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The 1976 South Union season opens Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day. Special guests during the afternoon will be Eldresses Gertrude Soule and Bertha Lindsey of Canterbury, New Hampshire. With them will be their lawyer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan. We hope you can come and help welcome the elderesses on their first visit to South Union.

At last, phase one of the outside restoration is under way. You may have to step over all sorts of material scattered about the yard, but is is good to know that the new tin roof will soon be covering the Centre House and that the old guttering will be replaced. Also, the electrical wires are to be placed underground.

You will be sorry to see that the recent tornado demolished the big red barn belonging to St. Marks. It did some damage to the Centre House roof, causing some plastering to fall.

The South Union historical organization has recently purchased the 1917 Shaker store building which houses the South Union Post Office. The post office, which is 150 years old this spring, will remain in the building. Plans are being made to use the front of the store as an antique mall.

Thanks to three history-minded Bowling Green friends, the Centre House exhibits have some new additions.

An original silk kerchief - Mrs. Ora C. Nichols
3 silk scarves worn by the last Shaker women - Mrs. Embry Smith
4 Shaker rocking chairs - Briarpatch, Inc.
2 Shaker straight chairs - courtesy of E. Wallace Barr, Jr.
3 church benches

These and the other gifts received this year are greatly appreciated.

We hope you can visit the Museum on opening day and many other times during the summer.

There are indications that the coming season will be our best season so far. Many groups have already scheduled visits for May and June. Attendance last season was up 26% over 1974 and the Gift Shop sales were up 37%.

When you come, please show your membership card at the front desk and register.