



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2005

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dear Members and Friends:

Well here it is April and the flowers are now showing their heads, which means that Spring is just around the corner. Remember April showers bring May flowers. I know we have not had a hard winter, but as we get older, it seems to last a long time. I know we are all looking forward to a nice summer with much to do.

On behalf of all of us, I would like to wish our President Simpson a speedy recovery from her recent surgery. We know that all is well and look forward to seeing her at our next meeting.

At the coming meeting of April 27th, we will be presented with a slate of officers from our Nominating Committee for the coming year. Please try to attend and make your vote count. Of course our next important event will be the Installation Dinner which will be held in May.

In the near future, we will be celebrating the 4th of July. At our annual picnic this year which will be held on July 24th, we will also be celebrating our 40th year as a society, thanks to the vision of the Woman's Club and a few people many years ago. This is the time to say thanks to the Wheeling Park District for giving us a home to hold our meetings and a museum to preserve the history of Wheeling.

It is also because of the interest of the Park District that three of the old buildings have been preserved such as the old Village Hall which is now our museum, the old Presbyterian Church, which is now our meeting hall, Sick's barn and the chapel at Childerley Park. THANK YOU!!!!!!

It's time to move on, "I have some yard work to do" but will be looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting. If anyone has any ideas on how to improve our newsletter, please let me know. Help is always needed.

Patti Hancock

CURATOR'S REPORT

Clean up day has come and gone and thanks to Joan Wiener, and Ron Reading, we got the Museum all spruced up for the coming season.

Chris Gibson is giving me a CD disk of the information on the cemetery web site which has now been completed.

We have started a new display in the kitchen of the museum of former resident's pictures.

Two new exhibits are being done. Completed, is the "Wheeling Banks Around Town" and We are getting ready to exhibit an "Old and New Doll Collection".

Beth Shieffele (Balling) will be having another garage sale this summer and will let us know when.

I attended the N.E.I.L. meeting on March 12th. It was a workshop on Illinois standards for teachers and how to gear our museum programs to those standards.

According to Marshall Balling, "Every few months word of a raid came from the State's Attorney's office. The government would seal off the bar-room and the bar would open in another room or, once in the case of the Union Hotel, in the woodshed. Gangs competed to supply liquor and ran bookie operations in back of the taverns and placed slot machines in bars. Even the Royal Blue grocery had a bar.



PLEASE GET WELL!

To all our friends and members who have been under the weather or in the hospital; we want you to know, we are always thinking of you.

Did You Know?

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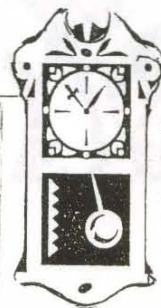
In April of 1928 Walt Disney, at the age of 27, created his first animated Cartoon. Plane Crazy.

In 1929, Clarence Birdseye introduced fresh-tasting quick-frozen foods.

The sodium bicarbonate tablet called Alka-Seltzer was introduced in 1931.

Colonel Schick invented the electric shaver in 1931 for soldiers to use in the field.

Fans of swashbuckling movie stars enjoyed the first Three Musketeers bar in 1932...for a nickel.



TIME MARCHES ON..

Just a reminder that dues for 2005-2006 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

TRIVIA

WHY???

On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom):
 "Do not turn upside down."

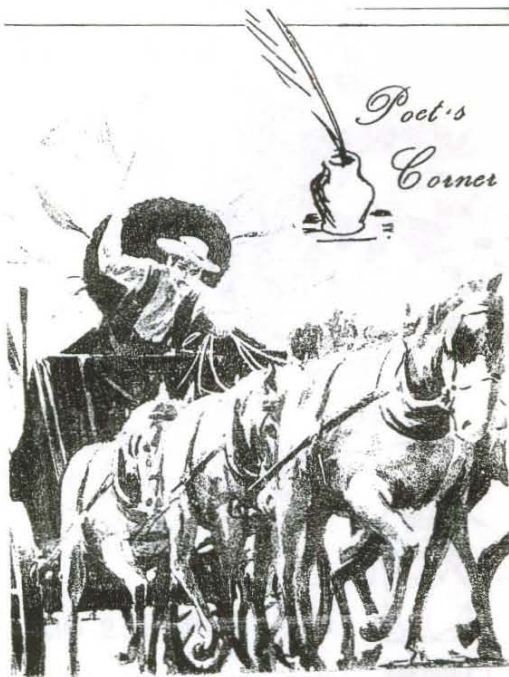
On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: "Product will be hot after heating."

On packaging for a Rowenta iron: "Do not iron clothes on body."

On Boot's Children Cough Medicine: "Do not drive a car or operate machinery after taking this medication."

On Nytol Sleep Aid: "Warning: May cause drowsiness."

On most brands of Christmas lights: "For indoor or outdoor use only."



Pioneer Paths

Inez Franck

I like to think that they who came
And made their homes the first,
Looked out upon these sunlit fields
And quenched their want and thirst.

*They saw these skies with hallowed love
And handed down the plan
To build our strength, to plant our faith,
And thank the God of man.*

I like to think they wove their songs
Beside the early fires;
They heard the copper kettles hum
And felt their hearts' desires.

*They blessed the freedom that we know,
The peace of pine-green hills;
They made us glad to carry on
The virtue of their wills.*

I like to think they beat the paths
That lead us here today;
They saw the roses growing wild,
The beavers at their play.

*This was the place where dreams would live
And doors would open wide;
In all the milestones that we reach
Their hopes are satisfied.*



Chocolate Raspberry Bars

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 cup cold butter or margarine

FILLING:

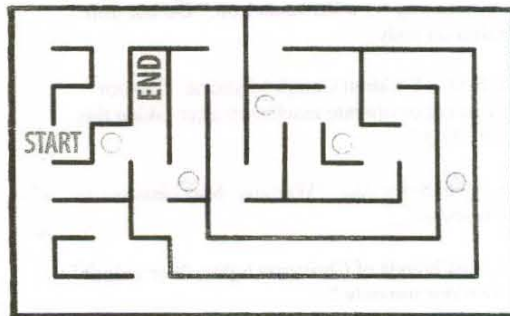
- 1/2 cup seedless raspberry jam
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 cup (6 ounces) vanilla chips, melted

GLAZE:

- 3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons shortening

In a bowl, combine flour and confectioners' sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. Press into an ungreased 9-in. square baking pan. Bake at 375° for 15-18 minutes or until browned. Spread jam over warm crust. In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and milk until smooth. Add vanilla chips; beat until smooth. Spread carefully over jam layer. Cool completely. Chill until set, about 1 hour. For glaze, melt chocolate chips and shortening; spread over filling. Chill for 10 minutes. Cut into bars; chill another hour. Store in the refrigerator. **Yield:** 3 dozen.

PATHFINDER. Start at **START**, pick up all the gold coins, and end at **END**, without visiting any square more than once. No going through walls, of course.

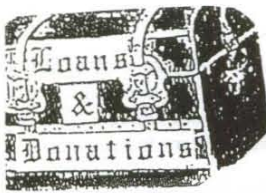


Curators Report

Carla Wagner from Wild Goose Chase/Palwaukee airport was in to do some research on the history of the airport for a display they are having.

We will still be needing volunteers to help keep the museum on Sundays. Please let me know when you can help out.

Linda Reading, Curator



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

Louis M. Locascio Account Books 1878, 1879, 1910, 1918-1920, 1920—1921, 1925-1930.

Lucile Schneider 1 sm. Book "Village of Wheeling Census 5/11/1927
1 sm book containing addresses of Wheeling Servicemen WWII

Ernest Kruse by Glenn Benson- Stone etched Lithograph, 4 etching tools, 1 picture, List of Honor roll names of WWII which were former students of Wheeling school and a wood plane

Marshall Balling – Cassett Tape "Focus Northwest", Sample ballot Village of Wheeling 1949.



A BIT OF HISTORY



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WHEELING'S "Valley Trail" Seen Many Changes Now Milwaukee Ave. Once Bison Route

By Barb McIntyre

Taken from the Journal & Topics Progress Edition April 25-26, 1984

With paving in 1917 came a larger influx of cars; The Ford "Fliver" was priced at \$350. This was the year the Knights of Columbus built the Columbian Gardens, later known as the Bon Aire and as Chevy Chase Country Club at one time under the ownership of Skidmore and Johnson. In the Roaring Twenties the famous and infamous arrived in Duesenberg SJs and Rolls Royce Phantoms to dance to the music of the big bands of the Dorseys, Benny Goodman, Ted Weems or Vincent Lopez playing "Bye Bye Blackbird," "Who Cares?" and "Tea for Two." Later, flappers and bee-stung lips wearing short, fringed skirts and headache bands or cloche hats, and men with slicked down hair, raccoon coats and bell bottom trousers, complete with hip flasks, did the Charleston to "Anything Goes" and "Ain't We Got Fun?"

Chevy Chase is now owned and operated by the Wheeling Park District, dispenses legal liquor and is becoming known for its sedate Wednesday night dances and chicken and fish fries on Wednesday and Friday nights.

In the early twenties, Wheeling had a population of 350 and 17 taverns. Whiskey was distilled in various barns in the general area, for local consumption as well as export during Prohibition. Some restaurant owners bought whiskey by the barrel and hid it in bars and cellars. They brought it into the taverns for serving in coffee pots and other disguises. More exotic liquor, Canadian or Scotch, came by way of crime syndicate bootleggers who came into town in trucks disguised as various legitimate businesses.