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Due to circumstances beyond our control, volume 3, number 2 of the Society Newsletter and Bulletin was not received by all members. The printer has prepared several extra copies of this issue for those who did not receive theirs and they may be obtained by writing or calling the Society Office.

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The Morris Canal lecture which created such wide interest locally, has been rescheduled by Mr. Russ Harding and his associates. The lecture is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1st at 8 p.m. at Lambert Castle. Attendance will be by reserved seat only and will be limited to 100 persons. Members are requested to call the Society Office to reserve seats, before November 21st. The balance of unreserved seats after that date will be open to the public, but not to exceed 100 persons. For those unable to attend on December 1st, the lecture will be given sometime in Spring 1972, the dates to be announced.

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A recent Journeyman's issue of the New Jersey Historical Society publication carried an article on the race horse Preakness. Among the errors noted in the story (there being only 3), Preakness was not born in New Jersey. The special 45th anniversary issue of the Society Bulletin will contain the true story of Preakness complete with illustrations.

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At a recent meeting of the Morris Canal Society at Morristown, Mr. James Lee who lives at what was Plane 9 along the Morris Canal, spoke and showed slides. Mr. Lee, who is considered an authority, is reputed to have the largest collection of photos, illustrations and postcards depicting the Canal. Pictures of the Canal winding through Passaic County are very scarce and members are being asked for copies of any Canal material they might possess, no matter how insignificant it may seem. The least item may prove extremely important to fill in many of the gaps existing in the Canal story.

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Trustee and Mrs. George Maseker recently travelled to Wilmington, Delaware to attend a history seminar. Ideas were exchanged and the name and work of our Society was extended beyond Passaic County. Our vast spoon collection among other items, never ceases to intrigue everyone who hears about it.

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Our thanks to Gerry Livitsanos, Totowa, photographer and Graphic Media Corp., commercial photographers of Caldwell. Examples of their work can be seen in this months Bulletin. Graphic Media reproduced the portraits and Mr. Livitsanos specially photographed the Dean McNulty statue for this issue. We are grateful to both organizations for their cooperation and assistance. Copies of photographs appearing in our Bulletins may be purchased from the Society Office.

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Sunday, November 7th, the Passaic Historical Commission began a 2 week exhibition, "Passaic in the 19th Century, or Before the Automobile." A photographic exhibit primarily, it will be on display at the Reid Memorial Library, 80 Third Street, Passaic. Dr. Mary Bartlett Cowdrey, Secretary to the Commission and a Trustee of *The Passaic County Historical Society*, has catalogued the show. Dr. Morris Saffron, M.D. is chairman of the Commission. On view are over 100 old photos; it is always interesting to see what came before.

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The Society was recently presented a jumbo set of 14 Tercentenary postcards depicting scenes of New Jersey and which were distributed by Public Service. Missing from the series is one card depicting Atlantic City. Anyone possessing one of these cards or knowing someone who does, the Society would very much like to complete the set.

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Several times a week during the past month, the Museum has been host to bus loads of students. Our Museum is creating interest and is becoming known throughout the area. Plans are under way for changes in the displays and our display areas. Our next Newsletter should have news of the acquisition of some very important material dealing with Passaic County and reaching to National levels.

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Our sympathies to the family of Mrs. Gracie Stickney, Passaic County Historical Society Secretary, who recently lost her beloved mother in Alabama.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Perhaps I can add a bit to Mrs. Smith's letter in the Society Newsletter.

Last Spring a Donald Shattuck visited the Castle. He lives at 8 Nashway St., Ayer, Mass. He said his father was William Shattuck and his mother's first name Helena. His mother, he said, was a niece of Catholina Lambert. He also said he has a cousin Marie Davis who lives in Woburn, Mass. Mr. Shattuck may have more family information written down, but his memory he said was hazy.

Yours truly,

Bob Mills

NEW MEMBERS

Sustaining

Mr. John Stokes, Newtonville, Mass.

General

Miss Ruth Barbarow, Lincoln Mass.

Miss Denise Doychak, Clifton, N.J.

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Membership categories:
General, \$4.00 annually
Sustaining, \$10.00 annually
Contributing, \$25.00 annually
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MUSEUM HOURS:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

1 - 4:45 P.M.

Saturday and Sunday

11 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.

Admission is free at all times.

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