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A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came or what we have been about.

Woodrow Wilson

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NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1960, at 3 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner E. Wilson St. and Washington Avenue

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PROGRAM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS MRS. BARTON S. SNOW

History of the Snow Residence

Have you noticed the similarity of the architecture of the Snow and the Brandon homes? Who built these lovely Greek Revival houses? Mrs. Snow will have the answers.

MRS. J. HAROLD BLAIR

The Early Music of Batavians

Batavia has always been music-minded. How many Batavia bands can you remember? Come and talk over "old times" and, of course, "present times" too.

LAST MEETING, JANUARY 17th

Miss Eunice Shumway, as Temporary Chairman, called the Organization Meeting to order. Mr. Malcolm Derby was made Permanent Chairman, and Mrs. Miriam Johnson, Recording Secretary, until officers are elected.

Mr. Raymond Patzer read the proposed By-Laws for the Batavia Historical Society and they were accepted. Mrs. Pauline Campbell offered the services of the Fox Valley Camera Club to take pictures of historic interest. Mr. John Gustafson gave a short talk on "Cycles of Past Industries in Batavia," mentioning a few salient points on each of the following:

1. The sawmills and flouring mills
2. The stone quarries
3. The paper mills
4. The ice industry

Following the meeting everyone enjoyed the excellent display of pictures, maps, and books.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Batavia Historical Society gratefully acknowledges two gifts from Mr. P. E. Roscoe of 16 South Van Buren Street.

1. Photograph of the Howell Hotel, located at 20-24 South Van Buren Street, taken about 1870. The hotel was torn down about 1900.
2. Sleigh bells which were brought to Batavia from Nova Scotia in 1857 by Mr. William Roscoe.

## CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE B. H. S. TO DATE

Charter membership will be held open until January, 1961. Annual dues Are \$1.00. Please invite your friends to join.

Alexander, Miss Ethel-	228 S. Second St., Geneva
Allan, Mrs. Margaret A.	228 S. Second St. Geneva
Anderson, Miss Mary	534 W. Wilson St.
Benson, Miss Cora	431 Elm St.

Benson, Mr. Wm. B.	431 Elm St.
Campbell, Mrs. Pauline	328 Union Avenue
Cannon, Mrs. Elaine	519 l'18in Street
Derby, Mr. Malcolm R.	420 S. Batavia Avenue
Evert, Mrs. Walter	315 Locust St,
Glidden, Mr. Robert T.	617 Carlisle Rd
Glidden, Mrs. Robert T.	345 N. Batavia Avenue
Grigg, Dr. Walter K.	R. 1, Box 293
Gustafson, Miss Alice	R. 1, Box 293
Gustafson, John A.	R. 1, Box 293
Hampton, Mr. Ed	R. 2, Box 380, West Chicago
Hazelton, Mr. H. James	12 S. Van Nortwick
Jervis, Hr. Frank R.	29 S. Bennett St., Geneva
Johnson, Mr. Carl W.	229 N. Washington St.
Johnson, Mrs. Miriam H.	229 N. Washington St.
Johnson, Mr. Walter R.	232 N. Jefferson St.
Jones, Mrs. Horace N., Jr.	346 Elm St.
Joslyn, Miss Florence	116 Columbia St.
Kline, Miss Ida	111 Franklin St.
Kruger, Mr. Clare J.	125 S. Washington St.
Kruger, Mrs. Clare J.	125 S. Washington St.
Lundberg, Mr. J. Elliott	912 Walnut St.
McDowell, Miss Viola	19 S. Van Buren St.
Mier, Mr. August J.	739 Cleveland Avenue.
Patzer, Mr. Raymond J.	237 Republic Rd.
Patzer, Mrs. Raymond J.	237 Republic Rd.
Perrow, Mrs. Agnes	R. 2., Box 380, West Chicago
Peterson, Mrs. Iver M.	504 Walnut St.
Rendler, Mrs. Arthur W.	106 N. Van Buren St.
Rowland, Mrs. S. W.	504 Walnut. St.
Schielke, Jeffery	203 N. Washington St.
Shumway, Miss Eunice K.	232 S. Batavia Avenue
Simon, Hrs. Oliver B.	418 Elm St.
Simpson, Mrs. Bruce J.	230 N. Jackson St
Snow, Mrs. Barton S.	528 S. Batavia Avenue
Smith, Mrs. Frank P.	421 Main St.
Stephano, Mrs. Joseph P.	379 Republic Rd.
Storer, Miss Alice	116 Columbia St.
Williams, Mrs. Mary B.	519-Main St.
Williams, Mrs. G. P.	5 S. Jackson St.
Wood, Mrs. Walter H.	702 Walnut St.

It is interesting to note that these members range in age from eight years to over eighty.

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Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

George Santayana

NOTE- No, we are not going to issue THE HISTORIAN every month, but we thought you would like to have a record of your officers and committee chairmen. Here they are:

President	Miss Eunice Shumway
Vice President	Mrs. Clare Kruger
Secretary	Mrs. Carl W. Johnson
Treasurer	Raymond Patzer
Historian	John A. Gustafson
Trustee for Two Years	Malcolm R. Derby
Trustee for Two Years	Philip Carlson
Trustee for One Year	Miss Viola McDowell
Trustee for One Year	Carl N. More

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Camera	Mr. Amos Hartman
Displays	Mrs. Elaine Cannon
Finance	Robert T. Glidden
Historical Research	Mrs. Oliver B. Simon
Membership	Miss Alice Storer
Program	Mrs. Walter H. Wood
Publicity	Mrs. Clare Kruger and Mrs. Carl W. Johnson

If one of the chairmen calls you for assistance, please be willing to do whatever you can. Every bit will help.

Our society has joined the Illinois State Historical Society, and is now in the process of being incorporated as a non-profit organization.

We had a splendid attendance of over one hundred at our meeting at the First Baptist Church on February 28th. John Gustafson gave a brief history of our host church.

After the election of officers, John Gustafson was made an honorary life member.

Mrs. Barton Snow gave the history of the Snow house and property. In 1841 the property which consisted of 160 acres was purchased from the government by Mr. J. W. Churchill for \$200. In that same year Mr. E. S. Town acquired six acres of the property and built the house between then and 1859 when he sold it to Judge Lockwood. In 1871 it was acquired by his daughter, Mary, wife of Mr. William Coffin, and in 1906

purchased by Mr. T. W. Snow from the Coffin estate.

Mr. J. Harold Blair traced the early music organizations, mentioning the Rock City Band; the Swedish Band, the Batavia Concert Band and the Fox Valley Church Society.

On March 9th several members of our society attended the meeting of the Fox Valley Camera Club when Mrs. Betty Hulett of the Chicago Camera Club told of the project Chicagoland in Pictures and shared some of the pictures which have been taken. We are most grateful to the local club for the interest in carrying that project to this area.

Watch for the articles by our historian which will appear in the Batavia Herald from time to time.

Be sure to save Sunday afternoon, May 1st, for our next meeting. A fine program is being planned.

#### RECENT GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

The revolver carried by Mr. Porter in protecting the first bank in Batavia, located on the T. W. Snow property, from Mrs. Mary Williams.

Book "Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Kane County," from Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rogers.

Photo of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Levi taken on their Golden Wedding Anniversary from Miss Lillian C. Sweet.

Magazine "Holiday" for March 1950 showing a picture in colors of a Batavia windmill, from Ralph Larson.

Check list of soldiers listed on the Newton Civil War Memorial Monument from Mrs. Fred Nelson.

Following books from Mrs. Frances Moran from the estate of Mr. Albert Snow:

Municipal Code of Batavia, Illinois for 1931.

Kane County Directory, 1924-25.

Evans Rural Directory of Kane County, 1911.

Booklet, "Batavia, its Advantages, Resources and Opportunities."

LIST NO. 2

Charter membership will be held open until January, 1961. Annual dues are \$1.00.

Please invite your friends to join. Life Membership is 025~00.

Anderson, Mr. J. Edward	217 N. Harrison St.
Anderson, Mrs. Fern	1206 S. Batavia Ave.
Anderson, Mrs. Herbert	R. 2, Box 8502 West Chicago
Andrews, Mrs. Roy C.	102 Anderson Blvd., Geneva
Barkdoll, Mrs. Orman	590 Julian St., Naperville
Baker, Miss Mary Amy	Western Ave., Geneva
Baker, Miss Ednah	Western Ave., Geneva
Blewett, Mr. Quentin H.	239 E. Wilson St.
Blewett, Mrs. Quentin H.	239 E. Wilson St.
Brown, Mrs. M. E.	240 N. Jefferson St.
Buchanan, Mrs. Katherine	5620 Dolphin Place, La Jolla Calif.
Burnham, Mr. Joseph A.	433 Main St
Burnham, Mrs. Joseph A.	433 Main St.
Carlson, Mr. Philip B.	710 E. Wilson St.
Carlson, Mrs. Walter C.	123 Franklin St.
Challman, Miss Ruth	205 N. Jackson St.
Conde, Mr. Guy H.	210 N. Washington Ave.
Conde, Mr. Neal J.	431 N. Prairie St.
Conde, Mr. Neal J. Jr.	27 W. 370 Geneva Rd., West Chicago
Cowan, Mr. R. W.	226 N. Van Buren St.
Cowan, Mrs. R. W.	226 N. Van Buren St.
Derby, Mrs. Malcolm R.	420 S. Batavia Ave.
Downing, Mr. Hicks Jr.	N. Kirk Rd., Geneva
Downing, Mrs. Hicks Jr.	N. Kirk Rd., Geneva
Elfstrom, Mr. Phillip R.	239 N. Batavia Ave.
Elfstrom, Mrs. Phillip R.	239 N. Batavia Ave.
Favoright, Mr. T. L.	610 N. Batavia Ave.
Favoright, Mrs. T. L.	610 N. Batavia Ave.
Goers, Mr. Martin J.	211 Main St.
Goers, Mrs. Martin J.	211 Main St.
Graham, Mrs. Florence Benson	1705 N. Lake St., Aurora
Hartman, Mr. Amos W.	734 E. Wilson St.
Hartman, Mrs. Amos W.	734 E. Wilson St.
Hettinger, Mrs. Elma	116 N. Van Buren St.
Hunter, Mrs. H. T.	339 Cerrito Ave., Redwood City, Calif.
James, Mr. Evan D.	R. 1, Main St. Rd.
James, Mrs. Evan D.	R. 1, Main St. Rd.
Jeffery, Miss Erma H.	203 N. Washington Ave.
Judd, Mrs. Earl L.	450 Cleveland Ave.

MEMBERSHIP LIST NO. 2--Cont.

Larson, Miss Marie	524 Morton St.
Logan, Mrs. Ruth Shaw	119 N. Washington Ave.
Maves, Mr. Harold A.	430 N. Washington Ave.
McDaniels, Mr Ray E.	324 Franklin St.
Moore, Mr. Ralph	720 S. Sixth St., St. Charles
Moore, Mrs. Ralph	720 S. Sixth St., St. Charles
More, Mr. Carl N.	113 N. Batavia Ave.
More, Mrs. Carl N.	113 N. Batavia Ave.
Nelson, Mr. J. B.	353 N. Jefferson St.
Nelson, Mrs. Frank W.	242 S. Batavia Ave.
Northrup, Miss Ruth	328 Union Ave.
Payne, Mrs. Frank B.	1220 S. Batavia Ave.
Peckworth, Mr. Howard F.	114 N. Washington Ave.
Peckworth, Mrs. Howard F.	114 N Washington Ave.
Peterson, Mr. J. Edward	403 North Ave.
Peterson, Mrs. J. Edward	403 North Ave.
Saum Mr. J. Herbert	304 N. Washington St.
Saum Mrs. J. Herbert	304 N. Washington St.
Schielke, Mr. Donald	203 N. Washington Ave.
Schielke, Mrs. Donald	203 N. Washington Ave.
Schomig, Mrs. Michael G.	30 S. Jackson St.
Stafney, Mr. E. D.	437 Elm St.
Stafney, Miss Lydia	437 Elm St.
Stone, Mr. Walter	343 E. York Ave., West Chicago
Swan, Mrs. Dewey	739 Houston St.
Urch, Mrs. Emma	424 N. Prairie St.
West, Dr. John C.	429 First St.
Witt, Mrs. Fay	727 E. Wilson St.
Wood, Mr. Walter H.	702 Walnut St.
Wynn, Mrs. E. W.	618 Walnut St.
Zoda, Mrs. John	1004 Woodland Ave.



# THE BATAVIA HISTORIAN

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The very thing that Americans adore abroad they destroy systematically at home. Old buildings are broken up in the United States as fast as used packing boxes to make way for new ones. The loss we endure is not merely sentimental. What we lose is our funded experience.

Editorial in ARCHITECTURAL FORUM

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## OUR MAY MEETING

We have a right to be proud of our attendance: of 200 at our last meeting, Sunday, May 1st, in the Bethany Lutheran Church assembly room. Everyone enjoyed looking at the elaborate displays arranged by Mrs. Elaine Cannon and her staff and then listening to a most enjoyable program.

Dr. John C. West spoke on "Fifty Years of Medical Practice in Batavia." He told of the many doctors he has known and worked with here and of the developments in curing diseases which he has witnessed during his lifetime. He displayed a set of surgical instruments used during the Civil War and owned by Dr. A. G. Baxter, and spoke of the progress in surgery. A tape recording of his talk was made through the courtesy of Mr. Robert Larson.

Mrs. Michael Schomig read a translation of a history of the Bethany Lutheran Church written originally in Swedish by her stepfather, the Rev. Andrew Challman.

Mrs. Walter Wood showed some beautiful slides of trees and flowers in Batavia and surrounding area. She told how many of our grand old trees had been planted by our pioneers and we are forever indebted to them for their thoughtfulness.

## EXHIBITS

Mr. Ralph Moore - Antique baby buggy, used by Eliza McKee Frazier

Picture of Dr. Garnsey.

Mr. Don Schielke - Ledger from Kinne & Jeffery of Invoices showing prices of drugs in 1905.

Two-Glass Apothecary Jars

Mortar and Pestle.

Mr. Wayne Westrope - Set of Graduates

Apothecary Jars.

Two Medicine Cases.

Suppository Mold.

Cork Squeezer.

Cigar Cutter.

Ice Cream Scoop.

Bleeding Knife.

Mr. Bert Johnson - Book of Prescriptions - 1890.

Mr. Ralph Finley - Retort used by Dr. Cox; an early Batavia dentist.

Mrs. Elaine Cannon - A most ingenious apothecary shop done in miniature.

A marvel of infinite detail.

## RECENT GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

Antique baby buggy and \$20.00 donation – Mr. Ralph Moore.

“Commemorative Biographical and Historical Record of Kane County. (1888) and  
"Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Kane County, (1904)” Mrs. E. B. LaSalle.

## NOTES

We thank everyone who helped make our last meeting so successful. We thank the Bethany Lutheran Church for the use of their assembly room and loud speaker. We thank the Batavia Herald and the Aurora Beacon News and their reporters for excellent coverage of the meeting.

We are happy that one of our members, Mrs. Pauline Campbell, president of the Fox Valley Camera Club, has been honored with the acceptance by the Chicago Historical Society of two of her photographs of Batavia Scenes: Bellevue Place Sanitarium and the old Manual Training Schedule, now the School for Exceptional Children. These two photographs have been placed in the file of “Chicagoland in Pictures.”

A Charter of Incorporation for Non-profit has been granted to us by the State of Illinois. Any donations to us now are deductible from your income tax.

Before you receive this newsletter Batavia Night at the Aurora Historical Museum will be a thing of the past. We trust that you attended as the Museum is replete with interesting momentos of bygone days of Aurora and surrounding area"

A group of fourth-graders from the Alice Gustafson School and their teacher, Mrs. Rhoda Brooks attended our May meeting. They are studying history of this area and were most welcome. They have elected officers for an Historical Club of their own in their building and have an interesting museum display.

Mrs. Brooks was at the Board of Director's meeting at Mrs. Eunice Shumway's home Wednesday evening, May 11th and explained her views of children participation in local history study. The Board Members heartily concurred with the following suggestions: Any individual teacher could form an Historical Club in her classroom, a complete entity in itself, with no affiliations. It would derive help and inspiration from the Batavia Historical Society, but would not, be formally integrated as a part of the local organization. The teacher would be welcome as a member of the Batavia Historical Society, if she would like to join. Each Historical Club would operate as its individual membership desires, holding meetings, having speakers, programs, etc. They would also be welcome to attend the Historical Society meetings. If there is more than one club per school, they may choose to meet together - let that be up to each club to decide.

We are planning “An Evening of Reminiscences,” outdoors, on the lawn of the Clare Krugers, some time in August. Watch the newspapers for the exact date.

We now have a membership of 158. Much of this is due to the energy of Miss Alice Storer, chairman of the Membership Committee.

LIST NO. 3

ADDITIONAL CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE B. H. S.

Charter membership will be held open until January 19610. Annual dues are \$1.00. Please invite your friends to join. Life membership is \$25.00.

Atkinson, Mrs. Stella	514 First St.
Benson, Mr. Arnold P.	337 N. Washington St.
Benson, Mr. Emil J.	343 N. Washington St.
Benson, Mrs. Emil J.	343 N. Washington St.
Blair, Mr. J. Harold	211 N. Prairie St.
Blair, Mrs. J. Harold	211 N. Prairie St.
Brown, Mr. Robert V.	221 Spring St.
Brown, Mrs. Robert V.	221 Spring St.
Carlson, Mrs. Philip B.	710 E. Wilson St.
Cooke, Mrs. Dollie M.	217 Adams St.
Elwood, Mrs. Franklin G.	345 N. Jefferson St.
Elwood, Mrs. Franklin G.	345 N. Jefferson St.
Filip, Mr. Robert	240 N. Batavia Ave.
Filip, Mrs. Robert	240 N. Batavia Ave.
Finley, Mr. Ralph H.	421 Batavia Ave.
Finley, Mrs. Ralph H.	421 Batavia Ave.
Hall, Mrs. James D.	251 N. Batavia Ave.
Hoag, Miss Marie	123 N. Prairie St.
Johnsen, Mr. Donald C.	106 S. Jefferson St.
Johnsen, Mrs. Donald C.	106 S. Jefferson St.
Johnson, Mrs. John B.	430 State St.
Johnson, Mr. Norman E.	9 S. Batavia Ave.
Johnson, Mrs. Norman E.	9 S. Batavia Ave.
Kells, Mrs. E. L.	1255 Woodland Ave
Kerfoot, Mrs. G. O.	331 Main St.
Kling, Mrs. Einar, Sr.	422 Houston St.
Larson, Mr. Robert H.	613 S. Harrison St..
Larson, Mrs. Robert H.	613 S. Harrison. St.
Malme, Mr. E. K.	504 S. Fifth Ave. St. Charles
Malme, Mrs. E. K.	504 S. Fifth Ave. St. Charles
McCune, Mr. C. C.	516 Carlisle Rd.
McCune, Mrs. C. C.	516 Carlisle Rd.
Phelps, Mr. Robert L.	249 N. Harrison St.
Shumway, Mr. John R.	26 S. College St.
Stafney, Mrs. E. D.	437 Elm St.
Storer, Mr. Alvin B.	943 Main St., Aurora
Strain, Mr. Harry F.	811 Tye Rd., Santa Barbara, Calif.
Sweet, Mr. Harold R.	458 Cleveland Ave.
Sweet, Miss Lillian B.	312 Elm St.
Twomey, Mrs. Ruth E.	528 S. Batavia Ave.
Wenberg, Mr. Henry	706 S. Harrison St.
Woods, Mr. Lloyd W.	112 Parkwood Dr., Vallejo, Calif.
Wood, Miss Virginia	702 Walnut St.

# THE BATAVIA HISTORIAN

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You know the past, the present is but a fleeting moment, and the future is something we can discuss only with anticipation.

Ralph Budd, Former Pres. of the CB&Q RR

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## OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Again we have a right to be proud of our Society meeting. Not only for the attendance of almost 150, filling the basement of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, but also for the program. Miss Eunice Shumway, our president, called the meeting to order promptly at 3:00 p.m. After a short business meeting, Phil Carlson read an excellent paper on the history of the host church. We are most grateful to this Church for the use of its basement assembly room.

The event of the afternoon was a talk by Miss Erma Jeffery on the "History of the Kinne and Jeffery Co. Department Store". With her usual pep and humor, she related a most exciting story of this grand old store.

Twenty-four former employees of the store were present and were introduced. Later a group picture of them was taken by Mrs. Pauline Campbell. After the meeting, they were entertained at the home of Miss Erma Jeffery.

## SKETCH OF MISS ERMA JEFFERY'S TALK

In 1874 Isaac B. Kinne founded this store, selling groceries and drugs. Two years later he rented the present store, then a one story stone building and took his son, Myron M., as a partner. Later he purchased the store. In 1880 he invited J. W. Jeffery to become his partner with one-third interest in the business. When a 5 and 10 cent department was added, it necessitated a second floor. This department, particularly the candy counter, was an immediate success. Dry goods, china and glassware were added. The sale of toys at Christmas time only was the big event of the year.

The aroma of roasted coffee, which sold for 12½ cents a pound, was an attraction. Roasted peanuts were sold on Saturday nights.

When a third floor was added, flour and apples were stored there.

For a time the store had the agency for the Overland automobile and sold a total of six.

## EXHIBITS

The display arranged by Mrs. Elaine Cannon included many advertising cards used by stores at the time that Kinne and Jeffery store flourished. News articles of 1903 and 1913 and a small booklet about the store were of special interest.

Mrs. Pauline Campbell exhibited unusually interesting photographs of Batavia, two of which have received awards from the Chicago Historical Society.

## OUR SPECIAL PROJECT

We are delighted to present our first project towards having John Gustafson's History of Batavia printed in pamphlet form. John has allowed us to use ten of his ingenious linoleum blocks of historical scenes in Batavia for notes which are in a

beautiful white portfolio. They are being sold, boxed, for \$1.75 and may be obtained at the Library and the Batavia Insurance Agency. We are grateful to John for contributing his artistic work for this project.

#### AN APPRECIATION

The Society is very pleased to announce that the Furnas Electric Company will print the Newsletter from now on. This is sincerely appreciated by all the members.  
LIST No.4.

#### ADDITIONAL CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE B.H.S.

Beels, Mr. Roger	519 S. Ninth Ave., St. Charles
Benson, Mr. Ralph C.	207 N. Washington Ave.
Benson, Mrs. Ralph C.	207 N. Washington Ave.
Benson, Mr. Kenneth	207 N; Washington Ave.
Brown, Mrs. Ernest F.	321 Conde St., West Chicago
Carlson, Mrs. Lloyd	326 N. Prairie St.
Chamberlain, Miss Harriet	19 S. Van Buren St.
Clark, Mr. George R.	152 W. Superior St., Chicago
Corning, Miss Norah	338 First St.
Crozier, Mr. Thomas W.	943 Main St., Aurora
Ellis, Mr. Charles V.	R. 1, Box 397, Batavia
Elwood, Mr. John F.	424 N. Batavia Ave.
Elwood, Mrs. John F.	424 N. Batavia Ave.
Frye, Miss Mae	Secor, Illinois
Geiss, Miss Hazel	363 N. Washington St.
Griffin, Mrs. Lorne A.	133 N. Batavia Ave.
Hoover, Mrs. Arthur B.	515 N. Washington Ave.
Kalina, Mrs. Robert	407 S. Harrison St.
Kreitzer, Mrs. Irene	217 Franklin St.
Larson, Mrs. Ella Dick	205 State St.
Larson, Mr. Morris J.	235 W. Wilson St.
Mitchell, Mrs. Belle D.	315 Pine St., Maywood
Morfee, Mrs. Lily	219 Union Ave.
Newton, Mr. Earl J.	509 N. Batavia Ave.
Pennington, Miss Edith	71 S. Chestnut St., Aurora
Petit, Mr. William	659 North Ave.
Rachielle, Mr. William D.	12 E. Wilson St.
Simon, Dr. Oliver B.	418 Elm St.
Slogget, Mr. Earl L.	212 N. College St.
Slogget, Mrs. Earl L.	212 N. College St.
Standin, Mrs. Alice	219 Union Ave.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 6th at the First Methodist Church. Fred Richter will give a talk on the history of the Batavia Fire Department. Jeff Schielke, our youngest member, will add some remarks.

We acknowledge receipt of gifts from the following and thank them; Mr. Edwin Parre, Miss Ida Kline, Mrs. James W. Wyllie, Mrs. Belle D. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Filip, Mrs. Lisle G. Hawks, Mrs. Chris Martin, Miss Ethel Alexander, Mr. J. Edw. Anderson, Mr. Ralph Mead, the Batavia Savings and Building Association and Mr. Quentin Blewitt.

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Those who are forgetful of the splendid lessons of the past, withhold their best efforts in the present and view the future only with alarm.

Author (?)

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OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

Another record crowd, the attendance was 125, came out to hear an excellent program. This was given in the First Methodist Church basement at 3:00 p.m. Sunday,

November 6, 1960. Our president, Miss Eunice Shumway, listed the future events of interest to our members. Then she read a list of the present members of the Batavia Fire Department.

Malcolm Derby read a history of our host church. The First Methodist Class was organized in 1836 by a circuit rider in the Van Nortwick home. In 1852, they erected their first church at the corner of First and Washington Streets, now the School for Exceptional Children. In 1887, the present church was built, a gift of Rev. E. H. Gammon and Captain Don Carlos Newton, his brother-in-law. They are looking forward to celebrating their 125th anniversary next year.

Jeffery Schielke, eleven years old and our youngest member, sixth grader in the Louise White School, supplemented the succeeding talk by telling of the fire in the east side school on January 10, 1893 as told to him by his grandmother. The stone in the old walls was used to fill in the gully in State Street between N. River and Washington Avenue.

Fred Richter's talk on the "History of the Batavia Fire Department" was so excellently written up in the Aurora Beacon-News and the Batavia Herald that any discussion of his talk here would be mere repetition. It was well given and well received by the appreciative audience. The discussion was supplemented with a display of old Fire Department momentos.

EXHIBITS

The display arranged by Mrs. Elaine Cannon, consisted of several photos of old time Fire Department members loaned by Mrs. C. J. Kunches; photos of the present fire fighting equipment, taken by Mrs. Pauline Campbell and some old Sanborn fire maps of Batavia published in 1885.

NOTES

We will soon have our first bronze plaque placed on a century old house in Batavia.

From December 4 to 10, Mann Associates is displaying momentos of early Batavia in their windows. Do you have something to display here?

Mrs. Pauline Campbell, one of our members, has done it again. A photograph of the Congregational Church has been accepted by the Chicago Historical Society. It will be placed in the file "Chicagoland in Pictures."

Don't forget our special project. Ten different views of Batavia, past and present, on note paper in a substantial portfolio. They will make dandy Christmas presents. Price \$1. 75. The proceeds go toward publishing "The History of Batavia" now in manuscript form.

Our next meeting will be February 5, 1961, in the Holy Cross Catholic School Auditorium. The subject will be "Among My Treasures." If you have some interesting memorabilia of Batavia that you would like to show and talk about at this meeting, please contact our program chairman, Mrs. Martha Wood.

We were on the air, WMRO, last Monday, November 14 at 9:35 a.m. Ray Patzer talked about the B.H.S. and the early history of Batavia. We now have our first life member, Mr. August J. Mier, 739 Cleveland Avenue.

LIST NO. 5.                    ADDITIONAL CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE B.H.S.

Ellis, Mrs. Charles V. Name omitted in our fourth list.	R. 1, Box 397, Batavia
Beem, Mrs. Emma	16 S. River St.
Carlson, Mr. Ellis	424 N. Prairie St.
Carlson, Mrs. Ellis	424 N. Prairie St.
Freedlund, Mr. Oliver	16 N. Jefferson St.
Harold, Mr. Carl	15 S. River St.
Jeanson, Mrs. Lloyd	823 N. Washington Ave.
Jarnecke, Mrs. A. T.	521 S. Batavia Ave.
Johnson, Miss Anne L.	316 McKee St.
Johnson, Mrs. Stanley A.	729 Houston St.
Johnstone, Mrs. Gilbert	15 N. Washington Ave.
Koehler, Miss Pauline	15 S. River St.
Lindvall, Miss Marta	248 N. Washington St.
Madsen, Mr. Otto	934 S. 4th St., St. Charles
Madsen, Mrs. Otto	934 S. 4th St., St. Charles
Mann, Mr. Forrest	356 First St.
Mann, Mrs. Forrest	356 First St.
Mann, Miss Melinda	356 First St.
Mead, Miss Ora L.	316 McKee St.
Nelson, Miss Caroline	521 S. Batavia Ave.
Peterson, Mr. Harold F.	24 S. Mallory Ave.
Richter, Mr. Frederick C.	113 N. College St.
Richter, Mrs. Frederick C.	113 N. College St.
Rundle, Mr. George	417 S. Water St.
Rundle, Mrs. George	417 S. Water St.
Schielke, Mrs. Herman	219 Columbia St.
Strickland, Mrs. Elva	319 N. Washington St.
Sykora, Miss Emily	419 S. Harrison St.
Sykora, Miss Josephine	419 S. Harrison St.
Sykora, Miss Rose	419 S. Harrison St.
Wood, William J.	515 N. Washington Ave.

We now have a total membership of 220. We have Miss Alice Storer and Miss Viola McDowell to thank for this. There is still time to get in as a charter member - until January 1, 1961. Annual dues, \$1.00 - Life membership, \$25.00

The Board Members wish to thank each one of you for the splendid support and interest which you have shown during this first year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU