

ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Our Society inaugurated its fall program with an Ohio historical tour on Saturday, October 15, 1977. The tour took us to Shandy Hall at Geneva, the Unionville Tavern at Unionville, and Pioneer Village at Benton with some fifty of our members as participants. Members who have not yet visited these places should plan such an expedition this summer.

An early winter storm sadly interfered with our November meeting at the Mark Restaurant on Peninsula Drive. We expected to enjoy a talk on John Nicholson by Dr. Robert D. Arbuckle of New Kensington, author of **Pennsylvania Speculator and Patriot: the Entrepreneurial John Nicholson, 1757-1800**. Dr. Arbuckle found the road impassable near Mercer and was unable to reach Erie. Pinch hitters for Dr. Arbuckle were Frank S. Anderson, speaking briefly on John Nicholson, and Max Schoenfeld, who spoke on Pioneer Settlers in Southern Erie County.

Our annual Open House for the Christmas season was held on Sunday, December 1 and proved to be most enjoyable. Members appreciated the Christmas decorations provided by the Glenwood Heights Garden Club as well as the Society's many new acquisitions. Our thanks go to those members who provided refreshments of cookies and pastries.

Our annual meeting on January 17, 1978, was a dinner meeting at the First United Methodist Church. Robert J. MacDonald presented an excellent program entitled, "Glimpses of Great Lakes Shipping," with the aid of his marvelous slide collection.

Five directors were elected for three year terms: Admiral Denys Knoll; Max Schoenfeld; Jay H. Bailey; Mrs. Margaret Fells of Fairview; and Irwin Rider of North East. Subsequently, our Executive Board elected the following officers:

President—Admiral Denys Knoll
1st Vice President—Charles S. Reed
2nd Vice President—Dr. William Garvey
Secretary—Miss Justina Baron
Treasurer—Richard Lamborn.

In addition to the five officers listed above, the following directors also serve on our Executive Board:

Jay H. Bailey
John Claridge
Mrs. Margaret Fells
Herbert Heidt
Dale Mackintosh
Mrs. Doris J. Nicholson
Miss Virginia Reitzell
Irwin Rider
Max Schoenfeld

Ex Officio members include:

**Frank S. Anderson, Program Chairman
Mrs. Helen R. Andrews, Associate Librarian
David Gifford, Past President
Richard Wright, Membership Chairman.**

A special note of appreciation is due the four Board members who have formally retired from the Board:

**Mrs. Helen R. Andrews, former Executive Vice President
David Gifford, immediate Past President
Jack Richardson, Director and Treasurer for many years
Richard Wright, Director and President for many years.**

All of these individuals have rendered yeoman service to our Historical Society. Without their help the Society could not have made the amazing progress it has made in the past ten years.

Frank S. Anderson