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"CHRISTMAS AT GRANDMA'S"

On Saturday, December 4th, the Board of Directors held Volunteer Appreciation Night for those who have devoted their time and talents to help the Society in so many different ways. This was held at the Henry Homestead. The Log Cabin Room was decorated with garlands of ground pine draped across the ceiling and a Cedar Christmas Tree stood in one corner with Victorian period ornaments. In the bay window of the Parlor, Bob Frick worked his wonders in putting together a beautiful Christmas Putz which delighted everyone who stopped to view it.

The highlight of the evening was a long table set with traditional holiday dishes prepared by Mark Amey, assisted by Connie Unangst. A side table featured a beautiful fruit centerpiece in addition to a decorative display of various desserts. As is customary at the Homestead, Jacobsburg Punch was served. From the Appetizers to the Desserts, it was truly inviting to look at, and also to enjoy, and it appeared that no one went away hungry.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Although it was a damp, rainy afternoon on December 5th, the weather was not able to deter those who wanted to see the Homestead in Christmas dress. Approximately 250 visitors were on hand to see the decorations. For this event the long table in the Log Cabin Room was set up to represent Christmas Dinner at Grandma's. Mark Amey again arranged the affair which featured Henry Family china, glassware and silver brought from the John Joseph Henry House. Our Explorer Scout Troop supplied decorations for the tree and played early games as children would have done at Grandma's house. Donated refreshments were served in the basement kitchen.

As usual, much work and many hours were spent in preparation for our two-day festival. Jim and Estelle Shedlauskas gathered an immense amount of ground pine for the garlands which were made by the Van Normans and the DiGerlando family. Kathryn Schlamp also contributed hall and parlor decorations, and Bob Frick built the Putz, the moss for which was gathered by Mr. & Mrs. James Peppell. Mark Amey is to be commended not only for his work on the site, but also for many hours of food preparation at home.

All through the Christmas Season the Henry properties had candles in the windows and wreaths on the doors which made the Boulton area a bright spot for all who drove past after dark.

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AND THE WORK GOES ON....AND ON....

Time was when the last Open House of the year was held at Jacobsburg, the Society went into hibernation until April. This is not so today. Gerald Millheim and his friend, John Rodger, Jr., have constructed the floor and framework for the wood shed being built behind the Summer Kitchen. They are now waiting for the delivery of the rough lumber for the siding. This will give us a storage place for the wood used in open hearth cooking demonstrations.

Special thanks to Bruce Yuhas for painting the Summer Kitchen, and to Larry Jones for preparing the brick work prior to painting and repairing the brick wall in the Root Cellar.

Ken Fenske has been working on the Root Cellar under the Summer Kitchen. He has replaced the unsafe old steps with new ones, and constructed shelving on which to display crocks and other evidence of early food storage before refrigeration. The present electric fixture will be relocated and the wires made less visible. A coat of whitewash will complete the job and we will have another display area to show to visitors.

HENRY ROADSIDE IMPROVEMENTS

A brush-clearing project has begun on the Homestead property along the crest facing Henry Road. The main object of this work is to make it easier for pedestrians to see traffic coming up the hill. It will also improve the remaining woodland on the edge of the lawn. The plan will return that section of the property to a condition indicated on early photographs.

This project has been undertaken by Boy Scout Troop #36 of Roseto, under the leadership of Mr. Glenn Murray. We should add that it was Chris Zelenka who proposed the plan to his friend, Glenn. The work will continue as soon as weather permits.

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MEMBERSHIP - The reorganized Membership Committee had a formal meeting at the John Joseph Henry House on December 20th and is developing ideas and new proposals for membership campaigns, designing brochures, and at the same time signing up members as rapidly as possible. If you have any ideas on membership expansion, please contact Chris Zelenka, Chairperson. Current members of the committee are:

Douglas McBride
Tom Boyce
John Schlamp

Rod Hayes
Jack Kaskey
Ethel Dimmick
Martha Dimmick

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ARCHIVAL PROGRAM ACTIVE

On Saturday, January 8th, a meeting was held at the J.J. Henry House to establish methods to be used in sorting and preserving research materials. There is a vast amount of paper material, as well as books, on the third floor of the house. This material has been placed on shelving which Matt Morris and Charles Chumas put together last Fall. Now the material must be taken from boxes, bags, and luggage in which it is presently stored and be sorted into categories and properly filed.

The Committee set up a program which will allow volunteers to proceed with this project on their own, once a day has been set for the house to be open. This work not only involves papers, pictures and photographs but the sorting of old and family-related books from those of less value to the purposes of the Society. Work days will be announced shortly when access to the work rooms will be available. Jim Shedlauskas, Walter Peters, Matt Morris, Ron Gabel, Robert Frick, and Phil Schroeder spent the entire day on this project and enjoyed every minute of it!

WANTED

For many years the Society lacked storage space and many items were kept in homes of the members. The Research Committee now asks that all papers, records, or items pertaining to the Society be returned to our Headquarters, the John Joseph Henry House. Local photographs of the area are also greatly in demand for research purposes. If a person wishes to keep the photograph, the Society will have copies made and return the original to the owner.

FIRST PUBLIC PROGRAM FOR 1994

Winter Energy Conservation
and

Use of Wood and Coal Burning Stoves

On February 13, 1994, from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M., we will be hosting a special program that will combine a tour of the John Joseph House with a program of heat and energy saving ideas and tips that can be used in any home. This event will be presented by Penn Clissold from the Joint Planning Commission Energy Office.

The portion dealing with special emphasis on coal and wood-burning stoves will be held in the Henry Homestead and will be presented by Mark Ackerman from TV Channel 69.

There will be a modest charge of \$5.00 for members and \$7.50 for non-members.

Refreshments will be served at the Homestead after the program where you can visit and compare conservation ideas.

If you have any questions, and to make reservations, please call the Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center office, 759-7616.

1994 GARDENING PROGRAM

Your Society, in conjunction with the Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, is sponsoring a series of programs on a variety of horticultural subjects. The idea here is to encourage the teaching of Gardening and Plant Husbandry to interested people at a modest cost. They will be given the opportunity to test their newly learned skills on the grounds of the Jacobsburg Historical Society.

The meetings will be on the third Saturday of each month at the Henry Homestead from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. The cost of \$5.00 per member-\$10.00 for non-members - will offset the cost of refreshments and instructors. For those who sign up for all five sessions, the cost would be \$20.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members.

As an added inducement for family participation, the JEEC will also run a children's gardening program at the same time at no additional cost. For additional information, and to reserve your place, call Estelle Rupert at 759-7616.

The programs are as follows:

February - Grape Vine Pruning and Heirloom Seed Propagation
 March - Fruit Tree Pruning, Rejuvenation of Old Trees
 April - Organic Protection for Trees and Plants
 May - Antique Roses & Victorian Flower Gardens
 June - Herb Gardening and Graduation Tea in the Garden

These events are being arranged by Bobbie DiGerlando and Estelle Rupert. Enrollment will be limited so get your reservations in early. General public news releases will come later this month.

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WISH LIST

During the Holiday Season we are reminded of the spirit of giving. However, all through the year there is always a need for support materials and supplies. Should you be in a position to contribute any of the following items, please contact Jim Shedlauskas, 435-4509.

Carousel Slide Projector	35 mm. point & shoot camera
Carousel Slide Trays	cassette tape recorder
10" table saw	acid free filing materials

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The next Road Show for the Society's Henry Gun Collection will be at the Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors Assn. Show at Pottstown, Pa. on March 5 & 6, 1994.

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DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH/APRIL ISSUE OF THE "RECORD" - All items to be published should be in the hands of the Editor by March 1st.

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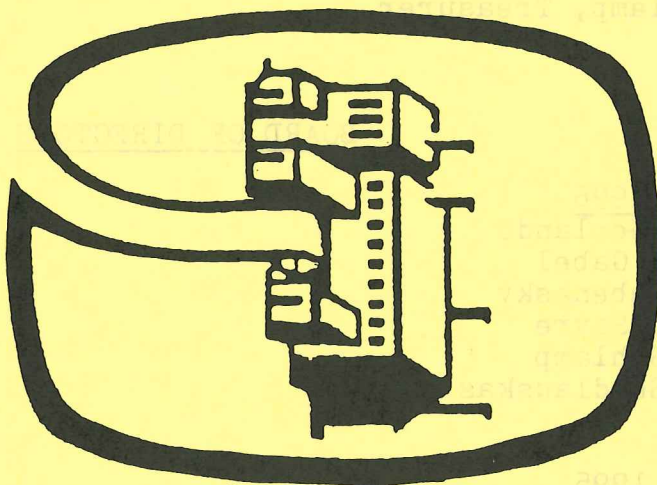
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