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ERHS ANNUAL MEETING AT MAEYSTOWN, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, IN OCTOBER

The 119th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society is to be held at The St. John's Evangelical United Church of Christ, Maeystown, about thirty miles East of St. Louis, in Southern Illinois, on Saturday, October 23, 1982.

The Rev. Steven Walker, pastor, together with members of his congregation and the Maeystown Preservation Society are planning a suitable reception for visitors to the charming nineteenth century village of Maeystown, with its Evangelical Church as the center of the community.

The executive committee of the ERHS will meet at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis on Friday evening, October 22. A busload of North Carolina people led by the Rev. Frank W. Snider, Sr. will participate in the annual meeting, and have made arrangements for inexpensive motel rates as a group at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 6929 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis. Persons interested in staying there should contact Dr. Lowell H. Zuck at Eden Seminary.

The speaker at the annual meeting is the Rev. Gary Kwiatek, newly appointed assistant archivist of the Eden Archives. Mr. Gary Kwiatek, a United Church of Christ minister, historian, and archivist, will present his vision of the proper development of archives within the United Church of Christ, and a business meeting will follow.

All who are interested are cordially invited to plan to be present on Saturday, October 23 for the Maeystown annual meeting.

TRIBUTE TO WILFERD BOHLEY

His colleagues and friends remember with joy the life of Mr. Wilferd W. Bohley, who served as Archivist of the Eden Archives, sponsored by the former Evangelical Synod and E & R Historical Society and the Historical Council of the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Bohley served faithfully for four years as Eden Archivist, following his retirement from the St. Louis "Post-Dispatch". He photographed many church records for the growing microfilm collection, and developed display and service aspects of the Archives.

Mr. Bohley was born on August 20, 1914 in St. Louis, MO. He wrote a history of the pioneer St. Louis German congregation, Holy Ghost UCC, of which he was a member for many years. He served Holy Ghost UCC in many capacities, Chairman of the Consistory, Superintendent of the Sunday School, member of the Building Committee for the Sanctuary, and teacher of the Adult Bible Class.

Mr. Bohley died of cancer at St. Mary's Health Center, St. Louis, on March 4, 1982. The Rev. Stephanie Weiner officiated at funeral services at Evangelical UCC, Webster Groves.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, a son, Robert of Lake Jackson, TX; a daughter, Barbara Swalley of San Jose, CA; brother Roy of St. Louis and sister, Melva Sanders of Miami, FL. The Eden Archives is fortunate in having Mrs. Bohley serve as interim archivist, following the death of her husband.

Lowell Zuck

DR. ANSTAETT RECEIVES AWARD FROM BERKS
COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was presented with the Mary Owen Steinmetz award by the Berks County Genealogical Society on Monday morning, May 24, 1982 at the E & R Historical Society at Lancaster.

Laurel Miller, president of the Berks County Historical Society presented the award to Dr. Anstaett and read the award as follows: "The Berks County Genealogical Society is proud to present the Mary Owen Steinmetz Award to Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett for his outstanding research in Pennsylvania, especially in Berks County."

The award was a beautiful fraktur painted by Ruthanne Hartung from Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Pictures were taken and cake and tea were served by the ladies from Berks County.

Present from the Berks County Historical Society were: Laurel Miller, President, Beaulah Follmer, Vice President, Jackie Flamm, Awards Committee, Helen Weidner, Treasurer and Jeanne Cardinal, Surname Index Compiler.

Present from Lancaster were: Dr. Herbert B. Anstaett, Executive Secretary, John B. Payne, President of the Society, Myron Wolf, Treasurer, Mrs. Florence M. Bricker, Archivist, Mrs. Josephine Royce, Cataloger, Elizabeth Sanders, Researcher, and Connie Stetter, Secretary.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ARCHIVES FUND IN
HONOR OF GEORGE H. BRICKER

To strengthen the capacity of our Church to record its history, the UCC Executive Council in November, 1981, established the United Church of Christ Archives Fund. This fund is dedicated in honor of George H. Bricker. Funds, functioning as an endowment to ensure the continual operation of the Archives, will be held by the United Church Foundation. The UCC Historical Council assists the President and the Executive Council in overseeing the Archives, cur-

rently housed in library space provided by Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Persons wishing to obtain more information concerning the Archives Fund should write to Ms. Florence Ann Coppola, United Church of Christ Archives Fund, 105 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RECORDS BOOKLET PUBLISHED

By the time this newsletter appears, the booklet, Church and Pastoral Records in the Archives of the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, edited by Mrs. Florence Bricker will have been published. Attractively designed with a sketch of Falkner Swamp Church by the artist, George Malick, on the cover, the booklet of forty-nine pages contains a listing of all the church and pastoral records held in the Lancaster Archives. Funds for the publication of the booklet were provided from the George H. Bricker Memorial. It is dedicated in honor of Dr. Bricker who was President of the Society from 1973 to 1981. This register of Church and pastoral records is available to members of the Society at a cost of \$2.00 and to non-members for \$3.00. It may be ordered directly from the E & R Historical Society, 555 West James St., Lancaster, PA 17603.

ARCHIVES WORKSHOP AT CENTRAL ATLANTIC
CONFERENCE MEETING

Know your Church's History was the theme of the two workshops conducted by the staff of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society for delegates of the Central Atlantic Conference when they assembled at the Seminary and Franklin & Marshall College June 4,5,6. The participants heard a brief review of the history of the two historical societies of the United Church of Christ and the significance and purpose of the UCC Archives. The discussion was implemented by printed materials concerning the Historical Council, responsibilities of the Associates of the Council; guides for local church historians which set forth methods for collecting and preserving pertinent and valuable materials for their local archives. Direction was provided for Association and Conference personnel re-

sponsible for sending materials of historical interest to the Archives.

The delegates were shown many of the holdings of the archives including church records and histories, biographical material of prominent persons, memorabilia from early Reformed Churches and former missionaries.

Twenty-nine persons attended the workshops.

PENNSYLVANIA TERCENTENARY EXHIBIT AT LANCASTER COUNTY PARK

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society was invited by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and the 300th anniversary committee to participate in the countywide tercentenary celebration Saturday, June 12th at Lancaster County's Central Park. A display telling of the history and significance of the organization was suggested by the organizing committee.

Many pictures were gathered and a three panel display was arranged by the Society. The first panel carried pictures of past and present officers, from Dr. John Nevin, the first president, to the present president, Dr. John Payne. The second panel featured a colored reproduction of the logo of the United Church of Christ surrounded by pictures of people and places from the four antecedents of the United Church of Christ. On the third panel were arranged pictures of early Reformed Churches of Lancaster County.

The display is in the archives and is available for exhibit at conference and association meetings.

WHY ASSOCIATES FOR THE HISTORICAL COUNCIL?

The Historical Council is in the process of recruiting one person from each conference to help promote the work and attain the goals of the Council. Associates would be asked to work closely with the archivists, conference historians and the Historical Societies of the United Church of Christ. They should see that copies of materials prepared by and for local historical events such as anniversaries reach the UCC archives, the Congregational Christian Library or Eden. They would be asked to

seek out and report the names of persons who are interested in the history of the United Church of Christ who should be on the Societies' mailing lists, as well as persons who could lend financial support to the Historical Council. Their help would be needed in the promotion of the Historical Intelligencer, a publication of the Historical Council.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING IN LYNN, MA

Mrs. Florence M. Bricker attended the 30th annual meeting of the Congregational Christian Historical Society held in First Church of Christ Congregational in Lynn, Ma. May 10 & 11, 1982. The theme of the meeting was The Church and the City. Papers relevant to the subject were read by the Rev. Dr. Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., General Secretary of the Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church; the Rev. Dr. Harold F. Worthley, Officer of the Society and Librarian of the Congregational Library, Boston, Ma; and the Rev. David S. King, Vice President of the Boston City Missionary Society.

At the business session the Rev. Dr. Arthur E. Wilson resigned as President of the Society. His resignation was accepted with regret, and gratitude was expressed for his long years of service to the Society. The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Guptill was elected to succeed him.

UCC TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Council of Instrumentality Executives has requested that copies of any special speeches, songs, worship services and other materials prepared to commemorate the UCC's 25th anniversary be sent to Florence Bricker, UCC Archives, 555 W. James St., Lancaster, PA 17603. Mrs. Bricker would also appreciate receiving bulletins of any church anniversary services held during the UCC 25th anniversary year.

A limited supply of Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Paperweights is still available and can be ordered from the UCC Archives at the above address or from Church Leadership Resources (UCC), Box 179, St. Louis, MO 63166 at a cost of \$6.50.

HISTORICAL NOTE

German Relocation to New York State

Louis XIV in 1693 destroyed the cities of the Palatinate, Heidelberg, Worms, Mannheim, and Spire. New York Province was chosen as the destination of the Palatinates who had suffered from this political, economical and religious upheaval. Eight hundred fifty of the 1,232 adult men stated that their occupation was husbandman (page 1,824 of Vol.3, Ecclesiastical Records of New York Province).

The idea was that the Palatinates would establish the Pine Tree plantations for the British Navy so that they would no longer be dependent on Baltic Pines. A convoy in 1708 from the Baltic had been intercepted by the French Navy. By the time the Palatinates had arrived in New York Province a Tory government in England had come to power and wanted nothing to do with foreign Protestant refugees trying to repeal the Naturalization Law. The Whig House of Lords, however, prevented the proposed Naturalization Amendment from becoming law. The Duke of Sutherland, the Duke of Marlborough's son-in-law, who was in favor of the Palatinate resettlement, had been driven from office in 1711. Queen Anne had also tired of her friendship with the Dutchess of Marlborough. The Palatinates were sent to East Camp, today, Germantown, on the Livingston Manor. They were dissatisfied with the feudal tenure, Governor Hunter told them, according to a letter he sent to the Lords of Trade.

"As to the Palatinates my substance and credit are exhausted, I have no remedy left but by a letter to the managers of the work, to intimate to the people that they should take measures to subsist during the winter upon the lands they are now planted," (p. 1,965, Vol.3).

Ninety-four Palatinate families moved to the Mohawk Valley in 1723 to find communities, today known as Frankfort, Manheim, and German Flatts in Herkimer County, names which reveal their Palatinate origin. By 1717 a German, Prince George, had come to the British throne. He made a Treaty of Friendship with the King of Sweden which protected

the Baltic for the British Navy. Later, New Hampshire and Nova Scotia would become a pine tree nursery for the British Navy. One of the Palatinate orphans, John Peter Zenser, was apprentice to a Maryland printer. He would make legal history. Due to the rough seas and long period, 95 refugee parents lost children and children lost parents. Many Palatinates moved down the Delaware River to join the Germans already living in Pennsylvania, dissatisfied with their NY homes.

The Treaty of Utrecht (1713), gave Britain the protection of the Iroquois Indians in Central New York and Nova Scotia, Gibraltar, and Minorca. Belgium was transferred from the Spanish to the Austrian Hapsburgs. The grandson of the French King was permitted on the throne of Spain; which was the original cause for the war.

The issue in New York for the British became the resettlement of the Palatinates or the protection of the Iroquois. During the American Revolution many Iroquois who sided with the British moved to Canada. The Palatinates fought for New York State.

The Palatinates were rewarded with a separate county named in honor of their war hero. Herkimer County was created a separate county, 16 February 1791, in honor of Col. Nicholas Herkimer who was killed at the Battle of Oriskany, 6 August 1777.

The British technically won the battle, but the action delayed the arrival of British troops for the first Battle of Saratoga in August 1777, which American troops won. Herkimer had built Fort Dayton in 1776 to defend that area from the British and their Indian allies. Herkimer was born in German Flatts in 1728 of parents who had immigrated from Germany.

Christopher Niebuhr

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY
April 27, 1982, OLD FIRST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Present at the Executive Committee meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society were: Dr. John Payne, Mrs. Florence Bricker, Mr.'s Myron Wolf, Owen Fox, Dr.'s Lowell Zuck, Philip Weiss, and Rev's. Frank Snider, Banks Shepherd, Martha Kriebel. Dr. Wagner and Dr. Schade expressed regrets in being unable to attend.

Thanks were enthusiastically expressed to the women of Old First Church, for providing lunch.

Minutes of the Oct. 1981 meeting were adopted as presented. Reports were received and adopted from the President/and Archivist, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. The Statement of Income and Expenses for 1981 and the first quarter of 1982 are filed with the minutes. It was moved and seconded that Dr. Rudolf Schade's request to be relieved of the duties of secretary be honored; that our deep thanks be extended to him for his years of faithful service in that position and that he be asked to continue to serve as a member of the Society's Executive Committee. It was also moved and seconded that the Rev. Martha B. Kriebel serve as secretary.

A Resolution was received and adopted that the President and Treasurer be authorized to invest and reinvest funds which are advantageous to the financial well being of the Society. It is understood that this resolution will enable these officers to pursue this action whenever appropriate.

Dr. Lowell Zuck reported for the Eden Archives. Visitors were received at the archives from the Rhineland and Silesia. The following was read as a tribute to Mr. Wilferd W. Bohley:

"The Eden Seminary community mourns the loss of Mr. Wilferd W. Bohley, who served as Archivist of the Eden Archives, sponsored by the former Evangelical Synod and E & R Historical Society and the Historical Council of the United Church of Christ. Mr. Bohley served faithfully for four years as Eden Archivist, following his retirement from the St. Louis "Post-Dispatch". He photographed many church records for the growing microfilm collection, and developed display and service aspects of the Archives.

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Rev. Gary Kwiatek is expected to be named the associate archivist at Eden and will assume the work performed by Mr. Bohley. By motion and action the report was accepted.

The Southern Chapter's report, was given by the Rev. Banks Shepherd as follows. "The Southern Chapter continues the work of cataloging materials of the Catawba College Archives under the direction of Mrs. Jacqueline Sims and Dr. Betty Sells. Frequent requests come in for genealogical information.

We expect to pursue two projects in the coming year. First, to begin the taping of interviews of retired ministers and church leaders in the former Southern Synod and the North

Carolina Classis, following the guidelines of the Oral History Association. Second, we will encourage churches in the Southern Conference to place materials in the denominational archives at Lancaster. We have done an inventory of the "Place File" in Lancaster to determine which churches have materials there and which ones do not.

One need for which we would like help from the Society is a definition of our chapter's relationship to the parent body and of the amount contributed by the parent body to the work of the chapter.

New leaders in the Southern Conference are Dr. Stephen Wurster, President of Catawba College and Conference Minister, Dr. Rollin Russell."

In regard to the question of definition of relationship to the parent body, the Chapter has used the Southern Conference's tax exemption number rather than the Society's (under the U.C.C. Historical Council). The understanding is a regional chapter is a part of the parent body (U.C.C.) and so it is logical to use the national denomination's number.

Because of the above discussion, the next agenda item was changed to move to "Incorporation". Dr. Payne reported that the lawyer's initial counsel suggests that the Society does come under the blanket of the denomination's incorporation. However, pending on the lawyer's report, incorporation remains an open question.

The questions of fire and theft insurance were also raised. Does each chapter come under the coverage of the site where each is located?

The Fall Meeting will be October 22-23, 1982, in St. Louis. The 1983 meeting is October 8-9, Detroit. Dr. Zuck reported the '82 location is St. John's Church, Maeystown, Ill., near Waterloo, 30 miles from St. Louis. The Executive Committee meeting will be arranged for Friday, at a time and location convenient to the Maeystown activities.

The subject of new shelving for Archives was presented by Mrs. Florence Bricker. As noted in the President's/Archivist report, there is a need for \$12,000 to \$40,000. The Committee's opinion was that this need for funds be made to New York, and then seek additional money. For information, 75-100 new files (from churches) are added each year.

Old/New Business:

The recommendations on salaries, proposed by Dr. Anstaett (filed with minutes) were moved and adopted. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Myron Wolf who requested that his honorarium not be increased. Florence Bricker asked that the increase allocated to her be used for the 300th anniversary display and any balance be applied to the printing costs of the booklet, Church and Pastoral Records in the Archives of the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. Florence's generous request was approved by motion and action.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Kriebel

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY

I suggest that the Executive Committee vote a modest increase in salary for all the staff members. This will represent a total increase of \$95.00 per month. Mr. Wolf has requested that his honorarium not be increased.

Herbert B. Anstaett

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society
Statement of Income and Expenses -- Operating Account
Year Ending December 31, 1961

<u>INCOME</u>		
Executive Council -- U.C.C.		\$ 4,050.00
Conferences: *Penn Central Conference	\$ 450.00	
Indiana-Kentucky Conference	200.00	650.00
Associations: Hudson-Mohawk, N.Y. Conference	25.00	
Lancaster, Penn Central Conference	50.00	
Lincoln, Nebraska Conference	25.00	100.00
Dues received Through Lancaster		935.50
Historical Council Financial Campagin		2,000.00
Interest on Investments		2,533.09
Miscellaneous Income (Photocopies, microfilm rental, etc)		1,261.20
Historical Council -- Archives		1,000.00
Memorial Gifts and Other Gifts:		
The Arcadia Foundation	\$ 11,000.00	
Edith Steinbright	5,000.00	
Gifts as Memorial to The Rev. Dr. George H. Bricker	1,320.00	
Erma Rebuck Bricker Memorial	200.00	
The Rev. Dr. James E. Wagner	150.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Rupp (\$1,000 Memorial to Mary Margaret Rupp)	1,100.00	
Frieden's Church in Honor of The Rev. Dr. John B. Frantz	139.45	
Others	151.35	19,060.80
Total Income		<u>\$ 31,588.59</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Lancaster:		
Salaries	\$ 8,605.76	
Supplies	355.74	
Equipment	50.58	
Binding	40.00	
Postage	185.76	
Telephone	208.63	
Miscellaneous	966.56	\$ 10,413.03
Eden: (Paid from Lancaster)		
Salaries	\$ 5,130.13	
Supplies	111.64	
Equipment	468.00	
Postage	24.01	
Miscellaneous	13.33	\$ 5,747.11
General:		
Salaries	\$ 3,086.35	
Meetings and Travel	1,871.61	
Honoraria	428.35	
Printing and Postage	892.76	
Miscellaneous	323.85	6,602.92
Historical Council -- Archives		4,431.40
Total Expenses		<u>27,194.46</u>
Surplus for the year		\$ 4,394.13**

- * Penn Southeast Conference made a contribution of \$200.00 for 1981 which was received after our 1981 books were closed. It will appear in our 1982 statement.
- ** There will be a rather large expenditure during 1982 when the register of church records held in the archives is published as a memorial to the Rev. Dr. George H. Bricker. The memorial contributions received in honor of Dr. Bricker will be used to offset some of the costs related to this memorial.

Other memorial funds were also received during the year as indicated in our report.

Again, it should be mentioned that through the generosity of the Arcadia Foundation and Mrs. Edith Steinbright, we were able to operate on a full-time basis and without a deficit. Without these funds, we, of course, would be in a substantial deficit situation. This would require some drastic changes in operations and services.

Respectfully Submitted,
Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society

Balance Sheet -- Operating Account

December 31, 1981

ASSETS

Checking Account--Hamilton Bank	\$ 287.01
24 Hour Statement Savings Account -- Hamilton Bank	22,284.82
First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. -- Savings Account	29.13
First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. -- Certificate of Deposit	4,400.00
Hamilton Bank Certificate of Deposit	10,000.00
Wellington Fund (Book Value)	1,008.00
St. Paul's Preservation Fund -- Hamilton Bank C/D	3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 41,008.96</u>

LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

Liabilities:

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Principal -- 12/31/80	\$ 36,614.83	
Plus: Surplus for Year Ending 12/31/81	<u>4,394.13</u>	\$ 41,008.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL		<u>\$ 41,008.96</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society
Statement of Income and Expenses -- Operating Account
Three Months Period -- January 1, 1982-March 31, 1982

<u>INCOME</u>		
Executive Council -- U.C.C.		\$ 1,088.00
Conferences: Penn Southeast Conference (for 1981)	\$ 200.00	
Indiana-Kentucky Conference	<u>200.00</u>	400.00
Associations: Susquehanna, N.Y. Conference	50.00	
Hudson-Mohawk, N.Y. Conference	<u>25.00</u>	75.00
Dues Received Through Lancaster		300.00
Historical Council Financial Campaign		1,000.00
Interest on Investments		818.68
Miscellaneous (Photocopies, microfilm rental, etc.)		296.53
Memorial Gifts and Others: Arcadia Foundation	\$ 11,000.00	
Gifts as Memorial to The Rev. Dr. George H. Bricker	180.00	
Others	<u>222.73</u>	11,402.73
		<u>\$ 15,380.94</u>

<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Lancaster:		
Salaries	\$ 2,576.37	
Supplies	362.26	
Postage	62.68	
Telephone	155.52	
Miscellaneous	<u>397.19</u>	\$ 3,554.02
Eden:		
Salaries	\$ 1,093.67	
Supplies	3.67	
Postage	<u>4.00</u>	1,101.34
General:		
Salaries	\$ 1,786.90	
Honoraria	50.00	
Printing & Postage	964.82	
Miscellaneous	9.00	
Archives -- Historical Council	<u>1,104.12</u>	3,914.84
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 8,570.20</u>
Surplus as of March 31, 1981		\$ 6,810.74

Respectfully submitted,
Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society

Balance Sheet -- Operating Account

March 31, 1982

ASSETS

Checking Account -- Hamilton Bank	\$ 1,817.43
24 Hour Statement Savings Account -- Hamilton Bank	17,601.14
First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. -- Savings Account	29.13
First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. -- Certificate of Deposit	4,400.00
Hamilton Bank -- Certificate of Deposit	20,000.00
Wellington Fund (Book Value)	1,008.00
St. Paul's Preservation Trust -- Hamilton Bank C/D	3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 47,855.70</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

Liabilities:

U.C.C. for 25th Anniversary Paper Weights	\$ 36.00
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Principal -- 12/31/81	\$ 41,008.96	
Plus: Surplus -- Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1982	<u>6,810.74</u>	47,819.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL		<u><u>\$ 47,855.70</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,
Myron E. Wolf, Treasurer

Report of the President and Archivist
Executive Committee Meeting
April 27, 1982, Old First Reformed Church, Philadelphia, PA.

Since the first of the year, more than 200 people have visited the archives. Many have come for genealogical research, but equally as many have come to see and learn about the work of the Historical Society. On April 12th a group of senior citizens from the Palatinate and the Rhineland spent about an hour in the archives. Those with whom we could converse told us that they were surprised and delighted to find familiar family names among our records, to see that we too have used and value the old Frakturs, and that we cherish documents written in German, and our connections with the "old country." On the average of once a week we have catechetical classes and representatives of other age groups from churches visit the archives. Many of these visits are scheduled for Saturdays when the archives are closed. In the past, information given to the visitors has been done by seminary students who serve as tour guides for seminary buildings. It is now our policy to have at least one member of the staff present when these groups visit so that more pertinent information and a broader view of the archives may be given.

We look forward to two upcoming events at which the Archives and the Historical Society will become better known to the community and the constituency. The Central Atlantic Conference, meeting June 4, 5 and 6th at the Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College, has asked our staff to conduct workshops for the delegates on the subject "The Archives and their Use." Two sessions, each 1½ hours in length, will be held Saturday afternoon June 5th. The workshops will be conducted in the archives so that participants may see at first hand the valuable collections that we have, how they are preserved and cared for, and receive instructions as to what materials should be sent to us by local churches, associations and conferences.

The Historical Society has been invited to participate in the Lancaster County Tercentenary celebration of the founding of the state of Pennsylvania to be held on June 12 in Lancaster County Park. At this site we are planning to set up an exhibit consisting of three panels, one with pictures of persons who contributed much to the Historical Society, another showing some facts and figures of the four denominations that have merged to form the United Church of Christ, and the third panel will carry pictures of old churches of Lancaster County. To arrange this exhibit we have enlisted the help of the Eden archives, Elon College, the Congregational Christian Historical Society, and citizens of the city of Lancaster.

The booklet, Church and Pastoral Records in the Archives of the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, has been sent to the printer and should be published within six weeks. The expenses for the publication of this booklet will be paid out of the George H. Bricker Memorial Fund.

For many years our AV Materials had been left on shelves or in boxes because we did not have adequate staff or the time to properly catalogue them. Recently, the work was undertaken by one of our part-time staff and the project is nearly completed. It will now be necessary to purchase cabinets to properly store them. We are presently enlisting the advice of the Gaylord Company.

Very soon we will need more storage space in the archives. Since it is impossible for us to expand facilities at the present time more room must be found within the archives. This was a condition that my husband realized and for which he had begun to plan late in 1980. Recently we met with the same salesman that he had consulted. He is a representative of a local firm who sells the Kardex movable shelving systems. He made a study of the room and submitted an estimate of the cost involved. This system is designed to replace conventional shelving and filing cabinets, and to eliminate much wasted aisle space. In some instances storage space can be more than doubled. The plan would be to set the present shelving on rails recessed in the floor. When the shelving sections are not being used they can be moved close together. When material is needed from a particular shelf the section can be opened manually or mechanically. The system is designed for operational safety, in the set of the rails, the built-in locking positions, and a safety device that prevents the drive system from being operated accidentally. To provide proper security for contents, all Kompakt systems may be key-locked. If the decision is made to go ahead with this project it could be done in different units. We now have 2,250 lineal filing inches in that section of the room closest to the hall and where the filing cabinets are located. With the Kardex system we could have an additional 2,800 lineal filing inches. This could be done by installing one new movable range of legal shelf filing equipment and converting the two ranges of our present shelf storage equipment to movable type shelving. The cost of equipment for this conversion and installation would be \$10,175.00 Estimated cost of labor would be \$1,500.00, or approximately \$12,000.00. To complete the work on the nine remaining rows the cost would be approximately \$40,000.00.

I would like to add a word of thanks to our good friend and second vice-president, Philip Weiss for his help in supplying information about merged, disbanded, and even present day Philadelphia churches. When we have requests about some Philadelphia churches of by-gone

days, and for which we can find no answer, our first thought usually is, "Write to Philip Weiss, he will know." And thank goodnes he always does. He should write a book giving all the facts about churches which seem to have disappeared in the annals of time.

John B. Payne/President
Florence M. Bricker/Archivist

REGISTRATION FORM FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Please return this form by September 24, 1982 to:

Dr. Lowell Zuck
Eden Archives and Library
Eden Theological Seminary
475 East Lockwood Avenue
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