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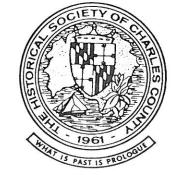
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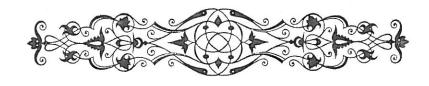
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Winter Meeting Invitation January 20, 1996 — 2:00 p.m. United Methodist Church Hall in La Plata

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jean B. Lee, author of *The Price of Nationhood*, and her subject will be

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THOMAS STONE

Dr. Lee is co-winner of the 1995 Book Award from the Maryland Historical Society for the best book on Maryland history and culture to have appeared over the past two years. In addition, Dr. Lee received a special award from the American Association of State and Local History. She was also runner-up for the Frederick Jackson Turner Award which is the highest award from the Organization of American Historians.



Program Committee Report

The May meeting will be a program on the history of the Charles County Community College. The new Center for Business and Industry building should be open and we hope we will be allowed to tour this wonderful facility.

The date and agenda will be announced in the April issue of *The Record*.

NOTICE

Due to the 911 Enhancement Program, there are many house number changes.

Please inform our Membership Chairperson, of your address change:

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Current membership totals are:

Life=52, Student=2, Individual=88, Family=96 Dues remittance envelopes are enclosed with this newsletter. Life members and those who are paid up for 1996 do not receive a remittance envelope and are identified by a red dot on the mail label. Please remember to send address and telephone number changes to:

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Publicity Committee

Mickey O'Kelley, Chairman of the Publicity Committee, has been hospitalized since mid-December with a serious illness—Guillain Barré Syndrome—a rare ailment sometimes brought on by reaction to flu shots.

Fortunately, Mickey's symptoms of paralysis and lack of muscle control. were identified soon enough to avoid more dire consequences. However, his recovery requires daily muscle conditioning which will keep him hospitalized until mid-January.

Mickey is doing well, but his dog. Angel, has also been ill. About the same time that Mickey was diagnosed, Angel had a run-in with a boat trailer and suffered a broken leg. With Mickey gone to hospital, Angel went into an emotiomal depression during her recuperation. She is very emotionally attached to Mickey. and to pull her out of her depression. she is taken to Mickey for regular visits at the hospital.

The irony of these visits is to see Mickey in a wheel chair welcoming Angel limping toward him at full speed with a cast on her leg.



Should you wish to drop a line to Mickey (or Angel) write to:

Mickey O'Kelley, Room 526 Mount Vernon Hospital 2501 Partridge Dr. Alexandria, VA 22306

Or call (703) 664-8526

HERITAGE COMMISSION GRANTS

The Charles County Heritage Commission is seeking grant applications from community members interested in doing research projects on Southern Maryland history and regional culture.

The Commission was established in 1982 for the purpose of encouraging the active study and appreciation of the history and culture of this geographical region which includes Charles, St. Mary's, Calvert and southern Prince George's counties. Projects funded by these grants are made available to the community through the Southern Maryland Studies Center at the Charles County Community College.

In the past 12 years the commission has awarded almost 30 grants for a wide variety of topics/ Two recently completed projects are an index of Charles County Court Records from 1824-1826, and content guides for oral history interviews conducted by local historian, John M. Wearmouth.

Funds are available for reimbursement of such direct costs as supplies, typing, photocopying, and transportation. Areas of possible study include architecture, cemetery inventories, indexes of papers and records, photographic essays and biographical sketches of prominent citizens. Family genealogies cannot be funded.

Although grants are limited to one year and a maximum of \$400, larger projects may be proposed in stages for commission consideration.

Anyone wishing more information or an application form should contact Sarah L. Barley at the Southern Maryland Studies Center, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. 934-2251 or 870-3008/ext.610

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Southern Maryland Studies Center at Charles County Community College will close for renovation on April 1, 1996. The collection of manuscripts, photographs, oral histories and other materials will be housed in the St. Mary's County Archives and Records Center in Leonardtown, Maryland.

The collection will be available to staff members, but will not be open to the public or accessible for research use.

Sally Barley, Studies Center Coordinator. will continue to maintain an office at the college. The Southern Maryland Studies Center will reopen in the summer of 1997 offering a new and expanded research facility for the study of our region's history and culture.

If you have any questions, please call Sally Barley at 934-2251/ext. 610.

MARYLAND ARCHEOLOGY MONTH **PROGRAM**

Subject: The Process of Discovery and Restoration at Haberdeventure

Date: Friday, April 19, 1996

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Center for Business and Industry,

Charles County Community College.

Information: Call Sally Barley 934-2251/ext.610.

Potomac Review MOVES TO CHARLES COUNTY

Potomac Review, an 80-page literary-oriented quarterly with an abiding interest in history, has been relocated to Charles County. Editor Eli Flam. who lives in Port Tobacco, took over the twoyear-old, not-for-profit journal in September. Earlier, Flam started and still is book editor for The Reading Lamp, the quarterly newsletter of the Friends of the Charles County Public Library.

History underlies many of the stories in the fall issue of Potomac Review. The Other Side of Heaven, edited by Wayne Karlin, an author and teacher at Charles County Community College, deals with the aftermath of the Vietnam War. A close look at new Maryland poet laureate Roland flint notes Ebenezer Cook's satirical role as selfappointed laureate in 1708. Susan Shreve remembers the rural Vienna, Virginia area her family moved to in 1943. Long-time concerns in Western Maryland are plumbed.

Planned to be carried in the new year: the Tidewater tales of Gilbert Gude, executive director of the Potomac River Basin Consortium; a remembrance of Hulbert Footner, best-selling novelist of the 1920s who restored an historic home on the Patuxent River; and "The Elusive Stuffed Ham of St. Mary's County."

Potomac Review invites submissions, subscriptions (\$15 for 4 issues) and other support, including comments and suggestions, at P.O. Box 354, Port Tobacco, MD 20677, or (301) 934-1412.

A magazine precept, in author William Faulkner's words: "The past isn't dead. It isn't even past."