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### NEXT MEETING

The Historical Society of Greater Lansing will meet Thursday, November 29, at 8 p.m. in the Civic Center, Parlors A & B. All interested in local history are cordially invited.

The high-light of the meeting will be a talk by Mr. Lawrence Rubin on "The Building of the Mackinac Bridge". Mr. Rubin, as secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, has been closely connected with this historic project. We are all aware that the completion of this bridge next year will be one of the outstanding events of Michigan's history. Our speaker will give us an unusual insight into the problems that the Authority has had to meet and overcome.

Interest group chairmen will report on the progress of their respective groups.

Refreshments will be served.

### LAST MEETING

Eugene T. Petersen, speaking in the absence of Margaret Keefe, historic map chairman, told of progress in preparing a map for the Greater Lansing area. He urged members to consider and suggest what historic points of interest should be included in this map.

The speaker, Mr. Kenneth Priestley, was introduced by George Wiskemann. His topic, "Ghost Post Offices of Michigan", was enhanced by his colored slides. Of particular interest to members were pictures of stamped covers from the area that included Michigan, Michigan, Red Bridge, and Agricultural College.

Guests included members from several local stamp collectors' groups.

Cider and doughnuts were served by the refreshment committee, headed by Lila Colby, and assisted by Kathryn Hubbard and Mrs. John Adamson.

ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS

Ruth Rouse reports that a member of the Eaton Rapids art group has painted a picture of the entrance to the Holiness Camp Grounds near Eaton Rapids. These gates have since been changed, but the old entrance, captured on canvas, will remain. She suggests that other historic spots in the Greater Lansing area might be so preserved. Anyone interested?

Mrs. Blanche Coggan heads a group preparing a pageant model that can be used by local historical societies, and schools, for Michigan Week next year.

We have received an attractive booklet entitled "A Short History of Okemos", written by Mrs. Ralph Stillman and sponsored by the Friends of the Okemos Library. This well-written booklet will interest members of the Society; copies are available at the Okemos Library for 35¢.

We hope to have copies of the pamphlet entitled "The Mackinac Bridge Story" by Prentiss Brown, at this meeting. Arrangements have been made with the Detroit Historical Museum for a limited number of these copies to be given to members of the local society.

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