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Response to the Morris Canal lecture on August 25th was extremely gratifying. Over 250 persons attended to hear Messrs. Harding, Bundy and Irwin. Many more had to be turned away for a lack of space due to overflowing capacity. The Society will reschedule this lecture, the date to be announced, and attendance will be by advanced reserved seat with a choice of date, first to members, then to the public. The program was two hours in length and unfortunately the question and answer period had to be cut short. Mr. Harding has promised to shorten the program to allow for a discussion period.

Something new has been added for visitors to the Museum. Under the direction of Mrs. Francis Peacock, Spanish speaking persons are now given the story of the Corfu clock translated into Spanish, when they tour the Museum. Our special thanks to Mrs. Peacock for her assistance in improving our Museum, and for the work she is now doing on translating the Lambert story into Spanish.

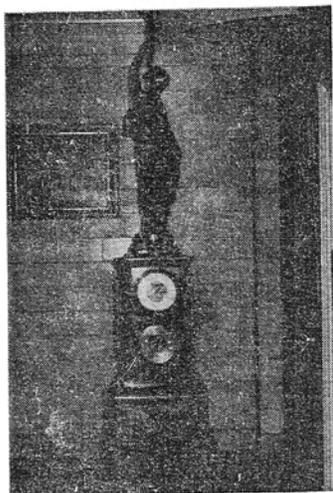
The largest attendance of visitors to the Museum was recorded in July when 4100 persons registered. We must be doing something right.

For every historic site, there must be an "angel" who devoted time and energy to make the listing possible. Such an angel is Mrs. Kenneth (Marky) Sills whose dedication and perseverance to the task made the Van Duyne House in Wayne a national historic site. Mrs. Sills almost singlehandedly overcame many obstacles in her five year crusade. We need all be especially grateful to her for having helped save this architectural gem for future generations. It will now be up to the Township of Wayne to relocate the house when Route 23 is widened.

In a recent issue of the Paterson News, 'Letter to the Editor' dealt with the problem of vandals defacing the Spanish-American War Memorial in Sandy Hill Park, Paterson. It was suggested the monument be relocated to Lambert Castle, and placed under the protection of the *Passaic County Historical Society*. People do not realize that the Castle and its surrounding grounds belong to the Passaic County Park Commission and not the Society. We might very gladly welcome the opportunity to become a repository for such memorials if we had our own property or an area under our jurisdiction. The Paterson Park Board is considering a suggestion that the monument be placed at the Great Falls Park.

Two hundred years ago on April 1, 1771, the Freeholders of Bergen County, of which Wayne was then a part, officially dedicated the Valley Road which ran from French Hill to Preakness Avenue. Sometime later it was extended to Ratzler Road and more recently to the Hamburg Turnpike. In the near future this road, begun two hundred years ago, will terminate at Berdan Avenue.

Appointments have been completed to the Bicentennial Commission in Passaic County. Judge Vincent Duffy is chairman with Dr. D. Stanton Hammond as vice-chairman. Dr. Hammond was chairman of the Passaic County Heritage Commission which has been incorporated into the Bicentennial Commission.



Passaic County Historical Society salutes Mrs. Mary Ellen Kramer and Mrs. Tippi Krugman on their foresight and fortitude concerning the Great Falls Project. The plan which eventually became a reality was originally suggested by John Young. John has drawn several beautiful plans of the entire project. We hope these will be preserved.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I have a few corrections to make in your genealogy. Florence Suydam had two children, a daughter Florence and a son William Farrington. Walter S. Lambert's first wife was Annie Elizabeth Carpenter, born March 8, 1865 in the town of Greece, Monroe Co., N.Y.; married October 20, 1887; died July 20, 1903; children: Helen I., Dorothy A. Belle Vista means Beautiful View and was not named in honor of Mr. Lambert's wife. Mr. Freeman Shattuck I have no knowledge of, except that he lived in Maplewood and had one son and three or four daughters. I know nothing of Dr. Bibby, except that Mr. Lambert left him his estate on the Hudson River called "Glen Attie", (in honor of his second wife). If he is living he would be a very old man. My outstanding memories of my grandfather are that he was very kind and generous. Few went to him in want and were turned away empty handed. He was very hospitable and loved to have his table surrounded nearly every night.

His paintings were a source of unending delight and inspiration to him. I remember as a small child following him through the art gallery and in front of nearly every picture he would pause and say "beautiful, beautiful!" He would take me driving occasionally. Also, when in the mood, he would tell me about his early life in England. I saw more of my grandmother, as my grandfather had a wholesale silk house in New York and went there every day until he was eighty. I followed my grandmother around the house all day. I was her shadow. She usually wore a black velvet gown at all hours of the day and I admired and loved her greatly. At Christmas time they sent in beautiful gifts, and under our tree, their gifts were piled high.

Mrs. Lambert was a direct descendant of Roger Williams on her mother's side.

Sincerely,

Helen L. Smith

(granddaughter of Catholina Lambert)

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NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following who have recently become members:

General

- Mrs. Flavia Aloya, Paterson, N.J.
- Mr. John Breon, Wayne, N.J.
- Mrs. Betty Ann DeKnight, Hawthorne, N.J.
- Mrs. Wallace E. Fern, Wayne, N.J.
- Mr. William T. Fini, Fair Lawn, N.J.
- Miss Jane Klarowicz, Paterson, N.J.
- Mr. John Piekema, Wyckoff, N.J.
- Mrs. Joan Saporito, East Paterson, N.J.
- Mr. Edgar Shumway, West Orange, N.J.

Membership categories:
General, \$4.00 annually
Sustaining, \$10.00 annually
Contributing, \$25.00 annually
Special Student, \$2.00 annually

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- Alfred Cappio, *President*
- Helen Malcolm, *Treasurer*
- Gracie Stickney, *Secretary*
- Edward M. Graf, *Curator*
- Jerome Nathans, *Editor*

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.
Telephone: 201 - 523-9883.