

PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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WINTER NEWS AND NOTES

SOCIETY MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1992 - PORTLAND LIBRARY
- George V. Johnson, President.

This meeting will be devoted entirely to Central School - Its suitability as a home for the Historical Society, ways of making it affordable, and relationship to the Town. All members are encouraged to come, bringing their positive ideas, or their concerns and doubts.

We hope that professionals - lawyers, architects, builders, fund-raisers - who can give us expert advice will come and voice it. If the Society goes forward with this project, we will need lawyers to represent us in negotiating with Town officials, architects to advise on space use, builders to search out the least expensive repair methods, and fund-raisers willing to approach private foundations for seed money.

The Dean Phillips engineering report of the school's condition with cost estimates will be available, and a tentative five-year plan will be offered as a practicable working schedule.

MEMBERSHIP - Bill Frisbie

The majority of our conscientious membership has paid their dues for 1992, but there are a few who have forgotten. If you have lost your envelope, call 342-0303 and I'll send a new one. If you will give me names of friends and neighbors who would like to join, I'll be glad to send them a membership package. If you have not already received your membership card, it will be attached to the top of this Newsletter.

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS, September - December - Pat Csere

- Francis Cambrea - Two WW II Red Cross Volunteer uniforms, hats and medals worn by her.
- Clara Gustavson - 1800's photo of old reservoir dam.
- Leora Wilson - 1939 class photo.
- Dorothy Ahlberg - 1942 class photo.
- Marion Anderson - 1939, 40, 41 Gypsy Yearbooks.
- Edna Markham - Bronze 125th Anniversary commemorative medals and cachet envelope.
- Oliver Gildersleeve, Jr. - Six antique tools used at Gildersleeve Shipyards; three old kitchen utensils - one, a 1903 pat. egg beater. Also, several framed photos of Gildersleeve family, and one of brownstone quarries.

Exhibits - Old Portland business calendars will be on display in the Museum Room before the next meeting.

Tree Ornaments needed - Pat Csere suggested at the December meeting that members might donate one ornament from their tree this year to enlarge the Society's collection. Please bring them to the January meeting or call Pat at 342-2168.

A SAD FAREWELL TO THE KRIEGERS - They have moved to Pennsylvania. Harold, a past president, program chairman and photographer of many Society and Town activities, donated a large album of photographs - showing all intersections, approaches to Town, schools, churches, and many business firms. Harold was also in charge of printing names of donors in our memorial book. Thank you, Harold, for your many services to the Society.

MEMORIAL BOOK - Jack Sneider, a new member, has volunteered to replace Harold in printing the memorial book.

SOCIETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR 1992 -

If you would like to help any of our standing committees, call the appropriate chairman, and volunteer.

Programs - Regina Woltmann
Museum - Pat Csere
Library - Helen Hansen
Exhibits - Vivian Dower
Refreshments - Yvonne Cozzi

Historic Sites - Bill McBrien
Calendar - Hazel Robinson & Bob Pozzi
Membership - Bill Frisbie
Demolition Ordinance - Chris Sullivan
Newsletter - Phyllis Frisbie

150TH PARADE TAPE - The Society has received \$180 from sales of the two-hour comprehensive Cy Miller parade tape. Tapes are still available for your archives by sending George V. Johnson, 73 Ames Hollow Road, a check for \$25. plus \$1.50 sales tax, (free delivery).

SOCIETY 1992 CALENDAR - Hazel Robinson - 342-3766.

A few 1992 historic picture calendars are still available, either at the Library front desk, or by calling Hazel. They are great gifts to stir Portland memories.

FEBRUARY MEETING - Watch for announcements of the February 25th special program. The Society is joining with the Friends of the Library's Portland Authors' Series to present PRUDENCE TAYLOR PALMER talking about her new book on her childhood at St. Clements. Prudence is a descendant of early Portland settlers in the Cobalt section. The Taylor family contributed to Portland's history in many ways - among others, as shipbuilders, farmers, and lawyers.

MARCH MEETING - Due to State Primary voting to take place in the Library's meeting room on March 24th, the Society's March meeting will be moved to another location, still to be determined. Make a note to watch for an announcement.

NEWSLETTER - Phyllis and Bill Frisbie.

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Bill - is the library going to receive a copy of the 150th parade video?

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