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SPECIAL MICHIGAN WEEK PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

The Society is holding a dinner meeting in honor of MICHIGAN WEEK May 22, Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. in the small ball room of the Reo Club House, 1331 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing. Tickets for the dinner are \$2.50 and are available through Ford Ceasar or Mary McNeely. Send in your reservations on the enclosed blank to Historical Society of Greater Lansing, P.O. Box 515, Lansing, Michigan.

Dr. Glenn Niemeyer of the History Department of Michigan State University is to be the speaker. Dr. Niemeyer recently spent a year of research on Ransom E. Olds, in connection with his thesis requirement for his doctorate degree and he is going to present his paper at our dinner meeting.

It is the Society's participation in MICHIGAN WEEK programs and we are sure the membership will enjoy this extra treat this year.

RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE IN NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY, May 18th. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE APRIL MEETING.

MENU: Juice entree, swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, salad, hot rolls, coffee, choice of apple pie or cherry strudel.

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 8.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing will be held May 8 at the usual place and time.

Ford Ceasar, our president will give his paper on FORGOTTEN COMMUNITIES OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Port Clark was selected Chairman of this year's nominating committee with Geneva Kebler and R. D. Burroughs as members. They will have their report ready for the May Meeting.

April 10th meeting will be held at the Kalamazoo Street School, 519 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. The meeting will start at 8:00 p.m.

Due to the extended convalescence of Mrs. Rose Brunson, we have had to postpone again, her story on Negro Migration to Michigan. Mrs. Brunson has told us that she still wants to tell us the story and will be available for one of our programs next year.

Our TREASURE NIGHT which we haven't had for some time is always a popular program and in lieu of Mrs. Brunson's program we would like to have each member bring some memento they have saved or acquired from the early days and bring it with them to the meeting. There will be an audience participation when each member tells about their treasure.

DR. GLENN NIEMEYER TO TALK ON RANSOM E. OLDS.

-May 22, Dinner Meeting-

Dr. Niemeyer the speaker for the MICHIGAN WEEK dinner to be held by the Historical Society for Greater Lansing, at the Reo Club House, May 22, received his doctorate from Michigan State University December 1962. He is a 1955 graduate of Calvin College Grand Rapids and taught in Grand Haven Christian School from 1955 to 1958. He entered Michigan State in 1958, received his master's degree in June in 1959.

He is married and lives with his wife and 4-year-old daughter at 1622 Parkvale Ave., East Lansing.

Sources of information for his presentation of his paper on Ransom E. Olds, some of them never tapped before, included newspaper files, the Automotive History Collection in the Detroit Public Library, private papers and interviews with those who knew Olds, Valuable Manuscript Collection of the MSU Library. The research was carried out under the supervision of Dr. Madison Kuhn of the MSU history department.

ANNUAL MIDLAND HISTORY SHOW

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Drive, Midland, Michigan is the scene of the annual History Show of tools, machines and miscellany. The show is sponsored by the Midland County Historical Association and is open to the public through April 18, 1963. Hours on Monday through Friday are 2 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm; Saturday 2 pm to 5 pm.

MICHIGAN ARTISTS EXHIBITION

All work intended for the 53rd Exhibition for Michigan Artists must be delivered to the Detroit Institute of Arts not later than Saturday, April 6. Dates of the exhibition are May 16 to June 30. Michigan artists, including those living out of state, are eligible. To qualify for eligibility, an artist must have been born in Michigan, or worked and studied in Michigan for at least two years, or be at present a resident of Michigan for at least one year. Jurors will be A. James Speyer, Curator of 20th Century Art, Art Institute of Chicago, and Mitchell Jamieson, nationally known painter.

ATTENTION TEACHERS!!

An up-to-date selected list of free and inexpensive materials relating to MICHIGAN has just been released by the University of Michigan, Library Extension Service, 1 General Library, Ann Arbor. Copies are available from the University and, locally, from the Historical Commission Archives.

CEASAR SELECTED HISTORIAN OF STATE GROUP.

President Ford Ceasar has been selected as Historian of the Department of Elementary School Principals for a three year term effective July 1963. This is a state wide organization and a department of the Michigan Education Association.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS TO MEET.

The annual meeting of representatives of the Michigan Association of Colored Women's Clubs will take place Saturday, April 27, 1963 at 1 pm.

The group moves this year from the State Archives to the Auditorium of the MUSEUM on Michigan State University Campus, to accommodate an enlarged program commemorating the American Negro Emancipation Centennial. Watch local newspapers for program details. Members of the Society are most welcome.

MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Watch the Capitol Rotunda for a special exhibit featuring Michigan Week. The Michigan Historical Commission Museum's staff is currently preparing this exhibit.

"Detroit how you have changed," the story of Detroit from 1701 to 1963, can be seen at the Detroit Historical Museum, Woodward at Kirby, Detroit, through April 22, 1963. The display includes hundreds of objects reflecting the development of the city, its industry and people.

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