

# HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY CLUB

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome back members and friends. We had an interesting, healthful summer and hope you all had the same.

Our family visited Vermont and found out that Pennsylvania is not the most progressive state in the union. Vermont has a law where-by all beer and pop cans carry a 5 cent rebate. How many beer and pop cans would be lying in Highland Park and along our highways if Pennsylvania had a similar law? Vermont also has a law that requires buyers of new automobiles to pay \$25.00 into a special fund for the removal of junked and abandoned cars and trucks by private authorized junk dealers. How many abandoned vehicles would be lying around Highland Park, Pittsburgh, and the State if we had a similar law? At the regular meeting in September, I will ask for permission to write our state legislator, Mr. Joseph Rhodes, Jr., urging him to sponsor similar legislation in Pennsylvania.

There have been reports to me that there were a number of burglaries in our area over the summer. Fox Chapel, Mt. Lebanon and Shadyside have had the same problems; however, our problem is Highland Park. The obvious things have been done -- I have called Sgt. Adams at Station No. 5 and have written a letter to Mayor Flaherty. Hopefully we will get additional police protection. What can we as citizens of Pittsburgh do? First, let at least one neighbor know when you are going to be away and furnish him with a key. Second, buy at least two light timers and have them set to turn on a light downstairs and one upstairs at different times in the evening. Third, don't leave attractive things like bicycles or even automobiles out where they are easy to take. If we all work together on this problem, we can reduce it.

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## NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, September 11, 1975, 8:00 P.M. at  
the American Legion Post No. 715, 5904  
Bryant St. Guest Speaker -- YOU!

## DAY CAMP - 1975

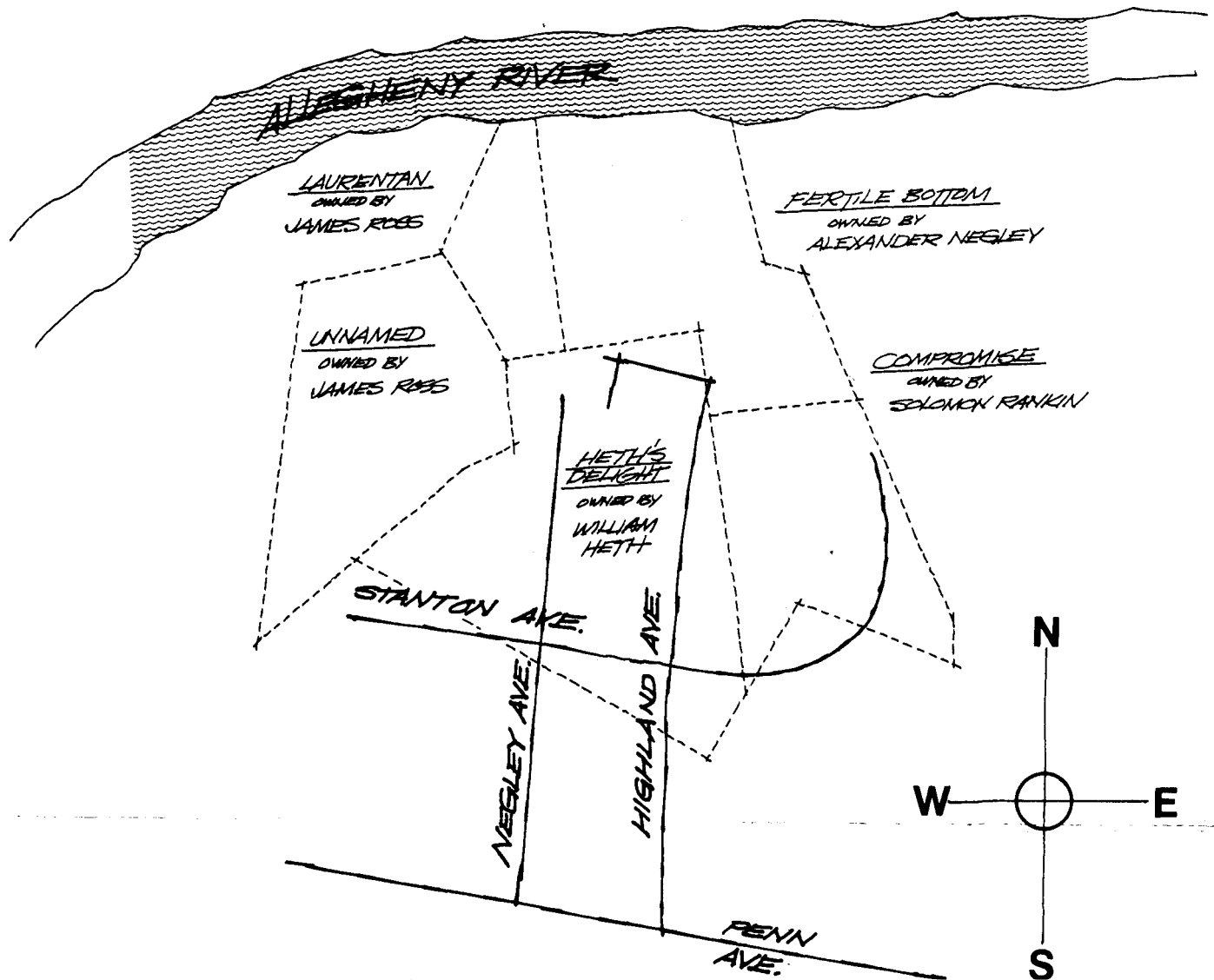
"It's been a great summer! I hope you have enjoyed Day Camp." With these words Barbara McCartney, the Highland Park Community Club Camp Director, presented the "Camp Finale." The many friends and parents in the audience were delighted by the program put forth by campers and counselors. The talent included a puppet show, a game of Newcomb, a fashion show, skits from Aesop's Fables and an animated version of the song "Old MacDonald Had A Farm."

This was just one example of the many events enjoyed this summer by the 57 campers. Some of the highlights of the six weeks were: a visit from Audrey Paulificate of Mr. Rogers' TV show; a softball clinic; a trip to the zoo; swimming twice each week; a cookout; camp olympics; Counselor David Cohen's Magic Show; clown face painting by "Bingo" and his friend; a visit from Thomas Ohrstrom, a flutist; a folk dancing lesson with Sheila Savits; and a 3rd of July Parade featuring a rocket launched by Counselor Charles Massey.

A special THANK YOU is due to: the Director, Barbara McCartney and her staff -- Anne Westfall, Madeleine Morgan, Charles Massey, David Cohen, Maria Thomas, Jackie Lurie, Linda Rosen and Joann Goncar; the co-administrators Paige Moore and Kathy Ziegler; those who helped with weekly registrations; those who drove when needed; and those who contributed toys and games. Thanks also to all the un-named parents and camp guests, friends, neighbors and all who helped in any way to make this year's Day Camp a successful fun-fest. Camp wouldn't be the same if there weren't such great kids in Highland Park!

## "OCTOBER FEST"

Mark your calendar on October 18th to join in convivial group spirit with beer and hors d'oeuvres at Glen and Dorothy Scot's. Watch for the next Newsletter for more information.



## HISTORICAL REFLECTIONS ON HIGHLAND PARK

What plantation are you living on? Nearly 200 years ago (1778), Alexander Negley moved his family to what is now the East Liberty area where he resided and farmed. The Negley's farm ("Fertile Bottom") was 278 acres, most of which is now Highland Park.

Perhaps during your walks through Highland Park, you've seen the burial place for the Negleys and the 50 other pioneers who helped settle this area. Upon entering the Park at the end of Highland Avenue, turn left and walk under an overpass of the present roadway, follow the trail to the right and you will see the monument.

Alexander Negley died in 1809, and his home burned soon after. His widow, Mary Ann, built another home, which is now referred to as "The Farmhouse." It is one of the oldest structures in

East Liberty and is located near the corner of Grafton Street and Heberton Avenue.

Alexander Negley is considered to have been the first permanent settler in this area. His father (Jacob) and mother (Elizabeth) had first migrated to Germany to live. Alexander was born there in 1734. His father died enroute to America and was buried at sea. The remaining family settled near Philadelphia where years later Alexander, then a blacksmith, his wife and family were living at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. Alexander joined Samuel Moorhead's Rangers and during his travels passed through Ligonier where he later moved his family. Due to the Indian and British attacks, they soon fled that area and moved to the fertile land and great forest of the East Liberty Valley by the Allegheny called "Fertile Bottom."