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NEWSLETTER

Some questions for the membership: Would you like to receive a monthly or quarterly newsletter with information concerning our own society and other items of interest? Do you think it would be a worthwhile expenditure of our money? Would you like to serve as the editor if the executive board takes care of the mimeographing and mailing?

Any comments on the above would be gratefully received by Lillian Preiss or any other officer. If this suggestion receives an affirmative vote, we will need a name for our publication. Please put your thinking caps on and come up with an attractive and appropriate appellation. This newsletter is going to our total membership list, past and present. In the future it will go only to paid-up members. If there is any question about your present membership status, please see Alice Hurlburt, treasurer.

CHRISTMAS MEETING

Our December meeting will be held on the 14th at the Will and Clara Little House through the courtesy of its owners, Milt Barnum and Ed Warren. A very brief business meeting will be followed by a program of poetry and ballads by Art Chase. It should be a delightful and festive evening.

Art will take care of the delightful part, but we need some others to help make it festive. Muriel Rokos, program chairman, is enlisting volunteers to prepare the rooms we will use for the meeting. We have scheduled a clean-up bee for Saturday, December 8, probably starting around 1 p.m. It can be a lot of fun to work together on this. If you'd like to join the fun, please let Muriel know you're willing to help. On Tuesday evening, December 11, we will have a decorating bee to simulate an old-fashioned Christmas in Sheffield. Let us know if you'd like to join this group. Mrs. Vera Conklin is refreshment chairman and we are sure she could use some help.

1776 - BICENTENNIAL - 1976

The selectmen have appointed a seven-member bicentennial committee to form the nucleus of a town-wide group for the national bicentennial in 1976. An organizational meeting was held to select officers and make preliminary plans. Art Chase and Dwight Ford are co-chairmen; Muriel Rokos, corresponding secretary, and Lillian Preiss, recording secretary.

Soon after the holidays an open meeting will be scheduled, so plan to attend and share your ideas on a fitting observance. The Town of Sheffield reacted promptly to the Continental Congress's deliberations on the question of independence. On June 18, 1776, at a legal town meeting of the inhabitants, "it was put to vote, whether the inhabitants of the said town of Sheffield, should the Honorable Continental Congress, in their wisdom, think prudent and for the interest and safety of the American Colonies to declare said Colonies independent of the kingdom of Great Britton, they, the inhabitants of sd. Sheffield, will solemnly engage, with their lives and fortunes, to support them in their measures." Voted in the affirmative; two dissenting only.