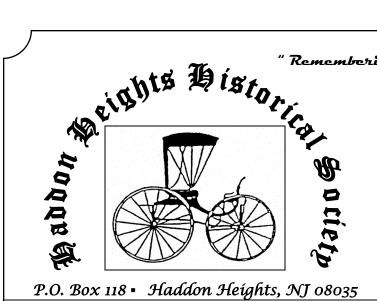
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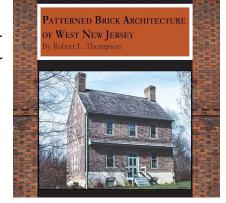
APRIL MEETING– April 15, 2024, 7 P.M. Haddon Heights Library, 608 Station Avenue. 856-547-7132.

Robert L. Thompson will speak on Patterned Brick Architecture of West Jersey. Bob, is a Haddon Heights resident, and recently published his book on this subject. He has taught Architectural History and Historic Preservation Plan-

ning, served as New Jersey's first Main Street Manager, and directed several downtown revitalization projects.

In his book Mr. Thompson, an Architectural historian, attempts to answer the vexing question of why the great preponderance of America's patterned brick architecture is located in the ancient colony of West New Jersey, a land mass covering roughly half of present-day New Jersey. Formal studies of this architectural form began in the late nineteenth century and interest in the designs has never waned.

The origin of the story starts well beyond southern New Jersey, beginning in England, searching for the antecedents, both practical and artistic, to this folk-art. He also examines the patterned brick architecture found in other American colonies



and its meaning relative to those building found in West New Jersey. There are some interesting and original interpretations throughout the text.

IN MEMORIAM. The Board and members of the Haddon Heights Historical Society are saddened to note the sudden and unexpected passing of Anne McAdams. Anne was a longtime member of our society, past President of the Haddon Heights Historical Society and current Trustee. She was also a founding member and past President of the Heights Heritage League. Anne also served her community in the as a member of the Haddon Heights Historic District Commission for ten years. She will be missed!



Anne McAdams presenting a check from your Society to the Lawnside Historical Society to help preserve the Peter Mott House.



<u>DODD'S COUNTRY SQUIRE</u>— Bob Hunter was recently asked about the history of the fountain by the train station. As you may or may not know, when area resident and local businessman Leslie "Dodd" Farnath died, his family contacted the Borough of Haddon Heights about making a donation in his

memory. Bob believes, the Mayor in office at the time suggested a fountain could be purchased and installed by the borough next to

DODD FARNATH
1930 -- 2001
Dodd's Country Squire
1959 -- 1991

the Train Station. This was sometime in 2001. But who was Dodd Farnath and what did he have to do with Haddon Heights?

Mr. Farnath opened Dodd's Country Squire Menswear Store at 611 Station Avenue in 1959. Hard

work and good business skills soon required the purchase of the property at 613 Station to expand the retail store. During the 32 years in operation, Dodd successfully competed with four major shopping centers/malls in the vicinity; building a reputation for personal service and good merchandise.





Remember, at this time, men were still required to wear suits, white shirts, and ties to the office, and in most sales positions. Clothes were an expensive part of a person's budget. Quality and durability were important considerations. Mr. Farnath attributed his long retail success to high quality personal service and to his many loyal customers.

He was also a local business leader and active booster of neighborhood shopping, which was the equivalent of today's "Shop Local" trend. He was an early organizer of business owners and volunteered to be the Charter Director of the

Haddon Heights Jaycees in 1962. Mr. Farnath was also a Past President of the Haddon Heights Business Association. He was a member of the Haddon Heights Rotary Club as well as the Haddon Heights Lions Club.

Although the business continued until 1991, Mr. and Mrs. Farnath moved from Haddon Heights in 1962, settling in Medford, where they lived together until his death in August of 2001.

The next time you are strolling down Station Avenue, take a moment to look at the storefronts at #611-#613, and the fountain with the dedication marker at the Train Station. I'll bet from now on you will give them a more knowing look, with the information we have shared about Mr. Leslie "Dodd" Farnath.

FRIESLAND APARTMENTS– To the left, you will see a picture of the Friesland Apartments. They stoo



tucked away, in Haddon Heights for many years. Now, for the Pop Quiz to test your knowledge: 1)- Where was it located (You will be surprised...)? 2)- Why is it not there now? 3)- Did you or any of your relatives ever live there? 4)- What is the connection with the Healy Funeral Home family? 5)- Any other thoughts about this building? Contact the Historical Society-WWW.HHHISTORICAL.ORG, write to us, or come to the next meeting April 15, 2024 at the Library, to find out. As an aside, if you have any old Haddon Heights picture Post Cards like this one, laying around, please contact the Historical Society. We would love to scan them for our archives. All post cards will be returned.

NOTORIOUS BANK ROBBERS SPOTTED IN HADDONFIELD—NEWS FLASH..... Recently, the infamous criminals Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were spotted in Haddonfield near the location of the Had-

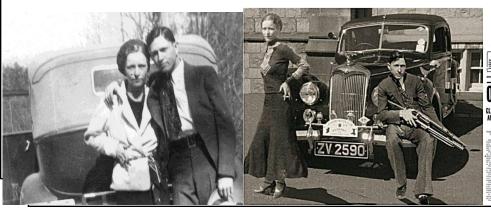
donfield Plays & Players Theater (HPP)! Okay– April Fools!!!!!! The two people in the photos below; Addison Clark and A.J. Klein, actually played the roles of the criminal lovers, during the recent run of "Bonnie & Clyde– The Musical"

at HPP. The pictures were taken by your editor during a publicity photo shoot, where my 1929 Model A Ford was used as a backdrop/prop to set the mood. They certainly looked the part, and the namesake musical was

outstanding entertainment!

The photographer wanted realistic poses and based his placement of the actors on photos of the real Bonnie & Clyde, found in Bonnie's camera after they died. I have included a few for reference, below.







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COMING EVENTS

H. H. Historical Society Meetings – Spring Meeting Monday April 15, 2024 !!!!

Summer Meeting Monday July 15, 2024

All meetings begin at 7:00pm- Haddon Heights Library- lower level

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Your "Paid Through" year is highlighted on your mailing label. Return the membership form on page 3 to remain a member in good standing.

<u>Please Note: Those members who provide an e-mail address, will also receive an electronic color copy of the newsletter in advance of the mailing.</u>

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<u>WE NEED YOU</u>

There are just a few of us who actively work to keep this organization going.

YOU can help by volunteering to serve and by helping build our membership. We need YOU!!!!!!

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So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersein, Goodbye....This is my 121st edition of the Newsletter. Although 121 may not seem like a big number, I have been writing/editing this publication for our members for thirty years!!! I have decided it is time for me to step aside as Editor to let others express themselves, and bring you their slice of history. Thanks for listening ALL THESE YEARS! Ken Funkhouser, Editor - (April 1994)

