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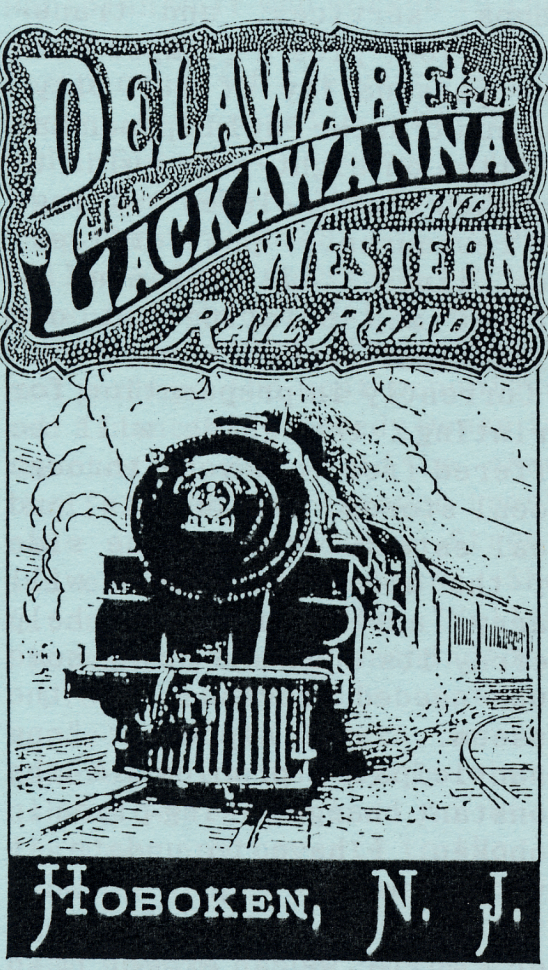
The Museum will set up house at the Hoboken Waterfront Fair on Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20, to sell T-shirts and Hoboken memorabilia. We will be offering information and signing up new members under our new forest-green canopy (sparing us from sunstroke).

A variety of talent will be on hand for entertainment. Museum members Frankie Fame and Perry Robinson, supported by the Rajahs of Rhythm, will open the two-day festival with a musical parade down Washington Street and onto the fair grounds at the foot of Fifth Street. The Rajahs, playing hot dixieland and swing, will open the show. Hope to see you there.

NEW MUSEUM T-SHIRT

A new T-shirt produced by the Museum, honoring the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, which had its terminus in Hoboken for many years, will make its debut at the River City Fair and do an encore at the Lackawanna Train Festival in early October.

Aiding the Museum's effort to clothe every man, woman, and child in Hoboken with an



A new T-shirt design

official Museum T-shirt, popular design donated by artist Member Kevin McCloskey and depicting the first organized game of baseball,

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played in Hoboken June 19th, 1846, was re-ordered and will meet its popular demand with a new edition printed in dark red on premium-quality all-cotton, available at $6.00 for members, $8.00 for non-members.

A NEW GUIDE TO HOBOKEN

To help newcomers and prospective residents of Hoboken become acquainted with our shops, services, and transportation, plus a glimpse into the personality of our city, Museum trustee Paul Lippman has written an eight-page guide to Hoboken that includes listings of restaurants, post offices, bus lines, and features a street map pointing out our historical sites.

Currently in preparation for printing, the guide will be offered free to anyone through local stores, restaurants, and real estate offices. One side of the accordion folder will carry advertising to help defray its cost and bring some much-needed revenue to the Museum. Says Lippman, "one unanticipated problem is the constant change taking place in Hoboken. I have to update it every week."

If the city will hold still for a while, we can expect it to be published by September.

GRANT TAKES RICHMOND, MUSEUM TAKES GRANT.

The New Jersey Historical Commission has awarded a grant of $5,557 to the Museum to underwrite a future exhibit on Hoboken Landmarks and Historic Highlights. Of the 50 grant applications with which ours had to compete, only 23 were awarded, which speaks well of our organization. Our thanks to the Commission.

HOBOKEN ON SCREEN

Geraldine Fallo, director of Projected Images of Hudson County, will project some images of Hudson County on behalf of the Hoboken Historical Museum in a 90-minute program of rare film footage of Hoboken dating back to the turn of the century at the new waterfront museum aboard Lehigh Valley Railroad Barge No. 79 at the foot of Newark Street on Thursday, August 31 at 8 PM.

Also on view at this coolest place in town will be Louis Tiscornia's 40-minute personal film of a few years ago, "I Was Born in Hoboken."

The archival Fallo footage will include the S. S. **Deutschland** leaving her dock in Hoboken, Edison, June 15, 1902; Commander Dyott sailing from Hoboken for South America, Pathe newsreel, July 1926; Liquor dealers' parade, Hoboken, Edison, 1905; audience leaving the Empire theatre, Hoboken, 1902; people leaving Our Lady of Grace Church in Hoboken, American Mutoscope and Biograph, July 8, 1903; and "The Boy Detective," American Mutoscope and Biograph, March

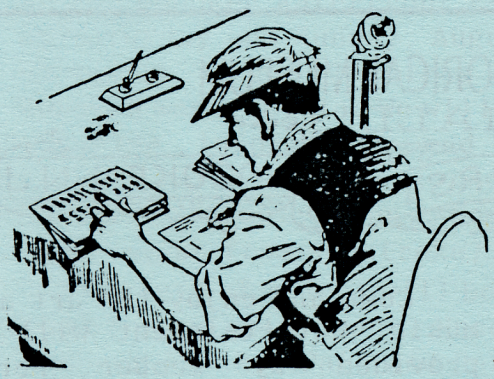
7, 1908.

All this plus vintage records of background music provided by Jim Hans. The whole show a mere $3.00 at the door.

The Hudson Waterfront Museum
Captain Anthony Rondinone, President
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



We are back from our July hiatus in publishing the Newsletter. We also skipped having a July Board of Trustees meeting. However, the office phone has been ringing often and mail continues to flow in. Requests for our recently published booklet on the history of theatre in Hoboken arrive by mail, and the brochure sells briskly at the Literary Shop, Rogers & Cogswell, and United Decorating, all on Washington Street.

Accompanying an order for the theatre history was a letter from lifetime member Florence Grogan Maupai of Washington, NJ with first-hand reminisces of theatre and movies in Hoboken. Ms Maupai recalls The Palace theatre (1913-1936) at 116 Washington Street, when it was nearing its last years and was called "The Hole in the Wall." Across at 107-109 (now the Washington Savings Bank parking lot), was the Rivoli, where she recalls seeing "Seventh Heaven (1927) with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell. Gaynor won an Academy Award for her role as the sweetheart of a Parisian waif who worked in the sewers. "Seventh Heaven" was the picture of the year. Hetty Green, the so-called "Witch of Wall Street," once lived in a flat above the Rivoli or "Bagelmann's Hall," as it was called before it became a movie house. Although Hetty was at that time (1909) the richest and perhaps the most penurious and financially greedy woman in America, she would be seen thriftily poking through trash cans along Washington Street and elsewhere in Hoboken. She later lived in the "Yellow Flats" at 12th and Washington.

Florence Maupai's mother, Marcella Weadt Grogan, was an usherette at the Lyric where ushers were required to wear costumes appropriate to the show on stage. For many years the Lyric was on Hudson Street near Hudson Place. Its site is now a parking lot next to the former Hotel Victor.

Florence never had a chance to ask her mother if she was related to Hoboken mayor John Grogan, as her mother died when Florence was only eleven years old.

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MUSIC AND MEMBERSHIP AT THE A.M.B. GALLERY

Circle September 17 on your calendar. Anne Weichberger is kindly allowing us the use of her establishment at 225 Washington Street, the A.M.B. Gallery, to conduct a membership drive party. Free admission, refreshments, entertainment, and an opportunity to join the Museum or renew your membership at a special one-time cost of only $10. (Although we appreciate and do need contributions, there's no obligation.)

Come and enjoy the art and music. Entertainment will be provided by member Perry Robinson (it's his birthday!) and his musical friends. A new art exhibit will be on display at the gallery. Watch for announcements.

NEXT MEETING

Our next membership meeting is **Tuesday, August 22 at 7:30 PM** in the Clam Broth House on Newark Street in Hoboken. All members are invited, and prospective members and guests are always welcome to sit in without obligation.

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