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NEXT MEETING
Friday, March 4
At the Library, Schuttsville

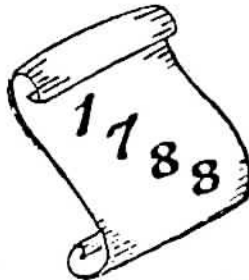
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March 4 meeting at the LIBRARY!

President's corner

Awakening from our winter recess we had our first **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** this year celebrating Valentine's Day. Understandably turnout was less than expected, we were still very much in the grip of winter. Our next one is scheduled for Sunday, March 13 at 8AM. Hans Hanaburgh has worked diligently to put this program together - lets give him support on the next one. Regarding volunteers - two groups of four would reduce the burden on the current group. How about signing up at our next regular meeting.

Thanks to **VIOLA SCHOCH** for redoing the mailing list and preparing computer generated mailing labels.

REQUESTS

We are coming to our annual dinner which this year will be at the Grange - a catered affair. Before that meeting we would like to see the Grange floor sparkle with an additional finish to add to the finish Grange members installed more than a year ago. What will it take? A good cleaning followed by 3 coats of a durable finish. Once prepared the work should go quickly. How about signing up. It's our show folks, and we would do well to care for this landmark as it has been cared for by Grangers and Quakers.

We still need one more working **VCR** to make copies of our **VCR** library. Some of these tapes are oral histories - the master copy should not be used, hence the need for backup copies.

DONATIONS

Thanks to the member who donated an **IBM COLOR PRINTER** and preferred to give it without fanfare. And **PAUL SCHARZE** donated an interesting framed automobile road map from the 1920s. **FLORENCE MILLER** found amongst her things a very fine poster advertising the 1965 Community Day, a recent event but part of our history. Let's follow Florence's example, show us those things you think we might not want -

you may be surprised. The commercial copier we received from **COPY SHACK**, member Joe Mc Dermott, has already become a valuable asset. **DON ESTES** retrieved Kelsy Wirehouse's college diploma- BA in Civil Engineering. The Great Depression of the 1930s interrupted Kelsey's plans and as a result Clinton had one more working farm.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Mostly the stuff you would expect at such a meeting but one or two things are special. 1) We agreed to give a **CITIZEN'S AWARD** to a person or persons who has made a notable contribution to the town over a period of time. 2) An **ADVERTISING CHAIR** is needed to improve and expand the Society's visibility in the community, especially regarding events such as meetings, pancake breakfasts, etc. Additionally, increased visibility could expand our membership.

Historical tidbit

Dr. Hunting Sherrill, a Hyde Park physician made the following observations when he addressed the Dutchess County Medical Society at its November 1819 annual meeting.

"In 1809 I found it [the county] very subject to fevers of the intermittent and remittent type... I learned that the district of country in the town of Clinton (now Hyde Park)... along Crum Elbow Creek, had for several years been very subject to those types of disease."

Dr. Sherrill, speaking about typhoid fever, went on to observe that it had also spread through the county along the Wappingers Creek. Referring to it as an epidemic he noted the number of deaths in "Stanford in 1812 - January, 4; February, 4; March, 18; April, 24; May, 11; June, 2 for a total of 63. The town contains about 50 square miles, and 2350 inhabitants." Dr. Sherrill speculated that a third of those who became ill in Stanford and in surrounding towns died. (Perhaps in Clinton, too?)

For more info see pages 13 & 25 in his book **Review of the Diseases of Dutchess County.**

Mark
your
calendar

Friday APRIL 15 ANNUAL DINNER !!

DELORES MURPHY

Delores, long time Clinton resident, has had a hands-on approach to antiques for many years. She has created an informative handout which she uses as a teaching tool. Bring items to identify, discuss, or show.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 7:30 pm at the Library,
Centre Rd. Schultzville. Refreshments
