

Message From The President

Dear Friends and Members:

Another month has flown by so swiftly. The weather certainly can't make up it's mind to settle down. A very warm March, then April with flowers blooming through the ice and snow.

At our April 26th meeting the election of officers will take place. Members nominated are:

President..Lorraine Haben
Director (2 Yr).Marilyn Chromy
Director (2 Yr).Frank Schnaitmann

Nominations from the floor will also be taken. Come and help elect our new officers.

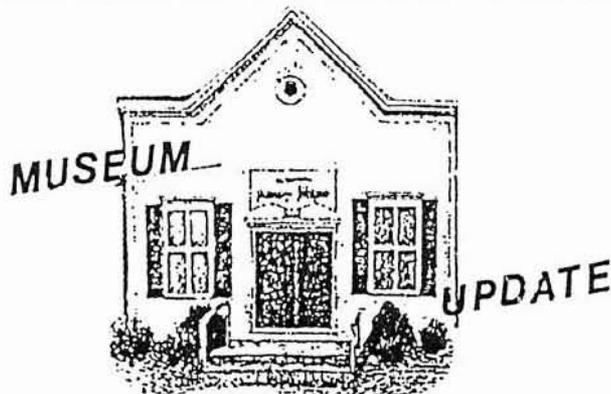
We will again be sharing a 4th of July float with the Wheeling Senior Center unless someone comes up with a better idea.

May 24th will be the Installation Dinner. It will be held in the Devonshire Room at Chevy Chase. A fabulous buffet and entertainment are on the menu. All are welcome, but reservations are a must.

Hope to see many of you at the meeting of April 26th ..7:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Haben
President



The military exhibit was changed the beginning of the month. We have also put in a train exhibit which replaced the post office exhibit.

The clothes, books, etc; relating to Lollipop Lane have been moved to the carriage house for storage since the closet is overflowing.

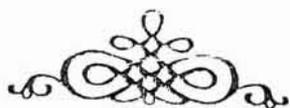
We have spent time framing some more old pictures for display.

A field trip is scheduled for May 11. Volunteers are needed for the museum and carriage house. The trip is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. so for those of you who cannot sit on a Sunday, maybe you can help this evening. Please let me know. Another opening will be held in June for 48 women from Addison. Help will also be needed.

Thanks to: Marilyn Chromy, Lorraine Haben, Lonnie and Frank Schnaitmann, and Shirley McConnell and Eleanor Buerger for sitting at the museum since it has opened. The museum will be closed April 16 (Palm Sunday) and April 23rd (Easter).

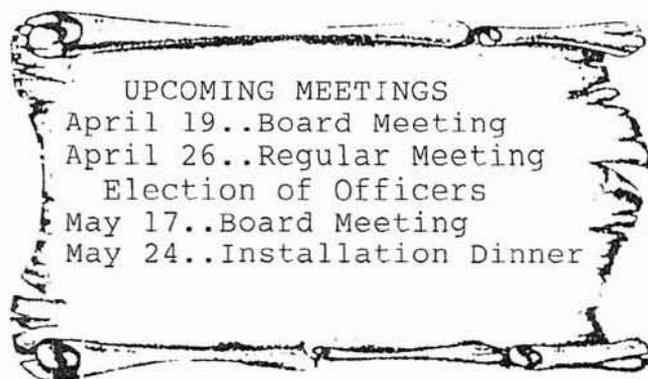
Linda Reading
Curator





PORTRAITS FROM THE PAST

In the September 15, 1966 edition of the Independent Newspaper, a tribute was given to our long time member Shirley Koeppen for her contribution to the community. She was President of the Wheeling Women's Club and had served in past years on the Village's Public Relations and as Chairman of the Community Relations Commissions. She was also instrumental in the formation of the Society along with other members of the Women's Club. She still helps with our cookie sales at our annual Lollipop Lane. With this we say thanks Shirley for all you have done in the past and present.



UPCOMING MEETINGS
April 19..Board Meeting
April 26..Regular Meeting
Election of Officers
May 17..Board Meeting
May 24..Installation Dinner



HISTORY OF WHEELING
Andreas..History of Cook
County (1884)

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Mr. Strong, however, having set his heart upon this claim, and knowing that the treaty would be ratified in a short time, decided to make the venture, and on Monday, September 2, took possession of his claim.

At this time his nearest neighbor to the northward was Captain Wright, who was said to be the only one between him and Waukegan; and to the southward his nearest neighbor was either General Peet or Captian Talcott---probably the former, who moved unto the claim where his son, A.W. Peet, now resides, in December of the same year. Soon after moving into the Sweet shanty, it was surrounded by about a dozen Indians whose intention was to drive off Mr. Strong. He, however, was not to be driven off easily. Going outside, he had quite a fight with them, knocking one of them flat upon the ground.

He was immediately surrounded by the others, who with uplifted tomahawks and drawn knives threatened him with instant death. His escape is attributable only to his showing no signs of fear. The treaty was soon afterward ratified, and settlers came on in considerable numbers.

Timothy Titcomb almost immediately afterward settled just north of Mr. Strong, on Section 13, but soon sold out to Myron Dimmick, who staid, however, only three or four years. William B. Clay and his two sons, John B. and D.H. Clay settled on Section 12, S.M. Salisbury on Section 2, James Mackey and his brother on Section 24, Christian Stryker on Section 12. These among others, came in 1834, the last in December.

Peter Gebhardt came in January, 1835, remained about six years, and sold out to Henry Miller. Israel Martin also came about this time, but after a short residence, moved to Palatine. Joseph Filkins, who had made his claim in 1834, built his cabin and moved his family into it in 1835. Matthew Chivel came in February, 1835, during which year eighteen log houses at least were raised. In March, 1836, William H. Dunton moved into the town and has ever since been a continuous resident. In 1837 Ephraim and Charles Morrison settled on Section 11 or 12; Russell Wheeler and Charles Daniels opened a store where the village of Wheeling is located, which they kept four or five years, and sold to Joel L. McDuffý.

In 1838 a Mr. Shepard, or Shepherd, started a blacksmith shop, and Asher G. Skinner arrived and settled on Section 12. Daniel Martin came in 1839. By this time there were about two hundred inhabitants in the town. After the ratification of the Indian treaty the principal cause of excitement for the first few years white men occupied this territory was claim-jumping, and if no one was killed for this crime, it was probably

because the rightful possessors were so thoroughly united and organized as to be fully conscious of their strength and fully assured of success in the defense of their rights, as claim-jumpers usually had to fight single-handed.

A committee consisting of seven citizens, belonging to Wheeling, was appointed to decide on questions of rightful ownership in all cases of claim-jumping. This was the Inferior Court. Besides this, a Superior Court, or Court of Appeal, was appointed, consisting of three citizens, S.M. Salisbury, George Strong, and Joseph Filkins, before which any case might be carried if the decision of the Inferior Court caused dissatisfaction, but the decision of the Superior Court was final.

The most serious difficulty the settlers of Wheeling were connected with was the ejecting of a claim-jumper from a claim just north of the present boundary of their town in Lake County, in which case the claimant was assisted by two female members of his family feigning sickness. A physician, summoned for the purpose, examined the "sick" women and pronounced them in perfect health, and on the strength of his report the women were carried out of doors on their beds by the Wheeling vigilantes, and the house pulled down. This was about the last of the difficulties of this kind.

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8 cups Golden Grahams® cereal (one 13-oz box)
 1½ cups Nestlé® Toll House® Milk Chocolate Morsels*
 6 cups miniature marshmallows (one 10-oz bag)
 5 tablespoons butter or margarine
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 ¼ cup light corn syrup, optional

MELT 5 cups marshmallows (save 1 cup for later), Nestlé® Morsels, butter and corn syrup in 3-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Butter rectangular pan, 13"x9"x2".

POUR Golden Grahams® cereal into a large bowl. Pour marshmallow mixture over cereal; stir until evenly coated. Stir in remaining marshmallows.

PRESS mixture into pan with buttered back of spoon. Cool at least 1 hour or until firm. Cut into 24 bars. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

Did you know?????

April 1..American kids are lapping up popcycles by 1924.

April 3...Hershey's Syrup hits the market in 1926.

April 6.. Q-Tips cotton swabs are introduced.

April 12. 1927, the Oscar is awarded by the newly founded Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

April 18. Wonder Bread is introduced in 1927 - its the best thing since sliced loaves.

April 24. The Yo-Yo is introduced in 1929.

SCATTERED THOUGHTS

You're getting old when getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.

You're getting old when you're sitting in a rocker and you can't get it started.

You're getting old when your wife gives up sex for lent, and you don't know till the 4th of July.

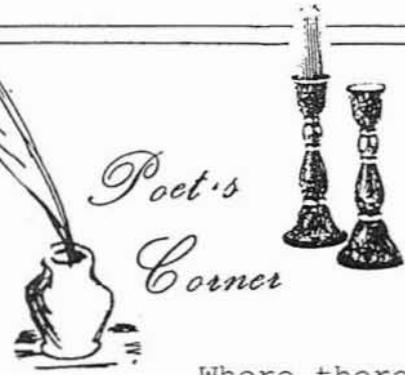
You're getting old when you wake up with that morning after feeling, and you didn't do anything the night before.

You're getting old when you stop buying green bananas.



HELP IS STILL NEEDED AT THE MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M. IN THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

PLEASE CALL LINDA READING AT 520-0553 or PATTI AT 537-1450 TO



Where there is love,
The heart is light!
Where there is love,
The day is bright!

- Helen Steiner Rice-

Dorothy Flentge a former member of the Wheeling Historical Society (1975-1989) has passed on. Our condolences have been sent to the family.



TIME MARCHES ON..

Just a reminder that dues for 2000-2001 are due in May.

You can pay at the Installation Dinner or mail it 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
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