



Canton Historical Society News

Canton Historical Society Newsletter VII

January - February 2000

MUSEUM CLOSED
JANUARY AND
FEBRUARY

Calendar of Events

January

Museum Closed
17th Board meeting 7:00 PM

February

Museum Closed
21st Board meeting 7:00 PM

March

8th Special Guest Speaker, Lucy
Keas.
Speaking about the "Paranormal"
At Cherry Hill School 7:00 PM

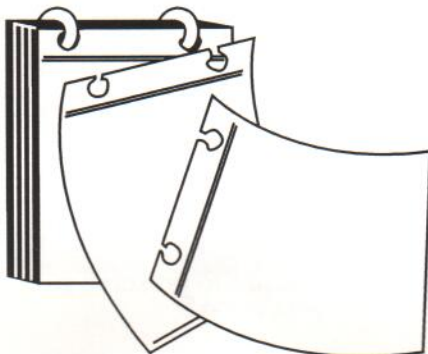
20th Board meeting 7:00 PM

April

17th Board meeting 7:00 PM

May

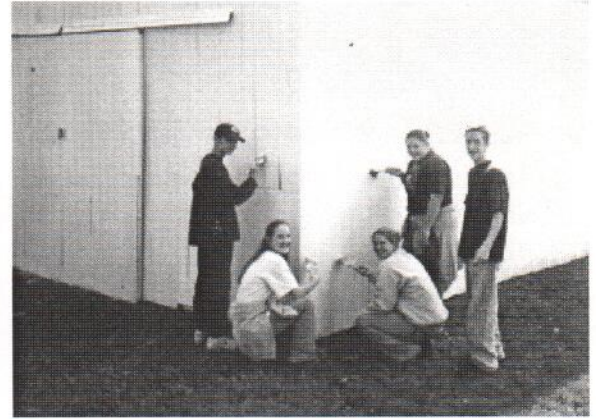
15th Board Meeting 7:00 PM



Gregg King and Volunteers Paint the Palmer Tool Barn and Outhouse



Outhouses need paint too.



Our thanks for job well done.

Gregg King and his volunteers, Mario Foley, Becky Rourk, Lori Cairo, Jeff Tegtmeier and Emily Martin painted the newly restored Palmer tool barn and the outhouse. It was a task that had some excitement along with hard work. It seems the eaves had wasp nests along the outside perimeter of the building. Before the actual work could begin this delicate situation had to be taken care of. Gregg, the taskmaster, carefully removed the nests and thankfully no one was stung.

This group of volunteers worked hard and long all day. Scraping and painting these two buildings was not the easiest of jobs.

Last year at this time we had a tool barn that looked like it was ready to collapse. but, to see it now we can all be proud. We are all grateful for their hard work.

All too often young people do positive things that get no recognition or attention. It appears the focus today is on the negative things. To Gregg King and the volunteers, Thanks a Million!!!

The tool barn is now being used by the "Friends of the Library" for temporary storage of books for their book sales. When the new library expansion is complete they will have a storage room available for the book sales. We are glad to provide temporary help.

Harvest Dinner and Pound Auction a big success.



Bob Boyer says, "Going once!! Going once!!!"

Thanks to all the people who participated in the society's Harvest Dinner and Pound Auction. The auction consisted of over 50 items. Some were good and a few were not so good. A brick and horse shoes come to mind and some very nice items were in the lot. Plus, this year we offered the successful bidder a chance to pick an envelope that could contain one of a dozen gift certificates.

Duane Bordine furnished the table

decorations again this year, which really made the tables look great.

We really have to thank Gerry and Carol Bodenmiller for step-

ping in and helping out at the last minute. They did an excellent job. Thanks also to everyone else that volunteered to help.



Gerry Bodenmiller, Carol Bodenmiller, Phyllis Patterson, Marie Gentz and Bill Sprengel all received awards for their work with the Canton Historical Society.

Coming up in March will be Lucy Keas, our special guest speaker on the paranormal. You may want to make plans now to attend. You may also want to share a story or two of your own that will be of interest to us all.

Lucy lives in Canton and has a great interest in the paranormal. She can provide us with information about some of the findings that she has discovered in the surrounding area.

This will give us all a chance to ask an expert about what is really going on in our own back yards.

The last time we all got together to tell our stories, we convinced Virginia Bailey Parker to write a book about the tales.

This edition of the
Canton
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News

was put together by C.D. Mott and edited, edited and edited until mostly correct.

For corrections, omissions or something to add, please call:
734-397-5495

Membership Application

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Canton Historical Society. Please complete this form and send \$10.00 to: Canton Historical Society, P.O.Box 87362, Canton, MI 48187-0362

Name _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

You don't have to be a lifelong resident to join, just an interest in history and the desire to preserve it.

Thank you

Society Happenings



Over fifty wrapped packages were auction at our "Pound Auction".



President Bob Boyer beside Farmer Jack Manager Alan Piotrowski and Supervisor Tom Yack at ribbon cutting.



At the Harvest Dinner and Pound auction bidders get ready for action.



Lot's of goodies at our Christmas bake Sale.



Ruth Wiles, Bonnie Berg, Nancy Nelson and Jeanie Seifert work at the bake sale.

Adopt a Civil War Soldier

I would like to make a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** contribution to obtain the pension records of:
(Please Check One)

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Amount of **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** donation:

\$ _____ \$25 _____ \$ _____

Please return this slip with your donation and make the check payable to: **Canton Historical Society**
Mail this slip and check to: Canton Historical Society, PO Box 87362, Canton, Michigan 48187-0362

Thank you for your support

Canton's Country Schools

Compiled by Joan Cavell Palmer

Sold at the Museum on Canton Center Rd. This 445 page historical collection of photos and information dates back to the last century. This exciting book tells how the schools merged into the present school systems. Did you know Canton had the last operating one room school in Wayne County? Buy this book, you won't be disappointed.

Canton's
Country
Schools

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Farmer Jack Donates \$500 to Historical Society at Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Bonnie Berg accepts \$500 check donated to the Canton Historical Society by Store Manager Alan Piotrowski as Farmer Jack Public Relations Manager Paul Coleman looks on.



Supervisor Yack speaking at the dedication.

When you visit the new Farmer Jack store, take a look at all the photos of Cantons past displayed at the front of the store.

Farmer Jack used our negative file to produce the photos and donated 500 dollars to our Historical Society. They have quite a variety of photos, some of which you may not have seen before.

The Historical Society had in attendance; President Bob Boyer, Vice President Bonnie Berg, Treasurer Charles Mott, Trustees Ronnie Curtis, Marie Gentz and member Kelly Wheatley.

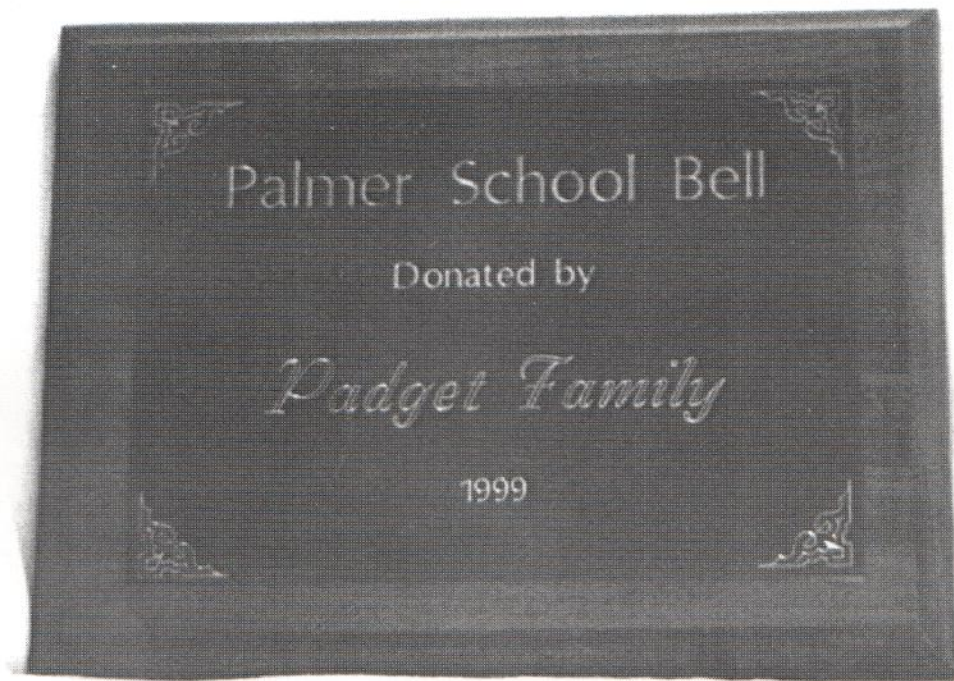
The township was well represented by our elected officials and Supervisor Tom Yack was asked to speak.

This store was built at a cost of 6 million dollars and will employ 150 people.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, we where all treated to refreshments at the snack bar.

Thank you, Farmer Jack, for your donation we will use the money for our projects in the coming year.

Padget Family Donates Bell for Museum Bell Tower



*The members of the Padget family donated the Palmer School Bell to the museum to use in the new bell tower.
The original bell from the Canton Center School is now at Schoolcraft College.*



*The Historic District Commission is doing more work at the Bartlett-Travis house.
Next cedar shake roofs will be in order for all the out buildings.*

Awards given to Board Members at November meeting



Award winners Nancy Nelson, Jeannie Seifert and Dave Curtis. Not pictured is Bonnie Berg and Ronni Curtis who were also given awards.

Awards were given to many people this year and we appreciate all of their efforts. These award winners worked hard on behalf of our society and we are lucky to have this dedication from our members.

We all have busy lives and families that need our attention. It really means a lot when we can depend on these people to step forward when a project or event takes place. Things don't just happen, people with dedication make them happen. We are all volunteers for the historical society or we wouldn't have a historical society. That's something to think about.

Counting the Ballots and Society By-Law Changes



Bonnie Berg, Bob Boyer and Jeannie Seifert doing ballot counting at our November Board meeting.

The ballots are in and counted. Bonnie Berg, Ronni Curtis two incumbents were re-elected and Bill Sprengel was elected to the Board.

Nancy Nelson filled a one year term and did not run for the board this time. She volunteered for many events and has promised to do so this coming year.

We have many projects this coming year and can use all the help possible. Even if you are not a board member, please don't hesitate to say you are willing to volunteer. As always, it seem that the same volunteers keep things going. We could use some new blood for a change.

Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton

By Virginia Bailey Parker

Our best selling book. Almost sold out, so don't miss out on this important book.

To order by mail, fill out the form below and mail to:
Canton Historical Society, P.O. Box 87362, Canton, MI 48187-0362

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Harvest Dinner Bonnie Berg and Ronni Curtis
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Liberty fest. Carol Bodenmiller and Robert Boyer
Flea Market Ronni Curtis and Jeannie Seifert

Cemetery Book

The Society has a *Cemetery Book* listing the people buried in the older cemeteries of Canton Township. If you are doing genealogy, this book is a must. It can be purchased at Canton Historical Museum. The museum is located at the corner of Canton Center Rd. and Heritage Drive, (next to the new Fire Station No. 1). The hours are Tuesday 1 pm to 3 pm and Saturday from 1 pm until 4 pm.



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