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GREETINGS to all Weymouth Historical Society members and friends. A very special WELCOME to Mrs. Caroline Langhorst, 34 Heritage Trail, East Weymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stenhouse, 157 West Street, South Weymouth, who joined our ranks since the last meeting.

September 28th was the first meeting of the season. Mr. V. Leslie Hebert spoke on "The Liberty Tree" - Our Nation's First Symbol of Freedom.

The next program meeting will be held Thursday, November 4th, at 8:00 p.m., at the GEORGE L. BEAN POST, Hollis Street, South Weymouth. "Liberty and Justice", will be the topic with slides of the Freedom Trail. If transportation is needed, please call your President, Harry Belcher, ED5-8671 or Lou Davis, ED5-8721.

Remember the Auction, June 26th? Returns — about \$350.00.

Watch for a coming announcement from our Ways & Means Chairman, John Benoit. Save your old clothing for an upcoming Rummage Sale!!

THIS YEAR, is new membership year. Perhaps a new neighbor or a friend would like to come with you to the next meeting. Try them and see. The active membership to date is 80. Let's make it 100!

CURATOR REPORTS - Information has been requested of the Society by the University of California and Brown University. A Dr. Wolfe of Winchester was interested in information on his family. Mrs. Francis Evans of New Jersey, whose ancestors lived in Weymouth in the 1700's, was so pleased with the help she received from the Society she sent a check, and in her letter said, "For your effort in keeping alive a vital history." We are not always able to give all the information requested but much help is received through Mrs. Harris at the Tufts Library.

TIDBITS OF HISTORY - The town of Weymouth has always been associated with the making of shoes, which had its beginning in the home. In 1808 shoes were delivered to Boston in saddle bags, on horseback. When orders were sent to New Orleans, they were repacked in Casks for easy handling on shipboard. Then the casks were used to ship molasses back to Boston. Wooden boxes for packing did not come into use until 1837-50.

With every good wish to each of you for the coming season.

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