

June 1984

YPSILANTI GLEANINGS

PAST SCENES and OLD TIMES

YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY - PUBLICATION

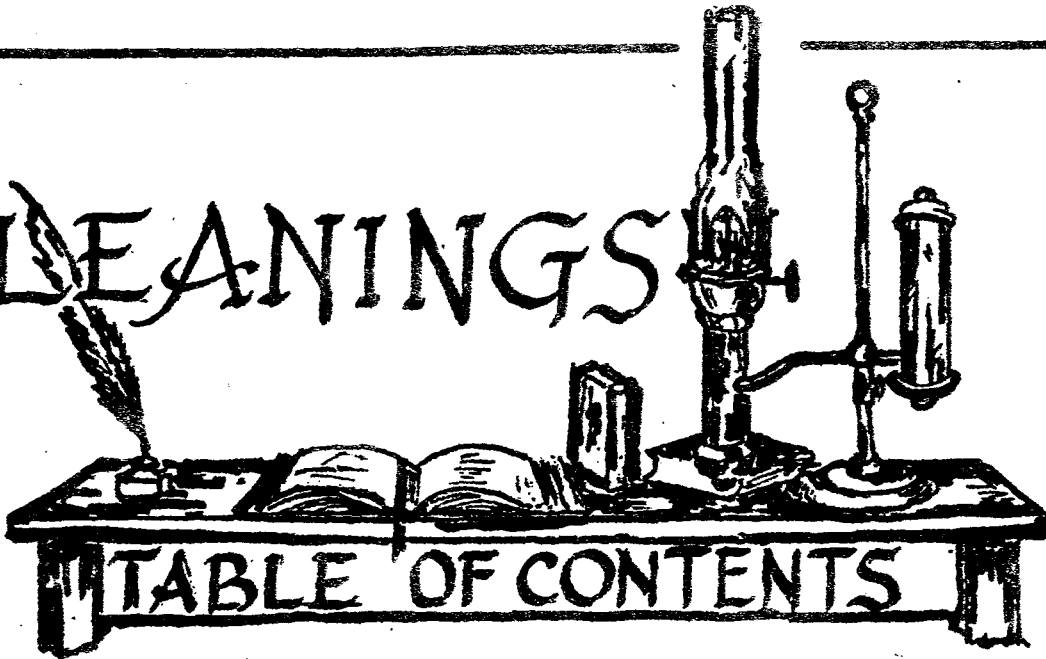


Ypsilanti Historical Museum
- 220 N. Huron Street -

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Ypsilanti, Michigan
Permit No. 309

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

GLEANINGS



No. 42

June, 1984

Publication of the Ypsilanti
Historical Society

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|-----|
| CHRONOLOGY | P. | 1-8 |
| NEW MEMBERS | P. | 9 |
| ACQUISITIONS | P. | 10 |
| DISPLAY | P. | 12 |
| PLEASE NOTE | P. | 13 |
| RENOVATION | P. | 14 |
| SCHOOL TOURS | P. | 15 |
| NEW TREASURER | P. | 16 |
| TRASH & TREASURE SALE | P. | 16 |

"Ypsilanti Gleanings -- Past Scenes and Old Times" is published quarterly for members of the Ypsilanti Historical Society. Single copies - \$1.00..

Editorial Overseer Foster Fletcher, contributors Doris Milliman and Ethel O'Connor, Secretary Ruth Wright.

Cover Design and Table of Contents designed by Arthur J Howard.

Contents of "Gleanings" may be reproduced if consent is received and credit given.

Office of the Ypsilanti Historical Society is at 220 N. Huron, Ypsilanti, Michigan - 48197.

CHRONOLOGY

1877

1877

January 6

Mr. Herbert Sweet has been chosen Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School. S.M. Cutcheon has been re-elected by the Presbyterians and Charles I. Sweet will continue in charge of the High Street School-5th. Ward.

Our School Board has elected Miss Mattie Holbrook to fill the Vacancy at the Union School, caused by the resignation of Miss Hattie Weed.

After long service as teacher of the First Ward School 9 Mr. L. Burdine steps down and out, and Miss Susie Gorton takes his place.

The Suspended Banking Firm-Statement:

To Creditors of Cornwell, Remphill, & Co.

Assets- \$94,514. ---Liabilities- \$86,370

The Ypsilanti Paper Company offers to pay any liabilities of the Bank in Preferred Stock, to be issued by the Ypsilanti Paper Co., with a guarantee of dividend of 8% per Annum- Signed Thomas Ninde and S.M. Cutcheon, as signees.

D. Lowe- Died of pneumonia at the residence of his father in Augusta Township on the 6th of January, Age 23. Mr. Lowe was a member of the Senior Class in the Michigan State Normal School. He was a fine student and exemplary Christian.

January 12

The Public Exercises of the Normal School Pleiades occurred Friday evening, January 12. Several sketches and essays were given:

Essay "Remembering" by Annie Lambie, Ypsilanti

'Sketch and Legend of Sleepy Hollow' by Louise M. Cutcheon

Prof. Pease presided over the singing.

January 13

Died of typhoid fever, January 11th, Col. Darius Williamson, age 60 in Ypsilanti. Colonel Williamson has been for a number of years Superintendent of the Indians in Wyoming Territory. Almost his entire life has been spent on the frontier. He leaves a wife and five children.

January 27

Married, January 21st., by Rev. J.S. Boyden, Enoch White and Jane L. Miller, all of Ypsilanti.

February 3

Died, Hannah Ferrier, age 89 years and 11 months, at the home of her son, Philo Ferrier, River Street. Mrs. Ferrier was the wife of William Ferrier, a well known citizen of this City for many years. They came to Ypsilanti in 1838. She has been a member of the Methodist Church for 35 years. Philo Ferrier lived at 301 North River Street and the house still stands.

March 3

Last Saturday, a large volume of smoke was seen coming from the rear of Congress Street (Michigan Avenue) in the 200 block. It

1877

March 3, cont. was the building occupied by the Ypsilanti Whip-Socket Co. The fire was from an explosion in the oven, while japening the sockets.

The man working barely had time to escape. Mr. C.N. Webb lost an overcoat, two undercoats, a vest, and a watch(his fellow light Guards have since given him a new watch). Capt. Newell had stopped and taken off his coat to help; he is thus minus a coat.

If the Fire Engine had been in working order, at least \$1500 could have been saved in stock and the east side of the building. Had it not been for favorable circumstances, Joslyn & Whitman's office, McAndrew's Cabinet Shop, and other buildings, if not the entire south side of Congress Street would have been consumed.

Mr. Sam Post owned the building. J. Bickford, S. M. Cutcheon, and Sam Post comprised the company. They will immediately rebuild.

The Markets:

Chickens dressed-7¢ lb. Live 5¢ lb.
Eggs 10 and 11¢ a dozen. Onions \$2 a bushel
Turkeys, live 8¢ lb.

Died-Mrs. Sarah B. Markel, Carey, February 24, at Fair Oaks Prof. Carey will be remembered as a Professor for many years at the Normal School.

Michigan Legislature: The House passed the Senate Bill incorporating Clam Lake into a city named Cadillac.

April 7

At the Light Guard Hall, the Ypsilanti Ladies Temperance Union had prepared a banquet that Angels might feast on. A dozen tables were set up, supplied with dainties and flowers Mrs. Alva Worden had furnished at her own expense, Mrs. Laible and Mrs. D. McDowell had tables of beautiful flowers. Every table had some memento of the gladsome reform that has dawned on our City.

Mr. Hayes could have hardly selected a more unexceptional gentleman for the office of United States District Attorney, than Mr. Sullivan M. Cutcheon, whose appointment was announced yesterday.

Mr. Don C. Batcheldor has sold his marble works to Mr. George Voorhees. Mr. Batcheldor has built up one of the most popular and successful monument factories in the state.

April 14

Mr. A. Williams has, after five years as Superintendent of the Methodist Church Sunday School, declined re-election. The new officers are: E.M. Comstock, Superintendent; H.A. Weeks, Assistant; Will J. Clark, Secretary; Miss Martha Barnard, Assistant; George Shier, Librarian. The Sunday School is in a very flourishing condition.

1877

April 14, cont. Married by Rev. O.J. Perrin at M.E. Parsonage, April 12, Mr. Elijah A. Darling and Miss Lovina Bordine, both of Augusta Township.

Married by Rev. C.A. Lamb at his residence, April 8th, Morris Crawford of Ann Arbor and Miss Vennie Truss of Ypsilanti.

April 21 Nine hundred and ninety one in the Prison at Jackson; the greatest number ever confined there.

Capt. Newell has secured an important position in connection with the State Reform School at Lansing. He is fully competent to manage the boys there. He was a good soldier and a good citizen. He has been the efficient organizer and Captain of the Light Guards, and served the City as Marshall for two years.

Married at the residence of the Bride's father, Mr. Evan Begole, on the evening of the 18th, by Rev. John M. Richmond, Mr. Hadley H. Webb and Miss Della Begole.

Advertisement: Amanda Conkling, M.D., and a graduate of the Ann Arbor College of Medicine and Surgery, will tender her Professional services to the citizens of Ypsilanti and vicinity after April 25; office residence of D. McDowell, corner of Washington and Ellis (Wastenaw), 23 North Washington. S.W. Baldwin, Dentist-Rooms over the Post Office on North Huron Street-First class work and best plates \$15.

Real Estate: Benjamin Day to Horace Aray, 70 acres in Section 24, Pittsfield Township, \$4000.

May 19 "An Honest Man" poem on front page of Commercial by William Lambie.

June 2 Died-William Geddes, May 21, 1877, in Pittsfield Township, age 78. Father Geddes bought the homestead in Pittsfield in 1826. Moved on the place in 1845. Two brothers and one sister survive him.

June 15 Miss Anna Ganson is remembered by many. She married a man named Lewis and moved to Iowa City, Iowa. It is with sorrow we announce her death. She was a teacher in the Union School for several years.

The African Methodist Church will hold a State Convention at the Church in Ypsilanti and continuing for two days.

At the 20th Annual meeting of the Ypsilanti Home Association, the following officers were elected:

President- Mrs. John Gilbert

1877

June 15 Home Association officers, cont.

Vice Presidents: Mrs. E.W. Follett
Mrs. Putnam
Secretary: Mrs. H. E. Dickinson
Treasurer: Mrs. L. Shier

Total amount of distributions to relieve 72 families during the past year- \$544.61. A legacy of One hundred dollars to be paid in ten annual installments, was the last gift of our late president, Mrs. R.B. Norris.

June 23 The handsomest specimen of pulp we ever saw for paper manufacturer, was handed to us by Mr. Cornwell and manufactured from Poplar trees at their Jackson Mills. It is very firm, makes strong pure white paper. It is to be made in the Cornwell mills here.

The large pulp mill of the Ypsilanti Paper Company at Jackson, manufacturing the nicest pulp in the West, was burned Tuesday. It was owned by the Cornwells.

Married at the residence of the Bride's father, on the 20th., by Rev. John A. Wilson, Mr. Ira Sylvester Younglove and Lizzie Quirk of Ypsilanti, Daughter of D.L. Quirk.

Died- Mrs. Henriette Henchel, on the 12th of June, age 48 years. She was a native of Germany and came to this country some years ago. Married, and soon after, Mr. Henchel made a visit to his native land in search of health, but died during the voyage, and was buried at sea; Mrs. Henchel succeeded in rearing her family. Her funeral took place from her residence on Washington Street, and was attended by a number of citizens. The service was conducted by Rev. Perrin of the Methodist Church and Rev. Miller, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which she was a member.

Died in Augusta, June 7th, Esther D., wife of Alverson Drury, age 56. Married 34 years, leaving him three sons and two daughters. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. The Rev. Perrin preached the funeral sermon.

July 7 Advertisement- For Sale- The beautiful residence of E. Laible on East Forest Ave. With beautiful grounds and shrubbery. Over 1000 trees adorn the premises. Ten acres of land -200 apple, 50 pear, 30 cherry, 50 peach, 20 plumb, and 300 fine bearing grapevines; also raspberries, strawberries, and red and white currents. Two greenhouses.

July 14 Detroit has 127,500 people in her Corporate limits.

1877

July 21 Is there any remedy for the stealing of plants and the breaking off of slips by persons visiting the Cemetery? It is getting to be a common occurrence and nearly everyone who has set out plants on their lots are continually annoyed by finding them broken or taken away entirely.

The annual announcement for the Medical Department of the University states, that the course has been extended to three years, with nine months in each year. (sic- the course and the University were not named).

July 26 Married July 18th, at the residence of J.W. Babitt, George W. Babitt and Jennie S. McRay. On this day, Dr. Babitt celebrated his 75th. birthday and also the forty fifth anniversary of his marriage. His son George very sensibly took into his head to be married on that day. And so he and his bride came from Jackson to our good City and the wedding and birthday were gleefully celebrated at one time.

July 28 The agony is over. The Railroad strike seems to have come to an end. Jackson is the only City in the State where the trains were stopped. Thursday was the most quiet day known for years on the Central. Only the passenger trains going west passed our City, The Jackson rioters have come to time. The Chicago trouble seems to have been exaggerated. It is too early to give causes for the strikes. The slaughter of human life and destruction of property at Baltimore, Pittsburg, Buffalo and other places are not meaningless or without food for reflection.

Last Sunday afternoon was one of special interest to the A.M.E. Church Sunday School. Mr. Richmond opened the exercises with. The elder pupils recited pieces in an impressive manner, showing great improvement. Remarks were made by D.B. Greene, Rev. Hardy, C.R. Pattison, Rev. Hawkins, and the Pastor, Rev. Bundy, interspersed by singing led by Miss Wortley. Mr. Hawkins has been a Disciple of Christ for 50 years. Fifty years ago, he was a slave in Alexandria, Virginia, and had been whipped for reading the Bible.

August 2 Samuel Williams of this City, who expects to enter the University this Fall, will be the first colored man to enter the Literary Department of that Institution. He accompanied Capt. Lang to our city of Ypsilanti after the War, and has won the esteem of our entire community by persistent and well directed effort to obtain an education (Lapeer Clarion).

1877

September 1 Died-August 24, in Ypsilanti, Esther Simons, wife of Rev. George Simons, age 49. Esther Clark Simons was born in England, November 4, 1827. She joined the Primitive Methodist Church in her native country in May of 1840. She united with the Methodist Church in Ypsilanti in 1851.

A grand excursion by the A.M.E. Church to Saline last Thursday. A handsome sum was realized for the Pastor of the Church, Rev. Jason Bundy, who labored with great faithfulness. The Ypsilanti colored Cornet Band accompanied the excursion and on their return gave our citizens some fine music.

The worshippers at St. Lukes will be glad to get back to their Church again. Under the supervision of Q.E. Thompson and George Amsden, the Artist and decorator of Churches, few houses of worship present a more beautiful appearance.

Died- Charles Howe Wallace, August 29, in Ypsilanti. He was born February 11, 1812, in Thetford Township, Orange County, Vermont; he was the son of Daniel D. and Abigail Howe Wallace. Charles's first marriage was January 24, 1853, to Eleanore Chushing. Eleanore died September 1, 1861, and Mr. Wallace married Jennie Rice of Saline, September 18, 1862. The Wallaces lived in Saline until 1869, when they moved to Ypsilanti. Charles was successful in Real Estate and Insurance, and he also served sixteen years as Justice of the Peace, while living in Saline. He had come to Saline Township in 1832 from Livonia Township, Livingstone Co., New York. His home in Saline was three miles west of Saline on the Chicago Road. He lived at forty seven West Cross in Ypsilanti, which is in the present four hundred block.

Died- Mrs. Richard Lowden on August 22nd., in Ypsilanti, age 84 years. Born in New Jersey in 1893; in 1820, She married James L. Lowden by who she had ten children. In 1834, She with her husband and children, came to Ypsilanti, settling on a farm in the extreme southern portion of the Township on Bemis Road on both sides of Stoney Creek Road.

Died- In Superior Township on the 24th of August, Ernest, youngest of the family of 12 children of William Roger Crippen, of dysentery.

September 22 Thursday, September 13th, Vannie Cutcheon, only son of Sullivan M. and Josephine Cutcheon, age 4 years, 10 months, and 23 days, died.

There are 120 colored persons living in and near Saline. Those good people can boast of having donated \$300 to build an A.M.E. house of worship.

1877

October 13 Died, in this City, October 6th., at the home of his father, Eddie H. only son of Joseph Kitchen, Esq., age 26 years and nine months. Eddie united with the Presbyterian Church in 1876. Prof. Joseph Estabrook preached the funeral sermon at the residence.

Died-September 26th. Mrs. Rebecca Brown, age 67 years. Mrs. Brown was born in Berks Co., Pa., and came to Michigan in 1836 with her father, Deacon Shelmire. In 1837 she married Deacon Tollman Brown who was a Deacon in the Baptist Church in this City.

October 20 Tuesday evening a bright light was seen in the sky. It proved to be the residence of Col. Childs on Forest Ave. The barn was connected with the house(sic). A kerosene lamp to light for evening chores flared up and caught a carriage cover on fire and then the hay until the barn was a sheet of flames. There ought to be a cistern in that vicinity. All the main part of the house could have been saved(sic).

October 27 Thursday was a famous day in Ann Arbor; the citizens saw the corner stone of a splendid Court House laid in position. It was too bad it made the old Court House ring it's requiem and the coming of the new.

November 3 The Board of Supervisors affixed the salaries of the County Officers for the current year:

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Judge of Probate | \$1200 |
| Prosecuting Attorney | \$ 900 |
| Treasurer | \$1200 |

Sixty nine cents a day is what Sheriff Case is allowed for boarding the wards.

Died-Willie H. Lucking, son of Joseph and Ellen M. Lucking, November 11th. Willie was kicked in the forehead by a shying horse and lockjaw set in.

November 24 Died, Josephine A. Pease, daughter of Levi E. Dolson of Detroit and beloved wife of Professor Frederick H. Pease, November 19th. age 37 years. Mrs. Pease was married in 1859 having been a student at the Michigan State Normal School. She and her husband united with the Episcopal Church. She leaves five children, the oldest a daughter of 15.

Died - John Swaine, infant son of F.J. Swaine and Lizzie Swaine, age 5 months on November 19th.

1877

Died - William Leach, November 18, 1877 of apoplexy age 63 years. Mr. Leach was born in Bedfordshire, England and came to this country at age 19 and residing first in Ann Arbor and moving to Ypsilanti in 1864. He kept a Boarding House and Hotel at the Depot. A wife and two sons mourn his loss.

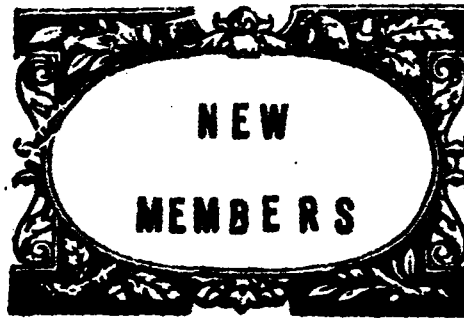
There are now 370 students in the Law Department of the University; Medical Department, 267; Homeopathic Department, 68; Dental, 44. The number of students in the Literary Department estimated at 350.

The high school building at Ypsilanti was destroyed by fire. It was one of the finest Public School buildings in the State. Insured for about half its value. Burned December 9th on a Sunday.

The fire engine used up all of the water in the cistern connected with the school and then drew water from the Ellis (Washtenaw) Street cistern.

December 25

Married on Christmas morning at the Bride's father's in Campbell, Ionia County by Prof. Joseph Estabrook, John Knox Campbell of Augusta to Miss Emma Jennings. Both graduates of the Michigan State Normal School, class of 1876.

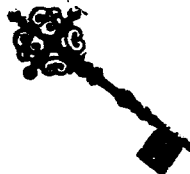


Cleda Berchtold
4830 Washtenaw A 1
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Margaret Wyckoff Godshalk
c/o Morton Arboretum
Lisley, Ill. 60532

Douglas F. Roby
6100 Geddes Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

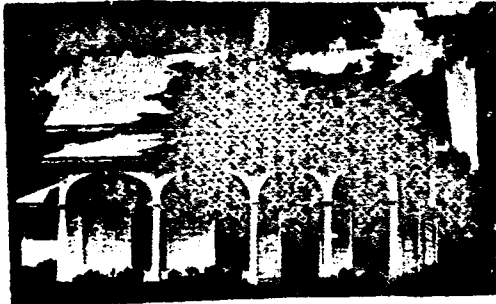
Dorothy K. Smith
41535 McKinley St.
Belleville, MI 48111



WELCOME

Acquisitions

Mrs. Clarence Godshalk



Norma Jean Anderson

1864 Diary of
C.T. VanDusen

Pictures:

House- 329 Maple
Hannah Van Dusen
Silas Van Dusen
Van Dusen Genealogy
Letter written from
hospital after C.T.
VanDusen was wounded

Sesquicentennial Ypsi-
lanti Press, July, 1917

Marlene Barr



Chapelle School

Terry Towler

Pictures:

Irma C. Bulenberg,
teaching Missionary
1925-28.

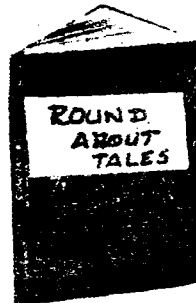
Dishes:

2 plates, 1 cup,
sugar and creamer

Clark Dairy Milk Bott:

1 quart
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint

Glenn B. Stephens



Martha Galley Anderson

Dorothy Brooks

Pictures:

April 12, 1893
Cyclone

Book:

"Round About Tales"

Pictures:

Mary L. Shaw
Fisher Metcalf Hooker

Joseph Decker



Pictures:

Old Street Car
Horse & Buggy
Fire Dept.

Ruth Loeffler

Doris Maleski

Helen Gooding

Donald G. Staebler

Juanita Vogelsberg



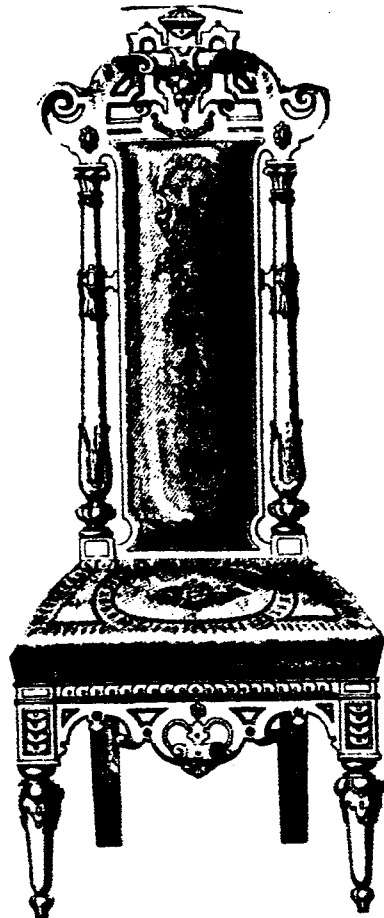
Picture:
BPW Club

Post Cards:
Central High School
Riverside Park

Book:
Longfellow
1927 Detroit Free
Press

Scrapbook:
Old Valentines

Ties:
Red and Blue
Sesquicentennial



DISPLAY

The Museum currently has a doll house display. Two of the houses were built in the early 1900's. One was built at the end of the depression, 1937, out of orange crates. Built by Jane Bird's father and complete in every detail. We have a doll house that was very popular in the 1950's.

One that was built in the 1970's.

We have several miniatures made by Beulah Gary.



PLEASE NOTE

In our last "Gleanings" we published the edited Vett Noble letters that Prof. of History Emeritus, Donald Disbrow, at Eastern Michigan University, had put in such readable sequence. These edited letters were published in Civil War History, a National Magazine with much prestige.

As the Ypsilanti Historical Society own the Vett Noble letters, we in ignorance thought it our right to publish the edited letters. We learned that we should have asked permission from Civil War History and also Donald Disbrow.

The Kent State University Press, Kent Ohio, publishes Civil War History and now graciously accepts our belated apology for running these letters without first obtaining their permission.

DUES

Help us with your DUES - SAVE POSTAGE - Phone the Museum and we will tell you how much you owe.

This will help our New Treasurer - William Ealy.

FOR SALE - AIR CONDITIONERS

| | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | Hot Point | 5000 BTU | One year old | \$100.00 |
| 1 | Hot Point | 5000 BTU | Four years old | 75.00 |
| 1 | Fedders | 4000 BTU | | 25.00 |
| 2 | Floor Fans - | 20 inch - | \$25.00 each | |

At the Museum



Ypsilanti Historical Society Museum & Archives

20 North Huron St. Ypsilanti, Michigan - 48196

To the Members:

Work is well under way on the "Basement Project". As you know, we received a Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to be used toward the installation of a heating system that will give us climate control. In addition to the NEA Grant, the City of Ypsilanti has responded splendidly financially as well as friends and members. These three sources just about equals the total cost of our ambitious program. To date the old furnace, steam pipes and radiators have been removed; the basement cleared of a false floor, rubble, etc. The program is progressing on schedule and we anticipate the renovation will be completed by August 1. The renovation will also include a new cement floor, new ceiling and lights, cleaned and sealed walls.

Because of the work going on at the Museum, there will be no quarterly meeting at this time.

The "Trash and Treasure" sale at the Heritage Festival is still on. Your saleables are most welcome. Gordon Cahours has kindly agreed to be co-chairman of the sale, and I gratefully thank him. Our sale this year will be held in conjunction with the Towner House.

I am still trying to establish the working committees I mentioned in the last Gleanings. The Society needs your help; none of these committees involve a great deal of work and time, but must be actively ongoing. Again, I am asking for volunteers to fill these committees:

Membership
Program
Finance.

Public Relations
Gleanings

Thank you,

David Gauntlett
President

SCHOOL TOURS

The Ypsilanti Historical Museum has been very busy during the month of May this year. Our guides have worked overtime to provide specially arranged tours for students before the end of the school year. We serviced 12 groups from the elementary schools of Adams, Chapelle, Estabrook and George. These students included second, third and fifth grade classes. Altogether 295 students toured the Museum in May. These school tours were in addition to other adult groups who arranged to visit us. We are very grateful indeed to the volunteer guides who gave extra time and made these tours possible. Our guides have reported that the students have shown much interest and have been highly motivated to learn about the early beginnings of Ypsilanti and their ancestors. We hope the students will retain this interest and return to the Museum to learn more.

It has been an exciting and interesting month for us and very worthwhile.



NEW TREASURER

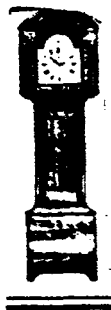
Because of his Church work and other duties, Carl Worley is unable to continue as Treasurer of the Ypsilanti Historical Society. He filled in very nicely after Fred Peters resigned and we thank him.

We contacted William (Bill) Ealy, and he has kindly consented to be our new Treasurer and is doing a fine job.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

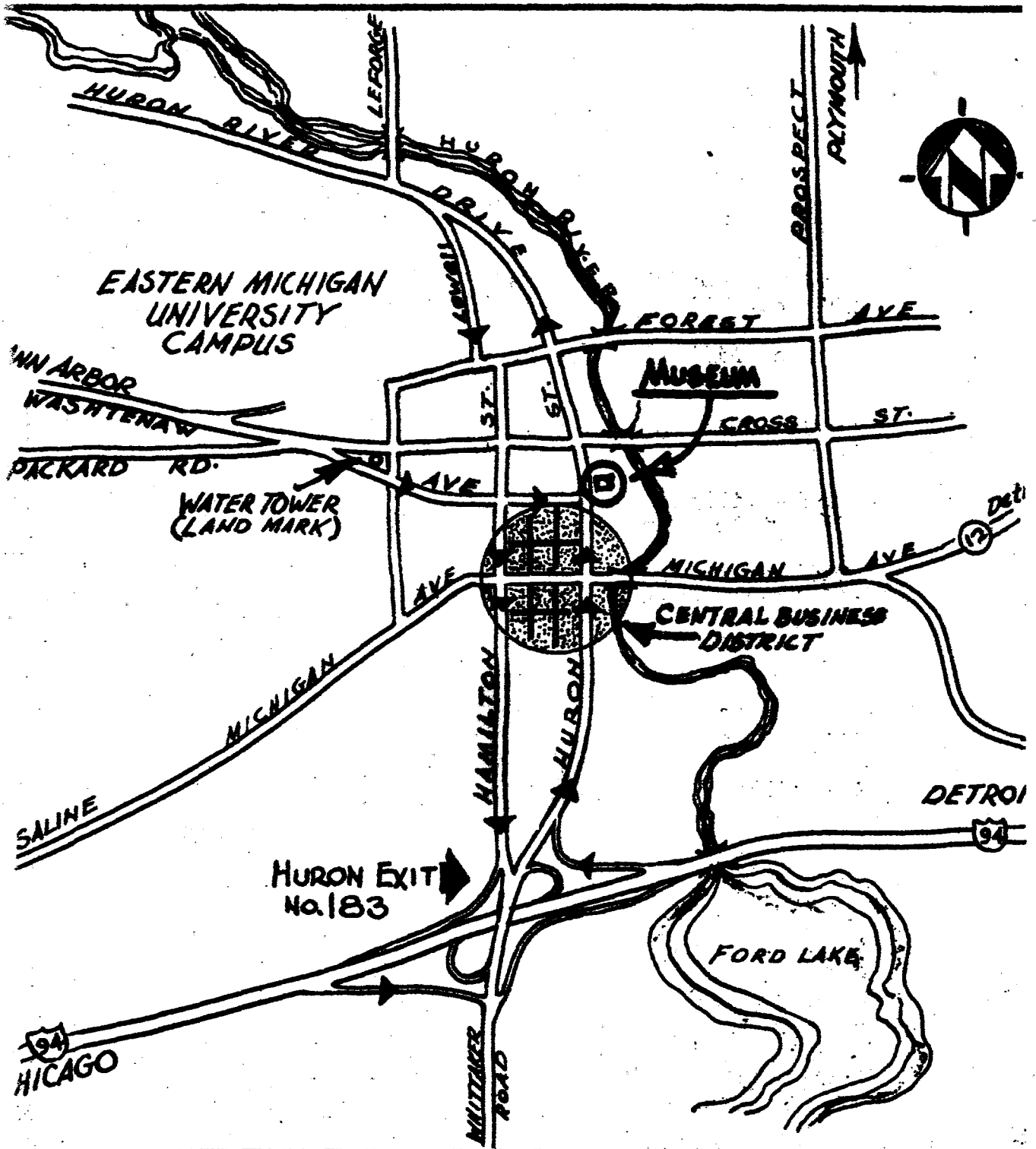
We are sponsoring another "Trash and Treasure Sale" during the Heritage Festival, August 25, 1984, in the Barn, back of the former City Hall. This is the same location we have had it other years. We are asking that if you have any articles that you no longer use, or don't want, will you save them for the sale? They may be brought to the Museum, or you may call the Chairman of the sale, Gordon Cahours, 482-2319.

We anticipate your continued support of this project and thank you for what you have given in the past. Our sale has always been well attended and has proved to be a successful money maker.



OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| David R. Gauntlett - President 204 No. Wallace Blvd. | 483-1876 |
| Michael Miller - Vice President 39 S. Hewitt Rd. | 482-9319 |
| Linda Hahlbrook 1666 Conway | 487-5939 |
| Marion Vorce 1117 W. Cross | 482-8619 |
| Donald Racine 952 Sherman | 482-5407 |
| George McCreedy 302 Oak Street | 483-2404 |
| Doris Milliman 1116 Grant Street | 483-3236 |
| Dr. William Edmunds 1303 Westmoorland | 482-5218 |
| Foster Fletcher 4980 W. Michigan Ave. | 434-0772 |
| LaVerne Howard 1435 Witmire | Past President 482-7081 |
| William Ealy 1587 S. Congress | Treasurer 483-2977 |
| Ruth Wright 1563 S. Congress | Secretary 482-6572 |
| Sharon Patterson 1313 W. Cross | 4822093 |



Upsilon Historical Museum
 220 North Huron Street - Upsilon - Michigan
 Zip Code 48197
 Phone (313) 482-495
 Foster Fletcher - Historian
 ~ Museum Hours ~
 Fri. Sat. & Sun. 2-4 P.
 Archives by Appointment