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## THE EDITOR'S EDGE

### REMEMBERING ON MEMORIAL DAY

When I was a young boy, I remember my father, who was a veteran of World War I, reciting a poem every Memorial Day as part of the ceremony after the parade: 'In Flanders fields the poppies grow, among the crosses row on row' -----

That was the war to end wars; but as we know, it wasn't, and it didn't.

The Revolutionary war, the Civil war and a few other were fought, for the most part, in our country or continent. The wars since have not been. And as the world becomes closer people become edgier, and make statements like 'don't fence ME in!! I have my beliefs and I will protect them, even if it means war!'

Man has been making war probably since he was first on earth, and the efforts made to stop wars have been mostly unsuccessful. Mostly, they run their course until one side surrenders, or worse yet, is almost wiped out.

Peace on earth isn't going to happen over night; nor over the next several hundred years, if ever: BUT, this doesn't mean we should not continue to pursue it, for this pursuit is what gives us hope.

And as we pursue it, we remember.

Herb Day - Editor

## CURRENT EVENTS

### ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The annual meeting of your Society was held on March 26. After a short business meeting, the sixty-plus people present were treated to an excellent discussion of the archaeology of this part of Connecticut, especially the Indian sites and customs, by Dr. Nick Bellatoni, Connecticut State Archaeologist.

The members present nominated and elected three new trustees for the 1992 year. These people are:

Joe Spetly  
Rodie Thompson  
Dawn Tuttle

### HISTORICAL BUS TOUR HELD

Your Society brought back the popular historical bus tour of Weston. Held on April 26, about fifty people joined us on two school buses for an hour and a half tour of much of historical Weston. We wish to thank Marylou Perry and Barbara Jonsson for driving the buses, and Karen Gianniti for joining us as a tour guide. Since the best time for a tour is when the leaves are off the trees, we will try to have another tour this fall.

### SENIOR PICNIC SET FOR JULY 15

The annual picnic for Weston's Senior citizens will be held at the Coley Homestead on Wednesday, July 15. There will be more information on this event in the paper about July 1. We hope all seniors can join us.

### MUSEUM NOTES

We are striving to get the museum in shape by July 1. Some re-arranging still has to be done, and a final cleanup. Watch for news about the opening date. The photo gives a peek at one corner of the farm implement room.

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# PICTURE QUIZ



## CAN YOU NAME THIS?

If you can, please send your name and address to:  
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The photo in the last issue was of the Edge Tool Factory, commonly referred to as the Bradley Axe Factory. This whole complex of buildings burned in 1910, leaving only the iron boiler standing. This company was probably the largest that Weston has ever had, and ever will have. Their axes, brush hooks, and hoes were made of English steel and were known throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

Looking at the site today, it is hard to imagine all these buildings in the area around the dam, which is about six feet lower than it was when the Bradleys used the river for water power.

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### MEMBERSHIP

We had a successful town-wide membership drive in April. Mrs. Eileen Buckley, our Membership Chair, reports that over 100 new members joined the Society. In her letter to the residents of Weston, Eileen stressed the needs of the Society, especially funds for the completion of the cider press shed. While the new memberships do not meet the projected cost of the shed (about \$25,000), they will get us off to a good start.

### THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

For the past several years the Weston Historical Society has been represented in the parade by only a handful (or less) of members, usually Trustees. This year we doubled our participation from two in 1991 to four in 1992. Well actually, in 1991 we also had Glenn Major's model T Ford, with Charlie McCullough driving, behind us.

We would like to extend an invitation to all members to parade with us next year. We will mention this again before next years parade. It would be nice to have forty or fifty of you with us. We know that some of you march with other organizations, and we will excuse you as long as you are marching someplace in the parade.

## FIFTY YEARS (or so) AGO

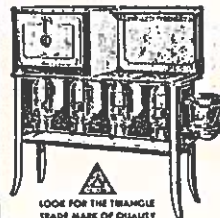
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Did anyone living in Weston buy a Chevy from Horosky Bros.? How about a new coal oil stove from the Westport Hardware Co.? There is a stove like this in the old post office and was probably used by George Adams when he lived in the back of the store and post office. Maybe he bought it at the Westport Hardware.

## NAMES, FACES, AND ROADS

We had a difficult time in selecting a catchy title for this article, and we are not sure we did get one which captures what we wanted to project. Anyway, we wanted to show a member of some old Weston families for whom a road was named. For the most part, these roads were named for the family who farmed in the area and owned most of the property. The naming was done when the land was developed for homes over the past seventy years or so. The only two roads named for residents on the 1867 map of Weston are Godfrey road and Lyons Plain rd. Some of the unnamed roads on this map may have been known by a family name, but it doesn't show.

The pictures shown here were given to the Society by Mr. Rodney Merwin who lives in Fairfield and has given a number of historical items to us. The families represented are:

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EVA GRAY'S WESTON



HORACE FANTON  
FANTON HILL ROAD



MARY TREADWELL  
TREADWELL LANE



CHARLES KELLOGG  
KELLOGG HILL ROAD

## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR SOCIETY

At the annual meeting in March, I mentioned that our Society is healthy. We have some needs and wants and some problems as do all organizations. We are not satisfied with our current status, and strive to do better. We feel that this is the sign of a society on the move and one that will be better able to bring to the membership more information on historic Weston as each year goes by.

One of the projects we have been slow in improving is the presentation of our artifacts in the barn museum. We need to show our visitors something of the farming and industry that filled the lives of Weston people over the past two centuries. We have made a start and will continue to make changes in our exhibits.

One of these projects is the cider press shed. The foundation is complete, and we are reviewing bids for the shed. When this is finished, the press will be set up and will show how power was harnessed in the early 1900's to run a machine.

In addition to the above projects, we are attempting to bring more programs to you and other residents of Weston. Programs require time and help from many people. We are continually getting more help, but as with other organizations, we can always use more. If you are interested, please contact our Program chair, Marylou Perry—227-5579, or yours truly at 227-6130.

One of our projects or programs is the publication of the Chronicle Quarterly. As I mentioned last year, it is time for a new editor to take over and we are looking for someone who would be interested in working on this newsletter.

## THE JARVIS CAKE BAKE-OFF

The the last issue we wrote about the cake bake-off held in conjunction with the 1910 reunion of the Jarvis school students and the winning prize; the Jarvis cup, which was won by Mrs. Charles Scofield. We gave the recipe and encouraged our readers (well, some of you) to bake the cake and let us know how it turned out. We have heard from Karen Gianniti who made the cake and the icing. The cake turned out great and the icing was good but maybe a bit tart. My bride also made it, and we enjoyed both the cake and the icing, although the icing was somewhat thin and was more like a sauce. Karen added some corn starch which thickened hers. We would certainly make it again. We hope you try it sometime.

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