

The Patten Building is once again sitting straight and square upon its foundation thanks to the efforts of the Saturday afternoon work party crew, Larry Brown, Leonard Willey and Ted Brown. These men have donated their time on Saturdays and many other days, since last May, to this project. The sills, floor stringers and studs that were rotten have been replaced. The inside flooring on the first floor is ready for the final layer. A few other members came to help occasionally and among those were younger members, Frank Willey and Robert Herring. We wish to acknowledge the donation of sills by John Hall and floor stringers by Henry Emerson for which we are grateful. We also wish to thank A. L. Stewart & Son for the pot-bellied stove and the Cherryfield Public Library for two settees.

An agreement has been reached with the Snowmobile Club for tearing down the Monocah Building and the major portion of the work should be completed this year.

A very successful Bake Sale was held on Saturday, November 5th. Our thanks to all those who baked, worked at the sale, or donated money. The prize for contributors was won by Harriet Nelson.

We have been advised by Mr. Carlson, Town Manager, of the availability of government surplus office equipment. We hope to be able to go to Augusta shortly to acquire much needed file cabinets, bookcases and other necessary items.

Our Society has gained 46 new members this year. There are still a few members who have not paid their 1977 dues and you will be contacted shortly either in person or by mail. Dues for 1978 will, of course, be accepted at any time.

The date for ordering copies of the 1881 Atlas of Washington County at pre-publication price of \$12.50 has been extended to December 31, 1977. After publication, the price will be \$17.50. If you have been planning to order your copy, but have neglected to do so, place your order now. We need to have about 75 more orders to have sufficient money to pay the printer for doing the work and we ask for your support with this project. We feel that this is a worth-while project and will raise considerable funds for the building restoration. Use the order form on Page 2.

"Mills of the Narraguagus" is still available at \$4.00 plus 80¢ postage and 20¢ tax for Maine residents. Since this is a book which details the life of mills, electric plant and other businesses along the Narraguagus River, it would make an excellent Christmas gift for someone you know who is interested in history of this type. Use the order form on Page 2 or stop in at The Village Shoppe in Cherryfield.

Application will be made shortly to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for the purpose of listing the Patten Building with the National Register of Historic Buildings. Considerable research has been necessary to get all of the information together for this application and we hope to be successful in our efforts.

Figures are also being compiled for the purpose of submitting an application to the Maine Commission on the Arts and the Humanities for a mini-grant in the amount of \$500.00 for the purchase of supplies necessary for the recording and cataloging of data which have been collected to date.

We are interested in obtaining copies of newspapers which were printed here in Cherryfield: Narraguagus Times, High School Chronicle, Cherryfield Courier, The Courier & Gazette, and the Narraguagus Valley Item. Should you have any of these, regardless of their condition, please contact Margery Brown or Joanne Willey. We would also like to collect old Town Reports, telephone books, high school yearbooks, graduation and baccalaureate announcements and programs, newspaper clippings and any other pertinent information. Please consider, before you throw things out, whether they might be of interest to the Society. Should you have pictures to donate, try to identify the people or buildings if you possibly can.

Saturday work parties will resume after hunting season for preparing the inside of the building for painting and wiring.

Please use the form below to order your Atlas, Mills of the Narraguagus, pay your dues, or make a donation.

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