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Notes From the Editor—

LATEST FLASHES FROM HERE AND THERE



RESULTS OF THE MUSEUM'S 2ND BENEFIT

"Fun and Fortune Telling," the Museum's fund-raising event in March, grossed $1,800 at a cost of about $600. It was a success, but not without its problems for Jim Hans and Perry Robinson, co-producers of that busy weekend. But clearly the majority enjoyed themselves. Not a bad result for an event with a very special (and risky) theme. Total Museum receipts for March were $2,242.

The Museum thanks all the many mystic readers and musicians for their time and effort, and others who performed so well at the benfit. Special praise goes to the following who were there when we needed them: Marty Andrews, Kathy McBrady, George Kirchgessner, Jeanne Valentine, Betty De Marco, Joyce Tatom, Ginger Fenner, Sandy Sobanski, Jeff Wilson, Luke Faust, Tracy Everitt, Bob Foster, Sean Devney, Margaret Daly, and of course The Clam Broth House, Juan Colon, and my wife Beverly...and anyone else whose name was not mentioned during the event or its preparation.

HOBOKEN OCEAN LINERS

Although our bank account has grown some, it looks like we will need an additional $1000 or so, beyond current funds to cover the estimated costs of the Museum's next major exhibition, which will be on ocean liners that docked in Hoboken.

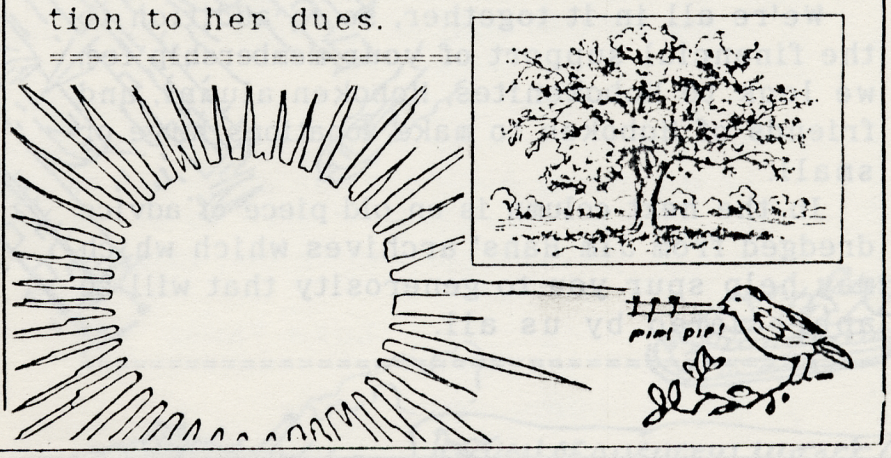
Co-curator for the ocean liner exhibition, with Vice President Bob Foster, will be Jane Steuerwald, who has worked before with Bob on various exhibits. They suggest an opening date of November 18. There will be a committee (so far, of about seven others) who will also help, plus Bill Miller who will show his ocean liner slides on opening night. (See the January issue.)

Anyone who would like to participate in the production of this major exhibition should phone Bob Foster at (201) 656-2240.

ELYSIAN PARK FESTIVAL

The Elysian Park Festival sponsored by the CDA on Sunday, April 10 saw not only a lot of Spring sunshine, but a lot of the Museum's colorful T-shirts on sale at tables served by Betty DeMarco, Jim Hans, and Marty Andrews.

Sales of T-shirts and other Museum offerings totalled $110. Among memberships obtained was a renewal by Helen Manogue who added a donation to her dues.



SINATRA EXHIBIT

A grant request to Hudson County has been filed, asking for funding for a Frank Sinatra retrospective as our chief exhibit in 1989. The Museum is looking for Sinatra material that can be borrowed or reproduced for display.

Rozanne Levine of Hoboken recently donated a nice snapshot of Frankie taken at the stage door of CBS, probably in New York, around 1942 or 1943. We are very grateful.

OTHER ITEMS DONATED

An on-board newsletter (copy) from the steamship RMS **Statendam** of the Holland-America Line, dated Sunday, April 7, 1935, was sent to us by Museum member Virginia T. Mosley of Tenafly, NJ. She says that one time she rode a van from Tenafly to the docks in Hoboken to help deliver clothing collected for flood victims in Holland and Finland by a local grade school.

This was in the late 1940s or early 1950s. We thank her for the note and newsletter which will no doubt appear in our ocean liner show.

Another nice item donated to the Museum is a large original photograph of one-time Hoboken Mayor McFeely and friends on the steps of City Hall in the 1930s, from Dr. Anthony Grieco, who has a practice on Washington St. We thank him for it.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Make no mistake concerning our sincerity when we tell you forthrightly that we need those new memberships and renewals to keep rolling in so that we can keep planning and mounting new Museum exhibitions in order for you to see Hoboken historical material you might not otherwise ever see.

We're all in it together, so in addition to the financial support of your membership fee, we look to Hobokenites, Hoboken alumni, and friends of Hoboken to make donations large or small.

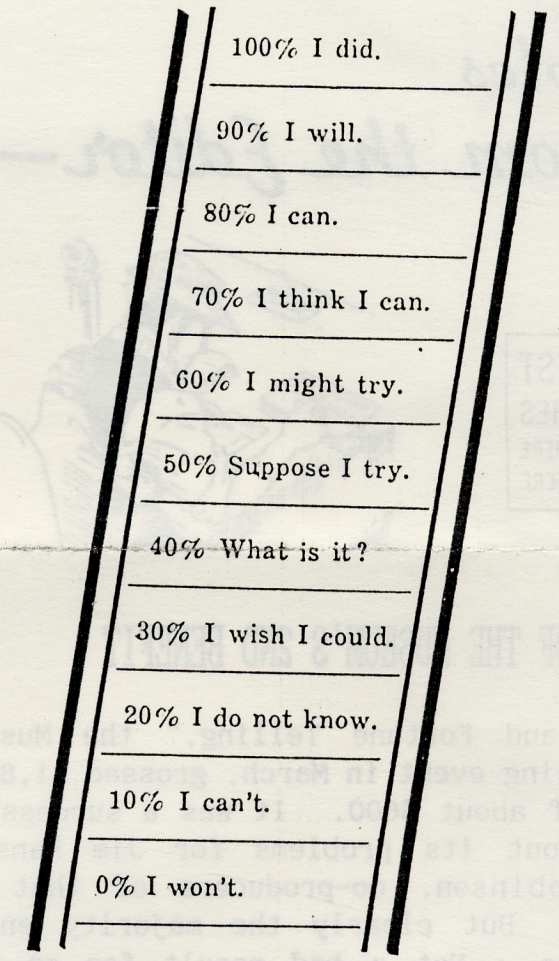
In the next column is an old piece of advice dredged from Jim Hans' archives which which may help spur you to generosity that will be appreciated by us all.

All Together Now! Let's Get New Members



The Ladder of Success

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WINDOW DISPLAY

If you get a chance, pause at the window of the Commercial Trust Co. branch on Hudson Place opposite the PATH entrance and look at the Museum's display on the late Mayor Tom Vezzetti. It will be on view for the rest of May.

The limited space afforded by the window precluded us from displaying the portrait of Hoboken's most colorful mayor created by Hoboken artist June Ponte. It can be seen in

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the Mayoral outer office on the second floor of City Hall during Museum hours.

Our thanks to the Commercial Trust Co. for use of its window space.

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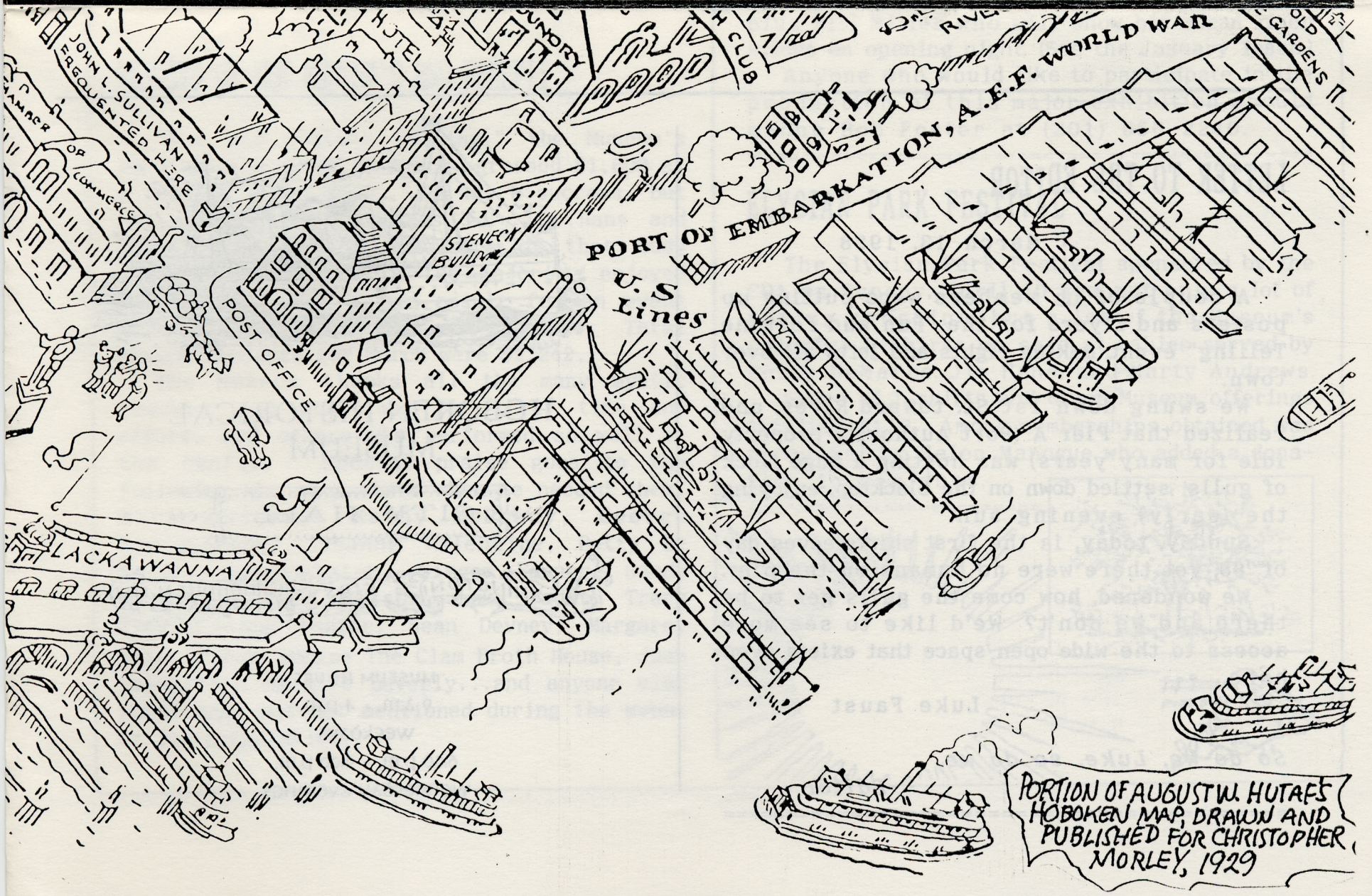
HOBOKEN STEAMSHIP LINES

Hoboken owes a large share of its past commercial importance to the great transatlantic steamship lines whose terminals once jutted into the Hudson from the city's waterfront.

The lines played a very important role in the city's development. They were active in Hoboken for more than one hundred years.

Here's a still incomplete list of steamship lines which had piers in Hoboken. We would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who has items relating to any of these companies or who can lengthen our list.

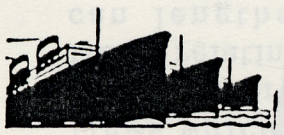
North German Lloyd	1863-1929
Hamburg-American	1863-1917
Holland-America (Netherlands-American)	1891-1963
The Thingvalla Steamship Co.	1879-1898
Scandinavian-American S.S. Co.	ca1898-1922
Eagle Line	1870s-1880s
National Line	1880s-1890
Ocean Steamship Co. (The Savannah Line)	1890s-1922
(Ellerman's) Wilson Line	ca1890-1930s
Clyde Steamship Co.	1906-1909?
Phoenix Line	ca1909
Barber Line	ca1909
Companie Generale Trans Atlantique	ca1909
Munson Steamship Lines	1920s-1930s?
United States Lines	1920s-1930s?
Lamport & Holt, Ltd.	1920s-ca1949?
Black Diamond S.S. Corp.	1920s-1940s
Cosmopolitan Shipping Co.	1920s-1930s
American France Lines	1930s
Dollar Line	1930s
Bristol City Line	1930s
Norton Lilly and Co. Line	1930s
Pacific Steam Navigation Co.	ca1930
Red Star Line	1939-ca1962
Pan-Atlantic Lines	ca 1939
SeaTrain Lines	1930s-1940s?
Moore-McCormack	1930s?-1940s
Gdynia American Line(Polish Line)	ca1935-1943?
Penn Atlantic Line	1940S
Eastern Asiatic Line	1940s
Italian Line	1940s
(Istbrandtsen) American Export Lines	ca1956-1971



PORTION OF AUGUST W. HUTAFF'S HOBOKEN MAP, DRAWN AND PUBLISHED FOR CHRISTOPHER MORLEY, 1929

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NOTICE

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 3** at **7:30pm** in the Clam Broth House on Newark Street in Hoboken. All members are invited, and potential new members and guests are always welcome to sit in without obligation.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

March 13, 1988

A couple of us members were putting up posters and flyers for the "Fun and Fortune Telling" event, making rights and lefts all over town.

We swung down 1st St. toward River, and realized that Pier A (Port Authority property idle for many years) was hosting a huge flock of gulls, settled down on the blacktop, enjoying the (early) evening sun.

Sunday, today, is the first shirtsleeves day of '88, yet there were no humans on the pier.

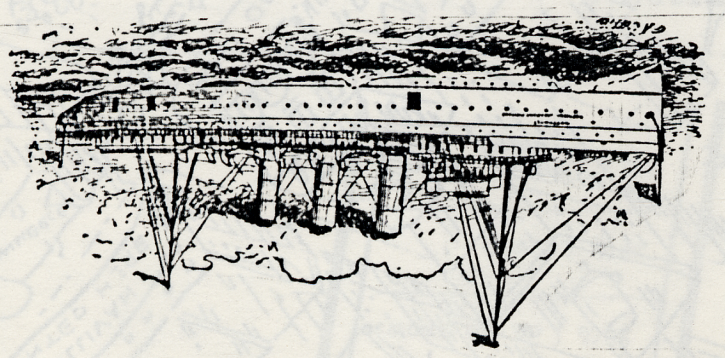
We wondered, how come the gulls get to be there and we don't? We'd like to see more access to the wide open space that exists even here.

Luke Faust

So do we, Luke, so do we.

--Editor

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9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
weekdays
6.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
wednesday evenings