

until 9, and every Friday evening thereafter, during which time the librarian will attend to deliver books, according to the rules and regulations, to every applicant entitled to the gratuitous benefits of the library. Mechanics, members of the society, will give written orders to such of their apprentices as are desirous of availing themselves of the opportunity now offered them of improving their minds.

“All persons, not members or the apprentices of those who are not members as above, are informed that a book will immediately be opened to receive subscriptions to the library, by the year, half year or quarter. Those wishing to become subscribers will please apply to A. Thomas, librarian, at the library, [South] Duke street, opposite the [Trinity] Lutheran church.

“Gentlemen of the city and county of Lancaster are respectfully invited to call and examine the library.”

In the Lancaster Journal of Friday, November 13th, 1829, appeared a catalogue of nearly three hundred volumes in the Apprentices' library.

It is interesting to note that the Mechanics' Society is still in existence and contributes books to the A. Herr Smith Memorial Library of Lancaster.

Lancaster Military Band

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ON Saturday evening, July 18th, 1829, a number of persons met at the public house of Jacob Rathfon for the purpose of organizing a military band.¹ John A. Landis was called to the chair, and James Johnston acted as secretary. At this meeting Jacob Gerber was appointed bandmajor, James Johnston, leader, and John A. Landis and Daniel Weidler trustees.

At the organization of the band, the instruments were played by the following: French horns, John A. Landis and Peter Gerber; German flutes, Henry Metzger, Daniel Dorwart and John Bachman; octave flute, Peter Getz; second octave flute, George Buckius; C. clarionets, Daniel Weidler, Jacob Baumiller and Jacob Gerber, Jr.; half moon, Frederick Smith; and patent Kent bugle, Clarkson Freeman, Jr.

How long the band existed is not known.

¹ Lancaster Intelligencer, Tuesday, July 21st, 1829.