
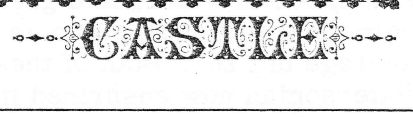


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We are indeed grateful to Mr. William Walters, Director of Botany Village Urban Renewal Project, Clifton. Mr. Walters was the concluding speaker in our 1969 Historical Lecture Series. He described the procedure taken in the planning of Botany Village. Restoration, preservation or reconstruction of buildings is being done, based entirely on fact. Mr. John Dodd is the construction architect and Trustee Mrs. Sherrie Drukker is the color consultant, among other local talent. The period being preserved is 1898-1910 and will feature old fixtures and furniture wherever possible, simulated gas street lamps, slate and brick sidewalks and many other innovations of the turn-of-the-century period. Slides were shown on the development of the area which includes houses as well as businesses. Those in attendance were very impressed with the project; it is a tremendous undertaking. We are proud to be able to share in the project through several of our trustees and members.

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The Museum has purchased copies of the Rutgers publication, "Away We Go". For those who like to travel and are looking for more places to go, it is a very helpful guidebook to New Jersey. Copies are available at the Museum. Another book, "From the Hills to the Hudson", is now a railroad collector's item; several copies are yet available at the Museum.

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Trustees Al Cappio, Robert Mills and Ed Shinn travelled to Skylands on Saturday, September 27th, for the meeting of the New Jersey League of Historical Societies. They were among those who toured the new State Park and were very impressed. It is highly recommended for visiting. Members of the Society who are interested in receiving issues of the Bulletin of the New Jersey League of Historical Societies, may do so at a charge of \$2. The regular charge is \$3. for the tremendous four (4) issues each year. The publication contains much information on what is going on around the state and recently was awarded a National Citation by the American Society of Local Historical Societies for the splendid job being done by Mrs. Cherry Dodd.

The New Jersey Historical Commission has added the names and addresses of all members of the Society to its lists. Members will be receiving information and bulletins on the Revolutionary Bicentennial. There is no charge.

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The Wayne Township Historical Commission has extended an invitation to Society members and all other interested persons to hear Mr. Harry L. Rinker. Mr. Rinker, Executive Director of the Hugh Moore Parkway Commission, City of Easton, Pa., will speak on "The History of the Morris Canal". The meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, October 14th, at Preakness School, Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike and Church Lane, Wayne, New Jersey. Admission is free.

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The Society salutes organized Baseball in its centennial celebration this year. With the formation of the Cincinnati Red Stockings as an out and out professional club in 1869, our national past time was started on its present course. However, the first league game was not played until May 4, 1871. On that day, the Kekionga team of Fort Wayne defeated the Forest City Club of Cleveland by a score of 2 to 0 in a game played at Fort Wayne. The Fort Wayne third baseman was Jim Foran who later became a member of Paterson's great Olympic team. Another player in that first organized league was Paterson-born George Heuble, who as a member of the Philadelphia Athletics finished the season with a batting average of .261. Both of these men were instrumental in the development of Mike 'King' Kelly, a Patersonian now enshrined in Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York.

For further information on the subject, the Society has copies of 'Slide Kelly, Slide' available for purchase at the Museum.

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The hit musical, "My Fair Lady", has been booked into the Mall Playhouse, Paramus and the Passaic County Historical Society has arranged for a block of tickets at \$5.60 each. These are for Wednesday evening, November 19th, and are for front orchestra. For those who will desire bus transportation, a bus will be provided at an additional charge of \$1. per person and will depart from the Castle. Reservations and checks must be in by November 1st. Tear off the reservation at the end of this newsletter and return it with your check or money order, made out to: The Passaic County Historical Society, P. O. Box 1729, Paterson, New Jersey 07509. If you enjoyed or heard about our last Theater Party, this one should be equally as good and enjoyable.

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NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following who have recently become Members:

Sustaining

Mr. Raymond Rhodes, Hawthorne

General

- Miss Teresa Bjorndal, Paterson
- Mrs. Ralph Mills, Mountain Lakes
- Mr. John Paky, Fair Lawn
- Mrs. Frances Peacock, Totowa Boro
- Miss Margaret Scales, Paterson
- Miss Narine Taylor, Paterson
- Miss Eleanor Thorp, Paterson
- Miss Elizabeth Turner, Hackensack

Student

Mr. Stephen Deitsch, Paterson

Some of the recent acquisitions to the Society are:

- ... an American Eagle emblem made entirely of feathers, given by Mr. Frank Justus.
- ... a number of cylinder records, several old photographs and an Honorable Discharge to John Stinson dated March 4, 1866, all given by Mr. Robert Mills, Wayne.
- ... an American made alarm clock, 3 " high, reputedly belonging to Claude Ferdinand, given by Mr. Pat Spada, Fair Lawn.

Mr. William Walters, Director of Botany Village Urban Renewal Project, Clifton, will be the fourth lecturer in the Historic Series. Mr. Walters will discuss the restoration of a town at the turn of the century. The lecture will be Wednesday evening, September 24th, eight o'clock at Lambert Castle. Admission is free.

We all need the Society to preserve 'yesterday' for 'tomorrow'. In order to accomplish this, the Society needs YOU 'today' as well as other new and interested persons. Support Passaic County Historical Society. Membership applications are available from the Society Office upon request.

Visit the Museum and see the many items for sale. These items make wonderful gifts and help stimulate interest in others. Many of the sale items are collector's items.

Special thanks to Betty and Gerry Livitsanos for helping to produce this month's Bulletin and Newsletter.

MUSEUM HOURS:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

1 - 4:45 P. M.

Saturday and Sunday

11 A. M. - 4:45 P. M.

Admission is free at all times.

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