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MICHIGAN IN PERSPECTIVE--Brochures of the 6th Annual Conference on Local History were mailed to all members of the Lansing Society. It is to be held Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26, 1963 at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center in Detroit. These were mailed separately because Town Crier's announcement would have been too late. The scope of the program certainly has much to offer all our members.

 HONOR GIVEN TO PHILIP MASON

Wayne State University's archivist and associate professor of history, Dr. Philip P. Mason, has been elected a fellow in the Society of American Archivists at a recent meeting in Raleigh, N.C. The rank of fellow is bestowed upon a limited number of individuals who have distinguished themselves in archival administration and preservation.

Dr. Mason served as state archivist for the Historical Commission, 1953-1958, and is a charter member of this Society.

 BROWN SCHOOL GOES TO TOWN

Down in Barry County, near Pine Lake and three miles from Prairieville, the Brown School or North Pine Lake School (it went by both names) after sitting on one corner since the turn of the century, up and took off down the road!

The school will be set side of the Museum on the banks of Crooked Lake between Delton and Prairieville where it will be furnished as it was in the olden days.

Oh, if the old school could just talk! Many a kid, no doubt, has had his britches warmed back in the days of the "old hickory stick."

When the Brown School District consolidated with the Delton School, ownership of the land reverted back to the farm it had always set on. The Owner, Lloyd Lindsay, acquired the building and presented it to the Berrard Historical Museum. They started to move it the morning of October 1 and it was some job with the telephone and light companies both going ahead and letting down the wires.--by H.D.Burpee, Delton.

The November 13th meeting of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing is to be held at MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM. The meeting to start at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Sidney Beckwith is going to tell us how the Waterloo Area Historical Society had the courage to take on such a magnificent project and do the wonderful job they have done.

The second annual Waterloo Museum open house held at the Realy House, Sunday, October 13, 1963, from 2 - 6 pm. Several members of the Society were there and report a gay day!

Come November 13th and hear all about it.

THE WATERLOO AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY under the leadership of Mrs. Sidney Beckwith of Stockbridge, who is its president, can point with a great deal of pride to the restoration of two of the areas landmarks. The "Dewey School" on Willmore and Territorial Roads near Stockbridge is described as a "typical one-room country school. The original building was put up before 1850.

In addition to the restoration of the school the Society is currently completing restoration of the "Old Realy Home" at Munith-Waterloo Road, in the same area. It is a typical rural home of the 1840's.

The Waterloo Area Historical Society has a total of 140 members and a junior division of 16 youngsters.

 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION ON ITS FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY.

A commemorative dinner is being held October 22 in the City Club of the Jack Tar Hotel, Lansing. Honored guests will include the Governor and Mrs. George Romney, members of the Legislature, the Historical Commission and staff.

NEIGHBORING HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

The Shiawassee County Historical Society will meet October 25 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Hall, Corunna. On this date the temporary officers will be replaced by a six member board, committees will be formed and after a lapse of over sixty years an historical society will be actively functioning in the County. The parent society, which met initially in 1873, ceased to exist. Membership then required that one be a resident of Michigan prior to January 1, 1845.

The first project of this new society was the erection and dedication of the first official historical marker in the county at Knaggs Bridge.

During the summer designated members have investigated possibilities of acquiring a museum and probability of restoring of the Comstock Cabin in Bentley Park.

Newsnotes of this young society's program will appear in forthcoming issues of the Crier.

HISTORY OF WILLIAMSTON IN PROCESS

November 1 is the target date for publication of a "History of Williamston", according to Mrs. E. A. Lightfoot, coordinator of the project. Requests for copies should be directed to Mrs. Lightfoot in care of the Library Guild, Williamston.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Another date to circle on your calendar is November 17. The Marshall Historical Society's annual OPEN HOUSE offers you a "Day to Remember." Exemplar and Xeta Alpha Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will serve as hostesses at the Honolulu House. Guests of honor include Mable Cooper, author of a dissertation on 19th Century homes of Marshall; Anna Marshall, Senior Citizen of the year; and Harold C. Brooks, local historian.

On this date the winner of the portable TV will be announced. Monies from the sale of tickets is earmarked for museum projects. The gift shop will be opened with numerous Christmas giving suggestions. Copies of the recently compiled booklet on the history of Marshall will also be available.

The Marshall Society was recipient of an award from the Historical Society of Michigan at the annual meeting September 21 for distinguished service to the preservation and dissemination of the Marshall story.

Mrs. Win Schuler, a long-time contributor to the success of this Society, was elected trustee of the State organization.

CLASSROOM GUIDE FOR MICHIGAN HISTORY AVAILABLE FREE TO SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHERS

A "Classroom Guide for United States and Michigan History," is now available free to social science teachers and to others for fifty cents. The new 38-page guide replaces an earlier Munson Fund publication. Basic Michigan history reference sources and audio-visual aids are cited with each of the seven units of the Guide. Address the Michigan Historical Commission, Lansing 13, for your copy.

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