

## NEWS AND COMMENT

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### THE ASSOCIATION MEETING

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association will be held at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, on October 16 and 17. As tentatively outlined by the committee headed by Dr. Edwin B. Coddington, the program promises to be varied and interesting. Dr. Lawrence H. Gipson will speak at the Friday luncheon on "A Nondescript Colony on the Delaware." "The Role of Pennsylvania in National Politics in 1880" will be the topic of the Friday afternoon session, with Dr. Albert B. House and Mr. Frank B. Evans presenting papers on the national conventions in that year. At the annual dinner on Friday evening, Dr. Forrest C. Pogue will speak on "The Formative Years of a Great Pennsylvanian, General George C. Marshall." After the Phi Alpha Theta breakfast and the annual business meeting on Saturday morning there will be two simultaneous historical sessions. The first will deal with "Pennsylvania Politics in the 1920's and 1930's" and will feature papers by Dr. Joseph A. Falco on "Gifford Pinchot: The Progressive Governor" and by Dr. Edwin B. Bronner on "The New Deal Comes to Pennsylvania: The Gubernatorial Election of 1934." The other session will discuss the Moravian Archives, with Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace speaking on "The John Heckewelder Papers" and Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton of the Moravian Church presenting "The Resources of the Moravian Church Archives at Bethlehem." Continuing the theme of the latter session, Mr. Stuart B. Bolger will speak at the Saturday luncheon and direct a guided tour of the Moravian Settlement.

### NATIONAL MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia will be host to the American Association for State and Local History and the Society of American Archivists on

October 7-9, when these two national organizations of historians and archivists meet in the historic metropolis of Pennsylvania, holding several joint sessions. While the details of the programs have not yet been announced, it is known that Mayor Richardson Dilworth of Philadelphia will address a joint luncheon meeting on Wednesday, October 7, and that various sessions of the AASLH will deal with problems in the preservation of historic sites, the use of television and other visual aids in educational programs, the commemoration of the Civil War Centennial, and the question of what documents should be preserved. A joint session of the two organizations will discuss the conflict in jurisdiction over records and manuscripts. These meetings will give Pennsylvania's historians and historical society leaders a rare opportunity to familiarize themselves with what is going on throughout the nation in the fields of state and local history and of records preservation and management.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The Historical Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania met at Bloomsburg on April 18 with the Columbia County Historical Society acting as host. Twenty-five representatives from nine societies attended, and the program included discussions on newspaper publicity, historical collections, and insurance. Howard Risley, editor of the *Dallas Post*, Edgar A. Fenstermacher, editor of the *Berwick Enterprise*, and Edward F. Schuyler, editor of the *Bloomsburg Morning Press*, discussed the publicity problems of historical societies. Donald H. Kent, chief of research and publications, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, spoke on the problems involved in historical collections. Frank Hutchison, insurance agent in Bloomsburg, explained the types of insurance applicable to historical societies. Edwin M. Barton, secretary of the Columbia County Historical Society, handled the local arrangements and presided over the sessions.

The March 3 meeting of the Adams County Historical Society had a program presented by the Junior Historians at Gettysburg High School. Janet Johnson read a paper on the National Soldiers' Orphans Home, and Michael Codori read a paper on the Codori House. At the April 7 meeting Dr. Charles Glatfelter presented a

paper, "Professor Michael Jacobs Speaks Again." Historical tours were held on May 5 and June 2 to various points of interest in the county.

Miss Edna Handwork of Birdsboro gave a lecture on her recent trip to the Far East at the meeting of the Historical Society of Berks County on March 22.

The annual banquet of the Pioneer Historical Society of Bedford County was held on May 21. Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, was the speaker. The Society is making plans to issue a quarterly or semi-annual publication, and to select historical and antique articles for display in the Fort Bedford Museum.

The Blair County Historical Society co-operated with the Cambria County Historical Society in arrangements for unveiling the historical marker for the Lemon House, erected by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission on U. S. 22 near Cresson, in ceremonies held on May 21. Dr. S. W. Higginbotham, director of the Bureau of Research, Publications, and Records, represented the Commission.

The annual meeting of the Cambria County Historical Society was held on April 22. Miss Izetta Rhodes was elected to the board of directors to succeed the late Mahlon Baumgardner; other officers and directors were re-elected. Miss Claire Trussel gave an illustrated talk on famous women of Pennsylvania.

The Catholic Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania has printed the annual Lambing lecture given by Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor on the extinct parishes of Holy Cross and St. Malachy, and has issued a new edition of the *Register of Fort Duquesne*, as translated and edited by Msgr. A. A. Lambing in 1885.

The meeting of the Chester County Historical Society on March 17 heard an illustrated lecture on Washington's Philadelphia residence and its furnishings by Charles G. Dorman, assistant curator, Division of Political History, Smithsonian Institution.

On April 21 the Society had a special program on the centennial of Downingtown with addresses by Dr. Arthur E. James, president of the Society, and Dr. S. K. Stevens. At the annual meeting on May 19 there was an illustrated lecture on "Tucker Porcelain and the Tuckers" by Horace H. F. Jayne of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

At the March meeting of the Clinton County Historical Society, Major Edward T. Miller spoke on the history of the local National Guard. Mr. Earl Harnish presented a round-table discussion on the Civil War at the April 13 meeting.

The Colonial Society of Pennsylvania joined with the congregation of Christ Church in Philadelphia to commemorate the 278th anniversary of the creation of Pennsylvania on Sunday, March 8, 1959. Mrs. James Orr Denby presented an English Bible of 1716-1717 to the church. The Christ Church Distinguished Service Medallion was presented to Colonel Frank W. Melvin, chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

The annual meeting of the Columbia County Historical Society on March 21 was addressed by Wallace F. Workmaster, administrative director of the Institute on Pennsylvania Life and Culture, Pennsylvania State University, on the topic, "Using the Past for the Future." The Society's secretary, Edwin M. Barton, recently guided two tours of junior high school students to historic points of interest in the county, and he addressed a meeting of the Junior Historical Society at Numidia on April 22.

Kenneth P. Williams of the staff of the Meadville *Tribune-Republican* presented a paper, "Meadville on the Underground Railroad," at the March meeting of the Crawford County Historical Society. At the April meeting Miss Adelaide DeMaison of Meadville High School read a lecture, "100 Years Ago," delivered by John Reynolds in the winter of 1869-1870.

The March 16 meeting of the Historical Society of Dauphin County was addressed by Dr. Carlyle Gray, state geologist, on "The Mineral History of Dauphin County." On April 20 the speaker was Earle W. Newton, director of the Bureau of Muse-

ums, Historic Sites, and Properties, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, his topic being "Re-creating the American Heritage." The Society reports that more than a thousand sixth-grade pupils of the Harrisburg schools and several packs of Cub Scouts have been conducted through the John Harris mansion since October, 1958.

The spring dinner-meeting of the Delaware County Historical Society was held at the Strath Haven Inn on April 29, when Dr. George W. Davis of the faculty of Crozer Seminary spoke on "Abraham Lincoln, the First American." J. Passmore Elkinton gave a report on the work of the committee appointed to identify the antique tools and utensils in the collection at the Inn. The Eastern Chapter of the Society met on February 22 at the home of the Misses Morley, the program consisting of talks by two members on county streams. L. Cheyney Smith discussed Collen Brook, and Mrs. Edith Verlenden Paschall told about Little Crum Creek. Efforts are being made to save the old Friends Meeting House in Chester, and local civil and historical groups have been urged to join in a protest to the Redevelopment Authority, which proposes to raze or move the old building to make room for an alley. The March *Bulletin* of the Society includes Mrs. Courtland B. Springer's notes on the history of the Hendricksen house, which is being moved to Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church in Wilmington, Delaware.

The Erie County Historical Society held a meeting on May 16 to honor men who served on the U.S.S. *Wolverine*, as the old U.S.S. *Michigan* was renamed in its last years. The latest issue of the *Erie County Historical Primer* deals with the county's history from 1830 to 1860.

The Historical Society of the Evangelical and Reformed Church held its annual spring meeting on June 2 in connection with the commencement exercises of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster. A paper on "The Contributions of George Merle Zacharias to the Historical Society" was read by Miss Elizabeth Kieffer, former librarian at Franklin and Marshall College and recently appointed archivist to the Society on a part-time basis. Dr. William Toth,

chairman of the history department at Franklin and Marshall College, has been designated as editor of the *Reporter*, the quarterly of the Society.

The Friends Historical Association met at Chesterfield Meeting, Crosswicks, New Jersey, on May 16. Dr. Theodore Thayer spoke on "Nathanael Greene: His Views of Eighteenth Century Quakerism," and Arthur Brick related the history of the Meeting.

The annual lecture series of the Germantown Historical Society concluded with lectures by Mrs. William A. Ball, Jr., on "Colonial Silver" on March 19; and by Earl J. Heydinger of the National Park Service who spoke on "The Schuylkill, Lifeline to Valley Forge" on April 16. The Society conducted the Germantown Week tour of historic houses on May 16, and held its annual garden party on June 5.

At the meeting of the Hamilton Library and Cumberland County Historical Association on April 16, Miss Jane Smead presented a paper on life in the post-Civil War Army in the Far West, based on notes dictated by her father, A. D. B. Smead, in 1927. It described campaigns against the Sioux, Cheyenne, and Apache Indians in the 1870's.

The History Round Table at Pennsylvania State University on December 9, 1958, heard a lecture by Dr. Herbert Heaton of the history department on "Whodunits," a review of certain historical trends. On February 17 the members viewed a film on the constitution in United States history from 1800 to the Civil War, and elected officers for the spring semester. On February 26 the History Round Table joined with the International Relations Club in an informal reception for Lord Clement Attlee, guest lecturer at the University.

The Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County held its annual meeting in March with local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of the War of 1812, and the Armstrong Trail Society. A high school history class displayed and told the story behind

fifteen early American flags. On April 3 a film on the life of Prince Demetrius Gallitzin, "The Apostle of the Alleghenies," was shown, as well as slides taken on the Society's annual tour last summer. On May 1 six Girl Scouts of Indiana County who are going to the International Roundup in Colorado this summer presented a skit on the Underground Railroad in the county and displayed the Indiana County material which they are taking with them to exchange for objects from other states and countries. The annual tour for 1959 took a busload of members to the Drake Well Museum at Titusville on June 20.

The annual meeting of the Huntingdon County Historical Society was held on April 28, when John W. Swigart was elected president to succeed Mrs. George E. Corcelius. A moving picture of Greenfield Village near Detroit, Michigan, was shown.

The Keystoneians of Harrisburg had several interesting programs in recent months. On March 19 Dr. S. K. Stevens discussed the early turnpikes of Pennsylvania. On April 16 Dr. S. W. Higginbotham, director of the Bureau of Research, Publications, and Records, told of the Drake Well and the discovery of oil, and a sound film on the Drake Well country, produced by the Standard Oil Company, was shown. On May 21 Raymond G. Mowery, president of the Kittochtinny Historical Society, spoke on "Franklin County During and After the Civil War."

The King of Prussia Historical Society held a spring tour of historical buildings and homes in the area on May 16.

At the annual meeting of the Kittochtinny Historical Society on January 29 A. J. White Hutton presented a talk on "The Boys of '61," dealing with Franklin County and Chambersburg in the Civil War. On February 26 Dr. T. R. Simpson spoke on the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission and played recordings on Lincoln by Carl Sandburg. On April 23 J. Gordon Cree presented a paper on "John Brown at Chambersburg," written by his grandfather, James W. Cree, about 1906.

The Lackawanna Historical Society made a bus trip to "Winterthur," the Henry Francis DuPont Museum, on May 9.

Lancaster County teachers of history held a special "workshop" session at the Lancaster County Historical Society on April 14 at the invitation of Samuel C. Slaymaker, president of the Society. Among the consultants were Dr. S. K. Stevens; Dr. C. Maxwell Myers of Millersville State Teachers College; Dr. Frederic S. Klein of Franklin and Marshall College; F. F. Bailey and M. W. Brandt, assistant county superintendents of schools; Frank Burgess of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce; and Mr. Slaymaker. An open house for teachers was held on May 3 to display exhibits prepared by school children.

The April issue of the *Journal* of the Lancaster County Historical Society included an article on Amos Slaymaker, "A Lancaster County Businessman and the War of 1812," by Samuel R. Slaymaker, II; and "The Story of Safe Harbor," by Ernest T. Schuleen.

The annual meeting of the Lower Merion Historical Society on May 18 featured maps. Dr. Douglas Macfarlan discussed his hand-illuminated book of maps on "Early Explorations of North America," and G. Earle Thompson told about "Early Lower Merion Maps."

The Mercer County Historical Society was bequeathed \$5,400 by the late McDonald Rigby, one of the original members.

John Witthoft, chief curator of the Pennsylvania State Museum, was the speaker at the June 4 meeting of the Mifflin County Historical Society, his topic being "The Archaeological History of the Juniata."

John C. Appel, president of the Monroe County Historical Society, gave an address on "The Junior Historian and His County Historical Society" at the annual meeting of the Junior Historical Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania on April 24. A historical pilgrimage to the upper Delaware Valley was held by the Monroe County Historical Society on June 20. A program of special monthly exhibits has been arranged in the Society's museum.

The spring meeting of the Historical Society of Montgomery



County was held on April 25. Colonel Calvin I. Kephart of Shady Side, Maryland, spoke on the "Origin and Meaning of Family Surnames."

The latest issue of *Now and Then*, quarterly of the Muncy Historical Society, which appeared in April, includes several papers presented at recent meetings.

The spring meeting of the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society on April 29 was addressed by Dr. Edwin B. Coddington, head of the history department of Lafayette College, on "The Gettysburg Campaign."

The Old York Road Historical Society resumed publication of its annual *Bulletin* in January, 1959. On May 23 it held a spring pilgrimage to Fonthill and the Bucks County Historical Society in Doylestown.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians met in Pittsburgh, May 7-8, 1959. The program for the first day included a tour to Fort Necessity, Braddock's grave, and the site of Washington's gristmill with appropriate papers given by members of the Federation. The second day included a business session at the Stephen Foster Memorial, a luncheon at the University of Pittsburgh Student Union, and a series of tours of the Pittsburgh area. Stanton Belfour of the Pittsburgh Foundation was the speaker at the luncheon.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Folklore Society was held in Harrisburg on June 6. Miss Brunhilde Berndt demonstrated Hungarian gypsy folk dances, Dr. S. K. Stevens discussed the importance of Pennsylvania folklore, Professor Roger Abrahams of the University of Pennsylvania presented "America's Story in Folksong," and Dr. B. A. Botkin spoke on "State Folklore and State Folklore Societies."

At the 14th annual Philadelphia Book Show dinner on April 27, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania was presented with a Certificate of Award for *Philadelphia in the Romantic Age* of

*Lithography*, by Nicholas B. Wainwright, selected as the book "of highest artistic and technical excellence" in its classification. The award was made by the Book Clinic of Philadelphia, which each year conducts a competition to evaluate and publicize the high quality of Philadelphia's extensive publishing activities. Harry M. Buten spoke on "Wedgwood Ceramics" at the meeting of the Society on May 6.

In May the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania concluded its second 24-week course in genealogical methods, and Dr. Roy F. Nichols presented certificates to the students. This year legal documents pertaining to the people and properties on Elfreth's Alley in Philadelphia were used to illustrate how such primary source materials as deeds, wills, vital records of all kinds, and church registers, as well as secondary materials, may be used for adequate interpretation and presentation of genealogical and historical research. The Society is planning to increase the number of its publications, issuing at least one supplementary brochure a year for the publications of primary records and of studies too extended for presentation in the magazine.

The April 17 meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Junto of Washington, D. C., was addressed by Meredith B. Colket, Jr., director of the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio, on "Pennsylvania's Influence in the Western Reserve." At the annual dinner on May 15, Henry Howard Eddy, chief of the Division of Public Records, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, spoke on "Current Developments with Pennsylvania Records."

At the April 21 meeting of the City History Society of Philadelphia an illustrated talk on "The U.S.S. Olympia: Its History and Restoration" was given by Captain Edmund A. Crenshaw, Jr., director of the Cruiser Olympia Association.

A stated meeting of the Potter County Historical Society on April 24 heard a talk by A. P. Akeley, president of the Society, on John Brown's raid at Harpers Ferry, October 16, 1859, and its relation to the local situation in Potter County.

The Pottstown Historical Society held its annual May meeting in conjunction with its spring pilgrimage on May 6. After the election of officers at Pottsgrove, the members visited historical buildings in Salem County, New Jersey.

The Presbyterian Historical Society has recently announced a comprehensive plan to publish approximately fifty basic books on Presbyterian history in America. The project will take about ten years, and the books will be written by competent historians from source materials. The first five volumes to be released are: *History of Presbyterian Colleges*, *Presbyterians and Social Responsibility After 1870*, *Presbyterians and Christian Unity Since 1801*, *Presbyterians and Evangelism Since 1820*, and *Providing a Presbyterian Ministry*.

The meeting of the Radnor Historical Society on March 18 heard representatives of six long-established business houses in the township describe the history of their firms. An old bakery supplied nineteenth-century cakes from old recipes. The annual meeting was held on May 23 at Mill Grove Farm, the Audubon house and bird sanctuary across the Schuylkill River in Montgomery County. The Society has filed reports on twelve early Radnor houses with the Historic American Buildings Survey in the Library of Congress, including photographs and historical and architectural materials. The illustrated annual *Bulletin*, the ninth issued by the Society, was distributed at the annual meeting.

The Snyder County Historical Society has been given a room in the library of Susquehanna University where books, pamphlets, and other collections will be housed. The room will be open for use in the fall.

Dr. S. K. Stevens addressed the February meeting of the Lancaster County Chapter, Sons of the Revolution, on "Hopes and Fears of the Coming Years in Pennsylvania History."

Mrs. Howard Jones of West Chester showed a series of colored slides on places of historic interest in northern Chester County

at the April meeting of the Tri-State Historical Society. On May 9 the Society visited the home of John Dickinson, "Penman of the Revolution," a few miles from Dover, Delaware.

More than a hundred persons attended the first annual banquet of the Venango County Historical Society which was held on April 7 with Dr. S. K. Stevens as the speaker. The Society was organized in November, 1957, by fifteen interested persons, and now has eighty members. The Franklin Library Association has given the Society a room, which was repainted by the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The annual meeting of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was held on February 14 when a talk on "War of 1812 Military Insignia and Archaeological Excavations" was delivered by Lieutenant Colonel James Duncan Campbell. The Society adopted a resolution directed to the Mayor of Philadelphia expressing its concern at the possibility that the Delaware Expressway might damage or destroy the old Shot Tower where shot was manufactured for the war against the Algerian pirates and for the War of 1812.

The annual spring dinner meeting of the Wayne County Historical Society unanimously endorsed a proposal to build an addition on the present building, which was the office of the Delaware and Hudson Canal and was built in June, 1860. The property was given to the Society by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad in 1923.

The fifth lecture of the 1958-1959 season at the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania was given on March 30 by Mrs. Aimee Devine Sanders, director of the Historical Society of Berks County, whose subject was "Hunting Up Your Ancestors." The annual glass night was held on April 22 with Lowell Innes as moderator and Robert Carew, Robert Rogers, and Edward Robinson as members of the panel. The seventh and final lecture was presented on May 28 by Dorothy Daniel (Mrs. Royal Daniel); her subject, "Andy Carnegie and His Family," was based on her forthcoming book, *Andy Carnegie's Mother*.

The lecture series of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society was concluded on May 25 with a lecture by Dr. Edwin B. Coddington on "Wyoming Valley Troops at Gettysburg." This talk was preceded by a special program of music and motion pictures on the Civil War on April 27; a panel discussion on "The Civil War: Fact and Fancy" on March 25; and a paper entitled "Camp Luzerne: Recruits for the War" on February 25. The display on "Wyoming Valley in the Civil War" was replaced on June 2 by an exhibit on "The History of the Anthracite Industry." Museum attendance has been averaging 1,458 persons a month.

The highlight of the year will be the opening of the Swetland Homestead, 885 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, early in July. This historic house, which will be operated in addition to the Society's building in Wilkes-Barre, was restored and furnished by Mrs. Franck G. Darte, a member of the Society. Period rooms representing the years from 1800 to 1860 will be shown to the public.

The dedication ceremonies of the Historical Society of York County's new headquarters building at 250 East Market Street, York, were attended by more than 200 persons. The principal speaker was Dr. Donald A. Shelley, executive director of the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, whose address dealt with "History—Its Value to Your Community," demonstrating the economic value of creating a first-rate museum in any city or town. Dr. S. K. Stevens congratulated the Society on the program and facilities which had been developed. The current membership campaign brought 720 new members by May 20, making a total of 1,691 members, perhaps the largest membership of any county historical society in the state.

The Society's 1804 Tannenberger Organ, for over 140 years the organ in Christ Lutheran Church, has been restored to playing condition in the second-floor museum gallery, and local organists occasionally give concerts on this instrument. Other museum features include the completion of the first two buildings in the "village square." Two full-scale buildings, a toy shop and a cabinetmakers' shop, are completed and opened to the public. Five other buildings, a tavern, print shop, apothecary shop, log cabin, and silversmith's shop front, are being constructed and equipped.

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The history department at Carnegie Institute of Technology is participating in a project for introducing advanced placement courses in European history and English in the Pittsburgh public schools next year. Grants by the Fund for the Advancement of Education and the A. W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust provide for detailed preliminary planning, a four-week summer institute for thirty-two teachers, and actual interchange of a few teachers in 1959-1960 between Carnegie Tech and the public schools.

A new pamphlet series, the Carnegie Papers on the Teaching of History has opened with (1) Edwin Fenton, *Teaching the First Ten Assignments in an Introductory European History Course*; (2) G. M. Ellis, *Robinson Crusoe: The Use of the Novel in a History Course*; and (3) P. L. Ward, *Teaching Note-Taking to History Students as Encouragement to Active Study*.

Dr. J. Cutler Andrews, chairman of the history department of Chatham College, presented a series of fourteen programs on western Pennsylvania history entitled "Western Pennsylvania Heritage" over the Pittsburgh educational television station, WQED, from January 16 to April 17. Most of the programs were lectures. On the opening program Dr. Don Dragoo of Carnegie Institute discussed the pre-history of the region. A dramatic presentation of the Tarleton-Bates duel of 1806 was staged by the WQED staff. On the concluding program Dr. Alfred P. James, professor emeritus of history of the University of Pittsburgh, and George Swetnam of the Pittsburgh *Press* discussed the meaning of the western Pennsylvania heritage with Dr. Andrews.

This summer Clarion State Teachers College is presenting a seminar in European culture through a 44-day tour of Europe conducted by Professor C. W. Robbe and Dr. Herbert Sussbach.

*Quartermaster General of the Union Army, a Biography of M. C. Meigs*, by Dr. Russell Weigley of the Drexel Institute of Technology, was published by Columbia University Press in April.

Dr. William Toth, chairman of the history department of Franklin and Marshall College, will leave in August for a sabbatical year of study, research, and travel in Europe. Dr. Toth has written two chapters for the forthcoming history of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, one on the European background and the other on colonial developments. He has also written a chapter on the history of the Reformed Church of Hungary for a compendium of churches of the Reformed tradition holding the presbyterian system, under the editorship of Professor Clifford M. Drury of San Francisco Theological Seminary. In September Dr. Norman P. Zacbur will join the department at Franklin and Marshall as associate professor and will develop a distribution course in the Western Tradition.

William H. Russell, associate professor and chairman of the department of history at Geneva College, deals with a prominent Pennsylvanian in an article in the *Alabama Review*, April, 1959, on "Alexander K. McClure, Promoter of the New South." The article describes McClure's southern travels and reporting while he was editor of the *Philadelphia Times*.

At the second annual Civil War Study Group which is being held at Gettysburg College on August 2-7 the program will feature tours of the Gettysburg battlefield area and of Harpers Ferry and environs. Professor T. Harry Williams of Louisiana State University and other guest lecturers will participate. Persons interested in attending the sessions should write to Dr. Robert L. Bloom, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Haverford College has appointed John P. Spielman of the University of Michigan as assistant professor to teach modern European history.

The social studies department at Indiana State Teachers College publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Hypo*, for its majors. It contains news notes about the department and the two student societies as well as articles by students and faculty members. During the summer J. Merle Rife will spend three months at the Archives Nationales in Paris for research on his doctoral dis-

sertation, "The Political Career of Louis Barthou." Clyde Gelbach will travel in England and Ireland, and Florence Wallace will visit the British Isles and the continent. Thirteen outside instructors will teach social studies courses at Indiana's summer school, among them S. P. McCutchen, chairman of the social studies department of the School of Education, New York University; Robert H. Bremner of the department of history, Ohio State University; and Richard Thompson of the department of history, Ohio University.

Pennsylvania Military College has announced the promotions of William Edwin Sawyer from associate professor to professor, and of William Madison Rolofson from instructor to assistant professor.

Dr. Morton Keller, assistant professor of American history at the University of Pennsylvania, has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and a grant from the Social Science Research Council. He will spend the year 1959-1960 on leave, completing his study on insurance companies and their political interests.

The University of Pittsburgh has announced the appointment of Dr. Robert G. Colodny of the University of Kansas as associate professor of history. Dr. Emory G. Evans, instructor, has received grants from Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., and the American Philosophical Society to do research during the summer on the problem of the planters' attitude toward their indebtedness to Great Britain before and after the American Revolution. Dr. Robert E. Carlson, assistant professor, will be a member of the faculty at the Summer Institute, History and Philosophy of Science and Mathematics, at the American University. Dr. Werner Philipp, professor at the Free University in Berlin and presently visiting professor at Wisconsin, delivered three lectures on "Cultural Relations Between Russia and the West" at the University of Pittsburgh on April 23 and 24.

Eastern Baptist College, St. Davids, will offer a summer session for secondary school teachers in American studies under a grant from the Coe Foundation. The grant provides fifty scholarships



covering tuition, room, and board. Eastern Baptist College is the first college in Pennsylvania to receive a grant from this foundation. Classes will be taught by Lee N. Allen, Robert N. Burrows, and George S. Claghorn.

The Alvernian Bookmen Club of St. Francis College, Loretto, recently sponsored a lecture on Dante's *Inferno* by Dr. Joseph Dahmus, professor of history at Pennsylvania State University and a noted medievalist and Dante scholar.

Professor Lawrence O. Ealy has resigned from the department of history at Temple University to accept the position of provost of Hobart and William Smith Colleges at Geneva, New York. Harry M. Tinkcom and Clement G. Motten have been granted sabbatical leaves for the 1959-1960 academic year, the former for the fall semester and the latter for the full year. Dr. Tinkcom has been promoted to the rank of full professor, Edwin B. Bronner to associate professor, and Edward R. Baron to assistant professor. Three new instructors added to the department are Miss Patricia C. Johnson from the University of Rochester, R. William Rauch from Columbia University, and John D. Stark from the University of North Carolina.

## OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

The recent death in May of Leo E. Wilt of Towanda terminates a long period of faithful and energetic service to state and local history, both in his own county as president and later director of the Bradford County Historical Society, and in the state at large as a regular delegate and frequent contributor to meetings of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, where his friendly and enthusiastic presence will be much missed.

The American Association for State and Local History and Broadcast Music, Inc., are offering awards to a professional and a non-professional writer for the best 1,500-word essay on the subject, *Reflections While Standing Before the Lincoln Memorial*. One of the two winning essays will be used by BMI as the last program in a public service radio series, *The Abraham Lincoln Story, 1809-1959*, which is made available to all radio and tele-

vision stations. Announcement of winners will be made no later than February 12, 1960. Writers in Pennsylvania may obtain official rules and entry blanks from Dr. S. K. Stevens, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, State Museum Building, Harrisburg.

Radcliffe College announces that it is sponsoring the preparation of a biographical dictionary of American women to be entitled *Notable American Women, 1607-1950*. In two or more volumes this work will contain sketches of approximately 1,500 women from the colonial period onward. The project is an outgrowth of Radcliffe's growing collection of manuscript and printed materials on the history of American women, the Women's Archives. The articles in *Notable American Women* will be written by historians and other scholars and will in general be on the same scale as those in the *Dictionary of American Biography*. The editor is Dr. Edward T. James, recently associate editor of Supplement Two of the *Dictionary of American Biography*; a committee of consultants is headed by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Sr., of Harvard University. The editor solicits suggestions from scholars generally, particularly of names of women who might be included and information about qualified contributors, and may be addressed at Radcliffe College, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission will be glad to serve as a clearing house in forwarding names of Pennsylvania women for inclusion in the new dictionary.

Cameron County is planning a centennial observance in connection with the coming anniversary of its creation in 1860. The county commissioners have designated the Honorable May F. Balcom, associate judge, as honorary chairman, and the Honorable E. W. Tompkins, assemblyman, as chairman. The Cameron County Historical Society and other community groups have indicated willingness to co-operate in this celebration.

Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, was host to the 54th annual meeting of the American Association of Museums on June 3-6. The extensive program dealt with all fields of museum activities, and included a session on history museums held at the Historical

Society of Western Pennsylvania. The sessions ended with a boat trip on the Ohio River, a tour to the Westmoreland County Museum of Art at Greensburg, and a trip to Old Economy.

The Free Library of Philadelphia has recently purchased a copy of the rare and famous volume of William Birch's views of the city of Philadelphia. This magnificent folio, published on December 31, 1800, contains twenty-seven colored plates which depict various scenes in Philadelphia. Today the complete work with all the plates, the plan of the city, and the list of subscribers is a great rarity, and this copy which has the original binding is considered by experts to be the finest known copy.

National, state, and local officials took part in ceremonies on April 25 when a replica of the Liberty Bell was presented to Zion's United Church of Christ, Allentown. It was in this church that the original Liberty Bell was housed in the winter of 1777 during the British occupation of Philadelphia. Dr. S. K. Stevens in his presentation speech explained that the replica was made originally for a Treasury Department bond drive and was later placed in the care of the Commission.

Emile F. du Pont, president of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, has announced a gift to the Foundation of a library to be devoted to the history of American industry in the area from its earliest colonial beginnings. It will be named the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library. The gift from the Longwood Foundation established by the late Pierre S. du Pont will include a building and a collection of books, manuscripts, and other historic papers from the Longwood Library. The Longwood collection will be combined with the library of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, which is most notable for its holdings of the historic archives of the Du Pont Company but also contains an important reference collection on early American industry.

The Hill School, Pottstown, commemorated the centennial of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt on May 14 with former Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland and Hermann Hagedorn as

speakers. A special exhibit of Rooseveltiana was presented from April 19 to June 7.

Historic Fallsington, Inc., presented an open house and country fair on May 16 with the proceeds going to this project of historical preservation. Nine historic buildings were opened for visitation in a walking tour, and a luncheon was served.