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DUES

Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues. There are still a few who are late in payment. You will have a special reminder enclosed in this Newsletter if you have not paid.

THANKS

To Dr. Chris Wiley, who allows the Society to use his Xerox machine to run the Newsletter. It would cost us a great deal more each month without his help. Thank you Chris.

CONGRATULATIONS

Have you seen "A Walking Tour of Saugatuck, Michigan," compiled and published by Kathy Wilcox and Chuck Lorenz? The price is \$1.50 and is a wonderful guide to our town.

MISCELLANY

1. "Something Old, Something New," Wedding fashions from 1890 to 1940 will be displayed at the Cappon House in Holland from 11 September to 21 October. Located at 9th and Washington in Holland, it is open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2.50.
2. Heritage Hills House Tour - Grand Rapids, October 7 and 8. One of the largest urban historic districts in the U. S. opens to the public eleven of its homes, including one built in 1844. Admission is charged. Call 616-459-8950 for information.
3. Shoreline Living - The September-October issue of Shoreline Living contains a great article on the "Georgian Bay Lines." At one time these ships wintered in Saugatuck. I have wonderful memories of sailing from Chicago to Mackinac as a deck passenger on the South American. This was an overnight trip during World War II, when enough gasoline was not available to drive to the Island for the finish of the Chicago-Mackinac Race. The issue also features an article about Saugatuck shopping and sights as well as an article about the Tara.
4. Did you know that Allegan County has 17 Ghost Towns? A brochure published by the Allegan County Promotion Alliance provides a map identifying the locations of these long-gone communities. A guide to cemeteries is also given.
5. The September-October issue of "Michigan History" magazine contains many articles about interesting facts of Michigan history. Included is an article about Prisoners of War during World War II who were sent to Michigan to help as farm laborers. Another article tells about Michigan's Midwives and their importance to the then frontier community. Currently being featured in Lansing at The Michigan Historical Museum is an exhibit entitled "Michigan's Three Capitols" to run through November, 1989.

6. From the Historical Society of Michigan Newsletter. The Department of History and the Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University announces the "Eleventh Annual North American Labor History Conference to be held on October 19-21, 1989 at Wayne State University. For further information call 313-577-4003. Greta Grass of East Grand Rapids High School won first place honors in the 1989 National History Day contest. She is the first Michigan student to take first place honors in this program.

THE FUTURE

The Society needs volunteers to host future meetings. You will be responsible for greeting and providing refreshments. Hosts are needed for the Feb., Apr., May and June meetings. Call Chuck Lorenz at 857-3955 if you would like to volunteer.

Our November program will be presented by Kit Lane at All-Saints on November 8th. She will talk about John Allen and her new book about him. Our featured article by Chuck Lorenz will concern Manilius Township and its founding.



Happenings

The Greater Holland Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Holland Holiday Inn. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 with a program and business meeting to follow.

For reservations, please call Barb Tucker at 751-5884 or 772-5270.

On Oct. 16, the Greater Holland Chapter will sponsor a Bosses' Day Luncheon in the St. Croix Room at the Holiday Inn at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Delbert Langhorst of Indian Point Road was the honored guest at a dinner party given by Mrs. Joan Phillips Sept. 28. The occasion was a "mile stone" birthday for "Dottie."

The Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the city hall. Mike Sweeney will give an update on his research into the history of the building. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

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