

NEWS AND COMMENT

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Research Committee of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, is sponsoring a one-day Conference on Research Needs and Opportunities in Pennsylvania History, to be held in the William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives Building at Harrisburg on Saturday, April 2. Professor Ira V. Brown, the chairman of the Research Committee, has sent out some seventy invitations to historians in the colleges and universities of Pennsylvania and to some known to have Pennsylvania interests in other states, and more than forty acceptances have been received. In the morning, Dr. Philip S. Klein of Pennsylvania State University and Dr. Alfred D. Sumberg of East Stroudsburg State College will lead off the discussion of Research Needs in Pennsylvania History. After the luncheon, William H. Work, the State Archivist, and Dr. Irwin Richman of the Museum staff will conduct special tours of the Archives and the Museum. In the afternoon session, Research Opportunities in Pennsylvania History will be explored by J. Harcourt Givens of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Donald H. Kent of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission staff, and Dr. Frank B. Evans of the National Archives and Records Service.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association will be held at Annville and Lebanon on October 21 and 22, 1966, with Lebanon Valley College and the Lebanon County Historical Society as the hosts. The Treadway Inn in Lebanon will be the convention hotel, and all the Friday sessions will be held there. The Lebanon County Historical Society, also in Lebanon, will have an open house and tea at five o'clock that afternoon. The Friday program includes an address on "The

Congressional Career of Francis E. Walter" by Mrs. Beatrice B. Robinson, of the Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, at the luncheon; concurrent sessions on the Federalist period and on religion in the eighteenth century in the afternoon; and the annual dinner with the presidential address of Dr. J. Cutler Andrews. The Saturday sessions will all be at Lebanon Valley College in Annville. After the business meeting, the morning concurrent sessions will deal with government and social questions and with the Revolutionary period. At the luncheon Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace will speak on "The Founding of Lebanon Valley College: An Experiment in Democracy." There will be a tour of historical sites in the afternoon.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The January meeting of the Adams County Historical Society was held in its "Old Dorm" headquarters. The program was a panel discussion on "Reminiscences of the One-Room School," followed by a question and answer period. Pictures and a list of "closed" schools were furnished by the office of the County Superintendent of Schools. There was no February meeting because of the heavy snow. At the meeting on March 1, also held at Old Dorm, Mayor William G. Weaver of Gettysburg spoke on his own reminiscences of local houses and families, bringing back many memories of half a century ago. Mayor Weaver is currently running a weekly serial column in the Gettysburg *Times* on his reminiscences.

At this meeting President George W. Olinger announced the receipt of \$16,500 from the Emma G. Musselman Foundation for the purpose of sandblasting, repointing, and painting the four-story, fifty-room Old Dorm headquarters building. It is interesting to note that the building was constructed in 1832 at the cost of only \$7,750. Work has already begun on this project. At the same meeting attention was called to the death of Mrs. Musselman, whose wise foresight in establishing the Foundation has benefited the society with more than \$21,000.

On February 12 the Historical Society of Berks County held its annual joint dinner with the Berks County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. The featured speaker

was the Reverend G. Hall Todd, D.D., rector of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; and his subject was "Lincoln and Pennsylvania." On February 9 the society's council members, with Mrs. Richard M. Palmer as chairman, entertained some forty educators and school directors at a buffet luncheon in the auditorium and foyer of the society building. The guests were shown the many facilities of the society with a view to a closer relationship with the schools of the county.

The spring, 1966, issue of the *Historical Review of Berks County* has a number of interesting articles, "The Wilhelms: Reading Industrialists," by Ralph Wilhelm Kinsey; "The Big Spring Farm," by Earle M. Frankhauser, Sr.; "The DeTurk House of Oley," by Phoebe Bertolet Hopkins; and "The First Half-Century of the Pennsylvania German Society," by Arthur D. Graeff. Most thought-provoking perhaps is "A Critical Review of the Museum of the Historical Society of Berks County," by Samuel C. Gundy, executive director of the Reading Museum and Art Gallery. Society officials are to be congratulated for inviting and publishing this candid appraisal and for taking steps to implement many of its recommendations.

Dr. William W. Hassler, dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, lectured on "Military Aeronautics from Ben Franklin to Abe Lincoln" at the annual meeting of the Blair County Historical Society in Altoona on January 21. The subject concerns the rapid rise of ballooning as an arm of the military which came about by the time of the Civil War. Jesse L. Hartman was re-elected president and Robert Thompson, secretary. M. A. Miller, retired utility official, was chosen a trustee. Col. Robert F. Mattern, Altoona banker, will fill a vacancy on the board of managers.

On April 16 the Brownsville Historical Society will again open Nemaocolin Castle to visitors. From April 16 to May 30 the historic building will be open on Saturdays and Sundays, and after May 30 Tuesdays through Sundays, with the hours from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 1 to 7 p.m. Sundays. Reservations can be made for groups of fifteen or more persons for any hour or day and at special rates. Plans have been approved to repair and repaint the long hall and it is hoped that this work will be com-

pleted by April 15. The sixty-foot hall will be used as a gallery for displays of historical interest. In conjunction with the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, the society is arranging for a boat ride on the Monongahela River, a barbecue meal at Nemaquin Castle, and a bus tour of historical points in Fayette County. This day is being planned to coincide with the Fayette Fall Foliage Festival in October, the exact date yet to be determined.

The Cameron County Historical Society held its forty-fifth annual meeting in February. James E. Klees, editor and publisher of the *Cameron County Press*, which is observing its hundredth anniversary this year, traced the history of the newspaper business in the county. Mrs. Marguerite Randolph and Ralph Merkle were chosen directors, and Walter Klock and Romeo Lunn were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Dr. J. H. Campbell was elected president and C. E. Koppenheffer, vice-president.

At the February 15 meeting of the Chester County Historical Society, Edward La Fond, Jr., the society's curator, spoke on "Old Clocks." B. Victor Cranston gave an illustrated lecture on "Abraham Lincoln, Understanding American and Statesman" at an open meeting of the Women's Committee on February 8. Edward Adams presented "Old Germantown" in an illustrated talk at the society meeting on March 15, and Mrs. Henry T. MacNeill discussed "Writing and Sketching in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware" at the Women's Committee meeting on March 8.

The Clarion County Historical Society held its annual anniversary dinner on November 9, 1965, with an attendance of sixty members and friends. Entertainment was provided by the Four Squires, a male quartet, and by the 22-voice Men's Chorus of New Bethlehem. S. V. Myers presented an illustrated travelogue on the byways of Pennsylvania and of the southwestern United States. The meeting on February 8 featured an illustrated talk on Stephen Foster by Professor C. F. Becker, with Mrs. Becker operating the projector; and there was group singing of Foster's songs, led by a quartet from the First Methodist Church of Clarion. Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and school groups have been showing a steadily increasing interest in the library-museum of

the society. Special arrangements are made for such groups at any time.

The Clearfield County Historical Society and its attractive historical building at East Pine and Front streets, Clearfield, were featured in the picture section of the Clearfield *Progress* on February 26.

At its meeting on January 19, 1966, at the Bloomsburg Junior High School, the Columbia County Historical Society heard a fine illustrated lecture by Dr. John Enman, of the faculty of Bloomsburg State College, on "The Geology of Columbia County." The subject was so treated as to throw light on the history of the county, the exploitation of its mineral resources, and its scenery. The society also exhibited a large collection of photographic enlargements, some in color, dealing with the scenery of the county.

The December meeting of the Historical Society of Dauphin County was arranged by Dr. David Porter, assistant superintendent of Harrisburg schools. Seven foreign exchange students described Christmas in their native countries. Music was furnished by the John Harris High School Sextet. In January, Dr. Ralph C. Swan, of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, spoke on "Harrisburg, 1865-1965, as Seen by American School Administrators." The Rev. Dr. Sheridan Watson Bell of Grace Methodist Church, Harrisburg, gave "A History of Methodism in Harrisburg" at the February meeting.

The Delaware County Historical Society is celebrating its seventieth anniversary in 1966. Special events are contemplated. A women's committee is being formed. The society has outgrown its library space and is seeking new quarters for its library.

At the February 16 meeting of the Elk County Historical Society, committees reported on the incorporation of the society and on the installation of a permanent historical display in the courthouse. It is good to note that the society voted to affiliate with the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. Miss Amanda Johnson was appointed chairman of the annual Elk County commemoration dinner to be held in April. Charles Schaut, secretary and historian of the Historical Society of St. Marys and Benziger Township, was welcomed as a member.

The Erie County Historical Society calls attention to the restoration and renovation of the Old Custom House and the adjoining Cashier's House in Erie which will soon be undertaken by the General State Authority for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. This project is under the supervision of architect Charles M. Stotz, of Pittsburgh, who has been responsible for the restoration of a number of other historic buildings for the commission. The society will have quarters in the Cashier's House. Plans have been approved by the commission, the architects, and the directors of the historical society, and the final architectural studies and drawings are now being prepared. It is hoped that restoration work can be started by early fall.

The Erie County Historical Society, with the backing of the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, has expressed its concern at neglect of the attractive Gudgeonville covered bridge in southeast Girard Township which was damaged by fire last summer. County commissioners referred the matter to the township supervisors. The local newspapers are creating interest in the proper restoration of this fine example of covered bridges.

The Germantown Historical Society has held its regular monthly lecture meetings during the fall and winter, and they have been well attended. On March 17, Derek Naabe spoke on "Philadelphia at the Turn of the Century," and on April 21, Harry Buten will address the members of this society at his museum in Merion on "The History and Evolution of Wedgwood." The newly completed annex to the Museum of the Germantown Historical Society has been named in honor of the late Curator Thomas von Trott. It has been largely equipped and makes possible the display of many more exhibits and some larger pieces for which there had not previously been space. Local school classes and other groups have been given guided tours through the museum, and more are scheduled for the spring.

The Haverford Township Historical Society will have demonstrations and exhibits of early handicrafts on Haverford Heritage Day, Saturday, May 14, 1966, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Candle dipping, spinning, weaving, rug hooking, and the art of the tin-smith will be among the demonstrations in Powder Mill Park.

Hot cakes with freshly churned butter may be sampled in the Lawrence Cabin, and the adventurous may try "jerky," or dried meat. Early carpenters' tools, Indian artifacts, and treenware will be exhibited, as well as a selection of later but interesting toys. A group of junior museum aides will hold a quilting bee, and Senior Girl and Boy Scouts will be in charge of the First Aid tent and of traffic and parking. There will also be a clothesline art exhibit, open to everyone in any media.

The History Round Table of the Pennsylvania State University held its fifth meeting of the 1965-1966 academic year on March 3, when Dr. Kent Forster of the history department spoke on Alaska in an illustrated address entitled "Russia's American Frontier." The previous meetings saw appearances by Dr. John H. Esterline of the United States Information Agency, speaking on "U. S. Psychological Operations in Vietnam"; Dr. Stanley A. Kochanek of the political science department, explaining "The Nature of the Sino-Indian Border Dispute"; Dr. Warren W. Hassler, Jr., of the history department, discussing the interest in the Civil War period among professional historians and laymen in his address entitled "The American Civil War: Why All the Ballyhoo?"; and Professor Samuel P. Bayard of the English department, speaking on "Irish Megaliths and Irish Traditions."

The January meeting of the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County was a business meeting at which plans were made for the year. The February meeting was cancelled because of heavy snow, but the first issue (Volume I, No. 1) of the society's journal was distributed to the advance subscribers.

Indiana County Heritage is indeed an attractive periodical, in which the Indiana County society can justifiably take pride. It has interesting and informative articles, including "Sketches of Revolutionary Soldiers of Indiana County" by Mrs. Frances Strong Helman, and the first of two articles on "Buena Vista Furnace" by Clarence D. Stephenson. It has a distinctive cover design by Mrs. Alice M. Stewart which suggests a summary of the county's history in a series of small sketches. While it is now only a bi-annual of twenty-four pages, the society hopes eventually to increase its size and to make it a quarterly.

At the March meeting slides of Indiana County historical and

scenic spots were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Learn of Cookport. More than a hundred persons were present. Mrs. Frances Strong Helman told of plans for the creation of a historic site at Buena Vista Furnace. Illustrations and plans were viewed. Mrs. Helman has the title of "historical services coordinator" under the Title V, Economic Opportunity Act Program, directed by the Indiana County Department of Public Welfare. Entertainment was provided by the Pioneer Quartet of Heilwood elementary school. Refreshments were served by the Strongstown Historical and Homecoming Association. Raymond Rodkey, first vice-president, is in charge of the programs in 1966.

At the meeting of the Lackawanna Historical Society on October 26, 1965, William Lindsay presented a "Review of the Scranton City Regiments and the Pennsylvania National Guard." There was an open house and tea on December 5, when Miss Margaret S. Briggs presented reminiscences of the Catlin Memorial, the home of the society. On January 11, Attorney Philip V. Mattes presented "A Condensed History of Scranton," and J. G. Anneman gave an illustrated talk on "The Story of the Glidden Tour and Early Motor Cars of the Present Century."

At the meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society on January 11, Samuel K. Nolt presented "The Life of Henry Eichholtz Leman and His Production of the Pennsylvania Rifle." Robert McCullough spoke on "The History of the Hamilton Watch Company from 1892 to 1919" on February 8; and James C. Sorber of West Chester gave an illustrated talk on "The Blacksmith as an Artist" on March 8. Volume 69, No. 2 of the *Journal* of the Lancaster County Historical Society appeared in January. It presented a thorough study of "The Antimasonic Party of Lancaster County: 1828-1843" by John Edward McNeal, a Ph.D. candidate in history at the University of Virginia.

Miss Louise Heydrick deeded to the Mercer County Historical Society the parcel of land known as the Indian Burial Ground on November 15, 1965. According to the story of an early settler who came to the region about 1798, a chief named "Guy-a-soot-er," "Chet's squaw," and an Indian boy were buried there.

It may be noted here that, while this chief has sometimes been locally identified with the famous Seneca Guyasutha (Kyashota).

this seems unlikely. There is good evidence that Guyasutha died early in 1794 in Cornplanter's house and that he was buried on the Cornplanter Grant. On the other hand, it is likely that "Chet's squaw" was his sister and a "great woman" of the Senecas, which would account for the association with his name.

The Mifflin County Historical Society has expressed gratification at the announcement that the birthplace and boyhood home of Major General Frank Ross McCoy has been approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as one of the historic buildings for which Project 70 funds allocated to the commission will be used. The society's board of directors was elected at the annual dinner meeting on January 27 when the speaker was Harold L. Myers, associate historian of the commission. Later, the board re-elected Garver M. McNitt as president; other officers elected include Jesse W. Heister, Mrs. Philip R. Shoemaker, and Harry W. Price, Jr., vice-presidents; Mrs. Charles W. Noble, recording secretary; J. Martin Stroup, corresponding secretary; Rocco J. Soccio, treasurer; and Mrs. Sarah V. Stroup, librarian-curator.

At the meeting of the Monongahela Historical Society on February 17, Mrs. Thomas P. Sloan presented the story of Eric Bollman, "Knight Errant of Lost Causes." The society will hold its annual banquet at the Monongahela Valley Country Club on April 21, when Dr. Stanton Belfour, president of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, will be the speaker.

The Monroe County Historical Society held its annual dinner meeting on January 15 at East Stroudsburg State College. The featured speaker was Dr. LeRoy J. Koehler, past president and historian of the society, whose address dealt with "Sullivan's Expedition." Directors and members elected at the annual business meeting on January 8 were introduced.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of Montgomery County was held on February 22, with Judge David E. Groshens, president, in the chair. The speaker was Conrad Wilson, assistant director of the Chester County Historical Society, whose paper was entitled "A Norristown Educator of the Nineteenth Century: James Grier Ralston, D.D., LL.D., and His School for Young

Ladies, the Oakland Female Institute." It was announced that the society has under consideration a program to microfilm newspapers of the county from 1799 to the present.

The Muncy Historical Society has created a new department in its building under the title of Marshall R. Anspach Research Center. The late Marshall Anspach was an official of the society since its foundation by his father-in-law, the late Dr. T. Kenneth Wood. His research achievements are well known in historical circles, and his collection of rare historical documents is equally well known. After the demise of Mr. Anspach, his widow presented a great part of these collections to the society, and they are now available for reading and research. To accommodate the research center, the society cleared one of the larger rooms on the second floor and provided it with shelving, reading and work tables, and appropriate lighting. The center is open at regularly scheduled hours and will be the answer to long-felt demands by the historically minded people of the area.

The Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society held its annual meeting on January 19. Miss Lillie S. Turman, headmistress of Moravian Seminary for Girls, spoke on "Moravian Seminary—225th Anniversary."

The 59th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies will be held in Harrisburg on May 14 in the new William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives Building, with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Meetings will be centered in the museum auditorium. In the morning there will be tours of the new building and an explanation of its facilities, as well as a session devoted to discussions of the Junior Historian program, prospects for state aid to historical societies, and plans for a more vigorous program of cooperation with historical societies on the part of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Then the Pennsylvania Folklore Society, meeting concurrently in the museum classroom, will join with the federation for the luncheon, which will feature a program of folk songs by the famous Beers Family; and the joint afternoon session will be devoted to the general theme, "History and Folklore in Pennsylvania."

At the meeting of the Advisory Council of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians in Harrisburg on February 26, Daniel R. MacGilvray, associate historian, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, became the new executive secretary-treasurer of this statewide organization of high school students interested in history, succeeding Mrs. Autumn L. Leonard. Dr. Alfred D. Sumberg, the chairman of the Advisory Council, expressed the appreciation of the group for the six years of faithful service which Mrs. Leonard gave as executive secretary-treasurer, and the council addressed a resolution of gratitude to her for her outstanding work on behalf of the organization. It should be noted that she resigned, not for lack of interest, but in order to have more time for editing the *Papers of Henry Bouquet*, of which the long-awaited Volume I is now in preparation; she will continue to serve on the Advisory Council.

The February meeting of the Advisory Council completed plans for the 24th annual convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians, to be held on April 22 and 23 in Philadelphia with headquarters in the Sheraton Hotel. Six or seven hundred Junior Historians from all parts of the state are expected to attend the two-day sessions, which will include tours of the Independence Hall area and other places of interest. Tentative plans were also made for a number of one-day workshops to be held simultaneously on October 22 at historic sites in various regions of the Commonwealth.

Beginning with the spring issue of 1966 (Vol. XI, No. 1), the *Keystone Folklore Quarterly*, journal of the Pennsylvania Folklore Society, will have as its editor Henry H. Glassie, III, of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Glassie received his B.A. from Tulane University, where he specialized in medieval literature and cultural anthropology. He received his M.A. as a member of the first class of the American Folk Culture Program at Cooperstown, New York, where his master's thesis dealt with "Southern Mountain Houses: A Study in American Folk Culture." Presently he is working on his Ph.D. in folklore at the University of Pennsylvania, where he expects to do work on the total repertory of traditional singers, manuscript song books, material folk culture, and the entire cultural outlook of individual folk performers. Since his freshman year in college he has spent

much time collecting folk cultural material in the eastern United States, primarily in the Southern mountains but also in upstate New York and Pennsylvania. He has published extensively in various folklore journals.

The Pennsylvania Folklore Society will hold its spring meeting on May 14 at Harrisburg in the William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives Building, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. The morning business meetings and programs will be separate, but the luncheon and the afternoon session will be held jointly, with a program which will interest both the folklorists and the historical society delegates. The evening before, the board of directors of the Folklore Society will meet in the bureau office in the Archives Building.

The museum and library of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society will be open and available to the public and scholars upon writing to the society at Breinigsville 1, Pennsylvania, for an appointment. The next volume of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society's publications will deal with folk art, and will be available before the end of the year. To reserve a copy, write to the publisher, Edward W. Schlechter, 128-130 North Law Street, Allentown.

At the meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Junto in the National Archives on January 21, Paul H. Oehser of the Smithsonian Institution spoke on Spencer Fullerton Baird (1823-1887), a native of Reading and a graduate of Dickinson College, who became assistant secretary of the Smithsonian in 1850 and its secretary in 1878. On February 18, the Junto's founder and first president, Dr. Homer T. Rosenberger, spoke on "Distinguished Pennsylvania Germans of the Last Three Quarters of a Century." The meeting on March 18 was devoted to a round table discussion on "The Historical Literature of Pennsylvania."

On January 20, 1966, Alexander O. Vietor, curator of maps and research associate at the Yale University Library, addressed the Historical Society of Pennsylvania on "Early Maps and the Discovery of America." His talk drew an audience of more than four hundred people, attracted in part by what he had to say

about the Vinland Map, which attracted worldwide attention last Columbus Day. Milo M. Naeve of Winterthur was the society's next speaker on February 25, his subject being "John Lewis Krimmel, a German Artist and the Pennsylvania Scene." At a ceremony held in the society on March 4, the Philadelphia Electric Company presented William Penn's famous letter of August 12, 1684, which contains his well-known prayer for Philadelphia. Among the speakers were Frederick B. Tolles, Boies Penrose, president of the society, Mayor Tate of Philadelphia, and R. G. Rincliffe, chairman of Philadelphia Electric.

The society has announced the forthcoming publication in book form of the Diary of Sidney George Fisher of Philadelphia. His diary covers the years 1834-1871.

The Perry County Historical Society held its winter meeting on February 28 at the Beard Memorial. Reports of committees were presented. It is planned to dedicate the spring meeting to Chief Justice John Bannister Gibson and to discuss the Old Gibson Mill and Gibson Park. The society also plans to mark the White Ball Tavern which was on the route from Washington to Fort Niagara during the War of 1812. The speaker was Harold R. Hagerty, speech therapist for Perry County schools, whose talk dealt with "Frontier Forts." At its summer meeting the society plans to mark the old Pennsylvania Canal lock below Millerstown.

A. P. Akeley was elected president of the Potter County Historical Society at its annual meeting on January 28. Other officers elected were Mrs. Nettie Glassmire, vice-president, and Mrs. Leon Swanson, secretary-treasurer. Floyd Bliss of Sharon Center spoke on the Webb Tile Factory and displayed many examples of the tile and glassware which were produced there.

Judge Harold D. Saylor, president of the Germantown Historical Society, presented his reminiscences of "My Boyhood Days in Pottstown" at the meeting of the Pottstown Historical Society on January 31. At this meeting the society's annual Awards of Merit for outstanding scholastic achievement in the field of American history were presented to nominees from each of the area high schools.

The Presbyterian Historical Society has received an Award of

Merit from the American Association for State and Local History, with the citation, "For an intensive and successful program to preserve the records and present the history of a major American church." The award was presented to Dr. T. M. Taylor, president of the society, at a special luncheon of its board in the Union League on March 17 by Donald H. Kent as state chairman for the awards program of the AASLH.

Volume VIII, No. 1, of the *Publications* of the Historical Society of Schuylkill County was issued in January, 1966. It featured "An Informal History of Shenandoah, Pennsylvania," by James F. Haas, and "The Golden Days of the Dance Band in Schuylkill County," by Howard F. Hobbs. This issue was illustrated.

Mrs. Howard A. Ryder presented a paper on "James Burd" at the meeting of the Shippensburg Historical Society on January 20. At an executive board meeting on January 3 the directors agreed to finance a publication to be edited by William Burkhart as a memorial to World War I veterans. The report on the sales of the society's previous publication, *Shippensburg in the Civil War*, was most satisfactory, for the first edition was completely sold out and eighty copies of the second edition have already been sold. When ninety more copies have been sold, the society will have recovered the full cost of the publication.

The February, 1966, issue of the *Laurel Messenger*, quarterly of the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County, includes articles on slavery in Somerset County, on the Gist plantation, and on various matters of genealogical interest. The society is much gratified by news of the approval of a state appropriation which will provide it with a historical building.

The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Inc., has continued to cooperate closely with historical societies in the Commonwealth wherever there is an interest in covered bridges. Its work with the Erie County Historical Society on behalf of the Gudgeonville covered bridge is mentioned in that society's report. The historical societies of Blair and Somerset counties were active in bringing about the restoration of the Belts Mills covered bridge in Blair County and the Barronvale covered bridge in Somerset County, and the Burr Society joined in the

dedications. Dedications are planned for the four covered bridges in Indiana County on October 8, 1966, as the opening of "See Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges" Week.

A bill to establish the second week of October as "See Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges" Week passed the State House of Representatives and was on second reading in the Senate at the time of adjournment. It is hoped that such a bill will be passed in the 1967 session. Mrs. Vera H. Wagner, president of the Burr Society, has asked that the historical societies publicize this week so that it will become more popular every year. This year will be the sixth year since it was organized and sponsored by the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society. The back cover of Volume 6, No. 1, of *Portals*, the society's quarterly, reproduces a map of Pennsylvania locating state historic properties and identifying them by a numbered list, as well as a picture of the William Penn Memorial Museum. This page was contributed to the cause of history by the society in appreciation of the support it has received from the personnel of the Historical and Museum Commission offices.

At the meeting of the Union County Historical Society on February 17, Thomas R. Deans told of the interesting career of William Cameron, banker, merchant, and farmer of Lewisburg.

The Valley Forge Historical Society held open house on Washington's Birthday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the members and their children and friends. Martha Washington's "Great Cake" was served; a film, "Why Valley Forge?" was shown at intervals; and there was an exhibition of orderly books written at Valley Forge and other important documents selected from the museum's collections by John F. Reed, curator of manuscripts. In March, the Women's Auxiliary presented a series of three afternoon lectures: on March 12 "The Pennsylvania Swiss Bank-houses, the Speichers and Kelter Houses of Colonial Pennsylvania" by Robert C. Bucher, president, Goshenhoppen Historians, Inc.; on March 19 "The Continuing Responsibility of the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry" by Sergeant Raymond V. Shepherd, Jr.; and on March 26 "The Tucker China, 1825" by Mrs. Francis Edward Judson. The lecture on the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, brought out the interesting point that this troop was

organized by three members of the Committee of Correspondence before the organization of the Continental Army, and was the first military organization authorized by the United States.

The Warren County Historical Society and Kinzua Chapter 18, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, co-sponsored a large meeting on January 19 which featured Dr. Don Dragoo, head of the Section of Man, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, as speaker. Stanley Lantz, president of the Kinzua Chapter, opened the meeting, and John Zaviski, its secretary-treasurer, presented an honorary life membership to Merle H. Deardorff on behalf of the eighty-five members of his chapter. Deardorff then, representing the Warren County Historical Society, introduced Dr. Dragoo, who illustrated his interesting talk with colored slides and a new color-and-sound motion picture entitled "Spade Work for History." The story emphasized the role of non-professional archaeologists, and Dr. Dragoo praised the work of Stanley Lantz and Homer Haines of Warren, in locating important archaeological sites.

On January 12, Mrs. Frances Ramsey, archivist for the Warren County Historical Society, greeted some new citizens in naturalization court. Many large groups of Girl Scouts have recently been given guided tours of the historical headquarters in Warren. Both boys and girls have been coming to the building to read and obtain information for their school work. The story of Captain Grant P. Marsh, local riverman who became a hero in the Old West, was photostated at the Library of Congress and given to the Warren society by William G. Smith of Washington. Other gifts include a local hotel ledger for the years 1871-1874, a model of a barn built in 1894, and an antique flatiron. The January, 1966, issue of *Stepping Stones*, the bulletin of the society, featured an article by W. F. Clinger on Thomas Struthers, an important business leader of nineteenth-century Warren.

The 1966 annual meeting of the Warren County Historical Society was held on March 18. The featured speaker was Dr. Whitfield J. Bell, Jr., librarian of the American Philosophical Society, who spoke on "The Amateur Historian." The society is pleased to announce that it now has five hundred members.

Dr. Wallace E. Davies, associate professor of history at the

University of Pennsylvania, was the speaker at the meeting of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania on January 11, when he repeated the interesting address on "History's Neglected Step-sister" which he gave in October, 1965, at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. On February 15, Arthur P. Ziegler, Jr., executive secretary of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, presented an illustrated lecture on "The Cause for Historic Preservation in Pittsburgh." James B. Stevenson, chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, presented an illustrated talk, "A Trip to Pit Hole," at the meeting on March 23.

From March 18 to April 10, the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society will have on exhibit fifty color photographs on *The Color of Water* by Jeanette Klute, research photographer in the Photographic Technology Division of the Eastman Kodak Company. These pictures reveal the endlessly changing properties of water—light, color, motion—and its effects on everything it touches. The exhibit is sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Company and is currently touring the country under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Service. Dr. Charles B. Reif, chairman of the department of biology, Wilkes College, will give a talk on March 24 in conjunction with this exhibit. The Junior League of Wilkes-Barre will direct school children of the fifth and sixth grades through the society and its historic Sweetland Homestead from April 13 to May 29. The league is also sponsoring a long-range historic project for the society which will depict the Battle of Wyoming.

The 108th annual meeting of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society was held at the Hotel Sterling on February 19, with about 135 persons in attendance. Dr. Harold E. Cox, associate professor of history at Wilkes College, gave a talk on John Wilkes. It has recently been announced that Ralph A. Hazeltine, a trustee of the society, and a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, has been appointed director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. Mr. Hazeltine will assume his duties as director on April 1.

The board of trustees of the Historical Society of York County

has voted unanimously to approve an agreement with the Historical Society of the Hanover Area, in which the two societies become affiliated in a joint undertaking strengthening the work of both. This follows a similar action on January 27 by the Hanover society. Membership in either society will now cover all privileges. The action has been described as part of a movement to unify historical activities in the county. Similarly, the boards of Historic York and the Historical Society of York County recently announced approval in principle of plans for their merger.

In February the society's board of trustees decided unanimously to record its intention and readiness to accept the gift from the late Miss Elizabeth S. Bonham of real estate and the Bonham home in York as well as an income from the residuary trust estate under Miss Bonham's will. Until the matter is cleared through the Orphans' Court, the society will not be in a position to know what its plan will be to carry out the terms of this bequest.

As part of its publications program, the York society recently published *The Amazing Pennsylvania Canals*, by William H. Shank. This attractive 80-page booklet, profusely illustrated with photographs, drawings, and maps, is a revision with considerable rewriting of a booklet which Mr. Shank published in 1960. It sells for \$2.00 plus 25 cents for state sales tax and postage. The society also has in preparation a volume of the famous Lewis Miller sketches and chronicles which will include at least 150 pages in full color reproducing this priceless pictorial record of early York.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

At Cedar Crest College James R. Smith was appointed to an instructorship in history in the fall of 1965.

Clarion State College announces its third annual summer program in field archaeology, especially designed to meet the needs and interests of undergraduate students. Two separate sessions are scheduled this year, each limited to twelve participants. They will be engaged in the archaeological exploration of certain sections of the Allegheny valley, and their work will include site surveys, site testing, mapping, excavation, cataloging, restoration, and the preparation of excavation reports. For applications and further details write to Dr. Gustav A. Konitzky, Archaeological

Laboratory, Box 997, Clarion State College, Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214.

Dr. James Arthur Bonar was the speaker in the Boyd Lee Spahr Lecture in Americana held by the Dickinson College Library on Friday evening, March 4, 1966. His topic, "We have aimed honestly at doing good," dealt with trusteeship at Dickinson during the first generation.

The department of history of Gettysburg College reports that Dr. Bruce W. Bugbee's book, *Genesis of American Patent and Copyright Law*, will be published in late spring by the Public Affairs Press. Dr. Basil L. Crapster has begun his duties as dean of the college, succeeding Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter. Both are members of the history department. Dr. Glatfelter is currently on sabbatical leave.

An all-day intercollegiate conference on "Mexico—The Continuing Revolution" was held at Immaculata College on March 12 under the sponsorship of the college's International Relations Society. Some forty colleges and universities in the Philadelphia, New York, and Washington areas participated. In the morning, Dr. Gary MacEoin, correspondent and author of *Latin America: The Eleventh Hour*, spoke on "The Significance of the Mexican Revolution of 1910"; Senora Concha Romero James, cultural attache of the Embassy of Mexico, talked on "Contemporary Status of the Mexican Revolution"; and William J. Doherty, director of the American Institute for Free Labor Development, discussed "The New Place of Labor in Mexican Development." In the afternoon session, small conference groups discussed the various facets of Mexican development.

Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace, Lebanon Valley College Fellow in the Humanities, was the guest of honor at a tea and autograph party at the college on February 22, the publication date of his *Lebanon Valley College: A Centennial History*, a 280-page work. Dr. Wallace was chairman of the department of English at Lebanon Valley College for twenty-five years before resigning in 1948 to devote his time to writing and historical research. He was editor of PENN-

SYLVANIA HISTORY for several years, and joined the historical staff of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, from which he retired last year. As Lebanon Valley College Fellow in the Humanities his responsibilities include editing the diary of Bishop John Russel, nineteenth-century minister and missionary of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ; cataloging the memorabilia section of the college library; delivering lectures, formal and informal, in the field of Pennsylvania history; and searching for and preparing materials of interest on the history of the college for publication.

On March 26, 1966, the Lehigh University history department sponsored a meeting for area social studies teachers. Dr. John Cary, head of the department, spoke on "Teaching the Constitution," and Richard B. Morris, Gouverneur Morris professor at Columbia University, delivered the luncheon address, "The Spacious Empire of Lawrence H. Gipson." On March 19, Professor Cary spoke on "Liberalism and Conservatism: A Historical View of American Politics" at the Western Pennsylvania regional meeting of Phi Alpha Theta on the Washington and Jefferson campus. Professor Joseph A. Dowling of Lehigh will address the University of Delaware Seminar on the Philosophy of Science on May 10, 1966; his topic is "Psychoanalysis and History: Problems and Applications." Professor Jerome I. Fischman is on a Fulbright lectureship in Brazil during the second semester of the current academic year.

Professor C. Maxwell Myers is retiring from his position at Millersville State College at the end of the first summer session on July 15, 1966.

From the University of Pennsylvania comes news that Vice-Provost Roy F. Nichols has been elected president of the American Historical Association, and that Professor Thomas C. Cochran has been elected president of the Organization of American Historians and member of the council of the American Historical Association. Professor Otakar Odlozilik has been elected chairman of the Conference on East European and Slavic Studies. Dean John L. Snell of Tulane University has been appointed professor of history at Penn.

In the history department of the University of Pittsburgh, Allen Galpern, a doctoral student at Berkeley, and Harold Sims, a doctoral student at the University of Florida, have been appointed as instructors, effective in the fall of 1966. Dr. Hugh Kearney of the University of Sussex will be visiting Carroll J. Amundson Professor of British History, 1966-1967.

At St. Francis College, new instructors include John Ruggiero, Bruce Beebe, David Sharpe, Robert Janosov, and Father Blase Dixon, T.O.R. At the fall banquet of the St. Francis College Honor Society, the third annual distinguished teaching award was conferred upon John F. Coleman, associate professor of history.

Dr. Robert D. Duncan, chairman of social studies at Slippery Rock State College, delivered a paper comparing American and African colonization at an African Seminar held at Duquesne University on March 10, 1966, and attended by faculty members from member colleges of the Regional Council for International Education. Dr. Patrick McCarthy of Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh, who holds a Ph.D. from Oxford University, will be a visiting professor at Slippery Rock State College in the six-weeks session of the summer school. He will offer an undergraduate elective on the History of Africa and a graduate course on Twentieth Century Africa. Dr. McCarthy has taught in the University of West Australia and the University of South Africa, and has had seventeen years' experience in the diplomatic service.

In the department of history at Temple University, Seth Scheiner has been promoted to associate professor; Arthur Haberman, Maxine Seller, and William Benton have been promoted to assistant professor; and Ernest L. Presseisen of Northern Illinois University has been appointed professor. A program leading to the degree of doctor of philosophy in history has been instituted.

OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission recently made several important additions to its professional staff. Alan W. Perkins, former director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, has been appointed curator at Drake Well Memo-

rial Park Museum and Library, Titusville, where he assumes the post which was tragically vacated last August when A. C. Thompson, the former curator, was fatally burned in a household accident. Earlier, Perkins was a member of the editorial and photographic staff of the Worcester (Mass.) *Telegram & Gazette* and operated his own photographic business. A graduate of Northwestern University, he has done graduate work in history at Clark University, and has served on the staff of the Worcester Art Museum.

In the commission's Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties, which manages Drake Park and numerous other state historic properties, Edward F. LaFond, Jr., has been appointed field curator to assist the bureau director, Frank Schmidt. Mr. LaFond is a graduate of the University of Delaware and was a Winterthur Fellow, receiving his master's degree in 1965. He has been curator of the Chester County Historical Society. The State Archives also has a newly appointed assistant archivist, Henry E. Bown, a graduate of Bethany College in West Virginia, with a master's degree in history from Duquesne University.

Historic Delaware County will sponsor an open house tour on Saturday, April 30, 1966, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some twenty-nine historic homes and buildings and other points of interest are to be included in the tour. Among them are some houses which will be lost to the mid-county expressway. For information write to Historic Delaware County, Inc., Box 267, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania 19081.

Dr. Ralph W. Cordier of Indiana State University of Pennsylvania was elected vice-president of the National Council for the Social Studies in November, 1965. Since the progression from that office is automatic, he will become president of the National Council at the 1967 convention. Dr. Cordier is executive secretary and a past president of the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies, and is also a past president of the Pennsylvania Historical Association.

At the spring meeting of the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies on April 22-23 in Washington, Pennsylvania, four social studies teachers who are members of the Pennsylvania House of

Representatives will discuss "The Teacher in Politics" after the banquet on Friday evening. These panelists include R. Budd Dwyer of Meadville, John C. Pittenger of Lancaster, William A. Buchanan of Indiana, and Frank Cantoni of Charleroi. Saturday will be devoted to section meetings on a variety of subjects.

The new Archivist of the United States, Dr. Robert H. Bahmer, was appointed on January 16, 1966, by the General Services Administrator, Lawson B. Knott, Jr. He succeeded Dr. Wayne C. Grover, whose deputy he had been for many years, and like Dr. Grover he is interested not only in the efficient management of public records for administrative purposes but also in preserving them as source material on American history for historians. He hopes to expand the photographic and distribution services for important materials in the National Archives so that they may be more readily available to researchers.

The presidents of the historical societies of Monroe, Northampton, and Pike counties in Pennsylvania and of Sussex and Warren counties in New Jersey met with representatives of the historical agencies of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York and of the National Park Service at a luncheon meeting on March 12 at East Stroudsburg State College, to discuss the proposed historical interpretation program of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Dr. Alfred D. Sumberg, president of the Monroe County Historical Society, welcomed the historians and stated that the meeting was designed to establish communications with the historical agencies most directly interested in the new park development, to create a liaison between the historical organizations and the National Park Service, to encourage the development of an integrated regional history, to learn of the impact of the new Recreation Area on the historical societies, and to explore the use of historical zoning to protect important sites immediately adjacent to the area. Peter DeGelleke, park planner for the National Park Service, pointed out that the National Park Service was now a partner in the study of the history and archaeology of the upper Delaware River Valley and asked the societies to assist in the establishment of useful guidelines for historical interpretation. David Kimble, historian for the Park Service, outlined the tenta-

tive proposals of the new program. He pointed out that Congress had not established a historical theme for the new Recreation Area, but had provided for a general program of historical interpretation. Many significant themes, such as Indians, colonial industry, and the late nineteenth-century resort industry, could be utilized. The tentative program calls for on-site historical programs and museum exhibits. After discussion, the group agreed to meet again on May 7 in Easton in conjunction with the semi-annual meeting of the Historical Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has announced plans for the development of an extensive nature reserve and the restoration of a historic landmark in Mercer County. The reserve will be in the Schollard Run watershed area between Route 19 and Interstate 79, and the Johnston Tavern which will be restored is located on Route 19 within its boundaries. Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson of Pittsburgh have made a considerable grant for this restoration. The tavern was built in 1831 for travelers on the Pittsburgh and Erie turnpike and to provide quarters for ironworkers employed by Springfield Furnace at the foot of the Springfield Falls, a beautiful natural feature of the area. Other projects of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy include Frank Lloyd Wright's famous house, Fallingwater, at Ohiopyle; the Stone House and the Blazing Star Prairie; and several wild flower reserves.

Arrangements have been completed for a comprehensive historical research project relating to the Pennsylvania Canal and the Allegheny Portage Railroad, according to an announcement from Gustaf P. Hultman, superintendent of Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site and Johnstown Flood National Memorial. Earl J. Heydinger, park historian of Hopewell Village National Historic Site, has been assigned to do the research and prepare the reports. He is currently working in the canal records and documents in the State Bureau of Land Records and in the State Archives.

The "Fulton A-Go-Go" recently held by the Junior League of Lancaster is expected to yield a profit of \$30,000, all of which is

earmarked for the restoration fund of the historic Fulton Opera House. Benjamin E. Mann, first vice-president of the Fulton Foundation, reporting to its annual meeting on February 15, said that the league's donation would be used primarily for the painting of the ceiling and the proscenium arch of the theater, and for upholstering the seats. Nathaniel E. Hager, the foundation's president, was elected to his fourth consecutive term at this meeting.

On February 23, some fifteen directors of museums in Pennsylvania met at the Reading Public Museum and Art Gallery for a one-day discussion of problems in the operation of museums, with Samuel C. Gundy, director of the Reading museum, as host. This is the group's third annual meeting without a formal organization.

Historic Bethlehem, Inc., announces that work to restore the old Moravian industrial complex in the Monocacy Valley will begin in May, and that the historic park site will be opened to the public by the end of August. Details have been completed for property acquisition which will permit the beginning of landscaping work and parking area construction. Four buildings, still standing, will be restored completely and staffed with guides when the park area is completed. They include the Tannery, built in 1761; the Water Works, built in 1762; the Miller's House, built in 1784; and a gristmill, built in 1869. Norman Larson, executive director of Historic Bethlehem, also reports that archaeological investigation will be started by May 1 to provide the foundation for restoration and interpretive work.

Two graduate programs in history museum training and American folk culture leading to a Master of Arts degree will be offered in 1966-1967 through the combined resources of State University College at Oneonta and the New York State Historical Association at Cooperstown. The programs will be an integral part of the college but have a life of their own dependent upon the two museums and the research library of the association. For detailed information write to Louis C. Jones, Director, Cooperstown Graduate Programs, State University College Oneonta, c/o New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, New York 13326.

The Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation presented the first of two winter lectures on January 21, when Robert Garvey,

executive director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, spoke on "Historic Preservation in the United States and the Role of the National Trust." At the second lecture on March 23, James D. Van Trump spoke on "Pittsburgh Architecture Between 1860 and 1920."

Four houses associated with famous Pennsylvania artists have recently been declared eligible for designation as Registered National Historic Landmarks by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall. They include the Thomas Eakins house, 1729 Mount Vernon Place, Philadelphia; the Charles Willson Peale house, "Belfield," 2100 Clarkson Avenue, Philadelphia; the Thomas Sully residence, 530 Spruce Street, Philadelphia; and the birthplace of Benjamin West, now a faculty residence at Swarthmore College.

On Courthouse Square in Mercer a historic building is to be restored as a political party's headquarters. The Mercer County Republican Committee has purchased the 154-year-old Bingham house and plans to restore the exterior and renovate and modernize the interior to provide offices and meeting rooms. The two-story, red brick house, built in 1812, was the birthplace of John Bingham, who presided as judge advocate in the trial of Mrs. Surratt and other alleged conspirators in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. He served in Congress from Ohio, and was United States minister to Japan for eleven years.

Through a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Library of Congress has issued for sale a new long-playing record of coal-miners' songs which will be of much interest to Pennsylvanians. Produced from recordings made by George Korson in the early 1940's, the record is entitled "Songs and Ballads of the Bituminous Miners," and is accompanied by a pamphlet containing explanatory notes and the words of the songs, prepared by Mr. Korson. It may be purchased by mail from the Recording Laboratory, Music Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20540, for \$4.95 (including shipping and handling). The record's order number is L60. Checks should be made payable to "Music Division, Library of Congress."

Representatives from fifty historical societies in New Jersey met on March 5 at the Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill, to discuss the organization of a League of the Historical Societies of New Jersey. In a morning panel discussion various historical society officials discussed basic needs, basic aims, coordination and cooperation between societies, League cooperation for preserving New Jersey's historic heritage, and the important question of the cost of a statewide federation; and Donald H. Kent as assistant secretary of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies discussed the experiences of this organization, which is now sixty years old. The speaker at the luncheon was Henry D. Brown, president of the American Association for State and Local History and director of the Detroit Historical Commission. In the afternoon the representatives of the societies voted unanimously to proceed with the organization of the League, and committees were appointed which met to discuss and plan a constitution and various other details of founding such a group.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has completed plans for the 1966 sessions of the annual Institute of Pennsylvania Life and Culture, which will be held at the Pennsylvania Farm Museum of Landis Valley, near Lancaster, on June 21-24. This will be the tenth year for the unique program of informal but learned seminars on various phases of Pennsylvania history and cultural achievement. Seminars scheduled for 1966 include: The Stirrings of Revolution (Pennsylvania History, 1773-1776); Canals in Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Antiques, with emphasis on pewter, glass, and country furniture; Historical Restoration and Photography; Tin-Can Archaeology; Genealogy in Pennsylvania; Painting in Pennsylvania; and Historic American Costume. As usual, there will be members of the commission's professional staff on the faculty, including Daniel MacGilvray, associate historian; Eric de Jonge, curator of decorative arts and crafts; John Witt-hoft, state anthropologist; Vincent R. Artz, curator of fine arts; William H. Work, state archivist; Alan Perkins, curator of the Drake Museum; Col. J. Duncan Campbell, curator of military history; and Dr. Catherine McCann, curator of archaeology. They will be supplemented, however, by many other experts, among them Dr. George Swetnam of the *Pittsburgh Press*; Dr. Wallace

E. Davies, associate professor of history, University of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Anne Murray, curator of costumes, Smithsonian Institution; Lawrence H. Curry, assistant professor of humanities, Philadelphia College of Art; Dr. George B. Wolf, special assistant to Governor William W. Scranton; Manville B. Wakefield, associate professor of art, Sullivan County (N. Y.) Community College, and author of *Coal Boats to Tidewater*; Gerald Smeltzer, author of *Canals of the Lower Susquehanna*; Mrs. Herbert Schiffer, author of *Furniture and Its Makers of Chester County*; Kenneth Wilson, curator of the Corning Museum of Glass; Mrs. F. Spencer Roach, editor of the *Genealogical Magazine of Pennsylvania*; Ira Glackens, painter and author; Henry C. Pitz, associate editor of the *American Artist*; Dr. Harold E. Dickson, professor emeritus of art history, Pennsylvania State University; Mrs. Dorothea P. Michelson, a former staff lecturer at Washington's National Gallery of Art; and Mrs. A. W. Duncan, associate curator of costume, Colonial Williamsburg. Dr. Irwin Richman of the commission's professional staff is again the chairman of the institute. The registration fee of thirty dollars will include the seminars, luncheons on all three days, and dinner meals on June 22 and 23. Registration should be made as soon as possible, since the number of acceptances will be limited. Forms may be obtained by addressing the Landis Valley Associates, P. O. Box 969, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108.

Mr. David J. Jeremy of England is appealing for aid from Pennsylvania historians. Having exhausted the usual archives, he is searching for a land grant indicating Henry Wansey's purchase of a 1,200-acre estate on the Susquehanna in then Westmoreland County, which Wansey owned by 1794, and another tract which is mentioned in his 1825 will. Anyone having information will find Mr. Jeremy grateful if they write him at 10, Perrystone Lane, Tupsley, Hereford, England.