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TENTATIVE PROGRAMS FOR 1963-1964

September 11, 1963

Bill Alderfer: Director

Historical Society of Michigan

October 9, 1963: Charlotte Centennial with
City of Charlotte as host

November 13, 1963: Representative from the
Waterloo Historical Society to tell of
their work in that area

January 8, 1964: open

February 12, 1964: Family History Presenta-
tion State Library in its new quarters at
735 East Michigan Avenue in Lansing

March 11, 1964: Mrs. Rose Brunson on
Negro Migration in Michigan

April 8, 1964: Clarence Payne at the New
City Library of Lansing

May 13, 1964: Mrs. Helen Wallin on
The Michigan Indian Agency 1814 to 1851

ABOUT YOUR PRESIDENT--

Mrs. Helen Wallin is a native of Owosso, Michigan. For the past ten years she has been public information specialist with the Michigan Department of Conservation, Lansing. Her state service has included work with the Western Michigan Division Laboratories of the Michigan Department of Health in Grand Rapids, beginning in 1929; the Planning Commission and Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing.

Previous to State employment she worked at the Owosso Argus Press, the Lansing Capital News and the Lansing State Journal. She has been affiliated with the Historical Society of Greater Lansing for several years, serving as editor of TOWN CRIER. She is a member of genealogical societies of New York, Detroit and Flint and a contributor to MICHIGAN HERITAGE, published by Dr. Ethel Williams, Kalamazoo. Mrs. Wallin has a son, Charles Curtis Wallin, who is married and resides in East Lansing.

SEPTEMBER MEETING, Wednesday evening, Sept. 11.
Parlor A & B, Allegan Street Entrance, CIVIC
CENTER, 8:00 p.m.

"YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN" is the topic chosen for the September meeting of our Society by Bill Alderfer, new Director of the Historical Society of Michigan. He will discuss the Society's direction and its future--and what needs to be done.

"BILL ALDERFER"

MAN WITH AN EYE ON YESTERDAY--by Jane Schermerhorn (reprinted from Detroit News, July 16, 1962).

. . . Bill Alderfer combines his sense of history with a lively interest in the present and an enthusiasm which should give new life to the 135-year society.

He was lured away from his post with the Wisconsin Historical Society, where for five years he'd been increasing the membership directing programs and writing constitutions, by the board of the Michigan Society.

Before Wisconsin he graduated--an American History major--from the University of Rochester (N.Y.), worked for his master's degree there and at the moment has his PhD in view (University of Wisconsin).

Coming to Michigan with him to headquarter in Lansing, were his wife, Lyn (who's writing a history of Wisconsin, a fund-raising book commissioned by the Republican Party of that state) and their sons Ken, 11, and Jack, 10.

Both the Alderfers are originally from Pennsylvania; he from Smithport, she from Wilkes-Barre. They met at prep school: "The Wyoming Seminary--in Wyoming Valley, Pa., where Pennsylvania and Connecticut once battled for the territory."

Headquarters for the State Society will be at Room 309 Civic Center Office Building in Lansing after October 1, 1963.

PLANS FOR OCTOBER MEETING are not complete yet--but we hope to visit Charlotte and join them in celebrating their CENTENNIAL.

LOCAL HISTORY PARTICIPATION CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

A two-day conference of special interest to members and friends of history will be held in McGregor Center on Wayne State University Campus, October 25 and 26, 1963.

A program including genealogy, oral history, audio visual resources, writing of history, and activities of local societies has been planned for you. Highlight of the dinner meeting on Friday evening will be an historical film program introduced by Henry Edmunds, Archivist, Ford Motor Company. "Detroit as a Frontier Community" is the subject of a paper by Reginald Horsman. Francis X. Scannell, Reader's Service Division, Michigan State Library, will talk on "Michigan and the Novel." Watch future issues of the CRIER for more detail.

BROCHURE DESCRIBES HONOLULU HOUSE MUSEUM AND HISTORY THAT SURROUNDS MARSHALL

An attractive and informative brochure about Marshall Historical Society and the very effective work accomplished by that Society is now available. Contact the Society in care of HONOLULU HOUSE, Marshall--headquarters and one of the most unique landmarks of our state.

On May 25, 1962, the deed for this famous property passed from the last private owner--Harold C. Brooks--to the Marshall Historical Society. The purchase was made possible by the citizens of Marshall. You will enjoy a visit to this NEWEST of Michigan's museum.

DUES--At a Board of Directors' meeting August 14, Historical Society of Greater Lansing dues were increased to \$3.00--making the joint active membership with State Society \$8.00.

FACSIMILE REPRINTS OF 1889

THE SHANTY BOY or Life in a Lumber Camp--Michigan and Wisconsin--by John W. Fitzmaurice by University Press, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant--\$5.00.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM TOUR--Tuesday of each week at 2 p.m. Current: Homes of Henry Ford--Michigan's recipients of Civil War Medal of Honor--museum box collection--souvenir plates.

ANNUAL MEETING--STATE SOCIETY--GRAND RAPIDS

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of Michigan will convene in Grand Rapids, September 20-21, according to William Alderfer, Director.

The Burton Lecture presents Dr. Clifford L. Lord, Dean, General Studies, Columbia University and past president of the American Association for State and Local History.

"The Future of Michigan's History" is the subject of discussion by a panel of Roscoe Bonisteel, Willard C. Wickers, Frank Woodford, Dominic Paris, Charles Orlebeke and William Alderfer. Papers to be presented include "History of the Michigan Cholera Epidemic," by Irving Burton and "The Gas Light Era in Grand Rapids," by Frank Dumond.

A TOUR OF INDIAN MOUND PARK is still another feature of this program planned to whet your attention to Michigan's rich historical heritage. The annual business meeting will be held Saturday.

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