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THE ECONOMIC HISTORY OF MICHIGAN will be discussed Saturday morning. Roger Van Bolt, Flint Junior College, will act as chairman. Speakers will be Darrell Pollard, Albion, ("Development of the Oil and Gas Industry in Michigan") and Robert Lee, Detroit Historical Society ("Some Michigan Interurbans").

OPEN HOUSE A cordial invitation has been extended to the conference by the Michigan Historical Commission to visit both the HISTORICAL MUSEUM and the ARCHIVES CENTER on Saturday afternoon. A special program has been arranged by the CENTER. Refreshments will be served there.

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COME ONE! COME ALL!

Civic Center, October 23, 8:00 p.m.
Parlors A and B

MISS HELEN MARTIN, nationally-known expert on mineral resources and the geological formations that produce them, will be the speaker for the first meeting of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing for its 1958-59 season.

Her topic, "How the Land Got That Way," will present a vivid picture of the natural resources that have helped metropolitan Lansing to develop so rapidly into one of the leading communities in the state.

It should also kindle keen interest in the topics selected for later meetings of the Society, all of which will center around the theme: THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREATER LANSING.

The social hour will provide opportunity to meet the officers of the Society and to discuss some of the events planned for the CENTENNIAL celebration to begin early in 1959.

THE 84th ANNUAL MEETING of the state historical society will open at 10:00 a.m. of Friday with a panel on "The Civil War in Michigan." Speakers will include Betty Fladeland, Central Michigan College ("The Civil War Experiences of Sara Emma Edmonds"); Harold Fields, MSU ("A Free Negro Settlement in Cass County"); and Frederick Williams, MSU ("Robert McClelland and the Secession Crisis"). Willis Dunbar, Western Michigan University, will preside. The work of the Michigan Civil War Centennial Commission will be outlined by Mr. Floyd Haight, Dearborn Historical Commission.

LUNCHEON Mr. C. Douglas Barker ("Historical Background of the Oldsmobile") will be the luncheon speaker. The ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION will follow immediately.

A COLLECTOR'S CORNER session (3-4:30) in the Museum lecture room will be led by Rollin H. Baker, director of the Museum. Speakers will be Glenn Darling, Lansing ("Mechanization of the Arts - The Holy and Unholy View of the 1840's") and George Wiskemann, Lansing ("Michigan Guns and History").

SOCIAL HOUR The Historical Society of Greater Lansing will be hosts for a social hour and punch (5:30-6:00) preceding the dinner.

THE BURTON MEMORIAL LECTURE will be delivered following the evening dinner by Professor William E. Hesselstine, University of Wisconsin. His topic: "The Civil War Industry."



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Designed to stimulate interest in local history and to assist local historical societies is a two-day conference sponsored by the Detroit Historical Society, Wayne State University, and the Burton Historical Collection.

Archival problems, at the Friday session, will feature talks by Dr. Lewis G. Vander Velde on "The U of M Historical Collections after Twenty Years" and by Henry Beers of the National Archives on "French Records on the Old Northwest." A panel on Michigan resources on the Civil War will round out the Friday meeting.

A workshop for genealogists and group meetings on archaeology, Civil War, and marine history are scheduled for Saturday. A special panel meeting on local history publications will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

The public is invited to all sessions. For further details, write to Mr. Philip Mason, Archives, Wayne State University, Detroit 2.

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WANTED - NEW MEMBERS A cordial invitation is extended to all residents of the Greater Lansing area to join the Historical Society and share in the colorful and thrilling program arranged for our CENTIENNIAL YEAR.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY are to compile, collect, and preserve ... records and historical objects ... and to stimulate a general interest in the history of the Greater Lansing area.

BE OUR GUEST at the next meeting if you are interested in this program. We hope you'll want to join.

THE DUES - regular membership, \$2.00; joint-active (Local and state societies) \$5.00; contributing, \$5.00 life, \$100.

DURING THIS YEAR the Society plans to publish the following materials:

1. Pulpit and Prayer by Joseph L. Druse. This vivid narrative of the beginnings of the various church organizations in Lansing was read by Dr. Druse at the annual meeting of the Society in May. Following its publication in the December issue of the Michigan Historical Commission's quarterly journal it will be reprinted by the Society in pamphlet form with illustrations for distribution during the Centennial.

2. Michigan Families. This pamphlet will list the resources of the State Library for the use of anyone working out a family tree or genealogy. Featured will be information on sources of Michigan families. It will be ready early in 1959.

3. Heritage. A Centennial edition of our own leaflet is being planned for distribution in April to outline the Society's contribution to the historical significance of this centennial year.

4. A Service Map, showing the location of various buildings in Lansing has been prepared for use by those attending the state historical society meeting.

5. The Town Crier will be the official newsletter of the Society. It will be issued prior to each meeting and will take the place of the postcard announcements sent out previously.

Members are requested to send items at least two weeks before any meeting to the editor, Marion H. McClench, (House IV 9-6156; Office IV 4-4541).

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR - Civic Center - Nov. 20 Topic: "The Earliest Development of 'Michigan City'." Speaker, Mr. Robert K. Clark.

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DUES ARE DUE! The MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE reminds that dues for the current year should be paid promptly. They will be willing, they say, to wear their ball-points to the bone to fill out membership cards before, during, or after the next meeting.

They note that the population of Greater Lansing is nearing the 200,000 mark. It should be possible, they feel, to enroll a goodly number as fellow workers in the cause of making our local history a living force in the minds and hearts of coming generations.