



## DEDICATION

### New Michigan Library and Historical Center Lansing, Michigan

by Betty Adams and Pauline Harrison

"Sights and Sounds of Michigan History" was the theme of the Grand Opening at the Michigan Historical Museum, March 6-10. The new museum is located in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 717 West Allegan Street in downtown Lansing. This was announced at the Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society February Board meeting by Betty Adams.

On display at the opening was "Sights of Michigan History" exhibiting clothing dating from the Civil War and up through

the years. A variety of occasions for dress were depicted in the exhibits entitled, Stepping Through Childhood, Wedding Days, Festivals of Life, and Ceremonies of State. The talents of Michiganders, always worthy of "center stage," is reflected in the collection of costumes of well-known Michigan entertainers.

The new Center houses the state library, the historical museum and the state archives so that visitors and researchers interested in Michigan history will be able

to visit a single location to study Michigan's past. To make the past more realistic the museum exhibits show the quest for statehood through a replica of the territorial capitol, mining history through a life-sized mine shaft, and the history of lumbering against the backdrop of a lumberman's mansion.

The Center is handicapper accessible. Following the Grand Opening, the center will be open to the public, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and parking is available at the Washtenaw Street entrance.

Our Board is considering a field trip to this new Center for OCPHS members. The Board of Directors received invitations to the Grand Opening, and several attended.

### Jack Moore - Master Craftsman

Jack Moore has given many productive hours to the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society as a Board member, a committee member of Maintenance & Grounds, and in a very special way through his talents in working with wood.

He has fashioned quilt stands, tie stands, frames, signs, and recently repaired the Schoolhouse recitation bench, and spinning wheels.

Jack is now offering to share his expertise in chair caning through classes scheduled for April, 1989.



Jack Moore



Gretchen Adler

### Meet With Us At . . .

The Annual Diner of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society on Wednesday, May 17, 1989 at the Deer Lake Racquet Club in Clarkston. The cocktail hour will start at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. A musical quartet will entertain during cocktails and as part of the program after dinner. The evening's speaker will be announced at a later date, says Gretchen Adler, President.

Invitations will be sent out in April for your response. We look forward to sharing this evening with you.

Chair Caning Classes: April 7, 14,  
21, 28

Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Place: Carriage House at Pine Grove  
405 Oakland Ave., Pontiac  
(313) 338-6732

Course Fee: \$25, Materials: \$28

Please make checks out to OCPHS

Application Deadline: March 25,  
1989

# OAKLAND COUNTY PIONEER & HISTORICAL SOCIETY



1988-89



## Standing Committees

EXECUTIVE: Officers/Past Presidents

MASTER PLAN & POLICY: Betty Adams - Chairman, Marion Roush, Ruth Priestly, Faye Donelson, Kathryn Daggy, John Madole

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## Special Committees

MUSEUM & COLLECTIONS

House & Summer Kitchen: Susan Metzdorf - Chairman, Priscilla Gayton, Janice Bell, Lillian Paull

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Oral History: Connie Lektzian - Chairman, Miriam Foxman

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SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIRPEOPLE

Annual Dinner: Rosamond Haeberle

Ice Cream Social: Jane Kamlay & Judy Dorchock

Annual Meeting: Elsie Patterson

Victorian Christmas: Judy Huttenlocher & Clarke Kimball

## Accessions

Our thanks to the following donors of artifacts to the Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society's collections:

George McGregor – Men's clothing, horse collar and feed box, animal traps

Faye Donelson – Mannequin

Francis Hoisington – Large enamel roaster, clothing

Mrs. Donald Adams – Toy train

Mrs. Gordon Paull – Childs "captain's chair", gold painted wooden cabinet, vases, pitchers, fine art glass, bisque doll head

Mrs. Maxwell Shadley – Wool lined buffalo robe, circa 1870

Also, much appreciated are donations of historical publications to our Research Library from the following persons: Mrs. Betty Adams, Mrs. Virginia Clohset, and DAR Ezra Parker Chapter, via its members, Mrs. Harold Powell, Ms. Faye Donelson, Mrs. Susan Metzdorff, Mr. Wm. Newman, and Mrs. Lillian Paull.



Betty Adams (left) and Lillian Paull with plaque acknowledging the Paull collection.

## Editorial Staff

Marion Roush, Pauline Harrison, Ross Callaway

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## Officers

President: Gretchen Adler

Vice President: Clarke Kimball

Secretary: Marion Roush

Treasurer: Kathryn Daggy

# Victorian Christmas Open House, December, 1988

"Setting Up"



*Tree decorators Ruth Hoffman, on ladder, and Mary Ruth Madole.*



*Gale Scafe placing tree on Wisner House porch.*



*John Madole handing greens to Tom Metzdorf on ladder.*

"The Big Day"



*Pat Maurer with the Christmas exhibit arranged by Priscilla Gaytan, in the Carriage House.*



*Entertainers Ramon Garza and Judith Teasdale in the Wisner parlor.*



*Sandburg Elementary School of Waterford presents a special Christmas program in the Pine Grove Schoolhouse.*



*Marion Kimball with Potpourri Shoppe items.*



*Muriel Crossman and her "Santa," Fred.*

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# Membership

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Our membership program is moving forward, under the direction of chairman Rosamond Haeberle and her Membership Committee.

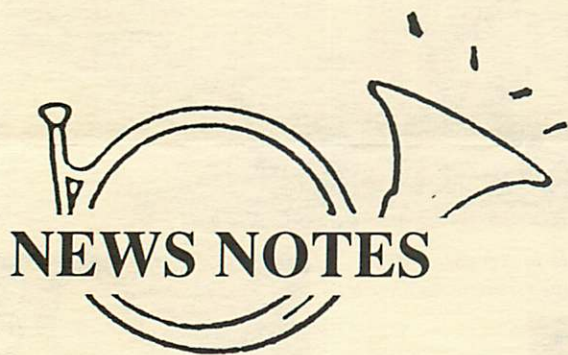
We welcome the following new members and their support of our Society's objectives:

Mr. Joseph H. Carollo  
Ms. Marvel R. Collins  
Mrs. Jane Durkin  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Robert Greenhalgh  
Mrs. Judith J. Hewett  
Miss Louie J. Lawton  
Mr. & Mrs. John Mihalek  
Mr. Harris Olson  
Mr. Michael D. Riley  
Mrs. Mary Rondello  
Mr. Gale Scafe  
Mr. & Mrs. John Sellman  
Mrs. Bessie Lawton Weatherston

In encouraging our friends and acquaintances to join the Society, it is interesting to review the major benefits of membership:

- Free tours (except on the day of the Ice Cream Social in August and Victorian Christmas in December)
- 10% discount on craft items and gifts sold in the Potpourri Shoppe
- Free use of the Research Library (one of the most extensive collections of historic data and genealogy in Oakland County)
- Free subscription to the Society publication, OAKLAND GAZETTE
- Opportunity to participate in Society activities, such as The Crafters group, Guilding, and many other programs
- Membership helps to support and maintain the work of the Society

Our members have fun with history. They especially enjoy the company of people with a similar interest in the "what" and "who" of Oakland County.



## **Book Review – F.Y.I.** (Wisner Library New Acquisition)

### **Fred M. Warner - Progressive Governor 1905-1911**

473 Pages

*By Jean M. Fox*

Ms. Fox brings this progressive and courageous past Governor of Michigan to life for us in a remarkably visual text along with a generous display of meaningful pictures. Much can be gleaned historically just by browsing through the pages.

So interesting is the style of writing that it reads as smoothly as an historical novel. Revealed are partisan politics of the day and the impact made upon things to follow. It reminds one of watching a ping pong game, as you wonder just who are the more effective players.

It was Governor Warner and his family who called the white mansion on old Grand River in Farmington, home! Handwritten on the fly sheet of this book is inscribed, "For all my good friends (and laborers in the vineyards) of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society." Jean M. Fox - December 7, 1988

We feel honored that Jean is one of our members.

*Pauline Harrison*

### **In Memoriam**

Mr. Donald S. Brownlee  
Mrs. Richmond J. Rathbone  
Mrs. Roy O. Ward

• The 1840 Meyer farm in Novi at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads has been given to Michigan Four H Clubs and the Americana Foundation. One hundred acres go with this property near the 12 Oaks Mall. The house is Greek Revival. The barn will be used for the performing arts, Board member Virginia Rodgers reports.

• A slide presentation on spinning is being developed by Ellen Rice and Jack Moore.

• Clarke Kimball reports that "Mr. Day Lily", Harris Olson, visited the Wisner House and was inspired to plant a bulb garden in the Wisner front yard. The OCPHS members are most appreciative and are looking forward to this lovely added site this Spring.

• President Gretchen Adler presented a brochure from Clipper Yacht Cruises. The travel service offers a 5% refund to the Society if 15 members sign up for a cruise. Historical locations will be considered. Please call Dick Jones at the Wisner House, 338-6732 if interested.