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MEET YOUR PRESIDENT--JACK T. CROSBY

Jack was born in Detroit, October 1, 1911. He came to Lansing in 1913, and attended Walnut Street School, Michigan Avenue School, West Junior and graduated from Central in 1929. He studied electrical engineering with ICS. He was Secretary and President of the Hi-Y and worked on the Oracle Board.

As a boy of 12 he started working with his father in the marble and tile business of A. D. Crosby, Inc. The depression ended that business and he said he had held a million jobs until he started with the Board of Water and Light in 1935, where he worked in both the office and power plant until 1946. He then went with the Michigan Public Service as a public utility engineer until 1948 when he went to work with Hebblewhite's doing ceramic tile work. In January 1959 to the present he has had his own ceramic tile business.

The Crosbys like to travel and have visited 45 states and 9 foreign countries including Europe. They are especially interested in state capitols, the presidents of our Country, their birth places, homes and graves. They visit cemeteries, historic sites and museums.

Hobbies are collecting: Stamps, stamps with maps on them, covers of Michigan flag cancellations and Lansing covers. Also old maps, historic knickknacks, political items, history and travel books, making scrapbooks of historic Lansing and volumes of news items on friends--all cross-filed.

He is also President of Central Michigan Philatelic Society, Past President of Old Lansing Stamp Club from 1934 until it went out of existence. He is a life member and twice on the Board of Vice Presidents of Peninsular State Philatelic Society.

He is a member of the Flag Cancel Society, the American Society of Polar Philatelists, American Topical Association and the United States Capital History Society, all national organizations. He is a member of the Historical Society of Michigan and the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, this year holding the presidency of that organization.

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COME, COME, COME

The first meeting of the 1967-68 year will be held Thursday, September 21, in Vermontville's historic Congregational Church.

It's an old-fashioned pot-luck supper at 7:30 in the church basement so bring own service and dishes to pass. The host suggests Lansing area guests bring salads, desserts or easily carried dishes.

Rev. Leonard Maunder and members of the Vermontville Historical Society will share with us their plans and report current activities. A visit to the museum in the Academy building is included.

Come---and bring your friends.

93 rd Annual Meeting, Historical Society of Michigan, Petoskey, Michigan, Friday and Saturday, September 22 & 23, 1967.

BOARD MEETING

--was held at the Wiskemann Farm, Friday evening, August 18, 1967. Present was our new President Jack Crosby and wife, Pauline Muller, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Franks, Mary McNeely, Helen Wallin, Ed Brown, Geneva Kebler and our host, George Wiskemann.

Mary McNeely reported a balance in the treasure of \$100.00 which is welcome news. We are going ahead with our first issue of TOWN CRIER and hope we can continue--but we will need financial help.

MEETING DATES ARE SET FOR 1967

Thursday, September 21
Thursday, October 19
Thursday, November 15

MEETING DATES FOR 1968 WILL BE

Wednesday, January 17
Thursday, February 15
Wednesday, March 20
Thursday, April 18
Wednesday, May 15
Thursday, June 20

Jack was one of the chaperones with the Sexton Band when it was invited to perform at the Truman inauguration and helped raise funds to get the band to Washington. He was a boy scout in Troop 12, Lansing, later was Cub Master of Pack 290, and Scout Master of Troop 91, and Explorer Scout Leader at Central Methodist Church.

Back in the depression he worked with the late Try Narvison with the WMCA working with people's University Movement. His interest was art, travel, and collections. He was in charge of collections in the Lansing Hobby Shows from 1939 to 1942 which now is the Youth Talent Show. He has worked with the Lansing Civic Players Guild and has worked on 75 sets. He has done work with the Circle Players in Okemos. He paints in oil and pastels and mosaics, one of which is a mustang in the Frandor concourse and an Indian Head at Sexton High School.

He married Gwen Bowser in 1932. They have two sons, three daughters, and eight grandchildren.

Jack brings talent and enthusiasm to our organization and we wish him a good term as our president.

SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF DUES \$3: We are publishing our latest list of members and sending them Town Crier to remind them to send their membership to Mary McNeely, Secretary-Treasurer of our Society, Box 515, Lansing, Michigan 48903. We thought you would like to know who the members are and hope you all have thoughts on getting more for the coming year. If each person brought in one new member our membership would be doubled--and we need the help.

NEW COURSE IN LANSING HISTORY OFFERED.

A ten-week course in the study of Lansing's history will be offered through the Lansing Evening School Program. The first session is set for September 20, 1967 and will meet on following Wednesday evenings. Watch local newspapers and Evening School announcements for time and costs of course to be held in C. W. Otto Jr. High School. Ford Ceasar, instructor, reports use of source people, audio-visuals and tours in developing the plan of study.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The following members are serving as officials of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing for the year 1967-68, as reported by R. K. Clark, Chairman, Nominations Committee: President, Jack T. Crosby; Vice President; Thor Stenson, Secretary-Treasurer, Mary McNeely.

Trustees for 1967-68 are William B. Lloyd, Edwin P. Brown and James J. Johnson. Trustees continuing from election of 1966, for term of 1967-68: Mrs. Helen Wallin, George Wiskemann, Bernard Ansley, and Mrs. Pauline Muller.

BOB CLARK ON INFORMATION REGARDING THE CORPORATION OF THE SOCIETY

The matter of reconsidering the Society being incorporated, came before the Board meeting. Bob said he would gather the material he had collected on it and present it for re-consideration of the Society as a nonprofit corporation to control the activities of the Society.

ANNUAL BANQUET--Research Association for Michigan Negro History, Inc., September 8, 1967.

You are cordially invited to attend the banquet and informal program. The menu includes: Huron County Fruit Cup, Eaton County Game Hen, Bay County Baked Potatoes, Michigan Salad, Tuscola County Broccoli, Relishes, Rolls and Butter, Chocolate Torte and Beverage.

All reservations must be made not later than September 6. Please direct your check for \$4.00 to Mr. Powell Lindsay, 409 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, or call 373-0472.

THE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION FOR MICHIGAN NEGRO HISTORY, INC.,

409 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, Michigan

Please make the following reservations for the banquet at the Lansing YWCA, September 8, 1967 at 7:30:

_____ dinners at \$4.00 each. Enclosed is check for _____.
(Make payable to The Association).

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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