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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AT THIS HAPPY SEASON: Mrs. Christina Emberly, Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, Miss Lois Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Beckerman, Mr. and Mrs. William Pepe, Ms Dorothy McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIlvene, Mr. Francis McCue and Miss Barbara Crowley.

NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: The meetings have been well attended and the speakers enthusiastically received which they have appreciated as Mr. Lee mentioned in November. For those who have been unable to attend we would like to repeat our report that in September 67 people went to "Battleship Cove" in two buses and had a wonderful time.

We are looking forward to January 19th when our speaker will be Mrs. Donald Cunningham of Braintree whose topic will be "The Restoration of the Thayer House." Mrs. Cunningham was one of the prime workers in the project to move and restore the General Sylvanus Thayer House and to build a museum-barn and we are sure to derive inspiration from her description and slides of that great effort.

We have had many requests for this kind of evening so on February 16th there will be a "Members Night" in order to hear about some local history and also some of our members' interests. There will be four presentations: Louise Olson on "Enamel Work"; Eddie O'Rourke with a talk about "The Street Signs Put Up For the Bicentennial"; Rita Walsh on "The Decorative Arts", and Joseph Wolfert on "Idlewell." In addition we should like anyone who has a collection or hobby and is willing to share it with us to bring a card table and arrange a small exhibit. If you would like to make this one of our most outstanding meetings, please call any member of the program committee early in February.

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES: Please note the following dates when the

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museum will be open from 7pm to 9pm:

January, 1977 4, 12, 17, 25
February 2, 7, 15, 23, 28.

Our thanks go to those who have guided the visitors from September through December: Henry and Susan Darrell, Mary McKay, Philip Merten, Douglas and Doris Welsh, Walter and Marilyn Briscoe, Ruth Campbell, Margaret de Rosa, Norma Howard, Miriam Delahunt, Don and Virginia Lewis, Martha Robitaille, Albert and Josie Dutra, William and Kathleen McGrath, Irving and Astrid Rogers, Betty and Chet Kevitt, Gordon Teague and Chris and Wilbur Stanton.

If anyone has a museum badge at home, we ask that it be brought to the January meeting.

IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. Marion Nash
 Mrs. Jean Dawes

FINAL BICENTENNIAL NOTES: The official celebration of the 200th anniversary of the United States will end this month. We have learned much about our past and present, good and bad, and can be glad that we have an active organization that will keep the spirit of preservation going until the next celebration. In this context we quote from a letter just received from our November speaker, Mr. Henry Lee:

"I--enjoyed the evening and much appreciated the opportunity of meeting and talking with members of the historical society. I suspect that many of your counterpart societies would envy the enthusiasm and interest of the Weymouth membership."

Take a bow---it is because of the concern of people like you that so much could be done during the past two years to show our history.

We print our final list of Weymouth men who served during the Revolution: Joseph Lovell, Joshua Lovell, Micah Lovell, Isaac Morton, Isaac Morton, Jr., Micah Morton, Alexander Nash, Caleb Nash, Ezra Nash, Elisha Nash, Job Nash, Joseph Nash, Jr., Moses Nash, Thomas Nash, Timothy Nash, Zadoc Nash, Jacob Nash, Benjamin Nash, Solomon Nash, Elijah Nash, Joshua Nash, Jonathan Oliver, Benjamin Orcutt, Moses Orcutt, Samuel Orcutt, Benjamin Peakes, John Phillips, Nicholas Phillips, James Phillips, Joseph Pool, Jacob Porter, Micah Porter, Thomas Porter, Joseph Porter, William Porter, Abiah Pratt, Benjamin Pratt, Isaac Porter, Josiah Porter, Nathaniel Pittee, Thomas Pool, Robert Pratt, Abner Pratt, Ebenezer Pratt, Ezra Pratt, Isaac Pratt, Jonathan Pratt, Silas Pratt, Cushing Pratt, David Pratt, Ephraim Pratt, Ichabod Pratt, James Pratt, John Pratt, Jr., Joshua Pratt, Laban Pratt, Matthew Pratt, Nehemiah Pratt, Robert Pratt, Samuel Pratt, Jr.,

Joseph Pratt, Sr., Daniel Pratt, Silvanus Pratt, Solomon Pratt, Asa Reed, Ezra Reed, Frederick Reed, John Reed, Jr., Noah Reed, Samuel Reed, William Reed, David Rice, Josiah Rice, Eliphalet Ripley, Jr., William Ripley, Jr., Silas Rozary, Caleb Shaw, Elijah Shaw, Daniel Rogers, Nathaniel Shaw, John Sprague, Jesse Shaw, John Shaw, Zachariah Shaw, William Smith, Barnabas Thayer, Ebenezer Thayer, Jaohn Thayer, Richard Thayer, Randall Thayer, Obadiah Thayer, Jr., James Richards, Nathaniel Richards, Thomas Seymore, Prince Thomas, Jacob Teed, Benjamin Tirrell, Gideon Tirrell, Ebenezer Tirrell, Jr., Thomas Tirrell, Ezra Tirrell, John Tirrell, Jr., Vinson Tirrell, Jonathan Torrey, Joshua Torrey, Jr., Noah Torrey, David Torrey, Jacob Torrey, Lemuel Torrey, Phillip Torrey, David Trufant, Joshua Trufant, Joseph Trufant, Joseph Trufant, Jr., Jonathan Trufant, William Tuftes, Abner Turner, Elisha Turner, Jacob Turner, Micah Turner, Jr., Benjamin Vining, Jr., David Vining, John Vining, Jr., Joseph Vining, John Vinson, John Vinson, Jr., Thomas Vinson, Samuel Ward, David Waterman, Eliphaz. Weston, Thomas Webb, Simeon Weston, Abel White, Amos White, Ammon White, Asa White, Benjamin White, Daniel White, James White, John White, Noah White, Caleb White, Calvin White, Ezekial White, Luther White, Nathaniel White, Nehemiah White, Jeremiah White, Samuel White, Jr., Abiah Whitman, David Whitman, Nehemiah Whitman, Samuel Whitmarsh, Ezra Whitmarsh, Ezekial Whitmarsh, Joshua Whitmarsh, Nathaniel Whitmarsh, Josiah Waterman, John Webb, Joseph Webb, Samuel Webb, Jr., John Wild, John Wheeler, Matthew White, Jr., Silas White..

The names were taken from the lists in the "History of Weymouth", vol. 1, 1923 and "Soldiers and Sailors of Weymouth, Mass. as Recorded for Memorial Tablets" by Arthur R. Taylor, 1930.

CHRISTMAS PAST: Anciently, the Druids placed mistletoe on their altars of worship and after the birth of Christ, thought the vine had healing powers. However, to the early Christians it symbolized evil which is why it has never been favored as a church decoration although widely used in the home. The custom of kissing under this green came from the pre-Christian Celts.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS: If you are interested in giving your friends and relatives a bit of Weymouth history this year, call Chet Kevitt at 335-4804. The recently published "General Solomon Lovell and the Penobscot Expedition" sells for \$6.95 and checks should be made out to the Lovell Project.

Remember, too, that the anniversary history of Weymouth of which Harry Belcher, one of our past presidents, was an editor is available at Tufts Library for \$1.00.

For the benefit of our newer members this is a good time to report that the society has for continuing sale copies of

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early publications done under its auspices: "Historical Sketch of the Town of Weymouth, Mass., from 1622 to 1884" by Gilbert Nash; "The Shoe Industry of Weymouth" by Bates Torrey; and "Contemporary Kindred of Abraham Lincoln" by Clarence Fearing. Call Chet on these too.

A HELPING HAND: At our October meeting we paid tribute to Jean Dawes who worked so faithfully and well as recording secretary for the society for many years until her sudden death this summer. We are grateful that Margaret De Rosa, our corresponding secretary, has taken on Jean's duties and will fill both positions this year. She would appreciate it if you would let her know of any sickness or sorrow among our members.

Now Christmas is come
Let us beat up the drum
And call all our neighbors together
And when they appear
Let us make them such cheer
As will keep out the wind and the weather.

--Trad.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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