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## EDITOR'S NOTE

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**A**FTER ten years of valuable service, William F. Trimble has left the editorship of the *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* to accept a teaching position at Auburn University. Dr. Trimble's contributions to the magazine, the historical society, and the Pittsburgh area were substantial, and he will be missed. Under his guidance, the magazine published high-quality articles of regional interest, and it sustained an excellent reputation among small historical journals. Recently he supervised changes in style and appearance which have been very well received by the magazine's readers. Dr. Trimble also edited and produced the society's newsletter, brochures, and books. In addition to his society duties, he served on the steering committee of the Committee on Pittsburgh Archaeology and History and with the Ben Avon Area Historical Association. He was instrumental in the Ben Avon group's recent success in saving the Dickson log house. Dr. Trimble is the author of *High Frontier: A History of Aeronautics in Pennsylvania* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1982) and numerous articles and reviews. The staff of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania wish him well and are confident of his continued success at Auburn.

The new acting editor is Pamela Holcomb Oestreicher (Ph.D., Michigan State University, 1981). She joins the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania after four years as an adjunct instructor in the history department at the University of Pittsburgh and teaching and academic advising at Michigan State and Arizona State Universities. Dr. Oestreicher received her doctorate in anthropology with an emphasis on the ethnohistory of North American Indians. She is preparing to publish a book on culture change among four South Plains tribes in the late nineteenth century. A native of New Mexico, Pam is a relative newcomer to Pittsburgh, having lived here five years. She has nonetheless become intrigued by the area's special heritage. "The history of Western Pennsylvania includes Indian culture and displacement, colonial warfare and settlement, industrial development, immigration and ethnic diversification — the whole gamut of American experience. It will be my challenge to balance all of it. Of course, I hope to sustain Bill Trimble's record of excellence. I invite readers to keep me informed of their interests and reactions. Your suggestions and contributions are welcome!" ■