

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- AUGUST 11** *On the Frontier with George Catlin*  
Exhibit opening and old-fashioned barbecue - fee \$30.00  
Catlin House, 7:00 p.m. (see page 2)
- AUGUST 12 & 13** *Historic Scenes on Courthouse Square*  
A living history production featuring the *Past Players*  
\$7.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 12 and under (see page 9)  
Courthouse Square, 1:30 p.m.
- AUGUST 27** *Baseball Trolley*  
Join us for a trolley ride to the Red Barons Game  
Trolley ride and game tickets: \$20 (Call LHS for details)  
Cedar Avenue Departure, 12:45 p.m.
- SEPT. 6** *Annual Dinner History of Scranton Community Concerts*  
*Details to be announced*
- SEPT. 17** *Doug Smith's Dixie Land Jazz Band Concert*  
Train Station at Archbald, 3:30 p.m.
- SEPT. 24** *September Sojourn to Gettysburg* (see page 11)
- OCT. 1 & 8** *Annual Dunmore Cemetery Walking Tours*  
*Details to be announced*

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Smith Ice Cream Delivery Wagon

## WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

By Cheryl A. Kashuba

What's better than a smooth, cool, creamy scoop of ice cream on a hot summer day? In our time, we can enjoy this refreshing favorite whenever we want it. Before 1800, however, ice cream was a rare and exotic treat enjoyed mostly by the privileged. About 1800, the advent of insulated ice houses changed that, and by 1850 the manufacturing of ice cream became a viable industry. Ice was cut in the winter and stored underground or in wood-framed ice houses, insulated by straw. Since 1900, the growth of the ice cream industry has been phenomenal.

Locally, C.J. Smith and partner Samson got into the ice cream business in Dunmore around

1914. One of their early ads reads: "Will supply you at short notice with ice cream in all flavors, all quantities, of the finest quality." This was a promise! Even as it became more common, ice cream was not always something you could get on short notice. Ice cream making was a laborious and time-consuming process: a mixture of milk, cream, sugar, and other ingredients was put into a container, which was immersed in crushed ice and salt. As the ice melted, the salt would keep the water below the freezing point, keeping the mixture cold enough to freeze. Hand-cranked churns continuously mixed the concoction, resulting in a smooth, creamy texture.

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**ON THE FRONTIER WITH GEORGE CATLIN**

On August 11th at 7 p.m., the Lackawanna Historical Society will host *On the Frontier with George Catlin*, an exhibit opening and old-fashioned barbecue. The event will include a new exhibit of rarely-seen prints from Catlin's 1844 North American Indian portfolio *Hunting Scenes and Amusements of the Rocky Mountains and Prairies of America*. Published in London, the portfolio includes lithograph prints believed to be hand-colored by the artist George Catlin.

Born in Wilkes-Barre in 1796, Catlin practiced law for a time before he turned to brushes and paint pots. By the 1820s, he had established himself as an amateur painter and had traveled to Philadelphia, determined to become a professional artist.

As his work developed, Catlin focused his interest on Native Americans and formed a relationship with Superintendent of Indian Affairs William Clark, of the famed Lewis and Clark expedition team, and was able to gain passage throughout the Indian Territory.

In 1830, Catlin began his travels to the West, where he spent the next eight years visiting 48 different tribes and painting more than 600 oil paintings, including several portraits of Native Americans.

The London series includes 25 prints and 16 pages of text. The Society's exhibit will display the 8 prints that hang in the Catlin House as well as 8 additional prints.

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**IN THE BOOKSTORE**

*A Proper Dress*

by  
 Jennifer Hill-Kaucher  
 and  
 Elizabeth Parry-Faist

Historic women inspired this beautiful collection of original poems by Jennifer Hill-Kaucher and art work by Elizabeth Parry-Faist. Recipients of a 2006 Lackawanna County Arts and Culture grant, the two women drew from the collections at the Catlin House, as well as from their own personal histories, to produce this powerful and poignant work.

Ms. Hill-Kaucher writes that her deepening understanding of the changing mores and of local heritage "allowed the poems to evolve from form into what I call 'collapsed form,' where the subject matter of the poem batters the window panes of the form and spills out into the world beyond. For me, this is an accurate description of what it means to be a woman alive in any century..."

Ms. Parry-Faist created art work to accompany the poems. She combined personal objects such as a photograph of her great-grandmother and her mother, illustrations done by her mother, and photographs of her daughter to create collages. She hand-toned the final prints with tea and color washes.

The collaborative effort of these women resulted in a public poetry reading and art exhibit at the Catlin House, and in this magnificent book, available at the Catlin House.

This project is supported by a Lackawanna County Arts and Culture Grant, a program of the Lackawanna County Commissioners and the Lackawanna County Council on the Arts.



**September Sojourn**

Join us for the LHS September Sojourn to Historic Gettysburg, PA  
 September 24 & 25

The bus will depart the Catlin House at 7:30 a.m. and arrive at the National Park Service Visitor's Center in Gettysburg to allow time for orientation and exploration, then travel to the Dobbin House for lunch.

After lunch, we will meet licensed Gettysburg tour guide and descendant of Patrick DeLacy, Gary Roche, for a tour of the battlefield.

Hotel check-in will follow the tour and allow some free time before we leave for General Pickett's restaurant to enjoy a buffet dinner. The rest of the evening will be yours to explore Gettysburg as you wish. Or you can join a group at the hotel to learn more about Northeastern Pennsylvanians at Gettysburg, with an informal round table discussion led by Gary Roche. For our night owls, an optional haunted trolley tour will be available at 9 p.m. (depends on minimum of 10 people).

The following day, after breakfast on your own, we will tour the Shriver House and Eisenhower Farm, and provide additional free time for lunch on your own before returning to Scranton. Make checks payable to Lackawanna Historical Society, and return registration form by September 10th.

**September Sojourn to Historic Gettysburg  
 September 24 & 25**

Name(s) Grace Annelly  
 Address Single  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Double Occupancy: \$165 per person  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Single Occupancy: \$220 per person  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Haunted Trolley Tour \$20 (optional)

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## FUND RAISING CONTINUES FOR OLYPHANT MONUMENT

The Olyphant Coal Miners Association continues its fund raising efforts to erect a monument to honor mid-valley miners.

The center-piece of the monument will be a bronze statue with a stainless steel pick, crafted by Blakely sculptor Frank Wiso.

The Association feels that Olyphant is an appropriate location to honor all the miners from the Mid-Valley. Gene Turko, Chairman, and Jerry Chelack, Treasurer, started the push for this important tribute. So far, they have raised over \$10,000 toward their \$45,000 goal. Money is collected through the Historical Society and then passed along to the Miners Association.

If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor, please make your check payable to the Olyphant Miners Monument and send it to the Society.

### WE'RE LOOKING FOR...

#### INFORMATION

Eva Paradise ran a private hospital in the Scranton area and another one in Elmira, New York sometime in the late nineteenth century up until about 1917. According to family members, the hospitals held the Paradise name. Scranton City Directories from the period, however, list no hospitals with the Paradise name. If you have any knowledge of these hospitals, please let us know.

#### GOLF MEMORABILIA

Do you remember the Abington Hills Golf and Outing Club or the Abington Hills Country Club? The Society is looking for photographs and other items from this organization, which existed in Dalton from 1922 to 1941. If you have any information or memorabilia that you would like to share with us, please contact the Society.

## NEW VOLUNTEER EXPLORES HIS HISTORY

My name is Josh Felter. At 17 years of age, going into my senior year of high school, I needed a senior project to do. So I decided to volunteer at the Lackawanna County Historical Society. My reason for choosing this place is that local history interests me. One of my favorite areas of history is Moosic because I was born and raised there. Another favorite area of local history to me is the history of the Riverside School District.

These interests recently caused me to look at the vertical files from Moosic, and I found some interesting articles, including ones about the Springbrook Creek.

In September of 2004, the Springbrook Creek would change forever because of Hurricane Ivan. The water was very high, and I remember being evacuated because they were worried about the water going over the creek. The high water even confused people such as Mrs. Roslyn Yackolowitz's 4-year-old daughter Rachel, a nearby resident who thought the ocean was in her backyard.

After Ivan was over, lots of damage was done along the creek, which connects to the Lackawanna River.

Seven months later, more high waters came, but nothing happened. The recent bad weather brought more of the same thing. On the other hand, nearby Lonesome Road in Old Forge got badly damaged.

These threatening waters are a concern to hundreds of nearby residents because of the massive rocks that cause the river level to rise quickly.

### Scranton Tomorrow Helps Fund May Clean-Up

The Society received a mini-grant in the amount of \$75.00 from Scranton Tomorrow for our May clean-up day. Much thanks to the people at Scranton Tomorrow!

## NEW VOLUNTEERS

Bill Kazmierski, a Computer Science major at the University of Scranton, has been helping with research and data entry.

Josh Felter, a student at Riverside High School, has been indexing the *Scranton Times* Scranton Centennial Edition from 1966.

Madeline Trager, a freshman at West Scranton High School, is helping with office duties.

**Thank you to all of our volunteers!!!**

### VOLUNTEERS: PLANNING AND PROMOTING

Volunteers Joanne Kavulich and Leni Piaski have been hard at work promoting the Catlin House and planning new programs. Perhaps you have seen the new Catlin House brochure? Featuring photographs of the house, the brochure guides the visitor through the first floor rooms and the second floor exhibits.

This dynamic pair has also been hard at work taking photographs of the Catlin House for a new monthly calendar.

In addition, Joanne, a retired teacher, has been working with Anne Marie O'Hara to develop a Kids' Day at the Catlin House for the fall. In the same vein, Joanne has begun to develop an idea for a fifth grade history project competition.

### YELLOWWOOD STUDENT BIDS FAREWELL

Dear Mary Ann Moran,

Thank you for letting me be a part of the Lackawanna Historical Society and for all the things you taught me in my year there. I had a great time and I will never forget my time there. I learned a lot of new stuff. I had no clue how to use a computer, and now I know how to scan, burn CDs, and put information in the computer. And thank you for helping me with my senior project.

Sincerely,  
Tom Connolly

## NEW MEMBERS

### Contributing

Eugene E. McDonough, Scranton

### Individual

Liz Parry-Faist, Factoryville

Edward O'Connell, Lake Ariel

Judith G. DuPont, Stonington, Connecticut

### Student

Joshua Felter, Moosic

*Apologies to Joe Loughman for misspelling his name in our last newsletter!*

### Happy Birthday

to Tommy Robinson

From Leola D. Collins



### MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

For Jane LaFrance  
From Patricia L. Marlow

For John O'Hara  
From Muriel A. Devereaux

*Correction: our last newsletter listed a memorial contribution to Marion Yevics from George and Mary Kahavich. The contribution came from George and Mary Kahanick.*

### CONSIDER PLANNED GIVING

Remembering the Lackawanna Historical Society in your estate is a wonderful way to leave a lasting gift to the community. Planned giving, or charitable gift and estate planning, allows you to contribute to the Society's long-term financial health.

Planned giving has become increasingly popular because it can be tailored to your financial situation. Your gift can be funded through cash, marketable securities, mutual funds, real estate, life insurance, and retirement plans. Your gift can be structured around your circumstances so that you may find you can do more than you might have thought possible.

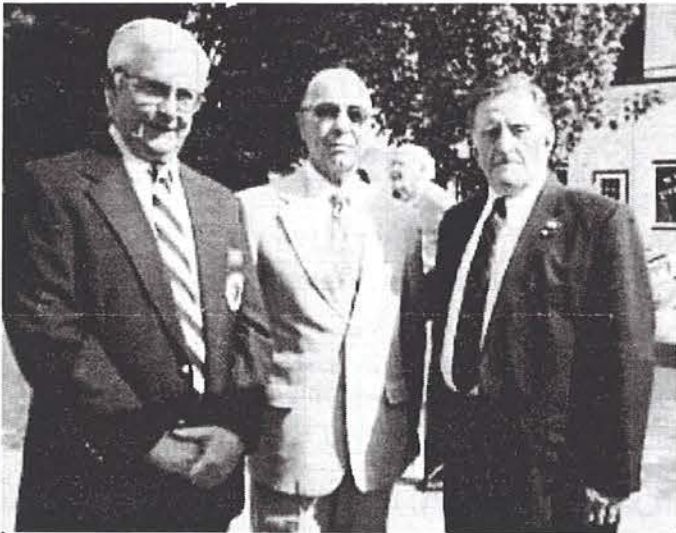
Tax incentives for publicly-supported charities are the most advantageous under the tax law. Your bequest is tax deductible.



## THEIR LAST MEASURE OF DEVOTION

BY DAN GLODEK

A Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial was dedicated to two of our local heroes on Friday June 16. Through the auspices of the Carbondale Public Library and its Directors, tributes were bestowed on the memories of Captain Patrick DeLacy and Second Lieutenant Joseph R. Sarnoski. Almost a century separated their acts of gallantry, but their heroism was collectively recognized by the citizens of a proud and grateful community.



Gary Roche, Fran Sarnoski, and Daniel Glodek at the recent memorial ceremony in Carbondale.

Representing the honorees were Gary Roche, Great-Great Grandson of Captain DeLacy, and Francis Sarnoski, younger brother of Lieutenant Sarnoski. Mr. Roche detailed the motivating actions of his acclaimed ancestor, who, on May 6, 1864, was the First Sergeant of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry during an intense and desperate battle at the Wilderness. While under heavy concentration of enemy fire, DeLacy ran undaunted ahead of the line. As he did, he shot the color bearer of a Confederate Regiment on the works, thus contributing to the success of the attack. It was

later that he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

Francis Sarnoski, the youngest of sixteen children, represented his family. He gave a proud and vivid account of the trying circumstances that contributed both to his brother's death and to the posthumous Medal of Honor that was awarded him for his steadfast aerial duel with superior numbers of enemy aircraft. His instinctive reactions against that enemy went above and beyond his call of duty. Lieutenant Sarnoski's coolness under fire made the mission a success: the remainder of the B17's crew was saved, and the *Lucy*, after many hours in the sky, made it miraculously home. She later died a noble death, the fatal result of complications suffered in battle. The acts of heroism displayed by her crew, a true demonstration of the American fighting man and his unfaltering spirit, earned each of the crewmen a medal or two.

Other speakers at the event included Dr. Robert S. Powell, Reverend Stephen J. Matylewicz, Monsignor Joseph Quinn, Colonel David Vautrinot, U.S.A.F. (Ret.), and Daniel Glodek.

Following Mr. Roche's and Mr. Sarnoski's remarks, individual portraits of the honorees, by local artist Andrea Davis, were donated, enhancing the solemnity of the memorial. As a grand gesture of good will, with a genuine swell of emotion, sensitivity, and understandable second thoughts, Francis surrendered his brother's treasured medal to a place of honor in the library, an esteemed shrine for all to see.

As the ceremony drew to a close, "Taps" reverberated hauntingly through the reverent crowd. Then all adjourned to the library where they distinguished themselves as the first to view the encased military artifacts that spanned close to one hundred years.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

### 1901

**July 12** Mine car at Riverside slope, Peckville runs away; one man killed, five injured

**July 18** Snake 7 and a half feet long killed at Chinchilla

**July 26** Mercury drops 31 degrees inside of 15 hours

**Aug. 1** Dog tears off ear of 8-year-old boy on Maple Street

**Aug. 6** Msgr. E.A. Harvey of Pittston appointed bishop of Altoona

**Aug. 11** West Scranton man kills wife then commits suicide

**Aug. 28** F.W. Zizelman removed as chief of fire department, and H.F. Ferber appointed

**Sept. 2** Ground broken for Grace Lutheran Church edifice on Prescott Avenue

**Sept. 8** Bishop-elect Eugene A. Garvey elevated to the episcopacy at St. Peter's Cathedral

**Sept. 14** Lackawanna hospital becomes a state institution

### 1902

**July 10** Boy, aged 14, squeezed to death in Tribune elevator shaft

**Aug. 4** Miss Clara Peck, the first woman to be admitted to the Lackawanna Bar

**Aug. 22** George Meier arrives in Scranton after riding 13,000 miles on a bicycle

### 1903

**July 4** five houses wrecked by settling of the surface at Old Forge

### July 19

Death claims Scranton's oldest citizen, Burrier Griffin

**Sept. 28** Corner stone laid for the new First Presbyterian Church

### 1907

**July 1** Opening of the Northern Electric railway and the Union National Bank

**July 17** Scranton Railway company buys nine acres of land of Lackawanna company for extension of power plant

**July 27** Chinchilla man charged with polluting city water supply

**Aug. 13** Diphtheria epidemic in Avoca

**Sept. 8** Rev. Wayland Gates of Scranton leave for mission work in China

**Sept. 22** Scranton baseball team loses pennant by small margin

(Data Compiled by Josh Felter)

## HISTORIC SCENES ON COURTHOUSE SQUARE RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST

### History Comes to Life on Courthouse Square

Join us on historic Courthouse Square as the *Past Players* transport us back to the early days of Scranton's history. Meet one of Scranton's earliest citizens. Hear from passengers who experienced the first electric trolley excursion. Honor local Civil War heroes. Witness United Mine Workers President John Mitchell and Attorney Clarence Darrow as they make history. These and other scenes will intrigue and delight you.

Written by Cheryl A. Kashuba and Matthew Kashuba, with Ed Osman.

**Where?** Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Courthouse Square, Scranton

**When?** Two performances:  
Saturday, August 12 &  
Sunday, August 13  
at 1:30

**Admission:** \$7.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 12 and under

**Reservations:** Call the Catlin House at 344-3841

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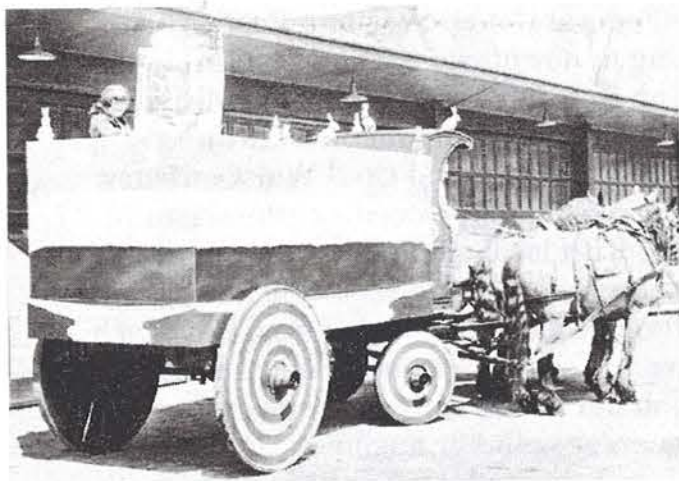
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As this photograph indicates, Smith's Ice Cream delivered to Wilkes-Barre, Hazelton, Stroudsburg, PA as well as Middletown, Newburgh, Port Jervis, and Liberty, NY. At some point, Samson left the business, and Smith partnered with T.B. Clark. Smith kept up with the newest innovations. By 1924, Smith and Clark had moved to a large, modern manufacturing plant at 1101 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton. It was later taken over by the Hershey company.



#### Ice Cream as Health Food

The sign on this parade wagon reads:

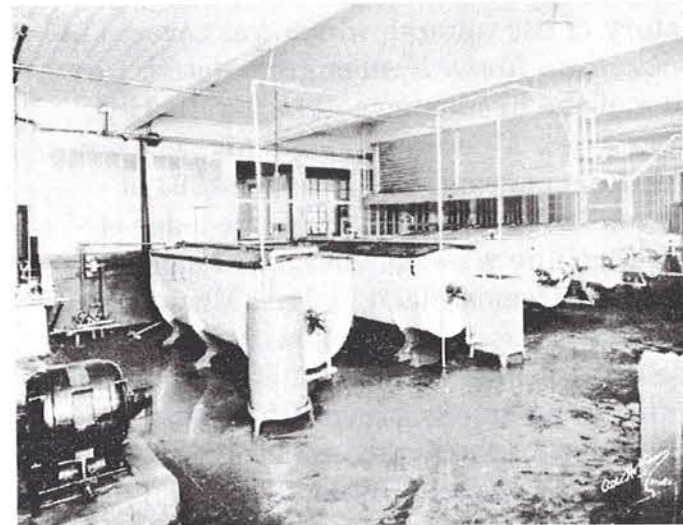
*Smith's Ice Cream  
The Cream of Perfection  
Builds Sturdy Health*

"In the case of the sick or convalescent, there is no better method of administering fuel, another name for calories, than by Ice Cream in that it contains both milk fat and sugar, two of the best sources of energy to the body..."

#### Modern Ice Cream Equipment

Undated photo by Ace Hoffman  
Photo Studios

The advent of modern freezers about 1926, along with modern mixing equipment, made possible the commercial mass production of ice cream and the birth of the modern ice cream industry. In 1928, it was estimated that the people of Pennsylvania produced about fourteen per cent of the total ice cream output of the nation.



#### **Did you know that July is National Ice Cream Month?**

According to the International Dairy Food Association web site, in 1984 President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month and the third Sunday of the month as National Ice Cream Day. He recognized ice cream as a fun and nutritious food that is enjoyed by a full 90% of the nation's population. In the proclamation, President Reagan called for all people of the United States to observe these events with "appropriate ceremonies and activities."

Smith's Ice Cream was, it seems, ahead of its time in this celebration. The undated photograph to the left shows a wagon decked out for a parade or some type of celebration of ice cream.

#### **THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR**

The Congressional Medal of Honor established by joint resolution of Congress 12 July 1862 (amended by Act of 9 July 1918 and Act of 25 July 1963) is awarded in the name of Congress to a person who, while a member of the Armed Services, distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against any enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his comrades and must have involved risk of life. Incontestable proof of the performance of service is exacted and each recommendation for award of this decoration is considered on the standard of extraordinary merit.



*Pencil drawing by Andrea Davis*

In addition to the nation's highest honor, Sarnoski's collection includes  
Silver Star  
Air Medal  
Purple Heart  
Pacific Campaign Medal

#### **REMEMBERING SCRANTON'S COLORED TROOPS PART III**

BY ALAN SWEENEY

Parts I and II detailed the Colored Troops who served during the Civil War. Research reveals that the USCT was commanded by white officers. Two of them are discussed below.

##### **WILLIAM F. WILL**

First Sergeant, COC 39th Maryland USCT, was born in New York City but resided at 522 Pine Street, Scranton. Will joined the local GAR Post on November 14, 1890 at age 48. He was a florist by occupation. He died December 13, 1923 and is buried in Dunmore Cemetery.

##### **FREDERICK L. HITCHCOCK**

A Colonel, 25th Regiment USCT, he entered the war in 1862 with the 32nd Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. Seriously wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, he was left for dead. Making his own way back to his lines, he received his commission as a colonel in 1864. After the war, Hitchcock served the city of Scranton as commander of the 13th Regiment Pennsylvania National Guard, as public safety director, and as city treasurer. He penned *The History of Scranton and Its People* and the *History of the 13th Regiment*. He also worked as an insurance agent. His home was at 1659 North Washington Ave. Hitchcock died October 9, 1924 and is buried in Dunmore Cemetery.



## SCRANTON'S FORTH MAYOR HONORED

by Mayor David Wenzel

No one ever said that being Mayor of Scranton was an easy job. You do expect to get roughed up by the media and City Council, but certainly not to have your life threatened by your fellow citizens. But that was the situation back in 1877 when labor unrest brought events in Scranton to the edge of anarchy.

A general strike that involved employees of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad had lasted for just one week when the railroaders agreed to go back to work at the



Labor Riot of 1877, from Hollister's *History of the Lackawanna Valley*, 1885

same wages. The local miners had gone out with the railroaders but were in no mood to end the strike. The situation was so serious that the Pennsylvania Governor John F. Hartranft had requested that federal troops stand by.

On the morning of August 1st, the streets around the silk mills on South Washington Avenue were filled with five or six thousand strikers who moved to the railroad shops just below Lackawanna Avenue. They harassed and threatened the railroad workers to leave their work place and contribute to the strike.

The strikers collected near the corner of South Washington and Lackawanna Avenue and someone read a letter supposedly written

by W.W. Scranton stating that they would keep the men working for thirty-five cents a day. The crowd grew more violent. Mayor McKune appeared and was greeted by hoots and jeers. McKune was a Democrat, elected just two years before in 1875 as a friend of labor.

McKune was struck in the back of the head by a club that caused blood to spurt from his mouth. He was hit with stones. Some strikers tried to protect him and were nearly overpowered when Rev. Father Dunn pleaded with the crowd and began to lead the Mayor to safety. Another striker hit the Mayor, breaking his upper jaw and fracturing the roof of his mouth. The mayor made it to Lackawanna Avenue where a posse of citizens, some of them Civil War veterans, were poised to stop the crowd from rioting.

McKune was hit one more time by a hammer blow to his head, knocking him unconscious. The posse of citizens fired on the crowd of strikers, and four were killed and a dozen more seriously wounded. The crowd dispersed. The next day 3000 armed National Guardsmen entered Scranton and proclaimed martial law.

Mayor Robert McKune recovered and served out his term as Mayor. On October 9, 1894, Robert McKune died at age 71 in Newburg, New York. He stipulated in his will that he wanted to be buried at Forest Hills Cemetery in Dunmore.

Fast forward to 2005. I was doing research for a book that I am compiling on the lives of the 29 mayors of Scranton. I visited the Forest Hills Cemetery and saw the various gravestones of other Scranton mayors. Norma Reese, cemetery caretaker and my historical guide, showed me Robert McKune's plot, which does not have a headstone to mark his resting place. Knowing of his history and the

sacrifice he made for his city, I was shocked.

On Tuesday, August 1, 2006, 129 years to the day of the bloody riot of 1877 and 112 year since he died, Mayor McKune will finally get his headstone. A ceremony will take place on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Forest Hills Cemetery to dedicate the headstone and to partially re-enact his funeral ceremony. Invited to participate are Norma Reese, who will give the welcome; Alan Sweeney, President of the Lackawanna Historical Society, who will read a history of Mayor McKune; Girl Scout Melissa Dickinson, who will relate the story of the funeral, which was covered by the *Scranton Republican* in great detail. Unveiling of the headstone will be handled by Sultzer-Sitler Monument Company, who donated the memorial. Union Lodge #291 of Scranton Masonic Order, the same lodge of which McKune was a member, will hold a memorial ceremony lead by Past Master Maxson. A presentation of flowers will be made by the Union Lodge 291 and the Scranton Fire Department. Mayor Chris Doherty has been invited to make remarks. The public is invited. We hope to see you there.

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### JANE MACKENZIE LECTURE SERIES

The Mackenzie Cultural and Educational Series is a collaborative project of Lackawanna College and the Century Club to present timely, educational, and cultural programs. Grammy Award Winner *Michael Fine* will speak at the series' inaugural program on Sept. 14th at 2 pm. On Oct. 12 at 2:00 pm, *Mayor Chris Doherty* will give an overview of the state of Scranton and will introduce this year's *Scranton Reads* project. Receptions will follow both presentations in the upstairs lounge of the Century Club. To learn more, call the Century Club at 342-0204.

## Farewells and Welcomes

In January, the Society received notice from long-time Trustee Eileen Pocius that she would be resigning her position to pursue other interests. An active member since 1988, Eileen was first elected to the LHS Board in 1993. In 1997, she was elected 3rd Vice President and in 1999, 2nd Vice President, a position she held until her retirement this year. A dedicated Trustee, Eileen often took the lead in planning programs and fundraising events, including the 2000 Wine Tasting and the 2001 Taste of History.

Eileen actively served on other committees and never missed an opportunity to promote the Society. She was instrumental as Chair of the Society's Education Committee, organizing the BEST program's work at the Catlin House, a program where "student curators" worked with LHS staff and volunteers to research, plan, and install local history exhibits at the Federal Courthouse and Post Office Building in downtown Scranton. Exhibits focused on the 1902 Anthracite Coal Mining Strike and on Ezra Ripple, Lackawanna County Postmaster and Civil War Confederate Prison Survivor. Eileen's enthusiasm in working with local students was evident and, she was truly a great asset to the Society.

In June, Eileen also retired from her teaching position at the Scranton School District. We wish her much success as she embarks on a new career with her business, "Better Your Odds," to help students apply for college. Eileen will be missed as a Trustee, but she will continue to be an active member of the LHS.

In April, the Society Trustees elected Dalida O'Malley to fill the vacancy left by Eileen. Dalida is a Clarks Green resident with fund raising experience for such organizations as the American Cancer Society and Friendship House. In addition, she worked as pay roll manager for WEA Manufacturing, Inc. With her fund-raising and financial management background, we are sure she will make a valuable addition to the board.