



PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT

NEWS & NOTES

Here we are starting another year! I am very pleased that the Hostages are finally free. For a while, it looked as though they would not get out as the Iranians seemed to find one loophole after another to delay the procedure. As President Reagan said "Thank God".

As I sit here writing this message, the oil burner came on and at \$1.18 a gallon - and going steadily up - isn't that something! I can remember paying ~~62¢~~ a gallon. Times have sure changed. Sometimes, I wonder if for the better. One good thing about the Historical Society is that we can re-live the past.

Well, enough said on the darker side for we have a new year to look forward to and hope for improvements. With spring "just around the corner" we will get renewed spirits and be able to take on the future. Anyone having any suggestions to make our Society progress, please speak up.

Coming Event: There is going to be a Stationary Engine Exhibition in the near future (date to be published later) and will be held either at the Firemens Park on Indian Hill Ave. or at the Portland Fair Grounds. There are many of our younger generation that do not know what

a stationary engine is. I understand that the Junior Womens Club is going to have a hard time getting the lot on Middlesex Avenue in back of the Firehouse this year. After having established a show there for the last few years, it would be a shame to have to look for some other place. Being town property, I don't see why.

DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE as of the first of the year - see Hazel Robinson.

1981 Committee Chairpersons:

Library Comm.	Mary Flood, Chmn. Rebecca Siner
Historic Sites	William Sullivan, Chmn.
Program Comm.	Dorothy Robinson, Chmn.
Membership Comm.	Hazel Robinson, Chmn.
Oral History	Marion Anderson, Chmn.
Ways & Means	Mandy Krieger, Chmn. Anita Carlson
Museum Comm.	William Csere, Chmn. John Dillon
Office Comm.	Pat Aresco, Chmn.
Historian	?

Mrs. Dorothy Robinson has taken over programs for this year and I am told has some very interesting ideas scheduled - the first being on Feb. 11th. At this meeting, Journal

of the Indian, by Mr. Neff, a Portlandite, will be presented.

Officers for the coming year are as follows:

- President Raymond Robinson
- V. President Harold Krieger
- Secretary Lucille Cramer
- Treasurer Martha Johnson

Director (serving through 1982) William McBrien
Harold Ferguson (through 1981)
William King (through 1982)

Harold Ferguson is taking the place vacated by Cyril Simpson. Cyril resigned due to illness.

We are lacking one director - Gloria Schneck's term ended in 1980.

Hope to see you all at the meeting on

FEDRUARY 11th.