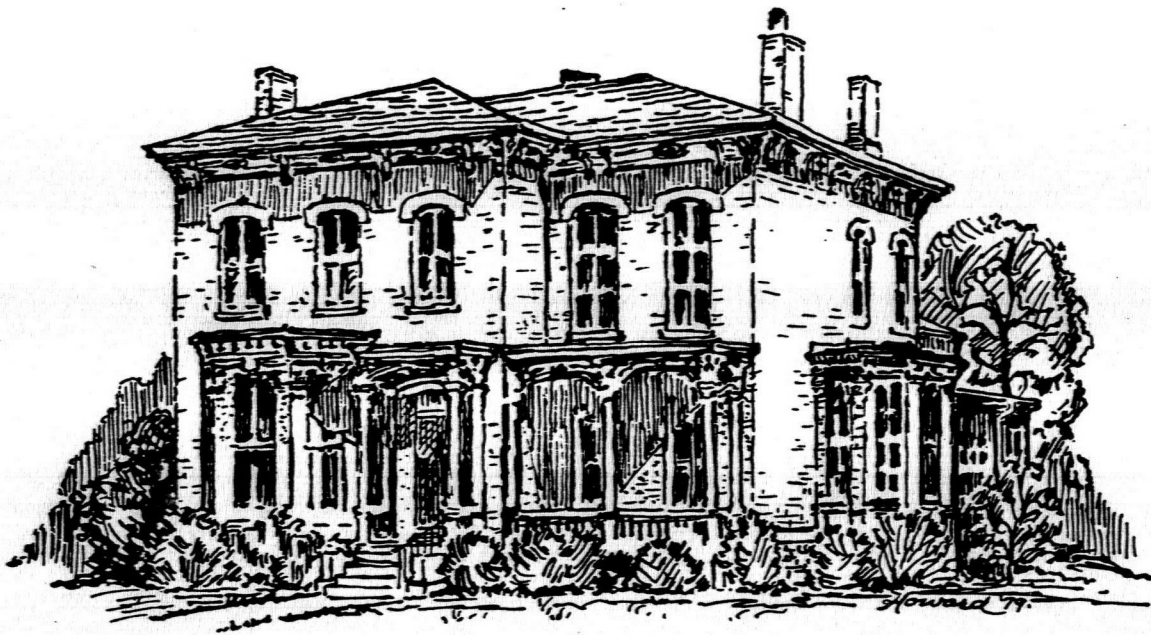


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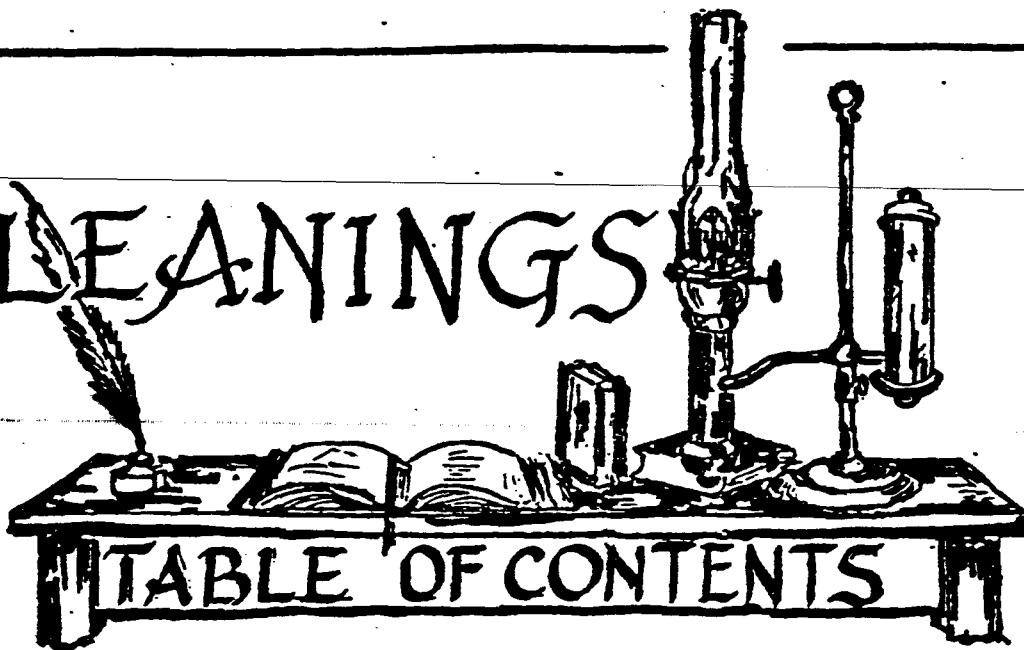
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February 1997

Dear Friends of Ypsilanti History:

Your Society finished 1996 in a splendid blaze of holiday glory. Our presentation at the Briarwood Mall was an outstanding success and very special thanks go to Billie who directed this enterprise with remarkable verve and elan. Our usual fine cadre of volunteers made the museum look so wonderful during December and many came to enjoy it.

All of this just spurs us on to bigger and better things in 1997. Coming events include a Civil War Muster on Saturday, April 19, 1997 which will be in the Riverside Park/Depot Town area. We plan to be a part of this especially in view of our fine Civil War Items and the extensive role Ypsilanti played in this water shed event in American History. You will certainly want to be a participant in the day's excitements.

Our Automotive Heritage Museum has attracted the annual Street Car Rod show on Saturday May 3, 1997 and the Orphan Car Show on Sunday, June 1, 1997. Ypsilanti will be the focal point for all types of interesting cars and you should invite family and friends to be here for all of it.

Spring clean up time for our grounds will soon be here and we ask you to watch the weather and join us some Saturday morning to help dispose of the winter debris and get things ready for spring planting.

We have also received reconfirmation of our tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service and comments that we are the kind of non profit entities they enjoy working with as there is no way anyone is getting rich off us as they do at some other non profits. So continue to encourage memberships and financial gifts to your Society as the money is always put to very good and efficient use.

Peter B. Fletcher
President.

FRANK FINDS EXPRESSION

BURKE

One promising shortstop named Burke.
A fate by some humorous quirk,
A sister did send
His return to attend
Each night when he finished his work.

McKAY

An interesting fellow McKay!
To Ann Arbor he goes every day.
They say, "It's a girl."
This reply he does hurl.
"She's mine and you'll please stay away."

BLAIR

A red-headed young fellow named Blair,
For a girl with black eyes had a flair.
When her hand he did hold
He was frigidly told
His technique did not quite match his hair.

FRANKLIN

There was a young fellow named Franklin.
In assembly 'twas said he was prankin,
They told him he laughed.
He said, "Men, your daft,
T'was a siren that someone was crankin."

McKENNY

His age was known to be eighteen,
His habits far behind;
Always seemed to make Colleen,
Inquire about his mind.
However, this deficiency
Could never bother Bob,
For said he, "'Tis the looks of me,
Not brains, that draw the mob."

JUST THOUGHTS

Darn, it's too nice to stay in school.
Oh, I'm there sometimes, as a rule.
But, gee, today's a day
I've got to miss.
What, miss Biology?
Oh, what bliss!
You really can't blame me skipping away
In weather like this on a heavenly day.

CHARITY

L. Schnepf—I'd like to devote my last pic-
ture to a charitable purpose.
Vance C.—Why not give it to an institu-
tion for the blind?

VERY FREE VERSE

Upon a hillock as I lay: spread before me a
vast expanse of beauty
Composed of mountains, purple in the dis-
tance, broad fields of grain and hay.
And living there, captive to the sweet, pure
breezes,
I thought not of my duty.
But rather, dwelt in dreams of lands afar,
of things which could not come my way.
When suddenly I was rudely shaken.
And, angry, I turned to find myself face to
face with—who?
Miss Beal, who calmly said,
"My boy, your book is due."

THE CORRECT RESPONSE

Mother—And is my boy really trying?
Teacher—Very!
"So you think he is a flirt?"
"Why, he can tell the owner of any lip-
stick in Senior High by simply tasting it."

WELL-TRAINED

Helen—Is Clark intelligent, Doris?
Doris—Yes, very! When I say to him,
"Come here or don't come here, just as you
please," why he comes or he doesn't come,
just as he pleases.

A MATTER OF NUMBER

Scott—My, Nan has a singular voice.
John—Thank the Lord, it isn't plural.

AGREED

Mr. Kennedy—The man who marries my
daughter will want a lot of money.
Robert—Well, sir, no one wants it any
worse than I do.

SPEED

She—Could you learn to love me?
He—It's a cinch. Why, I learned short-
hand in three weeks.

DEPRESSION

Bridegroom—I thee endow with all my
worldly goods.
His Father—There goes his bicycle.

UNDERSTANDING

Don (during a quarrel)—You talk like an
idiot.
Sally—I have to talk so you can under-
stand me.

These are some expressions that were in the "Hillcrest"

They are from the Yearbook of 1932 from Roosevelt High.

I thought they were neat.

THE BEGINNING . . .

They came upon a level plain

*abundant with tall oak trees
stretching across the horizon.*

*Benjamin Woodruff, one of the
settlers, liked what he saw.*

*They built crude homes from logs
and the settlement was called,
"Woodruff's Grove."*

It was the spring of 1823.

Ypsilanti began to stir.

QUEEN ANNE SOAP REVIVES MEMORY OF OLD YPSILANTI

Two letters written by former residents are crowded with memories of Ypsilanti and Ypsilantians at the start of the century.

The first letter, is signed by Carl W. Dusbiber, now of Veterans Hospital in Dearborn, who left Ypsilanti more than 30 years ago. He wrote the following in response to some reminiscing about Queens Anne's soap.

Concerning Sam Post, the owner of the soap he has this to say. "I call him Sam instead of Samuel it was not beyond his dignity. He and I lived in Ypsilanti at that time".

"He was a typical English of the Victorian age. He wore a stovepipe hat, a frock coat and his jowls were garnished with sideburns."

"Mr. Post lived all alone at the Hawkins House, which, at the time was considered one of the best hosteleries around about. To get to the Michigan Central depot for his frequent trips to Detroit, he always rode in a carriage. One of the promoters of the right-of-way from Ypsilanti to Detroit was Daniel Quirk, the village banker, whose descendant is now Michigan's First Lady, the wife of Governor G. Mennen Williams, bringing us back to the soap situation."

"I was always sure this stretch of roadbed was for their own convenience in reaching Detroit on business or on pleasure beat."

"Sam Post was a very picturesque figure. And he was friendly and affable. He was on the vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, whose congregation was the site of the town. He occupied a private pew, indication that he was a very generous contributor."

"I observed all these things, because around 1904, I was a choir boy at St. Luke's and once a month Sam Post and the rector gave us choir boys a jolly party."

Those memories, when read by Mrs. Addie Murray of Farmington took her right back to the old Ypsilanti she knew, loved, and left 20 years ago. while she was remembering, she wrote the following lines to Mr. Dusbiber.

"Just read on and see what the item about Queen Anne soap has done. It has brought back a whole flood of memories to me.

"I was a small girl living in Detroit and my mother would walk with her four children to a spot known as Campans Dock; with our basket lunch we would board The Belle Isle ferry and for about ten cents ride all of a summer afternoon and evening up and down the river, listening to Finzels Orchestra playing "In the good Old Summer Time".

"My first notice of Queen Anne soap when I learned to read was a mammoth sign located at the river's edge, which I saw on these

happy excursions. Then later I remember Mother saving the wrappers for a new parlor lamp or something.

"Years later I went by interurban streetcar to Ypsilanti as a young wife and mother. it was my first visit to Ypsilanti and I had come to stay. My husband (Smiling Al Renne) had purchased the "Old Opry House" from guess who-no one but old Sam Post, as he had been the owner."

"Then a lot more remembering-The sign in the boxoffice which read "Mutual Movies, make time fly". The admission for all -ten cents. Keystone Cops. Fatty Arbuckle, Mary Pickford in "Tess of the Storm Country". Margaret Clark, Mary Miles Minter, Valentino, William S. Hart, Wallace Reed. Then the old time vaudeville acts, some very good and some pretty awful.

"And every fall several weeks of dramatic stock, playing" such things as "Tempest and Sunshine" and "East Lynne". Then there were one night stands of large dramatic shows- who would break the jump between Detroit and Chicago at Ypsilanti with such plays as "The Lion and the Mouse", "Paid in Full" also Musicals like "The Cat and the Fiddle".

Every summer the "Chautauque". Also several medicine shows would stop at "Ypsi" during the summer. Times like that it would have been a savings to close up the "Old Opry House" as everyone turned out for the open air attraction.

"Ypsi was a lovely quiet college town in those days. Cleary College being a busy place. Lou Killian, Tony Whitmire, Leo Whitmire, Frank Panek, Hazel Pierce and the well known Falcone brothers were some of the musicians who played in our old orchestra. Gracious Margaret Wise taught first grade at Normal Training School, and how the children loved her.

Not much traffic in those days, and mostly horse drawn. A few Model T. Fords and other early make cars-and about the only place to buy gasoline was "Red Osburn's" on Huron Street. "Some of the old stage hands were Walt Stitt-Old Joe Wilcox who supplied the props from his second-hand store (The Ark) Ernie Maddox; and then there was Bill Morey, who took the tickets at the door(remember that fine big Moustache). Then the handsome Parsons brothers used to sing in a quartette on stage with two other young men whose names have gone from my mind.

"There was Jim Hart's barber shop and Don Comstock's store and McAndrew furniture and Howard's Meat Market, and wasn't there a Dusbiber market too?. The postmaster was Mr. Lister, whose wife had been a teacher of mine in grade school.

Life was simple-more security(or so it seemed) and more home life.

"Where the Postoffice now stands was a tumble-down rambling house. where a character lived who drove about the streets in a cart

drawn by two large goats, and giving all the children a ride-remember?

"The Hawkins house was operated by a genial fellow named Ken Phillips. Merchants Delivery brought the groceries to our door from all over town-by sled in the winter. And down by the River the creamery, where one could take a container and get heavy whipping cream for 25 cents a quart, and all the buttermilk free.

Then there was John P. Kirk and his lively wife, also lanky Tracy Towner and his sister Caroline(the town's vocal teacher). Dunlaps Grocery, Michos, candy store. Walt Pierce was the town cop. Frank Sims the tailor; and Emil Schafarik with his joking way.

"All of a sudden-and we knew it would come-we were involved.in World war I. I am thinking of Ypsi's own Signal Corps boys and how my husband gave a benefit performance for them to raise money for blankets and extras for them. And how an older man named Mr. Schrepper went along with them all through the war as their cook.

I remember my little daughter selling Liberty Bonds from the stage of the "Old opry House", and Frank Panek home on leave from the Navy, standing on the stage in uniform playing "My Buddy"-and parents in the audience in tears. The anxious days when some of our boys would be missing, and then we would learn of their loss. News did not come as fast those days.

"Then that wild Armistice Day, and students, mostly girls, doing a snake dance with joy. the war was over-and many of our boys did not return.

"The War was over. Now to pick up the pieces and start all over again. I have a son and a daughter now. Sitting in the box office every afternoon and evening selling tickets, keeping my home and children happy, keeping them in school, no time for clubs or play, never did learn how to play cards. Everyone knows me, and I don't know too many of their names, as the "Old Opry House" was the only theater at that time.

Ten years of box office, and we left Ypsilanti. I now have a law student grandson and a son who is an attorney in Pontiac.

"And about soap, who remembers the old Larkin Soap clubs our mothers belonged to-just for the premiums?

"It has been fun remembering. And did you know that old Sam Post did not live alone? He had a spinster sister who lived at the Hawkins house with him. I loved Ypsilanti, the old town. But the new Ypsilanti is a stranger to me.

Thank you, Mr. Dusbiber for helping me to remember. Hope you didn't mind.

Your truly, Addie Murray

Doris Milliman

This picture is in our files.

What a Way to Go!!!!

Upsilon in 1943



Four Goat Power on gas.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

There is snow on the ground and the wind is blowing, but I know Spring is just around the corner. The sun is warmer, when it comes out, but the best sign of Spring, in my mind, is that the gold finches are beginning to get lighter and some even have a few almost yellow feathers, so don't give up it will be here sooner than we know.

We had a great time at the Museum over the Holidays. The house was beautifully decorated and we had a lot of visitors. I would like to thank all of you who put in the extra hours to make it such a success.

On New Years eve we participated in the Jubilee and were open from 6 to 10 P.M. It was wonderful with 165 people visiting and they really enjoyed the exhibits, refreshments and also the conversation. No one seemed to be in a hurry to leave.

I hope most of you were able to visit "History Lane" at Briarwood. What a wonderful experience and we thank Billie Zolkosky for all the work that she put into making it a success. Also special thanks to Grace Cornish, Joan Carpenter, Diane Schick and Cathy Kemling for getting items to take over.

We were closed during January and were able to get all the cleaning done, everything from washing curtains to polishing silver and rearranging displays. Next year perhaps you will volunteer to help too. It takes time, but the fellowship makes time go by a little faster. Remember more hands make the job seem easier.

When you do your Spring cleaning remember we will be holding our annual Yard Sale on June 14th, If you have any items please feel free to bring them to the Museum and we'll find a place to keep them. The money we make helps us with some of the extra things we want to do.

There is a group who are starting to work in the basement. Now this is no small job. It will take a long time to set it up and catalogue all the things down there. If you would like to help, there are many jobs that one could do. Call Virginia Davis at 484-0080 and we will set up a time to come in.

Thanks again to all for your support.

Virginia Davis

DISPLAY CASES - FEBRUARY 1997

YPSILANTI ROOM

Although February is the shortest month of the year, it has one of the longest list of important dates on the calendar.

That list contains the birthdates of such notables as Charles Dickens, Sinclair Lewis, President William Henry Harrison, Galileo Galilaei, John Steinbeck, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and William Cody (Buffalo Bill) to mention a few.

Important events such as the discovery of the planet Pluto in 1930 occurred in February as did the creation of the first Post Office in 1792, the first orbit of the Earth by John Glenn, Jr. in 1962 and the raising of the flag of the United States of America over the island of Iwo Jima in 1945.

The celebration of 'Black History Month' was also scheduled to take place during the month of February and we choose to acknowledge and honor a few of the many outstanding citizens of the Ypsilanti Community in one of the showcases in the Ypsilanti Room.

Featured are Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bass (Louise), Elijah and Mildred McCoy, Eugene Beatty, Amos Washington, Edith Swanson and Dr. Lawrence Perry.

An unusual collection of Ypsilanti memorabilia is on display also in the Ypsilanti Room courtesy of Earnest Griffin.

Mr. Griffin has loaned us a portion of his extensive collection which contains such items as bottles, trivets, alarm clocks, buttons, post cards and the list goes on and on.

We have, on display, milk containers from some of the 40 plus dairies that existed around the turn of, and early years of the 20th century. There are also bottles which at one time contained liquid for medicinal uses including a bottle of whiskey which boasted a 40-55% alcohol content, certain to either cure you or kill you!

Also being exhibited are bottles from the mineral wells which abounded in Ypsilanti and a few artifacts from the famous 'Ypsi-Ann Trolley'.

We welcome you to visit the past with us in the Ypsilanti Historical Museum.

The exhibits are changed about every six weeks and you're sure to find something of interest within this beautiful old house.

Joan Carpenter

Museum Gift Shop

BOOKS! Books! books!

your Museum Gift Shop has them !!!



- ✓ Story of Ypsilanti by Colburn
- ✓ Unconquered Souls (autographed) by Marshall
- ✓ Story of the Water Tower by Jones
- ✓ Washtenaw County Atlas 1874, 1895
- ✓ Helen Walker McAndrew by Marshall
- ✓ Mayors of Ypsilanti
- ✓ Children's books

- ✓ Hansel & Gretel
 - ✓ Dolly Goes to the Country
 - ✓ Little Red Riding Hood
 - ✓ Jumbo the Elephant
- ... and more

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE:

Westerwald Pottery - new shipment and new items
Old Maps of Ypsilanti - aerial shots
Cranberry Glass - made with gold
Bread Boards - Michigan shaped
Baldwin Brass candlesticks, bells, napkin rings
Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Totebags
Official Museum calendar
Toys and much, much more. . . .

GREAT PRICES and SERVICE!

A very special thank you to Billie Zolkosky who made the Briarwood gift shop sales such a success – so much so they want us back next Christmas.



NEW BOOKS IN THE ARCHIVES

Library of Michigan

Michigan 1870 Census, Comprising Jackson, Lenawee and
Washtenaw Counties

Clarke Historical Library

Native American Indians in Michigan-A Bibliography

Byram, John Arnold

Byrams in America (Gift of Author)

Pederson, Eric J. Jr.

A History of Physical Education at Eastern Michigan
University (Gift of Author)

You are always welcome to use our Reference Material when the
Archives is open.

Ypsilanti

CIVIL WAR MUSTER

Sat. April 19, 1997

9am - 3pm

DEPOT TOWN



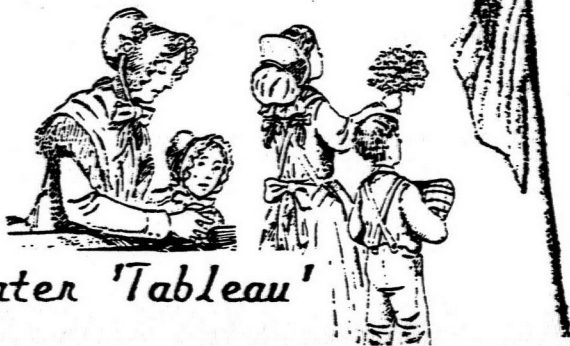
'Rendezvous at the Barracks'

Dodworth Saxhorn Band

FARMERS MARKET PLAZA



FARMERS MARKET



Theater 'Tableau'

"Tribute To The Boys In Blue"

Drill Exercises
Volley Competition



Host: Co. E, 17th Michigan Infantry Volunteers Inc.

Ypsilanti Area Visitors and Convention Bureau Inc.

TO: YPSILANTI AREA VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU INC.

FROM: JOHN DELCAMP

RE: PRESS RELEASE FOR CAMP CHASE GAZETTE

APRIL 19, 1997 - YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN 9am-3pm

It's time to break out of winter quarters and 'Rendezvous at the Barracks' at the YPSILANTI CIVIL WAR MUSTER and SOLDIERS SCHOOL for infantry. Company and Battalion drill, volley competition, concert by the nationally acclaimed 'Dodworth Saxhorn Band' (featured in the PBS Baseball series innings 1-3), photo ops at the original CW barracks in Depot Town. \$5 Registration fee for military impressions covers food, powder, and beer/pop ration; \$2 registration fee for civilian impressions covers beer/pop ration; \$1 of each registrant collected goes toward the Michigan 'Save the Flags' project. All 19th century civilian impressions welcome. Theater 'Tableau' performed by your host: Co. E, 17th Michigan Infantry (a member of the Black Hat Battalion and the Western Brigade). Contact: Ypsilanti Area Visitors and Convention Bureau, 301 W. Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (313) 483-4444.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 9:00 Registration at Headquarters (Caboose)
- 10:00 Fall in, troops march to Riverside Park for Company Drill
- 11:00 Dodworth Saxhorn Band forms at Caboose, marches to Park
- 11:30 Band leads troops over Cross St. bridge to Farmers Market Plaza, Stack arms, rations issued.
- 12:00 Theater 'Tableau' "Tribute To The Boys In Blue" in Farmers Market
- 12:30 Dodworth Saxhorn Band concert at Plaza (or inside in case of rain).
- 1:00 Troops reassemble, Band leads them back to Riverside Park for afternoon Battalion Drill. Band Dismissed.
- 2:30 Volley Competition in Riverside Park.
- 3:00 Troops march to Thompson Block (old Barracks) for photo ops, then dismissed.

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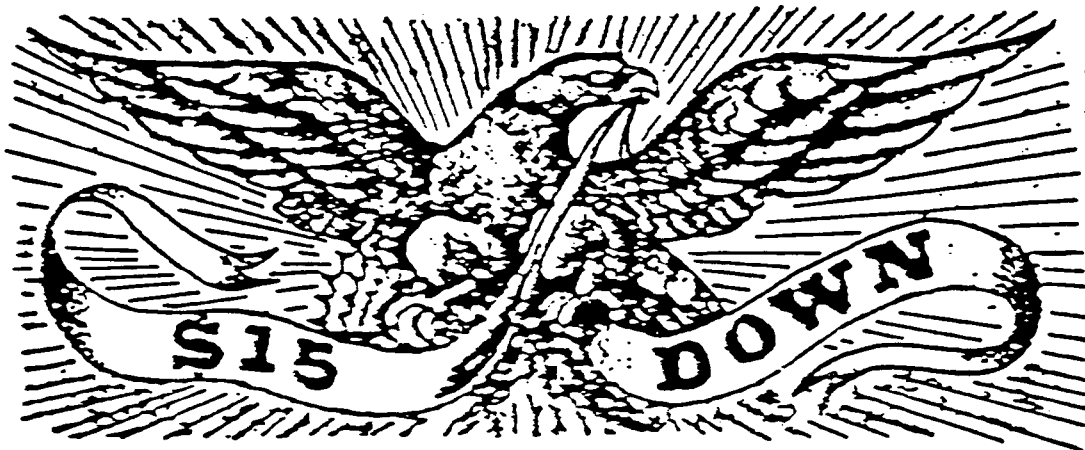
ITEMS COMPLETED:

- ✓ Publicity Funding
- ✓ Insurance (in process)
- ✓ City Permit (in process)
- ✓ Porta Potties (in Depot Town)
- ✓ Food ration for Reenactors
- ✓ Press release
- ✓ Black powder ration
- ✓ Boy Scouts
- ✓ EMU History Dept.

ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED:

- Funding for Dodworth Saxhorn Band
- Beef Jerky ration
- Porta Potties (for Riverside Park)
- Hay bales (for Park and Plaza)
- Newspaper 'Ypsilantian' for event
- Coffee distribution
- _____
- _____

BULLY 17TH!



HURRA FOR THE 4th!

Ten More

YOUNG AND ABLE-BODIED MEN

Wanted Immediately!

to fill up a Company in the 17th Regiment of Michigan Infantry, now rendezvousing at Detroit.

TWO DOLLARS BOUNTY

FOR ENLISTING, AND

Thirteen Dollars in Advance!!

Reproduction of original recruiting poster

Summer, 1862

The 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment



On April 15, 1861, President Lincoln issued a call for volunteers from every state in the Union. Michigan responded immediately and, during the course of the Civil War, supplied over ninety thousand men and boys to the conflict.

The 17th was one of thirty one infantry regiments mustered in Michigan. The unit was organized and trained during the summer of 1862 and left for Washington DC on August 27, 1862. Within two weeks of their arrival in the capitol, the 982 officers and men received their baptism of fire at the Battle of South Mountain, Maryland. Their heroic charge and capture of Confederate positions at Fox's Gap earned them the nickname "The Stonewall Regiment". Three days later they participated in the bloodiest single day of combat in US history Antietam.

As part of the IX Corps, often referred to as Burnside's "Traveling Geography Class", other engagements followed: Fredericksburg, VA, the Sieges of Vicksburg, MS, and Knoxville, TN, and back to Virginia and the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House and the Siege of Petersburg. The 17th had an aggregate membership of 1,224 by the end of the war, and 283 had died of wounds or disease. More Congressional Medals of Honor were awarded to members of the 17th than any other Michigan unit. After participating in the Grand Review, a two day parade of over 150,000 troops in Washington DC, the regiment was mustered out June 7, 1865.

Living History with Company E

Company E, one of ten companies in the regiment, was raised in the Ypsilanti area and Jackson and Washtenaw counties. Since many of the volunteers were students, faculty or alumni of Michigan Normal School (now Eastern Michigan University), Company E became known as the Normal School Company.

Today, men from Detroit and the Southeastern Michigan area have reactivated the 17th to recreate the life of the Union foot soldier. Everything from uniforms and equipment to camp life and drill is reproduced as authentically as possible. The unit participates in skirmishes, living history demonstrations and battle reenactments in Michigan and across the nation. Individually and as a group, members bring life to the 1860's with presentations at schools and at community, state and national historic sites.

Members come from all walks of life and share a common interest in history with emphasis on the War Between the States. The 17th has raised funds to erect historical markers at sites of the regiment's engagements and is active in the preservation of our dwindling historic resources.

The 17th Michigan is incorporated as a non-profit educational organization dedicated to preserving the heritage of the turbulent days of the Civil War and providing educational opportunities to its membership and the public through first person impressions of the common Michigan infantryman.

Contributions to the 17th Michigan are tax deductible.



Life on the Home Front

The civilian aspects of the war years are all too often overshadowed by the military events. In actuality, the soldiers looked forward to letters and packages from home. Mothers, wives and sweethearts sent food and clothing along with news of family and friends. Since 19th century American society was primarily rural, many period letters included reports of crops and livestock.

Concerned citizens formed Sanitary Commissions and Soldier's Relief Societies to protect the physical well being of the troops, and religious organizations tended to the spiritual health. Merchants, known as sutlers, followed the camps to cater to appetites and dry good needs. Local farmers sold foodstuffs to supplement the monotonous army rations.

Today's reactivated 17th encourages family participation. The Civilian Auxiliary was formed by wives, children, and other interested folks to depict non-military life during the war years. In everyday dress to the classic hoop skirt and top hat, the Auxiliary demonstrates the skills, craft and attire common to those who kept the home fires burning. Historical accuracy is stressed and our civilian members are as dedicated to their impressions as the soldiers.

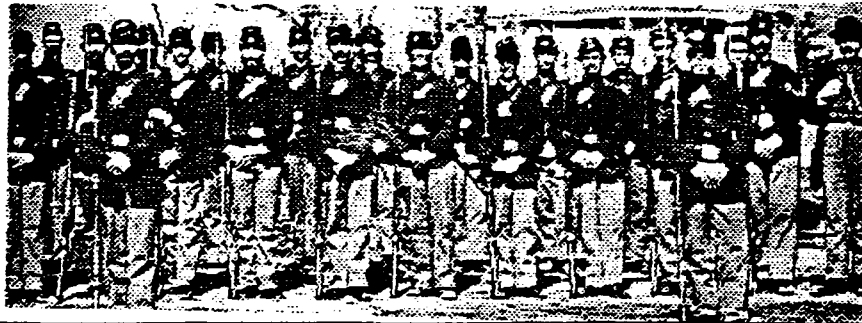
If you would like more information about our group, please contact:

The 17th Michigan
PO Box 2410
Dearborn, MI 48123

Please include your name, address and phone number, along with any specific questions.

RECRUITS WANTED !

BOUNTY !



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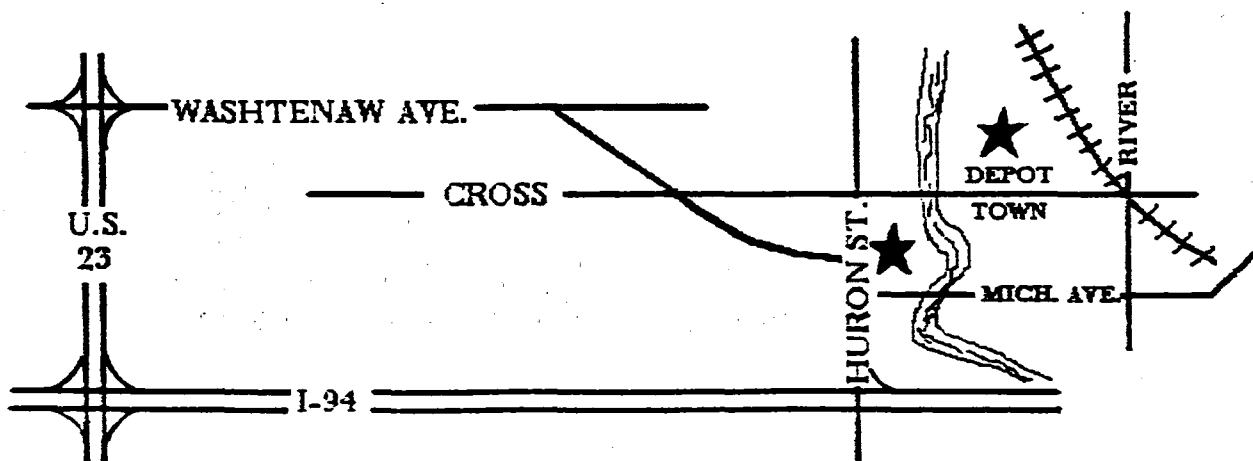
For The
AMERICAN CIVIL WAR
SCHOOL OF THE SOLDIER

SATURDAY

APRIL 19TH, 1997

10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Ypsilanti Depot Town



To all the Members and Friends:

Well, this time I am the one that held up the presses. We have been very busy in the Archives. Once people get to know about us they become very interested.

As I look outside today it looks like Spring is coming soon, but it is very cold. We will be needing some help to get your yard in order, so if you can spend a couple of hours once in a while to help please let us know. The Annual cleanup day is going to be around the first part of April. Keep it in mind, we need you. Call me if you get anxious.

Needless to say, our Briarwood Adventure was a success both to us and to Briarwood. So much so that they have asked us back this year. They do want us to be open more hours, so that is going to take a lot of volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering to being a guide or greeter, please let us know. We will be open from the 27th of November until the 24th of December. so that will take a lot of manpower. The amount of hours we will be contributing will be approximately 275!!!! It is fun to meet so many people, many from Ypsilanti, many from the surrounding communities. And you know what we actually learned something about the rest of the world. We had people from Novi, Detroit, Jackson and some from out of the state. It was an interesting experience. The staff at Briarwood really went all out to assist us. Their staff did all the setting up, all we had to do was to get our material, information, dresses, hats, pictures, brochures and many more things there. The store did very well, we sold over \$2200.00 in merchandise there(including about 20 Atlas's of Washtenaw County.(I sold more than any of them) . On top of that, there is more, Briarwood generously gave us \$1,000.00 for our work. Now that is worth working for. They gave a party a few days before we actually opened for everyone. The food was delicious, the company was excellent and everyone that went remarked about what a good time they had. So let us do better this year and show Briarwood how much we appreciate having them in the area.

Doris has been doing a lot of research, she wonders where her time goes. It takes time to go through all the material. But really she is happier when she has something to do. Aren't we all.

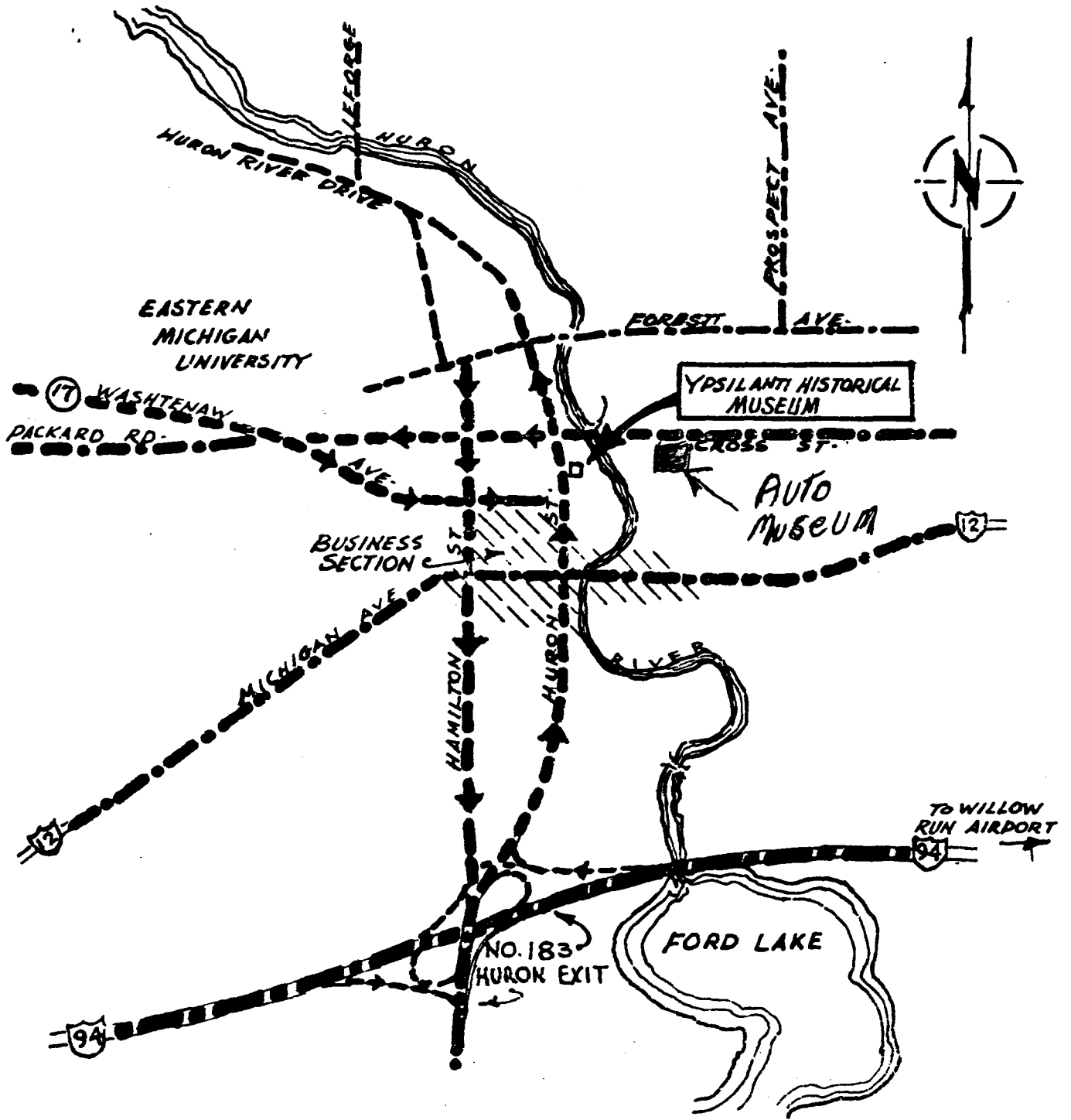
Hopefully you will remember when Briarwood days comes so that you will give us some hours, you will enjoy meeting people from other areas and they will enjoy meeting you. Let's all help to put Ypsilanti on the map. If you sign up early you can have the pick of hours. How about that!!!!

So we have come back to Homebase. The Archives will be pretty busy during the time of all the activities that are going on in Ypsilanti. People will be wanting to look up material on their grandparents, great grandparents, and families of long ago and we will be more than happy to assist.

We(all of us) should have a busy summer. Remember to stop at the Museum and see the new displays that the Committees have put up. DON'T FORGET THE YARD SALE, YOU CAN BRING YOUR GOODIES ANYTIME TO THE MUSEUM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GETTING ANY ARTICLES EARLY SO THEY CAN BE MARKED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SET-UP WE WOULD BE VREY HAPPY. WE HAVE COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS AT 6 A.M. That is in the morning.....

WELL THAT IS ALL FOR NOW. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

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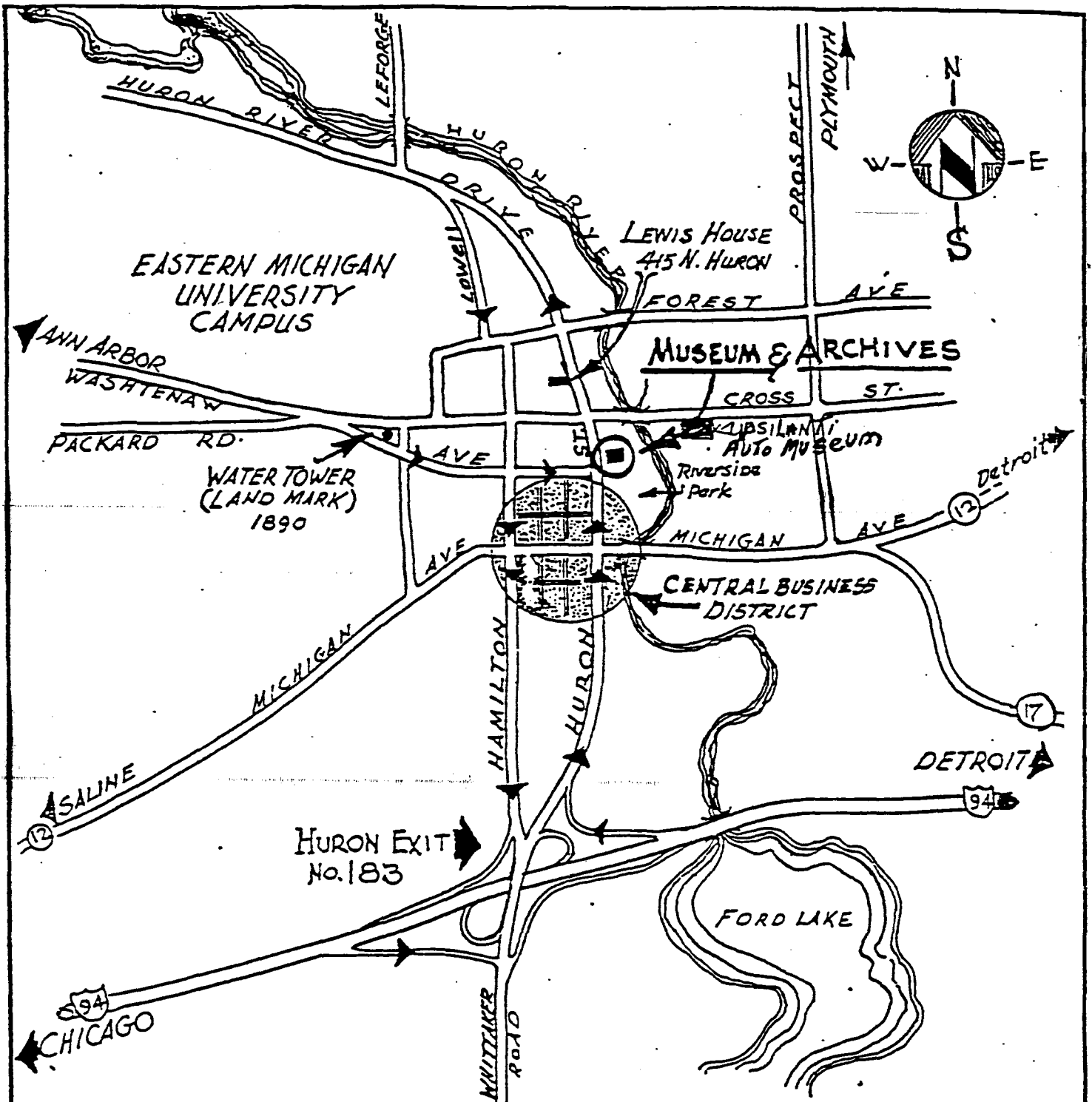
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