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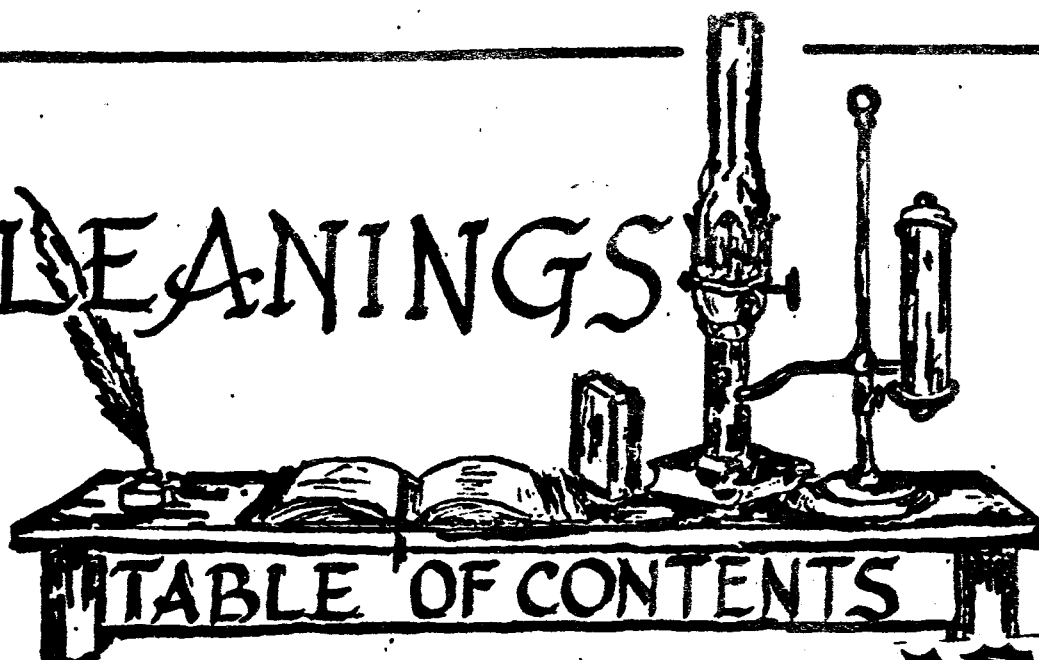
The end of another successful year of operation of the Historical Museum is almost here. I wish to use this opportunity to express my thanks to each of you for your support of our endeavors to provide a growing and worthwhile community project. I must extend my congratulations and appreciation to those who have contributed so generously of their time and talents.

I am certain your continued interest in the Society and Museum will help them to expand and become even more meaningful during the coming year.

Our accomplishments will be enumerated more fully at our Annual meeting in January, and until then I wish each of you Health and Joy.

David Gauntlett

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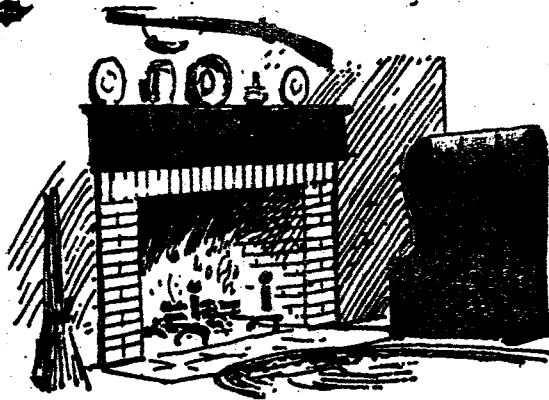
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Hear Ye!

Hear Ye!

The Season Draws Nigh



ATTENTION READERS

Please accept our apology, we are unable to publish the Vett Noble story due to the malfunction of our equipment.



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ANNUAL DINNER OF THE YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The annual dinner of the Ypsilanti Historical Society was held at the Masonic Temple, Sunday, November 6, 1983 and was a huge success with 150 members and friends attending. The swiss steak dinner was excellent and served by members of the Eastern Star.

The group was privileged to have as a speaker, Lynda Cain, Costume Curator of the Detroit Historical Museum who used as her topic "Problems of Taking Care of Old Clothing". She used slides and began with scenes from the storage area that is available at Fort Wayne. Some of the clothing on display at the Museum includes that once owned by members of the families of the auto manufacturers. Other articles represent those sold by the former big stores in Detroit. Needless to say, they were all beautiful in detail. Methods of restoring and preserving old clothing were also discussed and slides of "before and after" restoration were shown. It was interesting to note that the problems of storage and preservation she encounters are similar to those in our Museum. Miss Cain's enthusiasm and devotion to her position made her talk all the more interesting and helpful.

We are indebted to Michael Miller, the Vice President of our organization, for obtaining the speaker. He was also responsible for the attractive fall decorations on the tables.

Mrs. Frank Burgess had obtained various door prizes and was in charge of the drawing for them. She was assisted by Foster Fletcher. The following were the recipients of the prizes:

Jean Congdon
Mary Dawson
Charles Gray
Verna Hargrove
Art Howard

Kathryn Howard
Helen Hughes
Joyce Krohl
Mildred Mackay
Carolyn Miller

Ralph Oltmanns
Edith Pinter
Karen Rominski
Don Smith
Alan Stewart

Olive Studt
Marjorie Towler
Don Wardell



The ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY
WILL BE HELD AT THE MUSEUM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11,
1983. FROM 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. THE HOUSE WILL BE
BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED BY MRS. LAVERNE HOWARD AND
HER COMMITTEE AND THE USUAL CHRISTMAS TREE
WILL BE TRIMMED BY THE GARDEN CLUB. DO
COME TO GREET FRIENDS, ENJOY REFRESHMENTS AND
GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.



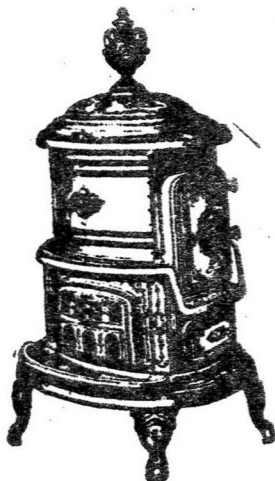
PLEASE MARK THE DATE JANUARY 15th, 1984 ON YOUR
CALENDARS, for the Annual meeting of the Histori-
cal Society. It will be called at 3:00 P.M. and
we will look forward to a good attendance to
hear annual reports, have election of board
members and a program. All of that plus
refreshments.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM OUR MEMBERS

We are asking for donations to finance a new heating system in the Museum. We have applied for a Grant and need to raise \$12,000.00 in matching funds.

The new system will give us climate control and give us more space for the preservation of the vast historical material we have.

Any gift can be used as a tax deductible item.



Christmas Shopping at the

MUSEUM

- Give:
- A book about your local history
 - A basket (several sizes) for sewing materials
 - A miniature brass jug with winter bouquet



- Dolls:
- "Penn-wooden" (repro.) - calico dress
 - Tiny 2" Bisque doll
 - 5 1/2" "Dream-Baby" (repro) in hand-made Christening dress
 - "Soft" cloth dolls



Tree Ornaments

- Wooden Birds
- Wooden Soldiers
- Wooden Nutcrackers (small)
- Wooden Rocking Horses

Stocking Stuffers

- 3" Bears
- "YPSILANTI" Bracelets
- Miniature Story Books
- China Thimbles
- Miniature Tea Sets

Holiday Decorations for Home

- Antique Infant Shoe Lasts - with Candles or Flowers
- Wooden Bobbins into Candlesticks
- Small Wooden Ducks
- Linen Towels (many attractive designs)
- Iron Banks (repro.)
- "Sunbonnet Babies" Sun Flashers designed by Local Person
- Tin "Roly-Poly" Containers (repro.) for Cookies or Candy

AND



MANY OTHER FINE GIFT IDEAS



N E E D E D

BY MUSEUM

We are in need of Wooden Hangers and Muslin Sheets and would appreciate any donations to help us with the preservation of our clothing.

Thank You.

Acquisitions

Msgr. William S. Sherzer

Picture of Estabrook
Fraternity 1906.

Ypsilanti Farm Bureau

1940 Rural Directory
Washtenaw County.

Mr. & Mrs. LaVerne Howard

Collecting Bottles by
Cecil Munsey, pub.
Hawthorne Books, 1970



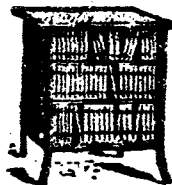
Copy of "Rough Rider"
published by Roosevelt
High School, June 4,
1958.

Article on retirement of
Miss Lillian Ashby.

Dr. & Mrs. S. Harbison

Collection of material
used in the "Save Your
Library".

Michael-Frederick
Moran Heinel



Research Paper "The Wood-
Gerganoff House, 21 N.
Normal St. A property
history."

Mrs. Ralph Smallidge

Abstracts for Warner Ave,
Cherry Court, Lot 15,
Survey of Hart Place.

Mrs. Charles Gooding

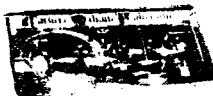
Brochure "Ypsilanti's
Hotel" 1922.

Gilbert Residence

Wooden Walker

Mrs. J. J. Woods

Post Cards



Mrs. Demaris Cash

The New and Revised
Catalog of American
Antiques.

Marilyn H. Erps

Genealogy of Stitt,
Beverly, Barr and
Beebe families.

Marion Willoughby

Photo, parade 1933-34.

Mrs. Kingsley Calkins

Secretarial records
and materials of the
Greek Theatre.

William Thompson

Obituary of Daniel
L. Quirk, 1911.
1891 letter from
Clark Cornwell to Prof.
J.B. Davis.

Dr. & Mrs. R. Elliot

8½" whet stone
Painting of Dr. Batwell's
pet spaniel. Circa 1875.

Thomas Peebles

Map of Ypsilanti Township.

Terry Webster

9" Rex Reversible damper.
Dated 1879.

Andy McPhearson

2 photos of Laura Pullen
and George W. Key.

Oliver Blum

2 plaques - An Indian
and Head of General
Ypsilanti - 1823

Mrs. Dan Nanry

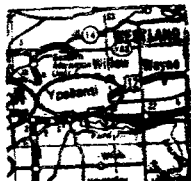
Ledger of Sales 1848-
1869 to 1903.

Harold Perry

1909 Post Card of
Normal Gym.

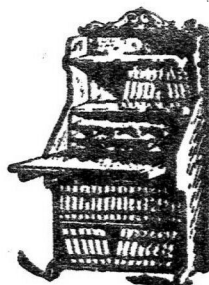
Don & Lucy Gridley

2 Old locomotive posters
Michigan Resource Maps
Environmental Map of MI.
Circus Maps from Baraboo,
Wisc.. 1875 posters



Maxe Obermeyer

Zack Gerganoff



Abstract for
510 Congress

Blue Prints for
addition to Woodruff
School, Hall Memorial
Contagious Hospital,
Blue prints addition to
Beyer Hospital, Huron
Hotel, 1924 Harriet
School.

Mrs. Ray Fletcher

Pictures of Pioneer
Association, M.C.R.R.
1924; Pioneer Assoc.
M.C.R.R. 1927.

Mrs. Cora Horton

Post Card - Conserva-
tory of Music. E.M.U.
(Mich. State Normal
College).

Flossa Earl

Marion Vandersall

Mrs. Mary Miller



Scrapbook

Books belonging to her
father A.M. Vandersall.

Picture of Past Presi-
dents of Literary Club.

Ladies Literary Club
Directoris 1917-18 to
1982-83.

Lucille Langworthy Estate

Marie Seeger

Dorothy Brooks



4 piece silver set.

Set of Haviland &
German China - Rose-
bud pattern.

Collection of papers
pertinent to the His-
tory of Ypsilanti.

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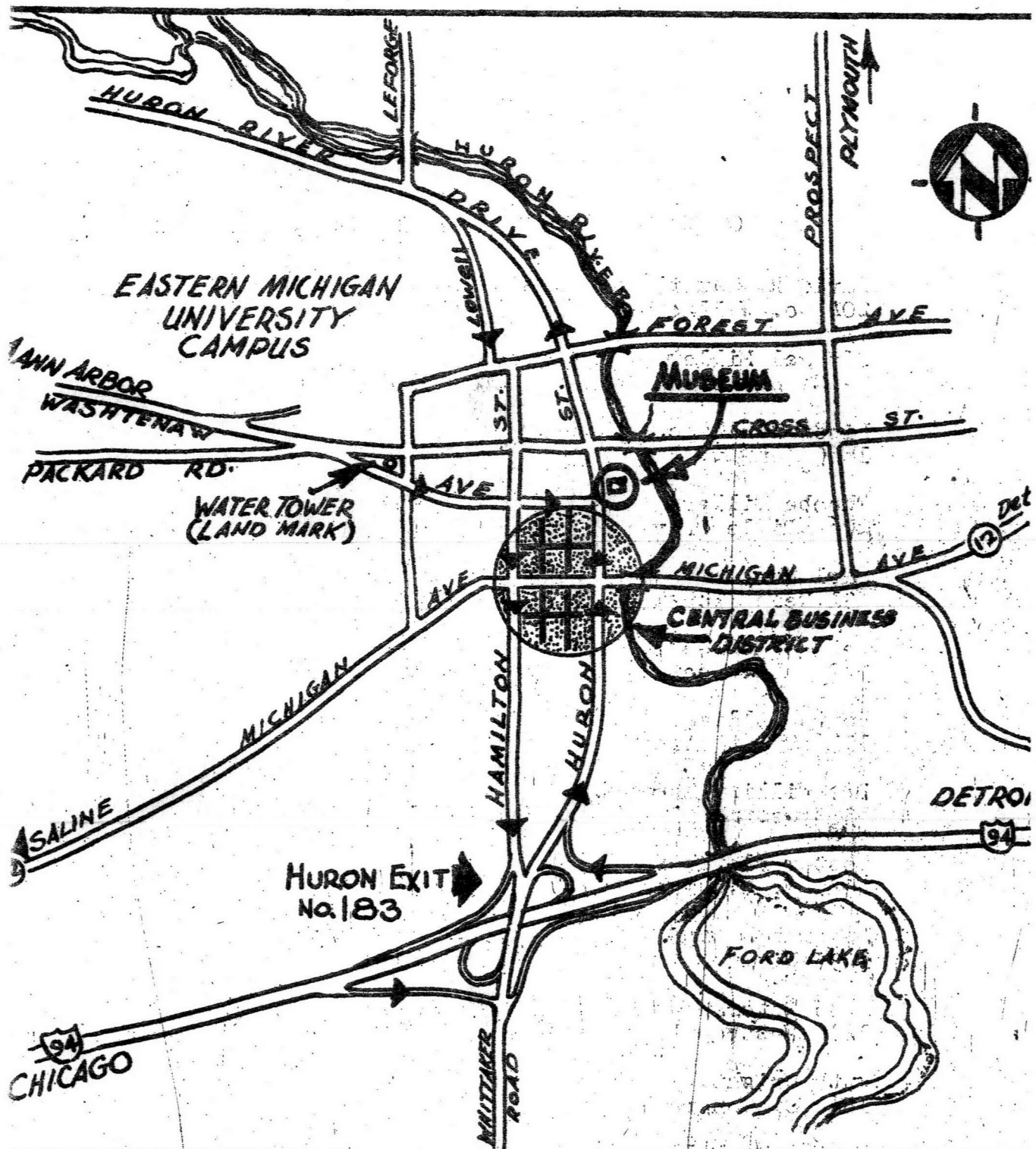
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