



Weymouth Historical Society

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HOLBROOK HOUSE

NEWSLETTER

JULY 1973

April 30th, the Annual Meeting commenced with a delicious family-style ham dinner, catered by Smith Caterers. The Speaker for the evening was Leigh B. Howell, who kept the audience spellbound with his constant dialogue while demonstrating the Art of glass blowing, fully comparable to that produced in Venice.

The following were re-elected for the 1973-1974 season:

President	Chester B. Kevitt
Vice President	Donald Lewis
Treasurer	Eleanor Cormack
Recording Secretary	Jean Dawes
Corresponding Secretary	Charlotte Desmond

Harry Belcher made the following proposal:

"Mr. President, I wish to address my remarks to the Chair, the Executive Board, and the general membership here this evening.

Ten years ago, this Society took a refreshing new look, awakening from an undisturbed dormancy of some 20 odd years, and stimulated by the centennial of the Civil War, we were able to generate a great deal of interest in re-vitalizing and up-dating our Society. At that time, it was my privilege to serve on a Special Committee to study the By-Laws and Constitution, with the express purpose of making recommendations that would bring a more democratic and compatible influence into our organization.

It is my belief that this same procedure, a decade later, should be re-instituted, only on a much broader and significant scope of study. As our Society has grown, so have the ever-present problems, which each of our Leaders has faced: How to increase our membership; How to direct our financial responsibilities; How to increase our publicity and advance our image thru community and educational involvement; and perhaps most important of all, How to set priorities on the true goals of our Society and our abilities to achieve them.

A Committee such as this could make a long-term intensive study of every aspect of our Society. The recommendations of such a panel could be a significant asset to the President and his staff for future years. Further, on completion of such a report, I would suggest that at a designated appropriate meeting, the Panel give their remarks to the entire membership and subsequently sit as a body, open to the questions of any member present. In this way, new members as well as older ones, will have ample opportunity to address remarks about their Society's activities and goals.

I am, therefore, requesting that the Executive Board, under their powers of Section 2 of the By-Laws, consider the appointment of a Special Panel for the express purposes stated previously, and further, that this Panel shall consist of all Past Presidents, together with one member of the present Executive Committee, to be chosen by them.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter."

A "Planning for the Future" Committee was appointed by the Executive Board at its May 31st meeting. The members are Harry Belcher, Lou Davis, Les Hebert, John Benoit and Don Lewis.

The Weymouth Gardeners have planted forsythia, boxwood and woodbine on the grounds of the Holbrook House.

Eddie Walker manned the power mower, Jim Palmieri and Chet Kevitt the poison ivy killers, and Joanne Palmieri and Betty Kevitt, the clippers at a recent clean-up at the house. A summer work routine is being set up and if volunteers will call Chet at 335-4804, your help will be appreciated.

We welcome three new members:

Raymond Tremblay	502 Broad St., W.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sullivan	295 Pond St., S.W.

Our Membership Chairman for the coming year will be Lisa Strong and the Chairman of Ways and Means will be Roger Strong. That's a combined effort by an enthusiastic couple, so let's give them our strongest support.

The Program Committee is composed of Christine and Wilbur Stanton, Marion and Hall Carpenter and Norma and Bill Tirrell and they are now hard at work so that we can look forward to another interesting year.

Eddie Walker will join Don Cormack, Don Lewis and Jim Palmieri on the Museum Committee.

Our Exhibit at Tufts Library was re-opened with many different items on display on April 8th and is open every Monday night from 7 to 9 P.M. So far this season, we have had over 250 enthusiastic visitors in addition to the school children who come by bus. Our hosts and hostesses have been Frank and Jean Dawes, Don and Eleanor Cormack, Don Lewis, Jim Walsh, Charlotte Desmond, Jim and Joanne Palmieri, Roger and Lisa Strong, Evelyn Walker, Ray Tremblay, Eddie Walker, Al and Dot Leach and Chet and Betty Kevitt. We thank them all. There will be many more opportunities to help, so please say yes when you are called.

DUES - If you are arrears or have not yet paid your 1973-1974 dues, please send your check to Mrs. Donald Cormack, 16 Cottage Lane, Weymouth, Mass. 02188.