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### **Enthusiasm Marks Plans Of Historical Society**

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Yorktown Hts.-Mrs. John E. Mynttinen of Croton Heights was elected temporary chairman of the Yorktown Historical Society at the group's organizational meeting Wednesday Evening.

Mrs. Paul L. Gillespie of Van Cortlandt Circle was named temporary secretary, at the meeting attended by 17 persons.

Allison Albee, vice-president of the County Historical Society, was unable to attend the meeting, but had previously advised the group to apply for a charter from the State Education Department. He also offered the assistance of the county organization for any projects which the Yorktown society may undertake.

The possibility of including Somers in the Yorktown Historical society was discussed and will be considered at the next meeting.

#### Similar Backgrounds

Somers and Yorktown have similar historical backgrounds, since they were both ruled by the House of Hanover and were only made separate towns in 1788.

Mrs. George Groht and Richard La Morte were appointed to investigate the possibility of obtaining a historic building as permanent headquarters for the local society.

Regular meetings of the Yorktown Historical Society will be held the last Wednesday evening in the month at Town Hall at 8:15 p.m.

Maps of Yorktown dating back to the early 1800's were on display at the meeting. They were loaned by Mrs. John Bartholomew of Temple Hills, Jefferson Valley, and Mrs. Curry Hill of Jefferson Valley.

Theodore Hill Jr., and Supervisor John H. Downing, who was unable to attend the meeting, have offered their aid in the development of the local group.

Mr. Downing said he would appoint a town historian if the Historical Society finds an interested person, who has the time to work on it.

Mrs. Robert Schatteles, fourth grade teacher at Brookside School, said the fourth grade classes have been collecting stories about Yorktown history for the past year and have a file and display in their classroom.

The idea of organizing a local historical society was initiated in *THE YORKTOWN HERALD* in January.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. Thomas Jameson, Mrs. George De Flavis, Mrs. Mynttinen, Mrs. Schatteles, Mr. Hill, Miss Lorraine Roy, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. John O'Connell, Mrs. Groht, Mr. LaMorte, Mrs. Curry Hill, who represented the Yorktown grange, Miss Edna Lee, Mrs. George Thomas, Mario Mei, Mrs. Charles Wolfinger, Miss Beth Weisse, and Miss Aurele Thomas.

Unable to attend but submitting their names for membership were Oscar Gottfried, Mrs. Edward Macaulay, Mrs. Henry Brauer and Mrs. Eric Bjorklund.