



Newaygo County History

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Newaygo Plays Its Symphony of Fall Colors

By James S. Pooler, F.P. Staff Writer

Up in Newaygo County we stood a few days ago at the "High Rollway." The Muskegon River was 100 feet below.

We looked over what seemed to be a hundred square miles of forest blazing with color--scarlet, yellow, bronze, rust, purplish rose and stark greens--a tremendous symphony of the Michigan Forest.

We remembered that here the ruthless lumberman once had tumbled millions of feet of virgin pine down this same "High Rollway" into the Muskegon River. But today dozens of cars were stopping to admire fall in a forest reborn.

We turned to leave, a little breathless with beauty, and there was a bronze plaque on a polished stone, almost hidden by evergreens. We stopped to read it.

**In Memory of
Orville E. Atwood**

Who Originated The Newaygo County Autumn Color Tour In 1928

We drove on through more breathtaking beauty and dipped into the town of Newaygo itself, blazing with fall color.

We had some questions about Mr. Atwood. Was he the originator of these "Color Tours" so famous now not only in Michigan but in New England, the Ozarks and the Carolinas?

Who invited a nation to go traveling in autumn and enjoy America at its beautiful best? Who gave us a last, lovely fling at vacationing before white winter roared in? Was that why Newaygo and the Auto Club had erected this almost lost plaque to him?

Presently we found ourselves talking to Bob Sherwood, secretary and treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce.

Dawgoned, if we hadn't hit on the story of the pioneer to fall beauty. The man who had opened the door to inviting a motoring nation to the most beautiful experience it can have.

Atwood, Bob told us, really should be Senator Atwood--he was a State senator. He lived on a farm southwest of

Newaygo, on the Muskegon River, where autumn touches the trees in a way that only God's palette can.

Nearly 30 years ago, Senator Atwood organized and started the first known Color Tour--inviting folks from the cities to drive out and see Michigan decked out in full color, rioting with beauty.

The cars came chugging out 30 years ago over dusty roads and hairpin turns. They came every autumn in increasing numbers over designated routes where they were almost blinded by the brilliance of trees.

The "High Rollway" skirts gorgeous Croton Dam and the Oxbow, River colors, islands and high hills lend to the enchantment. And there now are 180 miles of Color Tour in Newaygo County alone.

In the early years, we used to have such trimmings as a beauty queen--the "Color Queen"--"but we shucked such nonsense," Sherwood said, "for people just came up to see the gorgeous natural scenery."

Today Newaygo gets thousands of letters from all over the Midwest, New England and the South wanting to know when the Color Tour is on.

"It's a funny thing but it always is in the first two weeks of October," Sherwood told us. "Jack Frost has nothing to do with touching up the trees into color. The leaves just seem to have worked themselves out by then and the forest starts turning naturally to color."

Before we drove on...we asked Sherwood how well these autumn color tours had worked out, and he said. "Swell."

He added, "It's hard to believe but our restaurants and gas stations are busier during the weeks than they are on such peak weeks of summer as the fourth of July and Labor Day."

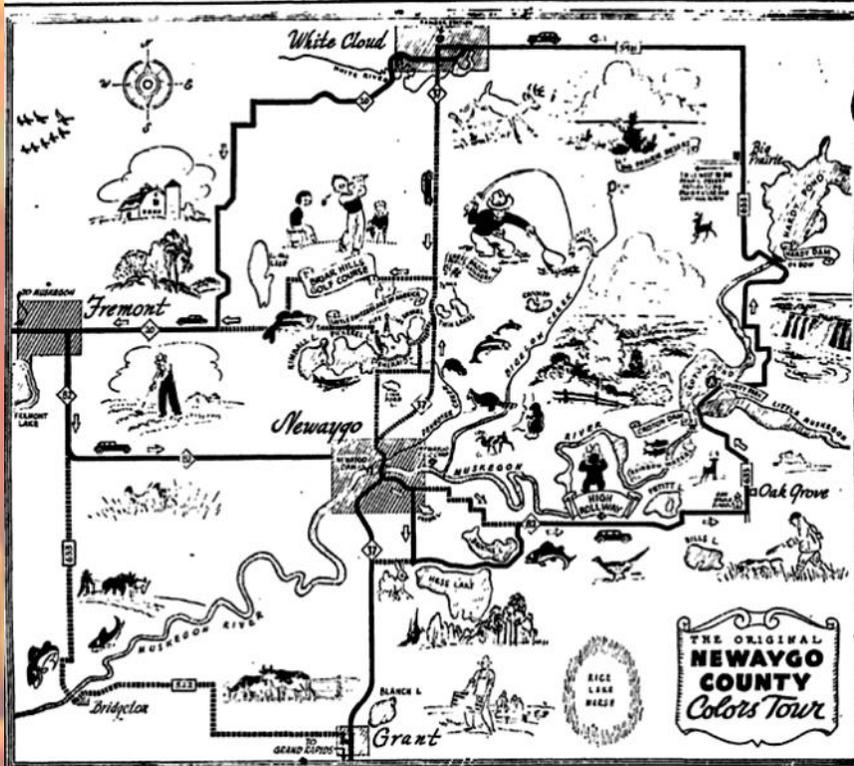
So we went along, bedazzled by the utmost of Michigan's beauty in autumn...Atwood, who originated this gorgeous invitation to enjoy autumn and paved the way for Color Tours, died nearly 20 years ago.

He was killed when his car rammmed a railroad abutment outside Howell. He never lived to know what he had contributed to the enjoyment of beauty everywhere in America.

Next fall, we think, we will drop a little bunch of leaves--amazing yellow, red, purple, bronze--on his monument.

- D.F.P., Oct. 23, 1957

Map of 1937 Colors Tour of Newaygo County



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OTIA FAIR MET WITH USUAL BIG SUCCESS

The Thirteenth Annual Otia Fair was held at Brohman September 12, under the able management of our new President Mrs. E. W. Cantrell and members of the Fair board.

The cold and cloudy weather made the success of the fair look doubtful but the people just could not keep away and the usual attendance was present.

The vegetable and field crop exhibit was as fine as in other years, also the display in Fancy Work, Flowers, Canned Fruit, Domestic Economy, etc. The poultry exhibit was larger than usual, showing the interest taken in chickens in this vicinity.

The booths were decorated in a most attractive manner. The townships represented were Monroe, Beaver, Troy, Lilley, Grant, Lincoln, Wilcox, Home, Big Prairie and Everett.

We wish to thank all who helped make the Fair a success and especially Mr. Greening of Bitely who gave an inspiring talk on Conservation, The Growing of Flowers, Trees, etc. We also thank Mrs. Greenlease and son and Mrs. Sailors for the fine music rendered and E. Brohman for his large collection of antique weapons, among them relics of the Civil War, guns, swords, pistols, bayonets, Zulu war club, etc. Otia Fair Board

- *White Cloud Eagle, Sept 17, 1925*
Otia was located in Merrill Township

Family Relocates During Hard Times

Arthur and Margaret Olsen and five children, including a baby of 18 months, were given a piece of land in Hesperia, Michigan, in 1932. Since they lived in Chicago, Illinois, they packed up all the truck would hold and headed for Michigan as Art wasn't well.

He had a newsstand in Chicago which he traded for the truck. Since the truck was overloaded, two children of 11 and 12 laid on the fenders and hung on while traveling (a thing that was done in those days.) Can you imagine the rough roads in the 1930s and going 300 miles, poor kids!

They camped near Silver Lake (by Grand Haven) for the summer. Mother also baked a birthday cake over the campfire. When the weather began to get cold, the neighbor let them use their ice house to live in for the winter.

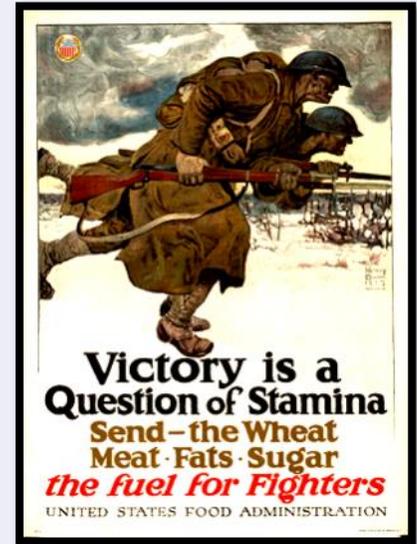
Much later, they arrived at the courthouse to get papers to the land. As it was noon time, the clerk said, "Come back after lunch."

They came back and found the clerk's brother had just filed.

They had no home, dad was sick, five children to care for, no money, and sometimes we think we have it bad!

They traded the truck for a cow and had milk for the summer and meat for the winter. Although it was difficult to eat as they had made the cow a pet. Somehow they made [a way] to live and the children grew up in Hesperia.

-As told by Margie Thompson, Hesperia
Oct, 2017.



WOOSTER

School was closed for potato digging last week and the pupils enjoyed a vacation from their studies. In spite of the rain which came so frequently, many bushels of potatoes were dug. It seems to be a good crop and we hope to send France some, while the Germans look on enviously. Wouldn't it be fun?

George Rottman was examined at White Cloud Wednesday and passed, as everyone does there. Perhaps there were more from Wooster but we didn't hear about it. It surely begins to look as if everyone would be needed to lick Kaiser Bill.

Mr. George VanOs was home from Camp Custer Sunday. He is one of those who say, "No snap, but we like it."

Roy Splitstone has had a Monitor furnace installed in his home.

Mr. G. J. Breuker had what might have been a serious accident last Sunday when his Saxon Six slipped off the road into the ditch below Powers Hill on the East Stone Road. Luckily, no one was injured.

Fremont Times Indicator, Oct 25 1917

Long Lake Camp

On Friday last we had the pleasure of visiting Ryerson, Hills & Co.'s logging camp and farm situated on the banks of Long Lake, in the township of Sherman, from which the camp and farm derive the name. Our stay was necessarily brief, owing to a heavy snow storm which admonished us that Newaygo was a long way off and must if possible be reached before dark; but in the brief time we had to stay, a good many things worthy of notice attracted our attention.

First, the farmhouse proper is a roomy frame building, built in 1882, exclusively for the use of the Superintendent of the farm and the farm hands. Near the house, which stands on an elevation considerably higher than the other buildings, is a large wind-mill, which pumps water into a large iron tank, from whence it is distributed to all the buildings where water is needed. The lumber shanties are much the same as ordinary shanties built for similar purposes, save that they are very large and roomy, accommodating 100 men with ease. The cook shanty is separate from the sleeping room, and another building is used for the men's wash room, and still another for the store and office of the company. These buildings are all constructed of logs and are kept neat and



Ryerson's Shay locomotive.

clean as well as warm and comfortable.

At present over eighty men are employed at this camp, and should the present fall of snow be sufficient to draw logs, the force will be largely increased by additional teamsters. A new barn has just been built by the company, which is 50x130 feet in size, twenty-two feet high from the first floor to eaves, and having what is called a hip roof to make room for the immense amount of hay used here every winter. The door leading to the hay loft is kept locked constantly, and only one man has access to it, and it is his duty to see that every manger is plentifully supplied with hay. The supply of oats is kept in a granary on the second floor and a spout leads directly from the granary to a fanning mill, and all the grain is run through the mill and cleaned before being fed. Water will be brought to the barn in pipes from the wind-mill as soon as it can be done. It is already in the old log barns.

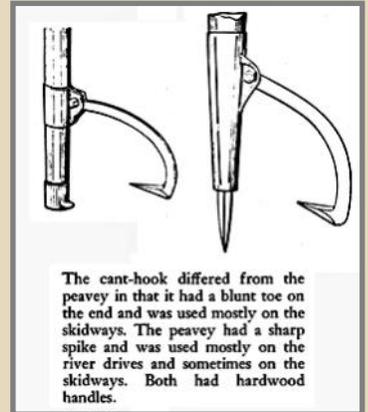
A nasty swamp hole near the dwelling house has been drained and the reclaimed land is equal to the best in the county, while the advantage of the water in the lake is of very great value in the logging operations. The ditch for this drain is not long, but is in some places very deep, and cost quite a sum of money. About 200 acres of land are cleared and under cultivation, and the crops produced are said to be very profitable. The land is excellent, being largely composed of clay and gravelly loam, which is the best combination found in this section. During the time the company

have been operating here they have stripped a good deal of land of its pine and sold it at low prices and on long time to people who have settled upon it and are fast transforming the forest waste into beautiful and prolific farms.

A ride through that section would surprise anyone not familiar with it. New houses are springing up all along the road from the Root schoolhouse north, showing that the hardy settlers are prosperous and know how to enjoy their prosperity. Our thanks are due to Mr. Jacobs and the very clever head of the cooking department for favors received. We shall not soon forget the gusto with which we disposed of the pork and beans. The bill of fare consisted in part of boiled beef, pork, potatoes, onions, and pie and cake; certainly no man can find fault with what is offered him to eat.

Ryerson, Hills & Co. are proverbially just and fair to their employees and a visit to this camp will convince anyone that their fame is deserved. They insist upon perfect cleanliness and the dozen or more towels in the wash room are changed after every meal and a bath, clean underclothing and a shave are required of the men at least once a week. All in all we believe the Long Lake Camp to be an institution worth visiting. Certainly the writer will never regret the time he spent in going there.

- *Newaygo Republican, December 9, 1885*



The cant-hook differed from the peavey in that it had a blunt toe on the end and was used mostly on the skidways. The peavey had a sharp spike and was used mostly on the river drives and sometimes on the skidways. Both had hardwood handles.

More about the lake and Martin A. Ryerson

Long Lake, now known as Ryerson Lake, is located in Sherman Township, east of Fremont. It sits between Baldwin and Ferris, just north of 48th Street. Ryerson drains on its south end with the water eventually reaching Kimball and Pickerel lakes, which feed Pennoyer Creek. The creek rushes into the Muskegon River at Newaygo.

Operated by Martin A. Ryerson, C.T. Hills and H.H. Getty, Ryerson, Hills & Co. was one of the larger logging and saw mill businesses in Newaygo and Muskegon counties. Ryerson's father, also Martin A. Ryerson, born in 1818 in New Jersey, was a self-made millionaire who started as a young man hired as a clerk by a fur trader, Joseph Troutier, and after 2-3 years, became familiar with the state of Michigan's land and the fur trade. He began walking the state, pedaling trinkets to Native Americans; he sold furs in Detroit and then settled in Grand Rapids.



Martin A. Ryerson Sr.
1818 - 1887

By 1839, he was in Muskegon and it was here he became involved in lumbering and saw mills, which included some 20,000 acres in Muskegon County at one time. Ryerson extended his businesses into Wisconsin and Chicago and eventually owned prime real estate in Chicago, settling there sometime in the 1850s. By the late 1880s, his real estate worth was estimated at \$3-\$5 million.

Peacock Ranch at Croton Added Color Tour Attraction

By Dorothy Walker

Peacocks have a right to be proud. Strutting sedately, brilliant iridescent green, purple and gold feathers sparkling in the late afternoon sun, the peacocks on the Frank Flusek Peacock Ranch at Croton walk the raked earth of the enclosures like royal sultans.

The great fans of these birds often measure six to ten feet when spread, forming a fantastic fan of sparkling, undulating unbelievable color. The jeweled tail feathers are dropped by the male birds and these are saved by Frank and his wife Beatrice, to be used for feather bouquets to be sold to hat manufacturers, makers of fish lures, and trim for other articles.

Each male has about 237 tail feathers he drops at the end of the summer season. But the royal elegance of these birds is often saved at the fullest feathering by the use of taxidermy. The Flusek's daughter-in-law, Martha Flusek of Manistee does the taxidermy for them.

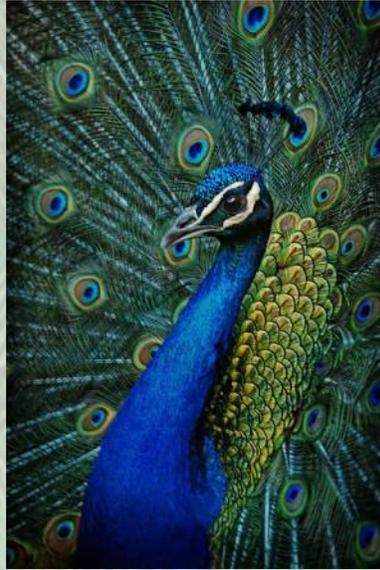
Stuffed peacocks are popular as a decorative motif in clubs and bars all over the world.

The Flusek's home is filled with Martha's work. A snowy owl and fluffy squirrel share honors with a gorgeous peacock with a spread of feathers fanning a large section of wall in a hallway.

The female peacock or peahen, is graceful, dainty and piquant but more sober in color. She lays a clutch of from 6 to 13 eggs, but if these are removed, she will keep on laying perhaps as many as 26 eggs in 28 days.

Flusek places many of these eggs in incubators thus assuring a large flock of birds.

The Fluseks began their farm about 10 years ago after moving



to the farm just west of the Croton cemetery and straight north on Pine Road. They had been residents of Chicago, where Frank had a milk route. Reading an ad in the paper telling of the farm, the lure of the hills and fields of the pretty Croton area was too much for them. They came, they saw and they fell in love with the spot.

Tending their graceful lawns they thought one day of adding peacocks just for the "looks". One pair and its naturalness there led to the idea of the farm. The climate seemed good and the location perfect.

There are now 25 pair of peacocks and many pair of pheasants.

Walking proudly along the clean enclosure, Flusek said, "And I love every one of them. They are like children hurrying about me." He demonstrated by stepping into an area flowing with the color from the golden pheasants. The birds swarmed about him, color scattering about his legs.

Beatrice share her husband's love and talent with color. She uses the brilliant tones of the pheasant feathers for hats, and the demand for these is great. Hats must be ordered. A silver pheasant made into a hat will bring as much as \$35. Beatrice's clever fingers weave lovely designs in feathers for those hats.

The pretty stone house with its sloping green lawns is also well supplied with plaques she makes from crushed stone chips. The colored chips are made into tigers, owls, cats and of

course, peacocks.

Said Beatrice, "I love the winter time. I can do so much with the feathers in plaques and of course, I can work on the hats." The visitor catches a last glimpse of the gold and red pheasants with the last rays of the pale sunshine washing into the color and knows the trip to Flusek Peacock and Pheasant Farm will be a sparkling memory of jeweled tones against all the gray days to come.

- White Cloud Eagle, October 14, 1965

ENROLL NOW AT THE NEWAYGO CCC

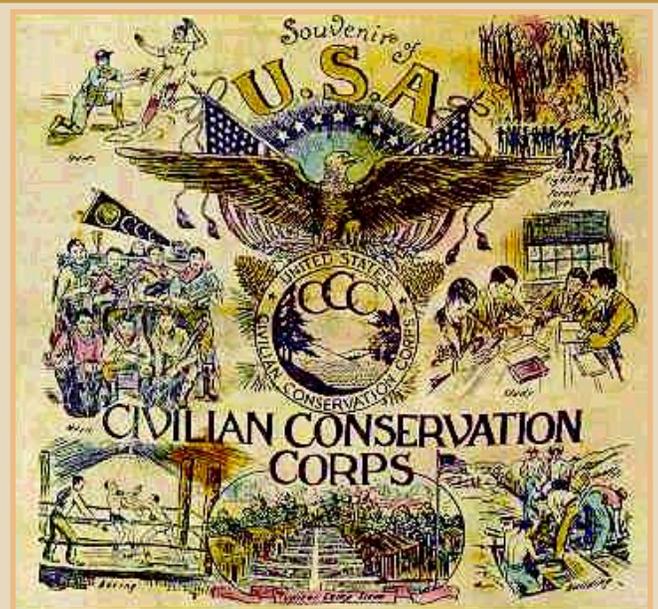
Enrollment at the Newaygo CCC Camp, Newaygo, Michigan will be completed this week, according to Commander, Lt. Francis C. Wotjtanowicz. Any youth from 17 to 23 years of age, who is unemployed and of good physical condition is eligible for enrollment. His family does not have to be on relief.

The Newaygo Camp during the last two years has accomplished much valuable work, the United States Forest Service reports. Ranger Harry E. Adams, of White Cloud, states that the CCC have planted 2,430 acres in the Newaygo District, and have also prepared 1500 acres of land in anticipation of planting the area this fall with WPA and CCC crews.

CCC labor will be used next summer to improve the White River for trout in the vicinity of White Cloud and Aetna. If the CCC program continues, it is anticipated that the conservation program of the United States Forest Service will be materially increased.

- White Cloud Eagle, Oct. 14, 1937

Civilian Conservation Corps Camps in Newaygo County will be featured in Newaygo County History and Biographies, Volume 2, due out in 2018.



Pillowcase displayed at the Michigan CCC Museum

80th Anniversary of Michigan's First Archery Deer Season

In 1937, Newaygo and Iosco were the first counties in Michigan to have an archery only hunting season. If hunters chose to hunt with a bow and arrow they would give up the opportunity to hunt with a rifle during the remainder of the month. There were between 185 and 200 hunters who elected to take their chances during that first archery season.

The 1937 archery license cost \$2.25 (same price as the gun license.) It permitted a Bowman to take one bear and one male deer with antlers extending not less than three inches above the skull. Non-resident licenses were \$25 at that time.

Of those hunters that selected the archery only hunt that first season, only three hunters reported success.

The first successful hunter to report to the Conservation Department was William (Bill) VanVorst of Lowell. He shot a spike in Newaygo County the first week of November. He had used a self-made, 70 pound, yew longbow. The arrow he used, he later inscribed:

"Wm VanVorst, Lowell, Mich, 11-6-37, Bitely, Mich, License #262, Spike Horn, 126#"

The other two successful archers during that first season, hunting in Iosco County, were Nels Grumley and Leo Lang.

Fred Bear took a nice buck with a bow and arrow during rifle season in the U.P. that same year.

- *"First Season" Pat Marino; misc.*



2017 State History Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service Accepted by Toni Rumsey



The Historical Society of Michigan presented its 2017 State History Awards, during its annual State History Conference in Holland, Michigan, Sept. 22-24, 2017. The Society presents the State History Awards every year to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the appreciation, collection, preservation and/or promotion of state and local history. The awards are the highest recognition presented by the Historical Society of Michigan.

The 2017 State History Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service was presented to Toni Rumsey of Ludington (formerly of Hesperia) for her years of service to the Newaygo County Museum and Heritage Center. Rumsey manages the organization's reference department and archives, where she has compiled and digitized a vast amount of information about the area. She has served on the museum's board of directors, written books about local history, created exhibits, led tours and trained other volunteers. Her tireless work on behalf of the museum and local history exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism.

The Historical Society of Michigan is the state's oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications, conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations to preserve and promote Michigan's rich history.

Congratulations, Toni!

McKinley Family Receives All-Electric Building Award

At a dinner meeting Monday night, June 29 at Press's Restaurant; the McKinley family received an all-electric building award for the McKinley Funeral Home, presented by L.L. Booth, division manager of the Muskegon division of Consumers Power Company.

The award was accepted by Harold J. McKinley Jr. and H. James McKinley III. This award is furnished and presented by the Edison Electric Institute and Consumers Power Company to any commercial or industrial customer who utilized electricity for all operations pertinent to their business operations. It is an emblem of electrical excellence and a hallmark of progress, and represents a testimonial of the McKinley family's sincere interest in better serving the community of Newaygo and surrounding area.

Ordinarily this award is for commercial and industrial customers only, but in this case it represents two all-electric jobs as the upstairs living quarters are also all-electric.

Riden Graham of Newaygo Lumber and Supply Co. was general contractor and was presented with a certificate of excellence of ac-

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complishment, and Erwin VanKoeving of Erwin's Electric also received such a certificate. The dinner was attended by all parties and their wives concerned with the construction of the new funeral home in all its phases, including electric heating and air conditioning.

-Grant Herald Independent, Aug. 1, 1968



Would you like to do this?

Many have asked to send a greeting to those serving them in far-away places. This thought for the "folks on the rivers" is, indeed, appreciated. If you would care to send a little word of greeting--or your children to their children--just address it to

"The Folks on the River"
C/O Consumers Power Co.
Jackson, Michigan

and it will be sent along to them. If you wish to remember those on any special river--just designate it.

Thank you!



The CHEER of a LONELY CHRISTMAS

IT IS WINTER along the rivers of the North . . . Naught now but the sigh of lonely winds through desolate forest aisles--and the sif of drifting snow. Where, in summer days, echoed the call of tourist and camper--now sounds only the crackling of frozen rivers.

Christmas can be lonely . . . here.

For here, in majestic solitude, stand the far waterpower plants--on the frontier of service. Roads are deep-drifted; and except for radio and dispatcher's phone, far indeed is the horizon of the outside world. Save for the priceless cheer of the workers' little families clustered along the frozen rivers beside the power plants--no neighborly streets are there to visit along, no downtown, none to drop in for a call.

Here is made electricity that sings along the solitary tower lines and into the genial glow of your home. Here workers stand to duty at their lonesome outposts--unknown, perhaps, by you, but for the untiring service which keeps the lines athrob with energy . . . which makes the lights gleam on your Christmas tree.

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- Hesperia Union, October 15, 1915

Greetings!

Congratulations to Toni Rumsey, NCMHC Research Department Manager and recipient of the Historical Society of Michigan's 2017 Award for **Distinguished Volunteer Service!** Toni has worked selflessly over the years to bring the NCMHC into the future while simultaneously preserving the past and making it accessible, this prestigious award is well-deserved. Thank you for graciously sharing your time and expertise through the years. **You ROCK, Lady!**

Whoosh...another year almost gone. Over 52 years ago, 14 community members came together determined to create a community entity to engage residents in preserving Newaygo County's history. As the direct descendant of that first effort, the NCMHC continues that mission today.

Thank you for visiting, for volunteering, for sharing your historical treasures and stories, and for contributing financially. You have nurtured the rebirth of our historical and cultural learning center; a "strong box," if you will, of shared experiences and collective memories. You can be very proud of the progress you have enabled us to make.

A major turning point occurred in 2014, when from all over Newaygo County and beyond, you joined together to support the purchase of the building here at 12 Quarterline. Since that time, you have sustained our improvements by supplying each carefully considered request, like stacking chairs to enhance our education programming, materials and supplies for artifact care, exhibit materials, carpet for our Military Room, and, most recently, "Focus on Exhibits." The \$6,275 you have graciously given will provide the L.E.D track lights which will make a tremendous difference in the ambiance of the exhibit gallery and will mean less U.V. stress on the artifacts. Thank you!

We delight in the surprise of our guests as they discover their connection with the breadth of the local history hidden within our rather non-descript exterior. Once inside, it doesn't take long to fall in love with this place. If you've ever considered volunteering, winter is when all the work takes place behind-the-scenes to refresh exhibits for opening day. Work hard and be gratified with the end result; apply to become a volunteer; publishing, design, fabrication, editing, artifact care, etc.

It is time to jumpstart our annual appeal! To receive a **\$10,000 matching grant** for operations from the **Fremont Area Community Foundation**, we must raise \$13,000 by December 31, 2017, to make the \$20,000 required for the match. Please give generously today! (Reply form below.)

With each turn of the calendar, our Trustees, Staff, and Volunteers become more adept at polishing this hidden gem in the hope that it will shine for generations to come. What we have here today, is only a glimmer of what our community is capable of creating when it enthusiastically embraces our mission to collect, preserve, and share the memories of our shared experience.

Thank you for your support!

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Roxanne

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