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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the PORTAGE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be held in the College Library Theater Wednesday evening, April 22 at 8:00 P. M.

Regular business of the Society will be conducted and will include the election of 4 members to the Board of Directors.

The program for the evening will be on WISCONSIN PERSONALITIES and will be given by the Junior Badger Historians of the Emerson School in Stevens Point under the direction of Miss Helen Sager and Mrs. Eleanor Coleman, 7th and 8th grade teachers at the Emerson School. All members of the Society are urged to plan on attending the April 22nd meeting.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Future programs are being planned for Society members, one of which it is hoped will be a Field Trip this summer to Devil's Lake State Park and the Baraboo region including visits at the Baraboo Museum and the Circus Museum in Baraboo. The Circus Museum will be opened on July 1 according to present plans so the trip will be planned for some time after that date.

Members interested in making the Field Trip are asked to contact Mr. Kampenga at the College Library or Marie Swallow at 1049 Main Street within the next month and just as soon as the number is sufficient to plan for a trip those interested will be notified of the date and the cost per capita by bus.

THE CIRCUS MUSEUM

Will be located in Baraboo, Wisconsin on the site of the old Ringling winter quarters. Two exhibit buildings will be

"richly colorful worlds of circus lore". The great steam calliope "America" will boom out circus music and flamboyant circus posters will advertise strange and wonderful attractions. The Columbia and Mirror bandwagons, and the fanciful fairytale floats (Mother Goose and The Old Woman in the Shoe) will gleam with brilliant color and glimmering gold. There will be gorgeous circus costumes of yesterday's famed ring masters, clowns and equestriennes.

Years of collecting and historical research have gone into the making of the Circus Museum and this is the newest of the State Historical Society's historic site projects.

OTHER PLANS

We hope to plan for a TOUR OF THE NEW COUNTY CITY BUILDING in the near future and some time during 1959 we hope to have another Circuit Meeting someplace in the county.

MALCOLM ROSHOLT

has been elected to the presidency of the Board of Directors of your Society and will preside at the April Meeting and the Annual Meeting. He succeeds Mr. Clifford Swanson who resigned last fall after serving as President of the Board and Society for several years. Mr. Neli Kampenga, Vice President, has served in the interim.

OUR MEMBERSHIP STORY

The Portage County Historical Society as of March 15, 1959 has 145 members. A little more than half of these became members during the Stevens Point City Charter Centennial, responding to the invitation tucked inside the cover of th

of the Centennial Booklet. Each new name was welcomed. It expanded the geographical boundaries of our membership from Coast to Coast.

Upon those of us who live in Stevens Point (96) and in Portage County (24) falls the responsibility of maintaining the organization and guiding it into worthwhile activities. That means we need the support - both financial and personal of each and every member. May we count on you?

An ANNUAL DUES reminder is enclosed with this copy of The Pinery. Society dues are due the first of April of each year. Please complete and return with your dollar so that correct addresses may be on file.

Reminder: **PLAN TO COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 22nd AND HELP PLAN NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM. MEET AND GREET SOCIETY FRIENDS. IT IS YOUR SOCIETY, AND WE DO NEED YOU.**

THE HISTORYMOBILE

This year's Historymobile, the traveling museum of the State Historical society, will have exhibits this year which will center around the life of Abraham Lincoln. Dioramas will depict his birthplace, school years, early manhood and political ascendancy.

Lincoln, The Civil War President and Lincoln, the Man will be featured and completing the theme will be a diorama depicting his untimely death by assassination.

Watch for the itinerary for you will want to see the State Society's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.