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WEST VIRGINIA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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NEWSLETTER

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MARCH MEETING

Betty D. Hornbeck, director of public information at West Virginia Wesleyan College, will present at 7:30 o'clock on March 17, 1976, in the Amy Roberts Vance House a 40-minute program entitled "Historic Homes and Families of Buckhannon." She will illustrate her talk with slides.

APRIL DINNER MEETING

Dr. Earl L. Core, whose family settled near Morgantown in 1772, will speak at the annual dinner meeting to be at 6:00 o'clock on April 21, 1976, in the Sheraton Inn in Clarksburg. Dr. Core served as chairman of the Department of Biology of West Virginia University from 1948 to 1966, edited the journal Castanea of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Club from 1936 to 1971, wrote numerous articles and books on botany including Vegetation of West Virginia, and in recent years has turned his pen to the history of the Monongalia County area. Prelude, the first volume of The Monongalia Story, a projected five-volume history of Monongalia County was published in 1974. The second volume of the set will be published during the Bicentennial Year and will cover the pioneer period, 1776 to 1826.

The Society will honor Dr. and Mrs. Core from 5:15-6:00 o'clock on April 21 with a reception at the Amy Roberts Vance House. Members of the Society and their guests are invited to attend the reception and the dinner. Reservations for the reception and the dinner may be made by filling in and mailing the form at the bottom of this page.

"LOST" PAINTINGS

William R. Sargent, curator of the Huntington Galleries, will present a slide-lecture at 2:00 o'clock on Sunday, April 11, 1976, at the new Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library under the sponsorship of the Society and the Clarksburg branch of AAUW.

In his talk, Mr. Sargent will emphasize the historical significance of the "lost" paintings executed before 1914 which have been discovered as a result of the search sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution through local organizations such as the Harrison County Historical Society. Although he will not evaluate them, Mr. Sargent will comment on paintings brought to the meeting. Mrs. J. A. Wilson and Mrs. Kenneth Tallman are co-chairmen of a reception which will follow Mr. Sargent's talk. The April 11 meeting is part of the Society's contribution to the celebration of the Bicentennial.

Time remains for citizens to register any paintings executed before 1914 by filling out forms secured from Madge McDaniel who can be reached by telephoning 842-3073.

AMY ROBERTS VANCE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Aileen Lucas, chairman of hostesses for the Vance House, has staffed the house each Saturday afternoon during the winter months with volunteers from the following list of members: Jack Anderson, Glyde Bailey, Florence Berisford, Jean Byard, Frances Custer, Pearl Custer, Dorothy Davis, Louise Dennison, Oma Hall, Frances Hanlan, Margaret Hayman, Virginia Husk, Frances Johnson, Aileen Lucas, Betty McWhorter, Gladys Merryman, Virginia Shetter, Elizabeth Sloan, Helen Upton, Lucile Walls, and Frances Watson.

Mrs. O. D. Linder, chairman of the Genealogical Department, has staffed the department during the winter months with the following research assistants: Mary Allen, Garnette Fittro, Catherine Goff, Penny Linder, Marjorie Marstiller, Gladys Norris, Verna Shingleton, Gladys Smith, and Lucille Stryker.

Harrison County Historical Society
Reception at the Amy Roberts Vance House and Annual Dinner at the Sheraton Inn
Wednesday, April 21, 1976

CLOSING DATE FOR RESERVATIONS AND REFUNDS: April 17, 1976

Make check payable to Harrison County Historical Society
Mail this slip and check to: Harrison County Historical Society
Post Office Box 2074
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Number of reservations for reception @ no charge _____
Number of reservations for dinner @ \$6.00 (The cost includes tax
and gratuity) _____
Amount of check enclosed _____

Signature

ACCESSIONS

Books

- Atkinson, George W. and Gibbens, Alvaro F.
Prominent Men of West Virginia... Wheeling, 1890. Gift of Jack Sandy Anderson.
- Burke, John.
A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland... 4 vols. London, 1834-1838. Gift of Dr. Robert S. Wilson.
- The Credit Experience Guide... The Merchants Mercantile Agency, Pittsburgh, 1918.
Covers Clarksburg, Weston, Buckhannon, Salem, Shinnston, West Union, Wallace, Lumberport, Smithfield, Bridgeport, Enterprise, Jane Lew, Burnsville, Anmoore, Adamston, Haywood, Pine Grove, Worthington, Nutter Fort, Rinehart, Folsom, Dola, Jacksonburg, Orlando, Bristol, Wolf Summit, Mt. Clare, McWhorter, Lost Creek, Wilsonburg, Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Fortney Tetrick.
- Dictionary of National Biography. 22 vols. Founded in 1882 by George Smith; edited by Sir Leslie Stephen and Sir Sidney Lee. Reprinted 1937-1938 by the Oxford University Press. The definitive British biographical set. Is probably being continued. Gift of Dr. Robert S. Wilson.
- Massachusetts. Secretary of the Commonwealth.
Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War... 17 vols. Boston, 1896-1908. Gift of Dr. Robert S. Wilson.

Postcards

Collection of early twentieth century post-card views of Clarksburg, Shinnston, Salem; buildings, industries, street scenes. Gift of Dr. Robert S. Wilson.

Furniture

Victorian arm chair; high curved, carved back; upholstered in a bronze-colored material. A beautiful shape. Gift of Dr. Robert S. Wilson.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

The Society is in the process of having metal protectors installed over all windows on the first floor of the Amy Roberts Vance House.

Like everyone else in a time of inflated costs, the Society must pay more for utilities. The fuel bill for the Vance House for the month of January was \$100; the electricity bill for the months of December and January, \$50. Rather than raise the membership fee, the board wishes to increase the number of members. Please give to Madge McDaniel, membership chairman, the name of anyone who has expressed a desire to join the Society.

The membership on March 1, 1976, was 375. Of these, 155 have not yet sent dues for 1976. Please send a check for dues to Harrison County Historical Society, P. O. Box 2074, Clarksburg, WV 26301, before May 1 since the constitution of the Society stipulates that members whose dues are not paid on May 1 be dropped from the roll.

The treasurer has reported \$2,072.71 in the general fund on March 1, 1976; \$2,200 from the sale of Haymond's History of Harrison County invested in two Certificates of Deposit which have earned approximately \$200 in interest; and \$274.52 in sales of Haymond's History in a checking account.

Harrison County Historical Society notepaper may be purchased at the Vance House for \$1.55 per box.

BOOKS FOR SALE AT DISCOUNT PRICES

Haymond's History of Harrison County can be purchased by members for \$12.75 and by non-members for \$17.50.

John George Jackson by Dorothy Davis, past president of the Society, can be purchased until April 1, 1976, at a pre-publication cost of \$15.95, which includes tax and handling, by sending a check to Bicentennial Books, P. O. Box 1776, Salem, WV 26426. After April 1 the cost of the book will be \$18.50 plus tax. The book will arrive from the bindery in May.

COURTHOUSE PAPERS

Stored in the basement of the courthouse until one month ago were papers presented as evidence in court cases and for courthouse records. Since the papers were auxiliary to material already on record and the space the papers occupied was needed, county officers decided to dispose of the papers, which were "saved" when Dr. Robert S. Wilson offered to cart them off. Dr. Wilson will donate the papers to the Harrison County Historical Society. After Mrs. Linder and her committee have classified the material, the members of the Society will be notified as to the nature of the records and the decision of the board as to the handling of the papers.