

# Weymouth Historical Society



Our 100th Anniversary!

1879-1979

NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU: The Anniversary Committee is very pleased at the response to the meetings so far this year. The concert in September was a great success with about 250 or 300 in attendance and the chairmen want to thank Henry Offner, teacher of electronics at South High School, for the sound system set-up. They also appreciate the fine work of Frank Buckley and the band who donated this special concert and the efforts of our own member, Wilbur Stanton who coordinated the whole affair.

In October, instead of the flea market table previously announced, Don Cormack and Harry Belcher had enough material for a successful yard sale at the Holbrook House on Oct. 28. They thank all of you who donated and helped at the sale.

Our October meeting was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the talks given by Lester Belcher and Patrick Leonard, Jr. Many thanks to both of them.

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NOVEMBER 15th: This newsletter should reach you in time to keep the November meeting uppermost in your mind. No excuses about misplacing your program card etc.!

It will be a most informative session about Old Time Peddlars in Weymouth. Four speakers will develop the history of the subject in each area of the town:

Olive Sylvester:	East Weymouth
Ruth Loud:	South Weymouth
Lorraine Page:	North Weymouth
Dorothy McCormick:	Weymouth

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MUSEUM NOTES: The museum has opened for its winter season and Henry Darrell will appreciate a call from you with an offer to act as a guide. This is our principal means of public service to our community and your participation is appreciated. The dates for November and December are:

Nov. 14, 21, 28  
Dec. 3, 12, 19

Henry's number is 335-7845 and he will be glad to give you dates for 1979 also.

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AN HONOR FOR A MEMBER: Chet Kevitt received this letter of which we are printing excerpts:

Oct. 25, 1978

"Dear Mr. Kevitt:

I am pleased to inform you that the National Awards Committee of the American Association for State and Local History, meeting in Springfield, Illinois, Sept. 17-18, voted a Certificate of Commendation to: Chester B. Kevitt for a book on the Penobscot Expedition and contribution to Weymouth's history.

.....Arrangements are underway to prepare a handsome certificate which will come to you in due course.....

....., my congratulations to you on this much deserved recognition of a major contribution in the field of state and local history.

Yours sincerely,  
Gerald George  
Director"

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

Mary E. McKenzie	62 Calnan St., W.02188
Carolyn Sammon-Jennings	574 Ralph Talbot, S.W. 02190

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO: "The Weymouth Gazette" Nov. 22, 1878

"From Thursday evening to late Saturday afternoon, the teachers of Weymouth, Braintree, Hingham and Cohasset and Hull, just 100 in all, attended the Institute held in Wards 5, 2 and 3. Of the hundred 96 came Friday and 81 came Saturday,- a far larger proportion attending on Saturday than we ever heard of before, and several of the absentees being physically unfit for that day's session. The interest was lively and intense throughout, a goodly number begging of Mr. Walton another hour's work in reading after the Institute adjourned on Saturday and getting it of course."

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SEE YOU ALL AT THE MEETING!

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Editors