

# Many Attend Museum Dedication

WESTFORD — It was indeed a proud day for the town of Westford last Saturday, when dedication ceremonies were held at the new-being-completed town Museum, located in what is possibly the oldest standing grade school left in the country.

Jack Diamond, Sec. Treas. of the Westford Bicentennial Committee, acted as Master of Ceremonies during the impressive program, introducing the various speakers, who were as follows: Doris Karkota (Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee), Gordon B. Seavey, member of the Bicentennial Committee and also of the Westford Academy Trustees, Edward Chambers, Chairman of the Historical Commission, Arnold Wilder, member of the Westford Academy Trustees, Thomas Laffanotis, Superintendent-director of Nashoba Technical High School, Allan Carlson, President of the Westford Historical Society, and the Rev. George Downey, Pastor of First Parish Church United in the Center (who gave the invocation). Also seated on the platform (representing the Board of Selectmen) were

Douglas Johnston and Francis Harbo, and Kerry Enwright and Gary Webber (Tech students representing those who have and are working on the project). These two young people later raised the Betsy Ross Flag in front of the Museum following a salute given by members of the Westford Minutemen, (always faithfully present at such occasions). This flag was presented by Mr. Ted Engel, (member of the Bicentennial Committee and also the Westford Minutemen).

During her brief address, Doris Karkota thanked all those who had helped in any way to bring this project about, including Mr. Allister MacDougall, E. Kennard Fletcher (who donated the granite step), and Robert Adam and Robert Monroe (Tech instructors in charge of the work) and of course, the students themselves. "Hopefully", she stated, "this restoration procedure will be completed in this Bicentennial year". Later on Mr. Laffanotis indicated the Bicentennial Year, to the school, would be until the end of the school term in June, 1977. Before the ceremonies began,



THE WEATHERMAN cooperated with a bright and sunny day to help make museum dedication ceremonies for the town museum a day to remember in Westford history.

Mr. Gordon Seavey presented a check for \$2300, proceeds from the sale of ceramic tiles, this money to be used for the museum. Mr. Seavey is to be commended for his efforts in this endeavor, as are all those who have so generously given of their time and effort to this most priceless and precious gift to posterity.



AT THE START of the dedication ceremonies for the Westford Museum, Mr. Gordon Seavey presented a check to members of the Bicentennial Committee. This check represented proceeds from the sale of Bicentennial ceramic tiles and will be used for the museum.



TECH STUDENTS Kerry Enwright and Gary Webber raised the Betsy Ross flag at Museum Dedication ceremonies, as Ted Engel, who presented it, assisted.