

NEWS AND COMMENT

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HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

THE 46th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies was held in Harrisburg on April 18, 1953, at the Penn-Harris Hotel. The entire program was devoted to consideration of the projects and problems of historical preservation and restoration in Pennsylvania, and featured an address, "Who Feeds on Local History," by Dr. Howard H. Peckham, Director of the Indiana Historical Bureau and Secretary of the State Historical Society of Indiana. Louis J. Heizmann, President of the Federation, and Dr. S. K. Stevens, Secretary, presided over the general discussion, in which the speakers included Dr. Donald A. Cadzow, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; Dr. Albert Corey, State Historian of New York; Frederick Rath, Jr., Executive Director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; Earle Newton, Editor of *American Heritage*; and many representatives of historical preservation activities throughout the Commonwealth. As a result of the day's discussion, the Federation created a special committee of individuals to act as "watchmen" in the various regions of the State. In the election of officers, the Honorable Charles G. Webb, chairman of the historical committee of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, was elected President, succeeding Mr. Heizmann; and Allen S. Davison, of the Edgewood Historical Society, Pittsburgh, was made Third Vice-President. Other officers were re-elected. Mr. Ross Pier Wright, as chairman of the resolutions committee, offered resolutions opposing a change in the status of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, favoring legislation which would aid historical societies, and thanking the retiring President, Mr. Heizmann. These were unanimously adopted.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania held its 128th annual meeting on May 13, 1953. There was a showing of "The Colonial Printer," a sound-and-color film recently produced by Colonial Williamsburg, as a documentary account of eighteenth century American printing and newspapers just before the Revolution. The following officers were elected: Boyd Lee Spahr, president; Conyers Read, Harrold E. Gillingham, and Roy F. Nichols, vice-presidents; Richmond P. Miller, secretary; Frederick R. Kirkland, treasurer; and C. Stewart Wurts, Sydney E. Martin, Isaac H. Clothier, Jr., and John H. Grady, councilors.

Instead of its usual indoor meetings, the Adams County Historical Society sponsored historical tours in May and June. The first tour, on Tuesday, May 5, included Rodes Mill, near the Emmitsburg Road, and the Moritz Tavern on the Emmitsburg Road. The second tour on Tuesday, June 2, visited milestones on the Mason and Dixon boundary line, located on the McNair and Waybright farms, and stopped at the Clarence Waybright Dairy Farm, where Oliver Waybright gave a summary account of the Waybright family and of early dairying at the farm.

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Swedish Historical Museum held the annual May Fete on Saturday afternoon, May 16, 1953, at the Museum. The program featured the Vasa Folk Dancers of New York, and there was a sale of imported Swedish articles. The 1952 *Yearbook* of the Foundation includes Evald Benjamin Lawson's translation of interesting passages "From the Diary of a Pioneer Clergyman," the Rev. Dr. Carl Otto Hultgren, who was pastor for Swedish settlers in the Chandlers Valley area of Warren County, and the Jamestown, New York area, from 1864.

The Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation has just published its Reports, covering the years 1945-1952.

At the annual meeting of the Cambria County Historical Society on March 26, Henry M. Gooderham was again named president, and the other officers were re-elected. President Gooderham reported on the activities of the year, including the Society's acquisition of two historic properties, a surviving trace of the

Kittanning Path, and the "forgotten graves" of the Alleghenies. James Sheep, Secretary of the Society, and a member of the faculty, Johnstown Center, University of Pittsburgh, presented a paper on Charles Wakefield Cadman, the noted composer who was born in Johnstown.

At the meeting of the Chester County Historical Society on April 21, Robert G. Struble gave an illustrated talk on "The Heritage of the Brandywine Valley." The Society held its annual meeting on May 19, when the speakers were Mrs. Alfred Coxe Prime on "A Saga In Silver," and Harold W. Arndt on "Beauty in Our Own Dooryards." According to the annual report, the Chester County Society now has 973 members. Its museum and library at 225 North High Street, West Chester, is open to the public from Monday through Saturday from 1 to 5 P.M., and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9. It also maintains the David Townsend House, at 221 North Matlack Street, a dignified early 19th century home, which is open, with a nominal admission charge, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 2 to 5 P.M.

Formal organization of the Colonial Restoration Association of York County was announced on May 14 by its founding officers. The immediate project of this Association is the restoration of Cookes House as the city's first historical shrine. The officers include Mrs. S. Fahs Smith, honorary president; Mrs. William C. Langston, president; Mrs. Frederick B. Gerber, first vice-president; Mrs. Robert P. Turner, second vice-president; Mrs. Lawrence N. Sheppard, third vice-president; Mrs. William S. Frey, recording secretary; Mrs. Warren C. Bullette, corresponding secretary; Mrs. William H. Baker, treasurer; Mrs. James Sutcliffe, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Carl S. Davidson, historian; and Attorney Horace E. Smith, solicitor. Plans are being made to engage Edwin L. Brumbaugh, architect for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's restoration work at Ephrata Cloister, Pottsgrove, and other State properties in eastern Pennsylvania, as the architect for the restoration of the Cookes House. A fund-raising campaign is to be carried on in the fall, with the tentative goal of \$75,000.

The Crawford County Historical Society concluded its year's activities with its annual business meeting on June 4, 1953. During the year the Society held seven regular meetings as well as one meeting with the Junior Historians and two meetings with the Pennsylvania History Class of Meadville High School. At recent meetings the speakers included Lewis Walker III, President of Talon, Inc., who told the story of the zipper industry; William H. Parsons, associate professor of geography and geology at Allegheny College, who gave an illustrated lecture on the "Geological History of French Creek Valley"; William Walton, Allegheny College radio instructor, who presented two tape recordings dramatizing scenes of Meadville history; and John F. Bainer, President of the Merchants National Bank and Trust Company, whose topic was "The Gold in Fort Knox." Mr. James R. Shryock, the President of the Society, has been cataloging the Dick letters from 1827, and they are being filed in a letter file donated by the Merchants Bank. The indexing of the Meadville *Tribune-Republican* for war records from 1942 is being kept up-to-date.

At the April 23 meeting of the Hamilton Library and Historical Association of Cumberland County, John D. Faller, Jr., spoke on early local farming problems, with the title, "Land and Land-Plaster."

The Delaware County Historical Society held its spring meeting with a dinner on May 13, 1953. Frank W. Melvin, Governor of the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, gave a talk on the early Swedish settlements in Pennsylvania. The Society has been active in attempting to secure the preservation of the historic Morton Mortonson house in Norwood. This is the last early Swedish brick house left in Delaware County, and is associated with the ancestors of John Morton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The Donora Historical Society held a regular monthly meeting on April 14 in the Community Center. Miss May Flinn spoke on the "Canals of Pennsylvania." Reports were given on the young people's essay contest and on the Valley Art Club Exhibit. The May meeting marked the seventh anniversary of the group, while

on June 24 the Society held its annual tour, visiting Old Economy, the home of the Harmony Society, which is now a State historical property.

As part of its observance of the two hundredth anniversary of the French invasion of Pennsylvania, the Erie County Historical Society held a historical pilgrimage on Saturday, May 16, traveling east from Erie to Barcelona Harbor and Westfield, New York, and then following the general course of various French expeditions which used the Chautauqua portage route. In Westfield the group visited the historic McClurg House, home of the Chautauqua County Historical Society. The terminus of the pilgrimage was Warren, Pennsylvania, where the Society held a dinner meeting, which was addressed by Merle H. Deardorff, past President of the Warren County Historical Society, and Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. Dr. Wallace Rusterholtz, new President of the Erie County Historical Society, presided over the meeting, while the tour was arranged by Dr. John Ray, the Society's Curator.

The Fort Le Boeuf Historical Association met in the Fort Le Boeuf Memorial (the Amos Judson House), in Waterford, on April 24. Dr. Paul Glatzert, coordinator of social studies in the Erie city schools, was the speaker, and Glenn Cantrell of North East presided. At the meeting on May 27, the winning essays in the historical essay contest were read. Each participant was given an appropriate certificate, while the winners received cash prizes. Walter Jack, of North East, was chairman of the essay contest.

The May 12 meeting of the Historical Society of Frankford was devoted to the history of the local public schools. Dr. John L. Waldman, Associate Superintendent of Schools, spoke on "Fifty Years of Public Schools in Frankford," Milton O. Pierce, District Superintendent, spoke on "Present Developments and Problems," and a panel of Frankford High School Students presented a discussion, "Youth Looks Ahead."

The Friends Historical Association held its spring meeting on May 16 at the Fairhill Meetinghouse, as part of the commemora-

tion of the 250th anniversary of Fair Hill Meeting. Walter Brenner spoke on the history of this Meeting. A tree was dedicated in memory of Lucretia Mott who is buried at Fair Hill.

April 8, the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County was entertained by the fourth annual all-student program presented by the Junior Historian chapters of the county. The co-chairmen were Miss Martha Bryan of Indiana and Anthony Datillio of Blairsville. The theme, Old Timers' Night, was illustrated by songs and skits, by demonstrations of lye-making and rug-making, and by appropriate costumes. Howard Little, a member of the Indiana Senior Historians and of the Indiana County Society, discussed the value of the Junior Historians to the county society, and the ways in which they were cooperating. John Woods, President of the Historical and Genealogical Society, presented memberships in the county society to a number of Junior Historians, in recognition of their leadership and interest.

At the May meeting, the Society held a "Picture Night," when various members brought in pictures of historical interest which were placed in an opaque projector. The program chairman, Clarence D. Stephenson, started the show by presenting his own collection which included Linton Park, the Marion Center primitive painter. President John Woods, in charge of the business session, told of plans for the old Buena Vista iron furnace, which is soon to become a property of the Society. In connection with the celebration of the Sesquicentennial of Indiana County, the Society is sponsoring a series of radio programs, a series of newspaper articles, and special displays.

The Keystoneians' meeting on March 19 was addressed by Walter E. Hugins, Historian at the Hopewell Village National Historic Site, whose topic was "The Iron Industry in Pennsylvania." At the meeting on May 21, Henry J. Young, Senior Archivist, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, spoke on "The Doans, Bucks County Bandits of the 1780's." The Keystoneians held their annual historical tour on June 20, visiting the Brandywine Battlefield, New Castle, Delaware, and the Longwood Gardens.

The Lancaster County Historical Society had the largest delegation at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. The Society has just issued two more publications of *Papers* presented, "David McNeely Stauffer," by Elizabeth Clarke Kieffer; and "The Second Columbia Bridge," by Robert H. Goodell.

The Lebanon County Historical Society has just published the third and final part of Dr. Frederic K. Miller's *The Rise of an Iron Community, An Economic History of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, from 1740 to 1865*.

The Lehigh County Historical Society held its annual dinner meeting on April 24. Guy F. Reinert presented an illustrated address on "Pennsylvania German Handwoven Coverlets." The Society has reproduced and published a large map of Lehigh County, which was drawn in 1816 by Isaac A. Chapman from the notes of James Scull, deputy surveyor of the Commonwealth. The map was discovered among the papers of the late David Leiby and presented to the Society, which had it restored and reproduced. A limited number of copies are available at \$15.00 for paper copies, and \$25.00, backed with cloth.

The Mercer County Historical Society held its annual meeting on Saturday, May 9, at its headquarters on South Pitt Street in Mercer. All the officers were re-elected. Joseph G. Butler, vice-president of the Mahoning County Historical Society in Ohio, spoke on "The Butler Family in Pennsylvania," and T. S. Hodge gave a "History of Early Furnaces in Mercer County." President Orvis Anderson announced that, effective June 1, the museum and library of the Society will be open to the public on Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 4:30, and Friday evenings from 7 to 9.

The Mifflin County Historical Society held open house at its quarters in the Lewistown Municipal Building on Monday evening, April 27, when Mrs. Reba Esh gave a demonstration of the use of the old-fashioned spinning wheel. The Society has published a map of Mifflin County, showing more than a hundred places of historic and scenic interest.

The spring meeting of the Historical Society of Montgomery County was held on April 25. There was no program speaker, the entire meeting being devoted to a discussion of the purchase of new property and the erection of a new Historical Hall.

At the January 23 meeting of the Muncy Historical Society and Museum of History, Mrs. J. Coryell Hays, of Nisbet, spoke on the "Life and Career of Tunison Coryell." On February 27, Marshall R. Anspach, of Williamsport, discussed "The Saw-Dust War of 1872," an early attempt to organize a labor union. On March 12, Chester D. Clark, civil engineer, spoke on "The Journal of William Colvert, An Early Methodist Circuit-Rider in North Central Pennsylvania, May, 1792-1804." On April 24, Donald H. Kent, Associate State Historian, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, gave an illustrated talk on "The French Invasion in 1753," based on the new sources in the *Contrecoeur Papers*. On May 22, Dr. Loring B. Priest, Professor of History, Lycoming College, gave "A Present-Day Analysis of Pennsylvania History, as Viewed by an Outsider."

The spring meeting of the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society was held in Easton on May 14. Norman B. Wilkinson, Assistant State Historian, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, spoke on "Robert Morris in the Genesee Country."

At the April meeting of the Northumberland County Historical Society, John B. Deans, Sr., of Lewisburg, spoke on the history of the Connecticut claims in north central Pennsylvania. At the May meeting, Attorney Harry S. Knight spoke on early banking in Northumberland County.

The Pottstown Historical Society held a meeting and reception at Pottsgrove on April 27, for the dedication of the Isaac Thomas Memorial, and the presentation of the new *Pottstown History Book*. The Society held its annual meeting on Monday, May 25, at Pottsgrove. At this meeting the president gave the annual report, and the various committees reported.

Antiques Night at the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania on April 15, featured an address on "The Adventures of an Antiquarian," by E. E. Moore, Vice-President, Industrial Relations Administration, United States Steel Corporation. University of Pittsburgh Night on May 18 featured two papers, "Walter Lowrie (1784-1863), Educator, United States Senator, and Secretary of the United States Senate," by Thurman W. Hubner; and "History of the Mackintosh-Hemphill Company, Oldest Foundry West of the Alleghenies," by Col. Robert W. McKnight.

OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

The County Commissioners of Bradford County have published an interesting pictorial, historical, and descriptive booklet, *The Story of Bradford County*. This was a project of the Planning and Zoning Commission, with the cooperation of civic and business organizations of the county. There are numerous and well-chosen illustrations, and a historical map by Leo A. Wilt.

With regret we note the death on February 16 of Howard N. Eavenson, the notable Pittsburgh mining engineer who made several outstanding contributions to Pennsylvania's historical literature. His monumental *First Century and a Quarter of the American Coal Industry* will have lasting value to all students in that field, while he also produced important work on early mapmaking and exploration.

On April 29, the grand hall of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania was the scene of an unusual 150th anniversary dinner, given by the Philadelphia National Bank. To this dinner were invited one hundred and fifty representatives of institutions and businesses dating back to 1803, or earlier. Former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, as President of the American Philosophical Society, acted as toastmaster.

Old Philadelphia was on display during the week of May 18, in an exhibition of 85 photographs at Gimbels Little Gallery. The photographs were used in the book, *Historic Philadelphia*, recently published by the American Philosophical Society. Dr. Luther P. Eisenhart, executive officer of the Society; former Supreme Court

Justice Owen J. Roberts, President of the Society; and Arthur C. Kaufmann, executive head of Gimbels, participated in the opening ceremonies.

Dr. S. K. Stevens, State Historian, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, delivered the commencement address at the 84th annual commencement of Lebanon Valley College on June 8. On this occasion he was awarded the degree of doctor of letters.

On May 10, open house was held at Wheatland, the home of President James Buchanan, at Lancaster. The observance marked the 125th anniversary of the building of the historic mansion. Buchanan was impersonated by Edward Brubaker, and his niece Harriet Lane, by Mrs. John E. Holden. Mrs. Carmelita Reilly Bucher was costumed as Hetty Parker, Wheatland's housekeeper in Buchanan's day. About 1,200 visitors were reported.

The Rev. John Fliegel has received a scholarship to read the Indian manuscripts in the Archives of the Moravian Church at Bethlehem, in order to see whether or not they contain any references to the Walam Olum, and also to catalog the contents of this great collection.

Charles William Beetem published an interesting article on the village and district of Bridgewater, in the *Carlisle Evening Sentinel*, March 14.

The Lancaster *Sunday News* of March 29 featured an article on Ephrata Cloister as it appeared in 1871, based on an article by Oswald W. Seidensticker in the *Century Magazine*, December, 1871, with illustrations by Joseph Pennell and Henry Rankin Poore. Restoration on the exterior of the Sisters' House was completed early this spring by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

During the week of May 25, the Pennsylvania State Museum had as a special display the Henry Ford Museum's traveling exhibit, "Industrial Progress, U. S. A.," which was brought to Harrisburg by the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company.

Lawrence Thurman, Curator of Old Economy, has been actively presenting the story of this interesting property of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, before many local organizations. He addressed the Tuesday Club in Carnegie on April 7, and the Ambridge Rotary Club on April 13. On April 17, he spoke on "The Meaning of Local History" at the Western Pennsylvania Regional Conference of the Junior Historians, in Pittsburgh; and on April 21, he addressed the Washington County Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers on "The Science and Technology of the Harmony Society." Other talks on Old Economy were given before the Women's Historical Society of Pennsylvania on April 27, the Aliquippa Rotary Club on April 27, the Supper Club of North Side United Presbyterian Church on May 2, the Village Garden Club in Sewickley on May 13, and the Koppers Foremens Club on May 14.

The Pennsylvania Department of Commerce publishes a little booklet, *Events in Pennsylvania, 1953*, which lists the events already scheduled. It is revised each month to include dates of other events as they become known. Historical societies might well call to the attention of the Department any special events or observances which they may have scheduled. A number of such events are already listed in the booklet.

On May 15, Dr. S. K. Stevens, State Historian, was guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Susquehanna University Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. In his address Doctor Stevens developed the thesis that history encompasses all the social sciences, that it "is no longer the history of past politics but is the story of the lives of people."

Six historically significant sites in Easton have been approved for marking by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, at the suggestion of the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society. They include the First Evangelical Reformed Church, the first Easton School, the home of George Taylor who signed the Declaration of Independence, David Martin's ferry, the Indian Peace Council meeting place in Centre Square, and the Samuel Phillippe gunsmith shop.

Twelve historical markers are being erected in Harrisburg by the Commission, planned in cooperation with the Dauphin County Historical Society. Among the sites marked are the Eagle Hotel, Market Square, the old courthouses, Paxtang Manor, Camelback Bridge, the Pennsylvania Canal, the State Capitol, the old State Capitol, the site of the 1839 presidential nominating convention, and John Harris's gift of land to the State.

Darby Borough celebrated its hundredth anniversary from May 3 to 9. Two historical pageants were presented in the course of the celebration, one by the parochial school, and the other by the Walnut Street School. Historical documents on the history of the community were displayed in the library.

The fourth annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival will open at the Kutztown Fairground on July 1, and continue through July 5. In conjunction with the Festival, the second annual seminar on the folk culture of the Pennsylvania Dutch country will be held. Both are sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center at Franklin and Marshall College, and are under the direction of Dr. Alfred L. Shoemaker.

At the annual Festival of the Red Rose, held by the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Manheim on June 14, President Walter C. Langsam of Gettysburg College delivered the memorial address. Dr. Boyd Lee Spahr, President of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, made the payment of the rose to Mrs. Gilbert L. Dannehower of Westfield, New Jersey, in fulfillment of the stipulation in Stiegel's deed to the congregation in 1772.

Old Boalsburg Day was held on May 16, combining a tour of historic places in western Penn's Valley, Centre County, with antique shows and other features. Visitors saw such places as the Boal Museum and Columbus Family Chapel, an old stone tavern built in 1819, a blacksmith and carpenter shop, an old round barn, and various early houses. Old Boalsburg Day was sponsored by the Harris Township Parent Teachers Association.

Selinsgrove will celebrate its hundredth anniversary on August 20-23. The Governor Snyder Mansion, North Market Street, has

been made the official emblem, and will be pictured on the banners used to decorate the town. A centennial historical book is planned.

The log cabin in which James Buchanan, fifteenth President of the United States, was born, is about to end its travels. Removed from Stony Batter, where Buchanan was born on April 13, 1791, the cabin was first taken to Mercersburg, and from there to Chambersburg. Recently the cabin has been purchased by the Mercersburg Academy, and will be moved to the campus of the school in the near future. Headmaster Charles S. Tippetts stated that the Academy was greatly aided in acquiring the house by the Rev. J. D. Turner, President of the Kittochtinny Historical Society.

An exhibit of nineteenth century architecture in Philadelphia was shown at the Philadelphia Art Alliance from May 15 through June 7. The show was made up of photographs, plans, drawings, and prints, collected by Theo B. White, chairman of the Alliance's Architecture Committee, and his fellow-members. At the same time, the University of Pennsylvania Press published for the Art Alliance a book of 125 plates, *Philadelphia Architecture in the Nineteenth Century*. The entire exhibition was microfilmed by the School of Fine Arts, University of Pennsylvania, and will become part of the permanent collection at the Atwater Kent Museum.

An exhibition of Pennsylvania Dutch folk art went on view at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, beginning on May 23. This is the collection of a single individual, Titus C. Geesey, of Wilmington, Delaware, who is a native of York County. The collection numbers two hundred items, and covers a century and a half of the craftsmanship and artistic talent of the Pennsylvania Germans. It will be on view at the Museum until August 23.

According to the 1952 *Annual Report of the New Jersey Historical Society*, the Board of Trustees of that sister organization in a neighbor state "is deeply impressed with the importance of continuing and expanding the activities in which the Society is engaged," and "for that reason . . . the Board has been willing to incur sizable annual deficits." The Society's magazine, the *Proceedings*, since January, 1952, has appeared in a new format, de-

signed by Mr. P. J. Conkwright of the Princeton University Press. The Society also issued a membership brochure in two colors, featuring illustrations of the organization's treasures and activities.

The Michigan Historical Commission has issued "A Short List of Selected Subject Headings" (Service Manual No. 6), prepared for the use of catalogers of small collections of manuscripts. This manual was prepared by Philip Mason, who catalogs manuscripts at the Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan. While it is intended as a subject heading guide for organizing small collections of Michigan historical material, it should be useful as a pattern for similar work elsewhere.

The formal dedication and opening of the Ford Motor Company Archives was held on May 7. The Ford Archives are housed in Fair Lane, the beautiful home of the late Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan. This is the depository of all the historical records of the Ford Motor Company and of the private papers of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford. In addition to the usual documentary sources, an Oral History Section is creating a unique series of autobiographical memoirs of persons who took part in the growth and development of the company. Their reminiscences are recorded in guided interviews, and transcribed as a permanent record. A comprehensive *Index to Source Material* is being prepared to serve as an overall subject guide.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's publication program for the coming fall and winter includes a pamphlet and two leaflets relating to the two hundredth anniversary of the coming of the French to western Pennsylvania. *The French Invasion of Pennsylvania, 1753-1759*, will be a popular account of the beginnings of western Pennsylvania history, based largely on new materials in the Contrecoeur Papers and other French sources recently brought to light. Some of the most important letters in the Contrecoeur Papers will be published here in English for the first time. Two Historic Pennsylvania Leaflets, "Young Washington in Pennsylvania," and "The Expedition of the Baron de Longueuil in 1739," will add to the Commission's published materials on the French period in Western Pennsylvania. In addition to these

"timely" publications, the Commission will also publish Dr. Theodore Thayer's *Pennsylvania Politics and the Growth of Democracy, 1740-1776*, another major contribution to the political history of Pennsylvania. Three more Historical Pennsylvania Leaflets will deal with "Pennsylvania's State Houses and Capitols," "Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's Capital City," and "Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution."

NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERS:

Proposed Change in the Constitution of the Association

We, the undersigned members of the Council of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, feel that the terminology of "first," "second," and "third" as applied to the vice-presidents is somewhat unfortunate. It gives the impression of seniority, which we believe was not the intent of those who framed the Constitution, nor has it been adhered to in the recent past.

We therefore request that, in amendment to the Constitution, the words "first," "second," and "third" be deleted; and that the membership be advised of this proposed change prior to the annual meeting this fall, at which time the amendment can be voted upon.

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