

# Town Crier

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MUSEUMS TO MOUSTACHE CUPS--The interests of our members vary as you can see by the following list. Our Society doesn't have a December meeting, but this looks like the beginning of a good Christmas party or SWAP party. Let us hear from you--WHAT HAVE YOU?

ANTIQUES Ruby Clark

AUTOGRAPHS & SPEECHES OF GREAT AMERICANS

Gordon L. Thomas

AUTO INDUSTRY, all phases, especially Lansing - Virginia Summers

KINSLEY BINGHAM Blanche B. Coggan

BOOKS ON HISTORY & TRAVEL, local and general  
Mrs. Manning Curry

BOOKS ON SPEECHES, SPEAKERS & PUBLIC SPEAKING - Gordon L. Thomas

BOTTLES, OLD, Ford Ceasar

CANADIAN-AMERICAN HISTORY, from Indians to

L. B. Pearson--David Pierce Beatty

ZACHARIAH CHANDLER Blanche B. Coggan

CIVIL WAR John C. Symonds

CUSTER'S LAST STAND John C. Symonds

DOCTORS OF EARLY LANSING Mrs. John Q. Adamson

DRUMMOND ISLAND Mrs. John Q. Adamson

FAMILY ANTIQUES Mrs. Manning Curry

FUND RAISING Mrs. John P. Atley, Marshall

GENEALOGY

Mrs. John Q. Adamson

Mrs. John P. Atley

John C. Curry

Mrs. Wirth R. Johnson

Mrs. Marilyn Symonds

Mrs. Helen Wallin

HAITI MATERIALS John C. Symonds

"HANDS" Mrs. Manning Curry

LANSING HISTORICAL DATA Marion H. McClench

LANSING HISTORY, EARLY Ruby Jennings

LANSING AREA HISTORY John C. Curry

LOCAL HISTORY Ford Ceasar

LOCAL HISTORY Mrs. Anne J. Ells, Marshall

LOG CABINS & EARLY HOUSES Mary McNeely

JACK LONDON, FIRST EDITIONS Gordon L. Thomas

MARSHALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY Mrs. John P. Atley

MICHIGAN BOOKS Geneva Kebler

MICHIGAN GUNS George Wiskemann

MICHIGAN HISTORY

John C. Curry

Ruby Jennings

C. F. Leneweaver

George Wiskemann

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## CHARLOTTE CHAFARI

PERSONS NEEDING A RIDE TO CHARLOTTE AND PERSONS WITH CARS WHO CAN TAKE A MEMBER CALL: Mary McNeely--IV 5-7890 or 373-1227 or drop her a card--1007 W. Allegan. Do this as soon as possible so that we may make our arrangements for you.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sleater of Charlotte have made arrangements for our Lansing Society to meet in their City for the OCTOBER 9, 1963 meeting. It will be held in the basement of the EATON FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN BUILDING, corner of LOVETT AND BOSTWICK in Charlotte, at 8:00 p.m.

Our caravan is to leave Lansing at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at the Allegan Street side of the CIVIC CENTER, Lansing. THOSE WHO NEED A RIDE PLEASE CALL MARY McNEELY.

## COL. ED MOREY AND THE CHARLOTTE CENTENNIAL

Col. Morey is to be our speaker at the Charlotte meeting and will give us a run-down on the work that community did in celebrating their Centennial along with the humorous side of history.

Col. Morey was born in Charlotte and is a descendant of a very early settler of Eaton County. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1938 and from Michigan State College in 1942

Returning from four years of military service in Europe in 1946, he became purchasing agent for Wilcox Gay Radio Company until 1951, when he was recalled to duty. He was assigned to the University of Cincinnati as instructor in Military Science where he served for two years. He then went to Korea and served one year where he was assigned to an educational center for the Army. He returned to Charlotte and established the Morey Insurance Agency.

His wife is the former Grace Mohre and they have three sons. He was chairman of the CHARLOTTE CENTENNIAL.

MICHIGAN INDIAN AGENCY 1814-1851-Mrs.H.Wallin  
MICHIGAN LAND HISTORY Bob Clark  
MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSES & LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS,  
EARLY Mrs. Helen Wallin  
MICHIGAN LITERATURE Ford Ceasar  
MICHIGAN MATERIALS--BOOKS, MAPS, MANUSCRIPTS  
& PICTURES Rajee Tobia  
MICHIGAN NOVELS C. F. Leneweaver  
MOUSTACHE CUPS Ford Ceasar  
MUSEUM FOR CHARLOTTE Mr. & Mrs. R. Sleater  
NATURAL HISTORY R. D. Burroughs  
OLD SCHOOL BOOKS Ford Ceasar  
ROCKS  
Kenard Clark  
Blanche B. Coggan  
Howard C. Rouse  
SHAVING MUGS Ford Ceasar  
STAMP COLLECTING John C. Symonds  
SUNDERLAND ROSE LUSTER Geneva Kebler  
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD Blanche B. Coggan  
WESTERN TRAVELS, EARLY R.D.Burroughs

#### CORRECTION

An error in the joint dues of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing and the State Society which TOWN CRIER reported as \$8.00-- should have been \$6.00. In spite of the error which we are trying to straighten out your membership chairman, Ruby Jennings, has received 32 memberships already this year and 12 of those are joint with the State Historical Society.

If every member pledged themselves to obtain just ONE membership we could double our size. PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT.

#### SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES IN HISTORY

Your Town Crier editor would appreciate hearing about any trips or meetings of an historical nature which you have attended-- the rest of the members might enjoy hearing about them.

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KNAGGS' BRIDGE DEDICATION--September 15,1963

Over a thousand persons gathered on this bright fall Sunday afternoon, three miles east of Bancroft to dedicate the spot and reaffirm its pride of heritage. This is where our history begins--the grass roots. The young people of the area who participated--the Boy Scouts, 4-H groups and the Durand Band--were pleasantly exposed to their own history.

Whitmore Knaggs or Ish-dash-eman as the Indians called him, arrived at this spot about 147 years ago. He was an early pioneer, Indian agent and Interpreter for the United States Government and worked with the Indians of the area in the early days of the Territory. Many of his descendants were at the dedication to share the honor of this man. Lewis Cass in letters of the time said that without the aid of these Indian agents and interpreters that the work of establishing peace and territorial government in Michigan would have been impossible.

A group of Indians from Shepherd performed a pow-pow. Chief Little Elk, led the group in singing and dancing and performed the Lord's prayer in the Indian sign language.

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and the many persons and organizations who made the dedication of this historic spot in Shiawassee County possible, are to be commended.

Mary McNeely and your president, Mrs. Wallin, attended the dedication.

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING--the 13th--is to be held at the MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM. Dave Beatty, member of the program committee has contacted the Waterloo Historical Society and they are sending a representative to tell us of the work in that area. Their work is primarily restoration work which is a big project. More details will be available at the October meeting.