

STEPHENTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

January - May 1979

NEWSLETTER

At the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society, held April 2, 1979 in the Town Hall, with an attendance of 40 adults and 10 minors, a new slate of officers and a Board of Trustees were nominated and elected for the coming year.

President: Anna Bayba, 1 year
Vice-President: William Jennings, 1 year
Treasurer - Betty McClave, 3 years
Corresponding Secretary, Caroline White, 1 year
Recording Secretary, Sylvia Leibensperger, 1 year

TRUSTEES:

Bertha Rathbun,
Hazel Barrett
Ellen Smith
Jayne Sawin
Kenneth Knoblock

Town Historian, Elena Courtney, Ex-Officio-Trustee

A delicious covered dish supper was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the cooperation of society members and guests!

PROGRAMS: Beginning in March through December, the following super programs will be held on the first Monday of each month, unless a holiday falls on that day; then the program will be scheduled on the following Monday. If you have a special interest in seeing or hearing a different program, then please let us know at our meetings, or call Jayne Sawin, 794-7180. She will take information and try to schedule it for one of the monthly meetings.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMS: Woodstoves; Stamp Collecting; Quilts, show and tell; Charcoal pit; Antiques, show and tell; History of Post Offices in Stephentown; Geneology; History of Senior Citizens; Architecture of old homes; Christmas Ornaments; Customs at Christmas in different countries.

Committees appointed by President for 1979.

Program Chairperson, Jayne Sawin; Refreshment Chairperson, Bertha Rathbun; Membership Chairperson, Betty McClave; Geneology Chairperson, A. Bayba and B. Rathbun; Cemetary Chairperson, A. Bayba, Newsletter Typing and Mimeographing, Greer & Melvin Fitting

Board Meeting: The new officers and trustees held their first meeting on April 26, 1979, at the home of Mrs. Bayba. Several projects were decided upon. They are: Historical Society to join the Federation of

of Historical Services (dues are \$10 for organization per year). The Federation was founded to service museums, Historical Societies and individuals in the Upper Hudson Valley. Individuals may also join this organization. Contact Patti Drum Laskovski, 518 794-7400 for more information.

2) Flea Market, to be held July 14-15. Donation of articles of all types will be needed. If you have any merchandise that you can't use, or don't want, donate it to the Historical Society. Bring items to meetings, or call Mrs. Bayba and she'll make arrangements to pick them up. Tables will be available for individuals sellers, or dealers. Price for space will be listed in The Echo. A bake sale will be held at the same time. This will be our third Fund Raising Flea Market. Funds are needed to pay for our second album.

3) Talvaar Bazaar will be held in New Lebanon, and we'll have our own booth there also. Dates to be published in the Echo. Volunteers will be needed for both affairs, for three hour shifts of two volunteers to work together. If you can help, please contact chairman of Fund Raising Committee.

4) Album. Our second album is on the market, with many new photos in it. They are on sale at Sykes Store, Carr's Store, Dave's Mini-Mart; Town Clerk's Office, and with officers and trustees of the Historical Society. The first Album was a complete sellout. If we get enough requests, then we'll have more copies made. So far, we have 26 requests. If you want Album #one, send a post-card with your name and address requesting one to Mrs. Anna Bayba, Stephentown Historical Society, Box 39, Stephentown, New York 12168.

Information: The Office of State Archives on the 11th floor of the Cultural Education Center in Albany, has a Local Records section which may be of value to many interested historians.

Do you know how New York State got its name? Ans: N. Y. was named by British Colonel Richard Nicholas after his forces had taken the Colony of New Amsterdam away from the Dutch in 1664. The name honors York, England.

The American Association of State and Local History has a series of slides and tapes available for meetings at a cost. Subject based on preservation and range from Reading a Building, to Curatorial Care.

History is still happening. The news of today will be tomorrow's history. The Town Historian who maintains a file of important and interesting events will save countless hours and much information for future historians, who would have to piece together a secondhand story that could have been recorded accurately now.

A current newspaper should be a most reliable source of information in preserving history.

We know how easy it is to forget, but membership dues are our main source of income. Now that we have to pay for our new album, our funds are low. We are counting on you to respond to our plea to pay your dues now, for we need your support. If you have doubts as to whether you are paid up, call Mrs. McClave, 733-5064, and she will be glad to check her files and see when you paid last.

With everything rising, we still haven't upped our dues. They are the same as when we started, \$1.00 for active members, 50¢ for minors (under 18 years), for the whole year.

Historical Society Meeting Dates for 1979

January }
February } no meeting due to winter weather
March 5th
April 2nd
May 7th
June 4th
July 2nd or 9th
August 6th
September 10th
October 1st
November 12th
December 3rd

Rens. Co. Junior Museum located at 59 Second Street, Troy, has a series of Mobile Exhibits available FREE to Rens. Co schools, which are suited to classes of varying ages. For more information, call R. C. J. M., 235, 2121, or visit them at 5th Street and 106th Street Troy.

They also have exhibits, including the building of a log cabin with authentic tools.

This unusual museum should be very interesting to both young and old. Take your children or grandchildren and spend a pleasant few hours there.

Many pamphlets are brought to the regular meetings of the Historical Society, announcements of other society meetings, Higher Education information for courses from different colleges, special programs put on by the State Education Department, and by the Federation of Historical Societies.