

Weymouth Historical Society

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Newsletter

March 1969

Dear Members and Friends:

Another fiscal year of our Society is drawing to a close, and for the benefit of those members who have been unable to attend our meetings, we wish to take this opportunity to review the highlights of the past year.

Since our Holbrook House was moved to the Fairgrounds last March, Eddie O'Rourke's Building Committee has been able to complete the foundation and house supports, outside shingling, new windows, cement steps, bulkhead, and exterior paint job. Also, rough grading on the lot was done.

The fall, the House Committee, piloted by Mrs. Jane Holbrook Jewell, has completed downstairs wiring, surveys on heating, plumbing and safety regulations as well as proposals for the most suitable adaptations of the rooms to our Society's interests.

We hope that soon the actual completion of the interior can be done and the facilities hooked up so that our Museum can become a reality. We have spent a very substantial sum in our efforts so far and we must have financial support to carry out our plans to fruition. Can you help us??? A few cannot carry the burden for all.....

Members who have not received their membership cards, may forward their dues and inquiries directly to: Mrs. Eleanor Cormack, 16 Cottage Lane, Weymouth, Mass. Mrs. Cormack has recently been appointed Treasurer pro-tem, for the Society, and will be most willing to answer any queries regarding Society finances. Annual dues are due and payable on April 1, 1969.

Mrs. Jane Holbrook Jewell and her brother, William Holbrook, Jr., have established a trust fund for the maintenance of the Holbrook House. Contributions to this fund will be most welcome to aid in our perpetuation. The name "Holbrook House" has been designated and officially accepted by the Executive Board for all purposes henceforth.

Our President, Les Hebert, has been active in community affairs, having presented his talks on liberty and the early patriots to many school children and women's clubs in Massachusetts and recently in Ohio. Les was also instrumental in having Weymouth patriotically involved in a Fourth of July parade last year.

Our Curator, Chet Kevitt, has reported the acquisition of several items for our museum this year and also the moving of a large portion of our books from dead storage to the upstairs rooms of the Holbrook House, preparatory to cataloging and shelving. The Society owes a debt of gratitude for the loan of storage area by John Benoit for the past several years.

A Silent Auction was held at one of our meetings, which resulted in considerable financial gains to our house fund. Mrs. Ruth Loud, assisted by Mrs. Lora Watson, Mrs. Beatrice McLean and Mrs. Harriet Hawkins, sponsored this effort which is loudly applauded.....

Our Society, for the first time in its 80 odd years of existence, has been faced with many details of a legal nature. During the past year, we have been indeed fortunate to have had the counsel of Wilbur Tirrell, acting in our behalf. Our laymen's efforts could hardly have been completed without his advice.....Many thanks, Bill!

Mrs. Betty Kevitt, assisted by Mrs. Marjorie Stenhouse, Mrs. Joan Palmieri and Mrs. Eleanor Montgomery, has done a terrific job at every meeting, serving delicious refreshments. What's more important - it's given us all a chance to chat and discuss Society affairs at length.....Hats off for the Coffee Break!

The Program Committee, Harry Belcher, Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Ruth Cain and Miss Olive Sylvester has presented four evening programs this year, all of which have been enthusiastically received by members and friends. If you haven't attended, it's not too late. Plan to attend the Annual Dinner, Business Meeting and Program on Monday, April 7th, starting promptly at 6:30 P.M. An old-fashioned Pot Roast Supper is being put on by the Ladies of the Porter Methodist Church, 771 Pleasant Street, East Weymouth, at 7:45. Our Annual Meeting will be followed by an outstanding illustrated talk on Sturbridge Village by Mr. John Agnew, a Village Trustee.

Let's bring some friends....Have a real old-fashioned social supper and entertainment... Tickets will be distributed and co-ordinated by Lou Davis. Members will be contacted. If you desire additional tickets, please call Lou Davis at 335-8721 or Harry Belcher at 335-8671.

The Nominating Committee has been appointed by your Executive Board and comprises the following:

Mr. Edward O'Rourke, Chairman
Mrs. Marilyn Briscoe
Mr. Donald Lewis

This committee, after due consideration, has announced the following slate of officers for the 1969-70 fiscal year to be voted on by the Society on April 7th.

PRESIDENT - Mr. V. Leslie Hebert
VICE PRES. - Mr. John W. Benoit
TREASURER - Mrs. Eleanor Cormack
REC. SEC. - Mrs. Jean Dawes
CORR. SEC. - Mrs. Jane Holbrook Jewell

Another successful Movie Night was held in November by Chet Kevitt and Don Cormack. This has proven to be a good financial repeat each year. Let's get behind those ticket sales on future shows to make them even more lucrative for our treasury.....

IN MEMORIAM

Our Society has been saddened by the loss of these members this year. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to their families.

MR. THOMAS P. DELAHUNT - - MRS. LOUIS DAVIS - - MRS. ELLIS SMITH

The following new members were welcomed into our Society this year:

Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Noble, 70 Alta Road, East Weymouth
Mr. & Mrs. H. Hobart Holly, 106 Oak Street, Braintree
Mr. & Mrs. Roger O. Snowman, 43 Pierce Court, North Weymouth
Mrs. Raymond E. Kneeland, 11 Athens Street, North Weymouth
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fasci, 50 Hollis Street, South Weymouth
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ferullo, 15 Farren Road, East Weymouth
Mrs. Leo Hawkins, 638 Main Street, South Weymouth
Rev. & Mrs. Wilbur J. Kingwill, Old Oaken Bucket Road, Norwell
Mr. J. H. Pflaumer, 9 Biscayne Avenue, Weymouth
Mrs. Laura A. Evans, 31 Massasoit Road, North Weymouth
Mr. & Mrs. Hall B. Carpenter, 18 Muirhead Street, Wollaston

A final note to all! Let's all try in the coming year to support our Society in every way possible. Participate in Committee work when asked; it is vital to our organization! Let's keep our Society rolling. The momentum must not slacken or efforts so far will have been in vain.....

SEE YOU ALL---MONDAY NITE APRIL 7th!!