

MUSEUM MEMO

November/December 2016



Our new exhibit “Celebrating Plymouth—150 years” opens on Friday January 13, 2017.

This is an evolving exhibit featuring historic artifacts from Plymouth's past and highlighting the people who have lived here, their stories and significant events.

This first installment of the exhibit will be centered around the early years of Plymouth, the community's pioneers and life here in nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

You will enjoy hearing the tales of names that you recognize from the street signs and buildings throughout town.

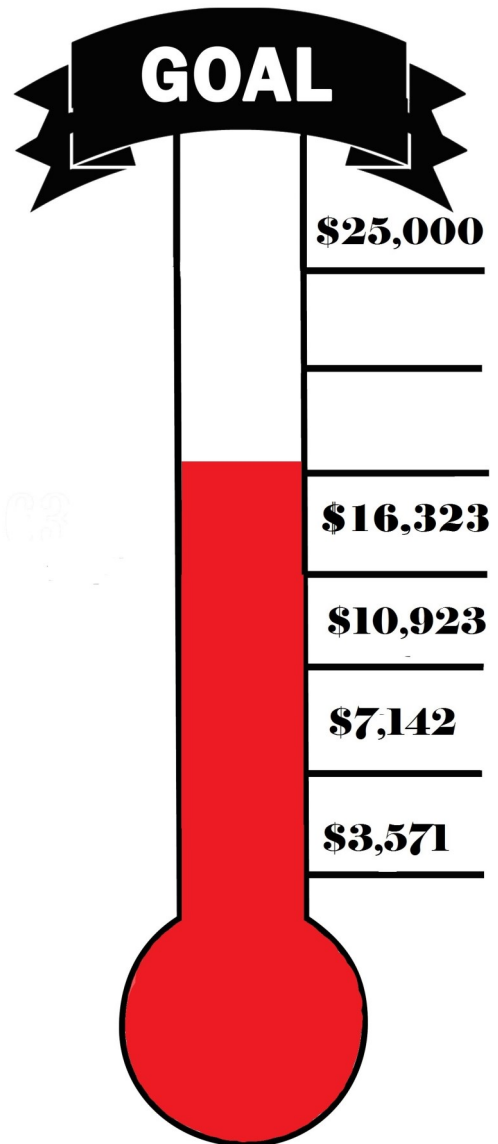
The exhibit will continue to change throughout the year to feature various decades in our 150-year history, so plan to visit often!

Thank you to the 78 donors who have generously donated to our annual appeal to date.

Our annual appeal makes it possible for us to preserve the history of Plymouth and to share it with more than 5,000 guests each year. If you'd like to support this work and help us meet our goal of \$25,000 before the end of the year, please donate today.

Plymouth Historical Museum 2016 Annual Appeal

Help us reach our goal!



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Monthly Drawing

Mekie Kukan and Don Pohlod are the winners of the November and December drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.

It's Not Too Late!

The Plymouth Historical Museum is a privately funded 501(c)3 charitable organization. We receive no government funding, so we always have a "wish list" of things that help us as we work to preserve and share the history of Plymouth.

We are always in need of stamps. If you would like to donate first class "forever" stamps, any style or amount is appreciated. Just deliver or mail them to the Museum.

- Roll of 100 first-class postage stamps **\$47**
- Box of copy paper **\$27**
- 1 mannequin for exhibits **\$200**
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- IT/Network support **\$250**
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To donate, make your check payable to:

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Monthly educational programs

New Members—Welcome!

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Bits ‘N Pieces

By Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director

We have had a wonderfully busy year in 2016! Our three exhibits this year have been well received. "It's a Downton Abbey Thing" special exhibit ran from January to June with visitors enjoyed our take on what was happening in Southeast Michigan in the 1910 and 1920 decades.

"First Ladies—Fashion Setters" special exhibit entertained visitors between June and November. The exhibit showcased our own First Ladies' dresses that were designed and created by our costume historian and Past President Pam Yockey. We also had displays of historical election memorabilia, some of which were loaned by local collectors.

"Yuletide at the White House" is a short special exhibit running from mid-November to the end of December. This holiday display is inspired by the traditions of the past presidents, the first ladies and their families. Of special note is the featured antique toys, doll house furniture and banks on loan from a local collector.

We have had a string of very successful events during the year—most of which sold out! Some members were disappointed because they were unable to purchase tickets for the events. We are now trying to let everyone know that if you want to come to an event that we put on, you need to purchase

tickets as soon as you hear about the event. Waiting until the event doesn't work any more. For instance, we held two Downton Abbey teas and two Frozen or Princess teas. All of these teas sold out very quickly. Because we advertise on Facebook, our reach is wider and people from around the area can purchase tickets quickly. The Frozen and Princess teas sold out in a few days once they were posted on Facebook.

Likewise, our Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk was posted on Facebook in July and sold out in about a week! The event was shared more than a thousand times and nearly 10,000 people were interested in coming! So, we put together a second, simultaneous walk and it sold out in a couple of weeks.

Since our newsletter only comes out bimonthly, we recommend that you sign up to be alerted about our events on Facebook—if you have a computer and are on the social media site. Visit https://www.facebook.com/plymouthhistory/events/?ref=page_internal and click on the "Subscribe" button to receive these notifications once we post an event.

Remember, members receive discounts to most of our events. We don't want you to miss out on our wonderful living history events!

It's tea time at the  *Plymouth Historical Museum...*

Sunday, January 29, 2017, 2-4 PM

Mentioning Unmentionables

A look at the history of underclothing, with Kim Parr

Tickets are \$25 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members; \$30 for non-members by January 13; Add \$5 to ticket prices after January 13.

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and Friends of the Penn present...*

LUNCH WITH THE LINCOLNS

*Sunday, February 12, 2017
Noon–2 PM*

- Hear Fred and Bonnie Priebe—portraying President Abraham and First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln—discuss Michigan’s participation in the Civil War as well as mourning customs in 1862 following the death of their son Willie
- Enjoy a buffet lunch catered by Diann’s Catering, including some of Lincoln’s favorite foods
- Tour the Plymouth Historical Museum following the lunch to experience the special exhibit, “Celebrating Plymouth—150 Years”

**TICKETS ARE \$25 FOR MEMBERS/\$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS,
ADD \$5 AFTER FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

Purchase tickets at the Museum, by phone, or online: *Plymouth Historical Museum*
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50 Years Ago - December 1966



An aerial photo of Kellogg Park in 1966. The focal point of the park was a large boulder, christened "Plymouth Rock." In 1969 the boulder was replaced with a fountain. In 1998 the fountain was enhanced thanks to a generous donation from long-time Plymouth residents Calvin and Charlotte Perry. The Kellogg Park fountain is one of most recognizable landmarks in Plymouth.



July 1967. Representatives from Plymouth, England visited Plymouth, Michigan, to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the city's incorporation. From left are English Alderman H. M. Pattison, Plymouth Mayor James Jabara, former Plymouth Mayor James Houk, and Frank Chapman, Lord Mayor of Plymouth, England.

A commentary published in the Plymouth Mail, December 1966, regarding the planned celebration of Plymouth's 100th Anniversary in 1967, and the proposed renovation of Kellogg Park.

Kellogg Park Symbol Of Pioneer Tradition

One of the questions most often asked by folks born and raised in the middle west on their first visit to our quiet little city of Plymouth is "What is the idea of a park in the heart of the downtown area? Isn't that better suited to business – and the development of a more complete shopping center?"

These are good questions, but the fact is that Kellogg Park – right in the heart of the downtown area – carries out an age old tradition brought here from the East.

When the first settler arrived in the New England area and started to establish their new world they built around what they termed a "Commons" or a "Village Green".

As folks moved west some brought the "Commons" idea with them and even though it wasn't always a grass plot, it was a square in the center of the business area where one could "speak his piece". In Detroit, for example, there is Cadillac Square – a concrete area in which many gatherings have been held – and the adjacent Kennedy Square where many of our presidential candidates have opened their campaigns.

One of the few places in Michigan, aside from Plymouth, that has put stress on a "village green" is the little town of Marshall, known to many only as the home base of Win Schuler, the famed restaurateur.

Plymouth Days Gone By

Compiled by Gerry Sabatini from the newspaper archives at the Plymouth District Library

100 Years Ago -
November 1916

Plymouth Defeats Belleville 7-27

Plymouth made a good start toward evening up the score when they defeated Belleville here last Friday with a 7-27 score. At the first blow of the whistle, kicking off, the fellows showed their 'pep' by a good return. The locals asked for only two downs to gain the forty yards for the first touchdown, Welsie making the six points after the first minute of play. Bell easily kicked the goal making it seven. From that time on the game was Plymouth's, only asking them to determine the score. The boys displayed good teamwork while all the back field played a star game under the excellent direction of Capt. Hance.

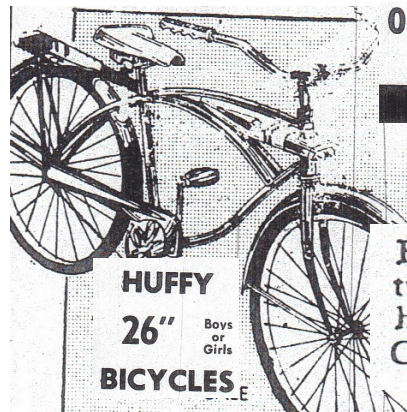
An Old Resident Passes Away

Walter Hudson, aged 80 years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alfred White, three and a half miles east of town, last Sunday after an illness of about two months. The deceased was born in Canada but came to Michigan when a small child, where he has always lived. For the past forty-five years he has resided on the farm where he died. The funeral was held from his late home Tuesday afternoon.

Attention
Plymouth
Farmers

To make it easier to maintain an adequate milk sanitation program during the winter, dairy herd owners should clip objectionable hair on a few cows each day from now until the arrival of low temperatures.

This is the suggestion of the acting chief of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.



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50 Years Ago -
November 1966

Santa Not Hurt In Crash

BULLETIN—Word has just been received that a new helicopter has been shipped to the North Pole to provide transportation for Santa Claus on his trip to Plymouth next Saturday. The helicopter will arrive in time for the trip, according to the North American representative of S. Claus & Co. in Anchorage, Alaska. The original helicopter crashed in a trial flight earlier this week. The pilot, Claus himself, said that he still could not get used to mechanical transportation. "I'm still a sleigh man," he said as he crawled from the burning wreckage. He was unharmed.

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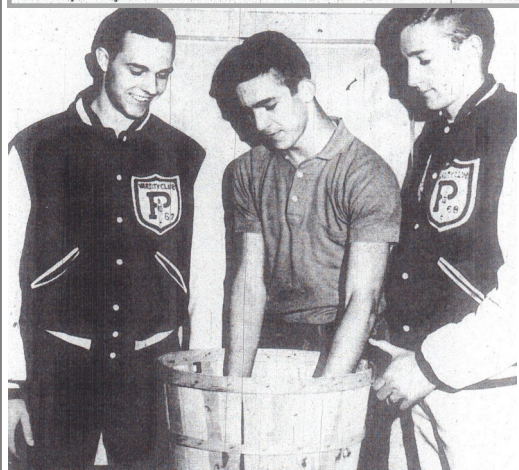
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VARSITY CLUB members at Plymouth High School contributed to one family's Thanksgiving pleasure by preparing this basket of food for the holiday. The basket went to a mother and her four children. From left are John Davis, Ron Lowe, and Mike Kubik. Others who worked on the project were Steve Hulce and Mike Cederberg.



Christmas Cards



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FIVE SNOWMAN-BUILDERS stand in front of their 12-foot creation which came to life last week in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wilson, 361 Sunset. From left to right are John Breed, Tom Jewell, Jim Wilson, Michael Litalien, and Mark Wilson. For comparison with the snowman, Mark is 6 feet 10.

City Clears First Snow

A surprise seven-inch snowfall – the first snow of the season – slowed traffic to a crawl Wednesday night in the Plymouth area, but Plymouth city streets were clear by the next morning.

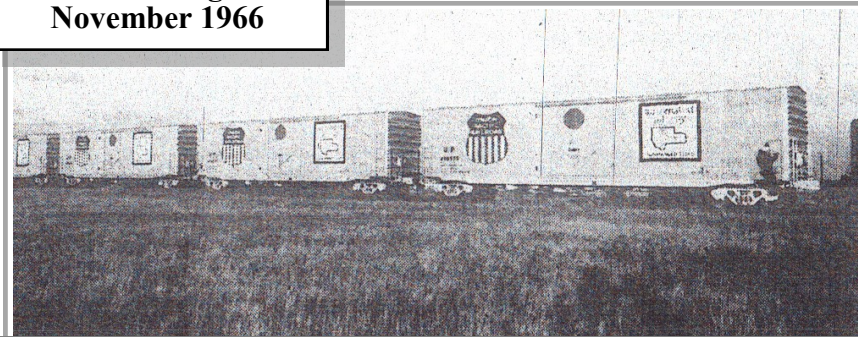
The Plymouth Department of Public Works had dumped 60 tons of salt on city streets by Thursday noon and had the main arteries clear, the side streets passable.

Ken Vogras, DPW superintendent, said at the time that his men would continue scraping the streets until all side streets were clear. Vogras called out the entire department four hours early Thursday morning, enabling Plymouth to maintain its reputation

50 Years Ago - November 1966



BUILT IN PLYMOUTH: Eight insulated freight cars built in Plymouth by Evans Products Company for the Union Pacific Railroad shown as they pulled out of Evans' plant recently. These cars are part of an order for 500 insulated box cars which Evans received from the Union Pacific last fall. They are 50-foot, 70-ton cars equipped with Evans' DF-2 damage-prevention equipment and with cushion underframes. 250 of the cars are being built at Evans' Plymouth plant. Evans has been in the freight car building business since September 1964.



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Calendar of Events

For a detailed list of events, visit the Museum website at www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html.

Special Museum Exhibit, "Yuletide at the White House,"
Exhibit on display until December 31, 2016.

January 2017

- 1-12—Museum closed for exhibit changeover.
13—"Celebrating Plymouth—150 Years" opens.
13—Wine & Appetizer Reception, 6-8 PM
29—Sunday, "Mentioning Unmentionables," Plymouth Historical Museum, 2-4 PM. Tickets are \$25 for Plymouth Historical Museum members, \$30 for non-members by January 13; add \$5 to ticket price after January 13.

February

- 12—Sunday, "Lunch with the Lincolns," Plymouth Historical Museum, Noon-2 PM. Tickets are \$25 for Plymouth Historical Museum members, \$30 for non-members by February 3; add \$5 to ticket price after February 3.
12—Wednesday, Community Open House sponsored by Community Financial, 6-8 PM.

March

- 11—Saturday, A Night FOR the Museum, Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Plymouth. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets are \$75 per person.



Please join us for a tree felling ceremony and wine &
appetizer reception for Plymouth's new
Holly-Wayne Railroad Depot

Friday, January 13, 2017
6-8 PM

Museum Members receive 2 complimentary tickets;
prospective members and guests are \$25 per person

Please reserve your tickets by January 6 at
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