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REPORT ON ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The Annual Dinner Meeting was held at the Stockertown Memorial Hall on Friday, 16 October. Some eighty members attended.

The President reported on a year of progress in many fields. Among these were increased research on the Industrial Sites, renovations at both the Homestead and Stone House, Restoration of the Summer Kitchen, building of a new arbor at the garden entrance at the John Joseph House and extensive restoration of the Henry Barn on the Homestead property.

Various members were cited for their work during the year including Ken Fenske, Gerald Millheim and Joe diGerlando, with special thanks to John and Katherine Schlamp, Matt Morris and Jim Shedlauskas. Earl and Mary Ann Van Norman continued to serve at special events and handled the onerous job of placing and returning our highway signs to direct visitors.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consisted of Philip Schroeder, Barbara Schroeder and Hilton Rahn, Jr. In the absence of the Schroeders (on duty at Lafayette's Trustee weekend) Hilton gave the report:

Class of 1993: Estelle Shedlauskas

Class of 1995: Joseph diGerlando, Kenneth Fenske,

Virginia Lopresti, Gerald Millheim, Walter

Peters, James Shedlauskas and Mary Ann Van Norman.

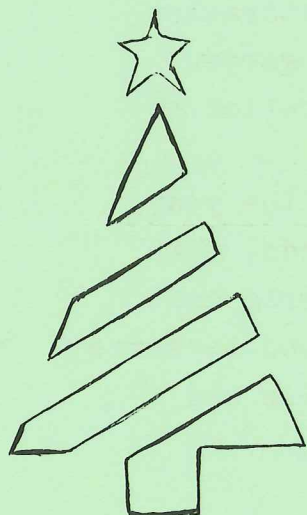
All of the above were elected to a three year term on the Board of Directors.

Newly elected Directors will assume their duties as of January 1, 1993 (per Section 4 of the By-Laws).

New Information on Henry Family Revealed

After the dinner, Lance Metz, historian at Easton's Canal Museau, was introduced by the President as the speaker of the evening. Lance revealed the fact that William Henry III was involved in coal interests at Mauch Chunk and Mathew Henry operated the Oxford Furnace in New Jersey for a time. The lecture was accompanied by a well-selected group of slides. Lance is always a fascinating speaker and never fails to amaze his audience by speaking without notes and never faltering on names and dates.

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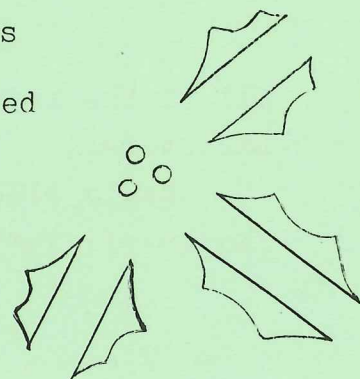
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Our annual Christmas Open House will be held on Sunday, 6 December, from 2 to 5 P.M. Work has already begun on refurbishing some antique toy trains and various related objects to be on view at this time. We will also have the usual Putz set up in the Parlor.

A call will go out shortly for baked goods to go with the famous Jacobsburg Brew. Please answer the call and become a part of the project.

Volunteers and Directors will be honored at a Preview Party on Saturday night, 5 December. All volunteers are to attend whether an invitation has been received or not.

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BRUSH CLEARING

Recently, a group of Scouts from Troop #74, led by Joe diGerlando and son Eric, spent the better part of a Saturday clearing underbrush on the Homestead property. The area lay between the Barn and the Duck House and Carriage House.

Completion of this project to the edge of the stream resulted in once again uniting the Barn with the rest of the Homestead property, as well as providing better visual security for the Barn area.

Several Scout fathers also joined in the heavier work, and Bushkill Township provided a chipper which moved five loads of wood chips. Without this help the job would have been impossible, as the great piles of cut brush would have presented a disposal problem.

The Society provided a lunch of hot dogs, rolls, potato salad and soda to all hands, with Joe di providing the grill and being the Chef. Our thanks to all for a job well done.

This project takes us a long way towards the eventual clearing and restoration of the Homestead grounds. The next stage is to be the cleaning and restoration of the small stream running from the spring to the Bushkill. The stream project is being undertaken by Kevin Marsh as an Eagle Scout project.

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TABLE SETTINGS

A new program was put in motion this Fall with the John Joseph House Dining Room table settings. This not only adds interest to our house tours but offers an opportunity to display Henry family silver, china and glass, long resting in drawers and cupboards.

Ann Shanley set the first table in September, while Judy Rusk and Gail Schmeal of the Forks Garden Club did settings for both October Open Houses. The settings were well planned and very attractive and brought the Dining Room to life for visitors. We hope to expand this idea next year. Should you want to reserve a table, please let us know.

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OPEN HOUSE VISITORS

Visitors who signed in during Open Houses held from 4/1/92 thru 10/31/92 totaled 559 for the John Joseph House and 609 at the Henry Homestead. It must be kept in mind, however, that some of these are duplicates because people signed in at both houses.

Visitors who signed in from states other than Pennsylvania came from Michigan, Florida, Ohio, Tennessee, California, Texas, Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, New Jersey, New York, Indiana, Arizona and Massachusetts. We also had visitors from England and Japan.

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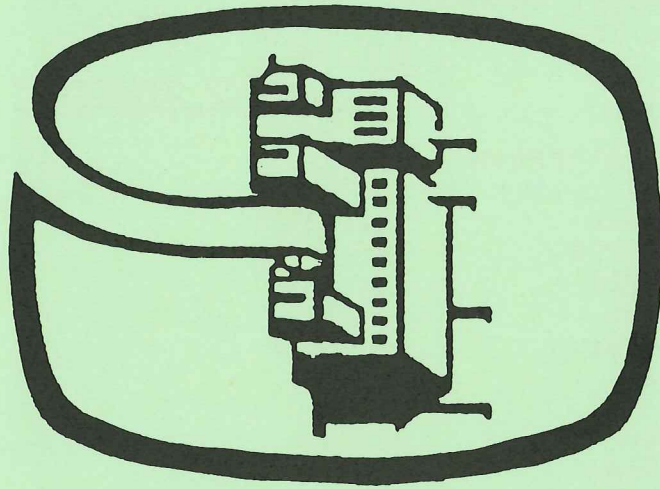
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