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NOMINATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR OFFICERS
FOR 1961-62

Robert K. Clark, Chairman of the nominating committee and members, Margaret Hermes and Helen Wallin have prepared the following slate for your consideration:

R. D. Burroughs, President
Ford Ceasar, Vice President
Mary McNeely, Secretary-Treasurer

R. D. Burroughs' background is covered elsewhere in this issue. Ford Ceasar is Principle of the Kalamazoo Street School. Mary McNeely is in charge of film loan service for the Conservation Department.

Trustees are John C. Symonds, Charles Lene-weaver, Edward A. Kirby, and Ivan Schneider.

OUR THANKS go to the retiring members of the Board Marion H. McClench, John H. Fuller, Rollin H. Baker and Clyde Anderson.

Trustees who will continue serving will be Virginia Ford, Margaret Hermes, Mrs. George C. Stucky and George Wiskemann.

All suggestions are welcome and further nominations may be made from the floor at the May 10th meeting of the Society.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RAYMOND DARWIN BURROUGHS

THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION by our distinguished member, R. D. Burroughs, is to be available shortly. One advance copy is in Mr. Burroughs' possession from his publisher, the Michigan State University Press. Copies may be obtained from book-stores in Lansing and East Lansing.

Burroughs, supervisor of conservation education for the Michigan Department of Conservation, an educator and biologist, made intensive studies of the diaries and records of the Lewis and Clark exploration and his book gives a biological study of the birds and mammals of that famous expedition.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO BE GIVEN AT ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER
LANSING

Wednesday, May 10, 1961
Parlor S, Civic Center, Lansing 8:00 p.m.

Geneva Kebler, President of our Society for 1960-61 will present a summary of the Society's activities this year.

The source of the evening's program is a manuscript diary written by a Clinton-Ionia County farmer during the civil war.

Careful selections report rural life on the home front, social activities, religion and economy.

125th ANNIVERSARY PLANNED BY WESTPHALIA

The village of Westphalia and St. Mary's Parish are making plans to celebrate their 125th anniversary, July 1st and 2nd. After meetings of both the village council and officers of the parish societies various committees have been formed and handed specific jobs to aid in making the affair a success.

CENTENNIAL OF PONTIAC'S INCORPORATION AS A CITY

June 17-24, 1961 is the date of this Centennial celebration. It is to be launched with a grand float parade with bands at 2:30 p.m. on June 17. In the evening at 7:30 at Wisner Stadium, there is to be a state sing put on by Michigan Male Chorus Association of from 600-700 voices. There will also be a concert by the 5th U.S. Army Band from Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

MILITARY DAY AT GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Civil War Centennial observances are to be held throughout 1961 by the First Michigan Artillery Volunteers. Orlie L. Bennett, Sgt., 1st Michigan Artillery Volunteers, 3621 Sumpter, Lansing, reports that the bi-regional skirmish to be held at Greenfield Village, June 24-25 is very colorful. The whole family comes in costume. The Saturday shoot includes anything from hill-billy

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He has served as game biologist and education consultant for the Conservation Department since 1937. In 1949, he assumed responsibility for teacher training and school education phases of the Department's program.

Before joining the Department, Burroughs was professor of biology at Willamette University at Salem, Oregon and Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota. He also was visiting assistant professor of zoology at the University of Minnesota Farm Campus at St. Paul.

Burroughs is a native of Iowa, but spent most of his early life in Nebraska. He earned an A.B. degree at Nebraska Wesleyan University and Master's Degree from Princeton University.

He has contributed many articles to the Michigan Conservation magazine and has written technical articles for the Journal of Wildlife Management. The gems of all of his published material is the page long editorial which has appeared for many years on the inside back cover of Michigan Conservation. These embrace the homely philosophies of the composite character--yankee squire--Michigan farmer--western rancher.

He is a member of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, Wildlife Society, Conservation Education Association and the National Association of Conservation Education and Publicity. He has served the Historical Society of Greater Lansing as Vice-President.

WILLIAMSTON LIBRARY GUILD HAS BIG PROJECT.

Members of the Williamston Library Guild are about to compile a history of the Williamston area. They are on the lookout for information from old-timers and anyone who may have material gathering dust in the attic. Oldtime photographs are especially welcome.

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to buck-skin, Indian and even British Red Coats who compete for awards. Sunday is military day and the blue and grey turn out in force for inspection and parade and team competition.

FIRST CURATOR NAMED FOR WHITE HOUSE

Mrs. John F. Kennedy has created a new post--White House Curator. Until now, there has been no one in charge of cataloging or keeping records of White House possessions and providing historical data about them. The First Lady said she plans to issue a catalog for the visiting public, listing all items of interest in the White House.

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

This museum is the only building housing specifically history, recreational value and economic importance of the Inland Seas. Located on the south shore of Belle Isle it is open daily except Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. year around. Admission is free. Reached from the foot of East Grand Blvd., Detroit.

Exhibits include the largest collection of ship models built to one scale in existence.

FORT WAYNE MILITARY MUSEUM, 6053 W. Jefferson Avenue (two blocks East of Livernoise), Detroit, opens April 12, 1961 until October 30, 1961--1:00 to 7:00 p.m. This museum covers 15 acres of living military history. Exhibits present military equipment and weapons associated with Detroit. Exhibits showing American and foreign uniforms and illustrated materials of the Michigan Indians. Also an exhibit of 113 years of the existance of Fort Wayne. Write Glenn G. Stille, Curator for group tours.

THANKS GO TO Miss Kebler for THE FINE WORK she has done for our Society this year. Also to Joe Druse who has gathered together the exceptional talent for our meetings.