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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

May 4, 1969 is a day to be remembered by those who attended the opening of the Museum. Mayor Walter J. Davis declared "...for while today we are honoring history, the Historical Society of Bloomfield is, in fact, making it!"

### HAPPENINGS . . . Part I

#### A Date to Keep

On September 29 (Monday) 7 to 9 p.m., The Friends of the Bloomfield Library will inaugurate a new series of "Informals".

#### First Event

In cooperation with the Historical Society of Bloomfield a combination tour of the Library and Museum will be given. The Library Director, Howard Vogt, will personally conduct small groups through the Library facilities, ending at the Museum where Society members will explain the exhibits.

### HAPPENINGS . . . Part II

#### October 2, 1969

The first meeting of the Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter of the D. A. R. (evening group) will be October 2, 1969, 8 p.m., at the Historical Society Museum.

Miss Helen Hunt, Chairman, will preside at this meeting, assisted by Misses Maybelle Holmes and Harriet Deane, Hostesses.

It promises to be an interesting evening. A tour of the Museum will be conducted by Society members headed by Mrs. Peter Dorn, President. Refreshments will be served immediately following the tour.

### The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

The Annual Meeting of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey will be Saturday, September 27, 1969 at Skylands Manor, Ringwood-Sloatsburg Road, Ringwood, New Jersey. Please send reservations to Mrs. Kenneth Hirsch, Box 1, Newfoundland, N.J. 07435, by September 22nd. Reservation and box lunch: \$2.00.

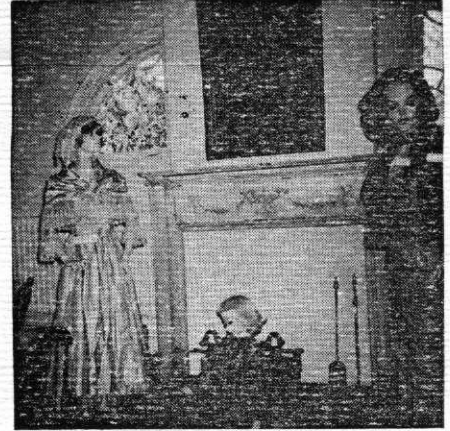
### Mrs. Dorn Named Trustee

Mrs. Peter Dorn, President of the Historical Society of Bloomfield has been named a trustee to the New Jersey State Canal Historical Committee. She attended the first organization meeting of the group at Waterloo.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF OPENING DAY



(left to right) Mayor Walter Davis and Mrs. Peter Dorn  
Background: Mr. & Mrs. John Ambler



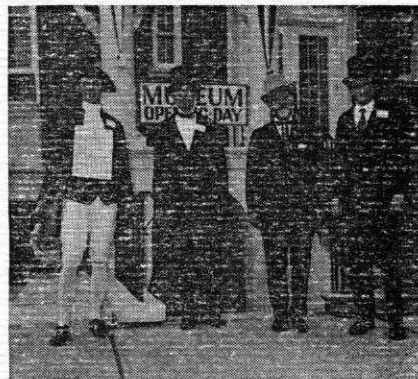
A corner of the Historical Society of Bloomfield Museum



Mrs. Peter Dorn, Howard Vogt, Mrs. Roy E. Sjogren



Mrs. Lillian Ports, Mrs. David Oakes II and the late Mrs. Louis Pangaro



Richard Triemer, Kenneth McCormick, George T. Boyle, Frederick Branch



Miss Judy Ward and Miss Cathy Dillon

### Lost Landmarks — Number Two

## The Residence of Dr. Harry E. Richards

For the past 30 years students attending the Junior High School on Franklin Street have enjoyed the view from what may be the highest natural elevation in Bloomfield, a view that was for almost 90 years the exclusive privilege of the Richards Family. The large colored map now hanging in the Public Library shows every building and property boundary in

town as it was in 1865 and on it this house is shown standing with comparatively few neighbors. It had been built there by the original Harry Richards, a successful Newark businessman, who came out to Bloomfield about 1847. The house is best known, however, as the residence of his son, Dr. Harry Edward Richards, although

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