



NEWSLETTER

CURATOR'S COMMENTS: August, 1977; A summary of activities at Renfrew Museum

ATTENDANCE. In the preceding 32 day period from July 7 through August 7, paid attendance at the Museum was 379. Of those visitors, 266 or 70% represented individual or family visits without reservations: while 113 or 30% represented group or individual visits with prior reservations. Visitors came every day the Museum was normally open. This attendance shows an 8% increase over the similar period of 1976.

MUSIC ON THE LAWN. Tod Kline gave a recital of classical and Spanish guitar music on the back lawn of the Museum on Sunday, August 7. Tod performed before an audience of approximately 100 people. Renfrew's appreciation goes to Arthur Sanders for obtaining an amplifying system for us on short notice and to Ed Miller for getting the system to the Museum, setting it up and making certain Tod's recital was enjoyed by all who attended. Press releases announcing the event appeared in the Morning Herald, the Record Herald, and the Public Opinion as well as on WAYZ and WRCV radio stations. Follow-ups appeared in the Morning Herald and the Record Herald.

GIFT TO THE MUSEUM. On July 29, Mrs. Jay R. Stunkard of Waynesboro presented to the Museum, a doll, which had been in her possession for most of her life. The doll whose name is "Margaret Elizabeth" was given to Mrs. Stunkard as a child. The doll which has a china head and hands, with a kid body is in very good condition. All of her is original except for her dress which was made from the pattern of the original dress. Pending the decision of the Accession's Committee and the Board, "Margaret Elizabeth" may find a place with the dolls and other toys of Renfrew on display at Christmastime.

PICNIC FOR THE GUIDES. A picnic has been planned for September 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the picnic area, in an effort to show Renfrew's appreciation to our volunteer guide staff. Arrangements have been made for Savoy to cater the event.

AGNES HARBAUGH MEMORIAL GARDEN. On Thursday, August 11, Monty Christiansen will pay a long-awaited visit to Renfrew. He is to help in developing a landscape plan for the grounds which will include the Agnes Newman Harbaugh Memorial Garden.

DUPLICATION OF INVENTORY RECORDS. Mrs. Gail Starliper who completed the thankless job of transcribing from worksheets our registration information has just finished duplicating the finished product onto card stock paper. There are presently 3 copies of our inventory, one at Renfrew, one at Borough Hall, and one at our insurance office.

RENFREW'S LIBRARY. Renfrew's collection of books and periodicals have made it out of the closet and onto the shelves of a bookcase located in the office. The books have been inventoried. Upon approval of the Board, a system will be established for the borrowing of some books by Renfrew staff, Board of Advisors, and volunteer staff. A number of books will be restricted for use only in the Museum.