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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On Sunday, March 12, 1995, at the William Henry II Homestead, we held our Volunteer Orientation and Get-Acquainted meeting. Only twenty-eight people turned out, but all were very enthusiastic and interested in our programs and anxious to help with their preparation. Four of these folks were not members, and not only joined the Society but immediately volunteered to work on several projects.

During the get-together we discussed at great length our 1995 programs and projects. The point to be emphasized here is that our Society, unlike many others, operates totally with volunteer help. We have no paid staff! All planning, purchasing, repairing, building, improving, inventory, groundskeeping, writing, researching, maintenance, contracting, supervising, etc., is done by V O L U N T E E R S.

Although this meeting was a good start we need many more than twenty-eight people to continue our growth and scope expansion. We have been able to get started along this line by bringing aboard a new Volunteer Coordinator. Anne Howlett has taken over Matt Morris's records and assumed the duties of Coordinator. Thanks to Matt, she has a base file to start from and will be contacting those who are on record as wanting to help. Those who did not attend the meeting, and realize what they are missing, can call Anne at 867-1824 and she will put you in touch with the proper project or program chief. Anne is responsible for our most important asset, our "Human Resources."

Also, as a result of this meeting, we now have a Chief Groundskeeper, John Brzyski (866-3528). John's responsibility will be to pull together, supervise, and authorize all groundskeeping projects. This will include, but is not limited to, gardening (flowers, herbs, vegetables, etc.), lawns, ornamental shrubs, brush and weed control, lawn mowing and any other projects that concern the appearance of our owned and leased property, which is approximately 25 acres. This is a very large undertaking and John will need the help and cooperation of all those now handling parts of this operation, and all the additional help he can get.

Another important position was filled on Sunday, that of Publicity Coordinator. Wendy Totani (432-2853) has assumed this duty and will act as the Society's contact person for all types of advertising, release of news items, delivery of brochures, and contact with all forms of media. Wendy's enthusiasm and training in the field of marketing should be a great help in getting out the word of what we are doing, and what we are trying to do. If you have any ideas concerning publicity, it will be funneled through Wendy to our current publicity contacts, or any other means she can find.

The fourth important position that has recently been filled is that of "Chief Housekeeper." Mary Ann Van Norman has accepted this position which includes, but is not limited to, arranging for and supervising the annual cleaning of both houses. She will oversee having them ready for our museum displays and house tours. Her present position of Food Concession Manager will be incorporated in this position since it has a direct bearing on the use and condition of the houses. Furniture arrangements and displays will be coordinated through our Curator, Robert Frick. Mary Ann will certainly need the help of other Society members to keep our houses in the condition the public expects -- call her or Anne to lend your assistance.

From among the volunteers that came out on that Sunday, we also found others willing to help on such projects as the House Tours, Curatorial Inventory, Archive Sorting, Painting, Cooking, etc.

The Board would like to thank everyone who has expressed a willingness to become ACTIVE SOCIETY MEMBERS. Do come out and join us!

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Have you paid your 1995 dues? If not, our Treasurer, John Schlamp, will be happy to hear from you. Your dues can be sent to John at Box 345, Nazareth, Pa. 18064.

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As mentioned in our January/February Record, plans are going "full steam ahead" for our 1995 Programs:

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| May 20 & 21 | - Kentucky Rifle Frolic (see flyer on inside back page) |
| June 10 & 11 | - Craft Festival |
| July 15 & 16 | - Iron Mongers Festival |
| Aug. 12 & 13 | - Commemoration of End of WWII |
| Sept. 16 & 17 | - Bushkill Creek Festival |
| Oct. 14 & 15 | - Civil War Encampment |

Along with the six new programs planned for 1995 we will be continuing our traditional Christmas Open House. The Volunteer Appreciation Reception will be held on Saturday evening, December 2, and the program for the general public on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The theme for this year will be "Models For Christmas." This will consist of model airplanes (military and civilian), cars,

Programs (Cont'd.)

trucks, military vehicles, space ships, etc. These items will be displayed in the various locations in our museum facility, along with Bob Frick's annual elaborate and fascinating "Putz" in the Margaret Taylor Room.

As with all programs, planning must begin as far ahead as possible. If anyone out there would like to display any of their models, or help with arrangements, contact Earl Van Norman, Robert Frick, or Bill Atherton.

Just as many of us had experienced damage to our homes during the ice age known as the winter of 93-94, three rooms in the John Joseph Henry House were damaged. The Back Parlor lost some of the intricate plaster work and a large section of the ceiling near the center of the south wall, in addition to a large section where wallpaper peeled off the wall. The two front bedrooms on the second floor lost some of the wallpaper and there was severe damage to the paint on the window frames.

I am happy to report that repairs have been completed under a contract with Earl Johnson Decorating Services. Be sure to come out and visit to see how the detailed ceiling work has been repaired.

We were very fortunate to be able to effect the wallpaper repairs with some of the original gold-colored embossed paper found in the front attic of the John Joseph House. This was a unique design and would have been almost impossible to have duplicated. Sometimes it pays to keep leftovers!

Jim Shedlauskas

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REMINDER _ _ REMINDER _ _ REMINDER

April 8, 1995 9:00 A.M.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Indoor - Rain or Shine

Outdoor - Rain Date April 22nd

Bring your "stuff" and join the party!

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It has been mentioned elsewhere that the front rooms on the second floor of the John Joseph House had been repaired. The Master Bedroom in the northeast corner remains the same but the small room in the northwest corner has been converted to the Curatorial Office.

Curatorial (Cont'd.)

We have had a "Curator," Bob Frick, for several years but we have never given him a permanent home (work location). He has been shifted from pillar to post, because it seems every time he settled on a work space we found another use for the room or another project expanded to occupy his space.

As of this date, Bob and his new-found assistant, Mrs. Repsher, have moved in with furniture and equipment and are ready to begin contacting others who have expressed an interest in the work of accessioning our large collection.

At the same time, Mr. Donald Repsher has begun the formidable task of sorting the letters, papers and records stored in the front room on the third floor of the John Joseph House.

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N O T I C E

Bob Newell has been busily tending to the sale of our surplus Limited Edition Books. If you have been putting off placing an order for one or more of these books, you should make your move because Bob has set a final sale date of April 30, 1995. DON'T PUT IT OFF, DO IT NOW!

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PROJECT UPDATE - As you will see in other sections of this Record, our public programs are committed and plans developing nicely. In support of these programs we have some construction jobs underway.

The Blacksmith Shop, in the former Duck House, is well along. This is an Eagle Scout Project. The wooden floor has been repaired and replaced as needed in the rear of the building. The main floor of loose laid brick has been installed over a bed of sand with a moisture barrier beneath the sand. The outside has been painted white with green trim.

Across the driveway is the annex to the stable which is being prepared as a carriage display area. One wall and the roof rafters are being covered with rough-sawn pine boards and the ceiling is being insulated to reduce condensation. Once this project is completed we will be moving carriages and a sleigh from the J. J. House garage for display.

Another Eagle Scout Project is the clearing of brush and trees from around the Gun Factory foundations and the surrounding area. Many people have commented favorably on being able to once again clearly see the old foundation. The scouts have been working for about three weeks on this project.

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The Henry's of Boulton

Pennsylvania/Ky. Rifle Frolic

May 20th & 21st, 1995

A Gathering of the Work of 18th & 19th Century Gunsmiths of
Lehigh & Northampton counties.



A Display of Long Rifle Accouterments & Tools of the Gunsmith
Trade with Original Rifling Machines.



Working Craftsmen--Gunsmiths - Hornsmiths - Blacksmiths
Flint Knapping - Leather Working - Engraving -etc..



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The JACOBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 345

Nazareth , PA. 18064

at

The Henry's of Boulton Plantation

Belfast Pa. exit off of Pa.Route 33

(the original site of the Henry Gun Factory)

both the Wm. Henry jr. Homestead & the J.J Henry Home
will be open to the public during the Frolic.

SATURDAY- 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

contact for more info

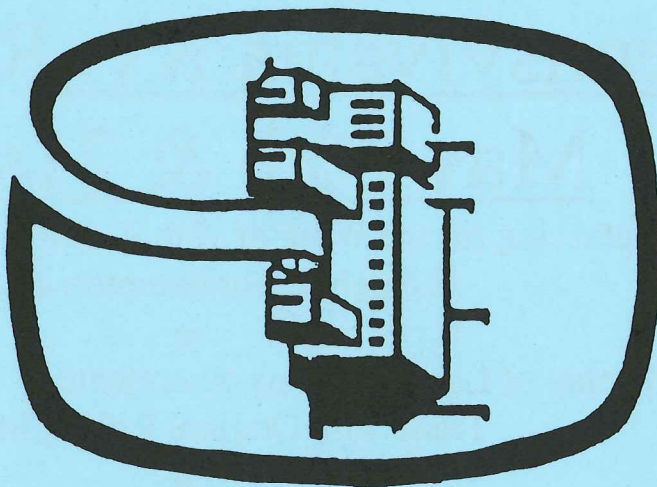
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