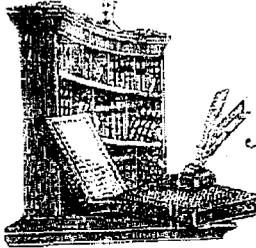




NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JUNE 2008



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

Hello from your new President! It is now June and with the flowers blooming and everything green, summer is finally here. It is really nice after such a long winter.

In the month of May we had a small flood in the lower office of the museum. Thanks to Linda who discovered it and Liaison Cheri Klumpp who reported it, and with the help of Wedge, Beverly and Patti and Park and Recreation Services guys, Ron Heiman, Greg Hartmann, Miguel Gonzalez and Greg Rauhut and others, things were brought under control very quickly. The museum will open June 8th and we will be back in business.

As you know, we held our installation dinner On May 28th at the beautiful Chevy Chase Country Club. Trustees and Commissioners from the village and park also attended. Our outgoing President Elaine Simpson was given an award by both the Park District, "President Webber" and the members of the Historical society. Congratulations Elaine, they were well deserved. The food was great and the entertainment was presented by Paddy Lynn "Story Teller" who did a wonderful rendition of Emily Dickinson and took us all back to the 1800's.

We are looking forward to an interesting year and it is our hope our membership will increase. If you know anyone interested, please let us know.

Our next meeting will be held June 25 and we will be discussing the upcoming event (4th of July). We hope to see you there.

Joan Wiener, President

CURATOR'S REPORT

Museum Update: Due to a 3" water flood on Sunday May 18th, the museum has been closed to the public. Some damage was done to the basement office carpet and any boxes and materials that were on the floor, got wet. These items were gone through and some needed to be discarded. The park and society staff worked together and the museum will be open June 8. Thanks to everyone who helped with the cleanup.

We contacted Worsham College regarding the rattle snake we have. This is the mortuary college on Northgate Parkway. They offered to refill the preservative and will return it in about a week. We do thank them. The snake is a great attraction to the children visiting the museum.

Annamarie Utroska whose mother-in-law is Josephine Utroska and lived in Wheeling 27+ years and was a buyer & seller of antiques, requested an appraiser's name. I sent her the phone number of Northbrook Society as a contact for a professional appraiser.

Julie Vollbrecht whose family owned the Ahlstrand Marine business in Wheeling and whose husband's father used to play music at the Hartmann House, requested information regarding when the Twin Drive-In was built. A reply has been sent.

Judy Wenzel of Naperville is looking for information on "Old People's Home Lutheran" from the 1900 census and people who were inmates. No information is available but I referred her to Luther Village in Arlington Heights.

CHRONOLOGY

Arthur Miller, Sr., opened Wheeling's first bowling alley at Columbia Recreation. Servite Sisters bought a portion of Childerley which became Villa Addolorata Country Club name is changed to Chevy Chase. Wheeling population is 550 in 1938, 1939, 1940.

The post office moved from Faxsbender hardware store to its own office in Forke building. Ten acres of field, orchard and buildings at Childerley given to Calvert Foundataion. Denoyers opened Rising Sun Girl Scout camp on their farm in 1939, 1941, 1945

Royal Blue Store was sold to Mr. Davis of Northbrook In 1944, 1945, 1946

World War II ended. Arthur Ortegel was elected Mayor. Parks Air College took over Pal-Waukee Airport in 1943, 1945, 1947.

Civilian Defense program organized with Hans Schmidt as unit coordinator. The Presbyterian Dramatic Club was revived. Mrs. A. Fassbender was P.T.A. President in 1940, 1941, 1942.

ANSWERS 1940, 1941, 1944, 1945, 1947



ON THE FUNNY SIDE.....

LOST IN THE DARNDDEST PLACES

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher. "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cried.

The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way."

A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard." He says, "She got in he back seat by mistake."

COMMENTS MADE IN THE YEAR 1955

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are. It's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00.

"Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2,000.00 will only buy a Used one."

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous.

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just t mail a letter?"

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."



Men can read smaller print than women can, women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%...(now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven is \$16,400

TRIVIAL PURSUIT
Wheeling Herald
June 6, 1985

TEST YOUR MEMORY BACK TO 1985

What is the name of the public library in Wheeling?

What is the name of the 18-hole golf course in Wheeling?

Where does the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce hold its meetings?

Who is the principal of Wheeling High School?

What is the name of the shopping center on the southeast corner of Milwaukee and Dundee Roads?

What is the name of Wheeling's St. Joseph's annual 4th of July celebration?

ANSWERS:

Thomas Shirley, Riverside Plaza, Family Fest.
 Indian Trails, Chevy Chase, Hackney's Restaurant

THE CLOTHES LINE..

The clothes line... a dead give away. Do the kids today even know what a clothes line is? Many are too young to remember but for some of us this will bring back the memories

You had to wash the clothes line before hanging any clothes. Walk the length of each line with a damp cloth around the line.

You never hung a shirt by the shoulders, always by the tail. What would the neighbors think?

Wash day on a Monday. never hang clothes on the weekend or Sunday for heaven's sake

Hang the sheets and towels on the outside lines so you could hide your "unmentionables" in the middle.

It didn't matter if it was sub zero weather...clothes would "freeze dry."



A Bit of Fancy Work
Poet's Corner

It was a bit of fancy work
 That she had tucked away,
 A vine and wreath of tiny flowers
 To finish some other day.

Her needle, threaded, still was there,
 Her scissors and thimble too,
 All ready to complete the work
 When she'd nothing else to do.

I found them in her bureau drawer
 Right where she'd laid them down;
 And there they'd been month after month
 Just as she'd left them then.

I seemed to hear her low sweet voice
 As thus I stood alone;
 Before me was the work she'd left,
 The worker now is gone.

Her busy hands will work no more,
 My tears unbidden start,
 I breathe her name and press her work
 Close to my lonesome heart.

Oh, when my hour of going comes,
 May life's work be well done,
 And something beautiful be found
 By loved ones when I'm gone.

—Dr. T.F. Hildreth

NATURAL HIGHS

Falling in love.
 Laughing so hard your face hurts
 A hot shower
 No lines t the supermarket
 A special glance
 Getting mail.
 Taking a drive on a pretty road.
 Hearing your favorite song on the radio.
 Lying in bed listening to the rain outside.
 Hot towels fresh out of the dryer.

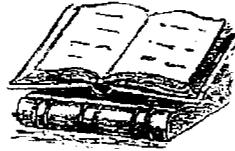


" The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the community of Wheeling "

Volunteers are needed for June 29, July 13 and July 27. Museum is closed June 15 (Fathers Day) and 6th of July. Please let us know if you can give some of your time on these dates.

Linda Reading, Curator

A Bit of History



School days...Golden Rule days



This Wheeling School class photo was taken in 1897. Pupils attended first through eighth grade. The school did not have a lavatory. The children had to use an outhouse; there was one for the girls and one for boys. In the winter, the school was warmed by a pot-bellied stove that burned coal.

Then and now...Wheeling schools have come a long way in teaching.

By Sylvia Thoma, Special Sections Correspondent
Wheeling Herald-1967

"Dramatic changes," are the words Assistant Superintendent for Instruction William Myers uses when describing Wheeling schools then and now. Including building structures and learning environments. But before we get in to now, let's go back a few years.

Wheeling's school days, as far as buildings go, began in the year 1845. This first school building was soon outgrown, thus a new building was erected in 1861. Named "Wheeling School", it was located in a frame building on the south side of Dundee Road, west of Milwaukee Avenue.

Adeline Schneider reflects on the school in the book "Wheeling Through the Years" by the Wheeling Historical Society. "We walked to Wheeling School which was just two blocks south and around the corner. Many times the bigger boys would ring the bell. Every once in a while they'd pull too hard on the rope, and the bell would tip and somebody would have to crawl up on the roof and get it back," she said.

In the same book, Frances Gerschevske Moeller, who was born on a farm on Portwine Road in 1905, recalls her school days at Wheeling School... "We lived on Portwine Road and I walked a mile and a half to school. There were no school buses in those days. Sometimes in winter we wouldn't even get home. I stayed over with my aunt and uncle, Mr. And Mrs. Kroll, on Dundee Road." She says. "We had to pump our own water and the teachers had to build the fires and clean," said Moeller.

Nine years later the school burned down and was rebuilt the following year, in 1871. The new school had two stories and was used until 1925, when a new brick school building was constructed on South Wille St.

This structure was later incorporated in what is now Walt Whitman School that is, was Walt Whitman School.

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"Hello, Bob? It's your father again. I have another question about my new computer. Can I tape a movie from cable TV then fax it from my VCR to my CD-ROM then E-mail it to my brother's cellular phone so he can make a copy on his neighbor's camcorder?"



One trouble with the world is that so many people who stand up vigorously for their rights, fall down miserably on their duties.