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COME ONE! COME ALL!

January 22 - 8:00 p.m.

Archives Center, DeWitt Road

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY LANSING

Carlisle Carver
will be the speaker for our first

meeting in 1959. His theme, attuned to the Centennial celebration, should have great interest for our members and their friends.

Iron Foundries

A special exhibit of ornate cast iron household hardware, utensils, and fixtures will be on display. The exhibit has been arranged by Walter Schneider of the Archives Center to show the contribution of the foundries to early Lansing.

Hostesses for this session will be Geneva Kebler and Elizabeth Rademacher, of the Archives Center staff, and Mrs. V. M. Curry and Virginia Ford from the Society.

Students from the University and the high schools of the area will be welcome.

OUR NEW PERMANENT ADDRESS

The Society now has its own box at the postoffice. Mail for the Society or any of its officers may be addressed to the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, P.O. Box 515, Lansing, Michigan.

THANK YOU, John Curry, for "pinch-hitting" at the November meeting. We were proud of our Vice President!

PULPIT AND PRAYER The Society hopes to have the 24-page brochure, "Pulpit and Prayer in Earliest Lansing" ready for distribution by the Centennial Sabbath, February 15. The brochure, by Dr. Joseph Druse, is one of the Society's contributions to the Centennial observance.

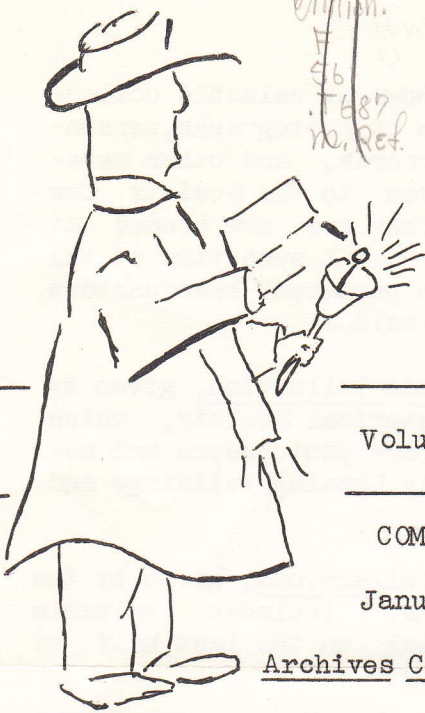
Advance Orders It will help us to estimate the number of copies for the initial printing if YOU will send YOUR advance order for one or more copies to the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, P.O. Box 515, Lansing.

Orders for "first edition" copies to be autographed By Dr. Druse, may also be sent direct to the Society. (Price, if accompanied by check: Single copies, 35 cents; 10 or more copies to one address, 25 cents each; rates for larger quantities on request).

GIVES TALK ON LANSING HISTORY Robert Clark, our vice president, will be the speaker at the Y.W.C.A. "Ladies Day Out" program in February. His topic, "Early Lansing," was selected to stimulate interest in the Centennial.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO BE REPRESENTED IN CENTENNIAL PLANS John Gray, one of our Trustees, has been appointed the official representative of the Society on the Over-All Centennial Committee. The Society anticipates active participation in the various activities of the Centennial period.

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FEBRUARY MEETING Education in Early Lansing will be the topic for the February meeting, at the Civic Center, February 26, at eight o'clock. Mrs. Lloyd Darling, president of the Lansing Board of Education will be the speaker.

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SOCIETY PLANS TO INCORPORATE Evelyn Bumgarner has been appointed to the Finance Committee and asked to investigate procedures for incorporating the Society as a non-profit organization. She will report at the business session on January 22.

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MARKER PLACED ON BARNES HOUSE A plaque marking the historical importance of the Barnes House, Okemos, was dedicated by the Lansing Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on January 12.

Taking part in the ceremony were Mrs. Austen J. Smith, state historian of the DAR and a member of our Society, and Dr. George S. May, state historical commission.

Honored guests included Miss Jessie Turner, great-granddaughter of Melzor Turner who built the house in 1849; Mrs. Glen Cline, the present owner; Mrs. Ruth Stillman, who called attention to the historical significance of the house in her history of Okemos; and Mrs. John Adamson, president of the Historical Society.

In charge of the program were Mrs. Joseph F. Ruppert, historian, and Mrs. William C. Searl, regent of the local DAR chapter.

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MEET OUR AUTHORS Philip Mason, now head of the Archives Center of Wayne University, is the author of "Expedition to Lake Itasca," an edited version of Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, and available from the Michigan State University Press.

Mrs. Blanche Coggan is gathering data on the "underground railway," scheduled for publication this year.

CUSTODIAL COLLECTIONS A number of valuable collections of photographs, personal records, and other materials have been given to the Society for custodial care. They are now housed at the Archives Center until such time as the Society has its own permanent headquarters. These collections include:

1. The J. P. Edmonds Collection, given by the Lansing Historical Society, which includes many rare photographs and negatives of early Lansing buildings and people.
2. The Zimmerman Collections, given by the Zimmerman Estate, includes valuable resource material on the last half of the 19th century.
3. The Jones Collection, given by Theodore Foster, includes photographs and other archival materials.
4. The Sweet Collection, given by Mrs. T. D. Courtright, includes early grocery records (1873).

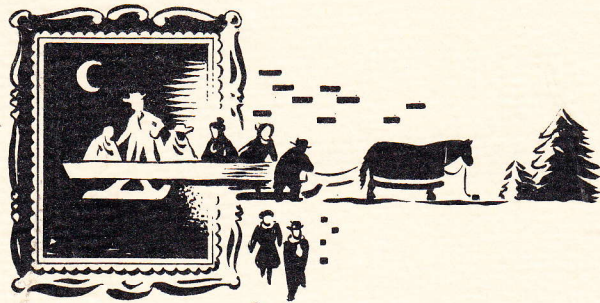
The Society will be glad to receive and will preserve other similar materials pertaining to the early history of Lansing.

Memorial Funds to assure proper care of these records, many of them not replaceable, are urgently needed. Such funds, to be named by the donors, are now being sought by the Society for this most worthy purpose.

Using Our Research Materials The Society is glad to extend to people needing the information the use of various materials belonging to the Society and currently stored at the Archives Center. Because many of the documents are fragile and could not be replaced, use of them requires great care.

Copies of photographs or prints from negatives in the Collections are available at a small cost for making the reproductions.

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All Loyal Members and
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**HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF
GREATER LANSING**

are urged to assemble at the Michigan Historical Commission Archives, near the city of Lansing, State of Michigan, during the moon's last quarter, at 8:00 pm.

JANUARY 22, 1959

The natives are friendly and predictions are favorable

PROGRAM

"INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY LANSING"
by Carlisle Carver,
Automotive Editor, Lansing State Journal

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Mr. Walter Schneider, Michigan Historical Commission Archives