



Palatine Historical Society

149 North Brockway Street
Palatine, Illinois

PHS Newsletter #1
February 19, 1963

The letters "PHS" do not stand for Palatine or Public High School, but for Palatine Historical Society. We hope chanting "PHS - PHS - PHS" will inspire all of you to come out to our next meeting on Tuesday, February 26th at the Palatine Library at 8:00 P. M.

Our new President, Frank Regan hopes to hand out Committee assignments that evening. It may be self protection to be there, fellow members.

We have just received a gift of some 80 copies of the Palatine Centennial book from the Chamber of Commerce. We hope to sell some of them and the rest will be for our own use. You know if we keep them long enough, they will not only contain history, but be historical themselves. Not in my day, however.

Currently the Society is working on bringing our "Way Back When" and obituary files up to date. Wait until you hear about Florence Parkhurst's latest "find". We are also endeavouring to secure up-to-date information on the old Cemeteries. We hope to get them mapped and plotted this year.

Plans are under way for a trip to the Chicago Historical Society. We desperately need a member who can read German to go along. Why? Well, we will be able to read (with the said volunteer's aid) "Das Kirchebuch der ersten protestantischen Gemeinde von Cook und DuPage County 1838-1839". Sounds interesting, but neither Frank, Mrs. Regan nor the Editor can read it. HELP! Call Mrs. Regan at Fl 9-1333.

Mrs. Parkhurst, the Regans and the Editor worked on the files last week. We do have a wealth of facinating material. It would be wonderful to get some of the records completed. Further issues of this newsletter will have a "wanted" column -----members, old programs, old anything, old members, and new members.

Hope to see you all on February 26th, Tuesday, at the Library --- 8:00 P. M.

Anne Koller
Editor



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March 21, 1963
NEWSLETTER NO. II

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 26th, at the Library at 8:00 P.M. Do you have a good excuse for not coming?

Our impassioned plea for a German translator brought forth an excellent man --- if my memory serves me. Bill Kehe generously volunteered and Frank Regan is making final plans with the Chicago Historical Society for a convenient date.

At our last meeting we received some very interesting pictures from many years ago. I believe we can thank Laura Hildebrandt. And Florence Parkhurst has found some more "Spotlights". You might all be able to help us locate the Spotlights we need to complete our files. Needed are:

1925 through 1930
1933 through 1944, 1950, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1960 and later.

Do you have any of these missing Spotlights? Do you need them?

Did you know that a study of the transcript of the 1940 meeting of the High School Alumni mentioned that it was the 53rd meeting? We have a minute book that covers the annual meetings from 1911 through 1940. Does anyone know where the earlier records might be? Have the Alumni met since 1940? Help us if you can --- even clues will help, we have some good amateur Hawkshaws.

Some of the Committee assignments from our last meeting are: Mayor's Committee, Mae Howes and Mildred Sanborn; Cemetery Committee, Mary Regan (see what happens if you are related to the President); Genealogy, Florence Parkhurst and Laura Hildebrandt; Military Records, Frank Regan.

Hope to see you all on the 26th.

Anne Koller, Editor



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NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 23rd at the Library at 8:00 P. M. We are very fortunate in having Mr. Daniel Bergman speak to us on the history of St. John United Church of Christ. This is one of the oldest churches in the area. We hope for a large turn-out to hear Mr. Bergman --- Come one, come all.

The trip to the Chicago Historical Society is set for Saturday, April 20th. Plans are to meet in Palatine, load up in cars, and drive down. The appointment at the Society is for 9:30 A.M. ---- so we will leave here about 8:30 A. M. Call Mrs. Regan at Fl 9-1333 and tell her if you need a ride, will drive, plan to come, will bring a friend, etc. Mr. Regan says we will be back in Palatine for a late lunch.

We are still endeavouring to get pictures of all the former Presidents of the Village of Palatine. We hope to get a complete collection and then mount them suitably.

Strictly by way of smoke signals, I understand that our President has been in touch with the Indians. Yes, it's true. Our June meeting may bring us an interesting program on the Indians of the Palatine area. We are a Historical Society, so why not start with the earliest men here! Sounds fascinating to me. Get out your old arrow heads, start practicing your war whoops, and I'll send you a smoke signal.

See you all Tuesday, April 23rd.

Anne Koller, Editor



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NEWSLETTER #4

Dear Member:

Our program plans for the next few months have been completed. We hope they will meet with your approval and that you will try to make them successful by attending regularly.

On September 24th Mr. Comfort will be our guest speaker. He will tell us some of the little known facts about the history of the lumber company and the other early business enterprises of Palatine. This meeting will be held in the library reading room starting at 8:15 P.M. Please try to attend.

In October we plan to hold a work session in the upstairs rooms on the 22nd. Some additional storage facilities have been acquired during the summer. If we can catalog our material we may be able to arrange it so you may examine it at your leisure and in a systematic manner. This session will begin at 7:00 P. M. but please come over anytime. At this session, also, we hope to finalize our plans for a membership drive during November.

On November 19th Mr. Earl Past of Barrington will be our guest speaker on the subject of the Indians in Northern Cook County. Mr. Past has been active in Explorer Scout program of Indian lore. He has offered to try to put an historical program together that may appeal to those of you who are interested in the very early pioneer settlement of our area.

There are other subjects or activities underway that we could mention but we think that we must leave some inducement for you to appear at these meetings. If you have program ideas you think we may miss, please mention them to someone, because we want very much to develop programs that will bring you to the meetings.

Frank A. Regan

Frank A. Regan, President



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149 North Brockway Street

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November 14, 1963

Dear Member:

Our November meeting will be held next Tuesday, the 19th at 8:00 P. M. in the library.

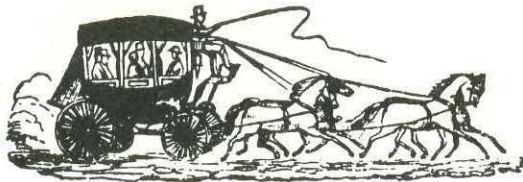
Mr. Earl Past of Barrington will be our speaker and his subject will be "The Indians of Northern Cook County".

We hope you will be able to be with us.

Very truly yours,

Frank A. Regan

Frank A. Regan, President



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NEWSLETTER #5
February 12, 1964

The next meeting of the Palatine Historical Society will be held on Tuesday evening, February 18th, 1964 at 8 P.M. in a NEW MEETING PLACE. The place will be the meeting room on the lower floor of the First State Bank of Palatine, on the downtown "Triangle". Entrance is through the main door of the bank. It is hoped that in this room the members will feel more at ease than conditions in the library have sometimes permitted. There will be no obligation to vacate the premises at 10 P.M. and thus more sociability will be possible.

The guest speaker at our February meeting will be Mrs. Milton Daniels, Curator of the Arlington Heights Historical Society and a noted expert on the historical lore of this area.

Also at this meeting the Nominating Committee will present a slate and the annual election of officers, postponed from last November, will take place.

Members are reminded that as this is the first meeting of the year the Treasurer will be happy to accept payment of dues for the year 1964. Dues are payable on January 1 of each year in the amount of two dollars per person. Any member who is unable to attend this meeting is asked to please send his dues to the Treasurer, Mrs. George Howes, 248 North Bothwell Street.

Since the last meeting of the Society we have suffered the loss of an officer. Mrs. Richard Bennett (Zelda A. Daniels), Corresponding Secretary, died January 15, 1964. Mrs. Bennett was the great granddaughter of two of Palatine's first settlers -- Ezekiel Cady and John Fosket, both of whom came from New York state to settle in the Deer Grove area in the mid 1830's. She was an active and interested member and her contribution will be missed. Flowers were sent from the Society and sincere sympathy is hereby extended to her family.

At this time it seems fitting to pay tribute also to the memory of another member of the Society, Mr. Elmer Stuart, who died September 29, 1963. Mr. Stuart was formerly a President of the Society. It is to be regretted that his death was not formally noted by the Society at an earlier date and our sympathy is sincerely, though belatedly, expressed to his family.

Also the Society extends sympathy to one of its members, Miss Mercie Heise, on the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Henry Heise (Edna Baldwin). Mrs. Heise was an honored guest at our Centennial Commemoration on November 11, 1962 for the men of Company E, 113th Illinois Infantry Volunteers. Her father, Anson Baldwin, was among the soldiers who left Palatine in 1862 to fight in the Civil War.

It is to be hoped that the year 1964 will see many things accomplished in the Society. Several people have given of their time in the past year to organize the historical material in the Society room at the Palatine Library. Some people have generously added to this material. It is hoped that more help will be forthcoming in both of these directions.

The Name Index to the "Centennial Book of Palatine, Ill." is still in process and will be completed and available in the relatively near future.

Several newcomers have expressed an interest in the work we are doing, and they are urged to come out and join with us in an attempt to record and preserve all that is pertinent to the history of our town.

You are reminded that Mrs. Florence Parkhurst, our Curator, will be pleased to accept any document; any school, church, town, business or personal records; any family histories -- anything that would contribute to a more complete record of the town's past.

Please mark on your calendar the future meeting dates of Tuesday evening, March 17th and also April 21st. The March and April meetings will be held at the First State Bank of Palatine as will our next week's meeting of February 18th.

Mary L. Regan

Mary L. Regan
Editor

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Palatine Historical Society

April 28, 1966

Dear Members and Friends:

There will be a meeting of the Palatine Historical Society on Thursday, May 12, 1966 at 8 P.M. in the meeting room of the First State Bank of Palatine on the "triangle".

The subject of our meeting might be called "Who was Who in Palatine in 1860 and 1880." There will be no guest speaker, but rather some fascinating records which will speak for themselves. We have secured microfilm copies of the Federal Census of Palatine Township for the years 1860 and 1880. Frank has arranged to have a microfilm reader at the meeting so that you can see these handwritten records rapidly and easily. They are fascinating, and for those of you who had grandparents or great grandparents residing here in those days they provide a wealth of genealogical lore. The 1860 Census gives the name, age, occupation and place of birth of each resident, and the 1880 has, in addition, the relationship of everyone in a family group to the head of the family and the birthplace of the mother and father of each resident. The children's birthplaces almost pinpoint the date of arrival in Palatine from other states and countries.

I have, with the aid of a small magnifying glass, carefully transcribed all of the 1880 Census for the Village of Palatine, have indexed it, and will have a typed copy for you to see. If there is enough interest perhaps we could have copies made. Many interesting comparisons with the Palatine of today should make for good conversation, and many questions arise as to the identity of families or individuals not mentioned in the Palatine Centennial Book.

We have not been completely inactive of late. The Society has currently a display window in one of the offices in the main corridor of Fremd High School, featuring an array of old school pictures and records; we understand it tied up traffic in the corridor for days as the students admired the mustaches of athletic heroes of an earlier day and teachers looked for themselves as students. It is very secure and has caused some interest in our Society by the young people; we should think of ways to maintain their interest.

If the purpose of recording and preserving Palatine history and fostering its continued study has any meaning for you, please come to this meeting and bring others with you. Our last meeting brought out three members and discouraged us to the point that almost a year has elapsed since we have had a formal meeting. There are problems that need discussion by a representative membership group - most urgent is a place to house the Society possessions where they will be safe and secure and yet accessible for use and study. Many possibilities have been suggested and explored, but as yet we have found no suitable "home". Also we must have new and participating members.

Hoping to see you all on THURSDAY, MAY 12, 8 PM.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Regan

Mary L. Regan, Corresponding Sec'y.

Tel. 359-1333



Palatine Historical Society

~~449 North Broadway Street~~

~~Palatine, Illinois~~

Palatine
October 1966

246 N. Plum Grove Road
Palatine, Illinois

Dear Friend:

After another long break between meetings, we have planned one for this Friday evening, November 22nd, in the meeting rooms of the Palatine Savings and Loan Association, at 8:00 p.m. The East door on the Palatine Road side of the building is the one to use for entrance to the meeting room. Most of you have been called and have agreed you will try to attend this meeting. This note is intended as a reminder.

Mr. Arthur Wildhagen, whom most of you know or know of, will come up from Champaign that evening and exhibit his extensive collection of Palatine memorabilia. Mr. Wildhagen has a long standing interest in Palatine's history with particular interest in the Palatine, Lake Zurich and Wauconda Railroad history. In Champaign he is Assistant Director of Public Information at the University of Illinois.

We hope as many as possible of you will try to attend and will invite anyone else you think may be interested.

Frank A. Regan
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PALATINE PALAVER

NEWSLETTER OF THE PALATINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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BACK IN ACTION

After a long period of reticence, we are back in the business of communicating with members of the Palatine Historical Society and all interested persons and organizations.

NEWSLETTER

This advance copy of a newsletter, to be issued six times a year to all Society members, is being widely distributed as a clarion call to all Palatine residents to come forth and participate in America's Bicentennial. The Historical Society needs many new members if its ambitious goals are to be achieved in this important year.

WHY PALAVER?

Reaching out for a name that would alliterate with Palatine while having a relevant significance, we came up with Palaver in its definition of "talk intended to charm or beguile." The purpose of this publication is, indeed, to charm you into joining the Society and beguile you into working to make this organization one that will be a source of pride to all Palatine residents.

Coming to members in December will be Vol. 1, No. 1, dated Jan. 1976.

NOV. 19-MEETING AT NEW LIBRARY

Arrangements have been made to hold the November meeting of the Society in the meeting room of the new Palatine Public Library at 500 No. Benton St. All are invited. This beautiful room will accommodate 150 people. See over for details.



Paddock Publications Photo

AT LAST - OUR OWN HOME??

Pictured above is the home we hope will soon be ours. This lovely old house, located at 224 East Palatine Road, is the answer to the Society's dreams. With your help, this will become the Palatine Historical Society Museum.

Raising enough money to buy this building, to restore it to look as it did over 100 years ago and to furnish it appropriately is the goal of the Palatine Bicentennial Committee. When completed it will be a museum where all may come to study and relive Palatine's past. In time it will house books, maps, pictures, exhibits, tapes, manuscripts and all manner of material

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NOV. 19th MEETING (cont. from pg.1)

The featured speaker of the evening will be Mrs. Fred Oswald, a lifelong Palatine resident. Born Priscilla Heise, she is a great granddaughter of John and Lydia Baldwin who came from New York to settle here in the 1840's and for whom Baldwin Rd. was named.

Mrs. Oswald, dressed in a 19th century costume, will enhance her presentation with a display of slides showing early Palatine buildings. This program was highly acclaimed when shown last year to a group at the Methodist Church.

Preceding this look into Palatine as it was, we will be welcomed to the new library by Miss Andrea Balcken, Administrative Librarian of the Palatine Public District Library. Mrs. Jane Trimborn, head of Adult Services, will then talk for a few minutes about the development of a local history collection which the library is anxious to begin and on which they are soliciting the help of the Society.

Mr. Thomas Ahearn will be introduced after Mrs. Oswald's program. As head of the Palatine Bicentennial Committee, he will report on the progress of the fund raising project and answer any questions on that subject.

Our evening will come to an end with a social hour featuring coffee and cookies provided by Mrs. Sue Gould and her committee at a table graced by a floral arrangement done by Mrs. Kay Kopecky.

Please park your cars in the parking lot of St. Theresa Church on the opposite side of No. Benton St.

Because we are afraid that the response to this program may be

more than we are prepared to handle, you are requested to phone one of the following persons and indicate that you will be attending, how many will be in your party and leave with her your name and phone number so that contingency plans may be activated if necessary. Please do this no later than Nov. 15th.

Mrs. Mary Margaret Bergo	359-0336
Mrs. Ann Oswald	358-1537
Mrs. Mary Louise Regan	359-1333
Mrs. Susan Gould	359-8396
Mrs. Dolores Kayler	359-5059

HISTORICAL DISPLAY IN LIBRARY

With the opening of the new Palatine Public Library on No. Benton St. the Society now has an attractive and permanent display case which will serve as a miniature museum until we have facilities of our own.

Featured in the current exhibit is the land grant of Archibald Atkins, dated at Washington Mar. 10, 1843. The house built on that land by the Atkinsons still stands on So. Ela Rd. and is currently the home of sportscasters John and Jean Morris.

Other items from the Society's collection now on display include photographs of people, homes and business buildings of an earlier era.

Arranged in one section of the case is the uniform worn by Palatine police of the 1890's, while in another are items appealing more to the ladies - a paisley shawl, a quaint sampler and a lovely old velvet pincushion. One shelf boasts a 1909 issue of the Palatine Enterprise.

This tasteful display, the work of Frank Feeley, has attracted much attention.

CEMETERY RESTORATION

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Avery Wolfrum, Treasurer of this society, in his role as Chairman of the Palatine Twp. Cemetery Committee, the town's oldest cemeteries are finally being restored, protected and maintained.

Cady Cemetery, where the first known burial took place in 1841, is now greatly improved and kept under lock and key to prevent further vandalism. This cemetery, located on No. Ela Rd., is owned by the Township and is wholly a Palatine responsibility.

Mr. Wolfrum's research in County records disclosed that Sayles Cem., which is on Long Grove Rd. north of Rand, and Old Plum Grove Cem., in the vicinity of Old Plum Grove Rd. in the southern part of town, were at some early period given to Cook by the owners of the land. When called to account for the deplorable conditions in those two places, the County pleaded ignorance of their ownership and lack of funds to do all that should be done, but they were unable to give them to the Twp. The persistence of Mr. Wolfrum paid off a year ago when the County finally made a major cleanup of the Sayles Cemetery. No protection was provided, however, and vandalism has continued there.

Now comes the exciting word that a \$75,000 federal grant has been approved for the purpose of fencing and restoring Sayles Cemetery and reclaiming Old Plum Grove. The condition of the latter is such that only the initiated can even find where it used to be. No stone remains standing there on the site where the people of the early Plum Grove settlement buried their dead as early as 1840.

OUR OWN HOME - cont. from pg.1

that will serve to record the history of Palatine. Your contributions are necessary to make it a reality.

BICENTENNIAL FUND

A goal of \$60,000 has been set by the Bicentennial Committee to purchase the home pictured on our front page and do everything with it that needs doing. The latest figures available place the population of Palatine Township at slightly more than 65,000 people. Seen in that light, certainly this should not be in the "impossible dream" category.

Thomas Ahearn, Florence Parkhurst and Harry Benstein, officers of the Bicentennial Committee, have given many hours of their time to get this project started.

Leading the fund raising committee for Palatine's Historical Museum are Wendell Jones, President of the Village Board, and the following local banking officials: Gerald Fitzgerald, chairman of the board of the Palatine National Bank; William Heise, chairman of the board of the First Bank and Trust Company; and Winn Davidson, president of the Bank of Palatine.

The Palatine National Bank has provided a \$10,000 loan to make the necessary down payment on this property. Ten persons from this Society have backed that loan with their personal funds. Please justify their faith in the people of Palatine by making a substantial donation today. A form for this is provided on the last page of this newsletter. All contributions to this fund are tax deductible. Persons making large donations will be suitably recognized.

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

At the meeting held Oct. 15th, members met first at 224 E. Palatine Rd. to tour the house shown on our front page. A large group turned out and all were favorably impressed with the potential of the building as a museum.

The group then moved to the Johnson St. building for a business meeting. It was voted to postpone the annual meeting to December.

MASTHEAD

The picture on our masthead represents Palatine's original Village Hall.

This drawing is the work of Fred Niemeyer, a young Palatine artist, now in his junior year at Palatine High School.

The subject was chosen by our President, Florence Parkhurst, as a symbol of Palatine's past. This building stood on Slade St. where the fire station is now located. It served in its time as village hall, township office, fire station, jail, and, finally, as the place where the first Catholic Masses were celebrated before the original St. Theresa Church was built. It was torn down in 1942.

DECEMBER MEETING

The annual meeting of the Society with election of officers for the year 1976 will take place Wednesday, Dec. 17th at 8 P.M. in the Historical Society at 115 West Johnson St.

BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVES

Available at the Nov. meeting for Christmas shoppers will be pewter plates, pendants and coins which commemorate the bicentennial and are attractively priced at \$15, \$10 and \$5 respectively.

HOMEcoming PARADE FLOAT

The Palatine High School centennial homecoming parade provided an opportunity to display a spinning wheel recently given to the Society by Mrs. Grace Greener. The float, designed by Mrs. Susan Gould, also displayed clothing items from the Lytle and Oswald families worn by Florence Parkhurst and the 19th century police uniform, now on display in the library, which was worn by Avery Wolfrum.

DOES THE SOCIETY NEED YOU?

Are you knowledgeable in the fields of history, antiques or genealogy? Would you be willing to help raise money, find new members, arrange programs, write letters, or do research in county and state records? Do you have talent in some special craft? Are you particularly good at making people feel welcome? Can you catalogue books and acquisitions? If you can answer yes to any of the above or if you have any interest in the subject of Palatine as it was "yesterday," the historical society needs and wants you.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Palatine organizations planning fund raisers for the benefit of the historical museum fund are asked to submit dates and details to us so that we may alert members to support these activities.

Are you interested in knowing of events and programs sponsored by neighboring historical societies?

Would a series of articles on the identity of persons for whom streets have been named in town interest you? Other articles on Palatine history?

Your comments are invited as to what you would like to see in future issues of this newsletter.

Note: Provided below are two forms. The first is to be filled in and mailed to the Society for membership in that organization. The second is for your contribution to the Palatine Bicentennial Fund and is to be mailed to a Palatine bank. These are completely separate funds. Please do not confuse the two. Neither fund is set up to accept money for the other. Please use two separate envelopes and two checks and mail to the separate addresses as indicated.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

Miss _____ (Please print or type and use
Mr. _____ full name,)
Mrs. _____

No. & Street _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please check appropriate space below:

- _____ New Membership \$5.00
- _____ Regular Membership Renewal \$5.00
- _____ Senior Citizen Membership (Persons aged 65 or older.) \$2.00

Note: Dues paid now will make you a member of the Society from the time they are received until Jan. 1, 1977.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Palatine Historical Society
MAIL TO: Palatine Historical Society
P.O. Box #315, Palatine, Ill. 60067

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CONTRIBUTION TO THE PALATINE BICENTENNIAL FUND (This is the fund being raised by the Bicentennial Committee for the purchase of the house shown on page 1 of this newsletter. Approximately \$60,000 are needed. Please be generous. See page 3 for other details.)

Miss _____ (Please print or type and use
Mr. _____ full name.)
Mrs. _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please indicate amount enclosed \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PALATINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BICENTENNIAL FUND

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Palatine, Ill. 60067

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PALATINE, ILLINOIS

JANUARY 1976

SO MANY NEW MEMBERS!!! WELCOME TO YOU ALL!!!!

Our hearts are filled with joy and our hands go out in welcome to the large number of people who have so far responded to our plea for new members. We will soon have a membership of 200 people - the largest number ever to belong to the Palatine Historical Society in its 20 years of existence. Can we make it 500?

On page 4 will be found a partial list of these new members. Later issues will continue to list both new and old members as space allows.

HOLIDAY DISPLAY IN LIBRARY SHOWCASE

A new and special holiday display is now on exhibit in the Society's miniature museum at the Palatine Public Library.

Antique toys is this month's feature. You will find dolls from six different countries, other playthings of an earlier era, a display of old Christmas cards and a straw wreath trimmed with antique buttons - all there for you to enjoy.

Hundreds of people stopped to admire Frank Feeley's arrangement of items relating to Palatine's early history in last month's display.

TWO PATRONS, TWO BENEFACTORS and TWO SPONSORS LEAD THE WAY

Contributions are beginning to roll in to the Bicentennial Fund to purchase the home for the Palatine Historical Society located at 224 East Palatine Road.

(See page 3)

LOCATION CHANGED FOR DECEMBER 17th MEETING

The annual meeting of the Society will take place, as scheduled, on Wednesday, Dec. 17th at 8 P.M., but the place has been changed from the Historical Society building on West Johnson St. to the Walter Rennack Room of the Palatine Public Library at 500 No. Benton St.

In addition to the election of officers for the year 1976 and the presentation of annual reports, Mrs. Judith Gamoran has arranged for us to be entertained by a group of students from Pleasant Hills School.

Eight young people, under the direction of Mrs. Diantha Greenwood, Art Consultant for District #15, will demonstrate and explain the art of old time spinning - from the fleece to the yarn. Dressed in colonial costumes made by their parents, they will show us how they use a drop spindle, natural dyes and a flax wheel to produce their yarn. This part of the program will run about 40 minutes.

Students participating will be: Teresa Hansen, Kirsten Jensen, Julie Jones, Nancy Murphy, Lisa Pozdro, Dale Kevorkian, Jon Jetel and Laura Slife.

Please remember to use the parking lot of St. Theresa Church on the other side of No. Benton St.

BANK OF PALATINE SPONSORS JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Thanks to Mr. Winn C. Davidson, President of the Bank of Palatine, 291 N. Northwest Hwy., this first official issue of the Palatine Palaver will go out to all residents of the Villages of Palatine and Inverness and to most residents of the northside area - 10,000 copies.

Impressed by our goals and ambitions for preserving the history of Palatine, Mr. Davidson has offered to underwrite the cost of both printing and mailing. We are grateful for this generous gift.

BILL FOR ADVANCE ISSUE OF PALAVER PAID BY HARRY BENSTEIN

The bill for printing and mailing 7500 copies of our advance issue, dated October 1975, has been paid by Harry Benstein and Associates, Insurance Agency, 234 N. Plum Grove Rd. This newsletter added 134 members to our rolls, brought out 170 people to the Nov. meeting and was influential in bringing a considerable amount of money to the Bicentennial Fund. Thank you, Harry!

OTHER SPONSORS SOLICITED

Business institutions interested in sponsoring future issues are requested to contact the editor at 359-1333.

GENEALOGY SUBJECT OF JAN. 21st MTG.

With everyone's thoughts attuned to history, genealogy has achieved the status of third ranking leisure time activity. Mrs. Mary Louise Regan, author of two books on the genealogy of the Beers family, member of four genealogical societies, and editor of this newsletter, will speak Wed. Jan. 21st at 8 P.M. in the Walter Rennack Room on "What Can You Reasonably Expect to Get from a Course in Genealogy?"

JOEL WOOD, EARLY SETTLER

The Joel Wood School stands today on land donated by him in 1860 for Palatine's first school, and the street on which it stands also bears his name.

He was neither born nor buried here, yet in a 23 year stay between the youth he spent in Pennsylvania and the old age he lived in Kansas, Joel Wood left an indelible mark on our community.

Arriving here in 1847 at the age of 36, he soon assumed a leading role. A large percentage of the land that was to become the Village of Palatine was owned by him and he donated much of it for the common good. In addition to the land for the school, he also gave that where the Methodist Church was built and land for another church no longer in existence. Hillside Cemetery was given by him as the village burial place when he buried his first wife there in 1857. He was elected a member of the first board of village trustees in 1866.

Also an early settler was his younger brother, Darius B. Wood, a Palatine merchant for 32 years and our first Town Clerk.

Both were born in East Smithfield, Pa., sons of Samuel Wood, b. in Westminister, Mass., and his second wife, Huldah (Cole). Samuel Wood had 11 children by his first wife and nine by his second; Joel was his 15th, Darius his 20th.

Joel and Hannah (Rockwell) Wood brought five sons with them to Palatine - Thomas Benton, Marshall, Crawford, Ezra and Emerson; one son Samuel, d. in Alba, Pa. Born in Palatine were Henry Clay, Sarah Rose and Emma. No descendants res. here today.

TRONS, BENEFACTORS AND SPONSORS

(cont. from page one)

Leading the town in their contributions are one Palatine business firm, two organizations and three members of old Palatine families.

The first Patron (\$1,000+) was Ahlgrim and Sons Funeral Directors, by Walter and Roger D. Ahlgrim; the second was Mrs. George Spies, born Nora Schering, daughter of William E. and Bertha (Kimmet) Schering.

Organizations qualifying so far as Benefactors (\$500+) are the Junior Woman's Club of Palatine with \$600 and the Questor groups, who gave \$700.

The first two Sponsors (\$250+) are Mrs. Delia Krueger, widow of Walter Krueger, daughter of Henry and Caroline (Gieseke) Batterman and Mrs. Florence Parkhurst, our president, widow of Chester M. Parkhurst, daughter of Albert G. and Gertrude A. (Lytle) Smith.

We salute these people and these organizations! Those who come forward first are the bravest, and we are in their debt. Let us follow their example by filling in the coupon on the last page.

As of Dec. 6th the fund totaled \$4,097.11. Let us build on it.

REGULAR HOURS ESTABLISHED FOR VISITING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Many of you have never been to the P.H.S. at 115 W. Johnson St. and we want you to get acquainted. So, as of Jan. 6, 1976 the building will be open each Wed. 3-5 P.M. and each Thurs. 7-9 P.M. Much work can be done there. You may come only to browse, but we hope you will be interested in working.

Your response to this opportunity to visit and the willingness of volunteers to staff the facility will determine future hours.

RECORD CROWD AT NOVEMBER MEETING

170 persons overflowed the Walter Rennack Room at the library to hear Mrs. Priscilla Oswald talk on the history of Palatine on Nov. 19th.

It is regrettable that no one thought to tape record her presentation - or did anyone? It would be a valuable contribution to the oral history project.

CIGAR STORE INDIAN COMES HOME

An interesting relic of Palatine's past in the form of a female wooden Indian will soon be presented to the Society by Mrs. Irene Hardin of Mount Prospect. It belonged to her grandfather, Henry Godknecht, who came here to live immediately after the Chicago Fire.

The Indian, once a brightly painted figure, stood on the porch of the house which is still located at the northeast corner of North Plum Grove Rd. and Wood St. to advertise to passers-by that Mr. Godknecht's home was also the place where he made and sold cigars.

In addition to this rare and valued item, Mrs. Hardin and the other Godknecht heirs are giving us all the tools of their grandfather's trade - even some of his tobacco.

Plans are under way to restore the wooden lady to her former full glory, and it is hoped that she will be ready for presentation and display at the January meeting.

GIRL SCOUTS ENTERTAINED DEC. 3rd

A program was recently presented at the West Johnson St. building by Mrs. Anne Oswald and Mrs. Mildred Sanborn for the Girl Scouts of Lake Louise and Virginia Lake Schools.

This was one of many similar programs which have been put on for the benefit of younger residents.

CIVIL WAR TOKEN ON DISPLAY

Recently presented to the Society and now on display in the library showcase is a rare souvenir of the town's business problems in the Civil War era.

During the early stages of the War, silver and copper coins were hoarded and became very rare. The situation became so bad that merchants could not even make change for fractional currency. To solve the problem, metal trade tokens were manufactured, purchased in bulk and given out by tradesmen to their customers as change, to be redeemed the same as money.

Only 32 towns in Illinois are known to have had merchants who used these tokens.

The Palatine token on display was issued in 1863 and is stamped, "Dean & Slade - Hardware & Dry Goods - Palatine, Ill."

This token was the gift of Tom Robinson, one of our former members, who left it in the care of Clayton W. Brown when he moved out of Palatine.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

We apparently failed to communicate in a lucid manner our membership dues, and we apologize to those of you who were confused. Dues are \$5.00 per year per person for all under the age of 65 and are \$2.00 per year per person for all 65 or older.

Some of you filled out membership applications for a husband and wife but enclosed dues for only one person. In this situation only one of you has been listed on the books and you will perhaps wish to rectify this.

For those of you who have procrastinated, you will again find a membership blank on the last page.

PARTIAL LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

(Note: Taken at random; more later)
The Edwin Brunings of Camphill Cir
James Coor of E. Slade; the Donald Ewalds of Thornhill Rd.; the Arthur Mayfields of N. Oak; the Jerry Nashes of W. Comfort Ln.; the William Ibers of W. Baldwin; the William Schwolows of S. Plum Grove; J. T. Tseng of S. Greeley; the Charles Pattens of No. Benton; the George Wischusens of Carmel Dr.; Mrs. Mildred Andersen of N. Plum Grove; the Francis Bauers of N. Robinson; the Alton Cheney of Burno Dr.; the Torgny Westerbergs of S. Roselle; George Fruzyan of S. Haman; the W. Leckies of E. Morris; Paul Selley of Monterey; Mrs. Sara Kohring of S. Bothwell; the Thomas Smiths of E. Garden; the Edward J. Sullivans of N. Lytle; the Anthony Hubers of Dorothy Dr.; the Henry Rosens of N. Fremont; Maynard Docka of W. Slade; the Gerald Fitzgeralds of W. Stuart; Mrs. George Spies of W. Slade.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Remember the Bicentennial Fund
in 1976

Our Bicentennial Year

OLD MEMBERS MUST RENEW

The Society now runs on a calendar year. All old members are reminded that their dues for 1976 are now payable.

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Mrs. _____

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P.O. Box #315, Palatine, Ill. 60067

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CONTRIBUTION TO THE PALATINE BICENTENNIAL FUND (This is the fund being raised by the Bicentennial Committee for the purchase of the house shown on page 1 of this newsletter. Approximately \$60,000 are needed. Please be generous. See page 3 for other details.)

Miss _____ (Please print or type and use
Mr. _____ full name.)
Mrs. _____

No. & Street _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please indicate amount enclosed \$ _____

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Palatine, Ill. 60067

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291 No. Northwest Highway
Palatine, Ill. 60067

Palatine National Bank
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Palatine, Ill. 60067

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SOCIETY ASSUMES FUND RAISING TASK

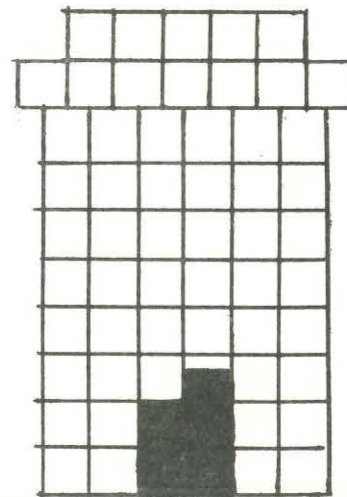
At the Jan. 21st meeting Pres. Florence Parkhurst expressed the appreciation of the Society to Bicentennial Committee members, Tom Ahern and Harry Benstein, for the work they have done in spearheading the drive for funds to pay for the Historical Museum. She stated that the time has come for members of the Society to take over the fund solicitation role and appointed the following persons to take charge of the drive in areas as indicated: individual solicitations - Marilyn Pedersen, phone 358-7499; businesses-Judith Gamoran, phone 358-9580; industries and foundations-Frank Regan, phone 359-1333.

Members interested in working on the fund drive are requested to call one of these people.

THANKS TO TWELVE GUARANTORS

As of Jan. 23rd twelve persons have pledged \$1,000 each to secure the loan on the down payment for the Museum. Depending on the amount of the mortgage at the time of the closing, further funds may have to be pledged. If so, other particular people have indicated their willingness to do the same.

So that all members of the Society will know these individuals and appreciate the faith they have in our cause, their names may be found on page 2.



\$4,739.11 - ALMOST 10% ALREADY IN

The vaguely house-shaped graph above represents the amount of money necessary to purchase our Historical Museum.

Each square in the "house" represents \$1,000. The squares will be filled in as the money is collected. The squares in the "roof" represent the \$12,000 estimated as the minimum amount necessary to repair and remodel the building.

We will continue using this form to show the growth of the fund.

MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO ZOOM

Thirty-five new members joined the Palatine Historical Society in the first 3 weeks of January, bringing our membership total to 180 as of Jan. 22nd. Now we know we can reach our goal of 500 before the year is out.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CALENDAR

by Frank Feeley

January - Tools and Deeds
February - Red, white and blue
 glass and china
March - Telephones (See below)
April - Churches and Easter Cards
May - Wood objects
June - School Buildings and Past
 Graduating Classes
July - Patriotic Display

March 10th will mark the 100th anniversary of the first words ever heard over a telephone. This invention of Alexander Graham Bell was the result of his attempts to invent a harmonic telegraph in which various electric currents would vibrate thin metal reeds to produce different sounds.

The March display will feature American manual, operator assisted and dial phones from 1892 to the present day.

Editor's note: Frank would like members to start thinking of important and appropriate items in their possession which might add to the July display.

TELEPHONE TO BE INSTALLED

Our last newsletter brought you the good news that Society headquarters at 115 W. Johnson St. is to be open for you and for the public each Wed. afternoon from 3 to 5 and each Thurs. evening from 7 to 9. Now comes the word that we will soon have a telephone there. This will have the effect of making Florence Parkhurst much easier to get hold of, for she spends many hours down there. To reach the Palatine Hist. Soc. call the Palatine Village Hall-358-7500- and ask to be connected. Call Florence and tell her when you will be down to help.

1976 OFFICERS ELECTED

At the Dec. 17th meeting the complete slate of officers, as presented by the nominating committee, were unanimously elected by a voice vote. They are as follows:

President	* Florence Parkhurst
1st Vice Pres.	* Warren Kayler
2nd Vice Pres.	Susan Gould
Rec. Sec'y.	Ann Oswald
Corr. Sec'y.	Kathy Allen
Treasurer	Averry Wolfrum
Custodian	Mildred Sanborn

* Note: the 1st V.P. will have the additional function of acting as liaison between the Society and the Bicentennial Committee; the 2nd V.P. will also be in charge of membership.

Pres. Florence Parkhurst appointed the following persons to head indicated committees for 1976:

Frank A. Regan - By-Law Revision
Arthur Bergo - Finance
Judith Gamoran - Program

SPINNING PROGRAM DELIGHTFUL

Those members brave enough to venture out on a bitterly cold night, Dec. 17th, were rewarded with an exceptionally fine program. The art of spinning, as presented by Mrs. Diantha Greenwood's group of Pleasant Hills students was educational, entertaining and imaginative. Their portrayal of a vital colonial home craft was as real as if they had stepped out of the past.

TWELVE GUARANTORS

Tom Ahern
Frank Feeley
E.R. Moose Foster
William R. Gilpin
Warren Kayler
Ludwig J. Kopach
Gerald McElroy
Florence Parkhurst
Frank A. Regan
Dan Wachs
Averry Wolfrum
Fred Zajonc

LETTER FROM P.H.S. PRESIDENT

Jan. 19, 1976

Dear Members,

Thank you very much for joining the Society and for supporting our project, the Palatine Historical Museum.

For a long time we met in the Palatine Library on Brockway St. until they needed the space we used. It was necessary then for our things to be put into dead storage. You can understand that our members lost interest until we were given a temporary abode at 115 W. Johnson St., which belongs to the Village of Palatine.

We are grateful for having a place to store our artifacts and show them to many school children and adults, but no repairs have been made to this building because of its temporary nature, and when it rains the water comes in.

On behalf of the Society I want to thank all those people who have pledged \$1,000 each as collateral on a loan to secure the down payment on the Museum. Also, thanks to those who have already made contributions to the Palatine Historical Bicentennial Fund. We appreciate your cooperation and your faith in our endeavor. We should also thank the persons who have financed the Palaver, for without their help we would not have been able to advertise our needs. Thanks to the many people who are giving us help and courage in doing something we think is good for Palatine.

Please continue to support the Society by attending meetings. Also continue to send in your contributions so we can have our Museum in 1976.

May God add his blessings to our endeavor.

Sincerely,

Florence Smith Parkhurst, President

FEBRUARY 18 - PALATINE INDIAN LORE

The next meeting of the Society will take place Wed., Feb. 18th at 8 P.M. in the Walter Rennack Room of the Palatine Pub. Library.

Florence Parkhurst will tell of earlier residents in this town when she talks on "Indian Lore of the Palatine Area." Sharing the spotlight with her will be Richard Snyder, who will bring with him his collection of Indian artifacts.

BICENTENNIAL FUND GROWS

TWO NEW SPONSORS

As of Jan. 19th, the money so far donated to the Bicentennial Fund amounted to \$4,739.11. This is an increase of \$642 in the last six weeks.

There are two more names to be added to the plaque that will forever commemorate the generosity of our major financial supporters. In the Sponsor category we add the names of Mr. Ray Mills and Mr. George Pitelka.

Persons desirous of contacting the various Palatine banks in reference to contributions to the Bicentennial Fund should ask to speak to the following individuals at the indicated banks:

Bank of Palatine-William Abramic
First Bank & Trust-Dorothy Hull
Palatine National-Wanda Mallow

MUSICAL PROGRAM FOR MARCH

On Wed., the 17th of March, at 8 P.M. in the Walter Rennack Room we will be entertained by a barbershop quartet called The Clairvoyants. These four ladies are members of the Country Chords Chapter of the Sweet Adelines, a national chorus organization.

The program will be a medley of tunes originating from the 1890's to the present time.

IS YOUR HOUSE OVER 100 YEARS OLD?

If the answer is "yes," please call Mrs. Lorraine Kearns (Phone 358-1427) of 114 E. Colfax St. She will be delighted to hear from you, especially if you can document your claim.

Lorraine has been working on this "old house" project for some time under the auspices of another organization. Her goal is to mark with plaques all homes within the village which predate 1877.

She is now a member of our Society and has brought her project with her and requests the assistance of all of you.

There is now a way of finding out the age of your house if you do not know. Lorraine suggests that you call the Cook Co. offices (443-5500), ask to speak to a tax assistant in the Assessor's office, tell him you want to know the age of your house, and give him your "permanent real estate index number" as shown on your tax bill. Aided by a computer, he will produce this information for you in a matter of minutes.

(Editorial note: I tried it and it works, but I was disappointed to find out that our house is only 75 years old.)

MORE THANKS TO JANUARY SPONSOR

Again we wish to thank Mr. Winn C. Davidson, President of the Bank of Palatine, 291 No. Northwest Hwy., for sponsoring our January issue. The cost for printing and mailing that issue to all Palatine residents came to \$860.05, for which we were reimbursed in full by Mr. Davidson. Friends like that deserve recognition and appreciation.

MARCH ISSUE TO MEMBERS ONLY

This issue is being sent to members of the Society exclusively, with the exception of those persons who, while not actually belonging to our group, have put us in their debt by answering our pleas for help when called upon to do so. Also included in this month's mailing list are those Very Important Persons whose continued support we wish to solicit.

Our January issue was delivered to 9,757 persons. We would like to continue to share our progress reports, news and announcements with all Palatine residents in the hope of making still more converts to our cause, but the task of addressing and mailing that many newsletters is a monumental one, and we need volunteers from among you to work on a mailing committee - and also another generous sponsor - before we can attempt this feat again.

It was problems in this area that kept our January issue from reaching you before the December meeting; we apologize for that delay.

CONTINUING OUR LIST OF MEMBERS

Mrs. Gene Pratt of S. Pine; Alfred Laseke, E. N'west Hwy.; George Miniberger of Milwaukee, Wis.; the David Yeats of Carpenter Dr.; the Arthur Bergos of N. Plum Grove; Mrs. Maybelle Kincaid of N. Oak; Andrew Kyriazes of Kenilworth; Rabbi & Mrs. Hillel Gamoran of Whitcomb Dr.; Mrs. Harlow Smith of W. Cedar St.; Ward Smidl of Whippoorwill Ln.; the Fred Molozniks of W. Hellen Rd.; James Orcutt of N. Benton; Kenneth Spengler of N. Rohlwing; Mrs. Robert Zimmer of Monterey Rd.

(More names next issue)

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MAY 1976



THE
PALATINE
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
LIBRARY
AND
MUSEUM

WE WISHED AND IT CAME TRUE!

The graph that was to have noted our progress on funds for the acquisition of the Museum has been replaced by the drawing above because we are now in possession of a mortgage free building.

On Wed., Apr. 21st, the Palatine Public Library deposited in escrow \$48,000 for the purchase of the building at 224 East Palatine Rd. In addition, they will locate and staff within this building a collection of local history material for the benefit of all. The remainder of the building will be turned over to the Palatine Historical Society on a long time lease basis for a nominal rent.

The Palatine Park District will

provide the utilities, maintenance and the necessary security.

The combination library-museum will be managed by a board of three persons - one representing the Historical Society, one the Library and one the Park District.

This is an overwhelming gesture of cooperation and good will by the Library and the Park District and one that will be long remembered and recorded in the history of the town of Palatine.

NOW COMES OUR PART

The challenge that is left to members of the Society and the people of Palatine is to provide the funds necessary to renovate this building. The original estimate of \$12,000 as the amount

required to accomplish this appears to have been extremely optimistic.

No official estimate has yet been made, but a volunteer committee of architects and builders who viewed the situation with a professional eye have reported that to return it to its glory of 100 years past while making it conform to the Village code for public buildings will require a large amount of money.

Many local organizations have already made generous donations to this fund, and others have scheduled events for our benefit. Private contributions, both large and small, have been coming in steadily.

For those of you who have been cautiously awaiting the hour when all doubts of the project's reality would be erased, that time has come. Please step forward now with your contribution so that there will be no delay in the renovation of the building. Your gift is TAX DEDUCTIBLE. A form is attached for your convenience.

Renovation of the building will be done under the direction of architects Torgny Westerberg and Robert Jessen.

LARGE CROWD TURNED OUT APR. 21st TO HEAR ARTHUR WILDHAGEN

The Walter Rennack room bulged on the night of our April meeting when charter member Arthur Wildhagen, Science Editor of the news bureau of the Univ. of Illinois, returned to his home town from Champaign to entertain us with an illustrated lecture on the history of the short-lived Palatine, Lake Zurich and Wauconda Railway of the World War I era.

✓ PALATINE LIVESTOCK "BRANDS"-1850's

From 1850 to 1855 eight farmers registered with the Clerk of the Township their distinguishing marks on sheep and cattle. Like New Englanders, they used "ear marks" rather than a branding iron.

Adolphus Bennett marked his with the shape of a half moon cut from the underside of the right ear; Sidney Sutherland did the same on the left ear. Palmer Webster used "a square crop from the right ear and a split through the same" and Harris Webster did the same to the left ear. If there was no split through the square crop in the right ear, the animal belonged to E. Castle. The mark of William J. Lytle was a small round hole through each ear. Brainard Edgerton made a slit in the right ear and a slit in the left ear denoted ownership by William G. Hunnewell. Harder to visualize is the brand of Lore Edgerton who registered "a small one tale cut in the right ear."

BANK OF PALATINE SPONSORS ISSUE

Mr. Winn C. Davidson of the Bank of Palatine has again provided us with funds to send this issue to all residents of the villages of Palatine and Inverness and the northside area.

Our last large mailing brought in many new members and a great deal of money in contributions to our Bicentennial Museum Fund.

All 300 plus members of the Society appreciate his help and invite you to become one of us.

WE COMPETED IN A FASHION SHOW

Representing our Society at a recent luncheon-fashion show of the Pal. Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society was Mrs. Bonnie Mesha, who competed as a model against entrants from other local groups. Many thanks.

ILLINOIS HISTORY PRESENTATIONS
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19 & JUNE 16

At our meeting on May 19th we will view a film entitled OUR LIVING HISTORY, depicting the work of the Ill. State Historical Society and including film footage of historical events and views of places where Illinois history was made.

For the June 16th meeting, program chairman Judith Gamoran has arranged for a special visit from the Illinois State Library Historymobile. After a short talk on the contents of this vehicle, members will be invited to enter and view the contents of this traveling exhibit.

Both meetings will be held in the Walter Rennack room of the Palatine Public Library at 8 PM. Mark your calendars for these two Wednesdays.

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS REVISED

Frank A. Regan, chairman of the By-Laws revision committee, has presented to the membership copies of the new Constitution and By-Laws as amended by his committee of Susan Gould, Mary Margaret Bergo, Judith Gamoran and Jean Tindall.

Major changes concern the make-up of the Executive Board. Three Directors have been added who will serve overlapping three year terms; the office of Custodian has been eliminated; and to the Board has been added the immediate past president and the newsletter editor. Including the six officers, this board of 11 persons shall manage the affairs of the Society, thus eliminating the need for reports at other than the annual meeting, which has been moved from Nov. to May. The committee felt this would give newly elected officers time
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✓ EVERYONE IS URGED TO ATTEND THE
PALATINE BICENTENNIAL BALL on
MAY 15th; PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
PALATINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A fitting climax to Old Fashioned Week (May 10-16) will be a costume ball sponsored by the Palatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This event will take place at the Plum Grove Club in the Plum Grove Estates area of town (address is 400 Park St.) at 8.30 PM on Saturday, May 15th.

Costumes are not required, but rewards are offered to persons so attired. Come as your favorite historical character or as one of your ancestors.

The admission charge of \$17.76 a couple includes a midnight supper, door prizes and dancing to the music of the Daze and Knights band.

As an added feature, photographers will be present to take your picture in costume which you may purchase for \$1.00.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO THE PALATINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM RESTORATION FUND, so let's make it the social event of the season. Bring your teen age children and your grandmother. There will be music for all ages.

Get your tickets now from local merchants or from the Chamber office at 101 S. NWhway. Call them at 358-3327 if you have questions.

BE THIRSTY AT THE PARK MAY 16th

The final event of Old Fashioned Week (May 10-16), when activities have been scheduled for everyone from preschoolers to senior citizens, will be Family Day - a Sunday afternoon for all with entertainment in the bandshell. The Jaycees will man coke wagons on that day whose proceeds will be donated to our Museum Fund.

to get acquainted with their new responsibilities before the busy fall season.

Membership and dues will continue on a calendar year basis, but starting in Jan. of 1977 there will be new membership categories of individual, family (husband-wife), student (for those under 19) and senior (persons aged 60 and up). Individual dues will remain at \$5.00, student and senior will be \$2.00 and family will be \$8.00.

Copies of the revised By-Laws were distributed to members at the April meeting and mailed to those members who were not there.

These By-Laws will be voted upon at the May meeting. If you are a member and did not receive your copy, please contact the Corresponding Secretary.

SOCIETY'S FIRST MEMBERS

Instead of new members, we are listing here those persons who were members of the Society in the year 1955-6. Many are still members; others have moved away; several are now deceased. For the latter this is a memorial; they would be proud of our accomplishments today.

These 28 names are listed in the order in which they joined the Society: Zelda Bennett, Annie Brockway, T.W. Cutshall, the Edward Davises, Mae Howes, William Kehe, Jr., Gerald McElroy, the W.A. Mullers, Stuart Paddock, Elmer and Shirley Stuart, Arthur Wildhagen, the Frank Wileys, Mrs. Paul Wilson, the Averyy Wolfrums with Averyy, Jr. and John, Alfred and Alice Hackbarth, the Gunnar Hansens, Mercie Heise, the Frank Lochners, the Gray Sanborns, Mrs. Nordal Thompson, Mrs. Irving Brunstrom, Mrs. Wm. McKinley, Mrs. Carl Scharringhausen, Myra Fosket, Lei-

la Gusewelle, Lola Huber, Mrs. A.R. Kleinhana, Rubie Rennack Joers, Florence Parkhurst, Mrs. Ralph Rockwood, Mrs. Alfred Wedow, Harry Schoppe, Marvin Plate, Mrs. Harold Faughnan, the Joseph Hajduks, Edward Kublank, Alice Harz, the Joseph Kuseks, Mrs. P.A. Wannagat, Mrs. Patricia Harpold, the Frank Regans, Anne J. Koller.

FREE GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR May 8

Being presented on Saturday, the 8th of May, is a genealogical seminar under the auspices of the Latter Day Saints at 2727 Lake St., Wilmette. Lasting from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., it offers courses of interest to both beginners and advanced students. Subjects include New England, Pa. & Ohio, Land and Probate records & migration patterns. Call Mr. Sorenson at 827-8799.

PALAUVER STAFF DOUBLES

Welcome to Winnie Ziegler, our new circulation manager! Our joy at finding a willing volunteer to attach address labels to 10,000 copies of this newsletter is surpassed only by that of the persons who have previously undertaken this huge task.

ODDMENTS

To list all donations received since our last issue would take more room than we have, so we will hold the list for another issue.

Our varied historical collections are in the process of being catalogued by members Lavern Erickson and Florence Schroeder.

Several members have been taking courses in Museology and Genealogy under Lib.-Park District auspices.

Note: Provided below are two forms. The first is to be filled in and mailed to the Society for membership in that organization. The second is for your contribution to the Palatine Bicentennial Fund and is to be mailed to a Palatine bank. These are completely separate funds. Please do not confuse the two. Neither fund is set up to accept money for the other. Please use two separate envelopes and two checks and mail to the separate addresses as indicated.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE PALATINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Vol. 1, No. 4

PALATINE, ILLINOIS

JULY 1976

SUMMERTIME GREETINGS

This short issue is being sent to all members to remind you that while no meetings are held in July and Aug., a lot of work is being done by many members; your help would be welcomed.

MUSEUM REMODELING PROGRESS

Anne Oswald and Sue Gould, co-chairwomen of the Museum Remodeling and Decorating Committee, report progress as follows.

Arrangements have been completed with professional workmen for carpentry, masonry, electrical, plumbing and waterproofing work, and some of that is already being done. Final decisions are still being made on heating and air conditioning.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS NEEDED NOW!!!

Willing workers could save the Society money by volunteering to perform some remodeling tasks. If you could tear out kitchen cabinets, take up floor boards, remove ceiling tiles or strip woodwork, please call Sue Gould at 359-8396 and tell her what hours you could work and which job you want.

She also needs someone who could upholster a Victorian loveseat and two matching chairs.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE WORKING

Printed brochures are on order which will list specific sums required to redecorate and furnish particular rooms in the Museum as memorial gifts. Volunteers who are interested in this phase of the work should call Marilyn Pedersen at 358-7499.

\$1,000 GIFT FOR LANDSCAPING

Received this week from the Palatine Recycling Committee was a check for \$1,000 to be used specifically for landscaping and planting of the Museum as it would have looked 100 years ago. This is an appropriate gift from an organization dedicated to beautification.

GIFT OF OFFICE FURNITURE

Recently presented to the Society by Mr. Clifford Glathart, in memory of his wife, was a handsome set of modern office furniture consisting of a large executive desk and chair with a matching credenza.

SEPTEMBER ISSUE TO BE LARGE

Planned to reach you well in advance of the first fall meeting on Sep. 15th, the next Palaver will preview programs to be presented in the following months, describe furniture and furnishings to be used in the Museum (with particular emphasis on items you might have that are desired to complete the decorating scheme), and list all gifts to the Museum Fund as of that time. If it is financially feasible, we would like to enclose with that issue (to members only) a complete alphabetical list of all current members of the Palatine Historical Society with addresses, so that we can contact each other easily and work together more effectively.

Our last year was the best we have ever had. This one will be better!.

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PALATINE PALAVER

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PALATINE, ILLINOIS

SEPTEMBER 1976

NEW SEASON - NEW PROMISE

It is exciting to start this new fall season with so many more members than we had a year ago. At the last count there were 319 of us. Coming to you with this issue is a complete membership list with addresses. Please save it for future reference. Enough room has been left for insertion of phone numbers as you contact each other, and we hope you will. Look the list over carefully. If you know of anyone not on the list who could be converted to our cause, please be a missionary.

Also in this issue is an article on monetary contributions to the Museum Fund, particulars on items being sought for the furnishing of the Museum, previews of fall programs, the announcement of the appointment of 3 new Directors, and a bit of history.

PALATINE IN 1840

The name Palatine and the township boundaries we know today did not exist before 1850, but there were many people living here and it is interesting to learn as much about them as we can from the records available.

The very first person to purchase land within the confines of what became Palatine was Amos Bailey. The date was July 28, 1840. On that same day two others also

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WELCOME BACK

MEETING TIME AGAIN

SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 15th

SAME PLACE.....LIBRARY
SAME TIME8 P.M.

FIRST FALL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 15 AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES

Appropriately for this election year when presidents and their ladies are on everyone's mind, the first fall meeting will feature a program recalling the wives of our past presidents.

Mrs. Barbara Friemd and members of the Fireside Doll Workshop of Illinois will present a pageant of America's First Ladies, the official White House hostesses for thirty-six Presidents of the United States. They will show twelve-inch tall dolls dressed authentically in costumes representative of the period in which each reigned as First Lady. This club is affiliated with the United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc.

We look forward to seeing all of you at 8 P.M. Wednesday, Sep. 15th in the Walter Rennack Room of the Palatine Public Library at 500 No. Benton St.

MUSEUM NEEDS - CHECK YOUR ATTIC!

From Ann Oswald comes the list below of items specifically desired to furnish our Museum in the decor of the 1870's, the late Victorian period.

Cane-seat side chairs for the dining room.
A spool-turned day bed.
A walnut chest of drawers with marble top.
Parlor table with marble top.
Wood framed mirrors (with oval or rectangular frames).
Umbrella stand for the hall.
Rocking chairs - cane or upholstered.
A clock.
Kerosene lamps.
Glassware.
China - Floblue or Tea Leaf design, Haviland, Staffordshire etc.
A tin paneled food safe.
A dry sink.
Kitchen cupboards.
Spindle or scroll whatnot.
Dining room sideboard.
Cylinder front desk or secretary.
A five ft. double door wardrobe.
An open washstand.
Authentic linens.
Kitchen items.
General Victorian household items.

Remember that items given to the Museum are deductible from your income tax in accordance with their current market value. You will be given a receipt for items donated.

Please call Ann Oswald- 358-1537- if you have any of the above items and would consider giving them to us. She doesn't want these things immediately, but she would like to know what she is going to have to work with.

If you have friends, neighbors or relatives who have any of these things, please show this to them.

THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

WED., OCT. 20, 8 P.M.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

Because the next issue of the Palaver will not be out until after that date, please mark this meeting down now. You wouldn't want to miss it.

Ward C. Smidl, a member of our Society and a past president of the Civil War Round Table of Chicago, will speak to us that night on the life and times of the Civil War soldier; this lecture will be illustrated.

The place, as usual, will be the Pal. Public Library - time 8 P.M.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Save Nov. 17th for the meeting of that month when another of our members, Mrs. Nora Spies, will be our speaker. More details will be found in the next issue.

TWO GUARANTORS NOT REPORTED

After publication of our March issue listing loan guarantors, a need arose for further security. Two other members, David Yeats and Ann Koller, deposited \$1,000 each to fill that gap. All 14 guarantors have since been released from their pledge, but their contribution was greatly appreciated.

WE EXTEND SYMPATHY

It is with sorrow that we report the recent deaths of three members of this Society and extend the sympathy of all members to the families of -

Mrs. Matilda Schwolow

Mr. William J. Iber

Miss Lillian Bergman. She was 87 years of age, a lifetime Palatine resident, a longtime member of the Society. She was daughter to Dan and Minne (Schroeder) Bergman and granddaughter to the Louis Bergmans who settled here in 1855.

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bought land - John T. Barden and Samuel Smith. The first two combined purchases were for the south half of Section 26; Mr. Smith became owner of the NW quarter of Sec. 34.

During the remainder of 1840 only five other persons bought land here: Alexander McClure in #6, John Fosket in #17, Lyman Staples in #10, Henry Elfrink in #8 and John A. Ford in Sect. #35.

Seven others bought land in Jan. of 1841, but the big rush came in Feb., when some special arrangement must have been made because almost all of the other early settlers purchased their lands on Feb. 8, 1841, all with consecutive receipt numbers.

That the early purchasers of these lands were all settlers can be seen by the listing of their names in the 1840 census. Some had lived on the land for several years, but the government had not previously made it available for purchase.

People living in the Deer Grove area and others west of what is now Roselle Rd. were enumerated in the 1840 census as part of Barrington Precinct; the others were in Salt Creek Precinct. Palatine families represented about 25% of each group. The total population of the two was 769 persons in 148 family groups. From that we can estimate the population of Palatine at that time as being about 192 people.

Their age breakdown is interesting. Of the 769, only 4% were over 50 years of age (6 of those were over 70); 8% were aged 40 to 50; 34% were 20 to 40; 54% were under 20.

As I have always suspected, to endure the rigors of pioneer life, you had to be young.

M.L.R.

THREE DIRECTORS APPOINTED

To bring the Board of Directors to its full complement of eleven persons, in accordance with the recently revised By-Laws, three persons have been appointed by the Board to fill the positions of Directors-at-Large until the annual election of officers in May of 1977, at which time members will elect Directors for one, two and three year terms.

Appointed to these positions are: William E. Gilpin, Marilyn Pedersen and David W. Yeats.

Your Board of Directors include the six officers shown on the outside of your Palaver, the immediate past president, Frank A. Regan, and the editor of the newsletter in addition to those named above.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Lest you be confused, the Board of Managers of the Palatine Historical Society Library and Museum is made up of three persons, one representing each of the organizations involved. Acting for the Palatine Library is Judith Gamoran; for the Palatine Park District, Waldon Degner; and for the Palatine Historical Society, Avery V. Wolfrum.

FIRST MUSEUM FURNITURE ACQUIRED

Already received by the Society and waiting for their spot in our Museum are an 1870 walnut drop-leaf table for the dining room, a commode, a walnut bed, and a love-seat with two matching chairs, (As noted in our last issue, these last items need complete upholstery.)

Many small household items are also already in our collection. There is much more that will be needed, and in another section you will find many suggestions.

MUSEUM CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

Whenever we start out to thank the many people or organizations who have given so generously to the Museum cause, we are mindful of the fact that small monetary gifts frequently represent greater sacrifices than do some of the larger ones. Also, we are deterred from complete listing because of some sizeable gifts that have been announced but are yet to be received.

How to list gifts fairly is a problem. Listed here are the larger gifts, but perhaps the column should be headed by a gift of \$5.00 received from Girl Scout Troop #101. Seventy individuals or families have donated from \$5 to \$50; they are the backbone of our drive. Their names will be published soon, along with all the others we know are on route to us.

We remind you all again of the 3 gift-giving categories that will place your name on a plaque in the Museum. You need not give the full amount at one time to qualify.

Patrons \$1,000 and up
Benefactors 500 and up
Sponsors 250 and up

To the list of previously announced Sponsors, we add the name of the John E. Zenner family.

We are deeply grateful to the family of the late Norman Gaare; in his name they established a memorial fund that has so far brought to us \$837.

To the following families we are indebted for gifts ranging from \$50 to \$250: the Richard Ericksons; the Hillel Gamorans; the William Kehes; the Henry Rosens; the Fred Zajoncs; the Hubert Hamiltons; the Warren Kaylers; Mr. Frank J. Kayler;

and the Alfred E. Hackbarths.

The school associated groups below have given as indicated:

Jane Addams PTA	\$250.
Marion Jordan PTA	100.
Hunting Ridge PTA	25.
Lake Louise PTA	25.
Winston Churchill PTA	25.
Palatine High School	
Student Council	150.

Many civic groups have donated generously:

Garden Club of Inverness	\$250.
Womens Club of Inverness	250.
Palatine Jun. Womens Club	600.
Friends of the Pal. Library	250.
Chamber of Commerce	50.
Plum Grove Garden Club	25.
Palanois Park Garden Club	25.
North Central Neighborhood	
Association	42.
Jaycee Auxiliary	25.
Pal. Bicentennial Comm.	44.
EP Chapter of PEO	25.
KI Chapter of PEO	25.

A few church groups have made donations, including -

United Methodist Women of the
 First Methodist Church 25.

Business donations not previously noted are:

Don Cook of Palatine	
Standard Station	50.
Arthur T. McIntosh Co.	100.

A group of people to whom we are greatly indebted are those who belong to the various Quester groups in the area. Their combined gifts to date amount to \$800. In our next issue we will tell you more about these people and why they have rallied so strongly to our support.

All members of the Palatine Historical Society are extremely grateful for every dollar that has been contributed. We hope this flow of generosity will continue.

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EARLY MUSEUM PHOTOS

Photos of the house located at 224 East Palatine Rd. which is in the process of conversion to our Palatine Historical Museum are shown in the right hand column.

These early photos are an exciting find to members charged with the responsibility of restoring the Museum building to look as it did 100 years ago.

The two upper pictures show the house as it looked about 1910.

The lower view, showing major changes, was taken at some interim period. The angle of the three different views shows porches on the west side (top), front and the east side which do not exist in the building as it stands today.

Pictured in the foreground of the center photo are Elsie Wolff and her parents. Elsie was born in that house in 1907, lived there all her life and died there in the year 1965. She married Julius Drexler, who also lived there.

These pictures were presented to the Society by Mrs. Robert Cramm who lived in a neighboring house. It was an exciting acquisition.

MUSEUM FUND REACHES HALFWAY MARK

Many generous gifts have been received since our last issue. \$22,000 of our stated goal of \$44,000 is now in hand. The fund is growing. Details elsewhere.



THIS ISSUE DISTRIBUTED TOWNWIDE

Thanks to the interest and generosity of Mr. Willis A. Glasgow, President of the Palatine National Bank and co-chairman of our museum development committee, this issue of the Palaver is being mailed out to all residents of Palatine. He is sponsoring both printing and mailing costs. Many thanks!

NOV. 17th MEETING

LIFE IN PALATINE, 1920-1940

On Nov. 17th at 8 P.M. in the Palatine Public Library's Walter Rennack Room Mrs. George Spies will entertain members and guests of the Society with a talk called Palatine As It Was - the Lighter Side of Life from the 1920's through the 1940's.

Born Nora Schering, Mrs. Spies is the daughter of William E. and Bertha (Kimmet) Schering and the granddaughter of August and Caroline (Teufert) Kimmet, early Palatine residents. August Kimmet first saw military duty as a drummer boy, was later wounded in battle and yet lived to be Palatine's last surviving veteran of the Civil War. Caroline, his wife, ran a millinery store and was President of the Ladies Aid Society.

Nora has interrupted her life in Palatine to graduate from the Univ. of Illinois, study at the Chicago Art Institute and travel abroad on a regular basis, but she is well known to many of you and is, in terms of her financial support, the best friend the Palatine Historical Society has ever had.

She will mention many familiar Palatine names in her anecdotes. Yours might be one of them. The public is cordially invited to attend this and all meetings of our Society, but do come early. Seating is limited.

DECEMBER 15th MEETING

PRISCILLA OSWALD RETURNS

For our December meeting your favorite speaker, Mrs. Fred Oswald, will present a program entitled Winter Shadows Across This Prairie Village.

Dressed in costume, she will take us back to the early 1900's and portray life as it used to be in wintertime. A descendant of early Palatine settlers, Mrs. Oswald is famed for her lively stories.

Don't forget - 8 P.M., Dec. 15th, at the Library. She filled the hall at the Nov. 1975 meeting.

QUESTERS, INC.

In the last issue we promised to tell you more about the Questers, the wonderful people who have, to date, given us \$825 for our Museum Fund.

Questers, Inc. is a national organization dedicated to the study, collection and appreciation of antiques.

Founded in Fort Washington, Pa. in 1944, they now have some 800 small chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada.

One of their stated goals is to save our American heritage by supporting the restoration and preservation of memorials and historical buildings.

For the year 1976 their National Council approved a fund matching program which enabled the local chapters to double their gifts to local projects by matching their donation with one from the National Fund.

Local chapters who have given to our fund are: Codey, Olde Salem, Four Groves, Four Silos, Ginger Creek, Barn Raisers, Prairie Violet, Hopple Popple and Albert Volz. Again we say thank you.

THANKS FOR RECENT GIFTS

There is no phrase less monotonous in its repetition than "thank you." It is a pleasure to find so many reasons to use these words again and again in this issue.

Thank you to Mrs. George Spies, already listed as one of our first Patrons, she has added \$4,000 to her original gift to the Museum fund. See the article about our November meeting.

Thank you to Ray Mills, already on our Sponsor list, who has promised decorating, furnishing and financial assistance in the renovation of the child's bedroom of the Museum. As a young man he rented that particular room and had but a short jaunt across the field in back to Palatine High School where he was beginning a teaching career that was to span 30 years. Recently retired, he has reversed roles and is now an art student at Harper College.

HARRY SCHOPPE MEMORIAL GIFT

Thank you to Mrs. John J. Wegner (nee Helen Schoppe) for a gift of \$2500 as a memorial for her father, the late Harry Schoppe, whose place of business, Schoppe Brothers General Store, at the southwest corner of Brockway and Slade Sts. was a Palatine landmark for over 70 yrs.

BANK GIFTS RECEIVED

Our thanks to the Palatine National Bank for their gift of \$1500 to the Museum Fund, to the Suburban National Bank of Palatine for \$500, and to the Bank of Rolling Meadows for \$25.

MORE PTA CONTRIBUTIONS

Recently received are donations in the amount of \$50 from both the Winston Park PTA and the Hunting Ridge PTA. With gifts totaling over \$500, they become Benefactors.

PLEASE GIVE TO THE MUSEUM FUND

The fund raising committee earnestly solicits your support in the completion of their project.

Throughout the month of October they will be busily contacting industries, foundations and local businesses. A later newsletter will report the positive results of this work.

The particular emphasis of their November campaign is on individual gifts. If each Palatine family made even a small contribution to this fund, the Museum fund goal could be quickly accomplished. Some of you may feel that you can afford to give more than a small amount.

Consider the role this Museum will play in Palatine's near and continuing future. Our children, particularly, need this facility. Many groups of scouts and numerous school classes have been escorted through the collections of antique memorabilia already in our possession at the Johnson St. building. Their response and interest has been a revelation. In a mobile society few of our young people have ever had any contact with the everyday items used by their grandparents and great grandparents. They will delight in the finished rooms in a house made to look as did the typical home of 100 years ago.

Write out your check now. Make it payable to the Palatine Historical Society. In the lower left hand corner please write "Contribution." Address your envelope to:

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Palatine, Ill. 60067

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM ENJOYED

Not only did we get to view the display of 12" dolls, authentically gowned as America's First Ladies, but we were treated to witty comments and interesting anecdotes about the ladies who actually wore the gowns. Thanks again to Mrs. Barbara Fremd and members of the Fireside Doll Workshop of Ill. TOO EARLY TO REVIEW OCTOBER MTG.

Because of this issue's early deadline we are still anticipating the Oct. 20th lecture on the life and times of the Civil War soldier to be presented by member Ward C. Smidl, past president of the Civil War Round Table of Chicago.

MORE THANK YOUS

Thank you to Mrs. Walter Rennack, whose late husband was a long time member of the Board of Directors of the Palatine Public Library, for a gift of \$250.

Thank you to members Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Hackbarth of Wilmette for supplementing an earlier gift so that they are now on our Sponsor list.

Another \$250 has been received from the Norman Gaare Memorial Fund, placing that name on our list of Patrons.

Thank you to member Barney Langer of Langer Printing Co., for his gift of handsome stationery depicting the Museum

WE COMPLETE ONE YEAR OF PUBLICATION

This is your final issue of the Palaver for the year 1976. Since its beginning in October of 1975 we have distributed approximately 38,000 copies to members and residents of Palatine. We hope it has spread the word that the Palatine Historical Society is now a firmly established institution in this township.

PALATINE IN 1850

In the last issue we touched briefly on the year 1840, estimating the population then at 192.

The 1850 federal census showed Palatine as having 617 residents, but of the 19 men elected and appointed to office in our first election, Apr. 1, 1850, 9 were not listed in the record that purported to show all residents as of June 1, so it was much less than complete.

Those first township leaders were 8 New Englanders, 6 New Yorkers, 2 Pennsylvanians and 3 Englishmen. This was a fair cross section. Of the 617 who were listed in the census, 134 were children born in Illinois, 185 were born in New York, 97 in New England and 173 in foreign countries. The foreign born included 106 born in Germany and 54 born in England. While the Germans made up almost 20% of the population, they were recent arrivals and still had a language barrier to overcome before assuming their share of civic responsibility.

By 1860 Palatine had matured to the extent that 23 different occupations were represented, but in 1850, aside from a dozen young men who listed themselves as laborers, the only occupation to be found in all of Palatine was that of farmer. Clergymen, physicians, teachers, merchants, blacksmiths and carpenters were all yet to come. In the newly formed township of Palatine each family had to be sufficient unto themselves or dependent on the talents of their neighbors.

As space allows, in future issues of the Palaver we will bring you further information on the early history of Palatine, its settlers and its development. M.L.R.

TAKE TIME NOW TO PAY 1977 DUES

ALL CURRENT MEMBERS MUST RENEW
NEW MEMBERS SOLICITED
GIFT MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Membership in the Palatine Historical Society is by the CALENDAR YEAR! No matter when you joined the Society, all persons must submit the application below and remit membership fees for the year 1977 no later than January 1, 1977 in order to be a member in good standing. Your dues are needed for operating expenses. Prompt payment will get the year of 1977 off to a wonderful start.

1976 revision of the Constitution and By-Laws created new membership categories that will save many of you money on your dues. A student membership for those under 19 is now available; senior citizen rates now apply for all of you who are over 60; a new combined husband-wife rate saves you \$2 over last year.

Please study the form below carefully. By filling it out properly you will save our Treasurer many grey hairs. Please do not check Mr. & Mrs. and then enclose your check for only one membership.

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS: A paid membership in the Society could be a welcome gift to someone on your Christmas list. Your children; your parents; the uncle who has everything; the baby sitter??? Write out your gift list, send it to us with all necessary details as to address etc., enclose your check in the proper amount. If you do this so that it reaches us by Dec. 1, we will send membership cards with a note telling of your gift so that it reaches the recipient by Christmas.

APPLICATION FOR NEW OR RENEWED MEMBERSHIP IN THE
PALATINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1977

Please circle proper
title below

Mr. _____ (Please print or type)
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I am enclosing a check for amount indicated below for membership in category as indicated: (Please make check mark in appropriate box.)

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MUSEUM RESTORATION PLANS ARE EXCITING
COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT POURS IN
PROGRAMS APPEAL TO BROAD INTERESTS
MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO INCREASE
HISTORIC COOKBOOK PLANNED
NOMINATIONS COMING SOON

PALATINE TOWNSHIP GRANTS \$10,000

Under the condition that the Society will designate the new museum as the "Historical Museum of Palatine Township" on a sign identifying the facility to the general public, the Palatine Township Board of Auditors has granted to us \$5,000 on an immediate basis and a further grant of up to \$5,000 on a 1/1 matching funds basis of funds contributed by local business and industry within 6 months.

The first check for \$5,000 was received on January 25th and is very gratefully acknowledged.

It is the history of the area defined as lying within the bounds of Palatine Township at its creation in the year 1850 that we seek to record. This is a very fitting gift and an apt name.

KEMMERLY REAL ESTATE PLEDGES \$5,000

Mr. Jack Kemmerly of the above firm has pledged \$5,000 to the museum fund to be paid before the first of June, 1977 in response to the Township offer of matching funds in that amount. We look forward with anticipation, joy and appreciation to the receipt of this very civic minded gift.

MUSEUM PICTURE ON VILLAGE STICKERS

Those of you who live outside of the limits of the Village of Palatine may not be aware that a picture of our Museum will adorn the windshield of every car in the village for the year 1977. We appreciate this wonderful publicity. Show our Museum off with pride to out of town friends wherever you may go and spread the word.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

All regular meetings of this Society are held in the Walter Rennack Room of the Palatine Public Library at 500 North Benton St. at 8 P.M. on the third Wednesday of the month.

FEBRUARY-HERBS IN EARLY AMERICA

On Feb. 16th Mrs. Sharen Linder, a member of the Society, will give an illustrated lecture entitled "Herbs in Early America." She will tell of the plants the settlers grew and the uses to which they were put.

MARCH - OLD PHOTOGRAPHY

The program for March 16th will feature Mrs. Dorothy Kufcezvich who will present "A Moment in Time, Old Photography (1839-1900) and Miniature Case Art, A Native American Art Form."

APRIL-THE TECHNIQUE OF ORAL HISTORY

The speaker for the evening of April 20th will be Mrs. Esther Perica, librarian at Rolling Meadows High School, who subtitles her presentation as "What Was That You Said?" More about Mrs. Perica in the March issue.

Mark your calendars now for all of these Wednesdays. Program Chairman Judith Gamoran is to be congratulated for the continuing list of high quality programs.

JANUARY MEETING ENJOYED

On Jan. 19th members were treated to "The Story of the Trolley Car" presented by member Kenneth Spengler, head of the Science Department at Palatine High School. Slides of high caliber illustrated the story of this man who has ridden on every trolley line in the U.S. still existing except that in New Orleans. "Delightful" was the word used by one member in describing the presentation.

PADDOCK PUBLICATIONS PLEDGES \$2500

In memory of the late Stuart Paddock, Sr. and in recognition of his interest and that of the Paddock family in the community, \$2500 has been pledged to the museum fund.

FURTHER GIFTS

Thank you to Dave and Marge Yeats of our Society for their gift recently received of \$500 from VILLAGE SQUARE REALTORS.

Also received since our last issue is a gift of \$500 from the A. B. DICK FOUNDATION.

HALO LIGHTING, a division of McGraw Edison Co. has contributed \$200 to the fund.

CHEMPLEX COMPANY of Rolling Meadows has given us \$100.

CLARINDA CADY CHAPTER of Questers has donated \$500.

Proceeds from the Bicentennial Ball held for our benefit on May 15 were recently received in the amount of \$734.56. The sponsoring organization, the PALATINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, has also given an additional \$300.

Over \$400 in other gifts, mostly individual, will be acknowledged in a later newsletter.

To all of the persons responsible for the solicitation as well as the giving of these gifts we are indebted.

CORRECTION: Inadvertently omitted from the Nov. list was the gift of the SALT CREEK CHAPTER of Questers. To date they have given \$126.

BY-LAWS REVISED FURTHER

In response to the motion of member Mildred Sanborn, By-Laws were revised at the December meeting to require the presentation of a detailed report from the Treasurer at each monthly meeting.

WILBERT R. HASBROUCK, ARCHITECT,
HISTORIC RESOURCES, PREPARES A
PROGRAM FOR MUSEUM RESTORATION

Fifteen people sat spell-bound at a recent gathering in the Palatine library while a dynamic speaker described the building we are all concerned with as an American adaptation of a French second empire period home with eclectic details of Greek revival, Italian and Victorian design. The very words add grandeur to the structure.

The speaker was Wilbert R. Hasbrouck, a man who comes so highly recommended and with so many restoration projects of note to his credit that some were hesitant to approach him on the matter of the Palatine museum. Among his better known accomplishments are the John J. Glesner house of Chicago and the Pabst Theater of Milwaukee.

In attendance at the meeting were the museum Board of Managers, Directors of the Historical Society and the Library and Park Board officials.

Mr. Hasbrouck has been assigned the task of preparing a program for the restoration of the Museum; this presentation was his preliminary report.

From an educated study of nine existing early photos of the house at 224 East Palatine Rd. and some actual detective work on the house itself, he was able to relate details on the history of the building that were previously not known and to confirm theories held by some individuals on the original structure.

He embellishes his description of the original layout of the house with such further details as the doors through which early residents

came and went and the purposes for which they used particular rooms.

His final report will include a restoration program broken down into four phases. It will be accompanied by three sets of architectural plans: one will portray the house as it was in 1872/3; one as it exists today; the other will be of the proposed restoration.

From the point of view of getting the Historical Soc. into the building, he sees the practical necessity of giving priority to interior work, but he pointed out that exterior restoration would attract more public interest.

He urged the use of qualified craftsmen both in the careful uncovering of original details and the final phase of actual restoration.

Finally, he urged that application be made to have the finished museum building placed on the National Register of Historic Houses as a unique example of an upper middle class home of the Victorian period.

PALATINE CENSUS RECORDS INDEXED

Federal census records for Palatine for the years 1840 to 1880 are available on microfilm at the Library.

A separate index for each has been made by the editor and will some day be printed. Meanwhile, I will search these for members desiring to locate one or two people and provide you with information found there under the restrictions noted here. Mail your request to me at the address below and enclose a self addressed stamped envelope for return. Do not request this information on the telephone.

Mrs. Mary Louise Regan
246 North Plum Grove Road
Palatine, IL. 60067

NOMINATIONS COMING SOON

Our By-Laws require the appointment by the Board of three persons in the month of March to nominate a slate of officers for the annual meeting in May.

Be ready to help this committee select qualified candidates. Many of you have not had a previous opportunity to participate in this selection. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or know of someone with particular qualifications, express your thoughts to the committee when they are announced in March.

Turn your Palaver over to the outside page and review the list of offices to be filled.

This year we must regretfully replace our President because the by-laws dictate that no person may hold the office for more than two consecutive terms.

Also peculiar to this election is the necessity to elect three Directors at Large. One will be elected to a 3 year term, one to a 2 yr. term and one to a one yr. term. These positions are currently held by persons appointed by the Board to serve until an election. Eventually one Director will be elected each year to fill a 3 yr. term.

All other officers are elected to serve a one year term; the newsletter editor is appointed by the Board.

HISTORICAL COOKBOOK PLANNED

From member Hilda Joy comes the following announcement -

More than our thirst for Palatine history was whetted when Mrs. Priscilla Oswald talked of real mincemeat and homemade elderberry wine at the December meeting. She piqued our curiosity about the food

and drink that once graced local boards.

As we record Palatine's history, we should also separately compile a cookbook of its families' recipes and of ways to prepare the wild food still abundant in the area.

The book, to be entitled Palatable Palatine Receipts, will include vignettes, both written and sketched, of life on the prairies, in the woods, in town.

Write out your treasured receipts and recollections. Bring them to the next meeting or send them to the address below. With your help, the Society will turn out a quality cookbook - one worthy of passing along to our grandchildren.

Proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will go to the Society.

Contact Hilda Joy
615 West Hill Rd.
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Phone (evenings only) 358-8927

COLLECTING PALATINE'S HISTORY

The "major function" of the Palatine Historical Society, as defined by the constitution, is "to discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area and provide for the preservation and dissemination of historical information."

President Florence Parkhurst has worked diligently for many years to collect historical material. What can you do to add to our collections?

As you search for your ancestors or other historical matter, be alert for anything that could add to our history. This subject will be continued in a later newsletter, but do think about it.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1977 DUES?

Treasurer Averry Wolfrum thanks the large number of members who paid their 1977 dues in Nov. & Dec. of last year. Because those two months were busy ones some of you forgot to do this. For your benefit we are enclosing another membership coupon. Please fill it out today and send it off with your check to the address below.

You can each save the Society 26 cents in postage by paying dues now and picking up your card at the next meeting.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS DONATED

Our horse and buggy days are gone, on membership cards as well as other places.

Barney Langer of Langer Printing Co. has provided us with 500 handsome cards featuring the Museum.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Because the last issue was distributed townwide many took advantage of the invitation and the coupon to join our ranks. WELCOME to all of you!

This year we will definitely achieve the goal of 500 members and are beginning to dream of the day there will be 1,000 of us.

THIS ISSUE TO MEMBERS ONLY

This Palaver goes out only to members, important community leaders and a few favored friends. If you do not need the coupon please give it to a prospective member. YOU GET TWO COPIES OF THE PALAVER?

That should not happen this time, but on large mailings your name may be on two lists, one of which is not alphabetical. When it happens, please send the 2nd one to a friend.

APPLICATION FOR NEW OR RENEWED MEMBERSHIP IN THE
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Please circle proper
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- If you were not
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PALATINE PARK BOARD APPROPRIATES

\$10,000 FOR MUSEUM RESTORATION

In response to an appeal for funds by Frank Regan and Judith Gamoran of the Museum Development Committee, the Palatine Park Board at their meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd, approved a resolution instructing Director Fred Hall to include in next year's appropriation ordinance an item of \$10,000 for museum restoration.

For those of you who are new to the Society this is a good time and place to review the rather complex history of our future home.

In April of 1976 the Palatine Public Library purchased the building at 224 East Palatine Rd. for \$48,000 and placed it in joint ownership with the Palatine Park District, who assumed the cost of maintaining the building and the grounds.

It is the responsibility of the Palatine Historical Society to raise enough money to convert the home located on this property to a building which will be known as the Historical Museum of Palatine Township.

Two rooms in the Museum building will be retained by the Palatine Public Library and will house a collection of local history material which will be staffed by the Library. The remainder of the building has been turned over to

the Palatine Historical Society on a long time lease. The operating office of the Society will be in this building as well as rooms furnished in the period of the 1870's which will be opened to the public for their viewing pleasure.

If you are interested (and we hope you are) in learning more about this building and its history, be sure and read the item on the Clayson House book on the inside page of this newsletter.

All of this is to explain the legitimacy of the interest shown by the Palatine Park District in our Museum project. As joint owners of the building they share our enthusiasm for the renovation that is underway.

Our deep appreciation is hereby expressed to the members of the Park Board (Waldon Degner, Paul Jensen, Robert Dellamaria, Thomas Patten and Jim Jones) for this enthusiastic support.

The Historical Museum of Palatine Township will be a source of great pride to the Historical Society, the Library, the Park District, the Township, the Village and the community.

Sue Gould and Ann Oswald continue their diligent search for the correct furniture and furnishings for the museum period rooms. They also report that all electrical work is now completed.

APRIL 20th - ORAL HISTORY

The April meeting will feature a presentation by Mrs. Esther Perica of Arlington Heights on The Technique of Oral History.

Mrs. Perica, librarian at the Rolling Meadows High School, is the author of several articles published in library journals and of a soon to be published book entitled Revolutionary Women. She is now working on a history of Rolling Meadows.

Oral history is a relatively new field, and her program subtitled "What Was That You Said?" should be of particular interest.

BOOK SALE MAY 21 and May 22
COUNTRYSIDE MALL

Clean out your bookshelves, your cupboards and your closets because we are having a fund-raising book sale. Bring out all your unwanted books, records, high quality magazines and pack them in boxes. Your first duty is to turn over all of these treasures to the places and the persons named below. Your second is to come to the Countryside Mall on Saturday, May 21st and Sunday, May 22nd and replace your supply - for the benefit of the Palatine Hist. Society.

Co-chairwomen of this event are Mrs. Dolores Kayler and Mrs. Ann Koller. Committee members are: Frances Green, Geraldine Cosby, George Smith, Kathy Allen, Frank Feeley and Jane Jones.

Books may be brought to the Palatine Library. Please be sure they are marked for the Pal. Hist. Soc. Booksale. Plans are in process to locate book collecting stations at the various Palatine schools. It would be well to check with the school before bringing books.

For large order pickups call Dolores Kayler at 359-5059.

\$1475 ADDED TO MUSEUM FUND

Recent gifts to the Museum fund are listed below. With help such as this from businesses, local organizations, members and friends our Museum grows better with every passing day. The Society is very grateful to all present, past and future donors.

Name	Amount
Palatine Ace Hardware Corp.	\$200
Westvill Beverage Mart, Inc. (Worldwide Liquors)	100
Gardenhouse of Casual Furniture, Inc.	50
All-Bright Electric Co., Inc.	10
(Note: the above gifts came to us through the Palatine Chamber of Commerce)	
Palatine Library	50
J. C. Auxiliary of Palatine	50
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert A. (Mary Alice) Hamilton	150
Daniel Wachs	50
George Miniberger of Milwaukee	30
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence (Bea) Burtis of Arizona	25
Mr. & Mrs. George W. (Marjorie) Smith	100
Mrs. Anna P. Waterloo	10
Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. (LaVerne) Erickson	35
Frank E. Feeley	250
Mrs. Delia Flaherty	100
Mrs. Robert A. (Linda) Oberwise	5
Mrs. Irene E. Wilson	200
Mr. & Mrs. William J. (Alice) Friend	10
(Name withheld on request)	50
Total	<u>\$1475.</u>

* Mrs. Wilson gave \$100 each in memory of her late husband, Paul D. Wilson, and her son, John Thomas Wilson.

CLAYSON HOUSE BOOKS SOON TO BE AVAILABLE

CLAYSON HOUSE is the title of a report prepared for the Society by Wilbert R. Hasbrouck of Historic Resources, architect for the restoration of the museum building.

Many of you have seen the preliminary copy of the report; all of you will want to own a copy of this now that it is available in book form.

George Clayson was the original owner of the house that will become our museum; from his ownership Mr. Hasbrouck derived his title.

Presented in this book are 10 photos of the house at various stages of its history and three sets of plans for both floors - the existing plan, the 1873 plan and the 1977 plan.

The book tells the history of the house, analyzes its architectural features, shows the restoration plan and explains the care with which the work must be done. It also lists the tasks which can be done by volunteers effectively.

Presented within its covers also is a copy of the National Register Nomination addressed to the U.S. Dept. of the Interior for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

A price is yet to be set for the book, but it will be available at the May meeting and book sale.

TWO MEMBERS STUDY LOCAL HISTORY TECHNIQUES

Two of our members - Judith Gamoran and Frank Regan - took six days off from their regular tasks recently to participate in a Workshop on Local History at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

MARCH MEETING ENJOYED

Mrs. Dorothy Kufcezvich and her slide presentation of old photography in its many forms inspired members to rush to their attics and rediscover the photographic treasures that may be resting there in a state of neglect. It was interesting and informative.

PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED !!!

Is there a photographer among you who would be willing and able to make a photographic record of our museum restoration as it proceeds? We would particularly like to have slides taken that could be made into a program for showing at the Museum in future years. If you are interested in this project please call Waldon Degner at 358-6991.

NOMINATING AND AUDITING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

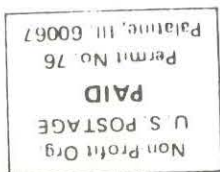
At the March meeting President Parkhurst appointed a nominating committee of Mrs. Marilyn Mazzenga, chairman, and Mrs. Mildred Heiden and Mrs. Judith Gamoran. They will choose a slate of officers to be voted upon at the annual meeting in May. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election - May 18th.

Also appointed was an auditing committee with Mrs. Marilyn Pederesen as chairman plus Hubert A. Hamilton and David W. Yeats.

ANNUAL MEETING - WED., MAY 18th

After the presentation of annual reports and the election of officers for the coming year, we will relax to music.

The program, called a Spring Sing Along, will include numbers by two high school groups - a barbershop quartet and a swing choir; member Kenneth Spengler will play Joplin Rag; Mrs. Lennie Habenicht will lead a sing along.



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MAY 1977

SALUTE TO FLORENCE M. PARKHURST, OUR RETIRING PRESIDENT

There is no one person who has ever been as strongly identified in the public mind with the Palatine Historical Society as is our President, Florence M. Parkhurst. While she will step aside at the May meeting to let another member assume the executive responsibilities of this Society, it is the wish of all of us that she will never cease her activities in our behalf.

Her dedication to the growth and development of the Historical Society throughout her many years as President is known to all of you. Other facets of her life may not be as well recognized by some.

Florence was born at 208 West Slade St. to Albert and Gertrude (Lytle) Smith. She was graduated in 1921 from Palatine High and married in 1925 to Chester M. Parkhurst, who died in 1932. Her son, Albert W. Parkhurst, her four granddaughters - Denise, Debra, Diane and Dawn live in Palatine as do her brothers George, Gilbert and Harlow Smith and her sisters Mildred Sanborn, Myra Fosket, Grace MacAfee, Alice St.Romain, and Kathryn Shermer.

Florence is now retired from a business career that spanned almost fifty years, the last 46 of which were spent as secretary to a law



firm in Chicago.

She has always been an active member of the First United Methodist Church and has held more offices in church related groups than there is room to list.

She is a member of the Chicago Genealogical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution and is a Mayflower Descendant.

We do not know how you found the time to do so much for all of us, Florence, but we thank you. We will always need your charm and your guidance.

ANNUAL MEETING, WED. MAY 18 -8 PM
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
SPRING SING PROGRAM

The meeting will take place in the Rennack Room of the Palatine Public Library. Following the election of officers and directors of the Society, a program of wide appeal will be presented.

A Spring Sing with Mistress-of-Ceremonies Lennie Habenicht will feature performances by a barber-shop quartet consisting of Chris Erickson, Mark Grimes, Mark Pazant and John Towner; and the Palatine Madrigals, a Palatine High chorus under the direction of David Reiser. Members of the chorus are: Joan Fraser, Lori Goughnour, Cecile Grimwood (Accompanist), Chris Habenicht, Kurt Hamlen, Greg Jannusch, Tom Lundin, Dave Mayfield, Mary McGee, Diane Miller, Pat Mitchell, Tim Philbin, Tom Rogers, Debbie Rykoff, Lisa Saunderson, Chuck Stegen, and Julie Storry.

Historical Soc. member Kenneth Spengler will play a Joplin Rag, and will accompany Lennie Habenicht in leading a sing-along for everyone present.

NO SUMMER MEETINGS

There will be no regular monthly meetings of the Palatine Historical Society in the months of June, July and August. Regular meetings will resume on the third Wednesday in September.

CLAYSON HOUSE BOOKS AVAILABLE

At the May meeting and at the Book Sale you will be able to purchase copies of Clayson House, a picture filled book that will acquaint you with our Museum build-in as it was, as it is and as it soon will be. The price is \$3.50 and proceeds go to the Society.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1977-78 OFFICERS

Following is the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee - to be voted on at the May meeting:

President - Susan Gould
1st V. Pres. - Ann Oswald
2nd V. Pres. - William Gilpin
Rec. Sec'y - Donna Dwyer
Corr. Sec'y - Kathy Allen
Treasurer - Marilyn Pedersen
Directors at Large:

1 yr. term - Liston Pennington
2 yr. term - Kenneth Spengler
3 yr. term - Averty Wolfrum

Also on the Board of Directors will be immediate Past President, Florence Parkhurst and Newsletter Editor Mary Louise Regan, whose appointment continues until the end of the calendar year.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

STORY OF A PALATINE STAMP

Of interest to stamp collectors is an article in The Cinderella Philatelist of Oct. 1975 by Richard F. Riley. It tells of a facsimile label stamp used by the Union Book & Novelty Co. of Palatine in the 1880's.

Above the portrait of a man on the stamp it reads, "L.A.L. Smith & Co." and below, "Palatine, Ill." The man portrayed was Albert A. Smith, who affixed the stamp to a product he sold called Prof. Dyke's Beard Elixir.

Albert was born in Palatine in 1847, son of early settler Israel Smith and grandfather of present Society member Howard S. Smith.

A copy of this article was sent to Pres. Florence Parkhurst by the author as a thank you when she provided him with information on Albert Smith. (Note: he was not of her Smith family.)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOOK SALE
MAY 21 and MAY 22 - COUNTRYSIDE
MALL; YOUR BOOKS NEEDED

Please bring all the books you can spare to be sold at this fund raising event. Books may be taken to the Palatine Library (marked for Historical Society Sale) or to any merchant at the Countryside Mall.

As hard cover books are sold at 25¢ and paperbacks at 10¢, it requires many books and many customers to show a worthwhile return.

Co-chairwomen are Dolores Kayler and Ann Koller; call Dolores at 359-5059 if you have a large number of books to be picked up.

The Countryside Mall is located on the north side of Northwest Highway as it intersects Colfax. Hours of the sale are:

Sat., May 21 9.30 AM - 5.30 PM

Sun., May 22 12 noon to 5 PM

ORAL HISTORY INTRODUCED IN APRIL

At the April 20th meeting the value of oral history as well as the technique involved were very capably explained by speaker Mrs. Esther Perica. This is one of the many tools of historical data collection with which we must soon become concerned.

HOUSEWALK COMING IN AUGUST

Sometime in August the Society will sponsor a fund-raising housewalk. The July Palaver will bring you complete details. Among the homes that will be opened for your viewing pleasure will be the recently restored home of members Bob and Kay Kopecky.

THANK YOU

On our thank you list this month is Mrs. Cora B. Comfort for \$500 contributed in memory of her late husband, Clarence E. Comfort.

COLLECTING PALATINE'S HISTORY

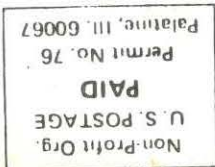
Ninety-nine percent of our energies during this past year have been devoted to raising money for the Museum which will house our collection of historical material. Members are urged to give more time and thought during these summer months to our primary purpose of collecting that material.

Those who have roots in Palatine are asked to check their attics and other special places for what unique information they may contain. Do you have land grants, abstracts, early deeds, newspaper clippings, family letters, records of family births, marriages and deaths? Perhaps some of you are keeping such items quiet because you wish to keep the originals within the family. While original records are welcome additions to the files, our purposes can be as well served by photocopies.

The large majority of us are not descended from early Palatine residents, but this does not relieve us of the responsibility of seeking for historical material. Talk to the clergymen of your various churches as to the availability of their records. Do they have early membership lists, records of baptisms, marriages and funerals that could be copied? Do the organizations to which you belong have records that would contribute to a knowledge of an earlier Palatine?

MORE THANK YOUS

Thank you to the Olde Salem Chapter of Questers for their gift of \$250 for lighting fixtures in the living room and the dining room of the Museum. Many gifts have not yet been publicly acknowledged, but we are grateful to you all.



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INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRESIDENT, SUSAN GOULD

All of us extend congratulations, best wishes and promises of assistance to Susan Gould, known to all for the work she has done planning the Museum; she previously served as Second Vice President.

The youngest person ever to assume the duties of President, Sue is a native of Palatine and a daughter of Elvis R. Foster, Jr. (better known as Moose) and Harriet (Andersen) Foster.

Susan teaches English and Reading at the Carl Sandburg Junior High School in Rolling Meadows. Married in 1971 to Max R. (Randy) Gould, fireman and paramedic with Palatine Fire Dept., she and her husband live in a 75 year old house on South Greeley St.; they have no children.

Her great grandparents, Gustav and Alma (Hunt) Arps, came to Palatine in 1892. Mr. Arps, born in Ridgefield, Ill., ran the railroad depot here, and at the time of his death in 1940 was Pres. of the Palatine School Board. His daughter married Elvis R. Foster. Mrs. Elnora (Arps) Foster was a Pres. of the Palatine Womens Relief Corps and founder of the Palatine P.T.A.

THANK YOU

Among recent gifts to the Museum fund was a check for \$100 from Addressograph Multigraph.

KEMMERLY REAL ESTATE GIVES \$5,000; TOWNSHIP MATCHES

The Palatine Museum Development Committee is pleased to announce receipt of a check for \$5,000 from Jack L. Kemmerly, Real Estate, Inc.

In accordance with their pledge to match additional funds up to that sum, the Palatine Township Board of Supervisors has presented their second check for \$5,000 to the Museum.

Support like this from the business and civic community of the township are making our dreams of a Museum into a reality. Many, many thanks!

MUSEUM PROGRESS REPORT

While the exterior of the building at 224 E. Palatine Rd. is still an embarrassment, you will be happy to know that things are about to happen. The architects are in the final stages of restoration drawing; contracts will soon be let. The first changes to watch for are the replacement of the roof and the removal of the asbestos siding.

HOUSEWALK - SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

As a summer fund raiser we are having a housewalk. The time is Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14. As it stands now, two of the town's lovely older homes will be opened for our viewing pleasure. Located close to each other, the homes are those of Bob and Kay Kopecky at

WHO LIVED HERE FROM 1835 to 1870?

For the first 35 years (at least) of its existence, Palatine was settled and populated by people born almost exclusively in the two states of New York and Vermont and the two foreign countries of England and Germany. Census records confirm this historical tradition beyond any argument. Those persons listed as born in Illinois were children of the early settlers, for there were no heads of family born in Illinois in the 1850 census of this town.

While birth data is not provided in the 1840 census, a study of the names shows those men to have come from N.Y., Vt., other New England states and England. By 1850, however, the Germans

were second only to the New Yorkers in terms of population.

The amazing summation of it all that as late as 1870, with a total township population of 1855 people, only 7% (or 137 residents) were born in any other place than Ill., N.Y., Vt., England or Germany.

The tables given below have been worked out from census records. Percentages are rounded out and the figures are based on no more authoritative source than the editor's research.

For purposes of comparison, the estimated population in 1840 was 192; the 1880 population of Palatine township was 2704, of whom 730 were residents of the Village.

TABLE SHOWING PREPONDERANCE OF PALATINE RESIDENTS BORN IN NEW YORK, VERMONT, ENGLAND AND GERMANY plus NATIVES OF ILLINOIS 1850 to 1870

Year	1850	1860	1870
Total Township Population	617	1462	1855
Number of Persons born New York	184	238	180
Percent born New York	30%	16%	10%
Number of Persons born Vermont	65	100	73
Percent born Vermont	11%	7%	4%
Number of Persons born England	56	62	50
Percent born England	9%	4%	2%
Number of Persons born Germany	109	361	541
Percent born Germany	17%	25%	29%
Number born Illinois	129	519	874
Percent born Illinois	<u>21%</u>	<u>36%</u>	<u>47%</u>
Totals of above	543	1280	1718
Number born other places	74	182	137
Percent born other places	12%	12%	7%

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

All officers proposed by the nominating comm. were unanimously elected by a voice vote at the May meeting. See the outside sheet of your Palaver for names and offices of current Board members.

In addition to several office changes, we welcome to the Board newcomers Donna Dwyer, Kenneth Spengler and Liston Pennington.

PRESIDENT APPOINTS COMMITTEES

Committee appointments for the 1977-78 year are as follows, with the first name being that of the chairman:

RESTORATION: Ann Oswald, Warren Kayler, Florence Parkhurst, Avery Wolfrum, Paul Selley, Nora Spies and Lucene Pennington.

MEMBERSHIP: Marilyn Mazzenga and Liston Pennington.

PROGRAM: Sharen Linder.

FUND RAISING: Judith Gamoran, Frank Regan, David Yeats, George Fruzyan.

HISTORY and RECORDS: Florence Parkhurst and Ann Oswald.

DISPLAY: Florence Parkhurst, Frank Feeley, Kay Kopecky, Marilyn Mazzenga.

PUBLICITY - yet to be appointed.

HOSPITALITY: Marilyn Mazzenga.

SLIDES OF PALATINE PREPARED

Ray Mills is in the process of preparing a beautiful collection of slides that will show much of the history of our town. Made from old photographs, they currently number about 200. Some were used in a Girl Scout presentation by Ann Oswald and were very well received. We look forward to a program built around these.

BOOK SALE GREAT SUCCESS

The May book sale at Countryside Mall netted \$588.25. It was such a success that our next sale is set for Nov. 19-20 at the same location. Get all those books read so that you can bring them back and sell them to someone else.

HOUSEWALK cont. from pg. 1

216 West Wilson St. and that of Mrs. Nora Spies at 202 West Slade. Punch and cookies will be served in the yard of the Kopecky home.

In case of rain the event will be rescheduled for Sun. Aug. 21.

Watch the local newspapers for further details of this affair.

FIRST FALL MEETING SEPTEMBER 21

Mark your calendars now for the first meeting of the 1977-78 season. As usual, the meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month (Sep. 21) at 8 P.M. in the Rennack Room of the Palatine Library.

Program chairman Sharen Linder will present details of that first meeting and a preview of those to come in the Septmeber Palaver.

PALATINE'S STARCK HOSPITAL - 1919

Among items given to the Society in the past year were blueprints of the Starck Hospital dated July 26, 1919. Presented by the Michael J. Vardes of Rand Rd., they were found in the loft of the barn in the former Varde home at the corner of Lincoln and No. Benton Sts. The only hospital that the town ever had, it was located in the building which stands today on the southeast corner of Slade and Brockway Sts. It was built for Dr. Carl A. Starck and served the community from that date to 1950.

STREET NAME CHANGES

As you go west on Palatine Road today, you encounter Greeley, Smith, Hart and Rose Streets, but in 1886 their names were different. You would have then found Greeley and Smith Sts. where they are today, but Hart St. was called Lyman St., Rose was Lytle St. and Maple was Western St. South Bothwell St. was called Medina St. at that time.

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DRAWING OF RESTORED MUSEUM WILL APPEAR HERE IN NOVEMBER

We had hoped to present the latest drawing of our restored Clayson House to you on the cover of this issue, but we promise it for November. By that time you may have seen it start to emerge from the cocoon of the battered building on Palatine Road.

FIRST FALL MEETING- WED., SEP. 21
at Palatine Library - 8 P.M.;
PROBLEMS, PROCESSES, PROGRESS;
the RESTORATION of CLAYSON HOUSE,
by WILBERT R. HASBROUCK, ARCHITECT.

As this newsletter goes to press, we are not certain that it will reach you before the September meeting. We hope that it will and that you will not miss this opportunity to be brought up to date on all matters pertaining to our Museum project.

Mr. Hasbrouck will bring drawings, plans, slides and his limitless knowledge of restoration work with him. After his planned program he will attempt to answer any and all pertinent questions.

VILLAGE BOARD PRESENTS MINUTE BOOKS

Trustees of the Village have presented to us books containing the original minutes of all meetings of that Board from 1866 through 1973.

These valuable records provide a chronological outline to the history of the oldest incorporated area within the bounds of Palatine Twp.

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BEAUTIFUL SUMMER GARDEN PARTY ENJOYED BY ALL

Our August 14 Garden Party at the home of Kay and Bob Kopecky was a memorable event. Our hosts were charming; their home was an antique lover's dream; their garden was beautiful; the weather was perfect! Many members and guests attended, making the affair not only a social but a financial success.

Chairwoman Selda Treiber wishes to express the Society's thanks to the Kopeckys and also to Marilyn Pedersen for her publicity work and to the following persons who helped in many ways: Sue Gould, Florence Parkhurst, Pat Schwolow, Alice St.Romain, Sheila Joy, Anna Waterloo, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hajduk, Harriet Foster, Sharen Linder, JoAnn Thura, Pearl Plagge, Frank Feeley and Marilyn Mazzenga. Thanks also to Marie Kobson and Karen Pedersen who sold tickets at the door.

The AM/FM portable radio which was raffled off that day was donated by Melrose Savings of Palatine Plaza, and the admission tickets were the gift of Langer Printing. Thank you to both organizations.

The winner of the raffled radio was Mrs. Connie Unger. Our profits for the day were \$225.50. Plans are already in the making for a like affair next summer.

VILLAGE MINUTE BOOKS continued and the preservation of them is a duty we accept with pleasure and gratitude.

Frank A. Regan is already working to extract new information from them, particularly as it relates to people not mentioned in the Palatine Centennial Book.

For now, he adds to the names of the civic minded citizens of early Palatine that of Stephen A. Shepard. He is mentioned as a Justice of the Peace in Village records in 1866. He had served earlier as the Clerk of Palatine Township, being elected to that office 7 Apr. 1857. Born in New York about 1809, he had a wife named Jane who was born in Pa. and at least seven children, the oldest having been born in Ohio in 1836. While residents of Illinois as early as 1839, they were probably not in Palatine before 1855.

Stephen Shepard owned 200 acres of land in the heart of this township, land that included the home sites of many of our present members. With Palatine Rd. as his south boundary, his land extended from what is now Smith St. on the east to the extension of Elm St. on the west, and it was bound north on an extension of Cornell on the west half and included 40 acres north of Cornell on Smith St.

He bought this land from Henry Faust, who was the original government purchaser in 1846-7, and he sold it to Israel Smith on the 30th of June 1864 for \$310. He probably left Palatine at that time. In 1878, then a widower, he lived in Holly, Murray Co., Minn.

We will bring you more items of historic interest from these records in future issues.

ELEANOR ROSEN MEMORIALS

Mr. Henry F. Rosen has presented to the Society a check for \$500 in memory of his wife, Eleanor. It will be used to purchase an item for the Museum which will carry her name.

The Salt Creek Questers have donated \$100 in memory of Eleanor Rosen, their immediate past president, for the purchase of a walnut night stand which will also bear her name.

Bob and Fran Green have sent a gift of \$10 as a memorial to Mrs. Rosen.

SOCIETY MAILING ADDRESS CHANGED

Please note that our mailing address has been changed. We have a new P.O. Box number. When mailing in your dues or communicating with the President, Treasurer or Secretary, please address your mail to:
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PALAVAR DEADLINE

The Palaver is published bi-monthly with issues appearing in Jan., March, May, July, Sep. and Nov. of each year.

When submitting items for this newsletter, please see that they reach the editor by the tenth of the preceding month - by Oct. 10 for the November issue. Typed material is greatly appreciated. Please see that your name and phone number are included and mail items to:

Mrs. Mary Louise Regan
246 N. Plum Grove Rd.
Palatine, Ill. 60067

OCTOBER MEETING: ARCHITECTURE OF CHICAGO by RAY MILLS - OCT. 19

Mr. Ray Mills is an active member who is known to most of you as a former high school teacher and counselor, a connoisseur of many things and is currently an art student at Harper College. No small measure of his fame derives from his knowledge of Chicago architecture.

The presentation we will be privileged to see on Oct. 19 at 8 PM will be similar to many he has given to varied groups and always to rave reviews - even from high school students.

His is a fast paced program which features the simultaneous use of two projectors. Included will be some slides of Palatine buildings.

Claim your seat early in what is certain to be a full house.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

We have all enjoyed the changing displays in the case set aside for our use in the Palatine Library.

Marilyn Mazzenga is in charge of it this year and will feature for September "back to school" items; things relating to the Capitol, the Bill of Rights and Constitution; and the story of the Star Spangled Banner. In October watch for Christopher Columbus, the Columbian Exposition of 1892-3, a Halloween display, and the D.A.R.

DEATH TAKES TWO MEMBERS

We regret to report the death of two members and extend the sympathy of all members to the families of Mrs. Eleanor Rosen and Mr. Maynard Docka.

PUMP WANTED FOR MUSEUM

If anyone has a kitchen hand pump about 18" high and would be willing to donate it to the Museum, please call Ann Oswald at 358-1537

DO YOU HAVE PALATINE PHOTOGRAPHS?

If you have any old photos of the town as it used to be, please bring them to one of our meetings and show them to Ray Mills who is preparing a series of historic slides and would value additional contributions. Your pictures will be returned to you unharmed after copies have been made.

MUSEUM PROGRESS REPORT

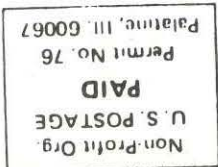
The contract has been signed with Mr. Wilbert R. Hasbrouck, architect, to restore the Clayson House at 224 E. Palatine Rd. as our Historical Museum of Palatine Township in accordance with his recently submitted final drawings and specifications. The Board is scheduled to meet Sep. 7 to open bids, and it is anticipated that the job will be awarded to a contractor at that time.

While the complete external and internal restoration, as designed, will cost far more than the funds we now have available, the Board believes there is enough money on hand to complete the replacement of the roof, the plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and the electricity as well as the restoration of the parlor. They also believe the old siding can be removed by volunteers and the exterior of the house made presentable. All this they hope to see done before winter sets in this year.

If you have been waiting for visible signs of progress before making your contribution to the Fund, please give now before prices go up.

NOV. 16 - THE SHAKERS IN AMERICA

Program Chairman Sharen Linder advises us that you will not want to miss this program by a very interesting lady named Susan Keig. More details will come in the next issue, but mark your calendar.



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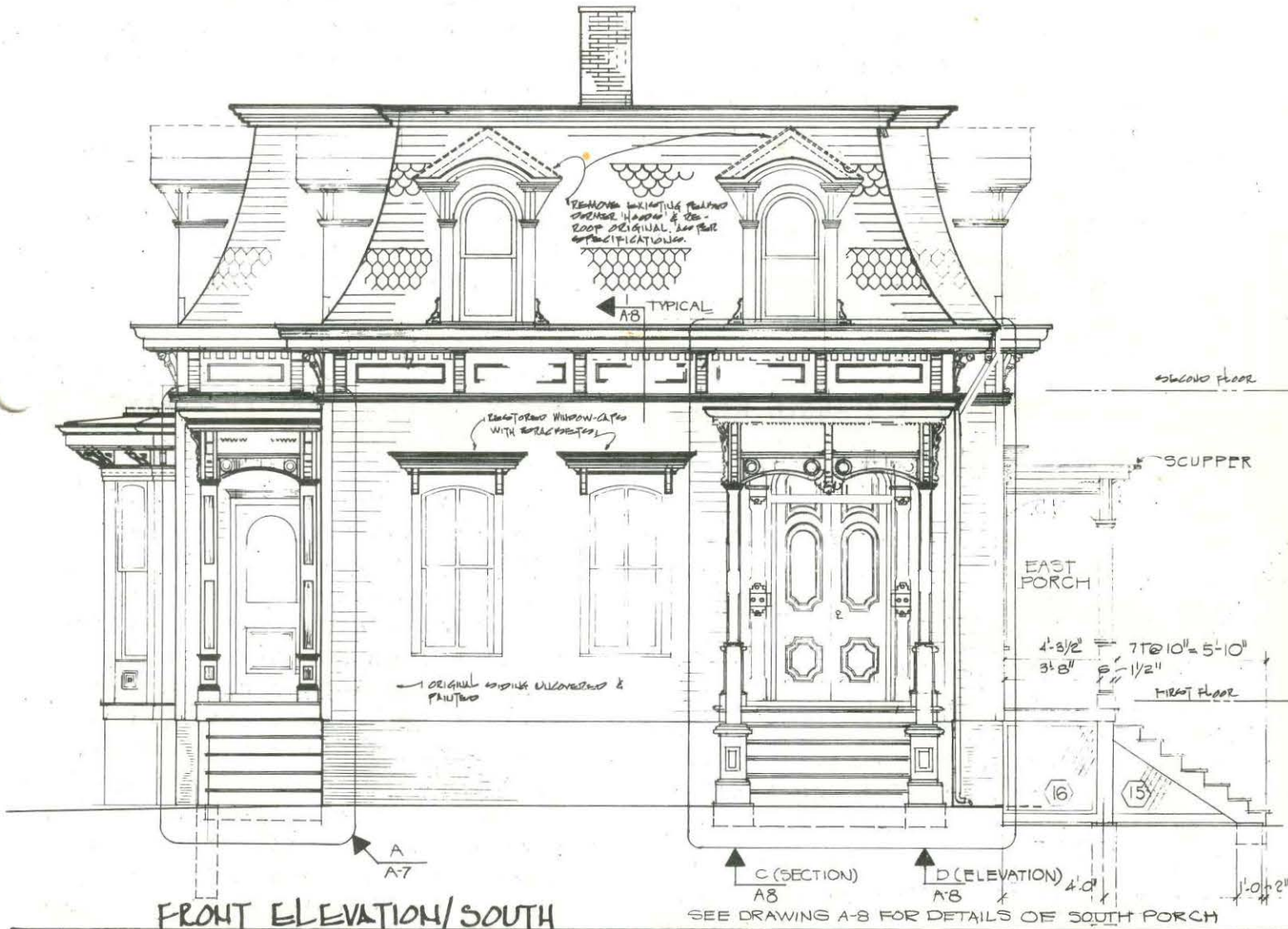
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THE RESTORATION HAS STARTED on the Clayson House, future home of the Historical Museum of Palatine Township. The Palatine Jaycees, under the guidance of Director Bill Gilpin, made the first big step forward on Saturday, Nov. 5, when they began to remove the present siding from the building, uncovering the original clapboards which will be repaired and painted their original color. The contractor, Industrial Services, Inc., will start working on the roof of the building Wed., Nov. 9. Shown above is a reduced copy of the architectural drawing by Wilbert R. Hasbrouck of Historic Resources of the Museum as it faces south on Palatine Rd.

NOV. 16 - 8 PM -THE COOPER'S ART

The program for the November meeting will feature a beautifully done Williamsburg film which will tell of the work of the cooper, an artisan whose craft was barrel making. The film will present the story of these vital containers of past years from the cutting of the tree to the completion of the product. Perhaps we will see them loaded on to sailing ships where they carried the wares of our country to foreign ports.

The meeting will be at 8 PM in the Rennack Room of the Pal. Library.

The program originally planned for Nov. (Shakers in America) has been rescheduled for January.

H.B. FULLER COMPANY GIVES \$2,650

George Fruzyan, III, and Frank Regan, Industries and Foundations Division Co-Chairmen of the Museum Development Committee, have announced the contribution of \$2,650 by the H.B. Fuller Co. of 315 South Hicks Rd., Palatine, a prominent manufacturer of adhesives. This money is very thankfully received and will be used in the completion of Phase I of the Museum Restoration project.

OUR FALL BOOK SALE - NOV. 18-20 at COUNTRYSIDE MALL

From Friday night, Nov. 18 until Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20 we will again be selling books at the same place - Countryside Mall, located at the intersection of the Northwest Highway and Colfax St.

Please bring the books you are donating to the Palatine Library, marked for the Hist. Soc. Booksale, or to Countryside Mall Fri. night, Nov. 18 from 7-9 P.M. Call Sue Gould at 359-8396 or Florence Parkhurst at 358-0029 to arrange for pickup of large quantities. Hours of sale: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 12-5. Please tell your friends and neighbors of this event.

DEC. 21 - CHRISTMAS IN EARLY AMERICA - SHAREN LINDER

Wed., Dec. 21, 8 PM - Rennack Room of the Palatine Library! Mark that date now on your busy Christmas week calendar. Sharen Linder, our very able Program Chairman, will entertain us with tales of Christmas customs from the days of our earliest settlers to the Revolutionary War period, particularly emphasizing the contrast between the customs of the north and those of the southern settlements.

Included in her program will be slides of traditional Christmas decorations of the period. For those of you who might care to duplicate these for your own home, she has offered to teach you how to do it.

Remember how much we all enjoyed her presentation on the Herbs of Early America last February? We know you will not want to miss this.

Even the refreshments will be special that night. See below. CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE-DEC.21

As you make your very special Christmas treats this year, set aside enough for 6-12 persons. Each person attending the Dec. meeting is asked to bring with him or her a plate of your very best cookies, candy, cakes, nut bread or whatever your specialty may be. We can all enjoy them together and (hopefully) bring home a few samples for other members of our family.

CORRECTION

Please accept the apologies of the editor for having inadvertently sent out the last issue of the Palaver with the previous year's Board of Directors on the back.

THANKSGIVING 1977

As a Society we wish to take advantage of the season and the day set aside for thanks to express to all of you our very deep appreciation for all that has been given to us in the two years that we have been working to make the Historical Museum of Palatine Township a reality. Two years ago few people had confidence that so many individuals, civic groups, governing bodies, business firms - both large and small - would ever be willing to work so hard and give so generously for a cause that was as altruistic as a historical museum. We are truly thankful to all of you.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Is there room for one more name on your Christmas list? If there is, please remember that gifts to the Palatine Historical Society are tax deductible and a great deal of money is still needed to finish the Museum.

Another Christmas will surely find us standing around an 1870 style tree in the parlor of the Clayson House. Without your further help the other rooms may still be bare and empty.

Mark your checks for the Museum Fund and know that the entire community will benefit from your generosity.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors a new category of membership was approved. Life membership is now available to all for the sum of \$250. While this is a husband-and-wife lifetime fee, it was further decided that the same fee would be required of any single person requesting this class of membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Edwards of Firth Rd. in Inverness have become our first Life Members. This support is greatly appreciated and we ask those of you who can to follow their example.

JOSEPH BURNHAM MEMORIAL FUND

A fund has been established in honor of the late Joseph Burnham, a former Palatine resident who died at Batavia, Ill. Oct. 10, 1977. While here he lived in the Palanois Park section of town and served as president of the Lions Club and as a member of the school board that built the Sanborn school. He was Chairman of the Board of Marshall Field and Co. and a Director on many boards.

Donors to the fund, which to date totals \$50, include Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green and Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Hansen. Others who would care to honor Mr. Burnham's memory are invited to contribute to this fund so that a substantial gift to the Museum may carry his name.

LIONS CLUB GIVES \$1000



Pictured above is Lions Club President David W. Yeats presenting a check for \$1000 to our President Susan Gould at the January meeting. This contribution to the Museum Fund was made in response to a presentation made to the Lions Club by our hard working Museum Development Committee.

Mr. Yeats, a former Director of our Society, said the Lions fully support our Museum goals. We are grateful for their moral support as well as their monetary contribution.

HAVE YOU PAID 1978 DUES?

Procrastination is a tendency common to many of us. If you have not yet sent your 1978 dues to the Treasurer, please use the coupon on page 3 and take care of this matter today. We need your dues for our operating expenses.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS DONATED

Among recently received gifts for the Museum are three musical instruments presented to the Society by Mrs. Monroe Meyer, niece of Amanda Schoppe. Born Amanda Horstman in Palatine 13 Oct. 1874, Mrs. Schoppe lived to celebrate her 100th birthday here in 1974. She was the widow of Louis Schoppe, a member of the Palatine Band and partner with his brother Harry in Schoppe Brothers Store.

Formerly used in the Palatine Band, the instruments are a zither, a xylophone and a baritone horn. Also donated was the Amanda Schoppe Bible.

FEBRUARY MEETING - FEB. 15 - 8 P.M. TOM TRIMBORN on ABRAHAM LINCOLN

On Wed., Feb. at 8 PM in the Pal. Library member Tom Trimborn, a Lincoln scholar and collector, will talk to us on his favorite subject and display his collection of Lincoln memorabilia and photographs. He will discuss the problems a collector of Lincoln material faces today. Mr. Trimborn is a teacher at Palatine High School.

MARCH 15th MEETING - DELTIOLOGY

Deltiology is the collecting and enjoyment of postal cards. Our speaker for that evening will be William Galloway, head of Adult Services at Arlington Heights Memorial Library. He will tell us of the pleasures to be derived from this hobby and share his collection with us. Bring along your own old postal cards for comparison. The meeting will be Wed., Mar. 15, 8 P.M. at the Palatine Library.

MARK APRIL 19 on your CALENDAR

Ray Mills will be giving us a slide presentation of old Palatine places. This remarkable collection of slides is probably the most valuable item in our files to date.

NOVEMBER BOOK SALE NETTED \$300

Thanks to Florence Parkhurst and her committee, \$300 was added to the Museum fund by our second book sale at the Countryside Plaza.

While a book sale is a good fund raiser, it requires a lot of very physical work. No date has been set for the next sale, but interested volunteers are requested to contact Pres. Susan Gould. We particularly urge our younger members to interest themselves in this form of fund raising.

MORE THANK YOUS

The Ginger Creek Chapter of Questers has contributed \$35 for the purchase of a piano bench to go with the 1878 piano already pledged to the Museum by another donor.

A contribution was recently received from Mrs. A. Gordon Humphrey of Rolling Meadows.

The Pal. Chamber of Commerce donated \$10 in honor of the recent 85th Anniv. of Ahlgrim & Sons

MEMBERS TALK TO LOCAL GROUPS

Florence Parkhurst and Ray Mills recently presented a joint program to the First Saturday Nighters of St. Paul's Church. In appreciation they received a donation of \$30 for the Museum Fund. Florence also talked to the Dunton Questers who gave \$15 to swell the fund. Our thanks to the speakers who work so hard for the cause as well as to the organizations.

RECENT MEETINGS REVIEWED

Dec. 21 turned out to be a poor night for a meeting. Many had the flu and others had commitments that could not be set aside. We hope that Program Chairman Sharen Linder will repeat her delightful program on "Christmas in Early America" another year. Possibly a

joint Nov.-Dec. meeting held about the first of December would work out better in the holiday season in future years.

Despite the cold weather we had a full house in January. Susan Jackson Keig presented a program on "The Shakers in America" that was of interest to all. To a background of Shaker music she told of their lifestyle and displayed examples of their crafts. Even our refreshments were made from Shaker recipes, and everyone stayed long and ate heartily.

Editor's Note: It seems that our recent issues are filled with requests and expressions of gratitude. Some day our Museum will be complete and we can stop begging and get back to the enjoyment of history that binds us together.

ANONYMOUS BEQUEST

A long-time Palatine resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, has recently redrawn her will to bequeath several important gifts to the Society for use in the Clayson House Museum. Among the items are three pieces of Victorian furniture - a love seat, a gentleman's chair and a lady's chair - as well as an old fluting iron and her mother's crazy quilt. The 19th century quilt is made from scraps of ribbon, silks and velvet sewn together at random with various embroidery stitches.

If you have items such as these that would enhance our Museum, consider following this member's example. Your treasures would be well cared for and enjoyed by a large number of people for many years to come.

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THE
MASON
SUTHERLAND
HOUSE



The Mason Sutherland home, pictured above, is one of the many photographs recently given to the Society to copy by Mrs. Mae Howes, who served our organization as Treasurer for many years. She is a great granddaughter of Mason and Nancy (Boynton) Sutherland, who were both among Palatine's pioneers. Nancy Boynton, then 18, arrived here in 1838 from Meredith, N.H. and became the town's first school-teacher. In 1843 she was married to Mason Sutherland, born in Vermont, who later led the men of this town to service in the Civil War as Capt. of Co. C of the 113th Illinois Regiment of Volunteer Infantry.

Captain Sutherland died near Vicksburg 27 January 1863.

They had moved their family from Deer Grove to this home, formerly located at 123 No. Bothwell St. and very recently torn down, before the War, and she continued to live there until her death in 1904.

While the date of this picture is not known, it is in post card form, and our March program on deltiology helps us to place it as later than 1907 because the front of the card is divided for address and message.

This is one of the many photos that have been converted to slides for our viewing pleasure and will be shown at the April meeting.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

President Susan Gould has appointed the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee: Ray Mills, Sharen Linder, Zena Olson.

Appointed to serve on the Auditing Committee are: Bob Ziegler, Joanne Yeoman, and George Smith.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1978-79 OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee, as noted above, submits the following names for officers to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May:

President - Susan Gould
1st V. Pres. - Ann Oswald
2nd V. Pres. - William Gilpin
Rec. Sec'y - Donna Dwyer
Corr. Sec'y - Lee Cheney
Treasurer - Marilyn Pedersen
Director at Large (for a 3 year term) - Liston Pennington

All of the above are incumbents except Lee Cheney. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting to be held May 17th.

DAUGHTER BORN TO SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Megan Rebecca Gould, born Feb. 11 to Max and Susan Gould, has blond hair, blue eyes and weighed 9 lbs., 2 ozs. Our congratulations to all.

BETTY GAARE FUND

We wish to thank those persons who have contributed money to our Museum fund in memory of the late Betty Gaare. She was the widow of Norman Gaare, in whose memory many donations were made in 1976. Their names will never be forgotten.

OLD HOUSE PLAQUES

Occasionally we receive inquiries from residents on the subject of plaques for houses over 100 years old. These plaques were an activity of the Palatine Bicentennial Committee, now disbanded. We do not research or verify the age of homes, and we have no funds that are available for the purchase of plaques.

LETTER from SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As the first year of my presidency draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank several members of the Society who have helped all of us in many ways. First of all, let me say that the Board of Directors has done a superb job and that meeting with them all year has been a pleasure. A special thanks goes to the Board of Managers, Judith Gamoran, Wally Degner and Averty Wolfrum, for their support and help, too. Our monthly meetings would not have been nearly as successful without the aid of Program Chairperson Sharen Linder and our Hostess Marilyn Mazzenga. Both of them have done an excellent job.

Thanks to our Museum Development Committee, headed by Judith Gamoran and Frank Regan, we have been able to start the restoration of our museum house. This project will be able to progress as quickly as the funds available allow, so I hope that all of the Society's members and the community will continue to be as supportive, both financially and spiritually, as possible. Without groups such as the Jaycees, the Lions, the Kiwanis, the Township Board, the Park District Board, and many other community groups, we would not have been able to do as much as has been done already. Phase I should be completed in April. Hopefully, the Clayson House will be a symbol of the Palatine Township's community groups and the Palatine Historical Society's ability to work together for a common goal. We should all be proud of the work accomplished this year.

Respectfully,
Susan Gould

WHO WAS GEORGE CLAYSON?

Considering how often his name has been mentioned since the decision was made to convert his former home into the Palatine Township Historical Museum, very little is known of this man.

As a result of her continuing research on this subject, Florence Parkhurst has recently learned that George Clayson was married at Palatine, by the Methodist minister, on 11 July 1863 to Martha Ann Harris, daughter of Asahel Harris. So now we can place him as a son-in-law of one of the very first settlers in this area. Harris, born in Canada, was among the original claim holders in 1836, settling in Deer Grove where he purchased 80 acres from the government in 1841.

Earlier research by Florence revealed that he purchased about 10 acres at the Palatine Rd. site from Palmer Webster, built his house there about 1873 and sold it in 1881 to a Moses D. Brown. On this land he operated an orchard.

The name of Clayson appears in the decennial census records only once - in 1870. That indicates that George was born in New York about 1834, was a gardener by occupation and owned real estate that year valued at \$5,000 plus a personal estate valued at \$300. His wife, Martha, was then 28, and they had two sons, both born in Illinois - Frank, who was 5, and Charly, then aged 6 months. Living with them was Elisa Clayson, 57, born N.Y., assumed to be his mother; she owned real estate valued at \$600. Also with them was a young man (15) named Ashlee Downing, a laborer, who was probably a boarder.

A study of Village records has shown that George Clayson was, on the motion of Henry C. Batterman,

elected to fill a vacancy on the Village Board of Trustees on Aug. 9, 1869 and served in that capacity until the next annual election of Mar. 21, 1870.

Not much more than is known about his son-in-law seems to be recorded about Asahel Harris. His wife's name was Clarinda, and they had two sons in addition to dau. Martha. Like the Clayson family, they last appear in the 1870 census when Asahel was 48 and a farmer; son George, at 15, was a law student, and son Wellington, then 19, was called a druggist. Perhaps both families left town together in the late 1870's to go - where?

ROTARY CLUB GIVES \$2500 PLEDGE

Our thanks are extended this issue to the Rotary Club of Palatine. They have pledged to contribute \$2500 to the Museum Fund over the next 16 months. Support like this will ever be remembered.

MEMBER RAISES \$70

Mr. Joseph J. Hadjuk raised \$70 for our Museum by appealing for private donations to his fellow Masons at a dinner held in Feb. Many thanks to him and his friends.

NEXT MEETING - APRIL 19th - 8 P.M.

PICTURES FROM OUR ATTIC-presented by RAY MILLS

This will be one of our "come early if you want a seat" meetings. Members will be treated to a pictorial history of Palatine such as has never been seen before. Many persons have contributed photos from their family collections in addition to the considerable number that were already in our files. Ray Mills has personally made slides from these so that we may all enjoy them together. If you have some you have yet to bring in, please bring them to this meeting.



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MUSEUM PROGRESS REPORT

Phase One in the restoration of Clayson House should have been completed by this time. The architect estimates that only 65% has been done and blames the delay on scheduling problems between sub contractors. Hopefully, these will be resolved and the exterior construction work on the roof will be done in the next few weeks.

Sandblasting is about to begin in preparation for the paint job that will follow, and the ornamental brackets that will add the first touch of elegance to the building have been ordered for August delivery. Paint in soft tones of cream and grey with accents in Victorian shades of brown and blue will soon bring the exterior to life.

On the inside the new back stairway has been completed, the living room fireplace has been opened up, and the plumbing fixtures are to be installed any day. Heating and air-conditioning are ready to be hooked up, and arrangements are being made for the repair of walls and ceilings as we can afford them.

Money is on hand or has been promised for lighting fixtures, some interior decorating and for landscaping the grounds.

It is believed that the living room can be completed with no additional expense. Other rooms will be done as money is available.

ANTIQUÉ SHOW AND SALE

SATURDAY - AUGUST 12

PALATINE COMMUNITY PARK

10 AM to 5 PM

ANTIQUÉ DEALERS

WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE

BAKE SALE

RAFFLE

REFRESHMENTS

ADMISSION: \$1.00 for persons 12

and over

OUR BIG SUMMER FUND RAISER!!!!!!!

EVERYONE COME!!

See page 3 for details of this exciting event.

YOU DIDN'T GET THE MAY ISSUE?

Do not feel neglected as we did not publish in May. While we are doing without an illustration in this combined May/July issue, we hope to bring you soon a pictorial history of the remodeling that will show the building we started with, the intermediate stage, the newly painted building and the house as it looked 100 years ago.

FIRST FALL MEETING, WED., SEP. 20

No summer meetings are held. We will bring you details of the fall programs at a later date, but mark your calendar now.

FALL BOOK SALE - OCT. 14th and 15th

COUNTRYSIDE PLAZA

Start putting aside your books now and further details on this event will be published later. If you are interested in helping contact Sue Gould.

ELGIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SENDS
INFORMATION ON FIRST PALATINE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Recently received from Viola Swanson, Editor of the Elgin Gen. Soc. Newsletter, was additional data for our files on Thomas Skeels Clark, elected 2 Apr. 1850 as the first Supervisor of this township. He had earlier served as Postmaster, being appointed 25 Oct. 1844.

In 1867 he left Palatine and moved to Elgin; he was Police Magistrate there in 1878.

Interviewed in Elgin 1 Mar. 1880, he disclosed that he was born in Clarksburg, Berkshire Co., Mass. 27 Jan. 1809, son of Eli and Troxey Clark. He was married in Stamford, Bennington Co., Vt. on 26 Feb. 1835 to Miss Almedia Ketchum, who was born there 17 Sep. 1815, dau. of Levi and Nancy Ketchum. Of their children, the first - Anson L., was b. Clarksburg, Mass. 12 Oct. 1836. He married Phoebe I. _____ 20 Aug. 1859, and he also lived in Elgin in 1880.

Three later sons were all born in Palatine: Arthur F., b. 15 Feb. 1843, d. in Washington, D.C. 21 Jan. 1863; Horace G., b. 31 July 1849, res. Urbana, Kas. in 1880; Herbert T., b. 26 June 1851, res. 1880 in Chicago.

You all remember Maryette (Castle) Baldwin, wife of Anson, whose life and times have been presented to us by her granddaughter, Mrs. Priscilla Oswald, in two delightful programs. Of interest in connection with this item is the story in the Palatine Centennial Book of how Maryette and Anson met when she came from Michigan to visit her uncle, Thomas S. Clark, in Palatine.

Thank you to our Elgin friends for sharing this information with us.

4th of July FLOAT WINS PRIZE

Our float in the 4th of July parade, which depicted a Civil War wedding scene, won the theme award for the day.

Thanks go to the participants - Paula Hetzel, the bride; Lyman Goodrich, the groom; Karen Collignon, who attended the bride and to the acting minister, Kerry Field, but even more to the producer who was Marilyn Pedersen and to Warren Kayler who provided the transportation. Florence Parkhurst was on hand at the park to receive the trophy awarded to the Society for our entry.

THANK YOU TO MANY GROUPS FOR THEIR
GENEROUS SUPPORT

Our particular thanks at this time are due the Palatine Park District who have given us the very generous sum of \$10,000 to be used toward the completion of the exterior renovation and decoration of the building that will be our Museum.

Our sincere thanks go to the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Palatine. Both organizations have recently presented us with checks for \$1,000.

Thanks also to Paddock Publications for their check for \$1,000 as part of their pledge toward our project and to the Junior Womans Club of Palatine who have recently added \$100 to their earlier donations.

Olde Salem Questers of Inverness sent us a check for \$250 which came from their national organization on a matching grants program. This brings their contribution to the fund to \$1,000 and we are very appreciative.

Many other persons and groups have made smaller gifts for which we are no less grateful.

EVERYONE PLEASE COME TO OUR
ANTIQUÉ SHOW AND SALE
SATURDAY - AUGUST 12
(Rain date - Sun., Aug. 13)
10 AM to 5PM
PALATINE COMMUNITY PARK
262 East Palatine Rd.

All members are requested to participate in this great, all-day affair. It will be the only time this summer we will all get to see each other. Bring your family and your friends, plan to stay for lunch and work for a few hours and enjoy yourself the rest of the day.

We need all of the following to make this day a social and financial success:

BAKE SALE ITEMS
WHITE ELEPHANTS
WILLING WORKERS

A LARGE TURNOUT OF PEOPLE

As you read through the details of the events planned for that day, keep the following jobs in mind and decide which one is for you.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED TO ACT AS:

Hosts and hostesses (to charm the customers and answer all of their questions)

Set-up people
Admission takers
Bake sale workers
Raffle ticket salespeople
Refreshment booth workers
White elephant salespeople
Clean-up people

ANTIQUÉ SALES

Applications for booths (tables) at this show have gone out to a large number of dealers, and it is hoped that at least 50 dealers will be on the premises to display and sell their wares.

If some of you have antiques or collectibles that you are interested in parting with, you, too, may rent space in the antique area. Space allotted is 12' by 8' and the

rental fee is \$10. Tables are available at a cost of \$4 or you may bring your own. You must bring your own chairs. All proceeds will be yours, but "antiques only" is the order of the day; no arts, crafts or "flea market" items are wanted. Call Sue Gould at 359-8396 for further information.

(While you have Sue's number in mind, she is looking for a large number of 2 lb. coffee cans (empty) for that day and she would like to borrow a few portable ice chests.)

REFRESHMENTS

Hot dogs, bratwurst and soft drinks will be sold.

BAKE SALE

Jan Degner is in charge of this activity. She hopes you will all get out your best recipes and get to work. She suggests that breads of all kinds sell well and reminds you that August is a hot month and we will be outside, so please omit things that melt. Her number is 358-6991 if you wish to let her know now what you are bringing. If not, she will be calling you.

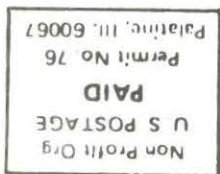
RAFFLE

Tickets at 5 for \$1 or 25¢ each will be sold. Prizes will be merchandise contributed by local merchants.

WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE

Florence Parkhurst is in charge of this activity. You are asked to contribute usable, unwanted items (no clothing and no books-save those for later) for this table. All proceeds go to the Museum Fund. Call her at 358-0029 to say what you are giving and discuss where and when you will deliver it. Last minute items for this table or the bake sale may be brought to the park 8-9.30 AM on Aug. 12th.

PARKING is available in the Park District lot or St. Paul's Church.



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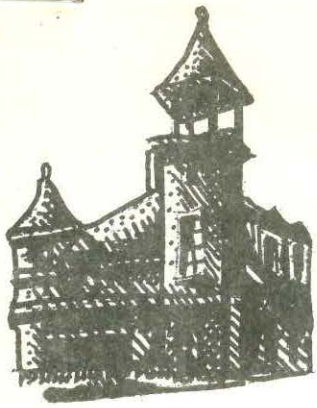
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A SUMMER OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

Shown on the right are spring and fall photos of the Clayson House, showing the remarkable progress that has been made on the restoration during the summer months. More on this and other photos are inside. BOOK SALE-OCT. 14 & 15 -COME TO COUNTRYSIDE PLAZA and BUY!

This important fund raiser will take place Sat., Oct. 14 from 10AM to 5PM and on Sun., Oct. 15 from noon to 5 PM. OCTOBER MEETING-WED., Oct. 18

We will have a slide presentation on ANTIQUE CLOCKS by Mr. Gene Lehman at our next regular meeting, Wed. Oct. 18 at 8 PM at Palatine Library. LIBRARY ADVANCES \$15,000 SO WE MAY COMPLETE PHASE ONE

Phase One of the Clayson House restoration will include the completion of necessary structural work inside on the lower floor; all utilities will be functioning, and the parlor will be decorated as a period room. The Society will then move from Johnson St. to Palatine Rd.; the Museum will open to the public on a regular schedule; and the Park District will assume the burden of maintenance and operating expenses.

In order to accomplish this on a fairly immediate basis it was
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determined that we would need an additional \$15,000. This amount has been advanced by the Palatine Public Library Board on an interest-free, short term loan.

You will recall that the Library and the Park District hold a joint title to the museum building and we, as a Society, guaranteed to raise enough money to accomplish the restoration.

FLEA MARKET A SUCCESS

Our Flea Market booth at the Park District Harvestfest on Sep. 9th took in \$235. As all items were donated, all was profit. Sue Gould wishes to thank Dodie Kayler, Ray Mills, Cathy Allen, Alice and Moore St. Romain, Ann Oswald, Florence Parkhurst, Ken Spengler, George Smith, Averty Wolfrum, Jan Degner and many others for their help in pricing and selling these items.

1943 PAL. HIGH YEAR BOOK NEEDED

If one of you has a copy of the 1943 Year Book you would be willing to contribute to the Society, please contact Florence Parkhurst. After years of searching she has filled out a complete set missing only that one year.

SEPTEMBER MEETING WELL ATTENDED

On Sep. 20th a large group of members and friends enjoyed a review of Palatine history by Florence Parkhurst with slides of some of the town's older homes shown by Ray Mills.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY NEEDED

The Board of Directors is short one member these days. If you would like to be in the thick of things, contact Pres. Sue Gould.

THREE DECEASED MEMBERS MOURNED

The sympathy of all members of the Society is extended to the families of three recently deceased members: Louis Richter, Clem Lambert and Gerald A. McElroy.

PLANS for NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

On Nov. 15th we will have a program featuring antique telephones.

There will be NO MEETING on Wed., Dec. 20th. Instead, mark Sunday, December 3rd on your calendar when we will be given a tour of the stained glass windows at the Methodist Church on North Plum Grove Road from 2 to 4 PM.

A SALUTE TO MARILYN PEDERSEN!!

Officially Marilyn is our Treasurer, but those duties are but a small part of what she has done for the Society in recent months.

We needed one dedicated person willing to assume responsibility for seeing that all work contracted for was done and done correctly. Marilyn took on this assignment and has accomplished what is almost a miracle - as can be seen by the two sets of progress pictures shown in this issue.

Supervising both volunteers and professionals, she has begged, cajoled, threatened and shamed them into working, and she has asked no more of anyone than she has done herself. As much at home on the roof as in the basement, she has appeared at Clayson House every morning at 7.30 to see that workmen understand what is expected of them, and on weekends she drafts family and friends to complete unfinished tasks.

DECORATING COMMITTEE AT WORK

As the time draws near for their talents to be called for, this group of Ann Oswald, Nora Spies, Fran Edwards, Jam Degner, Zena Olson and Sue Gould are ready to go into action. They report having enough furniture on hand for the parlor (some of it on loan) and they are choosing wallpaper and making other exciting decisions.



MORE PROGRESS PHOTOS- These front views of the Clayson House, soon to be the Historical Museum of Palatine Township, show the changes from spring 1978 (top photo) to October 1978. Note the rear porch that has been removed, the window details, the new roof and the ornamental brackets. The garage (not shown here) already wears its final coat of paint and trim; the house will soon be the same. Photographic credits go to Dorothy Regan for the spring pictures and to Donna Dwyer for the fall ones.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 1979 TO START SOON- Start now to recruit new members among your friends and neighbors for the exciting year that is ahead. Consider our new life membership category for yourself. Membership renewal forms will appear in the next Palaver. Our acting membership chairman is Donna Dwyer.



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NOVEMBER 1978

THANK YOU FOR A YEAR OF GIVING

Santa Claus on the roof of the Clayson House is a symbol of the many gifts that have been poured into that building this year by so many of you. Your donations of money, treasured antiques, talents, and, above all, your gifts of precious time will not be forgotten.

We will not, as we had hoped to do, celebrate this season around a Victorian Christmas tree in the parlor of the Clayson House, but the time of our move into that new home is very close.

Among the recent gifts for which we are particularly grateful is a check in the amount of \$2500 presented to us at the October meeting by Village President Robert Guss in behalf of the Village of Palatine.

There is not enough space to list all of the gifts that have come our way this year, but we are deeply grateful to all of the organizations and individuals who have given so generously to the Palatine Historical Society in 1978 and we look forward to your continued support in 1979. SPECIAL MEETING DATE-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2.30 PM at the METHODIST CHURCH

There will be no meeting this coming month on our usual third Wednesday at the library. Instead, we have been invited to tour the Methodist Church at the corner of North Plum Grove Rd. and Wood St. on the first Sunday afternoon of the month. The meeting will be held in the north chapel of the old church, and you are asked to use the Wood St. entrance.

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY 1979
to ALL

Following a tour that will feature their historic stained glass windows, there will be a talk and a slide presentation on the church restoration. Refreshments will be served.

Our hostess will be Priscilla Oswald who will be assisted by her sister, Mercie Heise, and Florence Parkhurst and her sisters- Mildred Sanborn and Myra Fosket.

Remember that this is an afternoon affair - Sunday, Dec. 3-2.30.

REGULAR MEETINGS RESUME in JANUARY

On Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 8 PM in the Palatine Library Ray Mills, using some of his famous slides, will entertain us with the History of Palatine High School. No one should know it better than he who taught there for so many years.

PREVIEWS OF COMING PROGRAMS

In February Mrs. Rose Buchanan of Palatine will share with us her knowledge of the Pawnee Indians. March will bring us the history of the Palatine Fire Dept. and in April our program will be Teaching in a One Room Schoolhouse.

RARE 1570 MAP ACQUIRED

Presented to us recently by Mr. Gerald F. Fitzgerald of Inverness was a map that will excite the interest of all students of Palatine's early settlers as well as those who trace their own ancestry to Germany. Done by the Dutch map maker Abraham Ortelius in 1570, it portrays the Palatinate area in one panel and Bavaria in the other. It will be framed and displayed in the library area of our museum.

HISTORICAL DISPLAYS WANTED

If you have a collection of interest to others in the history field, consider sharing it with us for a month in the Society's display case in the Palatine Library.

OCTOBER BOOK SALE RAISES \$454.30

Thanks to your books contributed and your patronage, this affair was again very successful.

HOUSE PLAQUES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE

In response to a continuing demand, the Society has decided to undertake responsibility for providing plaques for homes in Palatine which are 100 or more years of age. This project was started by the Pal. Bicentennial Committee in 1976 and discontinued afterwards. Details will be announced later.

WE SALUTE MARILYN MAZZENGA, OUR CHEERFUL HOSTESS

What would our meetings be without her warm smile that greets us at the door each month and her delicious food that causes us all to fight for a place in the refreshment line? Thank you, Marilyn!

MUSEUM PLANS AND PROGRESS WATCHED WITH INTEREST BY LOCAL COLLEGES

Tom Moore, new administrative librarian of the Public Library, who was introduced to you at the Sep. meeting, brings interest and experience to our Museum project that will prove invaluable.

Excited at the collection of miscellaneous material now housed so inadequately by us at Johnson St., and anxious to see it all properly catalogued and made available to the public, he invited Patrick M. Quinn, University archivist at Northwestern Univ. to view our holdings. Mr. Quinn later expressed himself as enthusiastic over the potential our Museum and Historical Library will have as a prototype for suburban research centers. He and representatives of other local colleges are watching our progress with interest and stand ready to assist and advise us as needed.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As we prepare for a new and busy year, let us start by all sending our 1979 DUES to the treasurer.

Under the chairmanship of Donna Dwyer, the Membership Committee is actively seeking NEW MEMBERS, and all of you are requested to make some recruiting efforts.

FIRST, however, please be sure that YOU are a PAID UP MEMBER. It has come to the attention of the Board of Directors that many persons who profess an interest in this Society are, in fact, NOT paid up members. Surely this is an oversight in most cases. Check your card now or call Donna at 358-6730. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone in arrears would pay 1978 dues along with 1979.

ARE YOU ON THIS MEMBERSHIP LIST?

It has been decided that the March issue of the Palaver will be mailed only to those persons who have paid 1979 dues by March first.

APPLICATION FOR NEW OR RENEWED MEMBERSHIP IN THE PALATINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1979

Please indicate
Mr. or Miss or Mrs. or
Mr. and Mrs. _____

Please print or type
your full name

No. and Street _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

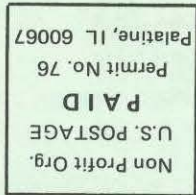
I am enclosing a check in the amount indicated below for membership in category as indicated: (Please make check mark in the appropriate box.)

- () \$250.00 (Husband and wife LIFE MEMBERSHIP)
- () 8.00 (Husband and wife; both aged 19 to 60)
- () 5.00 (Individual; aged 19 to 60)
- () 7.00 (Husband and wife; one over 60)
- () 4.00 (Husband and wife; both over 60)
- () 2.00 (Individual; over 60)
- () 2.00 (Individual; under 19)
- () _____ (If other, please explain)

If you were not
a member in 1978
please make a
mark here. ()

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If you wish your membership card returned to you by mail, please help us by enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope. Thank you.



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MARCH 1979

This informal issue of the Palaver is designed to bring to members of the Society notice of the planned spring meetings, committee appointments by the President, a brief picture of the current Museum status and hope that the next issue will be larger and filled with exciting bits of news and historical information.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - Pres. Susan Gould has named the following persons as a Nominating Committee for officers of the Society to be elected in May for the year 1979-1980: Dolores Kayler, Kathy Allen and Sharen Linder. The books will be audited by Robert Ziegler.

SPRING MEETINGS - All meetings will be held at the usual time, the third Wednesday of the month at 8 PM in the Rennack Room of the Palatine Library. Rescheduled for March is the program that was canceled in January because of the weather.

March 21: History of Palatine High School, by Ray Mills.

April 18: Teaching in a One Room Schoolhouse, by Mary Csanadi.

May 16: Annual Meeting and History of the Palatine Fire Department.

MUSEUM PROGRESS - Our application to place the Clayson House in the National Register of Historic Places has been approved at the state level, and we are awaiting final approval from Washington. The severe weather of the ill famed winter of '79 is being blamed for our failure to move into the Museum. Marilyn Pedersen needs volunteers for the final decorating and clean-up phase. We cannot expect her to do this job alone!

MUSEUM VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS - TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH - 9 AM to 2 PM. Everyone who can possibly do so is asked to turn out. Wear old clothes and bring a box lunch. Coffee will be provided. WORK CAN BE FUN and it has to be done. With enough help we can be moved in by April first. If you have questions, call Marilyn at 358-7499.

MUSEUM NEWS SPREADS TO TEXAS - Mrs. Clo Roof Hostettler writes from there that she spent 18 years as a next door neighbor to Julius and Elsie (Wolfe) Drexler when they lived in our Museum house. She recalled their orchard of fruit trees, their garden of asparagus and strawberries and the geese, ducks and chickens they raised there. She spoke also of their many services to the community and indicated they would have been pleased to have their home restored as it was then for the community's benefit.

REMEMBER our MEMBERSHIP DRIVE! Bring a friend to the next meeting.

HELP WANTED AD: Assistant editor for small historical society newsletter. Name your own hours. No pay. Applicant can look forward to progressing rapidly to Editor. Call M.L. Regan at 359-1333.

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CLAYSON HOUSE, Home of the Palatine Historical Society, Opens Memorial Day

After three years of fund raising and restoration efforts, the Clayson House will open its doors to the public for the first time on May 28th.

The house was built in 1873 by George H. Clayson, son-in-law of Asahel Harris, one of Palatine's earliest settlers. It was sold by him, along with 8½ acres of land, to Moses D. Brown, a Chicago lawyer who had been born in Maine and graduated from Dartmouth College. Andreas, the Cook County historian, writing in 1884, told of Mr. Brown's law office on Dearborn St. in Chicago and the "fine home" that he bought in Palatine in 1881.

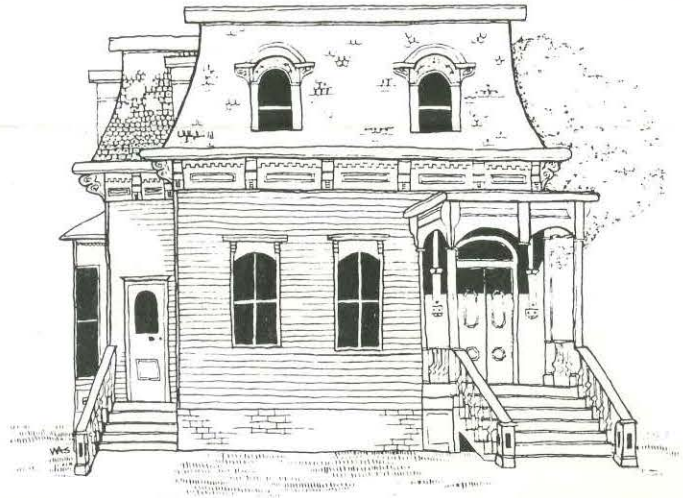
Clayson House Listed In National Register Of Historic Places

Our new home has recently been accepted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. This honor was awarded to the Clayson because it represented an important example of a town residence for a prosperous middle class family of the 1870's and reflects the culture of the community in which it was built.

The National register is the official schedule of the nation's cultural property worth preserving. It is, to quote their brochure, "a roll call of the tangible reminders of the history of the United States."

Status Of The Clayson House

This building was purchased in May of 1976 by the Palatine Public Library for the Historical Society. It is held in joint ownership with the Palatine Park District which agreed to provide utilities and maintenance. The library will eventually locate and staff a collection of local



INVITATION

*You are invited to visit the
Clayson House*

on

May 28th

after the Memorial Day Parade.

See our float for particulars.

This is not the formal opening of the museum which will take place with appropriate ceremony in the near future, possibly on July 4th.

Only the lower floor will be available for viewing. On display will be one decorated and furnished period room, the formal parlor; the Society office; and some of our collection will be on display in other rooms.

On hand to greet you will be our President Emeritus, Florence Parkhurst, restoration expert Marilyn Pedersen and other Directors.

history material in two of the upstairs rooms. The remainder of the building was turned over to the Palatine Historical Society on a long term lease basis for a nominal rent. In return, the Society agreed to raise the necessary money and accomplish the restoration of the building to its original state. The building is governed by a board of three managers -one representing our Society, one the Library, and one the Park District.

Thank You For Your Support

Hundreds of individual contributors as well as numerous civic and business organizations are responsible for our progress to date. Some are listed on an inside page; all will be suitably recorded in the museum itself.

More People And More Funds Must Still Be Found

The halfway mark in the completion of Clayson House has been reached. To accomplish the goal of total restoration we need more active Historical Society members and a great deal of money. The quality of this Museum will be directly proportional to the contributions all of you will be willing to make toward its growth and development. Membership and contribution coupons will be found inside. **We need your support.**

Newsletter Sponsors

This newsletter is being distributed to over 14,000 homes in Palatine thanks to the generosity of three local banking institutions. The printing has been funded by Winn C. Davidson of the Bank of Palatine. Funds for mailing have been provided by Willis A. Glasgow of the Palatine National Bank and Mary Ann Knapp of the Palatine Savings and Loan.

The Palatine Post Office has facilitated our distribution by permitting us to use the *Postal Patron* address, and we trust our members and friends will excuse the lack of personal labels.

Palatine Housewalk Book Ready Soon

Ray Mills and Ken Spengler have been working together to produce a book for which there has been a great demand. The working title is *Historic Palatine Housewalk* and it will contain photographs and descriptive material on a number of 100 year old houses in the Village, a map indicating their location and a suggested route for a walking tour. These books will be available soon at the Museum and other places.

McElroy Memorial Fund

Funds totaling \$1,790 have been received to date in memory of deceased member Gerald A. McElroy.

Civil War Soldiers To Be Recorded

Another small book in the planning stages will record the names of all of Palatine's Civil War soldiers. Biographical details, military records and other pertinent data will be included. Pictures of Palatine men, particularly in uniform, are wanted for this book as well as any family records that will add to our knowledge. Does any one have letters written by any of these men? Please send any material to the Society's P.O. Box number marked for the attention of M.L. Regan or simply marked "Civil War Project."



People Have Made The Difference

Without people who care a project like this cannot be accomplished. Marilyn Pedersen, Director of the Restoration, has labored longer and harder than any other person. Without Florence Parkhurst there probably would not be a Palatine Historical Society. The Museum Development Committee, under the direction of Judith Gamoran and Frank Regan, has accomplished the fund raising task as well as the listing in the National Register. They were assisted by our professional architect, Willard R. Hasbrouck. The Society's other Directors and a small group of faithful members have also given of their time and talents generously. The Palatine JC's, under the direction of Bob Duer, have been of great service.

Plaques For Hundred Year Old Houses

Ken Spengler is in charge of this money-raising project. These new plaques will be durable and attractive. If your house qualifies, contact him for pricing details and date of availability.



Funds Provided For Phase One

The Society wishes to extend their gratitude and appreciation to all who have been instrumental in the accomplishment of this goal. Funds totaling \$60,000 already expended for Phase One of the restoration include grants from Palatine Park District, Palatine Township, the Village of Palatine, Palatine Chamber of Commerce, Paddock Corporation, Arthur T. McIntosh Co., Palatine National Bank, Suburban National Bank, Ahlgrim Funeral Home, Kemmerly Real Estate and H.B. Fuller Co. In addition to hundreds of individual contributions, many organizations who have supported this project include the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and Junior Womans Clubs of Palatine; Friends of the Palatine Library; Woman's Club of Inverness; many chapters of Questers, Inc.; local PTA groups and the Palatine Recycling Center plus the N'west Central Neighborhood Assoc., the Plum Grove Garden Club and the JC Auxiliary. In addition, the Palatine Library District has advanced \$15,000 to further the restoration effort.

Phase Two Still Ahead Of Us

The opening of the museum marks our first step forward. Much is still to be done on the lower floor and everything is still to be done on the upper floor. Three original porches are still to be added to the outside of the building, at a cost of \$10,000 each. All told, we must still raise \$75,000 in additional funding. \$60,000 of this is to complete the building, but we are also in the Library District's debt for \$15,000 advanced by them to complete Phase One.

Arbor Day Museum Ceremo

The Palatine Beautification Committee celebrated Arbor Day on April 27 by planting a Zumi crab tree on the lawn of the Clayson House. This tree was recently named the official tree of Palatine, thanks to the efforts of member Geraldine Cosby.

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PALATINE 1870 to 1880



To honor the official opening of the Historical Museum of Palatine Township, let us look back on the decade of 1870-80 when George H. Clayson first built the house we are restoring.

Ulysses S. Grant was President, followed by Rutherford B. Hayes; Queen Victoria ruled Britain; the Franco-Prussian War had ended; the U.S. had begun to recover from the Civil War; the transcontinental railroad had been recently completed; Colorado was admitted as the 38th state in 1876 - the same year that Gen. Custer succumbed to the Sioux at Little Big Horn. Bell invented the telephone and Edison the phonograph; the electric lamp was becoming accepted in some areas.

They were quiet years for Palatine. Township population grew from 1,855 people in 1870 to only 1,940 in 1880. There were 383 houses in the township, 154 of which were in the Village where 700 people lived. In the heart of the village streets ran about as they do today although some had different names.

The "downtown merchants" were doing business in the same area that their successors now occupy. The Methodist Church, Immanuel Lutheran and St. Paul's Church were all serving the community in earlier buildings on approximately the same sites. The cemeteries in use today were all here then except for St. Michael's. The railroad had been transporting people in and out of Chicago since 1855. A two-story, four room frame school building occupied the site of the Joel Wood School on Wood St., and in this decade one of the upper rooms was first designated as a high school.

There were no paved roads or sidewalks, no central heating, no electricity, no gas, no telephone and little plumbing, but there was no traffic problem, no pollution and there were some amenities. Wooden sidewalks kept shoppers out of the mud; lanterns operated by a lamplighter illuminated the streets at night; and an artesian well was put in near the corner of Wood and Bothwell in 1873.

Village lots sold at \$5 to \$60 a foot and tracts outside of town cost \$75 to \$300 an acre.

Outside of the Village everything was unland, and some of the original settlers had already moved to the easier life of the village area. In town there were four doctors, three dentists, three ministers, a lawyer, two hotels, two saloons, a variety of merchants and many

craftsmen - a cabinet maker, a tinsmith, a cooper, several blacksmiths, a wagon maker, a tinner, a steam fitter, a cigar maker and a miller or two. One of the latter used a windmill for power. This structure sat on a hill on the south side of Sherman St. between Benton and Fremont.

From its very beginnings in 1835 Palatine was settled and populated almost exclusively by persons born in Vermont, New York, England and Germany. In 1850 only 12% of the population was born elsewhere than in those four places or Illinois itself. By 1880 only 6% were born in any other place. There had been a gradual shift in the make-up of the group, however. While in 1850 50% of the people in Palatine had been born in England, Vermont or New York, by 1880 they made up only 17% of the population. It was then mostly a German town. Well over half of the people in the township had either been born in Germany or were born in Illinois of two German born parents. English speaking services were held in only one (the Methodist) of the village's three churches; the other two used German.

People are what makes history interesting, and as an example of the residents of that era the names are given below of those who served as officials of the township in this period. Then, as now, both Village and Township government existed. Elected each year to serve the latter were a Supervisor, an Assessor, a Town Clerk, a Collector and one of the three Commissioners of Highways. Elected to apparently less structured terms were School Trustees, Justices of the Peace, a Poundmaster, a Constable

and a Commissioner of Canadian Thistles. (That the last named was the highest paid indicated the extent of the problem he had to deal with.)

Supervisor through most of those years were Granville Peck, who died in 1874, and Henry C. Batterman. All told, a group of 30-odd men filled most of those positions in that decade, and they were a very representative group of the population as noted above. Nine were born in Germany - Henry C. Batterman, John C. Berlin, Fred H. Harmoning, Henry Kroncke, Frederick Langhorst, Henry Luerssen, Henry Mundhenke, Ernst Prellberg and Henry Schirding. Seven were born in New York - John H. Allard, Isaac B. Edgerton, Frederick J. Filbert, Joseph T. Garrison, Nathan P. Keyes, Granville Peck and Martin Swick. Five came from Vermont - Timothy Dean, Lorenzo D. Fay, Dennis S. Morgan, Lyman Staples and George C. Whipple. Representing the "other" group in the population was Israel Smith, born in New Hampshire. Born in Illinois were John B. Elfrink, Samuel Filbert, August Kreft, John Henry Meyer, Henry W. Pahlman and Colonel Lot Whitcomb. (Note: This was Mr. Whitcomb's name, not his title, and he was one of Palatine's Civil War soldiers as were some of the others.)

Sixteen of these men lived in the Village and the others in the township.

Their most popular action may have taken on Apr. 9, 1877 when the Board of Highway Commissioners voted to levy no tax that year on either real or personal property and to get by on the proceeds of the Poll tax.

M.L. Regan, Editor

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Letter from Society President

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that two years have gone by already. I have enjoyed serving as President of the Historical Society so much, although I must confess that when I took the office I thought the job would be much harder than it was. But the help of our capable board members plus such people as Judith Gamoran, Winnie Ziegler and Marilyn Mazzenga has made the job as much fun as it is challenging.

It is gratifying to realize that while I was in office we had seventeen general meetings, all of which were very well attended, three successful Used Book Sales, several other money-making ventures, four parade entries (one of which won first prize!), and, of course, the opening of the Clayson house as our museum. I do not claim complete credit for any of these, but want it to be known that the Historical Society has been extremely active in the community these past two years, and will be even more active in the future. The Society members answer approximately ten calls or letters a week from

residents interested in the history of their own homes, people looking for genealogical information, and leaders of various youth groups who want to plan historical activities for their groups. Thanks to all of you who have served as resource people for these inquiries.

I am looking forward to being on the board as the past president, and will continue to be as active as my one-year-old Megan will allow me to be! Thank you for all of your support.

Respectfully,

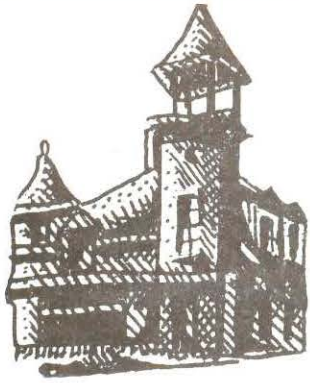
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Formal Opening Of Museum, Sunday, October 7th

THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE CLAYSON HOUSE MUSEUM, headquarters of the Palatine Township Historical Society, will be held on Sunday, October 7th, 1979. The dedication will take place on the lawn of the famous old home, located at 224 E. Palatine Road in Palatine.

The week of October 6 thru 13, 1979, has been designated as Illinois Arts Week by the Illinois Arts Council and by Gov. Thompson. The Palatine Township Historical Society and the Palatine Park District, will host a number of interesting events that promote the various arts in this area.

SEPT. PROGRAM FEATURES KAY McELROY

Our first Meeting of the season will be held on Wednesday evening, September 19th, at 8:00 P.M. As usual, this Meeting will be held in the Rennack Room of the Public Library located at 500 North Benton street in Palatine.

Kay McElroy will give a talk entitled The Lore and Legend of Long Grove, which should prove to be of interest to all of us since there has been a relationship between the two communities dating back to before the Civil War.

Kay and her husband, the late Gerald McElroy, spent years in this area and both have contributed greatly to the development of this community. She served for twenty years as the Principal of the Kensington School in Arlington Heights. She is a world traveler and has had the privilege of visiting China twice.

George McElroy, in his busy endeavors, was one of the Founding Members of the Palatine Historical Society and was one of its Past Presidents. He also served as a Member of the Palatine Library Board. He was also well known for his coaching activities at the local High School. School District 211 was greatly benefited by his efforts during his span of service that covered a period from 1931 to 1978. He also served as Superintendent during a portion of that period.

The McElroy's opened the Quail's Tale, a well known book store in Long Grove, where Kay is a Member

The following tentative events have been planned:
Sun. Oct.7 - 2:00 P.M. The formal dedication as above.
Mon. Oct.8 - A slide presentation of 'Old Palatine' will be given in the evening by Ray Mills and Florence Parkhurst. This will be held in Cutting Hall.
Tue. Oct.9 - Palatine Concert Band, Cutting Hall.
Wed. Oct 10 - Papai Players presentation for schools.
Wed. evening - Dance presentation, Cutting Hall.
Thu. Oct 11 - Palatine Church Choirs Combined Concert in Cutting Hall.
Fri. Oct 12 - High School Band Concert, Cutting Hall.
Sat. Oct.13 - Afternoon Formal Dedication of Cutting Hall as a Creative Arts Center for Palatine.
Saturday evening - Community Theatre Presentation.

The Park District will sponsor a juried Art Show during this period. The Historical Society will sponsor walking tours of old Palatine homes and they will also have various craft demonstrations such as quilting and spinning, etc.

The Park District will distribute further details in regard to the planned activities and we hope that our Society Members, and their friends, will help share and enjoy the interesting heritage of Palatine's fine community.

of the Board of the Long Grove Historical Society. Her talk should prove interesting regarding the historic lore of this legendary area.

RESTORING OF CLAYSON HOUSE CONTINUES

The faithful restoration crew keeps right on bringing the old house back to a near original state. From window to window and from wall to wall, the work is carried on whenever possible.

Willing workers, and even some reluctant ones, are still urgently needed to help with this project so that further rooms may be made to relate their story of the historic past.

Many of the visitors to Clayson House are persons who have had a previous contact with the home at an earlier period of time. These people have contributed considerable information regarding the house.

William Weide of Palatine, told how he had worked on an early remodeling project at the home. He also expressed the thought that he might be able to locate a few of the original spindles from the front porch railing if the Society so desired. His offer was immediately accepted with full gratitude! According to the reports, eight of the original spindles are in Iowa, but will be returned so that they can serve as models for further processing of similar pieces.

Lest we overlook any of our valuable workers, we hesitate to list names. However, a number of persons have given untold hours of effort and labor and we would like to mention their names. If we have overlooked anyone, it certainly is not intentional since we greatly value each and every minute of time devoted to our favorite project.

So with grateful appreciation, we are happy to list the crew that Marilyn Pedersen has whipped into a very efficient 'reconstruction unit'. Helping Chief Marilyn are, listed alphabetically:

Carol Berry	Judith Gamoran
Becky Caldwell	Cleis Jensen
Janet Degner	LaVirra Lehman
Donna Dwyer	Florence Parkhurst

BOOK SALE COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 17th & 18th To Be Held At Countryside Mall

Once again it is time to plan for our Annual Book Sale! This feature is a very important part of our fund raising activities. Of course, to make this type of event possible and successful, we need book donors and book buyers.

All types of books are needed - what you no longer holds an interest for you, may be just what someone else will find suited to their fancy. On the other hand, that other person may have your bargain find!

Books can be donated and left, after Oct. 15th, at the Clayson House, 224 E. Hicks Place, Palatine. Workers are needed for the book sale and volunteers can call Carol Hill at 991-7975.

OPENING OF CLAYSON HOUSE WELL ATTENDED!

On May 28th, the Clayson House, headquarters of the Palatine Township Historical Society, was opened to the public for the first time.

350 visitors signed the guest register as they viewed the somewhat limited restoration work completed as of that date. Undoubtedly, additional persons failed to sign due to the press of the large crowd.

JULY FOURTH A MOMENTOUS HOLIDAY FOR THE SOCIETY!

July 4th turned out to be just about our finest hours!! The Historical Society Float was beautifully designed by Becky Caldwell, with the help of many of our Members. The Float featured a theme of 'Sunday In The Park' and once again the participation of numerous Members, made the display in the parade a memorial sight. Warren Kayler took some interesting video tapes of the parade sights.

Another extremely satisfactory feature of the 4th of July activities was that the Clayson House was opened to the public for the second time. The resulting crowd was so large that the visitors had to stand in line to view the interior of the home.

A crowd estimated to be approximately 1,000 people toured the home during the period. 850 signed the register but since it was impossible to make a complete registration control, numerous visitors failed to be accurately counted.

However, from the comments expressed, all of the people complimented the efforts put into the restoration project even though it is far from being considered anywhere near complete. The living room and the dining room, as well as the kitchen were the rooms most nearly restored.

NOW GROUPS CAN TOUR CLAYSON HOUSE

Group tours of the Clayson House, located at 224 E. Palatine Road, Palatine, can now be arranged by calling the Historical Society at 991-6460 during Museum hours (10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Due to somewhat limited space, only one group can be accommodated at a time. Early arrangement is imperative as the tour calendar is filling up rapidly.

NOVEMBER MEETING TO BE WEEK EARLIER

Our regular Meeting nights are the third Wednesday of the month - however, since this would cause conflict with the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, this particular Meeting will be moved to one week earlier to the November 14th, Wednesday date. The Library is closed on Thanksgiving Eve.

CLAYSON HOUSE SHOWS VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

The Historical Society will share a Victorian Christmas with the Plum Grove Garden Club. The event will be held at the Clayson House and will display floral designs and greenery depicting a Victorian Christmas.

The dates set for the display are Dec 1st and 2nd. Ticket sales will cover the floral expense and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the Historical Society for the benefit of the Museum.

JULY BOARD MEETING APPOINTMENTS

At their July Meeting, the Board of Directors appointed Susan Gould as the Historical Society's Representative to the three Member Board of Managers of the Clayson House.

The Following Persons Have Been Named As Committee Chairpersons:

Donna Dwyer - Membership
Carol Hill - Ways and Means
Hilda Joy - Program
Gene Lehman - Publicity
Ray Mills - Housewalk Booklet and
Photograph Collection
Florence Parkhurst - Library Display
Ken Spengler - Plaques

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FRIEND OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PASSES AWAY

The entire Membership of the Palatine Township Historical Society extends their sympathy to the family of Roger Bjorvic.

As a Member of our Society, Roger gave many hours of legal service and advice to our group. The Society expresses their sincere gratitude for his efforts!

THANK YOU

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Nelson are the donors of several beautiful pieces of antique furniture. These, as well as numerous other very nice items, have been donated for the restoration effort. The Society is most grateful for this generosity which is one of the key factors for success in our efforts.

SEMINAR ON INTERPRETATION OF HISTORIC SITES

SEPTEMBER 28th thru 30th

A Statewide Conference and Seminar concerning interpretation of historic sites will be held in Springfield, Illinois, September 28th thru 30th, 1979.

Various sessions will be held at Lincoln sites such as his law office, the Old State Capitol, the Lincoln Home, New Salem and the Lincoln Depot.

The Conference covers instructions on the management of historic sites, how guides and teachers work together for best management results, etc. The speakers scheduled for the event will include Geoffrey Ward, Editor of American Heritage; Patrick Murphy, Director of Museum Education of the State of Michigan; Gerd Stern, a media specialist; Stephen Oates, a leading Lincoln biographer, etc. Numerous state organizations are cooperating in the event - details are available by writing to: Christopher Breiseth, History Program, Sangamon State University, Springfield, Illinois 62708.

MUSEUM GUIDE CHAIR-PERSON NAMED

Priscilla Oswald has been named as the Chair-person in charge of the Museum Guides. With a growing number of persons becoming interested in touring Clayson House, this factor will now have efficient planning and direction.

MAINTENANCE FUNDS RECEIVED

In July, the Park District dispersed the sum of \$10,000 to the Society for maintenance. This sum came from accumulated tax levies,

NEW MEMBERS, DONATIONS, VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

The Society Welcomes New Members! Why Not Invite Your Friends & Neighbors To Join Our Group Ventures & Adventures - Our Historic Past Enhances Our Interesting Present. Donations, Volunteers and Suggestions Are Always Welcome!

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CLAYSON HOUSE-NATIONAL LANDMARK

October 7, 1979 was an exciting and memorable day in the annals of the Palatine Historical Society. The Clayson House was formally dedicated as the Historical Museum of Palatine Township, and presented to Pres. Ann Oswald was the certificate that officially designates our home as a National Historic Site.

After an invocation by Dr. Calvin Robinson and presentation of the colors by Girl Scout Troop #405, the national anthem was sung by the Palatine High Men's Choir. Brief addresses were given by Pres. Oswald, Frank Regan of the Museum Development Comm. and architect Wilbert Hasbrouck before National Register Coordinator Jeffrey Fleming awarded the Certificate that proclaims our home a National Historic Site. Florence Parkhurst, Past President, then cut a ribbon across the front door to symbolize the opening of the Museum to the public.

It was a beautiful day - the weather, the event itself, and the large crowd who turned out to celebrate and tour the lower floor so carefully restored and decorated by loving hands. Refreshments were served on the lawn; everyone was happy; and Warren Kayler recorded it all on videotape for the benefit of posterity.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving has a double meaning for us each year. Not only is it a time to consider all that we have received in the past year, it is also a holiday we associate with our ANNUAL BOOK SALE. That will again take place the weekend before Thanksgiving. Also, this holiday causes our Nov. meeting to be a week early this year.

There are two CHRISTMAS EVENTS scheduled for December. The Plum Grove Garden Club is putting on a Christmas floral show at Clayson House Dec. 1-2, and we are having an old fashioned tree trimming party to decorate a tree for use in the library on December 9.

Full details on all of these events will be found inside.

PALATINE WALKING TOURS

Ray Mills led the first group along the path of his WALKING TOUR "A" on October 12th. This tour features homes in the Benton and Hale Sts. area.

He has now compiled the material for three tours of the downtown Palatine area and is working on a Driving Tour that will highlight the architectural and historic features of homes and buildings outside of the village area.

One tour will cover homes in the North Plum Grove to Brockway St. area, and the third will cover the south side of the village.

When presented in printed form (and they will be, eventually), these will enable an individual to make his or her own tour and appreciate the interesting features and some of the history of homes we have been driving by or living in these many years.

These booklets, in manuscript form, may be seen now at Clayson House.

ANOTHER LIFETIME MEMBER

It is a pleasure to add the name of Mrs. Clo Roof Hostettler of Beaumont, Texas to our lifetime member list.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR WORK ON THE MUSEUM ON TUESDAYS

Each Tuesday from 9 AM- 2 PM you will find Marilyn Pedersen working away at Clayson House (224 East Palatine Rd.), and she will find a job for every willing worker who can spend a few hours there on the continuing job of beautifying our new home. While the lower floor is nearing the completed stage, the whole of the second floor is still waiting. Her workers are a happy group, and they would welcome you. (Wear your old clothes.)

REVIEW OF OCTOBER PROGRAM - ANTIQUE TOOLS

On October 17 Mr. Herb Noftz of Palatine presented an unusual program that captivated a full house audience. His primary subject was handmade automotive tools of yesteryear, but included were many items used for lifting heavy objects in the moving business.

He supplemented his interesting story with a vast display of tools and equipment and even provided an exhibit of five antique vehicles which were conveniently located directly outside of the lower door of the library. Some of these were owned by his fellow members in the Lake County Automobile Association. One that got much attention was a 1936 Rolls Royce.

OUR COSTUMES TO HAVE EXPERT CARE

It is our good fortune to have among our members one who has a degree in clothing preservation. Mary Salzer has consented to take responsibility for the repair and preservation of our costumes and other textiles. It was her personal collection of antique baby clothes that was displayed on the front stairway of the Museum on Dedication Day.

PAVING BRICKS WANTED

If anyone has (or knows a source for) paving bricks that could be used for walks through the yet-to-be planted gardens of the Clayson House, please call Marilyn Pedersen at 358-7499.

RAY MILLS SPEAKS TO REALTORS

Ray Mills recently addressed a group of Baird and Warner Real Estate Co. workers on the subject of Palatine's history.

OUR ANNUAL BOOK SALE EVENT
SATURDAY, NOV. 17: 9AM-5PM
SUNDAY, NOV. 18: noon -5PM
COUNTRYSIDE PLAZA-N'WEST HWAY

This is one of our consistent money making projects, but it depends on the help of many persons. Please sign up to work a few hours at the sale; bring all the books you can live without for us to sell; and, most of all, come and buy yourself another year's supply of reading matter at bargain prices. Pass the word of this event to all your friends and neighbors.

Books may be brought to any store at Countryside, but please mark them plainly for "Palatine Hist. Soc. Booksale." If you have too many to manage, call Carol Hill at 991-7975 or Ann Oswald at 358-1537 to make arrangements for a pickup.

Call Carol also to sign up for the hours of your choice during the sale. She needs people on Thursday and Friday that week to presort books. (There will be no setting up on Friday night this year because of a conflict at the plaza.)

Hard cover books will sell for 50¢ each or 3 for \$1; paper backs will be 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.

EARLY NOVEMBER MEETING

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 14 - 8 PM

Speaking at the Library will be Marilyn Alaimo on Native Illinois Victorian Plantings. She is immediate past president of the Ill. Landscape Design Critics Council, a group that critiques landscaping for public properties.

She will present a slide program of plants that were to be found here when Clayson House was built. Remember - the second Wednesday.

"A CLAYSON HOUSE CHRISTMAS"
DECEMBER 1 and DECEMBER 2
HOURS - 1 to 5 PM EACH DAY

Our dream of a Victorian Christmas tree standing in the parlor of the Clayson House will come true this year when the Plum Grove Garden Club decorates the house as it might have been done 100 years ago.

This a Garden Club event and admission of \$1.50 will be charged. It is featured as a standard flower show in a Victorian setting, and they will be competing for awards in artistic design and horticulture. Part of the proceeds will go the Historical Society.

We urge everyone to attend and to bring your friends. It should be beautiful. Tickets will be available in advance from all of our Board members.

THANKS TO GENE LEHMAN FOR AUGUST ISSUE OF THE PALAVER

In the absence of the editor, Gene Lehman not only did the work of putting that issue together, but he also did the printing of it - and in two colors. Thanks.

INFORMAL TREE DECORATING PARTY
AT THE LIBRARY-SUNDAY, DEC. 9

We do not have a meeting on the third Wed. in December because everyone is busy at that time.

However, Program Chairwoman Hilda Joy has planned a December event you will enjoy. It will be on a Sunday afternoon 2-5 PM at the Library when a tree will be decorated in the old fashioned way. You will be involved in making decorations and tree trimming. This tree will be placed in the library for the Christmas season.

More details on this affair will be available at the November meeting.

THE PALAVER COMPLETES FOUR YEARS

From its opening issue in October of 1975 through this last issue of 1979, the Palaver has recorded four years of struggle, growth and accomplishment.

It has been used not only as a newsletter to inform you of coming events, but as a place to record as many details as possible of the eventful years that have brought our Museum to fruition. It contains a register of those who have given of their time and their talents. When space allowed, articles on various aspects of Palatine history have been included.

Looking back over these years at the number of speakers and programs we have all enjoyed, their variety is impressive.

In Oct. of 1975 the members met at Johnson St. and then proceeded to tour a house at 224 E. Palatine Rd. to judge its suitability as a home for our Society.

Since that time we have enjoyed programs on Palatine in various eras and moods, on Indian lore, early railroads, spinning, Civil War soldiers, trolley cars, herbs, genealogy, photography, oral history, the cooper's art, Illinois history, America's first ladies, the Shakers, Abraham Lincoln, post card collecting, antique clocks and telephones and tools, the Pawnee Indians, the one-room schoolhouse, the history of Palatine's high school and fire dept., the architecture of Chicago, the history of Long Grove. Twice we have enjoyed musical groups, and we have learned of the customs of earlier days.

Bound copies of the Palaver for these four exciting years will be available in the Society office.

FIRST CEMETERY TOUR HELD

Another "first" occurred on October 20th when Averty Wolfrum led a small convoy of cars on a tour of the township's six older cemeteries.

Visited were: Cady Cemetery on Ela Rd.; Deer Grove Cem. on Dundee Rd.; Stressler (or Staples, or Sayles) Cem. on Long Grove Rd.; St. John's on Algonquin; the site of Plum Grove Cem. on Sunset Dr.; and Salem Evangelical on Kirchoff and So. Plum Grove Rds.

Averty is an expert on the history of these cemeteries, and those who participated found it an interesting afternoon.

THANKS TO HARVESTFEST WORKERS

A large group of faithful members worked hard on the white elephant booth we had at the JC's Harvestfest on Sep. 8th and made several hundred dollars in the process.

For those who never found out who won raffled items, a floral Christmas tree went to Richard Fonte; Mrs. Carol Cocalis won a box of craft materials; and our Marilyn Pedersen won the afghan.

BOARD MEMBER SUFFERS FIRE LOSS

Our sympathy and support go to Ken Spengler and his family who are living temporarily in a furnished house while repairs are made to their Rohlwing Rd. home which was damaged by fire. Many of his historical memorabilia were ruined by smoke.

NEW BOARD OF MANAGERS MEMBER

Susan Gould, past president, was recently appointed by the Board of Directors to represent our Society on the Clayson House Board of Managers. She replaced Averty Wolfrum who served three years as our first representative.

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Thank you.

PATRONS-BENEFACTORS-SPONSORS

Many visitors have inquired as to the significance of the mounted lists of names in the hallway of the Clayson House entitled Patrons, Benefactors and Sponsors.

These are the people or organizations to whom we are most deeply indebted for financial support, and their names will soon be permanently inscribed on an appropriate plaque.

PATRONS have given \$1,000 or more. BENEFACTORS have donated a minimum of \$500. SPONSORS have contributed at least \$250.

It is not too late to add your name to one of these lists. If you have previously made a donation to the Museum, you may add to that gift an amount sufficient to place you as a Sponsor or go

from Sponsor to Benefactor or Patron. We will gladly check our records for you. All contributions are tax deductible and the coupon below is provided for your convenience. All gifts, both large and small, are greatly appreciated.

CLAYSON HOUSE HOURS AND TOURS

The Historical Museum of Palatine Township is open to visitors each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10AM to 2PM and Sundays 2 to 4PM.

If you have a group that wishes to see the house, we will provide a guide, but advance arrangements are necessary. Please call the Museum (991-6460) during visiting hours to schedule your group tour. We welcome both adult groups and children.

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NEW JERUSALEM SINGERS FEATURED

AN HOUR & LONG PROGRAM OF SHAPED-NOTE MUSIC AND FASOLA SINGING, KNOWN AS THE SACRED HARP MUSIC OF EARLY AMERICA, WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE NEW JERUSALEM SINGERS AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 19th.

As usual, the Meeting will be held at the Public Library, 500 N. Benton in Palatine, at 8 P.M. The presentation will be held in the Rennack Room.

Shaped-note music from Colonial America has been revived in many colleges and universities throughout the country, especially since the Bicentennial. One of the groups formed to present this almost forgotten

music of our forefathers in the New Jerusalem Singers, singing songs of testimony, joy, exhortation, sorrow and warning, and whose presentation incorporates costumes and a singing style from bygone days.

An American sacred folk music expression, Sacred Harp Music takes its name from the title of an old hymnbook by B.F. White called 'The Sacred Harp', which was the official songbook of the Southern Musical Convention in 1845. This hymnbook and others like it were used to teach music in singing schools and in country churches when the preacher was on circuit, riding from one community to another.

JILAYNE SINCLAIR GIVEN JAYCEE AWARD FOR 1979

Jilayne Sinclair, our hard working Corresponding Secretary, has received the 'Outstanding Young Woman' Award from the Palatine Jaycees.

She was nominated by our own Palatine Township Historical Society and we are very happy that she was awarded this very deserving recognition.

Jilayne is very active in many worthy efforts such as the Junior Women's Club; Girl Scouts; the Palatine Newcomer's Club; the PTA and in various church activities such as the Sunday School functions, women's activities, etc. Our congratulations!

JEWEL 'SHOP & SHARE' PROGRAM SET TO GO IN APRIL

Our Historical Society will take in a Jewel Shop and Share Program on April 28-29-30th. The Identification Certificates needed for participation in the Shop and Share Program will be available after April 5th.

Since this is a project in which all Members can readily participate, the Certificates will be distributed to every Member. It would certainly be in the interest of our Society to see that all friends of all Members be given a supply of the Certificates.

This excellent and easy money making project gives the Society 5% of the total purchase, excluding tax and Osco purchases, upon presentation of your receipt with the Certificate.

MARY LOUISE REGAN RESIGNS AS EDITOR OF THE PALATINE PALAVER.

After serving faithfully for many years, Mary Louise Regan has asked to be relieved of her duty as the Editor of the Palatine Palaver.

When a competent job is being done, we often take for granted the very fine results that have become the rule rather than the exception. Lest this be the instance in her retirement from the Editorship of the Palaver, the entire Membership wishes to express their most sincere thanks for her valiant efforts in producing, editing, laying out and composing these pages.

For a job well done on these pages and in many other facets of our organization where your efforts have been beneficial, a very hearty THANK YOU!

GIRL SCOUTS MAKE DONATION

At our February 20th Meeting, Girl Scout Troop 873 and their Palatine Community Chairman, Mrs. Armela Kohlhass, presented a check for \$75.00 to our Society.

This money will be used to initiate a project for the taping of oral history of this area.

The girls of this Troop, earned this donation by working many long hours at the recycling center. The Society expresses a sincere thanks for this fine expression of interest and help in the start of this project.

ANOTHER MUSEUM GUIDE TRAINING PROGRAM PLANNED

Late in February, the first group of Museum Guides attended a special training session. Still another training session will be held for all persons interested in becoming a Guide at our Museum. Any help in this project in making our Museum Tours of greater interest to our visitors would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in becoming a Guide should contact Mrs. Priscilla Oswald at 359-0102.

'DID YOU KNOW' FACTS OF PALATINE PAST HISTORY?

That the Clayson House is one of only twenty three homes in Palatine that is over 100 years old?

That the ground on which the Clayson House stands was transferred to a private party in 1848? Do you know the name of the first owner of this property?

That the property had two previous owners before being sold to George Clayson - just in case you can't come up with the answers as quick as a wink, we certainly don't want to keep you awake tonight racking your brain, we have put the ownership progression at the end of this story.*

That the land was once used for an orchard and a grape arbor?

That the Clayson House is the only house with this type of design in the Palatine area - it shows Victorian, Italian and Greek influences.

PLAQUE MATERIAL LOST IN FIRE-PLEASE READ & RESPOND

The program endeavoring to supply plaques for Palatine's one hundred year old homes, has been delayed.

The delay has been brought about by a fire in the home of Ken Spengler in September. All the correspondence and records which had been gathered were destroyed.

If anyone that had contributed material, or has been in touch with Ken on this program, would once again contact him, it would be most appreciated - please write or call.

We are also looking for anyone having woodworking and/or artistic ability to construct the plaques. If anyone can help out, please write the Palatine Historical Society, P.O. Box 134, Palatine, IL. 60067, or call the Museum at 991-6460.

ATTORNEY DONATES SERVICE

Mr. Jack Davis, local attorney, has generously offered his legal advise in our various Society activites. The Society is extremely grateful to Mr. Davis for this gesture.

BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO OUR NEXT MEETING!

*Just in case you haven't come up with the ownership of the Clayson House, it was as follows: From the U.S. Government to a Denzel Robinson who then sold to a Palmer Webster, who then passed it on to George Clayson. Now, you can rest easy tonight!

The following cover letter, attached to a financial report, was presented to the Palatine Park Board at their January Board Meeting. I would like to share this report with the members of the Society.

Dear Members:

The Constitution of the Palatine Historical Society states that our major function will be to discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area and provide for the preservation and dissemination of historical information, especially the history of Palatine. During this past year, many members have worked hard to fulfill this function.

The progress of the restoration has enabled the Board of Directors with the help of many members to host four successful open houses this year. About 500 people toured the Clayson House at our first open house on Memorial Day. After entering a well-designed float in the Palatine Fourth of July parade, we greeted 900 people at the Clayson House. The official dedication of the Clayson House on October 7, entered the House on the National Register of Historic Places, because it exemplified the lifestyle of an upper middle class Midwestern family. Again we greeted about 300 guests. On December 1 and 2, the Plum Grove Garden Club presented 'A Clayson House Christmas' which attracted 300 guests.

The dissemination of historical information keeps our historian and other members very busy. For example, this past week, talks and tours were presented to the Salt Creek Quester Group on January 15, a Cub Scout troop on January 16, the Americana Hunters Quester Group on January 17, and individuals on Sunday. A course at Harper College currently requires Palatine History, so we have been cooperating with these students. This week two Girl Scout troops will fulfill a badge by visiting the museum. The society maintains an educational case at the Palatine Library. Mr. Ray Mills has spent months organizing and conducting historical and architectural walking tours of Palatine. Other members are working on other projects, including the collecting and preserving of historical materials.

The restoration of the Clayson House has generated public interest in restoring older homes in Palatine. These homeowners frequently visit the Clayson House for help in their own restoration efforts.

The financial contributions from corporations, businesses, civic groups, fraternal organizations, governmental agencies, and individuals have contributed to the realization of a museum and historical library for Palatine Township. Thirty volunteers have given about \$15,000 worth of physical labor to the museum. This labor includes stripping woodwork, painting, papering, sewing, refinishing furniture, and some carpenter work. Most furnishings have been donated, but due to the increased cost of antiques, it has taken time and travel to complete the furnishing needs.

We are in the beginning stages of operating a museum with many little problems remaining to be solved and with much restoration to be completed. The continued public interest in Palatine history and the restoration of the Clayson House, has given us the momentum to complete the task. We are able to fulfill the function of the Palatine Historical Society, because of the involvement of many people.

Sincerely yours, Ann L. Oswald, President

RESTORATION OF CLAYSON HOUSE PROGRESSING UNDER INDUSTRIOUS PROGRESSORS

As all Members of the Palatine Township Historical Society very well know, the Clayson House is one of our most interesting projects.

Marilyn Pedersen and her stalwart crew are scraping, hammering, scrubbing, painting and arranging hour after hour. Their efforts are not in vain and the Clayson House is simply bursting with justified pride.

The downstairs has taken on the look of its glorified past and is a real delight to all of us that so dearly love the lore of the days so long gone by.

The upstairs is still somewhat confined to its labor pains. However, the fruit of those pains will

start taking shape before long and even George Clayson, may his soul rest in peace, his family and all of the other previous occupants, would be proud of our efficient crew of renovating re-erectors. It seems their talents are almost boundless and what one of these engineers of antiquity can't think of some other readily fills the gap.

If anyone, or their friends, have not taken the time to visit this interesting old landmark, theirs is the greater loss!

Group Tours of the Clayson House can be arranged by calling the Historical Society Headquarters at 991-6460. Clayson House is located at 224 East Palatine Road in Palatine.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THE TOWN OF PLUM GROVE?

When the first train of the C. & N. W. R. R. sped across our plains, the beautiful little town of Palatine was not yet in existence; it was then Palatine station.

Nearby, about three miles southwest of Palatine station, was a little country town called Plum Grove. In this little village was a cheese factory, a country store, and a few other places that were found in the small towns of that period.

With the passing of the years, the draw of the railroad serving

the Palatine station drew people in that direction and homes began to be erected thereabout. This movement signaled the end of the town of Plum Grove, Ill.

(The above data was gleaned a booklet printed in 1921 with a history of The German United Evangelical St. Paul's Church. On the cover of the book, was the designation of the history of the Church for the years 1871 to 1921 - if anyone would have additional historical data on this now, non-existent town, your Editors would appreciate any data available)

HISTORY OF ROLLING MEADOWS BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

A brand new book on the history of Rolling Meadows and surrounding areas, is now available at the Rolling Meadows Public Library. The cost of the book is \$8.50 per copy if picked up at the R.M. Library. It can be ordered by mail but an additional \$1.25 is requested for postage and handling.

The book was written by Esther Perica, Librarian at Rolling Meadows High School. She started her research in 1975 and developed an interesting and educational book. Esther has written a previous book on Newspaper Indexing and has had articles published in various Library journals.

NEXT BOARD MEETING APR. 7

The next regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Monday, April 7th. It will be held at the Clayson House Headquarters.

EXCELLENT PROGRAM PRESENTED AT LAST MEETING

Ray Mills, ably assisted by Florence Parkhurst, presented a very interesting program at our last meeting.

Some interesting, new slides recalling early Palatine Township history, were shown to a nice turnout of Members and friends.

LIBRARY DISPLAY OF OLD WEDDING PICTURES BEING FEATURED CURRENTLY

Various old wedding pictures from the past are currently being shown in the Historical Showcase in the Palatine Public Library, 500 N. Benton street in Palatine.

These Displays, which change periodically, are arranged by Florence Parkhurst. The Showcase is located near the center stairway in the Library.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED

The Nominating Committee for upcoming election have been named as follows:

Maybelle Kincaid
Kathleen Pitelka
George smith

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN MAKING THE PALAVER THE BEST HISTORICAL NEWSLETTER

We need YOUR help - if you have any tidbits of interest to our group, please do send it in or drop in the mail box at 228 E. Hicks Place, Palatine. Any old photos, bits of history, clippings from old newspapers, etc., etc., will be most appreciated! With your help, we can unravel and preserve our local heritage!

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THIS ISSUE OF PALAVER IS YOUR NOTICE FOR MAY 21 MEETING

(PRESIDENT'S LETTER ANNOUNCING THE ANNUAL MEETING)

DEAR MEMBERS - The Palatine Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on the third Wednesday of May - May 21st at 8:00 P.M., at the Palatine Public Library, as required by our constitution.

The Election of Officers will take place at this Annual Meeting. The nominating committee has nominated the following slate for 1980-81:

President ----- Ann Oswald	Corr. Sec. ----- Jilayne Sinclair
1st Vice Pres. - William Gilpin	Treasurer ----- Marilyn Pedersen
2nd Vice Pres. - Donna Dwyer	Director (3 yrs)- Ray Mills
Rec. Sec. ----- Cleis Jensen	

Other nominations may be presented from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

The program will be video tapes highlighting activities of the Society during the year. If you missed the tremendous Fourth of July parade or the exciting dedication of the Clayson House, you can recapture those moments with us. Warren Kayler has recorded these moments of history on video tapes for us.

The opening of the Clayson House was the highlight of the activities of the Palatine Historical Society during the past year. We have continued to serve the community by sharing our historical resources through the Clayson House tours, various programs and projects, slide presentations, our quarterly Newsletters, and by answering numerous individual requests for geneology, Palatine history and restoration information.

We are very grateful to the many, many people who have given time and money to further the projects of the Society this year. With your continued support and involvement we will be able to add new dimensions to our projects.

We are looking forward to another fulfilling and rewarding year for the Palatine Historical Society.

Respectfully,
Ann Oswald, President

SPRING SPRUCE UP - MAY 24th

Just like Grandma used to do, we are going to have a Spring Cleaning at the Clayson House on Saturday, May 24th from 9 to 3.

You can have your choice of the jobs - window washing; raking; (bring rake); carpentering (bring hammer); etc. You name it, we will have a job for you! It would be of great help if you would bring rags, buckets, etc.

Please come early and take your pick - your help is really needed!

SHOWCASE AT LIBRARY NOW FEATURING FIRE DEPT. ITEMS

The Historical Society maintains a snowcase at the Palatine Public Library that displays various memorabilia. The current display features items from the Palatine Fire Department. These interesting displays are arranged by Florence Parkhurst.

SHOULDER BAGS - SCARFS - APRONS RECEIVING EXCEL- LENT RECEPTION. SEE CENT- FOLD FOR ORDER BLANK AND PERTINENT COLOR DETAILS

According to latest reports, the demand for the shoulder bags, scarfs and aprons is still very active. These make very attractive gifts for most any occasion and for any friend.

Any name desired can be placed on any of the items, so if you want one or two or three of the items for yourself and several for your friends, place your order now for earliest delivery. Your

CALDWELLS MOVING TO CALIF.

We are very sorry to report that our Society is going to lose Becky and Colin Caldwell, who are moving to California.

Becky has been very active in the restoration of the Clayson House. Her artistic and delightful musical instrument exhibit on the front staircase for the Memorial Day opening, will never be forgotten.

The Caldwell's efforts in the woodworking from the restoring to the graining, cannot be duplicated! Likewise, their help in outfitting the 4th of July float, which was a Becky original, will long be treasured. Becky's floral designs made Harvestfest a financial success.

Becky and Colin have given so much of themselves to the Historical Society, that we can never thank them enough. Our loss is California's gain - we wish you the best in restoring Sacramento!

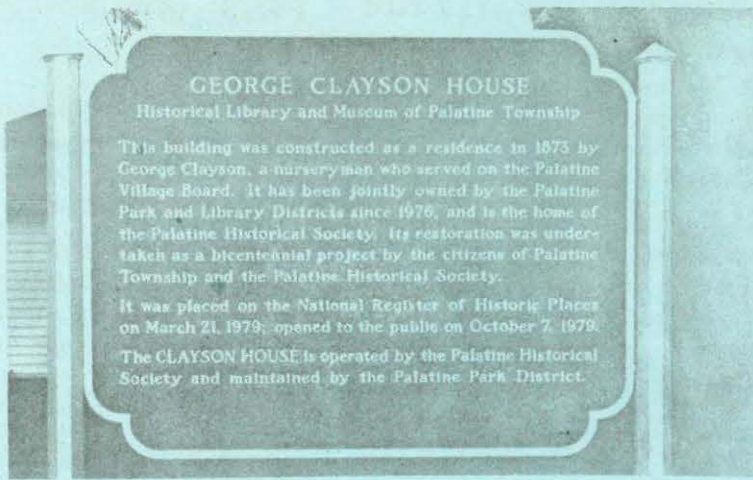
JULY 4th VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Fourth of July Float Committee is now being formed and volunteers are needed. The Historical Society Float will take part in the Palatine Parade as well as the parade in Rolling Meadows, which will celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

Please contact the President if you can help with the event.

contribution, as listed on the order blank, is tax deductible!

If you would have any questions, please call 358-7499 or 359-4897 or 358-9580.



GEORGE CLAYSON HOUSE

Historical Library and Museum of Palatine Township

This building was constructed as a residence in 1873 by George Clayson, a nurseryman who served on the Palatine Village Board. It has been jointly owned by the Palatine Park and Library Districts since 1978, and is the home of the Palatine Historical Society. Its restoration was undertaken as a bicentennial project by the citizens of Palatine Township and the Palatine Historical Society.

It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 21, 1979; opened to the public on October 7, 1979.

The CLAYSON HOUSE is operated by the Palatine Historical Society and maintained by the Palatine Park District.

Pictured above is one of the latest additions to the restoration project of the Clayson House. The beautifully constructed sign gives a brief history of the house and was installed by the Palatine Park District.

ROTARY CLUB DONATES TREE

The Rotary Club donated a Bartlett Pear tree for the yard of the Clayson House. The planting of the tree, in conjunction with the Palatine Park District, was done on Arbor Day.

Roger Algrim, Rotary President, Richard Baier and Chuck Oswald, witnessed the planting as representatives of the Rotary.

Gary Nissen and Rob Wessberg were the Park District representatives and supervised the planting.

Sue Gould and Ray Mills served as the Historical Society welcoming Committee for the group that witnessed the planting.

Olaf Schneider and Bob Duer of the Rotary Club, handled the fund raising details for the event.

The Historical Society expresses their sincere thanks for the generous contribution in the restoration efforts of the Clayson House.

RESTORATION CREW PERSPIRING DUTIFULLY, STEADILY

Marilyn Pedersen and her creditable crew are whipping the Clayson House into a veritable work of art.

This group of stalwarts steadily scrape; wash; cut; saw; sweep; sweat and sometimes swear! But with their determination, they don't let the groan of their bones blot out the creak of the venerable old boards on which they are vending their ambitions.

Right on, fellow workers - need any band-aids, see the Editor.

MUSEUM OPEN SUNDAYS 2 TO 4

Many of our Members and friends have taken the time to attend a training session for Museum Guides conducted by Priscilla Oswald.

The Historical Society greatly appreciates the time and effort that these volunteers give on behalf of the Museum on Sunday afternoons and for the special guided tours for the various groups.

FLAGPOLE TO BE DEDICATED

On May 26th, at 1:30 P.M., the American Legion will dedicate their gift of a flagpole, in a special ceremony at the Clayson House Museum. Following the ceremony the Museum will be open until 5:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to help celebrate this special Memorial Day ceremony. The entire Membership wishes to express their gratitude for the gift and the time and effort in the installation.

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT MAY 25

You are invited to come and see how things were during the life of the Civil War Soldiers, at a reenactment of a Civil War Encampment. The event will take place on May 25th, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., and will take place in the Palatine Park.

David St. John and various other Civil War Club Members will take part in the activities. Members of this group took part in an interesting program, demonstrating a comparison of the life style of the Union and Confederate soldiers.

FIRST SETTLERS CAME TO HIGHLAND GROVE IN 1842

The area formerly known as Highland Grove, lies in the general community of where Algonquin and Quentin Roads intersect.

According to accounts kept of the area, the first settlers came to make their homes in 1842. One of the original homes built was built by the Dierkers in the early 1840s.

The location of this home was west of the present location of Little City on Algonquin Road. It was also known as the Wickcliffe House that featured a store, post office and a tavern. A Mr. Gustavus Southworth was appointed the first postmaster in the year of 1842. The people from the surrounding area for many miles came to this post office to pick up their mail. This continued until another post office was established near Hicks Road and Dundee Road, on the Mason Sutherland's farm.

The tavern in the building was of interest to the travelers going from the Chicago area to the northwest area of Woodstock, etc. In the rear of the tavern was a general store.

A man by the name of Morgan Johnson came to the Highland Grove area and purchased the building and kept it in his possession until in the early 1860s.

As the area grew, one Cuthbert Richmond built a creamery which was located to the west of the Johnson property. This lasted until sometime into the 1870s.

about 1846, The Kent House came into being. It was built by a man by the name of Bradford Kent. This Inn also had a tavern. It was also a welcome stage stop for the travelers using this early route.

This parcel was purchased by a Daniel Bergman, Sr., in the early 1880s and one of his sons still lives in the farm house that was built in 1880.

The Highland Grove School was located near the Bergman property but across Algonquin Road to the south. This proved to be the last remaining one room school in this general area. It was no longer being used after 1958 and was lost in a fire later.

Near the Southwest corner of Algonquin and Roselle Roads, directly southwest of the Harper College location, the St. John's Church and Cemetery came into being in the year of 1848. The land on which the Church was built, was given by Morgan Johnson who owned the land in that area.

The Cemetery is located to the east of the Church building and some of the original gravestones are still readable, some in German.

A second church building was erected in 1876 but it lasted only nine years before it was destroyed by fire. A building almost identical was then built and this is the very well kept building that so proudly proclaims its historic past.

A school building was also a part of the church organization but the original structure was

lost by fire in the early 1880s. A new school was then erected but it was then closed when the classes were moved to 215 South Brockway in Palatine.

A store was built across the road from the church property in the late 1840s or the early 1850s. It was known as the Diekman store.

In the 1850s and the 1860s, the railroad started operation through the Palatine area. The lure of this mode of transportation proved extremely attractive and numerous families left the Highland Grove area to settle in the growing town of Palatine. However, it is interesting to note that Harper College, with its approximately 25,000 students, creates more activity in a single day than did the entire area of Highland Grove in many years. What would the early settlers, now resting in the St. John's Cemetery, say if they could see the brick and mortared surrounding today?

In other stories, we will endeavor to cover various other interesting sections of our past heritage. If you have any interesting tidbits, they would be greatly appreciated. Any clippings, etc., can be dropped off at 228 E. Hicks Place, Palatine - your input into our Historical Society is much appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT
THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE
OF THE MAY 21st MEETING
THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE!
(No postcards will be sent)

WILLIAM SCHERING WAS OLDEST BLACKSMITH IN STATE

(The following story is copied from a clipping from July 7, 1955 in the archives of the Historical Society)

William E. Schering, who passed away June 13 at his home on Slade street, was probably the oldest active blacksmith in Illinois when he retired in 1953 at 85.

Mr. Schering was born near Mecklenburg, Germany in 1881 and he arrived in Palatine in 1881, serving his apprenticeship at the shop of Fred Harz, working in Chicago and in the blacksmith shop of John Toggler before building his own shop in 1895.

The Schering shop did most of the horseshoeing for the Cook county fair race meetings, as well as the shoeing for the farmers and the village 'carriage' trade. Mr. Schering recalled in an interview a few years ago that they averaged 58 shoes a day with the best day hitting 108. They got 20 cents a shoe for the ordinary trade, but the owners of the fast trotting horses usually paid a lot more because of the exactness and precision required in their fitting.

The Scherings also made wagons. Christ Schering, father of Bill, had a wagon shop and the farmers liked their wagons better than the factory built ones. Stud baker was their toughest competitor.

SUNNYCROFT HATCHERY DESTROYED BY FIRE

(The following is a reprint from a news clipping published on July 24th, 1925)(Historical Society archives)

Sunnycroft Hatchery at the west end of the village of Palatine was burned to the ground Sunday afternoon with a loss of \$50,000.

The cause of the fire is unknown but it started in the upper part of the building and when discovered by Mrs. Paltz, great quantities of smoke was pouring from the automatic ventilators. She was in the yard at the time. Mr. Paltz, who had been working on the ground floor, investigated and found only a lot of smoke in the attic. Palatine fire department answered the call at once and in order to safe guard adjoining buildings asked Arlington help. There is only a four inch water main serving that section of town and the water pressure was therefore low.

Loss of the building, supplies and equipment was heavy.

A huge crowd was attracted to the fire from all over this territory as the smoke could be seen for miles and the fact that the Arlington department had been called brought many people from that neighborhood.

CLASSIFIED AD DEPARTMENT

A coin representing some fraternal organization was found at the February general Meeting. Call 358-1537 for information.

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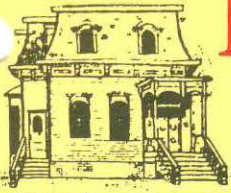
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PALATINE, ILLINOIS

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Next Meeting Sept. 17th - 8 P M

AT THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF THE CURRENT SEASON, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, MRS. JUDITH BROWN OF PALATINE, WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM ON 'Medieval History Thru Brass Tombstone Rubbings'. The Meeting will be held in the Rennack Room of the Palatine Public Library, 500 North Benton street in Palatine. 8:00 P.M. is Meeting time - please come!

Mrs. Brown has some fascinating stories of her trips to faraway villages and obscure gravesites during her four and one-half year stay in England. Mrs. Brown has found that her brass rubbings are much more interesting because of the family and background history she has researched on each rubbing. She will also display a few of her 300 rubbings and will demonstrate the process of producing a brass rubbing. A Durham, N. C. Art Gallery is selling some of Mrs. Brown's rubbings. Mrs. Brown also presents her lectures at the local schools. Bring a friend and come.



Our Float, ready to float in July 4th Parade



Ray Mills, Florence Parkhurst & Friends



Pres. Ann Oswald
in July 4th array

THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE was once again a real dandy and the Float and our 'floaters' made it even more dandy! We have tried to capture a few scenes as shown but certainly the video tapes taken by Warren Kayler will prove more interesting when shown.

Our Float had the honor of winning First Award for the Best of Theme - the theme being, American and Proud - 125 Years of Palatine History, 1855 to 1980. The interesting old costumes enhanced the theme beautifully - lest we overlook any of the individuals involved in making the event a success, we will just issue a blanket and BIG THANK YOU to EVERYONE!!!

KIWANIS SET UP HISTORICAL FUND FOR SOCIETY

The Palatine Kiwanis Club has created a special fund for the Palatine Historical Society in memory of former Village Trustee, Fred H. Zajonc. The Kiwanis Club also made the first contribution to this fund in amount of \$500.00.

In establishing the Memorial Fund, the Kiwanis Club hopes to raise money for further restoration and development of the Clayson House, a 19th century home which houses the Historical Society. The Fund was set up in Zajonc's name because of his active involvement in the village, said Bruce L. Blanck, chairman of the Memorial Committee.

Beside being a Past President of the Kiwanis Club, Zajonc helped organize the Clayson House restoration project in 1976. He was also active in events for Palatine High School and the Buehler YMCA.

Tax deductible contributions can be made payable to the Palatine Museum Development Fund, P.O. Box 134, Palatine, IL. 60067, Blanck said, or by calling 358-4344. (Reprinted from *Countryside Newspapers, Barrington, Illinois*).

MORE SPECIAL THANK YOUs

We wish to express special thanks to Hilda Joy for organizing our programs during the past year.

Likewise, Carol Hill gets our plaudits for her ways and means projects. Thanks to both!

ONE HUNDRED YEAR PLAQUES AVAILABLE FROM HIST. SOCIETY

The Palatine Township Historical Society is now providing plaques to identify Palatine Township's One Hundred-Year-Old Houses.

These Plaques are hand-painted and are large enough to be easily visible from the street. Each Plaque will cost \$35.00.

The Society would like a copy of any documents verifying the age of the building. Palatine Township residents that are interested in obtaining one of these interesting Plaques may contact the Palatine Township Historical Society, P.O. Box 134, Palatine, Illinois 60067 or call Ken Spengler at 358-3058.

The first Plaque has been placed on the Clayson House and it can be viewed on the house located at 224 E. Palatine Road, Palatine. The second Plaque has been placed on the home of Kay and Bob Kopecky on their Wilson street location.

PURSE SALES SAILING!

We wish to express a special thanks to Meg Ahlgrim for supervising the sales of the purses.

Also in line for a real thank you, is the Palatine Savings and Loan for letting us use their facilities as a central location for the sale of these purses.

We also very much appreciate the time and effort that Judith Gamoran has given to this very successful, money-making project.....If you want further information about these fine purses, call Meg Ahlgrim at 359-8633 or stop in at the Palatine Savings and Loan.

50 JUNIOR HIGH TEACHERS TAKE CLAYSON HOUSE TOUR

As a part of their orientation course, 50 Junior High School teachers from District 15, were given a tour of the Clayson House Museum. Comments were favorable and the tour was an enjoyable event for the teachers.

THE BEAUTIFUL PURSES ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

They make excellent gifts and with the Christmas Season approaching, why not take advantage of a good thing at a reasonable price!

Only \$13 each -- Call Meg Ahlgrim at 359-8633

YOUNGSTERS NOW BRINGING PARENTS TO MUSEUM

The Museum Guides report that it has been gratifying to them to see some of the children who have been involved in group tours, return to the Clayson House accompanied by their parents.

The parents have expressed a related interest due to the motivation of the talks and the tours - why not encourage an interesting tour by mentioning it to some groups in your neighborhood?

**PROGRESS REPORT OF THE
CLAYSON HOUSE TUESDAY
TOILERS.**

It is always a pleasure to report on the progress of the Tuesday Toilers. The fame of Toilers has spread far and wide, but just in case you do not know of the effacinate efforts of this lovely group, they are the courageous crew of feminine pulchritude that is restoring the Clayson House.

These constant carpenters now report that the upstairs plastering has been finished. The Library Room, upstairs, now boasts some beautifully grained woodwork. The front bedroom has been undercoated and is ready for graining. Other sections are stripped and awaiting further improvement.

The bannister railing leading upstairs is now replaced and looks great! The entrance on the rear of the house has been insulated and plastered.

The Tuesday Toilers certainly deserve a pat on their sore backs for tenaciously toiling tirelessly trying to transfer today toward times transcending many yesterdays. Anyway, even with somewhat impossible english, we're just trying to say **THANK YOU!**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN
THIS ELITE GROUP OF TUES-
DAY TOILERS, PLEASE DO
JOIN THEM ANY TUESDAY -
YOU ARE NEEDED!!!**

**HOSTESS CHAIRMAN HARRIET
FOSTER EXPRESSES THANKS!**

Our efficient Hostess Chairman, Harriet Foster, wishes to express a special 'thanks' to all of the people that have provided the delicious refreshments that were served at our Meetings.

Ruth Cunningham, Ginny and Lucy Falk, Lucene Pennington, Jan Degner, Florence Schroeder and LaVerne Ericksen all provided the dandy, completely calorie-free goodies -

Editor's note: And here's a glad hand to you, Harriet, for Chairing the Goodie Committee - thank you!

**WALLY DEGNER AND HIS
ANTIQUE CAR BRIGHTEN
ROLLING MEADOWS PARADE**

Wally Degner and his antique *Rolls Canardly were a bright spot in the Rolling Meadows Fourth of July Parade.

One spectator asked Wally why his car was named a Rolls Canardly.* He said he never heard of that name before.

Wally replied, 'Well, it rolls down one hill very easily but canardly get up the next one!'

Only kidding, Wally, we understand that you had to help push that float ahead of *you* with your Rolls.

**INVITE A FRIEND TO ATTEND
OUR NEXT MEETING - THEN
INVITE THEM TO JOIN OUR
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

**STATE SUPREME COURT
DECIDES 1887 CASE FOR
VILLAGE OF PALATINE**

Way back in 1887 the town of Palatine made history when its name appeared on the docket of the State Supreme Court in an appealed case.

The case concerned an incident in which someone helped himself to eleven loads of gravel from a street which Palatine had improved by the addition of said gravel.

It seems a John Ketson owned some land along Smith street and contended he owned the land to the middle of the street.

Ketson gave permission to a Fred Krueger to take the eleven loads of gravel from the street on the side which he considered he owned. That started a series of lawsuits.

The Criminal Court held for the village but the case was appealed to the Appellate Court where the decision was reversed. The village then appealed to the Supreme Court.

There the Court held for the village, stating that a street is the property of the municipality. Attorneys for the appellant were Williamson and Cutting and for the appellee E. A. Sherburne. (From a clipping from the files of the Historical Society).

FUTURE PROGRAM NOTES

The program for our October Meeting is not fully scheduled and will be announced later.

The November Meeting will feature Rabbi Hillel Gamoran who will present a talk on Ancient Jewish Coins. Rabbi Gamoran will also display some coins and relate some of the background history.

SOCIETY DISPLAY NOW FEATURES OLD HATS

The Historical Society's Display in the Palatine Library is now featuring Old Hats.

Thanks to the efforts of Florence Parkhurst and Ray Mills, an excellent display of top hats, firemen's hats, the famous old derby, bonnets, baby hats or caps, policemen's hats, World War helmets, etc., etc.

The exhibit is well worthwhile and can be viewed during Library hours.

**NEW HOSTESS CHAIRMEN
NAMED FOR COMING YEAR**

Betty and Jack Hubbard will be the Hostess Chairmen for the coming year's activity.

They would be very happy to hear from you if you would like to serve refreshments at one of our Meetings -- just call 397-4377 for arrangements.

CLASSIFIED AD DEPT. -- Volunteer Workers Wanted.
Equal Opportunity - We give you the opportunity to work equally as hard as anyone else! All pay rates are the same - Starting pay is zero but we guarantee a 25% raise after 5 years. Apply any Tuesday at the Clayson House -



JOEL WOOD

*(Really Ray Mills in
July 4th costume)*

HISTORY OF JOEL WOOD

(Founder of Palatine, Ill.)

JOEL WOOD was the son of Samuel and Huldah (Cole) Wood and was born in Smithfield, Pennsylvania on December 10, 1810. He was married to Hannah Rockwell on August 10, 1834. She was the daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Cranteer) Rockwell and was born on April 23, 1814 in Canton. She died on May 23, 1857.

Joel Wood was considered the most noted personage in the book *Genealogy of William Wood Family* and in 1901 was the oldest living representative of the William Wood Clan. He also had the distinction of having been the first person named Wood, who was born in the town of East Smithfield.

He grew to manhood on the family homestead. As a boy he stated that the 'sugar bush' was his delight as well as a considerable source of revenue for the family. He also remembered the bear stories and how unsafe it was for the children to go to school alone for fear of the bears as well as other wild animals. He also recalled stories about the singing school, apple-paring bees and the corn husking frolics, which were the popular amusements of the children in those days. After his marriage at the age of 24, he settled first on a piece of wild land in Troy township, where he built a home. Not satisfied however, the couple soon sold it and bought a more improved farm near Alton, in 1835.

In the month of May, he met with an accident, splitting his foot which laid him up for some time. They remained on this farm with little financial success, except the cultivation of six fine boys. In 1846, they sold the farm, and in the company of John E. Hale and his family, started westward, traveling overland in wagons. They journeyed on till they came to a very promising spot on the prairie about 25 miles northwest of Chicago, Illinois, in Cook County, where they settled in the uncultivated, unbroken land.

Joel Wood bought a quarter section, which is 80 acres, of government prairie at \$1.25 per acre. The first year he worked an adjoining farm then somewhat improved, on shares, from which enough was secured to keep the wolf from the door, while breaking his own prairie land. The next year, Wood raised a crop of wheat, and cut it with the first McCormick reaper ever used in Cook County and his first crop was the first for the reaper. In the meantime, he had built a primitive cabin on their soil and was correspondingly happy with the results. A short time later, the family added forty more acres of prairie.

In 1850, a railroad to be called the 'Illinois-Wisconsin' was surveyed across the farm, but it was never actually constructed. Instead, it was reorganized as the Chicago and Northwestern, and in 1852, grading was started. In 1853 Wood got the contract of constructing 4000 yards of embankment at 10¢ per yard. This work enabled him to clear his place from debt, and in the fall, after completing it he returned to the east, with his wife, for a short visit.

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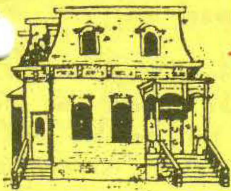
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VOLUME 5, NO. 4

PALATINE, ILLINOIS

NOVEMBER, 1980

NEXT MEETING NOV. 19th - 8 P. M.

COINS FROM BIBLE TIMES will be the topic of the program at our next Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, November 19th. Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Hillel Gamoran and his talk is entitled Ancient Jewish Coins.

The Meeting, as usual, will be held at the Public Library 500 North Benton street in Palatine at 8:00 P.M., in the Renack Room.

Rabbi Gamoran will display his collection of coins, which are all approximately two thousand years old. He will also give an interesting explanation as to how the ancient coins were made and will explain the various inscriptions and images. He will also explain how they serve

as a source for understanding the history of the Bible times.

Rabbi Gamoran is the spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah Congregation in Hoffman Estates. His wife Judith, has been active in the Historical Society for a number of years - the Gamorans have been living in Palatine for the past sixteen years.

Why not make plans now to attend this interesting lecture and invite a friend or neighbor also.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT -

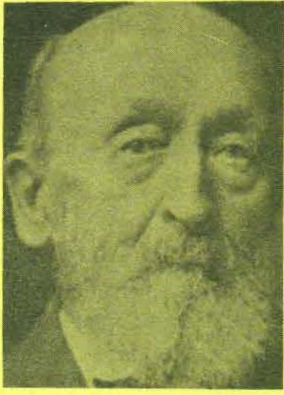
Dear Members - November is the time to renew your Membership in the Palatine Township Historical Society. Our Society has grown because of your generous support over the last four years. However, to continue the restoration of the Clayson House; to establish educational programs and displays for the public; and to continue our current projects, we need your support as an active Member, thru donations of time and service as well as money.

The Members of the Board of Directors try to acquaint themselves with the Membership, so we can involve many people in our events and projects. Often we overlook some very talented Members whose acquaintance we have not made. Please introduce yourself to us and tell us where you would like to serve as an active Member of the Society.

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HISTORY OF JOEL WOOD - Founder of Palatine

(Continued from last issue of the Palaver)



JOEL WOOD at age 90

Returning from the east, Wood bought another 80 acres of land along the railroad line and sought to have a station built on this tract. In 1853, at a cost of \$2000.00, the station building became a reality. He then surveyed, platted and recorded the Village of Palatine.

He built a depot, for which he was paid \$1000. He also built a store for rental purposes. Wood then donated two acres to the town of Palatine for a cemetery known as Hillside on the north side of town. Ironically, his wife was the first person buried in the new cemetery. Wood also donated two lots to the Methodist Episcopal Society for a church and parsonage.

Beside that he contributed a large lot for a school house site on which the Joel Wood School now stands. Four lots were also given to the Christian Church for a church and parsonage. At a later date, after this congregation ceased to exist, the Immanuel Lutheran Church bought the property.

Wood also remembered a pastor, Elder Mullin with a five acre plot for a home. He followed this with a lot to a Dr. Kealer; to his brother, Darius B. Wood, a lot; to Sarah Brookins a lot; to B. A. Bailay a site for a steam grist mill located on Greeley street between Palatine Road and Johnson street. In this manner was the town of Palatine brought into being.

In 1857 a school house was built and the Methodist Church was constructed. Prosperity blessed Wood but during the year of 1857, tragedy struck the family. A fatal lung congestion struck Mrs. Wood and she died on May 23rd of that year. As stated in a previous paragraph, she was the first person that was buried in the new cemetery.

Shortly thereafter, in 1860, Wood's son, Ezra, was a victim of dropsy. Then came the Civil War and in 1861, Wood's oldest son enlisted in the 18th Illinois Volunteers. Following his older brother, Wood's next son, Marshall, went to the front. The following year, another son, Emerson, also enlisted. Marshall Wood returned home from the war severely wounded and never regained full health and later died of complications from the wounds. Fate was not yet ready to relent and the next year, Wood's son, Crawford, died from typhoid.

In 1870, wearied and crushed by his losses, Wood sold his village property and his farm and moved to Kansas. He settled in Topeka and then moved to Grantville and started a grocery store. This venture failed and in 1872 he near Emporia, where he bought a farm. In 1874, Wood married Elizabeth Campbell (nee Norvell). They then moved to California but in 1891, business problems and his wife's health brought them back to Kansas. In 1896, at the age of 69, Wood's second wife died of dropsy.

Your Membership in the Society entitles you to the quarterly publication of the newsletter, The Palaver. Our Editor features articles on Palatine history as well as current events of the Society. Our Editor, Gene Lehman, will retire as of January 1 because of his many business commitments and activities. The Board and I thank Gene for the many hours he has given to the publication of our very fine newsletter. Gene and LaVirra Lehman have been, and continue to be very active, supportive Members of the Society.

The scope of the responsibilities and involvement of our Society has broadened beyond our beginning expectations. Please help us meet this challenge in 1981.

Respectfully,
Ann Oswald, President

ANNUAL BOOK SALE TO BE HELD IN ROLLING MEADOWS MALL

The Annual Used Book Sale sponsored by the Palatine Township Historical Society will be held in a new location this year. The event will be on November 22nd and 23rd in the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center Mall located on Kirchoff Road, east of Route 53.

Hours for the sale will be from 9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., on the 22nd and from 12:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., on the 23rd.

Donations of used books may be left at the Clayson House Museum on Tuesdays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., and from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., on Sundays.

If anyone can help with the setup for the sale on Friday, or can help with the sale on Saturday or Sunday, please call 358-1537. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 1981 ARE NOW DUE - See the Renewal Application on the inside of the back page on the Palaver. Your Renewal would be much appreciated - send in your Renewal and encourage a friend to join our group. Do Your Dues Duty Directly! Thanks.

JULY 3, 1905, ARLINGTON LAMPLIGHTER GOT RAISE

On July 3, 1905, the Arlington Heights Village Board, voted to increase the salary of their town Lamplighter - the increase brought his salary to \$46 per month! Oh, for the good ole days!

A family report stated that when in his 90th year, Wood attended a family reunion, which was held in Smithfield on the spot where he was born. The report also stated that his looks belied his age and that his mind was still sharp with many clear bits of information from his many travels and experiences. Joel Wood lived to be 96 years of age and died in 1906. He is buried in Topeka, Kansas.

THE BLIND POSTMAN OF LAKE ZURICH, ILLINOIS

In a Ripley column, released in October of 1932, his Believe It Or Not information, featured Bert Seip, known as the Blind Postman of Lake Zurich.

Seip was pictured in cartoon form with the following notation: The Blind Postman, Bert Seip, totally blind, has been delivering mail for 30 years in Lake Zurich, Illinois. He has never made a mistake!

Clippings from the files of our Historical Society Library, reveals that Seip lost his sight when a lad, as a result of a hunting accident. Adjusting to his handicap, he managed to travel about Lake Zurich without aid and also visited the Palatine area, where he had a brother living, without guidance until some of the modern improvements became a hindrance.

Bert Seip was 65 years of age when the Ripley columns featured his story.

TENNESSEE TRAVELER PEEVED AT RAILROAD

A Tennessee man traveled 300 miles for the opportunity of riding to 'Baldwin' on the Palatine, Lake Zurich and Wauconda railroad in 1931. When he got to Palatine and learned that the Baldwin on Palatine's railroad is only a crossing and not a town near St. Louis, he was maaad! The Baldwin station on the P. L. Z. & W. got into a railroad

PLUM GROVE PRIZE FIGHT NO MULTI-MILLION \$ GATE

Back in the late 1800s, a prize fight was arranged in secrecy. The location was slated at the Meyer Pavilion in Plum Grove.

The fight did not take place, however, because someone tipped off the County Sheriff. The cost of the ringside seats was \$3.00. The holders of seats did not complain, however, when the Sheriff made his raid before the fight could be held being happy that they were not taken into custody.

No report was given as to just what did become of the gate receipts, which, undoubtedly, were considered rather high at the \$3.00 figure, considering the period of the 1800s - what would our modern day fighter think of the figure?

One of the local sport supporters of that period was John Seip, who took an active part in supporting the home teams.

However, while it was not so stated that he was the backer of this fight, it was sort of implied.

CLIPPING OF FEB. 7, 1908

A horse, belonging to Henry Windhelm, was taken sick at Hackbarth's shop Monday and by the assistance of a large number of men, was taken on a stretcher to Daverman's livery barn, where medical treatment is being tried.

guide and was the cause of the Tennessean's prediction.

TOUR 'A' WALKING TOUR BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE FOR \$1.00

The first booklet on the Walking Tours, called Tour A, has now been printed and is ready for distribution. The cost of the booklet is \$1.00.

This publication is a guide to various old homes in Palatine that have a part in our interesting past. The Tour starts and ends at the Museum Headquarters, namely the Clayson House. It heads generally north on Benton street to Sherman and loops back via Fremont, Colfax and Hale. Short description of the historic houses as well as a map are included in the booklet.

A big THANK YOU is in order to Florence Parkhurst and Ray Mills who have put in many hours coordinating and publishing this edition. They are currently working on three more Tour booklets.

'CHRISTMAS IN OLD PALATINE' THEME OF CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT MUSEUM HEADQUARTERS

Make plans now to see the 'Christmas In Old Palatine' theme that will featured during our open house on December 6th and 7th. This will be at the Clayson House located at 224 E. Palatine Road and the hours will be from 1 to 5 P.M. on the 6th and from 1 to 4 P.M. on the 7th.

Christmas activities enjoyed by Palatine families in the late 1800s and early 1900s, will be featured. Start your Holiday Season with a Christmas tour of your Museum Headquarters, the Clayson House.

TOUR GUIDE PROGRAM ADDS NEW DIMENSION

A new dimension is being added to the tour guide program at the Museum. We are encouraging high school and college students to take the training and become a guide Sunday afternoons. Please call Iz

training and become a guide on Sunday afternoons. Please call Izetta Castiglia at 359-5325 if your student would like to participate. It requires a number of training guides to keep the Museum open on Sundays, so we appreciate having more Members and friends volunteer for the duty. Our guides have found the experience to be most interesting.

1980 LISTING OF MUSEUMS AND HIST. AGENCIES NOW AT MUSEUM

The Historical Society receives numerous publications regarding restorations to visit or events sponsored by other Historical Societies.

Recently we received the '1980 Listing Of Local Museums and Historical Agencies In Illinois' and plan to have this publication on display at our Museum Headquarters, for you to use as a guide for family outings, etc.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM HERMAN CHARLES KOLLE (KOELLE), A FORMER RESIDENT OF PALATINE, NOW LIVING IN SUN CITY, CALIFORNIA:

Dear Mr. Lehman: I wish to thank you for your letter of May 27. I am busy compiling a genealogy for a cousin of mine which is an account of 'Why they came to America' for my genealogy book of Remembrance. It is quite long but then you might find something of interest. Also, as soon as the Illinois State Genealogy Society publishes the account of 'Old German Customs Of A Country Church in Palatine, Illinois' in their quarterly, I will send you a copy.

I have written Alfred Hackbarth in Sun City, Arizona, to see if he has any pictures of his father's garage in Palatine or any interest.

Thank you for your Membership. I shall be honored to be a Member of the Society as I still have a soft spot for my old home town and cannot forget the many good times that I had in Palatine in my childhood, going to the movies for a nickel (I believe it was owned by Mr. Seip), going to the Schoppe Bros. Store and getting my hair cut at Perry's Barber Shop, barn dances, etc.

In your letter you asked for my age - I am 77 years of age, born in Plum Grove and was raised on the Koelle farm now known as Little City. To explain the change of my name from Koelle to Kolle; I did this for business reasons as the name Kolle was easier to remember. Some of the people in Palatine will remember me as Herman Koelle or Kelly.

I may take another trip to Illinois next year and would very much like to meet you and perhaps have lunch with you - my last visit was in 1972. I am inclosing two pictures of the town of Palatine that I took in 1958 and I am sure the town has changed since I have seen it last.

Sincerely,

H. Charles Kolle

THE FOLLOWING IS THE ARTICLE IN THE ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, AS MENTIONED IN MR. KOLLE'S LETTER, AND FOR WHICH WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL:

OLD GERMAN CUSTOMS OF A COUNTRY CHURCH AT PALATINE, ILL.

By Charles Kolle

In 1864, a group of German farmers met and later built the first German church known as the 'St. John's German Evangelical Church', located on Algonquin Road about a quarter of a mile east of Roselle Road, what was then called Plum Grove, Illinois, now known as the 'St. John's United Church of Christ'.
*Editor's note - the location of the present church is now approximately one-fourth mile west of Roselle Road.

My Grandfather, Heinrich Kolle (Koelle), who came from Germany, purchased one hundred and ten acres about one half miles west of this church, on Algonquin Road, where he built his farm house and barns, known then as the 'Kolle Farm' (now called Little City). He was a charter Member of this church where he and my immigrant Grandmother, Christine Senne, were married on 28 April 1855, and where his children and I were christened. Having per-

sonally participated in these 'Old German Customs', it is my wish to acquaint the younger American generation of my experience.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS - My father purchased the Kollé Farm after my grandfather's death and also was an officer of the church. Being an officer and living close to the church, he volunteered his service to ring the church bells. Every Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, the bell would be rung for about 15 minutes to remind the people that tomorrow was the Sabbath Day, a Holy day. Again on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the bell would be rung for about 15 minutes, when the Sunday School would begin, and again remind the people that church services were at 11 o'clock. At the close of the service, the tolling hammer would strike once on the words of the Lord's Prayer: 'Father, bread, and Amen'. (This was a signal for us children that soon our parents would return home from church and to have lunch ready. As the saying goes: when the cat is away, the mice will play).

Whenever a Member of the church died, it was the custom that the church bell would be rung for one-half hour, then the tolling hammer would strike the bell the number of times the deceased was years old, followed by another one-half hour of ringing. When the person was 20 years or younger, the bell was rung for one-half hour, followed by the tolling hammer giving his age but no ringing after that. (The ringing of the bell for death was not my father's duty but rather would be performed by one of the kin of the deceased). Members of the church coming from the field for lunch would just about know who died by counting the number of times the tolling bell would ring.

CHURCH SERVICE - Women would sit on the left side in the pews while the men would sit on the right side. There being no electricity the pipe organ had to be pumped by hand at the side of the organ. A gauge with an indicator would show the amount of air that had to be maintained for the organ to function. (At a later age I participated in the ringing of the church bell and that of pumping the organ, and I remember that one time I was watching my girl friends and did not watch the indicator. The indicator went below the line for proper air demand and I had to hurry pumping to keep the organ playing).

Christmas was always a big event. On each side of the altar, two tall evergreen trees would stand, beautifully decorated with wax candles which were lit by the officers of the church at the beginning of the service. Christmas Eve was reserved for our Sunday School class when the children would say a poem or sing Christmas hymns. Sometimes a child would forget the words of the poem and return to his seat with tears in his eyes for fear that Santa would forget to bring him a present. After the finish of the program, Santa would come down the aisle and the names of the children were called so that each child received a paper bag filled with candy, fruits, and sometimes an orange. It is true we did not always have snow on Christmas Eve, but I still remember when Father would get the sled out, and with the sleigh bells ringing, take us to the Sunday School program. Neighbors would come likewise, and the air seemed to be filled with bells ringing. Whenever I hear the song at Christmas time, 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas',

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I cannot help but remember those at the old country church.

Christmas Day was always observed by church service, and again the next day, called 'Second Christmas Day' with services. The same was done at at Easter celebration with a Second Day.

The country church in the early years had a large membership, declined in the later years when the English language became more popular, and German services were held only once a month. Then in the 1950's, when farms were subdivided and the population grew, the church again began to grow and today, has a flourishing congregation.

FIRST TOWNSHIP MEETING WAS HELD APRIL 2, 1850

The following oath was required by law for the Offices of the first Township in the area:

'You do solemnly swear that you have not fought a duel or accepted a challenge to fight a duel, the probable issue of which might be death to either party and to uphold the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Illinois, and that you will faithfully execute and perform all the duties of your office to the best of your knowledge and ability, so help you God!'

BALDWIN ROAD NAMED AFTER NAMED AFTER NEW YORKERS

Baldwin Road was named in honor of John and Lydia Baldwin, who came to the Wheeling area during the mid eighteenth hundreds. Arriving from New York state in their covered wagon, the couple stayed in Wheeling only two years before moving to the Deer Grove community.

John Baldwin and one of his brothers located on opposite sides of the road, now bearing their name, about one-half mile east of where Quentin(Quinten) Road and Baldwin now intersect.

NOTES FROM BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 1980

An important action at this Meeting was the report that the Palatine Park Board, decided at their September Meeting, that the time had come for the Park District to take over the maintenance of the Clayson House. (If you have been near the Clayson House recently, you have noticed that the grass has been cut regularly and is neatly bagged and removed).

A Board of Managers Meeting was held on September 22nd. This Board is made up of a representative from the Historical Society; Sue Gould, a Member of the Park Board, Wally Degner, and a Member of the Palatine Library Board, Jean Peterson. Fred Hall, Director of Parks and Recreation of the Palatine Park District, was also present.

The Board of Managers discussed with Mr. Hall, the feasibility of hiring a Museum Director within the next few months. Also discussed was just where in the bureaucracy would this Director fit and from where would his/her salary be derived? We hope to have more on this in the next issue of the Palaver.

PURSES ARE STILL ON SALE!

A new model now available!

The interesting and beautiful purses that have been one of our mainstays, are still very much available - the display can be seen at Palatine Savings and Loan and your order can be placed with Meg Ahlgrim at 359-8633 or with the genial receptionist, Lee Moranda at Palatine Savings.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING - THINK PURSES FOR ALL YOUR FRIENDS

M. LIND STRIVING TO SAVE SUNDERLAGE HOMESTEAD

Marilyn Lind of Hoffman Estates is making a valiant effort at preserving a 1856 farmstead. The home also sports a smokehouse that is reportedly older than the house.

This type of building which was used for smoking meats, is not in the best condition, however, since the upkeep has been somewhat neglected. The Illinois Conservation Department has recommended it to be listed in the Federal Register.

Mrs. Lind states that the farmhouse was one of the nicest that was built in the area and she has her goal set at having it made eligible for National Register of Historic Places listing. The farmhouse is located at Vista Lane and Volid Drive in Hoffman Estates.

Mrs. Lind's efforts do not stop at the farmhouse - she was the dominant factor in preserving the 1910 concrete bridge at the intersection of Routes 58 and 59. The bridge that sports the images of lions on its structure,

RESTORATION STAFF TO BRING SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD

Marilyn Pedersen and Cleis Jensen will present their suggestions as to what is restoration and what is maintenance, at the next Meeting of the Board of Directors.

The hopeful result will be that there will be a future Meeting with Fred Hall and/or the Park Board and an agreement made on the spheres of responsibility for all parties concerned.

FEB. 21, 1908 BLIZZARD

The worst blizzard for many years, struck this region Tuesday and continued for 48 hours.

Snow fell to an average depth of over 12 inches and drifted to the most unwelcome places. Railroad trains managed to get through without mishap after several hours delay.

Several trains got stuck in the the Russel cut between Arlington Heights and Mt. Prospect and had to be pulled out backward, then with three engines they managed to open traffic over one track.

Mail carrier, John Rodewald, drove about 10 miles on Route 2, until he got stuck in the snow drifts and had to turn back. The only mail he collected was one solitary letter.

(The above story was taken from a clipping in the Clayson House archives).

was endangered when a completely new intersection was constructed.

PALATINE PUBLIC SCHOOL
EIGHTH - GRADE
GLOSING EXERCISES.

AT THE
METHODIST CHURCH
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 14TH., 1894, AT 8 O'CLOCK.

CLASS MOTTO, "Consider the End"
CLASS COLORS, Yellow and White.

❖ PROGRAM ❖

- Piano Solo, Lillie A. Filbert.
- Essay & Salutatory, The Other Side of The Moon, Mary Patten.
- Recitation, "The Calf", Frank Knigge.
- Piano Solo, Matilda B. Krieter.
- Essay, Henry Clay, Albert Mundhenk.
- Recitation, "Scotland's Maiden Martyr", Ella L. Hicks.
- Essay, A Plea for Physiology, Walter Lytle.
- Piano Solo, Lydia Knigge.
- Recitation, "The Death-bed of Benedict Arnold", Fred Garms.
- Essay, The Weight of Words, Lillie A. Filbert.
- Recitation, "The Men to Make a State", Lewis Keyes.
- Violin Solo, Frank Knigge.
- Essay, "Snow Bound", John Wente.
- Recitation, "The Owl Critic", Ray Smith.
- Essay & Valedictory, An Autobiography, Emilie Collier.

Grade school exercises were held in the Methodist church in Palatine, June 14, 1894. Graduates numbered 14, receiving diplomas from W. L. Smyser, school principal. In those days Greek, as well as Latin and German were taught in the high school with few counter attractions to the three R's offered in the grade school.

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BARRINGTON HISTORY AT FEBRUARY 18 MEETING AT 8 P M

William Klingenberg will be our guest speaker at our February 18th Meeting - his subject will be Barrington History. The Meeting will be held in the Rennack Room of the Palatine Library, 500 N. Benton in Palatine. The time is 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Klingenberg has been a life-long resident of this area, tracing his family's roots back to the 1850s. He was born on a farm located on Harbor Road and later moved with his family to a farm on Oak Knoll Road. This farm site became the Barrington Hills Country Club Golf Course.

During his lifetime, Bill has been active as a farmer, test pilot, balloonist, businessman and postal employee. After getting married, he and his wife worked together to build their own home in Barrington, where they still reside. He is still active as Barrington's town historian and his lectures are enjoyed by numerous organizations.

Bill is a Past President of the Barrington Historical Society and is one of its most respected Members.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER -

The Historical Society has received notice from the Palatine Township Board of the demolition of the carriage house on the township property. This building dates to the 1860s and is in character with the architecture of the Clayson House. The Society Board is eager to acquire this building and have it moved to the Clayson lot. (The present garage would be removed). March 1st is the deadline for a decision on this project, so we have proceeded with estimates from house movers and have started zoning procedures. The Society will have to raise money for this project. We would appreciate the support of the general Membership, both financially and through letters to the Township Board, asking their support of the project.

PLEASE NOTE - The March Meeting date will be changed from March 18 to March 31. The program will be presented by Rev. John

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Sternberg. It will feature a slide lecture on Schaumburg History. Rev. Sternberg is active with the Schaumburg Historical Society and the preservation of history related to the St. Peter Lutheran Church and School. He is also the Historian for Schaumburg.

The April 15th Meeting will feature 'Old Plum Grove and the Perpetration of the Old Plum Trees'. Ray Mills will give a brief history of the Old Plum Grove area and LeRoy Lethman will present a program on the project he and the Plum Grove Jr. High Ecology Class have started with the preservation of the old plum trees in the area. The Class has been selling saplings from the original stand of trees as well as selling jelly from the fruit. This is a most interesting project that the Historical Society is eager to support.

May 20th ANNUAL MEETING - Program to be announced. All the above Meetings will be held at 8:00 P.M., at the Palatine Library.

Ann Oswald, President

FRANK REGAN & WALLY DEGNER ASK FOR LIBRARY SUPPORT

If you believe that the Palatine Public Library District should operate a Branch Historical Library at the Clayson House, please attend a Library Board Committee-of-The-Whole Meeting, at the Library on Wednesday February 25th at 7:30 P.M.

Now that the Clayson House restoration committee is nearing the completion of work on the second floor, the Palatine Library District is beginning to plan how they will use their space on that floor.

At the November 1980 Meeting, the Library Board indicated they were planning to use it only for display of historical documents and a museum type display of slides and photographs. They were not planning to house any significant portion of their historical collection there, nor were they planning to staff the facility on a regular basis.

At the January Board Meeting, Frank Regan and Wally Degner asked the Library Board to reconsider. They presented a request that the library operate the Clayson House facility as a specialized, limited service, historical branch library, with the bulk of the collection housed there and a trained librarian assigned to that location for at least a few scheduled hours each week. Frank pointed out that he believes this would result in faster development of a high quality collection and would provide the stimulus for research work by staff members, academic historians and students, and interested private citizens.

The Board took action at the January Meeting, but they did set February 25th as the date for a Committee Meeting to discuss the subject and they invited Frank and Wally to present speakers and other observers who shared their opinion at that Meeting.

HISTORY OF HOMES

by
Ray Mills

When the Jewel Store, located on Plum Grove Road, was built in the early 1950s, seven old homes were demolished to make room for the new structure and parking lot. These homes stood between Palatine Road and Washington street.

Several of these were large Victorian houses with much of the Victorian 'gingerbread' trimming. All except one, probably were built before 1900. Some may have been built in the 1860s and 1870s and several had large barns located behind them.

At the north end of the block where the Shell Gasoline Station now stands, was the Henry Senne home. The home directly south of that was probably the Herman Voss residence, which was moved to 111 South Hale street in the 1920s. It was replaced by a new home that was later occupied by the Clettenbergs.

The third house from the corner was the Henry Linneman home. Next to this location was the Fred Linneman home. This stood at the end of Johnson street and probably was the home of Granville Peck, who operated a cider mill behind the house. He advertised in a 1873 edition of the Palatine Herald, that is located in the Historical Society archives.

The next house toward the south was the home of Louis Freise. Directly south of the Freise home, two houses were located that were owned by William Lanhorst, who lived in the northernmost of the two. The other one, at Washington street, was rented to the Henry Harmening family.

In the 1960s, two homes on Hale street, across from the Hines Lumber Yard, were also removed to make room for the northward expansion of the Jewel building that now houses the Osco Drugstore.

The southernmost of the houses was owned by George Henning and was moved to the southeast corner of Hellen Road and Bothwell street. This building has been modernized after it was moved to that location.

(History Of Homes will be continued in next issue)

DID YOU ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY TODAY

The following material was copied from a column with the title as shown below - it came from a clipping dated 1929:

POTPOURRI of Sense & Nonsense
Potpourri this week is dedicated to the outgoing President Calvin Coolidge:

SOME THINGS HE DID:

- 1 - Reduced taxes greatly.
- 2 - Lopped off seven billion on the public debt.
- 3 - Secured the powers signature to the Kellogg anti-war pact.
- 4 - Started a splendid civil air program.
- 5 - Consolidated bureaus and began a real economy program.
- 6 - Had nerve enough to say 'No' when the popular thing was to say 'Yes'.
- 7 - Has begun the Flood-control program.

**SOME THINGS HE DID NOT DO:
WHICH HE DID PROMISE TO DO:**

- 1 - Make prohibition work.
- 2 - Join the World Court.
- 3 - Settle the coal controversy.
- 4 - Help the farmer.
- 5 - Reduce naval armaments.

And then there are some things he didn't want, that we did:

He vetoed the soldier's bonus bill.
He vetoed the Spanish veteran's bill, but we give him credit for standing by his convictions.

Some of Cal's saddest years were spent in the White House.

**BE SURE YOUR DUES ARE
PAID FOR 1981 - THANKS!**

**SALT CREEK PRECINCT VOTES
IN NATIONAL ELECTION - 1840**

The first national election for the Salt Creek precinct, which included five or six towns, was held at the home of William George in 1840.

That was the election in which President Van Buren was defeated for re-election by William Henry Harrison (Tippecanoe and Tyler, too). Almost 100 votes were cast in the Salt Creek precinct.

**ROAD DISTRICTED BETWEEN
PALATINE AND SCHAUMBURG**

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Palatine and Schaumburg on the 17th day of July, 1858 for the purpose of districting the town line road between Palatine and Schaumburg, it was ordered that the road be divided into two districts as follows, to-wit: That part thereof commencing at the southwest corner of the town of Palatine to the west line of Harlow Baker's shall be one of said districts and shall be allotted to the town of Schaumburg and the residue of said highway (from Baker's west line to the State Road) shall be the other road district and shall be awarded to the Town of Palatine. Dated the 25th day of August, 1858. Signed by:

Nathan Peck and Henry Dammermann,
Commissioners of the Town of Schaumburg.

Joel Wood and Lorin Edgerton,
Commissioners of the Town of Palatine.

J. B. Clay, Town Clerk of Palatine.

TAVERNS & HOTELS FLOURISHED IN AREA IN LATE 1800s

The hotel and motel business is still an active part of our present society and culture, but this type of business venture was active during the late 1800s in this area but was run in a somewhat different manner.

Before the arrival of our modern day transportation, workers for the telephone line and railroad builders, salesmen, also then known as drummers, used the Palatine hospitality as their temporary headquarters. They then covered the surrounding territory via wagons, buggies and horseback.

One of the going establishments of the day was the Kuebler Hotel. It was owned and operated by Rose Kuebler until in 1880, when she sold out to Mr. and Mrs. William Hunnerberg.

The Hunnerberg Hall was the only meeting place for public gatherings and entertainment after the Iroquois fire in Chicago.

It was reported that guests spent many hours dancing and socializing in the Hall. S.R. Paddock, a senior Editor for Paddock Publications, was a guest at the Hotel for a period of five days and that his bill was a grand total of \$3.00 for the entire stay!!

The taverns in the area were conducted in a different manner at the turn of the century. During that period, they were the social meeting places of the older men who spent many hours playing cards in such establishments. The younger men were not allowed to even enter any liquor dispensing places, neith-

er was anyone allowed to become drunk, since the owners prided themselves on running immaculate business establishments.

The only time that a woman was seen in such a place was when one of the local wives had a specific reason for being there.

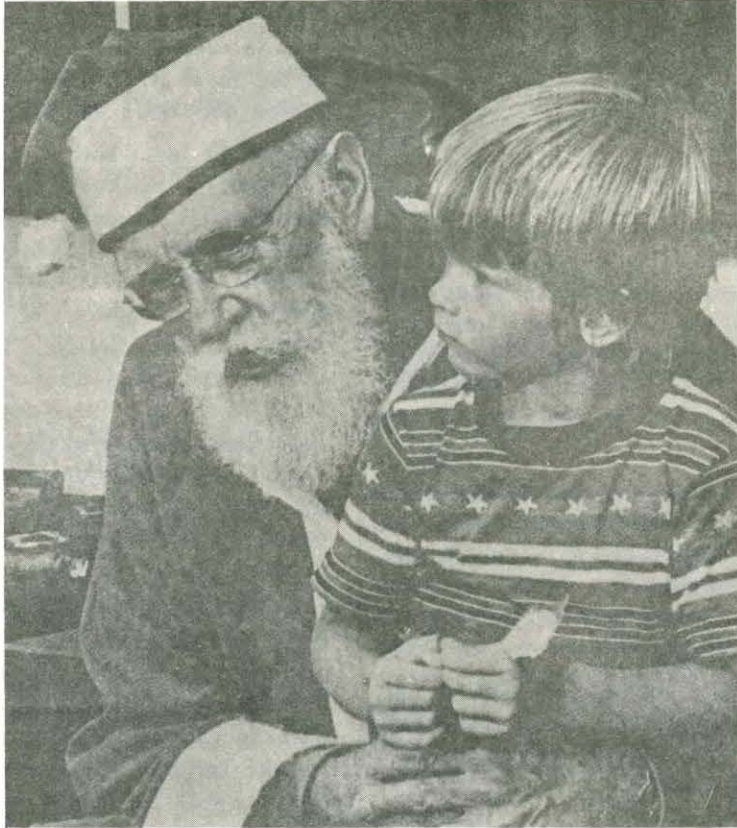
One of the local hotels that catered heavily to the various travelers, was the Fink Tavern. Conrad Fink came into possession of this place in 1870 and with the help of his family, ran the place until it was sold to another family. Actually, Conrad Fink died after operating the hotel for only five years. Mrs. Fink then married William Ahlgrim a year later and the operation of the establishment was continued under his direction.

In the back of the hotel was a dance hall which saw a great deal of activity. Another interesting feature of this place was the fact that the establishment boasted of running water in various locations throughout the building. This was made possible with the help of a flowing well that supplied fresh water without the need of either pump or other type of flow incentive.

The ingenuity of this unusual water supply did not stop there - after making necessary piping arrangements for the inflow, management frugally piped the overflow out of the rear of the building into a watering trough for the horses.

After William Ahlgrim's death, Henry Knigge ran the hotel and tavern for two years in 1890 and 1891.

In 1892, Minnie Fink, a daughter of Mrs. Ahlgrim by her first marriage, married Charlie Seip and the couple
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Liston (Santa Claus) Pennington, one of our Directors, is also involved in keeping the Christmas spirit alive. The picture shown with this story, came from the pages of The Illinois County and Township Official Magazine, December 1980 issue. While not being able to use the original photo, the quality of the reproduction is somewhat hindered but the story message is still very evident.

Liston has been active in the Santa Claus role for about 20 years, during which time he has brought joy to many children in hospitals as well as numerous under privileged and lonely youngsters.

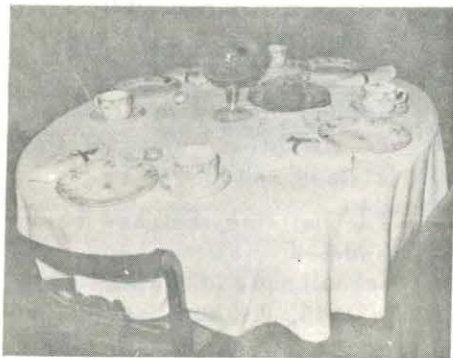
We are sorry to report that shortly after the picture was taken, the youngster in the photo died.

The Tuesday Toilers, plus some friends, made the most of the Christmas Season and enjoyed a Christmas Party at the Clayson House - not all had arrived when the picture of the group was taken in front of the tree. Several other scenes of the decorated Clayson House are also shown here - all photos were taken by one of Santa's Elves.



L - R - Karen Pedersen; Marilyn Pedersen; Bill Gilpen; Mabel Eilering; LaVirra Lehman; Clies Jensen; Florence Parkhurst and Carol Barry.

CHRISTMAS TREE



DINING ROOM - Ready for guests



FIREPLACE SCENE

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR ANYONE WISHING TO BECOME A TUESDAY TOILER! The following qualifications are required: The ability to walk into the Clayson House, 224 E. Palatine Road, Palatine; the willingness to work for the minimum pay scale - said scale being \$0.00 per hour with automatic pay increases at the rate of 10% per month for the first six months. Therefore, for the next six months, automatic decreases at the rate of 10% per month. Thereafter, all wages will be frozen. Womens' Lib evident but men welcome-997-6460.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE BRINGS INTERESTING GUESTS

The numerous visitors that took advantage of our Christmas open house, expressed sincere enjoyment when viewing the decorated interior of the Clayson House.

The table setting, Christmas Tree, etc., enhanced the Victorian atmosphere. The gracious surroundings helped touch a nostalgic chord - beautifully well done!

The Society expresses a **BIG THANK YOU** to each and every person involved in the effort!!

The Cookie donors did not spare calories and the Charolers did not miss a note - lovely, lovely!

(Some pictures of the Christmas scenes in this issue of the Palaver).

THANKS FOR CHRISTMAS EFFORTS

Our sincere thanks is expressed to the Palanois Park Garden Club and the High School Committee for their excellent efforts in behalf of our Christmas Open House!

ALICE J. HARZ, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PALATINE TAKEN BY DEATH

Alice J. Harz, a lifetime resident of Palatine, was taken by death recently. She was a retired school teacher and had been a Member of our Historical Society. We extend our sympathy to her surviving brother, James Harz.

(TAVERNS & HOTELS - cont'd)

took over the operation of the hotel.

Bringing things up to that date, the name was changed to the Seip Tavern and electricity, telephones, gas, sewers, etc., were installed.

Three meals a day could be had for 25¢ - this included a full meal from soup to dessert. However, they featured a 'room and board' special for only \$3.00 per week! (Editor's note - Oh, for the 'good' ole days)

With more active forms of transportation making it possible to travel greater distances, and with the prohibition of liquor being sold anywhere, this type of hotel and tavern slowly faded from the scene.

The final owners of the Fink Hotel-Tavern were Louis Miller and William Kehe, who purchased it in 1932. The original building was then torn down and was replaced with a string of stores and a post office.

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE DESTROYED BY RECENT FIRE

A recent fire destroyed the La Ramona Restaurant located on the northwest corner of Quentin Road and Route 12.

The building that had been remodeled, was once used as a schoolhouse in the early 1940s. In 1945, the building was made into a restaurant. In 1968, it became known as Uncle Andy's Cow Palace and was well known for the huge statue of a cow that was displayed at the front of the building. In 1978, it was again sold and renamed La Ramona - and once again, the ravages of time has taken all but memories.

HARNESS RACING HALL OF FAME HONORS DEANS WHO MADE EARLY RACING HISTORY

The Illinois Harness Racing Hall of Fame, recently inducted two men who made local as well as worldwide history in the field of harness racing.

Namely, the Charles E. Deans, Sr., and Jr., were given this honor at a banquet held in Schiller Park.

The Dean's Palatine Farm that produced winners and world champions, was located approximately two miles northwest of where the Arlington Park Race Track now is located.

In the late 1800s and the early 1900s, the Deans were burning up the harness circuit and had the distinction of driving the mile in less than two minutes for the first time in history. This was done at a Milwaukee, Wisconsin track in 1908. The horse involved was a Illinois product named Minor Heir, whose gate was a pacer. The time just did clip the two minute goal, being one minute, fifty nine and one-half seconds.

Charles, Sr., died in 1922 and it is reported that Charles, Jr., now is living in New Jersey.

SCHOOL GROUPS TOUR CLAYSON HOUSE DURING HOLIDAYS

Fourteen different school groups toured the Clayson House during the Christmas Holidays.

All of the groups expressed their enjoyment of the various recreations of a Victorian Christmas.

100 YEAR OLD HOMES RECOGNIZED WITH PLAQUES

Plaques that give recognition to the various homes that can boast of the age of 100 years or more, have been distributed to the following homes, per the owners requests:

The cost of the plaques is \$35.00 and full details as to their availability can be obtained by calling Plaque Producer Ken Spengler at 358-3058.

Homes supplied at press time:

George Boermerman, 35 E. Wood street - built in 1865.

George Smith, 303 N. Brockway street - built in 1866.

Carolyn Roberts, 350 2. Johnson street - built in 1870.

John Gwizdala, 36 E. Wilson street - built in 1878.

Frank Campagna, 58 N. Benton street - built in 1879.

BOOK SALE AT NEW LOCATION PROVES SUCCESSFUL

The Rolling Meadows Mall proved to be an attractive location for the Annual Used Book Sale. The personnel of the R.M. Mall were extremely cooperative and their efforts certainly made the change-over successful and pleasant.

Proceeds from the event amounted to \$157.11.

A liberal is a radical that gets married and finds himself with three children; a conservative is a liberal that worked hard at, and finally did, inherit his grandfather's fortune.

PURSE PROFITS PROVE PRODUCTIVE

Purses are made to carry money and the sale of our dandy purses have again added an interesting amount to our financial efforts - the total profit made during the past year amounted to \$5,842.64 - certainly a job well done!

The Historical Society extends a special thanks to the following 'Over 200 Sales Club':

Francisca's Beauty Salon
Sue Konishi, Northrup Industries
Lola Magalean, Lake Louise School
Palatine Saving and Loan
Jill Sinclair
Judith Gamoran

THANKS TO ALL PERSONS FOR DONATIONS FOR MUSEUM!

Thank you's are in order for ALL donations made for the Clayson House Museum. These are always welcomed and appreciated!

Special thanks to:

Marge McPhee for the donation of a very unique and unusual rocker.

Grace Greener for the hats, fans and parasols.

Delia Flaherty gave 2 stone tomahawks (?) that were discovered in 1897, when a foundation site was being excavated at 44 West Wilson street.

The Four Groves Questers for the beautiful quilt. Each square made by a Member, depicts Palatine history.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN - OR ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GREAT GIFT?

It is that time of the year when we are seriously working on our Membership Renewals! We ask that all of you who have not as yet paid, please send in your dues as soon as possible.

If you are looking for an unusual gift for a friend, how about a Membership in our fine Society? As the saying goes, it is a gift that will continue giving enjoyment all year long.

At the end of February, we will be updating our mailing list and that means that those of you who have not paid your dues for the year of 1981, will be taken off the list (which means no more reading of those interesting Palavers)!

Just clip the Membership coupon inside the back cover of this issue and send it along with your check and a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to the Palatine Township Historical Society, P.O. Box 134, Palatine, Illinois 60067. We will send your Membership card as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your Membership, please call me at 358-6730 and I will answer any questions you might have.

Donna Dwyer,
Membership Chairman

Mrs. Robert Niedwick for the doorbell that is from the Walter Hiber residence on Slade Street.

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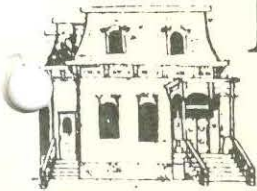
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ELECTION MEETING MAY 20th

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS SUB-HEADLINE, GIVES ALL PERTINENT DATA REGARDING OUR NEXT (ELECTION) MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1981 - BE SURE AND READ DETAIL BELOW; ALSO, OTHER PERTINENT FACTS

Dear Members: The Palatine Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on the Third Wednesday of May - May 20th at 8:00 P.M., at the Palatine Public Library as required by our constitution.

The Election of Officers will take place at this Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee has nominated the following slate for 1981-82:

PRESIDENT ----- Marilyn Pedersen

1st VICE PRES. --- Jan Degner

2nd VICE PRES. - -- Cleis Jensen

REC. SECRETARY - Jilayne Sinclair

COR. SECRETARY - Sharon Linder

TREASURER ----- Donna Dwyer

DIRECTOR (3 years) - Sue Gould

Other nominations may be presented from the floor at the Meeting.

The program will be a MEMBER PARTICIPATION SHOW & TELL involving items pertaining to Palatine History. Many of our Members have a cherished item relating the Palatine heritage, that others would enjoy viewing. If you have an item to show, please call Ann Oswald, 358-1537, to be placed in a time slot on the program. Please limit your talk from 1 to 3 minutes. If you do not have an item pertaining to Palatine history, but have something very unusual relating to history in general, please contact me. This type of program has been very successful in many Quester groups, and we hope you will enjoy this experience of learning thru 'Show and Tell'.

The restoration of the Clayson House is nearing another goal with the opening of the second floor on July 4th. The Palatine Library will be helping with the displays in the second floor library. Many important details of the restoration still need attention, but will be completed with time and hardwork.

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Before June 1st, the newly acquired carriage barn will be moved to the Clayson site. This has become possible with a loan of \$8,000.00 for 2 years, from the Palatine Park Board, to complete the necessary funds of \$12,000.00. We are grateful to Sue Gould for the long hours she has devoted to this project. Your support of our 2 garage sales, and numerous monetary donations to this project are sincerely appreciated. The Jaycess will remove the bushes necessary for the move and will tear down the present garage unless it is sold to an individual. (If you are interested in buying the garage, please contact Sue or Ann). A fund raiser for the carriage barn will be announced shortly.

The Historical Society is completing another active year as we continue to serve the community by sharing and preserving our heritage. Our organization could not exist without the endless hours of service given by numerous volunteers. Volunteer help will always be an integral part of our organization, and we look forward to combining this service with the leadership of the new part-time director currently being hired by the Park Board. The new Board will be filling numerous committee positions in June, so please volunteer for a position you would enjoy holding. Elaine Heran and Carolyn Mangold have volunteered to the Ways and Means Chairwomen for next year. Please support their plans. Their enthusiasm is contagious. Special thanks to Priscilla Oswald and Izetta Castiglia for serving as guide coordinators; to Jack and Betty Hubbard for serving as hospitality chairman at our Meetings and to the many Board Members who chair numerous Committees. The Society extends a special thank you to Bill Gilpen and Liston Pennington for their years of service on the Board. Each has contributed to the success of our organization.

We look forward to a new year with enthusiasm and eagerness to complete our goals. We wish the new Board much success in fulfilling these goals and adding new dimensions to our program.

Respectfully,
Ann Oswald, President

The Society will take part in the Fourth of July Parade on the Saturday of that weekend. A float will be entered, as we have done in previous years, and we need volunteers to help design and decorate it!

The Museum will be open on July 4th from 1 to 5 P.M., with special emphasis on the opening of the second floor. We will need extra hostesses that day, so please volunteer.

The Museum will be open on Memorial Day, May 25th, from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. Extra guides will also be needed for this opening.

Being a guide at the Museum gives you an opportunity to share Palatine history with others and gives an opportunity to spend idle moments acquiring new information from our collections. With the opening of the second floor, we will need more volunteers as guides. Please consider this rewarding position and we will show you what to do.

THE FOLLOWING WAS TAKEN FROM A PALATINE NEWSPAPER DATED JANUARY 5, 1901 -

It was taken from the column titled 'Editorial Musings'.

Panama Canal is for sale for \$100,000,000 but it may be worth only 30¢.

Every European power has endorsed the Chinese note - now, of course, the Empress will have no difficulty raising money on it at the bank.

ELGIN BUTTER MKT REPORT

The Elgin Butter Market was firm at 24½¢. Offerings were 140 pound tubs.

Bids on 2 lots at 24¼¢ was refused, consequently there was no sales.

Output of the week was 10,365 tubs.

THIS IS A COPY OF AN AD THAT APPEARED IN A 1901 PALATINE NEWSPAPER -

TAKE LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS - ALL DRUGGISTS REFUND MONEY IF IT FAILS TO CURE. E.W. GROVE SIGNATURE ON EACH BOX - 25¢.

STILL ANOTHER AD -

THE GOV. OF OREGON USES PE-RU-NA IN HIS FAMILY FOR COLDS AND GRIP.

ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN TODAY

A 'B-I-G' THANK YOU to Ann Oswald for her efforts during her Presidential term...Certainly a simple thank you cannot possibly cover all of the gratitude of the Society for a job well done, but to make it more impressive, we will make it even BIGGER - T H A N K Y O U !!

TELEPHONE NETWORK OF ABOUT 70 YEARS AGO.

One of the very first telephone networks ever used in this area was used for entertainment.

One musically inclined family had friends call the operators in Fox River Grove, Barrington and Palatine and have them ring the various phone owners and announce that the 'telephone opry' was about to start.

The 'centrals' or operators would then leave all keys open so that anyone could listen in if they so desired.

The family then grabbed their fiddle, accordion and their washtub, potato masher drum and whip out a few tunes for the countryside audience.

Swing yer partner, do-se-do -

Turn backward, turn backward
oh, time in your flight -
Bring us the opry, again for tonight!

THE FOLLOWING WAS ALSO TAKEN FROM THE JANUARY 5, 1901 ISSUE OF A PALATINE NEWSPAPER:

Miss Mota Rennock is sick.
Mr. Hutchison is on the sick list.

Fred John is a proud father of a baby girl born Dec. 30, 1900.

(Palaver Editor's note - what, no mother involved??)



HISTORY OF HOMES by Ray Mills

With this column, we will bring additional information that has been gathered in regard to the house now located at 316 N. Bothwell. (known as the Filbert home). Since we wrote about this house in House Tour Book B (page 16), we have had a chance to visit it and examine its interior. We know now, much more about it. The corrected statement should read '316 N. Bothwell'.

This house was built about 1870 by J. P. Filbert who owned a Drug Store and at one time did shoe repair work in his home. His son, Fred, who lived in the house at a later date, was a banker in the Patten Bank located in the old Batterman Building. Tragically, he died as a result of wounds he received in a bank robbery. His son, Will, was once Vice President of United States Steel Company. His daughter, Addie, gave us the Civil War Muster Roll which is in the Clayson House Museum.

The house originally was located on the Southwest corner of Bothwell and Wood streets and was moved to the present location in 1925. The oldest part, the section shown on the right in the picture, was a small workman's cottage with two rooms on each floor. A few years later a larger addition was placed to the south, or left side. In the late 1880's or early 1890's, probably J.P.'s son, Fred, was responsible for the addition of the high Victorian section with the Mansard roof and front entrance. Perhaps the large extension to the rear was added then or about 1905 when the two story bay window of late Victorian style was added. About that time we know the house was painted brown.

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When the house was moved to the present site, the porch was added. It probably replaced a larger one with much 'gingerbread' decoration.

Much later the house was converted into a two flat and a separate rear entrance and stairway were added. The present owners are carefully restoring the interior. They have removed plywood paneling that hid the lovely original wood work and have also placed tin ceilings in the main rooms downstairs in place of acoustical tile. Wide aluminum siding was added some years ago, changing the exterior appearance. Fake iron balconies on the three north windows fortunately have been removed. It was through careful examination of the basement, attic and interior rooms, that we have been able to learn of the various additions and changes through the years.

MALE RESIDENTS JOIN IN 1839 WOLF HUNT

A great wolf hunt took place in 1839 in the area between the Des Plaines River on the east and the Fox River on the west. The wolves were roaming the area and were destroying livestock, chickens and various provisions. The wolf campaign was under the direction of Dr. Miner of Elk Grove and a very good turnout of the men in the area resulted.

A snowfall had covered the area during the previous night and the group started the round-up at sunrise. The hunters formed a huge circle and converged on the Plum Grove area. As they neared the grove, everyone held their fire because sharpshooters had been stationed on scaffolds to slay the animals as they were driven into the trap.

Actually, some of the men did not have guns but instead, had armed themselves with pitchforks or knives. It seems that wolves were either scarce or in hiding that particular day and the entire bagging consisted of one lonely wolf and an equally lonely deer, brought in by one William Clay. It was reported, however, that the hunt brought about a fine community spirit and a good time was had by all except one wolf and one deer!

AREA MEN SERVED IN 113th REGIMENT INFANTRY IN CIVIL WAR

The local area contribution in the Union's efforts was found in the 113th Regiment in the Infantry. The Regiment was organized at Camp Hancock in this area and was mustered into action on October 1, 1862.

The first destination for the 113th was Memphis, Tennessee on November 6, 1862. On arrival there, they were attached to the 1st Brigade, District of Memphis, Tenn., Right Wing 13th Army Corps (Old), Department of Tennessee. After getting into the thick of things, the 113th saw action in numerous places such as Grant's Central Mississippi Campaign.

During their term of action, the 113th lost 1 Officer and 25 Enlisted men killed in action or mortally wounded. A total of 4 Officers and 273 Enlisted men were also lost by disease - the ravages of non-combat causes proved a greater enemy than was the opponent in the war. The overall loss was 303 men before the 113th was mustered out on June 20th, 1865.

(The following is a clipping from the Palatine newspaper dated Oct. 27, 1949 entitled Way Back When)

EARLY GERMAN SETTLERS WERE WARMLY WELCOMED BY JOHN H. PATTEN IN THE 1850's -

Way Back When goes back 150 years for the start of this week's story that includes a pioneer family of a son, Charles H. Patton, became Palatine's outstanding banker, builder of Palatine's first water system, its mayor and who in the early years of this century was the 'father confessor' of trembling Palatine business firms and whose heart often gave loans as a private individual, where as a banker he would have had to say 'no'.

The story, however, does not cover the family life of Charles but of his father, John Patten, who was who was born at Londonderry, N.H., on August 28, 1798, the son of a sea captain, Thomas Patten, of Marblehead, Mass.

Those Palatine residents today who remember the liberality of Charles H. Patton will discover from this account that Charles H. was a 'chip off the old block'.

In the spring of 1852, Mr. Patton resided at Sanbornton Bridge, now called Tildon, N.H., where he had been engaged in business for years when he decided to 'go west'.

He sold his home and interests and and bidding his friends goodbye, with his wife, who formerly was Lillis S. Fullerton, and four children, John, Lizabeth, Mary and Nellie left for 'way out in Illinois'.

The western terminus of railroads at that time was at Buffalo, N.Y., and soon after the arrival of the family there, they found themselves aboard the 'boat Sultana'. After a pleasant trip around the Lakes they landed in Chicago on a bright spring morning, May 12, 1852.

All were soon scrambling into a lumber wagon and out on the road for a 26 mile ride to the west end of Plum Grove to Samuel Smith's prairie home. Arriving in the afternoon, the Eastern friends were cordially welcomed by the Smiths who were 'old time friends' in the East in years gone by.

Mr. Patton bought the Samuel Smith farm. The establishment called 'the house' consisted of two log houses connected by a frame part. It was situated on the same rise of ground a short distance west of the Alfred Rohde homestead which is located near the intersection of Old Plum Grove and Algonquin roads.

In the year 1853 prosperity abounded and with it came a new baby boy to the new home of the Pattons, a 'sure enough Westerner'. He had come to stay, and here he has remained. He was named Charles H. Patton, and in 1898 built the Patton home at Benton and Wood streets now owned by his grandson, Charles R. Patton.

In this new western life, his father John Patten, was interested in the school of the district. He engaged a teacher and arranged seats in his small log house where school was kept the full term, and soon there was a new frame school house.

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Sept. Meeting Features

Antique Cars

THE SEPTEMBER 16th MEETING, WHICH STARTS OUR NEW SEASON, WILL HAVE A PROGRAM SHOWING COLOR SLIDES OF NUMEROUS ANTIQUE CARS THAT STARTED OUR NATION ON WHEELS

Our September Meeting will again start our fall and winter programming - as in the past years, we will meet at the Public Library in Palatine.

For any new Members the location of the Library is 500 North Benton. The Meeting will be called to order at 8:00 P.M., promptly, and will be held in the Rennack Room.

The Antique Car lecture will be given by Eugene B. Lehman, who is a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, a group that supplies numerous slide programs of historic interest on various subjects ranging from horological lore to the lost era of covered bridges.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 16 - BRING A FRIEND!

The Time - 8:00 P.M. -- The Place - Palatine Public Library

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Dear Members: WE DID IT! Now, if you have to ask just what the 'it' is, you probably have not been around 224 E. Palatine Road lately. Thanks to Sue Gould and her efforts, with a number of ups and downs, the carriage house is now resting comfortably on its new foundation. And like any new member of a family, it needs some (TLC) tender loving care.

We now need some scrapers, painters, carpenters, etc. If you can help in any way, and we are sure that we have many talented people in our Society, please call and we will be delighted to have you join in the fun. Along that same trend of thought, the Village of Palatine will not allow us to keep the garage which is now a part of the Clayson House grounds - therefore, we are offering the existing 24 X 26" garage on the west side of

of the Clayson House, for sale. We are open for your offer - if interested please call 358-7499. Feel welcome to come and look it over!

Incidentally, have you visited the Clayson House lately? The upstairs is complete with the exception of the child's bedroom. If you would happen to have any children's items from the 1873 era such as beds, toys, clothing, etc., we would greatly appreciate having our beautiful room enhanced by the addition of that precious possession that we are certain you would love to have others see and appreciate.

Currently on the second floor, you will find a master bedroom, a Palatine area display room as well as the Library room, plus many other interesting artifacts. You are welcome to come and share this interesting heritage on any Tuesday, Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

Our Program Chairman, Marilyn Mazzenga, has lined up an interesting variety of programs for the coming season. Be sure and keep September 16th (3rd Wednesday) open for our first Meeting of the new season! The time will be at 8:00 P.M., and the place will be in the Rennack Room of the Palatine Public Library, 500 N. Benton street in Palatine.

Our new Museum Co-Ordinator, Dee Deacon, is now on hand to help us with future plans. We will be setting up training programs for both Museum guides and cataloging procedures. If you are interested, please call Dee at the Park District - 991-0333.

The J.C. Auxiliary will be holding a Fabric Sale on September 12th, in conjunction with the Park District Harvestfest. This will be held on the driveway of the Clayson House and all of the proceeds will be given to the Palatine Township Historical Society. There will be a variety of fabrics, crafts items and Christmas projects for sale which will be held from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Any contributions will be most gratefully accepted! Please take a look at the ad on this event in another section of this issue for details on what will be most welcome.

We will look forward to a nice attendance at our first Meeting of the current season - remember the date - Wednesday, September 16th, 8 P.M. at Library!

Marilyn Pedersen, President

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 1981-1982 by Marilyn Mazzenga

September 16th - Antique Cars by Eugene B. Lehman

October 21st ---- Historical Magic by Howard Bamman

November 18th -- Herbs & Spices of Revolutionary Period by
Mrs. John Hall II.

February 17th -- Gay 90s by Kenneth Spengler

March 17th ----- Businesses in Palatine by Ray Mills

April 21st ----- (Topic to be announced) by Dee Deacon

May 20th ----- Old Houses In Palatine by Nancy Fortunato

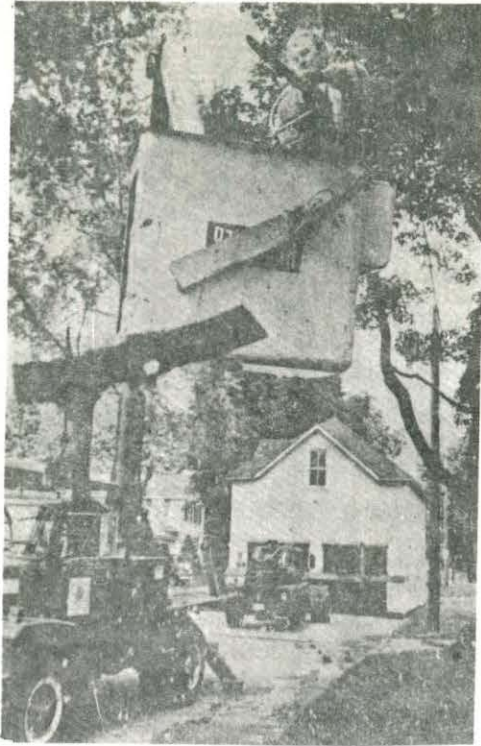


MOVING DAY!
CARRIAGE HOUSE
HEADED FOR ITS
NEW HOME.

Right - As the way was
being cleared.

Below - Smoother Sail-
ing.

Photos to right and below
by Palatine Herald.



HISTORY OF HOMES - by Ray Mills

THE BUILDING, at Quentin and Baldwin Roads, was long known as Uncle Andy's Cow Palace and more recently as LaRomana Restaurant. It was partially destroyed by fire last year. The property was a land grant to David Root in 1847. It was soon sold to Elisha E. Pratt, who ran a small store on Quentin Road near where the Chicago Northwestern tracks were laid in 1853. In 1855, the railroad put in a switch and promised a depot at what is now the village of Palatine. Mr. Pratt, wanting to be where the action would be, moved the store east, down the tracks to Palatine, where it became the first store in the area. It stood for 120 years on Railroad Avenue, just west of Plum Grove Road. The site is now a portion of a parking lot.

Mr. Pratt soon sold his farm to Edwin Converse, who built a home near where the restaurant is located. About 1903, he retired and built a new late Victorian home, still standing, at 234 N. Plum Grove Road. The Herman Schmidt family was one of several who occupied the farm after that. The Converse family much later built a home, still standing, on the south side of Baldwin, just east of Quentin Road.

It is said that the original farm house was destroyed and that the west part of the restaurant (see picture at head of column) which was not damaged by the fire, was originally the Converse arainary. The restaurant was built in the late 1930's, probably by Jack Denzer, who ran the Radio Club (a night club) there.

The lack of gasoline and limited auto traffic during World War II, caused Mr. Denzer to close the restaurant. Perhaps this gave him time to build a fine apartment in the silo and another one or two in the barn.

For at least two years, 1943 to 1945, the west part of the restaurant served as a branch of the Wittenberg school located one quarter on Quentin Road (now remodeled and serving as a home). In the 1940's the area population was growing and the rural schools were crowded. There was talk in 1944 of consolidating the rural schools and the Palatine Enterprise of September, 1944, said that there were 90 students at Wittenberg School. It was a one room building. However, the lower grades were nicely accomodated with two teachers in a branch school located in the then closed restaurant. Students attending classes there remember the upstairs wash rooms but don't remember the bar.

After the war, the restaurant reopened and the overflow students from Wittenberg attended Wood street school in Palatine or Hillside school on So. Quentin Rd.,(where the present District 15 Administ-

ration building is now located).



The Old School House
The Radio Club
Paul Peterson's Supper Club
Uncle Andy's Cow Palace
LaRomana Restaurant

In 1946, the township schools consolidated and Dist. 15 was enlarged to include the rural schools. The first new building, now the Gray M. Samborn School, was opened in Sept. 1948, and all the rural schools closed except Highland Grove School at Ela and Algonquin Rds. This school remained the only one room school in Cook County until 1958 when it joined District 15.

In 1952, Mr. Denzer sold the Radio Club to Paul Peterson, who operated it as Paul Peterson's Supper club. There were several other owners after that. The restaurant was noted for its unusual lighting fixtures made of pierced copper in elaborate designs. The lounge was known for a time as the Aztec Lounge. During the later years, it was known as Uncle Andy's Cow Palace and had the model of a huge cow standing in front of the building as a trademark. The latest name the building carried was the LaRomana Restaurant.

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CURATOR'S COLUMN by Dee Deacon

I would prefer to introduce myself to each of you informally over a cup of coffee or whatever, but since busy schedules and all do not permit that I will attempt to do so this way.

Everyone has called me Dee since I was a baby except my mother when she wanted my attention. Then she used my given name, Frances Jean. I was born and raised on our family owned and operated hog farm (we have about 600 head) just outside of the growing community called Volo, Ill.

My father's family farmed in this area since 1862. The original homestead was about one-quarter mile from where my grandfather and father farm. My dad was blessed with four girls, no boys, on the farm, so we learned what woman's liberation was without knowing it!

I have two daughters of my own, Heather 12 and Kate 9. We are getting married October 17 to a very special man, Jim Flood, who is an attorney for Kemper Group in Long Grove. We will be living in Gurnee, just down the street from Great America.

I had worked for the Lake County Museum for three and one-half years as their Public Service Education Coordinator. In that position I developed special events programs, educational programming and worked with the volunteers. It was a rewarding three and one-half years and hope that the experience I received there will be beneficial to the Palatine Historical Society.

You are to be applauded for the continuous support and efforts put forth to preserve Palatine's History and the Clayson House. You are providing a unique gift to the people of this community - a gift of the past so that there will be a future. I feel one of the greatest things we can do for those of the future is to give them a sense of belonging and that comes from understanding where we have come from.

The past is where we have been, the present is what we are and the future is what we hope to be. People such as yourselves are key to this progression. Without collectors of history, such as your group, there would be a missing link. You are providing that link for Palatine.

I look forward to seeing and working with all of you. Hope at the General Meeting in September, I can share a cup of coffee with some of you and get to know you better. Feel free to call me at the Park District Office (991-0333) or stop by to visit.

BE SURE AND CHECK OUT THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE B-I-G HARVEST-FEST SALE THAT WILL BE HELD AT 224 E. PALATINE ROAD, PALATINE - THE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 12th, 1981. See full details in another section of this issue of the Palaver - U All Come!

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