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GREETINGS TO ALL! HAPPY SPRINGTIME!

DATES TO REMEMBER.

- March 19 OUR NEXT MEETING will be held on March 19 when our speaker will be Mrs. Elliott C. Laidlaw, president of the Scituate Historical Society. She will bring us a program on the history of Scituate and we all look forward to hearing about one of our neighbors. Our attendance has been wonderful this year so keep it up for Mrs. Laidlaw.
- March 20 AN INVITATION. Our society members have been invited to be the guests of Abigail Adams Historical Society on Thursday, March 20th, at the Tufts Library at 8 p.m. Mrs. Wilhelmina Harris will speak on "The Adamases--From Farmer to Gentry." This will give us the opportunity we missed last September when our plans for a coffee hour at the Carriage House were changed because of construction. Let us show our appreciation of the invitation with a large turnout.
- March 14 A BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. The official dates for the Bicentennial have been set by the Congress of the United States from March 1, 1975 to December 31, 1976. The Weymouth Bicentennial Commission will inaugurate our local activities with a dinner and Military Ball on March 14th at the Sons of Italy Lodge at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50 per person, colonial dress is encouraged and more information may be obtained by calling Raymond Jennings at 335-2195. But hurry--tickets are limited!
- April 28 ANNUAL MEETING A FEAST OF BEEF 6:30 p.m.
At the bottom of the page there is a reservation slip for the annual dinner and meeting. Please save our workers a bit of time by sending it in with your check. Our dinner menu is as follows:

	Juice	
Pot Roast of Beef	Gravy	Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable		Salad
Assorted Rolls		Butter
Assorted Ice Creams and Cakes		
Tea or Coffee		

Sound good! A bargain too! The editors have sold enough notepaper so that we can splurge and give everyone a saving on the price. The dinner tickets will be \$4.50 per person with a special price of \$4.00 for members over 65.

A musical feast will follow by the Brockton Harmoners. (over)



Please cut off and mail to:

Mrs. Wilbur Stanton
228 Pleasant Street
South Weymouth, Mass. 02190

- Please send me _____ tickets for the Annual Dinner. I am enclosing my check for \$_____.
- Please reserve _____ tickets for me for the Annual Dinner. I would like to pay for my tickets by Apr. 20 and receive my tickets in April.

Name: _____
Street: _____
Town: _____ State _____ Zip _____

A GREAT EVENING. Even though snow postponed it, a very large crowd attended our program "An Abraham Lincoln Evening" and told us how much they all enjoyed it. Our thanks go to Chet Kevitt and Wilbur Stanton for preparing and coordinating the program and to the faculty and students of South High School who participated plus many thanks for the cooperation of the 34th Battalion Virginia Cavalry, the 5th Massachusetts Light Artillery, William Gunville, chairman of the Board of Selectmen and David Hodges.

NEW MEMBERS. We are happy to welcome the following new members:

Mrs. Marie E. Goldsmith
Mrs. Lydia Young

MAKE THIS A BIG SUCCESS. June 1--another date to remember! The Flea Market will be held on that day on Route 3A in front of the Bargain Center at Neck and Bridge Street. The rain date will be June 8. Space rental to a member will be \$7.00 with charges to non-members slightly higher. Donations to a table for the benefit of the society will be appreciated. If you want to rent space or donate articles, call Harry Belcher, 335-8671, or Don Lewis, 337-6106. You will hear more about this but save this newsletter so you won't forget the date. The members of the committee working on this are: Harry Belcher, Lisa and Roger Strong, Martha and Lester Belcher, Mary and John Benoit and Don Cormack.

MINUTE-MEN - 1775. On the 13th of March, it having been deemed necessary in view of the exigency of the times and the wish to be prepared for any emergency, to enlist a company of minute-men, it was voted to pay them one shilling per week for four weeks; and on May 2nd of the same year it was voted to pay a "pistareen a day for a week to a company of fifteen men for a military guard in the present troublesome times." Deserters were to lose their wages.
Sketch of Weymouth -- Gilbert Nash

BICENTENNIAL - 1975. One of the activities of the Weymouth Bicentennial Commission has been to encourage the formation of a Weymouth Militia and you will see them participating in many events in the next two years. They have to forego the shillings and pistareens however.

ELECTION COMING UP. The nominating committee will present the following slate of officers at the annual meeting:

President	Donald Lewis
Vice President	Harold Olson
Treasurer	Eleanor Cormack
Rec. Secretary	Jean Dawes
Corres. Secretary	Charlotte Desmond

Betty Kevitt 5-4804
Chris Stanton 7-8360
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