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SUNDAY, APRIL 7 The Colonial Northampton Militia will hold a program titled "The School of the Soldier" from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Henry Homestead.

Officers of the unit, with Rick Rehrig commanding, will inspect 52 members to make sure they understand their duty and have their equipment in proper order.

Particular attention will be paid to fire arms safety. Period uniforms and equipment will be shown. Drills and firing practices will be held on the grounds of the Homestead or of the John Joseph House.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 The ANNUAL SPRING DINNER MEETING will be held at the Stockertown Memorial Hall. As usual, the cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The cost per person will be \$10.00, to be sent to the Treasurer, box 345, Nazareth 18064. The speaker will be Robert Frick, JHS President, who will have as his subject: "Where is Jacobsburg?" Don't be too sure that you already know the answer!

This being the start of our active season, time will be given to make known our proposed program and to give the members an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions and otherwise let their Board of Directors know what they would like to see done. This is a rare opportunity for membership participation in the direction of the Society's activities, and it is important that as many members as possible be present. Please mark your calendar today. A separate notice will be forthcoming.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE FOR 1991

FOURTH SUNDAY - April 28
May 26

BOTH the Homestead and the John Joseph
House will be open.

SECOND SUNDAY & JUNE through OCTOBER - BOTH Houses will be open.
FOURTH SUNDAY

There will be no Open House in November; there will be Open House in both locations on the FIRST SUNDAY in December.

All Open Houses will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Earl and Maryann VanNorman's programs at the Benade House will continue to be held on the SECOND and FOURTH SUNDAYS of each month.

A future announcement will be made of Special Events at the Houses.

Non-members should be prepared to pay a nominal admission fee of \$1.00 per House. Members' donations are always welcome.

May we remind you that additional hostesses (and hosts) will be needed for this expanded program. Call any Board member if you wish to volunteer a few hours some afternoon.

HOMESTEAD RENTAL

The apartment in the Homestead has been rented and will be occupied next month by Bill Atherton. It seems fitting that Bill should occupy his family homestead as he has a deep feeling for the entire Boulton area.

Some small alterations are being considered to make the apartment a bit less "spartan" and a more gracious abode. Included in this plan is the addition of the old office to the living area. This will be made possible by opening a doorway through a modern plasterboard wall connecting the bedroom with the old office, creating a study or library for the apartment. The old office door will become a wall, giving the apartment but one entrance as before.

Homestead Rental - Cont'd.

Bill has given much time to security checks and volunteer work at both Houses, as well as taking care of our rental properties, settling small problems as they arise. It is our good fortune to have him actually living on the place where these activities will be more conveniently handled by him, to the great benefit of the Society. We wish him well in his new home.

DATE FOUND FOR JOHN JOSEPH HOUSE ALTERATIONS

It is obvious that the Dining Room in the John Joseph House is a Victorian addition due to its architectural style. Examination of cellar foundations also points to the room having been added to the original structure. It is, therefore, assumed that the present Back Parlor once served as a Dining Room, with a pantry at the end of the hall which led into the Kitchen. A recent discovery seems to strengthen this conclusion.

Digging into the bottom of an upstairs closet recently, a strange wooden block with a handle on the back came to light. One edge of the block has curious metal "fingers" projecting from it. Written on the back in pencil is the notation that this was used to create the plaster cornice when the sliding double doors were installed between the two rooms. The date given is 1884.

To install doors that slide into a partition a second wall must be added to provide the "slot" for the doors to slide into. This new wall would call for reproducing the plaster cornice on the side facing into the room. For this purpose the wooden form with its handle was made.

We can, therefore, assume that, having built a new Dining Room (and that long narrow closet beside it to serve as a pantry), the old Dining Room was turned into a second Parlor, joining the two by a wide doorway with sliding doors. Having Front and Back Parlors was very common at this period, allowing a sort of Best Room and Family Room. When needed, both could be turned into a single large room. Thus, it would seem that we not only have a definite date for the Parlor doors but a most probable date for the construction of the present Dining Room.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

On Saturday, March 23, Girl Scouts from the Lehigh Valley Council visited the Homestead. Bob Frick and the VanNormans coordinated this visit.

On Wednesday, March 20, Bob Frick spoke to the Bethlehem Rotary Club.

On Monday, March 25, the Bethlehem Garden Club visited the Homestead and John Joseph House. Bob Frick was on hand for this visit.

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Tannery Club	\$100.00	Boulton Club	\$500.00	Henry Rifle club	\$1,000
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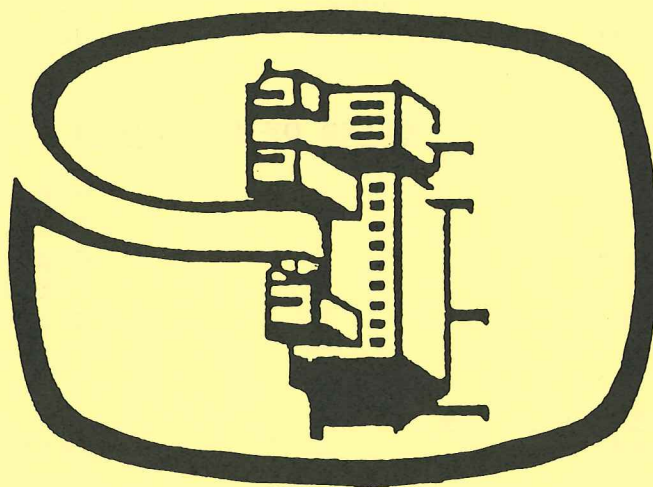
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