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HOLBROOK HOUSE

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NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING AHEAD: The annual dinner meeting was a huge success and our speaker was outstanding. We look forward to another successful year with our newly elected officers:

Earl Pithie	President
Patrick Leonard, Jr.	Vice-President
Eleanor Cormack	Treasurer
Sharon Clarke	Recording Secretary
Candace Wright	Corresponding Secretary

FELLOW MEMBERS: A BRIEF MESSAGE CONCERNING MATTERS OF INTEREST TO YOU.

Progress on the Holbrook House is slowed by the present landowners being threatened on account of tax delinquency. We shall adjust to this new situation, alter our tactics and hopefully make progress.

Program Committee. Its work-under chairmanship of Marion Carpenter- is completed. An excellent program awaits you.

The Executive Committee will meet within the next week on important business.

We need volunteers and ideas to tackle the problems of Membership and Growth (with an infusion of youth) - and Finance (with its need for a pair of fund-raisers to fatten our finances.)

We need your ideas and your active participation. Thank you for listening. Phone or write any of the officers with suggestions.

Earl Pithie, President

LAST YEAR'S HELPERS: A hearty thank-you goes to the following members who provided lovely tables and delightful social hours for all of us: Louise Olson, Christine Stanton, Frances Eckberg, Norma Tirrell, Eleanor Murphy, Sharon Clarke, Joanne Palmieri, Candace Wright, Shirley Clark, Vera Freeman, Josephine Ray, Eleanore Montgomery, Rita Walsh, Eleanor Cormack, Muriel Pithie and Betty Kevitt.

To keep the museum open requires many phone calls and much

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cooperation. We are indebted to Murray Brannen for taking charge of the guides and to the following members who gave their time. The list covers those who served from December through April 26th. We deeply appreciate your help: Eleanor Kolb, Leo Clark, Marilyn and Walter Briscoe, Elaine and William Pepe, Kevin Smith, Kathleen and William McGrath, Ron and Sharon Clarke, Chris and Wilbur Stanton, Betty and Chet Kevitt, Muriel and Earl Pithie , Doris and Doug Welsh and Harry and Jennie Belcher.

Murray's number is 447-6078. He will be grateful for calls about serving next year.

IN MEMORIAM

Clayton W. Nash

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Our busy members who have met and planned a fine program for the coming year are: Marion Carpenter, chairman, Josephine and Robert P. Severy, Frances Sylvester and Ron Clarke.

ARE YOU THE SAVING TYPE? The society would not be in existence if people hadn't saved in the past but this question is directed at you to find out whether you save the "Newsletter". We hope you do because a quick glance at the past issues (now Vol. 17-meaning year 17) will answer many questions you may have about our activities. If you have any copies before 1972 that you no longer need, the society could use extra copies for its files. Please call the editors.

NEW MEMBERS: How nice it is to welcome the newcomers to our group. Let's make them feel at home.

Grace M. Jason	156 Washington St. 02188
Priscilla and Dana Johnsen	482 Pine St. 02190
Walter H. Morrisey	38 Williams St., Br.02184
George R. O'Neill	9 Whitcomb Terrace 02190

RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION: The manuscript which was recently restored at the New England Document Center has been returned to the society. It is the "List of Vessels 'Spoke' by U.S. frig: [sic] 'Boston'." 1799. The "Boston" was commanded by Captain George Little who was also in the Penobscot Expedition. When he hailed

and stopped a vessel, it was to make sure that no French vessels entered American waters.

NEW HISTORY OF WEYMOUTH: The book written by Chet Kevitt under the Weymouth Historic Model Project for service as a teaching aid by Weymouth teachers has been finished and the school copies delivered to the school department. It will not be used as a textbook but is solely for the teacher's utilization. Because of public interest in the first history of the town in sixty years an advance from a special fund was made available to have a few hundred copies printed and bound for sale. The school edition is bound in blue; the other has a cover of dark red and a book jacket in gray. Brochures were made available at the annual dinner and are at the main library or you may call Chet at 335-4804 if you are interested in obtaining a copy. So far requests have come from Maine to California from ex-Weymouthites.

"300 YEARS OF LOUDS IN AMERICA": This is the title of a wonderful genealogy by C. Everett Loud which has just been published. It traces the descendants of Francis Loud to the present generation. The name is a proud one in Weymouth history and Ruth Loud represents it as one of our members. The society's portrait of Reuben Loud is reproduced in the book along with pictures of his ship and his mother as portrayed on the bowl and pitcher in our collection.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER.

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Editors