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MUSEUM ROOM DRAWS PRAISE

The Margaret Taylor Museum Room was set up a year ago. At that time we gave up the Homestead Parlor to gain a room where small items could be exhibited under glass. After all, we had two better parlors across the road. Starting with one double display case, it now contains six cases and a picture molding to permit wall displays. Only our lighting system remains to be redesigned to make our museum all it should be.

This exhibit area has added much to our monthly programs. The weekend of the Rifle Frolic saw an exhibit of some 400 items related to the early hunter such as powder horns, hunting bags, knives, tomahawks, canteens and camp equipment, all from a private collection of national reputation.

For the Craft Show our new cases permitted a display of Henry Family handiwork. This included china painting, basket-making, embroidery and needlepoint. Most fascinating was a pair of crocheted doll gloves (not mittens) no larger than your thumbnail.

The Iron Monger exhibit featured a case of Virginia and Joe Lopresti's archaeological items from Jacobsburg digs. We had never been able to properly show them before.

August featured the 50th Anniversary of the end of WWII. Here again our cases allowed us to exhibit memorabilia of Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard service. Of special interest was a large collection of Army Division shoulder patches.

For the Bushkill Creek Festival in September, fishing was the theme. Lafayette College lent a splendid exhibit of artificial flies and a number of early fishing books. Other cases held unusual fishing gear including many split bamboo fishing rods, among other types. During both days a demonstration of fly tying was given in the bay window.

The Annual Civil War exhibit and encampment found the Taylor Room again filled with military items of that era. This brings us back to last year's Civil War exhibit, the first in the new museum room.

Our Museum Room exhibits have rated high praise from visitors. With the exception of the May show, all items have been drawn from members or their friends, and have been both interesting as well as rare (when did you last see a 1696 fishing book?).

Many of our members have not yet discovered that each "Open House" program has a different theme and with it a changing exhibit each month. For those of our members who have failed to spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon seeing your Society in action at our 1995 Programs, we feel you have missed many interesting displays.

ON THE ROAD...

On Sunday, October 1st, the Society set up an exhibit at the Upper Lehigh Historical Society's Founders' Day, held in Schnecksville. Board member, Tim Lubenesky, set up a new background for the display. This is designed to be used on two six-foot tables and provides an easily-assembled traveling exhibit. Henry guns from the Society and some borrowed pieces, together with pictures and new labels attracted much attention. It is remarkable how many persons in near-by communities have never heard of us (or even the Park). These on-the-road exhibits are correcting that. Teri Lubenesky and Bob Frick also served as booth-tenders during the day.

SPEAKERS GROUP - The Society does have individuals who are available to speak to organizations or groups. For more information please contact the Society Office, 759-9029.

Some of our more recent programs featuring Society members follow:

- August - Robert Frick spoke to the Sertoma Club at Hartman's II, Belfast.
- Sept. 19 - Robert Newell presented a program for the Kutztown Historical Society.
- Sept. 27 - Earl Van Norman spoke to the Palmer Kiwanis Club giving the history of Jacobsburg Historical Society and contributions of the Henry Family through the years.
- Oct. 1 - Robert Newell presented a Jacobsburg Slide Show at Bethany U.C.C. Church, Bethlehem.

THE ANNUAL FALL DINNER MEETING of Jacobsburg Historical Society was held on October 19, 1995 at the Stockertown Memorial Hall. A total of ninety-six members and friends attended. The Board was delighted to see so many attendees and hope it is a sign of bigger and better things to come.

During our brief business meeting the Nominating Committee, comprised of Philip Schroeder, Donald Knoblett and Ronald Wynkoop, presented their report and the following individuals were elected to serve on the Board of Directors, Class of 1998:

Joseph DiGerlando
Virginia Lopresti
A. James Shedlauskas

Mary Ann Van Norman
Wendy Totani
Donald Repsher

Another pleasant item of business was the presentation to the Society of a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Forks Of The Delaware Antique Weapons Association, presented by Association representatives Woody Frey and Carmen Cortez. On behalf of the Society, President Jim Shedlauskas accepted the contribution with grateful thanks.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the evening of Saturday, December 2nd, at 7:00 P.M., our VOLUNTEERS will be honored with a Christmas Party hosted by the Society's Board of Directors. This will give our Volunteers a preview of the Christmas exhibit. Refreshments and the traditional Jacobsburg Punch will be served. While invitations will be sent to all members of our corps of volunteers, everyone who has assisted the Society in any way during the past year is urged to attend even if, for some reason, they have not received the official invitation.

While the usual refreshments will be provided by the Society, we would appreciate receiving any baked goods, snacks or desserts from those members willing to make a contribution.

We hope to see all of our volunteers on December 2nd.

On Sunday, December 3rd, the Henry Homestead Museum Christmas Open House will be held, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. All members and friends are invited to come and see our Yuletide decorations and displays.

ON THE STATUS OF THE 'CLUB BOOKS'.....

After making over 300 of Dr. Stites' Limited Edition Club Books available for purchase by Society members last Spring, 237 remaining works were sold off by the Aldefer Auction Co. of Hatfield, Pa. The sale took place on July 6th, and was very successful.

Fifty-four "Club Books" have been retained as part of the permanent library in the John Joseph Henry House. The "keepers" include works signed by such notables as Robert Frost, Upton Sinclair, Norman Rockwell, Thomas Hart Benton, and Edward Steichen.

Many of the books purchased by members have been donated to schools, churches, and active teachers. Thanks to all for helping to make this project a success. Dr. Stites' hobby will now help hundreds of new readers enjoy these beautiful books.

Robert Newell

THE COTTAGE

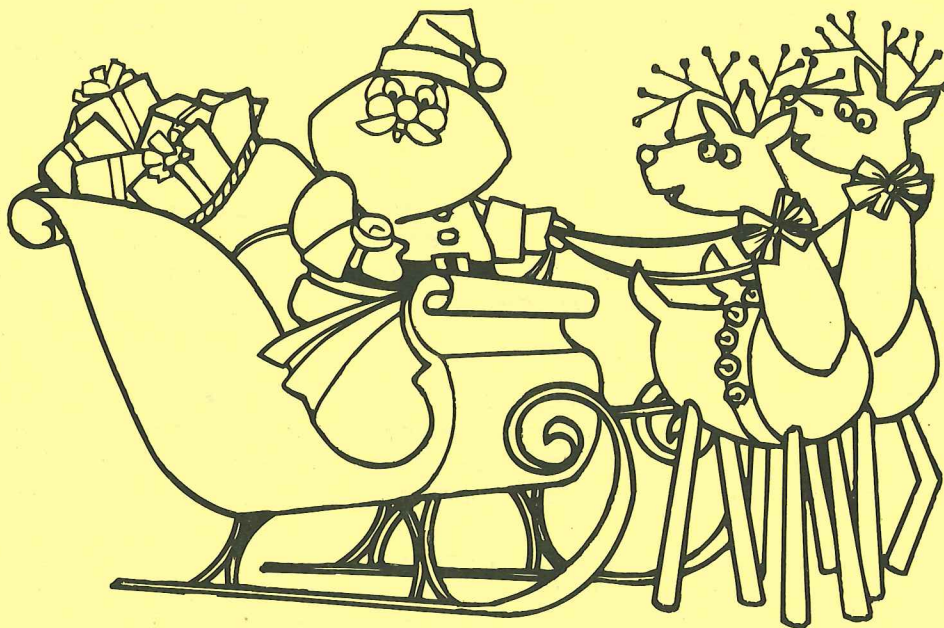
The Society has two rental properties, the Stone House and The Cottage. The latter, at present occupied by the Gum family, is located on the east bank of the Bushkill Creek, just beyond the bridge.

This summer has seen much-needed attention to this property. The House has had its exterior painted, the gutters checked, and the chimney repointed. At this time a defect in the installation of the bathroom vent was corrected.

In addition, a new oil furnace was put in place. This replaces an old (and weird) combination of oil and wood heating and provides us with a system that is up to modern standards.

A record of these replacements and repairs is now on file for future use - when such work was last done is not known.

WISH LIST - The Society is still in need of an inexpensive 35MM point and shoot camera.



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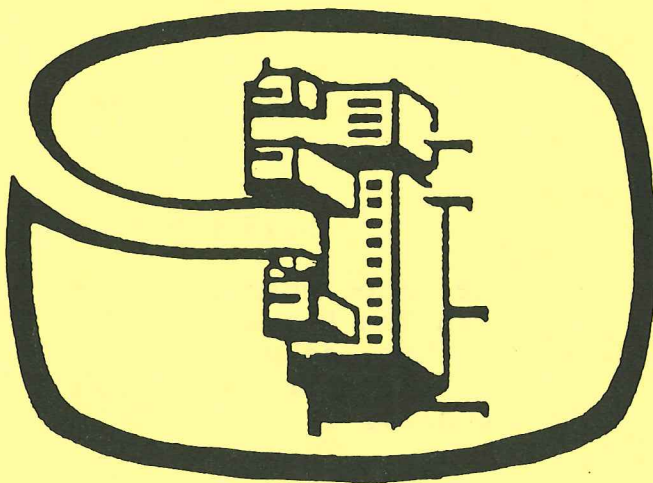
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