



It's Annual Dinner Time

Once again the members of our Society will enjoy the facilities of the Deer Lake Racquet Club as the setting for our Annual Dinner. The dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 16th. The social hour will commence at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. There will be a choice of entrees (Boston Scrod or Swiss Steak).

The melodious tunes of by-gone days played by Rosamond Carlson on the piano will be heard during the social hour. The emphasis of our entertainment will be to have a "fun" time. Margaret Ann Jackson, accompanied by a "friend", will be the toastmistress and she promises to furnish lots of fun and laughter. The Program Committee, composed of Virginia Rodgers, Clarke Kimball, Ruth McCulloch, Robert Reynnells and Margaret Ann Jackson, have been putting together an outstanding evening for your pleasure and entertainment.

On the serious side, the theme of the program will be "Who We Are". We are celebrating our 110th year as an Oakland County historical society. Recognition will be given to all of the local historical societies in Oakland County, some 22 in number. Representatives of each society have been invited to attend and they have also been invited to have exhibits. It is hoped this will further foster the cooperation and exchange of information between all of the historical societies of the county.

The racquet club is located on White Lake Road, just east of the Dixie Highway, in the Clarkston area. It is located on the shore of and overlooking beautiful Deer Lake. There is ample free parking in a well lighted area.

As in past years, a souvenir pine seedling will be furnished to all of those in attendance as a remembrance of the occasion. Door prizes will be awarded to the lucky attendees at the close of the evening.

The tickets for the dinner are \$15 each. This price includes the complete dinner and all gratuities. You may reserve your tickets by completing the enclosed reservation form and returning it with your check to Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, MI 48058. Reservations must be received on or before May 7th.

Tour Season Opens

The Pine Grove buildings and grounds opened for tours on April 1st and will continue to be open until mid-December. Tours may be arranged by appointment on Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Special walk-in tours are offered during July and August on Tuesday thru Friday beginning at 1:00 pm with the last tour starting at 2:30 pm. No reservations are necessary unless a group is coming.

Free use of the one-room schoolhouse for school groups is offered during the school year. They may use it for classroom sessions to experience life in a nineteenth century school. Educators and other interested persons are requested to call the office (338-6732) for further information and reservations.

Guides Needed

We are in desperate need of additional guides as the tour season gets under way. Men volunteers are needed for the tool exhibit in the lower level of the carriage house and we also need stationary guides for help at our annual fund raiser events.

An extensive program of Tour Guide training is in progress. If you would be interested in becoming a guide, please be sure to call the office (338-6732) and we will arrange for a training session for you.

The guides met on March 29th and Susan Metzdorf conducted a tour of the house museum pointing out the various Wisner pieces. Our next general guide meeting will be held on June 20th. You are welcome.



Margaret Ann Jackson - Annual
Dinner Toastmistress

On April 8, 1984 shortly after compiling and editing this issue, Allen Priestley passed away.

He had been responsible for this publication for the past 5 years.

Over the years he served with distinction on many committees devoted to law, community, church and historic preservation.

Our deepest sympathies to his wife, President Ruth Priestley and their children.

He will be sorely missed by all.

New Membership Drive

**OUR GOAL ONE NEW MEMBER BY
EACH MEMBER**

Introduce your friends, neighbors and family to the Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society by your gift of a membership this year.

This will put their name on our Gazette mailing list which will give them information as to our programs, crafts and events. We all have need of a special remembrance from time-to-time. Make yours a Gift Membership this 110th Anniversary year. See flyer enclosed with your copy of the Gazette.

Carriage House Farm Tool Exhibit

The lower level of our Pine Grove carriage house contains a fine collection of early American farm tools. The tools are displayed in a manner easily observed and are identified by descriptive cards. Bob Reynnells and Jack Moore have spent many hours completing the exhibit and the following is a description of farm life and the tools used therein as prepared by Bob. Most of the tools referred to may be found in our collection.

Early American Farm Life and Tools of the Trade

By Robert Reynnells*

Let's take a trip down a nostalgic road to the farm of the late 1880 -early 1900 era. Since we don't have the paved roads of today, we trudge along a dusty, rutted lane to the farm. Approaching the barn we hear the clanging of metal against metal. Coming closer to the sound, we see a muscular person hammering a horse shoe into being. A novice young farm boy is pulling a rope attached to a huge bellows forging coals into white heat. This took place on a cylinder type oven made of brick or some other masonry style material (the blacksmith took over for an individual known as a "farrier"). The shoe was formed, quenched in cold water and then nailed to the horses hoof. The shoe was used to protect the horses feet on frozen ground, ice or rocky terrain. The "smithy" also made many of the tools used around the farm.

Before the advent of mowing machines, grain separators or spreaders, the farmer, his wife, children and hired hands cut the hay, grain or alfalfa with implements called sickles, reaping hooks (these were curved knives attached to handles), hay knives, grain cradles and scythes. A slashing movement was used to cut the grain. The hay knife was used to cut out portions of the haystack. The sickle was also used like a machete to cut cornstalk.

The scythe came into being in the 1800's and was adapted from tools of similar make from England and Europe. The farmer also used a tool known as a "SNATH." We see here handles made from willow and shaped in hot oil. We think of this implement as an overgrown sickle. Farmers also used the four-fingered bow cradle. These were used to help harvest the

grain and were considered a real work of art in the 1800's.

The farmer and his family also enjoyed wine or other beverages that they made with their fruit presses. A small wooden container resembling a barrel used a screw like device with threads to force the fruit into a mash or pulp. The juice would drain off into containers. Small barrels would be filled, a spigot cut into the barrel to empty the contents. The farmer then had his wine, cider or whatever other beverage he desired at his convenience.

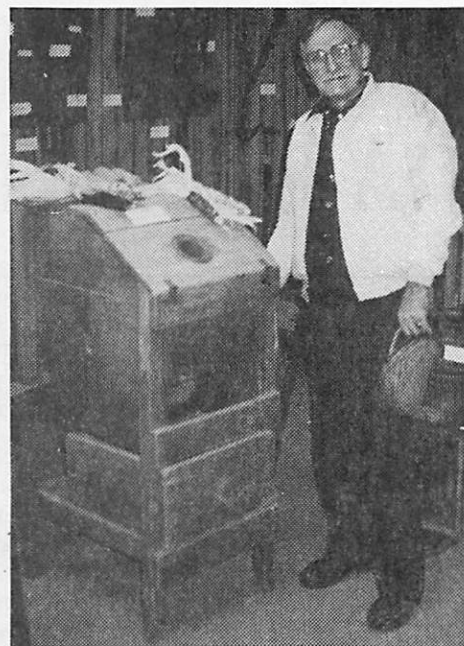
A farmer's wife didn't have a corner grocery store to go to for her butter, but she did have a cream separator and butter churn. Her husband would take the raw milk from his cows, pour the liquid in the separator and removed the cream as it floated to the surface. This then would be moved to the churn where the wife would take a long pole with a flat paddle nailed to one end and with a stroking motion would churn until the butter was formed into a large ball. The residue milk was known as buttermilk and was used in cooking and baking.

The farmer had cleaning tools for his corn and beans. The corn was shelled by using a machine that had meshing gears. Corn on the cob would be pushed into a small round chute. A large hand crank shelling was complete. Dried beans were cleaned and culled by running the beans over a belt. The operator would pump a treadle pulling the beans over the belt where the good beans would be separated from the bad.

The carpenter of the early periods developed quite a few tools because there were no hardware stores as we have today. All types of wood cutting planes were designed, and interestingly enough, the designs that were formulated are now being used and manufactured for modern day craftsmen.

Planer blades were made to bevel wood, make mortise and tenons for tight wood connection, blades for smooth finishes, cutting edges for fancy fluting on window and door trims and blades for lapping edges for flooring and siding. The wood handles were most often oiled hardwood shapes. Draw shoves were a single sharp knife with handles' on both ends that were pulled through the wood towards the worker. These were used for making doors, windows and furniture.

Many kinds of saws were used in the late 1800's. A bow or frame saw was a popular saw that was stretched taut between two arms by a twisted cord. The



Don Daggy inspects old time corn sheller

saw blade was readily turned by twisting the handles, making it easy to saw curved pieces. A buck saw had a bow frame but the blade was stationary and the saw had a long handle. The open pit saw (a long saw blade with "tiller" type handles) was used over a pit with two operators to cut large timbers—one worker above the pit and the other in the pit.

The most unique saw in the Pine Grove Carriage House Collection is the ice plow. When the ice was thick in the ponds or rivers, teams of horses and men would run over the ice with this saw which would score the ice up to six inches. The ice would then be cut into blocks and carried on flat bed sleds to ice houses for use during the summer months. Early pioneers had no convenience of refrigeration as we have now.

Shoes were hand made as were leather saddles for horses. The craftsmen of yesterday designed awls, sharp knives and wrought formed mallets and hammers. We can thank these hardy pioneers for their concepts of tools (quite a few invented as the need arose). The blacksmith made nails, hatchets, augers, lumber-hooks, knives and cutting tools as well as shoeing horses. Cutting tools for wood shapes of which we readily avail ourselves today in the modern world had their inception with the early farm people. We can only marvel at their imagination.

*Robert Reynnells is a member of our Board of Directors and one of our volunteer maintenance men who labor long and hard to maintain our buildings and grounds.

An Oakland County "Adams Chronicle"

By: Donald E. Adams*

Among my souvenirs is an old Morris chair. The first time I saw it my father and I visited his father, Jayno Charles Adams, by boarding the Grand Trunk at Drayton Plains and traveling to Grand Blanc where Grandpa and Grandma lived. His house was on the east side of Dixie Highway and he was sitting in the chair where he could look westerly across Dixie down the road to Owosso. That was the only time I remember seeing Grandpa Adams. His wife, my grandmother, lived many years after his death. From her and other members of the family I learned the details I write about here.

Not many folks now living have had a direct contact with peoneers who participated in the Gold Rush in California. My grandparents were among those pioneers.

My grandfather, Jayno Charles Adams, like so many young men of his generation, decided to leave Michigan at the age of twenty-six to seek his fortune in the West. He left not only his parents but also his eighteen year old sweetheart, Helen M. Ellis, who had only recently moved to Michigan from New York state. Helen was anxious to accompany him but her mother refused to let her go. Her mother assured her if she still wanted to go when she reached twenty no objection would be raised. That promise Helen did not forget. In March, 1860 she celebrated her twentieth birthday and in April of that year she was on her way. She sailed from New York, took the recently completed train across the Isthmus of Panama to the Pacific coast and boarded another ship for the balance of her trip.

She wrote the following letter home:

My Dear Parents, Brothers and Sisters,

Knowing your anxiety to hear from your absent daughter, I have seated myself in the ladies Saloon for the purpose of giving you a brief sketch of our following doings. Mrs. Beach (Adelia Adams Beach, her future sister-in-law) and I have been quite unwell the most of the time altho we have lost no meals Carrie (Beach) has been quite well most of the time. the weather today is exceedingly warm, which makes it very

unpleasant & the boat is crowded full, over 1000 passengers & we were obliged to take second Class bunks and run our chance of getting a place to sleep. this makes me think of home when preparing to go to bed, we camp on the floor, wherever there is room. we have one Gentleman's Overcoat, and Mr. Wakeman's shawl. last night Mr. Dart brought us a blanket. you can Judge from this how we rest we have a grand time dressing in the mornings. we have no State room, and of course are obliged to stay right here. we use our morning dresses for night ones but we think any way to get along, and get through alive. there has been no accidents as yet. if we have good luck, we will be at Aspinnal Friday morning. Oh Dear how I dread the rest of the Journey I think I should have given up coming, if Mrs. Beach



Helen M. Ellis Adams
Before she left for California
to wed Jayno Charles Adams

had not been with me, for I was so unwell while at Janes, and Aunt Prudy seemed to feel so bad but if I only get through alive, and find all things right,—I shall feel paid for all my trouble, but think I never should undertake the Journey again. I think if I was home again, I would try and be contented. I presume you will here from us by way of Mr. Greggessic of flint—he escorted us all over New Nork in grand style. he is a fine fellow. Our bill at York was \$9.50 rather steep for us. Our table fare is poor. nothing relishes with me except **beens & pickles**. Yesterday the Stuardress brought us some Tapaco pudding, which was very nice. today she surprized me with a ducks leg, and some chicken. we have courted her pretty well, and think we shall fare some better, but mind it is the leavings of the first table. we have learned to play grab pretty well. this is the only way you

can get anything at the table is to grab with all fours, and then you get nothing of it to eat. last night we paid the Stuerdess and she brought us our tea I had milk in mine for the first and that is made of chalk water our tea was, some of Ma's preserves, and dried beef and cake was heated with a glass of cider.

Thursday morning after sitting down to the table and eating nothing. oh dear, such fare as we do have is enough to ill anybody. it is extremely warm this morn I hardly know what we shall do. we are all quite smart again this morning. I hope we shall remain so. I have not done any sewing to amount to anything. (I) can not the boat rocks, quite bad, and we are in constant motion all the time Delia has made Carrie a sunbonnet. It is so noisy here that it is impossible for me to write, and when you read this thing that I am sitting on a sofa rocking to-fro and gabbers all around me. You can let Fanny read this for I cannot write another, but will write as soon as convenient—Give my respects to all enquiring friends. I presume the news is spread abroad by this time. Do not worry about us for we shall get along some way

from your daughter Helen

I would like to have you write to me and direct it Jayno soon I presume I shall not write again till we arrive at San Francisco You can let the Colonel folks see this if you choose (Colonel James Adams, her prospective father-in-law).

Helen arrived safely in San Francisco and on April 28, 1860 she and "J. C. Adams of Jacksonville" were married by the Rev. Edward Lacy. Grandpa tried gold mining briefly, but found other jobs more to his liking and more profitable. In addition to her household duties Grandma busied herself by teaching miners to read and write.

In December, 1860 Grandpa's older sister, Adelia Beach, with whom Grandma had made the trip West, married J. B. White. He had a hotel and store in Rock Point, Oregon and Grandpa and Grandma joined them there where Grandpa worked in the store and hotel. In December, 1861 their first child, Belle, was born in Yreka, California. Granpa obtained a six mule team and was engaged in carrying provisions across the mountains.

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In 1864 the family was in Idaho Territory where a second daughter, Kitty, was born April 11, 1864. She died a week later. They returned to Oregon where he continued as a drover. On April 11, 1866 another daughter, Pearl, was born.

In the winter of 1866 Grandpa set off from The Dalles, Oregon for Montana with a load of flour in company with a man named McCoy. On December 7, 1866 he wrote Grandma a report of his experiences.

Dec 7th 1866

Dear Nely

I will try with my left hand to let you know how I am getting along. my hand is very sore. I am suffering great deal & the doctor says I can go down as well in 6 days as 6 weeks. He says I will not be able to use it for three months. I hardly know what we will do but I shall try to get enough to get us home. we can go home with very small means. we will be all right. we would have had a good stake only for the Read Devils. Oh, I cry I cannot describe my feelings. McCoy shot dead at my feet - myself through the right hand. Surrounded by 12 Indians they shoot my hat off my head. I ran away from them as best I could. I ran down the hill & took one of my mules & rode it away. they shot three times at me while getting him out of the harness. they shoot through my pants. it seems almost like a dream & almost mercial & oh how thankful we ought to feel that my life is spared and will probably get the use of my hand & enough to make a good farmer yet. I cannot tell when I will start down. I do not want to take too much chance on my hand. I will let you know when I start & to be able to go on home. Oh how I want to see you and Belle you are (on) my mind all the time Rosenbaum gave me an order. I haveordered it sent to you. Be as patient as you can. I am very tired & must quit. You had better write me as I may not get away as soon as I think for. accept a kiss for my little pair from your Dear

Husband J C Adams

The accident left Grandpa with a useless thumb, but, as he had predicted, he was able to use his hand sufficiently to carry on as a farmer and drover.

In 1868 the family of four returned to Michigan in time for the celebration at Grand Blanc of the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Col. James Adams and Sarah Parks Adams, on March 3, 1868. Among the gifts received were two pair of gold rimmed spectacles brought from San Francisco by Adelia Adams Beach White. The celebration was marred by the serious illness of Col. James Adams, who died on March 6, and the sickness of little Pearl, who died on March 8. The family was now reduced to three.

On their return to Michigan Grandpa and Grandma settled on a farm in Groveland Township in Oakland County. In addition to regular farming, Grandpa Adams bought livestock in Genesee and north Oakland counties and, with his horse, buggy and dog, herded them down Dixie Highway to market in Detroit. One story I remember was about one trip Grandpa took driving some hogs through Saginaw Street in Pontiac. One of the saloon keepers had thrown out some fermented cherries. The pigs found them appetizing, became intoxicated and caused considerable difficulty for Grandpa in completing the trip. That reduced the number of trips taking pigs to market in Detroit. Incidentally, we still have remnants of the old buffalo robe he used to keep warm in the buggy.

Dad Adams told of Grandpa bringing back from Detroit a single orange as a special treat; in months with an "R", a tin of oysters; and, always, coffee beans to be ground.

Grandpa and Grandma Adams raised to adulthood Belle, who had been born in Oregon, my father, Jayno, and Mittie and Flora. Belle married a farmer, Charlie Thompson, and they lived at "The Brick", a farm near Argentine. Mittie married John D. Riker, M. D., who practiced many years in Pontiac. It was at their wedding that my father met my mother, Blanche W. Earl, a cousin of John D. Riker's. Flora married Roy Goodale and resided for some time in Colorado. After the death of her husband she returned to the East.

Jayno Charles Adams died in 1916. Helen Ellis Adams survived him by eighteen years, dying at the Pontiac home of her daughter, Mrs. John D.

Riker, on November 22, 1934. Two of their children remained residents of Oakland County: Mittie Adams Riker and my father, Jayno W. Adams. Mittie Riker and her husband were the parents of four sons and a daughter, three of whom remained in Pontiac: Dr. Aaron W. Riker, John D. Riker and Eleanor Riker Scriven. Both my brother Clark and I, sons of Jayno W. Adams and Blanche Earl Adams, remained in Oakland County, living almost our entire lives on part of the family farm in Waterford Township where our mother was born, married and died. We both also served as judges, Clark as Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and on the Oakland County Circuit Court, and I as Justice of the Peace in Waterford Township and on the Oakland County Probate Court.

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Cultural Exhibits

During the past year, Virginia Benham Rodgers, Director of Oakland County Cultural Affairs, has coordinated special exhibits from our Society, with Priscilla Gayton, Exhibit Chairperson, at the Oakland County Court House and Executive Office Building. Exhibits of Hervey Parke surveying tools; antique toys; black history memorabilia and items from Governor Moses Wisner's legal career have been displayed. At the present time a collection of antique glass is being exhibited at the County Executive Office Building in connection with Michigan Glass Month.

During West Bloomfield Township's Sesquicentennial Celebration a special exhibit of a mini-room setting was displayed at the Orchard Mall.

We are grateful for all the beautiful exhibits that Priscilla has taken into the community and also for the changing exhibits she has arranged at Pine Grove.

Recent Interesting Accessions

Listed below are a few of the interesting and unusual gifts which have been received by the Society:

Elizabeth V. Palmer Bradfield estate
A pair of bronze dogs mounted on marble bases as bookends. c. 1915

Bruce Schmidt

Booklet: **Southfield: Yesterday and Today, 1983.**

Rochester Historical Commission and Avon Township Library

Booklet: **The Ill-Fated Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal, 1983**

Mrs. Daniel Brown

Manuscript: **Michian Pioneer Coverlet Weaver: A Study of Abram William Van Doren's Seven Years of Coverlet Weaving in Avon Twp., MI 1844 to 1851.**

Rex Lamoreaux

Books: **Battles of the Civil War: Complete Kurz & Allison Prints, 1976**

Matthew Brady's Illustrated History of the Civil War,

Mr. Raymond Russell

Book: **Arming Michigan Regiments 1862-1864**

Mrs. Thelma Wright

Black morning coat and silk top hat, 1880's

Miss Rosamond Haeberle

Charter of the Daughter's of the American Revolution on parchment and framed.

Mrs. Richard Balmer

2 shoe-horns from Bird and St. Louis and 1 boot-hook

Mrs. Raymond Cole

Photograph of the Mary Todd home, 99 Norton St., Pontiac

Mrs. Clark Adams

Collection of wedding attire worn by Janet and Dorothy Adams, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Adams, granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jayno Adams c. 1950's.

Children's steam engines

Small Pox Sign from the Oakland County Health Department

Book: **Bibliography of the Printed Maps of Michigan 1804-1880** Pub. 1931.

Mr. Arnold Mann

Limoges, hand painted punch bowl, stand and eight cups, donated in memory of Mildred Crosby Mann.

L- Page Hilton

Walnut chest of drawers, once owned by Governor Moses Wisner. From the estate of Norma M. Hilton.

Miss Dorothy Hollister

Multi colored hand made rug, 22"x32" c. 1890's.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Veazey

Burgundy silk dress donated in memory of Mrs. Dione E. Veazey ca. 1920's.

Mr. Kenneth Brown

Book: **Michigan Military Academy 1899, Orchard Lake, MI, twenty-second year.**

Oxford Savings Bank Celebrates Centennial

The Oxford Savings Bank, one of our country's few remaining independently owned banks, is celebrating its centennial anniversary. Gretchen Adler, past President of our Society, presented a special 100 year certificate to the bank on behalf of our Society on April 7th at a Stockholders Dinner Meeting at the Oxford Hills Country Club. Thomas L. Jones, Executive Director of the Historical Society of Michigan, also made a centennial presentation on behalf of the state society.

County Historic Sites

Correspondence from the Michigan History Division between August of 1983 and March of 1984 informed our Society that the following county historic sites have been listed in the State Register of Historic Places:

Lawrence Simmons House, Farmington Hills

Willard M. McConnell House, Pontiac

During the same period the following were listed in the National Register of Historic Places:

Franklin Boulevard Historic District

Central School

Eagle Theater

The Pontiac Commercial Historic District

Also, the Joseph D. Yerkes House in Novi was listed in both the State and National Registers. If anyone has knowledge of any additional Oakland County sites that were listed during this time period that we have not mentioned please inform the Office so that we may keep our files up to date.

In Memoriam

We regret to report the death of Carl Donelson - Life Member & Member of Board Directors

Allen Priestley, Life Member of Board of Directors & Gazette Editor

Spring Arrives at Pine Grove

The Pine Grove grounds are bursting forth in beautiful spring blooms.

Thanks to the tender care of Clarke Kimball and his friends in the maintenance crew, 700 tulip bulbs will blossom in the rock gardens, rose garden and other beds on the grounds. We are also expecting blooms in our new lily and iris gardens and on our new white flowering dogwood trees.

Altogether the Pine Grove lawn and gardens will be beautiful and we invite you to stop by for a visit. Enjoy our spring flowers.

Harvest of Crafts

Plans are under way for our Second Annual Harvest of Crafts. To date, 27 artisans have contracted to display their wares.

We will again sponsor a used book sale and welcome any books you would like to contribute. Please begin bringing the books in by June 1st and, if possible, pack them in small portable boxes so that they can be easily stored. Paperbacks are welcome.

If you or any of your acquaintances have expertise in any folk art we would welcome your participation in this fund raising activity. The date is set for September 15th to be held on the beautiful grounds at Pine Grove. Call the office (338-6732) for particulars.

Bricks!! Bricks!! Who's Got Bricks?

Used bricks are needed for borders on our flower beds and gardens. Wisner bricks formerly in use have been reclaimed for use in the chimney restoration on the Wisner House. We now need a fresh supply of old used bricks for the garden borders.

New Members

We welcome the following new members. Their interest in the Society and its activities is deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Lionel Thebo

Mr. & Mrs. Al Brisebois

Mrs. James R. Saile

Mrs. James P. Headlee

Mrs. Alice Rockwell Crosby

Mrs. Edward G. Rockwell

Mr. & Mrs. Robert McManus

Mrs. Priscilla Scott Donovan

Roof Project Moves Forward

The contract for restoration and repair of the Wisner House roof has been signed with Lax Construction Company of Pontiac.

Interior work to make the house and roof structurally sound has already been completed. When the weather permits, the old roof will be torn off, parapets will be rebuilt, chimneys repaired and the roof replaced with thin-cut cedar shakes treated with fire-retardant materials.

The project cost is \$40,000 and will be financed with equal grants consisting of a block grant by the City of Pontiac from Housing and Urban Development Funds and a preservation and restoration grant from the Department of the Interior.

The work will be completed by July 1st and it is not expected that the project will interfere with the use of the interior of the house. Gretchen Adler, as Chairperson of the House Committee, continues to supervise the project.

Calendar of Coming Events

May 16 - 6:30 pm, Annual Dinner, Deer Lake Racquet Club

June 20 - 9:30 am, Board of Directors Meeting

July 4 - Closed for Holiday

July 18 - 7:30 pm, Board of Directors Meeting

August 5 - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Ice Cream Social

September 15 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Harvest of Crafts

September 19 - 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting

Urgently Needed for Dining Room

Do you have any silver napkin ring holders which are not needed at your house? If so, please donate them to the Society to complete our Victorian table setting in the Wisner House dining room.

Ice Cream Social Plans Begin

The Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 5th. Tom and Jane Kamlay have agreed to chair the event.

Schoolhouse Readied for Spring Tours

Extensive work has been completed to prepare the one-room schoolhouse for the spring tour season.

First, a new roof was installed to eliminate leaky conditions. Faye Donelson generously contributed funds to pay for this much needed improvement.

Then the "honey-do" boys, our hard-working maintenance crew consisting of Don Daggy, Jack McCulloch, Jack Moore and Bob Reynnells, painted the interior of the building. It is fresh and gleaming for the new tour season.

The maintenance men have also made certain adjustments in the operation of the schoolhouse furnace resulting in a 30% saving in fuel consumption.

Residential Preservation and Restoration Seminar

The Oakland County Historical Commission is sponsoring a seminar on "Residential Preservation and Restoration" on May 5th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Avon Charter Township Historical Museum - The Van Hoosen - Jones Historic House, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester. There will be no charge for the seminar.

For further details and registration contact Eve Berousek at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48053 (telephone 858-0100).

Quilt Raffle

A beautiful cross-stitched quilt is on exhibit in the Wisner House sitting room. A drawing to determine its lucky winner will be held December 17th. You can help promote this project by purchasing tickets at the cost of \$1.00 each at the Society Office any Tuesday thru Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The tickets will also be available at the annual Dinner and the Ice Cream Social.

Lecture Series Well Attended

Our Annual Spring Lecture Series was recently concluded. Increased attendance by members and guests made this series a welcome opening of our program of events for 1984.

Many Gifts Benefit Society

We wish to acknowledge many gifts of money, time and talents to the Society.

Copy Machine Fund: Mrs. Arthur Tiffen, Mrs. Fred Cron, Mrs. Roy Barnes and Mr. George Omelianoff.

Schoolhouse: Miss Faye Donelson - funds to pay for new roof. Kingsbury School - donation for ongoing Schoolhouse projects. Gifts of time - Jack Moore, Jack McCulloch, Robert Reynnells and Donald Daggy - painted the interior of the Schoolhouse.

Library: American Association of University Women - money for the re-binding of books.

Miscellaneous Gifts: Mrs. Forbes Sibley - made new curtains for the Toy Room. Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Spak - money. Mrs. James Burke - money for new slide presentation and Jack Moore - photographer.

Endowment Fund: Mr. Allen Priestley with matching funds from St. Paul Companies, Inc.

Memorial Contributions: Berekley Voss - From Judge and Mrs. Donald Adams, Miss Faye Donelson and Mrs. Marian Bell. Carl Donelson - From Miss Faye Donelson and Mrs. Marian Bell. James Greer - Many members of our Society.

And last but not least: All the hours of volunteer time that our many many active friends devote to Pine Grove and its projects.

Kite Exhibit In Schoolhouse

Margaret Ann Jackson has arranged a delightful display of kite and kite photos in the one-room schoolhouse. This interesting exhibit is on loan from Just Paperbacks and will be available for viewing thru the month of May.

Join Our Crafts Group

Ladies interested in hand crafts have been meeting regularly on the second Wednesday of each month. We have had a Candlewicking Workshop, a Padded Frame Workshop and have lined baskets. Plans are to meet the second and fourth Wednesdays in both May and June and every Wednesday in July in preparation for the Ice Cream Social.

We welcome anyone interested in taking part in the activity. Please consider joining this fun group. We are constantly learning new crafts and making articles which are saleable for the Potpourri Shoppe.