

Mount Joy Area Historical Society growing; restoring building, planning trips, meetings



Mount Joy Area Historical Society logo crest

The Mount Area Historical Society is growing. Founded six years ago in 1973, it now has close to 200 members.

The Society now has its own meeting place, the former Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church on Fairview Street near the Lions' swimming pool. The building has been repaired by volunteer members of the Society. There is more work to be done, and this will get underway with a will in September.

As explained by W. Bernell ("Bernie") Heisey, the purpose of the society is to collect and preserve the history of Mount Joy and its environs. The society will publish historical accounts. "We want to get everyone together with historical interests," says Bernie. "We're a functional group; we're not just in the building business."

Each year the society charts buses to take its members to places of historical interest: Haper's Ferry, New Castle, Del., Philadelphia.

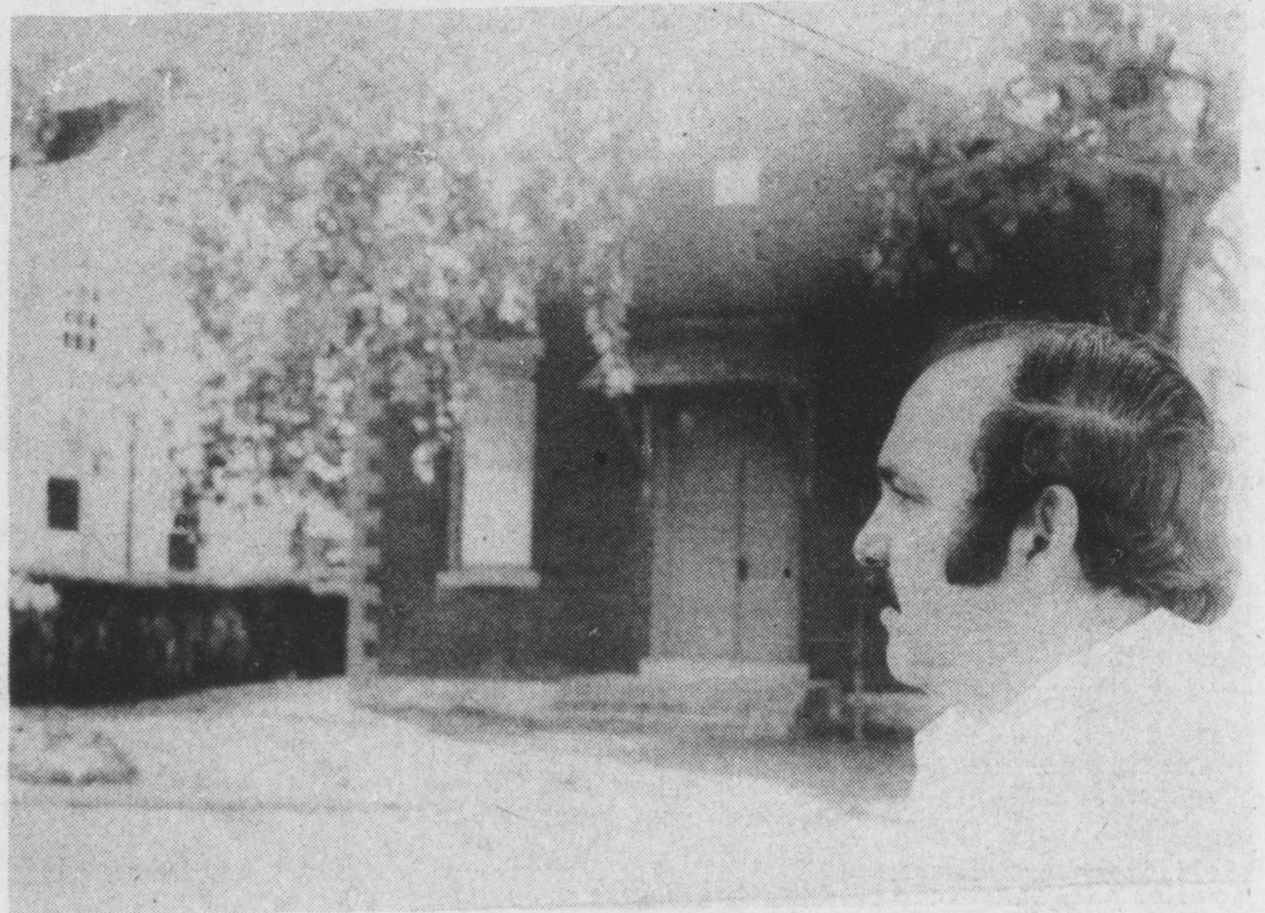
There are monthly meetings on the third Monday of every month. The next meeting will be at the society's building on September 17 at 7:30 p.m. Speakers are archaeologists, genealogists, historians, quilting experts.

Members may buy memorabilia issued by the society: in the past the attractive items have been a moustache cup, a letter opener, an ad tray, an aluminum serving tray. All the objects are imprinted with the logo crest of the society.

The society raises money by selling refreshments at auctions and sponsors a chicken barbecue.

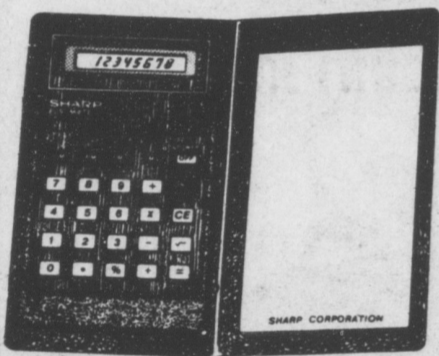
President is Bernie Heisey, vice-president, Les Breneman, treasurer, O.K. Snyder, and secretary, Vera Gingrich

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Bernie Heisey at restored Historical Society building

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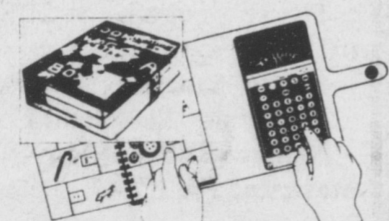
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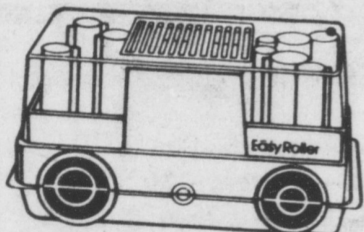


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