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HISTORICAL SOCIETY of GREATER LANSING
P. O. Box 515, Lansing, Michigan

May, 1965

MICHIGAN WEEK BANQUET

The Annual "Michigan Week" banquet of the Greater Lansing Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 P. M. at the Reo Clubhouse, Lansing.

A program of seeing Lansing from 1847 to early 1900 will be under the direction of historians, Doyle Fitzpatrick and Ford Ceasar.

Swiss steak dinner and all the trimmings for \$2.00. Send dinner reservations to P. O. Box 515, Lansing. Deadline for reservations for the dinner will be May 17.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER LANSING
MEETING FOR MAY 5, 1965, 7:30, Wednesday
night SUPERVISORS ROOM, INGHAM COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, MASON

The Historical Society of Greater Lansing will hold its meeting May 5, at 7:30, in the Supervisors' Room in the Ingham County Court House at Mason.

Justice Roy W. Adams, Historian of the Ingham County Historical Society is to be the speaker.

When asked what his topic was going to be, he said, "It will be 'Hit-and Miss". He will bring many of his mementoes to illustrate his talk on Ingham County history.

The meeting is called for 7:30 so that members and guests will be able to enjoy the historical objects housed in the basement of the courthouse and inspect the interesting old map, published in 1859, in the supervisors' room.

Justice of the Peace Roy W. Adams came to Mason in 1888, after living in Aurelius Township. He remembers the trip in a farm wagon when his family moved from Aurelius to Mason, the wagon wheels creaking through twin ruts that marked the trail between the two points.

His father, William J., also served as a justice of the peace in Mason from 1904 until his death in 1914. He was a carpenter. His mother, Franc L., wrote and compiled the book, "Pioneer History of Ingham County". She died in 1930.

Adams wife died during the great flu epidemic of 1919.

Starting out as a mailman, Adams operated Mason's only theater from 1919 to 1940, originally the Rayner Opera House and known as the Farr Theater when it closed in 1963.

Adams is the author of the fictional book, "Pegleg," based on history and which he wrote in 1950 and which will soon be going into its third printing.

For the past 20 years he has served the county seat community of Mason as its jurist in a judicial post that will end January 1, 1969. His term Historical Society of Greater Lansing, May 5, 1965, meeting expires July 3, 1967. The new State Constitution eliminates the post of Justice of the Peace.

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THE MARQUETTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY initiated a quarterly publication in March, called Harlow's Wooden Man. Mr. E.H. Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Society, is Editor pro tem. Named for the curious figure of a rustic "man" some 14 feet in height, made from a forked tree on the grounds of Mr. A.R. Harlow in 1875, the first issue of this paper carries an annual report, acknowledgments to individuals and business firms for support during the past year, and a brief history of the Society. Distributed free to members, the cost to non-members is 25 cents a copy. The address of the Society is 213 North Front Street, Marquette, Michigan. A museum and a reference library of over 6,000 volumes, dating back to the early missionaries, Indians, explorers, and fur traders, including extensive historical coverage of Michigan, the Upper Peninsula and Marquette County, is maintained by the Society.

When did YOU attend your last Historical Society meeting? Be an active member - Mason May 5th!

A new tool, MICHIGAN FAMILY REGISTER, forms a clearing house for information of value to genealogists.

An overwhelming response is reported to a register of Michigan families or families with Michigan connections initiated by Dr. Ethel Williams, editor of MICHIGAN HERITAGE. Organizations, research centers and individual

researchers can receive forms for reporting family name, date and location of settlement in our state, and whether information is available, ready for exchange or desired. A stamped addressed envelope is the only charge for information from this registry. Address: MICHIGAN HERITAGE, 730 Parker Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001.

MICHIGAN FAMILY NAME REGISTER

Michigan families or families with Michigan connections

Please register the following family names, with locations and dates (example: John Doe b. 1801, NY; Ohio, 1820; Kent Co., Mich., 1830):

MICHIGAN HERITAGE
730 Parker Avenue,
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

Desire information _____ Have information _____ Wish to exchange information _____

Compiling family genealogy (state name of family) _____

Will it be published? _____ When? _____ Any accompanying lineages or further identification of above families will be filed for permanent reference. An addressed, stamped envelope is the only charge for information from this registry.

Carry-over Board Members

Lorraine Brandon
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Doyle Fitzpatrick

Nominating Committee
Presents The Following
Slate For Your Consideration

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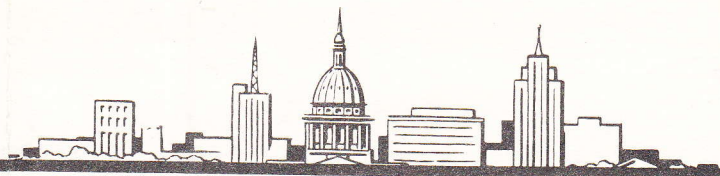
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WHO

ALL HISTORY MINDED PERSONS
Husbands - wives - sweethearts - guests
friends - children - and others!

WHAT

May "Biddle City" Party

WHERE

Reo Club House (South Washington)

WHEN

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 19, 1965**

Banquet Dinner at 6:30
Reservations - only \$2.00 each

This will be an evening for all
to enjoy so DON'T MISS IT. The
program will be over about 8:30.

Mail your check NOW to assure reser-
vation. Call IV9-0461 on the 18th if you
want to increase reservation.

There will be FREE Oldsmobile
ballpoint pens for everyone
present at this party!

BIG NEWS!

ANNOUNCEMENT NOTICE!

FLASH!

BULLETIN

PROCLAMATION

Greater Lansing Historical Society

(SEE BACK FOR DETAILS)

Biddle City - Village of Michigan - Forest City

Before April 3, 1848 these names meant LANSING!

Our Banquet entertainment committee thought it would be fun to view a slide presentation of what Lansing looked like 50 to 118 years ago. Some of these slides have never been shown before - so don't miss this unusual presentation.

Come and hear our retiring President, Rajee Tobia present, for the first time, "R.E. Olds, Benefactor to the Holy Lands". This has been researched especially for this meeting.

This May party should be fun for all. Come and enjoy it.

Here is the Menu for the banquet . .

Menu

JUICE
SWISS STEAK
POTATOES SALAD
PIE ROLLS
COFFEE TEA MILK

Greater Lansing Historical Society
P.O. Box 515 Lansing, Michigan

Come and See the . . .

- * James Turner home 1847
- * Michigan Avenue Bridge 1852
- * Union School 1858
- * City Book Store 1862
- * Mineral Wells "Spa" 1870
- * Street scenes - old stores - floods - fires

Come and Hear . . .

- * How the Downey House was originally financed.
- * Who the first printer was - and we doubt you know.
- * About Lansing's 1875 - 1905 "White Elephant".
- * Why Lansing's "Female College" was built . . and whose idea.
- * What two great fires took place in one day - in East Lansing!

IMPORTANT!!!

Admission by Reservation Only . . because we must plan ahead.

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