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ESKERVILLE, KAME PLACE, OR SHORT HILLS - In Vol. I, No. 1, the Thistle explained how Millburn got its name. Now, the eskers and kames...esker, from the Old Irish, means a long narrow ridge of coarse gravel, deposited by a stream flowing in an ice-walled valley or tunnel in a decaying glacial ice sheet. A kame, Scottish from Middle English, refers to a small conical hill of sand and gravel deposited during the melting of glacial ice. The Indians, unburdened by geological cant, simply called this area "Little Hills," and early settlers translated that to "the

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Historical Society will be held on Wednesday evening, May 4, 8 pm, at Taylor Park Recreation Center.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Sandy Brown, will lecture on American Domestic Architecture from 1830-1913. Using slides, some from the Historical Society's collection, she will speak about the architectural styles, their backgrounds, and the times that produced them. Mrs. Brown currently serves on the Board of Advisors to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, representing New Jersey. She is also President of the New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians.

Annual Standing Committee reports will be followed by a recommendation from the Nominating Committee, that Blair Lawlor and Ira Schwartz, whose one year terms as directors are expiring, be elected to 3 year terms. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

short hills." What they were talking about was an area along the southern-most extent of the last Ice Age glacier, the Wisconsin Glacier, and what it left as it melted and retreated--winding ridges and abrupt hillocks. (Cont.)

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within the community; help us to identify sites and districts for State and National Registers.

More volunteers are needed. Contact Mrs. Smith at 379-7219 or 376-0936 for information.

It is not too late to sign up for the introductory Genealogy Course offered by HARRIET STRYKER-RODDA, New Jersey's first certified genealogist, compiler of numerous published family histories, author of articles in historical and genealogical magazines, lecturer and teacher.

WHEN: Six consecutive Thursday afternoons, starting October 14, 1976, 1-3 PM.
WHERE: Gero Park Recreation House
FEE: \$30.00
Contact: Alicia Roman, 376-4545 or 376-1160.

MEET THE MAYOR on WOR-TV - At an interview, scheduled for showing on WOR-TV early in 1977, Mayor Al Lyon plans to use a selection of the Historical Society's slides to give viewers throughout the Metropolitan area an overall picture of Millburn Township.

FESTIVAL OF THE TEN CRUCIAL DAYS - From Dec. 25 to Jan. 3, 1977, the N. J. American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration Commission is sponsoring the FESTIVAL OF THE TEN CRUCIAL DAYS - a re-enactment of the crossing of the Delaware, battle of Trenton, and Asinpink, etc. There will be major performances by the N. J. Ballet and N. J. Symphony, a film festival, and much more. For information, contact Miss Isabel Selikoff, 379 West State St., Trenton, 08625.

HOME STUDY - What do you know or what would you like to learn about your house? Come discuss how to trace deeds and titles, identify period methods of construction.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 26, 9:30 AM.
WHERE: The home of Mrs. Harold Reintjes, 25 East Lane, Short Hills
Contact: Fran Land, 379-3376

ARCHITECTURE - YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW - This illustrated lecture series, co-sponsored with the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum, will focus on American styles and how they were adapted from classical sources. Two sessions will be devoted to identifying and describing examples of outstanding local architecture. If there is sufficient interest, an additional session will be held to discuss the influence of zoning, planning, and environment on local architectural development. The speakers will be Harry Devlin, author of To Grandfather's House We Go and other books; David Dibner, partner in The Grad Partnership, Newark, fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and adjunct Professor at Seton Hall, writer, lecturer, designer; Robert B. Heintz, owner of a local architectural firm, member of the American Institute of Architecture, and Chairman of the Millburn Township Design Review Commission.

WHEN: Wednesday afternoon, January 5, 12, 19, and 26; February 2 (and 9), 1-2:30 PM.
WHERE: Stone House.
FEE: \$12. for members of the Society or the Arboretum; \$15. for non-members.
Contact: Fran Land, 379-3376.

HELP WANTED - To catalog archives. Contact Ann Klemme, 376-3970 for further information.
- To narrate or run projectors for the three slide shows. Contact Judy Bailey, 379-1917.
- To work on oral histories for historical research. If you would like to be interviewed or be an interviewer, contact Alicia Roman, 376-4545 or 376-1160.

The next meeting of the Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society will be Wednesday evening, January 19, 1977.

For information on how to join the Society, please call Alicia Roman, 376-4545 or 376-1160.

ARCHITECTURAL WALK - More than 50 people came on the architectural tour conducted by Robert B. Heintz, local architect. He discussed the exteriors of 30 homes on the mile-long walk, emphasizing various architectural

SUMMERTIME READING - The living is easier when the weather waxes fair; herewith some historically inspired suggestions for leisure reading. These inexpensive paperback books are excellent guides to New Jersey excursions, both long and short. They are available at Page One, 194 Essex Street, Millburn.

Exploring the Little Rivers of New Jersey. (Cawley) Day-tripping on rivers and streams in New Jersey by canoe; attendant recreation facilities such as swimming, picnicking, and camping. Good reading list for countryside adjacent to waterways.

New Jersey's Historic Houses. A Guide to Homes open to the Public. (Groff) Just what the title says and brief descriptions of what is in them and why they are interesting. Some are for connoisseurs, others have craft displays and facilities suitable for children. The author, Sybil Groff, spoke at the October, 1976, Society Meeting.

Tours of Historic New Jersey, "Official State Guide." (Pepper) An almanac of information ranging from antiques and architecture to battlefields, birds, fishing, Indians, mansions, museums, wildlife. Included are driving directions, distances, telephone numbers, as well as short histories and backgrounds.

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