

Furnacetown Given Grant

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SNOW HILL — A \$1,000 grant from the Purnell Foundation of Berlin was presented recently to Furnacetown to help in the restoration now in progress.

The check was presented to Frederick W. Brueckmann, president of the Furnacetown Foundation Inc., by William D. Smith, a member of the board of directors of the Purnell Foundation.

Brueckmann, in accepting the grant, said the money will go to pay for moving and restoration of the Atkinson District voting house, which the Worcester County Commissioners have donated to Furnacetown. When restored, the little building will be used as a gift shop on the grounds of Furnacetown.

The Purnell Foundation was established by the late L. Franklin Purnell and his late wife, Gertrude H. Purnell, about five years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Purnell were lifelong residents of the Berlin area

and were deeply interested in the progress of Worcester County.

The Purnell Foundation, according to Smith, awards grants from time to time for education, medical or charitable purposes within the county. The criteria for eligibility include a tax-exempt status and the pursuit by the organization of "any activity we think would have interested Mr. and Mrs. Purnell," Smith said.

Some of the recipients to date have included the Berlin volunteer fire company, for life saving equipment, Peninsula General Hospital Medical Center and the Worcester County Developmental Center.

Members of the board of the foundation meet on a regular basis to consider any worthwhile function in the county which fits into the framework of the foundation purposes. Serving on the board of directors at present are Hugh Cropper Jr., Dr. Francis Townsend, Elizabeth H. Hall and Smith.

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