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FROM THE PRESIDENT - Welcome to the Society's fifth year, with special greetings to all new members. Enthusiastic members continued to work hard over the summer months, and the Society can look forward to an active fall season. Of course, committee chairmen or officers of the Society would be pleased to hear from you if you have suggestions or wish to join a specific project. We can all anticipate another year of fine accomplishments by our large, dedicated membership. I look forward to greeting all of you at our first membership meeting October 17.

Elizabeth Christopherson
President

AUTUMN MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 1979
8 pm, Millburn Public Library

The fall meeting of the Society will be held Wednesday, October 17, at 8 pm at the Millburn Public Library. Elizabeth Del Tufo will give an "Arm Chair Tour of Old and New Newark," showing slides of highlights of her many tours through Newark. Mrs. Del Tufo, who was born in Montclair, but has been a resident of Newark for the past 20 years, has given countless tours for the Newark Museum and the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee. A highly popular and entertaining tour guide, Mrs. Del Tufo has brought over 1200 visitors to various Newark sites, including groups from Prudential, Japan House, the Junior League of Montclair-Newark, the Fairfield Historic Sites Committee, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, and the National Women's Division of Albert Einstein College of Medicine, among many others. Popular spots on Mrs. Del Tufo's tours include the Sacred Heart Cathedral, the Branch Brook

AUTUMN MEETING (Cont.)

Park cherry blossoms, the Ironbound, interiors of several of the loveliest homes in the Forest Hill Section, City Without Walls Gallery, and the New Jersey Historical Society headquarters. Members and friends who have lived or worked in Newark are invited to bring old photographs of Newark to show at this meeting. Also on display will be the pictures taken by Owen Lampe, Jr., at the members' annual "wine and cheese" party last June.

ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR - The annual fall architectural walking tour of the Society will take place at 2 pm on Sunday, October 21. We are fortunate to have again Sandy Brown, noted architectural historian, as our guide. After covering small sections of Short Hills and the Wyoming area in the last two walks, we have chosen an area of downtown Millburn this fall. The public is invited and there is no charge. Additional information will appear in the local press.

Howard Brahm
Chairman

FIRST ALERT OF THE 200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD - On October 23, 8 pm, Taylor Park Community Center, the first program in a series of events leading to the Battle's bicentennial in June will feature a slide presentation developed by Lennard A. Fisk and other members of the Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society. The double screen slide program documents the events leading up to the Battle of Springfield. A sound movie, "From Elizabethtown Point to Springfield," will accompany the slide show. Talent from the townships of Millburn, Springfield, and Union will provide colonial music and songs for the evening. A one dollar donation at the door, to defray the expenses of the Battle of Springfield Committee, will be appreciated.

After October 23, the Battle of Springfield slide show will be available to area schools and organizations. For more information, call Lennard Fisk, 376-0988.

MEMBERSHIP - The Membership Committee would like to thank everyone who has renewed his or her membership. The future of the Society depends on your continued support. If you know of someone who would like to become a member (we did not send a town-wide mailing this year), please contact Unni Cooper, Membership Chairman, 467-0796.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members since June:

Mrs. Philip A. Ross (Helen T.)
242 Old Post Road, Tolland, Conn. 07084

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ehrlich (Phyllis) 379-6725
75 Farley Road, Short Hills

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Miller (Diane) 376-8845
121 Highland Avenue, Short Hills

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Penny (Celeste) 379-3983
21 Twin Oak Road, Short Hills

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaefer (Ellie) 376-6635
307 Hobart Avenue, Short Hills

Dr. and Mrs. Abbott Krieger (Marsha) 376-7734
49 Nottingham Road, Short Hills

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Gutman (Phyllis) 376-9224
395 Hartshorn Drive, Short Hills

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sarpi (Shirley) 379-7757
85 Stewart Road, Short Hills

JOINT MEETING WITH MILLBURN ARTS CENTER - On Thursday, November 15, at 8 pm at the Millburn Public Library, John Cunningham, well-known New Jersey author-historian, will speak at a joint meeting of the Millburn Arts Center and the Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society. Mr. Cunningham's topic will be "Gambrel Roofs, Gingerbread Houses, and Glass Architecture in New Jersey." Our thanks to both program chairmen: Dr. William B. Nevius, Arts Center, and Mrs. Roger D. Chesley, Historical Society.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS - The following Amendments to the Society's Constitution and By-laws will be considered at the membership meeting October 17:

Constitution, Article V, Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the five Officers and nine Trustees elected as provided by the By-laws, and the most recent past president, ex-officio.

By-laws, Article II, Section 3. ...Thereafter, the officers of this Society shall be elected as herein above provided, and three Trustees shall be elected at each annual meeting of this Society to serve three-year terms.

By-laws, Article III, Section 2. At meetings of the Board of Directors, eight Directors shall constitute a quorum.

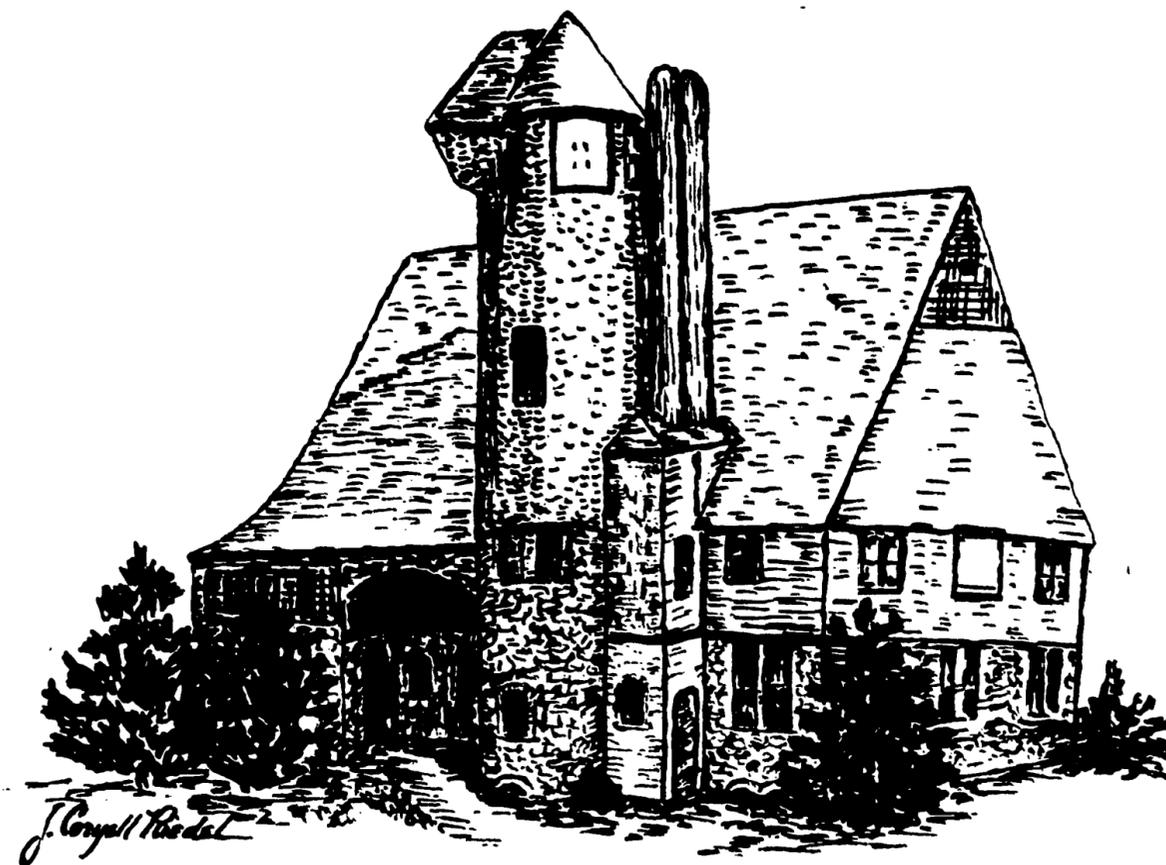
This amendment will make it possible for us to nominate three additional trustees at our next meeting, one for one year, one for two years, and one for a three-year term. Nominations from the floor will be entertained.

HISTORIC STRUCTURES SURVEY - Ann Klemme's dining room table is clear for the first time in two years. The Historic Structures Survey has been revised for the umpteenth time and its eight volumes have left the Klemme household for the last time.

The fate of your work is in the hands of N. J. State historic preservationists who decide if our two proposed historic districts--Short Hills Park and Wyoming--are worthy of placement on the N. J. Register of Historic Places. National Register consideration comes later.

Take time out on your next trip to the library to look through the survey. All eight volumes are packed with information; but Volume I will give you an overview of the project as well as maps, methodology, biographies of architects, the nomination forms, and lists of outstanding buildings in the two districts. Fran Land, with assistance from the Survey Research Committee, wrote much of this volume and deserves great credit. The report traces Millburn's history and places the architecture of the two districts in the larger social context of the time of their development. Tiz Christopherson also has a copy of the report at her home. We are very grateful to the Society's members who have supported this large and complicated project.

Bernice Bertrand
Publicity Chairman for the Survey



Racquets Club--burned, February, 1978, as sketched by Jane Riedel.

NOTELETS, OTHER GIFT ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY GIVING - The holidays are coming and, before we cook our proverbial goose, let us think about that friend who lives in Millburn-Short Hills, who used to live here, or who knows the township well. What more appropriate a gift than our new notelets in packets of 12 for \$2.50, with sketches of the windmill which stood on Stewart Hartshorn's estate, the Wyoming Railroad Station, the Bill Smith Mill (now the site of the high school stadium), and the former Racquets Club building. Or perhaps a copy of "A Little History of Short Hills" by Cora L. Hartshorn (\$1.00) now in its second printing, or a ceramic trivet with the Millburn "Thistle" design (\$2.50). The notelets are available at The Golden Pineapple, Irma's Bag, The Station Stop, and Millburn Camera. All items are available from Judy Adams, 47 Highland Avenue, Short Hills, 376-7831.

DOLL DISPLAY - The Society sponsored a display during the month of September at the Millburn Public Library of antique dolls collected by Mrs. Richard Chapman. Included in the collection were wooden, wax, china, and rag dolls. The oldest dolls date from the early 1700's and the most recent are two baby dolls of the early 1900's and a little black rag doll circa 1930. We thank Mrs. Chapman for sharing her collection and for her help in arranging the exhibition. Anyone who has or knows of a collection that might be displayed at the Library, please call Gloria Patrizio, 376-8711.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE - Celeste Penney has held regular meetings of the publications committee this summer to discuss topics and ways to finance pamphlets or books. John Cunningham was consulted for a professional opinion. It is not too late to offer your writing, graphic, research, or organizational skill and help produce the Society's next publication. Call Mrs. Penney at 379-3983.

Watch for the next issue of the Thistle early next year, when our new editor, Roldah Cameron, takes over. This issue was prepared by Ashby Longwell, Fran Land, and Tiz Christopherson.

