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NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

"Environmental History: Research Opportunities and Pitfalls for the Historian of Maine," was the topic selected by the principal speaker for Annual Meeting this year, Mr. Joseph A. Miller of Yale University. Mr. Miller is Librarian and Lecturer in History at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. The implications of Mr. Miller's paper for Maine historians will be discussed by a panel of four local experts, with John W. Hakola (Department of History, University of Maine at Orono) acting as moderator. The discussion panel will include: George D. Carlisle (Prentiss & Carlisle Company, Inc., of Bangor), Edward O. Schriver (Department of History, U.M.O.), Herbert T. Silsby, II (Lawyer, from Ellsworth), and David C. Smith (Department of History, U.M.O.). Panel moderator Hakola gives definite assurance that discussion will be restricted to the historical aspects of the subject, and will not be allowed to drift into the endless terrain of ecological debate.

As previously announced, the University of Maine at Orono, and the Bangor Historical Society are kindly acting as co-hosts for the Society's 151st Annual Meeting. On June 16th, when the Society assembles on the campus at Orono, it will mark the first time in its long history that the Society has met in the Bangor area. This seems a bit negligent when one considers that from the very beginning, with the distinguished historian of Maine, William D. Williamson, right on down to the present day, Bangor has never failed to support the Society with important and active leadership.

The following schedule for the day has been arranged by the Program Committee:

9:00-10:00 Registration Hilltop Conference Area. For members and friends unfamiliar with the Orono Campus, there will be signs directing you to the Hilltop Conference Area.

10:00-11:00 Business Meeting and Prize Essay Awards.

12:00 Luncheon Hilltop Cafeteria. Forms for making Luncheon reservations will be sent to members on May 26th.

1:30-3:00 Lecture and Panel Hauck Auditorium. Non-members and other interested visitors are cordially invited to join the proceedings at this point.

3:00-4:00 Members Reception for Visiting Lecturer and Panel Members. Damn Yankee Lounge (in the Memorial Union). This hour was added by the Program Committee this year in order to provide an informal opportunity for members to ask questions of the speakers. This will also allow formal proceedings to end promptly at 3:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS

FROM MAINE Augusta: Michael J. Sheehy *Bath:* Mrs. James A. Thurston *Calais:* Francis A. Brown *Cumberland Center:* G. Sumner Hill *Gorham:* Thomas W. Owens, Jr. *Lewiston:* Antoinette J. Jean *Portland:* D. D. Arnold, Gerard J. P. Connolly, John T. Goodwin, Charles S. Rollins *Saco:* Mrs. Barbara H. Bond, Dean Jewett *South Portland:* Herbert W. Ames *Wiscasset:* David B. Soule *Yarmouth:* Mrs. Bernard J. Elfring.

Other States CALIFORNIA Santa Maria: Dean B. Fifield
CONNECTICUT Newton: Kenneth C. Stevens *FLORIDA Orlando:* Robert S. Pollard, Jr. *MASSACHUSETTS Wenham:* William O. Goss, Jr. *NEW HAMPSHIRE Amherst:* Mr. & Mrs. Donald B. Nason *Portsmouth:* Mrs. Paul Molloy
WASHINGTON D.C.: Edward G. Hudon.