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THE PAST

The belief that there was a strong sentiment for an historical society in the greater Lansing area stimulated action along this line in the Spring of 1955. At an organizational meeting held in the Michigan Historical Museum on May 15th, interested people were addressed by Mr. Alexis Praus, Director of the Kalamazoo Museum, and Dr. Lewis Beeson, Executive Secretary of the Michigan Historical Commission.

Mr. John Gray, Supervisor, Publications and Information, Michigan Conservation Department, was named chairman, and with his help a constitution for the organization was provided. There then followed a meeting on June 12th which resulted in acceptance of the constitution by those present and the election of officers for 1955-56.

At the first fall meeting, held Nov. 3rd, Dirk Gringhuis, local author and artist, gave an interesting talk on "Writing Historical Fiction." Approximately sixty people attended each of these meetings and the society got off to a good start.

THE PRESENT

The next meeting of the society will be

Jan. 19th at 8:00 P.M. at the Lansing Public Library.

The program

Mr. Frank X. Scannell will speak on the MICHIGAN ROOM  
of the STATE LIBRARY.

Frank Scannell, Head, Reading Services of the State Library, is one of the most active persons in the field of local history. Members will be interested in finding out how the extensive collections housed in the "Michigan Room" can be utilized by them.

### THE FUTURE

What do you like? Arrowheads, mastodon jaw bones, spinning wheels, historic markers, Grand Aunt Sarah, dusty manuscripts, historical writing, the "Good old days."

You can find (and give) information about them in the Historical Society of Greater Lansing.

Dues are nominal (\$1.00), but your support is needed.

With this issue THE LOCAL HISTORIAN begins publication. As noted on the mast head, it will be published occasionally as news warrants. The editor requests items of interest about members, activity of committees, and pertinent material relating to local history.

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