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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE MEETS

Mr. R. D. Burroughs held a meeting of the Publicity Committee at his home, 6038 Abbott Road, East Lansing, September 16. Plans for the publicity of the Society were discussed.

The publication of "Heritage" was discussed and it was the opinion that it should be reserved for material of lasting interest--to preserve some of the fine material which has been presented at our meetings. This would include Mrs. Adamson's "Men of Medicine in Early Lansing", Mrs. Stucky's paper on the social life of early Lansing, "To Lansing with Love", the paper by Dr. Frank N. Elliott, "Early Transportation in Ingham County and Lansing", Bob Clark's fine paper telling of the history of land in "Michigan, Michigan" and Carlyle Carver's story of early Lansing industries.

Many suggestions were made to create interest in the Society: TV appearances of some of our members; radio announcements; a show of articles or materials collected by our own members; a "swap" meeting of articles in our collections which some of us could "part" with.

Present at the meeting were, besides Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs: Evelyn Bumgarner, program chairman; Mable Grannis, member of the committee; Helen Wallin, chairman of the publications committee.

Mr. Burroughs was unable to contact two other members of his committee: Mrs. Austen J. Smith and Mrs. Dorothy M. Lankton. He would appreciate hearing from them whether or not they could serve on his committee.

Our treasurer indicates that not many of our members have paid their dues for the 1959-60 year. Please send your check in the amount of \$2.00 to Mr. John H. Fuller, 1328 West Michigan, Lansing. Those interested in adding an additional \$3.00 to their payment will automatically become a member of the state society and will receive the quarterly publication "Michigan History".

MEETING FOR OCTOBER: October 22, 1959, at 8:00 p.m., Parlors A and B, Civic Center, Lansing, Michigan

"MR. MICHIGAN STATE" OCTOBER SPEAKER

"Michigan State Athletics from 1925 to 1955" is to be the topic of Representative Ralph H. Young when he speaks at the October meeting of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing.

Born in Indiana, Young attended Washington and Jefferson University and took part in all athletics. While attending the University of Chicago, he played football under Alonzo Stagg, who at 93, is the oldest coach in football today in America. At the University of Michigan he played football under Fielding H. Yost. He was a track star and coach. The track field at M.S.U. is named the Ralph Young Track Field in his honor.

He came from Kalamazoo College to Michigan State in 1923 where he coached Michigan State football. In 1927, he was appointed athletic director of Michigan State, when he devoted full time to the job of building up all phases of athletics in the fast-growing college. At that time Harry G. Kipke took over as football coach. Mr. Young played a very important part in the negotiations which resulted in Michigan State's being admitted to the Western Conference and a member of the BIG 10.

He has been active in many Olympic endeavors and in the national collegiate athletic and coaching associations. Besides his athletic interests, Mr. Young has been active in patriotic affairs, having served as commander of the William Riker Johnson post, American Legion, in East Lansing.

After his retirement from M.S.U., he decided to serve his community. He became a candidate for the state legislature and sought the Republican nomination for representative from the second district of Ingham County. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1956 and has served on the committees on public safety, educational institutions, juvenile corrections and metropolitan affairs.

MICHIGAN IN PERSPECTIVE

The Detroit Historical Society and Museum, the Wayne State University Department of History, and the Burton Historical Collection Detroit Public Library are sponsoring a conference on local history participation, Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, 1959.

Reservations should have been made by October 19 and we are hoping Town Crier reaches you in time to make your reservations. Write Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 2, for reservations. Friday and Saturday luncheons \$2.75 each and Friday dinner \$3.50. Attendance last year was about 200 for the very interesting program.

Some of the subjects to be covered are Michigan sources for the historian, folklore, genealogy workshop, local history teaching, Michigan in the Civil War, Michigan archaeology, historical marking.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MEETS

The family history group met at the home of John Curry, Tuesday, October 6 to hear of John's experience at the genealogical workshop he attended in Washington this summer. Joe Druse is chairman of this group.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE HAS NEW CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Wirth Johnson of Eaton Rapids who was appointed chairman of the hospitality committee regrets that she is unable to accept the duties. Mrs. George Stucky has accepted to serve in her place.

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MEETING PLACE

Future meetings of the Historical Society will be on the Allegan Street Side of the Civic Center. We have two invitations for a meeting other than the Civic Center: State University and the Historical Commission Archives. Announcements will be made of these special meetings later.

85th ANNUAL MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

Barbara Symons of the Historical Commission reports about 125 persons attended the annual meeting of the State Society held at Kalamazoo September 25 and 26. Sessions were held at Hotel Harris, Western Michigan University, the Public Library and Kalamazoo College.

The dinner speaker was R. Carlyle Buley, Indiana University who talked on "Pioneer Medicine in the Middle West". Miss Symons report it was very good--both humorous and scholarly.

Five new trustees were elected: Roscoe Boni-steel, Ann Arbor; Dr. Frank Elliott, MSU Museum, East Lansing; Leonard Johnson, Dearborn Historical Museum; Dr. Eugene Petersen, Fort Mackinac, Mackinac Island; and Willard Wichers, Holland.

The New board of trustees elected Dr. Roger Van Bold, head of the social science department of Flint Junior College as president and Marquis Shattuck, Detroit Historical Society as vice-president.



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