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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 --

The next semi-annual dinner meeting of the Historical Society of Trappe will be held on Friday, November 11, 1983, ARMITICE DAY or VETERANS DAY, at 6:45 p.m. at the Keystone Grange Hall, Main Street in Trappe.

The tickets will cost \$8.00 each and a family style roast beef dinner will be served by the Grange. Call Norman Holcombe, 489-7266, and make your reservations for the dinner. Deadline for reservations will be Monday, November 7, 1983.

It will be an interesting meeting and will include the election of officers and a good program.

I wish to thank all that took part in our Trappe Day Celebration that was held on September 18th. It was a beautiful day and it was another successful event.

Usually at Christmas time, we have some type of Open-House or celebration, however, this year there will be none. Due to renovations in the Headquarters, which are now completed, but still does not give us time to clean up and set up some new displays. As it looks now, something will be planned for next year.

Thank you for your understanding. I will be looking for you on November 11th.

Elmer Funk, President

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON --

The program at our dinner-meeting on November 11th will be of interest to everyone in the area.

The Perkiomen Valley Watershed and a special committee are making a survey of all the dams along the Perkiomen. The topic is "Survey of the Middle Perkiomen Dams." Mr. George Dunkle and Mr. John Venezia will be the speakers. There will be slides and pictures showing the dams and where they are located, names and history of the dams and reasons why these dams are of interest to the surrounding area.

This will be a very interesting as well as informative program to all of us in the area.

Marg Krug, Chairperson

HISTORIAN -

Through the auspices of Frances Wolfe, one of our members, we recently acquired a bound copy of THE WEEKLY ITEM, Vol. II, Schwenksville, Pa. from Friday, September 6, 1878 through Friday, August 29, 1879. These old newspapers make fascinating reading and I have taken our historical item from this volume.

I hope by next Spring to have the museum in tip-top shape again with everything put away in our new storage area and a new display arranged. This Summer has been a bad one due both to the construction and the heat. Add a number of serious family illnesses which occupied a good deal of my time and you can understand why things are a little out of hand. My apologies, please.

Esther O. Keller, Historian

From THE WEEKLY ITEM, Schwenksville, Pa., Friday June 30, 1879

COLLEGEVILLE BLARNEYISMS. - There occurred a grand hop at the Lamb Hotel, Trappe, on Thursday evening last. It was conducted by sports from Trappe and Phoenixville. - the 49th anniversary of Washington Hall Collegiate Institute, Trappe on Friday evening last was, we hear, a grand success. We were unable to attend, and therefore cannot give you the full particulars of it. All who were present speak very complimentary of the exercises. - J. O. K. Robarts, of the Phoenixville Messenger, accompanied by his daughter, passed through this place on Friday evening last for Trappe, where he has engaged a number of singers for the Valley Forge demonstration on the 19th. - F. M. Hobson has a public sale of fire wood, building stone, etc., on Saturday afternoon at Worralls's mill, this place. Abrats Hunsicker mounted the box as auctioneer, which he did in a very creditable manner. - the strawberry festival in Masonic Hall, Trappe, by the Trappe Orchestra, was very well attended, and we believe was a financial success. The orchestra rendered some of their choice music at intervals during the evening. - On Sunday evening last we were again compelled to witness one of the most disgraceful kinds of Sabbath breaking, viz.: Sunday horse racing. A couple of young fellows, in open buggies, grey horses, came tearing down the pike shouting and yelling, almost running over a little girl and a woman. And all this occurred at a time when the pike was lined with people on their way to church. Some of our citizens have expressed a determination to put a stop to this nuisance ere we shall be called upon to chronicle a terrible accident. So these young brainless rascals had better beware or they will find themselves in the hands of the law some fine Monday morning.

From the same, Friday, July 4, 1879

Collegeville Blarneyisms - the 4th of July is so glorious a day that a number of our citizens intend celebrating it in the hay field. - Harry Richard and family, late of Pine Grove, Pa., are sojourning with J. H. Richard, the baker of this place. - Joseph Dopp and family of Phoenixville, passed through this place one day last week. - A public sale of grass was held on the Rittenhouse estate on Monday last by the executors, Abel Thomas and H. W. Kratz, Esq. - The house belonging to the Abbott estate, this place, has recently been brighten up by the application of paint. - Harvey Edelman, a house painter of Trappe, while painting a house in this place on Tuesday last, fell from the porch roof on a pale fence, inflicting painful wounds in his hip and back. - Beerler, of the Bridge hotel, is doing a thriving ice cream business. The beaux and belles from all direction throng there to partake of his "just splendid cream." On Sunday evening last there were no

less than fifteen buggies there at one time. This speaks well for the popularity of our young landlord. And now since the bristling and bustling of the Commencement is past, preparations are being made which threaten to make the matrimonial business rather lively in these parts.

QUILTERS -

The quilting ladies have been working very faithfully every Monday on quilts and enjoying their work and sociability. There will be available FOR SALE at the November 11th meeting such items as quilts, crib quilts, stuffed animals, etc. If you or someone you know has a quilt to finish or repair, we will be glad to talk to you about it.

Anne Schrack, Chairperson.

Don't forget, make your reservations to our Dinner-Meeting, November 11th.
We hope to see you!