



Volume Three, No. 4
March, 1990

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 14, 1990
7:30 P.M.
All-Saints Episcopal Church

We will be meeting in another room of the church this month. Enter by the west entrance at the rear of the sanctuary building. It is reached from Hoffman Street.

The program will be in two parts:

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(Historical Society Cont.)

- The Midwest Archives Conference will be held in Chicago from May 13-15, 1990. For further information contact Katherine Hamilton-Smith, Lake County, Lakewood Forest Preserve, Wauconda, IL 60084.

- The Historical Society of Michigan has produced a local history index entitled "The Michigan Local History Book Review Index, 1961-1985." 1300 titles are reviewed and annotated in basic geographic arrangement. It is available from the compiler, S. W. Beal, 6380 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

- Meadow Brook Retreat. Built in 1926 at a cost 3.5 million by Matilda Dodge, Meadow Brook Hall is located in Rochester, MI. This elegant weekend vacation is sponsored by the Historical Society of Michigan. For further information contact Joan Phillips.

- Kalamazoo 14th Annual Antique Arms Show will be held on March 17 and 18 on the Kalamazoo Fair Grounds from 9-4. It is sponsored by the Yankee Doodle Muzzle Loaders

From The Michigan Historical Review

- An excellent article entitled "Michigan's Pioneers and the Destruction of the Hardwood Forest." This publication also include articles about the State Reform School at Lansing in the middle of the last century. This was really a home for homeless boys and not a reform school. Another article concerns the Chippewas of the Upper Peninsula and their reference for copper. The last article is about the Gold Democrats of Michigan in the election of 1896.

From Michigan History

- State Archives - Subject Circulars. The State Archives has created circulars listing its holdings on specific subjects. These are updated as new materials are received. Currently there are twenty-eight available on subjects from Land Records to State Census to Election Records. This has been done to aid in research as most holdings are filed by donor rather than by subject. To obtain copies of these handouts contact the State Archives, 717 West Allegan Street, Lansing MI 48918.

- The Michigan Historical Museum is asking for donations of items that Michiganians' might have collected when visiting the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. A personal note - My Grandparents spent part of their honeymoon at the Fair and I have already donated the momentos that they had to The Chicago Historical Society. Contact Maria Leiby at (517)373-1904 for further information.

- Do you know someone who has a Centennial Farm? They will be meeting on April 25, 1990 at the Clarion Hotel in Lansing. Information may be obtained from the Bureau of History at (517) 373-0510.

Happenings

Historical Society learns about 'Questers'

The March meeting of the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society is at 7:30 p.m. March 14 at All Saints Episcopal Church, Saugatuck. Grace Underhill of "Questers" will present a program on who they are and what they do. A film strip of Holland's historical architecture will be presented by Chuck Lorenz. Everyone is invited.

Boat safety class offered

The Allegan County Sheriff Department will be offering a DNR boat safety certification class March 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Allegan Voc. Ed. Center, free of charge to all ages. Children 12 to 16 must be certified to operate any boat propelled by a motor six horsepower or more. Adults who participate may become eligible for a 10 to 20 percent discount on insurance.

DAR sets plans presentation

The Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southside Park Township Hall, Holland. The presentation of the DAR Good Citizens Awards to area high school students will be the program. The speaker for the evening will be Matt Urban.

Driver Education course announced

Driver education for students who reside in the Saugatuck School District begins Monday, June 11. Students who will be 15 years old before July 9, 1990, may apply for the class. Applications are available at the Saugatuck High School guidance office. Deadline is March 15. For more information call 857-2133.

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