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NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It is with pleasure and a real feeling of optimism that the Foundation has undertaken to keep its members advised of activities, accomplishments, and goals with a Newsletter. Although communication with the membership has been accomplished in the past by sporadic announcements, we believe reports on a regular basis will serve to increase interest and participation in affairs of the Homestead.

There is much room for optimism about the future of the Union Mills Homestead as there is for pride in what already has been done in preserving the structure and its contents, so that today's generation may learn how their own earlier relatives existed in America. The Shriver family was more or less typical of a great number of early American lineages which sprang from immigrant-farmers who challenged the frontier and managed to survive and prosper.

The grounds around the Homestead are now under the care and maintenance of the Carroll County Commissioners, who already have arranged for the initial stabilizing of the grist mill, with help from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. This basic preservation contract will be completed before the Summer is over.

Eventually the grist mill should become a museum for the implements and flour-making equipment once used there and hopefully the mill soon will be operative for the benefit of tourists. Plans are in the making for that. Other buildings which have been notorious eye-sores for years either will be taken down or stabilized for future use if not complete restoration.

As for the Homestead itself, grants are being sought, especially while the Bicentennial movement is in full bloom, to make the improvements necessary to its life. The assistance of the Carroll County Commissioners also is being sought in this important requirement. Crucial painting and sprucing up of the interior is being done by volunteers, and a Bicentennial grant is being applied for to give this project a big push.

All told, more than \$200,000 already has been committed to the grist mill. Funds for the Homestead and other needed construction and maintenance will be diligently pursued.

The interest and cooperation of the Foundation membership, therefore, is more urgently needed than ever, and I am certain the Board of Directors and others so concerned with the Homestead's future are counting on that support.

John D. Meyer
President. Union Mills Homestead Foundation

FLOWER AND PLANT MARKET SETS RECORD

The sixth annual Flower and Plant Market at the Homestead and grounds surpassed all previous efforts for variety, crowds, fun, and financial gain on the week end of May 3 and 4. A total of \$4,127.94 can be turned over to the Foundation toward restoration and preservation of the Homestead. This is nearly twice the record set last year.

A salute is due to all those who put on this truly enormous undertaking. Some of them are Mrs. Joseph H. Beaver, Jr., general chairman; Mrs. James Shriver, Jr., flower committee chairman; Mrs. Alvah Finch, raffle committee chairman; Mrs. Pat Shirley and Mrs. R. Perry Lyons, food; Mrs. Carl E. Peters, hostess chairman for special occasion house tours; Mrs. Wilfred H. Koch, country store; James

Shriver, Jr., French Foster, and Jane Flickinger and dozens of other enthusiastic workers.

Here is the breakdown as reported by the committee heads:

Antiques booths	\$ 135.00
Chances	558.00
House tours	359.00
Wagon rides	48.50
Gift shop & Candy table	203.76
Food	461.84
Flowers & Plants	(Total sold \$4,935.98) 2,167.34
<u>Bake Table</u>	<u>194.40</u>
Total	\$4,127.94

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HOMESTEAD TO BE OCCUPIED BY COUPLE

The living quarters in the Homestead are to be turned over to two youthful history-lovers in July, following their wedding. They will then be Mr. and Mrs. Xenakis —known to their friends among the Shriver family as Tom and Debbie. Tom attended Boys Latin School in Baltimore, alma mater of many Shriver. He is graduating trout Loyola College and Debbie From the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore in June. She is the former Debbie Falduto, who will be a first grade teacher at St. John's School, Westminster, in the Fall.

They have long been interested in the Homestead and have spent many hours studying the house and grounds. Therefore they are much involved in making it secure and aiding in keeping up the interest of visiting groups and individuals.

Should there be a "house warming"?

IT COULD BE A BIG SEASON FOR TOURS

School, auto and other tour groups already have been swarming to the Homestead, starting with the Flower and Plant Market May 3 and 4. The Glenelg Country School arranged for a group of 28 students on May 13, and 25 members of the local Auto Club went through the 178-year-old home on May 18. They were the largest groups in May.

Others groups already scheduled:

June 5—Padonia Elementary School, 90 students

June 11—Church Lane Elementary School, 125

students July 4—Bixler Tours, Ohio. 40 adults, an annual trip.

The regular tour guides who will be on duty this summer in addition to the volunteer guides, will be E. Louise Shriver, a senior at Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., and James M. Shriver III, sophomore at Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C.

CHEERS FOR MR. GOODFELLOW

Frank Goodfellow, retired Westminster businessman, has made a gift to the Homestead of the excellent painting of the miller's house, which adjoins the girst mill, done by the local artist, Charles Boyd.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF FOUNDATION

Who is administering the Union Mills Homestead Foundation? Perhaps you have asked that question and did not know exactly how to rind out. Here are the names of those serving in 1975:

President, John D. Meyer: Vice-President, Mrs. John W. S. Foster, Jr.; Treasurer, Wilfred B. Koch: Recording Secretary, Mrs. Alvah H. Finch; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Jane V. Flickinger. Advisory Committee-Robert M. McKinney and George Grier.

Board of Directors—Harvey L. Bankert, William B. Dulany, Alton J. Dutterer, Charles O. Fisher, Mrs. John W. S. Foster, Jr., Mrs. Galley Flynn, Dr. Frederic S. Klein, Kenneth K. Kroh, John E. Myers, Jr., G. Donald Riley, Jr., Mrs. H. Davidson Shirley, George M. Shriver, J r . , Harold W. Ward, David L. WineBrenner, III, James M. Shriver, Jr.

NEWSLETTER IDEAS WANTED

Any items or ideas you may have for the Union Mills Newsletter may be sent or phoned to any of the following members of the Publications Committee: Harold W. Ward, chairman, Dr. Frederic S. Klein, Catherine Finch, French Foster, Esther Shriver, or Jane Flickinger.

REMEMBER, GIFTS ARE TAX FREE

As a non-profit educational and historical organization, the Union Mills Homestead Foundation would be grateful for any contributions and suitable gifts of items members and friends may wish to offer. They are tax deductible in the year given, if cash, and in one year or over a period of years at appraised value, if contributed items.

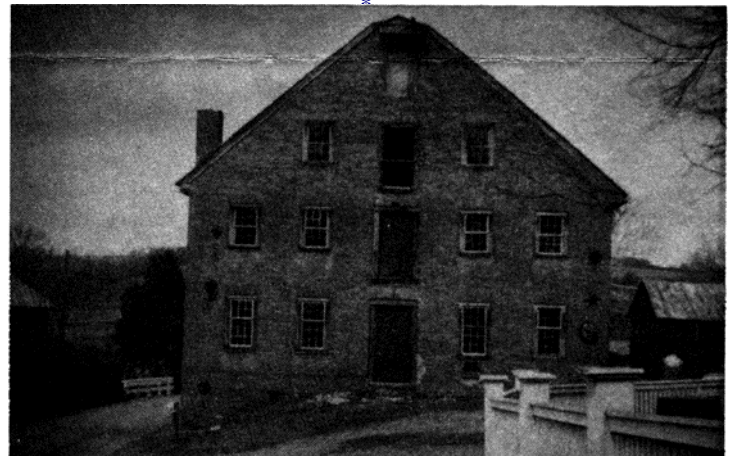
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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Active membership in the Foundation costs only \$5 a year, Encourage your friends to join in this preservation effort. Sustaining membership is \$12 and life membership, \$100. That's a steal!

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