

Weymouth Historical Society

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Newsletter

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Dear Members and Friends:

With the beginning of another Society year we look forward to many fine programs, good fellowship and progress in the reconstruction of Holbrook House, an important project in which everyone may take a part.

Holbrook House was opened for its annual exhibit for the 104th Weymouth Fair. We presented a "Panorama of Presidents", a collection of 3/4 human size statues of our chiefs of state beginning with Washington.

We want to bring to your particular attention the work that has been, and is being done at Holbrook House. The front room, with financial support and the physical efforts of volunteer members, has been completed. There is a new ceiling, overhead light, and it has been papered and painted. Unsafe ceilings in halls and kitchen have been torn down and are being replaced. A water line has been run into the house. We still need financial aid for a heating system and sewage disposal system which are essential before we can extensively use the property. These projects will have to be done by contractors. Those who volunteered to work and have not as yet been called upon will be in the near future.

Officers for the year 1969 - 1970 are as follows:

President - Mr. Leslie V. Hebert
Vice President - Mr. John W. Benoit
Treasurer - Mrs. Eleanor Cormack
Recording Secretary - Mrs. Frank Dawes
Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Jane Holbrook Jewell
Program Chairman - Mr. Harry C. Belcher
Ways and Means Committee - Miss Olive Sylvester
Holbrook House Committee - Miss Jane Holbrook Jewell
Publicity Editor - Mrs. Wilbur J. Kingwill

Dues are due and payable to Mrs. Cormack

We are happy to welcome Miss Doris Briggs, 58 Laurel Street, East Weymouth, as a new member, and we are sorry to lose Charles Adams as an active participant since his work has taken him out of town.

We are glad that Curator Chet Kevitt and Olive Sylvester are back on their feet again after visits to the hospital.

Congratulations to Mrs. Evelyn Walker for winning First Prize at the Weymouth Fair for a hooked rug displaying the Weymouth Town Seal.

Thanks to Dan McCole and his staff for excellent coverage in the Weymouth News of the exhibit at Holbrook House during the time of the Fair, and a belated thanks to Mrs. Myrtle Robinson for her splendid article on the Holbrook House which appeared in the Weymouth News in April.

We are proud to bring to your attention the Bronze Star Award to First Lieutenant Thomas J. Stenhouse for meritorious service in the Vietnam war.

Congratulations to Edward O'Rourke on his appointment by the Weymouth Board of Selectmen to the Weymouth Historical Commission.

We would appreciate any item of news from the members. Call or write the Publicity Editor, c/o Box 56, South Weymouth, Mass. 02190.

Lastly, Mrs. Ruth Loud is conducting a Silent Auction at the November Meeting. People are asked to contribute items valued at not less than one dollar.