



# NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY **Sept. 2006**



## *Message From The President*

Dear Members and Friends:

Well, here it is the 11th of September and with all the hot weather behind us, the Historical Society along with the Garden Club, picked September 10th for our annual picnic wishing for a nice dry and cool day. What we had was 69 degrees and rain, rain, and more rain. With that said, the picnic did go on and was held in the old community church building and there were about 29 guests in attendance. We picnicked and played bingo and we who attended, had a good time. There was a lot of great desserts the society members provided and what didn't get eaten, was taken home. We can always be optimistic and say there's always next year.

At the August meeting, a shredder for use at the Museum was approved and purchased. This will help getting rid of excess paper and duplicates.

Coming up at our September meeting, along with other items on the agenda, we will be discussing the next future event which will be Lollipop Lane, with the hopes that it will go as smoothly as last year. A committee will be picked and it is hoped a meeting can be called with all involved, to brainstorm for the coming event.

Hope to see you all at the regular meeting.

Elaine Simpson, President

## *CURATOR'S REPORT*

Museum Update: Pat and I are slowly making headway on Dr. Taylor's items. We are still working on his inventory, sorting and boxing his items. Beverly finished scrap booking one of the Village news albums. Marilyn is always busy with obits besides other duties she takes on.

Request s have been received from the following:

Jane Charmelo regarding history of a blue and white Candy striper doll owned by Mary Robinson who Worked at the Wheeling Hospital. Have no date for the doll or when Mary worked there. Would appreciate information if anyone knew the person or have any history about dolls from the hospital.

Lisa Stafford is looking for history on Patrick Moriarity who died in 1945-1950? All we have is a Patrick Moriarity who married Carrie Mors, but have no wedding date or a B or D date on Carrie or Patrick.

Linda Valentine would like history on Madeline Meyer, wife of Henry, son John who owned the 400 Car Wash on Milwaukee Avenue back in the 1950s.

We would like any information regarding the Wheeling Community Pool Corp. as to when the pool was built. It was purchased in 1969 by the Park District.

Linda Reading, Curator

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday Sept. 19, Board Meeting  
Wednesday Sept. 27, Regular Mtg.  
7:30 p.m.

## TRIVIA

I want to go back to the time when...decisions were made by "flipping a coin" and mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "do it over!"

Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in "Monopoly!"

Catching fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening and it wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends.

Being old referred to anyone over 20 and the worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties.

Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better;

It was a big deal to finally be tall enough to ride the "big people" rides at the amusement park;

Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.



September of 1960 the first felt tip marker was introduced by Pentel.

In 1961, the Squibb Company introduced the electric toothbrush.

In 1963 Tab cola first appeared as America's foremost Diet drink.

In 1964, Pop Tarts were introduced by Kellogg's- the age of convenience food was upon us.

In 1967 The first Super Bowl game was played in Los Angeles and the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10

In 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech from Lincoln Memorial.

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT WHEELING, IL.  
NAME THE YEAR!

John Forke settles in Wheeling. Fred Stryker opened a meat market and Martin Armbruster built the Chicago House in 1871, 1874, 1873, 1876.

Christian Welflin opened a harness shop in 1872, 1873, 1874, 1876

Cook County Herald was founded as a weekly newspaper printed half in German and half in English in 1870, 1871, 1872, 1875

John Behm bought the Union Hotel from Jacob Hunsinger. The Wheeling Cornet Band was organized in 1875, 1876, 1877

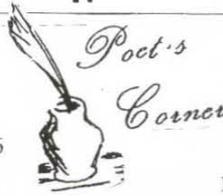
ANSWERS:  
1873, 1874, 1872, 1873

LOOKING BACK -READ IT AND WEEP

1943 COST OF LIVING

LIVING:	
New Home	\$3,600.00
Average Income	\$2,041.00/Year
New Car	\$ 900.00
Average Rent	\$ 40.00/month
Tuition to Harvard University	\$420.00/Year
Movie Ticket	35 cents
Gasoline	15 cents/ gallon
US Postage Stamp	3 cents

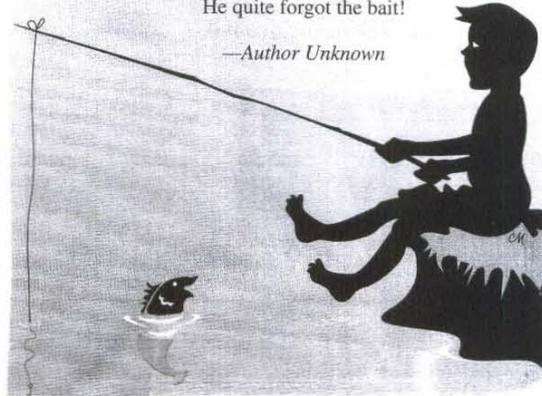
FOOD:	
Granulated Sugar	75 cents for 10 pds
Vitamin D Milk	62 cents per gallon
Ground Coffee	46 cents per pound
Bacon	45 cents per pound
Eggs	21 cents per dozen
Fresh Ground Hamburger	30 cents per pound
Fresh Baked Bread	10 cent per loaf



**The Little Fisherman**

Once a little fisherman  
 Went out to catch some fish.  
 He thought he soon would have  
 Enough to make a handsome dish.  
 He sat alone on the riverbank  
 Waiting for a bite.  
 He sat so patiently  
 From morning until night.  
 He sometimes thought of bat and ball  
 And other cheerful play,  
 But still the little fisherman  
 Sat on all through the day.  
 He felt a little hungry,  
 So he ate some bread and cheese.  
 But he was quite afraid to move  
 And did not dare to sneeze.  
 For he had been told that fish were quick  
 Of hearing and of sight.  
 And so he sat quite still  
 Until the whinnying light.  
 And not a fish had he caught,  
 And now it was very late.  
 And shall I tell you why it was?  
 He quite forgot the bait!

—Author Unknown



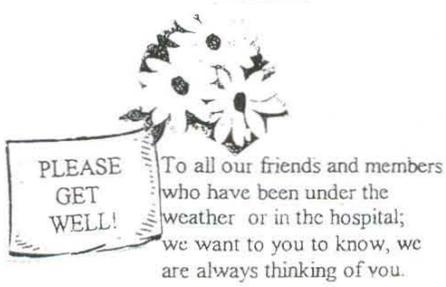
**THE YEAR 1906???**

Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the Year 1906 (hard to believe!!)

- The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.
- Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone
- A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.
- There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

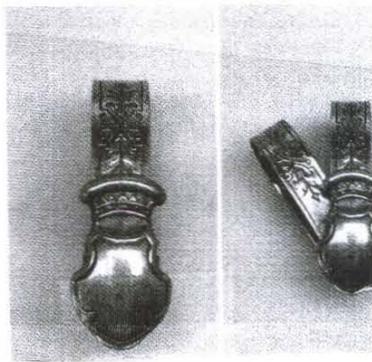
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**A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS**

- The six most important words: *"I admit I made a mistake."*
- The five most important words: *"You did a good job."*
- The four most important words: *"What is your opinion?"*
- The three most important words: *"If you please."*
- The two most important words: *"Thank you."*
- The one most important word: *"We"*
- The least important word: *"I"*



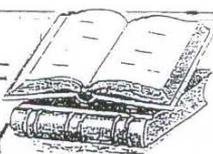
**WHATZIT**

At left, it's an O-shaped ring, but not for your finger. Fold the two hinged halves so one nests inside the other and it becomes a C shape with a clip at one end. What is it?



ANSWER: a napkin ring that becomes a clip-on napkin holder

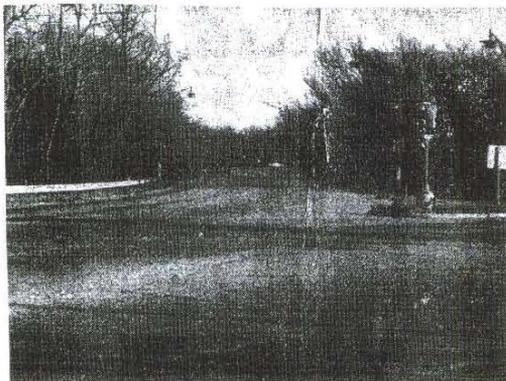
## A BIT OF HISTORY



### PATH USED BY INDIANS

By Tom Edwards

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MILWAUKEE AVENUE where it crosses the DesPlaines River between Niles and Wheeling. It runs Along the Cook County Forest Preserve to Wheeling.

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WHAT IS THE future for Milwaukee Avenue?  
Is it to crumble and decay into oblivion?

Not likely. It has existed too long, through too many revolutionary changes in modes of living and traveling.

Rather, Milwaukee Avenue seems destined to once again become the scenic, rustic trail that it once was, quiet and pleasant to travel, lined with trees, but without the discomforts of wagon ruts.

For local traffic it should remain an important artery. But it will probably grow as a by-way for Sunday pleasure drivers.

There is already a "restaurant row" along the highway in the Wheeling vicinity to which people come from throughout the Chicago metropolitan area to dine. Some of the clientele have been coming to dine in Wheeling over a long period of years.

MILWAUKEE Avenue parallels the Des Plaines River. (It was once a portage between the Des Plaines and the Chicago River.) In the Wheeling-Prospect Heights vicinity the river is bordered by the Cook County Forest Preserve.

Through Lake County the highway courses through pleasant, rolling farmland.

The historic trail still is valuable as a traffic artery. But it is also gaining a new picturesque, aesthetic value. It seems destined to a greater fame that it has ever had, a renown which no strictly utilitarian roadway can garner.

THE END.....

(NOTE: This article was written in the late 1950's.)

### For those of you who just thought you knew everything, here's a refresher course...

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you Up in the morning.

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead Skin

The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of Lung cancer.....so did the "Marlboro Man."

Walt Disney was afraid of mice.

Pearls melt in vinegar.

The three most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs..but not downstairs.



"The object of this Society shall be the Discovery, preservatio And dissemination of Knowledge about the Community of Wheelin