



NEWSLETTER Sept. 02 NO.1

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dear Members and Friends:

The 4th of July Parade was a huge success. The parade gets better every year. This year the Historical Society had a float with the theme "A Bicycle Build For Two". The bicycle was put on the societies flat bed and was secured down by Wedge and Leo. Linda and Patti took the mannequins and a few of us helped dress them. I must say they were very becoming. You would never guess the ladies arms were stuffed with paper and she had paper hands under those gloves. There were daisies all over the float and music came out from the truck playing Daisy, Daisy. Looking at the float, it was a huge success and everybody that helped with it did an outstanding job. Great team work by all.

Also if you have not been able to give a few hours this past summer to sit at the museum and you are free this fall, please give Linda a call. Your help would be appreciated.

I also want to apologize for not being at the Old Fashion Picnic. It was my daughter's baby shower and I had all my daughters in town. I also felt that it was important the the majority of the Board was there.

If you have any suggestions about helping the society grow, please give me a call. I think we all need to work together to make the society visible in the Village.

Enjoy the coming of fall and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the September meeting.

Sincerely,

Elaine Simpson
President



AN OLD FASHION PICNIC

Just to let you know the picnic was great with about 44 people in attendance. We all enjoyed the day as it was overcast and a lovely breeze made it quite comfortable. We were so busy talking, we didn't have time to sing. Linda and I brought some scrap books which gave a little history and pictures of the Society, Park District, Womans Club, Village of Wheeling, Scouts, and more, for all to enjoy.

We would like to give special thanks to all the ladies who gave their time and energy making all those lovely desserts, You all know who you are. Thanks to Barb LaHay and the ladies who sold the tee shirts and to Bill Hein for again making our name tags.

Some of our friends paid a visit to the museum and carriage house. Among the visitors were: Rita Mullins (Mayor of Palatine) and husband John, Also her father, Alfred Krueger who was a relative of the Upadels, an old family of Wheeling. Clement and Marie Bilhoun, another old family in Wheeling was present. Mrs. Juy Wenzloff of Wenzloff's Restaurant and her daughter were also with us.



Poet's
Corner



LAST WILL OF MR. FARMER

Author Unknown

I leave:

To my wife my overdraft at the bank—maybe she can explain it.

To my banker my soul—he has the mortgage on it anyway.

To my neighbor my clown suit—he'll need it if he continues to farm as he has in the past.

To the ASCS my grain bin—I was planning to let them take it next year anyway.

To the county agent 50 bushels of corn to see if he can hit the market—I never could.

To the junk man all my machinery—he's had his eye on it for years.

To my undertaker a special request—I want six implement and fertilizer dealers for my pallbearers. They are used to carrying me.

To the weatherman rain and sleet and snow for the funeral, please—no sense in having good weather now.

To the grave digger—don't bother. The hole I'm in should be big enough.



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

Help will also be needed on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m.
Call Patti 537-1450



Cook's
Kitchen

TURTLES

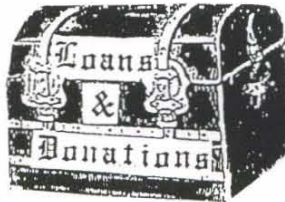
(Makes about 2 dozen)

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| 1 - 12 oz. bag milk chocolate morsels (semisweet morsels may be substituted) | 1/2 lb. soft caramels (about 25) |
| 2 T. vegetable shortening (do not substitute butter or margarine) | 2 T. whipping cream |
| | 1 1/4 c. pecan chips |

In top of double boiler (see note), melt chocolate with vegetable shortening over hot but not simmer water. Stir to blend. In top of second double boiler, melt caramels with cream. Let cool for about 5 minutes. Spread pecan chips on greased baking sheet (approximately

10 x 15 inches). Spoon melted caramel over nuts in dollops about the size of a quarter, leaving at least one inch between them. Let stand until firm. Spoon chocolate over caramel to make individual turtles. Cool in refrigerator until chocolate is firm. Remove from sheet and place in airtight container. Store in refrigerator.

Note: A mixing bowl set on top of a saucepan filled with water may be substituted for double boiler. Take care not to get any moisture in chocolate mixture.



We would like to thank the following for their generous donations.

One portable typewriter and ribbon and a Wheeling map (1967) from Mr. Wayne Gilbert.,

Various pictures of Scout Leader Mrs. Denoyer and scouts received from Tina Dean.

Wedding pictures and contract taken at Chevy Chase 1970. (Anonymous)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sept. 18.....Board Meeting
Sept. 25.....Reg. Meeting

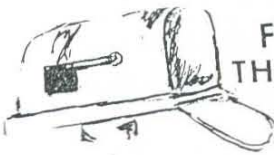
NAMES in the NEWS

Welcome, Welcome

We would like to WELCOME some new members.

J. & S. Sylvester
Steve Telow

Glad to have you join us. Hope to see you at our meetings.



FROM THE MAILBOX

Mr. Mitch Cohen
Superintendent of Parks & Planning.
Wheeling Park District

Dear Mitch:

A short letter just to say thank you to you and your men for all the help you have been to the society. Trust us, it hasn't gone unnoticed.

The help with Lollipop Lane, our picnic and setting up for our February white elephant sale to mention a few. Most of all, when something is wrong or broken at the museum or church, your guys are there to fix it.

Our thanks go to you and your men, please let them know.

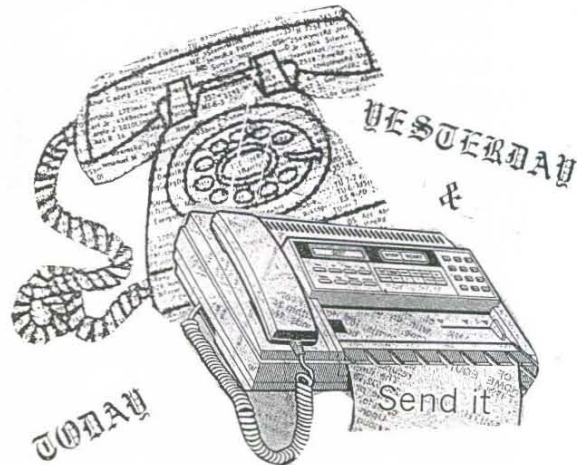
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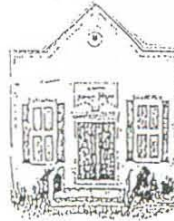
REMINDER.....

There are still members who have not paid their dues. If you are in doubt, call Patti 537-1450.

TRIVIA

- . Doctor to patient: I have good news and bad news: good news is that you are not a hypochondriac.
- . It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.
- . You know you're getting old when you stop buying green bananas.
- . Last Will and Testament:
Being of sound mind, I spent all my money.
- . Middle age is when work is a lot less fun...and fun a lot more work.
- . Statistics show that at the age of seventy, there are 5 women to every man. Isn't that the darndest time for a guy to get those odds?





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

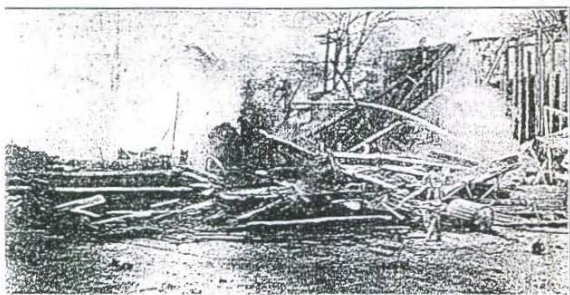
-W.H.S. Constitution-

It was great to see Village Trustees Heer, Abruscato and Agris attend with their families and also Park Commissioner and Vice President of the Wheeling Park District and the society's Liaison.. Mrs. Cheri Klumpp. We did miss some of our regular members who could not attend and hope to see you next year.

Hope to see you all at our first meeting on September 25, 2002..7:30 p.m. at the Chamber Community Center at Chamber Park.

Patti Hancock
Secretary

A BIT OF HISTORY



Famous old hotel on road from Chicago to Milwaukee destroyed by flames. Ruins of the old Union Hotel at Wheeling Ill, which caught fire and burned to the ground yesterday. The old building had stood for more than fifty years and was a landmark for tourists.

(Tribune Photo)

HOTEL GUSTS ROUTED

Guests of the Union hotel on Milwaukee Avenue in the suburb of Wheeling, northwest of the city, fled to the street early in the day when a fire of unknown origin started in the tinder-like frame structure. The building burned to the ground despite the combined efforts of the fire departments from Wheeling, DesPlaines and Northbrook.

Firemen fighting the various fires suffered intensely from the wet and cold in which they worked.

Numbers of them were slightly hurt due to slips and falls on the ice-covered sidewalks and pavements. But like Assistant Chief McAuliffe, hurt in the Madison Street fire, they all stuck to their posts.



HISTORY AND MYSTER OF CHEVY CHASE
continued from June issue...

Mystery...It has been told that backstage were dressing rooms used by the entertainers. A 1986 newspaper article described an unusual feature: "A four-foot wide vent at the top left corner of the stage. Reportedly, club owners watched the gambling proceedings through this inconspicuous opening.

There was also a room with no doors or windows. It is believed to be a room underworld patrons might have found a safe place for conferences or other activities. How they got in or out remains a secret.

There were storage areas with six inch thick doors, some made of solid iron, detectives among us might deduce that some extremely valuable commodities passed through this building, perhaps large amounts of cash. What would you make of an enclosed darkened stairway with seven visible stairs leading to a concrete wall?

It has been told there were tunnels in the basement leading under the Milwaukee Avenue and one was actually found leading to the back of the golf course. These were means of escape.

Now that all the mystery and history is gone, as I said before the building, grounds and golf course are something the Wheeling Park District can be proud of.