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Annual Ice Cream Social - Sunday, August 6 - 1 to 4 p.m.



Up - Up - UP



... and down - carefully.

The partially complete Carriage House will be open for the Trolley display loaned by Fred Gibson.

The Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society will hold their annual Ice cream Social on Sunday, August 6, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will take place at Pine Grove, 405 Oakland Ave., Pontiac, Mich.

Mrs. Edwin Adler is chairperson for this gala summer event, which has been in the planning for many months. There will be -

MUSIC - a moveable feast of melodies drifting over Pine Grove

TOURS - Our well trained costumed guides will be on hand to answer questions

TROLLEY EXHIBITION - model trolleys will depict the era when a nickle took a passenger from one end of the county to the other

ATTIC TREASURES - books and treasures, do-dads and junkie - all items donated to help our treasury grow (more on page 3)

BOOK APPRAISAL BOOTH - bring in old letters, documents and books for appraisal at \$1.00 per item. Another fund raiser! (more on page 3)

QUILTING GUILD - needles will be flashing over the 1978 quilt

REFRESHMENTS - cake, Richardson's ice cream and lemonade

The Refreshment Committee will be under the expert supervision of Mrs. James Burke, Mrs. Richard Wright, Mrs. Douglas Hoard and Mrs. Russell Pickering. Refreshments are included in the price of the admission ticket.

Please indicate on the form below if you will be donating cakes. Any cakes not eaten are sold at the end of the day.

At 11:00 a.m. on the day of the Social, we will need about a dozen people to set up the tables and chairs, and put the booths in order. At 4:30 in the afternoon, we will need the same number to dismantle. **PLEASE CALL PINE GROVE** if you can work at either of these times.

There will be ample parking available in the Wisner school yard immediately adjoining Pine Grove. Also the Oakland Avenue United Presbyterian Church directly across the street from the Wisner House, has kindly agreed to permit our visitors to park in their lot. This lot may be entered from Cadillac Street.

This is the 104th year of the Society's organization. Picnics and summer gatherings have always been a part of our activities. This will be a day for nostalgia, for remembering old times and old friends. for renewing acquaintances and meeting new members.

Plan to attend - and don't forget your camera!

TICKETS

Enclosed with this Gazette, please find 5 tickets for you and your friends. Please return any money or unsold tickets to the Wisner House, 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48058, by August 1. Make checks payable to Lillian Balmer, Treasurer. All adults-\$1.00, children under 12-50¢.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL— Tear off and mail to Wisner House, 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48058, in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.

I will serve on-

Refreshment Committee

Sales (Pot Pourri Shoppes or Attic Treasures)

12:45 to 2:00

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2:00 to 3:00

2:00 to 3:00

3:00 to 4:15

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I will bring _____ cake(s) Sunday forenoon or Saturday between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The Refreshment Committee will be glad to have any type cake, but sheet or flat cakes cut to better advantage. Any questions, please call Edna Burke at 682-2017.

Name _____

Phone _____

1978 FUND DRIVE FOR CARRIAGE HOUSE RECONSTRUCTION

We would like to thank the many people listed below who contributed from \$5.00 to \$100.00 toward the Carriage House Building Fund. This continuing

generosity of our friends and members is greatly appreciated in all the efforts made in the restoration of Pine Grove.

Mrs. Russell Pickering
Joseph & Zora Zdunic
Ann C. Zdunic
Mrs. Pauline B. Holtom
Connie Lektzian
Bertha H. Dumbrigue
Mrs. James Huttenlocher
Mrs. Louis H. Schimmel
Hartford Roofing & Siding
Beatrice Russell
Mrs. L. J. Ingamels
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Priestley
Mrs. Iva O'Dell
Ralph S. Forman
Mrs. John Napley
Elizabeth Halsey
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Porter
Evelyn Shadley

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon S. Paull
Ted & Ethel Cleveland
Mrs. James D. Burke
P. G. Burnett
Mrs. Fred Crossman
Mr. & Mrs. John Stepleton
Adah Shelly
Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Hewitt
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Hoard
Mr. & Mrs. R. Bruce Emmert
Mrs. Roy V. Barnes
Mr. & Mrs. David Bleakley
Mr. & Mrs. Donald S. Brownlee
Mr. & Mrs. Adsit Stewart
Gertrude H. Overton
Morris Wattles
Mrs. J. Earl Crawford
Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Green
Mrs. James N. Owens

Mrs. Merrill D. Petrie
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin L. Adler
Judge & Mrs. Donald E. Adams
Janice Antona
Walter P. Wildey
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Balmer
Bruce A. Benter
Mrs. Richard J. Wright
Winifred Quarton
Mr. & Mrs. Seymour Voorhees
Isabell Barkell
LaBar Stewart
Mrs. Robert C. Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Roush
Glenn Griffin
Judge & Mrs. Clark J. Adams
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Windiate
James M. Rahl

Ronald & Virginia Day
Leola Todd
H. Malcolm Kahn
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred H. Levely
John W. Bell
Mildred Schmidt
Stella C. Presnal
Mary Rachwal
Mrs. K. B. Valentine
Forbes & Margaret Hascall
Mrs. Russell Thompson
Joan Deyo
John Harris
Mrs. Ronald Mountain
Mrs. John Naz
Charlotte Ann Maybee
Russell & Ingrid Gustavson
Mrs. Arthur Hoban
W. W. Mainland

A DAY TO REMEMBER

..... TIMES PAST



Rochester ca. 1890

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society are eligible to join the Historical Society of Michigan at the reduced rate of \$9.00. This special joint annual membership is 25% less than the regular \$12.00 fee and is available only to persons belonging to local historical societies.

Membership benefits include the bi-monthly H.S.M. newsletter, with announcements of regional and local activities including walking tours and craft shows, as well as lectures and courses.

Members also receive the quarterly magazine, THE CHRONICLE, which takes you on a journey through Michigan's past. To join the society as an annual member, send a check for \$9.00 to:

Historical Society of Michigan
2117 Washtenaw Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

The application is included with this copy of the GAZETTE. PLEASE DO NOT MAIL TO THE WISNER HOUSE.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Can you lay floor tile? Can you hang paneling? Tile for the middle level of the Carriage house is on hand but the boys didn't have time to get it done.

Same for the basement paneling.

The plumbers are putting in the sewer and water. If we can get volunteers to put down the tile and put up the paneling we will be able to use it for the ice cream social. Please offer. Thank you. See you at the social.

Faye M. Donelson, President

ENDOWMENT FUND IS STILL GROWING

Contributions may be made to the Endowment Fund in several different ways. A direct donation of \$5.00 or more, the purchase of a Life Membership, or making a lasting memorial to a friend or relative.

Since the last issue of the GAZETTE in April, the following people have given to the fund.

MEMORIAL received for Charles Hudson from Mrs. Lottie Hudson

MEMORIAL received for Ruth Voorheis Coultres from Faye Donelson

MEMORIAL received for Bessie Cocke from Mrs. Marian Bell

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

James Renfrew

Mrs. William Rathburg

Mr. William Rathburg

ARMS BROTHERS CLOTHING STORE TO BE HONORED AT SOCIAL

In 1837, the Arms Brothers Men's Clothing store opened its doors for business in Milford. Today, this family is still in the same business.

Under the direction of T. R. Arms, Jr., this is one of the two oldest clothing stores in the United States, and is located at 361 N. Main Street.

On the afternoon of August 6, at the Ice Cream Social, the festivities will pause to honor this 141 year old Oakland County business.

The Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society will present a plaque to this thriving concern which is as old as the state itself.

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Ezra Jewell, Society Officer

Ezra Jewell, an early member of the Pioneer Society, was an important person in preserving the records and biographies of Oakland County's settlers.

Born in Ithaca, New York, he came to Michigan with his parents in 1836 at the age of three. The family moved to Pontiac when Ezra was twelve. The boy learned the bakery business. He moved on to buying and selling furs in the county during a time when the forests that closed in on the villages had wolves and fox in abundance.

In the restless wave of the young men of early 1850's, Ezra spent three years searching out gold in California.

Perhaps because his own life was so varied and colorful, he took an unusual interest in collecting the biographies of other early settlers. With a steel pen and a lot of patience, he carefully indexed these scrapbooks of pioneer courage.

These books occupy an important place on the shelves of the research library at Pine Grove.

Ezra started the collection of artifacts that were stored for many years in the courthouse. And it was he who personally asked the county board of supervisors to make a yearly appropriation for the pioneer association.

He served in 1896 as secretary, gathering records that had never been kept before. From 1909 to 1912, he was president of the Pioneer Society.

MORE ABOUT THE SOCIAL

There will be something for everyone's interest at the Ice Cream Social August 6. The Pot Pourri Shoppe will be open at its usual stand in the house, and a second shoppe will be set up on the lawn. There will be many new and different books and old maps. Handcrafted items will be very welcome.

This is the last call for items for the Attic Treasure Booth. They do not have to be valuable - or old - or expensive. Jewelry, dishes, glassware, and all the whatevers that defy description. Got any thing left from your last Rummage Sale? Clothing CANNOT be used, but books are very acceptable. Please bring in articles for this booth by Friday, August 4, as they must be marked.

This booth is under the very able chairmanship of Susan Metzdorf.

The Book Appraisal Booth affords a rare opportunity to have appraised those doubtful, dusty old volumes

that just might be very valuable. Jim Babcock will give an appraisal for only \$1.00 per document, letter or book. Keenly interested in many branches of history Jim is a past president of the Michigan Historical Society and was on the Commission for the Michigan Civil War Centennial Observance. He served for eleven years as chief librarian of the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library. Bundle up your old books and papers and bring them along Sunday, August 6.

Our Quilting Guild has been gifted with a 45 year old hand made quilt top. It is in the See-Saw pattern. This will be on the frames by August 6. Tickets for the See-Saw quilt are now on sale, and the drawing will be held at the Victorian Open House this December.

On August 6, Mrs. Louise Merrill of Fenton will be presented with the quilt she won at last year's Victorian Open House. This was one of the largest quilts made so far and is of blocks representing 30 states.

UPDATE - DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

The viewpoint that a museum is a repository for useless dusty items is outmoded. Our Historical Society accepts for its collection artifacts that were made or used by Oakland County residents, books by or about Oakland County people, third dimensional items that represent, or reflect the taste of a particular era, and collections of papers, diaries or letters of political, business, church or cultural organizations of our county.

We try to put to good use any gift donated to Pine Grove. While we never guarantee a continuous exhibit of any third dimensional item, almost all artifacts are displayed one time or another. The private collections of papers enrich our research library. If you have any items that you feel might be of interest to our Historical Society, please contact us.

<u>Artifacts</u>	<u>Donors</u>
Book: <i>Focus-Michigan Women, 1701-1977</i>	State Coordinating Committee for International Women's Year
Clothing, ca. 1920	Mrs. D. Carter
4 Books: <i>The Works of Chas. Dickens;</i> Vol. V - <i>American Cyclopedic;</i> <i>Our Country & Household History</i> - Vol. I-1976; <i>The Ladies Repository</i> , a monthly periodical-1869	Mrs. Fred Feekart
Book: <i>Petticoat Surgeon</i> by Bertha Van Hoosen - autographed; <i>Tasteful Interlude</i>	Mrs. Edwin Adler
<i>International Congregational Conference</i> - July 1977 (private paper)	Mrs. Cecil Bondurant
2 - 1958-9 Directories	Mrs. Charles Williams
Book: <i>The Cuthbertson Clan</i>	John E. Cuthbertson
1924 picture of McConnell School & list of pupils - 1895- 1896 - Waterford Center; 1925 Eastern Jr. High dedication program	Dorothy Hollister
1905 Dedication BPOE 810 & pamphlets	William Travis
Book: <i>A Wind Gone Down;</i> <i>Out of the Wilderness &</i> 2 copies <i>Short History of Michigan</i>	Mrs. Donald Adams
Photos from Arthur Selden family; American Preservation & Michigan History magazines Booklets dealing with juvenile treatment & laws in Oakland County	
Kitchen Scale, 1912-13	Rex Lamoreaux
Happy Home Steam-Washer Pat. 1916	Early Attic Antiques Andy Cox
Wood Plane, ca. 1880	Mr. & Mrs. M. Lenigan
Corn Husk Doll	Mrs. Lillian Neville
Wood Ironing Board Suitcase, Gown	Mrs. Maxwell Shadley

<u>Artifacts</u>	<u>Donors</u>
7 colored photos of cupola on carriage house, 5-16-78	Eugene Towle
2 Tickets, 1st Annual Auto Show 1911; Brochure-A Trip Through the Factories Book: <i>Once a Wilderness</i> by Arthur Pound 2 Harmonicas	Faye M. Donelson
Crosscut saw; Newspaper reports, Quiver 1916	Gladys Cheal
Handwritten book of poetry Peterson's Magazines Clothing ca. 1880 including 2 colorful paisley shawls, 5 children's books, ca. 1880	Mrs. John Forbush
Scrapbook: <i>Our City</i> ca. 1916, Pontiac map ca. 1910	Max Miller
<i>The Michigan Archeologist</i> - 12-77	Charles Martinez
147 pictures used in book: <i>Out of Small Beginnings</i> 2 preliminary copies <i>Out of Small Beginnings</i>	Geo. Skrubb
Mortar Cap & Gown; 4 items of clothing, ca. 1920 2 items of clothing, ca. 1880	Mrs. Cecil Bell
Leather bound Bible, ca. 1880	Louis Tenuta
Small Oak Doll Chest-owned by Sarah Van Hoosen Book: <i>Chronicle of Van Hoosen Centenary Farm</i> by Sarah Van Hoosen Jones	Alice Serrell
Assorted braids & tapes	Mrs. Connie Ewalt
Book: <i>Acts of Michigan Legislature</i> - 1869	Mrs. Wayne McMeans
Book: <i>Copper-Toed Boots</i> by Marguerite DeAngeli- autographed	Ruth Priestley

Purchases
Books:
Farmington
Religious History of Farmington
The Beacon Tree
Pocket Diary of Robt. Warner
Historic Places Around Detroit