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From The Editor

The heat of summer is finally upon us, but with it is the possibility of fulfilling the New Year's resolution I made (in a moment of weakness) about getting a newsletter out each month. Volunteers have promised to help with some of the work, but we can always use more help. A typist would solve a very great problem because my secretarial skills, or lack of, would not be able to support me for very long. Any writers that may be interested in sharing their talents with our members may do so by submitting their material to the Society's P. O. Box, c/o Editor. All articles should be kept reasonably short but longer articles may be segmented into a series of articles. We will be starting a new feature in the next issue. Albert Toth of Belfast will be doing a series on the history of the Jacobsburg-Boulton area. He will also be having regular reports from the committee heads. In this issue Mrs. Virginia Lopresti tells us about the progress of the archeology committee's work at Jacobsburg and Mrs. Lorraine Mineo has a report on the most recent cleanup program at the Henry Homestead. In future issues Mr. Charles Sandwick will be going into some detail on the findings of the Research Committee. An added reminder—we can use volunteers on all committees. Nobody has any spare time, but maybe some time can be rescheduled from another project to help our Society accomplish its goals: education and service to our community.

COLONIAL CRAFT FAIR

Don't forget about Saturday, July 20. That is the date of our first Colonial Craft Fair. Bring the family and tell your freinds. Over 25 craftsmen will be on hand to exhibit and demonstrate their crafts and wares. There will be pottery, weaving, enameling, slate working, wood carving, candle making, macrame, soap making, and more as well as displays of old tools, Indian artifacts and herbs to name a few. Craftsmen will be demonstrating their skills throughout the day, and many will have articles for sale. Refreshments will be available. So come for the day. The theme for the Fair is educational and we hope that more people will take an interest in American history and colonial heritage,

by giving them an opportunity to see these Colonial Crafts being demonstrated first hand. AA added note, we can still make room for any craftsman that is willing to demonstrate or exhibit. Please contact Mrs. Peg Johnson, Bangor, Pa. at 588-0828. They can also use more baked goods for the refreshment stand and for sale. If you can possibly spare a little time to bake for us, please contact Mrs. Virginia Lopresti at 759-1580.

Just in case you have forgotten, the fair will be on Saturday July 20 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Northampton County 4-H grounds on the Bushkill Center Rd., 3 miles north of Nazareth. To get there just follow the signs to Nazareth and go North on Broad St. which becomes Bushkill Center Rd. See you at the Fair, rain or shine, it will be under cover.

ARCHEOLOGY REPORT

Because of the absence of volunteers, the dig at Jacobsburg got off to a very bad start in the spring. But Professor Walter Tremmer came through with some students and the possibility of 16 vats in the tannery soon became apparant. In May we applied for youth corp workers from the Federaly Funded, Lehigh Valley Manpower Program under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lopresti. Five boys from South Side Easton tackled the rocks and clay in the tannery. We are very pleased with the progress made the first 2 weeks. The boys are interested and good workers. Grass was cut, brush burned and the spring was cleaned out. Work progressed in spite of rain, bugs and heat. Again, interesting bits of glass and china are turining up, along with bricks, keystones, Iron ore, slag and bottles. On Thursday (6-26) afternoon the whole crew helped Mrs. Mineo in the garden area of the Homestead of Joe Lopresti. Two boys started cleaning out the small pond, the other boys picked up brush and piled it near the driveway so that it can be chipped for use on walkways.

Virginia Lopresti

Mrs. Mineo reports that the Henry Homestead Natural Garden is more inviting since the June 27th clean-up. With the aid of Mr. & Mrs. Lopresti and four Manpower individuals, fallen timber was saved and stacked and branches were placed on a "chipping pile". (She hopes to eventually use the wood chips on the garden paths). Much of the poison ivy was removed and the grass on the garden paths was removed. There was some disappointment to see muskrat damage to the pond. Mr. Lopresti and helpers began the chore of shoveling the 2 to 3 1/2 feet of standing muck out of the drained pond. We hope to schedule a "pumping out" day. Mr. Lopresti feels the pond walls ought to be re-done. Care and maintenance of this cool and refreshing area will take many man hours. Anyone wishing to help, call Mrs. Mineo at 759-0867. Mr. Mineo has begun a small herbarium on the wild flowers of the Henry Homestead Natural Garden. Some of this will be displayed at the Crafts Fair, July 21.