



You and Your Friends
are Cordially Invited to
The Annual Christmas Open House

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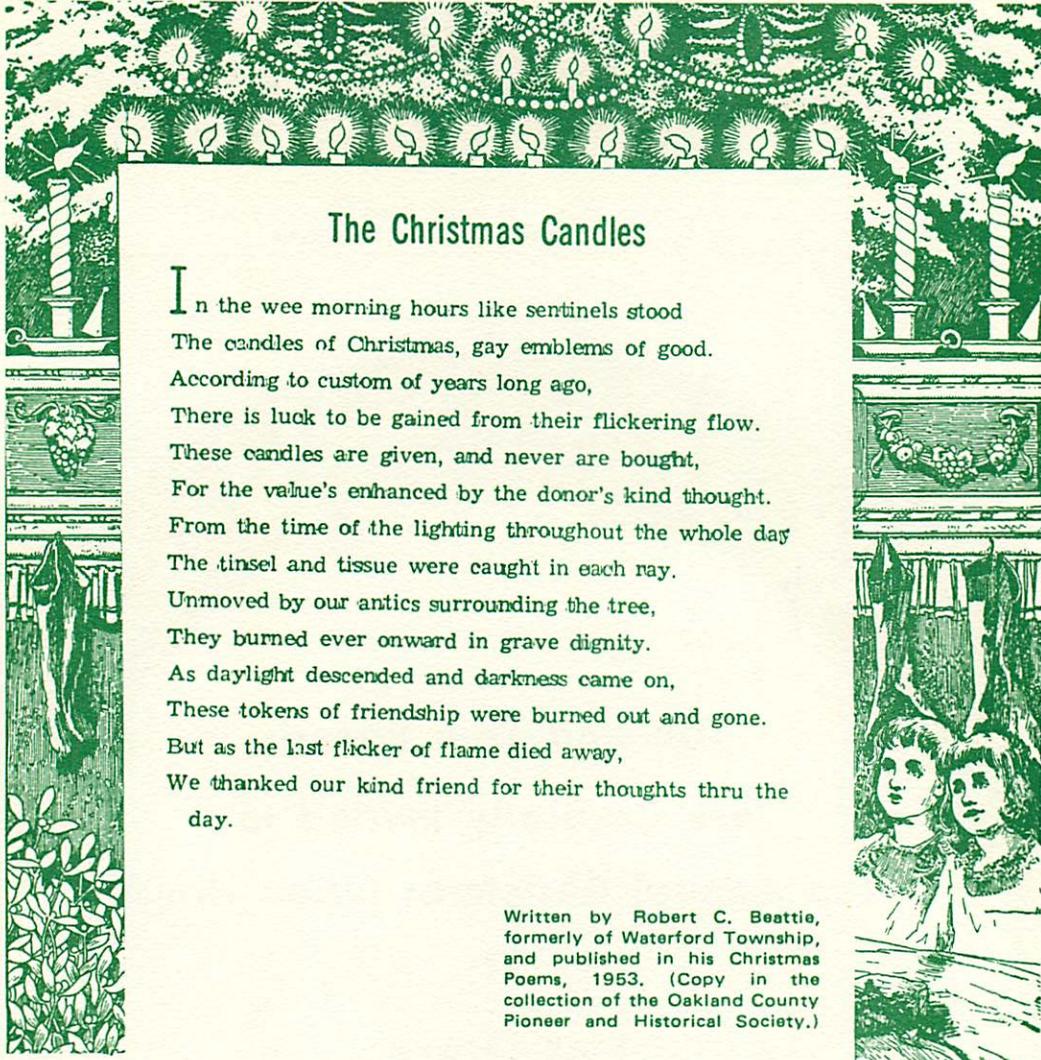
Pine Grove
405 Oakland Ave.
Pontiac

Sunday, December 5, 1971
1-4 P.M.

Donations

Refreshments

Music



The Christmas Candles

In the wee morning hours like sentinels stood
The candles of Christmas, gay emblems of good.
According to custom of years long ago,
There is luck to be gained from their flickering flow.
These candles are given, and never are bought,
For the value's enhanced by the donor's kind thought.
From the time of the lighting throughout the whole day
The tinsel and tissue were caught in each ray.
Unmoved by our antics surrounding the tree,
They burned ever onward in grave dignity.
As daylight descended and darkness came on,
These tokens of friendship were burned out and gone.
But as the last flicker of flame died away,
We thanked our kind friend for their thoughts thru the
day.

Written by Robert C. Beattie,
formerly of Waterford Township,
and published in his Christmas
Poems, 1953. (Copy in the
collection of the Oakland County
Pioneer and Historical Society.)

Victorian Christmas Plans Made

On Tuesday, November 30 members of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society will spend the day decorating Pine Grove for the Victorian Christmas open house, which will be held on Sunday, December 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in the hanging of the greens should come to the Wisner home at any time after 10:00 a.m. on November 30 and bring a sack lunch. Old time ornaments for use in decorating the tree are being sought. It is hoped that those having old fashioned ornaments will be willing to part with at least one for this purpose.

This year refreshments will be served in the one room school in conjunction with the open house. Members and friends of the Society who would like to contribute Christmas cookies may return the enclosed slip indicating their willingness to do so. Our traditional hot mulled cider will be served.

There are items for Christmas giving in our Country Store. These include boxes of note paper with a sketch of the Wisner Home, paperback volumes of the Sesquicentennial History of Oakland County, colorful Michigan maps, the Robert Thom series of Michigan pictures, books and pamphlets. By the way, our Country Store was renovated recently. Stop by and see it!

This will be the fourth annual Victorian Christmas open house, and both members and non members of the Society are invited. The Junior Historians will assist in the decorating, and costumed hosts and hostesses will be present on December 5 to make the guests welcome to Pine Grove. No charge is made, but collection boxes will be available for contributions to help defray expenses. Any proceeds will be added to the fund for restoration of the summer kitchen.

New Directors, Officers Elected

Directors elected at the annual meeting to serve their first term on the board of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society were Edwin Adler, 2813 Silverhill in Waterford Township; Richard Hendershott of 247 Chippewa Rd., Pontiac; Mrs. William Hilderley, 2219 Joy Road in Pontiac Township; Mrs. Burton Mitchell, 16 Murphy, Pontiac; Mrs. F. W. Rice, 106 Florence St., Pontiac; and Peter Tenuta, 454 W. Huron St., Pontiac.

At the first board meeting following the annual meeting, held on October 13, 1971 at Pine Grove, the following were elected officers of the Society: Mrs. Donald E. Adams, president; Mrs. Edwin Adler and Robert Warrington, vice presidents; Mrs. James Burke, secretary; Mrs. Richard Balmer, treasurer; and Marshall E. Smith, resident agent. The board meets monthly on the third Wednesday.