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TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SOCIETY

You are wished good health  
and good cheer,  
A Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.

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Our next meeting will be the first one of the New Year, so let's make a New Year's resolution, to give ourselves an evening out once a month to attend the Society's meeting where old and new friends meet.

Thursday evening, January 7, 1965, the meeting will be at the First Church at 17 Church Street, Weymouth Heights, at 8 o'clock. PLEASE, come early or right on time and say hello to our guests, the Abigail Adams Historical Society.

The program for the evening will be "Antiques and Items of Interest," by Louis Cook, a well-known auctioneer from Hanover.

No business will be conducted at this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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The November meeting, at which Mrs. Robert Barkley spoke on "Old Wooden Ware," was well attended by members and their guests and greatly enjoyed by all.

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The next Executive Board meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James Robinson, 365 Ralph Talbot Street, January 27th at 8 P.M.

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The Pewter Jewelry that was sold for the benefit of the Society netted \$49.00.

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Chet. Kevitt, who served on a panel of four for the New-Comer's Club of Weymouth, in November, talked on the early days of Weymouth. He also spoke of the aims of the Weymouth Historical Society.

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A group of volunteers met December 2nd at the home of Betty Kevitt of 75 Blanchard Rd. to identify a collection of old unidentified photographs of Weymouth, belonging to the Historical Society.

Luncheon was enjoyed and an interesting time was had by the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Beane	Mrs. Prince Terrill	Miss Florence Nash
Jack Salzgeber	Francis Loud	Mrs. Alice Pray
Mrs. Caroline Langhorst	Mrs. Theron Cain	Franklin H. Pratt
	Mrs. Ruth Estes	

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In the early 1800's Thanksgiving in Weymouth was the greatest day of the year. Folks killed their turkeys and trapped for their holiday dinner. The mince pie, that was a must, and bread was boked in a brick oven. The plum pudding was left to cook in the oven over night. On Thanksgiving morn the men and boys attended church and the women folks stayed home to prepare dinner.

Christmas, a time when there should have been great rejoicing, came and passed almost unnoticed.

However, by the late 1800's, Christmas was celebrated mostly in the churches. Whole families would take their gifts to church and exchange them with family and friends, around a candle-lit tree, decorated with strings of popcorn and cranberries.

G. Stinson Lord, Historian for the Society, related a true Christmas story of two families living somewhere between So. Weymouth and Weymouth Landing during the time of the depression. One family had plenty; the man of the house thought of a friend who had nothing for his children. At his wife's suggestion, he dressed as Santa Claus, put the toys in his sleigh, and delivered them unrecognized.

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