



Volume Four, No. 10
September, 1991

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, September 11, 1991

7:30 P.M.

Saugatuck City Hall
Saugatuck, Michigan

"A Bird's Eye View of Saugatuck, Michigan"

A slide program presented by Charles Lorenz will tell about the Bird Family and its businesses. The program is dedicated to the memory of Elita Bird Graves, who was a charter member of the Saugatuck-Douglas Society and recently passed away.

George and Alice Mecko will be our hosts for the evening.
Come and bring a new member!!!

JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS

Although I was out of town for both meetings I was given to understand that I had missed out on two great evenings.

In July, the Society meet at All-Saints Episcopal for a tour of this historical building. Thanks to Father Jim Curtis for providing our program.

August was our Annual Picnic and 30 hungry people gathered at the Langhorsts to eat, talk and have a wonderful evening. Again thanks to Dottie & Del for hosting this event.

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BOARD MEETINGS

The September Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 8th at the home of President Bob Johnson, 2297 - 70th St., Fennville. This is Lake Shore Drive south of M89. Look for the "Porches." The meeting will be at 2:00 P.M. and all members are invited to attend.

The July Board Meeting was held at the home of Jane Van Dis. Two Committees were appointed by the Board. A Fund-Raising Committee will be chaired by Kay Krause. The Oral History Committee will be staffed by Bob Wolbrink, May Ann Curtis and Jane Van Dis.

The Budget for 1991-1992 was presented at the June Board Meeting and approved.

INCOME:

Dues	\$750.00
Interest	90.00
Fund Raising Projects	300.00
Donations	100.00
	<u>\$1,240.00</u>

EXPENSE:

Program	\$250.00
Newsletter	355.00
Secretary	30.00
Membership	60.00
Administration	30.00
Building Inventory Project	125.00
Non-Obligated Reserve	150.00
Contingency	240.00
	<u>\$1,240.00</u>

FUTURE MEETINGS

Board Meetings Hosts -	September 8	Bob Johnson
	September 29	Joan Phillips
	November 3	George & Alice Mecko
General Meeting Hosts -	September	George & Alice Mecko
	October	Jeffery & Gladys Aldrich
	November	Kay Krause & Jane Van Dis
	December	Bill & Judy Oberholtzer
	January	Chuck & Chris Lorenz

We still need volunteers. Won't you sign-up?

NEW MEMBERS

The following members have joined the Society in the past few months.

Jim Cassily	Caroline Evangelista
Robert & Gwen Crawford	Barry Avedon
William Doucette	Chris & Linda Roerig
The Rev. Corwin & Lori Stoppel	Amy Kegley
Robert Wolbrink	Ben & Moyra Ebling
Nancy & Fred Oppman	Shorty Weed
Robert & Mary Mason	Warren & Betty Mulder

THANKS!

Our thanks to Carl Norberg for financing the storage case for our 1864 map. Carl lives in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida and always has the concerns of the Society at heart. The case has been completed and the map installed in it. Again Carl, thanks so much.

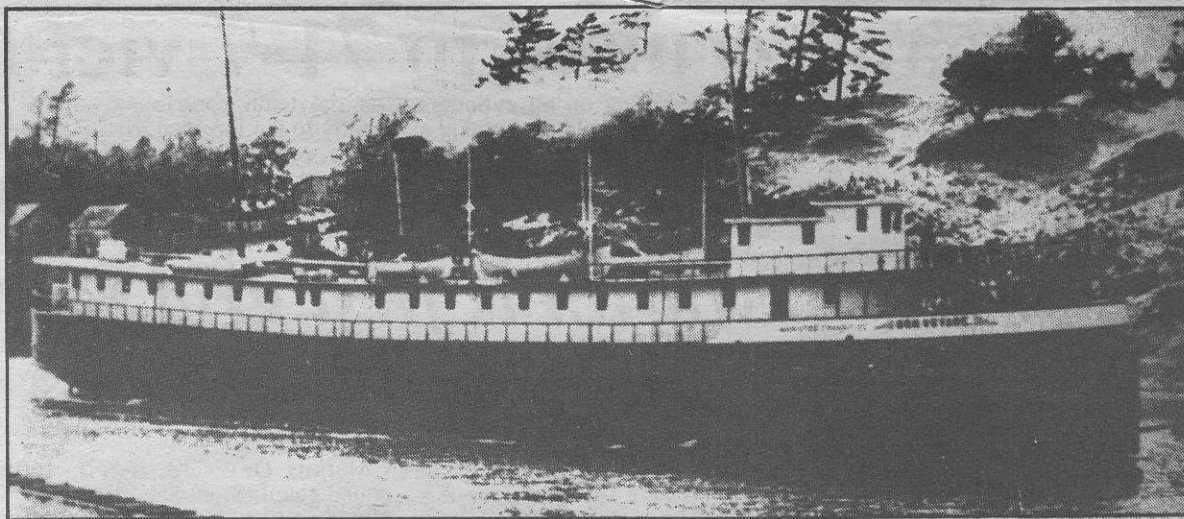
IN MEMORIUM

Once again we must report the passing of one of our members. Bobbi McCray passed away in Holland Hospital on Saturday, August 31st. She had been very ill and had been hospitalized.

The visitation will be Friday, September 6th at Saugatuck Dykstras from 6 to 9 P.M. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 7th at All-Saints Episcopal at 11:00 A.M. Donations may be made to the Order of the Eastern Star, No. 173.

We'll miss her smiling face and peppy personality.

OK



THIS IS THE BON VOYAGE, the second largest boat built in Saugatuck before the turn of the century, at 153 feet in length. She is seen here entering the mouth of the Kalamazoo River

and passing some of the shanties of Fishtown on the left. She was built in 1891 by Rogers and Bird.

Picture courtesy of Appleyard Photos.

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Bird family remembered Sept. 11

The Sept. 11 meeting of the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society will be highlighted by a program called "A Bird's Eye View of Saugatuck." The Bird family, throughout the years since their arrival in 1868, have carried on many businesses in the area. The program is dedicated to Elita Bird Graves who died June 21, 1991. Elita was a charter member of the historical society and arranged to give an oral history just three weeks before her death. She also allowed the organization to copy photographs from three family albums and many others in her possession. Because of her, almost 100 new photographs have been added to the society's archive which has been cataloged

and indexed and will be ready at this meeting. The index was prepared by Charles Lorenz, who will present the program on the Bird family, and was cataloged by Kath Wilcox.

The meeting and program will be at Saugatuck's City hall and will begin at 7:30 p.m. It is open to the public who are especially invited to view this slide program on the Bird family.

Bequests to the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society may be in the form of pictures, historical ob-

jects and material of any kind, monetary gifts, Saugatuck-Douglas memorabilia or even property - anything related to the area - its people, businesses and events. The society has bequest forms for gifts or for filing with a will. The society will acknowledge the gift and retain the necessary paperwork in its files.

Forms can be obtained by writing to the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society, P.O. Box 617, Douglas, MI 49406 or talking to any member of the board of directors.

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