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A GOOD TIME AND CHALLENGES

Approximately 70 people attended the Spring Dinner meeting on Thursday, April 25. The kitchen staff at Stockertown Memorial Hall provided its usual superb, delicious dinner of lettuce with bacon dressing, turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, peas, corn and OUT OF THIS WORLD CHERRY PIE!

In his talk, "Where is Jacobsburg?", Bob Frick pointed out that, while it was easily found 200 years ago, today it is hard for some to see. The industrial village of 1792 is now marked by ruins. Since 1959, the Park carries the Jacobsburg name.

Between 1968 and 1977 there was much active volunteerism which seems to have wound down. The Restored Homestead opened in 1980 - it's 10th anniversary in September 1990 went by unnoted.

Where is Jacobsburg today really means "Where is the Jacobsburg Historical Society today"? In her Will, Mary Henry Stites asked us to preserve the last of the Historical holdings of the Henry family. This is the purpose of the Society, so the challenge was accepted.

From the care and interpretation of the rented Homestead, the responsibilities have grown to 22 acres, three houses, and a vast collection of invaluable historical items.

This property was willed to YOU - the SOCIETY - it is yours - the obligation to maintain it is yours - and the pleasure of ownership is yours.

The present program has many demands- two rental properties to maintain; big house requires care of furnishings and proper storage of exhibit items- - care of books, papers, photographs, etc.,etc. Upkeep of grounds, mowers gardens is a must. Up to now the burden falls on 6 or 8 which is not only impractical but unfair. With so few volunteers, it is impossible to do the best job on any project because there are so many things to attend to.

We will flounder if not given assistance - THIS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN!

There is usually someone in the office on Wednesdays. Call 759-9029 and ask "not what your Society can do for you, but what you can do for your Society".

HOUSE REPORT

The first Open House of the Season on Sunday, April 28 was also the first time that the John Joseph Henry House was open, along with the Homestead. The attendance was most gratifying - 215 visited the Homestead and 259 ooh'd and aah'd through the John Joseph House.

NEXT OPEN HOUSE - Both Houses - Sunday, May 26: 1-5 p.m.

As noted in the March/April issue of THE RECORD, beginning in June thru October, the Houses will be open the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

COMING EVENTS

The Minsi Trail Boy Scout Council will hold its Annual Camporee on the grounds of the John Joseph Henry House on September 21 and 22. Some 500 area scouts will practice outdoor skills and work towards a historic badge. The Camporee is being coordinated by Tim Lubenesky of Coplay, a Board member.

The Fourth Annual Encampment of the 96th Infantry Regiment will take place on September 28 and 29. Typical Civil War Campsite conditions will be illustrated by authentically dressed historians.

ACQUISITIONS

Through the efforts of bob Newell a .54-caliber flintlock Naval style belt pistol is part of the Henry Gun Collection.

The Society bought the pistol from a Washington, DC collector who had show-cased it during the Pottsgown gun show. The three-pound, 54-caliber pistol had a range of 25 yards. It fired one shot at a time, or it could be loaded with buckshot which made it like a mini sawed-off shotgun. This pistol is of the same type used by Capt. Oliver Hazard Perry during the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812.

The Gunnery Committee was attracted to the pistol because of the name etched in simple lettering on the lock plate: "J. Henry".

The Society will display the pistol with other selections from its collection at various public events. Otherwise, like the society's other 30-plus guns, it will be stored in a bank vault.

A hand-decorated child's Goat Sleigh was generously donated to the Society by Warren Kahler.

SOCIETY MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Charles and Jesse Sandwick who will be feted on Saturday, May 25 in honor of their 65th Wedding Anniversary!

A reception will be held at the 1st Presbyterian Church, Easton (3rd and Bank St.) from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. to which all Society members are invited. Please note that, because light refreshments will be served, including dessert, it will be necessary to indicate your intention to attend. Call Charles Sandwick, Jr. at 252-0853 by May 15 (May 20 at the latest).

PLEASE NO GIFTS

Congratulatory messages can be sent to the Sandwicks c/o of Charles Sandwick, Jr., 2927 Fischer Road, Easton, PA 18042.

Do you know that Society member Jim Snyder presents an excellent program of slides and commentary entitled "Covered Bridges - A Journey Into the Past"? It is informative historically as well as in terms of covered bridge construction. He presented this program for the Sun Inn Preservation Association recently.

If interested, call him at 867-7507 for details.

MEET YOUR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

It is hoped that by sharing with the members some biographical information about the Officers and Directors, you will get to know them as "real people" rather than only names listed in THE RECORD.

PRESIDENT

Robert Frick. Born in Salisbury Township; graduate of Moravian College. Now retired, he was associated with the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission; National Trust for Historic Preservation; and Old Bethpage Village, Long Island.

He is interested in Colonial Period re-enacting and Primitive Camping.

TREASURER

John J. Schlamp. Wife-Kathryn; 4 children-Karen, Kevin, Keith and Kirk; two grandchildren - Michael and Erica; Daughter-in-law Cindy; Sister-Beatrice. Now Retired; ----- Chairman of the Board of Directors, Nazareth National Bank & First Colonial Group; President and Director Meals on Wheels of Northampton County and Bethlehem Area; Director American Lung Assn. of Lehigh & Wyoming valleys; Director Nazareth Lions club; Spiritual Council, St. John's UCC, Nazareth; Nazareth YMCA Operating & Capital Fund Drives; Lutheran Home, Topton Annual Fund Drive.

Officers and Directors Cont'd.Member -Ground Committee - William HenryAtherton

Bill is a consultant for Aerospace Marketing. Member of Forecast International Consulting Group, Newtown, CT. Member - American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics; Member-Honorary First Defenders; Member-American Society of Metals; Member - Investment Casting Institute; Member-American Society of Aviation Historians; Member-Wyoming Commerative Association.

Publicity Chairman - Dallam E. Blandy- Sales Consultant
Member of Bethlehem Rotary Club, Sun Inn Preservation Association and Historic Bethlehem, Inc.

Dal has one son, three daughters, and five grandchildren

House Committee - Homestead - Kathryn M. Schlamp
Married to Treasurer, John Schlamp; 4 children- Karen, Kevin, Keith and Kirk; 2 grandchildren, Michael and Erica. She is a HOUSEWIFE, along with being associated with the Nazareth Women's Club; the Nazareth YMCA; and the Nazareth Area Agency on Agency.

There are, of course, a number of other Directors and Officers. It is our hope that they will be profiled in future issues.

JUST AS THERE ARE NO LITTLE PEOPLE
OR UNIMPORTANT LIVES, THERE IS NO
INSIGNIFICANT WORK.

Elena Bonner

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| Student | \$2.50 | Sustaining | \$10.00 | Contributing | \$15.00 |
| Individual | \$5.00 | Family | \$12.50 | Organizations | \$25.00 |

NAME CONTRIBUTIONS

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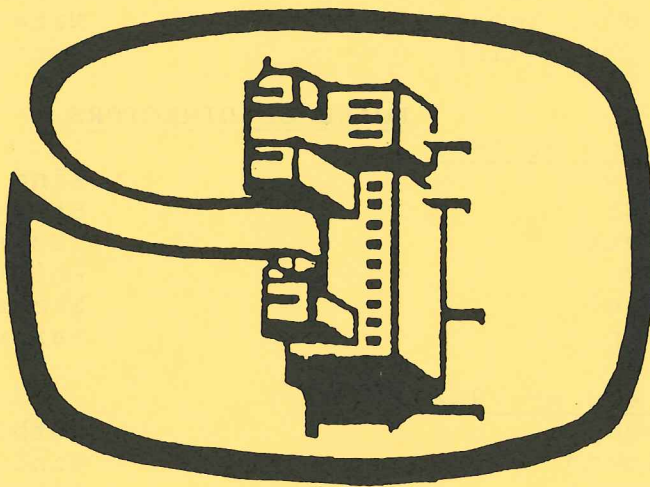
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