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COME ONE! COME ALL!

Civic Center
Parlors A and B

April 30 .. 8:00 p.m.

SOCIAL LIFE IN EARLY LANSING A vivid account of social life in the pioneer days of Lansing will be told by Mrs. George C. Stucky at the April meeting.

Mrs. Stucky is well-qualified for this service, for she had two grandfathers who helped to make history in early Lansing. Her maternal grandfather, Judge Edward Cahill was a Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court for a number of years.

Even today, all Michigan is proud to honor her paternal grandfather, Dr. Ira H. Bartholomew. For it was he who while president of the State Medical Society and a member of the Legislature, introduced the Bill to create the first State Board of Health and helped to secure its passage in 1873. He also served three terms as mayor of Lansing.

Interesting photographs and broadsides will be exhibited. The usual friendly social hour will follow.

At the brief business session, a proposed revision of the Constitution will be read and copies distributed. Final action on the changes will be deferred until the annual meeting in May.

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ANNUAL MEETING The annual meeting of the Society will be held in the Civic Center on May 28. Keynoting the program will be the address by the president, Mrs. John Q. Adamson.

Printed committee reports will be submitted and distributed; officers elected; and final action taken on the proposed revision of the constitution.

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DID YOU KNOW? That the Clinton County Republican-News, (now published in St. Johns), was first published in DE WITT in April 1856, when De Witt was the County seat?

That **DANSVILLE** has one of the few octagon houses now standing in Michigan or in the United States?

That **DIMONDALE** has a \$10,000 monument to Tyler Hull, early physician and member of the Legislature?

That near **EATON RAPIDS** is one of the unique villages in the United States... the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home?

That **NORTHWEST STOCKBRIDGE** Church on Dexter Trail at Stillson Road traces its history back more than 120 years?

That the views from the top of the new **LANSING** City Hall are good camera material?

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THE 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. If you are interested, we will welcome you as a member of the Society.

WELCOME The TOWN CRIER reports that three
NEW of the first five to pay dues for
MEMBERS 1959-60 are new members. We wel-
come Mrs. George C. Stucky, Miss
Margaret Hermes, and the DeWitt Public Li-
brary as new members.

We also say THANK YOU to the two pres-
ent members, Dale Barnard and Charles Law-
rence who have renewed their memberships so
promptly.

WHY DON'T YOU mail your check today?
Or bring it to the April meeting and PUSH
IT IN when the line forms.

See the FACT SHEET, distributed at the
March meeting or available from the Treas-
urer at the April session, for details of
the program and dues.

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CASS Dr. Bruce Catton, well-known edi-
LECTURE tor and author, will deliver the
Cass lecture at a meeting of the
Michigan Historical Society in Detroit, on
May 15. The meeting will be held at the
Wayne County Medical Society building, 1010
Antietam, and will begin at 8:00 p.m.

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MANY SIGN More than 20 persons signed
GUEST BOOK the guest book at the March
meeting.

The CRIER suggests that the April meet-
ing would be an appropriate time to invite
your friends to a meeting . . . and to join
the Society.

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INGHAM The Ingham County News is marking
COUNTY its hundred years of publication
NEWS by a centennial edition spread
over its issues of April 23 and 30
and May 7 and 14, with a special feature in
each issue.

Orders for the four special issues (68
pages) should be sent to the Ingham County
News, Mason. Price \$1.00.

OPEN On May 16, the Michigan Historical
HOUSE Commission Archives and the State
Library will hold an open house for
people from the Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and
Flint areas who are interested in local
family histories and genealogy.

Members of the Greater Lansing Histor-
ical Society who are interested in these
topics will be welcomed. The morning ses-
sion will open with a coffee hour at ten
o'clock.

Dr. Joseph L. Druse, immediate past
president of the Greater Lansing Historical
Society, will speak at this session. There
will also be on exhibit a wide variety of
materials on the various family histories
in these areas - so that people may better
understand the rich resources of the Center
available to them.

Reservations for the noon luncheon
should be made in advance with Miss Geneva
Kebler at the Archives Center (Lansing, IV
7-5997).

The afternoon session will convene at
1:30 at the State Library in Lansing, where
again various resource materials on family
history and genealogy will be explained and
discussed.

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SPONSOR The TOWN CRIER is holding his
WANTED! lantern high so that he can peer
into the faces of the townsfolk.
The CRIER is hoping to find a sponsor will-
ing to foot the cost of a centennial issue
of HERITAGE.

The Publications Committee has several
manuscripts suitable for publication in per-
manent form as HERITAGE material. But no
scrip, shinplasters, sawbucks, or shekels
that can be used for this purpose.

One LIFE MEMBERSHIP (\$100) would make
this possible. All contributions will be
received with deep gratitude and will be
"cried" in the next issue.