



DECK THE HALL

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 2. See the blaz-ing yule be-for
 3. Fast a-way the old year pa

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Christmas at Pine Grove
Faye Donelson Marge Ruslander

You and your friends are cordially invited to the
 Annual Victorian Open House of the
 Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society
 on Sunday, December 4, 1977 at
 Pine Grove, 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan
 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Music • Guides • Refreshments

Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50

The fenced area between Pine Grove and the Wisner public school is open for parking. Also the Oakland Avenue United Presbyterian Church has kindly consented to let us use their parking lot across the street.

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The President's Message

There is never a dull moment around the Wisner House as we move from one activity to another. The Bazaar is over and we are ready to start concentrating on the Victorian Christmas.

My grateful thanks go to all who helped in any way with the bazaar. We had many lovely handmade articles and a very attractive booth thanks to Margaret Ann Jackson's clever ideas. We could have used many more workers as many of us had to do double and triple duty.

Scarcely a day passes without someone dropping in with treasures from bygone days. Clothing, pictures, newspapers, scrapbooks, letters, diaries, tools, trunks, trinkets, books, etc. We accept them all if they concern Oakland County or reflect a way of life now gone. Storage

is becoming a problem.

Oh, to have the carriage house finished so we could have a place to display these precious articles! The cement floor is poured. The furnaces are ready to set when the stairs are built. Most of the wiring is completed. The main floor has been installed and they are putting on the drywall but we will not have enough money to finish so we can move in. Consumers Power has decided to let us have gas but they cannot put it in until the last of December. With no heat, we cannot put in the water and sewer even if we had the money.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you on December 4.

Faye Donelson, President

October Bazaar Successful

Many hours of planning and much hard work went into making the October Bazaar a success. The theme was Love Circus, and under the skillful hands of Margaret Ann Jackson, there were glittering clowns, strings of popcorn and streamers. A daily first and a second prize were won.

Co-chairmen were Susan Metzdorf and Opal Clark. They scheduled volunteers for work, held craft workshops, marked merchandise, and helped set up and man the booth.

Activities started on Sunday night, October 9, with the setting up of the booth. Volunteers who helped to set up and dismantle were:

Mrs. L. D. Presnal
Mrs. Marian Bell

Endowment Fund

Since the last Gazette in July, the following people have contributed to the Endowment Fund.

MEMORIALS received for Robert Ruthig from:

Carl Donelson
Miss Faye Donelson
Mrs. Marian Bell

MEMORIAL received for Clara Nusbaumer from:

Mrs. Marie Hollway

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Mrs. Paul Gorman

The Endowment Fund was created to help guarantee a source of income to be used for the maintenance of Pine Grove. This money keeps the lights on and the thermostat turned up. Grants do the job of reconstruction and restoration. The interest from the Endowment Fund helps with upkeep. Contributions to this very important fund are, of course, tax deductible.

Faye Donelson
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Towle
Tom & Sue Metzdorf
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Paul
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Dumbrigue
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams
Mrs. Opal Clark
Bill & Margaret Jackson

In addition to the above, others who helped man the booth at the week-long Bazaar were:

Beth Borsvald
Connie Ewalt
Ellen Rice
Gertrude Overton
Mable Buckley
Phyllis Napley
Kris Metzdorf
Gladys Cheal
Connie Lektzian
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Janice Bell
Lucinda Wykoff
Orpha Williams
Ida Crawford
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Alison
Betty Elliott
Pearl Stricklin

The Society wishes to thank all these wonderful people as well as everyone who donated items for sale. There were many beautiful hand crafted and knit items, and a daily stream of baked goods that came in.

The entire bazaar, held at the Pontiac Mall, was sponsored by the Oakland Training Centers Parents Club. They chose the theme, designated booth locations and were overseers of the activity. A job well done!

Tradition . . .

At Pine Grove



Hot mulled cider served in the schoolhouse

Betty Hoard

Helen Pickering

Thelma Wright

Edna Burke

It wouldn't be a Victorian Open House at Pine Grove if the sweet smell of hot mulled cider wasn't wafting through the air. And, of course, cookies to go along with the cider.

The cookies can be brought in on Sunday, December 8, if that is more convenient. The office will be open, however, the Friday and Saturday before. Cookies may be dropped off at Pine Grove on these days, also. Wrap them well or place cookies in a tightly covered container.

To make planning easier for our Refreshment Committee, please indicate on the form below if you are bringing in these goodies.

Please note that the price of admission has not changed. It is still \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children.

We are looking forward to seeing all our members and friends on Sunday, December 8.

Hanging of the Greens Set for November 30, 1977

Wednesday, November 30, is the date set for the ninth annual Hanging of the Greens. The doors at the Wisner House will be open at 10 A.M. on that day for all members and friends to gather to decorate Pine Grove for the Victorian Open House. Aprons and overalls are the dress of the day. It's work but it's fun.

Don't forget to bring your lunch — coffee and tea are provided. Just fill in the proper space on the form below — an envelope has been provided.

SEE YOU ON THE 30th — AND BRING A FRIEND!



Victorian Open House

Enclosed with this Gazette, please find 5 tickets of admission for you and your friends. Please return any money or unsold tickets to Pine Grove in the enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to Lillian Balmer, Treasurer.

Please use this form to indicate if you can work during the Victorian Open House on December 4, and return in enclosed envelope. Any questions, call Pine Grove, 338-6732.

I will serve as

Host—Guide	12:45 to 2:00	2:00 to 3:00	3:00 to 4:15
Host—Server	12:45 to 2:00	2:00 to 3:00	3:00 to 4:15
Sales	12:45 to 2:00	2:00 to 3:00	3:00 to 4:15

I will bring _____ cookies Sunday forenoon or Saturday between 1 P.M. and 3 P.M.

Name _____ Phone _____

Guide Alert

The Hanging of the Greens on Wednesday, November 30th, is a special day at Pine Grove. All guides are urged to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to become aware of whatever changes are made in the rooms for the Victorian Open House.

Guide participation in the actual decorating of the rooms and being able to survey the house before December 4th is a good way to gain added confidence in giving the interpretation.

Fill in the form on Page 3 for the time that you can guide on that date. Naturally, costumes are required for the Victorian Open House. Please pick up your costume, if you are using one from Pine Grove, in time to have it laundered before the 4th.

The office will be trying to reach the guides regarding tours for the week of December 5th. If you have not been contacted, please call us. Tour reservations have been coming in steadily and we will need to utilize all our guides. We also have some early evening tours.



West Pike Street

LINABURY COLLECTION

Glass Negative Collection Being Processed

Out of wooden boxes and cardboard cases, dusty and musty from decades of storage, have come the glass negatives that will add a possible four hundred pictures to our files.

This work is under the direction of Mrs. Russell Pickering. Coming to light from these fragile glass squares are glimpses of life and families in turn-of-the-century Oakland County.

So far, these hundreds of negatives are from three sources – the Linabury family, the Dr. Elmer Charles estate and the VanHoosen-Jones collection.



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Procedure Manuals Underway

Procedures have recently been written for two phases of work at Pine Grove.

This policy of writing procedure manuals is going to be followed wherever it is applicable. One of these is a brief policy dealing with photo loans. The other procedure concerns cataloging of the O.C.P.H.S. photo collection. This will give directions to all volunteers involved, making it possible to have uniform handling of cataloging. Delorise Kumler has given many volunteer hours in getting this program under way. However, the tremendous amount of photos coming in call for the efforts of several more volunteers.

Soon to be started is a manual of tour procedures. This, of course, will be for the guide committee. It will be a suggested method of successful guiding at Pine Grove. We have a number of excellent pamphlets dealing with the problems of tours, but this will be strictly for Pine Grove.

Information for each room will be given, as well as the history of certain items which are permanently displayed.

It is not intended to suggest that the interpretation is given by rote and certainly the information must not be read. The pamphlet will take the Wisner House room by room, explaining the usage of each in the past. The same will be done in the summer kitchen, schoolhouse and other out buildings. There will be blank pages in the booklet so that each guide may do individual research or add notes to the interpretation.

Since printing costs are so high, we hope that we can put these procedure pamphlets together with the use of hectograph.

If anyone has any equipment available to loan to us, please call the office, 338-6732. Volunteers for these programs will be welcome.