PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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	9	Pennsylvania's Fascinating and Forgotten History Lecture by Commonwealth Speaker Alan Irvine, University of Pittsburgh Catlin House 3 p.m. Sponsored by Pennsylvania Humanities Council	
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MAY	5	Anti Immigrant Sentiment Then & Now Lecture by Commonwealth Speaker Dr. Kathryn Wilson, Moore College of Art, Philade Waverly Community House 2 p.m. Co-sponsored with the Waverly Comm.	
	26	History of the Scranton Fire Department Lecture by Society member and Fire Department Historian Mark Boock Catlin House 2 p.m.	

ONGOING

The American Culture & Folk Art Lecture Series (\$6 per session):

March 10 - Session Three: Swing Low Sweet Chariot (Mourning Rituals)
April 14 - Session Four: Oh My Darlin' (Education of Women)
May 5 - Session Five: Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies (Patriotism)

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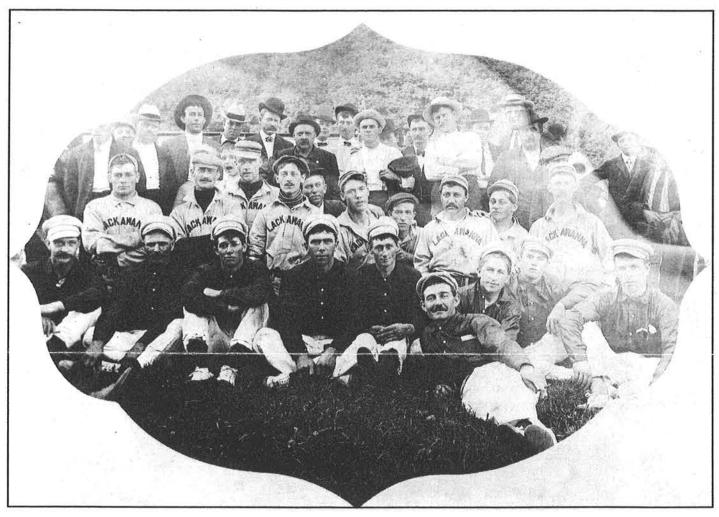
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Spring Programs scheduled at the Catlin House

The Society has scheduled several exciting programs for the upcoming Spring season. In March, we will welcome Mindell Dubansky of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art to discuss her research on noted book cover designer Alice C. Morse. Alice C. Morse lived in Scranton during the early 1900's and was head of the art department for the Scranton School District. Ms. Dubansky hopes that her visit to Scranton will provide new information for her research as well as inform our community about Alice Morse and her contribution to our local history. The Society will also mark Pennsylvania Heritage Week in March with a March 9th presentation on *Pennsylvania's Fascinating and Forgotten History* by Commonwealth Speaker Alan Irvine. This event is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, supported in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. In April, the Society will officially welcome in Spring with a lecture by Chester County historian, William Kashatus, on his new book, "Diamonds in the Coal Fields" which documents the careers of some local baseball heroes including Christy Mathewson and Hugh Jennings. In May, we continue our hero theme with Mark Boock's presentation on the History of the Scranton Fire Department. For more on upcoming events, see page 6.

Windsor Chair Raffle Winner

The winning ticket for the Windsor Chair was drawn on December 7th at the Society's Members-Only Open House. It belonged to Society member Margaret Beckwith of Bend, Oregon. Mrs. Beckwith has graciously agreed that rather than have the chair shipped to Oregon, she will donate it back to the Society in return for some in-kind research assistance from us. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Beckwith and great appreciation for her donation.



Individuals

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Sustaining

Richard & Linda Eckersley, Scranton

Organizational

Women's Teachers Organization, Scranton

Reminder: Membership renewals for 2002 were due On February 1st. To date 318 members have renewed. Have you??!!

About Membership...

Membership privileges include unlimited access to the Society library, 10% discount in our bookstore, advance notice and invitations to all Society activities, special members-only programs and the quarterly newsletter. Attached is a membership form you can use to renew your membership or give to a friend or neighbor who is interested in joining. Please return it to the Lackawanna Historical Society

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2002 OFFICERS ELECTED



A short business meeting was held at the December 6th Members-Only Night to elect the following Society officers for the 2002 term:

Officers

President: Alan Sweeney 1st Vice President: Richard Bovard 2nd Vice President: Eileen Pocius

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New in the Bookstore

Diamonds in the Coalfields by William C. Kashatus \$24.95 This work explores the childhood, and minor and major league experiences of NEPA's local favorites including Christy Mathewson, Stan Coveleski, Stanley "Bucky"

Harris, Hughie Jennings, Ed Walsh, Nestor Chylak, Joe Bolinsky, Jake Daubert, John "Buck" Freeman, Mike Gazella, Steve O'Neill, and Stan Pawloski to name just a few.

The Rise and Fall of the Scranton Municipal Airport by William F. Hallstead III \$27.95

The author William Hallstead's father was very much involved in the beginning of what was first described as the Schultzville Airport, also known as the Scranton Municipal Airport. It is well remembered as an important contribution to this area in the development of early aviation of the US as well as its important role in training pilots in World War II. The Schultzville airport, which can no longer accommodate today's large planes, paved the way for larger developments such as the airport in Avoca.

Thornhurst and the Upper Lehigh River by Jim Howley \$25.00

Featuring the histories of Lehigh Canal, Stoddartsville, Drinker's Beech, Jay Gould, Gouldsboro Borough, Clifton Township, and Gouldsboro, Wayne County.

On the lighter side...

Recently Society staff person Marian Yevics came across this entry in the 1900 edition of the Scranton Tribune Almanac, and we couldn't resist sharing it with our members:

> Thurs. May 22—Professor Wells attempts to lecture on liquid air, but the air escapes before time for the entertainment.

Volunteer Corner

Welcome to new volunteers at the Catlin House Kristen Fratzola, Barbara Smallacomb, Rich Nezlo, and Paul Luers.

Kristen Fratzola, a Yellowwood student, began volunteering this month. She will be working at the Catlin House on a daily basis to fulfill course requirements needed to graduate in June. Kristen will be working on the photo digitization project as well as working with the staff on daily activities. Barbara Smallacomb, who has been a member of the Society for several years, also began working as a volunteer in February. Barbara will be assisting the staff in the library and has begun to organize a birth announcement file.

Rich Nezlo and Paul Luers joined the Society last year and have assisted greatly in the organization of the research files.

As always we are grateful to these and all the LHS volunteers for their time, dedication and interest.

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2001 Annual Report of the Lackawanna Historical Society



The year 2001 was a significant year for the Society and we would like to take a moment to rewiew some of our activities and accomplishments. We would also like to update you, our members, on the business of the Society to let you know how we are doing.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2002 Budget: For the past five years, the Society has been able to maintain a balanced budget through careful expenditures and frugal investment policies. In 2002, our budgeted revenue and expenses came in at \$98,200.

Roof Project: The Catlin House Roof Restoration Project was of highest priority for the Society in 2001. The total cost of the project was \$332,000. Through the support of our members and the community at large we were able to raise \$307,000. Large contributions were received from the Weinberg Foundation, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Keystone Historic Preservation Grant, The Margaret Briggs Foundation, and the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority. We continue to actively seek support to pay off our debt and appreciate any additional membership support that is offered. Now that the roof is completed, the Building and Grounds Committee has begun to look at Phase Two of the Catlin House Restoration which will focus on the exterior of the building from the second floor to the ground.

Catlin Trust: We are continuing activity in an ongoing law suit against the Third National Bank and Trust Company, now trading as First Union Bank. To date, we are advised not to comment as we are awaiting the court's ruling.

Membership: In 2001 the Society reached its target of 600 members, however there were 64 members who chose not to renew so we need to continue to build new memberships to reach this year's goal of 650. We are grateful to all of our members for their continuing support and interest. As President Alan Sweeney has said on more than one occasion, "Membership is the Key to the Society's Success!"

PROJECTS

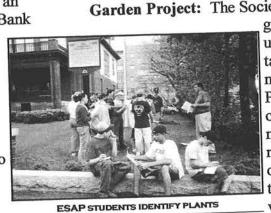
Library: In 2001, the Lackawanna Historical Society continued its work to improve its library through a partnership with the Scranton Public Library. The project provided much needed assistance from the Scranton Public Library to create an on-line catalogue of the titles included in the Society's collection. The staff at the Scranton Public Library were very helpful in generating new labels for the Society collection which can now be accessed through the library's web site www.albright.org. In addition, the Society is also working with Scranton Public Library staff to develop an official website for the Catlin House.

Photo Project: The Society also made great progress in 2001 with the Photo Digitization Project. Through a grant provided by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and additional support from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, over 1500 images have been digitally scanned and linked to a database describing each photograph. This project will continue in 2002 to complete the digitization and organization of the Society's collection of more than 6000 images.

Garden Project: The Society's educational

garden project continued in 2001 with assistance from the Environmental School at the Park or ESAP students of East Scranton Intermediate School, who maintained the grounds of the Society through the year. The students worked with Northeast

Pennsylvania Urban Forestry Program representative Wayne Lukas to identify plants and will be returning this year to install identification markers.



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COLLECTIONS

Collection Committee Chairperson Ella Rayburn reports that the committee accepted more than 25 accessions for the collection and the library. Outgoing loans supported exhibits at Steamtown National Historic Site, the Everhart Museum, the Anthracite Museum, the Scranton Club, and the Century Club. The historical society is responsible for four newly built exhibit cases in the downtown Post Office. An exhibit promoting Courthouse Square tours was productive. A group of items stored in the basement since 1980 was returned to the rightful owner (on loan to LHS). A "Collections Care" notebook was compiled. The "Museum Catalog Manuel" with cataloging instructions and forms was completed and will be used to train catalogers in 2002. The cataloging program, "Past Perfect," was upgraded. Sheer curtains in the dining room and living room were laundered.

RESEARCH

The mission of the Lackawanna Historical Society is to preserve and promote an interest in local history. One of our main activities is to assist researchers in using our library and to provide data that will further their work. In 2001, the Society answered more than 150 inquiries from genealogists, scholars, and general queries. While the majority of these sought basic information on places and dates of births, deaths, and marriages, many also asked about particular events and organizations that are related to Lackawanna County. Written inquiries came from across the country as well abroad, including Ireland and Wales.

In addition to these written requests, 250 researchers visited the Society to conduct their own research. One interesting request came to the Society in July: Mr. Charles Wenzel contacted the Society for assistance in locating the descendents of John F. Barrett (postmaster of Scranton from 1909-1915) to return a cane that he had found as a youngster living in Scranton. With assistance from Scranton Times editor, Joseph X. Flannery, we were able to locate Moya Burke, Barrett's great grand-daughter. In December, Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel came to the Catlin House to meet the Burkes and return the cane. Mrs. Burke was thrilled to receive the precious family heirloom and plans to display it in her home.

VISITS, PROGRAMS, AND TOURS

In 2001, the Society served 3,598 people through its educational programs and lectures, tours, and special events. Educational programs included: 11 lectures by the director to local organizations; 14 school and organizational group tours of the Catlin House; Heritage Express; Curriculum Day program; and two Museums as a Classroom workshops. Tours included seasonal Courthouse Square and Downtown Walking tours and Carbondale Places of Worship Tour. In addition the Society hosted nine lectures: An Evening with Mr. Lincoln; Preserving Your Family Papers; Hard Coal, Soft Coal: Pennsylvania Mining in Film and Song; The Delaware and Hudson Coal Company: New Insights from the James Archbald Papers; The Underground Railroad; Private Railroad Cars of the Anthracite Region; The Irwin Payne Marker Dedication and Memories of Rocky Glen. Another popular event in 2001 was the premier showing of the documentary film, The Hotel Casey: the Perfect Hotel. Over 200 people came out on October 20th to view the student project of University of Scranton senior Ron Babcock. Also in October the Society co-sponsored the third annual What's It Worth Arts and Antiques Appraisal Show held at the new Scranton High School on October 13th.

PARTNERSHIPS

Last year the Society worked on several collaborative projects including: the Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the First District Court in partnership with the General Service Administration of Scranton's Federal Courthouse and Post Office; The Celebration of American Labor with the Scranton Cultural Center; the opening of the Hotel Casey Time Capsule with the Casey family; the continuation of Then and Now articles for the Scranton Sunday Times; and several educational programs like Museums as a Classroom and Heritage Express with the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, the Northeast Intermediate Unit #19, Steamtown National Historic Site, the Anthracite Heritage Museum, Lackawanna County Coal Mine, the Electric City Trolley Museum, and the Everhart Museum.

History LIVES at the Catlin House!

On Saturday, April 26, proud parents, teachers and members of the Scranton community gathered in the Catlin House fover to watch seventh and eight grade students from West Intermediate School perform The Civil War...In a Small Northern Town.

Through drama, dance, and song students retold true stories from the Civil War. The fourteen students are from the Best Program, which is an after school program that reinforces and engages students' interests as well as offering academic support. For eight weeks the students spent their Saturday mornings working with their teacher, Eileen Pocius, in researching and compiling information about the war. Eileen told audience members the important thing to remember about this group was that "...they wanted to come because they had an interest." One student, Liz Stefani commented, "I learned much about the differences in war compared to today, and the difficulties men had to face such as little food, heavy uniforms, and unclean water." Other students agreed that their project and hard work was both a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

In conjunction with the Best Program, the NEIU #19 provided musician, Cyndie Hasty, to work with the young people. These cast members received additional theatre coaching from former LHS Artist in Residence, Nancy Hasty, Cyndie's sister. Included in the cast were: Katherine Congemi, Bobby Dodd, Sarah Kolvinovsky, Lauren Konetski, Mike Lee, Brian Lewis, Dustin Lipik, Matt Meredick, Caitlin McCarthy, Matthew Murphy, Liz Stefani and Nyssa Zaacheo.

In addition to the performance, Ralph Lalella, Bryan Woodyatt and Nyssa Zaccheo prepared an exhibit at the Federal Building Post Office on the Civil War with assistance and guidance from Collection Chair, Ella S. Rayburn. Mrs. Pocius, who was rewarded "Teacher of the Year," noted that, "It was the largest exhibit response ever!"

NED WASHINGTON

Scranton's Ambassador at Large

When you wish upon a star, you probably don't realize that Ned Washington, formerly of Scranton, Pennsylvania, is the creator of the Disney masterpiece.

Mr. Washington, who wrote songs for Broadway hits such as "Earl Carrol's Vanities," "Hello to Paris," and "Blackbirds of 1934," also won Academy Awards for the film score to Walt Disney's "Pinocchio," and for the ever so famous, "When You Wish Upon a Star."

There were, however, 9 other Oscar nominations, as well as hundreds of film song credits.

Mr. Washington, who was born on August 15, 1901 in Scranton, PA, grew up on the 500 block of North Bromley Ave. He attended Charles Sumner and Technical High Schools, and he worked as a news carrier for The Scranton Republican from 1913 to 1914, while 1917 found Mr. Washington serving as a cash boy and shipping clerk for the Globe Store.

On May 18, 1950, during a visit to Scranton, the Chamber of Commerce named him Scranton's "Ambassador at Large" and before an audience of 1700, he responded, "No matter where you go, how far away, or what you do, there's always something that pulls your heart back to the place where you were born."

Mr. Washington died on December 20, 1979, in Beverly Hills, California.

The Lackawanna Historical Society would like to give a special thanks to Juliana Jones, whose paper. "Ambassador at Large," served as the primary resource for this article.

Are You Packed?

When we think of traveling, we think of packing. Steamtown National Historical Site is seeking donations of suitcases preferably made no later than the mid-1950s.

These suitcases will be placed in the overhead racks of the operating coaches. Small suitcases, brief cases and the occasional larger suitcase (no trunks) will give a feel of busyness, of people on the move to destinations and activities. If you would like to donate a suitcase, valise, overnight case, or grip, contact Ella Rayburn, park curator, at 570-340-5192.

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referring to her as the "UPC mule." The idea, Mr. Lehman

says, came when he started to think about the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area and the role that the coal miners played in developing it.

"The bars of the UPC symbols represent the bars of a prison, as well as profit and gain," Mr. Lehman said.

The mules, according to Mr. Lehman, are a metaphorical symbol for the production of mining coal. While the miners them-



selves endured a great amount of pain and suffering, the mules were also weighed down with hardship.

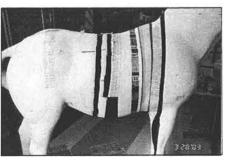
"The mules didn't want to be in a mine, didn't want to be in a harness," Mr. Lehman said. "And the men were just like the mules.

The men controlled the mules, but the entrepreneurs controlled the men."

But unlike the mules of past, Mr. Lehman was sure to give this mule her own voice.

"I named her Uta Naka I, which is Japanese for 'the song within," Mr. Lehman said. "Every sentient being has a song-the inner drive that has nothing to do with coal or commerce."

When Mr. Lehman got the idea of a "UPC mule" he immediately began collecting UPC labels



The Evolution of Uta Naka I

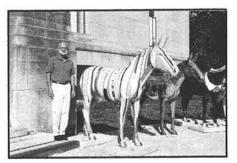
from his own home. But after realizing he didn't have enough to complete the project, he gathered donations of labels from others who knew about his work.

Mr. Lehman began placing the UPC symbols on-one by one

in a vertical line.

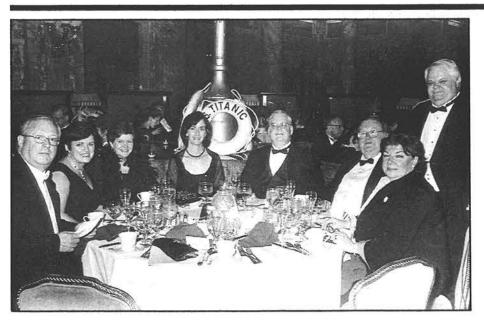
"I'd do one stripe then I would step back and look at every angle of the mule," Mr. Lehman said. "Then I would decide where the next one would go and what color it would be."

After contacting Mary Ann Moran, Director of the Lackawanna Historical Society, Mr. Lehman acquired the names of coal miners who had worked in Scranton. He photocopied the names, cut them out, and carefully placed them on the mule as well. As he



spoke more about the project, Mr. Lehman learned that nearly everyone he talked to had a family member who had "worked in the mines," adding yet another dimension to the work-he asked those

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Scenes from the Last Dinner on the Titanic...

This year, over sixty people hauled out their finest early 20th Century attire to take part in the Lackawanna Historical Society's annual Titanic Dinner held at the Radisson Hotel.

Pictured from Left to Right: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garvey, Judy Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, Mr. and Mrs. John Hart, and "Captain" Alan Sweeney

From Toys to Bombs, Mr. Fruman Tells All...

On April 29th, Marywood College intern, Andrea Ciarlo met Mr. Emanuel Fruman to interview him for an article in the LHS newsletter. The LHS is grateful to Mr. Fruman for his willingness to share his story.

"Remarkable" was the last word out of my mouth after shaking hands with Emanuel Fruman, an 82 year old retired Army Colonel, toy manufacturer and 12 year employee of Montgomery Ward.

Mr. Fruman, a seven year resident of Mountain Rest Nursing Home in Scranton, PA, and a 20 year resident of Scranton, was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 12, 1921 to Simon and Rose Wolman Fruman. His father came to the United States from Germany and was the first cardiologist in the country, and his mother Rose was one of the first women to participate in the cause for women suffrage.

Mr. Fruman graduated from Colby College in Maine in 1942 with a degree in American History. Three days after his college graduation, he interviewed and was assigned into the Army. He rose to the ranks of Captain in September of 1942 after completing a special intelligence-training program.

Mr. Fruman was then assigned as a member of a six person group to work on special projects under Eisenhower. One project involved getting one million tons of ordinance material to France for American soldiers. Sixty tubs, each two feet long, were sunk 3 feet beneath the water line with explosives attached to each unit, in order to raise them above the water. The tubs were then released to the soldiers without the knowledge of the Germans. With his success of this crafty maneuver, Mr. Fruman was appointed Colonel at the ripe old age of 26.

In 1943, Mr. Fruman continued his successful army career when he developed the "Long Grey Line" diversion tactic. At the time, British forces had staged one of the largest raids on German soil using 900 bombers as a plot to scare and distract the Germans, who were producing bombs underground and 6 foot thick cement walls.

The "Long Grey Line" was a technique to divert German airplane technicians by creating 12 simulated planes filled with helium, and string them up at an incredible height. It looked like a clan of planes more than 500 feet long. The planes were made in Alaska and could only run for a couple hundred miles. The Germans, however, could never reach the extreme height of the US planes but in their attempts to do so, their attention was diverted to real US forces and their mission.

"The warfare concept is that in many cases the heads order certain things done that do not exist," Mr. Fruman said. "By doing so, you are always under pressure or producing things that are possible in minds, but not in actuality."

After the war, Mr. Fruman went into toy manufacturing with two other partners. The business, "Renewal Manufacturers," was located in Minneola, New York. Mr. Fruman specialized in making plastic dollhouse toys. "I know you will remember this," he said to me, "because you played with them when you were a child."

In 1951 he left Renewal and bought a seat on the stock exchange for eleven years. Mr. Fruman proves to be a very versatile man for it was soon after this that he went to work for Montgomery Ward, one of the largest mail-order houses in the United States, a job he would hold for 12 years.

Around 1978, Mr. Fruman settled in Scranton with his wife and daughter. Exciting as his life is, the story keeps on getting better. As a contestant on Jeopardy in 1988, he made it to the fourth level and won \$43,000. Amazed, I asked how he managed to succeed at such a difficult television game show. He modestly replied that his game show success was due not just to intelligence but to knowing the categories.

As we spoke, Mr. Fruman fondly recalled traveling in his younger days to Germany, Eng-

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land, Russia, Scandinavian countries, and South America. He calls himself a "voracious reader, who never gets bored with books." He admits to reading 3 books at one time, usually war books, general history of the Era, and then some selected current books. At Mountain Rest, he likes to participate in Bingo. He also enjoys talking with his two nieces, one who lives in San Francisco and the other who lives in Seattle.

Some of his most memorable moments are when he met FDR, Eisenhower, Churchill, and Truman President Truman congratulated him on his war expertise.

Mr. Fruman and I sat and spoke for two hours but I could have stayed much longer. His life story is fascinating, and his contributions to the war helped to remind me of the importance of those who fight for their country. From bombs to family, toys to Shakespeare, I enjoyed every bit of interview-

ing Mr. Fruman, for he knows of character, heart, and soul.

In addition to Miss Ciarlo's article, the Society has recorded his oral history which is available in the Catlin House Library accompanied by a video interview of Mr. Fruman. Oral Histories are an excellent record of our past and help us to document local heritage for future generations. To suggest subjects for future oral histories, please contact us.

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same people to "sign the mule."

From afar, the mule appears bright and warm, a rainbow spectrum that hints at a black and white undertone. It's only upon closer examination that the viewer can see the intricate work of the UPC symbol with the tribute to the local miners.

The mule, a combination of history, social commentary, and pure artistic design, will soon have a sister, Uta Naka II, a sister who apparently looks a lot like her older sibling. "I think they're going to be echoes of each other," Mr. Lehman said. "The second mule's stripes run from front to back rather than top to bottom."

While Uta Naka II was not quite ready for display at the time of this article, Uta Naka I can be seen at her new home, the front yard of the Catlin House.

For a complete list of mule locations or more information on Miles of Mules, visit <www. milesofmules.org> or contact the Cultural Council of Luzerne County at (570)408-4439

In the Bookstore...

Today at SFT: A History of the Scranton Federation of Teachers, by Nancy McDonald

Ms. McDonald's book, *Today at SFT: A History of the Scranton Federation of Teachers* provides a complete and comprehensive look at the foundation, struggles, development, and further expansion of the Scranton Federation of Teachers.

Ms. McDonald tracks, step by step, the fight to obtain smaller classes, higher salaries, permanent substitute teachers, as well as countless other issues that surrounded the Scranton School District throughout its lifetime straight through to the nineties.

To purchase your copy of *Today at SFT: A History of the Scranton Federation of Teachers*, stop by the Lackawanna Historical Society bookstore.

Welcome New Members

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Atty. & Mrs. Christopher Powell, Moosic
Catherine Taylor, Dallas
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Whitford, Moscow

Student

Ryan Cavanaugh, Taylor

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career he had two world championships, three pennants, 25,157 victories and 2,218 defeats. Stanley "Bucky" Harris, died November 8, 1977 in Bethesda, Maryland.

Ed Walsh entered the Hall of Fame in 1946. He grew up in Plains and throughout his career in baseball he was known as "Big Ed." As a pitcher in baseball's early Dead Ball Era, Walsh was known for his fast balls, but more notorious for his spitballs that were devastating to a batter.



Ed Walsh National Baseball Hall of Fame Library Cooperstown, NY

In 1906, Ed Walsh helped the White Sox to the World Series. In the years of 1908-1912, Walsh struck out 250 hitters each season. He also threw a no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox in 1911. His greatest year was 1908 when he posted a 40-15 year record. After 1912, "Big Ed's" arm was tiring and he ended his career with the Boston Braves in 1917 with a 195-126 career record. He died May 26, 1959 in Pompano Beach, Florida.

Stanley Coveleski, entered the Hall of Fame in 1969. Born in Shamokin, Stan started in the majors with Connie Mack's A's in the 1912 season. As a pitcher, he hurled a spitball until it was outlawed in 1920.

Coveleski had a nine-year career with Cleveland. In the 1920



Bucky Harris National Baseball Hall of Fame Library Cooperstown, NY

World Series, he pitched to the Dodgers for three complete games, allowing only two runs in twentyseven innings, and winning the three games.

During his Cleveland years, Stan would not pitch against his brother who played for Detroit, because he didn't want to create a rift between the family. 1925 saw Stan traded to Washington where he played for Bucky Harris. After one and a half seasons with Washington,



Stan Coveleski National Baseball Hall of Fame Library Cooperstown, NY

Stan moved on to the Yankees. But a sore arm slowed him down. In 1928 Stan helped the Bronx Bombers to a pennant with a 5-1 record in twelve appearances. In 1928, Stan played his final season ending his career with a 215-142 record, 39 shut-outs, and 6 seasons pitching 276 innings with a 2.88 ERA. Stan died March 20, 1984 in South Bend, Indiana.

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Nestor Chylak is the newest member of the Hall of Fame as an umpire being elected in 1999. Nestor was born in Olyphant and umpired in the major leagues for



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over twenty-five years, gaining the respect and admiration of all whom he came in contact with.

Nestor officiated in five World Series, six all star games and three American League Championship Series. He was respected by both players and managers for his ability to control the game.

It is often remembered that Chylak was baseball's greatest ambassador due to his many off-season speaking engagements. For a number of years he was a member of the Sports Illustrated Speakers' Bureau. Nestor was a great storyteller and to know him was a great honor. Nestor Chylak died in 1982.

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Hall of Fame Legends of Northeastern Pennsylvania

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Baseball has been the national pastime in our country for as long as we can remember. During the heyday of coal mining, the sport helped many miners get out of the mines. Hundreds of teams dotted the communities in the northern anthracite fields as skilled players offered a few hours of fun for the workers of this treacherous occupation. There were countless good ballplayers in this region but only a select few made it to the Hall of Fame.

The following will give you a brief sketch of six fellow Pennsylvanians who reached Cooperstown, New York.

Christy Mathewson was inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame as a player in 1936. He was one of the greatest pitchers the



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game of baseball has ever seen, during the Dead Ball Era. Born in Factoryville, he played ball locally, attended Keystone Academy, now Keystone College, and Bucknell University. His college play got him recognized by the professionals and he joined the New York Giants in 1900. In his sixteen year career, Christy credited his experience in the Anthracite leagues for his superior pitching skill.

With the Giants, Christy won twenty or more games for thirteen seasons and led the league in strikeouts and shutouts. In 1901 and 1905, he also led the league in pitched nohitters. Then in 1908, he won thirtyseven games for his team, compiling an earned run average of 1.15. In addition, he pitched in four World Series games.

In 1916 he retired as a player and took up management. He managed the Cincinnati Reds for one and a half seasons before enlisting in the Army in 1918, at thirty eight years old. Attaining the rank of Captain, he was gassed during the war leaving his lungs severely damaged with tuberculosis. He rejoined the New York Giants in 1919 as a coach but due to health problems resigned. Later in 1923 he returned to baseball as president of the Boston Braves but his health got the better of him and he finally retired to his home in Saranac Lake, New York where he died on October 7, 1925 at age 45.

Hugh Jennings was inducted in to the Hall of Fame as a player in 1945. Hughie's career in baseball lasted from 1891 to 1918 and he is best remembered as a great shortstop and contact hitter in the early days as the sport was becoming a national phenomenon. During his time with the Baltimore Orioles organization, he led them to three straight National League pennants. He later managed the Detroit Tigers and led them to an American League pennant. Hughie was a .314 hitter. He went from the Anthracite leagues right into the American Association in 1891.

It is said that, "Jennings' career with the Orioles was a perfect fit," according to baseball historian, William Kashatus.

During his baseball career, Hughie decided he needed something after his baseball career ended, so he studied law. Until his retirement he practiced law in the off-season and even had a stint on the Vaudeville circuit. Hugh practiced law in



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Scranton until he died in 1928. Hughie Jennings is the great grandfather of Scranton's current mayor, Christopher Doherty. He died on February 1, 1928 in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Stanley "Bucky" Harris entered the Baseball Hall of Fame as a manager in 1975. He grew up in Hughestown where he played local baseball. He was given a boost to the majors by a local resident, Hugh Jennings, who then was a manager with Detroit. He was a great second baseman for put-outs, double plays, and base stealing.

At 27, Harris was the youngest manager/player. He was known as "Boy Wonder" after managing the Washington Senators to a 1924 World Series win. He managed for 29 years in the majors with the following teams: Detroit Tigers, Boston Red Sox, Philadelphia Phillies, and New York Yankees. While managing the Yankees, Harris won another World Series, adding to his impressive record. In 1947 he was named "Manager of the Year" by Sporting News. Over his

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