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NEXT MEETING

The Historical Society of Greater Lansing will meet Thursday, October 25, at 8 p.m. in the Civic Center, Parlors A & B. Anyone interested in local history is invited.

The main feature of the program will be an illustrated talk by Mr. Kenneth Priestley of Vassar, Michigan, who will tell us about "Postal History in the Greater Lansing Area". Mr. Priestley has been active in this and other fields in Michigan history for a long time. A special invitation is being extended to local members of the American Philatelic and Peninsular State Philatelic Societies.

The president will call upon the chairmen of interest groups for reports on their activities.

Refreshments will be served.

LAST MEETING

Dr. Philip Mason, chairman of the committee on publication, showed film strips on the history of Kalamazoo and Ohio canals. He told about his work in producing a film strip on lumbering for the Michigan Historical Commission. There was considerable discussion as to whether it would be feasible for the Greater Lansing Historical Society to produce a film strip.

Other committee chairmen reported on their plans for the year, and past activities. Mr. Joseph Druse, chairman of the family history interest group, told about the activities of his group in collecting and recording data obtained from gravestones.

Mrs. Blanche Goggan of the church and school history group told members of her experiences in preparing the Marble School pageant of last year. Mrs. Goggan would like to see work begun on a pageant dealing with Lansing's history.

Miss Margaret Keefe, who heads the interest group dealing with historic maps, told about what has been done in other communities, and outlined a program for Lansing.

At the conclusion of these talks by committee chairmen, members were invited to participate in any or all of the groups.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Several members of the society were present at the annual meeting of the Historical Society of Michigan that was held in Niles on September 28 and 29.

At the Friday morning session, former president Madison Kuhn gave an account of the activities of our society.

ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS

Mrs. Blanche Coggan has been busy gathering data on Underground Railroads in this area. Working with Mrs. E. E. Craun of Concord, she has taken photographs of the Lewis Keeler and Thomas McGee homesteads, both of which were underground stations.

Has anyone any information on stations in the Lansing area? If so, please relay it to Mrs. Coggan (ED 2-2881).

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for the year 1956-57 should be paid as soon as possible. The membership fee of \$1.00 is nominal, but it is our only source of income at present. Dues may be paid at the next meeting, or directly to the executive secretary, at the Michigan Historical Museum, 505 N. Washington Avenue.

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