

NEWS AND COMMENT

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Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The April meeting of the Adams County Historical Society was held at its Old Dorm headquarters. Henry M. Scharf, for many years proprietor of the Hotel Gettysburg, gave an informal talk on the history of the old hotel, telling of former owners, its management, and many incidents connected with serving the public, from visiting frauds to many dignitaries. The May meeting was held as a tour of old cemeteries, including Round Hill Cemetery in Reading Township, where many early Presbyterian settlers are buried. Here is the grave of Samuel Hodge, died 1783, whose stone bears the inscription, "Passing of the strongest man that ever lived on earth." Other cemeteries visited were the Episcopal cemetery in Huntington Township, and the Great Conewago Presbyterian Cemetery at Hunterstown, Straban Township.

A memorial exhibition of the works of Ralph D. Dunkelberger, well-known Reading artist who died in 1965, was held during the spring in the south wing of the main floor of the building of the Historical Society of Berks County as a joint tribute by the society and the Reading Public Museum and Art Gallery. Dunkelberger was noted for his historical murals, historical paintings of local scenes, and portraits of prominent Pennsylvanians. Special loan displays of glass collections and Wedgwood collections will highlight the society's museum from May to August.

The Women's Auxiliary of the society sponsored three classes on "Adventures in Antiques" each Monday from March 7 to May 9, 1966. This proved to be a successful money-raising project. The program committee completed its series of Sunday afternoon lectures with Dr. George B. Tatum, professor of art history at the University of Pennsylvania, presenting an illustrated lecture on "American Gardens of the Colonies and of the Early Republic" on March 27; and Eric deJonge of the museum staff of the Penn-

sylvania Historical and Museum Commission delivering a talk on "The Basis of Folk Art" on April 17. The Boyertown Centennial was featured in an article in the summer, 1966, issue of the *Historical Review of Berks County*, which also had articles on the "Van Reed Paper Mills," by George L. Althouse, and "Spencer Fullerton Baird," by Paul H. Oehser. On Saturday, April 30, a plaque commemorating the birthplace of Baird, the eminent scientist and naturalist, was installed at the new Peoples Bank building at Fifth and Washington Streets, Reading. Mr. Oehser, who is chief editor of the publications of the Smithsonian Institution, unveiled the plaque and also spoke on the life of Baird at a luncheon in the society's building.

The endowment funds of the Blair County Historical Society have been augmented by a trust aggregating \$23,000 from the estate of Clifford L. Tompkins, former Altoonan. The board of managers have redecorated three rooms of the Baker Mansion museum this spring.

The Bucks County Historical Society held its eighty-fifth annual meeting on May 7 in the auditorium of the Elkins Building. Miss Grace Chandler of *Bucks County Life* spoke on "Bucks County Folklore." Plans are being made for a celebration of the semicentennial of the Mercer Museum, which was dedicated and given to the society by Henry C. Mercer on June 17, 1916.

The regular meeting of the Chester County Historical Society on April 19 was devoted to Chester County personages represented in the sculptured marble frieze of the new North Wing of the Chester County Courthouse. C. Gilbert Hazlett, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, discussed the background of the project; George N. Highley spoke on "A Great and Glorious Heritage: Early Inhabitants and Military Men"; Dr. Arthur E. James spoke on Dr. William Darlington and Bayard Taylor; Hon. Benjamin J. Reynolds discussed Thomas McKean and Mark Sullivan; Mrs. Ellis E. Stern presented "Rebecca Lukens: Woman Ironmaster"; Charles S. Swope spoke on Smedley D. Butler; Edward T. Collins, Jr., on "Herbert J. Pennock: One of Baseball's Great Gentlemen"; and Dr. Earl F. Sykes on "Dr. George Morris Philips: Educator, Book Lover, Historian." At the annual meeting on May 17, Assistant Director Conrad Wilson

reported on past growth and future possibilities of the society in an address entitled "Looking Ahead."

The Clarion County Historical Society reports that visitation to its library-museum is steadily increasing. The greatest increase is from visits by groups—school classes, Scouts, and others. On one day this spring 244 third, fourth, and fifth graders and their teachers from one county school district visited the society headquarters. A meeting of the society was held on June 14.

The Clearfield County Historical Society had the largest attendance of any county society at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. Traveling by bus to Harrisburg, forty-five members toured the William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives Building and attended the sessions of the federation meeting. The Clearfield society has recently completed the installation of a bituminous coal mine drift mouth on its property, thanks to the generosity of one of the members. Dudley Tonkin, one of the few survivors from lumbering days, has nearly completed for display three pieces of timber prepared as in pioneer times. This display will be exhibited in the society building in Clearfield.

The Columbia County Historical Society held its annual meeting at the Hotel Magee, Bloomsburg, on April 30. The meeting featured a pictorial presentation of the North Branch of the Susquehanna River by Mrs. Marianne Cherrington and an address on "Early Attempts at Navigation on the Susquehanna River" by Charles Fisher Snyder, secretary of the Northumberland County Historical Society. The officers elected were Dr. G. Paul Moser, president; Dr. J. Almus Russell, vice-president; T. A. Williamee, secretary; C. M. Hausknecht, treasurer; and Samuel Fleming and Mrs. Russell Burrus, directors. Edwin M. Barton, retiring president, was appointed to the re-established office of executive secretary.

On May 27 the board of directors of the Cumberland County Historical Society held an open house to celebrate the enlarged and renovated Hamilton Library and Museum at 21 North Pitt Street, Carlisle. A preview for the contributors to the building fund was held the evening before.

Carl B. Stoner, program chairman of the Historical Society of Dauphin County, was the speaker at the March meeting. His topic, "Between Shipoke and Goat Town," was reminiscent of old Harrisburg. In April, Walter Lang spoke on "Steeltown's One Hundred Years of Steelmaking." Evan J. Miller, president of the society, presented an illustrated talk, "Behind the Iron Furnace Curtains of Dauphin County," at the May meeting. Miss Lillian Wilson of Camp Hill has been engaged to act as assistant curator at the John Harris Mansion.

The spring meeting of the Delaware County Historical Society was held at the Airport Office Building of the Scott Paper Company. Reginald B. Wells, director of public relations for the company, spoke on "Papermaking in Delaware County." The society is moving its library from the Old Courthouse in Chester to a temporary location in the Chester-Fidelity Building, a move made necessary by the undue weight of books on the second floor of the historic building. Hours for the new library location will be 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum of the society will remain in the Old Courthouse, with hours by appointment. The annual meeting of the society will be held at the end of September, and the autumn meeting will be at the Springfield Country Club, with Dr. Kenneth Wells, president of Freedoms Foundation, as the speaker.

We note with regret the death on May 25 of Charles Palmer, the last surviving charter member of the Delaware County Historical Society, which he had served as vice-president. Mr. Palmer would have been 103 years of age on July 9.

The Erie County Historical Society held a combined meeting with the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution on March 24. James B. Stevenson, chairman, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, spoke on "Pithole." On May 18, Thomas Sutter of Dayton, Pennsylvania, gave an illustrated talk on "Covered Bridges in Erie County."

The name of the Historical Society of the Evangelical and Reformed Church has been changed to Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, and the position of Executive Secretary has been established. Herbert B. Anstaett serves in this capacity as well as continuing as librarian, both on a part-time basis. The

society's collection is to be moved from the Fackenthal Library, Franklin and Marshall College, to the Lancaster Theological Seminary Library, which is now under construction and will be completed in the fall of 1967.

The Historical Society of Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, has presented its 1965 Heritage Award to Mrs. Evelyn Wentz, custodial guide of Hope Lodge, the historic property of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in Montgomery County near the Fort Washington interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The society gave this award in recognition of Mrs. Wentz's tireless dedication in maintaining the historical heritage of Hope Lodge, and in thus bringing to its many visitors knowledge of the happenings which make this historic house a shrine.

In connection with annual Germantown Week, a successful and well-attended tour of historic homes was conducted by the Germantown Historical Society on May 16. The final event of the current season was a garden party at the society's museum on June 2. Regular activities will be resumed in the fall. During the spring, numerous school classes have visited the museum and its Von Trott annex.

The newly-organized Hanover Area Historical Society sponsored its first annual house and garden tour on May 28, as a first step towards establishing a museum. Among the places visited in the tour were Ivy Hall, built in 1730; the old Rebert House, built in 1828; the Yake farm, with buildings constructed in the eighteenth century; "232 Broadway," a pre-Civil War home; and the famous Conewago Chapel.

At the meeting of the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County on April 1, Raymond Rodkey, the first vice-president, presented an interesting program on Dr. Robert Mitchell's village of Diamondville which dealt with the gristmill, early manufacturing enterprises, and Underground Railroad activities. The meeting on May 6 featured a visit to Ewing's Mill on Route 422 between Indiana and Strongstown. The mill, built by Christian Kellar in 1838, has been restored to operating condition with a water turbine invented by John B. McCormick. Raymond Rodkey

is its owner and operator. The society participated in Indiana's third annual Christmas tree festival by conducting a sale of used books. A pageant by President Clarence Stephenson originally titled "Men Against the Wilderness," but renamed "How the East Was Won," was presented on May 20 and 22. It related to the Armstrong expedition of 1756 against the Indian village of Kittanning. On June 3 the society held a joint meeting with its Saltsburg branch and with the Strongstown Historical Society, with the latter groups presenting the program.

The Indiana County society will participate in the sesquicentennial of Indiana Borough on August 7-13, and its genealogical workshop will be held on August 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. under the direction of Mrs. Frances Strong Helman. The Log House owned by the society opened on Memorial Day for the season ending Labor Day. Work on the development and stabilization of Buena Vista Furnace, another historic property of the society, resumed in May.

At the meeting of the Lackawanna Historical Society on April 26, Attorney James Edson O'Connell gave an interesting talk on the "History of the 999-Year-Lease Lands in West Scranton." The annual dinner meeting was held on May 23, when the principal address was by the Rev. John P. Gallagher, Ph.D., assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church of Scranton, and professor of history at St. Pius X Seminary. His subject was "The Social Aspects of Scranton's Past Century." Miss Anne Rushmore, of Green Ridge, a junior high school student, read a paper on "Lackawanna County's Participation in the Civil War," which she had prepared in her school work from study in the society's museum and library.

Howard Feather was elected president of the Lancaster County Historical Society on May 10, 1966, succeeding John M. Gibson, who will remain on the board of trustees. Mr. Feather is community relations manager of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company in Lancaster, and has been active at the North Museum of Franklin and Marshall College. The society has become an active participant in educational programs of the community. John W. W. Loose, the secretary, conducted two twenty-hour workshops for local history teachers at the society headquarters last winter and this spring as part of the N.D.E.A. In-Service Program. Mr.

Loose also conducted four PACE (Program for American Cultural Enrichment) programs for the society in which the role of the Negro in Lancaster County history was studied. Col. Frederick S. Foltz, vice-president, and Mr. Loose are also serving as consultants to local school administrators in their efforts to construct curricular aids under the recent Federal Education Act.

The Lebanon County Historical Society met on May 23, when Dr. Samuel A. Farmerie, registrar of Lebanon Valley College, presented a very interesting paper on "Pennsylvania Legislators, 1901-1963," with particular reference to those from Lebanon County. This was augmented by tables, appendix, and bibliography. Henry C. Westenberger, long active in the society, gave an illustrated talk on "Circuses of Yesteryears" at the April meeting.

Dr. Melville J. Boyer retired as president of the Lehigh County Historical Society at its annual dinner meeting in April, after twenty-three years of service as an officer. He described them as "years of the richest experiences: rich in association with some of Allentown's most honored men and women." The new officers include Mrs. John Henry Leh, president; Dr. Quincy A. W. Rohrbach, David B. Kaufman, and Mrs. Charles L. Huber, vice-presidents; Richard Shaner, secretary; Scott A. Trexler, treasurer; and Paul R. Breitenstein, financial secretary. Dr. John Joseph Stoudt, professor of philosophy at Kutztown State College, gave an illustrated talk on Pennsylvania Dutch art and manuscript illumination. Not long after the meeting, a final product of Dr. Boyer's labors appeared as Volume 26 of the *Proceedings of the Lehigh County Historical Society*, which he edited. Fuller notice of this attractive and interesting volume will undoubtedly appear in a later review.

The regular spring meeting of the Historical Society of Montgomery County was held on April 23. Robert C. Bucher of Schwenksville spoke on "The Cultural Background of the Pennsylvania Homestead." The society has begun to microfilm its files of Montgomery County newspapers through a local company, beginning with the Norristown *Times Herald*.

The Montour County Historical Society held an open house at its Mooresburg one-room schoolhouse museum on May 15. The

Mooresburg Girl Scouts and Brownies served refreshments during the afternoon.

In his latest report, Dr. Eugene P. Bertin, president and editor of the Muncy Historical Society and Museum of History, summarizes the history and states the present policies of *Now and Then*, the society's quarterly magazine. It was born in 1868 under the editorship of the late J. M. M. Gernard, discontinued in 1892, and resumed in 1929 with the late Dr. T. Kenneth Wood as editor. In 1958 Dr. Wood was succeeded by the late Marshall R. Anspach, and in 1962 Dr. Bertin took up the editorship. The magazine underwent many evolutions and some transformations, but at present it is a sixty-four-page quarterly devoted almost entirely to local history in Muncy and the West Branch Valley. Among its new features which are attracting interest and attention are a section, "What Do You Know About These Ancestors?" with inquiries from members and others who are tracing family history; a listing of births and deaths a century ago; addresses delivered before the society on various aspects of local history; an article "For the Antique Collector"; a schedule of programs for the year ahead; and a section called "Fragments of History," dealing with anniversaries, demolition of old buildings, preservation of historic structures, and customs of earlier days, with many pictorial illustrations.

Stenton Mansion at 18th and Courtland Streets, Philadelphia, the home of James Logan, secretary to William Penn, was officially dedicated as a National Historic Landmark on May 18, 1966, by Lemuel Garrison, regional director, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior. The Hon. Robert W. Crawford, recreation commissioner, was master of ceremonies and Judge Harold D. Saylor delivered an address. As the mansion is in the custody of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its president, Mrs. Henry S. Drinker, welcomed the crowd who attended; and Mrs. James I. Wendell, president of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, also made a few remarks.

The Rev. Vernon Nelson, archivist of the Moravian Church, spoke on "Moravian Immigration to Bethlehem, 1740-1800," at

the meeting of the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society on May 25. The society has announced the publication of a second edition of *A Frontier Village*, by Andrew Dwight Chidsey, Jr., a thorough study of the history of Easton from 1735 to 1776. It is available from the society for \$6.50, plus 25 cents for postage.

The morning session of the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies in Harrisburg on May 14 was devoted to a panel discussion of "Historical Activities in the Commonwealth," with Dr. S. K. Stevens presiding. William J. Wewer, executive assistant, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and Frank J. Schmidt, director, Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties, discussed Project 70 and its relationship to historic preservation; Mrs. Gail M. Gibson, assistant historian, Division of History, described the work on the new *Directory of Historical Organizations and Museums* and listed "missing" historical societies; and Dr. Stevens reported on the survey of historic sites and buildings and on historical society legislation. This session was followed by tours of the William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives Building, conducted by Howard E. Rohlin, director of the museum, and William H. Work, state archivist, and their staff. After a luncheon, with the usual roll call of societies, the federation held a joint session with the Pennsylvania Folklore Society which featured a program of songs by the Beers Family.

In the federation's business meeting, Samuel C. Slaymaker was re-elected president emeritus; Edwin A. Glover was re-elected president; Jesse Hartman, president of the Blair County Historical Society, was chosen third vice-president to succeed Leonard Johnson; and the other officers were re-elected. Nicholas B. Wainwright, director, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and W. Fred Kinsey, III, of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, were elected to the executive committee for the terms expiring in 1969. A number of resolutions were also adopted. The first expressed gratitude to Governor and Mrs. William W. Scranton for their gracious hospitality at the dedication of the William Penn Memorial in 1965 and for their constant and sincere interest in the cause of Pennsylvania history. Another thanked James B. Stevenson, chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Com-

mission, for his tireless efforts on behalf of the historical interests of our state. Other resolutions called for the protection of the surroundings of the historic Brandywine Battlefield and of "Andalusia," the historic home of the Biddle family; endorsed the plans of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to develop a traveling Mobile Museum of Pennsylvania History; authorized the appointment of a legislative committee to gather information on various proposals for state aid to historical societies; and endorsed federal legislation to aid in historic preservation.

This year the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians sent twenty-four student members to the Institute of Pennsylvania Life and Culture at the Pennsylvania Farm Museum of Landis Valley on June 21-24, under scholarships provided by various persons and organizations concerned in promoting interest in Pennsylvania history among young people. Two teachers also received scholarships to attend as advisers to the students. The Junior Historians always make a real contribution to the annual institute from their younger outlook and their stimulating questions and comments, and they return to their home communities with greater interest in historical matters.

Ursinus College was the host for the thirty-first annual meeting of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society on May 14. Dr. Russell W. Gilbert, Susquehanna University, was elected president, and Mrs. Ruth Kuder Yost, Kutztown State College, was elected secretary. Dr. Gilbert spoke on "Confessions of a Peddler of Pennsylvania German." The membership voted unanimously for the proposed consolidation with the Pennsylvania German Society.

Paul J. Westhaeffer spoke on "The Cumberland Valley and Franklin Railroads" at the regular meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Junto, Washington, D. C., on April 15. At the annual dinner meeting on May 20, John Witthoft, anthropologist, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, spoke on "The Excavation of Two American Military Hospitals of the American Revolution: Valley Forge and Ephrata, 1777-1778."

At the meeting of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania on April 15, Dr. Richard H. Howland, chairman of the department

of civil history at the Smithsonian Institution, gave an illustrated talk, "With Heritage So Rich," dealing with the preservation of historic structures.

Roy Helton of Havertown, Pennsylvania, was elected honorary president of the Pennsylvania Poetry Society at the spring meeting on May 14. The newly secured charter was displayed at this time. William S. Middleton and Thomas I. Myers were made life members. The August meeting will be given over to poems suitable for the Col. Henry W. Shoemaker Award, dealing with Pennsylvania history or folklore. To broaden the subject matter, the Harrisburg Workshop, which offers the award, is building up a library of books and pamphlets from the publications of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The library is housed at 264 Walton Street, Lemoyne, Pennsylvania.

At the meeting of the Perry County Historical Society on May 23, Miss Margaret Gibson gave a talk on the history of Gibson's Mill. Miss Gibson is a direct descendant of Col. George Gibson, for whom the mill was named. Drawing on personal recollections and on a paper which she had prepared, she related that five prominent men were born in the homestead at the mill, and that flour from the mill was sent to Washington's army at Valley Forge. Miss Gibson also presented to the society a scrapbook made by her mother concerning the dedication of a historical marker at the mill site in April, 1928. Miss King Mason, accompanied by Harold R. Hagerty, presented two vocal selections. Two new members were proposed and elected, and an election of officers was held. The society plans to restore one of the old mills in the county. The Weaver Mill, formerly the Bernheisel Mill, has many of its parts in working order.

The Shippensburg Historical Society held its annual dinner meeting on April 21. Dr. Norman D. Keefer of Mechanicsburg, a vice-president of the Cumberland County Historical Society, spoke on "Cumberland Valley—Gateway to the West." Material for a new publication on Shippensburg and World War I is currently being compiled and edited by William Burkhart with the help of Russell Kent and George McCulloch; it is expected to come off the press in April, 1967.

At the meeting of the Somerset County Historical and Genealogical Society on April 22, Eber Cockley of Meyersdale was re-elected president. Other officers are Phillip M. Schaff, Alexander Ogle, and Mrs. Anna Berkley Tipton, vice-presidents; Robert M. Keim, secretary; Ralph E. Dickey, treasurer; and Mrs. Betty Haupt, curator. Dr. and Mrs. Earl Haupt of Somerset R. D. 2, have given the society four acres of land adjacent to their antique Maple Camp and Log House Museum on Route 219, for use as a historical center. A recent state appropriation is to be used to develop this center.

The Swedish Colonial Society had its annual Forefathers' Day at the Union League, Philadelphia, on April 15. Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, spoke on Alfred Nobel and the meaning of some of his prizes. His speech is to be published by the society. On June 3, the society had a ceremony at Gloria Dei Church to accept a monolith which was presented by the Order of Vasa. This monolith will eventually bear a bust of John Hanson, as well as plaques commemorating six other famous Swedish Americans bearing the name of John. A pamphlet on John Hanson by Dr. Amandus Johnson has been published and distributed to members of the society.

The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Inc., is making plans to celebrate "See Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges" Week throughout the state from October 8 to 16. The opening event will be the dedication of the four covered bridges in Indiana County, in conjunction with the Indiana County Historical and Genealogical Society. The Burr Society is also working with the Erie County Historical Society to develop a tour of the covered bridges of that county. A tour of the covered bridges of Perry County will be held on September 17, by bus leaving Market Square, Harrisburg. For details write to Miss Jean C. Clark, 502 East Emaus Street, Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057.

On May 6, through the courtesy of the Valley Forge Park Commission, Robert R. Titus, chairman, the Valley Forge Historical Society had the signal honor of being hosts at the first

public celebration on the recently acquired acreage and houses which the state has added to the park. This was the commemoration of French Alliance Day, in which the society was joined by the Alliance Française de Philadelphie, the Huguenot Society, Les Vétérans Français et Amis des Vétérans de Philadelphie, students of the Great Valley High School, and the French Department of the University of Pennsylvania. The program at the Washington Memorial Chapel included an address in French (with an English translation provided) by M. Edouard Morot-Sir, French Cultural Counselor, a carillon and organ recital, and two vocal solos. After this program, a reception and garden party were held on the spacious grounds of what was formerly the James Knox Tindle estate and in the house which was used by Brigadier General William Maxwell as his quarters during the encampment in 1777-1778. It was a delightful affair, with a huge marquee on the terrace sheltering hundreds of guests. Refreshments were served by the Women's Auxiliary of the society.

The Warren County Historical Society reports that, while its twenty-four directors have been elected for one-year terms, a change has been made to three-year terms with a third of the board to be elected each year. For the transition they were arranged alphabetically in three groups of eight, with the first group elected for three years, the second for two years, and the third for one year. The officers are T. Kenneth Stratton, president; Ernest C. Miller, vice-president; Mrs. Helen H. Chase, secretary; W. Beyer Africa, treasurer; Mrs. Frances Ramsey, archivist; Miss Nell Sill, librarian; and W. Floyd Clinger, editor.

The May, 1966, issue of *Stepping Stones*, the bulletin of the Warren County society, features an article by Robert Polley on "Thomas Clemons, Businessman, Editor, Politician, Civic Leader." The Clemons family home was recently razed. Mrs. Robert Israel and Mrs. Frances Ramsey addressed fifth-grade pupils of Home Street School in Warren who had assembled an interesting historical display. Among the items exhibited were a deed to the oldest piece of property in Warren, a land grant signed by John Adams, a letter written by Robert E. Lee in 1868, a letter and a circular written by General George G. Meade, and a family Bible dated 1852. This program greatly increased the children's interest

in history. At the April meeting of the society, Dr. William M. Cashman gave an illustrated talk on "Warren One Hundred Years Ago," with slides of existing old homes and buildings interspersed with slides from old photographs of Warren.

An outstanding recent event was the Historical Seminar conducted on May 16-19 by Jack Todd Ericson, assistant archivist, State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Primarily a training seminar for volunteers in the Warren County Historical Society's program, it was also open to members of other historical societies in northwestern Pennsylvania, and a number of these neighboring societies were represented. The seminar was a workshop in the techniques of collecting, preserving, handling, and cataloging historical records and manuscripts. It is heartening to find a historical society giving such attention to the proper care of source material, and providing special training for its volunteers.

Mrs. Frank M. Wallace was re-elected president of the Washington County Historical Society at its annual meeting on March 19. The other officers are J. Donald Patton, vice-president, and Mrs. W. A. H. McIlvaine, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. McIlvaine reported that all the society's copies of the *Examiner* have been microfilmed, and that the society headquarters in the LeMoyne House had 1,306 visitors during the past year, as well as a number of school groups and Girl Scout troops. Mrs. Wallace reviewed the life and works of Dr. John Morgan, founder of the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania. His portrait painted by Angelica Kauffmann, which hangs at the LeMoyne House, was lent to the University of Pennsylvania for the celebration last year of the founding of the Medical School.

For its historical tour on July 8 and 9, 1966, the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania is coming east to Harrisburg to visit the William Penn Memorial Museum and Archives Building and to tour the State Capitol. Traveling by bus, the members will leave Pittsburgh early Friday afternoon and spend the night at the Holiday West motel, before coming to Harrisburg on Saturday morning.

The Western Pennsylvania Research and Historical Society is planning a program honoring Robert L. Vann, one of the founders of the *Pittsburgh Courier* and a Pittsburgh figure of historical

importance. His papers are to be gathered, edited, and made available for scholars.

The spring meeting of the Westmoreland-Fayette Historical Society on April 26 featured an address by Daniel R. MacGilvray, associate historian, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Historians, dealing with "Coxey's Army in Pennsylvania." The local Junior Historian activities were also emphasized, three members of local chapters presenting brief papers.

This year the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society cooperated again with the Fine Arts Fiesta on the public square at Wilkes-Barre, by installing exhibits, displaying a number of Indian drawings, and lending cases and tables. On May 12, the society had a TV showing on Channel 28, with some of its exhibits explained by Director Ralph L. Hazeltine, and with views of rooms at the society's Swetland Homestead, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, where two Junior League members appeared in period costumes. Another TV program was shown on May 26 by the society, featuring the interior of the Luzerne County Courthouse with special emphasis on the mosaic ceiling and its portraits of historical personages. Mr. Hazeltine was the commentator. Unless unforeseen difficulties arise, Dr. Robert Taylor, the new editor of the *Susquehannah Company Papers*, will have volumes 5 and 6 ready for the publisher, Cornell University Press, by late fall of 1966. Dr. Taylor has succeeded Dr. Julian P. Boyd as the editor for the final volumes of this great documentary publication, which is now going forward with assistance from the National Historical Publications Commission.

At the annual meeting of the Historical Society of York County on April 28, William H. Shank gave an illustrated lecture on "Vanderbilt's Folly." There was also a display of page and press proofs from the forthcoming book, *Lewis Miller (1796-1882) Sketches and Chronicles*. The York Art Association presented an exhibit in the main gallery during May. The 225th anniversary of the York area will be celebrated from June 24 to July 4. Works by York County junior and senior high school art students will be displayed from June 14 through August 31.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

At Allegheny College, Jay Luvaas has been promoted from associate professor to professor of history, and Jonathan Helmreich from assistant professor to associate professor. On July 1, Professor Helmreich will also become dean of instruction of the college. In September, 1966, Bruce Clayton, who has pursued his doctoral work at Duke University and has been teaching at Wake Forest College, will become assistant professor of history at Allegheny. Professor Luvaas will be bringing out a new study on Frederick the Great of Prussia this summer.

Dr. Norman O. Forness has been appointed assistant dean of Gettysburg College, effective September 1, 1966.

Dr. Ralph S. Shay, associate professor of history and chairman of the department of history and political science, Lebanon Valley College, presided at the morning session of the Twelfth Annual Round Table Conference on Chinese-American Relations at the University of Maryland on May 13. He will serve as chairman of the program committee of the 1967 round table. Dr. Shay will be responsible for a workshop on historical research at Lebanon Valley College on July 13 during the Fifth Quadrennial Historical Council of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, July 12-14, 1966. Other members of the college faculty and administration to take part in the program of the council are Dr. Frederic K. Miller, president; Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace, Lebanon Valley College Fellow in the Humanities; and the Rev. Bruce C. Souders, director of publications and information, trustee of the Historical Society of the E. U. B. Church, and historian of its Eastern Conference. The trustees of the Historical Society of the E. U. B. Church will meet at the college on July 11.

E. Morris Sider, assistant professor of history at Messiah College, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, "Dissent and the Religious Issue in British Politics, 1840-1868," and received his Ph.D. degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo on May 29, 1966.

At Moravian College, Leon Sherman, a specialist in African history, has been appointed instructor in history, effective in the fall.

At the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. James C. Davis has been promoted to associate professor and appointed graduate chairman. Dr. Frederick B. Pike has been promoted to professor, and Dr. Charles E. Rosenberg to associate professor. Dean John L. Snell has been appointed professor of modern German history, and Dr. Werner Gundersheimer as assistant professor. Dr. George E. Potter has been named Visiting Henry Charles Lea Professor of Medieval History. Dr. Seymour Mandelbaum, of the Annenberg School of Communications, will also serve as assistant professor of history. Professors Otakar Odlozilik and John L. Snell, and Associate Professors Richard S. Dunn, Gabriel Kolko, and Alexander V. Riasanovsky will be on leave of absence. Vice-Provost and Dean Roy F. Nichols is retiring. Professor Holden Furber has been elected vice-president of the Conference on Asian Studies. Associate Professors Richard S. Dunn and Gabriel Kolko have received Guggenheim grants.

The thirty-ninth annual Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Program was held by the University of Pittsburgh and the Tuesday Musical Club in the Stephen Foster Memorial Building on April 25. Dean Frank W. Wadsworth of the division of the humanities presided; Jay Willoughby of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, presented "An Evening of Music"; and Mrs. Agnes Lynch Starrett, director emeritus, University of Pittsburgh Press, spoke on "Voices Down the Years."

At St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Dr. Raymond H. Schmandt will join the department as professor of history. Professor Hans Kohn will be on leave for 1966-1967 to teach at Denver University and the University of Texas. Dr. Tibor Kerekes has been appointed professor, and Dr. Thomas Keefe has been promoted to assistant professor. Associate Professor C. Richard Arena, presently on leave in Italy, has resigned to join the faculty of Hartwick College.

At Susquehanna University, Gerald R. Gordon has been promoted to assistant professor as of September, 1966.

At Temple University, Professors James A. Barnes, former president of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and Thomas

D. McCormick are retiring. Associate Professor Robert C. Johnson will be on leave of absence.

At Ursinus College, Dr. Elisabeth R. Foster has resigned as associate professor of history to become dean of the graduate school at Bryn Mawr College. J. Douglas Davis has been promoted to associate professor, and Wilson Ferguson has been appointed assistant professor. Professor Davis conducts the Sixth Annual Ursinus College Travel Seminar to Europe, June 24 to August 13, 1966.

OF MEN AND MANY THINGS

The second Pennsbury Manor Americana Forum will be held from September 29 to October 2 under the sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and with the co-operation of the Pennsbury Society. On Thursday, September 29, there will be three one-day sessions, one on "Philadelphia Prints and Painting in the Early Republic," chaired by Dr. Edgar P. Richardson of the Henry F. Du Pont Winterthur Museum; another on "Metals in the Early Republic," with Dr. Robert Mallory, III, of Rye, New York, as chairman; and a third on "Clocks in the Early Republic," conducted by Edward F. La Fond, field curator, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. This will be followed by four two-day sessions on furniture, ceramics, folk art, and history on September 30 and October 1. James Biddle, curator of the American Wing, Metropolitan Museum of Art, will head the session on "Furniture of the Early Republic, 1785-1840"; J. Jefferson Miller, II, of the Smithsonian Institution, will be chairman of the session on "Ceramics of the Early Republic"; Dr. Louis C. Jones, director, New York State Historical Association, will lead the session on "Folk Art"; and Dr. Leonard W. Labaree, editor of the Franklin Papers at Yale University, will preside over a session of eight papers dealing with various aspects of the life of Benjamin Franklin. On Sunday, October 2, there will be a historical tour including Washington Crossing; Trenton, New Jersey; and Princeton University. Last year the Pennsbury Manor Americana Forum was over-subscribed, with 349 enrolled, even though its date happened to coincide with that of other historical meetings. This year, if interested, it will be advisable to make reservations early. For information write to

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Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, addressed a meeting of the Landis Valley Associates of the Pennsylvania Farm Museum on April 19 on "What's Ahead for Landis Valley." He described the additions and improvements under way and told some of the plans for the future. The nineteenth-century piano which the Landis Valley Associates purchased has been restored by Robert T. Hogg and delivered to the museum. The General State Authority has turned over the keys to the two restored houses and barn, and they are being furnished in preparation for opening. The Funk family of Lancaster County is furnishing the downstairs bedroom of the 1815 House as a memorial to their ancestors. A total of 403 evergreen, shade, and flowering trees has been planted around the new pond.

The spring meeting of the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies in Washington, Pennsylvania, on April 22-23, opened with a showing of the film, "The Negro in Pennsylvania History," recently produced by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission in co-operation with the Department of Public Instruction. Various sessions and sectional meetings dealt with "Pressures and Priorities in the Child's World Today," "Human Relations and the Elementary Social Studies," "Adolescent Social Pressures and the Social Studies," "Automation and the Social Studies," "The Peace Corps and the Social Sciences," and "The American Heritage."

The former home of Terence V. Powderly in Scranton has been designated as a registered national historic landmark by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. Powderly was among the first important national leaders of the labor movement in the United States, serving as the grand master workman of the Knights of Labor from 1887 to 1893. He was also the fifth mayor of Scranton, serving for three terms.

Edward F. La Fond, Jr., field curator, Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, spoke on "Early American Clocks and Clockmakers" at the May

meeting of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Flemington, New Jersey. In June the society plans to visit Pennsbury Manor, William Penn's country home near Morrisville; Stenton, the home of his secretary James Logan; and Hope Lodge, the eighteenth-century country house near Fort Washington.

On Memorial Day, Historic Schaefferstown sponsored its first "Schtumbe Fescht," a term idiomatically translated to mean a picnic and fair. An open-air evening meal was served on the Carnival Grounds at Schaefferstown, and entertainment was provided with folk songs by Dr. J. William Frey and humor by the twin Reverends Charles and Jacob Kehm. On this occasion plans for the Thomas R. Brendle Memorial Library and a folklife museum were unveiled. The library is to house Pennsylvania Dutch folk culture collections, and is intended to encourage the study of their cultural contributions. The folklife museum on a ninety-acre tract will include a working eighteenth-century farm, recreational facilities in the colonial tradition, and the demonstration and teaching of colonial crafts and skills. Historic Schaefferstown plans to stimulate the preservation, demonstration, and publication of the folkways of rural Pennsylvania against the background of an authentic early farm and village.

The Extraordinary Congress of the International Council on Archives, held in Washington, D. C., from May 10 to 13, 1966, was indeed a remarkable manifestation of the concern felt by archivists from all the nations of the world for the interests of historical scholarship. It was generally recognized that the use of archives by historians and other scholars should be encouraged and facilitated, not only in the archival depository itself, but also by microfilming and documentary publication. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was represented by Donald H. Kent, director, Bureau of Archives and History, and William H. Work, chief archivist, Division of Archives and Manuscripts. Another Pennsylvania observer was Mrs. LeRoy Sanders, director of the Historical Society of Berks County.

The preliminary plans for the new Ohio Historical Center are described in the May issue of *Echoes*, newsletter of the Ohio Historical Society. A fifty-eight-acre site near the Ohio Exposit-

tions Center and west of Interstate 71 will be utilized completely for the Historical Center. From the highway the visitor will come to an 1,800-car parking area, from which ramps will lead to a plaza level in the heart of the main building. Here a glass-enclosed reception area will include a cafeteria and sales facilities. Poised above the reception area on reinforced concrete walls will be a library-archives block of three stories, each 196 feet by 196 feet in size. From the reception area the visitor will descend to the museum at ground level; the exhibition area will total approximately 60,000 square feet. The total Historical Center building will be 257,250 square feet in size. To the north of the main building, a landscaped tract will be developed into winding trails through a series of outdoor exhibits culminating in a re-created Ohio crossroads village of the pre-Civil War era.

The final program in the 1965-1966 lecture series of Historic Bethlehem, Inc., and the Annie S. Kemerer Museum was presented on May 26, when the guest speaker was George Atwell Richardson. He gave an illustrated lecture, "When the Blue Mountain Was a Fortified Frontier."

Dr. Sylvester K. Stevens, executive director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, was one of seven alumni of the Pennsylvania State University to receive its Distinguished Alumnus Award on June 25 as part of the annual Alumni Institute and Class Reunions program. These awards were established in 1951 at Penn State "to recognize and salute the achievements of outstanding alumni . . . whose personal life, professional activities, and community service exemplify the objectives of the Pennsylvania State University."

The Philadelphia Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians held a dinner meeting on April 15, featuring an address by James T. Van Trump, of Pittsburgh, on "Victorian Churches of Philadelphia." Mr. Van Trump is editor of *Charette: Pennsylvania Journal of Architecture*, which has had numerous informative articles on architectural history. The Philadelphia Chapter held a tour to Washington on May 21 with the theme, "Domestic Washington Through Three Centuries," and is planning a summer tour of West Chester.

From the April, 1966, *Newsletter* of the Society of Architectural Historians comes word of a Pennsylvania connection with historical restoration in the Old World. The great Roman city of Leptis Magna, whose imposing remains in Libya have long engaged the attention of archaeologists, is to be restored in a massive ten-year project by the University of Pennsylvania, working under the Libyan Department of Antiquities.

On June 12, Zion Lutheran Church in Manheim celebrated its annual Red Rose Festival, marking the 194th anniversary of the deed from Henry William Stiegel which stipulated payment of "five shillings and one red rose forever" to his heirs. John Wellington Stiegel, of Jacksonville, Florida, received the rose in the formal ceremony from Eugene R. Hartman, solicitor, Adams County. Dr. S. K. Stevens gave the memorial address.

The annual meeting of the Pewter Collectors' Club of America was held on May 20-21 at the Hotel Hershey, Hershey, and the William Penn Memorial Museum, Harrisburg. In connection with this meeting, Eric deJonge, the museum's curator of decorative arts and crafts, arranged a special exhibit with the largest collection of American pewter porringers in existence as well as rare pieces of other Pennsylvania pewter. The gallery displays also featured examples of *fraktur*, early Pennsylvania imprints, and paints and prints by Thomas and William Birch. The pewter exhibit will remain on view at the William Penn Memorial Museum through July 24.

A delegation from German communities in the Rhineland visited Harrisburg on May 18 under the auspices of the local People-to-People Committee, and were welcomed in the auditorium of the William Penn Memorial Museum by Acting Mayor Daniel J. Barry and the Honorable Genevieve Blatt, Secretary of Internal Affairs. Dr. S. K. Stevens spoke to them on the history of Pennsylvania, and the group then toured the museum.

The Inter-university Consortium for Political Research is collecting county election returns, including the vote for both major and minor party candidates for all American elections to the offices of President, United States Senator and Congressman, and Gov-

error from 1824 to the present. The project has been aided and encouraged by the American Historical Association, and numerous students of American politics have participated in the task of collecting data. The county election returns are being integrated into the Consortium political data archive and will soon be available in machine-readable form to historians and other interested scholars. Within the next few years this collection of county election returns will also appear in published form.

Complete information for all but a few elections in several states is now in the Consortium files. Pennsylvania county returns for the Congressional elections of 1824 through 1832, 1836, 1844, 1846, and 1848 are among those that have not yet been located. Any aid that can be given in locating these Pennsylvania returns will contribute to the completion of the collection.

Communications should be sent to:

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William N. Richards, director, Bureau of Museums, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, presided over a panel discussion of "Local Historical Society Properties: Operation and Maintenance," which was part of the program of the First Annual Conference of South Atlantic Historical Societies held at Raleigh, North Carolina, on April 15-16. The two-day sessions were sponsored by the American Association for State and Local History, the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, and the North Carolina Literary and Historical Society.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission announces the issue of the microfilm edition of the Records of the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania, 1682-1776, prepared under the auspices of the National Historical Publications Commission. This edition of twenty-six rolls of microfilm reproduces the twenty volumes containing the manuscript Minutes of the Provincial Council; the Executive and Crown Correspondence of the Governor-in-Council, referred to as the Papers of the Provincial Council; and the two editions of the published Minutes of the Provincial Council which are commonly known by the binder's

title, *Colonial Records*. These manuscript and printed records cover practically all of the pre-Revolutionary era in which Pennsylvania existed as a proprietary Province. Even the printed versions are long past their centenary, and have been out of print for many years. Researchers can now compare the original and printed versions of the Minutes, find supporting documents cited in the Minutes, and track down page references to either edition of *Colonial Records*. The entire set of twenty-six rolls is available for \$234 from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 232, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108. It is accompanied by a descriptive *Guide* which was prepared to aid in the use of the microfilm; this is also available separately for one dollar. This microfilm of the Records of the Provincial Council is the first of three carefully produced microfilm editions of important source collections in the Pennsylvania State Archives which a federal grant has made possible. The second, the Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan Papers, is now well along toward completion; and the third, the John Nicholson Papers, will be available early in the fall.

NOTICE

The work of S. Walter Poulshock, *The Two Parties and the Tariff in the 1880's* and "The Politics of the Tariff in the 1880's" (PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY, XXIX, 291-305), based confessedly in part upon evidence which does not exist, has been withdrawn as far as possible from circulation, and anyone attempting to use it should be advised of this.