

Since the last newsletter, the Allegheny City Society has sponsored a number of events and activities. In **March**, Barry Paris, Pittsburgh Post Gazette film critic, talked to an overflow crowd of 121 on his interviews with Marsha Davenport. The talk was followed by a showing of the film version of *The Valley of Decision*.

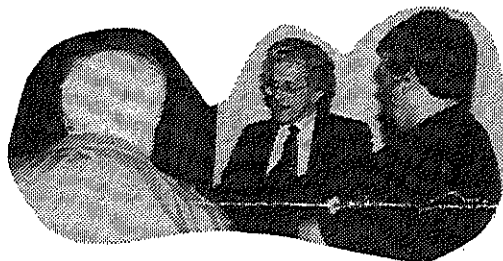
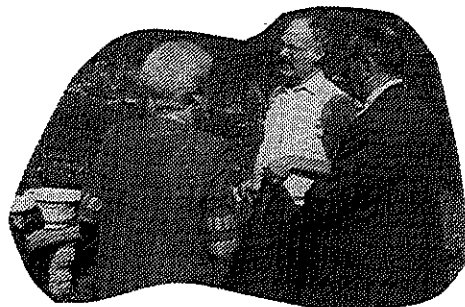
In **April** at the Annual Meeting, John Burt, Esq, a speaker from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council discussed *The Freedom Trail in Western Pennsylvania, The Underground Railroad*.

On **May 2** the Society sponsored a lecture about Victorian Baseball. The talk was held in the Pittsburgh Pirates board room. After the talk the group proceeded to the picnic area of Three Rivers Stadium and ate hot dogs, baked beans, fruit salad and a variety of other picnic foods while enjoying the Pittsburgh Pirates play the Los Angeles Dodgers.

At the end of **June** the Society held a tour of Division 1 of Union Dale Cemetery. The group visited the graves of a number of the founders, movers and shakers of Allegheny City, including the last Mayor Charles Kirshner.

Vice President, John Lyon and Treasurer, Ruth McCartan conducted several talks during the Spring. In May they traveled to Sharon PA, to talk about the history of Allegheny City to the College Club. The Westmoreland County Civil War Round Table visited the North Side in May and toured the West Commons and watched a slide presentation at the Carnegie Regional Branch of Carnegie Library. In June it was back on the road for our two lecturers. This time the stop was Greensburg and the Westmoreland County Archeological Society. Mr. Lyon gave on a talk on the early history of Allegheny City and the impact of the canals on the growth of industry. A number of those attending the lecture had participated in the digging of the Veoghtly Church graveyard that occurred during the construction of I-279.

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Pictured above top to bottom: ①Lois Yoedt, former president of the Society was honored with a plaque at the annual meeting with president Terry Mowray (left and Craig Bennett, sec. (Right). ②Post Gazette writer Barry Paris after his talk with About Marsha Davenport ③ Board members Maureen and Tom Uhler pose with a rifle that belonged to Honus Wagner. Also pictured is a member of the Society of American Baseball Enthusiasts ④ Lecturer John Burt, Esq at the annual meeting ⑤ The Westmorland County Roundtable group pose with the iron deer.

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Mark your Calender For These Upcoming Society Events

2nd Annual Show and Tell - September 12, 1998

Did you know that the Joseph Horne Company stables building is still in existence in a Pittsburgh North Side location? Or that, Wolverine tin toys were manufactured here, as well as huge railroad locomotives? Many of you surely remember Boggs and Buhl. Can you remember when *Footlight Serenade*, starring Betty Grable and Victor Mature was playing at the Garden Theater?

Join the Allegheny City Society members and friends on September 12, at the Allegheny Center Branch of Carnegie Library, Third Floor Meeting Room from Noon until 4:00 PM. as they reminisce and share their interest and knowledge about the "good old days" in Allegheny City and Pittsburgh's North Side. Plans are being finalized for the second do-it-yourself Show and Tell Lecture and Display, designed to extend to another level, the Society's endeavors to document, preserve and interpret the history of this interesting and historical part of Pittsburgh.

Persons having items or information relating to the North Side area are invited and urged to bring their memories and memorabilia to this event. Share your knowledge of this area and learn some new and intriguing, little known facts. The Show and Tell Exhibit is free and open to the public.

Trolley Tour of Brighton Heights

What do these names mean to you? William Davis, the Pork House, Mt. Hope, Bonnie Blink, Davisville School, Michael Falck, Patty Wall, and Grumblethorpe? All of these terms are part of the history of the northern reaches of the 27th Ward long before anyone had ever coined the name Brighton Heights.

The meaning behind the names will be revealed at the "Trolley Tour of Davisville." On Sunday, October 4th, 1998, the Allegheny City Society and the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation are sponsoring this tour focusing on the history of that community from the late 18th century to the time when it was absorbed, along with the rest of Allegheny City, into the City of Pittsburgh.

Trollies will leave from St. Francis Church, located at California Avenue and Antrim Street, every twenty minutes between 1:00 PM and 3:40 PM. Before the trolley tour through the neighborhood, there will be a brief overview of the early history of the the community. Following the tour there will be an exhibit of photographs, maps, and other artifacts of the community that was known a century ago as "Davisville."

Limited seating on the trollies make advanced reservations a necessity. The cost of the "Trolley Tour of Davisville" is \$10. To make reservations please call the Allegheny City Society at 322-8807. Leave a message and phone number. A member of the tour committee will call back to arrange for specific tour reservations.

A special feature of the tour will be an opportunity to walk through the first floor of "Bonnie Blink," the home Mr. and Mrs. HayWalker built in the mid 1850s.

Call early for reservations so that there will be a seat on the trolley reserved for you!

Third Annual Rimmel Award - November 15th - Sunday - 2:00 PM Calvary United Methodist Church (corner Beech and Allegheny Avenues). The Third Annual Rimmel Award and Special North Side Story program. The Rimmel Award is given annually to an individual who has contributed to preserving the history of the former Allegheny City (the North Side). This year's Awardee is Rick Sebak who has promised a special screening of material not used in *The North Side Story*. The event is free and open to the public.

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