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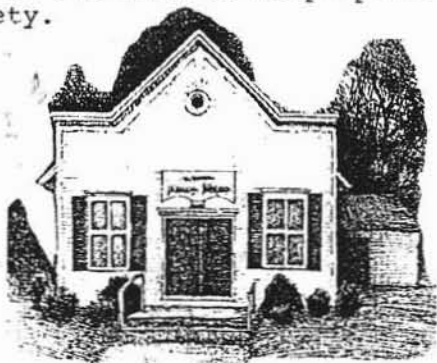
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Message From The President

We only have two more months before the elections. This is the time to think about who you would like to have as your new President, Curator, and two Directors. I will be appointing a nominating committee at the February meeting and names will also be taken from the floor at the April election meeting.

We hope to see many of our members at the February meeting which is also dinner and auction. I'm sure everyone will have fun. Plan to attend and bring some items to be auctioned off. Remember, the proceeds from the auction are used to help operate the Society.



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

-W.H.S. Constitution

Let's remember why we're here.

The tentative program for March is "Poems" Anyone with short poems which they feel are special and would like to share them with the membership are encourage to bring them to the March meeting.

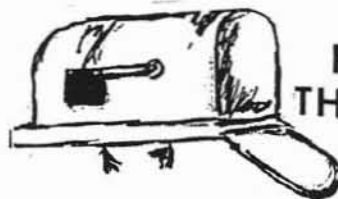
NAMES in the NEWS

We would like to welcome some new members to the Society.

Joan Schanley (Reese) living in California and formally of Wheeling.

Dick Lord resident of Wheeling for many years.

Glad to have you with us, and hope to see alot of you.



FROM THE MAILBOX

Received a letter from Margaret Brennan from our sister Wheeling, West Virginia. She read our newsletter and sent us a copy of their brochure from when they held their cemetery walk. She hopes we go forward with ours.

Letter received from Marvin W. Kamps inquiring for information about Regina Forke. Anyone with any knowledge of her approximately 1835 from Germany.

Also a letter of inquiry about Portwine Road from Evadean Ringstad whose maiden name was Portwine. She asks "Any connection???"

Anyone with any knowledge, please let me know.

Patti



Douglas Bingham, Zada Bingham, Howard Bingham
..1948.. Rudy Horcher's Piper J3

Nov. 9, 1997

Dear Rudy:

I'll bet you are surprised to hear from one of the Bingham family after all these years!

I have been a member of the Wheeling Historical Society for about ten years and of course see your name in the Newsletter frequently. Unfortunately the latest letter mentioned your being in the hospital. I hope this letter finds you at home now and in good health.

I left the Wheeling area in 1948 and my parents left in 1949. I have been back only a few times since then. All of my family moved to Louisiana except me. Brother Don and sister Beth still live there. Brother Bob lived there until about a year ago, he is now retired and lives in Idaho. Don spent 30 years in the Air Force and retired in 1972. He was a pilot in the Air Transport Command in the south Pacific during the war and after the war spent years as a B-47 and B-52 pilot in the Strategic Air Command. Bob was in the field artillery and was in France and Germany with Pattons Army. I trained as a gunner on B-17's but the war ended as I was being shipped overseas.

My parents raised peaches on 35 acres in Louisiana until my dad died in 1968. Bob and my sister Beth and her husband also had peach orchards.

I had no interest in moving to Louisiana at that time and was busy flying and getting my ratings and started flying for Eastern Airlines in 1949. I spent a year flying out of New York on Dc-3's, moved to Chicago for a year and flew Martin 404's and Convair 440's. Spent the next 33 years flying out of Miami until my mandatory retirement in 1985. I sure didn't want to stop flying at age 60 but I had no choice. I flew Constellations, Dc-7's, Electra's, Boeing 707's, Dc-8's, Boeing 727's and the Lockheed L-1011. After retirement I moved up to Melbourne, near Cape Kennedy. I have a son, two daughters and six grandchildren, all living in Florida.

I have many memories of your family when I was young, especially you, your brothers Ed and Marvin. I think it is wonderful the great work I hear you have been doing for the Historical Society. Not very many familiar names in the newsletter anymore, you and Lorraine Haben are about the only ones I know.

Your old neighbor,

Doug Bingham



Cards have been sent to our friends and members who have been on the sick list.

Bob Buerger, Sam and Irene, Margaret Forke and Ethel Weider, Donna and Vern Nystrom.

Get well wishes are for all of you. We are hoping to see you all soon.

Chatter

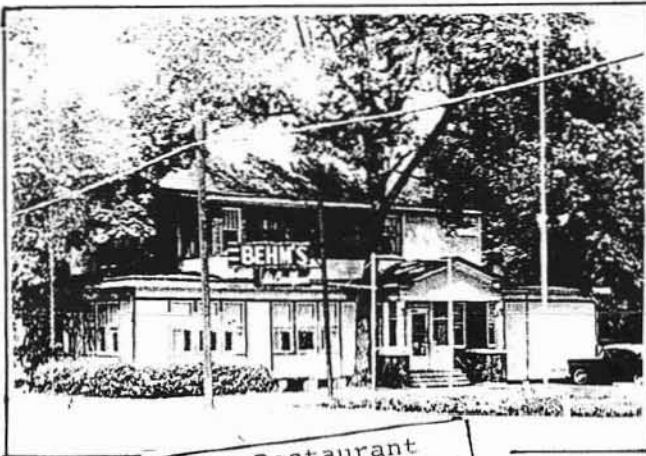
VILLAGE OF WHEELING

Pictures of the Past Presidents have been reproduced for the Village of Wheeling at their request. There are still two of the pictures missing. Julius Meinken and John Sicks. Anyone knowing of J.Meinken, please let us know.

Letter was sent to Mr. Kiffel thanking him for the excellent program on School District #21 he presented at our January meeting.

Attached, you will find a letter to Rudy from Doug Bingham of Florida. Rudy asked that this letter be shared with all of our members.

YESTERDAY



Behm's Restaurant

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Pecan Nut Thins

- 1 cup butter or margerine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cup unbleached flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 tea. vanilla
- 1/2 tea salt

Blend sugar and butter, add eggs
Sift in salt and flour, add pecans
Add vanilla- mix and drop onto
cookie sheet- place a half nut on
top. Bake in oven 375 degrees
about 10 minutes until edges are
golden brown.



Help is still needed at the museum on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Just ring the door bell and we will let you in.

Help will also be needed on Sundays from 2 to 4:00 p.m. beginning March 1st. Will be checking with you to help!

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TODAY



Same location Hackney's