

## NEWSLETTER

CURATOR'S REPORT (To become a part of Superintendent's Report)

September-October, 1977

ATTENDANCE. During the period from August 8 through September 4, paid attendance at the Museum was 264. Of those visitors, 200 or 76% represented individual or family visits without reservations: while 64 or 24% represented group or individual visits with prior reservations. Visitors came every day the Museum was normally open. The attendance for the similar period of 1976 was 262.

During the period of September 6 through October 9, paid attendance at the Museum was 272. Of those visitors, 202 or 76% represented individual or family visits without reservations; while 70 or 24% represented group or individual visits with prior reservation Visitors came every day the Museum was normally open. The attendance for the similar period of 1976 was 219. This shows an 8% increase over the same period for 1976.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AND 23. On Sunday, October 2, Ann and Donna Schoonover demonstrated the spinning of wool and flax in the kitchen of the Museum. The girls are very talented and did an excellent job of explaining the art while they worked. They also exhibited some of the articles they had previously made. Fifty-five people toured the Museum on this day and enjoyed it very much. The demonstration will be repeated again on October 23.

PUBLICITY. News releases concerning the program for October 2 were sent to the Record Herald, Hagerstown Morning Herald, and Chambersburg Public Opinion. Mr. Edward A. Miller released a tape to WAYZ to be used as spot announcements for the same program. A news release for October 23 will follow the same pattern.

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER. Mrs. Lois Toms, Mrs. Loreen Baylor and daughters will be your hostesses for our third annual "cookery" to be held Saturday, November 19, and Sunday, November 20. They will demonstrate how food was prepared and baked over an open fire place and will give general tours of the Musuem. Plan to make this a "must".

ANTIETAM GARDEN CLUB. The Antietam Garden Club will be placing several Thanksgiving arrangements in the kitchen. These will be in keeping with the period of the house.

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER. Plans are being formulated for the third annual Christmas program.

BUS TRIP. Plans are being made to spend a day in "Old New Castle, Delaware". This tour will be May 20, 1978.

CARD LISTINGS. A list of all objects at Renfrew Museum has been completed by room. This should help to "speed-up" the year end inventory and also help to keep an instant check on all objects at Renfrew Museum.

PICNIC FOR THE GUIDES. To express our appreciation to the volunteer guide staff for their services to Renfrew Museum, a picnic supper was held in the park at Renfrew on Monday, September 12. Thirty-six volunteer guides attended. I am sure, everyone enjoyed the fellowship and good food. Our thanks again, to each one.