

## ALEXANDER-CRAWFORD HISTORICAL COMMITTEE AUGUST 1980 REPORT NO, 4

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORTS; 4 Corners Schoolhouse 6-acre property was purchased by Dr. & Mrs. John Murtaugh of Pocomoonshine Lake. The Murtaughs have contacted Audra Ketner & Ellie Sanford, of our building committee, and generously offered the little old building to us if we can move it off the property by the end of September. There seems to be a question whether the dwelling can survive the moving and this is being checked out. And, of course, we presently do not have a lot on which it can be moved, or the money to purchase same. Give your good thoughts to this,

Alexander Methodist Church; Donald Frost and Ellie Sanford have been working all month investigating possibilities of obtaining an old barn (free) for its timbers and boards, to exchange with Bo Yerka for the tumbling down old church next to the Alexander Grange Hall. So far they've not received an offer for such a barter. The church has beautiful memories for many of our old-time residents, and is worthy of restoration. However, one of our most able volunteers stated flatly, after inspecting the interior, "I have no interest in working on a building so far decayed.

Crawford Baptist Church on the Airline; Ellen Wells, building committee member, has been in contact with town officials about our Committee renting this abandoned building for an nominal yearly fee. We would use it for our Historical headquarters, for a community old arts center, etc. Our local extension group could also meet there. The extension, which includes many of our committee members, has offered to provide a mid day meal, Saturday, Sept. 20, for a church fix-up day, and to help pay for the exterior paint.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE; As acting chairman, your editor has appointed Ruth Dwelley, Ethel Wallace and Ellen to serve on an nominating committee for officers of our fledgling historical society. It is most important that they consider only persons for office (president, vice presi., sec. & treas.) who have the interest and time to serve us well. This may be a little premature, but if we do get a building we will need a legal organization,

CLIMBING BREAKNECK MT.; Donald, Ruth and Millie Winckler are planning to ascend ^Breakneck\* this month and have invited all interested persons in the vicinity to accompany them. Site of the original settlement of our area, this historical height has many secrets to reveal to the discerning eyes of present day historians. And what a splendid place to picnic: For further information contact Ruth (454-2385) or Millie (454-2847) •

DONATIONS; A generous Memorial Donation, in the names of Solomon O. and Adelaide Strout (both born in Alexander) has been sent by their granddaughter Gertrude Strout Winter of Bucksport. Another equally generous donation has been received from their great granddaughter, Nancy M. Winter of Bangor. These contributions, and the two others received last month, have been put into a Historical Committee Building Fund savings account at the Calais Federal Savings & loan by your editor.

EASTPORT HISTORICAL TOUR, July 22, was just great: Our friend Margaret Jones of that eastern most city, prepared a grand tour which included stops at the Barrack's Museum, Quoddy Tides Marine Library, Peavey Library, tours of two early American homes, and lunch at The Cannery. Thank you, Margaret:

NEW SUBSCRIBERS; It may interest you to learn we now have newsletter subscribers (all of whom will be considered charter members when we formally organize) from Bangor, Bucksport, Eastport, Machiasport, Princeton, Waite & Pepperell, Mass. How about that:

SPECIAL PROJECT; Jane Dudley and Audra Ketner are beginning a collection of tin boxes & tin containers (old & current) for a very special project. All contributions appreciated,