



# Weymouth Historical Society

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS: to all and to our new members.

The DeVeuve Family  
M/M Edmund Page (Sylvia)  
John E. Knights  
The Bowen/Seavey Family

27 Hunt St. W. 02188  
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141 North St. N.W. 02191  
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HOLIDAY HAPPENING: Something new has been added this year-- a December meeting on Wednesday the 12th. Chet Kevitt will give an illustrated talk, "A Tour of the Holylands." Chet and Betty visited Israel in 1983 and found it a most interesting country socially, politically and religiously with a great deal of varying scenery. Come and see for yourself.

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HOLIDAY HELPERS: These were not little elves who helped Santa but hardworking members who made the whole year a good one. We want to thank the following people for being guides at the museum from Sept. 1983 through Nov. 1984: Gary Donadio, Earl and Muriel Pithie, Kevin Smith, Don and Eleanor Cormack, Chet Hubbard, Wilbur and Chris Stanton, Ed Walker, Sharon Clarke, Louise Clarke, Mary MacKay, Candace Wright, Jim Walsh, Harold and Louise Olson and Chet and Betty Kevitt. If we have missed anyone, please let us know.

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IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Rober

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HOLIDAY HALT: The museum will be open on December 2 and 4 and then will be closed until January 6 for a short recess.

Nothing could be called halting about the recent special exhibit on November 17th and 18th. Over two hundred attended the Civil War

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Exhibit in honor of all our veterans and we want to thank the members of the reconstituted Company F of the Mass. 12th Infantry for their drills and authentic re-creation of the past. We thank Warren Pitts for arranging their appearance those days and for the fine display of artifacts.

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#### HOLIDAY HAZARD:

"The peacock was anciently in demand for stately entertainments. Sometimes it was made into a pie, at one end of which the head appeared above the crust in all its plumage, with the beak richly gilt; at the other end the tail was displayed. Such pies were served up at the solemn banquets of chivalry, when Knights-errant pledged themselves to undertake any perilous enterprise; whence came the ancient oath used by Justice Shallow, 'by cock and pie'.

The peacock was also an important dish for the Christmas feast; and Massinger.....gives some idea of the extravagance with which this, as well as other dishes, was prepared for the gorgeous revels of olden times.

'Men may talk of country Christmasses,  
Their thirty pound butter'd eggs, their pies of carps' tongues!  
Their pheasants drenched with ambergris; the carcasses of three  
fat wethers bruised for gravy, to make sauce for a single peacock!'"

"Old Christmas" Washington Irving

Editorial Note: This is one dish you may omit this year. A hazard for peacocks and people.

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HOLIDAY HARVEST: We want to thank everyone who helped make the Annual No Bake Sale a tremendous success. This was our Fourth and the total was \$364. We owe it all to: Jennie and Harry Belcher, Helen Bicknell, Marion Carpenter, Sharon and Ron E. Clarke, Louise and Ron N. Clarke, Dorothy Cope, Eleanor and Don Cormack, Lynn Danner, Miriam Delahunt, Lucia and Vincent DiGravio, Carol and Bill Donovan, Josephine and Albert Dutra, Frances and Adrian Eckberg, Vera Freeman, Doris Hanchay, Jane Jewell, Betty and Chet Kevitt, Mary Kibby, Edward Libertine, Mary MacKay, Kathleen McGrath, Margaret McGrath, Mary Lou and Robert McIlvene, Helen McIntosh, Mary McKenzie, Beatrice McLean, Irene and Elmer Mitchell, Carolyn Morse, Eleanor and John Murphy, Beverly and Russell Oliver, Louise and Harold Olson, Joanne and Jim Palmieri, Hope Paterson, Muriel and Earl Pithie, Ruth Pope, Jo Ray, Martha Robitaille, Dot and Herb Scott, the Carl Schulers, Eleanor Smith, Chris and Wilbur Stanton, Bessie Starkie, Ruth Tirrell, Norma and Bill Tirrell, Madeline and Godfrey Tompkins, Evelyn Walker, Ed Walker, Rita and Jim Walsh, Doris and Doug Welsh, Shirley Wood, and Candy and Michael Wright.

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HOLIDAY HARMONY: This is really information for after the holidays but we can't stop the caption flow now. Since January and February are not considered the best months of the year by those of us who are not skiers, we usually print a weather reminder about meetings at this time.

This is being omitted as are our January and February meetings. Have a good winter and we'll see you all on March 20. The March newsletter will give you details.

We wish everyone a fine 1985 and a flu-free winter.

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HOLIDAY HAPPINESS:

"Stranger and sojourner as I am in the land---though for me no social hearth may blaze, no hospitable roof throw open its doors, nor any warm grasp of friendship welcome me at the threshold---yet I feel the influence of the season beaming into my soul from the happy looks of those around me. Surely happiness is reflective, like the light of heaven; and every countenance, bright with smiles and glowing with innocent enjoyment, is a mirror transmitting to others the rays of a supreme and ever-shining benevolence."

"Old Christmas" Washington Irving

At this time we are thinking of Christmas and Hanukkah, the Feast of Lights, which begins on Dec. 19th and let our hope for 1985 be that all of us who celebrate this month will help others less fortunate celebrate the future.

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