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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Message
From The
President*

Dear Members and Friends:

This is my favorite time of the year. Warm days and cool evenings. Fall is a wonderful season with the changing of the leaves on the trees and the beautiful mums all around. I sometimes think that fall is prettier than spring with it's vibrant colors.

At our September meeting, many decisions were made. The big one is that the society will be 40 years old in August of next year. The chairpersons that will be forming a committee are Frank and Lonnie. If you wish to be on the committee, please give them a call. There will be a lot of things that will need to get done and all help would be appreciated.

We will also be purchasing a lap top computer to do our presentations. This will be done when Linda is up to looking at the computers.

The 4th of July next year, we will be selling pickles and watermelon. I will try to get us placed next to a hamburger booth so the pickles will sell better. Of course everybody loves watermelon.

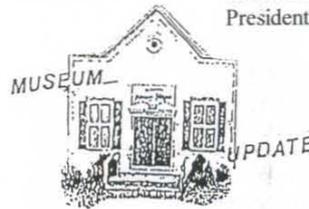
At Lollipop Lane, we will be having a raffle for a bike or a TV or maybe both. I will keep you informed.

The other item we discussed was having another Tea. That went over very well this year and we will do it again in January or February.

We had a very busy meeting and we have much to look forward to in the coming year. If you wish to help in some of these events, we would appreciate the help.

At our October meeting, Shirley McConnell will be our guest speaker.

Elaine Simpson
President



The end of the month we will be closing the museum for the season and will open again in March. It time to do catch up and cleaning. Time to change exhibits if so desire and organize the office.

The new computer and printer/scanner is waiting for Linda to come back but meanwhile Marilyn, Beverly, Barbara LaHay and I are still keeping things going.

The gazebo at Chamber Park which is being put in by Park District maintenance staff is almost finished. It really looks good and fits right in with the style of the church the museum and the carriage house buildings. Thank you Park District Commissioners and staff for making Chamber Park a great place to be. Many people walk the park and it is used by alot of the children.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 20th ...Board Meeting
October 27th ..Regular Meeting



Linda, we hope you will be back with us Soon.

Bob Hartmann is recovering from a hip operation in Highland Park Hospital Rehab. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Get well soon.

Clare Rudolph, we hope you are doing good and hope to see you at our meeting.

Shirley McConnell looks great following her operation.

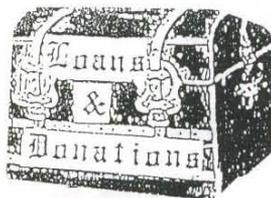
Margaret Forke is doing fine with the help of Barbara and family.,

NAMES in the NEWS

A belated WELCOME to new members of our Society.

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Pecka
Ms. Diana Vickery
Mr. & Mrs. G Weymer

Remember ! Our Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling, Il. At 7:30 p.m. For those of you who can make it, we look forward to seeing you.



We would like to thank the following friends for their donations to the museum.

Lorraine Haben for 1 tie "Yellow Submarine

Pat and Wedge for 3 Books (Science Stories, Child Story reader I, Story Hour Readers II) 1 Green High Chair, 2 place settings of depression glass (Green Princess) w/ sugar creamer and other pieces. 2 books (Heidi and Little Men) 2 fry pans , 1 cross stitched table Cloth, 1 unfinished patchwork quilt, Letter, And Congrefs of the U.S. Constitution, quill Pen , 2 Books (Elementary History and America In Pictures) and 1 half apron.

Linda Reading 1 white straw Easter Bonnet and 1 packet Indian Projectile points.

From the Forke Family, 1 carpet stretcher, 1 large needle threader used to thread flax and

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TRIVIA

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

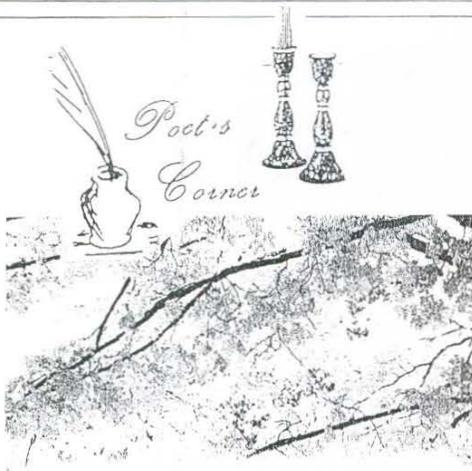
If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport The terminal?

Why on a bag of Fritos is says "you could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside. (the shoplifter special)?

Why on a bar of Dial soap it says "Directions: Use like regular soap." (and that would be how???)

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Autumn Song

Eleanor Elkins

And now all nature flaunts her colors gay
In a blaze of glory this fine autumn day.
I hear the brook and bird in blended song . . .
It's time for walking, won't you come along?

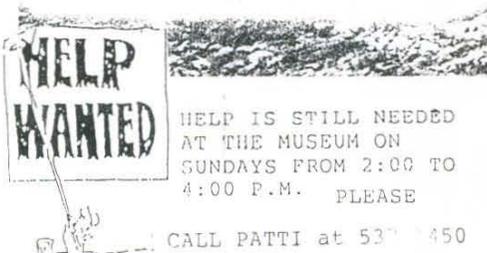
*The sky is blue, so bright it thrills the soul,
That grove beyond the big field is our goal.
We'll pass the corn-shock tents along the way
And stop to watch some baby rabbits play.*

The pumpkins look contented lying there,
The scent of woodsmoke drifts along the air,
A distant cowbell tinkles merrily . . .
This moment seems just made for you and me.

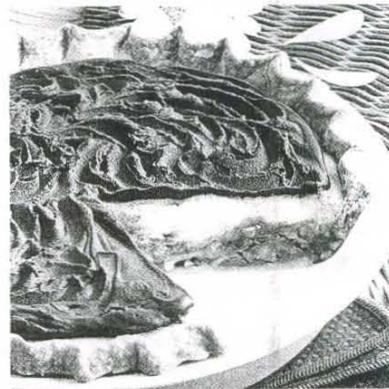
*The willows blow, we cross the bubbling stream
Which seems to clasp and hold the sunlight's gleam,
Then up the clover hill, across the fence
And among the maples where the shade grows dense.*

Let's rest a while upon a bed of leaves
While each his fairyland of fancy weaves,
As through the lacy branches, bright and gay,
The cotton clouds go sailing far away.

*The ranting jay and squirrels come to scold.
"Be gone," they seem to say, "from our stronghold."
And so we pass the sugar bush and mill
To watch the sunset from our favorite hill.*



CALL PATTI at 537-450



- 5 Snickers candy bars (2.07 ounces each), cut into 1/4-inch pieces
- 1 pastry shell (9 inches), baked
- 12 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup peanut butter
- 2/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons whipping cream

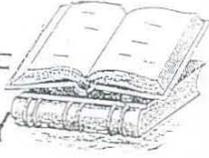
Place candy bar pieces in the pastry shell; set aside. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Add eggs, sour cream and peanut butter; beat on low speed just until combined. Pour into pastry shell. Bake at 325° for 35-40 minutes or until set. Cool on a wire rack. In a small heavy saucepan, melt chocolate chips with cream over low heat until smooth. Spread over filling. Refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight. Cut with a warm knife. Yield: 8-10 servings.



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

-W.H.S. Constitution -

A BIT OF HISTORY



Article taken from Countryside News

Continued from July Newsletter
Article by Irv Leavitt Oct 15, 1992

WRECKING BALL CLAIMS BOOTLEGGERS' HOUSE

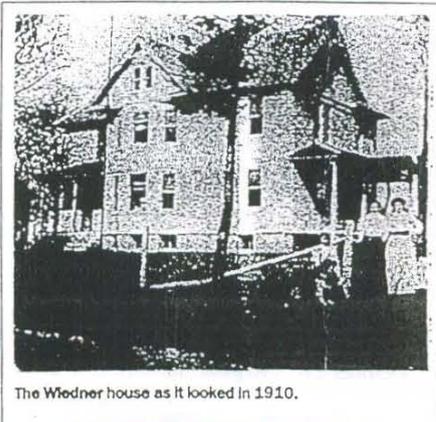
Part 4. SEAFOOD?

Now, there is little to remind Wheeling residents of the lives of Carl Weidner and his family, aside for the road named for the clan. But Horcher saved one souvenir from Prohibition days when his father Nick traded storage space for the rotgut in exchange for a free supply for himself.

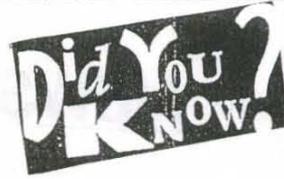
Horcher donated one of Weidner's empty wooden liquor boxes to the Wheeling Historical Society. It's hidden in a corner of the old carriage house in Chamber Park., but one has to know what one's looking for to find it.

It's marked "SEAFOOD" on the side!

The end



The Weidner house as it looked in 1910.



THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

In 1967, October 4th, Amana introduced an Innovative appliance for the home...the microwave oven.

In 1968, Aerobics were introduced and the Fitness craze took over the country.

In 1968 surgeon Norman Shumway performed America's first successful heart transplant.

On the 12th of October 1968, the waterbed was introduced and many Americans traded in their mattresses to float into a restful nights sleep.

In 1969 Sesame Street first appeared on television and 30 years later, children in 78 countries tuned in daily.

October 18th, 1969..the vaccine for Rubella was Developed.

In October of 1970, Mr. Coffee was introduced and today it is the largest selling coffee machine in the world.

Bar Codes were used in the supermarkets to scan products by the 1970

Leggs Sheer Energy pantyhose were introduced to the consumer in 1970.

On October 23, 1970 Hamburger Helper first Appeared on market shelves/

SPECIAL NOTICE

Volunteers are still need for the last part of October, the 17th and 31st. Please let Patti know if you can sit at the museum on one of these dates. We will be closing the museum at the end of October and open again in March. During the winter months we will always open the museum for tours upon request.