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THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LEAGUE OF WESTON, INC.

A Brief History

This is the 85th year of **The Women's Community League of Weston, Inc.!** Since the development of their mission, "to foster the community spirit aroused originally by cooperative work during the First World War, to develop further the intellectual and social life and to help with the community needs as they arise," Weston women have contributed time, money and energy to the betterment of the town of Weston. Through their philanthropic endeavors and social activities during the past 85 years, they have worked to meet the founders' objectives.

The League began in 1919, set up headquarters in the "Yellow Barn" at 494 Boston Post Road, paid \$15.00 a month rent, and opened the "Willow Plate Tea Shop" and "Food Fancywork Exchange" to raise funds for their projects. Within months the original 13 women captured the attention of the press and the interest of the town's women. Within the year, there were an Education Committee, Civics Committee, Social Committee, Art and Music Committee, Program Committee and Recreation Committee, which soon became the Welfare Committee.



Sketch of the Barn, at the Josiah Smith Tavern (Jones House), home of the League.



A rare photo of the interior view of the Willow Plate Tea Shop, 1919.



At the boutique of the Clothing Exchange, Sally Utiger (left) and Orry Costello.



Activities in front of the Barn, during the 85th year celebration.

By 1925 *The League* was furnishing milk to the Weston Public School's needy children in the four lower grades, was contributing to a needy family in town, to the Infant's [sic] and Children's Hospital, and was providing dances and dance classes for young people from ages 13 to 19. In 1929, after being requested by the School Committee and in cooperation with the Superintendent, *The League* began the hot lunch program in the Weston Schools. Over 200 students were served each day. (In 1931, the town took over the program, with the food and equipment on hand being donated to the town by *The League*.)

The League's Scholarship program began in 1930 with one \$150 scholarship being given to a Weston High student each year for several years. Over the past 10 years *The League* has given \$250,000 in need-based scholarships to Weston High School seniors, has given several of the major awards at graduation, each with a monetary component, and has regularly contributed to the METCO program.

The Children's Exchange began as a project by a small group of women to help the war effort in 1942 and was taken over by the town shortly thereafter under its War Economy Division of the Committee of Public Safety. *The League* assumed responsibility for it in 1945, with profits going to *The League's* Welfare and Scholarship Fund. In 1952, *The League* moved the Children's Exchange into the Jones House. Today, the Children's Exchange, now known as the **Clothing Exchange**, is in the Annex to the Jones House (Josiah Smith Tavern) and is connected to The Barn, now *The League's* headquarters for meetings and events. It sells consigned or donated fine quality and occasionally new men's, women's and children's clothing and boutique and antique items. It is open on Tuesdays from 10 to 4, and on the first Saturday of the month, from 10 to 2. Consignees and donors may bring clothing in only on Tuesdays, as Saturdays are devoted to sales.

In 1983 *The League's* **Endowment Fund** was started with two \$5,000 donations, and by 1989 the Fund had reached \$100,000. In the 1990's, the Fund was used to renovate the Barn, and to contribute \$25,000 each to the Library and Community Center building funds. Last year it contributed \$5,000 to the WCL Junior's project entitled "Youth at Risk," in order to bring noted experts on Youth issues to speak to the school community.

Today, *The League* has over 400 members actively involved in twelve **Interest Groups** (Antiques Appreciation, the Clothing Exchange, the Community League Garden Club, Empty Nesters, three International Food Groups, Juniors, Newcomers, Singles, Sociables, Weston Women Who Work), and six major **Committees** (Christmas Eve Carol Sing, an event which is open to all area residents; Community Service and Scholarship Fund; 85th Anniversary events; Hospitality; Web Site production; Woman of the Year program).

Collectively, The League provides Weston women with social, education, and philanthropic opportunities to cover all ages and interests, carrying on its mission established 85 years ago. It is an organization that is open to any and all women residents of Weston. It is an organization designed to serve the needs of Weston

Pat Gowdy

Pat Gowdy is President of WCL. She grew up in California, and is a graduate of St. Mary's College, B.A./Math, and Wayne State University, M.Ed./Math. Since she and her husband Bob, moved here from Lafayette, CA in 1990, Pat has been a member of The League. In CA, Pat was a high school teacher, a PTA President and School Board member and President; and in Weston she was a Parent Advisor at WHS, a Booster's Club President and has served in several capacities on The League's Board. Pat and Bob have three children, Ted (in CA), Matt (in NC), and Ann (in ME), two daughters-in-law, Heather and Kelli, and three grandchildren.

CLASS BOOK OF 1938

Here is a golden treasure, all 46 pages of it, the “Class Book of 1938” of the Weston High School. In a homemade binding of golden cardboard are mementoes of 19 girls and 22 boys of the class, each person’s name and photograph on a rural background with a few sentences about the young scholar’s past, present and/or future hopes.

Below are their names. See if you can find among them a friend or an acquaintance, or better still, yourself. If so, please let me know by writing me a note, and we shall see how we can follow up the matter for everybody’s interest.

Helen Ackerson
Harriet Batey
Elizabeth Jean Campbell
Jeanne Doris Campbell
Helene Champlain
Margaret Josephine Cronin
Mary Cutting
Mary Ruth Funderburk
Suzanne Hildebrand
Ruth Elizabeth Homond
Marcia Hobbs
Helen Russel Jacobs
Susan Kenney
Norma Isabel Kingsbury
Rosemary MacDonald
Jean Browning Noyes
Elizabeth Pooler
Dorothy Mayne Toohy
Irene Williams

Richard Ackerson
Thomas Henry Bassett
David Briggs
Hardwick Browne
Roland Bumpus
Robert “Kid” Clive
Edward Edmunds, Jr.
Delmo Ferranti
Walter “Misty” Fogg
Warren Hall
Allen Hallet
Richard Harold Kennedy
Steward MacDonald
Clement Monaco
Charles Morin
George Pierce
John Perry
Charles Poutas
Charles Stevens
Milton Theall
Albert Warren
Francis Wilson

The last two pages are like a historical bonus. One lists nine football games of 1937, every one of which Weston won. The last page is a “WHO’S WHO” of the students, pairing their names with various attributes, from “most popular” (Dot Toohy, Charlie Morin) to most likely to succeed (Mary Cutting with three others), through best athlete, musician, etc. Tennis seems to have been rather popular. There are 35 assorted listings on this page.

Please do look into your past and do get in touch with me if you hit some of the rare historical gold dust! Take also a second look at the photo of the faculty - can you identify anybody?

Vera Laska



The High School, 1937-38.



The Faculty, 1937-38.

WESTON'S COUNCIL ON AGING

In 1973 Massachusetts became the first state to have a cabinet level agency whose mission was solely the care and support of the elders, which is now called the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Although there is a council on aging (COA) and senior center in almost every city or town, they range from one to two rooms with limited funds to large facilities that offer their own meal site, adult day health center, and transportation. All Councils on Aging are municipally appointed, have volunteer advisory boards that coordinate programs and services and serve as advocates for seniors. All COAs provide information and referral, and may also offer a variety of support services such as health screenings and transportation.

The Weston Council on Aging (COA) was established in 1974 to identify the needs of town seniors and provide programs to meet these needs. During its formative years the COA office moved from the Jones House to a small room in the Brook School apartments to its current location at the Community Center on Alphabet Lane. The bulk of the Weston COA funding comes from local appropriations, but state grants, program income, individual donations, and other resources make up a substantial portion of our operating revenues. Volunteers provide extensive support to the COA.

Ann Charlesworth was the COA's first coordinator and worked five hours a week at \$5 an hour. Ann, in partnership with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, developed a telephone referral service. Additionally, during the late seventies, the COA established a Keep Well Clinic conducted in collaboration with the Board of Health and the Visiting Nurses Association to provide health screenings. Weston Council on Aging members, Lyman Hayes and Katherine Helgeson, assisted in founding West Suburban Services; now known as Springwell, a social services agency which aids those 60 and over in living independently within their own home.

It provides Meals On Wheels to homebound elders delivered by community volunteers five days a week and a congregate meal site at the Community Center.

In 1984, Ruth Jones, Chairperson of the COA board, was instrumental in hiring the first program director, Myrna Rosenblatt. 1985 was also an exciting year for the Weston Council on Aging. After serving for three years as Chairperson, Ruth Jones passed her seat to Barbara Williams but continued as a board member. Senior aide Margaret Jewett edited the first newsletter, the Communiqué, published in May, which was mailed to 2300 Weston residents. FISH (Friends in Service Helping), established in 1972 through the efforts of Fran Tucker and Dick Greene of St. Peter's Church in cooperation with local churches, became a closer cooperator with the COA. FISH provides rides by volunteer drivers to Weston seniors to medical appointments. During the mid-eighties, Myrna Rosenblatt resigned and Barbara Williams hired the new director Marilyn Campbell.

Marilyn came to Weston after working at the Concord and Lexington Council on Aging as a Volunteer Coordinator and Assistant Director. Her main priorities for the Weston Council on Aging were expanding services and outreach efforts.

In 1996, Marilyn conducted a needs assessment, revealing the necessity for increased transportation services, lower real estate taxes, and a desire for more affordable, manageable housing for Weston elders. In response, Marilyn added several new programs and services, including the Veterans taxi. Utilizing town appropriations, the COA contracted with Veterans to provide taxi service for Weston seniors six days a week. Volunteer Kay McIntosh of the SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) program provided information, counseling and education regarding health insurance options for seniors.

The Weston COA experienced remarkable growth from 1987-1993. Chuck McCracken, Methodist minister, became a board member, and was later named Chairman of the Board from 1988 to 1989. Judy Knauer, Outreach Coordinator, formed an intergenerational program with Weston High School to assist volunteers. In 1989, Marilyn Campbell initiated a variety of programs including art appreciation, lectures, and theater trips, and hired a geriatric nurse to oversee the Keep Well Clinic. Ruth Jones resigned from the board but devoted her energy to developing the Friends of the Council on Aging (FCOA), the fundraising arm of the COA. The first meeting of FCOA was held at the Golden Ball Tavern, and Louise Bennett was named the President.

Shirley Earle, Outreach Coordinator, created a survey identifying the concerns of seniors in Weston over the age of 80. The results of the survey assisted the Council on Aging with long range planning and made more seniors aware of the services provided. Also at this time, FISH became the main source of transportation to medical appointments for seniors in Weston. Marilyn recruited more than 100 dedicated volunteers to assist with a wide variety of activities, including: collating newsletters, delivering meals on wheels, and running errands for homebound seniors. Marilyn advocated with town officials for the Property Tax Work-off Program now known as the Senior Service Program. This program allows low income seniors to work in town organization in exchange for a reduction in their property taxes. Additionally, Marilyn instituted monthly luncheon meetings at the COA with town manager Carl Valente and State Senator Susan Fargo. In 2000, Shirley Earle retired and Candice Steingisser became the COA's Outreach Coordinator. However, Shirley continued working for the COA part-time as a support group leader.

In 2001, the COA moved to its new location at the Community Center on Alphabet Lane. The beautiful new setting for Weston seniors was a culmination of Marilyn's sustained effort to meet the needs of seniors in the community. The new site allowed the COA to better serve the needs of individuals and small groups and accommodate a variety of diverse programs. In 2002, Kathie Strehle, chairperson, leads a talented board of 11 members.

In 2003, Linda Thompson takes over for Carol Sullivan as the Program Coordinator. Marilyn retired after 15 years of dedicated service. Patricia Parslow moved into the Director position, coming from a background in elder case management at Baypath Elder Service.

Today, The Weston Council on Aging serves all Weston residents 60 and over as well as their families with information, counsel, referrals, programs and activities. We are expanding our programs with a strong focus on personal growth and wellness. The COA sponsors frequent lectures and programs regarding health education, and holds health care screenings, weekly keep well clinics, and visits from a podiatrist. Meals are served at noon in the Senior Center every weekday, and volunteer drivers deliver Meals on Wheels to the homebound, regardless of income. Classes in strength training, Tai Chi, line dancing, and yoga are offered, as are weekly walks on Weston trails. A loan closet of medical equipment including walkers, wheelchairs, etc., is available to all residents at no charge; it also has a limited supply of baby equipment for visiting grandchildren.

Volunteers are essential to the day-to-day function of the Council on Aging, and our backbone of our organization.

Patricia Parslow

Patricia Parslow worked as Director of the Council on Aging in Weston for nine months from September 2003 to May 2004. She left to pursue other opportunities.

**MY FAVORED PICTURE IN OUR ARCHIVES:
A MEMENTO FROM OUR FILES, MARCH 1968**



HISTORY PAPER - Harold G. Travis, president of the Weston Historical Society, accepts a research paper compiled in conjunction with the Weston History Project being carried out by Regis College students. Making the presentation is Miss Catherine Imbriglio. Looking on are Dr. Vera Laska of the History Department, supervisor of the project, and Regis College Academic Dean, Sister M. Flavia. Dr. Laska states Miss Imbriglio compiled an index card catalog of the archives located in the Town Hall of Weston. "I believe the enclosed work is a laudable contribution to the worthy cause of history, and embodies the cordial relations between Town-Gown in the historical community of Weston," commented Dr. Laska.

WESTON HISTORY

- 1638: First settlers in Farmer's Precinct of Weston
- 1713: Incorporated as tow of Weston, a farm settlement
- 1775: Weston men in the American Revolution
- 1770s-1840s: Stage coach and tavern era
- 1861-1865: Weston Men in the the Civil War
- 1850s on: Industries and railroads in farm town
- Late 1800s: Estate era; "Weston . . . the Lenox of the East"
- 1917-1919: Weston men in World War I
- 1941-1945: Weston men and women in World War II
- 1945 and after: Boston's suburb and bedroom town

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HISTORY OF THE WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Weston Historical Society (WHS), founded in 1963, grew out of the work and enthusiasm of more than forty Weston residents who had been organized into committees in 1962 to plan and to carry out a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of Weston as a separate town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1713.

In the early spring of 1962 the Weston selectmen, Edward M. Dickson, Leonard Dowse and Stephen H. Tyng, appointed a 250th Anniversary Committee of five residents, with Henry W. Patterson as chairman. Other members of the committee were J. Kenneth Bennett, John H. Bishop, Erlund Field and Mrs. John L. Kronenberg. At its first meeting, the committee appointed Mrs. Raymond A. Paynter, Jr. as its secretary.

One of the key appointments was Harold G. Travis as chairman of the "I Remember When" committee. "Red" Travis was a great organizer, who recruited some very active local historians and writers for his 53 person committee, who would later help found and carry forward the Weston Historical Society. Brenton H. Dickson completed his work as chairman of a sub-committee by writing his book Once Upon a Pung. Alice Fraser and Philip F. Coburn were co-chairmen of "Memorabilia," a sub-committee that helped Phil Coburn produce his book Growing Up in Weston; Alice Fraser became the curator of the Society's collection of artifacts.

Another important chairman was Howard Gambrill, Jr., heading the committee on historic houses. With his young daughter, Betsy, now Mrs. Alfred Aydelott, and other helpers, he put together a map of Weston, showing the location of the 50 oldest houses in the town, with the names of their original owners and their original construction dates. Each house on the map was given a bronze plaque designed by Peg Kronenberg, who also created the attractive seal adopted by the Weston Historical Society.

Soon after the formal celebration ended on June 1, 1963, Howard Gambrill, Jr. formed a corporation with some friends to purchase and restore the Golden Ball Tavern on the Boston Post Road. Many of the founders of the WHS became founders and Tavern Keepers of the Golden Ball Tavern and helped Mary and Howard Gambrill, Jr. see the tavern grow into an important museum and pre-Revolutionary landmark of unusual charm.

Other important historical books and publications dealing with Weston's early history began to appear as the 250th anniversary celebration closed its activities: One Town in the American Revolution, Weston, Massachusetts by Brenton H. Dickson and Homer C. Lucas (Weston, MA: WHS, 1976) and Random Recollections by Brenton H. Dickson (Weston, MA: by the author, 1977). Vera Laska's column in the Town Criers for Weston, Wayland and Sudbury, "An American History Reader," also contained items on Weston history.

The first annual meeting of the WHS was held in the Weston Town Hall on November 10, 1964, with Stephen T. Riley of Weston as the principal speaker. Steve Riley was then the Director of the prestigious Massachusetts Historical Society and was later to serve the WHS as its president.

Harold "Red" G. Travis was our first president. Included in the first Board of Directors were J. Kenneth Bennett, John G. Brooks, Brenton H. Dickson, III, Erlund Field, Grant M. Palmer, Jr., Henry W. Patterson, Mrs. Homer N. Sweet, Harold G. Travis, Wilmot Whitney and Harold B. Willis, Jr. The Society started with a list of 650 members; the annual dues were \$2.00 per person and \$200.00 for life memberships. Harry B. Jones was the first Treasurer, and Mrs. William G. Burt, Jr. was the first Bulletin editor.

On Monday, April 19, 1965, the Society celebrated the 190th anniversary of the day on which one hundred men and three officers in Colonel Samuel Lamson's Militia Company, as well as eleven men and three officers in Captain Israel Whittemore's Militia Company of Artillery marched from the Weston center to meet the British in Lexington in 1775. The day was celebrated with a pageant, a walk over the Lamson Hill portion of the soldiers' march, and an open house at the Josiah Smith Tavern.

In January of 1966 President Travis completed an agreement with Weston's selectmen, whereby the WHS assumed responsibility for the custody of the historic Isaac Fiske Law Office on the Boston Post Road. The Law Office was built about 1800 by Artemus Ward. It was similar in design and construction to the few remaining 18th century country law offices in Massachusetts and in Connecticut, except for an added living area, visible only from the south garden. For thirty-one years the Society made major and minor repairs on this historic building before returning it to the custody of the town.

A note in the January 1967 issue of the Bulletin tells us that Brenton H. Dickson addressed our annual meeting, sharing the results of his research on the Middlesex Canal. A taped recording of his speech was given to the Department of History of the Weston High School. In the same Bulletin was a note referring to the book Puritan's Progress, written in 1931 by Arthur Train, which relates to Weston's early history. A copy of this book was given to the Weston Public Library.

In 1967 Dr. Vera Laska, a new member of the WHS, professor of American History at Regis College in Weston, announced the launching of the "Weston History Project," that during five years recorded topically our town's history. In March, 1967 the Society's rooms in the Josiah Smith Tavern were opened on a scheduled basis.

On March 25, 1968 the Town Meeting voted favorably on a motion proposed by the directors of the WHS to establish a Weston Historical Commission, authorized under Section 8D, Chapter 697 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to protect historic sites and buildings from land takings in Weston in the absence of a special act of the state legislature.

On August 15, 1968 Mrs. Howard Forbes made colored photographs of the limb by limb dismantling of the Burgoyne Elm and gave them to the WHS collection of photographs. That year annual dues were raised to \$3.00 per person and \$5.00 per family; the WHS gained 67 new members. In 1969 the charge for the sixth Charter Anniversary Dinner was \$3.50 per person.

On October 26, 1971 Edward W. Marshall became president of the WHS. In 1972 Mr. Edwin B. Sears, Ed Marshall's neighbor on Crescent Street, joined the Society; upon his death many years later, he bequeathed to it \$10,000. Mrs. John W. Scott, a charter member, also left a bequest in her will of \$10,000 to the Society's growing Endowment Fund.

In 1972 a much needed index to Lamson's History of the Town of Weston, Massachusetts, 1630-1890 (1913) was prepared under the "Weston History Project" at Regis College as part of the Bicentennial, by history major Patricia MacDonald working under the supervision of Dr. Laska. The WHS participated in a series of activities celebrating the country's Bicentennial of the American Revolution. Parades, the dedication of parks and monuments and tree plantings continued in 1976 and 1977.

In 1977 Stephen T. Riley was elected WHS president. In 1978 Miss Anna Hall died at the age of 102. She was a charter member of the WHS and the town's oldest resident. In her will she bequeathed to the Society the fine 1884 painting of the Hastings farmhouse on North Avenue by the well known landscape painter John J. Enneking; it now hangs in the office of the selectmen.

Harold G. Travis died at the age of 83 in 1981; he had successfully completed 18 years of creative work as president, editor of the Bulletin and as director of our organization. It was my privilege to know him since 1941, when he recruited me to work with him for the Weston Boy Scouts, later on school problems and in a successful effort to save Lamson Park. The function of the editor of the Bulletin was taken over consecutively by Donald G. Kennedy, Lee Marsh and since 1994 by Vera Laska, who had served previously as president from 1984 to 1986. With Alice Fraser in charge of the WHS artifacts collection, we had the three most important functions of the Society filled by three very effective and able women. Mrs. Victor Harnish continued to organize our Charter Anniversary Dinners, with Mrs. George Pink and other helpers.

On June 18, 1988 the town of Weston celebrated its 275th anniversary with Edward M. Dickson in charge of the ceremonies. Jeannette Cheek addressed the meeting at the Town Hall, and her speech was fully reported in the December, 1988 Bulletin.

Recent presidents of the WHS were John Hodges (1987-88), Julie Hines (1988-92), Frederick Crafts, III (1992-93), Sabra Jones (1993-95), Lee Marsh (1995-97), and Joseph P. Sheehan, Jr. (1997-).

Dr. Vera Laska took over as curator of the Museum in 1991 and organized the Society's collections under Documents, Photographs, Books and Artifacts, cataloguing each item with the aid of volunteers. The scattered books are now lined up under sections dealing with Weston, New England, Other, and Technical. Four new exhibit cases joined the previous single one, presenting selected artifacts to visitors. A charming 19th century room offers a view of the recent past. In 1994 Laska also became the editor of the Bulletin, after two moribund years of that publication. She wrote a new Preface to the 1997 reprinted Lamson History, which now contains the much needed Index, prepared in 1972 as part of the "Weston History Project".

In the fall of 1997, Laska suggested the ambitious project WESTON 2000, PORTRAIT OF A TOWN, which the Board of Directors unanimously approved.

We now move forward into the next century under the leadership of Joseph P. Sheehan, Jr. with the following officers of the WHS: vice president Vera Laska, secretary J. Kenneth Bennett (since 1984), treasurer Harold Downing (since 1989), and directors George Amadon, J. Kenneth Bennett, Barbara Coburn, Pamela Fox, Douglas Henderson, Vera Laska, Lee Marsh, William Martin and Anna Malone.

It is our fervent hope that the Weston Historical Society will continue to flourish under the leadership of following generations and keep our town's past alive for the future.

J. Kenneth Bennett

J. Kenneth Bennett was secretary of the WHS from 1984 to 2000. His above article is a reprint from the archival book, unpublished, that had been prepared for the WESTON 2000 - PORTRAIT OF A TOWN in celebration of the bicentennial. The article is the best and unique summary of the WHS history.

HISTORY MARCHES ON: HOW DID WE SURVIVE?

Looking back, its hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have. As children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat. Our baby cribs were painted with bright colored lead based paint. We often chewed on the crib, ingesting the paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets. And when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. We played dodge ball and sometimes the ball would really hurt. We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank sugar soda, but we were never over weight; we were always outside playing. Little League had tryouts, and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others or didn't work hard so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. That generation produced some of the greatest risk-takers and problem solvers.

We had the freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we somehow learned to deal with it all.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Why is the man who invests your money called a broker?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages?
Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?

Why are wise men and wise guys opposites?

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?

"I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in English;
could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?

WESTON HISTORY

1. Brenton H. Dickson: One Upon a Pung, delightful stories about Weston of yester-year; hardcover, \$7.50.
2. Brenton H. Dickson & Homer C. Lucas: One Town in the American Revolution, Weston, Massachusetts; hardcover, \$7.50.
3. Daniel S. Lamson: History of the Town of Weston, Massachusetts, 1630 -1890; 1997 reprint, with new Introduction and an INDEX; this book should be in every Weston home; hardcover, \$29.95.
4. Lee Marsh, comp.: Weston, photographs from the Museum of the Weston Historical Society, paper, \$15.00.

All books available at the Museum of the Weston Historical Society, Wednesdays 10a.m.-12 p.m. or by phone 237-1447. Out of town orders: please add postage & handling \$3.00.

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This Spring 2004 issue of the BULLETIN is the last one under my editorship, which I had to resign for health reasons. I thank all my faithful readers for their moral help, for their encouragements and for their support during the ten years of my editorship.

Vera Laska

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