



Society's Annual Dinner, Wednesday, May 21st

An evening of delightful entertainment, good food and an outstanding program has been planned for members and friends of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society who will gather for the Society's Annual Dinner on May 21st. It will again be held at the Main Event in the Silverdome.

The festivities will begin with the social hour, with a cash bar, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Lively, melodious, foot-tapping tunes of by-gone days will be played on the piano by one of our own members, Margery Bennett.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. with a choice of entree of either Baked Pork Loin or Broiled Orange Roughy.

Following the custom of the past several years, newly potted pine seedlings will be given to each guest as a remembrance of the occasion.

The program, in keeping with Michigan's Sesquicentennial celebration during the coming year, will feature a lecture by Harlan L. Hagman, Professor Emeritus of Higher Education at Wayne State University. His topic will be based on his book "Michigan's Bright Morning", the Years of the Governor Tom Mason, who was Michigan's first and

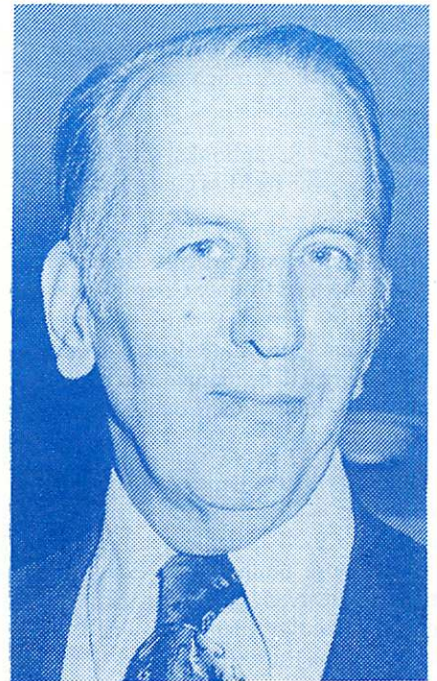
youngest Governor, 1835-1839.

Dr. Hagman has had a long and successful professional career in the field of higher education. Before coming to Wayne State University he served as a professor and dean at Drake University in Iowa and at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

He has authored seven books, served as an editorial consultant for several organizations, lectured extensively throughout the United States, served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Youth For Understanding teen-age exchange program, in Washington D.C. He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the World."

Rosamond Haerberle, General Chairman for this year's dinner, has planned an outstanding evening for your pleasure. Be sure and join us and enjoy yourself.

Tickets are \$15.00 each. This price includes the complete dinner and all gratuities. Order your tickets now by completing the reservation form provided below and returning it with the number of tickets and payment to the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48058, on or before May 16th.



Harlan L. Hagman
Annual Dinner Speaker

**ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATIONS
MUST BE MADE BY MAY 16TH!!!!**

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Mail to: Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society
405 Oakland Avenue
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Tickets are \$15.00 each.

Enclosed please find \$_____ for _____ dinner reservations for the Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society Annual Dinner.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Menu choice: Pork Loin _____ Orange Roughy _____

Recent Accessions

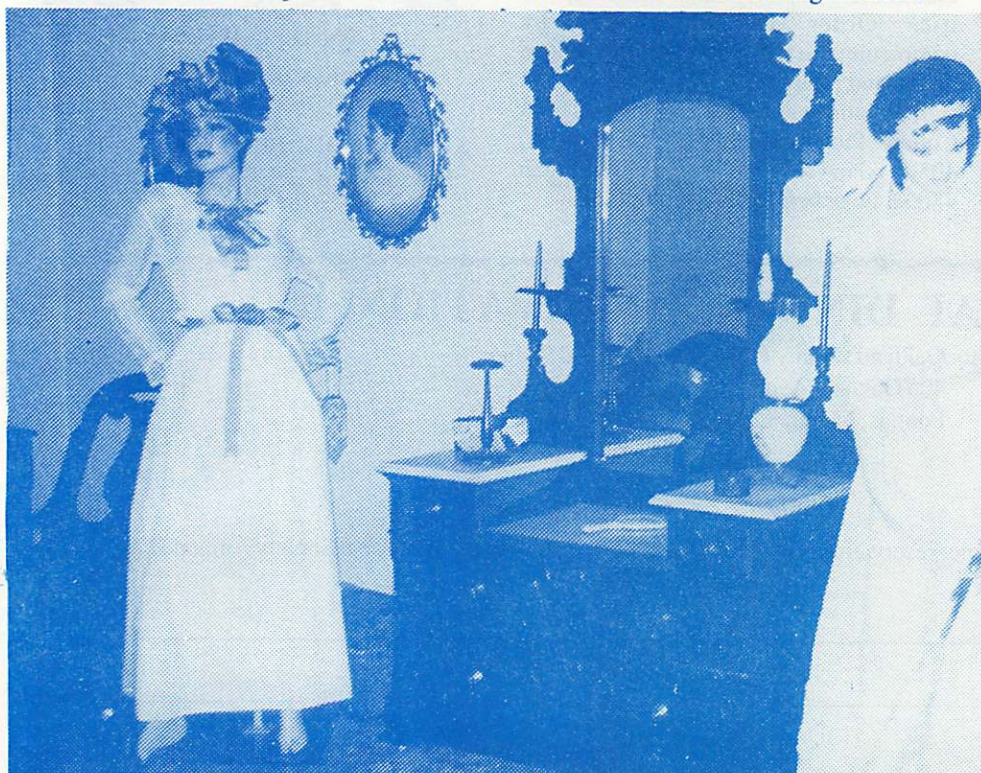
Listed below are some of the recent gifts which have been given to the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society for safekeeping and for use in our displays and library.

A black bearskin coat, robe and gloves worn by members of the Wall family, who were among the first land-owners and early settlers of West Bloomfield Township, given by their descendants the Richard Penman family. They also gave many tools, which are not of antique vintage, but are much needed in our tool room.

Twelve Scrapbooks on World War II, given by Miss Gladys Cheal.

A door knob and plate from Circuit Court Room No. 1, from the 1905 Oakland County Court House, given by Mrs. Donald Adams. When an appropriate door is available, they will be mounted on it, and the door hung in the County Room, in the Carriage House.

In the April 1984 issue of the Gazette, a request was made for gifts of silver napkin rings to be used in table settings in the Wisner House dining-room. Since then, we have received gifts of napkin rings from Mrs. Clarke Adams, Mayme Rinker and Mrs. Edna Burke.



These lovely summer gowns from our Clothing collection are on display in the Wisner House guest bedroom. The

New Personnel



Beverly Laakko is the new Executive Secretary of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society. She is a graduate of Hillsdale College and has done graduate work at Wayne State University and Oakland University. Bev has taught school for eight years and has held many volunteer positions Prior to going back to work.

The Laakko family lives in Birmingham. Bev's husband is a banker. Her children are Keith, age 10, a student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Wayne, age 19, a student at Michigan State University in East Lansing, and Lisa, a sophomore at Seaholm High School. Prior to coming to our Society Bev worked at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum.

We welcome Bev and wish her well in her association with our organization.

Tours

Scheduled group tours of the governor Moses Wisner Historic House and Grounds began April 1st and will continue through the year until after mid-December.

Walk-In Tours are on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and during July and August, Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The tours, conducted by costumed guides, include the Wisner Historic House, restored summer kitchen, working root cellar, smokehouse, carriage house with farm museum and the Drayton Plains schoolhouse.

Reservations may be made by calling the Society's office, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rates: Scheduled Group Tours - \$20.00 minimum. Individual Tours - Adults \$2.00, Students and Senior Citizens \$1.00.

Calendar Of Coming Events

May 18 - Sunday Walk-In Tour, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 21 - Annual Dinner, Main Event at Silverdome, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. - Social Hour and 7:00 p.m., Dinner.

May 26 - Office closed for Memorial Day holiday.

June 13 - Sunday Walk-In Tour, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 16 - Board of Directors Meeting, Carriage House, 9:30 a.m.

June 22 - New Members Day, Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

July 5 - Pontiac Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society.

Aug. 3 - Annual Ice Cream Social.

In The Library

Books, pamphlets, photographs, manuscripts, and old newspapers relating to Oakland County people or events. The library offers considerable information on genealogy, archeology, architecture, local geography, early settlers, townsites, businesses, industries and commerce.

Researchers are welcome and should call for an appointment.

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mannequins are on loan to us through the courtesy of the J.L. Hudson Company.

Along The Garden Paths

Opening the flowering season at Pine Grove, the many hundreds of tulip bulbs given to the Society by White Chapel Cemetery in Troy burst into full bloom during the last part of April.

Young maple saplings and a weeping willow have been newly planted this spring by Rex Lamoreaux, and our dedicated gardener, Clarke Kimball, has been busy planting dahlias and other kinds of perennials. Soon the Better Homes and Garden Club of Pontiac will be coming to plant an old-fashioned annual flower bed 30 ft. by 10 ft. along the driveway leading up to the Wisner Historic House.

It is only by the generosity and hard work of groups and individuals such as these that throughout the coming months visitors to Pine Grove will enjoy a riot of color as the gardens continue their blossoming season until the coming of the late fall frosts.

Annual Ice Cream Social Plans Begin

The annual Ice Cream Social held at Pine Grove will be August 3rd. Rex Lamoreaux and a Co-Chairman, yet to be named, will be in charge of this year's event.



Willie Bass is a new member of our working staff. He works 20 to 25 hours a week and comes to us through the fundings of the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency. He is a most willing and cheerful person and helps with whatever job needs to be done. Here he (r.) is planting dahlias with our gardener, Clarke Kimball (l.).

Pre-School And Kindergarten Program

Our educational program at Pine Grove Museum this year includes a pre-school and kindergarten guided visit to the summer kitchen, schoolhouse and root cellar. Here our very young citizens can get an early introduction to Oakland County history by discovering how our pioneers lived and worked, and to examine artifacts used by them in their daily life. The tour lasts one hour.

The first visitors will be an Alternate Kindergarten group from Waterford Village School on May 1st.

New Members

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

Mr. Lee C. Bellairs
Mr. Ross R. Callaway
Mr. and Mrs. W. Keith Deyo
Mr. and Mrs. George H. Goldstone
Mrs. Lucille Thrower
Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Todd
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Stoico

Over 150 new members have joined our Society during the past year. A special event honoring them will be held on Sunday, June 22nd.

In Memoriam

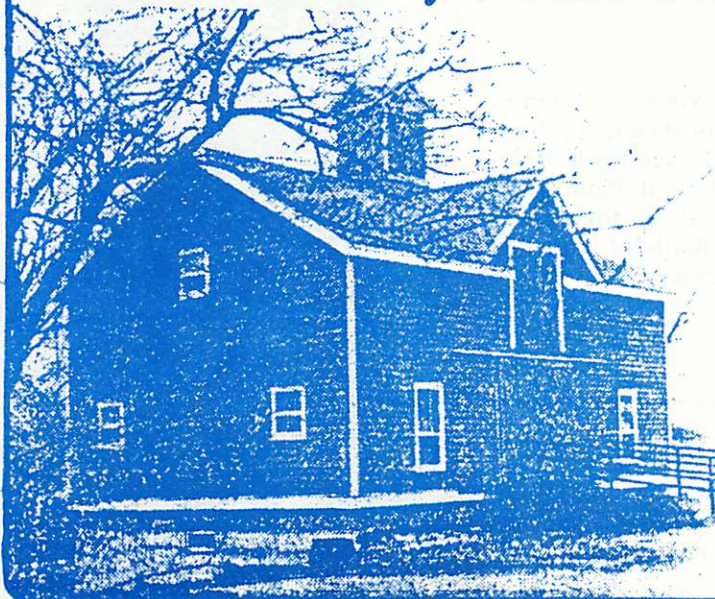
We regret to report the death of the following members:

Mr. J. Earl Crawford
Mr. Gene Wellman
Mr. I.O. Wideman

Milford Cemetery Vault To Be Dedicated May 26th

On May 26th, during Milford's Memorial Day celebration, the American Legion will meet at Oak Grove Cemetery at 12:00 noon to honor over 100 Civil War veterans from the Milford area buried there and to dedicate the newly restored 1885 vault. The cemetery was first dedicated in 1845 and is listed on the Michigan Register of Historic Sites.

\$5 Buys A Foundation Stone



When the Carriage House was re-constructed at "Pine Grove", the Governor Moses Wisner Historic House, as our United States Bicentennial project, back in 1976, the necessary funds were not then available to build the stonework facade and cover the concrete foundation wall.

Now, 10 years later in 1986, we are hoping to get the work done during our Michigan Sesquicentennial celebration.

It is estimated that 1700 stones will be needed to complete the foundation project. To enable us to purchase these stones and have them laid, we are asking our members and friends to contribute toward one or more stones at \$5.00 each. All contributions are, of course, tax-deductible.

LET'S GET THE \$\$\$'S TO GET THE JOB DONE

THE REBELS are on the move. After a year and a half of defensive fighting Gen. Robert E. Lee has moved his forces northward in a grand plan to "shift the burden of occupation from Confederate to Federal soil," a plan that ultimately would take him as far north as Gettysburg.

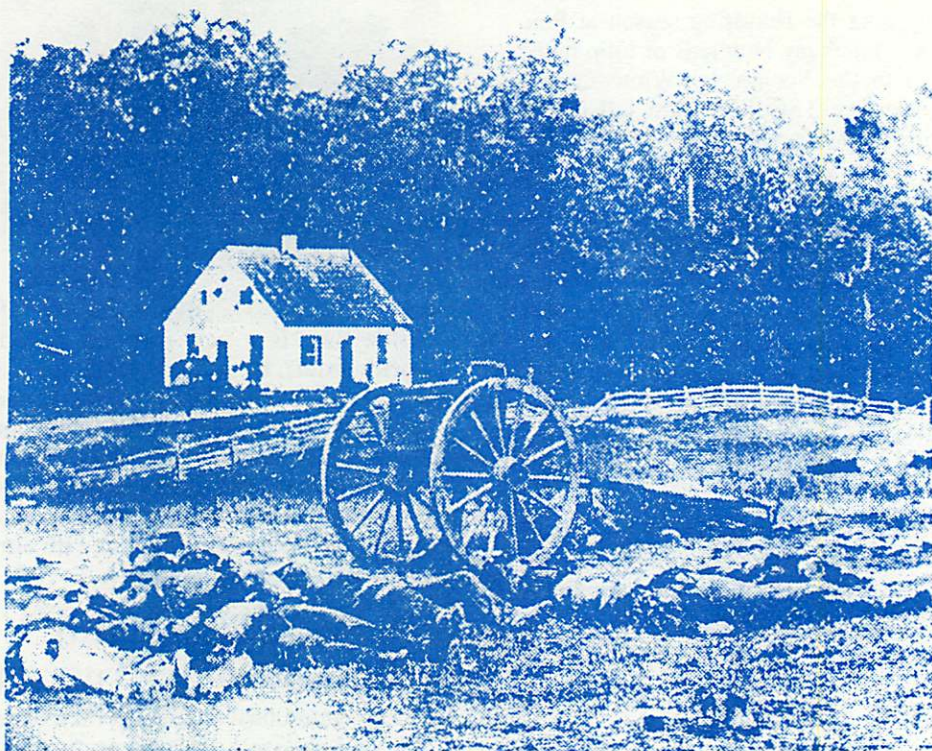
And so in September of 1862 Lee and his generals are confident. On his way to join his commander after another smashing success at Harpers Ferry, Lee's chief subordinate, Stonewall Jackson, pauses to let his men relax near a peaceful white church by a river called the Antietam. He does not expect a counter-attack. It comes with withering fury from troops under "Fighting Joe" Hooker who rake Jackson's men with cannister shot.

As the smoke of battle lifts temporarily, an ungainly wagon draped in black ladders onto the blood-drenched field. At the reins is a slight man in a broadcloth suit and linen duster, attire as strange among the blue-clad troops as was the odd vehicle, which Hooker's men have laughingly dubbed the "What-is-it" wagon.

The driver is Mathew B. Brady, known among the rich and titled of two continents, whose portraits line his New York galleries, as the foremost practitioner of the infant art of photography.

Quickly now, even as Jackson's men regroup to fight again, even before the Confederate dead are recovered, Brady and his assistants, James and Alexander Gardner, haul out a cumbersome contraption, a camera, along with several

The Instant It Happened



delicate glass plates. The plates have been coated, in the field, in total darkness, with a chemical mixture, then fixed, at precisely 60 degrees "to just the right degree of stickiness" in a bath of nitrate of silver.

Brady and his men expose the plates to the sunlit carnage. Before the plates fog over they rush them back to the wagon for developing — and back to an awed civilian

populace for viewing.

The world gets a new insight into the horror of battle. Says Oliver Wendell Holmes: "Let him who wishes to know what war is look at these illustrations."

This is a reprint of the article THE INSTANT IT HAPPENED, published in the Detroit Free Press, Sunday, November 9, 1975.



Brady Photos at Troy

Historical Museum

Mathew Brady photographs taken during the 19th Century, from the National Portrait Gallery's Reserve Collection, will be on exhibit at the Troy Historical Museum, 60 W. Wattles Road, Troy, until June 1st. Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Free admission. For further information call (313) 524-3570.

The 2nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment was recruited under the leadership of Major Israel Bush Richardson, a retired West Pointer, of Pontiac. "Fighting Dick" Richardson was killed in the Battle of Antietam leading a northern charge.

