

NEWS AND COMMENT

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HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The Adams County Historical Society met in Seminary "Old Dorm" on April 3, 1962, when new officers were elected. Dr. Charles Glatfelter, of the history department of Gettysburg College, was elected president; George W. Olinger, vice-president; Jacob M. Sheads, recording secretary; and Frank Newcomer, treasurer. The Society increased the life membership fee from \$25 to \$100, allowing the annual dues to remain at \$2.00. Arthur Weaner presented a paper on "Straban Township: Its Origin and Settlers." A map showing the location of the land held by each settler as originally warranted to him was distributed. The meeting on May 8 was devoted to the Society's business affairs, and particularly to finances and plans for continuing repairs and renovations to their headquarters, "Old Dorm." A field trip was held on June 5, visiting Wright's House near York Springs.

The Allegheny City Society has compiled and is preparing to publish a chronological history of the old City of Allegheny, in pamphlet form. The Society has a display of pictures and mementoes of old Allegheny in Carnegie Library, Allegheny Regional Branch; this is changed from time to time.

The American Swedish Historical Museum will close for three weeks for the summer vacation period, from 5 P.M., July 20, to 10 A.M., August 13.

During the month of March, the Historical Society of Berks County again (as in 1961) stressed the Civil War period by displaying the Ansco Civil War exhibit of over a hundred murals made from Mathew Brady photographs of Civil War scenes. A thousand or more children and adults viewed the exhibit, and six

Hundred attended the fine slide lecture on the Civil War which was presented on March 4 and 11 by Mr. Wilbur Dickinson of the Berks Camera Club. The spring issue of the *Historical Review of Berks County* featured a fictional tale woven around "Old Trinity" Lutheran Church by J. Bennett Nolan, Esq. This issue also included an abstract of a doctoral dissertation on "Reading's Immigrant Population" by Raymond W. Ford, Jr., assistant professor of English at Kutztown State College; and an article on the fabulous "South Mountain Resorts" in Berks County by Malcolm J. MacCallum, a native of Wernersville and a retired professional horticulturist.

The Blair County Historical Society at Altoona has redecorated and relighted two basement rooms of its 35-room Baker Mansion museum. One, named for T. S. Davis, long-time county school superintendent, incorporates atmosphere and original properties of an old-fashioned schoolroom. The other, the Transportation or John Blair Room, exhibits models of canal and Portage Railroad boats, cars, locomotives, early Pennsylvania Railroad memorabilia, and objects of historical interest recovered by archaeological work. The Society plans a Portage Railroad field trip in June and an observance of the centennial of the Loyal War Governors' Conference in Altoona on September 24, 1962.

The Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown, Pa., highlighted its 81st annual meeting on May 5 with the opening of two permanent exhibits in the Society's Mercer Museum. One of these is the interior of the country store which had been removed from its original site in Feasterville and rebuilt within the museum, its shelves being stocked with merchandise of about 1870. The other exhibit is a Smith Printing Press No. 670, built by R. Hoe & Co., New York City, about 1835, said to be the oldest press in Bucks County. The restored press is on exhibit in a shop of the period. On the day of the meeting, the first run was made and the Society plans to keep it in operation during warm weather.

All the officers of the Cambria County Historical Society were re-elected at the annual reorganization meeting in May. The president is Robert F. Pruner, P. O. Box 539, Johnstown. The speaker

at the meeting was Malcolm Tweedy, the manager of Fort Ligonier, who talked about the restored fort and showed a number of artifacts found at its site. Remarks were also given by Dan Park, president of the Cambria County Tourist Council.

At the meeting of the Centre County Historical Society on April 25, Hugh Manchester spoke on "How Centre County Won the Civil War." His extensive research proved that at least fifty men from the county were in strategic places during the conflict. A tribute to the late J. Thomas Mitchell, written by Dr. Philip S. Klein, was read. Mr. Mitchell, who died in February, was a charter member of the Society.

The Chester County Historical Society featured "Looking Back at the Civil War" in its meeting on April 17, when George E. Nixdorf of Downingtown and Theodore O. Rogers of West Chester gave papers presenting divergent viewpoints of the war. The program was arranged by Mrs. Ellis E. Stern of Coatesville. At the annual meeting on May 15, J. Gordon Fetterman, horticulturist and historian of Media, gave an illustrated talk on "The Ancient Philadelphia Society for the Promotion of Agriculture." There was a social hour for visiting Museum displays. This program was arranged by Mrs. E. Page Allinson. The Society reports a total of 1,004 members.

The rearranged library and museum of the Clarion County Historical Society has created new interest in the displays and records through their increased accessibility. Members of the Society participated in a joint meeting with the Venango County Historical Society early in May. At the regular meeting of the Clarion County Historical Society on June 12, the Honorable James B. Stevenson, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, gave an illustrated talk on the "Story of Pithole." In late June the Society made a bus tour to Pithole and to Drake Well Memorial Park, where the members were addressed by James Kehew, the curator. On June 2 members of the Society provided the evening program for the Clarion County Pomona Grange, the chairman of the historic sites committee presenting a map tour of historic sites and other places of interest in the county.

The annual spring dinner meeting of the Clearfield County Historical Society was held in DuBois on May 17, jointly with the DuBois Lions Club. John B. Gates, Clearfield attorney and secretary of the Society, spoke on "Covered Bridges," urging that steps be taken to preserve the county's last remaining covered bridge, the McGees Bridge at Bells Landing.

The Crawford County Historical Society completed its fiscal year on June 1 with a good record of accomplishments. Visitations to the museum and research rooms totaled approximately 2,400. New equipment has been added to give better service to those using its collections. Plans are underway to encourage more participation on the part of young people, and a quarterly newsletter is being considered. Some refurbishing is planned for the summer months to make better use of available facilities and to improve appearances. Several new displays are being prepared, and the indexing of county cemeteries and deceased veterans is continuing. The annual election in June will see the retirement of President James R. Shryock, who has served for thirteen years.

For his contributions to local history William A. Hunter, chief of the Division of Research and Publications, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, was feted as "Historian of the Year" by the Cumberland County Historical Society. At a dinner in his honor on May 4 more than a hundred members and guests heard Hunter read a paper on Archibald Loudon. Dr. S. K. Stevens introduced him; Donald H. Kent brought greetings from Allegheny College; and Dr. Gilbert Malcolm from the Harrisburg Scottish Society.

At the February meeting of the Historical Society of Dauphin County, Millard B. Simmons gave a history of banking in Pennsylvania. Frank J. Schmidt, director of the Historical Society of York County, was the speaker at the March meeting, his topic being "Preserving the York County Heritage." At the April meeting John M. Gibson, president of the Lancaster County Historical Society, gave an illustrated talk on "Rock Ford," the eighteenth-century home of General Edward Hand. James B. Myers, super-

intendent of Gettysburg National Military Park, spoke in May on "National Parks: Our Heritage."

The spring meeting of the Delaware County Historical Society was held at the Corinthian Yacht Club, Essington, on May 9. E. McClung Fleming, of the Henry Francis DuPont Winterthur Museum, gave an illustrated talk on "The Art Object as a Historical Document at Winterthur."

The Fort Crawford Association, New Kensington, is among the new member organizations of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. William E. Stewart, P. O. Box 602, New Kensington, is its president; and Mrs. Ruth Alter Nadolski, 523 Fourth Avenue, New Kensington, is secretary.

The Haverford Township Historical Society held a second Heritage Tour of homes in the township on May 12. More than two hundred persons made the tour, and the proceeds will be used for maintaining the Lawrence Cabin Museum, which is now open to the public. Paid memberships in the Society now total 85, including 8 life memberships.

United States Senator Barry Goldwater will address a dinner meeting of the King of Prussia Historical Society on July 11 at the Alumni Field House of Haverford College. Senator Goldwater will speak on "The History of Conservatism in American Politics," a nonpolitical talk which is being presented as part of the Society's continuing community education program. A similar event is planned for next year with an outstanding spokesman of liberalism talking on the history of that aspect of American politics. The proceeds from the dinner will be used to complete the re-creation of the Old Roberts School in King of Prussia. This nineteenth-century schoolhouse will become a "living historical laboratory," a complete working classroom where students from schools in the area can attend classes just as their great-grandfathers did.

The King of Prussia Historical Society has just issued a 40-page "Traveler's Guide to King of Prussia, Valley Forge, and Philadelphia," which includes 44 photographs and illustrations of

regional historic sites, a map of notable locations in the area, and accompanying text. It was compiled and edited by Mary Louise Townsend and John Reznichuk, and many of the illustrations were drawn by the noted artist, Eric Sloane. The price is fifty cents.

On April 14 the Lackawanna Historical Society had a bus trip to Gettysburg. The annual dinner meeting on April 24 was addressed by Attorney J. Julius Levy on "Famous Trials in Lackawanna County." The Society was host to the semi-annual meeting of the Historical Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania on April 28.

At the organization meeting of the Lancaster Community Historians on April 9, Dr. Charles D. Spotts of Smoketown was elected chairman, Mrs. Joseph N. Copeland of Millersville, secretary, and Ira Kreider of Lancaster, treasurer. Joseph T. Kingston of the Lancaster *Intelligencer Journal* spoke on the history of the old Fulton Opera House, and Harry F. Stauffer spoke on the "ABC Writing School" of Ephrata Cloister. Two field trips are scheduled for June 3 and 18 to Old Zion's Reformed Church in Brickerville and Windsor Forge in Churchtown.

At the Lancaster County Historical Society on April 3, Elizabeth W. Shaub of Ephrata spoke on "Four Generations of Gorgas Grandfather Clockmakers," telling the story of a famous Ephrata family. On May 1 Mrs. Daniel Rhoads gave an illustrated lecture on restored historic mansions, "A Historic Journey Through Pennsylvania." A social hour followed the May meeting. The Society again served as host to the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies on June 16.

The Lehigh County Historical Society held its 58th annual meeting on April 26 at the Hotel Traylor in Allentown. In this the second of a series of programs to commemorate the bicentennial of Allentown and the 150th anniversary of Lehigh County, Henry L. Snyder, Esq., spoke on "The Judges and Courts of Lehigh County."

The spring meeting of the Lower Merion Historical Society

was held on April 29. Ken Wells II, vice-president of the Freedoms Foundation, spoke on "Responsibility, Key to the Future."

The Mifflin County Historical Society announces the publication of *The Logan Guards of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, Our First Defenders of 1861*, by Willis R. Copeland, which has been mentioned previously. The Society observed its fifth annual Alamo memorial service on May 27, honoring three county men who died defending the Alamo in 1836: John Purdy Reynolds, M.D., David Cummins, and William McDowell. State Representative Harry W. Price was the speaker, and Mr. Copeland was chairman of the committee in charge.

The Monroe County Historical Society is planning a pilgrimage to the Morristown National Historical Park in New Jersey on June 23.

The spring meeting of the Historical Society of Montgomery County was held on April 28. Hon. Alfred L. Taxis described the plans and program for the Norristown Sesquicentennial Celebration, observed on March 31 and May 4-12.

On May 5 members of the Northampton Historical and Genealogical Society enjoyed a tour of "Historic Bethlehem," including the Bethlehem Historical Museum in the Single Sisters House, the Annie S. Kemerer Museum, the Single Brethren's House, and other restorations. A Moravian lunch was served by the Hotel Bethlehem. On May 24 the Society entertained at a luncheon seventeen museum directors and associates from twelve foreign countries, who are visiting eastern United States museums under the auspices of the State Department and the American Association of Museums. Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Ethiopia, India, Japan, Peru, Poland, Sierra Leone, and Tunisia were represented.

The Historical Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania held its spring conference on April 28 at the Lackawanna Historical Society in Scranton. At the morning session Thomas R. Millen talked about the development of the anthracite coal industry and the

Hudson Coal Company. After lunch "The Problems of the Local Historical Society" were discussed with very interesting and helpful suggestions and solutions offered by Mrs. Autumn Leonard, associate historian of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians.

The Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies held its tenth annual spring meeting at King of Prussia on April 6-7. Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace, associate historian, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, spoke on the educational program and activities of the Commission. Dr. Wallace E. Davies, professor of history, University of Pennsylvania, spoke on "The Civil War and Reconstruction." There were also sectional meetings on "Integrating Economics, Sociology, and Political Science in the 12th Grade Social Studies Course," "Implementing the World Cultures Program," and "The Social Studies Curriculum in the Elementary School."

The Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians had a most successful annual convention in Hershey on May 3-4, with more than 250 students and advisers in attendance. Talks were given by J. B. Sollenberger, president of Hershey Estates; Dr. Eugene Bertin of the Pennsylvania State Education Association; and Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Dr. Stevens was presented an honorary membership in the Junior Historians and spoke on the role of history in Pennsylvania education. Miss Patricia Cole, senior division president, and Miss Joanne Bozich, junior division president, presided at the meetings. The workshop sessions were under the direction of Eric DeJonge of the State Museum; Frank J. Schmidt, director of the Historical Society of York County; Hugh McKeegan of the Department of Public Instruction; and Frank Brunner of the Lycoming Historical Society. The Junior Historian advisers met with Robert Hunter of the Department of Public Instruction, who discussed the role of Pennsylvania history in the high school curriculum.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Folklore Society was

held at Harrisburg on May 5. Charles E. G. Lloyd, of New Canaan, Conn., and Eagles Mere, Pa., was elected president; Dr. Robert Byington of Lycoming College, executive secretary; Richard F. Myers of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission staff, vice-president; and Dr. Maurice A. Mook of the Pennsylvania State University, treasurer. New directors elected were Mrs. Myra Elmers of Pittsburgh, retiring president; Dr. Moritz Jagendorf of New York City; George Korson of Washington, D. C.; Dr. MacEdward Leach of the University of Pennsylvania, president of the American Folklore Society; and Donald H. Kent of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission staff.

The Pennsylvania German Folklore Society held its annual meeting at Hershey on May 12, attended by 484 members. This Society invites all historians, adult or junior, to join it. For information address the Secretary, Mrs. George Lerch, 70 Grandview Boulevard, Reading.

The 72nd annual meeting of the Pennsylvania German Society will be held October 12 and 13 at Millersville State College. President D. Luke Biemesderfer of Millersville State College is chairman of the program committee.

At the April 27 meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Junto, Washington, D. C., Herman R. Friis, senior specialist, Cartographic Archives, The National Archives, presented "A Brief History of the Construction and Use of the U. S. National (Cumberland) Road in Pennsylvania," illustrating his talk with maps.

The Perry County Historical Society held its spring meeting on May 28. In the election of officers, all the officers were re-elected. Three new members were accepted into the Society. Plans were made to hold a memorial service in memory of George W. Geer on the second Sunday in July at the Rudolph Church in Little Germany. Music by a male quartet was followed by an illustrated talk on the Pennsylvania Canal by Dr. Ernest H. Coleman of State College.

On June 15-17 the Pike County Historical Society of Pennsylvania took part in a Tri-State Historical Conference with the New Jersey Historical Society, the Sussex County Historical Society, the Minisink Valley Historical Society, and the Lake Hopatcong Historical Society. The conference was held at Montague, N. J., and dealt with the economic history of the area, with Junior Historian work, and the New Jersey Tercentenary. There were also a historic and scenic tour of the area and a historical society town meeting for discussion of programs and problems.

A film on the Battlefield of Gettysburg was presented at the stated meeting of the Potter County Historical Society on April 27. Officers were elected, and committee reports were read.

On May 19 members and friends of the Pottstown Historical Society made a tour of the Henry Francis DuPont Winterthur Museum. The annual meeting was held on May 28, when officers and directors were elected. Mrs. Claire Callahan of Coventryville spoke on "The Homes of the Ironmasters."

Dr. James Hastings Nichols, former president of the American Society of Church History, has been elected secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society and editor of the *Journal of Presbyterian History*. He will begin his activities in the Society when he assumes his new duties as professor of church history at Princeton Theological Seminary.

At the dinner meeting of the Shippensburg Historical Society on April 12, Col. Wilbur S. Nye, associate editor of the *Civil War Times*, spoke on "The Confederate Invasion of '63."

At the March 21 meeting of the Snyder County Historical Society, Miss Eva Herman told of her trip to Alaska. At the meeting on May 16 Miss Pauline Keiser read a paper about Mrs. Anna Knight Gregory, a native of Selinsgrove, who was the last daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. She was a hundred years old at the time of her death; her father was a drummer boy in the Continental Army who had enlisted at the age of eleven. A resolution of respect was adopted on the death of Dr. John I. Woodruff, the last

surviving charter member of the Society, who died recently at the age of ninety-seven years.

The May issue of the *Laurel Messenger*, quarterly of the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County, includes an article by Lois Bennett Youngberg on Alexander Bennett, a native of the county who became a United Brethren circuit rider in Oregon.

The Strongstown Homecoming and Historical Society is another new member society of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. The general chairman is Raymond G. Rodkey, and the secretary is Mrs. Helen Albright. The Society's mailing address is Box 1000, Strongstown.

At the spring meeting of the Tioga County Historical Society held at Williamson High School, Tioga Junction, Edwin A. Glover, president of the Society, gave a talk on the Wildcat District in the Civil War. Civil War music was presented by vocal and instrumental groups.

The numerous activities of the Valley Forge Historical Society during 1961-1962 were climaxed by the auspicious observance of the anniversary of the announcement at Valley Forge of the signing of the French alliance, May 6, 1778. Falling as it did this year on the 39th annual Louisiana State Sunday, as observed by the Washington Memorial Chapel, the combined program provided a most interesting and fitting celebration, arranged with the Alliance Française, the Louisiana State Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Valley Forge Barracks No. 59 of Veterans of World War I, and the Honorable Jimmie H. Davis, Governor of Louisiana. After a luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Titus in honor of the guest speaker, M. Jacques Dupont, Secretary of the Embassy of the French Republic, and Mme. Dupont, the afternoon's features included a carillon concert of French music by Remy Muller and the anniversary program in the Washington Memorial Chapel with a capacity audience. The program included a message from Governor David L. Lawrence conveyed by Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director of the Pennsyl-

vania Historical and Museum Commission; the singing of the Marseillaise by M. Martial Singher of the Curtis School of Music, and the anthem sung by the Gothic Choir of the Wayne Presbyterian Church. The Woman's Auxiliary was hostess at a reception in the Porch of the Allies, with a tea following in the Chapel-Museum garden.

Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace, associate historian, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and author of *Indians in Pennsylvania*, spoke on "Indians of Northwestern Pennsylvania" at a joint dinner meeting of the Venango and Clarion County Historical Societies held in Franklin on May 9.

On April 7 the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held a luncheon in Philadelphia commemorating the 150th anniversary of the war. Over 150 members and guests heard an address by Dr. Roy F. Nichols entitled "He Who Fights and Runs Away Shall Live to Fight Another Day."

At the meeting of the Warren County Historical Society on March 28, Dr. Robert T. Redden spoke on "The Battle of Gettysburg."

This summer, repairs and enlargement will be underway at the building of the Wayne County Historical Society, 810 Main Street, Honesdale. The bid has been let and work will begin after July 1. The improvements will give twice the space which is now available. The Society's semi-annual meeting was a dinner in the Lutheran Church at Honesdale. The entertainment was a skit presenting the organization meeting of the Society in 1907 with the cast dressed in costume of the times.

At the meeting of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania on April 26, Dr. Alta Schrock of Grantsville, Md., gave an illustrated talk on "The Vanishing Arts and Crafts of the Mountaineers."

The spring meeting of the Westmoreland-Fayette Historical Society was held at the Westmoreland County Museum of Art,

Greensburg, on April 26. William E. Stewart spoke on Colonel William Crawford, and Arthur R. Guiney discussed the early history of the white man along the Allegheny River.

The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, in cooperation with Wilkes College, was host to the annual meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology on May 25-26. In conjunction with this event, a new exhibit of Indian artifacts was opened, entitled "The First Americans." In June the Society began its most ambitious undertaking in recent years, sponsoring with Cornell University Press the reprinting of the first four volumes of *The Susquehannah Company Papers*, edited in the 1930's by Dr. Julian Boyd. During 1963 and 1964 the remaining eight volumes, never previously published, will be brought into print. To help finance this scholarly undertaking, the Society has established the Susquehannah Publication Fund. Further information on this project may be had from the Society at 69 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of York County was held on April 24, when the following officers were elected: Robert P. Turner, president; John E. Groome, vice-president; E. Eugene Shelley, secretary; and Frank V. McConkey, Jr., treasurer. Trustees elected for a three-year term included Charles L. Fackler, Joe K. Kindig III, Richard E. Kohler, Mrs. William C. Langston, Stephen S. Sechrist II, Robert P. Turner, and Mrs. David Davidson, while Louis Appell was elected to fill an unexpired term. The Society is undertaking for the Historic American Buildings Survey a photo-data survey of twelve eighteenth-century structures in York and York County. Among the buildings covered is the Golden Plough tavern, probably the only eighteenth-century half-timber structure still extant in this country.

The Laucks Farm and Craft Museum near Red Lion, Pa., owned and operated by the Historical Society of York County, opened for the season on May 30 (Memorial Day) and will be open during the summer on Sundays and the major holidays from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. Admission is free. The Museum contains a sizeable collection of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century farm equipment and household items.

From July 1 until September 15 the Society will have in the main gallery of its York headquarters an exhibit entitled "400 Years of Domestic Lighting, 1400-1800." This exhibit will feature actual lighting devices for the period, complemented by pictorial material from contemporary publications and by descriptions of the techniques used in making the various lighting devices. During June the Society displayed over a hundred entries submitted by York city school children in its "Little General Camera and Sketchbook Contest." These entries depicted the historic structures still extant in the town and county as well as items preserved in the Society's collection. The contest was a project of the Society's TV program presented each Friday afternoon at 1:30 over Station WSBA-TV in York.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

At Bryn Mawr College, Felix Gilbert, professor of European history since 1946, has resigned to take up a permanent appointment at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. Dr. Barbara Lane has been appointed lecturer in history, 1962-1963. David Herlihy returns from a sabbatical on a Guggenheim grant for research in Florence, Italy. Dr. Mary Maples Dunn returns after a year in London working on William Penn and Pennsylvania history, as assistant professor.

Dr. J. Orin Oliphant, professor and chairman of the department of history, Bucknell University, will be relieved of teaching duties in August, 1962, so that he can give full time to organizing the archives of Bucknell and to writing a history of this institution. He will be succeeded by Dr. William H. Harbaugh, of Rutgers University, who will become chairman of the department. In September, 1962, Dr. James D. Hardy, Jr., of Union College, will join the faculty with the rank of assistant professor of history.

The Mary Helen Marks Visiting Professorship at Chatham College will be filled during the coming academic year by Professor Laurence Kinnaird of the University of California. A special grant from the John Hay Whitney-New York Foundation will make it possible for Dr. Kinnaird to spend the entire year at

Chatham. He will teach a seminar on the West in United States history and will offer a course in Latin American history as a part of Chatham's year-long concentration on Latin America in 1962-1963. Professor Kinnaird's publications include books on *Spain in the Mississippi Valley* (1945) and *The Frontiers of New Spain, 1766-1768* (1958).

Sister Consuelo Maria, chairman of the department of history, Chestnut Hill College, has been named advisory editor for the medieval field for a three-year term for the *Catholic Historical Review*.

Professor Flint Kellogg, chairman of the department of history, Dickinson College, has been granted a refresher year leave of absence for further study and writing on a history of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Professor and Mrs. Kellogg will travel extensively in Africa from Capetown to Cairo, visiting a number of the emerging nations to study at first hand the rapidly developing Pan-African movement. The first Pan-African Congresses were conceived and financed by the NAACP. The Kelloggs plan to return to the United States by way of the Middle East, India, Southeast Asia, and Japan. Professor Kellogg hopes he will then be able to participate in Dickinson's proposed Afro-Asian studies program which is being evolved in cooperation with five neighboring colleges with a two-year grant from the Ford Foundation. Professor John C. Pflaum will be acting chairman of the department during Professor Kellogg's absence. George H. Dengler and David Fischer have been appointed instructors in history for the coming year. Mr. Dengler, whose field is American history, is a graduate of Washington College, Maryland, and has a master's degree from the University of Rhode Island. Mr. Fischer's field is European history; he is a graduate of Oglethorpe College and a candidate for the degree of doctor of philosophy at Columbia University.

At Geneva College Dr. George S. Coleman retired in June after twenty-five years on the faculty. M. Howard Mattsson-Boze, a doctoral candidate at the University of Minnesota, has been appointed instructor of history, and Dr. William H. Russell has been promoted from associate professor to professor.

Dr. Richard Marius, who received his doctorate in June from Yale University, will join the department of history at Gettysburg College in September. His teaching responsibilities will include medieval and modern European history.

Professor Thomas E. Drake, chairman of the department of history, Haverford College, retired at the end of the 1961-1962 academic year. Dr. Edwin B. Bronner, of Temple University, has been appointed curator of the Quaker Collection and professor of American history as of September, 1962. Professor Bronner's study, *Pennsylvania, 1681-1701: Utopian Failure, Practical Success*, is to be published by the Columbia University Press in the fall.

At Juniata College Dr. Donald Durnbaugh has resigned from the department of history to accept a position teaching church history at Bethany Seminary in Chicago. Professor Young Kihl, a Korean scholar currently at New York University, will replace him at Juniata. Professor Philbrook Smith will be on leave from the department in 1962-1963 to complete research for his doctorate at the State University of Iowa.

At Lafayette College Dr. Edwin B. Coddington, now on sabbatical leave, has been granted a leave of absence for the academic year 1962-1963 to continue his research on the Battle of Gettysburg. Dr. A. W. Gendebien will continue as acting head of the department of history. Joseph E. Illick has been appointed instructor in history as a substitute for Dr. John M. Coleman, who will be on sabbatical leave in 1962-1963. Dr. Jacob E. Cooke, present chairman of the department of history at Carnegie Institute of Technology, has been appointed MacCracken Professor of History, effective September, 1962, holding a chair endowed by Mrs. John Henry MacCracken and family in memory of her husband, Dr. John Henry MacCracken, President of Lafayette College, 1915-1926.

From Penn Hall Junior College the department of history reports that Miss Elizabeth Allison has been appointed editor of *Pennsylvania News and Views*, quarterly bulletin of the Pennsyl-

vania Council for the Social Studies. Publication is also planned for a series of letters written by James Corey, Private in 146th New York State Volunteer Infantry, under the title, "I Now Take the Opportunity of Writeing a Few Lines."

New appointments in the department of history at the Pennsylvania State University include: George J. Stagakis of the University of Wisconsin as assistant professor, Charles K. Krantz of Brooklyn College as instructor, Herbert Ershkowitz of New York University as instructor, and J. Paul Mitchell of the University of Denver as instructor.

Dr. Robert D. Duncan, professor of history and chairman of the social studies department at Slippery Rock State College, has been appointed by Dr. Charles H. Boehm, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to the Teacher Education and Certification Advisory Committee of the Department of Public Instruction. Dr. John Dearth, associate professor of history, will continue his field studies in Mexico during the summer; and Charles Shaw, assistant professor of history, will continue his graduate studies at the University of Alabama. Dr. George Moore, professor of history, is completing a volume on West Virginia in the Civil War for publication by the Civil War Centennial Committee of West Virginia in 1962.

From the University of Pennsylvania comes word that Dean Roy F. Nichols and his wife, Dr. Jeannette P. Nichols, are in India for a meeting of Indian scholars pertaining to American civilization. Dr. Thomas C. Cochran will represent the Social Science Research Council at the International Economic History Conference at Aix-en-Provence, France, August 26-September 4. Dr. Arthur P. Whitaker has been appointed the U. S. representative in the Assembly of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, and attended the International Historical Congress in June, after visiting in Lisbon, Barcelona, Seville, Madrid, and Paris. Dr. Morton Keller has been promoted to associate professor of history.

During the past year Dr. Robert E. Carlson, professor of his-

tory, West Chester State College, has had reviews in *Business History Review*, *Isis*, *Technology and Culture*, and the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*.

Hoh-cheung Mui, associate professor of history, Wilkes College, will teach British history in the 1962 summer session of the University of Alberta.

OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

The Civil War Study Group, sponsored each year by Gettysburg College, will be held from July 22 to 27 this year. Conducted tours of Brandy Station, Va., and of Lee's route into Pennsylvania in 1863, as well as lectures on the campus on "Confederate Generalship at Gettysburg," make up the program, which is set up flexibly so that those interested may attend the whole or any part. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Robert L. Bloom, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.

Governor David L. Lawrence gave the principal address at ceremonies in Lancaster on May 19, 1962, when Wheatland, the home of President James Buchanan, was designated as a National Historic Landmark by the United States Department of the Interior. Dr. Murray H. Nelligan of the Interior Department presented the plaque to Albert B. Wohlsen, Jr., president of the Wheatland Foundation.

The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, Greenville, Wilmington 7, Del., announces the publication of a new folder describing their manuscript holdings. This folder "is an expansion of the description of the collections given in Philip M. Hamer's *Guide to Archives and Manuscripts in the United States 1961*." It is available without charge to anyone who requests it.

At the annual spring meeting of the Juniata-Conemaugh District of the Pennsylvania Library Association at Altoona on May 12, Dr. S. K. Stevens spoke on "The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and Its Relationship to Libraries."

Frank B. Evans, chief of the Division of Public Records, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, received his Ph.D. degree from the Pennsylvania State University on June 8. Dr. Evans has been an archivist for the Commission since July 3, 1958, and did much of the planning for the Archives Tower in the William Penn Memorial Building now under construction. His doctoral dissertation deals with "Pennsylvania Politics, 1872-1877: A Study in Leadership Without Responsibility."

Dr. Lawrence Thurman, curator of Old Economy, the historical property of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission at Ambridge, has been named educational and historical consultant to the Robert Lee Blaffer Trust at New Harmony, Ind., where the "second home" of the Harmony Society is being preserved.

The Institute of Early American History and Culture has chosen for its biennial Institute Manuscript Award of \$1,000 and publication Howard C. Rice, Jr.'s two-volume edition of the Marquis de Chastellux's *Travels in North America, 1780-1782*. Honorable mention was awarded to Noble E. Cunningham, Jr., for his study of the Jeffersonian Republicans, 1801-1809.

The Archives of American Art, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich., have announced grants-in-aid totaling \$14,000 for research into three aspects of the cultural life of America. One grant of \$5,000 was given to Brandeis University for an oral history project under the direction of Dr. Harlan Phillips which seeks to preserve the memories and views of important representatives of current creative activity. A second grant of \$5,000 will be used to study the contribution to arts and crafts made by German communities in the Missouri Valley from 1830 to 1860, this project being under the direction of Charles van Ravenswaay, director of the Missouri Historical Society. The third grant will enable the New York Public Library Dance Department to assemble and microfilm a complete series of issues of the *New York Clipper*. These grants are part of a "Survey of the Arts in American Civilization" undertaken by the Archives through the assistance of the Ford Foundation.

Daniel R. MacGilvray, director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, spoke at the annual dinner of French Azilum, Inc., on May 5 in Wysox. His subject was "Azilum's Revolutionary Background."

Historic York County, Inc., announces that the exteriors of the historic Gates house and of the Golden Plough tavern in York are expected to be restored by the end of the summer. The carpenters are well along with the work on the 211-year-old Gates house.

At the commencement exercises of Pennsylvania State University Dr. Philip S. Klein, professor of American history, was presented the Louis H. Bell Memorial Award of \$1,000 for his book, *President James Buchanan: A Biography*. The award was established three years ago to encourage the production of scholarly books by members of the University faculty and is awarded to the faculty member "who submits to the Penn State Press the book manuscript which best exemplifies the highest standards of scholarship and creativity in its field, without limitation as to the breadth or narrowness of the subject matter and without regard to its popular appeal."

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