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JULY MEETING

Wednesday, July 11, 1990
7:30 P.M.
Saugatuck City Hall

COAST GUARD CELEBRATION

In honor of the 200th anniversary of the U. S. Coast Guard, our speaker will be Jean Mulder, Flotilla Commander of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in Holland, Michigan. She will speak on the "History of the Coast Guard in the Great Lakes."

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SAUGATUCK 75 YEARS AGO

In 1915 our family of Oak Park, Illinois, took one of the Graham & Morton ships to Macatawa and traveled to Saugatuck by Interurban Railway. My father asked about a hotel, which turned out to be no longer available, and a man offered the services of his hotel, Park House, within walking distance of the station. Our family stayed there regularly until 1925.

Hal Redmon was later one of my competitors, idols, once my shipmate on a boat in the Mackinac Race. About 1924 I spent the summer at Wayne Weed's farm. In all I made 27 visits to Saugatuck by sailing yacht and made my last visit to the area in 1988.

Saugatuck is a great place and the folks who live there are fortunate indeed. All they need is a nice historical building like South Haven has, (mostly grant funds) and it would be unbeatable.

Carl Norberg

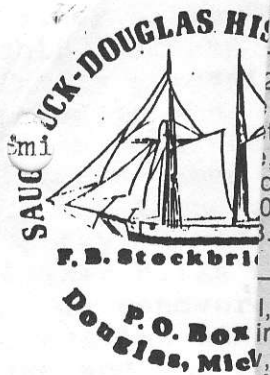
Carl Norberg is one the Society Charter Members and now resides in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. Thank you Carl for sending us your memories.

LIVERY STABLE SOLD

The old Livery Stable on the corner of Griffith and Culver Streets has been sold and exciting plans for it are being made. The new owner would like information about the history of the building, who were its occupants and pictures of what it originally looked like. Please contact Joan Phillips, 857-2839 if you can help in any way. Construction will start soon and the owner would like to have as much information as soon as possible.

U. S. COAST GUARD BECENTENNIAL FESTIVAL

The official observance of the Coast Guard's 200th anniversary, complete with a Queen's Pageant, Admiral's Luncheon, air shows, games, food and fun will be held at Grand Haven from July 21 to August 5th. For information call 846-5511.



Historical society 'tests' members

The Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society recently "tested" its members on area history. See how well you do:

1. Who were Mary Wells, Eliza McKennan and Emily Loomis?
2. What was Saugatuck's first industry?
3. What did they find in the basement of the Saugatuck Village Hall in 1929?
4. Match the early pioneer (letters) with their professions (numbers):
a. W. G. Butler; b. S. A. Morrison; c. Oshea Wilder; d. Benjamin Plummer; e. James McLaughlin; f. George P. Heath; g. S. D. Nichols; h. Sarah Kirby.
1. Miller; 2. Trader; 3. Light-house keeper; 4. Boat builder; 5. Sawmill owner; 6. Tanner; 7. Banker; 8. Ginseng grower.
5. In what year did Allegan County's first settler arrive?
6. In what year did Allegan County's first settler permanently settle?
7. What was Newark's first and last name? What was its nickname?
8. What was the premier fruit crop of this region?

9. What three major tribes of Native Americans inhabited Michigan 100 years ago?

10. W. G. Butler and S. D. Nichols both owned forwarding businesses. What is a forwarding business?

11. What year was the wreck of the schooner Milwaukee?

12. In what book is the general locale of Saugatuck known as "Whisky Center?"

13. Who were the first settlers of Douglas?

14. Who were the first proprietors of Saugatuck?

15. Where was the first bridge in Saugatuck?

16. When did Michigan become a state?

17. What were two major sources of power that operated a sawmill 150 years ago?

18. Name two animals abundant when the first settlers arrived, not here now?

19. Who was Saugatuck's first postmaster? Appointed what year?

20. Name the two Butler children who grew to maturity. Name two who did not.

21. How large was W. G. Butler's original Saugatuck holdings?

22. Who owned the first sawmill in Douglas?

Answers:

1. The wives of William G. Butler. 2. A tannery. 3. A Native American burial ground. 4. a/2, b/6, c/7, d/5, e/4, f/1, g/3, h/8. 5. 1829. 6. 1830. 7. Kalamazoo-Saugatuck—"The Flats." 8. Peaches. 9. Ottawa, Pottawatomie and Chippewa (or Ojibwa). 10. Warehousemen. 11. 1842. 12. "Oak Openings" by James F. Cooper. 13. Robert McDonald and William Scovill. 14. William G. Butler, John Griffith, Henry B. Hoffman and Jasper Mason. 15. About where the present day chain ferry crosses the Kalamazoo River. 16. 1837. 17. Water and steam. 18. Wolves, porcupine, passenger pigeon, bear, elk. 19. R. R. Crosby - 1835. 20. Lucy and James - Francis and Spear. 21. 86 acres. 22. Jonathan Wade.

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