



# PHLF NEWS

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## PHLF SUMMER EVENTS 1975

### SOUTH SIDE WALKING TOUR

JUNE 8

Our Walking Tour of South Side will form at S. 10th Street in front of Sarah's Restaurant at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, 1975. We will be led by Mr. Van Trump and Mr. Ziegler, and will observe the significant architecture of "Old Birmingham", we will stop at several churches, the old Market House, some of the newly restored shops on Carson Street, and take a look at some of the new playgrounds and improved vacant lots. The tour will end at approximately 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$1.00 for members, and \$2.00 for non-members. Tickets will be sold previous to the tour at the Old Post Office Museum and the day of the tour at the starting point.

### MEXICAN WAR STREETS HOUSE TOUR JUNE 28, 29

This year's Mexican War Streets House Tour will be held on Saturday, June 28 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on Sunday, June 29 from 11:30 to 5:00 p.m. There will be a different group of houses available for touring on each day, and separate tickets must be purchased for each day's tour. Tickets will be \$3.00 each (no children's rate) for each tour, and may be purchased prior to the tours at The Old Post Office Museum, ordered by mail from PHLF, or purchased at Horne's and Kaufmann's ticket windows down town. If you wish to order tickets by mail from PHLF you must include \$.25 for handling and postage with your order. An order form is included for your convenience. Tickets will be mailed as soon as they arrive from the printer.

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$3.00 each for the Mexican War Streets House Tour for Saturday, June 28, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$3.00 each for the Mexican War Streets House Tour for Sunday, June 29, 11:30 - 5:00 p.m.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

No tickets will be mailed unless order is accompanied by check and \$.25 for handling and postage.

### TROY HILL WALKING TOUR

JULY 13

Since our lecture program at the Old Post Office Museum last winter, we have had many requests for a walking tour of Troy Hill to see just what it is that Mary Wohleber, President of our PHLF volunteers gets so excited about when she gives her lecture!

Our walking tour will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 13 in the parking lot of North

Catholic High School where there will be plenty of room for parking. The tour will be led by Mr. Van Trump, Mr. Ziegler, and Mary Wohleber. In addition to the walking tour and observing the architecture of the area, we will be able to stop in several buildings including St. Anthony's Chapel.

Tickets may be purchased prior to the tour at the Old Post Office Museum or the day of the tour at the starting point. Cost of this tour will be \$2.00 for members and \$3.00 for non members.

### ORTHODOX AND UNIATE CHURCH BUS TOUR JULY 27

Our local summer bus tour this year will be to see the architecture of some of our local Orthodox and Uniate Churches. We plan to visit Churches in a number of sections of the City and some in the suburbs. Our bus will leave the Old Post Office Museum at 2:00 sharp, and return to that point at approximately 6:00 p.m. We are planning an afternoon tea enroute. Mr. Van Trump and Mr. Ziegler will lead the tour and explain the architecture at the Churches. The cost of the tour will be \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. Reservations must be made ahead of time, a form is included for registering for this tour.

### RESERVATION FORM FOR PHLF SUMMER BUS TOUR -JULY 27

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for PHLF members @\$5.00 each; and \_\_\_\_\_ seats for non-members @\$7.00 ea.

Please list the names of all persons for whom the reservations are made!

My Check for the full amount is enclosed! \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### BELLEFIELD WALKING TOUR

SEPTEMBER 14

September 14, at 2:00 p.m. is the time for our first walking tour in the Bellefield district. Mr. Van Trump and Mr. Ziegler will lead this tour of this very interesting part of Oakland. Our tour will meet and begin in the parking lot across the street from St. Paul's Cathedral. The cost of the tour will be \$1.00 for members and \$2.00 for non-members. Tickets may be purchased prior to the tour at the Old Post Office Museum, or at the starting point on the day of the tour.

### PHLF BICENTENNIAL TOUR TO BOSTON

OCTOBER 1975

PHLF is planning a tour to Boston, Lexington, Concord, Sturbridge Village this fall at the same time the National Trust Convention is meeting in Boston. See TOUR page for details, and join us!

# Gifts for the Garden Court

We are grateful to the following Foundations, organizations and individuals for their contributions to the development of this court:

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Granite Keystones

Depicting the races of the world  
Fourth Avenue Post Office  
1892-1966

Gift of  
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Crimson King Maple Tree

Gift of  
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in memory of her parents  
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Crimson King Maple Tree

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STONE MAIDENS

Fourth Avenue Post Office  
1892-1966

Statues and Plaza  
Gift of  
The Hillman Foundation

ALCOA FOUNDATION PLAZA

made possible by a grant from

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Lead bas-relief bench back  
from B. F. Jones Estate, "Fairacres"

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Mrs. B. F. Jones, III

Manchester Bridge Portal Sculptures

Depicting Joe Magarac, legendary steel worker  
and Jan Volkanik, who staged a one man coal strike  
1916-1970, Charles Keck, Sculptor

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and Gwaysuta, a great Seneca Indian chief  
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Brick Vaults  
c. 1870

Beneath former sidewalk of 120 W. Ohio Street  
Discovered during grading work for this garden court

Restoration  
Gift of

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Robert Baur Green Garden

Gift of

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and  
Other friends of Robert Baur

16th Street Bridge Lamps  
1923-1973

Gift of  
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31st Street Bridge Lamp Standard and Lamps  
c. 1920

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Duquesne Light Company

Cucumber Tree

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in memory of  
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Iron Gate  
from B. F. Jones Estate, "Fairacres",  
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Plantings

Gift of

Garden Club of Allegheny County

House and Barn Stones  
McElhaney House  
Findlay Township, 1824-1971  
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Retrieval and Installation  
In memory of

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Archeologist, Member, and Friend of  
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# Manchester Restoration Program Receives National Award

A Manchester Restoration Program which has been a product of more than a decade of work and which has operated jointly with the local citizen's committee and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh has received a 1975 National Award for Excellence in Environmental Design from Design and Environment magazine. The program will be described fully in the summer issue of Design and Environment and will be included in a book that deals with innovative environmental design programs throughout the country that will appear later in the year.

Eleven years ago when we first started our work on Liverpool Street, all of Manchester was slated for demolition. As a result in a change in City administrations and an aroused citizen's group, we were able to develop with the Urban Redevelopment Authority an innovative Urban Renewal Program which calls for the restoration of all PHLF certified buildings in Manchester. The Urban Redevelopment Authority carries out the exterior restoration in cooperation with PHLF at no charge to the owner and further makes grants and loans available to low income owners for interior improvement of the properties.

In this way no dislocation occurs. Pittsburgh has, in fact, the first urban renewal-through-restoration program for low to moderate income people in the nation.

Unfortunately the program suffered two major setbacks in recent years. President Nixon impounded the loan and grant money for two years which created considerable deterioration of structures and then the Urban Redevelopment Authority began demolishing many of the deteriorated buildings. Recently a new agreement has been worked out between URA and PHLF with the assistance of the Department of Housing and Urban Development so the demolition will affect far fewer historic buildings. The local citizens organization and PHLF are endeavoring to set up a non-profit restoration corporation to assist the Manchester Urban Renewal Program.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

First and Third Sunday afternoons of each month will feature slide/film/lecture presentations in the Belfour Gallery. These programs will be varied, with the purpose of showing the work of PHLF as well as special events. The programs will be free with admission to the Museum, and will be presented at 2:30 p.m.

Many thanks to the Kindergarden Club of Fox Chapel who are donating and planting flowering plants in the Garden Court for the summer season. The work is to be completed the first week of June.

## CHAIRMAN'S RAMBLE

The whole urban preservation movement is in grave danger. Three New York cases, two in the appellate courts and one in the lower court, have decided that preservation zoning and landmark designation are unconstitutional as applied to 1) preventing a charity - the Lutheran Church - from demolishing a landmark - the Morgan House - when it appeared economical to the charity to do so to achieve greater income from the property 2) preventing the owners of the Grand Central Terminal, a city-designated landmark, from despoiling the building by erecting a skyscraper in the air rights above the station and 3) maintaining the Steinway Area in Queens - a dignified old human-scaled worker's community 100 years old as a preservation area under the jurisdiction of the Landmarks Commission.

The argument went each time: You are preventing us from developing our property, you are depriving us of income, without corresponding chance of enhancement and therefore we are being deprived of our property without due process of law. In the case of the Steinway house area the New York Times reported some owners of the houses as sympathetically inclined to the designation of historical significance, but antagonistic to the provisions of the law that following such designation no exterior changes can be made without Commission approval. We can sympathize at first blush with the proud independent house owner who loves his home there. "I don't need to ask a Commission if I can paint my house or add a porch on or put a side entrance in." The answer of course is, no Commission will stop him from painting the house or adding the porch or putting the side entrance in if the effect of the whole area is not destroyed or diminished. And what he gives up in pure individualistic clout (which includes of course the power to destroy or render obnoxious) is the very thing which in the long run renders his property more valuable year after year.

The self-same arguments were made in the very beginning against zoning laws in general. The preservation ordinances are nothing more than modern extensions of the old zoning philosophy. Does any one now argue that Shady Side or Highland Park or Fox Chapel need not have a steel mill or a city incinerator or a race track or a burlesque house or even a highrise next to single (or double) family residences? Perish the thought. We've advanced farther than such barbarity. Why then rule out the preservation of well-maintained artifacts of the past on the grounds of economic necessity? True, extreme cases can develop in highly congested high-priced urban centers, but there again some zoning credit plan can and must be developed (the "Chicago Plan" named after Chicago, but not adopted there), so that economic loss from maintaining the older structure be not acute and unduly burdensome.

The smallest European town has learnt the lesson despite centuries of warfare and unrest, that architecture of all arts is the most lasting, the most satisfying and useful of the arts. It is the most compelling attraction to the visitor from other lands. When will America learn the same truth?

## Glenshaw Station

### Historical society seeks to save landmark

The Shaler Historical Society is asking the North Hills community to join it in an effort to save and restore the old Glenshaw Railroad Station on Route 8, a landmark since the turn of the century.

After the story of its demolition by Busy Beaver Remodeling Centers, Inc., appeared in News Record, the society contacted Mrs. Rene Waun of McKeesport who had first learned of the threatened demolition. She initiated a campaign to stop it.

The North Hills Jaycees also contacted Mrs. Waun and offered help in fund raising and business services.

The society asked Shaler commis-

sioners for help.

The commissioners said they would provide land for the building if it had to be moved and if the society could not obtain property in the Glenshaw Valley near other historical landmarks.

Robert Bleil, president of the Shaler Board of Commissioners, and William L. Crawford, township manager, visited Barry Lhormer, president of Busy Beaver, and asked him to reconsider and leave the station where it is.

Busy Beaver leases the land on which the station stands from the Chesie Railroad System and planned to tear it down to make room for expansion of its business.

Lhormer said more space is needed for their business, but agreed not to do anything until the end of the year. Busy Beaver also agreed to donate \$500 to the project of moving and restoring the building.

In order to apply for a Bicentennial and other grants, matching funds of various percentages must be raised locally. That is where the people of the North Hills, especially the Shaler area, come in. Donations of cash or services are being solicited from individuals, businesses and clubs in the area.

Mrs. Donald Miller, acting president of the society, said:

"Architects have told us the station is an excellent example of Victorian architecture and is well worth saving, aside from its tremendous significance to the community as a remnant of the old whistlestop days.

"We are asking everyone to help in the fight to keep another old landmark from disappearing from the scene."

Donations, which are tax deductible, may be sent to the Shaler Historical Society, P.O. Box 33, Glenshaw, 15116.

Mrs. Richard Dorrell and Mrs. George Beitler are chairmen of the Railroad Station Preservation Committee.

# Neighborhood Program News

## Allentown

The Allentown Neighborhood Exhibit, prepared by the Hilltop Civic Improvement Association as part of PHLF's Neighborhood Exhibits Program, will open Sunday, June 22 with a special reception for City and County officials and the community.

The Exhibit, entitled the "Grand Opening of the New Allentown" represents seven months of study of Allentown by neighborhood residents with PHLF. It portrays Allentown as it is seen by the people who live in this hilltop community. Exhibit materials were gathered from community meetings, interviews conducted throughout the neighborhood and a walking tour of Allentown.

The focal point of the Exhibit is a pictorial description of the neighborhood. Large blow-ups of pictures taken by neighborhood residents describing various aspects of Allentown: its people, its architecture, its history, its strong points and its problems will be on display. Proposed solutions to problems identified throughout the program will also be included in the Exhibit.

A vacant storefront, the Hilltop Grill, on Warrington Avenue, in Allentown's commercial district, has been donated for the Exhibit site. On June 17, volunteers from throughout the neighborhood will gather to assemble the exhibit.

The Exhibit will be open for one month; it will be staffed by volunteers from the Hilltop Civic Improvement Association. The grand opening of the New Allentown will then be on display at the Old Post Office with exhibits from Glenfield, Northside, and Liberty School. A publication about Allentown is also being prepared.

## North Side

Through PHLF's Neighborhood Exhibits Program, northsiders have sponsored two poster contests. The first contest open only to residents of the North Side offered prizes for posters in four categories: 1975 Summer Events on the Northside, *The Resources of the Northside* and two posters depicting solutions to problems of the neighborhood.

At a community meeting, April 13, two winning posters were chosen. Craig Highberger a resident of Allegheny West was awarded \$50. for his poster describing the Northside Summer Events and Steve Foberts a resident of Central Northside was awarded \$50. for his poster describing the resources of the Northside.

A second poster contest offering a prize of \$100. each for 2 posters about the Northside is still accepting entries. This contest, open to anyone in the City or County is for a poster describing any aspect of the Northside: its resources, its people, its history, its architecture or its problems and possible solutions to the problems. Entries are still being accepted at the Old Post Office Museum.

## South Side

Beginning this month low interest loans will be available to Carson Street merchants for exterior restoration through a special restoration loan fund program developed by the South Side Chamber of Commerce and PHLF. A complete restoration store-by-store plan for Carson Street has been developed by Jerry Peckich, South Side businessmen, and John Martine, architect.

The program funded by the South Side Chamber of Commerce and matched by PHLF through a grant from the Hillman Foundation will be available to those merchants and store owners on Carson Street who wish to restore the exterior of their buildings but cannot afford to do so. Through the program, the store owner will be expected to pay 50% of the restoration costs and PHLF and the South Side Chamber of Commerce will each pay 25% of the costs.

Eligible for funding in the program will be new awnings, signs, exterior painting, planters and

new lighting. The maximum loan made will be five hundred dollars. 85 storeowners have signed up to participate in the program.

Additional money will be available for restoration through the City of Pittsburgh's Community Development Block Grant Small Business Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund. The City loan office will open on the South Side this month.

## Pittsburgh Park and Playground Fund Assists Birmingham Restoration Program

Working through PHLF, South Side Arts and Crafts Council has obtained funds from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Pittsburgh Parks and Playgrounds Funds to beautify three vacant lots on the South Side. The lots at 1101 Carson St, 1010 Carson Street and 1301 Bingham Street will be developed as parklets.

## RECENTLY RECEIVED

Many thanks to the following members and friends who have donated artifacts for use in the Old Post Office Museum.

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin E. Agnew  
Mrs. George Anthony  
Rev. John Balz  
Mrs. Helen Beach  
Dennis Berecky  
Ms. Kathryn M. Cuane  
Mrs. Albert Curry  
Mrs. Carl A. Erickson  
Sam Falk  
Mrs. B. A. Frazier  
Mr. William Ferguson  
Harry Hall  
Henry Hegerle  
Ms. Mary Louise Rickey Hobbs  
Max J. Janairo, Jr.  
Mrs. C. Christy Jones  
Robert J. Kaufman  
Mrs. Kramp  
Mrs. Gordon H. Limpline  
William B. LeWinter  
John Schoenberger McCormick  
Mrs. William Louis McKerahan  
Mrs. Donald McLean

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Mrs. Charles R. Miller  
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Mrs. Thomas Muller, Jr.  
Joseph Nellis  
Mrs. Crawford H. Park  
Matthew J. Puplich  
Ms. Elvina H. Richey  
Charles Samaha  
Mrs. R. W. Scott  
Mrs. M. J. Judson Scribner  
Mrs. Paul Sheldon  
C. L. Snowden, Jr.  
Wayne Starr  
Ms. Becky Stewart  
Rev. & Mrs. David Stricker  
Miss Annie Swan  
Ronald Taylor  
John E. Thompson  
Jane & Harry Vickman  
Women's Industrial Exchange  
Mrs. Robert W. Wright

## Staff Changes Announced

Since the first of the year at PHLF we have accepted the resignation of Miss Lee Zielinski, and appointed three new persons to our staff.

Greg Weidner who worked for us for quite a few years as a volunteer while he completed his college education, has been appointed Assistant to the President, and Archivist.

Marian Baur has been appointed Assistant bursar to help with our Bookkeeping department.

Nancy Flaherty, wife of Pittsburgh's Mayor has been appointed Assistant for Special Projects.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to Mr. David Lewis, a member of PHLF Board of Trustees on his appointment to the William Henry Bishop Visiting Professorship. The Professorship was established through the bequest of William Henry Bishop, Yale Class of 1867. The professorship is for the appointment of a distinguished visiting architect to the faculty of the School of Architecture. Mr. Lewis is the third architect to have held this professorship since its beginning in 1972 at Yale University.





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# TOURS

PHLF BICENTENNIAL TOUR.....OCTOBER 10-13, 1975

PLAN NOW to take an ADVENTURE IN HISTORY with PHLF, Columbus Day Weekend to BOSTON, the city where the American Revolution started and the BiCentennial celebration actually begins.

### SEE:

- the Revere Silver Collection at the Museum of Fine Arts
- Freedom Trail Highlights
- Richardson's Trinity Church & Rectory at Copley Square
- Bullfinch's "New" State House, Circa 1795
- Faneuil Hall Market & Museum
- Concord & Lexington towns
- Harvard & MIT
- lunch at Durgin Parks Restaurant, Faneuil Hall Market area
- lunch and tour to Wayside Inn, Sudbury
- all-day visit to Sturbridge Village, an 18th Century rural New England town

### ENJOY:

- comfortable and newly renovated accommodations for 3 nights at Boston's famous Copley Plaza Hotel
- 3 continental breakfasts
- all tips, taxes and admissions on sightseeing tours and to lectures paid
- tour escort throughout program
- exclusive motorcoach for all drives and transfers
- Pittsburgh departure at 8:15 a.m., Friday, October 10th
- Pittsburgh return at 9:25 p.m. on Monday, (Columbus Day) October 13th
- plus LOTS more sites & sights in Boston to make this PHLF weekend fun and educational

### COMPLETE TOUR RATES ARE:

- \$97.50 for children under 14 years, sharing same or adjoining room with parents
- \$130.00 per person for adults, sharing twin bedded accommodation
- \$47.00 for single supplement
- PLUS: \$76.73 per person for round trip group airfare via Allegheny Airlines (return may be via any Boston/Pittsburgh Allegheny flight and group airfare may be purchased independently from tour program)

To be sure of your reserved place...on this Fall Weekend in Boston, complete and mail application below together with your deposit of \$25.00 to: Mrs. Betty Schloss, Ponzio Travel, 535 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219 telephone - 471-7800

Please Note: reservations are limited to one motorcoach and acceptances are on a first come, first serve basis. Brochure mailed on request.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF PERSONS ACCOMPANYING ME (Indicate children under 14) \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check items required: \_\_\_\_\_ Airfare & Tour Program, Oct. 10-13, 1975 for adults; \_\_\_\_\_ for children.

\_\_\_\_\_ airfare only to Boston and return, \$76.73 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ single supplement, \$47.00 additional per person

## NEEDED...

PHLF is interested in finding a person or persons who would be interested in becoming a flower vendor for a prominent downtown location. Anyone who is really interested should contact PHLF.

We are also interested in finding a vendor to sell pretzels and chestnuts, etc. outside the Museum and Buhl Planetarium on weekends.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| July      | 13 | Troy Hill Walking Tour<br>2:00 p.m. Meet at parking lot of North Catholic High School.<br>\$2.00 members; \$3.00 non-members.             |
| July      | 27 | Bus Tour of local Uniate and Orthodox Churches.<br>Meet at Old Post Office at 2:00 p.m. \$5.00 members; \$7.00 non-members.               |
| September | 14 | Walking Tour of Bellefield<br>2:00 p.m. Meet at parking lot across street from St. Paul's Cathedral, corner of 5th Avenue & Dithridge St. |

Thomas A. Armstrong Redivivus

A once familiar member of the statuary population of the North Side parks has been returned to public life and has been placed in a new position in the landscaped setting recently constructed at the juncture of Federal Street with Allegheny Square North. Thomas A. Armstrong, a late 19th century editor and "a friend of the working man", carved life-size in limestone, has through the efforts of PHLF been resurrected after having lain neglected for several years in the City's sculptural bone yard near the Aviary. The statue had been knocked from its pedestal in West Park by a runaway truck in 1969.

Thomas A. Armstrong (1840-1887) was a well known local figure in his time and a newspaperman devoted to the cause of Labor in a day when it really needed defending. Born in Steubenville, Ohio, he came to Pittsburgh in 1857 to learn the printer's trade. He worked for the old Pittsburgh Commercial Journal. After service in the Civil War, in which he was twice wounded, he returned to this city and became editor of the Labor Tribune. In the 1870's and '80's he fought constantly for the cause of organized labor and governmental financial reforms. In 1882 he was the Labor candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania. A charter member of the Pittsburgh Press Club in 1884, he was active in its affairs. In 1887, he died from the result of an accident which reopened one of his Civil War wounds. In 1889 his statue was erected in West Park at a cost of \$10,000; it was paid for by contributions from workingmen throughout the United States.

The writer had always been fond of the statue as a good example of local Victorian statuary and public piety. Tom, although a statue, was a familiar figure and a friend; even after his lamentable fall in 1969, we tried to keep his memory green. When PHLF in 1971 was looking for examples of 19th century public sculpture to place in our projected garden court (happily dedicated last year) we offered to give Tom an honored place therein and tried to interest Labor organizations in his sculptural resurrection. When we petitioned the City, however, Mayor Flaherty decided that the municipality should have the task of reerecting his image and restoring him to public regard.

Now as we of PHLF look upon our friend, this "advocate of the Rights of Labor" with his Victorian business suit and rotund "corporation", we hail once more his eminence among us.

NEEDED...

PHLF has need of Victorian furniture: chairs, tables, desks, sofas, end tables and lamps for display in the Old Post Office Museum. If you can donate any please call the office at 322-1204.

Volunteers to help with the Mexican War Streets House Tour --  
If interested please fill in the form provided, and mail to Carolyn Emerick (Mrs. Jack) at the Old Post Office, Allegheny Square West, Pgh. 15212.

I would like to help with the Mexican War Streets House Tour on Saturday, June 28, from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

I would like to help with the Mexican War Streets House Tour on Sunday, June 29, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

I would like to help with the Mexican War Streets House Tour on Sunday, June 29, from 2:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m.

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ighting. The maximum loan made will be five ed dollars. 85 storeowners have signed up rticipate in the program.

ional money will be available for restor- through the City of Pittsburgh's Community opment Block Grant Small Business Rehabili- n Revolving Loan Fund. The City loan office open on the South Side this month.

burgh Park and Playground Fund Assists ngham Restoration Program

g through PHLF, South Side Arts and Crafts l has obtained funds from the Western lvania Conservancy's Pittsburgh Parks and ounds Funds to beautify three vacant lots e South Side. The lots at 1101 Carson St, arson Street and 1301 Bingham Street will eloped as parklets.

CENTLY RECEIVED

thanks to the following members and friends ave donated artifacts for use in the Old Office Museum.

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Changes Announced

the first of the year at PHLF we have ed the resignation of Miss Lee Zielinski, ointed three new persons to our staff.

eidner who worked for us for quite a few as a volunteer while he completed his college on, has been appointed Assistant to the ent, and Archivist.

Baur has been appointed Assistant bursar to th our Bookkeeping department.

laherty, wife of Pittsburgh's Mayor has been ed Assistant for Special Projects.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. David Lewis, a member of PHLF Board of

ustees on his appointment to the William Henry

shop Visiting Professorship. The Professorship

s established through the bequest of William

ry Bishop, Yale Class of 1867. The professor-

ip is for the appointment of a distinguished

siting architect to the faculty of the School

Architecture. Mr. Lewis is the third archi-

st to have held this professorship since its

inning in 1972 at Yale University.

