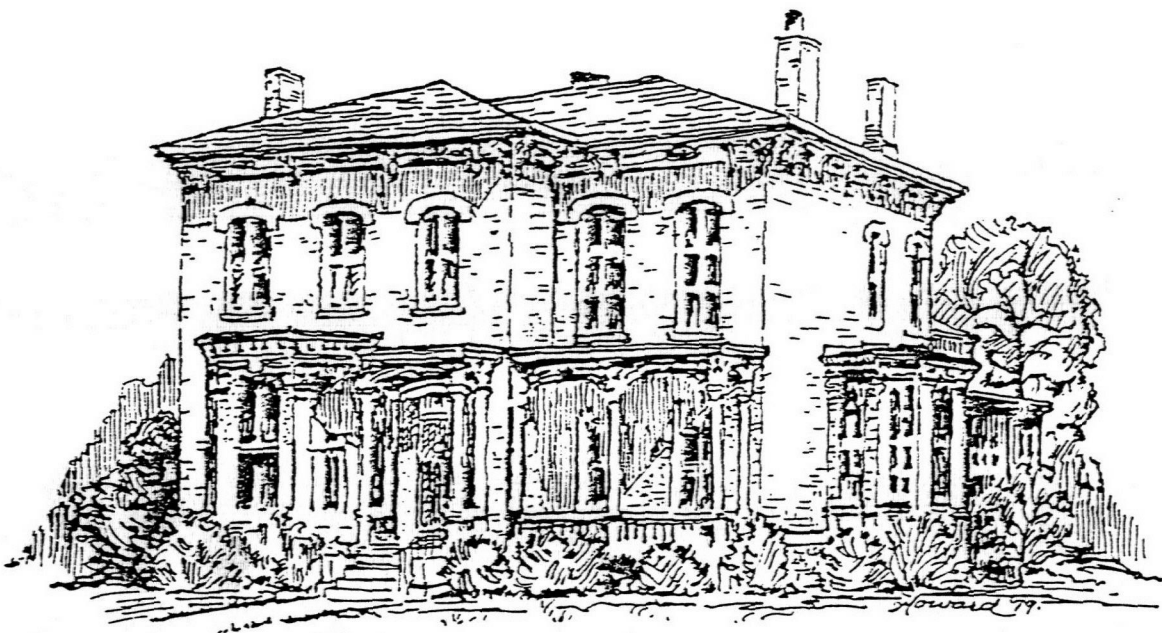


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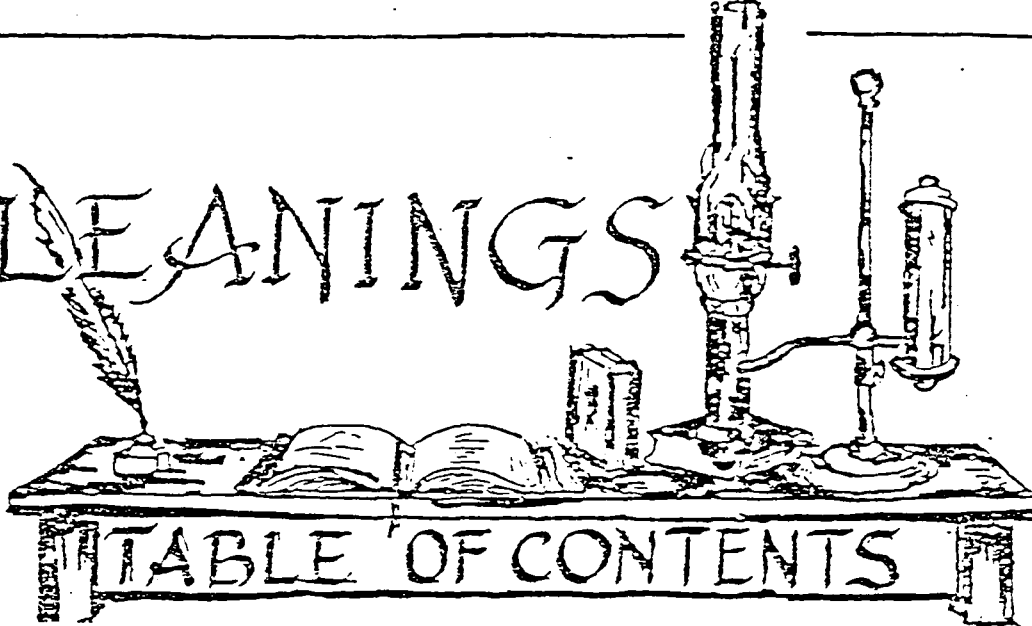
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OFFICE OF YPSILANTI HISTORICAL MUSEUM IS AT  
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THE MUSEUM AT 220 N. HURON IS OWNED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF  
YPSILANTI AND OPERATED IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY THE YPSILANTI  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY A NON-PROFIT GROUP OF PUBLIC SPIRITED  
VOLUNTEERS

Dear Members and Friends of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum,

At last spring has arrived and most of our "Snow Birds" have returned to our town. Some were met by a late, and hopefully last, blast of wintry weather before Mother Nature decided it was time for the return of spring.

We had a great turn-out for our last quarterly meeting in January and there have been many requests that we repeat the "Show and Tell" portion of the program. We will do it again at our next quarterly meeting on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m. Please join us and bring along a bit of strange, beautiful, mystifying or a just plain unknown article from the past and share it with us all during the "can you top this" portion of the program.

There is something for every age and interest in this beautiful 1860 house that can be found in few other Museums of its type. It has been sited as one of the finest House/Museums in Michigan by the State Historical Society. We are open every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and invite you to come in and enjoy a trip into the past. There is no charge for admission.

Currently we have a beautiful display, in the Ypsilanti Room, of cruets from the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, from the collection of Joyce (Mrs. Clarence) Mallory and a small portion of fans from the very large collection of Grace (Mrs. Herbert) Cornish. They are certain to bring oohs and ahhs from all who view them and the Civil War showcase has recently been re-done by William Zolkosky and the Early Life in Ypsilanti Display will help answer your many questions that begin with "when", "where", "why" and "how"!

On Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> our third quarterly meeting will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Following an update of the business of the Museum a repeat of the "Show and Tell" segment will be held, so start looking around the house for your something to share. Refreshments will be served and a tour of the museum will be available. It's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

Old Man Winter left a messy and dirty yard around this stately, old mansion so on YPSILANTI PRIDE DAY we hope many of you will find an hour or two to help with the "Clean-Up Time".

Bill and Karen Nickles have offered their lovely yard for our "Trash and Treasure" Sale on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 311 N. Wallace. Items from the Museum overflow and donations from you, our members, will be sold to raise money for the Museum. If you have any items that you wish to donate you may leave them at the Museum or at the Nickles residence. However, we would appreciate it if you would call the Museum or Karen N. before you drop off your donations.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> the annual "Docent's Luncheon will be held at the Ladies' Literary Club House, 218 N. Washington Street at 12 noon. More information will be sent to the docents at a later time, but put that date on your calendar if you are a participating docent.

"A Dish and Fellowship to Share" will be your ticket to "Picnic on the Green" to be held on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. All members and family are invited to take part in this old-time gathering.

Summer activities will come to a close with the Heritage Festival, August 17, 18, 19. The Museum will be open from 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. on all three days of the Festival.

Docents are needed during those days for two hour shifts in the air-conditioned comfort of the Museum for this, "Trip Back in Time – No Space-Suit Needed"! To volunteer your time please call me, Joan Carpenter, at 971-0536 between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. The rest of the time I'll be cleaning house, sending out bills, cooking, and just in general, playing, WIFE!

.This year we will have the talented Hal Estrey and his lovely wife, filling the air with the delightful music from his table organs, craftsmen and needle workers from the EGA exhibiting their skills.

This is, indeed, a busy, exciting, and beautiful place to be at all times of the year. We hope you will join us in our many activities and feel that this House/Museum is one of your homes.

I've written out a mini'calendar for you to slip into your wallet so you cannot forget any of the above, important dates.

Sincerely,

Joan J. Carpenter, President  
Ypsilanti Historical Society Board of Directors

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 22	Sunday	Quarterly Meeting	2p.m.-4p.m.	Museum
May 5	Saturday	Yard Clean-Up	9a.m.-12 noon	Museum
June 10	Saturday	Yard Sale	9a.m.- ?	311 N. Wallace
June 20	Wednesday	Docent's Luncheon	12 noon	LLC 218 Washington
July 15	Sunday	Picnic on the Green	1p.m.	Museum
Aug. 17,18,19	Fri.,Sat.,Sun.	Heritage Festival	12 noon	Museum

## ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

It looks as if winter has finally given up and let Miss Spring come along for all of us to enjoy. Isn't it wonderful to wake up to the birds singing and to see all the beautiful flowers in their array of colors.

It has been a long time since I have given you an update on what we are doing. The holidays were really a wonderful success with many people coming through to see all the decorations and enjoy the season with us. The Valentine Tea was a great success also. Hope you were able to come and join us but if you weren't here maybe you can make it next year.

We hope you will find the time to come in and see our new exhibits. We are fortunate to be able to display some of Grace Cornish's fans, Joyce Mallory's cruets and there will also be a display of Toby Jugs and Royal Daltons up stairs. We really appreciate these people who are willing to share their precious collections with all of you.

Final plans are being put together for the Docents Luncheon. This luncheon is given, each year, to honor those docents who so unselfishly give of their time to tell others, who come in, about your great museum. The date will be June 20.

When you are doing your spring cleaning don't forget our Trash and Treasure Sale (garage sale). The date is June 2 and will be held at the Nickels house and will be a part of the Normal Area Sale. You are the only ones who can make this a success.

Mark your calendar for our Picnic On The Green which will be coming up on July 12, on the front yard of the museum. Come and bring a dish to pass, your dishes and meet all the other members of the society. It is great fun.

All stores have sales from time to time and our gift shop is no different. Keep your eyes open for ours.

Thanks to all of you who help us and if there are any of you who could spare a couple hours a month we would love to have you join us in keeping the museum in good shape.

We also would appreciate any ideas that you might have about exhibits and what we can do to improve and make the museum more interesting to other who might be visiting.

Thank you again for all your help.

Virginia Davis-Brown

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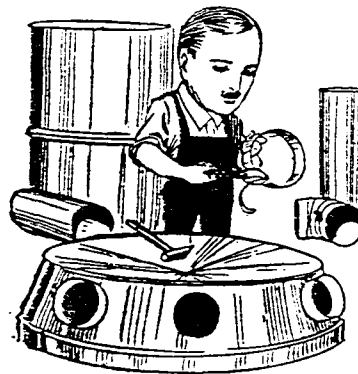
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September 23, 1920



# Set the date early for family reunion

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Family reunions are lots of fun, but they can be even more rewarding with proper planning. Here are some tips from Better Homes and Gardens magazine for planning a winning reunion.

■ Set the date early. The sooner the date is set, the better the response.

■ Designate a leader. One person should assume overall responsibility to make sure things are accomplished in a timely fashion.

■ Appoint a contact person for each branch of the family. That person keeps members posted on the latest developments and keeps the committee informed about how many will attend.

■ Let committees do the work. Divide tasks so more people can share in the preparations.

■ Reserve a meeting site early. Unless the reunion will be at someone's home, the meeting site should be booked as early as possible. Think about choosing a central location that's convenient to the greatest number of relatives. Or, select an exotic, out-of-the-way locale to make this a family-reunion vacation everyone will remember.

■ Determine costs. Estimate how much each person needs to pay to cover expenses. Don't forget such incidentals as garbage bags.

■ Send invitations. Inform relatives about who, what, when, where and how. Set a date for RSVPs, so that an estimate of attendance can be made.

■ Provide activities for each age group.

■ Plan the next reunion. Start organizing the next reunion while everyone basks in the pleasure of this one.

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS TO SEE THE MUSEUM

## THE FLU

WHEN YOUR BACK IS BROKE  
AND YOUR EYES ARE BLURRED  
AND YOUR SHIN BONES KNOCK  
AND YOUR TONGUE IS FURRED  
AND YOUR DOGGONE SURE YOU'IR GOING TO DIE,  
BUT YOUR SKEERED YOU WON'T AND AFRAID YOU WILL-  
JUST DRAG TO BED AND HAVE YOUR CHILL,  
AND PRAY TO THE LORD TO SEE YOU THROUGH,  
FOR YOU'VE GOT THE FLU, BOY, YOU'VE GOT THE FLU.

WHEN YOUR TOES CURL UP,  
AND YOUR BELT GOES FLAT,  
AND YOU'RE TWICE AS MEAN AS A THOMAS CAT,  
AND LIFE IS ONE LONG AND DISMAL CURSE.  
AND YOUR FOOD ALL TASTES LIKE A HARDBOILED HEARSE,  
WHEN YOUR LATTICE ACHES AND HEAD'S ABUZZ,  
AND NOTHING IS AS IT EVER WAS,  
HERE ARE MY SAD REGRETS TO YOU--  
YOU'VE GOT THE FLU BOY  
YOU'VE GOT THE FLU.

WHAT IS IT LIKE, THIS SPANISH FLU?  
ASK ME, BROTHER, FOR I'VE BEEN THROUGH.

IT IS MISERY OUT OF SHEER DESPAIR;  
IT PULLS YOUR TEETH AND CURLS YOUR HAIR;  
IT THINS YOUR BLOOD AND BRAYS YOUR BONES.  
AND FILLS YOUR CRAW WITH MOANS AND GROANS,  
AND SOMETIMES, MAYBE, YOU GET WELL,  
SOME CALL IT FLU, I CALL IT H  
DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT????

THIS WAS FROM THE NORTHVILLE RECORD, MARCH 16, 1928

There is not a lot of news in the Archives at the present time and yet there is a lot.. Things change and yet they stay the same.

There has not been a lot of things going on. In the winter people don't travel as much and this winter I don't believe there was much travel, even in Ypsilanti. We have had a very bad winter as all of you know. However the City of Ypsilanti has had a new roof put on , minor painting has been done to the window frames, and they hope to do some more when the weather breaks and becomes a bit warmer.

We are looking for a volunteer to do the grass every week and take care of the flowers outside when the good weather comes in.

Please don't all call at once. Hopefully the driveway will get some attention this summer as there has been a lot of patching done but patching does not hold. There is a lot of things that could get done if our members could find the time to volunteer.

I located this notice in the first book of the Ypsilanti Historical Society and thought you may like to refresh your memory.

The purpose of the Ypsilanti Historical Society is to support the Historical Committee and the archives IN COLLECTING, PRESERVING, AND EXHIBITING RECORDS AND CULTURAL ITEMS FROM YPSILANTI'S VERY INTERESTING PAST, to give the community a concept of the traditions of pioneering, heroism, and faith which in a little more than one century have moved this area from a beautiful primeval wilderness to a part of one of the world's great industrial areas.

The Society is primarily a social group but with a friendly vital purpose.

We would like to have some more members come to our quarterly meeting so that we may be able to have new members on our board. They could give some new ideas and we could show some growth.

We think this would be something to think about and let's try it.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANS

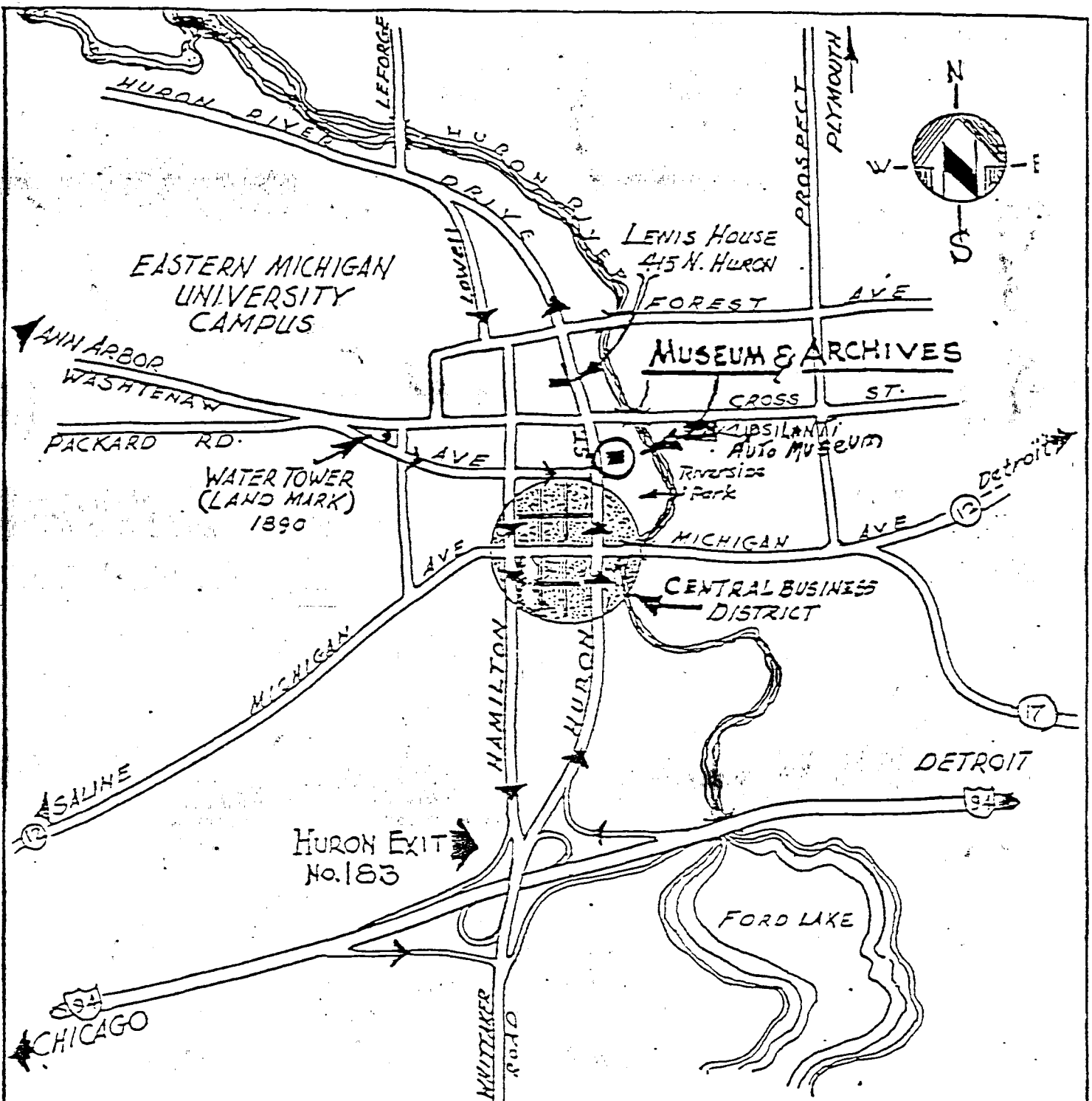
### WHERE DID YOU COME FROM, CITIZEN DEAR?

WHERE DID YOU LIVE BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?  
HAVE YOU ALWAYS LIVED ON THAT SHADY OLD STREET?  
DID YOU STOP THERE TO REST YOUR WORLD WEARY FEET?  
DID YOUR GRANDMOTHER COME TO THIS TOWN AS A BRIDE,  
WITH YOUR PROUD GRANDFATHER AT HER SIDE?  
DO YOU REMEMBER THE PICNICS AT PENNINSULAR GROVE?  
THE FRAGRANT BREAD BAKED IN THE WOOD BURNING STOVE.  
IF YOU'VE LIVED HERE FOREVER AND A DAY OR A YEAR, MANY FACTS  
AND MEMORIES YOU'LL BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR, COME TO THE  
MEETINGS= WE'VE NOTHING TO SE;; YOU, BUT RATHER,  
WE HAVE INTERESTING STORIES TO TELL YOU.

Billie

B.

JUST AN INTERESTING NOTE.



# Upsilanti Historical Museum

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Billie Zolkosky-Archivist

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 Tours by Appointment-483-2929  
 Archives: Open Monday thru Friday 9-12 Noo

J. Howard Del.