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FORD S. CEASAR
PRESIDENT 1962-1963

FORD S. CEASAR has been a member of the Lansing Public Schools since April, 1950. He has been a teacher at the Kalamazoo Street School and Principal of the same school for the past six years.

He was born on a farm northwest of Fowler, Michigan in Clinton County and has lived in Lansing most of his life. He graduated from Lansing Central High School in 1930 and received both his AB and MA degrees from Michigan State University. He is presently a doctoral candidate at MSU. He has done work at Central Michigan University and Ferris Institute also.

Ceasar has held several positions of leadership in education among which were president of the Lansing Education Association and president of the Horsebrook School Board of Education. He has also written articles for the Michigan Elementary Principal.

He was nominated for Lansing's outstanding citizen in 1961 by the Lansing Council of Parent-Teacher Associations and was named "Citizen of the Week" over Radio Station WJIM in March 1961.

Ceasar has been an active member of Boy Scouts serving in several capacities. He is a 25-year veteran and holds both the Eagle and Silver Beaver awards. The latter for outstanding service to boyhood and youth.

His family include Miriam, his wife, and two sons, Kenneth and Billy. They enjoy several hobbies together such as historical visitations, photography, rock collecting and antique collecting. Mr. Ceasar is an avid student of local history and collects on local Michigan. He teaches the "History of Lansing" for the in-service program for the Lansing Public Schools.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Membership dues are \$2.00 per year (regular) Contact Mr. C. F. Lenaweaver, Membership Chairman, 2407 Fairfax Rd., IV 4-8133 for further information.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM DATE SET

Mrs. Helen Wallin, Chairman of the program committee announces the beginning of the new year on September 12. Meetings will be held at the Kalamazoo Street School, 519 W. Kalamazoo Street, at 8 pm.

"An American Institution" a film story of Michigan's role in the history of land grant colleges and the Homestead Act of 1862 will be presented by Robert Rowland and Kay Ingram of the WMSB-TV staff. The film consists of eight action vignettes bridged by period photographs. It is one of six films prepared throughout the United States through a grant from the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities. Rich color, effective photographic technique and careful attention to history contribute to the fine quality of this production.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMS

October 10, 1962 - History of the Michigan Department of Health.

November 14, 1962 - Henry R. Schoolcraft, Early Michigan Pioneer by Philip P. Mason.

January 9, 1963 - Early Michigan Imprints by Ronald S. Wilkinson.

February 13, 1963 - Michigan's County Records by Glen F. Cline.

March 13, 1963 - open.

April 10, 1963 - "The River Grand." Film documentary produced by the Michigan Department of Conservation and prefaced by Chuck Floyd, producer.

May 8, 1963 - Annual Meeting. Address by the President.

SHARE YOUR HOBBY!

Something new is going to be added this year-- A member will be asked to set-up a display of his particular historical hobby at each meeting. This may be enjoyed from 7:30 until 8:00 p.m. when the meeting begins.

A LOOK AT OURSELVES

"Good Library Service Within the Reach of Every Citizen in Michigan" is the theme of Michigan's First Governor's Conference on Libraries to convene in the Lansing Civic Center, September 19th.

Invitations have gone to more than 8,000 civic leaders who will confer on ways to increase an awareness of Michigan's library resources, needs, and a general up-grading of services.

MICHIGAN HISTORY IS BROUGHT TO YOUNG TV VIEWERS

Educational television linking Michigan's past with the present is being programmed by WMSB-TV--or Channel 10. Mrs. Marjorie Bliss of the Lansing Public Schools is the teacher and coordinator of the program and utilizes many resource people and materials to present the past and present history of our State.

Prepared primarily for third graders as part of their study, the program can be viewed on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. during the school year.

NEW COURSE OFFERED BY WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

A graduate course in Archival Administration and Research will be offered by the Department of History of Wayne State University in the Fall, 1962. The course is designed to prepare students for careers in archival institutions, historical agencies and depositories of private papers. It will also introduce students to the nature and use of archival material. For more information contact Wayne State University, Detroit 2, or the State Archives, 3369 N. Logan Street, Lansing.

STATEWIDE GROUPS MEET IN DEARBORN, SEPTEMBER 14 and 15

The 88th annual meeting of the Historical Society of Michigan and "Michigan Perspective," 5th annual conference on local history will be held Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15 at FairLane, University of Michigan, Dearborn Center, and Greenfield Village-Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn.

The annual Burton Lecture, highlight of the State Society's program, will follow dinner on Friday at 7 pm in Lovett Hall, Greenfield Village. Philip Jordan of the University of Minnesota will present "World of the Historian."

Detailed program announcements for "Michigan in Perspective" are available from the office of the Historical Society of Michigan, Tel.: 373-0510.

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