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THE ANNUAL MEETING of Jacobsburg Historical Society was held on October 27th at the Stockertown Memorial Hall. Seventy-two members and guests attended. During a short business meeting President Shedlauskas reviewed the achievements of the past year. Following the report of the Nominating Committee, consisting of Chairman Tim Lubenesky, Richard Hujsa and Robert Hujsa, the following members were elected to serve from 1995 through 1997: William H. Atherton, Robert P. L. Frick, William C. Goble, Matthew K. Morris, Robert N. Newell, Philip Schroeder, Earl Van Norman & Kathryn Schlamp.

Following the usual excellent dinner, Jim Shedlauskas introduced the speaker, Mr. Paul Fagley of the Greenwood State Park. Mr. Fagley started his program with a first person dialogue representing the man in charge of the old Greenwood Furnace. This disclosed the various jobs connected with the operation of the furnace, including the life of the workers and the salaries paid them. At the conclusion of the most entertaining dialogue, Mr. Fagley showed slides of early views of the furnace buildings and what was to be seen today at the Park. This most entertaining and informative program was well received by all in attendance.

Following the close of the meeting the members were shown a sample of the type of "Limited Edition" books to be made available for purchase by the members, as well as the six underhammer pistols and the latest Henry gun to be acquired.

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## RECENT ACCESSIONS

Three valuable additions to our collections were received last month. Joseph Morris and Peg Jarrett have given us an arrangement of waxed leaves in a walnut oval frame which matches the oval framed wax roses already in our possession. The pair of frames will be hung in the old kitchen.



RECENT ACCESSIONS (Cont'd.)

Matthew K. Morris has given us the framed portrait of Matthew Krause (for whom he was named). Matthew Krause was the father of Mrs. Granville Henry. This handsome oil portrait will hang over the sideboard in the dining room of the J. Joseph Henry House.

A James Henry 30 caliber half stock percussion rifle has been added to the Henry Arms Collection, the gift of Robert P. L. Frick. This piece is outstanding for its tiger maple stock and is ornamented by German silver mountings and engraving.

Other items received by the Society:

A large paper cutter donated by Matthew Morris

A self-propelled leaf collector donated by A.J. Shedlauskas

Two redware plates marked "Henry" in yellow slip were made and donated by Rae Tamashauskas.

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - As is our custom, the Homestead will be open on Sunday afternoon, 4 December, from 1 to 5 P.M. The theme this year will be "Christmas Decorations." This will include antique tree ornaments, household decorations and early Christmas cards, as well as the usual Putz.

While the Christmas cards will be from the Henry collection, the ornaments will be items loaned by members. The exhibition of these rare and fragile objects has been made possible by the various display cases obtained this year. These will be shown in the Margaret Taylor Room, while our Christmas Tree will be the feature of the Log Cabin Room.

Recently we received a collection of old tree stumps used in Putz building from Joe Morris and Peg Jarrett. This gift will result in a revision of the usual Putz form, and several other surprises are in store for visitors. It will occupy its usual place in the Taylor Room bay window.

**\*\*There will be no admission fee for guests.\*\***

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VOLUNTEERS' APPRECIATION PARTY - On the evening of Saturday, Dec. 3rd, the volunteers will be honored by a Christmas Party hosted by the Society's Board of Directors. This will give our volunteers a preview of the Christmas exhibit. Special refreshments and the traditional



VOLUNTEERS' APPRECIATION PARTY (Cont'd.)

Jacobsburg Punch will be served. While invitations will be sent to all members of our corps of volunteers, each volunteer is expected to attend even if, for some reason, the invitation is not received.

While the usual refreshments will be provided by the Society, members are asked to donate baked goods in the form of various snacks and desserts to add to the menu.

Since this is an evening affair, guests will have the opportunity to see the window candles lighted for the first time at the Homestead and the John Joseph Henry House. As in former years, there will probably be candles lit at both the Robert Henry House and the Workmen's House, courtesy of our members occupying these buildings.

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CURATORIAL PROGRAM ACTIVATED

Recently the north-west bedroom on the third floor of the J. Joseph House has been designated as the Curator's Office. The massive collection of manuscript material in this room has been organized into a more compact storage arrangement, and a large chest moved to the master bedroom, to provide a better working space for the Curatorial program.

Work in this department has been delayed because of more pressing duties elsewhere. Now that shelving has been acquired it will be possible to store objects under various categories and accession records filed in cabinets set aside for this purpose.

In the past, persons have indicated their interest in the curatorial program. They have not been called to duty since proper work space was not available. This winter the program will be put in motion. Necessary training will be provided and a reference library is now available to answer questions on furniture styles, glass patterns, the proper designation of various silver forms and the use to which household objects were put. It is an opportunity to learn about antiques as the work progresses.

In general, Wednesdays have been set aside as work days, but other days could be designated to suit the convenience of the corps of volunteers. Call Robert Frick for details or just to let him know you are interested in working with this committee.

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1994 NAZARETH KEEPSAKE

Since 1986 an historical booklet has been issued by the Moravian Hall Square Museum Craft Shop, sponsored by the Nazareth National Bank. Each publication's subject deals with local history, and this year its title is "The Henry Heritage, from Nazareth to Boulton." This is the ninth in the series.

The text is based on the research found in two of the Society's publications; Sandwick's "Jacobsburg" and "Henry of Boulton" by Newell, et al. Its emphasis is focused on both the industrial and civic contributions of this famous family, and tells how the Henry story is being kept alive today.

The booklet, written by Robert Frick, a past president of the Society, is scheduled to be released the first week of December.

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LIMITED EDITION BOOKS - As mentioned in the first article of this issue of the "Record," the "Limited Edition" books will be available for purchase by members of the Society. These books were acquired by Dr. Thos. H. A. Stites and the Stites family between 1936 and 1981. There are so many volumes that proper storage is a very large problem and actually quite impossible.

The Committee has checked each book and has recommended keeping fifty titles for the permanent collection. Please note that all early Henry family books are definitely not involved in this study and eventual sale.

A list of the books available for purchase is being prepared and will be sent out to the membership in the very near future.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL

AND BEST WISHES FOR A

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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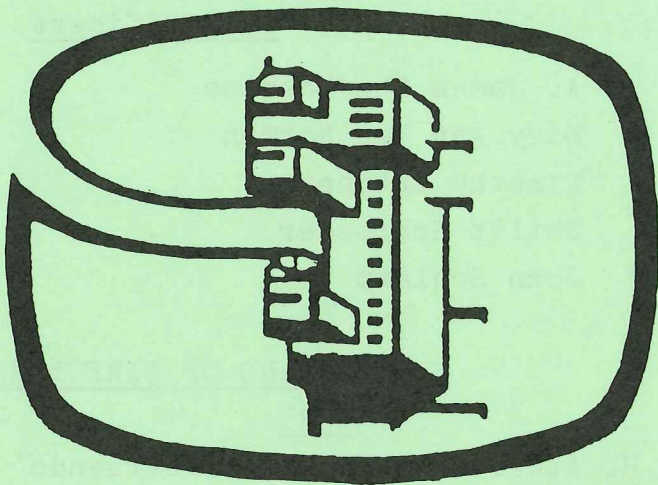
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