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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Wednesday, Feb. 17th will be our next regular meeting. First Church, Weymouth Heights, will be the meeting place. 8 P.M. is the time. Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bean of Braintree. Subject: The restoration of the "Sylvanus Thayer Birthplace". A business meeting will precede the program. Refreshments will follow.

Those who desire transportation, please call Mr. Belcher at ED5-8671 or Mr. Davis, ED5-8721. This will be the last regular meeting before our annual meeting...sooo, let's have a good turnout!

53 of our members, and guests of the Abigail Adams Society were present at the last meeting, when Louis Cook gave his interesting talk on "Antiques and Items of Interest." We sincerely hope a combined meeting of this kind will take place often in the future.

"Hats Off" to you, Olive Sylvester, and your hard-working committee for the fine programs we have been enjoying and the "Yummy" refreshments. We appreciate all the work you have done.

We welcome the following new members into the Society:

Mr. Louis A. Cook - Cranberry Road, Pembroke, Mass.

Mr. Lars K. Egon - 193 Commercial St., Weymouth, Mass.

Our Curator, Chester Kevitt, is back on the job after a severe prolonged illness. We are all glad to see you back, Chet. . . We are also glad to hear Herbert Scott and Mrs. Winifred Chase, who have been ill, are feeling better. Also, our Vice President Louis Davis, who has recuperated after his illness. As we go to press, a continued list of sick members have come to our attention, including Charles Adams, and Mrs. Helen Ronci; we do hope their recovery will be swift.

Congratulations to Carolyn M. Wilson, who was married to John D. MacLellan in January.

President Harry C. Belcher has announced the selection of a Nominating Committee for the season of 1965-66. Chairman Frank Daves will be assisted by Thomas Stenhouse and Mrs. Eleanor Montgomery. We anticipate the announcement of a new slate of officers at the February meeting.

To Each and Every Member: Your co-operation is needed 100 per cent behind all projects of each committee to enable the Society to reach the goals it is striving to attain.

A Building Committee under the most able leadership of Mr. Edward O'Rourke has investigated several possibilities in regard to our search for new quarters. It is hoped that something will culminate in the near future and every attempt is being made in that direction.

Lester Belcher's contribution of identification badges worked out nicely at the last meeting, and should prove very helpful to everyone in getting acquainted.

DON'T FORGET OUR AUCTION IN THE SPRING. If contributions are to be picked up, please call ED5-8671 or ED5-2957. Save everything! A Rummage Sale will follow!

This Newsletter is YOUR way of communication between members and friends of the Society. Take advantage, and send our Editor what you have of interest....illness, vacation trips, items of news about members, historical remembrances, items concerning the various facets of museum work, etc.

It is with deep regret that we announce
the death of
DR. ALBERT AIZENSTADT

TIDBITS OF HISTORY

Research has revealed the Abigail Adams house was painted originally from this old formula (before 1750):

Take: 1 lb. of potatoes, skinned, baked and mashed

Add: 1/3 gal. boiling water and strain

Add: 2 lbs. powdered chalk and 1/2 gal. water

Add: Skimmed milk and coloring.

Red coloring was procured from ochre, which had been burned to a clinker and ground into powder. Sometimes rust from old nails was used for a red paint.

The Curator reports the following gifts to the Society: A "Henry Rifle", sword, old handcuffs and two large prints, gift of Mr. William Olsen. A number of books, gift of Mr. William Dasha. Old Postcards, gift of Pilgrim Church.

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