

FACTS AND ARTIFACTS

THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JULY 1978

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS ADOPTED BY THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS IN PHILADELPHIA ON JULY 4, 1776, AND WAS SIGNED BY JOHN HANCOCK AS PRESIDENT, AND BY CHARLES THOMSON AS SECRETARY. IT WAS PUBLISHED FIRST ON JULY 6 IN THE PENNSYLVANIA EVENING POST. A COPY OF THE DECLARATION, ENGROSSED ON PARCHMENT, WAS SIGNED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON AND AFTER AUGUST 2, 1776.

SIGNERS FOR NEW YORK STATE WERE WILLIAM FLOYD, FRANCIS LEWIS, PHILIP LIVINGSTON AND LEWIS MORRIS.

CALVIN COOLIDGE, 29TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS BORN ON JULY 4, 1872.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THIS NEWSLETTER COMES AT A TIME WHEN I WILL BE FAR AWAY FROM SAND LAKE TOWNSHIP, BUT I WILL BE REMEMBERING OUR COOLING LAKES AND BREEZY MOUNTAINS AS I WALK ALONG LONDON'S HOT CITY STREETS, AND THINKING HOW LUCKY ARE THOSE WHO LIVE IN THIS AREA. THERE IS SO MUCH NATURAL BEAUTY HERE THAT I ALWAYS FEEL BLESSED TO LIVE HERE.

OUR SLOGAN IS "PRESERVING THE PAST AND ENRICHING THE FUTURE." LITTLE DID THE EARLY SETTLERS AND HENRY BURDEN REALIZE THE BEAUTY HE WAS CREATING WHEN HE HAD THE STREAMS DAMMED FOR WATER POWER, THUS CREATING THE BURDEN CHAIN OF LAKES AND ENRICHING THE FUTURE FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME.

BERYL VANNIER

THE TOTAL AREA OF THE TOWN OF SAND LAKE IS 21,968 ACRES.

NEWS OF OUR SOCIETY

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 5, MIG CIPPERLEY HOSTED A TRUSTEES MEETING AND ALSO THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

JULY 10 - FILMS, "UNCLE SAM: THE MAN AND THE LEGEND," AND "COLLAR CITY SONG."

AUG. 14 - OLD FASHIONED FAMILY PICNIC AND SWIM AT MIG CIPPERLEY'S, BEGINNING AT 4 PM. SWIM 4-6. EAT AT 6 PM. BRING YOUR OWN PLACE SETTING, BOX LUNCH AND BEVERAGE. ICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

AUG. 21 - PICNIC RAIN DATE.

SEPT. 11 - TRASH OR TREASURE PROGRAM.

REMINDER: RENEW MEMBERSHIPS. SENIOR CITIZENS - HALF PRICE.

WE WISH TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS.

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF CHARTER MEMBER, MRS. WILLIAM (SARAH) RUTHERFORD, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 25, 1977.

NEWS OF OTHER SOCIETIES

GATEWAY TOURS

SAT., JULY 15 - WALKING TOUR OF BURDEN IRON CO. UPPER WORKS. MEET AT 10 AM WOODSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON MILL ST., SO. TROY. MEMBERS, STUDENTS AND SR. CITIZENS - \$1.00. NON-MEMBERS - \$2. CHILDREN UNDER 12 - 50¢.

SAT. JULY 22 - CRUISE ON THE HUDSON. BRING PICNIC LUNCH. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. 274-5267. MEMBERS, STUDENTS, SR. CITIZENS \$6. NON-MEMBERS - \$6.50, CHILDREN UNDER 12 - \$4.50. SUN., 1 PM TOURS DEPART 1 PM SHARP FROM DOCK AT END OF FIRST STREET, WATERFORD. PARKING AVAILABLE NEAR DOCK.

POESTENKILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY - JULY 19. THE POESTENKILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL MEET AT 6 PM AT DYKEN POND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER. PICNIC SUPPER AND PROGRAM BY PIERCE HOYT, NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER. RAIN OR SHINE DATE AS FACILITIES INCLUDE A CABIN.

RENSSELAER COUNTY JUNIOR MUSEUM - THE STORY OF AMERICA IN CARTOONS. EXHIBIT THROUGH AUGUST 30, 1978. POLITICAL CARICATURES AND SUNDAY FUNNIES. ADMISSION - 25¢ EACH FOR CHILDREN, 50¢ FOR ADULTS. NO CHARGE FOR GROUPS FROM RENSSELAER COUNTY.

UNCLE SAM'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SEPT. 8 - MISS "UNCLE SAM" PAGEANT.
SEPT. 9 - GRAND BALL.
SEPT. 10 - PARADE, CHICKEN BARBEQUE AND BAND CONCERT.

THE LANSINGBURGH CITIZEN'S COUNCIL HAS PLANNED A THREE-DAY CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF UNCLE SAM WILSON'S BIRTHDAY. HE WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1766. FOR FURTHER INFO., CALL 235-0978 OR 235-6885.

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