



May Tours Set Record

PINE GROVE complex was the scene of great activity during May as Lenna McIntyre and her volunteer guides conducted fourteen tours for over five hundred and fifty students and adults for a record in attendance. The Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society is very happy with this interest.

Thank you to our volunteers and staff who so graciously gave many hours of their time to assure that the grounds and our historic buildings were beautifully groomed for our guests.

A special thank you to all of our guides.

Ice Cream Social

Planned for Sunday, August 7th

The first Sunday in August, as in many years past, is the time once again for our celebration at beautiful, historic PINE GROVE. A day to renew old friendships and introduce the new to Oakland County's history and life style of the Governor Moses Wisner family in the 1860's.

Kitty Daggy and Pauline Harrison with their committee have special events planned for a pleasant afternoon for our members, their families, friends and guest to enjoy.

The "White Elephant Booth" contributed a great deal to this fund-raiser event for the Society and will be repeated this year. Your donations to become someone else's "treasures" are needed. They may be delivered to the office anytime during July.

Enclosed within this Gazette is the ICE CREAM SOCIAL FLYER outlining the details along with five tickets for your convenience. SEE YOU AUGUST 7th!

State of Michigan Honors Betty With A Special Tribute

Elizabeth S. Adams



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The 75th Anniversary - Diamond Jubilee of the Michigan Historical Commission 1913-1988 was celebrated at the Radisson Hotel, Lansing on May 26, 1988. A special tribute from the State of Michigan was presented to Elizabeth S. Adams for her 47 years of service to this Commission. Betty not only served as president of the Oakland County Pioneer and Veterans Historical Foundation which was instrumental in the purchase of the PINE GROVE property but she also served as the president of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society for two terms 1962-1967 and 1969-1975. As a current member of the Board of Directors, Betty's contribution to this Society has been outstanding. Betty, we thank you for your years of support and are delighted to know of this honor by the State of Michigan who also recognizes your special talent and dedication.

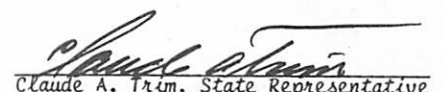
LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a distinct honor and great personal pleasure for us to join with citizens from across the Great Lake State, especially those with great reverence for the past, in honoring Elizabeth S. Adams. Her reception of special recognition in conjunction with the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Michigan Historical Commission is most appropriate, for Elizabeth S. Adams has compiled the most remarkable record of service in this commission's entire history.

With the recent observance of Michigan's sesquicentennial and the anticipated opening of the new library-archives-museum facilities, the people of Michigan have focused new attention on Michigan's fascinating past. This renewed interest, however, would have far less impact without the work of dedicated people like Elizabeth Adams. It is because of the kind of commitment she has shown over many years, including periods of time in which sensitivity to history seemed lacking, that we are able to re-examine the lives, events, and challenges of those who went before us.

A graduate of Eastern Michigan University who earned her master's degree in history from the the University of Michigan, Elizabeth Adams was originally appointed to the Michigan Historical Commission on March 20, 1941, by the late Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner. Over the course of her forty-seven years on the commission, she has spearheaded the many commission programs that have made history come alive for our citizens and visitors. Leadership roles with a wide range of historical groups and contributions she has made to many notable publications have also had an impact on the body of knowledge available for researchers and citizens alike.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to honor the longest serving member of the Michigan Historical Commission in its seventy-five-year history--Elizabeth S. Adams. On behalf of the present and future generations that will enjoy the fruits of her work in preserving and researching Michigan history, we extend our heartfelt thanks.


Rudy J. Nichols, State Senator
The Eighth District


Claude A. Trim, State Representative
The Twentieth District
The Eighty-fourth Legislature
At Lansing - May 26, 1988

Pancake Breakfast

July 9th

Our Society members will be serving at the pancake breakfast at the Stogdill Pancake Shelter on Saturday morning, July 9th. As this is a fund-raising event for us, we ask your support and join us at Perry & Water Street (near Pontiac City Library) for breakfast.

New Members Welcomed

We welcome our new members and organizations and appreciate their support of the Society and its programs. Life Memberships are encouraged as they add to our Endowment Fund.

NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Maureen Boroska

Mrs. Cora Bradshaw

Ms. Alice Durbin

Ms. Annette Shaver

Mr. Joseph Swan

ORGANIZATIONS

Kiwanis Club of Pontiac

Pontiac-Oakland Town Hall Inc.

Zonta Club of Pontiac Area

LIFE MEMBER

Ms. Mary C. Hatt

FAMILY

David W. Hackett Family

In Memoriam

Mrs. Arthur F. Hoban

ACCESSIONS

Business & Professional Women's Club of Pontiac

Mr. & Mrs. E.P. Showers
Landscape painting with "trampart" frame

Lillian Paull
Six items of antique glass and china including a Majolica pitcher and R S Prussia plate

R. Lamoreaux
Table cloth and napkins, 22 pc. set green herringbone glass c 1890, 1 and 5 gal. crock

M. Raduehel
1 gal. crock and iron pancake grille

Gretchen Alder and Rex Lamoreaux have donated three Victorian style park benches for use of our visitors. Rex also has donated 16 shrubs to improve the south lot line. Lillian Paull made a generous contribution to our flower fund. We appreciate these items to add to the beauty of PINE GROVE.

Do You Know That...

July 1-2 Bicentennial

Constitution Celebration

sponsored by the Pontiac Bicentennial Committee at Phoenix Plaza 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Society members will be working with Chairman Mel Parrish at this event.

July 9-10 Bay View

on Grand Traverse Bay will be celebrating its designation as a National Historic Landmark. The Award Ceremony will be held at the John M. Hall Auditorium with William Penn Mott Jr., Director of the National Park Service, making the presentation at 8:00 p.m. followed by special music by the Bay View Chamber Orchestra, Organ, Pianos and Vocalists. On July 10th at 8:00 p.m. a Turn of The Century Vesper Concert will be held at the auditorium.

This Victorian community was listed in 1972 on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the Bay View Association remains almost alone among the hundreds of camp grounds and Chautauqua Assemblies that once thrived throughout the United States.

Mrs. Maxwell E. Doerr, Society member, has served as the Bay View Archivist for many years and was commended for the documentation she provided for consideration for this award.

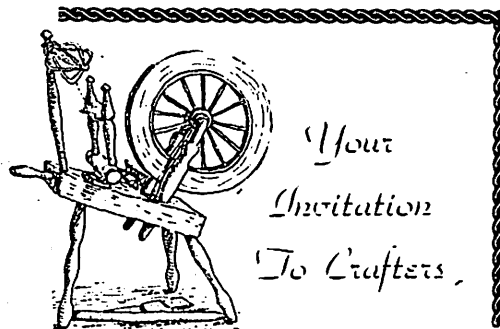
The public is invited - no charge for admission.

A Son Returns

Ed Shields, son of our former caretakers, is our new OLSHA employee. Ed, just recently returned from living several years in California. We welcome Ed to the Wisner House.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Ross Callaway, Pauline Harrison, Dick Jones and Marion Roush. *Photography Credit:* Bob Reynnells.



The Crafters meet the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday of the month in the Carriage House at Pine Grove to work their "creative wonders" and enjoy the company of fellow crafters. On the 4th Wednesday a Pot Luck follows the work period for all at Wisner to enjoy.

Please join us, you are needed. The Crafters provide many of the items sold in the Potpourri Shop.

CO-CHAIRPERSONS ARE: Connie Owens at 363-6692, Pauline Harrison at 852-8073.

RECENT LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Oakland County, Troy Twp. Cemeteries.

Oakland County, Rose Twp. Cemeteries.

Campfires & Battlefields by Rossiter Johnson. A pictorial narrative of the Civil War.

Missing Book: To My Friends by James Parkhill. 86.45

Book Review-F.Y.I.

Wisner Library

The Elsholz Collection of Early American Glass Copyright 1987 By Richard A. Bourne Co.

For those that are interested in the collection of early American glass pieces, this catalogue photographed in magnificent color as well as in black and white is something to behold.

The Richard A. Bourne Estate Auctioneers and Appraisers, have catalogued 351 pages of their auction pieces along with complete written descriptions of the Elsholz collection.

-Pauline Harrison

WE'RE READY FOR COMPANY

Our "Honey-Do" maintenance volunteers keeping very busy at PINE GROVE. Jim Tedesco, retired attorney and active gardener, has been coming to Wisner faithfully once a week for over a year, and our roses and herb garden plainly show the results of his hard work. Clarke Kimball has been watering our flower beds daily during the past rain-barren weather. Don Daggy and Gaylor Forman have the drive all dust-proofed. Jerome Lauinger now back from Port Charlotte, Florida is helping with some brickwork at our rental house while here. The Society is blessed with willing workers.

Your Story Can Be Told

Oakland County has a fascinating history, and we are sure that you can add a measure of unique documentation to its lore. Please call Dick Jones at the office with any ideas or information you may have to contribute to the Gazette. The Editorial Staff will be happy to follow up on any leads.

The Lords were smiling on Governor Wisner Thursday morning, June 2, with beautiful, sunny weather for the dedication of his Guardian Angel statue at Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac. More than 600 Pontiac third-graders were in attendance, thanks to the cooperation of the Pontiac school district unions, who provided bus transportation.

The bronze statue was purchased with monies collected by the children through deposit cans and bottles as their Bicentennial project. Sponsored by the Pontiac Area Genealogical and Historical Society and the Pontiac Education Association. Additional funds were provided by our Society and corporate donors. The dedication was considered a tribute to the City of Pontiac. Resolutions and greetings, ranging from the Society's resolution of appreciation to a letter from President Reagan, were read by third-graders.

The linchpin behind this day was Cora Bradshaw, a member and retired Pontiac school teacher. Cora devoted literally hundreds of hours in coordinating the efforts of the corporate community and Pontiac schools. Her able staff of helpers were, among others, Theresa Brown, Bonita Drayton, Irene Liddle, Lora Perkins, Norma Pond, Dorothy Rudley, Maxine Smith and Lorine Walker.

Due to the Society's great interest in the replacing of the guardian angel statue at the Wisner monument at Oak Hill, we were well represented at the dedication. Miriam Foxman, Margaret Greer, Lenna McIntyre, Jean Milton and Pearl Stickland arrived in their Victorian guide costumes to be joined by Rex Lamoreaux, who was taller than anyone, in his Abe Lincoln stove-top hat. The Wisner family was represented by David Clark Wallace, Jr. and his sister Sandra. Bob Reynnells was present to record the event and provide photographs for posterity. Dick Jones and other members present really enjoyed the outstanding program, as the beautiful bronze statue was in place guarding the Wisner resting place. Our presence was recognized by a plaque of appreciation presented to us by the Pontiac Area Genealogical and Historical Society. The City Fathers now guard the Guardian Angel.

ANGEL GUARDS AT OAK HILL



Cora Bradshaw and Guardian Angel



Margaret Greer, Lenna McIntyre



Anita Gibbs



Lynsey Moore



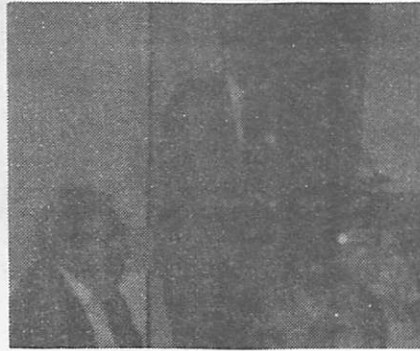
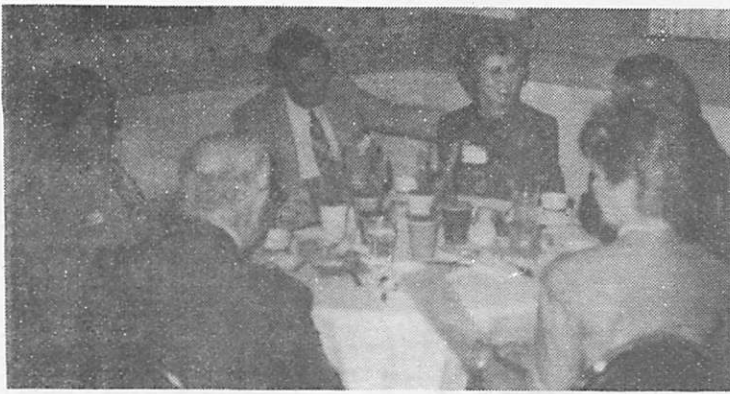
Colors presented



Students arrive



Dick Jones, Mel Parrish, David Clark Wallace Jr., Jean Milton



Charles Martinez, Ed and Gretchen Alder

Dr. Weldon E. Petz

Clarke and Marian Kimball



Annual Dinner '88

The 114th Annual Dinner at Pike Street Restaurant, Pontiac May 18th was well attended and proved to be an interesting, enjoyable affair. Dr. Petz provided a fine program. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the "Honey-Do" Trophy to Vice President, Clarke Kimball by Society President, Gretchen Alder. Congratulations to Rosamond Haeberle, chairperson for this event.

