

## NEWS AND COMMENT

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### HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The Adams County Historical Society made a field trip to Buchanan Valley on August 6, 1963, to visit the statue of Mary Jemison and several old cemeteries. On September 3 the society visited two Low Dutch burial grounds. No formal meeting was held in July because of the many activities in connection with the Battle of Gettysburg Centennial.

Miss Carolyn W. Titzel, secretary of the Armstrong County Historical Society, is busy reading minutes and collecting material for a booklet on the history of the Armstrong County Hospital, at the request of local physicians.

The Beaver Falls Historical Society reopened its Historical Room on the second floor of the Carnegie Library, after several months' work in renovating the room, cleaning the cases, and rearranging the displays. The Beaver Falls *News-Tribune* signalized this event with a full page of pictures and commentary. Members of the Junior Historians of the Highland Suburban High School and the Beaver Falls High School assisted the society in renovating the room. The Beaver Falls Historical Society meets on the third Thursday of every month in the Historical Room, which is open to visitors every Saturday afternoon.

On a bus tour on July 20, the Blair County Historical Society studied architectural survivals illustrative of central Pennsylvania's settlement and growth from pioneer forts and stone dwellings to roomy brick mansions of the second generation millers, farmers, and iron masters. Arch Spring, Spruce Creek, and Coleraine Forges, longtime seats of the Isett and Stewart families, were visited. The afternoon concluded with a picnic lunch at Coleraine State Park.

At the annual meeting of the Cambria County Historical Society on June 20, Robert F. Pruner was re-elected president. Other officers are Mrs. Ferdinand K. Shields, first vice-president; Thomas Owens, Jr., second vice-president; J. Philip Walters, third vice-president; Dr. James T. Sheep, secretary; and Ernest Apel, treasurer. The principal speaker was George Swetnam of Pittsburgh, who urged the society to undertake research in new fields. Miss Donna Wagner, a student at the Johnstown Center of the University of Pittsburgh, presented a paper on the life and work of George W. Storm, a local artist of the nineteenth century. A painting by Storm was exhibited at the meeting. Later, it was announced that this original canvas has been donated to the society by Sister M. Mercia of the Sisters of St. Joseph and by her brother, J. J. Biter, of Gallitzin. The painting shows a wooded landscape at Tunnel Hill, near Gallitzin, and had been in the possession of the Biter family for many years.

The Centre County Historical Society is cooperating in a historical and anthropological survey of the Blanchard Dam area which is being conducted by Dr. Jacob W. Gruber and Daniel Crozier of the Department of Anthropology, Temple University, under the auspices of the National Park Service. Mr. Hugh Manchester, president of the society, is hopeful that "some of the most important historical landmarks in the area to be affected by the construction of the dam will be preserved." The Centre County Historical Society has participated with the Pennsylvania State University and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in underwriting the cost of renovating Centre Furnace, an iron furnace dating from 1792. It is also working on the preparation of a historical map of Bellefonte, in association with the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce and the Bellefonte Jaycees.

The Chester County Historical Society held its annual summer pilgrimage on July 27, beginning at New London Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Arthur E. James presided over a meeting reviewing the history of the area. Then the members had a choice of tours, to the Welsh Tract or to the covered bridges in the vicinity, both concluding with visits to the corner and Crown stones of the Mason and Dixon line.

On July 10, the Clarion County Historical Society made its second tour outside the county, to visit Kinzua, Corydon, the Seneca Indian reservation, Jake's Rocks, and the Kinzua dam which is now under construction. The society's annual in-county pilgrimage and picnic was held on August 28, when the members visited Buchanan Iron Furnace, the best preserved furnace in the county; the sites of other iron furnaces and early institutions of higher learning; historic houses; and the Rex-Hide Rubber Works in East Brady. The tour ended with a picnic at the Narrows.

The Columbia County Historical Society took an active part in the celebration of the sesquicentennial of the erection of Columbia County in 1813. Edwin M. Barton, president of the society, was appointed chairman for the celebration by the County Commissioners. This celebration which brought cooperation and participation from organizations and communities throughout the county followed the theme, "Let's know our county better." During the period of the celebration, June 16-22, historic displays, excursions, historic papers, and parades were presented in many of the county's communities. On the final day at Bloomsburg, a paper on the history of the county was presented at a meeting of the Columbia County Historical Society, and there was a mammoth parade ending at the Bloomsburg Fair Grounds, where a Miss Columbia County contest was held under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Miss Jewel Ann Bittner of Catawissa was the winner.

At the annual meeting of the Crawford County Historical Society on June 6, Nellus A. Rhodes, a retired Army officer, was elected president, to succeed James R. Shryock. Mr. Shryock, who had served as president for fourteen years, was named president emeritus. Dr. Frederick F. Seely was re-elected vice-president, and Halver W. Getchell, secretary-treasurer. It was voted to increase the membership fee from three to five dollars, and to raise annual dues to two dollars. Student memberships continue at three and one dollars, respectively. The James Ray Shryock scholastic history award was established with all county high schools eligible to participate.

The society is currently engaged in a campaign to preserve the

120-year-old Baldwin mansion on Terrace Street, Meadville. The beautiful old home, built for Supreme Court Justice Henry Baldwin, later became the home of the Meadville Female Seminary, and still later was purchased by William Reynolds, who was instrumental in getting the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad into Meadville. The house has been in the Reynolds family for more than a century. The last of the Reynolds family, Mrs. John E. Reynolds, died in June; and her brother, James R. Shryock, is a patient in Meadville City Hospital.

The Historical Society of Dauphin County held its final meeting for the summer on June 17. Instead of a speaker, there was an open forum, "Do You Remember?" The annual strawberry festival was celebrated after the meeting.

The Delaware County Historical Society has announced a change in its council meetings from the third Tuesday of each month to the fourth Tuesday. Joseph Crews was elected a director and appointed chairman of the library committee to succeed the late Chester F. Baker, and Herbert M. Bowsher was elected a director and appointed chairman of the property committee. The society plans to replace a sign marking the site of John Morton's home in Ridley Park. Attention has been given to the means of preserving several old and historic houses from destruction, and a number of people have joined the society in order to work toward such preservation. The former residence of the noted botanist John Bartram is now threatened by a proposed sale of the property. The hundredth anniversary of the birth of Charles Palmer, first vice-president of the society, was observed with suitable exercises.

Thanks to efforts made by members of the Friends of the Caleb Pusey House, Inc., the powers of county commissioners in third- to the eighth-class counties have now been enlarged so that contributions can be made from county funds for the restoration of certain historical houses. In the spring of 1962 the Delaware County Commissioners had received numerous requests that the county contribute toward the restoration of the Caleb Pusey House, and were about to make a substantial grant, when they learned from their solicitor that this was not within their power.

The solicitor outlined the legislation which would be necessary, and it was introduced in the General Assembly by Senator Clarence Bell of Delaware County and Senator John H. Ware, 3rd, of Chester County. Senate Bill No. 192 passed the State Senate late in July, just in time for its passage by the House of Representatives in the final week of the session.

The Greenville Historical Commission was about to place a plaque on the 95-year-old Kidds Mill covered bridge the evening of August 23, when it was discovered that the plaque was locked up in the Department of Highways building at Mercer. County Commissioner Lawrence J. Wilhelm went to get it, but delays in locating employes and finding keys prevented his return until it was too dark to install the marker. A brief ceremony was held, and the marker was finally placed the following week. The commission has cleared the area around the bridge, and repaired the structure.

The Independence Hall Association reports that the northern end of Independence Mall in Philadelphia has been completed, and the work accepted by the Commonwealth. In this section of the Mall there are more than five hundred trees, many shrubs, and eleven fountains. In the fall the members of the association will assemble to view the completed work and to attend a buffet supper following a reception in honor of Hon. A. J. Caruso, Executive Director of the General State Authority; Hon. Maurice K. Goddard, Secretary of Forests and Waters; and Hon. Israel Stiefel. The architects' final plans for the garage to be constructed under the central section of Independence Mall and for the surface development of a plaza and gardens have been filed with the General State Authority in Harrisburg. It is expected that this construction will begin early this winter, and that this final section of the Mall will be completed by the end of 1964.

A tourist guidebook of Philadelphia, sponsored jointly by the Independence Hall Association and the Girard Trust Corn Exchange Bank, is now in the hands of the printer. This will be a pocket-sized book of about 120 pages with a hundred or more illustrations, many in color.

The *Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society* commenced its 67th year of publishing by presenting a study of "Lancaster County Politics: 1799 to 1810," complete with maps of each election district for that span of years, by Alan Kreider. Also in the issue is an analysis by Daryl Fair of voter behavior in presidential elections in Lancaster and York counties from 1876 to the present. A series of township capsule histories with maps showing original drafts has been begun in this issue. On July 6 the society presented a dramatic ceremony entitled "Independence" written by John B. Rengier and directed by Darrell Larsen. It was a re-enactment of what took place in Lancaster on July 7, 1776, when news came of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Old Guard Drum and Bugle Corps of the 1st Battle Group, 3d Infantry, Fort Myer, Virginia, participated. The program attracted more than two thousand persons.

The library hours have been increased so that the society building is now open every day including Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and in addition on Thursday evening, and on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. The society library has been given the Coldren library of genealogy.

At the annual dinner meeting of the Mercer County Historical Society on June 20, the program featured original slides and a lecture prepared by Dr. John Goodsel, who served as doctor and surgeon on Peary's polar expedition in 1908-1909. Dudley Johnson was projectionist, and T. A. Sampson, Jr., read from Goodsel's lecture notes. Dr. Roy Johnson, professor of history, Thiel College, was added to the board of directors of the society, and the current officers were re-elected.

The Monroe County Historical Society held its annual pilgrimage in June, visiting the western part of the county. Dr. LeRoy J. Koehler, president of East Stroudsburg State College, addressed the group at the historic Salem Evangelical Church at Gilbert. The society and the social studies department of the college jointly sponsored a lecture by Professor Arthur S. Link, noted Wilson scholar, on "Problems of Research and Writing of History."

On July 1 to 3, the Montour County Historical Society pre-

sented a display of Civil War mementos in its museum, in commemoration of the centennial of that great conflict. On the basis of recent research, it also published in the *Danville News* the names of the men from Montour County who served at some time in the war. Plans are being made for a tour later in the season to some place of historical interest in the vicinity, and also for the annual color tour when the autumn colors are at their height.

The July, 1963, issue of *Now and Then*, quarterly of the Muncy Historical Society, featured an article on "Dr. Huntington, the *Index*, and the Prohibition Party," by the Hon. Charles Scott Williams, president judge of Lycoming County.

At the spring meeting of the Historical Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, held at Forty Fort on May 18, Dr. Alfred D. Sumberg was elected president. Other officers include Melville J. Boyer and Mrs. Charles P. Maxwell, vice-presidents, and Miss Dorothea Mattes, secretary. Edwin Barton, outgoing president, spoke on "The Aspects and the Problems of the Local Historical Society of Our Region and Attempts to Solve Them," and Daniel MacGilvray, director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, spoke on "Our Pioneer Legacy."

The Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians sponsored eighteen junior historians in attendance at the Institute of Pennsylvania Life and Culture, held in June at the Pennsylvania Farm Museum at Landis Valley, near Lancaster. Funds were raised by a general appeal to historical societies. The organization's Advisory Council met in conjunction with the institute and prepared plans for the coming year's activities.

Next year, the Pennsylvania Folklore Society will publish—for the first time in the society's history—a hard-cover annual like that published by the Texas Folklore Society. Edited by Kenneth S. Goldstein and Robert H. Byington, the annual will include contributions by MacEdward Leach, Wayland D. Hand, Samuel P. Bayard, Kenneth S. Goldstein, and other folklorists. It will be produced in conjunction with Folklore Associates, Hatboro, Penn-

sylvania. It should be noted, too, that the *Keystone Folklore Quarterly* is now being issued in an attractive printed format with the aid of Lycoming College.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania announces the gift of 20,000 manuscripts of the Irvine family of Irvine, Warren County, Pennsylvania. This collection consists of papers of General William Irvine, General Callender Irvine, and Dr. William A. Irvine, reflecting their real estate ventures and business and cultural lives. Another important recent gift has been a collection of 2,000 letters received by Roswell L. Colt, early nineteenth-century industrialist of Paterson, New Jersey.

On the afternoon of August 21, members and friends of the Perry County Historical Society enjoyed a tour of still existing covered bridges spanning Big Buffalo Creek, and then met at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byers. Col. E. L. Holman conducted the business meeting, which resolved to erect a stone monument with proper inscription at the home of H. H. Hain, author and publisher of a comprehensive history of the county. Plans were also made to mark five abandoned graveyards in the county, the inscriptions to register the names of all Perry County veterans buried in them. The first contribution was presented by Mrs. Helen Gray Robertson, who gave a check for a hundred dollars. This meeting was held on the fortieth anniversary of the organization meeting of the Perry County Historical Society, when Luke Baker was the first president and Mrs. Walter W. Rice secretary.

The Presbyterian Historical Society announces the recent publication of Volumes IV and V in its Publication Series. These are L. C. Rudolph's *Hoosier Zion* (Yale University Press) and Robert Hastings Nichols' *Presbyterianism in New York State* (Westminster Press), edited by James Hastings Nichols.

The Shippensburg Historical Society is publishing a historical centennial compilation entitled "Shippensburg in the Civil War," which will be off the press in December, 1963. Its three hundred pages and more than a hundred thousand words tell the story of



the two major invasions up the Cumberland Valley that involved Shippensburg. One chapter contains 606 Civil War headstone inscriptions; another deals with Shippensburg's two Union generals; another covers the twenty-eight Negro soldiers from Shippensburg; another the G. A. R. post which followed the war; and other similar topics are developed. Writing and editing this volume has been a four-year project. The writers are William H. Burkhardt, Samuel L. Daihl, and J. Huston McCulloch.

The Historical Society of St. Marys and Benzinger Township is concentrating on disseminating information on local history to schools, other organizations, and the public by lectures and talks wherever possible, in order to create interest in history and historical events, particularly on the part of young people. Clubs, schools, and churches have shown a desire to participate by allotting time for speakers from the historical society. A general membership drive is scheduled for September, with the expectation of bringing the membership up to three hundred.

At the meeting of the Snyder County Historical Society on September 18, William M. Schnure presented a paper on the "History of the Baptist Church in Selinsgrove." On November 20, Dr. William A. Russ will read a paper on the Civil War.

Members of the Swedish Colonial Society and the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society were royally entertained in Sweden during the first two weeks of June, 1963. Three Indians said to be descendants of the Indians who assisted with the docking of the Swedish vessels that landed at Wilmington in 1638 were also present at some of the affairs in Sweden. This celebration was a continuation of the one in March when H. R. H. Prince Bertil, his official entourage, and delegates from Kalmar and Jonkoping visited our shores. The 300th anniversary of the death of Governor Johan Printz was commemorated at Jonkoping and Bottnaryd. The Swedish Colonial Society presented a monolith and a statue of Governor Printz at the Elmia Fair Grounds, when about 75,000 people were present. The United States Ambassador, Graham Parsons, and Mrs. Parsons, as well as his assistant, Alfred Jenkins, and Mrs. Jenkins, attended most of the affairs.

Governor William W. Scranton proclaimed "See Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges" week for the fourth yearly observance, at the request of the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Inc. This year it will be held from September 14 to 22. An art exhibit was held by the society for the second year at the State Museum from September 14 to October 1, to display paintings of Pennsylvania covered bridges. A reception was held on September 14 to open Covered Bridge Week. Fifty commemorative plaques were awarded to those who have preserved covered bridges in Pennsylvania and other states. The Blair County Historical Society arranged a dedication ceremony at the newly restored Fuoss Mill Covered Bridge, the only one remaining in that county; this was held on September 21. The following day, there was a tour of the covered bridges in Bedford County. The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society visited Perkasio, where the Perkasio Historical Society received a plaque to be placed in the covered bridge which they were instrumental in having restored. As bridges are restored or taken over for preservation, the Burr Society plans to honor the individuals responsible by presenting a special plaque of recognition to each one.

At recent meetings of the Tredyffrin-Easttown History Club the members learned of various authentic articles presented for use in the Van Leer cabin which is being restored. The most recent issue of its quarterly includes articles on "The History of Trinity Presbyterian Church—1938-1963," "The St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Devon," and "Emmor Kimber."

The Tri-State Historical Society reports with regret the death of its founder, Dr. Charles W. Heathcote, on August 5, 1963. Dr. Heathcote was a clergyman, author, historian, and emeritus head of the department of history, West Chester State College. He was a graduate of Gettysburg College and Gettysburg Theological Seminary; received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Doctorate of Sacred Theology from Temple University; and received a Ph.D. from George Washington University. Author of many books, he contributed to *The Presbyterian*, *Commonwealth*, *Picket Post*, *D. A. R. Magazine*, *Lincoln Herald*, and *Social Studies*. In 1937 he founded the

Tri-State Historical Society, which observed its silver anniversary last October.

The Valley Forge Historical Society is the fortunate recipient of a rare musket used by Jonathan Cressey, one of Washington's Life Guards, which was presented by one of his descendants, Cecil Cressey Peck. It is a unique gift because it is the only one known to exist of the thousands of Charleville Arsenal flintlock muskets sent over by France, one of which was given to Washington by Lafayette when the two first met in September, 1777. During July and August, an exhibit of eighty historical landmark sketches by Henry T. MacNeill pertaining to Valley Forge or to events connected with it was on display in the Martha Washington Gallery. The Women's Auxiliary honored Mr. MacNeill by a tea on July 30.

On June 1, 1963, the board of directors, officers, and guests of the Warren County Historical Society honored Merle H. Deardorff with a citation for a "lifetime of work and study of the Seneca Indian Nation, its history, customs, and culture, and for properly recording such information for the benefit of present and future generations." On the same occasion, Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, presented Mr. Deardorff with an "Award of Merit" of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. On July 27, the society made a field trip to the Kinzua Dam area with Frederick J. DeGrosky, resident geologist, Corps of Engineers, who discussed the dam, its functions, geological formations, etc. On August 11, the society made a field trip to Youngsville, which is now celebrating its sesquicentennial. The trip included visits to buildings and places of historic interest to Warren County.

A very fine historical map of Warren County was prepared by Elton W. Davis and presented to the society, which had it reproduced in black and white. Several thousand copies were then distributed. The Chamber of Commerce then used it as the main part of their brochure entitled "Scenic Wonderland," for which the society also prepared the historical contents. Two members of the society also laid out, mapped, and marked the two scenic drives mentioned in the brochure. This close cooperation of the Warren

County Historical Society with other community organizations is also exemplified by its relations with the community in general. It has developed a successful volunteer program—workers who volunteer to help the society in the many activities in which it is engaged. Mrs. Mary Campbell is chairman of the society's volunteer work committee, responsible for recruiting people with the skills required to meet the needs of the accelerated activities of the society.

The Wayne County Historical Society has kept their newly remodelled museum open six days a week through the summer months, with a fine attendance.

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania held its twentieth annual summer tour on July 20, traveling by bus to East Liverpool, Ohio, and then boarding the party-boat *Chaperon* for a four-hour trip down the Ohio River.

The Western Pennsylvania Research and Historical Society has issued a booklet on *The Emancipation Proclamation* and pamphlets on *The Civil War Battle at the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge* and on *Crispus Attucks* during the past year. In November and December, 1962, the society conducted a city-wide Emancipation Proclamation essay contest, with the cooperation of the Pittsburgh School Board, which was open to children in specified grades. The winners were announced and prizes were awarded to the winners at a program held at Bethel A. M. E. Church on January 1, 1963. The prizes included history books and other educational articles. Plans and working drawings for a library and permanent exhibit structure have been completed and approved by the membership, and negotiations are under way for a suitable site. A comprehensive seminar on the Negro in America is to be held by this organization sometime in October at the Centre Avenue YMCA in Pittsburgh. This seminar is being conducted in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Board of Education and will have as part of its program a lecture by a leading American historian.

The annual exercises of the Wyoming Commemorative Association were held on July 4, 1963, at the Wyoming Monument.

Attorney J. Pennington Straus of Philadelphia spoke on "The Governmental Legacy of William Penn." On Tuesday evening, at 10:30 o'clock, "The Battle and Massacre of Wyoming" was presented on WNEP-TV. The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society held open house at the Swetland Homestead the afternoon of July 4.

The new director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society is Alan W. Perkins, a graduate of Northwestern University with a master's degree from Clark. Daniel R. MacGilvray is leaving in August for Georgetown, British Guiana, where he will be teaching American studies in the newly opened University of Guiana.

The Historical Society of York County, Historic York, Inc., and the Colonial York Tourist Bureau were hosts to the Society of Architectural Historians when they toured York and York County on August 16, 17, and 18. The group toured the northern part of the county and the Kreutz Creek area on the opening and closing days, and spent August 17 in walking around York and visiting the historical society. On August 16 at the Yorktowne Hotel, Joseph K. Kindig, III, lectured on York County architecture and its European sources.

During October the society will have an exhibit of art by Jack Tinker of New York City, with the opening to be held on October 1 for members and friends of the society. During November the society's main gallery will feature a display of art and graphics by the Pen Women of York. On October 9, the society presented an illustrated lecture on the sea by Edward Rowe Snow of Marshfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Snow is a well known lecturer and writer on the subject.

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

At East Stroudsburg State College, Dr. Kurt Wimer has been appointed chairman of the social studies department, replacing Dr. John C. Appel, who has been appointed Director of Liberal Arts. New appointments in the department of social studies include Herbert Spitz of Lehigh University as assistant professor

of economics and Charles W. McNett, Jr., as assistant professor of sociology and anthropology. William McFadden, assistant professor of social studies, has been appointed chairman of the constitutional revision committee of Monroe and Pike counties.

William H. Russell, former chairman of the department of history, became Dean of Geneva College on July 1, and Charles W. Akers became chairman of the department. Dr. Yoji Akashi, who recently received a Ph.D. in Far Eastern history, will join the faculty in September.

At Gettysburg College, Basil L. Crapster and Charles H. Glatfelter have been promoted from associate professors to professors of history, and Richard C. Marius has been promoted from instructor to assistant professor of history. Dr. Robert L. Bloom, professor of history and chairman of the department, will be on sabbatical leave during the second semester of the 1963-1964 college year. He will spend the time in England in research on the "British Press and the Civil War," under a grant from the American Philosophical Society.

On October 26, 1963, the department of history of Immaculata College, in cooperation with the American Historical Association Service Center for Teachers of History, will hold a one-day conference on "The Movement of Revolution in Latin America." Dr. Frank Tannenbaum, professor of Latin American history at Columbia University, will give the main talk. Other experts in the Latin American field will act as consultants at the afternoon conference groups. The purpose of the conference is to upgrade the teaching of history in the schools.

In September, 1963, the history department of Lehigh University instituted a survey course in American civilization to replace the traditional survey of United States history. Students will read selections from American writings in the fields of political and social thought, philosophy, religion, and literature to enrich their knowledge of all aspects of America as a civilization. Political history will be a part of the course, but increased emphasis will be placed upon the thought and social life of the American people.

The 1963 number of the *Lock Haven Review* included an article on "The Tiadaghton Question," by George D. Wolf, associate professor of history at Lock Haven State College. The article deals with the territory under the jurisdiction of the Fair Play settlers of the West Branch of the Susquehanna before the Revolutionary War.

At the Pennsylvania State University, John B. Frantz has been promoted from instructor to assistant professor, and Hugo A. Meier of Carnegie Institute of Technology has been appointed associate professor of history.

At the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Charles Rosenberg of the University of Wisconsin has been appointed assistant professor of history. Associate Professor Morton Keller is to be a visiting professor at Harvard in 1963-1964.

R. Eugene Harper has been appointed instructor in history at Waynesburg College, to teach classes in the survey of American history. Three regular faculty members of West Virginia University will teach on a part-time basis at Waynesburg College during the coming academic year. Dr. John S. Zawacki will teach courses in sociology; Dr. John R. Williams, chairman of the political science department at West Virginia, will teach the history of political theory; and Professor William R. Ross will teach introductory courses in political science.

Arthur Auten, who is now completing his doctoral dissertation at Western Reserve University, has been appointed instructor of history at Westminster College for the year beginning in September, 1963.

### OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

Record books and other mementos of the historic Cramp shipyard in Philadelphia have been presented to the Philadelphia Maritime Museum by the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and the Riverside Industrial Center Corporation,

which are now redeveloping the old shipyard area. They include the records kept by the foremen of the shipyard, which built 530 seagoing vessels between 1830 and 1927.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the restoration and development of the Old Stone House in Butler County by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy were held on August 11, with John M. Eisler presiding as chairman of the Stone House restoration committee. Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, spoke on "A New Dimension in Conservation." Hon. James B. Stevenson, chairman of the commission, expressed its intention of staffing this historic house after its development had been completed by the private conservation organization, and Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, Secretary of Forests and Waters, discussed "The Significance of This Day."

During the week from August 4 through 11, 1963, a local Bushy Run Bicentennial Committee in Penn Township, Westmoreland County, presented an excellent bicentennial celebration and pageant which reflected great credit on everyone concerned. The pageant, *Fiery Circles*, was adapted from "The Bells Should Ring," by John Steyres; and research done by Mrs. Vivian Henderson contributed greatly to it. It was directed by Howard Gray Peters, with John Kavelin as set and costume designer, Steve Cohen as lighting designer and technical director, and Charles Oberdorf as stage manager. At the official ceremonies to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Bushy Run, held on August 5, Lieutenant Governor Raymond P. Shafer was the principal speaker, emphasizing that Bushy Run Battlefield was "not just a unit of geography, but a source of inspiration." Acting British Consul General J. K. F. Bamford, of Cleveland, Ohio, expressed the British point of view on the outcome of the Battle of Bushy Run. Attorney Niles Anderson of Pittsburgh discussed the historical aspects of the battle; and Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, discussed plans for development of Bushy Run Battlefield Park, which has just been transferred to the state historical agency from the Department of Forests and Waters. Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, Secretary of Forests and



Waters, whose department has administered the park since 1927, discussed the past and future of the battlefield, and introduced Lieutenant Governor Shafer. Frank Barnes, regional historian, National Park Service, presented the Bushy Run Battlefield Commission with a certificate registering the site as a Historic National Landmark; and Mrs. Helen D. Howard, national president, Daughters of American Colonists, presented a historic document to the park museum in the name of the Bushy Run Chapter of that organization. Attorney Calvin E. Pollins, chairman of the Bushy Run Battlefield Commission, who presided at the ceremonies, recalled the early growth of the battlefield site from six and a half acres to the present 162 acres, and paid tribute to the efforts of the late C. M. Bomberger to create and develop this park.

On August 15, the National Society, United States Daughters of 1812, held ceremonies to mark the grave of Governor Simon Snyder in Selinsgrove. Mrs. Enos H. Horst presided as state president of the organization, and Dr. S. K. Stevens spoke on "Simon Snyder, Commoner."

Dr. Maurice A. Mook, professor of anthropology at Pennsylvania State University, was chosen to receive the university's annual award for distinguished teaching. The Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award consists of a plaque and a thousand dollars. Dr. Mook, who has been on the Penn State faculty since 1949, has taught a course in introductory anthropology and other courses, some on the graduate level. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

On June 28, in Camp Hill, a historical marker was dedicated to indicate the farthest penetration of Confederate troops in their effort to capture Harrisburg in 1863. The ceremonies included addresses by Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; John E. Myers, a director of the Cumberland County Historical Society; and Mayor Samuel D. Williams of Camp Hill. These ceremonies followed a centennial dinner which featured addresses by Robert G. Crist and Col. W. S. Nye on the events of the 1863 campaign.

A survey of historical or unusually interesting houses in Delaware County has been set in motion through plans outlined by James Massey of the National Park Service. The general chairman is Weston Tomlinson, representing the Delaware County Historical Society. Delaware County is one of Pennsylvania's three oldest counties. Many of the earliest houses along the Delaware River have disappeared as industry has taken over the waterfront. Still an amazing number of pioneer homes are left, including one and probably two log houses of 1683-1684, later covered with frame siding. Just at the proper time the Charles Ashcomb map has been found at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, a drawing by a surveyor in 1683 which shows what houses had been built by then between Darby Creek and Chester Creek, and fortunately includes "Caleb Busey's" house.

A major accomplishment resulting from this summer's sesquicentennial celebration of the Battle of Lake Erie has been the completion of the restoration of the Flagship *Niagara* at Erie. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has replaced the long-missing masts and rigging, and has made extensive repairs to the hull of the vessel. The masts and rigging add immeasurably to the appearance of the *Niagara* and make it a greater historical attraction than ever. Also in Erie, the Commission's Bureau of Museums and Historic Sites has begun initial phases of the work required to restore the Old Custom House and the adjacent Cashier's House. Some of the space in these two buildings will be developed as museum exhibit areas to tell the story of the Battle of Lake Erie and other important events of the history of northwestern Pennsylvania.

The Bureau of Museums and Historic Sites also reports that an archaeological excavation at Ephrata Cloister during the summer has uncovered a portion of the foundations of one of the original buildings on Zion Hill. The building, not yet positively identified, is one of several which were deliberately burned down by members of the Cloister following an outbreak of "camp fever" among the American wounded from the Battle of the Brandywine who were hospitalized there. The excavation has produced evi-

dence of this event, as well as many artifacts illustrative of the craft activity at Ephrata.

The 325th anniversary of the landing of the Finns in America was celebrated by the Finnish American Delaware Monument Committee in ceremonies conducted at the Delaware Monument, Crozer Park, Chester, on June 29.

Defensive entrenchments, thrown up from the earth of Snake Spring Mountain in Bedford County during the Confederate invasion crisis of 1863, have been commemorated by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in a recent marker relating to the Gettysburg campaign. The Morrison's Cove Lions Club of Bedford and Blair counties cooperated with the commission. The marker was located and 300 yards of the existing earthen rampart, designed to protect hastily called up militia men, were cleared by the club for the benefit of tourists. The project derived from historical researches of Milton V. Burgess, Martinsburg editor.

Conrad Weiser Memorial Park, at Womelsdorf, was designated as a Registered National Historic Landmark in ceremonies held at the park on Sunday afternoon, August 4, in conjunction with the annual reunion of the Weiser family.

A historical play, "The Decision," by Mrs. Ann Hawkes Hutton, was produced at the Cherry Lane Playhouse in the Poconos in August. Based on her book *The House of Decision*, the play deals with the dramatic historical events which took place at the Thompson-Neely home in Washington Crossing Park on the eve of the surprise attack on Trenton in 1776.

Six scholars have been selected for the second series of grant-in-aid awards of the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, it has been announced by Dr. Richmond D. Williams, director of the library. They include Dr. James E. Swain, former chairman of the history department at Muhlenberg College, who is completing a biography of Talleyrand; Dr. Stephen E. Ambrose, who will be visiting professor of military history this fall at Louisiana State

University, and who is currently researching the career of Henry A. du Pont at West Point; Miss Nina Edwards, a teacher of economics and accounting in Burlington, Ontario, Canada, who plans an article on nineteenth-century accounting methods; Earle C. Coleman of the Princeton Library, who is preparing a bibliography of the writings of Pierre Samuel du Pont; Dr. Mack Thompson of the University of California at Riverside, who is writing a book on the role of government in business in the eighteenth century; and Dr. Patrick Hazard, chairman of the department of English, Beaver College, who will conduct a survey of the pictorial holdings of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation for their potential value in an educational television series on industrial history.