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CELEBRATE IN SEPT. ON THE 19th: This month calls for a celebration. As you will see from the enclosed card, a great year of programs is ahead. We hope you had a wonderful summer and will join the expedition to Georges Island.

You will love exploring Fort Warren etc. See the June Newsletter for details. The date is now 9/19. The dock is the commuter dock off Route 3A. Time and place are on the card. Please call Candy Wright at 331-2459 so that she can give the MDC an approximate count. Don't forget your picnic lunch.

Assemble in October:

Oct. 4 There will be an Open House at the Museum from 2-5pm. The museum will be open again this year on the first Sunday of each month and the second to fifth Mondays. Guides are needed.

Oct. 21 This will be the first regular meeting of the season. Philip Swanson will speak on "Headstone Hunting in New England". This will be a slide presentation of country churches and their cemetery art. He is a well known historian and a member of the Trustees of the Reservations and serves as a guide at Worlds End.

Oct. 25 Our society will host a meeting of the South Shore historical societies. Barbara MacSwan has volunteered her services as hostess and Candy would like to hear from others willing to help.

NOTABLE EVENT IN NOVEMBER: November 18 will be the day we learn more about the first inhabitants of our area. Chief One Bear (Ray Tremblay of Weymouth) will give a slide talk with song and dance on local Indian culture, heritage and lore. He was born in Worcester of a Native American father (Ojibwa) and a French Canadian mother and is a World War II veteran who has lived in Weymouth for many years.

Our new members: We want to welcome

Helen Jane Sears	54 Alroy Rd.	S. W. 02190
Thomas Higgins	44 Staffordshire Lane	Concord, Ma. 01742
Leslie J. Molyneaux	23 Water Street	Hanover, Ma. 02339

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Editor's Au Revoir: This is my last issue as editor of the newsletter and I want you to know that I have thoroughly enjoyed writing it over the many years. Chet and I will move to Pennsylvania at the end of the month but will still be members and will follow the news of the society through the efforts of the new editor, Carol Donovan, who will join Chris Stanton as the connection between members and meetings. It was good of her to offer her services and if you read her reminiscences of earlier times in Weymouth which appeared in the Weymouth News this summer, you already know that she will bring new interest and zest to this publication.

We shall miss you all. Carry on so that the Weymouth Historical Society will continue to thrive. Betty Kevitt.

MUSEUM MEMORIES AND EXHIBITS: The first letters of the first five paragraphs spell canoe and Chet has many fond memories of the dugout as he bows out as Curator. The discovery and preservation of that was the catalyst that started the museum at the library.

In the early 60's when there was an infusion of new members and spirit into the society, the first large (actually mammoth) undertaking was the Civil War Exhibit. Tom Higgins was Chairman of that but later left Weymouth so it is a pleasure to have him rejoin us at this time. There is a continuity in this association because he was Candy Wright's history and English teacher in Junior High. Little did she know what the future would hold!

The society has grown and prospered since the days of the early exhibits and Ed Walker with his intense interest in history will carry on admirably. He will welcome your support as guides and much more.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT: Congratulations are in order to the artists in the society. Rita Walsh was Artist of The Month in July and her paintings were on display at the main library.

Jo Ray and Vera Freeman exhibited for a number of weeks at Heritage Plantation in Sandwich.

There will be an Open House on Friday, September 18, in the Pruden Parlor at the Old South Union Church near Columbian Square in South Weymouth to say "adieu" to Betty and Chet Kevitt who will leave at the end of the month for their new home in Pennsylvania.

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