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HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER, S. A. R. NEWSLETTER,

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ANNUAL MEETING

The dinner annual meeting of the Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR will be held at The Embers Restaurant on the Carlisle Pike, at U.S. Highway 11 and Interstate 81, beginning at 6:30 P.M., Saturday, December 3, 1977. Cash bar 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Robert G. Christ will be the speaker for the evening and he has promised us some interesting Pennsylvania history of the Revolutionary period.

Dinner jackets are suggested for the men, and evening gowns for the ladies.

Cost for the dinner is \$7.50 each. Please forward reservations, for members and guests, to LTC Oscar H. Stroh, R.D. 4, Box 925, Harrisburg, PA 17112, for receipt on or before December 1, 1977. Make check payable to "Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR."

We extend our condolences, along with our expression of appreciation for their lives of service to SAR, to the families of two Past Presidents of Harris Ferry Chapter, HOWARD T. DAVENPORT, who died earlier this year, and FRED N. ROE, deceased on Thursday, November 17, 1977, survived by his son, Past President John A. Roe.

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#### ANNUAL DUES

Your annual dues notice is enclosed with this newsletter for two reasons: (1) to save money, since a single mailing to all members of the Chapter costs the treasury over \$15.00 and we want to keep from raising our Chapter dues as long as possible. National dues increased one dollar this year. (2) To save time and effort on the part of our Secretary as he is not a typist and must address all the envelopes by the hunt and pick method.

Try to pay your dues as promptly as possible since they must be forwarded in a lump sum along with a roster of all the members to National Headquarters in January. Any one not paid by that time is dropped from the membership and this is so indicated on that roster. Late payment of dues then necessitates reinstatement of that member, which not only requires additional paperwork on the part of the Secretary, but may result in that member missing one issue of both the State and National SAR magazine.

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#### THE BATTLE OF ORISKANY

Did you notice the stamp on the envelope that brought you this newsletter? It commemorates the Battle of Oriskany. On August 6, 1777 a Militia force of 800 led by General Nicholas Herkimer enroute to relieve Fort Stanwix was ambused at Oriskany, New York by 400 Indians and Tories. Fighting was bitter, and, although fatally wounded, General Herkimer continued to direct the fighting to the end. Although Herkimer's forces were technically defeated, the Indians lost their will to fight and the siege of Fort Stanwix was lifted, thereby helping to bring about the defeat of Burgoyne. As the result of General Burgoyne's defeat, France revised her opinion of the Colonial Army and decided to come to our aid in the Revolution.

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#### ADVANCE NOTICE

The Annual George Washington Birthday Dinner, held jointly by the Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR and the Harrisburg Chapter, DAR, will be Sunday, February 19, 1978 at the home of the Dauphin County Bar Association, 213 North Front Street, Harrisburg. Our speaker will be Col. John B. B. Trussell.

Adequate well-lighted parking is available adjacent to the entrance. Enter from Second Street or Pine Street.

Mark your calendar now.