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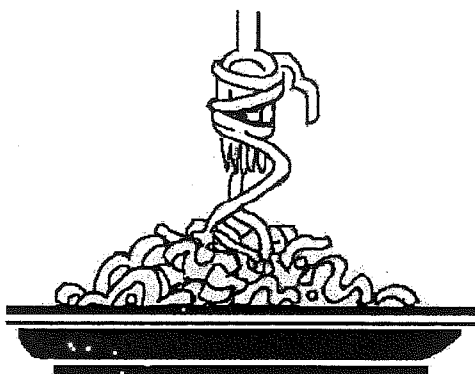
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John Hunt House

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SUPPER**Members Meeting**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6:00 p.m.
NEWMAN CHURCH, RUMFORD

This is **NOT** an error. The February members meeting will be held Saturday night after the annual fund-raising **Pasta Supper**. It all begins at 6:00 p.m. when **Ray Anderson**, Chef du Jour, serves up pasta, meatballs and salad. Also on the menu: bread, beverages, ice cream and home-baked cookies. The membership will be called for cookie donations and reservations. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 3 to 10 years. Children under 3 may dine for free. Tickets will not be distributed. Name reservations will be held at the door.

**Reservations must be made no later than
Thursday, February 19th.**

Bring along a family member or friend.

Buon appetito!



-Postcard donated by Katherine Perry Rodman

This postcard is the type of memorabilia we are looking for to display during the "Crescent Park Exhibition" planned for this year.

From the Attic

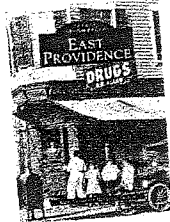
Edna Anness, Museum Curator

The accompanying photo is actually a postcard from our growing postcard collection. It was donated a few years ago by **Kit Rodman**, a member of our Museum Committee. The year is about 1929 when the Perry family had gone for the day to Crescent park. Kit (then Perry) and her brother Edward were taken for a walk down the midway by their sitter, Melia. They came upon a booth where you could sit behind a cardboard canoe and be photographed so that it appeared that you were riding in the canoe. Melia is at the helm. Edward Perry, known as Pete, is in the middle. Kit is in the back wearing the beautiful hair bow. The background is a large poster resembling the beach and river off the Riverside shore. (continued on page 3)

Board Briefs

The **John Hunt House** will be closed until **March**. A visit to the museum can be arranged by calling the society at **438-1750**.

IMAGES: East Providence, the pictorial history book, can be purchased at **Atlantic Flag and Banner, 694 North Broadway, Rumford**.



David Kelleher, vice president of the East Providence Historical Society and chairman of the East Providence Historic Properties Commission, will regularly contribute articles on local historic buildings and sites to the **East Providence Post**. The first was published in January, about the Philip Walker House, c. 1676, on the corner of North Broadway and Massasoit Avenue.

Due to a fluke, technological or otherwise, eight society members or complementaries from zip-code 02915, Riverside, did not receive the January newsletter. Two have come forth. If you are one of the six remaining, please call the society at 438-1750. We'll get it to you. After all, **old news is sorta what we're about!**

The East Providence Historical Society
 is dedicated to preserving the heritage and enjoying the history of our city. If you are not a member, we invite you to join now.
 Annual dues are \$10, individual or \$15, family.
 Please make check payable to:
East Providence Historical Society
 Mail to: Mona Breault
 34 Josephine Avenue
 Rumford, RI 02916

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New Members
Warm Welcome to Our New Members
 Joseph and Claudette Moniz

ACCESSIONS - GIFTS

Paul & Helen Nelson - collection of numerous artifacts from the FRAM Corporation: advertising, tee-shirts, caps, award pins, air filter, etc., etc. Paul's career was spent at FRAM.

Virginia Grosvenor, Madeira Beach, FL - FRAM business card case and travel ID tag.

Elena Smith - Knitting pamphlet from the Handy Shop.

St. Mary's Church - oak make-believe rifle found in the floor of the church, made by "THE IN-VU", Rochester, NY in a style of rifle made after 1900. Possibly used in dress parades in Watchemoket. Anyone know about IN-VU?

Thank you.
Your generosity is appreciated very much.



Buildings and Grounds

Ray Anderson, Grounds Chairman

Have you noticed the sign as you enter the Hunts Mills area? **(KEEP OUT Private Property East Providence Water Works Police Take Notice)** After conferring with the city manager a more appropriate sign should be in place showing the hours for visiting and closing the area at other times. The Parks Department plans, as weather permits, to clear brush to the rear and right side of the Hunt House in the area slated for landscaping. Architect Lala Searle has completed the area survey. Even in winter the project is moving along well.

MEMORIAL FUND

The Society's Memorial Fund was established in 1993 in memory of past members for "the betterment of the Society and with no specific purpose." The Memorial Fund is a qualified endowment administered by the executive committee. Members and friends wishing to contribute may make checks payable to the **East Providence Historical Society** and mail to the Society at: Box 4774 East Providence, RI 02916

From the Attic *(Continued from page 1)*

This postcard is an example of the type of memorabilia that we are looking for to put on display during the **Crescent Park Exhibition**. Every month we will remind all of you to look through your attics and drawers for memories. It is not necessary to give the items to the Historical Society. Loaning the items will be just fine and we will insure them while they are on display.

Let us know by June if you have souvenirs of the Park so that we can plan the display.



WANTED

Your old photographs and memories might be very interesting to the readers of the Gazette. Why not share them with us.



East Providence Historical Society
MARKER PROGRAM
Your Home May Be Eligible For A MARKER

Any building in the City of East Providence which contributes to the historical development or architectural character of the city is eligible to be considered for a historical marker.

Send the coupon below to:
The Marker Program
East Providence Historical Society
P. O. Box 4774
East Providence, RI 02916-4774

I am interested in receiving information about the
East Providence Marker Program

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A Night of
Ballroom Dancing & Listening
featuring the
Strictly Sentimental Swing Band
Monday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.
Post 10 American Legion, Willett Ave., Riverside

Pictures and stories of your East Providence ancestors, family treasures, homes or historic buildings help us to broaden our knowledge of times past. If you would like to submit a photo or a written article, please contact Doreen Bonney at 438-2982, the Hunt House at 438-1750, or mail to East Providence Historical Society, P.O. Box 4774, East Providence, RI 02916-4774. Photos will be returned unharmed.



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Events Calendar

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 21, 6:00 p.m.



Annual Pasta Supper

Members Meeting
Newman Church, Rumford

APRIL

Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.
Night of Ballroom Dancing & Listening
Strictly Sentimental Swing Band
Post 10 American Legion, 830 Willett Ave.
Riverside

MARCH

Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting
John Hunt House
newsletter deadline



Thursday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.
East Providence Historic Properties Commission
Sweetland House, Pawtucket Ave.
(*across from Providence Country Day*)



Monday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.
Members Meeting
Riverside Congregational Church
(*corner Oak & Bullocks Point Aves.*)
Program: Blackstone Valley Tourism
Representative and Park Ranger