



# The Landmark Society

## News

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Bradford, Pa.

April 5, 1985

New Series #9

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### Annual Meeting

It's time to get out those party clothes again and start checking the most convenient route to Lewis Run. The annual meeting of the Bradford Landmark Society will convene on Friday, April 26, 1985 at the Valley Hunt Club.

Dinner will begin promptly (more or less) at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is \$9.50 per person; choice of meal includes Baked Haddock or Stuffed Chicken Breast. Dinner includes the full menu -- soup, vegetable, salad, and dessert.

Reservations may be made by calling Bakery Headquarters (362-3906) at the usual business hours: 1:30-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday,

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Call Marion Vernon (368-6537) or Helen Beam (368-5638). They are also taking reservations for the dinner.

The program for this year's event promises to be extraordinary. Well-known local thespians will inaugurate an original, dramatic stage presentation. The subject of this dramatic fare and identity of the players is a closely-guarded secret. One participant modestly ventured that the program would be "wonderful"; nothing else is known.

The annual meeting provides an opportunity to get reacquainted with other members and, through annual reports, to be informed of the recent activities of the Landmark Society. Add to this a good meal and there are a number of compelling reasons to attend the annual meeting. We hope to see more people than ever.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Friday, April 19.

### Bunny Lowery

The Society notes, with sorrow, the passing of Bernice (Bunny) Lowery, who died in February of this year.

Mrs. Lowery was a Charter Member of the Landmark Society, and was extremely active in Society affairs since the 1969 founding. She served several terms of the Board of Directors, was past Chairwoman of the Crook Farm Accessions Committee, and worked tirelessly on projects at the Bakery and Crook Farm over the years.

At a May 26 meeting, the Board of Directors passed a resolution in the memory of Mrs. Lowery, affirming her many and varied contributions to the Bradford Landmark Society. She will be sorely missed.

### Help Wanted

With spring and summer around the corner (it's officially spring, of course), we are again looking for volunteer workers at the Crook Farm and the Bakery.

At the farm, some contemplated projects are: stain the exterior of the house, apply wood preservative to the decking, repair porch roof, general carpentry on house, fasten batten boards to barn interior, spread wood chips around trees, shrubs, and buildings for easier mowing, glaze windows in freight station, and general tidying-up and garden work.

Tuesday has been designated work day at the Crook Farm, starting at 10:00 a.m. Work as long as you can -- or care to. Bring a sandwich. If Tuesday doesn't suit, other arrangements can be made. Contact Bob Blair (368-5532) or Harry Taylor (362-2183).

If you can type, dust, do windows, sew, and mend, come see us at Bakery Headquarters, or call (362-3906) to offer your services. You don't have to do every single one of those things--just one or two will do, along with an interest in caring for our Bradford heritage and memorabilia.

Volunteers are also needed for the Crook Farm Country Breakfast. Positions available are: ticket-takers, hosts and hostesses for seating diners, kitchen help to fill trays with rolls, juice, etc., clean-up of tables and kitchen, preparation of juice and eggs on Saturday. If interested, please call Jane Larson at 966-3880.

### Early Notes on the Fair

Woody Woodruff reports that things are progressing in the direction of another great Country Fair this year. The days for the Fair are Saturday and Sunday, August 24-25 and the plans include more exhibitors than ever in the past. There are new activities featured every year at the Fair; among this year's new events are country and western musicians, the "Enchanted Mountain Green" bluegrass group from Olean, and a Bradford, Olean barbershop quartet, "Sunday's Best."

### Notes from the Bakery, from Jane Stack

As the weatherman puts it, we've had a fairly open winter this year at the Bakery -- only closed two afternoons. We've carried on our usual officework with accessions and cataloguing, taking care of money and mail. We were happy just recently to be able to lend clothing (nothing fragile) and accessories to the cast of "Our Town" at Bradford High School and to the Laura Wilder Engels display at St. Bernard's School. Also, we have lent wedding gowns -- carefully chosen -- for fashion shows. We were pleased to show our beautiful costumes, accessories, and furs to a group of Senior High students enrolled in a fashion and sewing class.

We also went on the road, to the Hannum Home, where Virginia Miles talked to the guests and staff about Bradford, including some very humorous anecdotes of its past. Marion Vernon and Jane Stack brought along a great collection of clothing, hats, and underwear for both men and women -- it was a pleasure.

Interested visitors listed in our book since last fall include people from as close as St. Mary's and as far distant as Arizona and Texas. Ohio, New York, and New Jersey visitors also came in. These included some folks from Forest Oil, whom we are always glad to see.

Recent donations include a beautiful assortment of gowns, furs, and more from the Seneca Highlands Players. To add to our DeGolier collection, Mrs. Lillian Loveless donated a lovely little cradle and a Magic Lantern with slides.

# Notes (cont.)

We're most grateful to all those who helped with our Christmas open house. Among the toys under our tree were a number of old games and a beautiful old box brought in by Bob Doyle.

Just in time for our window on National Fire Prevention Week came Mr. Howard Clair Dawley from Wisconsin. He brought us his grandfather's Potter Hose Company uniform that had been worn at the age of 17 in 1888. The Potter Hose Co. was formed in the Fourth Ward after bad fires on Pleasant and Summer Streets.

A wonderful picture came in from Geraldine Kennedy DeMarkey, a direct descendant of the Pike family, one of the first families in the area, engaging in lumbering as early as 1826. (Barnabas Pike lived in a log cabin on Sherman Street on his farm, which extended from Tibbetts Ave. to the Cutting Farm just past Sherman St. and to the top of the hill and to the railroad tracks.)

The picture is of Barnabas's son, Harlow Pike and gives an account of his activities in the Civil War. The fine picture of Harlow in his Civil War uniform now hangs in the upstairs hall beside the pictures of his father, Barnabas, and other members of the Pike family.

## Some Notes on the Pike Family, especially Harlow

Betty Robinson has done her usual fine job of tracking down additional information following the receipt of the Harlow Pike material. She found that Harlow Pike was listed in H.H. Hardesty's Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen (1890; Vol. 2, pp. 644-45). There one learns that Harlow was born in Bradford, Pa. in 1843, married in 1878, and had four daughters in 1890. At that date, he was an oil producer in Bradford.

Harlow Pike had an incredibly active career in the Union Army during the Civil War, according to this source. He enlisted May 11, 1861 at Great Valley, New York, and was honorably discharged July 30, 1864 in New York City when his term of enlistment ended. In the interim, he participated in the following battles: Fair Oaks, Seven Day's Fight before Richmond, 2d Malvern Hill, Bristoe Station, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Manassas Gap, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, and the Siege of Petersburg. He was wounded in two of these battles and spent a total of about three months in the hospital.

Harlow's brother died in the war (this source reports his name as Alonzo, but he is listed in the census of 1850 and 1860 as Alphonso). His father, Barnabas, served in the War of 1812, and his father and two uncles were in the Revolutionary War. Quite an impressive military heritage.

As noted above, Barnabas Pike came to this area in the 1820s. In the 1830 census, of the 160 people living in Bradford Township, his household accounted for four (including Barnabas, his wife, a daughter, and another male between 20 and 30, probably a laborer, possibly a relative). By 1850, the Pike family included 9 children, and young Harlow was listed as "Harlin."

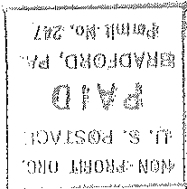
Stop in and see the interesting material relating to the Pike and other early families of the local area.

## Answers, Part 2

Some time ago, we posed a question regarding the identities of the three men who have been elected from Bradford to the U.S. House of Representatives. In December, we profiled the first, William W. Brown, who served from 1883-87. The second requires little introduction. Solomon R. Dresser served as a Republican in the House from 1903-1907. He retired undefeated, as he chose not to run for reelection in 1906, citing health problems and a desire to resume business pursuits.

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### Some Travel Notes

Last year the Elder 8 attended an Elderhostel at Pleasantville, Kentucky learning about the Shakers. This year they went to Old Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts. Here they spent a week roaming through the 1840 village learning crafts about that period, including basket-making, quilting, theorem painting, carpentry, and coopering. They attended historical lectures and square-danced. They ate and drank at the Publick House. Who are the Elder 8? Bob and Marion Bromeley, Harry and Mebane Taylor, Frank and Vera Heron, and Bob and Beulah Blair.

### Notice--Are They Yours?

There are two flat plastic containers at the Bakery. Someone brought goodies to the bake sale at the Fair but did not pick up the containers.

### Dues are Due

Please drop off your check/cash at Bakery Headquarters or mail this form. (Any contribution over \$3 is tax-deductible.)

Type of membership (please check one)

☐ Active (\$3.00)

Name

☐ Contributing (\$10.00)

Address

☐ Life Member (\$100.00)