



Weymouth Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME SPRING! The winter is over and with the change in the meeting schedule this year, March 20 will be reunion time for us.

Malcolm Walker, our speaker, was president of the Braintree Historical Society from 1972 to 1974 and is a member of the Braintree Historical Commission and many other historical and cultural organizations. He started researching ice harvesting after discovering the Braintree society's collection, acquired by Gilbert Bean, which is probably the best of any in this section of the country. He is a member of the Ice Harvesters Club of America which has headquarters in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

We are looking forward with pleasure to his presentation of "The Old Ice Industry" as it existed at the turn of the century in Weymouth and the surrounding areas.

ANNUAL MEETING- April 17: Following our annual business meeting Raymond Shamel of the Acton Historical Society will be joining us to reveal "The True History of the Fight at the Old North Bridge." What better way to celebrate the 210th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord?

IN MEMORIAM
Virginia W. Higgins
Adrian E. Eckberg

EDUCATING FUTURE HISTORIANS: Your society is working closely with the Weymouth School Department in developing a new educational project, "Museum in the Schools". We use materials and artifacts from the town museum in both elementary and secondary schools as teaching aids for the various social studies programs. Art, writing and history are all involved. The museum's Resource Center is located in the South Junior High School. In addition to this program, many of our members are volunteers at the museum which every third grade class visits sometime during the year---a project that was the outcome of an earlier cooperative study.

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SOME DELAYED THANKS: We wish to thank the Severys for their contribution to the Bakeless Bake Sale.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: We are happy to have these new members join us.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ketchen (Jane)
288 Front Street
Weymouth, Ma. 02188

A CURIOUS STORY: The Reverend Samuel Newman came to this country to be minister of the church in Weymouth but there was dissension in the town at the time and he left with many followers to found the town of Rehoboth.

"The Rev. Samuel Newman, founder of the town of Rehoboth, Ma., had a premonition of his death, which occurred under dramatic circumstances in 1663, when he was a very old man. A person of great learning and piety, Mr. Newman was the author of a concordance of the Bible published in folio form in London in 1643, the year before his settlement at Rehoboth. Later he revised and enlarged the volume, working on it nights by the light of pine knots instead of candles, according to President Stiles of Yale College.

'The manner of his death,' says Eliot, 'was peculiar. He had a certain premonition of it, and seemed to triumph in the prospect of it being near. He was apparently in perfect health, and preached a sermon from these words, Job xiv: 14 "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." In the afternoon of the following Lord's day he asked the deacon to pray with him, saying he had not long to live. As soon as he had finished his prayer, he said the time was come when he must leave the world; but his friends, seeing no immediate signs of dissolution, thought it was the influence of imagination. But he turned round, saying, "Angels, do your office!" and immediately expired.' "

From "It's an Old New England Custom"

Edwin Valentine Mitchell

SOME CHEERFUL NEWS: Our annual events are separated this year and our dinner will be in the merry month of May.

May 20 : Be sure to reserve that Monday night as the Ferguson Caterers, once, again will provide a delicious repast.

READ THE DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

ANNUAL DINNER: Because of increased catering and custodial costs tickets for this year's dinner are \$11.50 each.

In addition to a fine meal a very special musical event will highlight the evening. Historian/Balladeer Arthur Schrader will present an exciting program "New England in Song and Story." Mr. Schrader is internationally known for his songs, ballads, story telling and his work in preserving oral history and tradition.

Please join us at the South High School for this springtime celebration in dinner and song, a truly festive way to end the year. Get your tickets early!

DINNER MENU

\$11.50

MAY 20, 1985

Homemade Soup

Roast Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken Supreme

Creamy Whipped Potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

Fresh Tossed Salad

Rolls

Ice Cream with Strawberries

Coffee and Tea

Please cut off and mail by May 6. Make checks payable to the Weymouth Historical Society.

We'll see you all on March 20. Be an early bird and get your dinner tickets then. Arthur Schrader will be great. Don't forget April either!

Betty Kevitt 5-4804
Chris Stanton 7-8360

Mrs. Donald Cormack
16 Cottage Lane
Weymouth, Ma. 02188

Please send me _____ tickets for the dinner on May 20, 1985 at the South High School at 6:30 p.m. I am enclosing \$11.50 for each ticket for a total amount of _____.

Name: _____

Street: _____

Town: _____ State _____ Zip _____