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As you can see by the photo at the left, the Milsom Building needs some attention, before we can begin using it as the annex for the Heritage Museum. The roof needs replaced along with the windows. The building needs power washed and repainted. The front entrance needs redone and one of the show windows has cracked. There is a structural issue that needs addressed on the alley side. Inside, the electrical and heating systems need replaced. The second floor apartments are a sight! ☹ The Heritage Museum belongs to all of you and needs your help to proceed with renovations to the annex. To achieve this purpose, it was suggested to start a separate building fund for the former Milsom Store building. Several special friends of the Greater Monessen Historical Society have already donated towards this purpose. We ask the rest of you to consider making whatever contribution you are able and mark it as for the building fund. A "Buy a Window Campaign" has been set up. There are 15 windows on the second floor. If you pay for a window, a plaque will recognize your generous contribution. A loved one can be remembered in the future through these windows. The Milsom Building sits at probably the most prominent corner in downtown Monessen, directly across from the old Monessen Savings and Trust Building. When sitting in traffic at the red light, it is the first building anyone sees. Do you want it to continue to look like this, or do you want it restored to the appearance it had when it housed the Endicott Johnson Shoe Store? We hope to transform this corner into a space appealing to anyone driving through the town. Please be generous.

**Building Fund Established
For Renovations to
Museum Annex
(Milsom Building)**

**Buy A Window
Program**

Membership and Yearly Fund Drive Reminder

Have you renewed your membership in the Greater Monessen Historical Society for \$15? If so, we thank you for joining together with us to preserve the history of the Greater Monessen area and to maintain the Heritage Museum, so we can continue our exhibits and ethnic food demonstrations. A membership runs on a calendar year of January to December and includes four issues of the newsletter, "Valley Historian". Also, your

contributions to the yearly fund drive determine what we are able to do in the coming year. More dollars mean more programs. **Have you recruited your family members, neighbors and friends to join our group?** GMHS is made up of volunteers, who donate their time and talents to help make Monessen a better place to live. There is still time to do your part. Please be as generous as possible. Is it worth \$15 for a membership and perhaps a few dollars more as a donation to have a first class museum in town that offers rotating ethnic and historical exhibits, cooking demonstrations, lectures, a gift shop, special events and a meeting place?

Have you checked out our webpage?

Thanks to your donations in years past, we have a webpage to keep abreast of what is happening and what can be purchased in the Museum Shoppe. Our web address is:

www.monessenhistoricalsociety.org

Tell your friends and neighbors. We couldn't have reached this point without your support and encouragement. We also are on **Facebook**. Log in and look around. ☺

Spring Ethnic Exhibit

Once again, the Heritage Museum will host an open house event on Sunday, March 27, 2011 and salute another ethnic group in its spring exhibit. The Carpatho-Rusyn people will be highlighted. Anyone having photographs, items or memorabilia dealing with this ethnic group is urged to loan the items to the Heritage Museum. Please call 724-684-8460.

Monessen Memories Cookbook

Thanks to everyone who has purchased a copy of the "Monessen Memories" cookbook. To date we have sold 134 copies. We have received many compliments, and several people have said they are shipping them to relatives who live out of state. Copies are \$18. The book contains many of the recipes that belonged to the generation of immigrants, who first settled the Greater Monessen area in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Susanna Swade is planning an afternoon of cooking demonstrations using the recipes found in the book sometime in the spring. Here is a sample recipe:

Hrutka (Easter Cheese)

15 eggs
3 c. milk
¼ c. sugar

1 c. raisins (opt.)
¼ tsp. vanilla

Soak raisins in water. Remove any stems. Beat eggs well. Add to milk, sugar and raisins. Cook over medium high heat stirring constantly with a wooden flat spatula to prevent burning. Mixture will form lumps. Milk will settle in pan and eggs are cooked. Line a colander with a clean dish towel or cheesecloth. Pour in egg mixture and drain. Chill in fridge. Anna Sinchak's recipe given by daughter, Regina Feryok.

Annual Public Meeting

Our annual Public Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 1:30 P.M. The financial report will be presented along with highlights from the previous year. Upcoming events will be discussed and input solicited from the membership. A message from Tim Donner will be read to the group. Light refreshments will be served. The Carpatho-Rus Exhibit will be opened and be available for viewing.

Christmas at the Museum

Along with the rest of the city, the Historical Society celebrated the holiday season with an Open House on December 3, 2010. Shirley Beneccio once again created a beautiful Christmas window display. Thanks also to all the volunteers, who took part in the special day.



Santa was able to take time from his busy schedule to visit and see the children. Over 100 kids of all ages had their photo taken with the jolly elf. Chef Tiffanie Rae Johnson of Shortbread City Designer Desserts was also on hand selling her delicious cupcakes. She plans to return again when the weather is warmer.



Class Reunions

During the past couple of years, GMHS has hosted several class reunion gatherings in the Heritage Museum. MHS alumni have enjoyed the Monessen exhibits and looking through the old yearbooks. Videos of Monessen in years past have added to the festivities. Reservations are now being taken for classes interested in visiting in 2011. Call and speak to Susanna Swade, if interested. Various organizations have also visited and held meetings in the Museum. We would love to have you!

We remind everyone that admission to the Heritage Museum is free. ☺

**Greater Monessen Historical Society
2010 Financial Report**

Operating Income

Events \$2,802.44

Exhibits	\$535.00
Fundraising	\$7,240.38
Interest Earned	\$23.59
Membership Dues	\$4,470.00
Memorials	\$2,485.00
Misc. Donations	\$2,689.72
Museum Shoppe	\$4,777.44
Other Income	\$2,138.29

Total Operating Income

\$27,161.86

Grants Income

Note: All grant funds must be used for their specific projects and cannot be transferred to other expenses.

Tourism Grant \$3,000.00

Total Grant Income

\$3,000.00

Total Income

\$30,161.86

Operating Expenses

Advertising	\$ 3,253.24
Copier	\$ 3,275.17
Electric	\$1,707.77
Equipment/Software	\$700.34
Events	\$2,831.82
Exhibits	\$81.47
Gas	\$672.00
General Admin Costs	\$3,428.52
Insurance	\$2,049.40
Library Archives	\$392.69
Loan Payments	\$1,920.00
Maintenance/Renovations	\$357.82
Museum Shoppe	\$1,952.16

Office Supplies/Printing	\$1,532.73
Pest Control	\$203.76
Phone and Internet	\$1,156.55
Postage	\$960.42
Professional Dues	\$235.00
Royalties	\$135.00
Security System	\$300.00
Sewage and Garbage	\$479.00
TransFirst Credit Card	\$1,157.78
Water	\$288.00
Website	\$119.64

Total Operating Expenses

\$30,038.28

Grant Expenses:

Community Foundation Grant (Ted Harhai): 1st Floor Stereo and Sound System. Received Grant of \$1,000.00 in 2009. Spent Grant in 2010.

Tourism Grant: Included in Advertising under Operating Expenses.

Notes:

General Admin Costs-Part of these expenses are for the transfer and 2010 taxes for 501-503 Donner Avenue (Pokomo Building).

Other Income-Part of this income is reimbursement of school taxes paid for 501-503 Donner Avenue (Pokomo Building).

Thank you for your continued support of the Greater Monessen Historical Society and Monessen Heritage Museum

Vito C. Beneccio Board Member and Treasurer

Recent Donations to the Heritage Museum

Monessen Southwestern Railroad Caboose: Matt Canestrале

MHS Class of 1966 programs, two Kathy Wulf poems, 1965 & 1966 MHS yearbooks, Bible, Robert McKelvie birth certificate and baby biography, Evert Ollie memorial Book and diploma, McKelvie Garage photo, six tie pins and one set of cuff links, Photo of 444 Knox Avenue (circa 1910), MHS Class of 1966 invitation, Peoples National Bank & Trust Company 50th Anniversary booklet, Evert Ollie medal, baby shoes, socks and hat, Evert Ollie photos in Europe from 1945, Letters, Prisoner of war bulletins, 78 record, Will of William Ollie, Postcards, Flag, Book (Ploesti), Cup, Company C photos, Baptism certificate, Karate certificate, clippings: Elliott Ollie

Perry Schwartz World War II Naval officer hat: Helen Schwartz

1967-1969 MHS Glee patch, Glee Award: Eugene Salvino

Two Monessen Diamond Jubilee books, MHS Class of 1951 video, May 16, 1995 Valley Independent: Donna Thorpe

Two folders newspaper clippings and photos, Monessen Junior High School blueprints, Monessen Silver Anniversary booklet, G. C. Murphy annex photo, G. C. Murphy photo, MHS 1923 Girls' Basketball Team photo: Paul and Diane Tobacco

Large electric street wreath and red vinyl Xmas banner: City of Monessen.

Page Mill plaque, Mike Mazur MARS plaque: Mike Mazur

48th Annual Sports Hall of Fame program (2010): T. Dean Wilkins

Two Monessen Junior High School bowls, Monessen Chamber of Commerce ash tray and 1851 book, "Cosmos": George Essey

Beall Family information and photos in folder: Thomas Glasgow

Eli Alberts photo: Janice Alberts Pinto

1954 MHS yearbook: Louis Anstandig

MHS Class of 1928 Fiftieth Reunion booklet, Frankie Barr orchestra photos, and Monessen Community Night at Three Rivers photo: St. Vincent DePaul Society

MHS yearbooks (1920, 1921, 1931, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954: Donna & Richard Dudas

Three Money Order receipts, 1957 laminated calendar, Slovak Citizens Club membership card, MHS Social Party ticket, Abbey's Studio photo, Slovak gymnastic Union membership card, NHS Class schedule for 1957-1958, Glee emblem, Monessen Junior High Handbook, MHS Class of 1955 and 1957 commencement, MHS Class of

1957 Reunion booklets: Thomas J. Weible Given in Memory of Wife, Beverly Kmetz Weible

Page Steel & Wire Company wire tensioner: Tudor and Jones, Inc.

Marine Foot Locker, Two man saw, St. Mary's Choir photo, Donner Avenue postcard, Helen Yusko photo: Mike Yusko

Monessen Pittsburgh Steel Co. Jane Blast Furnace pieces from light up on May 23, 1966: Joseph A. Kerestes

Photos of Hillman Ford Motor Company: William Hillman

Memorials

In memory of Margaret DeSantis Tredici given by Husband, Thomas Tredici.

In memory of William H. Tomer given by Dr. Martin and Mrs. Madeline Dudas.

In memory of Leonora Poletini given by Candis Kelley.

In memory of Mary Chelen given by Candis Kelley.

In Honor of Mike Martin given by Gloria and Joseph Feehan.

One Hundred Years ago in the newspapers February-April, 1911

Sauerkraut candy is a new variety being made by the Philadelphia Candy Kitchen. (2-3-1911) DI

Johnson's Café, on the lower side of Sixth Street, will open to the public, according to the Johnson Brothers. A one story building with an English-looking front has been erected. It will have two small tables on either side of the entrance and a lunch counter surrounding a hot plate. The brothers started with a lunch wagon where the A. R. Ney showroom is now located. Later, the wagon moved to the lot on Sixth where the café building has been erected, and finally in a room above the Star Theatre. It will now be one door below the theater on Sixth. (2-3-1911) MN

St. Leonard's Roman Catholic Church will hold a sacred concert on Sunday night, February 26, to dedicate their new pipe organ. The organ is worth \$3000 and contains 628 pipes. (2-10-1911) MN

The Monessen Plumbing Company is expanding to take on a complete line of electric supplies and will now be known as Monessen Plumbing and Electric Company. (2-21-1911) MN

Jacob Kent, of Monessen, a veteran of the Civil War, died February 24, 1911 at age 72. He was a Monessen councilman and former employee of the Page Fence Company. (2-25-1911) DI

The Naturalization Committee of the Board of Trade is making a concerted effort to naturalize the foreign population. The greatest success has been among the Italian population. (3-10-11) MN

Improvements to the Monessen Brewery will result in an increase of capacity from 35,000 to 50,000 barrels annually. The renovations cost somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000, as the floor space was doubled along with adding a new soaking machine, bottling machine and pasteurizing machine. The brewery employs thirty men. (3-17-1911) MN

Pawnee Bill and Buffalo Bills Big West Show will perform at the Bijou Theatre on March 21, 1911. Instead of arriving by train, the show will come to Monessen on a street car. Admission is ten cents. (3-20-1911) DI

The funeral of Samuel Smock Houseman, of North Belle Vernon, took place on March 19, 1911. He was a member of Company F, First Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, during the Civil War. Sgt. Houseman died of cancer of the ear. (3-20-1911) DI

J. G. Staudemayer, local baker, has been experimenting with his invention, a rotary turbine gasoline engine for automobiles or airplanes, and has applied for a patent. It weighs only 175 pounds and is expected to deliver 28 to 35 pounds of horsepower. (3-21-1911) MN

The newly erected Webster Methodist Episcopal Church will be dedicated on Sunday, March 26, 1911. The brick structure cost \$12,000 to build. (3-23-1911) DI

A Monessen choral club is being organized with Mrs. M. J. Cramer as president. They hope to prepare an Easter cantata. They will be known as the Monessen Choral Union. (3-28-1911) MN

Monessen Greeks have organized a 40 member brass band under the direction of the leader of the Italian band. (3-28-1911) MN

Liberty Day will be observed by Monessen's Greek community on Sunday, April 9, 1911. A parade will form in front of the Opera House and proceed to Donner Avenue as far as First Street. It will then go onto Schoonmaker, as far as Eleventh Street, then back to the Star Theatre where speakers will be heard. Hundreds of marchers are expected. (4-7-1911) DI

The Luna Theatre will be enlarged to accommodate 200 additional seats, along with a new front and electric sign with hundreds of electric lights. Nine entrances will be made during the remodeling. (4-11-1911) DI

C. L. Chester, of Monessen, has a patent on an agricultural sprayer he invented for spraying large orchards, vineyards, and gardens. It is being considered by numerous manufacturers. (4-21-1911) MN

Mrs. Anna McCarroll, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Conrad Schaulk, of Sixth Street and Park Way. She was the granddaughter of Lord McManus, on her mother's side, and the granddaughter of Lord Gellan, on her father's. She was born sixty five years ago in an Irish castle and had made her home in McKeesport. (4-21-1911) DI



Late winter & early spring weddings of 1911

Basil Henry married Miss Myrtle V. Kremer, of Roscoe, on February 7, 1911. Both were former residents of Morgantown. The groom works in the Daily Independent office. (2-8-1911) DI

Miss Mary Brunelle, of Charleroi, and Mathias Keefer, of Monessen, obtained a marriage license in Washington on February 10, 1911. (2-13-1911) DI

Mathias Keifer, of Monessen, and Miss Mary Brunelle, of Charleroi, obtained a marriage license. (2-14-1911) MN

Patsy Conti, of Monessen has filed for divorce from Cordina Conti. They were married February 28, 1908. (2-14-1911) MN

John Diebert and Tusl Sulish, both of Monessen, received a marriage license in Greensburg. (2-16-1911) DI

Miss Florence Simcox and Robert Turnbull were marriage February 16, 1911 in St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Charleroi. (2-17-1911) DI

Miss Nellie Kontur, of West Newton, and James Thomas O'Loughlin, of Sewickley, will marry February 22, 1911 in Holy Family Church, West Newton. (2-20-1911) DI

Miss Effie N. Provins, of the Charleroi Mail Publishing Company, and John Condon, of Donora, were married February 14, 1911 in St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Charleroi. (2-21-1911) DI

Miss Mary Brunelle, daughter of Mrs. Eugene Brunelle, of Charleroi, and Mathias Keefer, of Monessen, were

married in St. Jerome's Church at Charleroi on February 23, 1911. The couple will live in Monessen. (2-23-1911) DI

Robert D. Potter and Miss Helen Mayer are engaged. "Bob" works in the shipping dept. of Pittsburgh Steel Co. (2-27-1911) DI

Robert Potter is engaged to Miss Helen Mayer according to the Sunbury Daily. Mr. Potter is employed in the shipping department of the Pittsburgh Steel Company. They will have an early spring wedding. (2-28-1911) MN

George Lutes, Jr., of Monessen, and Marcella Brown, of Port Perry, were issued a marriage license February 27, 1911 in Pittsburgh. (2-28-1911) MN

Miss Bessie Martin, of Monessen, and Harry Brenner, of Pittsburgh are engaged. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Martin of Donner Avenue. (2-28-1911) MN

A marriage license has been granted to George Lutes, Jr., of Monessen, and Marcella Brown, of Port Perry (3-1-1911) DI

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Shuster celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of their marriage on March 10, 1911. They were the first bride and groom to take up residence in Monessen after being married in Monongahela. Mr. Shuster is Monessen's justice of the peace. (3-11-1911)

Mae Hale, of Monessen, has filed for divorce from Charles R. Hale, who she married February 15, 1888 in Dayton, Ohio. She left him on March 1, 1909 citing cruelty. (3-13-1911) DI

Miss Ada Boyles and William J. Coldren were married March 16, 1911 in Uniontown. (3-17-1911) DI

Miss Bertha Solomon, of McKeesport, and Peter Schwartz, of Monessen, will wed March 19, 1911 in the Jewish synagogue. (3-18-1911) DI

Jesse F. Smith, of Belle Vernon, and Emily J. White, of Pricedale, have been issued a marriage license. (3-18-1911) DI

Alfred Brathwood and Martha Foyle, both of Fayette City, have been granted a marriage license in Washington. (3-23-1911) DI

Miss Edna Harris, of Beaver Falls, will marry Carl Rutter, formerly of New York on April 15, 1911. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Cox, a former Monessen resident. (3-24-1911) DI

Miss Grace Ceuce and Mr. Alvia Campbell were married in New Salem on March 22, 1911. (3-25-1911) DI

Alvia R. Campbell and Grace Cence, both of Donora, received a marriage license in Uniontown. (Bride's name is spelled differently in each article) (3-27-1911) DI

Towa Limri and Elen Berkowitch were married March 27, 1911. (3-29-1911) DI

Hattie Yardey, of Uniontown, is to divorce William Yardey, who she married on April 1, 1904 citing cruelty and desertion. (4-5-1911) DI

Charles Stewart McKean, of Charleroi, and Miss Nellie G. Steele, of Fayette City, were married April 4, 1911. The groom is assistant cashier with the Bank of Charleroi. Bride is a former Charleroi school teacher. They took the P & LE train for their honeymoon in the east and will reside in Charleroi when they return. (4-7-1911) DI

Thomas McGee, of Monessen, and Miss Agnes Swank, of Mt. Washington, eloped April 10, 1911. The couple will reside at 964 Schoonmaker Avenue with the groom's parents. Groom is a craneman with the Pittsburgh Steel Company. (4-11-1911) MN

Thomas McKee, of Monessen, and Miss Agnes Swank, of Mt. Washington, eloped to Cumberland, Maryland and were married. Friends congratulate them on outwitting a stern parent. (4-12-1911) DI

A marriage license has been granted to Frank Fierish and Mary Beichich, both of Donora. (4-12-1911) DI

Julius Salay and Suanna Welch, both of Monessen, were granted a marriage license. (4-13-1911) DI

Kellie Konangel and Mary Catrina, both of Monessen, were granted a marriage license. (4-13-1911) DI

Arvo Snomela and Ida Nisula, both of Monessen, were granted a marriage license. (4-13-1911) DI

Miss Mattie B. McKenney and George Allen Reppert were married in the First Christian Church on April 12, 1911. The bride was employed by the Bell Telephone Company and has resigned. They will honeymoon in Pittsburgh and Warren, Ohio. Upon their return, they will live at 252 Sixth Street. (4-13-1911) DI

On April 12, 1911 in Lorraine, Ohio, Miss Bess Shade and Clark Gallatin, of Donora, were married. The groom works for the National Tube Works. They will live in Donora. (4-17-1911) DI

Charles E. Federman, of Lima, Ohio, and Miss Dorothy J. Block, of Ruffington, Ohio, were married April 9, 1911. The groom was formerly a Monessen newspaper man. (4-19-1911) DI

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Reppert have returned from their honeymoon and are residing at 252 Sixth Street. (4-19-1911) DI

Miss Helen Lowey, of Philadelphia, will become engaged to Leon Myers, formerly of Monessen, on May 7, 1911 at a large social gathering. The groom is living in

Philadelphia and will be married in the fall. (4-20-1911) DI

Leon Meyers, formerly of Monessen, and Miss Helen Loewy, of Philadelphia, are engaged. They will have an early summer wedding. The groom is the son of Meyer Meyers, the local clothier, and manages an artificial flower factory in Philadelphia. He was once a news reporter for the Daily Independent. (4-21-1911) MN

Mr. and Mrs. George Reppert have returned from their honeymoon in Ohio. They will live at 252 Sixth Street. (4-21-1911) MN

James Conroy, of Monessen, was married in New Bethlehem on April 27, 1911. (4-29-1911) DI

Late Winter and early spring Birthdays and Births of 1911

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Horner on January 29, 1911. (2-3-1911) DI

Mrs. Thomas N. Hughes, of Oneida Avenue, has a surprise birthday party on February 3, 1911. (2-4-1911) DI

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, of the corner of Second and Reed Avenues, had two baby boys on February 15, 1911. (2-16-1911) DI

A ten pound baby boy arrived at 10 Reed Avenue, the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith, on February 16, 1911. (2-16-1911) DI

Mrs. John Carns, of North Belle Vernon, celebrated her seventieth birthday on February 16, 1911. A valentine theme was used. (2-17-1911) DI

Alexander Boag, of Reed Avenue, celebrated his twelfth birthday on February 22, 1911. (2-23-1911) DI

C. H. Dils had a ten pound baby boy on February 28, 1911. (2-28-1911) DI

Florence Klingensmith celebrated her eighteenth birthday on March 8, 1911. (3-20-1911) DI

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith had a baby son on March 18, 1911. (3-20-1911) DI

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Higuét, of Schoonmaker Avenue, had a child on March 18, 1911. (3-20-1911) DI

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith of Monessen had a baby boy on March 18, 1911. (3-21-1911) MN

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Schoonmaker Avenue had a baby boy on March 18, 1911. (3-21-1911) MN

Clare Kiehl Menefee was christened on March 21, 1911. The child parents' are Mr. and Mrs. John Menefee. (3-22-1911) DI

Rev. C. J. Waltner, pastor of the German Lutheran congregation, celebrated his fiftieth birthday on March 22, 1911. He came to Monessen in 1900 to organize the church. (3-23-1911) DI

Frank Bumer celebrated his fiftieth birthday on February 23, 1911. He came to Monessen in October of 1898. (3-23-1911) DI

Mrs. Rachael F. Wiley celebrated her one hundred and fifth birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Fennel, of Saltsburg. (3-23-1911) DI

Miss Reah Seanor, of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, held a party in the hotel parlors on March 30, 1911 in honor of her fourteenth birthday. (4-1-1911) DI

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. O'Toole of Reed Avenue are the parents of a baby girl who was born March 31, 1911. (4-4-1911) MN

Mrs. Joseph, mother of Phil Joseph, was treated to a banquet at his home on April 4, 1911 for her birthday. (4-5-1911) DI

A surprise birthday party for Clara Taylor, of 604 McKee Avenue, was planned for the afternoon of April 15, 1911. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor. (4-15-1911) DI

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ecklesberg, of Dutchtown, had a nine pound daughter on April 19, 1911. (4-19-1911) DI

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dale, corner of Sixth Street and Knox Avenue, had a twelve pound daughter on April 18, 1911. (4-19-1911) DI

A ten pound baby boy was born in Beaver Falls to Mr. and Mrs. William Harris. Mrs. Harris formerly lived in Monessen. Mr. Harris resides here and is a Monessen school director from the Third Ward. (4-29-1911) DI

Dan's Archives

A Greek Royal Visit

On March 4, 1911, His Imperial Highness, the Prince De Byzantium, Count of Vellus and Voedondous, Doctor of Laws, Heir of the Imperial Hellenic Roman House and Pretender of the Imperial Hellenic Roman Throne of Constantinople, Constantinos Palaeologos, visited Monessen on a speaking tour. His family was the oldest Imperial House of the world and traced its genealogy back four thousand years. They were the descendants of the Trojan kings and Roman Caesars. A Greek

welcoming committee comprised of Nick Berbatis, Peter Sotus, and Peter Loucalarakis escorted the Prince from the Grand Hotel in an automobile that was led by a brass band to the Star Theatre for his first lecture. The Theatre was crowded, and most of the lecture was delivered in the Greek language, but picture scenes of the ancient history and conflicts of Greece were shown on the screen.

The Prince advocates the union of all the Greek and Christian peoples, who belonged to the Byzantine Empire, along with assistance from all Christians to help free the Hellenes, Armenians, and Syrians, who are under the Ottoman Turkish yoke. He spoke of Turkish hordes daily killing Christians, and the snatching of Christian churches and schools that are then given to the enemy. He also said children and innocent women are wildly killed every day in Macedonia by the barbarian Turks, while the Greek Patriarch asks for Christian help to protect the cross and die for the faith and national rights.

The Prince delivered two lectures in the Star Theatre. Before leaving, he was treated to a tour of the Pittsburgh Steel Company by Superintendent George Nash.

In a letter sent to the Monessen Daily Independent upon his departure, the Prince said farewell to the "people of your poetic and healthy Monessen". He thanked everyone for the American hospitality. He concluded by stressing the need for protection and liberty to those under the Turkish yoke. He also said in the future, if the United States would find itself provoked, it would be the Greek children, who would protect the American borders.

In an editorial in the newspaper, the editor said the excellent lecture of the Prince should stimulate citizenship, as Monessen has many Greek businessmen and women, who strive to make a better town. It said his countrymen should strive to emulate his example, and his example should be an inspiration for the future.

During his stay, the Prince met in private with the leading Greek citizens of the town and advised them to enlarge their uniformed cadet force. He urged them to prepare in the case of an uprising between the Ottomans and the Greek government. Captain Gust Alexander had a force of sixty well drilled cadets, who were ready for immediate enlistment, if duty called. Following discussions with the Prince, he planned to enroll a force of two hundred members and adopt a new flag bearing the emblem of the Byzantium throne, along with new uniform buttons.

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