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NEXT REGULAR MEETING, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Debbie Warren, a charter member of the Richmond Historical Society, will speak on "Friends in Rhode Island", at the Bell School, Wednesday, Nov. 20, following the regular business session.

Refreshments will be served and interested persons are invited.

LAST MEETING at Bell School, Oct. 15

Thirteen members attended the special membership meeting at the Bell School Museum, Wednesday, October 15.

The closed meeting was called to discuss matters of the Grant application progress and to vote on whether to pay the user fee of \$375.00 requested by the IRS.

Luckily, Herbert decided to call the IRS office in Brooklyn to ask more about it and learned that the requested amount was incorrect - it should have been listed as \$150.00, and the notification date was changed to Nov. 3.

Following the explanation and discussion, Dick Millar moved that Herbert Arnold of the Grant Committee file the required application with the user fee of \$150.00. The motion was quickly seconded by Hank Handell, Johanna Wolke, and Harold Burgert. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Other business of the October meeting included a vote by members to send \$20.00 in memory of Bruce Whitt, who died on August 1, to the Clark Memorial Library in Carolina. He was the husband of Peggy Whitt who served for several years as treasurer of the Richmond Historical Society.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Persons interested in joining the Richmond Historical Society may send dues of \$5.00 per year to:

Herbert Arnold, treasurer, 72 Usquepaugh RFD, West Kingston, R.I. 02892

MEMBERS who do NOT rejoin will receive Newsletters only through December of 1991.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Frank Williams spoke at a symposium in Springfield, Illinois on October 26. Virginia reports that the program "Comparing Lincoln and Other World Figures of his Time" was well received.

Walter and Anne Atigian have returned to their home after a visit with his brother in the mountainous section of western Pennsylvania.

Eleanor Smith participated in two craft demo programs in October. One was a tatting demonstration at the Art Center in West Kingston, the other was a pompom project for pillow tops or coverlets which took place at the Gift and Craft Shop in Wakefield.

Harold Burgert is a retired gentleman as of the end of October. He and Gladys are going here and there, to this and that.

Myra Miller (Virginia Williams' mother) visited her family in R.I. during the month of October and has returned to her home in Wako, Texas.

A thin layer of snow showed in the Bell School yard this morning (Nov. 12). The lawn will probably not need mowing again until Spring, and the flowers in door-yard gardens have frozen and died, except for a few tired looking red crysanthemum blossoms.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

NEXT REGULAR MEETING, January 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Janet Dobson, of the Sweet Briar Studio will speak at the Richmond Historical Society regular meeting Wednesday, January 15 at the Bell School Museum. Mrs. Dobson makes, and teaches rug hooking at her studio in Hopkinton.

The program planned for 8 o'clock will immediately follow a regular business session.

Refreshments will be served, and interested persons are welcome to attend.

LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING

An Executive meeting of the Richmond Historical Society was held December 18 at the home of Virginia Williams.

During the business meeting, Anne Atigian, a librarian at the Kingston Free Library, was appointed as a committee member to work with Archivist Eleanor Smith; also, Virginia Williams was appointed as the May Heritage Exhibit chairperson.

Programs for the next several months were considered but not voted on.

Virginia Williams, chair of the Cemetery Committee, reported that she has transferred Carl Stoner's Richmond Cemetery records, from cemeteries marked by the R.I. Cemetery Association, to a computer disk. She also noted that marker 42 for the Woodmansee Cemetery is missing.

Six of the Executive Committee attended the meeting which adjourned at 8:50 p.m. when Virginia graciously served coffee and a delicious AMARETTI cake which her husband Frank had made very early that morning before leaving for his office in Prov.

There were several inches of snow still on the ground making the evening trip very picturesque, but very slippery on driveways and secondary roads!

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Persons interested in a family membership to the Richmond Historical Society may send dues of \$5.00 per year to Herbert Arnold, treasurer, Richmond Historical Society, Usquepaugh Box 72, RFD West Kingston, R.I. 02892.

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Membership entitles one to the society's newsletter, also, a vote at regular business meetings.

Several members sent their dues since the November newsletter was printed, and you may wish to add their names to your yellow DIRECTORY of members. They are:

- 539-8504 22. Atigian, Walter & Anne
188 Old Mountain Road, RFD West Kingston, R.I. 02892
- 23. Britland, Edmond & Lois,
616 Post Road, RR 1 Westerly, R.I. 02891
- 24. Nitz, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert,
29 E. Illinois, Wheaton, Illinois 60187
- 783-5483 25. Smith, Robert & Dianne,
11 Narragansett Ave., Wakefield, R.I. 02879
- 539-7744 26. Simone, Angelo & Hope,
269 A Nooseneck Hill Road, Wyoming, R.I. 02898

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Gladys Burgert, our traveling secretary, and her husband Harold have been vacationing in Hawaii.

Johanna Wolke, one of our members, was recently appointed as Director at Clark Memorial Library in Carolina. Others elected to the board were Lynn H. Haring, president; vice-president, Lauri Prescott; secretary, Ruth Martin; treasurer, Russell Hague; assistant treasurer, John Rosmark; corresponding secretary, Gloria Hole; maintenance, Donald Martin; fundraising chair, Sallie Hoyle; liason, Pam Storey; library technician, Kathy Wink; children's programmer, Margaret Moon; library aide, Leonora VanHook.

From an old newspaper -

Usquepaugh January 1895

Mrs. Susan Oatly Hopkins, relict of the late Dea. Isaac T. Hopkins, died at her home on Friday at noon. Deceased was in her 92nd year.

Usquepaugh -

The funeral of Mrs. Susan O. Hopkins, widow of the late Dea. Isaac T. Hopkins was solemnized at the Queen's River Baptist Church, on Monday, Jan. 21. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C.L. Frost. The bearers were Isaac T. Hopkins, Rouse Hoxie, Asa Sweet of West Kingston, and John Hopkins of Shannock. Mrs. Hopkins was probably the oldest member in the church and was loved and respected by all who knew her. She leaves a son, Mr. John J. Hopkins, and one daughter, the wife of John Potter of Usquepaugh, by whom she was kindly taken care for during her declining years.

From an old news clipping-

(the Tribune is sold in Hopkinton by Mr. H.W.Palmer, Newsdealer and Mr. Joseph Morris, mail driver between Ashaway and Hopkinton).

October 10, 1895

Double Wedding, Edwards -- Rathbun,
Field -- Rathbun

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland R. Rathbun, in Hopkinton, October 3, 1895, high noon, was celebrated the marriage of their two daughters, Miss Elizabeth to Mr. Calbert Edwards, and Miss Mary Williams to Mr. Frank Lincoln Field.

The guests, relatives and friends present numbered between 70 and 80. The parlor was handsomely decorated with bouquets of flowers. In the corner, where the bridal party took its stand, was a beautiful arch of ferns and flowers, back of which was a bank of houseplants.

Mendelssohn's wedding march was finely rendered by Mrs. John A. Slocum, while the bridal party was approaching, Rev. L.F. Randolph and Rev. H.L. Harrington leading. Next came the little maid of honor, Miss Ethel Rathbun, accompanied by her little cousin, Neddie Rathbun, bearing a basket of ferns and pretty white flowers, following by the brides and grooms.

Miss Elizabeth was attired in a very pretty white English mull, trimmed with lace and ribbon bearing a bouquet of white carnations, pinks and maiden hair ferns, and Miss Mary wore a lovely white dress of India silk and cashmere, carrying a bouquet like her sisters. The grooms were becomingly attired in conventional black.

Rev. L.F. Randolph impressively rendered the ring ceremony, assisted by Rev. H.L. Harrington, who offered a tender and heartfelt prayer. After which the guests congratulated heartily the grooms, and extended earnest wishes of happiness for the brides. Following this, refreshments were served.

They were well remembered by receiving many useful and handsome presents from their many friends.

Mrs. Edwards was graduated from Friends' Boarding School, Providence, class of '90. Several of her classmates were present. She has been a very successful teacher, and much beloved by her pupils.

Mrs. Field also attended Friends' Boarding School taking both music and art. She is much beloved by her many friends and will be greatly missed by them all.

The grooms are considered of sterling worth by all who know them.

We wish both brides and grooms much happiness and prosperity in the coming future.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING, March 18 at 7:30 pm.

Vera Robinson, one of our members, will speak on "Tracing Your Roots in Washington County". She will tell us of the tools used to trace a family and where to find information on one's ancestry. Vera has done considerable genealogical work on her own family line which has extended from the Newport area, across R.I. and into eastern Connecticut. Her talk will include a "Show & Tell" of old maps, some books on genealogy with other items.

The meeting will be at the Bell School.

Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

The program will follow the regular business session.

Business of the meeting will include a presentation and voting on amendments to our Constitution. The amendments are in the Newsletter to allow members a chance to peruse, absorb, and consider the matter prior to the meeting.

Several changes in our present by-laws are recommended by the By-laws Revision Committee who are: Chair, Johanna Wolke, Vera Robinson, Jean Handell, and Virginia Arnold. The Committee met March 10 at the Clark Memorial Library.

Article IX is an amendment requested by IRS to allow the Richmond Historical Society to possibly qualify for 501-C status. The amendments and changes are listed in order.

ARTICLE IV - Meetings - (an annual) changed from (one regular)

ARTICLE VII - Committees (rather than Executive Committee)

a. There shall be an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE --- (use the original wording, but delete the phrase-(and interested members who shall be designated by a vote of the annual meeting) as amended June 17, 1980 since the meaning is not clear and therefore of no use.

b. A NOMINATING COMMITTEE shall be appointed by the Executive Committee two months prior to the annual meeting. Members of the Nominating Committee are not barred from becoming nominees for office.

c. A PROGRAM COMMITTEE shall be responsible for programs at regular meetings of the Society, and approved by the Executive Committee.

d. An ARCHIVES COMMITTEE shall have authority to accept or reject offers of items to the Society as gifts. The Committee shall be responsible for arranging exhibits and displays for special events. Also, the Committee shall properly record and label all accessions before filing. continued-

ARTICLE IX (amendment proposed by IRS)

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these articles, this corporation is organized for the following purposes:

To further the study of the history of the region; to foster the collection and preservation of various manuscripts and articles of historic interest, both for literary and educational purposes. To conform with regulations regarding all listed activities specified in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue code of 1954.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation), and no member, trustee, officer shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the corporation.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code section 501 (h), or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall after payment of necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or, to another organization to be used in such manner as in the judgment of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Rhode Island will best accomplish the general purposes for which this corporation was formed.

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FILING CABINETS

Virginia Williams has located three (3) matching, lateral, black file cabinets (used) at \$50.00 each.

Arrangements for the delivery of the cabinets to the Bell School are yet to be made.

The matter of whether to purchase the files, and the delivery will be discussed and voted on during the next meeting.

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LATE & IMPORTANT

Names to add to your YELLOW DIRECTORY of members:

William & Joanna Stetson, 601 Brightwood, Orange City, Florida

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LAST EXECUTIVE MEETING

An Executive meeting of the Richmond Historical Society was held at the Bell School, Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 2:30 p.m. All members attended.

Herbert Arnold reported that the IRS had extended the date to May 18 to allow the Richmond Historical Society time to vote on whether to add Article IX (as was requested) to the society's Constitution.

A By-Laws Revision Committee was appointed to include Johanna Wolke, chair; Vera Robinson, and Jean Handell. It seemed appropriate to revise the current by-laws at a time when an amendment had been requested by IRS.

Virginia Williams of the Cemetery Committee showed her recently completed and systematic arrangement of Carl Stoner's Richmond Cemetery book. Next, she plans to prepare an index for the book.

We have from time to time talked about the need of a FLOOD LIGHT on the Bell School building to light the rear parking area. The Arnolds consulted Michael Feraco, an electrician in Richmond, as to the possibility and costs. After looking inside and out of the school, he considered the cost would be about \$125.00. After some discussion, the Executive Committee moved and voted to recommend the project to the membership.

A \$100.00 scholarship to be awarded to a deserving high school senior living in Richmond was discussed, but no action was taken.

Programs and projects for the remainder of the year were reviewed. A "Show & Tell" exhibit was considered, as the program for the annual meeting in June, to be arranged by members of the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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LAST REGULAR MEETING, January 15 at Bell School

The January meeting of the Richmond Historical Society was called to order by President Virginia Arnold at 7:40 p.m. The people who attended were kept toasty warm thanks to the expert woodstovemanship of Herb Arnold.

Treasurer Herb Arnold reported the society received \$105.00. \$100 came from the town of Richmond and \$5.00 from dues. Expenses were \$8.70 for postage and \$5.29 for the electrical bill. These expenses left the society with a balance of \$195.80 in the checking account. The Plus-one account has a balance of \$3,028.99.

Quickly changing hats, Herb next gave the report from the 501 C committee. The society should learn if the 501 C status had been granted by February.

Ida Bader called for an update of the Cookbook Committee. Several people expressed a burning desire to purchase such a book when it at last sees the light of day.

No old or new business was discussed and the business meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The speaker for the evening, Janet Dobson, arrived and began to set up her display of hooked rugs, other hooked items, and the materials needed to produce these items. As she did that, Walter Atigian displayed his beautiful hooked rug and told about its construction, and Virginia Williams showed a campstool with a hooked covering in the deer-paw pattern.

Mrs. Dobson presented a lively and interesting program

Mrs. Dobson presented a lively and interesting program dealing with the history of hooked articles and their present day uses. Many present were surprised to learn that early hooked rugs were intended for use as bed coverings and were called "bed rugs". The expression "snug as a bug in a rug" refers to such an article.

Following the program the members were eager to handle the items and examine them more closely.

Mrs. Dobson has a gallery and studio on Route 3, Hope Valley across from Edward's Garage where she gives lessons.

Coffee and refreshments capped an evening of convivial fellowship.

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Williams

(Editor's Note)

Virginia Williams was appointed secretary for the meeting since Secretary Gladys Burgett was on vacation in Hawaii.

Also, the rugs hooked by Virginia and Walter were both very beautiful and professionally done.

Mrs. Dobson, the program speaker exhibits and teaches Hooked Rugs at her "Sweet Briar Studio" in Hopkinton, R.I.

Refreshments for the meeting were crackers and cheese, and chocolate chip cookies provided by Ida Bader, and Walter Atigian.

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ANNUAL MEETING, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be at the Carolina Fire Station, Wednesday, June 17.

The covered dish dinner will begin as soon after 6:30 p.m. as can be arranged. Hank Handell will again make jonny cakes - what would we do without that special treat?

Members of the society and their guests are invited to provide a FAVORITE DISH to share, also, PLEASE, take your own PLACE SETTING OF PLATE, CUP, CUTLERY.

The ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING will follow with reports of committees, old business to include discussion on whether to work further to acquire the Wood River Meeting House, also, to discuss and vote or reject the Dyson's offer of the former town clerk's office in Carolina, and the election of officers for the coming year.

Program for the evening will consist of a "Show & Tell". Members are invited to bring something unusual, such as a family heirloom, or an otherwise acquired and cherished item, or perhaps something homemade, and, PLEASE, tell us all about it!

OPEN HOUSE, EXHIBIT, BAKE SALE of May 3

A good attendance was noted at the combined exhibit and sale Sunday, May 3 at the Bell School OPEN HOUSE.

Eleanor Smith reported a lively week with Richmond classes arriving in morning and afternoon groups. Virginia Williams made posters on the "Bill of Rights" and opened the exhibit on Monday. Eleanor, who set up a table exhibit with a patchwork quilt in the tumbler pattern made in the 1800's; a variety of egg beaters, potato mashers, muffin tins and muffin rings, led the following sessions. She told the youngsters about "Bell School Days" during the time when the building was situated at its original site at the upper end of Hillsdale Road. And sometimes, a lucky child was allowed to ring the bell in the school tower.

Open House cont'd

Through the cooperation of society members, the Sunday sale held in the school entry created a lot of interest with home-made cookies, bread, brownies, and pumpkin pies. Also offered were maps, note-paper, souvenir mugs, and hand knit baby booties. Shop keepers in the morning were Jean and Hank Handell, and Anne and Walter Atigian in the afternoon. The weather was ideal although a little breezy and the society treasury gained \$52.36. Many thanks are extended to all who participated in the event.

FLOODLIGHT

The long awaited and much needed flood-light for the parking area at the rear of Bell School was installed by Michael Ferraco on Saturday, May 9, 1992.

The light has not been required recently but will be very much appreciated when meetings start in the Fall.

COOK-BOOK HISTORY-BOOK

Patty Millar, editor reports that the book is ready to be sent to the publisher, but there is a matter of where to obtain the money needed for the project!

MEMBERSHIP

Society dues for the year 1992-1993 are now payable.

Those who are interested in joining the Richmond Historical Society may send dues of \$5.00 for a year's membership to:

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One pint of flour; one pinch of salt; one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder; one heaping tablespoonful of sugar. Mix thoroughly dry. Add warm--not hot--water till the batter is thick as heavy cream and beat well. Pour in size of pancake wanted on a hot, smoking griddle. Never spread this batter with a spoon.

After trying this, there's no need blowing money on prepared pancake flours any more.

"Most For Your Money Cookbook" by Cora, Rose and Bob Brown, 1938

SOME INTERESTING IDEAS AND RECIPES FROM:
"Most For Your Money Cook Book" 1938

FOREWORD , Stretching the Food Dollar

Since a third of the average family income goes for food, that's a logical front on which to combat the high cost of living.

For instance, few cooks know the advantage of snow as an ingredient, yet a cup of freshly fallen snow actually takes the place of two eggs in making a pudding light and toothsome.

And anybody with access to a sunny window can cook jam and preserves at no cost, by using the sun's heat for fuel.

In lavish pioneer days our ancestors naturally went for the prime cuts, tenderloin and chops, and threw away the equally valuable giblets, kidneys, hearts and tidbits, all of which are quite as good for us as the calves' liver which doctors discovered a few years back and which, as a result of their prescribing it for anemia and such, shot up in price from ten to seventy cents a pound.

We throw away chicken feet, while in Europe they're made into the very best Strassburg aspic we ever tasted.

The "pickled green plums" our fathers turned up their noses at are now indispensable olives, shipped fresh, too, from California and pickled at home at a fraction of the bottled cost.

As for cereals, wheat frumenty and cornmeal mush stretch the breakfast dollar like rubber.

Potatoes baked in their jackets are more nourishing than boiled, the roasted skin is the best part, once you learn to like it.

The new spaghetti squash makes a big platter of vegetable spaghetti for half price and furnishes table talk for a week.

FROM POVERTY TO RICHES PANCAKES

The cheapest and at the same time the best honest-to-goodness pancake we know was described in a newspaper by a Nebraskan woman as follows:

My invalid husband and I were compelled to spend the summer in the mountains one year. Our funds were low and I knew that something must be done at once. But what? Finally I thought of this way out of my difficulty. I need only to say that some days I made as high as four dollars for you to know how successfully my plan turned out.

I noticed that many hunters and fishermen passed our way, so I hung out a sign with "Hot Coffee and Pancakes-- 25 cents" on it. I made good strong coffee, serving only sugar with it. Only syrup was served with the pancakes, which I made by the following recipe.

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REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING

Richard Wolke was elected President of the Richmond Historical Society at the annual dinner meeting June 17, held at the Carolina Fire Station. Other officers of the society were re-elected. They are Virginia Williams, vice-president; Gladys Burgert, secretary; Herbert Arnold, treasurer; Earl Brunskill, member-at-large re-elected to a three year term. The nominating committee members were Virginia Williams, Harold Burgert and Hank Handell. New members of the society are Michael and Lois Feraco, who were absent, and Edward and Phyllis Thomas attended.

Twenty two members and four guests attended the meeting. The blessing by Ray Bader preceded the dinner which consisted of a good variety of home-cooked foods, many tempting looking desserts, and delicious Jonny cakes made by Hank Handell.

At the business session, an annual treasurer's report was presented by Herbert Arnold as follows: (6-8-91 to 6-17-92)

Electricity at Bell School	\$65.71
Carolina Fire Station donation	10.00
Annual corporation fee to Sec. of State	20.00
501 (C) application, user's fee & other	167.00
Thomas Press, (notes & envelopes)	25.00
Program & prizes, photos, medalion	18.41
Liability insurance on Bell School	142.00
Newsletters, postage	72.96
Office supplies, copy paper	9.16
Three used filing cabinets & keys	162.00
New floodlight & installation	100.00
Post Office box rent	11.25
	<u>\$-803.49</u>

Herbert, also of the Grant Committee, reported that after one year and three months of filling out application papers, making telephone calls, answering questions, etc., he had been notified on June 16 by Carol Ross, from the Boston office, that she had approved the application to 501(C) and was sending it to the Brooklyn, N.Y. office to be considered. He has not received the final go-ahead at the time of this writing. (7-13-92)

Virginia Williams, Scholarship chair, announced that Joshua McCawhee a fourth grader at Richmond School had been chosen as the top history student in his class. She had been invited to attend a concert at school the following Friday to present him with the Richmond Historical Society bronze medalion.

The History - Cookbook editor, Patty Millar was not at the meeting. The project was discussed, but no action was taken, and the matter will supposedly be brought up at the September meeting.

Under old business, discussion was invited on acquiring the Wood-River Meeting House. Comments were made such as: the project would amount to too much responsibility, high costs of maintenance on a large and old building, etc. The matter was tabled after Virginia Williams noted that a member of the church had informed her that the Wood River Cemetery Association had made an offer for the property.

The FORMER TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE in Carolina had been examined by several of our society recently and it was concluded that the building could not be moved in its present condition. Members voted to accept the building offered by Charles and Hazel Dyson after Richard Wolke noted that an agency is willing to provide grant money to repair the building if and when the society is notified of a 501-C acceptance. The clerk's office will remain at the site and plans are that it be furnished with some original furnishings as a museum.

After discussion and comments on the condition, prospects, removal, etc. of the old CARRIAGE SHED near the Richmond-Town Hall, a motion was made and passed that a letter be sent from the society to the Richmond Town Council indicating that the carriage shed should be preserved.

Following the election, officers were congratulated and the newly elected president, Richard Wolke was offered the Charles Dyson gavel and invited to adjourn the business meeting. (The gavel was hand-made by our member Charlie Dyson. It was presented to the Richmond Historical Society, and first used by the recently elected president Virginia Arnold, at the Executive meeting July 19, 1988 in the Bell School, and under the new gavel).

The evening's PROGRAM was presented by society members in the form of a "Show & Tell". The items shown were many, varied, and very interesting. Participants showed and described their projects/possessions individually. Questions, comments and a general look-see were invited.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Now payable

At this date the society has 29 family memberships of which 16 have paid dues for 1992-1993. That leaves 13 members who have forgotten, don't care, or who just have not gotten around to write a check. Interested persons may join the R.H.S. by sending \$5.00 to: Herbert L. Arnold, treasurer, Usquepaugh Box 72, RFD W. Kingston, R.I. 02892.

REVISED BY-LAWS

A copy of the Richmond Historical Society revised by-laws including amendments as voted by society members at the March 1992 meeting are inserted in the newsletter.

The by-laws revision committee members were Johanna Wolke, chair; others were Jean Handell, Vera Robinson, Virginia Arnold.

THOUGHTS

After four years, from June 1988 to June 1992, which seems as I look back as a lot of planning, typing, talking, and more.

It is certain that I learned much from the experience, and I hope other members have realized some inspiration from our programs and projects during those years.

I consider that I have accomplished as much as was possible for me to do, and, in order for the Richmond Historical Society to progress, it is time for another president with new aims and ideas.

I offer my sincere congratulations to the new President Richard Wolke who was nominated and elected June 17, and to the other officers who were reelected for another term.

Wish you all a happy summer.

Virginia Arnold

Article I NAME

The name of this society shall be the Richmond Historical Society.

Article II PURPOSE

The purpose of this society shall be to further by all appropriate means the study, appreciation, and oral and written interpretation of the history of the region, to foster the collection and preservation of manuscripts and articles of historic interest, and to encourage the preservation and marking of historic sites.

Article III MEMBERSHIP and DUES

All persons who subscribe to the purpose of the society may become members by payment of annual dues.

Article IV MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting in June for the purpose of hearing reports, electing officers, and transacting other pertinent business and such other meetings as shall be called by the President at the request of the Executive Committee.

(an annual) changed from (one regular) 3-18-1992

Article V QUORUM

Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers and the transaction of other business at any regular or special meeting.

(amended: seven members shall constitute a quorum)

Article VI OFFICERS

There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall serve for terms of one year, or until their successors are elected and installed. Their duties shall be those customarily associated with their offices.

Article VII COMMITTEES (rather than Executive Committee)

a. There shall be an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE composed of the officers and three other members elected for three year terms, except that of the three first elected, one shall serve for one year and one for two years. This Committee shall be responsible for administering the business of this society including the appointment of all committees.

(Amended: and interested members who shall be designated by a vote of the annual meeting) 6-17-80

(changed to use the original wording, but delete the phrase as amended 6-17-80 since the meaning is unclear and therefore on no use) 3-18-92

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(Sections b., c., d., as amendments to Article VII were adopted 3-18-92)

Article VIII AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any annual or special meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment is included in the call of the meeting.

Article IX (an amendment requested by IRS to allow the Richmond Historical Society to qualify for 501-C status, adopted 3-18-92)

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these articles, this corporation is organized for the following purposes:

To further the study of the history of the region; to foster the collection and preservation of various manuscripts and articles of historic interest, both for literary and educational purposes. To conform with regulations regarding all listed activities specified in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue code of 1954.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation), and no member, trustee, officer shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the corporation.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code section 501 (h), or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall after payment of necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or, to another organization to be used in such manner as in the judgment of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Rhode Island will best accomplish the general purposes for which this corporation was formed.

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