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MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 1991
7:30 P.M.
Saugatuck City Hall
Saugatuck, Michigan

Mary Ann Curtis will present "The Day the Big Pavilion Burned." Mary Ann who has given book reviews for many years was in Saugatuck that day to give a review for the Womans Club. Needless to say the review was disrupted by a much more exciting event.

Our hostess for the evening will be Nancy Oppman.

Come and bring a friend!!

SPECIAL EVENT

On Saturday, April 13, 1991, the Society will be guests of the Museum of the Allegan County Historical Society in Allegan for a tour of the museum. We will meet at Orlos in Allegan between 12:00 and 12:30 for lunch. This is an interesting deli style eatery in Allegan on the main street. After lunch we will begin our tour at 1:30. You will be responsible for your own lunch and donation to the museum. We do need to know how many will be attending lunch and the tour. There will also be transportation for those who need a ride. Please call Chuck Lorenz 857-3955 or Joan Phillips 857-2839 to make a reservation. This will be a very interesting day in Allegan.

BOARD MEETING

The March Board Meeting was held at the home of Pat and Stan Wilson on Sunday, March 3, 1991. A typeset draft (Thanks to Lynda Petty) of the new brochure was reviewed. Chairman, Stan Wilson said it needs a final edit and some rework and will be ready for the Village Hall dedication.

The Saugatuck Village hall was recently designated on the Michigan Historic Registry. The Dedication ceremony is planned for Sunday, May 19. Dottie Langhorst is the coordinator for the event.

BOARD MEETING CONT.

The Board agreed to donate \$100.00 for the Dutcher Hall restoration fund. At Bob Johnson's suggestion, the Board agreed that the Society offer to create a historic and commemorative Dutcher Hall book that would act as a fund-raiser for the project.

Plans are being made for the May meeting which features election of new officers and our Fifth Anniversary celebration.

Other business ____

- Member Emily Faucett is in Holland Hospital
- Application for Federal Tax Exempt Status will be prepared for submission after the election of new officers.

Future Board Meetings

April 7, 1991 - Joan Phillips, 120-B Elizabeth 2:00 P.M.
April 28, 1991 - Owen & Arlene Sherman, 955 Holland Street, 2:00 P.M.

Hospitality

- April - Joan Phillips
- May - Judy Oberholtzer

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The following article appeared in the February 28th copy of the Commercial Record

THE COMMERCIAL RECORD, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1991 PAGE 3

Historical Society seeks assistance

From the desk of the president of the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society:

Frequently questions come my way that I cannot answer or a request for a photograph that would "speak a thousand words." I thought I would pass some of these on to your readers, who might be able to help us.

1. Does anyone have a picture of the Saugatuck Village Hall with the double set of stairs in front of it?

2. Does anyone have a picture of Stephen D. Nichols, who was the first lighthouse keeper at the mouth of the Kalamazoo River and, later, had a store in Saugatuck?

3. Does anyone know where Dr. H. H. Stimson had his drugstore in Saugatuck?

4. Does anyone have a picture of Upham's Opera House?

5. Does anyone have a picture of Stephens A. Morrison's store and hall that burned down in November

1879?

6. Does anyone know the year that the Singapore Bank building was moved to Saugatuck? By whom?

7. Does anyone know the year that the Singapore Bank building was moved to the Park House property and became H. D. Moore's general store?

8. Does anyone have an extra copy of George Coutoumanas' poetry and verse in the English edition? He was a Saugatuck author.

9. Would anyone like to contribute old photographs of Saugatuck and Douglas to the historical society? Contact us at P.O. Box 617, Douglas, MI. 49406.

10. Do you have a picture that you think we should have, that we

could copy for our archive?

11. Does anyone know where William G. Butler had his first warehouse in Saugatuck? Newnham (Gay) Street? Downtown?

12. Does anyone have a picture of the Union House in Saugatuck?

13. Does anyone have a picture of the Singapore school?

14. Does anyone have a picture of Stephen D. Morrison's tannery with its windmill?

15. Does anyone have something of a historical nature that they would like to contribute to the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society?

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MORE ASSISTANCE NEEDED

From Chuck Lorenz - Can Someone help? The Archive of the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society has a large map measuring about four and one-half feet square. It is in very poor condition and needs protection to save the valuable information that is left. The map is dated 1864 and is 127 years old. Would someone be willing to build a wood case for it, or pay to have someone build a simple case for it?

Mementos for Sale - The Society has some extra plaques left from the 1987 Nautical History Celebration. More later as to price. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque, let one of the officers know.

BOOK FAIR

Genealogy and History Book Fair Sunday, April 7, 1991

Lansing Civic Arena
(old Lansing Civic Center)
505 W. Allegan
Lansing, MI.

Main floor
\$1.00 Admission

New & used books covering all aspects of genealogical &
historical research; maps; charts & forms
25 vendors

Largest show of it's type in the state

You may also attend as a vendor. You can sell anything that is genealogical or historically related - new or used. The deadline is March 10 for reservations. Call Joan Phillips, 857-2839 if you interested in being a vendor.