

GOALS 1981; To work toward the establishment of a local headquarters where we can preserve our area's history and hold our meetings; where we can also invite community residents to join us in learning to master the almost forgotten skills of our ancestors and early settlers; where we can encourage our school children's interest in their heritage, and their appreciation of the beautiful forested community in which they live; and where other community meetings and activities would be welcome,

REVIVING THE OLD ARTS; We will be scheduling our 1981 'OLD ARTS' workshops at the Tues. Jan. 20th Open Board Meeting which begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Dudleys' Ellie Sanford has a list of exciting yesteryear do-it-yourself projects for us to consider. Other suggestions will also be appreciated. Bring a story about our area's historical past for the taping session,

Starting at 1 p.m. our first ARTS Workshop (Tatting & Knitting) will be conducted by Millie Winckler and Kay Keck. Remember, all members and potential members are invited to attend both morning and afternoon sessions. Bring a sandwich if you plan to stay through the lunch hour. Chowder and beverages will be served. (Due to a possible accumulation of snow in the Pocomoonshine woods, it would be best to call the Dudleys about their parking plans before leaving home) •

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP REACHED 114 PERSONS: With great joy we can announce that our fledgling society totaled 114 Charter Members by Dec. 31st. Our 100th member, who will be honored at her first board meeting, is Blanche Shain Palmer (Mrs. Arthur A. Palmer) of Whitneyville. Mrs. Palmer was born in 1^09 "in a small house on the banks of Washegegan Brook, Baileyville", She graduated from St. Croix High School (1927), Washington State Normal School (1930) and taught 10 years before becoming Whitneyville postmistress, a position she has held for 40 years "with no immediate plans to retire," she said,

LONGLEVITY blesses a number of our A-C natives. We are proud to welcome our oldest charter member, Mac Jeff cry Ingalls, 95, who lives in Bedford, Mass. Mrs. Ingalls was born on Oct. 24, 1885 in Crawford. Her charter membership was a gift from her sister Alta Jeffrey Beal of Jonesport.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE; Our taped interview with Pliney Frost on Dec. 16th was most fruitful. Even though the snowy morning kept our number small, as Ruth Dwelley enthusiastically put it, "I've enjoyed this meeting more than all the others' The Christmas tree stood in the center of the room, hot cranberry punch was served with all kinds of holiday goodies. We were happy to welcome Reid and Grace Seamans. Reid was presented with his 'Honorary Charter Membership'. (Incidentally, Pliney has consented to serve as our official Alexander Historian).

THANK YOU; Our Society is grateful for the 'newsletter' donation from William H. Dunham of Manchester, and the General Fund contributions from Alta Beal, John & Allegra Brown, Orris & Marian Cousins, Frank Frost and Norma Manship. BUILDING FUND; We also gratefully acknowledge a donation from Mel Hunnewell in memory of his Nettie; and one from Reid and Grace Seamans»

STAMPS ARE NEEDED; The printing of our monthly newsletter is subsidized by our \$1.00 yearly dues and donations, but help is needed with the postage. (Uncle Sam demands \$1.80 in stamps for your 12 yearly mailings). A small blue dot by your mailing address indicates stamps would be much appreciated by your newsletter editor whose address appears on the back of this letter. (Local members may make arrangements with Jane to pick up their newsletters at a central place in the community should they so desire).

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