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The Historical Society of Greater Lansing held its November meeting at the M. S. U. Museum. Dr. Marvin Cain, Curator, introduced Mr. John Atanasoff of the Lansing Coin Club. Mr. Atanasoff talked briefly of the history of the organization and their plans for the Coin Show to be held at the Jack Tar. In describing members of numismatic societies, he said, "Every one of us is a dealer even though people think they only save coins." Mr. Atanasoff felt that coin collectors did not have any appreciable effect on the present coin shortage since numismatics keep their good coins and throw the others back. If a person pays for a paper, buys a cigar, or tips a waitress a dime, he sets up 29 circulations which are lost if a dollar is broken to pay for the same things. 1955 pennies, the last year of the San Francisco Mint, are not too scarce as yet and can be purchased for 50¢. Mr. Atanasoff also pointed out that Kennedy half dollars and other coins will be marked 1964 until shortage ends. He said that a person can exchange dollar bills for silver by going through the proper governmental procedure and would receive powdered silver in an envelope. In determining the value of coins, it was pointed out that mintage of less than one million means a valuable coin. As a collector, Mr. Atanasoff said that he did not sell coins but trades them.

## JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing will be held on the 13th at the Lansing State Journal. Colored slides showing the complete operation of newspaper publication will be presented. Afterwards Mrs. Harmon Chamberlain will discuss a newspaper's library. For those attending, copies of the Centennial Issue of the Journal will be available.

## HISTORICAL MARKER APPROVED

Francis B. Stebbins, 1326 N. Genessee Drive, Lansing, is the owner of the old Presque Isle Lighthouse in Presque Isle

County on the shores of Lake Huron. It is one of the oldest if not the oldest structure on the lakes. There is a beautiful dwelling in connection with the lighthouse. Both the lighthouse and dwelling have the beauty of proportion that only these early structures possess and which Mr. Stebbins has lovingly preserved.

The Historical Commission has approved the lighthouse for a historic marker and Mr. Stebbins is gathering the final bits of information for use on the marker.

The lighthouse was established in 1840 but was replaced in 1871 by another a mile or so distant. Mr. Stebbins says there are possibly records of Brule having visited this area and there is also a myth that Jefferson Davis aided in its establishment.

The lighthouse is operated during the summer as a museum with a small admittance charge, and the two attractive guides are most gracious to visitors.

Mr. Stebbins will appreciate any information you may have on this lighthouse or the keepers assigned there.

## MEETING WITH MR. PAINE

On Friday, December 11, 1964, a committee composed of Geneva Kebler, Miss Marion McClench, Robert Clark, Ruby Jennings, Helen Wallin, and Charles Leneweaver met with Clarence Paine to formulate a policy of cooperation with the library. Librarian Paine, meeting with the committee, graciously accepted contributions in ideas, materials, time and money which the Society can contribute. He reported that space and staff assignments have been made for the memorial library. Funds are much needed for furnishings, special equipment and development of the collection.

Members of the Society are urged to consider now their contributions in the acquisition of funds, the deposit of local history materials, creation of exhibits, hosting of special meetings and like activities. If you or other potential donors

have materials--books, manuscripts, photographs, or memorabilia--relating to Lansing, please notify a member of this committee or Mr. Paine.

MICHIGAN WEEK

"Michigan--Dynamic in World Progress" has been selected as the theme for Michigan Week, 1965. Since 1958, when Michigan Week was only four years old, a special theme has been adopted each year. That year two themes were adopted; "Michigan's Water Resources" and "Education in Michigan". This divided emphasis proved to be a mistake and since that time, one theme has been agreed upon. In 1959 it was "Products of Michigan"; 1960, "People of Michigan"; 1961, "Michigan's New Horizons"; 1962, "Science and Technology"; 1963, "Science and Research for our Future"; and 1964, "Michigan--Great in Resources and Opportunities".

Michael Radock, University of Michigan Vice President, has been chosen to direct the campaign to make the theme heard throughout the state. It is hoped that Michigan's eight million citizens will use

the theme in schools, organizations, business firms, and communication media to show our expanding place in world trade and affairs.

Dates for Michigan week are May 16 - 22 but intensive use of the theme is to begin with the new year and continue for many months.

Woodward C. Smith of Mt Pleasant, General Chairman of Michigan Week said, "Mike Radock is the ideal leader for a great campaign to make everybody aware of Michigan's dynamic place in today's world. He is the ideal choice not only for his outstanding ability but because of his background in industry and because the University of Michigan is one of the nation's great centers for foreign students."

Many state committees of the Michigan Week organization will assist community groups and activity by business firms, labor and agricultural organizations and state associations has been assured. A handbook of suggestions to assist groups in carrying out the theme and using it to promote Michigan will be prepared by the theme committee.

Here is a CAPITAL idea! In 1949 R. E. Olds published his life story "Auto Pioneering". This is a 212 page volume with hard cover in red and stamped in gold. The stock is owned entirely by Doyle Fitzpatrick, 339 Kipling Boulevard, Lansing. Through January he has offered to mail a copy to anyone sending him a check for \$3.25 and will donate \$1.00 to our Society. Here is your chance to help us add to our funds and pick up a \$5.00 collectors item of historical interest.

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