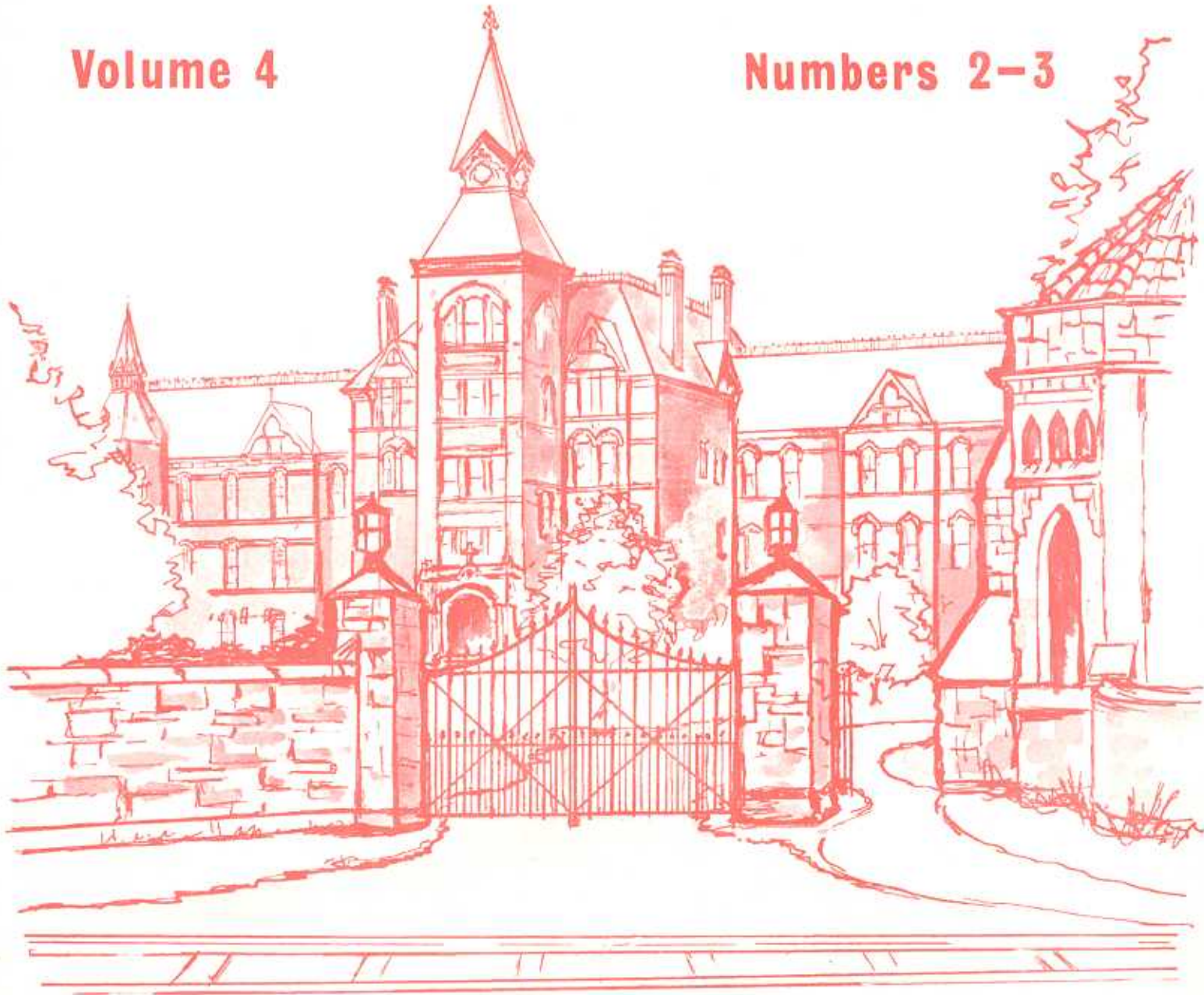


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But, museums and symbols alone are not enough. If our heritage is to be preserved we must foster this objective through continuing communications with the people.

This publishing venture by the Historical Commission and the staff of the Historical Museum is an attempt to reach an ever-larger audience. Their combined efforts are directed toward making this community a better place in which to live.

One way to help accomplish this purpose is by making our fellow citizens aware and more appreciative of their past. In so doing, we will help them be better citizens in the present and of the future City of Dearborn.

With the above goal in mind, this publication is dedicated to Dearborn's junior and senior citizens.

Orville L. Hubbard

"IF I TRIED TO READ, MUCH LESS ANSWER ALL THE CRITICISMS MADE OF ME AND ALL THE ATTACKS LEVELLED AGAINST ME, THIS OFFICE WOULD HAVE TO BE CLOSED FOR ALL OTHER BUSINESS. I DO THE BEST I KNOW HOW. THE VERY BEST I CAN, AND I MEAN TO KEEP ON DOING THIS DOWN TO THE VERY END!" — ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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[SAINT JOSEPH'S RETREAT, WHICH MAJESTICALLY STOOD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF WHAT IS TODAY MICHIGAN AVENUE AND OUTER DRIVE, UNTIL 1962 WAS ONE OF DEARBORN'S BEST KNOWN LANDMARKS. THE ILLUSTRATION SHOWS THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE RETREAT BEYOND THE MASSIVE WROUGHT IRONGATES, AS IT APPEARED IN 1907. IN THE FOREGROUND, IS A TRACE OF THE OLD INTERURBAN TRACKS. THE SMALL BUILDING AT THE RIGHT IS A VISITOR'S WAITING STATION.]

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HISTORY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S RETREAT

SISTER RITA

[EDITOR'S NOTE: TODAY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER WHERE OUTER DRIVE AND MICHIGAN AVENUE INTERSECTS IS A LARGE EXpanse OF LAND. AT ONE END OF THIS ACReAGE A LARGE MOTEL IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHILE THE OTHER PORTIONS AWAIT DEVELOPMENT.]

THE TOURIST OR THE RECENTLY ARRIVED NEW DEARBORNITE WHO HAS CHOSEN TO MAKE DEARBORN HIS HOME PROBABLY HAS WONDERED WHAT THE CHOICE LAND MAY HAVE BEEN USED FOR IN PAST YEARS.

THE OLD TIMER HEREABOUTS OR EVEN THE PERSON WHO MOVED HERE THREE YEARS AGO WAS AWARE OF THAT MASSIVE SPRAWLING BRICK SYRUCTURE WHICH WAS LONG A LANDMARK OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THIS LANDMARK, SAINT JOSEPH'S RETREAT, WAS THE OUTGROWTH OF A SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENT NEAR MICHIGAN AVENUE AND GRAND BOULEVARD IN OLD DETROIT. IT CARED FOR MENTAL CASES IN THE BEGINNING AND GRADUALLY BECAME A HOSPITAL. DURING THE CIVIL WAR MANY SOLDIERS RECEIVED TREATMENT AND RECUPERATED THERE.

THE OPERATION OF SAINT JOSEPH'S RETREAT BECAME PROHIBITIVE IN THE 1950'S. IN ADDITION, NEW AND MODERN FACILITIES ELSEWHERE COULD BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PATIENTS. THE BUILDING AND THE LAND WAS SOLD, THE PATIENTS WERE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER FACILITIES AND ONE OF THE OLDEST AND BEST KNOWN BUILDINGS IN DEARBORN WAS RAZED IN THE SPRING OF 1962. NOW, IT IS BUT MEMORIES. SISTER RITA OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WROTE THIS INFORMATIVE ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY OF THE RETREAT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY IN 1960. THE INSTITUTION IS GONE FOREVER BUT IT HAS ETCHED A PLACE FOR ITSELF IN DEARBORN'S HISTORY.]

IN 1845, WHEN THE POPULATION OF DETROIT WAS LESS THAN 20,000, THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDED SAINT VINCENT'S HOSPITAL ON LARNED STREET. FIVE YEARS LATER, THE HOSPITAL WAS MOVED TO CLINTON STREET AND BECAME KNOWN AS SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL. THIS WAS DETROIT'S FIRST HOSPITAL, THE FIRST MILITARY HOSPITAL AND FREE CLINIC IN MICHIGAN, AND THE SECOND IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN ALL OF MICHIGAN THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE HOSPITAL THAT WOULD OPEN ITS DOORS TO THE MENTALLY ILL. SISTER DE SALES TYLER, WITNESSING THE LAMENTABLE CONDITION OF THE INSANE, AND RECOGNIZING THEM AS SICK PEOPLE, DECIDED TO MAKE SOME OF HER HOSPITAL BEDS AVAILABLE FOR THEIR TREATMENT. HOWEVER, THIS ARRANGEMENT PROVED TO HAVE MANY DISADVANTAGES. THE HOSPITAL WAS SMALL AND THE FACILITIES WERE INADEQUATE FOR THE WORK.

THE FRAME HOUSE

SISTER DE SALES HAD SECURED SOME TWENTY ACRES OF LAND IN SPRINGWELLS TOWNSHIP ON MICHIGAN AT 24TH STREET, WEST OF DETROIT, OUTSIDE THE TOLLGATE, FOR PASTURE LAND FOR A FEW COWS IN ORDER TO HAVE A PLENTIFUL SUPPLY OF FRESH MILK FOR THE PATIENTS

AT SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL. SHE NOW DECIDED TO MOVE THESE PATIENTS TO A FRAME HOUSE ON THIS FARM. A FIRE WHICH PRACTICALLY DESTROYED THE HOUSE DELAYED THE MOVE, BUT FINALLY THE FRAME HOUSE WAS ENLARGED, REMODELED AND MADE READY FOR OCCUPANCY.

IT IS RECORDED THAT TWENTY-FOUR SISTERS OF CHARITY FROM SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL, SAINT VINCENT'S ASYLUM AND HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL IN DETROIT WERE PRESENT AT THE MICHIGAN STATE RETREAT ON JANUARY 25, 1860, WHEN BISHOP LEFEVRE OFFERED THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CHAPEL WHICH WAS DEDICATED TO SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL. HE THEN SOLEMNLY DEDICATED THE BUILDING WHICH ON THIS DATE FORMALLY OPENED FOR THE ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS WAS OFFERED A SECOND TIME BY THE VERY REVEREND PETER HERMENT. BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WAS GIVEN FOR THE FIRST TIME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1860, BY REVEREND L. MCQUIRE, A REDEMPTORIST. THE YEAR FOLLOWING, 1861, THERE WAS A SIMILAR CELEBRATION. THE RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP LEFEVRE GRANTED ON JANUARY 25, 1861, THE FAVOR OF HAVING BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ANNUALLY ON THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL TO ALL THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY IN DETROIT, AS ALSO THE FAVOR OF HAVING BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE RETREAT ON ALL SUNDAYS AND HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION.

SISTER THERESA DOBBYN AND SISTER LYDIA MILLER HAD MOVED IN AT SOME PREVIOUS DATE TO HAVE THE HOSPITAL IN READINESS. ACCORDING TO RECORDS IN THE FIRST CASE BOOK, EIGHT PATIENTS WERE ADMITTED ON JANUARY 27, 1860. ACTUALLY, THE ADMISSION BOOK SHOWS THAT A FEW PATIENTS WERE ADMITTED AS EARLY AS 1857, BUT THE NEW INSTITUTION WAS NOT FORMALLY OPENED UNTIL JANUARY 25, 1860.

SISTER DE SALES CONTINUED AS SUPERVISOR OF BOTH HOSPITALS BUT LIVED AT SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL. THE ORIGINAL "CASE BOOK" SHOWS THAT THIRTY-FOUR PATIENTS WERE ADMITTED DURING THE FIRST YEAR. OF THE THIRTY-FOUR PATIENTS ADMITTED, TWELVE WERE DISCHARGED AS RECOVERED OR IMPROVED, FOUR WERE DISCHARGED UNIMPROVED, TWO DIED--ONE OF TYPHOID FEVER, ONE ELOPED AND TWO WERE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER HOSPITALS. THE ABOVE WOULD INDICATE THAT THERE WERE THIRTEEN PATIENTS IN RESIDENCE AT THE CLOSE OF 1860.

TO SISTER DE SALES TYLER THEN GOES THE CREDIT AND THE HONOR OF FOUNDING MICHIGAN'S FIRST PRIVATE HOSPITAL FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, WITHOUT HER INTENDING IT TO BE SO, AND ALL UNAWARE THAT SHE WAS A PIONEER IN THEIR CARE. IMBUED AS SHE WAS WITH THE CHARITY OF JESUS CHRIST, SHE ONLY SEEMED TO "STRETCH OUT HER HAND TO THE NEEDY," AND EMBRACE IN HER COMPASSIONATE LOVE, GOD'S SUFFERING MEMBERS, AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF HER HOLY FOUNDER,

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, WHO EVEN IN THE LATTER HALF OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY HARBORED THOSE, WHO BECAUSE OF THEIR AFFLICTION, SEEMED TO FALL OUTSIDE THE SOLICITUDE OF SOCIETY.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE CIVIL WAR CLAIMED ITS VICTIMS OF SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS, AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTRACTED WITH THE SISTERS FOR THEIR CARE AT SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL. A TEMPORARY BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 130 PATIENTS WAS ERECTED BESIDE SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL. UNCLE SAM WAS GENEROUS IN HIS CONTRACT FOR THE CARE OF HIS FIGHTING SONS, AND THE MONEY RECEIVED FOR THIS SERVICE, OVER AND ABOVE THAT WHICH WAS NEEDED FOR THE CARE OF THE PATIENTS, WAS SET ASIDE AS THE NUCLEUS OF A BUILDING FUND FOR THE RETREAT.

THE BRICK HOUSE

FROM 1860 TO 1870 THE ADMISSIONS CONTINUED AT AN AVERAGE OF TWENTY-FIVE PATIENTS A YEAR, AND ALTHOUGH A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE PATIENTS WERE DISCHARGED, THE HOSPITAL WAS BEGINNING TO ACQUIRE A BACKLOG OF PATIENTS. SPACE WAS ALREADY NEEDED FOR MORE SISTERS WHO WERE BEING ASSIGNED TO THE WORK. ALL IN ALL, THE OLD FRAME BUILDING WAS CROWDED TO ITS LIMIT, AND IN 1870, A FIVE-STORY BRICK BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN FRONT OF THE FRAME HOUSE AT A COST OF TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. THIS BRICK BUILDING WAS COMPLETED DEBT-FREE AND OCCUPIED JULY 19, 1870. IT HAD ROOMS FOR FORTY-FIVE PATIENTS WHICH INCREASED THE CAPACITY OF THE RETREAT TO EIGHTY.

SISTER DE SALES RESIGNED AT THIS TIME FROM SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL AND REMAINED AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE RETREAT. WITH A FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATOR, THE EXPANDING INSTITUTION INCORPORATED UNDER THE NAME OF THE MICHIGAN STATE RETREAT. ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IN THE FILES OF THE RETREAT THIS INCORPORATION WAS UNDER STATE LEGISLATURE "AN ACT FOR THE INCORPORATION OF CHARITABLE SOCIETIES." APPROVED FEBRUARY 6, A.D., 1855, THIS DOCUMENT BEARS THE REVENUE STAMP ISSUED AT THAT TIME AS EVIDENCE OF PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEE. THE SISTERS WHO SIGNED THESE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, DECEMBER 27, 1870, WERE: SARAH TYLER (SISTER DE SALES), MARGARET RIGNEY, LYDIA MILLER, MARY ANN SULLIVAN, AND SARAH MARY CARROLL.

AGAIN THE WORK WAS HAMPERED THROUGH INADEQUATE SPACE AND A \$5000 FRAME ADDITION WAS BUILT ON TO THE BRICK HOUSE IN 1882 WITH ROOMS FOR THIRTY PATIENTS. THIS BUILDING WAS OCCUPIED ON THE FEAST OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, JULY 19, 1882. THE FIRST MASS WAS OFFERED IN IT ON THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALEN, JULY 22, 1882, AND BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH IT WAS FILLED WITH PATIENTS. THE CAPACITY OF THE RETREAT WAS NOW ABOUT 110. ACTUALLY, THE ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS THAT THERE WERE 115 PATIENTS IN RESIDENCE AT THE END OF 1885. THE NUMBER OF SISTERS ON DUTY HAD INCREASED TO FOURTEEN.

THE DREAM HOUSE

TIME HAD NOW PROVED THE NEED AND THE VALUE OF THE WORK. THE SISTERS BEGAN TO DREAM OF A NEW HOSPITAL, A REAL ONE, PLANNED AND BUILT TO MEET THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THEIR PATIENTS.

AS EARLY AS 1874, THE SISTERS REALIZED THAT THE ONCE ISOLATED FARM WOULD BE ENCOMPASSED BY THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING METROPOLIS OF DETROIT. THE POPULATION WHICH WAS 20,000 IN 1885 WAS NOW 100,000, AND IT WAS INCREASING STEADILY.

THIS FACTOR, ALONG WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE HOSPITAL ITSELF, AND THE DECREASING AMOUNT OF LAND FOR FARMING, CAUSE THEM CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE. SO, WITH THE IMMINENT NEED FOR FARM LAND AND AN EYE TO THE FUTURE, A TRACT, ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND, WAS PURCHASED IN RURAL AND ISOLATED DEARBORN FOR THE SUM OF \$20,000*. THE LOCATION WAS PART OF AN AREA FORMERLY KNOWN AS MILITARY RESERVE. ALTHOUGH THE LAND IN SOUTHERN MICHIGAN WAS FLAT AND THE FARM ONLY ABOUT EIGHT MILES FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE RETREAT, IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT OF ACCESS BECAUSE THERE WAS ONLY THE NARROW DIRT PLANK ROAD, OR THE CHICAGO TURNPIKE, AS IT WAS SOMETIMES CALLED. (THIS IS NOW MICHIGAN AVENUE).

THIS LAND WAS PUT TO FARMING IN THE SPRING OF 1876. IT FURNISHED THE RETREAT WITH FRUIT, VEGETABLES, MILK AND BUTTER. BESIDES PROVIDING ALL THE POULTRY NEEDED BY THE RETREAT, 700 DOZEN GRADE "A" EGGS WERE PRODUCED ANNUALLY. ALL THE SURPLUS VEGETABLES WERE SOLD AND BROUGHT IN ABOUT \$500 EACH YEAR.

ON NOVEMBER 29, 1883, THE HOSPITAL WAS RE-INCORPORATED, WITH A LIMITED EXISTENCE OF THIRTY YEARS, AND THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO SAINT JOSEPH'S RETREAT. THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WERE FILED DECEMBER 11, 1883. FOUR ADDITIONAL PURCHASES OF LAND WERE MADE AT DEARBORN BRINGING THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO 140 ACRES, AND THE DREAM HOUSE BEGAN TO TAKE SHAPE IN THE ARCHITECT'S TRACINGS.

BUILDING AT DEARBORN BEGAN AND THE WORK PROGRESSED RAPIDLY. AN IMPRESSIVE CORNERSTONE LAYING TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 1, 1885. THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS WAS OFFERED BY BISHOP BORGESS WHO ARRIVED AT 8:00 A.M., AND REMAINED TO OFFICIATE AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES IN THE AFTERNOON. REVEREND DOCTOR CHARLES REILLY DELIVERED THE ADDRESS. THIRTY-ONE SISTERS OF CHARITY WERE PRESENT.

* IN SEVERAL EARLY HISTORIES, IT IS STATED THAT 5 ACRES OF THE DETROIT LAND WAS EXCHANGED FOR 100 ACRES IN DEARBORN. THERE ARE NO LEGAL DOCUMENTS TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS, BUT IT DOES DESERVE MENTION, BECAUSE OF ITS REPETITION.

IN OCTOBER, 1885, A DETROIT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ENTITLED "A NOBLE INSTITUTE" ADVISED THAT A SPECIAL TRAIN WOULD LEAVE THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL DEPOT AT 2:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 1, 1885, FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONIES AT SAINT JOSEPH'S RETREAT. TICKETS TO DEARBORN AND RETURN WERE ON SALE FOR TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

THERE IS A VERY INTERESTING LETTER WRITTEN TO THE MOTHER PROVINCIAL AT EMMITSBURG, BY SISTER TERENCIA, DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1885, WHICH SAYS IN PART:

"THURSDAY A.M., THE BISHOP AND HIS SECRETARY CAME OUT AT 8 O'CLOCK. THE BLESSING OF THE HOUSE COMMENCED, ASSISTED BY REVEREND FATHER DEMPSEY, FOLLOWED UP BY THIRTY-ONE CORNETTES. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT --DEAR SISTER DE SALES HEADED THE PROCESSION, AFTER WHICH WE ALL WENT TO THE CHAPEL, WHERE THE BISHOP SAID MASS FOR THE FIRST TIME...HOW SUCH A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN SUCH A PLACE AND IN SO SHORT A TIME IS NOT SHORT OF A MIRACLE...SISTER DE SALES, SISTER LYDIA, SISTER LEONARD, SISTER BORGIA AND I REMAINED OUT UNTIL FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO SEE THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS ON THURSDAY NIGHT. THERE WERE OVER 100 LIGHTS. IT LOOKED LIKE A GRAND ILLUMINATION, AND MAKES A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY FROM THE RAILROAD. THE NEXT THING WILL BE THE MOVE, FOR, INDEED, THEY WANT ROOM..."

SISTER DE SALES WAS EIGHTY-FOUR YEARS OLD NOW, AND HER HEALTH WAS FAILING. HER NAME APPEARS FOR THE LAST TIME ON THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MARCH 1886. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SHE STAYED ON, PROBABLY AT THE HOUSE ON MICHIGAN AT 24TH, UNTIL THAT PROPERTY WAS SOLD IN 1887, FOR \$77,500, WHICH AMOUNT WAS ADDED TO THE BUILDING FUND AT DEARBORN. HER ACTIVE LIFE ON THE MISSIONS WAS COMPLETED AND SISTER RETURNED TO THE CENTRAL HOUSE AT EMMITSBURG, WHERE SHE EDIFIED ALL WHO CAME IN CONTACT WITH HER UNTIL HER DEATH IN 1899 AT THE AGE OF NINETY-FIVE. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE RETREAT WAS LEFT IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF SISTER BORGIA FARRELL, WHO RETAINED THAT POSITION FOR THE NEXT THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

ALTHOUGH THE LITHOGRAPHED COPY OF THE ARCHITECT'S ORIGINAL PLANS SHOWS THE HOSPITAL MUCH AS IT LOOKS TODAY, ONLY THE CENTER AND FIRST EAST WING AND DETACHED BOILER HOUSE WERE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER, 1886, WHEN THE SISTERS MOVED IN WITH NINETY-NINE PATIENTS. THE COST WAS ESTIMATED AT \$165,000.

THE HOSPITAL, WHEN COMPLETED, WAS TO ACCOMMODATE 300 PATIENTS, ALL IN PRIVATE ROOMS. A HOME-LIKE ATMOSPHERE WAS EMPHASIZED. THE HOSPITAL WAS FROM THE BEGINNING SELF-SUPPORTING, WITH NO STATE OR COUNTY SUPPORT AND NO ENDOWMENTS OR FUND-

RAISING DRIVES. DOWN THROUGH THE DECADES SINCE 1860, HOWEVER, THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A LARGE COMPLEMENT OF INDIGENT PATIENTS, BUT ALL ENJOY THE SAME ACCOMODATIONS. THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN TREATMENT IS ON THE LEDGER, AND THIS IS CONFIDENTIAL. IT IS RELATED BY A SISTER WHO WORKED MANY YEARS WITH SISTER BORGIA AND WHO KNEW HER WELL, THAT SHE MADE A PROMISE TO CARE ALWAYS FOR THIRTY-THREE INDIGENT PATIENTS DURING HER ADMINISTRATION. RECORDS INDICATE THAT SHE MORE THAN KEPT HER PROMISE AND THIS CHARITY HAS BEEN EMULATED BY HER SUCCESSORS.

THE MODERN GOTHIC STYLE BUILDING WAS UNIQUE IN MANY WAYS. IT WAS BY FAR THE LARGEST BUILDING IN DEARBORN. THE ANNUAL REPORT PROUDLY STATES, "THE BUILDING IS ABSOLUTELY FIRE-PROOF AND THE VENTILATION IS THE MOST PERFECT KNOWN TO MODERN SCIENCE. IT IS FINISHED IN NATURAL WOOD, HEATED BY STEAM AND LIGHTED BY ELECTRICITY. A TELEPHONE IN THE BUILDING AND THE TELEGRAPH SUPPLY COMMUNICATION WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD."

NOT THE LEAST OF THE WONDERS WAS THE WATER SYSTEM. SOFT WATER WAS PUMPED FROM FOUR LARGE CISTERNS TO SEVEN HUGE TANKS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE ATTIC, CONTAINING 440,000 GALLONS OF WATER, WHICH THE PLUMBING SYSTEM CARRIED TO ALL PARTS OF THE HOSPITAL.

THE WATER FOR DRINKING AND COOKING WAS OBTAINED FROM A WELL SUPPLYING AN ABUNDANCE OF PURE WATER. A BRANCH OF THE RIVER ROUGE IN BACK OF THE BUILDING ACTED AS A NATURAL DRAIN. IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1918 THAT WATER AND SEWAGE SERVICES WERE AVAILABLE FROM THE VILLAGE OF DEARBORN.

THE RETREAT COULD BE REACHED BY HORSE CART IN ABOUT FOUR HOURS, ONE WAY FROM DETROIT, BUT THE MOST CONVENIENT AND ECONOMICAL WAY WAS BY THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD. A BROCHURE PUBLISHED AROUND THIS TIME ADVISED THE PUBLIC THAT "FOUR TRAINS GOING WEST AND THE SAME NUMBER GOING EAST STOP AT THE STATION EACH DAY, SUNDAYS EXCEPTED...A CARRIAGE WILL BE SENT TO MEET THE PATIENTS WHEN NOTICE IS GIVEN UPON WHAT TRAIN THEY WILL ARRIVE."

IN 1887, CONSTRUCTION WAS UNDER WAY FOR THE FIRST WEST WING. A LARGE KITCHEN WING WAS ADDED IN 1888 AT A COST OF \$14,000, AND ALSO A SEPARATE LAUNDRY. A MODEL BRICK BARN AND STABLE WERE ERECTED IN 1894 TO HOUSE LIVESTOCK WHICH INCLUDED A HERD OF TWENTY JERSEY COWS. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THIS WAS \$8,000. ALSO IN THIS YEAR OUTDOOR PAVILLIONS WERE ERECTED, ONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE WOMEN AND ONE ON THE WEST FOR THE MEN.

IN 1895 THE CENTER THIRD FLOOR WAS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE AN AMUSEMENT HALL AND IT WAS ALSO FOUND NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE

KITCHEN WING. IN 1896 A SECOND EAST WING WAS CONSTRUCTED AT A COST OF \$53,000.

THE GLOWING ACCOUNTS WRITTEN AT THIS TIME STATE "THE COMPLETENESS OF THE INSTITUTION MAY BE IMAGINED WHEN IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE SUM EXPENDED ON IT HAS AMOUNTED TO LITTLE LESS THAN A MILLION DOLLARS!"

IT WAS IN THE YEAR 1898 THAT SEVEN SISTERS WERE SUMMONED FROM THE RETREAT BY THEIR SUPERIORS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN NURSING THE SICK AND WOUNDED OF THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR. ONE OF THE SEVEN DIED WHILE IN THE SERVICE OF HER COUNTRY.

AN IMPORTANT ADDITION WAS MENTIONED IN THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT BY DOCTORS JOHNSON AND EMERSON: "DURING THE PAST YEAR (1898) AN IMPROVEMENT VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY YOUR PHYSICIANS HAS BEEN THE COMPLETION OF THE DETROIT, YPSILANTI AND ANN ARBOR ELECTRIC ROAD WHICH ENABLES US TO GET TO THE RETREAT AND RETURN TO DETROIT AT OUR CONVENIENCE, INSTEAD OF HAVING TO RISE AT 5:30 A.M. TO CATCH THE MILK-TRAIN".

THIS INTER-URBAN RAILWAY OCCASIONED THE BUILDING IN 1899 OF A "LODGE" AT THE GATE OF THE HOSPITAL, A KIND OF WAITING ROOM FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF VISITORS USING THE CAR. THIS "LODGE" WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED AT A COST OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REMOVED WHEN MICHIGAN AVENUE WAS WIDENED AND PAVED.

A LARGE CHAPEL EXTENDING FROM THE CENTER ON THE SECOND FLOOR WAS ERECTED ALONG WITH A SECOND EAST WING IN 1905 AT A COST OF \$100,000. THE FORMER CHAPEL ON THE THIRD FLOOR CENTER THEN BECAME THE AUDITORIUM. IN 1909 A LARGE GREENHOUSE WAS BUILT AND ALSO A COLD STORAGE PLANT WITH ICE MACHINE WAS PUT INTO OPERATION. THE OLD ICE HOUSE WAS DEMOLISHED.

SMALL ONE-FAMILY HOUSES WERE BUILT FOR THE FARMER, THE ENGINEER AND THE RESIDENT PHYSICIAN. IN ALL THIS BUILDING PROGRAM G. W. LLOYD WAS THE ARCHITECT AND ALEX CHAPOTON THE CONTRACTOR. THE BUSY EXPANSION PERIOD SEEMS TO HAVE ABATED AND THE INSTITUTION TURNED TO PREPARATIONS FOR THE GOLDEN JUBILEE.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE

THERE ARE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WRITTEN IN ANTICIPATION OF THE EVENT GIVING A MORE OR LESS DETAILED HISTORY OF THE HOSPITAL, AND AN ELABORATE BROCHURE COMPLETE WITH PICTURES WAS PREPARED BY THE HOSPITAL FOR THE EVENT WHICH WAS CELEBRATED ON JANUARY 25, 1910. A FEW COPIES OF THE BROCHURE ARE AVAILABLE BUT UNFORTUNATELY NO DESCRIPTION OF THE DAY ITSELF IS EXTANT.

IN THE SOUVENIR BROCHURE, A POIGNANT TRIBUTE IS PAID TO DOCTOR JOHNSON WHO, AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE HAD NOT LIVED TO CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S RETREAT. DOCTOR JUSTIN EMERSON WHO HAD WORKED WITH DOCTOR JOHNSON AT SAINT JOSEPH'S SINCE 1888 AND WHO WROTE THE "REVIEW OF ITS HISTORY AND THE CONDITIONS WHICH LED TO ITS ESTABLISHMENT", SYMPATHIZED WITH THE SISTERS IN THEIR LOSS AND EULOGIZES THE SISTERS THEMSELVES: "TIME WOULD FAIL US TO TELL OF THE DEVOTION AND SELF-SACRIFICING LABORS OF THE NOBLE WOMEN WHO HAVE FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SISTER DE SALES AND HER ASSOCIATES. SURELY THEIR NAMES...ARE WRITTEN IN THE PAGES OF THE BOOK WHEREIN ARE RECORDED ALL THOSE WHO LOVE THEIR FELLOW-MEN. THEIR CONSCIENTIOUS ATTENTION TO EVERY DETAIL IN THE CARE OF THEIR PATIENTS, THEIR CONSECRATION TO THEIR CHOSEN WORK, PATIENT KINDLINESS AND SINCERITY, DUE TO THEIR RELIGIOUS TRAINING, MAKE THEM IDEAL NURSES."

DOCTOR EMERSON GOES ON TO REMIND HIS READERS THAT THE TEACHING OF PINEL HAS BEEN JUSTIFIED IN OUR DAY; THAT LOVE IS THE MASTER KEY THAT OPENS ALL HEARTS. TO OFFSET ANY ILLUSIONS THAT HIS READERS MIGHT HAVE BECAUSE OF THE SUPERB STRUCTURE, DOCTOR EMERSON WARNS THAT "NOT FINE HOSPITALS CURE THE INSANE, SO MUCH AS THE LOVING, SYMPATHETIC SERVICES WHICH USE THEM AS ITS INSTRUMENT." HE CONCLUDES WITH A PRAYER TO THE DIVINE SPIRIT FOR GUIDANCE AS HE PREPARES TO TAKE OVER THE MEDICAL DIRECTION OF THE HOSPITAL.

THE DETROIT JOURNAL WAS LAVISH IN ITS PRAISE OF SISTER BORGIA, SAINT JOSEPH'S ADMINISTRATOR: "SHE HAS NO WORLDLY INTEREST THAT CONCERNS HERSELF; HER INNER LIFE WHICH HER WORKS REFLECT, IS ENVIRONED BY ANOTHER WORLD; SHE IS TRULY AS NEAR CHRIST AS THOSE WHO SAT AT HIS FEET IN ADORATION IN JERUSALEM."

THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATES: "NOT UNTIL THE SISTERS OF CHARITY UNDERTOOK TO CARE FOR THEM WAS DECENT TREATMENT AFFORDED SUFFERERS FROM MENTAL AND NERVOUS AILMENTS IN MICHIGAN.... SISTERS WHO BRAVED THE PERILS OF THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE CIVIL WAR; YOUNGER VETERANS OF THE CAMPAIGN IN CUBA, SURVIVORS OF THE YELLOW FEVER CAMPS, ASSOCIATES OF THOSE WHO HAVE IMMURED THEMSELVES IN THE LEPER COLONY."

1910-1915

SAINT JOSEPH'S RETREAT, A CORPORATION UNDER MICHIGAN LAWS, ACT 262 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1863, WAS DUE TO EXPIRE BY LIMITATION, SO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REQUESTED THAT IT BE EXTENDED BY ANOTHER THIRTY YEARS FROM DECEMBER 1, 1913. THERE WERE THIRTY SISTERS ON DUTY AT THE RETREAT AT THIS TIME.

DEARBORN WAS BEGINNING TO URBANIZE AND IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT SUCH A LARGE TRACT OF LAND AS SAINT JOSEPH'S SHOULD FEEL THE IMPACT AND THE DEMANDS OF SUCH DEVELOPMENT. A RIGHT OF WAY FOR STREET RAILWAY PURPOSES REQUIRING A LITTLE MORE THAN AN ACRE WAS THE FIRST PIECE OF LAND TO BE RELINQUISHED IN MARCH, 1919.

THE WAYNE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WAS PLANNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THOROUGHFARE TO BE KNOWN AS OUTER DRIVE WHICH WOULD CROSS MICHIGAN AVENUE AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE RETREAT. THE AMOUNT OF LAND NEEDED FROM SAINT JOSEPH'S WAS TWELVE ACRES AND THIS SALE WAS NEGOTIATED IN APRIL, 1929.

ANOTHER BUSY BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT PERIOD GOT UNDERWAY AT THE RETREAT IN THE LATE TWENTIES-- A NEW LAUNDRY COMPLETE WITH ALL NEW MACHINERY WAS ERECTED AT A COST OF \$40,000.

WITHIN THE HOSPITAL ITSELF THE PLUMBING WAS REPLACED AND THE LAVATORIES AND BATHROOMS WERE REMODELED.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

ON JANUARY 25, 1935, THE RETREAT WAS PREPARING FOR ITS DIAMOND JUBILEE. AN ACCOUNT OF THE DAY STATES.... "INVITATIONS WERE SENT TO SOME FRIENDS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY, STAFF MEMBERS, BOTH PRESENT AND PAST, AND THE SISTERS OF OUR NEIGHBORING HOUSES TO SPEND THE DAY WITH US."

HIS EXCELLENCY, MICHAEL J. GALLAGHER, HONORED THE OCCASION WITH A PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS AND SERMON. ASSISTING THE BISHOP WERE THE MOST REVEREND MONSIGNOR KAUFMAN, AND REVEREND WILLIAM MURPHY. DINNER WAS SERVED TO THE BISHOP AND TO THIRTY-FIVE GUESTS. SOLEMN BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WAS GIVEN BY MONSIGNOR DOYLE AT 2:30 O'CLOCK.

EACH GUEST WAS PRESENTED WITH A PERPETUAL CALENDAR SOUVENIR. A PHOTOGRAPHER WAS ON HAND TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE CELEBRATION. ALL OF THE PATIENTS WHO WERE ABLE ATTENDED THE MASS, AND A SPECIAL DINNER WAS SERVED ON ALL OF THE HOSPITAL UNITS.

THE BISHOP, IN HIS SERMON, AFTER CITING THE VARIOUS FORMS OF CHARITY TO WHICH THE SISTERS OF CHARITY ARE COMMITTED SAID, "ALL THIS WORK HAS BEEN DONE FOR THREE HUNDRED YEARS BY THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL; BUT I SAY THAT NO WORK IS GREATER THAN THAT DONE BY THE SISTERS IN AN INSTITUTION OF THIS KIND....AS BISHOP OF THIS DIOCESE AND IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE, I WISH TO THANK THE SISTERS FOR THE MAGNIFICENT WORK THEY HAVE DONE.... FOR THE LAST SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS.... I AM GLAD TO BE HERE TO CELEBRATE WITH THEM THIS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THIS NOBLE WORK.... I HOPE AND

PRAY THAT IN THE FUTURE THIS DIOCESE OF OURS WILL GIVE ITS QUOTA OF CONSECRATED WOMEN TO THIS MAGNIFICENT ORDER OF SISTERS OF CHARITY, IN ORDER THAT THE GREAT WORK ESTABLISHED BY THE GREAT SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MAY NOT ONLY BE CARRIED ON IN THE SAME MEASURE BUT INCREASE, THROUGH OUR CHARITY AND THE CONSECRATION OF OUR YOUNG WOMEN, TO EVERY PART OF THE WORLD, AS IT IS TODAY." FOLLOWING HIS SERMON, THE SISTERS AND ALL PRESENT RECEIVED THE APOSTOLIC BENEEDICTION FROM BISHOP GALLAGHER.

1935-1960

EXTENSIVE AND EXPENSIVE FIRE PROTECTION MEASURES WERE INITIATED IN 1937. STAIRWAYS WERE ENCLOSED, STEEL AND GLASS PARTITIONS WERE ERECTED ON THE FOURTH FLOOR. FIRE WALLS WERE INSTALLED ALONG WITH FULL FIRE ALARM SIGNALS AND PATROL SIGNAL. WHEN A FIRE ALARM IS PULLED ANYWHERE IN THE BUILDING, IT REGISTERS SIMULTANEOUSLY ON THE HOSPITAL MASTER PANEL AND AT THE DEARBORN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ON JULY 2, 1942 SAINT JOSEPH'S RETREAT WAS GRANTED PERPETUAL EXISTENCE AS A CORPORATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF SECTION 64, ACT 327, PUBLIC ACT OF 1831 AS AMENDED.

IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUED IN THE 40'S WITH THE SANDBLASTING OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING AND A NEW AND MODERNIZED FRONT ENTRANCE.

NOW THAT DAIRY PRODUCTS AND FOOD STUFFS HAD BECOME AVAILABLE ON THE OPEN MARKET, THE RETREAT WAS LESS DEPENDENT ON ITS FARMLAND. TAXES HAD BECOME A PROBLEM TOO, SINCE ALL THE LAND EXCEPT THAT ON WHICH THE RETREAT WAS SITUATED WAS TAXED. IT SEEMED ADVISABLE THEN FOR THE CORPORATION TO RELEASE A LARGE TRACT OF LAND SOUTH OF THE RETREAT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF MICHIGAN AVENUE. ORIGINALLY THIS AREA WAS TO HAVE BEEN A RECREATION CENTER, BUT THE PROPERTY WAS RE-SOLD AND IT IS NOW THE SITE OF A LARGE, MODERN SHOPPING CENTER KNOWN AS "WESTBORN".

AGAIN IN 1956, BECAUSE OF COMMUNITY EXPANSION, A THIRTY-FIVE ACRE TRACT OF IDLE LAND WAS SOUGHT BY THE DEARBORN BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NOW A LARGE MODERN HIGH SCHOOL WITH ATHLETIC FIELD OCCUPIES THIS AREA ON OUTER DRIVE NORTH OF THE RETREAT.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, ALTHOUGH BY PRESENT DAY STANDARDS, THE RETREAT GROUND SEEM AMAZINGLY SPACIOUS, JUST ABOUT THIRTY-TWO OF THE ORIGINAL 140 ACRES REMAIN.

WITHIN THE RETREAT ITSELF, AS MORE EQUIPMENT, STAFF AND PERSONNEL WERE ADDED TO MEET MODERN CONCEPT OF PATIENT CARE, MORE SPACE WAS NEEDED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES. THIS SITUATION WAS MET BY RE-ALLOCATING AREAS FORMERLY USED AS PATIENTS.

ROOMS. ALTHOUGH THE CAPACITY WAS PLANNED FOR THREE HUNDRED, AND THERE WERE ACTUALLY THREE HUNDRED PATIENTS IN RESIDENCE FOR MANY YEARS, AT PRESENT BECAUSE OF SPACE NEEDS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC EQUIPMENT, BUSINESS OFFICES, RECORD ROOMS, PRIVATE OFFICES, ETC., THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT CAN BE ACCOMMODATED HAS BEEN REDUCED TO 225.

IN THE MIDDLE FIFTIES, THE HOSPITAL EVER CONCERNED FOR THE COMFORT AND SAFETY OF PATIENTS, CONTRACTED FOR AN ENTIRE NEW HEATING SYSTEM AND ADDED FURTHER FIRE PROTECTION BY INSTALLING A COMPLETE \$76,000 SPRINKLER SYSTEM THROUGHOUT EVERY SECTION OF THE BUILDING.

DURING THE ENTIRE SPAN OF ITS EXISTENCE, THE INSTITUTION HAS HAD ONLY FIVE MEDICAL DIRECTORS. THESE WERE: DOCTOR T. J. JOHNSON. 1873-1908, DOCTOR J. E. EMERSON, 1908-1917, DOCTOR DAVID R. CLARK, 1917-1937, DOCTOR RUSSELL T. COSTELLO, 1937-1945, AND DOCTOR MARTIN H. HOFFMAN FROM THAT TIME UNTIL NOW.

THE SEVEN ADMINISTRATORS WHO HAVE PROVIDED A CENTURY OF LEADERSHIP WERE: SISTER DE SALES, 1860-1885, SISTER BORGIA, 1885-1921, SISTER MARIA, 1921-1928, SISTER WINIFRED, 1928-1943, SISTER AUGUSTINE, 1943-1953, SISTER MARTINA, 1953-1958, AND SISTER ANNA MARIE FROM 1958 TO PRESENT.

THE HOSPITAL HAS AN OPEN MEDICAL STAFF OF EIGHTEEN ACTIVE MEMBERS AND A CONSULTANT STAFF OF TWENTY-THREE MEMBERS. IT IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, THE CATHOLIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, THE GREATER DETROIT AREA HOSPITAL COUNCIL, THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION, THE DETROIT ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC HOSPITAL COUNCIL, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS, AND THE CENTRAL NEUROPSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

IT HAS BEEN GRANTED FULL APPROVAL BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HOSPITALS AND HAS FULL APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF NURSING OF MICHIGAN AND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING FOR PSYCHIATRIC AFFILIATION.

PITY THE POOR POSTMASTER

GORDON A. MACDONALD
MAJOR GENERAL, U.S.A. (RETIRED)

[EDITOR'S NOTE: THE LIFE OF THE POSTMAN HAS BEEN ALTERED BEYOND BELIEF IN THE LAST 100 YEARS. IF THE POOR POSTMAN OF YESTERYEAR RETURNED TO HIS OLD WORK WITH THE MODERN 'FLING,' -- SUCH AS AIR MAIL, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, THE ROUTE PUSHMOBILES -- HE PROBABLY WOULD DECLARE, "ISN'T PROGRESS WONDERFUL?"

IN THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE ACCOUNT OF THE RURAL POSTMAN IN PIONEER DEARBORN, WE GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE OLD MAIL CARRIER.

MAJOR GENERAL GORDON A. MACDONALD, THE AUTHOR, WHOSE ORIGINAL HOME WAS A FARM IN ARENAC COUNTY, HAS LIVED IN DETROIT THE PAST 42 YEARS. HE SERVED WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE'S FAMOUS 32ND DIVISION IN FRANCE DURING WORLD WAR I. IN WORLD WAR II HE WAS AN ARTILLERY COLONEL WITH HEAD-QUARTERS -- VIII CORPS IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS. IN 1958 HE ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD'S 46TH DIVISION.

GENERAL MACDONALD HAS HAD 40 YEARS OF SERVICE IN ADVERTISING INCLUDING 36 YEARS WITH R. L. POLK COMPANY. RECENTLY RETIRED, HE HAS OFFERED TO WRITE A NUMBER OF ARTICLES FOR THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL MUSEUM FROM HIS PERSONAL RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE.]

WHEN THORNBY E. SCHOOLER WAS APPOINTED THE FIRST POSTMASTER OF DEARBORNVILLE ON NOVEMBER 1, 1831, HE FOUND HE COULD OFFER HIS PATRONS A POSTAL SERVICE THAT WAS REMARKABLY EFFICIENT FOR THE TIMES.

POST ROADS WERE OPEN TO SAGINAW, ANN ARBOR, AND FORT GRATIOT AND TO MT. CLEMENS BY WAY OF PONTIAC, WITH ONCE-A-WEEK SERVICE REASONABLY ASSURED. STAGES WERE RUNNING REGULARLY TO POINTS IN OHIO. MAILS ARRIVED DAILY IN DETROIT FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH. LETTERS TOOK LITTLE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS TO REACH NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, ANY MAIL BOUND FOR THE UPPER GREAT LAKES AND THE NORTHWEST MOVED ONLY DURING THE SEASON OF NAVIGATION AND THEN ON A HAPHAZARD BASIS.

ALTHOUGH DEARBORNVILLE DID NOT ACTUALLY BECOME A VILLAGE UNTIL MARCH 19, 1833, THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN KNOWN BY THAT NAME FOR SOME TIME. POST OFFICES WERE OFTEN ESTABLISHED IN UNORGANIZED COMMUNITIES IF A NEED FOR POSTAL SERVICE WAS INDICATED AND REQUESTED. ACCORDING TO POST OFFICE RECORDS, SCHOOLER KEPT THE JOB UNTIL JUNE 25, 1834, WHEN HE WAS SUCCEEDED BY CYRUS HOWARD, A BROTHER OF LIEUTENANT JOSHUA HOWARD, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SURVEYING AND CONSTRUCTING THE UNITED STATES ARSENAL AT DEARBORNVILLE.

BESIDES BEING A CAPABLE ENGINEER, LIEUTENANT HOWARD HAD A KEEN EYE FOR BUSINESS BECAUSE HE PURCHASED A 43½ ACRE PARCEL OF LAND DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE ARSENAL SITE FOR \$227.95 AND THEN HAD IT SURVEYED INTO TOWN LOTS, STREETS, AND ALLEYS. ON MARCH 19, 1833, THE TOWNSITE WAS REGISTERED AND FILED AS THE VILLAGE OF DEARBORNVILLE, BY WHICH NAME IT WAS KNOWN UNTIL 1875.

PARTNERS JOHN NOBLE AND ELLIOTT GREY PROMPTLY ERECTED A BUILDING IN THE NEW VILLAGE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CHICAGO ROAD AND CENTER STREET (NOW MICHIGAN AND MONROE) AND OPENED A GENERAL STORE TO HANDLE THE TRADE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF MEN EMPLOYED IN BUILDING THE ARSENAL.

POSTMASTER SCHOOLER MUST HAVE BEEN OPERATING THE POST OFFICE FROM HIS DWELLING UP TO THIS TIME BUT HE MOVED IN WITH NOBLE AND GREY WHEN THE STORE OPENED AND THERE HE CONTINUED TO FUNCTION FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TERM. HIS SUCCESSOR, CYRUS HOWARD, CONTINUED IN THE SAME PLACE FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS. DURING THIS PERIOD, HE PURCHASED THE STORE BUSINESS AND COMBINED IT WITH HIS FUNCTION AS POSTMASTER. WHEN HE SOLD THE STORE, HE TRANSFERRED THE POST OFFICE TO HIS HOME FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TERM WHICH ENDED ON AUGUST 15, 1846. THIS WAS A CONVENIENT ARRANGEMENT FOR EVERYONE BECAUSE SOME MEMBER OF THE FAMILY WAS USUALLY ON HAND TO RECEIVE OR DELIVER MAIL EVEN THOUGH THE POSTMASTER WAS ABSENT AT OTHER WORK. LOCATION OF THE POST OFFICE IN A STORE ATTRACTED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EXTRA TRADE BECAUSE PEOPLE HAD TO COME TO THE POST OFFICE IF THEY INTENDED TO SEND OR RECEIVE A LETTER. CARRIER AND RURAL FREE DELIVERY WERE STILL FAR IN THE FUTURE AND, BESIDES, THE POST OFFICE WAS A HANDY GATHERING PLACE WHEREIN TO PICK UP THE LATEST NEWS, RUMORS, AND NEIGHBORHOOD GOSSIP.

POSTMASTER SCHOOLER'S JOB COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE, FINANCIALLY OR OTHERWISE. ACCORDING TO POSTAL RECORDS OF 1820, THE AVERAGE AMOUNT PAID TO POSTMASTERS IN THE UNITED STATES WAS ABOUT \$78 A YEAR. FURTHERMORE, POSTAL RATES AND REGULATIONS WERE LOADED WITH BUILT-IN DISPUTES WITH THE PATRONS OF THE SYSTEM. STAMPS FOR PREPAYMENT OF POSTAGE WERE NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL 1847 AND EVEN THEN, PREPAYMENT OF ALL MAIL WAS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL 1856. ENVELOPES WERE STILL TO COME; THE CLOSELY WRITTEN SHEET OF PAPER WAS SIMPLY FOLDED, SEALED, AND ADDRESSED.

POSTAGE RATES WERE BASED STRICTLY ON MILEAGE AND THE DISTANCE WAS MEASURED ALONG THE ROUTE OF THE CARRIER RATHER THAN AS THE CROW FLIES. THE HARD-PRESSED POSTMASTER HAD TO COMBINE THE SKILLS OF THE GEOGRAPHER AND THE MATHEMATICIAN WITH THE JUDGMENT OF A SOLOMON.

IN 1837, THE RATES FOR A SINGLE LETTER STARTED AT $6\frac{1}{4}$ CENTS FOR THE FIRST 30 MILES; 10 CENTS FOR 30 TO 80 MILES; $12\frac{1}{2}$ CENTS FOR 80 TO 150; $18\frac{3}{4}$ CENTS FOR 150 TO 400; AND 25 CENTS FOR 400 MILES OR OVER. MAKING CHANGE MUST HAVE TAXED THE INGENUITY OF THE POSTMASTER. THE SINGLE-SHEET LETTER RATE DOUBLED, TRIPLED, OR QUADRUPLD FOR TWO-, THREE-, OR FOUR-SHEET LETTERS. A LENGTHY LETTER TO THE FOLKS BACK EAST COULD COST AS MUCH AS \$1 AND THAT WAS A DAY'S WAGES FOR A WORKING MAN. PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS COST ONE CENT A SHEET UP TO 100 MILES.

THE DISPATCH OF A LETTER WAS NOT A MATTER TO BE LIGHTLY UNDERTAKEN. MANY LETTERS OF THE TIMES WERE FIRST WRITTEN HORIZONTALLY AND THEN OVER-WRITTEN VERTICALLY. THE POSTMASTER WAS ALERT TO CLAIM DOUBLE OR TRIPLE LETTER IF THE WRITER ATTEMPTED TO "GET-BY" WITH AN UNUSUALLY LARGE SHEET OF PAPER. HIS DECISION WAS FINAL.

NEWSPAPERS ENJOYED A PREFERENTIAL RATE AND WERE CARRIED FOR ONE CENT ANYWHERE IN THE STATE IN WHICH THEY WERE PRINTED. PEOPLE LIVING OUT IN THE WILDERNESS SELDOM GOT TO TOWN AND TO THE POST OFFICE AND ONE OF THE MOST COMMON HEADACHES FOR THE POSTMASTER, WAS AN ACCUMULATION OF UNDELIVERED LETTERS ON WHICH A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF POSTAGE WAS DUE. NEWSPAPERS SOMETIMES HELPED OUT BY PRINTING THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HAD MAIL AWAITING THEM. THE POSTMASTER HIMSELF MIGHT RELIEVE HIS BACKLOG OF UNDELIVERABLES BY MAKING SOME SPECIAL DELIVERIES ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO HIS NEIGHBORS IN THIS WAY WHILE HE WAS STOREKEEPER-POSTMASTER.

BEFORE THE COMING OF THE RAILROADS, MAIL ROUTES WERE COVERED INITIALLY BY RIDERS IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS THE PONY EXPRESS OF LATER DAYS. AS THE ROADS IMPROVED AND THE VOLUME OF MAIL INCREASED, CARRYING THE MAILS WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES.

ON JUNE 20, 1831, THE POSTMASTER AT DETROIT SOUGHT BIDS FOR ESTABLISHING A WEEKLY POSTAL ROUTE FROM DETROIT BY WAY OF SPRINGWELLS, BUCKLIN (DEARBORN), NANKIN, PLYMOUTH, BORODINO, AND DIXBORO TO ANN ARBOR. THE 42-MILE TRIP WAS TO BE MADE IN 13 HOURS...WEATHER PERMITTING.

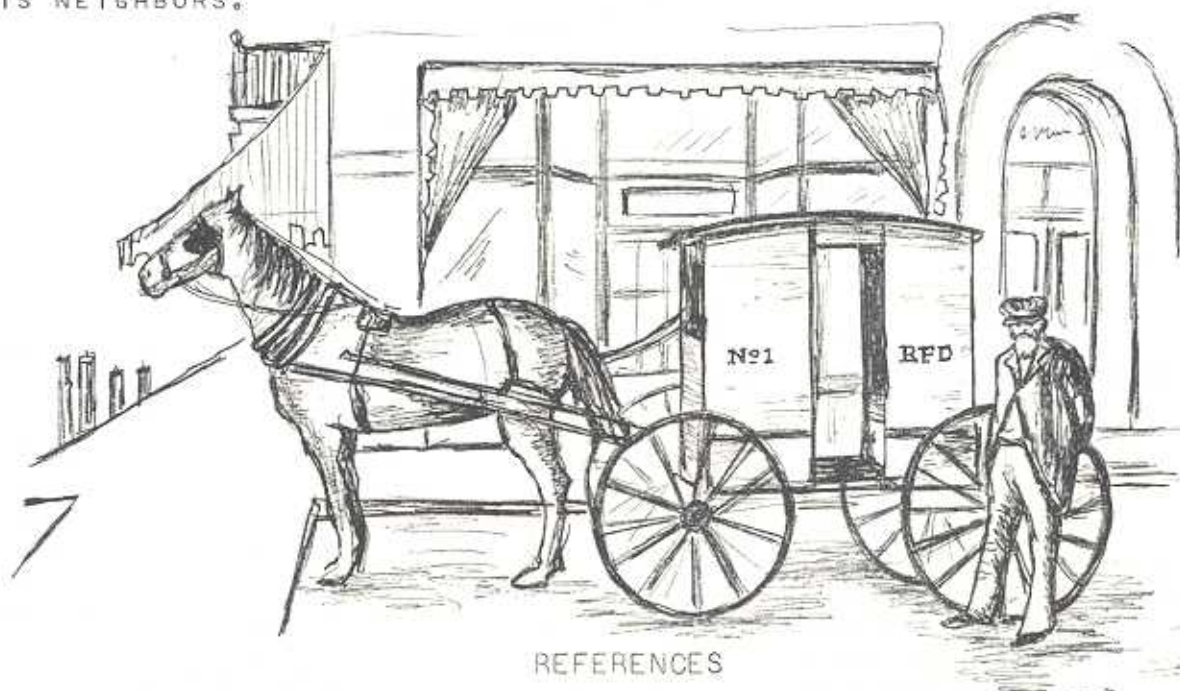
A YEAR LATER, SIMILAR BIDS WERE SOUGHT ON A MAIL ROUTE TO BE EXTENDED ALL THE WAY TO CHICAGO, THREE TIMES A WEEK. FOUR-HORSE POST COACHES WERE TO BE USED FROM DETROIT TO NILES WHILE THE NILES-CHICAGO END OF THE ROUTE WOULD BE HANDLED BY BOAT. THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR THE 55-MILE RUN TO TECUMSEH WAS 14 HOURS.

A NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT OF JANUARY 1832, STATED THAT ANN ARBOR MAIL WOULD ARRIVE AT DEARBORNVILLE EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

CYRUS HOWARD'S SUCCESSOR AS POSTMASTER, THOMAS M. SWEENEY, HELD THE JOB FOR ONLY FOUR MONTHS. DAVID ALLEN FOLLOWED HIM WITH A THREE-YEAR TENURE AND, A FEW YEARS LATER, WITH ONE OF FOUR YEARS. HOWEVER, EDWARD C. HOWARD SEEMS TO HAVE SET SOME SORT OF A RECORD WITH 4 NON-CONSECUTIVE TERMS TOTALING ABOUT TEN YEARS. HIS FIRST APPOINTMENT WAS IN 1849 AND HIS LAST IN 1869. THE NAME OF THE POST OFFICE AT DEARBORNVILLE WAS CHANGED TO DEARBORN ON MAY 28, 1875 AND THE INCUMBENT POSTMASTER, JOHN M. FARLAND, WAS REAPPOINTED TO SERVE UNTIL 1885.

THE INTRODUCTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS IN 5 AND 10 CENT DENOMINATIONS IN 1847 TOOK SOME OF THE LOAD OFF THE LONG-SUFFERING POSTMASTER. THE COMPLICATED AND CONTROVERSIAL RATE AND DISTANCE SYSTEM WENT OUT OF EXISTENCE IN 1851 WHEN THE LETTER RATE WAS REDUCED TO THREE CENTS FOR DISTANCES UP TO 3,000 MILES AND EVEN THIS MILEAGE LIMIT WAS LIFTED IN 1863. LOWER RATES, ALONG WITH IMPROVED MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION, BROUGHT A TREMENDOUSLY INCREASED VOLUME OF MAIL. WITH IT CAME INCREASED STATUS AND FINANCIAL REWARD FOR THE POSTMASTER.

BUT THE FARMER AND VILLAGER CONTINUED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE POST OFFICE TO AWAIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF MAIL FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. NOT UNTIL 1896 WAS RURAL FREE DELIVERY ESTABLISHED TO BRING THE ISOLATED FARMER OR RANCHER INTO CLOSER CONTACT WITH HIS NEIGHBORS.



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NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM

NEW COMMISSIONERS. IN APRIL MAYOR ORVILLE L. HUBBARD ANNOUNCED THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION HAD EXPANDED FROM SEVEN TO NINE MEMBERS WITH THE APPOINTMENTS OF MRS. MAURICE (CATHERINE MAUDE) MILLS AND MR. MORTON S. HILBERT. MAYOR HUBBARD, THE CITY COUNCIL, AND THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION FELT THE ADDITION OF TWO COMMISSIONERS WOULD HELP MEET THE EXPANDING WORK AND GOALS OF THE COMMISSION.

MRS. MAURICE (C. MAUDE) MILLS:

MRS. MILLS IS DISTRICT FINE GOVERNOR OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL, A PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE MUSEUM GUILD OF DEARBORN, AND A PROMINENT CIVIC LEADER. IN THE PAST SHE HAS ENGAGED IN HISTORICAL RESEARCH, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

DURING WORLD WAR II, MRS. MILLS WAS CHAIRMAN OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S BLOOD BANK PROGRAM. SINCE 1951 SHE HAS SERVED AS A DIRECTOR OF THE DEARBORN YWCA, AND SHE MAINTAINS MEMBERSHIP ON THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND IN CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

A NATIVE OF OSWESTRY, ENGLAND, MRS. MILLS CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WITH HER PARENTS AND BROTHER EARLY IN LIFE AND RESIDED IN SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. BY THE TIME SHE GREW UP, COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, AND ENTERED SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, HER FAMILY HAD GROWN TO ELEVEN CHILDREN, ONE GIRL AND TEN BOYS.

IN 1928, MRS. MILLS AND HER HUSBAND CAME TO DEARBORN. MR. MILLS IS AN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER FOR THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY. THE MILLS HAVE TWO CHILDREN, MAUREEN AND HERBERT.

MORTON S. HILBERT:

MR. HILBERT COMES TO THE COMMISSION WITH A VAST AND DIVERSIFIED BACKGROUND. HE IS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND CONSULTANT IN THE DUAL FIELDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CIVIL ENGINEERING. IN ADDITION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN POSITION AT ANN ARBOR, MR. HILBERT IS A LECTURER AT MERCY COLLEGE AND HAS BEEN CONSULTANT TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS HEALTH DEPARTMENT SINCE 1962. EARLIER HE SERVED AS AN ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

A FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HILBERT ALSO INSTRUCTED AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY.

A NATIVE OF CALIFORNIA AND A GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA'S SCHOOL OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, HE ASSUMED POSITIONS WITH MICHIGAN'S BARRY AND CHIPPEWA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN THE EARLY 1940'S.

AFTER RECEIVING HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IN 1946, COMMISSIONER HILBERT SERVED TERMS AS PRESIDENT OF BOTH THE MICHIGAN HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION.

AT PRESENT HILBERT IS CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF DETROIT, DIRECTOR FOR THE WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC AND DETROIT'S FORUM FOR METROPOLITAN GOALS, AND IS A MEMBER OF DEARBORN'S SCHOOL NEEDS COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION THE NEW COMMISSIONER IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE CITY'S HOUSING AND CIVIC CENTER COMMISSIONS, AND PAST PRESIDENT OF BOTH THE DEARBORN LIONS AND EXCHANGE CLUBS. MR. HILBERT AND HIS WIFE, DORIS, HAVE BEEN DEARBORN RESIDENTS FOR 20 YEARS. THEY HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS, KATHLEEN, 15, AND BARBARA, 10.

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NEW MUSEUM HOURS. IN ORDER TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF DEARBORN CITIZENS, AS WELL AS OUTSIDE VISITORS WHO VISIT THE COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS AND THE McFADDEN-ROSS HOUSE, THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL MUSEUM IS CHANGING ITS HOURS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1964. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A NUMBER OF SUNDAYS A FEW YEARS AGO, THE MUSEUM HOURS HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR MANY YEARS.

THE NEW SCHEDULE FOR BOTH BUILDINGS IS:

SUNDAYS : 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.;
MONDAYS : CLOSED EXCEPT FOR PREARRANGED TOURS
OR LECTURES;
TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS: 10:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.;
SATURDAYS: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

THE CHANGE OF HOURS FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. AND THE CLOSING TIME OF 6:30 P.M. INSTEAD OF 5:00 P.M. ALLOWS MORE VISITORS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE BUILDINGS WITHOUT EXPANDING THE ACTUAL OPEN HOURS DURING THE DAY. THE SATURDAY HOURS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR MOST MUSEUMS TO CLOSE ONE DAY OF THE WEEK IN ORDER TO MAKE REPAIRS, INSTALL NEW EXHIBITS, OR MAKE OTHER CHANGES OR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS. MONDAY IS A GOOD TIME TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. HOWEVER, SCHOOL GROUPS AND OTHER GROUPS DESIRING TO SCHEDULE TOURS, LECTURES, OR SPECIAL PROGRAMS MAY DO SO ON MONDAYS BY APPOINTMENT.

THE MUSEUM OFFICES AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT'S BUSINESS HOURS REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M., MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS. PEOPLE WISHING TO DO RESEARCH OR IN OTHER WAYS MAKE USE OF THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVAL MATERIALS MAY DO SO DURING THESE HOURS, AND THEY MAY COME AT OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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8TH ANNUAL MUSEUM FAIR. THE MUSEUM FAIR WAS HELD ON THE PREMISES OF THE McFADDEN-ROSS HOUSE ON A BEAUTIFUL BUT VERY WARM DAY, MAY 23. THE BIG EVENT AGAIN THIS YEAR WAS THE "MOCK CIVIL WAR ENCOUNTER." WE ARE NOT QUITE SURE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE SOUTH OR THE NORTH WAS VICTORIOUS. HOWEVER, EVERYBODY ENJOYED THEMSELVES. MANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THE MUSEUM GUILD OF DEARBORN HAD DEMONSTRATIONS, SOLD ITEMS OR PLANNED OTHER EVENTS.

MAY WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE MANY PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HELPED MAKE THE FAIR POSSIBLE.

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CIVIL WAR MARKER DEDICATION. THE HISTORICAL MARKER CEREMONY WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 22, HERITAGE DAY, AT THE COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. IT WILL BE PUBLICLY DEDICATED AND UNVEILED ON VETERAN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1964. WATCH FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

THE MARKER WILL HONOR THE UNITS OF MEN WHO TRAINED OR ASSEMBLED AT THE OLD ARSENAL HERE BACK IN THE 1860'S. TODAY THE COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS IS A LIVING MEMORIAL OF THE OLD ARSENAL WHICH WAS IN USE FROM 1833 TO 1875, AND WHICH PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE PIONEER DAYS OF DEARBORNVILLE.

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SILVER TEA SERVICE. IN APRIL THE ZONTA CLUB OF DEARBORN, ONE OF THE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MUSEUM GUILD OF DEARBORN, PRESENTED TO THE MUSEUM A BEAUTIFUL TEA AND COFFEE SERVICE WHICH INCLUDED AN APPROPRIATE INSCRIPTION ON THE TRAY. THE ZONTIONS PRESENTED THE SERVICE TO THE MUSEUM AS AN EXPRESSION OF THEIR INTEREST AND APPRECIATION OF THE MUSEUM WORK. THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND MUSEUM WERE PROUD TO ACCEPT THIS ATTRACTIVE AND USEFUL GIFT.

V.M.C.C.A. PRESENTS COFFEE MAKER. THE VETERAN MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA, ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MUSEUM GUILD OF DEARBORN, PRESENTED A FINE 55-CUP COFFEE MAKER TO THE MUSEUM

AT ITS MAY MEETING. THE OLD URN HAD SEEN BETTER DAYS AND THE MUSEUM WAS DELIGHTED WITH THIS GIFT. NOW, THE PLEASANT HOURS UNIT, THE VARIOUS GUILD GROUPS, THE COMMISSION AND OTHER GROUPS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY MORE AND BETTER COFFEE. MANY THANKS TO THE V.M.C.C.A.

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JUNIOR HISTORIANS. THE JUNIOR HISTORIANS, A GROUP OF 10 TO 15 YEAR OLD YOUNGSTERS INTERESTED IN MUSEUM WORK, HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO THE MUSEUM. IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULAR PROJECTS, SEVERAL TOURS TO HISTORIC PLACES IN THE AREA AND THEIR BUSINESS MEETINGS, A NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS HAVE COME INTO THE MUSEUM TO WORK MANY HOURS THIS SUMMER. THE GROUP NORMALLY IS NOT ACTIVE FROM JUNE THROUGH AUGUST. HOWEVER, SEVERAL FELLOWS, INCLUDING LAURIE DOTTE, JOHN HOPKINSON, DON YUVAN, MIKE NINI, AND JIM HESTICK HAVE WORKED ON THE LAWNS, HELPED ON THE RESTORATION OF BUGGIES, RUN ERRANDS, AND HAVE HELPED WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER TASKS. THE REGULAR HISTORIAN WORK WILL COMMENCE AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER.

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HARRY MOLEMAKERS MARRIED 50 YEARS. ON JUNE 24, 1964, THE MUSEUM STAFF SURPRISED MR. & MRS. HARRY MOLEMAKER ON THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH A BRIEF PARTY - INCLUDING A MOCK WEDDING AT THE MUSEUM. MR. MOLEMAKER, MUSEUM CRAFTSMAN SINCE 1953, HAS BEEN ON THE STAFF LONGER THAN ANY OTHER MEMBER. AURELIA BARNES AND FRED DAPPRICH OF THE STAFF WERE THE BRIDE AND GROOM AND THEY WORE AUTHENTIC COSTUMES FROM THE LARGE COLLECTION AT THE MUSEUM. THE MOLEMAKERS WERE QUITE PLEASED WITH THE PROGRAM.

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MARCELLA WHIMS RESIGNS. MRS. MARCELLA WHIMS, WHO HAD BEEN A PART TIME TYPIST IN THE RESEARCH OFFICE SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE FORD CENTENNIAL DAYS DURING THE SUMMER OF 1963, HAS RESIGNED. SHE ASSUMED FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THIS AREA. ORIGINALLY, MRS. WHIMS CAME TO THE MUSEUM AS THE HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL SECRETARY FOR IRIS BECKER. THEN, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THOSE MEMORABLE DAYS, SHE AGREED TO STAY ON THE STAFF IN THE RESEARCH OFFICE. WE WISH HER WELL IN THE FUTURE.

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"HISTORYMOBILE" COMES TO DEARBORN. THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL MUSEUM IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL HAVE THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION MUSEUM'S HISTORYMOBILE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS JULY 14 THROUGH JULY 19, 1964. THE

HISTORYMOBILE REPRESENTS A COOPERATIVE EFFORT ON THE PART OF 14 MUSEUMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. THE NINETEEN EXHIBITS PORTRAY THE HISTORY OF MICHIGAN FROM EARLIEST TIMES TO THE PRESENT.

THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL MUSEUM HAS CONTRIBUTED TWO OF THE EXHIBITS. ONE CONCERNS MICHIGAN BECOMING A STATE AND THE OTHER IS A THREE-FOLD SUBJECT COVERING THE FIRST WORLD WAR; THE PROSPEROUS 1920'S; AND THE DEPRESSION OF THE 1930'S. VOLUNTEERS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVE AS HOSTS AND HOSTESSES. THE HISTORYMOBILE MAY BE SEEN WITHOUT CHARGE. ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT-INCLUDING THE TRUCK AND 54-FOOT TRAILER WERE GIFTS FROM MICHIGAN BUSINESSES AROUND THE STATE.

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NEWS FROM THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THE ANNUAL OLD TIMER'S LUNCHEON, CO-SPONSORED BY THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE DEARBORN HISTORICAL COMMISSION HELD AT EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ON MAY 16, WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL GATHERING THIS YEAR. APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING MANY LONG TIME RESIDENTS OF DEARBORN NOW OR IN THE PAST. IN ADDITION TO THE SPLENDID POT LUCK DINNER, SPECIAL GUESTS WERE INTRODUCED AND A NUMBER OF SOCIETY MEMBERS EXPRESSED WORDS OF WELCOME. MR. C. KING BORING REPRESENTED MAYOR ORVILLE L. HUBBARD WITH OFFICIAL GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FROM THE CITY. THE MAIN HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WAS THE OLD ONE ROOM SCHOOL SKIT APTLY CALLED "THIS WAS THE SCHOOL THAT WAS." IRIS BECKER AS THE CONGENIAL SCHOOL TEACHER, REKINDLED MEMORIES OF ANOTHER ERA AS SHE BROUGHT BACK AN OLD FASHIONED "SCHOOL DAYS" ATMOSPHERE.



A VIEW OF THE 54 FOOT HISTORYMOBILE WHICH IS TRAVELING AROUND OUR STATE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

MUSEUM NEEDS

ITEMS IN GOOD USABLE CONDITION:

ARTIFACTS: AMERICAN INDIAN.

COSTUMES: CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES.
MEN'S BUSINESS AND WORK SUITS AND ACCESSORIES,
PRIOR TO 1930.

FURNITURE: OFFICE FURNITURE PRIOR TO 1875.
1920'S AND 1930'S FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES.

GUNS: WORLD WAR I ENFIELD AND SPRINGFIELD WITH
BAYONETS.

HOUSEHOLD: GLASS AND CHINA.
OLD PRINTS AND PAINTINGS.

PHOTOS: INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR VIEWS OF ARSENAL BUILDINGS
WHEN AND AFTER USED AS PART OF THE ARSENAL.

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"OUR TIMES" BY MARK SULLIVAN - 6 VOLUMES.
BOOKS PRIOR TO 1875 (OLD BINDINGS).

RUGS: BRAIDED, RAG, AND HOOKED.

TOYS: DOLLS:- SHIRLEY TEMPLE AND ALL TYPES.
EARLY TOYS (IRON, CAST-IRON AND TIN).

KINDLY DELIVER DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM OFFICE, 915 BRADY
OR IF PICK-UP IS DESIRED PLEASE PHONE 274-3170.

ACCESSIONS: JANUARY -- JUNE, 1964

DEARBORN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7 BONDS, FROM MR. OAKLEY W. BEST.

A LUMBERMAN'S SAW AND CHILD'S SLED FROM MR. JOHN BEEKER.

A COLLECTION OF WOODWORKING TOOLS FROM MR. JOHN J. KRIMMEL.

A HISTORY OF DEARBORN BY AND FROM MR. PAUL D. ANDERSON.

CIVIC CENTER OPENING NEWSPAPER RELEASES AND PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CITY OF DEARBORN.

BOOKS, FAMILY RECORDS, MAPS AND PHOTO FROM MRS. WALTER GRIFFITH.

TWO 1900 SCHOOL DESKS FROM MRS. DON FLOYD.

AN ORNATE EARLY VALENTINE FROM MRS. GEORGE BOOTH.

1916 KNICKERS AND WOOL SHAWL FROM MR. & MRS. JOHN FRAZIER.

WORLD WAR I PUTTEES FROM MRS. RAYMOND A. SMITH.

A CIVIL WAR SWORD FROM MR. LAWRENCE RAYMOND LOCKWOOD.

CLARENCE DOYLE'S ELECTION POSTER FOR COUNCILMAN AND A BOOK ON HENRY FORD SCHOOL (1933-34) FROM MRS. VIRGINIA RIKER.

A COLLECTION OF DEARBORN PHOTOS (1925-27), MANUSCRIPT AND ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIAL FROM REVEREND J. C. BREUNINGER.

A SIMPLEX GAS MANGLE (1900) FROM MR. BENJAMIN B. LIEBERMAN.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF DEARBORN PLACES AND EVENTS FROM MR. HOWARD E. BROOKS.

A 1900 LYON & HEALY MANDOLIN FROM MR. RICHARD W. LAMBRECHT.

A CHRISTENING DRESS, FAMILY BIBLE, BOOK ON AMERICAN GLASS, AND TWO GLASS BOTTLES FROM MRS. ROBERT (MONA) CURTIS.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH MATERIAL AND PAPERS ON THE HISTORY OF THE MUSEUM FROM MISS IVADEL MOORE.

A CHILD'S SILK DRESS FROM MRS. ROBERT G. WARNER.

A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE DONOR FROM MR. DONALD BAUT.

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL SCRAPBOOK ON THE FORD TRI-MOTOR AND AVIATION FROM MR. RICHARD L. HAGELTHORN.

A COLLECTION OF MATERIAL ON THE YWCA AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS FROM MRS. H. REX WADDELL.

"CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DETROIT" (1802-1805) AND "JOURNAL OF JOSEPH VALPEY, JR." (1813) FROM MRS. KINGSLEY R. MACGUFFEY.

ISSUES OF "MICHIGAN HISTORY" AND INDEXES FROM MISS KATHLEEN PARR. (IN RESPONSE TO 'MUSEUM NEEDS').

"MICHIGAN HISTORY" INDEXES FROM MR. KARL PARCHERT.

MAPS, PERIODICALS, REPRINTS, PAMPHLETS, BOOKS, PICTURES, CARDS, MANUSCRIPT AND ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIAL FROM MR. FLOYD L. HAIGHT.

WORLD WAR I ARMY UNIFORM FROM MR. CLARE A. ENGLISH.

CHILD'S 1850 SHOES, TIN TYPES AND ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIAL FROM MRS. CARL R. (MARY) STEWART.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S CALLING CARD AND COPY OF HIS LETTER TO A COUSIN (1885) FROM MRS. F. W. SCHOEW, JR.

MAPLES SCHOOL BROCHURE FROM MR. RAYMOND E. GOOD, PRINCIPAL.

A HISTORY AND PHOTO OF THE CHARLES A. LINDBERGH SCHOOL FROM MR. HAROLD F. MYLER, PRINCIPAL.

SALISBURY SCHOOL BROCHURES AND AN ARTICLE ON RAY ADAMS' ACTIVITIES WHILE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT FROM MR. C. EDWARD GRIPTON, PRINCIPAL.

COPY OF ABSTRACT OF TITLE (1832) AND A MAGIC LANTERN WITH COLORED SLIDES OF ABOUT 1907 FROM MISS MILDRED CRONOGUE.

A DUNTLEY PNEUMATIC CARPET SWEEPER OF ABOUT 1915 FROM MR. WALTER GOLBA.

COPIES OF CONSOLIDATION SPEECHES, FRAMED PHOTO OF FORD AIRPORT (1926), FRAMED PHOTO OF DONOR OF ABOUT 1960 FROM MR. JOSEPH KARMANN.

A SOUVENIR CIVIL WAR BULLET FROM MRS. RUBY J. DICKIESON.

AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF LAIDES AND GENTLEMENS COSTUMES, AND ACCESSORIES (1920-1945), DEARBORN PHOTOS AND 1942 RECREATION DEPARTMENT MEDALS FROM MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. SHOENS.

PRINTS, CLIPPINGS, BOOKLETS, CARDS, SCHOOL SLATE, LAP BOARD, TOYS, QUILTS, MILITARY ITEMS, KITCHEN UTENSILS AND EXHIBIT MATERIAL FROM MR. AND MRS. HUGH E. WARD.

TWO COMPOSITION 1920 DOLL HEADS FROM MISS MARLENE COUDRET.

A 1928 MICROPHONE FROM MR. RALPH P. THETREAU, W8FX.

A 1933 "DETROLA" RADIO FROM MR. FRANK BAUT.

EVENING BAG, PURSE AND NECLAGE FROM MISS DOLORES WESTON.

1963 AND 1964 YEARBOOKS FROM DIVINE CHILD HIGH SCHOOL

A COPPER FRIENDSHIP LAMP FROM MRS. MAUDE E. PERT.

1916 PHOTOGRAPHS, 1928 TUXEDO, 200 FAMOUS SCENES, ALMANACS, AND BOOKS FROM MR. AND MRS. GROVER C. AUTEN.

FORD SHIP PLANT PANORAMA EXHIBIT PANEL FROM MR. ROBERT E. LEE, CURATOR, DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM.

CIVIL WAR CHEST, MONEY, PAPERS, CLIPPINGS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MRS. FLORENCE B. KINGINGER.

WORLD WAR I ARMY HAT FROM ROY W. HESS.

WORLD WAR II AIR FORCE UNIFORM FROM MR. ARTHUR JEFFERSON.

WORLD WAR II AIR FORCE JACKET FROM MR. EARL LOCKWOOD.

A COLLECTION OF MODEL AUTOMOBILES FROM MR. BRUCE BEAUCHAMP.

A FLORAL PAINTING FROM MRS. JEAN LONG.

EARTHENWARE CROCK AND JUG, AUTO LUGGAGE RACK, 1920 FLOOR LAMP AND EXHIBIT MATERIAL FROM MISS LILLIAN BECKER.

EARLY CALENDARS, BOUDOIR PILLOW, NORTHVIEW CEMETERY MATERIAL, DESK, WRITING EQUIPMENT, BUSINESS PAPERS AND MISCELLANEOUS EXHIBIT MATERIAL FROM MRS. ROGER E. (FLORENCE) RICHARD.

A 1890'S PARASOL FROM MRS. LOLA H. LATHERS.

A 1919 LADIES SUIT, MERRSCHAUM, PIPE, PROGRAMS, PAMPHLETS, AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS FROM MRS. GEORGE (JESSIE) BOOTH.

1904 GRADUATION DRESS, LINGERIE, FUR PIECE, SHAWL AND SCARF FROM MISS AKNE L. PARKER.

Mrs. LOU DIPBOYE'S SCRAPBOOKS, 1920'S SHEET MUSIC AND FORD ALMANACS FROM MRS. FRANK H. McCLURE.

A 1950 AMERICAN RED CROSS UNIFORM FROM MRS. WINFIELD H. (KARIN) ARNESON.

A 1950 EVENING DRESS FROM MRS. VINA SMITH.

EARLY 1900'S CHILD'S FURNITURE AND TOYS, HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN ITEMS, TYPEWRITER, LADIES COSTUMES, CHURCH MATERIAL, WORLD WAR I ITEMS, BOOKS, PROGRAMS, PHOTOS, AND MISCELLANEOUS EXHIBIT MATERIAL FROM MRS DOROTHY F. BUTLER & MR. WILSON A. JACKSON.

A 1948 RCA TELEVISION FROM MR. RALPH B. GUY.

1880'S PARASOL, LOUPE AND FANS AND EARLY 1900'S BABY CLOTHES FROM MRS. GARVASE JACH.

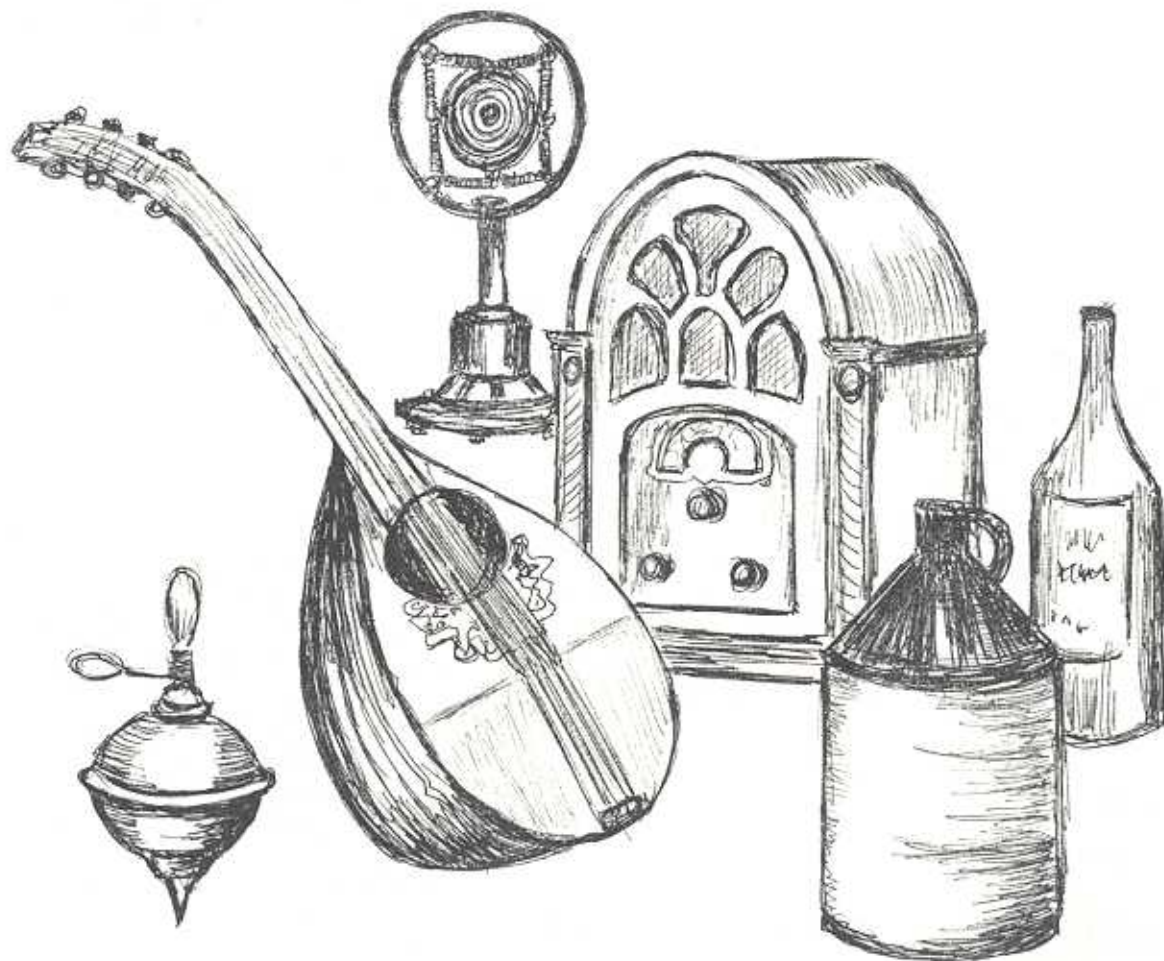
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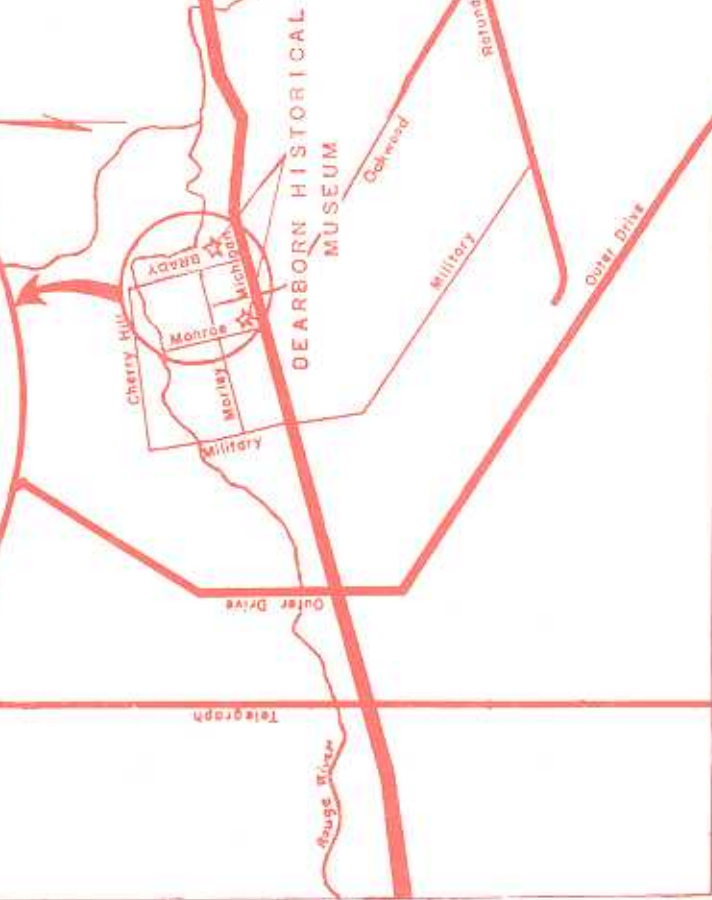
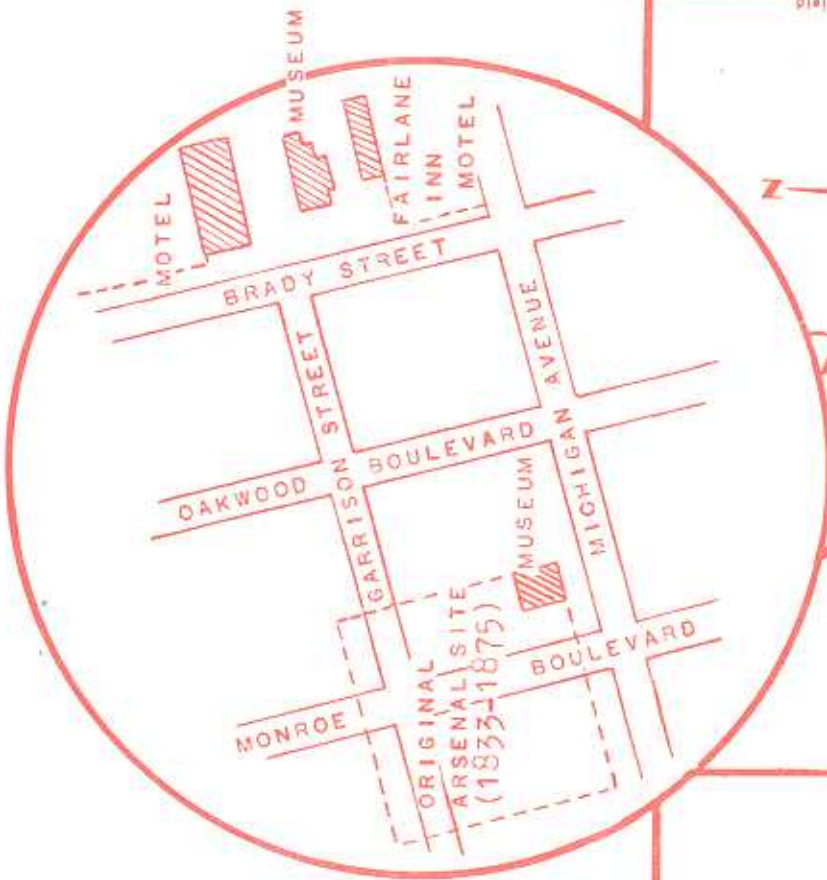
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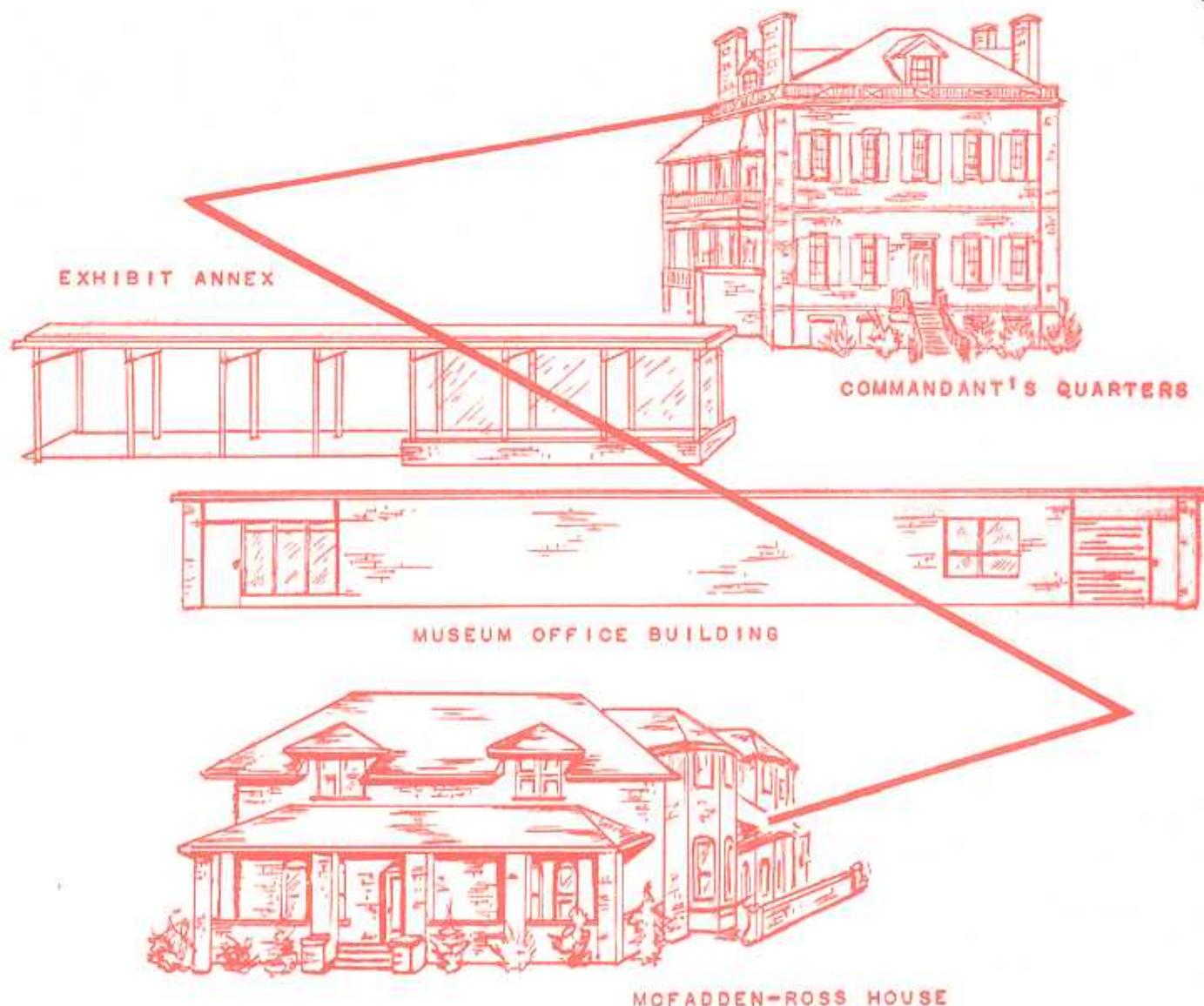
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