

YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER - January 1972

THE MYSTERY SOLVED - One day when Eileen Harrison was at the Museum Mr. Wayne H. Predmore, Sr., came in to give our Museum other items beside THE TOOL CHEST. (See acquisitions list). And so the MYSTERY of the donor of our fascinating gift is SOLVED. Mr. Predmore told Eileen that the chest was built by his Uncle, Mr. H.W. Predmore, a graduate of Michigan Agricultural College where he learned cabinet making. The uncle, Mr. Predmore and Mr. Predmore's father, all worked in Detroit making oak frames for early automobiles. Mr. Predmore recalls that they had two doors on the left and one on the right for the driver. This was when he was working for Overland Motor Company. The uncle also worked for C.H. Wilson body company. He was a photographic buff and did his own printing and developing. Mr. Predmore says most of the pictures in the cascade schematics of the Uncle.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Sally Robinson is improving after her recent operation. However, we are sorry to report, that because of her ill health Sally will have to give up the position of Corresponding Secretary for the Society. We hope that she continues to improve and that even after she leaves Ypsilanti for another city she will be able to come to our meetings.

Mr. Alan Stewart has in his possession a beautiful piece of cherry wood and from it he plans to make a base for our Congressional Medal of Honor - which will be one of the permanent displays in the Civil War Room. Mrs. Carl Miller reports that the Special Civil War cases, made by Mr. Lee Beatwright, just need to be stained and should soon be delivered and set up in the Museum.

On Saturday morning, January 15th, Miss Doris Milliman and other members of the Daughters of the American Revolution moved the D.A.R. records from their vault in the Public Library to their new location in our Museum. We are very pleased and proud to have the records of this organization, and other organizations as well, at the Museum.

On Saturday afternoon, January 15th, members of our local American Association of University Women, braving the zero temperature outside, (and the not too warm temperature inside our building), met and heard one of the Society members give a brief talk on Ypsilanti from 1824 until the present day.

On Monday, January 24th, a third grade class from Ardin School, with their teacher, Mrs. Audrey Sperling, (and her assistant), took a bus tour of Ypsilanti seeing our Historical spots and a tour of the Museum. Members of the Society acted as guides on the bus trip and in the Museum. This is the second time that Society Members have acted as guides for the local school children on one of their "field trips" and we hope that there will be many more such affairs.

Come in and see the tool chest and our other new acquisitions - and while here sign up to WORK - there is much to be done still before evening date.

DECEMBER - JANUARY ACQUISITIONS FOR THE MUSEUM

Donor

George & E. Mary Campbell
2313 Packard Road, Ann Arbor

through Mr. E. Abbott from Wiedman
Automobile Agency-

George Fox
3380 Pittsview Drive.
Ann Arbor

Thrift Shop- through Mrs. Alan
Stewart

Mrs. Wesley Dawson
1587 S. Congress

A Friend

Dr. Wm. Edmunds
1303 Westmereland

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Miss Eleanor Weston
203 S. Huron

Items

dell house & furniture "Michigan Alumnus" 1924-
1880 Hammond typewriter illus. price list-
child's blocks Schemmel's-Ypsi.
black derby- fr. C.S. Wortley store
seven potticoats Agri. Fair programs
two aprons "Life on Farm"-Wm. Lambie
seven shirt waists Ticket-Detroit-Ypsi-
handmade hat A.A. railroad
child's clothing adv. fan
two piece navy blue dress old books
nightgown
bureau scarf

Nine boxes letters and records

Medal (made by George) of Supreme Court
Building in Washington

One coin silver napkin ring with legend
"H.P. Platt 1859"

"Aurora" for 1912 & 1913
Township plates of Washtenaw County
Standard Atlas of Washtenaw County-1915

partial brick - "original brick-Ladies"
Literary Club building

Plaque formerly in front hall of Beyer
Hospital - "Federal Works Agency, War Public
Works, Philip B. Fleming, Major General, U.S.A.,
Federal Works Administrator, Franklin D.
Roosevelt, President of the United States
Ypsilanti Hospital 1944"

old fence wire

copies of YPSILANTI DAILY 1906 and
YPSILANTI EVENING PRESS 11/15/1904- 1/8/1904

American flag with forty-five stars

old books - including one "My First Book"
written by Miss Weston - letter from Miss
Weston to her sister describing 1922 trip
to French and Belgian battlefields

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Donor

Mr. D. L. Suarez, student at E.M.U.

A "Friend"

Mr. Wayne H. Fredmore, Sr.
4901 Merritt Road

a "Friend"

A "Friend"

Thrift Shop

Atwell-Hicks
(Through Mrs. Fred Older)

Mrs. Clara Anderson
702 Pearl

Mrs. A.L. Moore
914 Pleasant Drive

Item

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE COMMUNITY POWER
STRUCTURE AND ITS INFLUENCE UPON EDUCATIONAL
DECISIONS by Gregory W. Boothroyd

THE MILK INDUSTRY IN MICHIGAN AND AGRICULTURAL
ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1933 by Frederick J. Peters
(term paper for History Class at E.M.U.)

Tool chest
Shoe repair outfit
Heavy jack
Fender rasp
Flexible carpenter's tool
floor plane
Sheep shears
Hinge measure
Angle plane
Saw set
Cushioned chisel
Silver butter dish
silver plated tea set, sugar bowl
cups
small bowl
grass seed measure

wig for dress model

photograph - "Ray Battery Team"

vest pocket dictionary - 1893

Chandelier- for one of the rooms

Records & minutes of Senior Citizens when
this group met at the Episcopal Church

2 old L.C. Smith typewriters (about 50 yrs)
Electric Board Teaching Machine-on Michigan
Biographical material on Charles Moore family