NEWS AND COMMENT

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HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

William A. Hunter, chief of the Division of History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, was the guest speaker at the October meeting of the Adams County Historical Society. Hunter's subject was "Fort Loudon." A program featuring the Henry Eyster Jacobs Memoirs was presented by Reverend Frederick Weiser in November.

"The History of the Tarentum Glass Industry" was discussed by Mrs. Esler W. Hays at the October meeting of the Allegheny-Kiski Valley Historical Society. The November program focused attention on the Franklin Mint in Philadelphia and included an illustrated talk on coins and medals. As part of its $50,000 Improvement Campaign, the society is renovating the second and third floors of its museum. The museum will be closed until May 30, 1971.

On November 1, the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia heard a lecture by Christopher Hollis on "Martyrs in Elizabethan England."

Members of the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County inspected the site of the Blue Marsh Dam Project on October 25. The project will eventually destroy some interesting historic property. A Christmas Tea was held on December 9 at the Douglassville home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bieber.

"An Autumn Excursion" bus tour to Ephrata Cloister and the Pennsylvania Farm Museum was enjoyed by members of the Bucks County Historical Society on October 21. The 90th annual meeting, held on November 14, heard Dr. John L. Cotter explain "Archaeology, Conservation and Community Responsibility." Dr.
Cotter, a co-founder and the first president of the Society for Historical Archaeology, has been with the National Park Service since 1940.

The annual tour of the Cambria County Historical Society on October 10 featured a visit to Drake Well Park.

At a recent meeting of the Cameron County Historical Society, Frank E. Geleskie discussed "The Cameron County Courthouse Clock." Work in preparation for the opening of the "Little Museum" is continuing.

A lecture by Dr. Lola S. Reed on "Some Aspects of American Pewter" highlighted the October 20 meeting of the Chester County Historical Society. "Delft" was the subject treated by Herbert Schiffer on November 17. With Mrs. John S. Kistler serving as chairman, the Christmas Arrangement Show was held from December 14 through December 19. Members attended the annual Christmas Party on December 15.

An explanation, illustrated with slides, of "Stream Pollution in Clarion County" was given by Dr. Bruce Dinsmore, head of the Department of Biology, Clarion State College, at the October 13 meeting of the Clarion County Historical Society. The 1970 anniversary dinner, held on October 29 in the Cross Roads Grange Hall, was followed by the showing of the film "Negroes in Pennsylvania." Dr. Eldon K. Søners, assistant professor of sociology, Clarion State College, spoke on the same topic. The following officers were recently elected or reelected: William H. Kahle, president; Mrs. W. H. Stewart, first vice-president; Mrs. Pearl Ion Miller, second vice-president; Mrs. Glenn J. Reinsel, corresponding secretary; Miss E. Loretta Carlos, financial secretary; and Mrs. Helen M. Becker, treasurer.

The Heisey Museum of the Clinton County Historical Society has undergone extensive repairs. Strict accuracy was used in replacing and repairing the scrollwork appearing on the outside of the old building. The annual banquet, held in the historic Fallon Hotel in Lock Haven, featured a talk by Mrs. Margaret Baldwin,
 faculty member at the Williamsport Area Community College. Speaking on “Preservation of the Future,” Mrs. Baldwin gave an account of her experiences as a student this past summer in the Seminar on American Culture. The seminar, sponsored by the New York State Historical Association and held at Cooperstown, New York, was termed “an historian’s paradise.”

The Columbia County Historical Society held an Open House Week from November 30 through December 5. Workshops were scheduled on “Acquisitions for the Society,” “Operating a Society,” and “Publications by the Society.” Participants included Fred Diehl, Montour County Historical Society; Ted Fenstermacher, The Berwick Enterprise; George Gedon, The Grit; Ralph Hazletine, Wyoming Historical and Geological Society; Ralph Herre, Columbia County Historical Society; Pauline Holcombe, Sullivan County Historical Society; William Hummel, Berks County Historical Society; Craig Newton, Berwick Historical Society; Reginald Rix, Historical Society of Schuylkill County; Charles Snyder, Northumberland County Historical Society; John Strawbridge, Lycoming County Historical Society; Tom Taber, III, Muncy Historical Society; and Norman Wilkinson, the Hagley Museum. Mrs. Josephine Crossley, of Bloomsburg State College, spoke on “State and Private Organizations and Columbia County in 1931.” The principal address, entitled “The World in a Teaspoon,” was delivered by Philip Klein.

“The History of the Strasburg Area Between 1700 and 1750” was explained by Dr. Charles D. Spotts at the October meeting of the Community Historians of Lancaster County. In November, architect John D. Milner gave an illustrated lecture on the Hans Herr House.

The Crawford County Historical Society has closed the Baldwin-Reynolds House Museum, located on Terrace Street in Meadville, until next June. The Archives Department, located on the second floor of the Meadville Public Library, is open to the public Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 P.M. and on Saturday by arrangement.
At recent meetings of the Dauphin County Historical Society, Samuel Kuhnert spoke on "Early Days of Barnstorming and My Philosophy of Life" and Paul Beers discussed "The Pennsylvania Sampler." The society is saddened by the sudden death of its president, Edwin Floyd, Jr.

A Christmas Tea was enjoyed by the Delaware County Historical Society on December 5.

On September 19, the Elk County Historical Society sponsored a bus trip to the Kinzua Dam.

A reenactment of the Battle of Fort Ligonier was one of the many special events scheduled in early October as the Fort Ligonier Memorial Foundation staged the 11th annual Fort Ligonier Days.

The Friends Historical Association commemorated the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Woolman (1720-1772) at the annual meeting held in Philadelphia on November 30. The association's new president is Edwin B. Bronner, professor of history at Haverford College. Professor Bronner has also served as president of the Friends Historical Society in England. In August of 1970, he read his presidential address for the latter body at the University of Exeter. The paper was entitled "'The Other Branch,' London Yearly Meeting and the Hicksites 1827-1912."

Meeting at the Hall of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania on September 22, the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania heard James D. Walker, supervisor of the Military Service Records of the National Archives, speak on "United States Military and Service Records at the National Archives." On October 27, the Annual Tea was held at "Loudoun," the Armat-Logan Mansion in Germantown. Monroe H. Fabian, assistant curator of the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution, discussed "Pennsylvania Portraits" at a meeting in November.

In early October, members of the Germantown Historical Society visited the Henry Francis DuPont Winterthur Museum. The
The annual meeting, featuring an illustrated lecture on “Windows of Our Past,” was held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Germantown, on October 15.

The guest speaker for the September 17 meeting of the Goschenhoppen Historians was Dr. John Ruth, chairman of the English Department at Eastern Baptist College and pastor of the King of Prussia Mennonite Church. Dr. Ruth, who has done extensive research on Christopher Dock, presented a talk entitled “Getting the Feel of Eighteenth Century Goschenhoppen Life.” On November 19, Mrs. Lita Solis-Cohen, lecturer at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, spoke on “Medieval Origins of Country Traditions.” The Goschenhoppen Region, the society’s quarterly magazine, is illustrated, “printed for the entire world,” and “devoted to publishing the fruits of our research.” For a one year subscription, send $4.00 to Mr. Edward Mosheim, Box 87, R. D., Zionsville, Pennsylvania 18092.

The Greene County Historical Society initiated a fund-raising campaign with a banquet at Waynesburg on October 22. On November 12, a library was opened to the public at the society’s recently acquired Green Hills Farm property. A museum is being planned.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Hanover Area Historical Society in October: Mrs. Michael B. Rebert, president; Dr. A. M. Grant, first vice-president; Theodore E. Smith, second vice-president; D. E. Winebrenner, III, treasurer; Samuel H. Hostetter, assistant treasurer; Raymond Leppo, corresponding secretary; and Nancy Yingling, recording secretary. The meeting featured an illustrated lecture on “Antique Pewter” by Eric de Jonge, chief curator of the William Penn Memorial Museum in Harrisburg. In November, James Rudisill, curator of education at the Historical Society of York County, explained “Hanover’s Architectural Heritage.”

In cooperation with the Junior League of Allegheny County, the Harmonie Associates of Old Economy sponsored a series of Christmas parties and tours for kindergarten children from No-
November 30 through December 24. On December 13, the Associates held "A Nineteenth Century Christmas." Featured were handmade decorations, special Christmas foods, Christmas crafts, and a special music program.

The Hatborough Historical Society held its fall meeting at Graeme Park on October 14. A program on "The White House" was presented.

Girard College was toured by members and friends of the Haverford Township Historical Society on October 17. At the annual meeting on November 12, David H. Cope gave an illustrated lecture on "The Transition of Rail Transportation in Delaware County."

Recent activities of Heritage '76 have included: an informal discussion on "The Role of Privateers in the Revolution," led by Mrs. Dorothy Smith; a field trip to Revolutionary War grave sites and battle sites in Montgomery County and Berks County, directed by Donald F. Roan; the Annual Congress, meeting this year at Historic Schaefferstown; and a program on "Clothing and Military Uniforms of the Revolutionary War Period," presented by Mr. and Mrs. George Kusel. The First Continental Regiment of the Continental Line, a uniformed shooting unit within Heritage '76, meets monthly to discuss Revolutionary War weapons, uniforms, and tactics.

The annual fall meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Society, held on November 24 at the Brookville Courthouse, heard Robert Philiber discuss "The Life of One of the Outstanding Citizens of the Community, Mr. Jenks."

Dr. John O. MacLean spoke on "A Half Century in the Practice of Medicine in Scranton" at the October meeting of the Lackawanna Historical Society.

A recent meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society featured an illustrated talk by John Dewitt Denney, Jr., on "The Trolleys of the Pennsylvania Dutch Country."
The Lancaster Mennonite Conference Historical Society announces that work on a new history of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference is progressing. Material is being gathered from individuals, congregations, and committees of the conference.

The art of healing by prayer and "laying of hands" as practiced by Pennsylvania Germans and others was the subject of a talk by David J. Hufford at a regular meeting of the Landis Valley Associates of the Pennsylvania Farm Museum on September 15. Hufford, state folklorist and director of Pennsylvania's Ethnic Culture Survey, entitled his talk "Powwowing." On November 17, Joe Kendig, III, lectured on "Furniture and Architecture of the Lancaster and York Area."

An illustrated discourse on "The Two Worlds of the Pennsylvania Dutch" was presented by Dr. Don Yoder at the annual dinner meeting of the Lebanon County Historical Society.

The Lebanon County Historic Preservation Trust held an Antique Place Setting Show in Lebanon's Old Salem Church on November 8.

The Lehigh County Historical Society celebrated the 200th anniversary of Trout Hall on September 27. The speaker of the day was Judge Kenneth H. Koch. Trout Hall was built in 1770 by James Allen, son of the founder of Allentown.

The Ligonier Valley Historical Society announces that restoration of the Compass Inn may be completed by mid-1971. Funds are being raised to furnish the building, dating to the early 1800's, in an authentic manner.

The Thanksgiving Meeting of the Lower Merion Historical Society on November 22 featured an address by Howard J. Grossman, assistant director of the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Grossman's subject was "Montgomery County's Role in the Bicentennial."

Speakers at recent meetings of the Lycoming County Historical Society have been: William N. Richards, director of the Bureau
of Museums, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, “Effective Use of a Modern Museum”; Paul G. Gilmore, editor of the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, “Highlights of Local History”; and Miss Gladys Tozier, “The Ring of the Axe and Whir of the Saw.” On December 8, a Benefit Show, starring Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians, was staged in support of the society’s new museum and cultural center.

The Marple-Newtown Historical Society celebrated its 10th anniversary at a meeting on September 29. Offered in paperback, Clifton Lisle’s Sandy Flash, The Highwayman of Castle Rock may be purchased by writing to the Marple-Newtown Historical Society, Box 17, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania 19073. The cost, including Pennsylvania’s 6% sales tax, is $4.19.

The birthplace and boyhood home of Major General Frank Ross McCoy, 17 North Main Street, Lewistown, is soon to be the home of the library-museum of the Mifflin County Historical Society. Problems involved in the change of address made it necessary for the society to close the old library-museum, located for 30 years in Lewistown’s Municipal Building, in May of 1970. It is expected that the new quarters will be opened to the public in the spring of 1971. Owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the McCoy Home is presently being restored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

“Western Pennsylvania, Year of Decision, 1758” was the topic of Professor Robert Duncan’s address to the 5th annual anniversary dinner of the Mill Creek Valley Historical Association. Dr. Duncan is the chairman of the History Department at Slippery Rock State College.

The Monroe County Historical Society has restored the Cherry Valley one-room schoolhouse. The brick structure is open to visitors during the summer months.

On October 3, the Historical Society of Montgomery County toured the facilities of the Historical Society of York County. A report on “The Bibles in the Collection of the Society” was pre-

Dr. Maurice A. Cook, president of the Pennsylvania Folklore Society and a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, explained "The Old Order Amish of Eastern Pennsylvania" at the January meeting of the Muncy Historical Society.

A lecture by Kenneth Richards, head of the Bureau of Archives and History, New Jersey State Library, highlighted the fall meeting of the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society. Richards spoke on "The Western Frontier of New Jersey."

Holding their September meeting at the Mennonite Information Center, located east of Lancaster, members of the Octorora Area Historical Society viewed a religious film and toured the Center's extensive library and archives. At the October meeting, Miss Martha Kauffman offered an illustrated account of her recent world tour.

"An Afternoon With Fanny Kemble" was presented by Eugenia Rawls at the November meeting of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Miss Rawls, who has enjoyed a distinguished career on the stage and on television, has given considerable time to researching the life of the famous actress Fanny Kemble. The January 15 meeting will hear Mrs. Elizabeth T. Trump give an illustrated talk on "Eating Habits of Our Ancestors."

The Pennsylvania Canal Society conducted a field trip of the Delaware and Hudson Canal on the weekend of September 19-20.

The regular meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Junto on October 16 featured an address by Dr. Manuel Cardozo, head of the Department of History and curator of the Lima Library at the Catholic University of America. Dr. Cardozo spoke on "The Abbé Correa Da Serra and America: The Early Days of the Republic." The Abbé Correa da Serra was a distinguished Portuguese diplomatist and savant who spent some time in Philadelphia, where he made many friends among that city's intelli-
gentsia. On November 20, Arthur Hecht, on the staff of the National Archives, explained "York County Postal History."

*1970 Pennsylvania Prize Poems* may still be purchased from the Pennsylvania Poetry Society, Box 380, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The volume is priced at $1.00.

The Perkasie Historical Society has appointed a committee to investigate all phases of assuming the custody of Perkasie's railroad station. The station, in the society's view, should serve some useful civic purpose.

At the fall meeting of the Pike County Historical Society, Mrs. Helen Greening described her efforts to compile a history of each of the pre-1900 one-room schoolhouses in the county. The material compiled by Mrs. Greening is to be published.

The Polish Historical Commission of the Central Council of Polish Organizations of Pittsburgh, with the cooperation of the Historical Society of York County, recently unveiled and dedicated a plaque to General Casimir Pulaski. Marking the site in York where Pulaski recruited troops for his Pulaski's Legion in the spring of 1779, the plaque was presented by Anthony Studnicki, president of the Central Council, and was accepted for the City of York by Mayor Eli Eichelberger.

A recent meeting of the Potter County Historical Society featured an address by Robert Lewis on "The Land History of Forest and Waters in Potter County."

The fall meeting of the Pottstown Historical Society was informed by Mrs. John A. Beard on "Mounce Jones, His History and His Home in Douglassville." On November 22, the 12th annual Thanksgiving Service was held in Zion's United Church of Christ at Chestnut and Hanover Streets in Philadelphia.

Twenty-four historic markers are to be placed by the Quakertown Historical Society at historic sites along Main and West Broad Streets, Quakertown. Permission for placing the markers was recently secured from the Quakertown Borough Council.

The annual membership meeting of Historic Schaefferstown, held on October 24 in the Brickerville Fire Hall, heard C. Richard
Beam discuss his work in indexing the Thomas R. Brendle Collection of Pennsylvania German Folklore. On December 6, members attended a “drop-in” Christmas Party at the 1736 Alexander Schaeffer Farmhouse.

With William J. Wewer, deputy executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, serving as the guest speaker, the first annual dinner meeting of the Historical Society of Schuylkill County was held on October 21. The society plans to publish a complete inventory of its holdings.

During the summer of 1970, many public school children, scouts, civic organizations, and other groups visited the facilities of the Shelter House Society. The annual Supper Picnic was held on August 19.

Bill Burkhart presented a paper on Anthony Wayne at a recent meeting of the Shippensburg Historical Society.

A joint banquet of the Skippack Historical Society and the Evansburg Historical Society was held at the Skippack Fire House on September 28. The guest of honor was Marguerite de Angeli, author of *Skippack School* and many other books for children. Montgomery County Commissioner A. Russell Parkhouse, who has contracted an ecological and historical survey of the Skippack Valley, was the principal speaker. Articles recently published by Dr. Joseph J. Peters in the *Germantowne Crier* are entitled “The Historical Relationship of Germantown and the Skippack” and “The Skippack Valley—Its Historical and Social Significance to Penn’s Holy Experiment.”

The speaker for the annual “Open House Meeting” of the Sullivan County Historical Society was Miss Elizabeth Homet. Miss Homet explained “The French Influence in the Sullivan County Area.”

The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society announces the election of Miss Grace K. Hackman as president and Mrs. Charles L. Fortune as secretary.
Plans for the erection of new Trappe area roadside markers to replace those bearing erroneous information were made final at the second semiannual dinner meeting of the Historical Society of Trappe. The meeting, held at Trappe's Moorehead Banquet Hall on November 11, featured an address by William Yoh on "The First Tribes of Indians to Inhabit Our Region."

Maxwell's Quarters, built in 1774 and located near the Valley Forge Covered Bridge, is the new headquarters of the Valley Forge Historical Society. This historic structure was used by General Maxwell during the Valley Forge encampment of 1777-1778. The society's lecture series "Three Tuesdays in October" featured these speakers: Captain James F. Rigg, U.S.N. (Ret.), "Bookbinding"; Mrs. Herbert F. Schiffer, "American and English Needlework"; and G. Edwin Brumbaugh, "Historical Restoration and Preservation."

Recent meetings of the Venango County Historical Society have included programs on "Events Surrounding the Old Stone House"; "Early Views of Oil City, Franklin, and Monarch Park"; and "Bottle Collecting."

On August 30, members of the Warren County Historical Society visited the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society's Museum at North East, Pennsylvania. "The Keepers of the Gateway," a film depicting the life of the Seneca Indians, was viewed on September 29. The film was produced by students of the Jefferson Elementary School in Warren.

Focusing attention on the Wayne County area, Robert W. Munley spoke on "Colonial America" at the fall dinner meeting of the Wayne County Historical Society. The meeting, held on October 24, honored Miss Linda English, of the Junior Historians, and Jim Brown, of the Boy Scouts, for selling the most tags in commemoration of "The Running of the First Locomotive in America." The first locomotive to run on rails in America made its initial trip at Honesdale on August 8, 1829.

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania inaugurated its 1970-1971 lecture series with an October address by Dr. J. Cutler Andrews, chairman of the Department of History at Chatham College and a past president of the Pennsylvania Historical
Association. Drawing upon his recently-published *The South Reports the Civil War*, as well as his earlier *The North Reports the Civil War*, Dr. Andrews spoke on "Writing History from Civil War Newspapers." At a meeting in November, Charles E. Peterson, a director of the Society of Architectural Historians, delivered an illustrated discourse on restoration work in Philadelphia, entitled "Patching the Cradle of Liberty." On December 2, Carlton G. Ketchum, a pioneer in mass communications and professional fund-raising, explained the growth of the University of Pittsburgh in a talk on "Pitt: The Adolescent Years 1908-1928."

The Westmoreland County Historical Society met in October to learn about "Washington’s Supporting Cast at Fort Necessity." The speaker was Robert K. Krick, manager of Fort Necessity Battlefield Park. The November meeting featured a talk by Robert C. Alberts on "The Adoption of the United States Constitution by Pennsylvania." Alberts is the author of *Adventures of Major Robert Stobo* and *Life and Times of William Bingham.*

Members attending the October meeting of the Women’s Historical Society of Pennsylvania viewed a film, sponsored by the Peoples Natural Gas Company, on Pennsylvania Dutch cooking. A program on "The Passion Play in Europe" was presented in November.

George Michael, host of Educational Television’s nationwide “Antiques” show, lectured on “How to Collect and Enjoy Antiques” at an October meeting of the Historical Society of York County. William H. Shank’s *History of the York-Pullman Automobile 1903-1919* is now available for purchase. The volume, profusely illustrated, is priced at $2.25.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

A generous donation to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy by Thomas H. Walker of Sewickley will enable the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters to restore Frankfort Springs. Located in Beaver County, this favorite resort of the 1800’s and early 1900’s is now part of Raccoon State Park. The funds, after being transferred by the Conservancy to the Commonwealth, will
be used to refurbish the Frankfort Mineral Springs Museum and to improve the surrounding area of the Springs.

The historic structure known as "Graeme Park" has been restored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Originally erected in 1721-1722 by Sir William Keith, Provincial Governor of Pennsylvania for the Penns, as part of a distillery complex, the property was purchased in the 1730's by Dr. Thomas Graeme of Philadelphia and converted to a summer home. It is located in Montgomery County, near the Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

Formal dedication ceremonies for the restored 1796 home of Dr. Joseph Priestley were held on October 25. The structure, overlooking the North Branch of the Susquehanna River at Northumberland, was restored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission at a cost of approximately $80,000. It is open to the public on weekdays, except Mondays, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. On Sundays, it is open from 1 to 5 P.M.

The Upper Merion Park and Historic Foundation is continuing in its efforts to preserve the historic Muhlenberg House in King of Prussia. The building, presently being used by the Upper Merion Cultural Center, was General Peter Muhlenberg's Revolutionary War Quarters during the winter of 1777-1778.

The Mill Run Historical and Recreation Authority and the Fayette County Retired Teachers' Association are involved in the restoration of the Mill Run one-room schoolhouse. The building, dating to 1835, is to be moved a short distance from its original location to a site along Route 381. It is located near Ohiopyle and Fallingwater, about 12 miles from Connellsville.

The Union Canal Tunnel, located near Lebanon, has been designated a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The "Old Tunnel," the oldest existing transportation tunnel in the United States, was dug in 1825 through 729 feet of solid rock. At a Recognition Meeting on November 5, a special plaque commemorating this civil engineering landmark was presented to the Lebanon County Historical Society, the organization responsible for restoring the tunnel to its original appearance. As part of the program, Dean
Aungst, a member of the historical society, explained “The History of the Union Canal.”

The American Society of Civil Engineers has officially designated Philadelphia’s Frankford Avenue Bridge as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. The bridge, the first stone-arch span erected in America, was built in 1697 and was long a vital link of the King’s Highway which connected Philadelphia and New York. In 1803, the span became part of the Frankford and Bristol Turnpike.

Two major grants were recently made to the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation from the Sarah Mellon Scaife Foundation, one of $35,000 to support the continuation of the Mexican War Streets restoration program in Pittsburgh’s North Side and one of $50,000 to help in the initiation of a restoration program in the city’s South Side. The South Side program will also be supported by a $30,000 grant from the Hillman Foundation. Concerned that the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland has been so little used and noted, the History and Landmarks Foundation has offered to conduct a study of the contents of the building, to attempt to involve veterans groups in the use of the landmark structure, and to publicize the functional facilities of the building. The Allegheny County Commissioners have accepted this proposal. The Hall, modeled after the famous Museum of Halicarnassus, contains hundreds of artifacts relating to the various wars that have involved the United States. Arthur P. Ziegler, Jr., the Foundation’s executive director, was one of two speakers invited to address a conference on “The Social Implications of Historic Preservations” at Tulane University, New Orleans, December 3-4. The other speaker was George Stephen of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Sponsored by the Tulane School of Architecture, the conference had the support of the Committee on Historic Resources of the American Institute of Architects.

Henry J. Magaziner has been appointed to the recently created position of Architectural Advisor to the Philadelphia Historical Commission. In announcing the appointment, Mayor James H. J. Tate stated that the post is to be held by the Chairman of the Committee on Conservation and Historical Preservation of the
Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The Philadelphia Historical Commission has the responsibility of surveying the city and listing all structures which should be preserved because of their historical value.

Having held the post of curator of historic properties with the National Trust for Historic Preservation since 1964, John Pearce recently resigned to enter private business. He is organizing his own firm in real estate development and restoration.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, has compiled and will publish “Historical Preservation: A Guide to State Programs.”

OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission’s Division of Archives and Manuscripts (the State Archives) has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the Society of American Archivists. William H. Work, state archivist, was informed of the honor and was presented with a 32-inch Distinguished Service Award trophy at the annual meeting of the society, held in Washington, D. C., September 29-October 2. The Pennsylvania State Archives was singled out for “outstanding service to the American people and for exemplary contributions to the archival profession.”

Wilkes College has acquired copies of the papers of Charles Rollin Buckalew (1821-1899), Minister to Ecuador, United States Senator (1863-1869), and Congressman (1887-1891). Included are letters covering the period 1839-1899, diaries and expense accounts relating to South American activities, miscellaneous papers and a day book explaining political activities and opinions for the period 1844-1869. Further information may be obtained by writing to Dr. Harold E. Cox, Department of History, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18704.

A guide to the Ford Motion Picture Collection in the National Archives is available for purchase. The film records explained
in the guide are the 1.5 million feet of motion pictures included in the Ford Historical Film Collection which was presented to the National Archives and Records Service in 1963 by the Ford Motor Company. The collection's outstanding historical value, from its initiation by Henry Ford in 1914 to the early 1940's, stems from its very broad coverage of the American scene. Priced at $5.00, the guide may be purchased from the Publications Sales Branch, NARS-GSA, Washington, D. C. 20408.

A periodical bulletin is now being published regarding the activities and accessions of the U. S. Army Military History Research Collection. In *Perspectives in Military History*, emphasis is placed upon a description of materials within the Collection and upon new accessions of original source materials. Attention is also given to the special activities sponsored by the Research Collection. For additional information, contact Colonel George S. Pappas, U. S. Army Military History Research Collection, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania 17013.

A history of Fundamentalism is presently being prepared by Bernhard Olson, of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Charles Feinberg, of Talbot Theological Seminary, and Belden Menkus, an administrative systems specialist. Materials regarding the personalities and the groups within the Fundamentalist Movement are sought. Those wishing to contribute should write to Belden Menkus, 7 Blauvelt Avenue, Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621.

Carl Oblinger, of York, has been granted a special Ford Internship in ethnic studies by the Institute of Southern and Negro History of the Johns Hopkins University. The Internship, for the academic year 1970-1971, is part of a nationwide program aimed at getting historians—through local institutional affiliations—to know something about the community and the society of the areas in which they are doing research. Because Oblinger is planning a doctoral dissertation on the development of black communities in southeastern Pennsylvania for the period 1750-1950, he has elected to affiliate with the Historical Society of York County.

The restored Tuscarora Academy was dedicated and the Juniata County Historical Museum was opened to the public at cere-
monies held at Academia, Juniata County, on August 23, 1970. The speaker of the day was Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Taking part in the program were Lester Zimmerman, former assemblyman from Juniata County; David A. Shellenberger, president of the Juniata County Historical Society; and Mrs. Clarence E. McLaughlin, secretary of the society.

The Chadds Ford Gallery, a fine old colonial structure located in Chadds Ford at Routes 1 and 100, has been opened as a Wyeth Center. The Wyeth style is represented by the art of N. C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, Jamie and Carolyn Wyeth, Ann Wyeth McCoy, John McCoy, George Weymouth, Peter Sculthorpe, and Jimmy Lynch. The Gallery is open daily, with the exception of Sunday, from 10:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. and on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 9.

The 13th annual Springs Folk Festival, known to many as the Dutch Mountain Festival, was held at the tiny village of Springs in Somerset County on October 2-3. The program included historic-scenic tours, displays at the Springs Museum, old-time folk music, and many "pioneer demonstrations."

On December 6, the Executive Committee of the Advisory Council of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians held its initial meeting of the 1970-1971 school year. Presiding at the session, held at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, was Mrs. Dorothy M. Lewis, social studies teacher from Ambler and vice-chairman of the Advisory Council.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Pennsbury Society, Inc., the 6th annual Pennsbury Manor Americana Forum was held on September 24-27. Sessions were conducted on Historic Preservation; Houses and Furnishings of Great Americans in the Late Nineteenth Century; English Earthenwares and Porcelain; Independence Hall, Paca House, Fortress Louisbourg, and Ephrata Cloister as Major Historical Restorations; and Furniture Conservation.
Co-sponsored by the New Jersey Historical Society and the Institute of Early American History and Culture, the Middle Colonies Conference was held at the Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, New Jersey, October 30-31. The meeting, commemorating the 125th anniversary of the society, included an address by Richard P. McCormick on "The Historian's New Jersey."

A National Conference on the Arts and the Human Environment was held at the Pennsylvania State University from November 15 through November 18. The meeting examined the vital role of the arts in the development of a total human environment.

"The Iron Industry of Eastern Pennsylvania from 1780-1880" was the subject of the Third Annual Fall Conference on Regional Economic History held at the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library on November 6. Speakers and their topics were: Dr. Joseph E. Walker, Millersville State College, "The End of Colonialism in the Middle Atlantic Iron Industry"; Dr. Jeffrey Zabler, Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, "An Inquiry Into the Cost of Iron Production in Eastern Pennsylvania 1780-1850"; and Julian Skaggs, a graduate student at the University of Delaware and teacher at PMC Colleges, "The Lukens Rolling Mill 1850-1870." Serving as program moderator was John Tyler of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Dr. Stanley Engerman, of the University of Rochester, summarized the presentations and suggested areas for further research.

Dr. Harold F. Williamson has been appointed the 1970-1971 Senior Resident Scholar at the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation. Dr. Williamson is professor emeritus of economics at Northwestern University, the author or co-author of numerous books and articles, and a member of the National Archives Advisory Council. His academic specialty is economic, business and industrial history. In addition to advising students enrolled in the Hagley fellowship program, he will teach a seminar in economic history at the University of Delaware.

Point State Park was envisioned by its planners as a place where Pittsburghers could go to escape the noise and "rush" of
their city, a place where they could enjoy the beauty of nature, and a place where they could meditate upon the Steel City's historical foundations. As Arthur P. Ziegler, Jr., executive director of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, has stated in a recent issue of Charette, this dream has not been realized. While it is true that the Park was planned in a meritorious way and that the desired historical installations are present, the grounds are suffering from poor maintenance. Even more tragic is the fact that the landscape is being marred by "flower-children," who have been yanking out the grass, the native wildflowers, the flowering bushes, and even the trees.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has published a new Pennsylvania Directory of Historical Organizations, 1970. The Directory, compiled by Gail M. Gibson, brings up to date the Commission's 1966 Directory of Pennsylvania Historical Organizations and Museums and is intended to promote communication among Pennsylvania's historical organizations. Information relating to the officers, facilities, and programs of some 227 institutions and organizations is presented. While most historical societies are familiar with the volume and now have copies, any group or any individual may purchase the Directory by writing to the Division of History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108. The price is 50 cents, plus 6% sales tax for Pennsylvania residents.
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