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A BANNER YEAR: Think of it! It won't be long until our 100th birthday! A large crowd turned out for the annual dinner and meeting which this year was the occasion for the inauguration of the 100th anniversary of the society's existence. The Weymouth Historical Society was founded in April 1879 and the anniversary committee which was appointed last year thought it would be appropriate to start celebrating at the beginning of the 100th year and work toward a climax in April 1979.

At the dinner Pat Leonard presented to the president a framed copy of the report in "The Weymouth Gazette" of the formation of the society and this will be on loan all year to be displayed in the museum.

Our officers will be looking for your support and attendance to make this the most successful year of our history.

President:	Norma Tirrell
Vice President:	Earl Pithie
Treasurer:	Eleanor Cormack
Rec. Secretary:	Patrick Leonard, Jr.
Corres. Secretary:	Sharon Clarke

THANK YOU, HAROLD OLSON, FOR YOUR GREAT WORK.

NEWSLETTER: At the request of the anniversary committee there will be a new heading this year. The above is just for this month and the new one will appear in September.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: This committee has held many meetings and is planning the programs for the coming season so that a program committee per se has not been appointed. Harry Belcher, one of the co-chairmen, gave a report at the meeting and announced that the theme of the year will be "Weymouth of the Past" and that speakers will pursue that thought. If you have any suggestions about particular people, places or events, know of speakers who would address our group or if you will do so yourself, please call any member of the committee or the editors. Those who are on it are: Harry Belcher and Don Cormack, co-chairmen, Patrick Leonard, Jr., secretary, Gordon Barnes, Jennie Belcher, Eleanor Cormack, Barbara MacSwan, Mary Leonard, Ruth Rober and Christine Stanton with Norma Tirrell and Earl Pithie giving support and assistance.

FLEA MARKET TABLE: Please be sure to think about items to be donated to the society for a table at a flea market probably in the fall. Chris Stanton at 337-8360 will be glad to accept anything but clothing.

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NEW MEMBER: We are happy to welcome Mrs. Eleanor A. Kolb to our midst. She lives at 73 Sunrise Drive, No. Weymouth, Ma. 02191.

SOME GIFTS: We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Ronci and Miss Helen Bicknell for their recent monetary gifts to the society.

OUR BUSY MUSEUM. A REPORT FROM HENRY DARRELL: The past year was very successful and we have shown a lot of people some of their past, have made some money for the society and have enjoyed ourselves. The museum dates for June are 7, 14, 22 and 28. Last year the museum was closed during July and August but this year we will be open on July 18 and August 15 from 6 to 9 pm.

If anyone is available during the day in July and August and will serve as guide, we would appreciate a call at 335-7845 so that we can provide more service.

I have three requests. (1) If you are unable to be a guide as agreed upon on a certain night, please call me so that someone can take your place. (2) If you sell any books, please send your money to Eleanor Cormack, 16 Cottage Lane, 02188, or give it to her at the next meeting. (3) If supplies run low, please call Chet Kevitt at 335-4804.

Our thanks go to the following for their help during the year: Harold and Louise Olson, Michael and Ann Marie Beckerman, Don and Eleanor Cormack, Angela May Craig, Miriam Delahunt, Charlotte Desmond, Vera Freeman, Mary Kelley, William and Kathleen McGrath, Robert and Mary Lou McIlvene, Mary MacKay, Chet and Betty Kevitt, Don and Ginny Lewis, all the Mertens, John and Eleanor Murphy, Jim and Joanne Palmieri, William and Elaine Pepe, Jo Ray, Sheila Roach, Tom and Ruth Rober, Martha Robitaille, Irving and Astrid Rogers, Wilbur and Christine Stanton, Roger and Elisa Strong, Gordon Teague, Evelyn Walker, Jim and Rita Walsh and Doug and Doris Welsh.

OUR THANKS GO TO YOU, SUSAN AND HENRY.

100 YEARS AGO-- FROM "THE WEYMOUTH GAZETTE" OF JUNE 14, 1878:

"Seventeen of the Committee chosen at the annual town meeting to consider and report on the subject of division of the town, held a meeting yesterday, at the Town Hall, and a vote was taken on the subject, the result being 10 in favor and seven against. After considerable discussion, Mr. N.D. Canterbury moved that the committee report to the town that it is inexpedient to divide at present and the motion was carried by a vote of 11 to 4."

Strawberry Festivals were held that week by the Ladies Christian Temperance Union, the young ladies of the Universalist Society, the Catholic Church (S.W.) and the Ladies Benevolent Society but according to the following week's paper the attendance at the last named was small.

SOME MORE THANKS: We all appreciated the work of the hostesses at the social hours and want to thank them: Elizabeth Cole, Shirley Clark, Marguerite Taylor, Ruth Campbell, Doris Welsh, Muriel Pithie, Kathleen McGrath, Eleanor Murphy, Mary Mertens, Jean Butterfield, Nancy Worcester, Mary MacKay, Betty Kevitt and Mary Leonard.

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER.

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