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Lunar landing tape recording will be played in diorama on the freedom train coming to Detroit. The train will display the accomplishments of Michigan natives along with lunar dioramas. See related story, next page

American Freedom Train features state contributions

When the American Freedom Train arrives in Detroit at the Penn Central Station for a 18-day stay from June 21

through July 6, it will be displaying a rare collection of historical treasures spanning 200 years in celebration of the nation's bicentennial.

America, are on loan from the Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. Museum in Flint.

more than 800 items spanning 20 decades of our country's growth and development.

When THOMAS Edison was growing up in Michigan, he worked on the railroad selling popcorn and candy. In his free time, he snatched off to the baggage room where he secretly mixed chemicals for his experiments. After accidentally mixing a combination that turned out to be nitroglycerin, Edison's brilliant future was in jeopardy, but he went on to give the world more than 1,000 inventions.

Another display reflecting Edison's contributions is a progression of his condenser lamps from 1859 to 1907. The incandescent lighting system was developed by Thomas Edison and substantially revolutionized the American lifestyle.

Also of interest to this area is the dramatic portrayal of leaders in the "Conflict and Revolution" car of the train. One of the contributors being portrayed is General R. Ford who served up in Grand Rapids. One of the items on display is the Ford family Bible that was used in his swearing-in ceremony as the 38th president of the United States on August 9, 1974.

Other states, like Michigan, will be planning many of their bicentennial activities around the visit of the American Freedom Train. More than 50 cities in 48 states are included in this 17,000-mile epic journey.

SUCH REMINDERS of our dramatic heritage as a nation are being portrayed throughout the train. Ten exhibit cars and two showcase cars contain

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The display will reflect the contributions of every state in the Union, including Michigan. The train will visit Grand Rapids on July 11 and Kalamazoo July 14.

Shortly after the turn of the Twentieth Century, "Old Scout," a 1904 Oldsmobile, won the first transcontinental race outperforming "Old Ready," a second Olds.

The winning model is on display in one of the showcase cars of the 25-car American Freedom Train. "Old Scout" is on loan from the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corporation in Lansing.

An early 1900 automobile steering wheel, buggy wheel and car wheel with tire, part of a display reflecting the progress of transportation in

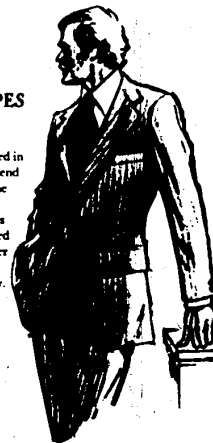
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