

**HISTORIC BURLINGTON COUNTY PRISON MUSEUM  
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June 22, 2007

Dear PMA Members and Other Friends:

While the summer is a hazy, lazy time when many slow down a little, the opposite is true at the Jail, where we are gearing up for our big fall event. With two of these events under their belt, our producers will be able to spend more time this year fine tuning the process in order to raise profit. Advertising is the biggest challenge. Because newspaper advertising is mucho expensive and the rate of return questionable, we need to find other ways to get the word out. We also want to entice some sponsors with advertising space on our Haunted website, which attracted thousands of web surfers last fall.

The success of the Haunted website made the PMA's need for its own website all the more apparent. The fact is that our admissions have been a little anemic this year. Some of it had to do with the crazy weather we had in February and March. Some of it has to do with tight school budgets and transportation costs resulting in far less class trips to the Jail. The bottom line is that we have to find new ways to get new people to visit.

This is where you come in. We need ideas for sponsors and advertising. As you can see from the enclosed Notice, we are having a celebration/meeting on **BASTILLE DAY** (Saturday, July 14 at 11 a.m.). This would be the perfect time to do a little brainstorming along with the jailstorming. If anybody comes up with any really good ideas, Carole Melman and I will reward them with a reenactment of Bastille Day.

In May, the Great Cindini, an escape artist from Florida, stopped at our Jail en route to a gig at Coney Island. Though straightjacketed and confined with handcuffs to the debtors' day room upstairs, she escaped within minutes. Unfortunately, she did not give us enough advance notice to advertise. We have pictures of her performance on display in the Warden's House. We hope to have her back, perhaps to escape from the gallows.

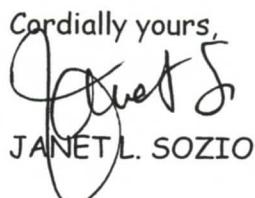
Our little museum annex in the Warden's House continues to delight visitors. If you haven't already seen it, be sure to stop by. Better yet, come to the meeting on Bastille Day.

The Board met on June 6, 2007. Copies of the minutes of the meeting will be available at the Bastille Day festivities. The major topics discussed were long range planning relative to the Warden's House, acquisition of the Mills Plans and general maintenance of the Museum. These three very important issues will be discussed again at the next Board meeting, which will be held prior to the Bastille Day meeting on July 14. (Board members, please mark your calendars!) We will have more to report in our next newsletter.

I am sad to report the passing of loyal, long-time PMA member Henry Metzger. Hank was a former Freeholder and County Sheriff. As Freeholder, he was a great friend to the Jail and to the PMA. He was a dedicated, faithful public servant. He was a kind, friendly person who will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

I hope you like the newspaper articles this time. I'm amazed that someone could not have thought of a better name for the "Burlington County Insane Department". The Barclay Peak who was denied the pardon for killing his girlfriend (and cousin) Katie Anderson was the brother of our famous victim, Lizzie Peak, who was also murdered by her boyfriend. Its interesting to see how much court time and resources were spent on determining whether or not a spouse was faithful or whether or not marriage had actually been proposed. Even more interesting is that things haven't changed much, and that neither taxpayers then nor now seem very concerned about the tremendous cost expended on these types of matters.

So why do you suppose the girls in Medford are so happy? A prize will be awarded at the Bastille Day meeting to anyone who knows. Until then, I remain,

Cordially yours,  
  
JANET L. SOZIO

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**11 a.m. on SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2007**

in the Exercise Yard  
(if it rains, in the Warden's House)

Business will be kept to a **VERY BRIEF** minimum.

We will also celebrate

## ***BASTILLE DAY\****

French bread and cheese, croissants and jelly, Perrier water, café and non-alcoholic French wine spritzers will be served.

Please RSVP by leaving a message on our answering machine: 609-518-7667.

Come storm the Burlington County Jail!

\* The Bastille was a fortress and prison in Paris from the 1300s through 1789. Amid increasing civil unrest in the 1780s, rumors flew that large numbers of the King's critics were incarcerated in the Bastille by way of "lettres de cachet", sealed orders issued by the King for imprisonment or exile, without legal recourse. Occasionally used against leaders of opinion, such as Voltaire, the lettres became symbols of tyranny. Although the rumors of mass imprisonment of dissidents were actually untrue, on July 14, 1789, a Parisian crowd STORMED THE BASTILLE in the hope of capturing the ammunition which was stored there. The governor was killed and seven inmates -- none of whom were political prisoners -- fled. The storming of the Bastille marked the start of the French Revolution.

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## MOUNT HOLLY HERALD

**Saturday, July 10, 1897**

*Advertisement* - We have devoted a lifetime to the study of lenses and their adaptation to the eye, and expect to win your approval by the skillful and accurate manner in which they give you improved and comfortable vision. If you are in doubt as to what your eyes should do for you, a test will set you right. For this we make no charge. H. A. Stiles, the eye specialist, at the W. C. T. U. Rooms, Mount Holly, Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Bordentown* - At a recent meeting of the Bordentown Common Council, an ordinance was passed prohibiting the playing of musical instruments in saloons under penalty of a fine of \$25.

*Riverton* - We are now to have a bicycle ordinance. Now let's go for the floating speakeasies on the river on Sundays!...The boxes placed at the railroad station to receive contributions for the Burlington County Hospital were carried off by thieves last week...A number of Riverton domestics have been swindled recently by a glib-tongued agent who sells them a \$5 book on subscription, collects \$1 in advance and fails to deliver the publication. A cheap chromo is presented to each victim as an inducement to purchase the book...At its meeting Wednesday night the borough council passed an ordinance allowing bicyclists to ride on the sidewalks, provided they do not attain a speed greater than 5 miles an hour.

*Vincentown* - The merry go round left here on Friday for Browns Mills where the proprietor expects to find business better, as the moral element here can't stand anything stronger than a church fair.

*Marlton* - The speakeasy business is still flourishing at Milford, and is responsible for nearly every case of disorder that occurs there. The ringleader in the sale of liquor does not seem to be at all uneasy over the prospect of being disturbed by the officers of the law. He has been selling the stuff so long that he appears to think no one will ever interfere with him now. For some reason the grand juries do not often indict these law breakers. When a movement was made against the speakeasy at Ong's Hat, it amounted to nothing, as the witnesses were spirited away and that was the end of it, but the stuff is still being sold there.

*Juliustown* - When the interests of justice required that a session of Court should be held, 'Squire Hagaman is bound to open the temple of justice on every day of the week, and although Independence Day was celebrated on Monday, that fact made no difference to the doughty 'Squire, who gave a hearing to the members of the Powell family who had determined to celebrate the Fourth by having their domestic affairs straightened out for good and all. The complainant in the case was Mrs. Mary E. Powell, wife of Henry Powell, living near here. Thirty five years ago, Henry led her to the alter and agreed to take her for better or worse. Since then fifteen children have appeared on the scene. After they were all born and doing well, Henry began to get dissatisfied. Then he became jealous of his wife, alleging that she was untrue to him, and they finally separated. At the hearing before the 'Squire, Powell tried to make it appear that his wife was sweet on Henry Grant, the Cookstown hotelkeeper. He employed Henry Warner, a New Egypt detective, to keep tab on Mrs. Powell and Mr. Grant. The detective went out to the Powell farm to work

as a farm laborer in order that he would have a chance to spy on Mrs. Powell. He says he saw her talking to Grant one day from the window of her home and at another time while Powell was out milking the cows he saw Grant come along the road. Mrs. Powell met him and they walked out in the bushes together, but the detective didn't see anything out of the way. Henry Powell testified that he had heard of Grant's intimacy with his wife; that she was out at all hours, and he supposed she was in Grant's company. Powell also swore that his wife chloroformed him on one occasion. It was also shown that Powell had turned his wife out of the house and threatened to kill her and Grant. The defendant, Mrs. Powell, proved her marriage, the birth of her children, &c., and that her husband had driven her from home. She had then gone to live with her son-in-law, Walter Sager. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of May she went back home, whereupon her husband assaulted her and drove her away. William Miller said he saw Powell strike at his wife, and Miss Saidt said she heard Mrs. Powell's screams. As Mrs. Powell had thrown herself on the township for support, the action was brought by overseer of the poor, William Austin, which fact was duly established. B. H. White, of Mount Holly, counsel for Mrs. Powell, made a strong argument on her behalf, and showed that her husband's unfounded suspicions were the cause of the trouble. He said Henry Grant was a virtuous citizen and never wandered from his own fireside. After hearing the case, 'Squire Haganan decided that Powell should pay his wife \$1.50 per week for life.

*Indian Mills* - Half the population turned out last Friday to see the outcome of a lawsuit that was tried before Justice E. H. Warrick at his office near Haines' hotel. The amount involved was not large, but, as usual on such occasions, there was a principle involved, and that was enough to make the contest a lively one. The plaintiff was Joseph Piper, who had lawyer B. H. White come all the way from Mount Holly to see that his interests were properly looked after. The trouble arose on May 20<sup>th</sup> when Al Shemeley sold Piper a stem-winding-shooting-case watch for \$2. An hour later Shemeley went to Piper and wanted to borrow the watch over Sunday, as he was going out in society and feared that the absence of his watch would give some of his rivals a chance to intimate that he was financially embarrassed. When Shemeley got the watch, he went out to trade horses with Andrew Parks, Jr. Shemeley never could resist the tendency to trade horses. It was one pleasure of his life that he never denied himself. Parks saw he had an easy thing of it, and said he would not trade unless Shemeley gave him his watch to boot. Shemeley said the watch wasn't his, but he finally handed it over. The next day Piper called after his watch, and was told that Parks had it. The latter refused to give it up, and the lawsuit followed. The circumstances attending the sale of the watch were testified to by Jerry Moore, Howard Beby and Theodore Miller, whereupon the justice gave a verdict in Piper's favor for \$7 and costs. The trouble is not over yet, as it is said Shemeley will be arrested for larceny.

*Palmyra* - Alfred Hart, who is jailed for assaulting two little colored children here, has been released on bail.

**Notice.** Burlington County Insane Department. July 6, 1897. To the Board of Chosen Freeholders: We, the committee on insane, would report that we visited the insane department this day and find the inmates well cared for. Since our last report there has been one death and one admitted; now remaining in the department, 55. All of which we most respectfully submit, W. H. Mitchell, Burwood M. Haines, David Sharp, committee on insane.

**July 17, 1897**

*Local Affairs* - About a dozen cats have been poisoned in the last few weeks in the eastern part of Mount Holly that has created some indignation among the owners...The bad odor that has been noticed around Allinson's corner was found to be due to the presence of a badly decomposed feline in the cellar of the store...The Board of Pardons on Tuesday refused to grant a pardon to Barclay W. Peak, who is serving a term of 20 years in state prison for the murder of Katie Anderson. Peak's term of imprisonment will expire in 1902...Two stage lines are now running out of Mount Laurel. Mortland was recently outbid on the contract to carry the mails, but he is still running his stage line and doing the most of the business. The man who was awarded the mail contract is not making a fortune at it...Several cases of diphtheria are reported on Shreve Street. Harry Rossell's family are down with the malady and John Myers' wife is very ill from the same cause. Some of Howard Batchelder's family on Buttonwood Street are also ill with it. Another list of Republican Postmasters for this county has been made out and will probably be sent in before many days. The Democrats who have to vacate are taking matters very easy, as they feel that their turn will come again.

*Moorestown* - On complaint of Lizzie Zelley, William Sexton was arrested this week on a charge of breach of promise. Both parties to the action were in the employ of J. T. Cox, and it was there that the intimacy occurred that finally ripened into love. William didn't exactly propose marriage, but he told Lizzie he thought more of her than he did anyone else in the world and that didn't see how he could be happy without her. This was alright, but when it came time to fix the date for the wedding William balked like a shad in a net. Then the suit was begun. His father, Daniel Sexton, went his bail, and the case will be tried before Justice Pettit and a jury of twelve men at an early day...Several weeks ago the Herald stated that there was a speakeasy here, and acting on this hint the police set a watch. They discovered that considerable quantity of liquor was being brought up here on a late train and traced it to a house at Stanwick, where it was also found Sunday business was being done. The matter was reported to the township committee and authority was asked to raid this place and another on Elm Street. The committee, however, took a different view of the matter and notified the guilty parties to cease the illegal traffic. Such action disgusted the police.

*Bridgeboro* - An infant five weeks old was sent to the Alms House on Saturday. Two weeks ago its mother died of consumption and its father being unable to support it, this action was necessary.

*Jobstown* - Josiah Evans, a well-known resident of Jobstown, died there last week. He labored under the delusion that he was a great politician and was destined to be elected Sheriff.

*Medford* - E. E. Dyer has been appointed postmaster here in place of Jacob Braddock, who has filled the position to the satisfaction of the patrons of the office, but all the democratic postmasters will be made to walk the plank now...Henry Lemon, who attempted to kill his brother Charles last week, has not yet been arrested, but the chances are he will be before very long, as the authorities do not propose to let the matter drop. The injured man now bids fair to recover.

*Tabernacle* - The first farmer to get through his harvesting was R. H. Haines, whose barns are now filled with hay and grain...Now that Frank Haines' cranberry bog is flooded, the young people have fine sport bathing there. The water is as clear

as crystal...A widower who left town to spend the Fourth came home all smiles. "When I am with dem Medford girls," he said in explanation, "I forgets all my troubles. They are so jolly, dem Medford girls."

*General and Political Notes.* The coalminers will have the sympathy of the coal users in their strike for living wages, when it is recognized that of all the great and extortionate increase in the cost of coal, none has gone to the miner, but has been gobbled up by the mine owner and the railroads...If current rumor is correct, Senator Quay is having the government deep in the channel of the inlet at Atlantic City in order to make fishing better and incidentally to boom his large interests at Brigantine. Senator Quay is always alive to the interests of the dear people, he is always careful to be one of the them and at the head of the procession...All talk about improving the navigation of the Delaware as far as Trenton is idle as long as the New Jersey and Pennsylvania legislatures send Senators to Congress from Pennsylvania Railroad employment. Every dollar spent on the Delaware will run right into the Delaware and Raritan canal at Bordentown, in order to produce tolls for the Pennsylvania Railroad, lessee.... The Philadelphia Press, in response to an inquiry, explains that the so-called alien tax law passed at the recent session of the legislature of that state, does not really tax aliens. It simply provides that the employer of aliens shall pay a tax of three cents per day for each one so employed, and makes it legal for the employer to deduct the amount from the man's wages. The difference is similar to the division of the crow and turkey between the Indian and white man, the latter suggesting to the former, "You take the crow and I will take the turkey, or I will take the turkey and you take the crow."...

*State News* - The wife of George Bartos, a farmer near Woodbridge, drank a glass of water in the dark. A feather from the water lodged in her throat. She will be placed under the X rays in an effort to locate the obstruction, which remains fast...While riding on the pike at Westville on Monday night, Miss Laura Grant, of Chester, Pa., was knocked off her wheel by two men who refused to give her part of the road. When she called to her escort who was preceding her, the ungallant men skedaddled...The funeral of W. H. H. Snelbaker, a well known citizen of Woodstown, whose death occurred on Thursday from lockjaw, was held on Monday. The deceased had the fingers of right hand caught and mashed in a corn sheller a couple of weeks ago, from which developed the dreaded disease that resulted in his death. He was 57 years old, and a veteran of the rebellion...The report that a stranger with a Kodak is taking pictures of the roadside at places where wild carrots thrive is causing much uneasiness among Landis Township, Cumberland County, farmers. The fine for allowing the wild carrot to grow along the roadside is \$50, half of which goes to the informer. The stranger has been making notes and pursuing his work as if he meant business...The sagacity of a dog was all that saved Lester Voorhees, of New Brunswick, from a watery grave on Saturday morning. The little fellow was 7 years old and the child of Mrs. Mary Voorhees, of Bayard Street. In company with some boys he was playing along the banks of the Raritan River. The boy, attempting to throw a stick, lost his balance and fell into the river. The swift current was carrying him quickly down the stream, while his companions stood nearly paralyzed by the sight. Suddenly the dog belonging to the Voorhees family sprang overboard, and, swimming to the boy, seized hold of his clothing and brought him ashore. The child was taken out of the water by some men who came to the scene in response to the cries for aid. Young Voorhees did not suffer any bad effects from his involuntary swim.