



## ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

December 9, 1970

### A.E.H.S. NEWSLETTER NO. 8

#### TRAIL ACQUISITION REPORT

Satisfactory progress has been made on the first phase of our Trail Acquisition Project and a special announcement about it all can be expected soon. This is expected to open the way to an extensive trail program. Watch your newsletters.

Other negotiations are currently underway, which if successful, could mean the ultimate preservation of one of the most historic military trails in America; an outstanding heritage to Maine, and a source of recreation, relaxation and study for not only the present, but future generations to enjoy.

However, much remains to be done, and members will be requested to share in the responsibilities, as well as the rewarding pleasures.

Much field survey work is required in order to designate the trail and area border, for practical and legal purposes. Some professional assistance will be necessary. We have been unable to get State or Federal assistance without matching funds from our Society. We have already done considerable trail research, and should do much more as our contribution.

In order to save, and salvage the remaining sections of the trail, before it is lost forever, it may become necessary to raise our own funds. Our only current income is derived from membership dues.

Interested members are requested to volunteer for a Fund Raising Committee. The need is urgent.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The AEHS will hold its first semi-annual meeting on Sunday, January 24, 1971. It will be an all day affair devoted to social and educational activities.

It will be held at the Augusta House, in Augusta, starting at 10 A.M., with a short business session. In case of a severe storm, or hazardous driving conditions, it will be postponed one week to January 31st. Otherwise, we hope to see you there to meet some of your fellow members of mutual interests.

The tentative program calls for exhibit displays in two rooms, including relics and artifacts, maps, publications, photos, scrapbooks, paintings, documents, interpretive panels, and the AEHS flag.

Several professional authorities will give short talks related to our Society's work. There will be slide-narrated shows, dinner and luncheon. Visitors are invited. Bring the family. Introduce them to the enjoyment and education of being involved in our Society's activities. Special emphasis is placed upon the younger generation. We need each other.

Final details will be forwarded. See last page for "intention poll".

All members are urged to bring any item of interest and related to the Arnold Expedition, to this exhibit.

### NEXT SEASON'S ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Tentative programs for 1971-72 include:

MAY -- Work week-end outing at Carry Ponds.

JUNE -- Annual meeting and special outing

JULY 17-18 -- Tour of Quebec City and sites related to the Arnold expedition; probable culmination of Pierce-Wing expedition to Quebec.

SEPT. 18 -- Cruise up the Kennebec River from Fort Popham to the Colburn House in Pittston (site of bateaux construction) now owned by the congenial and hospitable Dr. & Mrs. Donald Klopp.

In addition there will be research and work projects. Further details in Spring Newsletter.

### 1975 RE-ENACTMENT

Long range plans are being formulated for a full scale re-enactment of the Arnold expedition in 1975. This will be an elaborate and well planned project conducted with the affiliation and co-operation of several well known civic and patriotic groups, including DAR chapters, historical societies, colonial militia companies, Maine State and Federal agencies. It will probably be sponsored by our Society and the Company of Military Historians. Several film companies are interested. Members wishing to participate in this big undertaking should volunteer their services and abilities at an early date. There is room for all of us. Suggestions are invited.

### BATEAUX

We are greatly in need of one, or more, river bateaux for research and exhibit purposes; hopefully, one that can be preserved for museum use. The Company of Military Historians (our colleagues) desire to construct a model this winter for similar purposes. Cecil Pierce of Southport may build it. An old river bateau, on hand, would facilitate the designing.

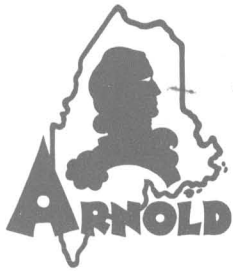
Pam Schroeder of Cape Elizabeth, and White Nichols are both conducting a documentary research on the bateau. Anyone having pertinent information relative to the bateau, its use, history or design, is asked to forward such info to Mr. Nichols at Wiscasset, Maine, 04578.

### BOOKLETS for XMAS PRESENTS

A reminder that the Hilton booklet, "Arnold's March to Quebec," a twenty page, 3-color, illustrated publication, makes a fine Xmas present and the proceeds contribute to our treasury. Sells for \$1.50 postpaid. Order from AEHS, Wiscasset, Maine 04578. A membership in the AEHS also is a fine thought.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The president and officers of the AEHS wish all of our members a most joyous Xmas and a prosperous New Year.



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### SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN

Invitation to  
Semi-Annual Meeting, AEHS

January 8, 1971

This is a reminder to all members that the Society will hold their first semi-annual meeting at the Augusta House, on Sunday, January 24, 1971.

It will be primarily a social and educational affair, with a short business session slated for 10 A.M., including discussion of season's activities.

A dinner will be served at 1 P.M. followed by several short talks by interesting speakers.

During the day there will be narrated slide shows and exhibits of photos, maps, relics and artifacts. The Society flag, scrapbooks, documents painting, publications and interpretive panels.

There will be an evening luncheon.

This affair is especially dedicated to information and education. Schools and colleges have been invited to attend. We hope that you will come with the family and guests.

All members are invited to bring anything of interest, connected with the Arnold expedition, to the exhibit.

This will be an excellent chance to meet and talk with folks of your own interest.

In case of severe weather, or travelling conditions, the event will be postponed to the following Sunday.

If you have not returned your intention notification, kindly do so at once.

Some of you may not have received the last newsletter, No. 8. Mail service continues to be undependable with some losses.

Hope to meet you at the Augusta House.

- White Nichols, Wiscasset, Maine

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