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HOLBROOK HOUSE

GREETINGS TO ALL: The year has sped by and we are looking toward the last two meetings of the year. We hope that the flu season is past and we wish a speedy recovery to all who are now ill whether from virus or other cause.

The nominating committee members, Eleanore Montgomery, Rita Walsh and Joe Merten, are hard at work and will present a slate of officers for the coming year at the March meeting.

At the bottom of the page is a coupon to be cut off and mailed before April 19th. Last year we had a wonderful response to this method and we are depending on you to make it 100% successful. All ticket money must be collected in advance. If you do not have a checking account, just make a note of the fact and the editors will make sure that you get your tickets.

Here's hoping for a large audience for the two fine meetings coming up.

March 17: Our February and March programs were reversed and we shall hear Lawrence Gall on the subject "The Muscovite Magellan." He works for the National Park Service at the Adams Mansion and during study at the library there discovered new and interesting material in the papers of John Quincy Adams about which he will speak. Some of you will remember Mr. Gall as one of our guides during the visit in 1974.

April 26: Battleship Cove, Fall River, is the only place in the world where you can climb aboard three 20th century fighting ships of the United States Navy. And at the nearby Marine Museum you can go back to the eras of sail and steam and the days when queens, princes and ordinary millionaires rode in the plush comfort of the old Fall River Line vessels. Paul Vaitzes will tell us all about it in his talk "Battleship Cove." Come and enjoy a delicious dinner beforehand. The menu:

Juice

Baked Virginia Ham

Raisin Sauce

Hashed Brown Potato

Vegetable

Salad

Coffee

Assorted Ice Creams and Cakes

Tea

The price: \$5.00

The time: 6:30 p.m.

IT WILL BE A GREAT NIGHT.

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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 \$_____.

Name: _____

Street: _____

Town: _____

State

Zip

SOLDIERS OF WEYMOUTH: Someone suggested recently that we honor all our Revolutionary War soldiers rather than just those whose names have become well known through the years. The editors think it is a fine idea and hope you will find an ancestor in the following list which is taken from the "History of Weymouth", Vol. I, p. 335, published in 1923. There are too many names for one issue so we shall list some alphabetically here and in subsequent issues:

Ebenezer Ager, Jonathan Ager, Edward Ayers, Jesse Bates, Jonathan Bates, Lebbeus Bates, Robert Bates, Samuel Bates, Thaddeus Bates, William Bates, Jr., Abner Bayley, Nathaniel Bayley, Samuel Bayley, Azariah Beals, Seth Beals, Seth Beals, Jr., Christopher Bender, Elkanah Binney, Benjamin Bicknell, David Bicknell, Ezra Bicknell, Levi Bicknell, Lemuel Bicknell, Samuel Bicknell, Zachariah Bicknell, Abner Blancher, Daniel Blancher, Jr., Josiah Blancher, Samuel Blancher, Simeon Blancher, Theophilus Blancher, Ephraim Burrell, Ephraim Burrell, Jr., John Burrell, Reuben Burrell.

AN INVITATION: You are invited to the dedication of the SARAH E. BRASSILL AUDITORIUM at the Ralph Talbot School, South Weymouth, on Wednesday, March 17 at 2 p.m. The naming of this hall will give recognition to a well known and much loved teacher who was born in 1864.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Campbell	344 Pond St., S.W. 02190
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Darrell	372 Broad St., W. 02188
Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. O'Brien	39 Jaffrey St., E.W. 02189

IF THEY COULD SEE US NOW: In early days the communication between Boston and Weymouth was by horses, ox-wagons, sailing packets and later carriages. As the needs of the people increased, the stage coach made its appearance and turnpikes were proposed to pass through Weymouth. The conservative element prevailed so strongly that the town strenuously opposed every attempt to locate any through it. Notwithstanding all the endeavors of the town, charters were granted for three.

The Weymouth and Braintree Turnpike, crossing from Weymouth Landing southeasterly to Hingham on the line from Boston to Plymouth, was chartered March 4, 1803 and opened for travel in 1805. This was continued for nearly fifty years when, owing to the changed conditions of things with new modes of conveyance, it was thrown upon the town July 15, 1852 and became a public road now known as Washington Street.

"Sketch of Weymouth" Gilbert Nash

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