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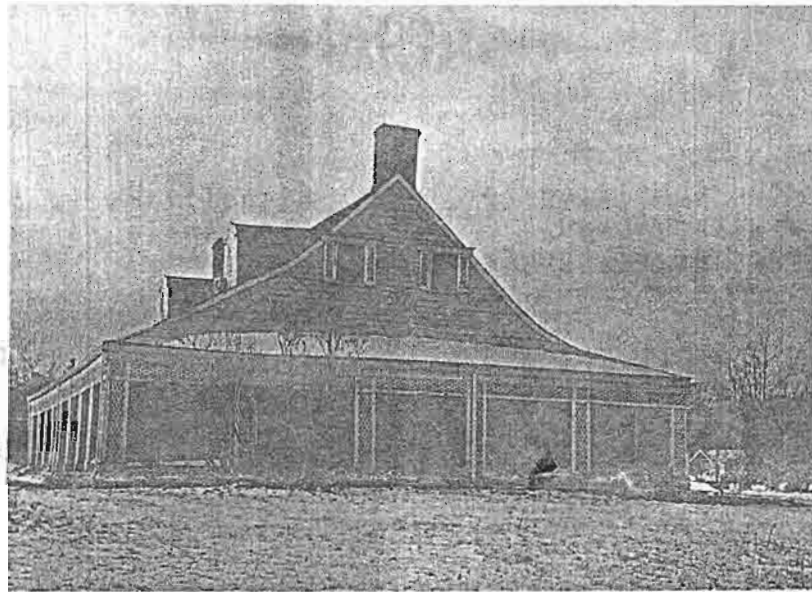
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Neville House and Old St. Luke's Restoration Progressing

Much progress has been made on the initial phase of restoration of the Neville House. During the summer our restoration crew completed extensive exterior woodwork repairs including rebuilding a major portion of the porch which had deteriorated.

We removed old electric, gas, and telephone lines which had been applied to the outside of the building and repaired dormers, eave boards, siding and trim. A new main plate was installed almost the entire length of the porch. Then all the exterior wood was primed with a gray primer paint. The house will receive its finish coats of paint in the spring.

The soil at the rear of the house which had over the years built up to 6" over its original level was removed and the area was graded to assure that surface water will drain away from the house. This work also exposed some of the low boards on the house which had to be replaced. The entire property was treated for termites.



On the interior, this January our crew reinforced the main floor beam in the dining room area. The beam had not been designed correctly by the builders of the house to carry the weight, and thus the floor had sagged. Insulation of the roof areas is to follow.

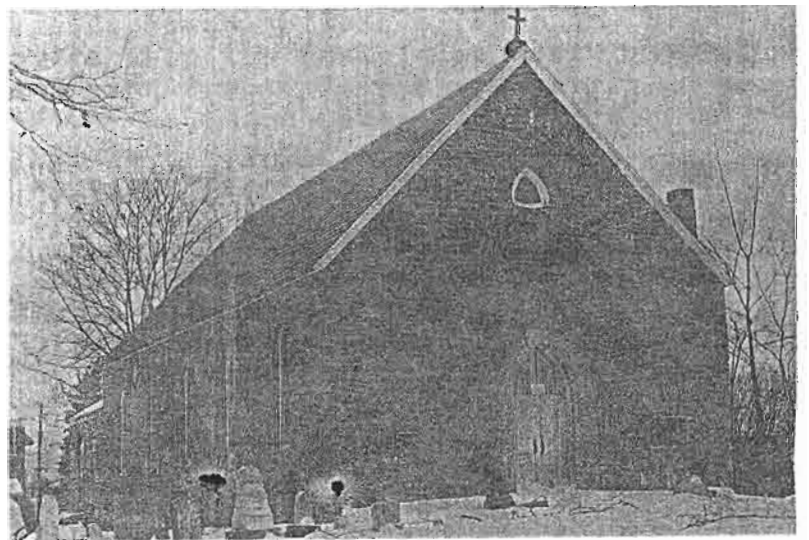
When the exterior is painted in the spring, the Phase I work will be completed. This work as described above along with the new roof installed last year has been 50% funded by a grant from the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service and has been intended to complete the structural stabilization of the building.

In other work we are presently taking bids for replacement of the earth and landscaping in the "Temporary Easement Area" of the property, and hope to have that area restored to its original contours by June. We also installed a new wider driveway entrance to the property.

Old St. Luke's, Woodville, has been undergoing restoration on many fronts in the last few months. Repairs to the roof slates, eaves, and stonework have been completed. The exterior pointing of the major faults in the stonework has been 50% completed; and all of the interior stone walls have been brushed down with brooms and brushes.

Preliminary investigation has been made into the sewer and water situation in the basement for restroom installation.

A wood-burning stove has been installed to keep the church warm during auxiliary meetings. The Autumn Festival raised more than \$1,200 for restoration activities. Christmas Eve saw the site aglow from the luminaries.



James Biddle Scheduled to Lecture

We are pleased to announce that on May 19, 1980, James Biddle, president of the National Trust will be our speaker for our continuing series of Distinguished Lecturers in Historic Preservation. Mr. Biddle has been president of the National Trust for 10 years during which time the membership of the Trust has increased from 10,000 to 150,000, and the Trust has completed its move to its handsome new headquarters in the Andrew Mellon house in Washington.

The lecture will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Old Post Office Museum. Admission is free to PHLF members, and the cost for non-members is \$2.00 each.

Gallery Lectures

This year's Spring Gallery Lecture Series will feature: Old Allegheny, The Mexican War Streets, Allegheny West, and Station Square. The lectures which will be illustrated with slides, and offer a question and answer period will be held in the lower gallery of the Old Post Office Museum at 1:00 p.m. on four Thursdays in April and May:

April 10	Old Allegheny	Mary Wohleber
April 17	Mexican War Streets	Len Richards
April 24	Allegheny West	To be announced
May 1	Station Square	Arthur P. Ziegler

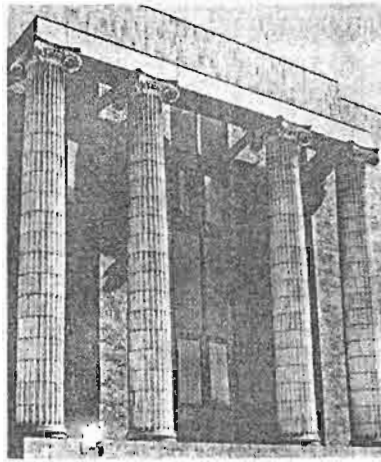
The Gallery Lectures are free to PHLF members, and the cost for non-members is \$2.00 per lecture. No pre-registration is necessary; you may register 1/2 hour prior to each lecture.

Looking For Landmarks:

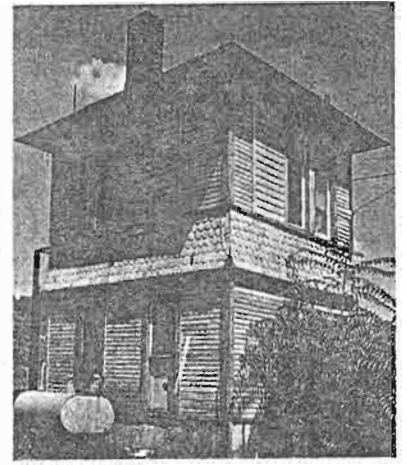
We are pleased to announce that R. K. Mellon Foundation has awarded PHLF a grant of \$100,000 for the Allegheny County Survey. This generous gift comes as a partial match towards our state funding for the four-year project as outlined in PHLF NEWS Number 74.

Meanwhile, the survey team continues to move through the City of Pittsburgh, locating and recording landmarks. Our staff now boasts six full-time members, as well as a score of enthusiastic volunteers. We have covered much ground in the past year, sites recorded now number in the thousands and range in scope from a small Queen Anne switch house in Lawrenceville to J&L's Eliza and Lucy blast furnaces in South Oakland. Of course, many of the sites have lost their original integrity over the years; a few have been demolished since we recorded them. This makes our detective work a little more difficult.

As we move out into the County, we welcome both site suggestions and volunteers from our members and friends. Do you know of a landmark - architecture, public sculpture, park or garden, engineering work, or industrial site - that we should know about? Do you want to help? Contact Eliza Smith at 322-1204 for more information.



PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL, East Liberty. The Ionic columns are all that remain of the 1911 structure.



QUEEN ANNE switch house (c. 1895), Pennsylvania Railroad, Lawrenceville.



ALPHA TERRACE (c. 1885), East Liberty. A 25-unit development of Richardson Romanesque and Queen Anne row houses.



"Phipps Phling" A Success

On Thursday, November 1, 1979, the Committee for the Restoration of Phipps Conservatory held a special preview party for the opening of the Fall Flower Show.

The party raised more than \$6,000 in private donations and generated an additional grant for \$5,000 for the restoration of the Conservatory from a private foundation.

The cost of the entire restoration program has been estimated at \$5.5 million.

Much of that total has been raised and much of the work has been done already. To date glass replacement continues; the electrical and circulation systems have been replaced; a dramatic new portable display lighting system has been purchased; new growing tables have been built; walkways have been reconstructed; a feed line to the Bellefield Boiler Plant was made to provide dependable steam heating; a new water supply and drainage system was installed, and many exhibit rooms have been restored to their former appearance.

However, considerable work remains to be done. Major structural repairs to several display houses are urgently needed. Much of the glass must yet be replaced. All woodwork needs to be reconstructed or restored and interior doors should be replaced. A new front entranceway--aesthetic and practical--is needed, as is an educational room. Several decorative amenities inside and the reconstruction of exterior gardens will complete the restoration.

We estimate that these improvements will cost an additional \$3 million. Will you help us meet that goal?

Orchid Collection Donated to Phipps

An outstanding group of 100 orchid plants from the collection of the late Lucy K. Schoonmaker has been donated to Phipps by Mr. James K. Ebbert. The conservatory's display will be expanded and enriched because of the Ebbert's generosity.

Ziegler Elected

Arthur P. Ziegler, Jr., president of Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation has recently been elected to two National preservation positions. Mr. Ziegler was elected to a three-year term as a trustee of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and chairman of Preservation Action.



Phipps Conservatory is open 7 days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Funds For Phipps Conservatory

I wish to contribute to the restoration of Phipps Conservatory.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____

NAME _____

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Make check payable to:

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Old Post Office Museum

Pittsburgh, PA 15212 Mark check "Phipps"

Your gift is fully tax deductible.

Memorial gifts are available.



Neville House Auxilliary News

The Neville House Auxiliary held an eighteenth century luncheon and fashion show at Chartiers Country Club on October 31 to benefit their restoration activities.

A Chinese Auction including handcrafted items, collectables, small antiques and a drawing featuring an antique ivory and lace fan from the 1870's and a string of crystal beads from the turn of the century was held. Informal modeling was by Fashion Gallerie of Bethel Park. The event raised more than \$1,200 for the restoration effort.

The Neville House Auxiliary, formed in 1976, is working to preserve and restore the house for the present and for future generations. The Virginia style home is 200 years old, the only one of its kind in Western Pennsylvania. When the restoration is completed, the house will be available for use for classes, exhibitions, community meetings, and social functions.

Neville House is located on Route 50 in Bridgeville between Kirwan Heights Route 79 exit and Thoms Run Road.

CHAIRMAN'S RAMBLE

What next, Pittsburgh? At last we have a chance of blending the old and the new in Philip Johnson's PPG center. The white hats and the black hats have joined hands at last in planning for the Golden Triangle one of the most exciting walkable cities in the world. The old need not be destroyed for the new; the new need not divorce itself from the old and become a faceless inhuman sheet of steel without interest, without adornment.

When we first heard of the PPG development we shuddered at the magnitude of it, at the effect it might have on Market Square, the small human scale park which still holds such promise of restoration, and whose renovation by the City and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (in planning with PHLF) has already started the Square on its way.

The developers showed us Philip Johnson's plans in camera before public announcement. We were astonished at the impact of the gothic towers, sheathed in shimmering glass, echoing across the City to the Union Trust Building, Richardson's Court House and Klauder's Tower of Learning at Pitt. The plans are super-indigenous; international and vernacular at the same time.

It is true, we must lose the old Union Bank Building at 4th and Market, and three little old brick structures on Market Street going to the old Square. One, however, has been covered with shakes, and thus deserves the "Raw Persimmon Award of the Year." The other two are miniscule, badly abused over the years and not distinguished enough to make a rear guard fight for. There will, of course, be inter-ecine warfare over the remaining buildings and businesses to be acquired for the project. But that problem will be solved we should think by intelligent planning and adequate quid pro quo.

The Burke's Building (1852), now the Landmarks Building, first office building west of the Alleghenies, is safe, as is the four-story structure on the southeast corner of Market Square. Donald Miller, in praising the Johnson plans, had this to say of the building: "The idea of saving a Victorian building on Market Street at the Square, now housing a religious store, was not adequately explained at the news conference. Is it really worth saving or is there another reason? We should be told if there is. So beautiful a project should reflect the whole truth."

Donald should not worry a bit. The reason it is being saved is not for any religious scruples, if that is one implication. It is the highest building on the Square and will be the highest measure of the Johnson building to be built across the Square. It is an old building, about 1852, and for many years was Fleming's Drug Store. Its four-story form with unusual hipped roof can clearly be seen in the oldest photographs of the Square. It is the only untouched building there. The other old buildings have been brutally altered on their facades, and will take sensitive rehabilitation work to bring them back even to the authenticity of the religious store. Surely this is enough to insure its preservation.

So let's go Pittsburgh! If Donald Miller has blessed the project and its "glinting elegant tower" and Ada Huxtable has found it "a spectacular addition to the skyline, like it or not," and PPG has the courage to undertake a colossal but sensitive homestead in Pittsburgh, let's go.

Special Thanks

Last year, just before the fire in the elevator in the Old Post Office Museum, one of our Trustees and a loyal, hard-working volunteer in our gift shop, Mrs. Grace Burrell donated the attractive greenery arrangement in the Oliver Window display of the Old Post Office. The fire in the nearby elevator was extremely hard on the plants. Some have been nursed back to health, and some will be replaced. We are grateful to Mrs. Burrell for the splendid contribution and its further enhancement of the area.

Allegheny West Restoration Underway

Mayor Caliguiri, Jean Dittmer, Tom Barbush and John deSantis dedicated the start-up of restoration for six houses on Western Avenue near Brighton Road this past August. These fine Italianate houses had suffered severe deterioration and Allegheny West worked for over two years to assemble a financing package. PHLF helped with securing some foundation funding and Neighborhood Housing Services was able to make funds available. We are pleased to see this large-scale effort move ahead and look forward to the opening of shops on the first floor with apartments on the upper floors soon.

HOUSE FOR SALE

82 year-old house on Ohio River Blvd. 5 rooms first 5 rooms & center hall second, 4 rooms third, 2-car garage, lot 63 x 180. Call 761-7652

Alpha Terrace, N. Beatty Street (c.1880)
Atwell-Christy House, Sewickley (1862)
Carnegie Free Library of Carnegie (1898-1901)
Carnegie Free Library of McKeesport (1899-1902)
Congregation B'nai Israel, N. Negley Ave. (1923)
Great Stone Wall, Allegheny Reservoir, Troy Hill (1849)

Keown House, McCandless (c.1842-50)
McGuffey Building, Glenshaw (1887)
Mellon Park, Squirrel Hill
Montgomery House, Shadyside (c.1885)
Peleponeus, Verona (c.1835-38)
Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Downtown (c.1895)
Pittsburgh Brewing Company, Lawrenceville (1886)
Ross-Tookey House, Pine Township (c.1835)
Urban Room, William Penn Hotel, Downtown (c.1930)
West End Park (c. 1895)

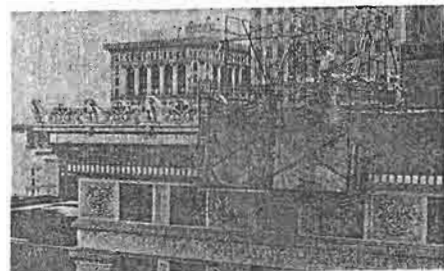
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Artifact Retrieval



PHLF has acquired portions of the elegant terra cotta cornice from the Allegheny Building downtown for its artifact collection. Here, workmen of the Charles J. Greve Co. are shown removing the cornice after it had begun to fall in pieces to the street.

Annual Meeting Set for April 15: Leopold Alder to Speak

PHLF Annual Meeting 1980 will be held at the Old Post Office Museum on April 15, 1980 at 8:00 p.m.

Features of the evening will be:

- Annual election of PHLF officers and Trustees
- Illustrated lecture by Leopold Adler, II, the founder of Historic Savannah and person responsible for the restoration of over 1,000 homes and preservation of the downtown residential area. Mr. Adler addressed us several years ago, but will now speak to us on his new Savannah project, the restoration of over 600 houses in the Victorian district. This incredible program, funded by HUD, the Ford Foundation, and private gifts is an astonishing and beautiful effort. Mr. Adler is a dynamic speaker and will present a richly illustrated lecture.

Nominations for re-election to the Board of Trustees are:

Reed Albig	Mrs. Delvin Miller
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Edward J. Lewis	Mrs. Nathan Pearson
Mrs. David Genter	Miles J. Span
Mrs. Alan Lehman	Mrs. Alan Wohleber
Chester LeMaistre	James L. Winokur

Nominations for new members to the Board of Trustees are:

Clifford A. Barton
Alexander McKenna
Edward Quick

Additional nominations may be made by petition in writing to the nominating committee if signed by twenty or more members of PHLF.

I will attend the ANNUAL MEETING

I will not attend the ANNUAL MEETING AND HEREBY TENDER MY PROXY TO CHAIRMAN of the nominating committee to cast my ballot in favor of the officers and trustees presented by the nominating committee.

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Boat and Motors Donated

The Old Post Office Museum has received a unique contribution of restored outboard motors, boat, and trophies won by a champion outboard motor-racer family.

PHLF is grateful to Mr. D.C. Burnham for his contribution of this exhibit in memory of Mary Altman, a champion outboard motor racer.

In addition, four antique outboard motors, restored by Mr. James Altman are also on display. The motors include two Johnson motors of 1920, an Elto motor of 1920 and an Evinrude motor of 1918.

The Altman family were all involved in motor boat racing and won many trophies throughout their career. Mr. James Altman still resides in Arnold, a suburb of greater Pittsburgh.

The exhibit is a good example of the use of our rivers for sporting events.

A Valentine Ball to raise funds for projects of the civic council and Friends of Allegheny West will be held in the ballroom of the former William Penn Snyder mansion at 850 Ridge Avenue. Attendance is limited; cost is \$50. per couple; date is February 15, 1980; reservations can be made by sending check payable to Friends of Allegheny West, 845 N. Lincoln Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. 15233.

TOURS

Railroad Excursion—March 23

Remember the thrill of trips on the train, the excitement of watching the train pull into the station and climbing on board, bound for a special place? On Sunday, March 23rd, it's ALL ABOARD for an old-fashioned ride on the P&LE Commuter Train.

We're bound for Beaver where we'll take a walking tour of Beaver's historic architecture. We'll see the Beaver County Courthouse, the public square and the elegant turn-of-the-century houses that line the riverfront.

The train will leave at 11:30 a.m. from the P&LE platform at Station Square and return to Pittsburgh between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

You might want to pack a picnic lunch to eat on the train or if you wish you can order a box lunch through PHLF. We will have coffee and tea and soft drinks available for sale on the train.

The cost is \$30. per person, and you must make reservations by March 17. No refunds after 3/18/80.

Make your reservations early for this special trip!

Please make _____ reservations for the train trip on March 23, 1980, @ \$30. per person.

NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

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Please order _____ box lunches for me @ \$3.75 ea.

Amount enclosed for reservations \$ _____

Amount enclosed for lunches \$ _____

Walking Tours

We have scheduled two Walking Tours for this year, the first will be of Highland Park area on Sunday, June 8. The second will be of Sharpsburg on Sunday, September 14. The walks will begin at 2:00 p.m. and last for approximately 3 hours. There is no need for reservations, just be at the place of departure a few minutes before 2:00 each time. The cost is \$1.00 for PHLF members for each tour, and \$2.00 for non-members. This cost has not increased since our very first tours in the early 1960's. Join us for an educational afternoon mixed with good fellowship.

Easement Granted



A very valuable precedent has been set in the granting of an easement in favor of PHLF by the developers of the pictured house. PHLF has been given an easement to the exterior of Montgomery House at 424 Shady Avenue by Joseph Glick and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lubetz, who have converted the house into four condominium units with PHLF design advice. The restrictive covenant, which will run with the property for 99 years, ensures that the exterior of the building will maintain its current architectural style and detail unless PHLF's written consent to alterations is obtained. This generous gift is an effective way to preserve the character of this fine Italianate house, an integral part of the Shadyside neighborhood.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February	4	8:30 a.m. Ground Breaking Station Square Motor Hotel
February	24-26	Preservation Action Meeting and Conference, Hotel Washington Washington, D.C.
March	23	PHLF Train Excursion to Beaver details listed under TOURS
April	10	Gallery Lecture at Old Post Office 1:00 p.m. "Old Allegheny"
April	12	Ethnic Church Tour Leaves Old Post Office 1:00 p.m. Anyone going on tour is welcome to attend a preview lecture by Andrew Sopko at 12:00 at the Old Post Office (bring a sack lunch) Cost of tour is \$8.00 per person Call 322-1204 for reservations
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June	8	Walking Tour 2:00 p.m. Meet at Highland Ave. gates of Highland Park, PHLF members \$1.00; non-members \$2.00.
July	19-20	Concert On The Green Meadowcroft Village
September	6-7	American Heritage Days Meadowcroft Village
September	14	Walking Tour 2:00 p.m. Sharpsburg
October	11-12	Corn Husk Festival Meadowcroft Village
October	17-19	PHLF Antiques Show

Landmarks Certified

The National Register of Historic Places has added to its listing the following sites:

Sixteenth Street Bridge, Allegheny River (1923)
 Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge, Allegheny R(1901-04)
 West End Bridge, Ohio River (1930-32)
 Ewart Building, Liberty Ave. Downtown (c. 1892)
 Henderson-Metz House, Warren St. Fineview (c.1860)
 Calvary Church Rectory, Shady Ave. Shadyside (1858)
 Rodef Shalom Temple, Shadyside (1906)

Allegheny County now boasts 57 sites and 4 districts on the National Register.

The following buildings have been added to the Pennsylvania Inventory and will be considered for nomination to the National Register:

Buhl Building, Fifth Ave, Downtown (1913)
 Montgomery House, Shady Avenue, Shadyside (c.1885)
 St. Nicholas Croatian Church, Maryland Ave.,
 Millvale (1922)

The following sites have been awarded PHLF Historic Landmark Plaques:

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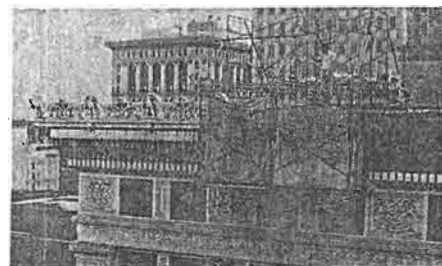
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Artifact Retrieval



PHLF has acquired portions of the elegant terra cotta cornice from the Allegheny Building downtown for its artifact collection. Here, workmen of the Charles J. Grève Co. are shown removing the cornice after it had begun to fall in pieces to the street.

Annual Meeting Set for April 15: Leopold Alder to Speak

PHLF Annual Meeting 1980 will be held at the Old Post Office Museum on April 15, 1980 at 8:00 p.m.

Features of the evening will be:

- Annual election of PHLF officers and Trustees
- Illustrated lecture by Leopold Adler, II, the founder of Historic Savannah and person responsible for the restoration of over 1,000 homes and preservation of the downtown residential area. Mr. Adler addressed us several years ago, but will now speak to us on his new Savannah project, the restoration of over 600 houses in the Victorian district. This incredible program, funded by HUD, the Ford Foundation, and private gifts is an astonishing and beautiful effort. Mr. Adler is a dynamic speaker and will present a richly illustrated lecture.

Nominations for re-election to the Board of Trustees are:

Reed Albig	Mrs. Delvin Miller
J. Judson Brooks	Mrs. Bitner Pearson
Edward J. Lewis	Mrs. Nathan Pearson
Mrs. David Genter	Miles J. Span
Mrs. Alan Lehman	Mrs. Alan Wohleber
Chestee LeMaistre	James L. Winokur

Nominations for new members to the Board of Trustees are:

Clifford A. Barton
Alexander McKenna
Edward Quick

Additional nominations may be made by petition in writing to the nominating committee if signed by twenty or more members of PHLF.

I will attend the ANNUAL MEETING

I will not attend the ANNUAL MEETING AND HEREBY TENDER MY PROXY TO CHAIRMAN of the nominating committee to cast my ballot in favor of the officers and trustees presented by the nominating committee.

SIGNED _____

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Boat and Motors Donated

The Old Post Office Museum has received a unique contribution of restored outboard motors, boat, and trophies won by a champion outboard motor-racer family.

PHLF is grateful to Mr. D.C. Burnham for his contribution of this exhibit in memory of Mary Altman, a champion outboard motor racer.

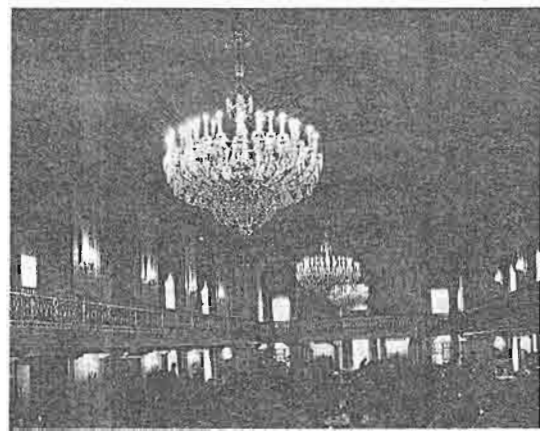
In addition, four antique outboard motors, restored by Mr. James Altman are also on display. The motors include two Johnson motors of 1920, an Elto motor of 1920 and an Evinrude motor of 1918.

The Altman family were all involved in motor boat racing and won many trophies throughout their career. Mr. James Altman still resides in Arnold, a suburb of greater Pittsburgh.

The exhibit is a good example of the use of our rivers for sporting events.

A Valentine Ball to raise funds for projects of the civic council and Friends of Allegheny West will be held in the ballroom of the former William Penn Snyder mansion at 850 Ridge Avenue. Attendance is limited; cost is \$50. per couple; date is February 15, 1980; reservations can be made by sending check payable to Friends of Allegheny West, 845 N. Lincoln Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. 15233.

Wm. Penn Hotel Restored



We are pleased to tell our members that one of the finest restoration projects now underway in the City has occurred in the William Penn Hotel. The entire ballroom is beautifully restored and even a gold leaf alloy has been applied to the balcony railing around the entire ballroom and to some of the plaster moulding around the windows. The room is one of the most elegant in the City. Next to the ballroom the Urban Room, a landmark in itself, designed by the great theatre set designer Joseph Urban, is thoroughly restored. This room of black carrara glass and Art Deco paintings on canvas including a huge oval shaped painting that covers almost the entire ceiling once again shimmers in Art Deco splendor.

The Park Place Restaurant that had been installed several years ago much to the loss of the architecture in that area of the building has been removed and has been replaced with a restaurant closer in design to the elegant French restaurant that once existed there. This too is an elegant space, as is the entire lobby which is thoroughly refinished, new wallpaper installed, as well as new lighting and new carpeting.

The Pittsburgh Room in the basement, also an Art Deco interior, has been given a lift with huge wall photographs of Pittsburgh scenes in sepia.

We congratulate Alcoa, owner of the William Penn, and salute the management of the William Penn on this masterful restoration.

The William Penn was opened on March 9, 1916, by Eugene Eppley, President of Pittsburgh Hotels, Inc. At that time, the hotel was little more than one-half its present size, having 1,000 rooms on the Mellon Square side. Between 1927 and 1929, the Grant Street section of the William Penn was built giving the hotel 1,600 rooms.

During the Depression, the hotel went into receivership until 1936, when Ellsworth Statler, one of the nation's great hotelmen, took over management, and ran it as a Statler Hotel.

In 1950, Eugene Eppley, the original owner, repurchased the hotel. He sold it in 1956 to the Sheraton Corporation which changed its name to the "Penn-Sheraton".

A group of local investors purchased the "Penn-Sheraton" in 1968 from the Sheraton Corporation and changed the name back to "William Penn". The investors sold the hotel to ALcoa Properties, Inc., a subsidiary of Aluminum Company of America, in February, 1972.

PHLF Trustee Honored

James Bibro has been named by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette as one of the ten outstanding citizens of 1979.

Mr. Bibro is an active member of PHLF's Board of Trustees and serves as Treasurer of the organization. He is also a member of the Steering Committee for Station Square and PHLF's investment advisor.

Mr. Bibro is a Director of the Southside Chamber of Commerce and has been a prime mover in the Birmingham Restoration Program. His company, Puro Water Filter Company is located in the Terminal Warehouse on the Southside.

In the past, two other PHLF Board members have been voted outstanding citizens, Mary Wohleber and Jamie Van Trump.