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COME ONE! COME ALL!

SCHOOL BELL'S RINGING

Civic Center
Parlors A and B

February 26 - 8:00 p.m.

EDUCATION IN EARLY LANSING Want to have fun going back to school? . . . Want to hear what the FIRST school board meeting talked about? . . . Want to PREVIEW a movie on those early school days in Lansing . . . AND want to hear about the NEW LOOK plans for Lansing schools in the years just ahead?

Then heed the TOWN CRIER'S bell and come to our meeting on the 26th. This rich program awaits you.

1. A skit based on the minutes of an 1878 School Board meeting, with the following school officials taking the parts:

- Carl Dalrymple, director, audio-visual education
- DeWard Clark, assistant director, pupil personnel
- Ford Caesar, principal, Kalamazoo School
- Barbara Hacker, first grade teacher

2. A series of slides showing the development of the Lansing school system.

3. Mrs. Lloyd Darling, president of the Lansing Board of Education, will speak on the future developments of public education in the community.

4. Preview of a film, Education in Lansing - the first 100 years. This film has

been produced by the Visual Aids division of the Board of Education to show the contrast between pioneer schools and those of the present day.

The film will be widely shown during the Centennial period. The Society is fortunate in booking this preview.

Special guests for this program are members of the retired teachers group. Mrs. Earl Fohl is our chairman for the evening. The usual coffee and social hour will follow, with arrangements in charge of Mrs. V. M. Curry.
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THE NORTH FAMILY IN LANSING Of particular interest to Lansing area residents is an article describing the contribution of the North family to the development of early Lansing. The article, written by W. Glenn Norris, county historian, is the second of a series titled "The North Family -- Pioneers in Lansing, Ohio, Iowa, and Nebraska."

It appears in the January 1959 issue of the Bulletin published by the Dewitt Historical Society of Tompkins County, Inc., 113 East Court Street, Ithaca, New York.
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EXHIBITS and DISPLAYS Geneva Kebler has been appointed by the President to have charge of all displays and exhibits for the Society for the balance of the fiscal year.
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Items for the TOWN CRIER should be sent to Marion McClench - House IV 9-6156
Office IV 4-4541

MARCH MEETING An interesting evening at the MSU Museum is forecast for the March 26 meeting of the Society.

Early Transportation in Ingham County and Lansing will be the topic. Dr. Frank N. Elliott, Curator of History, will be the speaker.

Since the Society was instrumental in securing the loan of a number of historic vehicles from the Ford Museum for the Centennial Transportation Parade on May 23, Dr. Elliott's discussion seems to be most timely.

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NEW TYPE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSED The Board of Trustees recommends adoption of an amendment to our Articles of Association to provide for membership by organizations. Action on the amendment will be taken at the February meeting. The amendment will read:

THAT THE SOCIETY ESTABLISH A NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION, ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP WITH DUES AT \$25.00 PER YEAR AND WITHOUT VOTING PRIVILEGES.

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LAST CALL Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The TOWN CRIER reminds you that your membership dues for the current year must be paid before March 1, if you wish to receive notices of future meetings and news of other activities of the Society during the Centennial period.

Make your check payable to the Historical Society of Greater Lansing. Mail it to P.O. Box 515, Lansing, Michigan. Or give it to Joseph Druse, Membership Chairman, at the February meeting.

How Much? That's up to you!

Active membership \$ 2.00*
Contributing membership 5.00*
Life membership 100.00

* A joint membership with the Michigan Historical Society is available by adding \$3.00 to amounts specified.

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ACTIVE MEMBER DIES George Ray Tuttle, Holt, died on February 11 of a heart attack. He had been a teacher in Lansing schools for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1956 and was widely recognized for his interest in civic affairs.

Members of the Society recall that he attended the January meeting. The Society extends deep sympathy to his family.

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DEMAND GROWS FOR OUR NEW PUBLICATION The favorable publicity that has been given to Pulpit and Prayer in Earliest Lansing by Dr. Joseph L. Druse has resulted in a number of advance orders for copies, many of them for autograph copies.

This first publication of the Society will be placed on sale at the February 26 meeting. Dr. Druse will be present to autograph copies for those who wish them.

The Board of Trustees has fixed the price list as follows:

Single copies 25 cents
Single copies, autographed . . 35 cents
50 copies to one address . . \$ 12.00
50-99 copies, 50 copy rate . .
100 copies to one address . . \$ 20.00
Over 100 copies, 100 copy rate

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WANTED! RECIPES The TOWN CRIER is calling for recipes "handed down" in your family since pioneer days. If enough recipes can be secured, a Centennial Cookbook will be compiled for distribution.

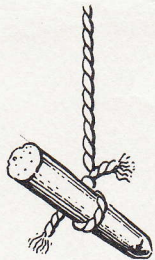
The TOWN CRIER announces that prizes will be offered for the recipe bearing the earliest date and for the most unusual recipe submitted.

Recipes should be sent to the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, P.O. Box 515, Lansing. The sender should include her name and address so that proper credit can be given.

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The **HISTORICAL
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GREATER LANSING**



will meet Thursday,
February 26, 1959,
at 8 pm in parlors
B & C of the Lansing
Civic Center.

PROGRAM:

"Education in Early Lansing"
by Mrs. Lloyd Darling, Chairman,
Lansing Board of Education



EXHIBITS Courtesy of the LANSING BOARD of EDUCATION