



ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE FOR CHARTER MEMBERSHIP

-- Your application must be received by Dec. 31, 1969, together with \$5.00 annual dues, to qualify for Charter Membership in the AEHS.

We now have a total of over 200 members from seven states, and expect to become an international organization in 1970.

-- What a fascinating different Christmas present for a friend or relative-- a Charter Membership in the AEHS!

-- For your convenience, an application is included with this Bulletin-- mail to:

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Wiscasset, Maine

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A E H S TAX EXEMPTION APPROVED BY I R S

Bob Cunningham announces that with the help of Charley Peirce, Harold Brown and Fred Fasset the A E H S is now officially recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt non-profit educational organization. This means that any monetary gifts to the Society, except payment of dues, can be taken as a charitable contribution when income tax time rolls around again.

-- All donations large or small, will be gratefully received by our Treasurer, Harold Brown.

FUTURE EVENTS

DIRECTORS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a directors meeting will be held at the Augusta House, in Augusta, Maine on Sunday, January 5, 1970 at 2 P.M. Agendas will be mailed to board members.

SUNDAY AT NEWBURYPORT, MASS.

arrangements are presently being made for a group from our Society, composed of research minded members, to spend a day at Newburyport, Mass.

By visiting the historic sites associated with the Arnold Expedition, the Newburyport Historical Society, Public Library and Museum, we hope to learn more about Arnold's 11 ship fleet, which left this port for Pittston and Augusta.

Those interested in joining this group please notify White Nichols.

SESQUICENTENNIAL PROJECTS

Members having the incentive and ambition to plan and organize any appropriate project, or activity for next years Sesquicentennial are urged to contact the president or secretary in order that proper action can be taken. Ideas and proposals are in order.

BUSY SEASON FOR A E H S

REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 6-7 CATHEDRAL PINES MEETING

The field meeting held at Cathedral Pines on Sept. 6-7 proved to be a successful, well attended gathering, in spite of two very wet days. Over 65 member and friends attended, with most of them remaining until the closing hours.

Scuba-diving exploration were mostly confined to mapping potential pool areas due to turbulent high water conditions. It is hoped that more work of this nature can be done next season.

State Senator Donald Bernard of Auburn supervised a group of eight divers, including a lady assistant, Bettina Young from Clinton, Maine, and U. S. Attorney Peter Mills from Farmington.

Artifacts recovered were of a lumbering and logging nature.

The Duluth Wing family were hosts to an evening social and impromptu meeting at the Forest Service station in Eustis. Duluth entertained with an excellent slide-show, and his daughter Judy furnished a one hour solo musical concert culminating an evening of pleasant fellowship.

MIDDLE CARRY POND MEETINGS

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dickson, AEHS members, were hosts this season to Society groups that met on two week-ends at their Middle Carry Pond Camp, for further research, digging, trail clearing and planning along the well-known 12-mile carry.

Tom has devoted much time and thought to ways and means of preserving a corridor that includes the historic Arnold Trail thorough the 12-mile Carry area. We have held several conferences with him on the subject and feel confident that he will soon come up with a solution.

The gatherings at the Dickson camp will long be remembered, and hopefully the 12-mile carry will some day become a permanent historic park forever kept in its wilderness state.

FIELD RESEARCH TRIP BY HIGH OFFICIALS

"Our president and vice-president teamed up in the last week of September for a field research expedition in the area from the Height-of-Land to Lac Megantic.

" Purpose of the project was an attempt to establish the original Arnold Trail through that area and especially through the bogs and swamps along the Arnold River, Rush and Spider Lakes to Lac Megantic.

With the aid of Canadian maps, aerial photos, trail exploring and canoe trips, they were able to make some headway. However, much more work needs to be done in this area. A challenge to AEHS adventurers!

Much credit is due to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dumas, of Coburn Gore, who were most helpful in arranging interviews and serving as interpreters with residents of Woburn and Lac Megantic, Quebec.

Mrs. Dumas has been appointed official French-English interpreter and Maine-Quebec liason officer for the Society. We are grateful for her help.

Mr. Jean Cliche, of the Megantic Mfg. Co., Lac Megantic, Quebec, was kind enough to provide aerial photos of this area for your officers--a marvelous help!

"Mayor Paul Leblanc, Dr. Francois X. Paradis, and Mr. H. Paul Laporte of Lac Megantic were most friendly and helpful to us during our trip.

CANADIAN ARNOLD TRAIL PANELS

Efforts are in progress by White Nichols, Mrs. Jacqueline Dumas, Mayor Alfred Fontaine of Woburn, Quebec, and the new Mayor of Lac Megantic, Mr. Luc-Lin Bourque, to have Interpretive Historical Panels similar to those placed along the Arnold Trail in Maine, erected in suitable sites along the Chaudiere River in Quebec Province.

JOTTINGS

With the help of Dr. Ron Kley, of Maine State Museum, and Phil & Helen Camp of Pemaquid fame, two school groups made real progress this summer in mapping and digging a 150 ft. long survey trench at the Solon Camp site, now known as the Perry's "Evergreens". It is believed that Arnold's men camped here.

Helen Taylor, of Farmington, retired supervisor of Baxter State Park has been honored as a life member of the AEHS. He has volunteered to serve on the Committee for Land Use and Management.

Did you read Elmore B. Lyford's article "By Way of the Kennebec" in the November issue of Yankee Magazine?

MANY THANKS

acknowledgement and thanks are in order for gifts presented to the Society, as follows:

1. John Hill, No. Belgrade for miner-type ax (likely Arnold relic) found at Dead River.
2. Norman Mathews, Curator Waterville Historical Society Museum for "The Centennial History of Waterville."
3. Mrs. J. M. Sherbak, of Lisbon Falls for an old novel of Arnold's expedition.
4. Mrs. Wilmer Nelder, of Wiscasset for Rev. War Soldier doll dressed in authentic uniform.

These items have been generously donated to your Society and it is expected will be preserved for posterity in the new State Museum at Augusta.

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CHARTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please enroll me as a Charter Member. I understand my check and application must be received before December 31, 1969.

My particular interest in the Society are _____

Please send application form and \$5.00 check payable to Harold Brown, Treasurer, A.E.H.S. to any one of the officers mentioned on Page One.