochester for a week.

Mrs. **Gertie Pilmore** visited her son, **William Pilmore**, in Mt. Pleasant last week.

Mrs. O. W. Robinson and granddaughter, **Ethel** are spending the holidays in Detroit with **E. J. Robinson**.

Mrs. Byron Parr and two daughters, **Catherine** and **Esther**, are spending the holidays in St. Louis and Alma.

Mrs. Inice Forbes and brother **George Reed**, of Merle Beach visited **Herbert Reed** in Stanton over Christmas.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chant and daughter **Treva**, spent Christmas in Pewamo with **Mr. & Mrs. B. L. Pierce**.

Mrs. S. A. Brown left last week Wed. for Detroit to spend the holidays with her daughter, **Mrs. J. E. Dean**.

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Bancroft visited **Mr. & Mrs. Darwin**

Bancroft and **A. W. Bancroft** in Maple Rapids.

Mr. & Mrs. C. Betzer and two children spent Christmas in Grand Rapids with her parents **Mr. & Mrs. Walter Moore**.

Mr. & Mrs. M. P. Helt of Owosso were guests of Mrs. Helt's sister, Mrs. G. D. Cooper.

Mr. & Mrs. D. S. French left Wed. for St. Petersburg, Fla. where they will remain until April.

Miss **Olive Cleveland** of Shepardsville was the guest of Miss **Nellie McGregor**.

Miss **Mayme Fedewa** of St. Mary's academy, Monroe, is spending the vacation at her home in St. Johns.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Conklin were guests of friends in Detroit for Christmas.

Mrs. Peter St. Johns of Detroit was the guest of the family of **Henry Brenner** of St. Johns.

Rev. & Mrs. Archie Morris of Northville spent Christmas with Mr. Morris' sister, **Mrs. Chas. Holton**.

Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Baker of Alma visited Mrs. Baker's parents, **Mr. & Mrs. John Harn**, over Christmas.

Mr. & Mrs. V.J. Willey of Ann Arbor are the guests of Mrs. Willey's parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Munson Chase**.

Mrs. Isaac Dalton of Bloomer visited at the home of her father, **H. W. Hale**.

Mrs. Amos Palmer is spending the holidays with **Mr. & Mrs. Kern Hammel** at Corning, NY

Miss **Clara McDonald**, who teaches school east of St. Johns is spending the holidays in Fowler.

Mr. O. H. Gale, who has been visiting her son, **Dr. W. H. Gale**, has returned from Canton, NY

Mrs. C. S. Simmons left Tues. to go to **Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Munson** in Shepardsville.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eesley of Midland are the guests of sister, **Mrs. E. J. Bullard**.

Miss **Mamie O'Connell**, who attends school in St. Johns is home in Hubbardston for the holidays.

Miss **Margaret Lake** of Petoskey has been spending the holiday with friend and relatives near St. Johns.

Mrs. D. W. Ridenor, Miss **Elva Ridenor** and **Mrs. Louisa Pinkney** were guests of friends in Fowler.

Mrs. Minnie Irving and two sons left Christmas morning to visit her sister-in-law in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Carrie Honeshell and children of Corunna are spending the holidays with their uncle, **R. E. Hicks** and family.

Mrs. M. B. Griffith and **Mrs. E. A. Durkee** left Wed. for Casnovia.

Ed Thome of Owosso and **Frank Thome** of St. Johns spent Christmas at the home of their parents in Westphalia.

Mrs. James Hummer of Ortonville was the guest of her sister, **Mrs. Chas. Foster**, of Eureka.

D. J. Bevington of the Train Dispatcher's School of Telegraphy of Detroit spent the holidays at his home in St. Johns.

Mrs. Chas. Duffy and baby daughter of Owosso spent Christmas at the home of her sister, **Mrs. Wm. Parks** in Bengal.

Miss **Grace Gibbs** left Wed. for Detroit where she will attend as bridesmaid of **Miss Lillian Tait**.

Miss **Anna Gray** of Saruim Ontario and **Wm. Ruddock** of Port Huron were the guests of **Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Wykoff** for Christmas.

Mr. & Mrs. William Cornell and daughter, **Mabel**, left to spend the week with relatives and friend in Detroit and Mt. Clemens.

Smith Ritchie of Ypsilanti Normal college is home on his vacation and will spend a few days in St. Johns with his cousin, Miss **Iva Henderson**, before returning.

Mrs. Ervin Sherman accompanied by her mother, **Mrs. Harriet Hildreth** are visiting son, **Chas D. Sherman** of Allegan.

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Dutton and two daughters attend the Holmes reunion in Jackson on Christmas at the home of Mrs. Dutton's mother, **Mrs. Harriet Holmes**.

Mrs. Nellie Walter and sister, Miss **Alcy Sherman**, left for Chicago Junction, Ohio where they will visit their brother, **Scott Sherman**.

Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Himmelein, **Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Leesch** of Saginaw and **Mr. & Mrs. W. N. Clinton** County Trails

Bourbonnais of Detroit are spending the holidays with **Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Mack**.

Miss **Florence Perkins**, who is attending the Normal school at Ypsilanti, is spending the holidays with her mother **Mrs. F. K. Perkins** and brother, **Harold** in St. Johns.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gruler of Petoskey were the guests Wed. of **Mrs. B. E. King**.

The Misses **Jennie and Dessa Reynolds** spent Christmas at the home of **Thos. Cogswell** in Bengal. A Christmas tree was loaded with gifts and a general good time was enjoyed.

W. H. Berke, assistant emigrant agent for the Union Pacific railway, spent Christmas eve with his family in St. Johns.

Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Perry, daughter **Betty**, and **Mrs. Arrilla Caldwell** were guests Christmas of Mr. Perry's parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Perry** of Pontiac.

Miss **Mary Donahue** of Carson City, who has been spending a few days at the home of **Mrs. John McCracken**, left for Caro.

Mr. & Mrs. Tunis Link of Greenville are spending the holiday with Mrs. Link's sister, **Mrs. J. I. Shaver**. Mrs. Link was one of the singers at the funeral of ex-President VanBuren at Kinderhook, NY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Upton and **Mr. & Mrs. I. O. Wheat** and daughter **Hazle**, left last week for Los Angeles, CA where they will spend the winter with daughter, **Mrs. Jennie Waldron**.

Mrs. S. D. Watson returned home last Friday night from a six weeks' visit in Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin. In her old home town, Vinton, Iowa, she spend a number of days.

E. P. Waldron and **B. D. Palmer** attended the annual state convention of the Knights of the Grip at Battle Creek.

Will Howland left Monday for Waterloo, Iowa where he has a position as a bookkeeper in the office of the Waterloo Reporter.

Miss **Myra Sperry** of Detroit was the guest of Miss **Madge Bunday** and **Mrs. Chas. Fowler**.

Mrs. Chas. Gilman and children of Grand Rapids spent the holidays at her parents near St. Johns.

Mrs. Minnie Pulsifer, who has been spending six weeks with her sister, **Mrs. Esther Cone**, returned to her home in Six Lakes.

Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Stevens of Grand Rapids spent time with her parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Henry Haines**.

Miss **Myrtle Richardson**, spent the last three months in Detroit at the home of **Mrs. Fred Ritchie**.

Mrs. C. M. Brooks, spent two months with her daughter, **Mrs. M. F. Pitts** and other relatives in Ithaca before returning home in Utica Monday.

W. H. Eames and little daughter, **Florence**, of Ovid were in St. Johns Monday. The little girl will spend the week at her grandparents in Greenbush.

Miss **Susie McClintock** of the Morrice schools spent part of her vacation at her parents, **Mr. & Mrs. A. L. McClintock**.

Miss **Nora Bates** of Portland is the guest of Misses **Lizzie and Julia Smith**. The latter is home from Ypsilanti for the holidays and was accompanied by Miss **Cora Luxmore** of Iron Mountain.

Mr. & Mrs. Ora Travis of Vicksburg spent the holidays with **Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Travis** of Bengal. Mr. Travis also attended the teacher association at Saginaw.

Dues Renewal Time
Please renew your 2015 Membership Dues by submitting payment by February 28th.

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The **Historical Society** meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm Nov. through March and at 7:00 p.m. Apr. through Oct. at the First United Methodist Church on State Street, at the northeast corner of the courthouse in St. Johns, with entry through the south backdoors. Regular meetings are not held in June & December.

The **Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum** complex is located on the west side of the courthouse square in St. Johns. www.pgsmuseum.com. To join the Friends of the Museum, contact them at: pgs.museum@hotmail.com; or PGS Museum, P.O. Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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For the Ice Harvest

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Jack Frost Came Around With Very Desirable Weather

Ice cutting at Spring Brook farm is in full blast. About 25 men are engaged in the work of harvesting the product of Jack Frost which is so comforting when the mercury is trying to force the top of the glass out in July. The ice has attained a thickness of between ten and eleven inches and is in prime condition. The weather is all that could be desired and if it continues a short time longer the crop will be gathered and stored.

Mr. Sage has the houses at the farm already filled and is now working on the cold storage. Over 2,000 tons have already been secured.

- * Does Anyone Know Where **SPRING BROOK FARM** was?
- * Does anyone have any information regarding the **GEM THEATRE** which was on W. Walker Street in St. Johns in 1914?
- * CCHS is looking for photographs taken inside the **OPERA HOUSE** in St. Johns 1876-1923.
- * We have had inquiry wondering why there has not been any Early Settler/Family Certificates in the CCHS Newsletters lately, unfortunately, there have been no new submissions.

Westphalia Area Historical Society

The Westphalia Area Historical Society held their official open house December 6, 2014. It began with the building being blessed by Pastor Fr. Eric Weber. The ribbon cutting was done by Evelyn Weiland, 89 year young, renowned local historian. The Society was started in 1985 with the dream of someday having a building to showcase local history and artifacts as well as becoming a source for local family genealogy. The dream is now a reality.

Our building will be open from 11:00am until 4:00pm Sunday's thru January 11,2015. The building will then be closed to conserve energy during the winter months. We intend to change our themes several times during the year to keep continued interest in our building.

We highly recommend that you visit our website for more information about us.
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