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"PLACE OF THE BOILING
WATER" TO FEATURE FIRST
FALL SUMMER MEETING

The Society's new year opens officially September 13 with a meeting in the Civic Center at 8:00 P.M.

One of the highlights of this first fall get-together will be a showing of the much talked about film strip, "Place of the Boiling Water". Produced by the Kalamazoo Historical Society and Public Museum, the strip traces the history of the Kalamazoo area from prehistoric times to 1865. In addition to entertainment it is a thought-provoker for all historical societies and its presentation at our first meeting will be most appropriate. Open discussion following the feature promises to be another highlight of the meeting. Exact location of the meeting in the Civic Center will be announced later and directional signs will be on display within the building. Refreshments, of course, will be served.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
NAMED AT BOARD MEETING

At a meeting of the executive board, June 27, President Gray announced several committee chairmen appointments. He explained that the list is incomplete, that additional appointments will be announced as new committees are indicated. Individual chairmen, he said, will make their own appointments of co-workers. Included in his initial announcement were: Membership and telephone, Mrs. Blanche Coggan; Program, Geneva Kebler; Refreshments, Mrs. Earl Fohl; Publications, Philip P. Mason; Newsletter, Eugene Petersen;

LEAFS-AND-BOUNDS DESCRIBES
SOCIETY'S CONTINUED GROWTH

From its rather small beginning not many months ago, our Society has moved to ninth place among the more than 40 local historical societies in Michigan. Latest count places our membership at 165. This figure is exceeded only by organizations representing Detroit, Holland, Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Monroe, Cass County, Delta County, and Oakland County.

Complete membership lists of our Society will be distributed at the September 13 meeting.

MEMBERSHIP AND TELEPHONE
TREE COMMITTEE UNDER WAY

A most efficient membership and telephone "tree" committee is in operation within our Society. Under direction of Chairman Blanche Coggan, it promises to be one of our organization's most valuable tools. Here is the trunk and its branches:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER LANSING

Membership and Telephone Tree Committee

Blanche Coggan (Mrs. Bernard), chairman
Ruth Rouse (Mrs. Howard)
Lucille Mills (Mrs. L. D.)
LaMay Adamson (Mrs. John Q.)
Geneva Kebler

Area Representatives

Eaton Rapids - Ruth Rouse
Eaton Rapids - Mr. & Mrs. Wirth Johnson
Howell - Cliff Heller
Charlotte - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Slater
Grand Ledge - Geneva Kebler
Grand Ledge - Sales-Bohnstengel
Cwosso - Dick Johnson
Portland - Helen Lantz
St. Johns - Clyde Anderson

Lansing - Lucille Mills
" - Mrs. George Alger
" - Mrs. V. M. Curry
" - Mrs. C. E. Graber
" - Mrs. C. M. Tiernan

State Offices
Administration - Thyllis Schoepke
Auditor General - Kathryn Hubbard
Conservation - Helen Hallam
Library - Mrs. Edith

Area Representatives (cont'd.)

East Lansing - Mrs. John Adamson

Michigan State University - Philip P. Mason

Michigan State University Museum - Dorothy Barnard

SOCIETY RECEIVES
VALUABLE COLLECTION

One of the highlights of this summer's activities was the acquisition by the Historical Society of Greater Lansing of a valuable collection of manuscripts and papers from the Nellie Zimmerman estate. These papers were turned over to the society by Mr. Norman Reynolds, executor of the Zimmerman estate. Included in the collection are the account books of John Whiteley, a pioneer Lansing merchant (1860-1898), scrapbooks, photographs, correspondence, business cards, etc. The collection has been sorted, arranged, and catalogued, and is now stored in the Archives of the Historical Commission, where it is open for public use.

The Historical Society of Greater Lansing will gladly accept any other collection of manuscripts and papers of historical value for permanent preservation. Any one knowing of the whereabouts of such collections, please contact Philip P. Mason, IV 7-5997.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP
GOES PLACES: DOES THINGS

The family history group of the Society has been meeting at irregular intervals during the year, discussing two general topics: problems peculiar to each hobbyist in his pursuit of family history, and the ways in which the local records of this part of Michigan can be made available through the State Library's Michigan Collection.

During the summer, in one endeavor to accomplish this latter objective, members of the group have participated in two pleasant afternoon expeditions in which they copied vital records of two cemeteries, the Bunker, and the Munger in Union Township, West Branch, Michigan.

These records are to be indexed and placed in the State Library. The group would welcome any interested members for more of such expeditions in the pleasant autumn days ahead. Any one interested should contact Mrs. Esther Loughin at the State Library, or Joseph Druse at ED 2-5496.

LATCH SPRING IS OUT FOR
STATE SOCIETY MEETING

The Historical Society of Michigan extends an invitation to all members of the Greater Lansing Society to attend its 82nd annual meeting September 28-29 in historic Niles. The meeting promises to be one of the best ever with a program built around the theme, "Development of a Valley." Panel discussions on local historical societies, Indian lore, and highlights in Niles' history will be other features. Any one planning to attend, especially those desiring transportation, should contact Eugene T. Petersen, 505 North Washington Avenue, Lansing, telephone: IV 58144, extension 550.

BARGAIN DAYS AHEAD
FOR DUES PAYERS

The State Historical Society of Michigan offers members of our Society a plan for joint-active membership in both organizations. It works something like this: For \$3 you receive an annual three-dollar membership in the State organization, plus the \$1 annual membership in our Society, plus a subscription to "Michigan History," one of the best historical periodicals, anywhere. Thus, three will get you four; and more

SOCIETY REPRESENTED
AT ST. JOHNS CENTENNIAL

Our Society was officially represented, at St. Johns during that city's centennial celebration. Official greetings and well-wishes were extended by a delegation which included: John and Betty Gray, Ruth and Howard Rouse, Joseph Druse, and Eugene T. Petersen, along with Mrs. Anderson and Geneva Kohler.

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