



The Historical Society of Trappe Pennsylvania

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

...July 6, 1987 ... as I sit here in my den watching the snow fall I can't but wonder when this cold spell will end.

You all must certainly realize that it is not snowing outside, but have you ever stopped to think about or question the accuracy of historical events? Historians, one and all, are famous for differing of opinions of the accuracy of, and even in some instances of the actual event, ever taking place. This is usually the case since they weren't there to begin with. As the old saying goes when you have more than one person looking at an object you will receive as many different descriptions as there are people.

Up until the 20th century, most of our Presidents were remembered for all the good they did for the country. The 20th century will be remembered as a time when we all bent over backwards to find as much fault as we could with our Presidents.

It is important to keep in mind that no single individual on the face of this earth can change the course of the world. We all have leaders, elected or not, they are our leaders. But in order to have a leader one must have followers who believe in that leader.

For the past four years I have had the honor of being the President of the Historical Society of Trappe. I feel honored as we are in our 20+ year and we have had only four Presidents. Together over these four years we have smiled at the growth in our ranks and have shared the sorrow together as we have bid farwell to dear friends. No one ever said it would be easy, no one said it would fun. No president has ever had the cooperation and understanding I feel I have had with our membership. The executice board and I have had a good working relationship and together we have made this Society a respected and important part of our community and county.

Growth, understanding and cooperation are the key elements in our future. WE THE PEOPLE are a strong band of individuals who share a common goal not unlike our fore fathers did 200 years ago. We can be only as good as we want to be and our goals are only as limited as is our imagination. Whether we survive or fail we will do it as a group of dedicated individuals for a cause.

Elections are coming in November, if you have a candidate you would like to see in office please contact one of the election committee (Mr. Ken Keller or Mr. Latimer Hoopes)

Please, have a safe and restful summer.Be careful in the heat.

MEMBERSHIP: DUES ARE DUE NOW !

PROPERTY CHAIRMAN REPORT: BUSY, BUSY, BUSY MORE TO FOLLOW. Fred

QUILTERS: We have room for more prople and quilts contact Anne Schrack if either are available. Anne

HISTORIANS REPORT:

From THE WEEKLY ITEM , Schwenksville, Pa., Friday July 18, 1879.

Notes From Rahn's

Rahn's has had its day of amusement, as well as some other places. On Friday the older inhabitants had their fun in cleaning dam and catching fish, of which a large tub full was secured. But the greater pleasure of this amusement was the eating of the fish when prepared and placed on the table. On Saturday five young men, viz., Messrs. Snyder, Williams, Bradford, McCray, and Berger, had a tub race on Hunsicker's dam, known as the horse or middle dam. The distance of the race was 200 yards and return to the starting place. Anyone upsetting was obliged to return to the point of starting and begin anew. Bradford was the first to lose his balance. Next was Berger, then McCray, and after Williams had made about 150 yards he too lost his balance and toppled into the water. Mr. Snyder came out champion, making the round trip without upsetting. The time was fifteen minutes. Williams was second, and made it in about twenty-one minutes. Bradford came in third and McCray fourth. His time was thirty minutes. The fifth had not yet completed his trip. The race was an amusing scene and quite a crowd gathered on the banks to see it. Next came a running race on the turnpike, a distance of 150 yards. A colored man from Phoenix took part and was the winner of the prize. Mr. Williams came in second. The darky is an experienced runner, and has the record of being the second best in the state. He has run a mile in four and a half minutes. Our boys should not run with such chaps. They afterwards had a race leaving the darky out, when John Hetrick came in first, with a gain of about three feet. Williams was second best. Such were the proceedings at Rahns. All passed off very civil - no quarreling, and none were top-heavy. Next Saturday night there will be a wonderful party at this place. We call it all right; but only keep sober and decent, so that you will be a respect to yourselves and the landlord, and more particularly to the place. - Mr. Bradford has been a very sick man during the past week. Mr. Loux, who was sick for eight weeks, is again able to work. - Mr. Hunsicker has a very large lot of coal on hand and it is of superior quality. His business does not rank second class on the road, but is one of the first class business places along the Perkiomen railroad. - This place will have two new brick houses during the latter part of the summer. - Daniel the miller has sold a large lot of bran, which is now coming in. Then is our storekeeper; he sells more good goods than any one along the line. He does like all the rest - keeps no bad goods unless he can find no sale for them. - Rev. Mr. Perry will preach in Friendship hall next Sunday evening. - Next Tuesday being Teacher's examination day, our teachers are indulging in considerable anxiety. - There are doubtless some bad boys in Rahn's, or they would not have taken some tickets from the ticket office. But those boys must be careful or their misdeeds may make them trouble. - A pair of William McCray's boots were stolen from C. M. Hunsicker's porch last Monday night. - William Mattis is digging the well at Christian Hunsicker's new place. He has reached the depth of about eight feet and has considerable water. Rahn's is a good place for water. It does not lay deep and is of a very good quality.

Esther Keller