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MICHIGAN WEEK BANQUET

Reservations Due May 16

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing will be held at the YWCA, 217 Townsend Street, 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, May 18, 1966. Reservations for the dinner should be made through Mary McNeely at least by early Monday morning, May 16, either by mail, with check made out to the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, and addressed to Box 515, Lansing, or by phone 485-7890 and pay at the door. Price of the dinner is \$3.00. Any reservations made and not cancelled by May 16 must be paid for.

Plan to come and bring your friends and let's all celebrate Michigan week together. Ruby and George Jennings will present the history of school district #5, and a film, "When Michigan Was Young," will also be shown.

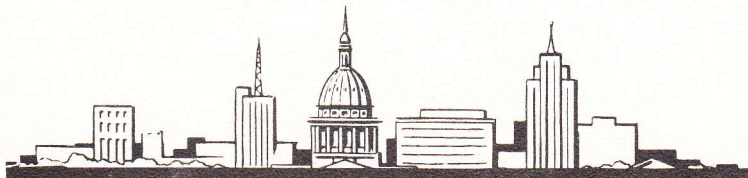
Plenty of parking space is available in the parking lot across the street.

MICHIGAN WEEK

The staff of the Michigan Historical Museum is planning a special exhibit on Michigan symbols: the state seal and flag, birds, trees, flowers, animals, etc., and there are plans to make this a permanent exhibit eventually. This should be a real addition to the museum's many attractions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Early American Industries Association will hold its annual meeting June 10-12, at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut.



FALL MEETING PLANS MICHIGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Local Arrangements Committee, working with the Historical Society of Michigan, has made much progress in preparing for the annual meeting to be held at the Jack Tar Hotel, September 23-24, 1966.

The Committee is responsible for assisting the state society in handling all of the local arrangements.

Several groups in the central part of the state have already volunteered their assistance. Some of these groups are: Historical Society of Greater Lansing, Women's Historical Club, Eaton County Historical Society, Grand River American Indian Society of the Lansing Area, Committee on the Study of Negro History, Daughters of the American Colonists, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Members of the Committee who have been working on arrangements are:

Mrs. Blanche Coggan, William Alderfer, Miss Virginia Summers, Jack Neyome, Mrs. W. A. Vance, James Shaffer, Mrs. Richard Sleater, Mrs. J. Geoffrey Moore, Mrs. Tom Hancock, Mrs. Jevelyn Bonner, and Ford Ceasar chairman.

The Committee has already completed plans for two coffee hours for Friday and Saturday mornings, the centerpiece for the speaker's table, favors for place settings, identification for recognizing hosts and hostesses, involvement in Friday mornings program, the securing of certain films, and the involvement of people in the program.

Ford Ceasar will act as a guide for a historical sights tour planned Friday afternoon by chartered bus.

Blanche Coggan is selecting personnel for hosts and hostesses during the two-day program.

Plans are being made for conferees to have an opportunity to visit the Michigan Historical Museum during the Conference.

HELP!

The Case Institute of Technology has received a 3-year grant from the National Science Foundation for the purpose of locating manuscripts pertaining to the history of science and technology and producing a regional union catalog of materials for the use of scholars and researchers.

This subject area has been long neglected in the realm of local history and it is encouraging to know something is being done about it through a pilot study.

Edwin Layton, Associate Professor of History is the principal investigator in this Regional Union Catalog Project and asks that anyone knowing of "unpublished manuscripts, whether catalogued or uncatalogued, pertaining to science and technology: correspondence, diaries, laboratory notebooks, business records, clippings, patents and drawings," contact him, referring him to private or institutional collections he should know about in making this catalog complete. When the information has been assembled at the end of the 3-year project it will be published in book form.

"The object," says Mr. Layton, "is to produce a published checklist of manuscripts. It is not specifically intended that manuscript materials would be removed permanently and housed in the Case Archives of Contemporary Science and Technology except where there is danger that the collections of historical importance would otherwise be destroyed. If availability to scholars will be measurably enhanced by having a microfilm copy of private collectors on file at Case, this will be done, and access will be governed by the wishes of the donor."

Join the Historical Society

MEET YOUR OFFICERS, 1966-67

President JANE PIATT	Board Members-at-large Terms 66-67 & 67-68 HELEN WALLIN DOROTHY BARNARD GEORGE WISKEMANN BERNARD ANSLEY
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Secretary-Treasurer MARY MCNEELY	

OUR CONGRATULATIONS!

MICHIGAN TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY FORMS

The organizational meeting of the Michigan Token and Medal Society was held on Nov. 27 in conjunction with the Michigan State Numismatic Society Convention held in Detroit, Michigan.

The group elected the following officers to serve for the first year 1966:

President: Robert K. Lusch

Vice Presidents: Robert A. Dewey and
P. H. (Jim) Frans

Sec. -Treasurer: Harriet Nordhof, Board
Member for 3 year term:

Waldo Hostetler, Board Member
for 1 year term:

Norma Killinger.

Harriet Nordhof, Editor, stated a bulletin containing items of interest, notifications from any member to the rest of the group, wantlists, etc., would be sent to the membership a minimum of four times each year.

The dues have been set at \$1.00 per year and anyone interested in becoming a member send \$1.00 to Secretary Harriet Nordhof,
300 W. 27th Street
Holland, Michigan 49423.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Solan Weeks and Val Berryman who have been selected to participate in the Seminar for Historical Administrators at Williamsburg, Va., June 10 through July 29. As only six non-fellows are admitted to this seminar, it is a real honor to have had two of the six chosen from our area.

The study program includes: the evaluation and development of the resources of historical agencies; interpretation of projects through exhibits, etc., and administrative problems.

To Helen Wallin for the excellent publication "Biographical Sketch of Douglass Houghton-Michigan's first state geologist," which has recently been brought out. "This pamphlet," according to the preface, "is the first of a planned series of sketches on the lives of the twelve men who have served as chief administrative officers of the Geological Survey of this state since its inception in 1837." Charming illustrations by James Campbell give added interest to this biographical sketch.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER !

Historical Society of Greater Lansing

May Meeting - May 4, 1966
(please note advanced date)

NEGRO MUSIC
to be traced

Earl Nelson will trace the history of the negro music in America at the May 4 meeting of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing. Mr. Nelson and Roosevelt Ruffin will, through authentic renditions, show the development since 1619 of the work song, spirituals, blues, field hollers, and jazz.

Earl Nelson is a popular and well known negro singer of Lansing who has taught music in the Lansing schools, developed choirs, operettas, and choruses; and is director of the Nelson Singers.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited. Plenty of parking is available.

The program will be held in the Social Room at C. W. Otto Junior High, starting at 8:00 P.M. The school is located on Thomas Street off Larch (US 27) just north of Motor Wheel plant.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark your calendar now for May 18

The annual banquet of the Historical Society will be held May 18, at the YWCA, 217 Townsend Street, at 6:30 P.M. Dinner \$3.00 per person. Available parking across the street. Ruby and George Jennings will trace the progress and growth of school district #5, Lansing township from its humble beginnings of more than one hundred years ago. The film, When Michigan Was Young, will also be shown.