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The annual meeting of the Historical Society of Michigan was held in Flint, Michigan, Friday and Saturday, September 18th and 19th. George Osborn, Publisher of the Sault Ste. Marie Evening News, was elected President and Roscoe O. Bonisteel, Ann Arbor, Vice President. The following persons were named to the board of trustees:

James Babcock, director of the Burton Historical Collection of Detroit  
Alvin Bentley, Owosso industrialist  
Lucy Mary Kellogg, Brighton  
Philip P. Mason, Wayne State University archivist  
Robert Warner, assistant director of the Michigan Historical collections at the University of Michigan.

Lansing area people attending this ninetieth annual meeting were:

Esther Loghlin, Librarian, State of Michigan, Michigan Section  
Frank Scannell, Librarian, State of Michigan, Readers Service  
Helen Wallin, Education Division, Conservation Department  
Norman Bunker, Librarian, State Highway Department  
Dr. Lewis Beeson, Executive Secretary, Michigan Historical Commission  
Mr. Jack Crosby, member of the Michigan Historical Commission and Mrs. Crosby  
Mr. William Aldefer, Executive Secretary, Michigan Historical Society, and Mrs. Aldefer  
Sheila Thomas, staff member, Michigan Historical Society  
Solon Weeks, Director of Museum Services, State of Michigan  
Ford Ceasar, Trustee, Greater Lansing Historical Society, and Mrs. Ceasar.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 14

Meeting: Michigan Historical Commission Archives, DeWitt Rd.  
Topic: Preserving America's Automotive Heritage  
Speakers: Ken McDowell, Capital City Old Car Club of America  
Time: 8:00 P. M.

October 16 and 17

Meeting: Sixth annual Conference on Local History McGregor Memorial Conference Center, Detroit

May we explain?

David Martins, who was scheduled to appear on the January program with Mrs. Harmon Chamberlain, is not the same person as the former owner and publisher. Please note the corrected name change.

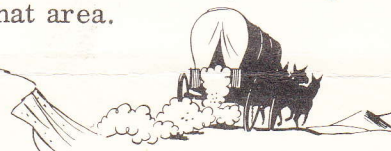
Awards for outstanding work in the field of Michigan history were presented to:

William McCall, Gratiot County Herald of Ithaca for the 1955 Centennial issue and for the continuation of the historical items in that paper  
Michigan Bell Telephone Company for the historical painting by Robert Toms, History of Michigan in Paintings  
William Zender, Frankenmuth, for his work on the Bavarian Festival in that city in 1962 and preservation of history of ethnic groups in Michigan. Also for his leadership in preserving the heritage of his community  
James Fowler of the Education Department of the Henry Ford Museum at Greenfield Village for his work in history among the children of that area.

## MEMBERSHIP

Dues for the 1964-65 season are now being accepted by Mary McNeely. You may send your check to her in care of P. O. Box 515 or see her at our meetings. Single memberships are again \$3.00. Joint memberships entitling holders to the publications of the Michigan Historical Society are \$6.00.

Rajee Tobia, our President, discovered a poem, written by an unknown lady of Michigan, in the December, 1846, issue of Graham's Magazine. We are publishing it in this issue of Town Crier in the hope that one of our readers will either recognize it or will give Rajee some clues to track down the name of the author.



## WILDWOOD NOTES

By A Lady of Michigan

### WILDS OF THE WEST

Wilds of the West! your haunts I love,  
In native beauty proud;  
For lawn, and rill, and wooded grove,  
Bespeaketh nature's God.

I love to see the rustic home,  
Sheltered by towering trees;  
And hear the song of gladness come  
Upon the gentle breeze.

I love to see the village spring  
Where late the forest frowned;  
And busy independence fling  
An air of comfort round.

My childhood's home! thy every scene  
Is graven on my heart;  
In wintry robes or summer's green,  
How beautiful thou art!

Though they of fairer homes relate,  
By river, mountain, sea--  
Yet, Michigan! our own loved State,  
There's none to us like thee.

Woodlands and mirrored waters blue,  
Rich prairies, fertile plains--  
With flowers of variegated hue,  
Extend o'er thy domains.

Where once was heard the savage yell,  
Ascends the Christian's prayer,  
And sweetly sounds the Sabbath bell  
Along the morning air;  
On Nature's charms how sweetly smiles  
That hallowed morn, in western wilds!

## THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Alice Franks, Chairman of our September program, introduced our speakers, Mr. Joseph Kimbrough and Miss Virginia Summers. Mr. Kimbrough discussed the history of the building of the library. Miss Summers told about the local history room (now incomplete) and future plans for the room. The members were then divided in two groups to tour the library. Of special interest to the members, were the behind-the-scenes operations of cataloging, offices, and storage.

## NEW BOOK FOR YOUR LIBRARY

CONESTOGA WAGON 1750-1850; FREIGHT CARRIER FOR 100 YEARS OF AMERICA'S WESTWARD EXPANSION tells the story of a distinctly American vehicle developed to meet the rugged requirements of the frontier. It is published jointly by author George Shumway and Early American Industries Association, Inc. An edition of 250 specially bound and numbered copies of the first edition are now available to members of the Association, and trade copies may be seen in libraries and bookstores.

Membership in the Historical Society of Michigan will bring issues of the CHRONICLE to your mailbox. This bi-monthly publication now in the fourth issue of volume one will inform you of "Alarums and Excursions," "Local Lode," and "Focus on the State." The current issue includes A BRIEF HISTORY OF MICHIGAN made available through cooperation with Consumers Power Company and the Detroit Edison Company. You can be an active member for \$5 per year.

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