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A Big Event: We know that this is the season for baking so we are scheduling our annual event. Let's make our Christmas cookies of paper!

SIXTH ANNUAL BAKELESS BAKE SALE

A bit of news we have today
a bakeless sale is on the way.
For these busy days now who could bake
pies or cookies or even a cake?
You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
of material, heat and the time you've lost.
So we've thought of a plan that's truly grand
and feel sure that you will understand.
In the enclosed envelope please put the price
of a pie or cake or something nice.
Without fuss or bother you've done your part.
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale
so wish us success with our Bakeless Bake Sale.

As you read on, you will find that the society can make good use of every penny. Make checks payable to the Weymouth Historical Society.

B e Sure To Come In January: There have been requests for a talk on Weymouth history and Chet Kevitt will show you the changing landscape in "Weymouth-Then and Now" on Jan. 21, 1987. The life of the town is like your personal life which is not static but absorbs the changes in society, customs and viewpoints regularly.

A Pot Luck supper will precede the meeting and we shall get together at our regular refreshment spot. You are asked to bring your own dishes and cutlery plus a supper contribution. Please call Candy Wright at 331-2459 to make your reservation and choice of buffet menu. She will appreciate a call in early January. It will be a fun night. If you are unable to have supper with us, the regular meeting will be at 7:45. But we hope to see you all at 6:30 pm.

C ontributions: We want to thank Mrs. Delores Lohnes for the following gifts: the original Financial Record book of the Baptist Church-1904; a framed piece of wallpaper circa 1750 from the Bicknell House on Sea Street; and a handmade quilt incorporating winning

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ribbons from the horse races at the Weymouth Fair.

Another lovely gift of \$500 was made by a generous anonymous giver and we are happy to express our gratitude.

Dandy Days: September and October were busy months and an enjoyable evening was spent at the Kendall Museum and a good time was had by all on the railroad trip to Sandwich with lunch at the Daniel Webster Inn and exploratory trips through the town and the Heritage Plantation. Thirty people attended each of the events and while not as many were able to participate in the Whale Watch, the whales gave them a great welcome and the day was perfect in both sailing and scenery.

There were fifteen hard workers at the Holbrook House on October 18 and the grounds look great but it was not dandy for Harry Belcher. A heavy tree limb fell and broke two toes and although we understand that he was presented with a purple heart award, we really want to express our deep gratitude to him for his hard work and years of devotion to the society and to all the other untiring workers on that day.

Excellent Opportunities: There are all sorts of ways to participate in the society and a Museum Guide training program was held on November 15 with Cynthia Hyland as instructor. Twelve would be docents attended and there will be another date set up later for others who were unable to attend.

Our guides are very important and we want to thank the following members who served from September to December of this year: Ed Walker, Don and Eleanor Cormack, Candy Wright, Doris and Doug Welsh and Betty and Chet Kevitt.

Not all Weymouthites remember our regular dates at the museum so we had a special Open House on November 2 with about 50 in attendance. Candy Wright and Joanne Palmieri served delicious refreshments, Eleanor Cormack was hostess at the entrance and Don Cormack, Jim Palmieri and Chet Kevitt were hosts at the exhibits.

There were also scheduled group tours and we thank Don Cormack for leading one each month: Oct.--children from the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton; Nov.--the John Adams Nursery School; Dec.--a Brownie Troop.

Cynthia Hyland was in charge of a Brownie Troop in Dec., one of the many she has taken through the museum in past months.

Fundraising: It may seem that this subject is brought up too frequently but this Newsletter has endeavored to show how worthwhile the effort is judging by the accomplishments listed for the past few months alone. Don Cormack is chairman of Fundraising and is always looking for new and intriguing ways to enhance our treasury. If you have some good ideas call Don at 335-7542 or Candy at 331-2459.

You may wonder where the money goes so here's the place to tell you that our programs have been extremely good, the museum received a new paint job, we have just acquired a storage space about 12 feet by 25 feet for which you may call Candy if you have any old rugs and chairs to offer for use, the visitors do cause soil on the museum carpet, our meeting room has a cost factor and the mailing and printing expenses throughout the year also add to our budget.

But here's the happy news----the labor and there's lots of it is usually FREE!

Greetings To Our New Friends: It is always a pleasure to welcome our new members and we are happy to have the following join us:

Mr. and Mrs. Don Keene (Carol)	48 Lindale Ave., N.W.	02191
Miss Donna L. Keene	26 Pratt Ave.,, N.W.	02191
Miss Gail Montgomery	624 Union St.,	S.W. 02190
Mrs. Emilie Browning	69 Bradley Rd.	N.W.02191

Happy Holidays: Another joyous season is upon us and though alphabet blocks are a great gift for children, we shall bring our letters to an end. We'll close with a quote from "A Book of Christmas" by William Sansom.

" The wassail bowl was served in households either as a convivial drink, or, according to very old tradition, passed from lip to lip in the ancient manner of communion with the vegetable spirit of its content. Originally pieces of toast floated in it- hence our phrase 'to toast' someone. More simply the wassail was a formal affirmation of non-enmity or friendship as its meaning 'good health' or 'be whole' (Anglo-Saxon wes hal) implies, and as in the same manner any company today enforces the laying down of aggressive attitudes by the taking up of a glass."

BEST WISHES FOR 1987!

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