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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing will be held May 24 at 8:00 P.M. at the Civic Center. The meeting will be held at this time to coincide with the round of local activities commemorating "Michigan Week". By action of the executive committee, the address at each annual meeting will be delivered by the outgoing President. Therefore this year Madison Kuhn will speak, on "History at the Grass Roots".

The Constitution specifies that no officer, save the Executive Secretary, may succeed himself in office. A nominating committee, consisting of Miss Esther Loughin, chairman, Theodore Foster, and Lewis Beeson, will present a slate of candidates at the annual meeting. Please phone Miss Loughin (Phone: IV 5-8144, ext. 581) to suggest nominees.

This meeting will conclude the first year of activities for our new organization. By all standards, it has been a successful and profitable one. The program committee, headed by Mr. Philip Mason, arranged outstanding programs throughout the year, which did much to get us off to a good start. The trustees and outgoing officers have freely and energetically devoted their time to the many problems that necessarily arise in establishing a new organization. They should be commended for their work.

The public support for the Historical Society of Greater Lansing has been greater than any of the organizers dared to hope. We can all take a great deal of pride in the fact that this organization, with 140 paid members, is one of the largest historical societies in Michigan.

Plans are already underway for increased activities in the following years. There is sentiment for an "Historic Map" of the greater Lansing area, and our society will be asked to make recommendations to the Historical Commission for marking historic sites.

A Permanent Meeting Place

At a meeting of the trustees and officers, held May 2, certain decisions were made relative to future policies. It was decided that the permanent meeting place would be the Lansing Civic Center. Those present felt that our society is truly a civic organization of the greater Lansing area, and should take advantage of the excellent facilities of that building. This, of course, does not preclude meeting elsewhere for special occasions.

Dues

The officers and trustees amended the bylaws to provide that those who paid dues after March 31 each year would be members in good standing for the following 18 months. In all other cases, dues are payable October 1 for the following year. Dues may be paid, incidentally, at the annual meeting May 24.

Joint Membership

In this connection it should be pointed out that a payment of an additional \$2.00 makes one eligible for joint-active membership in the state Historical Society of Michigan. A subscription to the quarterly publication "Michigan History" is one of the advantages of the joint-active membership.

Officers for 1955-1956

Pres.	Madison Kuhn
1st V. Pres.	Mrs. Lucius Mills
2nd V. Pres.	Birt Darling
3rd V. Pres.	Theodore Foster
Treas.	Albert Elsesser
Executive Sec.	Eugene T. Petersen
Recording Sec.	Geneva Kebler

Trustees

Lewis Beeson
Virginia Summers
Chester Ellison
Ralph Crego
Paul A. Martin
Mary A. Lord
John Gray
Norman Bunker

The refreshment committee for the annual meeting will be Mrs. Alfred May, chairman, Mrs. Bernard Coggan, and Mrs. Maude M. Carpenter.

Eugene T. Petersen

Editor