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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 2007

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dear Members and Friends:

Here we are almost into the month of February and are making plans for our upcoming Dinner and Auction which will take place on February 28th. We haven't seen a lot of our members lately but are hoping you can be present at our forthcoming event. At the meeting of January 24th discussion and plans were made. (Flier attached for further information.) Our President could not be in attendance at the January meeting due to another commitment and the Vice President, due to illness also was not there so I thought I would fill you in on what is happening. Discussion took place regarding our Installation Dinner and again holding it at Chevy Chase this year. We are also checking into having some entertainment. The Treasurer gave her report on Lollipop Lane and advised we did very good. We counted about 950 people (children, parents, and grandparents) passed through. Most of all, we were very grateful for all the help we had. The Curator updated everyone on what was happening at the museum and passed on information regarding other societies and events they are holding. It was a short meeting and ended with refreshments. We are hoping for those who are in the area, to see you all on the 28th.

Patti



FIRST VILLAGE OFFICIALS

were elected July 17, 1894
Citizens had voted June 19 to
Incorporate the village:

President Henry Boehmer; trustees John Forke, Jacob Schwingel, Emil Sigwalt, Reinhold Schneider, William Fastbender and J.A. Schminke; Police Magistrate Louis Fischer and Village Clerk W.R. Mundhenke.



FIRST VILLAGE HALL

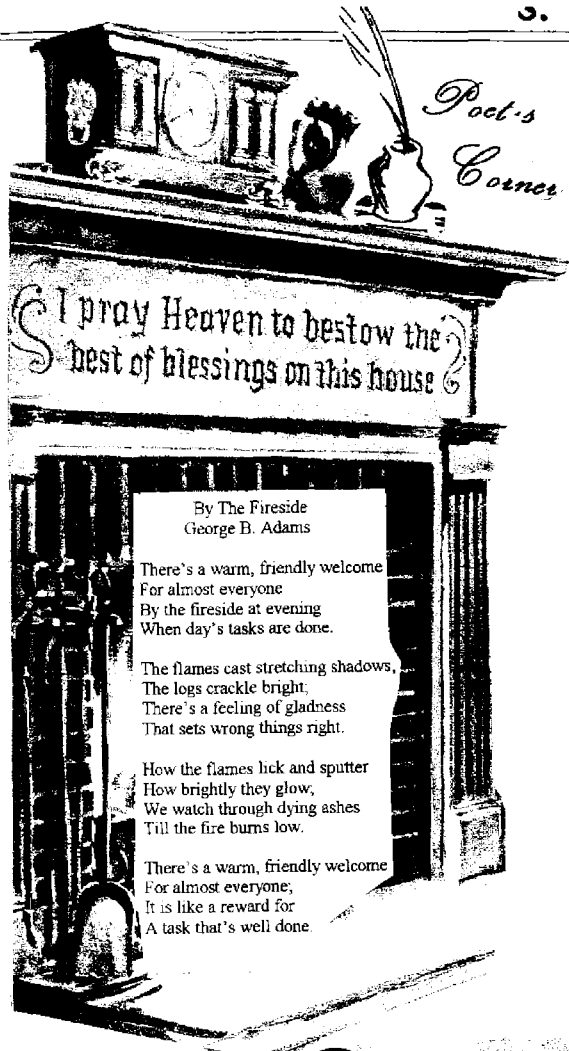
erected in 1897 was used as Village Hall, Police Station, Public Works building, and Fire Department. (The fire engine was purchased in 1904 for \$450 and used until 1925. Previous firefighting facilities consisted of one hand pumper and one fireplug.) Today the Village Hall serves as the headquarters and museum of the Wheeling Historical society.



Upcoming Meetings And Events

Feb.21... Board Meeting
Feb.28... Short Meeting
& Dinner/Auction





Why Is It???

Does a clean house indicate that there is a broken computer in it?

Why is it that no matter what color of bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator With the hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why is it that no plastic garbage bag will open From the end you first try?

On electric toasters, why do they engrave the message "one slice"? How many pieces of bread do they think people are really going to try to stuff in that slot?

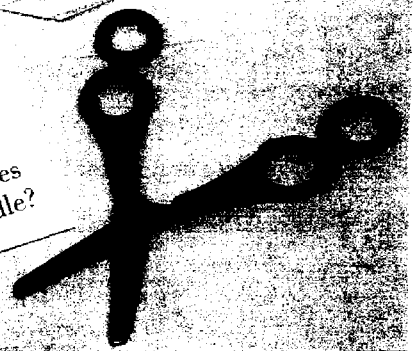
FACTS !

You need three times as much light as age 60 as you Did at 20 to do the same task. Maximize the efficiency And aesthetic potential of your lighting by installing Separate controls for general task and accent lighting.

KITCHEN HELPER

Consider using cooler-burning fluorescent lights in under cabinet task lighting. Oils and grains stored there will not turn rancid as with halogen lights.

WHATZIT
They're scissors,
obviously, but
why are there
two finger holes
on each handle?



ANSWER: Teaching scissors. Child puts thumb and forefinger through inner holes. Adult uses outer holes, guiding the child's hand.



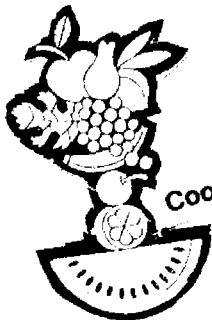


Jessie Wilmore Munton

*Life is a field, to be plowed
And harrowed and planted with seed;
If, from the loam of the years,
We garner the grain of the deed.*

*Life is a vine, to be pruned
And tended, both runner and root;
If, from the moments and days,
We gather the full-ripened fruit.*

*There must be labor and love
If the husbandman harvests the yield
Of joy, from the fruit of the vine . . .
Of peace, from the sheaves of the field.*



Peach Shortcake

(pictured above)

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 2/3 cup milk

FILLING:

- 1-1/2 pounds ripe fresh peaches or nectarines, peeled and thinly sliced
- 6 tablespoons brown sugar, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted



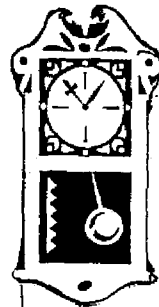
Combine the first five ingredients in a bowl; cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk, stirring only until moistened. Turn out on a lightly floured surface; knead 10 times. Pat evenly into a greased 8-in. round baking pan. Bake at 425° for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pan to cool on a wire rack. Just before serving, combine peaches, 4 tablespoons brown sugar and ginger. Whip cream with remaining brown sugar until stiff. Split shortcake into two layers; place bottom layer on a serving platter. Spoon half of the peach mixture over cake; top with half of the cream. Cover with second cake layer and remaining peach mixture. Garnish with remaining cream; sprinkle with pecans. **Yield:** 8-10 servings.



CARE TIPS:

To help you preserve, and care for your antiques and collectibles.

1. Always wear white cotton gloves when handling old photos. The oils in your skin can damage them.
2. A great way to dust books is with a vacuum cleaner brush attachment.
3. Small nicks in decorative iron pieces can be hidden with black crayon.
4. To remove ink prices from matte-finished pottery, try using paste silver polish.
5. Never use old pewter ware to serve food. It contains lead. New pewter does not contain lead.



TIME MARCHES ON..

JUST A REMINDER THAT
DUES FOR 2007-2008 ARE
DUE IN MAY.

You can pay at the Installation
Dinner or mail your dues in with
the enclosed renewal application.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE _____

PHONE _____ ZIP _____

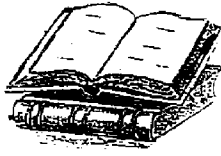
CHECK ONE:

____ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$15.00

____ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00

Checks are made payable to:
Wheeling Historical Society
P.O. Box 3
Wheeling, IL 60090

A Bit of History



MORE GROWTH IN WHEELING'S FUTURE

BY Anne Slavicek

August 14, 1969

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THE VILLAGE planners must attempt, then, to weave the various subdivisions and developments together. Luce notes that one of the problems the various boards face is that few subdivisions follow the same pattern of street design and the village becomes a conglomeration of a variety of ideal plans. While each of the plans might be ideal if used uniformly throughout the village, in scattered sections they can be a nightmare for travelers in the village

Ideally, Luce says, major village traffic will be carried eventually by the cross streets which can handle it. More streets will stretch across the village so traffic can be facilitated without children being jeopardized.

Another area of traffic flow which greatly affects children is the need for sidewalks throughout the village. The plan commission and the village board currently ask for sidewalks within all new developments. A massive program to add additional sidewalks throughout the village looms in the near future. If Wheeling is to be a unified village, there must be sidewalks for pedestrian traffic, the planners feel.

Another form of transportation, rapid transit to and from the village, remains far in the future. Wheeling now lacks any form of rapid public transportation either to Chicago, or to other suburbs.

THE POSSIBILITY of a subway to the village or commuter trains incorporated into the Golf-Rand expressway will remain a dream if the villages have to finance it. With federal aid, however, the village may one day have access to mass transit facilities which many of the larger Northwest Suburbs now enjoy.

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Chatter

THE KIDS OF THE 30s -60s....

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or Drank while they carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored led-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air Bags. Riding in the back of a pick up on a arm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a Bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, bread and abutter and frank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!

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. And we were O.K.

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"The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the community of Wheeling."