The annual Summer Tour of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania was held on Saturday, July 10, 1965. One hundred and seventy-eight members and guests travelled in four buses and private automobiles over Route 30, through or near Wilkinsburg, Irwin, Greensburg and Ligonier to the Rolling Rock Club near Rector.

The bus passengers were entertained en route by the reading of brief historical notes relating to the countryside through which they were moving, including such landmarks as Beulah Church, Walthour's Fort, Seton Hill College, St. Vincent's Archabbey, St. Xavier's Academy, Kingston House, St. Clair's "Hermitage" home, Bushy Run Battlefield, Hannastown and Laughlintown.

Conversation in the vehicles brought out the fact that, despite three centuries of change by human minds and human hands, Pennsylvania still remains largely what it was before it was inhabited by human beings — "the same trees, the same flowers and, except for buffalo and passenger pigeons, the same animals and birds."

Arriving at the Club, the "tourists" were afforded opportunity to view the park surrounding the building and the pictures and furniture of its interior.

After a delicious luncheon served in a dining hall bright with beautiful flowers, President Stanton Belfour reviewed previous tours, recalling that Dr. Solon Buck, in 1932, had encouraged the revival of outings of the Society begun as early as 1879. Following this instructive talk, Vice-President Charles M. Stotz gave a logical and informative lecture on the Fort at Ligonier, paying tribute to Sir John Ligonier and General Arthur St. Clair.

Mr. Stotz also related the story of the research in America and in Europe needed to insure accuracy in the reconstruction of Fort Ligonier.

Proceeding in buses to the scene of this historic operation in Ligonier Village, the Tour participants inspected an unusually fine collection of antique tools, instruments, clothing, etc., excellently displayed.
On the site of the Fort itself, Mr. Stotz and his associates in the restoration described the work already done and explained the large reconstruction labor required to complete the project.

An "added attraction" was the presence on the premises of young people interested in local history, among the number being girls in colonial costumes acting as guides and at least one boy earnestly at work excavating the underpinning of the Fort.

It was mentioned by more than a few of the visitors that "the atmosphere of the place" had a pioneer quality.

Credit was given to the Mellon family for their interest and help in the Ligonier enterprise.

Appreciation likewise was expressed to Robert D. Christie, Director of the Historical Society, for his accomplishment in arranging such a pleasurable and instructive tour.