

REPORT NO. 2

MONDAY, JUNE 23: GATES HOUSE is now officially open for the season and our long awaited visit has been finned with Mrs., Wesley Carroll, president emeritus of the Machiasport Historical Society. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Jennie's Restaurant, Rte. I (between East Machias and Machias) for lunch prior to our visit. Mrs. Carroll, who served as president of the society the first 15 years, will be our special luncheon guest. She has also extended an invitation to our members, from the new president, to attend their potluck supper meeting that evening at Gates House as special guests.

FIELD TRIPS: Other historical places being considered for field trips are: the Stanwood Homestead at ^Birdsacre^, Bar Harbor Rd, Ellsworth; Blacks Mansion, Ellsworth; Ruggles House, Columbia Falls; The Barracks Museum of the Border City Historical Society in Eastport; Burnham Tavern, Machias, and perhaps the Lincoln House in Dennysville should we wish to splurge for lunch.

AD HOC COMMITTEE: Lloyd and Ellen Wells, Don and Audrey Ketner, Ellie Sanford and Donald Frost are currently investigating possibilities for our fledgling historical society's headquarters. This may take quite some time. It took the Machiasport Society, now in its 16th year, only three years to find a permanent location.

(Incidentally, your chairlady has been a member of that fine group for 13 years). CURATOR APPOINTED; John Herbert Dudley, of Alexander and Rumford Center, has consented to serve as our first curator. Persons interested in donating artifacts from the past, antiques or other collectibles for our future home should contact John. His summer number is 454-7476 •

CONTRIBUTIONS: Our first contribution has been a 32^cup electric coffee maker for any gatherings we might hold. It was picked up at a local yard sale this spring and the seller said it had been used but three times, each time for a wedding. This coffee maker is available for other community functions. Contact Ellie Sanford (454-2862) if you wish to borrow it overnight.

RECORDED INTERVIEWS; Millie Winckler and Jane Dudley are both equipped now with tape recorders. They plan to meet with long-time residents to record early memories. If you have any suggestions, please call Millie (454-2487) or Jane (454-8472).

HISTORICAL SLIDES: We will be compiling colored slides of old farms, homes, schoolhouses, business sites, etc. with the help of Ethel Wallace and Zela Cousins. Jack will do the driving and Jane will take the pictures which eventually will be available for showing before community groups and other organizations interested.

IN THE INTERIM RESEARCH on Pocomoonshine Lake, Crawford Lake and Pleasant Lake is being conducted by Gene and Estelle Moriarty, Peter and Karen Sears, John and Marie Dudley, Jack and Jane Dudley, Ellen Wells, Ruth Dwelley, Millie Winckler and Sue Jellison. We need someone to research Love and Barrows Lakes.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE has yet to hold an official meeting. There are no officers and dues are not collected. Anyone interested in participating, or being on our newsletter mailing list, should contact the editor below.

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