

Westford Museum fund still short

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WESTFORD — With the response to an appeal for funds to complete the town's first museum slowing a bit, Mrs. John J. Mantone, treasurer of the Friends of the Museum, urges those who plan to contribute to do so soon.

With a goal of \$4,700, only half has been raised so far, although donations, tax deductible, are being mailed in each day. They should be sent to P.O. Box 2272.

Contributions of \$25 or more will have their names placed on a plaque in the museum. The money is needed to complete the renovation of the original Westford Academy wooden structure built in 1794 and probably one of the oldest secondary school buildings of its kind in the country.

Reconstruction has been under the

direction of the town-appointed Historical Commission, working with students from Nashoba Technical High School. Lack of funds has halted the purchase of needed materials.

When all the most necessary work has been completed, the building will be turned over to the Historical Society, which has plans to set up a museum based on Westford's exciting historical past.

Clubs and organizations have been generous in their support and contributions. They include the Rotary and Kiwanis service clubs, the Senior and Junior Women's Clubs, the Grange and Fletcher Social Club, trustees of the Academy, the Historical Society and the Commission. The Garden Club has offered, with a \$400 gift, to landscape the grounds.