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### \*\*\*ANNIVERSARY\*\*\*

With this issue we start the tenth year of the publication of the NEWSLETTER. We are sorry to say farewell as editor to Jane Jewell who has been doing a marvelous job for the past several years. She will be around to help the society in other ways and we want to say a grateful "Thank you, Jane." It will take two to replace her and our new editors will be Betty Kevitt -- 335-4804 and Chris Stanton --337-8360. They will appreciate any news items you can contribute because this is your paper and the means of communication among all members.

### \*\*\*\*HAPPY NEW YEAR\*\*\*\*

We know that it's really the Fourth of July but for our officers it is the start of a new year and we certainly wish them a happy one. For all of you who had the hard luck to miss the annual dinner and meeting we present the officers for 1974-75.

President	Donald Lewis
Vice President	Edward O'Rourke
Recording Secretary	Jean Dawes
Corresponding Secretary	Charlotte Desmond
Treasurer	Eleanor Cormack

In their turn the officers present the people who have already started work on plans for the coming year.

The Ways and Means committee will be composed of Harry Belcher, Donald Cormack, Lisa Strong and Roger Strong. They will be counting on your support for future projects.

On the Program committee will be Marion and Hall Carpenter, Doris and Doug Welsh and Chet Kevitt. They look forward to making next year one you will anticipate with pleasure.

### \*\*\*NOTES FROM NEIGHBORS\*\*\*

The Quincy Historical Society has invited us to participate in their annual Tea and Open House at the Adams Birthplaces in Quincy. This will take place on Sunday, July 14th, from 3 to 5 pm and will be held rain or shine. A card is enclosed and we hope that all of you will attend.

The Hingham Historical Society will hold its annual House Tour on July 10th. The houses plus four other buildings including the Old Ordinary will be open from 1 to 5 pm and 7 to 9 pm. Watch for details in the local paper.

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\*\*\*\* NEW FACES \*\*\*\*

Isn't it great to welcome new members to our organization? We are so happy to have the following couples join us:

The Reverend and Mrs. Theodore Goodale  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Oliver

175 Columbian St. S.W. 02190  
211 Norton St. N.W. 02191

\*\*\* A THOUGHT FOR A GOOD FRIEND AND MEMBER \*\*\*

Mrs. Ruth Cain is in New England Baptist Hospital convalescing after surgery in May and we are sure that she would like to hear from you by way of cards and messages. The address is 91 Parker Hill Ave., Roxbury.

\*\*\* GENERAL LOVELL'S JOURNAL \*\*\*

The Document Conservation Center has completed the preservation of the journal kept by General Solomon Lovell during the Penobscot Expedition in 1779. For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting last year when Chet Kevitt spoke about the project, here is a capsule account. The journal was given to the society by J.L. Wildes and has been kept in a vault. The executive board decided to protect the manuscript from further deterioration and has had it preserved and a copy made which can be exhibited. Both are bound in leather and will be shown at a future meeting.

One of the contributions by Weymouth to the Bicentennial celebration will be the publication of the journal with a history of the expedition. This will be a joint effort by the town and the society. The society will furnish the text and the town has voted a grant toward publication and has applied for matching funds.

\*\*\* FROM THE PAST--FOR THE FUTURE\*\*\*\*

We recently had a visit from Frank A. Polkinghorn of New Jersey. His mother was born in Holbrook but after her marriage lived on Randolph Street in South Weymouth. He presented the society with copies of his family genealogy on which he had worked for many years and a copy of his mother's book, "Recollections of a New England Girl 1868-1902" by Amy Blanchard Polkingham. These are unpublished volumes and will be of great value to future genealogists.

Mr. Polkingham's association with the society has deep roots since his original correspondence was with Bates Torrey, president for many years. Last year he wrote to us again and as a result gave us the books mentioned above. His ancestors included many of the first settlers of Weymouth and New England.

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It is not sorted nor listed yet but another recent gift was from the executors of the estate of the late Bessie Orcutt. There are interesting items of clothing and other things of the late 19th century and some will be on display later at a meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*HAVE A GOOD SUMMER AND WE SHALL MEET AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER\*\*\*\*\*