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*For the preservation of the history, ancient buildings and land marks
of the Trappe area.*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I'll keep it short and sweet. I want to personally thank all those members who made 1984 a year that we can all be proud of. Although attendance may have down, our membership rolls started once again to climb. We are all expecting 1985 to be a very successful year for visitors. We will be opening in just a couple of months and hope that each and every one of you will have a chance to visit and see the work that we have completed. Wishing you all a prosperous and happy 1985.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: The Chronicle is shorter than normal since we have been closed for the winter and there is not a great deal to report.

HISTORIANS REPORT:

We have had donated to us by St. Luke's Church a great signature quilt which was found during housecleaning at the church and was nearly tossed out as too worn to save. Thank goodness wiser heads prevailed! It is, of course, worn and stained, but as an historical document it is unsurpassed. It is made of red and white cotton with 780 signatures on it. There are eight rows of seven diamonds; each diamond is $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square with 16 red triangles and 16 white triangles. Almost all of the white triangles have a name inked in, either printed or written. I have transcribed all the names and next summer we will have it on display with a typed listing of all the names alphabetized in order referencing the row and diamond number where it appears. Many of the names have a town and state also noted, including: New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Kansas, Pennsylvania and even Paris, France. It was probably made during the 1890's but I hope to date it more exactly after some research.

Because of the number of out-of-state names and also because this area at that time had many summer hotels and boarding houses, I feel that this quilt was made as a money maker for a project. Perhaps all the guests in the boarding houses were approached to "buy" a signature, as well as local and well known families. At any rate it is a marvelous fabric document and we are very lucky to have obtained it.

QUILTERS REPORT:

We declared time off for the holidays at which time we, the quilters and our spouses, were entertained at the new home of Alice and Walter Sauer. I am happy to report that since our beginning we have successfully completed 42 Quilts and have raised over \$4000.00 for the Society. We are back to work now and have two frames working and more waiting. We now also have some crib quilts for sale. Call 489-4872 Anne Schrack.