



Weymouth Historical Society

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ANNUAL MEETING: We had a most successful dinner meeting as the traditional ending of the society's year and are sure that everyone will give total support to our new officers:

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| President: | Harold Olson |
| Vice-President | Norma Tirrell |
| Recording-Sec. | Jean Dawes |
| Correspon.-Sec. | Margaret DeRosa |
| Treasurer | Eleanor Cormack |

BICENTENNIAL NEWS: Have you noticed the new signs around town? Two of our members are on the Weymouth Bicentennial Committee and Eddie O'Rourke is responsible for the project to erect signs that will tell you the former names of some of the streets. There are seventy signs in all. One editor lives on what was once Gunpowder Lane, the other on Central Trail.

The other member of the committee is Chet Kevitt whose book, "General Lovell and the Penobscot Expedition", is being printed now and will soon be released.

Remember to attend the Fourth of July parade if you are in town.

THANK YOU: In recent months the society received monetary gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Ronci and Henry Hoffman. We appreciate most sincerely the interest and help of these members.

YARD SALE: What a wonderful way to start the year! Through the generosity of Mrs. Ida Martin we were able to hold a yard sale at her home on May 22nd and we realized approximately \$400.00 for our treasury. The president extends his grateful thanks to all of you who worked and to all of you who came and bought. Everyone had a wonderful time.

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THE WEYMOUTH MUSEUM: We are indebted to Susan and Henry Darrell for their hard work as hosts at the museum and to the many volunteers who have responded to their call for assistance. So far the workers have been:

George Alexander, Lorraine Owens, Mrs. Edmond Cosby, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Briscoe, Mrs. Roger Campbell, Donald Lewis, Charlotte Desmond, Sheila Roach, Mrs. Angela May Craig, Mrs. Thomas Delahunt, Miss Elizabeth Hollis, Mrs. Frank Loud, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dutra, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cormack, Chester Ke-vitt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dawes, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stanton, Edward Castelnova, Mr. and Mrs. James Palmieri, Mrs. Margaret DeRosa, Miss Mary MacKay and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Welsh.

A message from Susan and Henry:

"The Weymouth Museum has been open for eight evenings as of June 1 and has had 250 visitors all of whom have enjoyed it. Some visitors have come back with friends and/or family. Have you told anyone about the museum? When it's open? Where it is? What's in it? If you have not spoken about the museum, please do. Word of mouth publicity is the best kind. For those of you who may have joined the society recently and have not seen it, the museum is located on the lower floor of the Tufts Library on Broad Street. The hours are 7 to 9 p.m. on the dates listed below.

We would like to thank those who have volunteered. We have had a good response for April, May and June. Please remember the days for which you have volunteered since we cannot call and remind you. If you are unable to come on your day, please call us at 335-7845. Guides have not yet been called for July or August except as noted but we hope you will say "yes" when called. Attendance on the part of the members called has been very good. Thank you."

The future schedule is:

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| June 23 | Mary Kelley Edward Castelnova Charlotte Desmond Ellen Croghan |
| June 28 | Mr. and Mrs. James Palmieri Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh Mrs. Margaret DeRosa Miss Mary MacKay |
| July 7 | Norma Howard |
| July 13 | Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cormack |
| July 22, 26 | |
| August 6, 12, 17, 25, 30 | |

NEW MEMBERS: We are delighted that the following new members have joined us:

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| Mrs. Angela May Craig | 310 Front St. 02188 |
| Mr. and Mrs. James Worcester | 117 Homestead Ave. 02188 |
| Mrs. Ellen Proctor Croghan | 563 Liberty St., Rockland |
| Miss Shirley A. Keller | 131 Southern Ave. 02188 |
| Mrs. John MacSwan | 110 Knollwood Circle 02188 |

A MEMBERSHIP INVITATION: We are sending a copy of this issue and an invitation to join us to many of the people who have visited and enjoyed the museum during the past few months. Weymouth has celebrated the Bicentennial year of our country very enthusiastically and we hope that all of you and all of Weymouth will join in 1979 to observe the Centennial year of the Weymouth Historical Society. Let's get at least 200 new members before then as a great start toward 2079. We won't be here then but it's fascinating to visualize it.

PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER: The program committee has held its first meeting and its members are working hard to bring you some very fine programs next year. The members are Betty Kevitt, chairman, Muriel and Earl Pithie, Jean and Fred Butterfield and Chet Kevitt.

At the annual meeting there was so much interest shown in a trip to Battleship Cove, Fall River, that the committee is tentively scheduling a visit there as our special activity in September. The date will be Sept. 26 and the plan is to provide bus transportation and to have lunch aboard the "U.S.S. Massachusetts" as suggested by Mr. Vaitses, our speaker in April. We will have to have at least 35 people for lunch to be served aboard and at least 41 to hire a bus. Some people may wish to drive and the committee is sure that sufficient transportation can be provided. If we get over 80 people, we'll get two buses. This is not limited to members so bring your friends and relatives.

The cost will be approximately as follows: bus \$2.50 and admission and lunch \$5.00. We can't be exact but we hope to hold the cost down to \$7.50. Each person will pay his own expense.

There is a coupon attached to indicate your response. We are also interested in hearing about ideas you may have regarding future special activities. Please send in the coupon before July 30th. Final arrangements will be made in September.

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Send to:

Mrs. Chester Kevitt
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So. Weymouth, Mass. 02190

- I wish to sign up for the trip to Battleship Cove.
Number of people with me. _____
- I am not interested in the trip to Battleship Cove.
- Here are some suggestions for future special activities.

Name:

Street:

Town:

State

Zip

My telephone number is:

SOLDIERS OF WEYMOUTH: We are continuing the list of Weymouth men who participated in the American Revolution. The word "soldiers" is used in the larger sense since the men served in different branches of service.

Benjamin Ager, Samuel Arnold, Joseph Ayers, William Ayers, Elnathan Bates, Abner Bates, Joshua Bates, Samuel Badlam, Stephen Badlam, Abraham Bates, Alpheus Bates, Increase Bates, Urban Bates, Abijah Beal, David Blancher or Blanchard, David Blancher, Jr., Jonathan Blancher, Zachariah Bicknell, Jr., Adam Blancher, John Blancher, Thomas Blancher, Peter Bicknell, Andrew Burrell, James Burrell, Jonathan Burrell, Peter Burrell, Samuel Burrell, Sylvanus, Jacob Canterbury, John Canterbury, Hosea Cheesman, Christopher Colson, Bolter Colson, David Colson, Gideon Colson, James Colson, Josiah Colson, Thomas Colson, Gershom Copeland, Azel Cushing, Benjamin Cushing, Er. Cushing, Frederick Cushing, Regemelech Cushing, Thomas Cushing. Amasa Delano, Jonathan Damon, Jonathan Derby, Asa Dyer, Benjamin Dyer, Jesse Dyer, James Dyer, Joseph Dyer, Solomon Dyer, Stevens Dyer, and William Dyer.

Have a good summer vacation.

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Editors