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'Diagnosis Wheeling'

Village Once Was Home To Potawatomi Indians

(This is the seventh in a series of reports on Wheeling being reprinted in the Herald. They are part of a comprehensive report entitled "Diagnosis Wheeling" complied by the temporary Community Relations Commission. This week's report, "The History of Wheeling," was compiled by Mrs. Shirley Koeppen.)

Wheeling was officially incorporated as a village in the year of 1895, however, the years prior to that date were busy formidable ones. This area was explored as early as 1673, until 1832 the Potawatomi Indian called it "home."

The geographic location of Wheeling, on the Des Plaines river, promoted the establishment of settlements and trails. Milwaukee Avenue for many generations was a well established stagecoach route.

It seems that education has always been one of the primary concerns of the people of Wheeling. The Black Hawk war was barely over when our first school was erected, churches and affiliated groups followed—all this, 50 years before we became an official village of the State of Illinois.

WHEELING is older than Chicago and many of her neighboring communities, but she was dormant while these areas were first being developed, and during the time that the towns adjacent to her were beginning to receive the influx of people to suburbia. Approximately eight years ago Wheeling was roused from this dormancy; accomplishments that have taken place in our village since that time have gained local and national recognition, and visitors from foreign countries.

In the late 1950's, the total population numbered in the 900's. Today we are nearly 12,000

This rapid growth has produced growing pains, our community minded citizens are aware of this and there are many dedicated people devoting time to rectify the errors of our upstart community. Among us, there are many native sons, whose families are part of the history of our village. Their pride in Wheeling is shared by the newcomer interested in civic duty. Together, our common goal is to better our community, making it second to none.

In this year of 1964, Wheeling finds herself surrounded by tollways, railroads and airports. To keep abreast of this growth and the space age, and still preserve the heritage and charm of our village is our challenge. (W

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Display Old License Plates

A complete set of license plates, dating back to the first year they were issued, is currently on display at the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank. Co-exhibitors of the display are the Wheeling Historical Society and the bank.

"The plates serve as a reminder of the great part the automobile played in the growth of Wheeling," states Marshall Balling, a bank director and vice-president of the society.

"Long time residents of the village are able to recall when Milwaukee Ave. was the main artery between Chicago and the Chain of Lakes region," continues Balling.

The plates were collected by Sam Datillo. Erwin Maihack built the display rack.

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Highlights Of Wheeling Historical Society Meeting

Because of the holiday season, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Willis, president and curator respectively of the Wheeling Historical Society, invited the members to hold the December meeting at their home. Fruit punch, cakes and coffee were served.

Mrs. Julius Benjamin reported on the last Community Council meeting, and urged that the Historical Society send a representative to future council meetings. Sam Datillo was appointed, and will attend the January council meeting.

The Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank has agreed to show historical exhibits of items donated to the society until such time as a permanent museum is obtained. An exhibit is being planned for sometime in January.

A committee, consisting of Merle Willis, John Koeppen, and Fred Moeller, was appointed to draw up plans for the best way of converting the Old Village Hall into a museum.

There were several suggestions for celebrating the anniversary of the incorporation of the village as Wheeling Heritage Day. Wheeling was incorporated on June 19, 1894. However, since the village has existed a far longer time, attempts will be made to determine the exact date. Dorothy Forke, secretary, will write to the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C. to find out when mail was first delivered to the village, and when the village post office was opened under the name of Wheeling.

The histories of all organizations, groups, village boards, commissions, etc. are urgently requested for compiling a complete historical record.

One of the objectives of the Historical Society is to establish historical landmarks and put up markers. since these places would be of general interest to the community, it was thought that they should be easily accessible, and that we should try to join with the Park District in making sure that the Green Belt program would include at least some of these landmarks. Perhaps those parts of the park could be called "A Walk Through History".

The excellent program by the Community Council on the Green Belt will be presented at the meeting on Jan. 26th at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Society Gets State Charter

The Wheeling Historical Society was approved as a not-for-profit corporation by the Illinois Secretary of State's office, it is reported.

Principals names were Hazel Willis, Shirley Koeppen and Ruth Wieder.

First Historical Meeting Is Held

There was a good turnout for the Nov. 24 Wheeling Historical Society meeting due to the interest of the members in a letter received from the Wheeling, W. Va., Historical Society.

Secretary Dorothy Forke read the letter, which contained several theories on the origin of the West Virginia name, but sheds no light on the origin of the name of our village.

President Merle Willis read some information that he found in the old village files dating back to 1853. He showed a copy of the map setting forth the first five village plats.

Mrs. George McMahon, treasurer of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club, presented a $10 check for the historical society's state charter.

Anyone interested in Wheeling village history, or who has any information regarding the village and surrounding area, is asked to attend meetings, held the fourth Wednesday of the month at the village hall.

ANY ARTICLES or records of historical value would be appreciated. Fred Moeller and Mrs. James Wieder may be contacted regarding the disposition of these items.

There was general discussion regarding the desirability of obtaining a permanent museum to house and display the growing collection of items and records. Willis was directed to write a letter to the village board requesting use of the old village hall, which is now standing empty and padlocked.

Historians Seeking Village Birth Date

Wheeling Historical Society has asked one of its members to write to Washington in an attempt to determine the founding date of the village.

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The Historical Society has been discussing celebration of the incorporation of the village and wishes to obtain all available information from organizations and village commissions to compile a complete historical record.

MEMBERS ALSO have decided to work with the Wheeling Park District to assure that the Green Belt program would include historical landmarks of significance to the community.

They suggested that those parts of the park be called "A Walk Through History."

A committee consisting of Merle Willis, John Koeppen, and Fred Moeller has been appointed to adopt plans for converting the old village hall into a museum. (W

Plan For Village Museum 2-10-66

Plans, for presenting the best method of converting the old village hall to a museum, are being prepared for the Wheeling Historical Society.

Assigned to perform the task are Society members Merle Willis, Fred Moeller, and John Koeppen.

Attempts will be made to find out the exact date of the founding of the village. It was incorporated in June, 1894, but the date of its founding is unknown.

Mrs. John Forke, the Society's secretary, will write to the U.S. Post Office Dept. to find out when the village received its first letter and when the first post office was opened under the Wheeling name.

Historical Museum Is Rejected by Trustees

A request to convert the old village hall on Milwaukee Avenue at Center Street into a historical museum was turned down by the Wheeling Village Board Dec. 20 by a 4-2 vote.

But Trustee Peter Egan, whose committee weighed the proposal, said the committee would "eventually like to see" the old building preserved as a museum.

BUT FOR THE time being, he said, his committee recommended against the request of the Junior Woman's Club because:

(1 The village is currently short of storage space.

(2 There have been various requests for use of the old village hall.

(3 It is questionable if the board should turn the hall over to any one organization.

Egan noted that the woman's club had made two requests to the board concerning the hall, the first for permission to take it over for a clubhouse, and the second "restore and preserve it" as a Wheeling historical museum.

Another request for use of the building for a museum is also to be made by the Wheeling Historical Society, it was reported. But Egan said the request had not been received as of Dec. 20.

"Whatever happened" to the Wheeling Jaycees offer to renovate the building, Trustee Ira Bird asked.

IT WAS REPLIED that evidently the Jaycees, who had asked for and been given permission to fix up the building, had put up some paneling but had not completed the job.

The old hall was used for village board meetings until about 1958, and then was used as the public works department headquarters until a permanent public works building was erected on Wolf Road in 1963.

Evidently having an important bearing on the village board's decision was the first request to use the old hall as a clubhouse, a privilege which the trustees felt they could not grant to any one private organization.

Voting against the denial were Trustees Norbert Necker and John Koeppen. (W

Christmas Mail Lesson In Historic Battle

Two thousand men were injured or died in New Orleans because it took two months to get even a high priority message from Belgium to New Orleans. The U. S. Post Office has come a very long way since that incident which occurred in 1812. Two or three-day delivery is standard practice for such a letter today," stated Wheeling Postmaster Edward Swan.

Continued Swan, "However, if people held the vast volume of Christmas mail until the last minute, even a high priority message could be delayed in the mail avalanche."

The incident was the Battle of New Orleans. General Andrew Jackson's forces defeated a British army on January 8, more than two weeks after a peace treaty had been signed ending the War of 1812. The message wasn't delivered until March 6.

"While the late delivery of Christmas mail may not be tragic," the Wheeling Postmaster said, "much of the joy of Christmas would be lost."

Postmaster Swan urged mailers to double check the addresses against the items they are sending. He also suggested that ZIP codes be used in all mail -- in both return and destination addresses. These steps, according to him, would insure the arrival of mail at its proper destination on time.

Summing up, Swan offered this final piece of advice, "Mail early and often."

Wheeling was once a not much more than a "one horse" town. "Pacer" a faithful mare owned by Charles Utpadell is shown in this old photo taken from the door of the old ice cream parlor. Across the street on the left is thebuilding then used as the village hall. The building still stands at Milwaukee Avenueand Center Street a half-block north of theUnion Hotel.

The first fire fighting equipment in the village was stored in a shed along side the building. Although early fire fighting equipment was crude, the big problem was lack of water to put out blazes. Unless a fire happened near the Des Plaines River, a creek, a cistern or farm pond, firemen were usually able to do little.

During one fire, a small boy fell into a cistern and firemen had to stop pumping water to haul him out. Firemen occasionally still take water from the Des-Plaines River to fight a nearby fire; especially during times of "high" water, when there is less danger of sucking mud into a pump.

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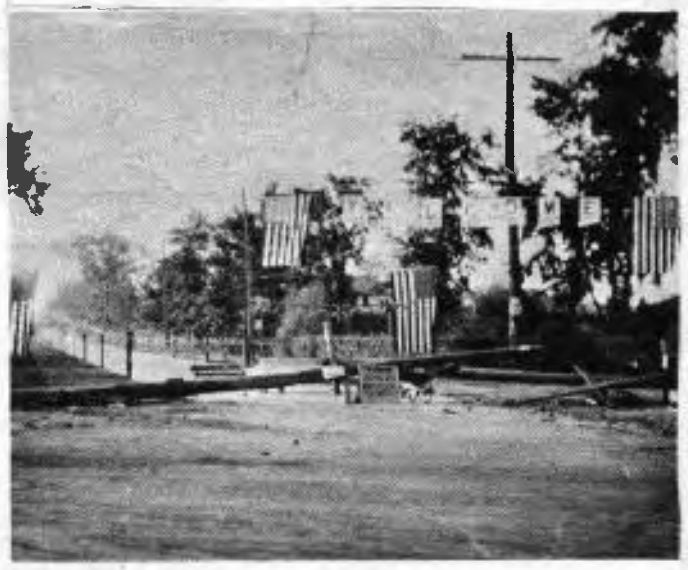

Veterans returning from World War One were greeted by American Flags and Welcome signs in Wheeling nearly fifty years ago.

Wheeling Historical Society Seeks Museum

There was a good turnout in spite of the rain, due to the interest of the members in a letter received from the Wheeling, West Virginia Historical Society.

Secretary DorothyForke read the letter, which contained several theories as to how they got their name, but it still leaves the origin of Wheeling, Illinois' name in the dark.

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Mrs. George McMahon, treasurer of the Wheeling Jr. Woman's Club, presented a check from the Juniors to the historical society to pay for the Charter.

Anyone interested in Wheeling Village history, or who has any information regarding the village and surrounding area is asked to please come forward and join the Society.

Any articles or records of historical value would be appreciated. Mr. Fred Moeller and Mrs. James Wieder may be contacted for the disposition of the items.

There was a general discussion regarding the desirability of obtaining a permanent museum to house and display the growing collection of items and records. President Merle Willis was directed to write a letter to the Village Board requesting use of the Old Village Hall, which is now standing empty and padlocked. The Wheeling Historical Society is very much interested in restoring and preserving this building for use as a museum.

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To House Relics

'New Look' for An Old Hall

Wheeling, one of the oldest communities in northwest suburbs, may soon have a museum to house historical relics.

Village trustees Monday agreed to turn over the old village hall at South Milwaukee Avenue and Center Street to the Wheeling Historical Society for a museum.

Trustee Peter Egan, chairman of the public buildings and grounds committee, said it was the "feeling of the community that the hall will be given to the society." In a unanimous decision the board concurred.

EGAN SAID the Historical Society should get together with Village Atty. Paul Hamer to work out certain legal specifics, such as insurance coverage.

Last December trustees rejected a request by the Wheeling Junior Women's Club to make the hall a historical museum. At the time Egan said his committee would "eventually like to see" the old building preserved as a museum. But he added, for the time being the board should reject it.

Historical Society vice Pres. Dr. Ian Taylor was pleased by the decision of the board. "It's a perfectly logical use for the building," he added. The Historical Society is an organization dedicated to preserving the history of Wheeling, said the vice president.

THE SOCIETY has accumulated several old relics which have been kept in members homes. Such thing as old instruments, tools, dishes showing old Wheeling buildings, photographs of scenes in the village years ago and an old fashioned telephone from the 1890's are among the items collected by the society.

Some old newspapers also are in the society's archives, Taylor said.

The group is seeking more historical items from residents in the area, said Taylor. He said he expected the effort to to be expanded, "now that we have a place to put them."

"We must also seek help in getting materials and time donated" toward renovating the hall, Taylor said. In the remodeling the society would like to make the building look like it did when it was first erected.

OLD TIMERS in Wheeling believe the building was built about the turn of the century. The old hall was used for village meetings until 1958, then it was used as the public works department until a permanent structure was constructed for public works on Hintz Road.

Wheeling was incorporated as a village in 1896, but the settlement existed long before that history enthusiasts claim. The first post office was built in 1836. The following decade brought a "building boom" to the area.

A STORE operated by Charles Daniels and Russel Wheeler was erected in 1837, according to information in Andreas' "History of Cook County." In 1838 two blacksmith shops, were built.

THE OLD VILLAGE HALL on S. Milwaukee Avenue may soon become a historical museum in Wheeling. The village board this week agreed to "turn the building over" to the Wheeling Historical Society to store relics of the past. The society has been collecting historical items from area residents. (Staff Photo)

A STEERING COMMITTEE for TORCH, a new organization to co-ordinate Community Development Program in Wheeling, was appointed last week. Three members show the organization's symbol. From left to right are Harry Thill, Sister Mary Henri and Richard Stanowski. (Staff Photo)

Over Two Units

Wheeling in Gym Victory

A solid team effort by Wayne Selvig's Wheeling gymnasts resulted in a double victory Friday over visiting units from Waukegan and Elk Grove in a double duel varsity meet.

First place showings in five of six events gained the Wildcats an 86½-42½ triumph over the Grenadiers to go with a 73-53 collaring of the Bulldogs.

A number one showing by Tony D'Amico of Elk Grove on the trampoline avoided a Wheeling monopoly on blue ribbons in the Whildcat-Grenadier phase of the outing. D'Amico was backed up by teammates Jim Evans in third and Gregg Murphy in sixth while Mickey Dyson was tacking down second, John Grund fourth and Chuck Milbratz fifth for the hosts.

WHEELING CARVED out a sweep on the side horse with Steve Geiger in first, Kim Butler in second and Mike Allen third while Bob Carter, Steve Tomaselli and Dale Simon were fourth, fifth and sixth for the Grenadiers.

A broken arm suffered by all-around sophomore Tom Valentine in the high bar competition was the severest blow absorbed by Elk Grove. Valentine had been entered in all the remaining events and his team subsequently took sixths in each of them.

Dick Rainer was first for the home team on the H-bar with mates Fred Hudson and Rick Orna finishing second and fourth. Bruce Wilbersheid and Simon gained third and fifth places for Elk Grove.

WHEELING WALKED off with other 1-2-3 showings on the parallel bar and rings. On the P-bar it was Mike Bangs first, Ranier second and Greg Shornden third with Bill Sanders and Simon of the Grenadiers in fourth and fifth.

Orna, Craig Ovesky and Jim Sobczak were first through third on rings with Simon in fourth and Tomaselli fifth.

In tumbling Dyson gained top honors with D'Amico second, Shornden third and John Koffler of Wheeling and Evans tied for fourth.

Sharron Vincent Wheeling Queen

Sharron Vincent of 158 Jeffery Ave., Wheeling, was crowned queen of the 1966 Wheeling High School Christmas Ball, "Candleglow and Mistletoe," on Dec. 17.

Sharron was crowned by last year's queen, Cindy Benson of 1050 E. Meadow Lane, Mount Prospect, who is currently attending Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

OTHER MEMBERS of the Christmas Ball court included Lyn Easterling of 113 Birchwood, Prospect Heights; Linda Geething of 607 Ironwood, Mount Prospect; Marge Rudolph of 119 Garden Lane, Prospect Heights, and Gina Grandt of 14 E. Hintz, Wheeling.

SHARRON VINCENT

The court was selected by the members of the band performing at the dance. All senior girls and their escorts marched in front of the band during the intermission. Band leader Joe Gallagher then selected the five finalists.

As each girl entered the dance, she was presented a red satin bid with gold lettering for a remembrance of the night. Couples danced to the music of the Gallagher band under a huge ball of mistletoe suspended from the ceiling of the gymnasium.

The foyer of the school was fashioned into an old town square with a fire house, anoth-

WHEELING HIGH SCHOOL

Chemistry Seminar

Students interested in attending the Chemistry Career Seminar for Junior High and High School students Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago should contact their chemistry teachers immediately.

The Seminar is sponsored by the Chemical Industries Council of the Midwest. Conference sessions will be in the Belmont and Plaza rooms, Avenue East and West rooms.

It will cover careers in chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, marketing, production, and others. Counselors from all areas of the chemical industry will answer questions in person-to-person interviews.

Pennants for Gym

Pep Club has donated $100 from its treasury to buy pennants for the gym.

They represent the other schools in the conference and have been placed around the scoreboard.

Other Pep Club projects include a Christmas skit to be presented at Holy Family Hospital and Addolorata Villa. The skit is about Christmas in other lands. Christmas carols will be sung between acts.

Recently Pep Club made 80 pairs of wooden clappers to promote spirit at home basketball games. They are also responsible for the signs and posters in the halls announcing the games.

Future projects planned are bake sales every month, a trip to McCormick Place next month and purchasing Pep Club sweatshirts.

VILLAGE OF WHEELING
ILLINOIS

NEWSLETTER

"WHEELING. . . . WHERE PROGRESS IS BY THE PEOPLE"

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PRECINCT REGISTRATION.....The final day for voter registration will be Tuesday, October 11, until 30 days after the election. Polling places will be open from 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. in your precinct. Anyone not certain of his correct polling place may contact the Village Clerk's Office, 537-2141. Information regarding absentee ballots and eligibility of servicemen and ex-servicemen also may be obtained from the Village Clerk. . . You must be a registered voter to cast your ballot in the November 8 election. . . To meet the requirements for registration, one must be a United States citizen, 21 years old, a resident of Illinois for one year, of the county for 90 days, and of the precinct for 30 days by the date of election.

On November 8, you will be asked to vote on two proposed amendments to the Illinois Constitution...these are called "blue ballots." One is an amendment to the Revenue Article and the other is an amendment on County Officers re-election. . . Every registered voter has received an explanation of these amendments in a blue booklet form from the Secretary of State. . . . . Read, think, vote! .....In keeping with this timely subject, a public meeting sponsered by the Northwest Homeowners Association will be held the evening of Tuesday, October 11, at Jack London Jr. High School. The program will start at 9 P.M. with two speakers giving the pros and cons of the proposed Revenue Article. You are invited to attend, since this amendment merits your serious consideration and informed vote.

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Are you aware that Wheeling has an ordinance preventing door-to-door uninvited solicitations? Ordinance 782 specifically states that no door-to-door solicitors are allowed in the Village of Wheeling without prior invitation of the homeowner. This ordinance is for your protection and the protection of your youngsters. You need not have your home privacy invaded by uninvited solicitors. If an uninvited solicitor comes to your door, immediately phone the Police Department and report it. If at all possible, report the name of the company and the name of the solicitor. You may be asked to file a complaint. If you want this ordinance enforced, do so. The complaint will be drawn up by the police department and the officer in charge will inform you of procedures. It then becomes a village responsibility and will be handled by the village attorney. We need your cooperation if this ordinance is to be enforced. Cooperate. Our village laws can only be enforced and will be as effective as you as citizens are willing to back them up. For further information call the Village Clerk.

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CIVIL DEFENSE. . . A Citizens Committee on Civil Defense has been established in Wheeling, meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Village Hall. Coordinating the efforts of the committee are Robert Buerger, Wheeling Civil Defense Director, and Wayne Gilbert, Asst. Director. The spring high winds and tornadoes prompted the formation of the citizens' group, which hopes to improve inter-community communications, establish a siren alert system, obtain equipment, and better educate the residents on local disaster problems. Any interested person is welcome to attend.

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A big WELCOME TO WHEELING is greeting motorists entering the village, emblazoned on eight woodtoned signs placed at the village limits. In addition to the welcome, the signs bear the Village slogan: "Where Progress Is By The People" and a wagon wheel, the official symbol. The project, sponsored by the Public Relations Commission and financed by the Meadowbrook Women's Club, was made possible by the consent of the landowners on whose property the signs stand. Easements were granted by Bodell Cleaners, Dr. Ian Taylor, G.Graham, Roy Knowppel, Michael Horcher, Nicholas Reding, C. D. Balling, and Mrs. Wales.

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AND THE BAND PLAYED ON. The Wheeling High School Marching Band marched the streets of its home town in the parade opening the Wheeling Family Fair last Saturday. It also participated in the parade of neighboring Buffalo Grove for its annual celebration Sunday. The band will be honored tonight at a banquet celebrating winning of the Minneapolis Aquatennial grand championship flag. (See inside story) (Staff photo)

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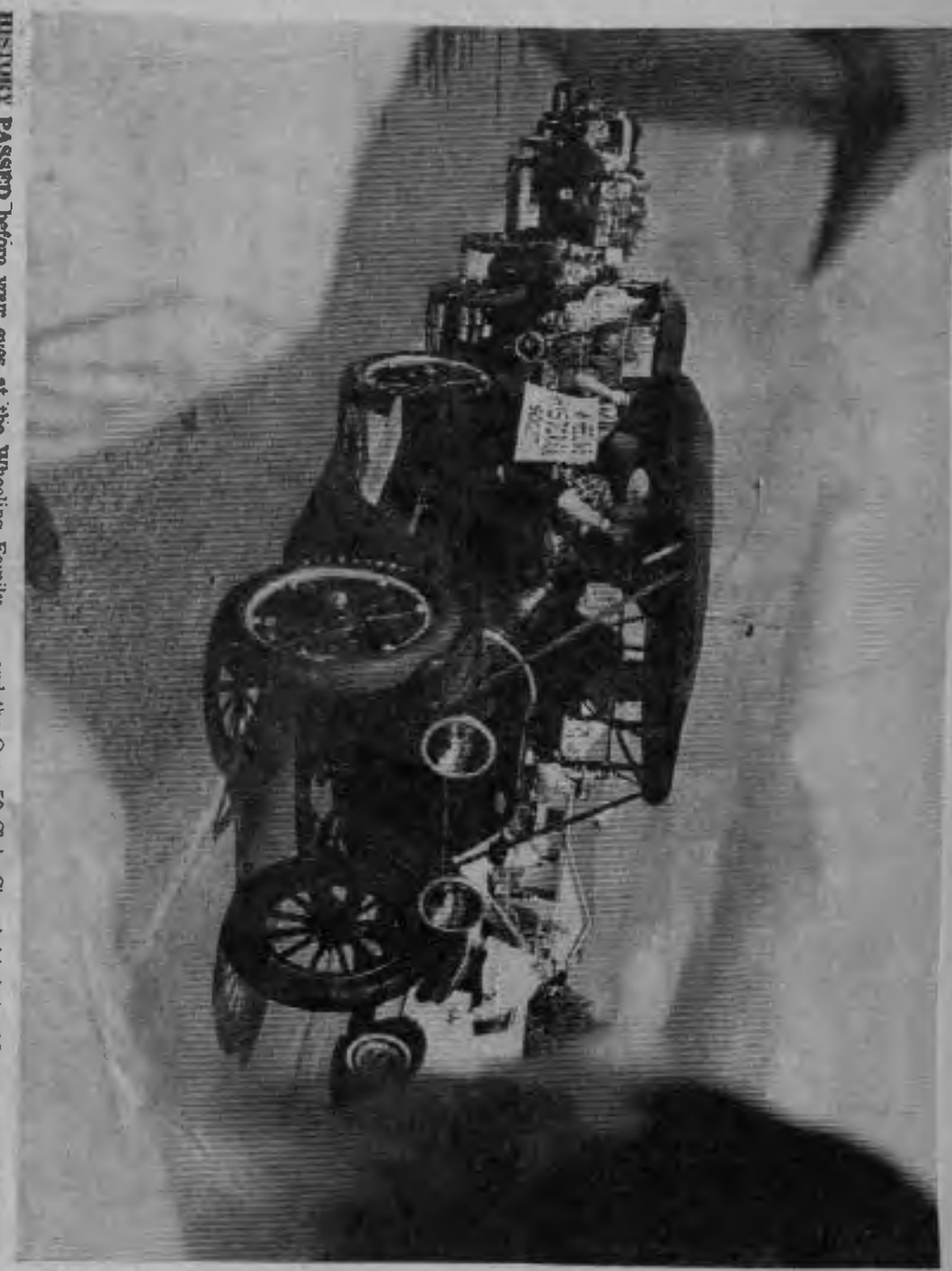

HISTORY PASSED before your eyes at the Wheeling Family Fair last weekend, thanks to the Wheeling Historical Society and the Over 50 Club. Close behind the 16 cars of the past were the cars of today, to insure recognition of progress as well as an appreciation of history. (Staff photo)

"FOR AULD LANG SYNE" is the New Year toast to the past. Above is Wheeling's Milwaukee Avenue of bygone years. Below is the Dundee Road of a nearly forgotten era.

Wheeling Tops In Leadership

Wheeling has been regarded as "across the tracks" by all surrounding communities, a feeling which has grown from a century of existence and dates back into the prohibition era of bootlegging.

It has a "slot machine" history in which more than one current village resident took part.

Look down their noses if they want, but from Wheeling in 1961 came much of the leadership in the northwest suburbs.

Because the need was greater, maybe more seeds of progress have been spread and have sprouted in Wheeling than in any neighboring areas.

This is challengeable, and the main challengers may be Wheeling's immediate neighbors, Buffalo Grove and Prospect Heights. There the need for action has been great, too.

Yet from Wheeling came much of the main impetus for the establishment of the Northwest Cooperative Mental Health association in 1961.

No other area Community Council organization compares with that of the joint Wheeling-Buffalo Grove council—born in Wheeling just a little over a year ago.

In education, Wheeling has been a forerunner in the cooperative endeavor of northwest suburban school districts to mutually provide special classes for handicapped and exceptional children.

Wheeling is a political caldron, and is on the front line, a key position in the unspoken tooth and nail battle for political supremacy in the suburbs.

From its bootlegging days have evolved some of the finest restaurants north of Chicago. It boasts a "restaurant row."

It has been a struggle for the community, because there are forces which resist, sometimes even constructively.

In building construction, these forces sometimes cite the "kind of development Wheeling can expect"—and the villagers know what is meant—below average housing and hodge-podge planning.

Again, however, because its building problem has been one of the greatest in the area, perhaps, Wheeling is laying the groundwork for the wisest building to come in the future.

From this billboard spattered town whose population has increased 10 times since 1950, are coming some of the finest of minds.

Why, how or from where they come is unexplained, but they are there.

Wheeling has experienced all the aches and pains of other communities while still in its infancy. It is only just beginning to be developed.

Its potential is vast and hardly tapped. It is trying to rise. Best wishes for a happy New Year, and many more to come even happier.

THURS., DEC. 28, 1961

a Treasure, Now 50 Years Old County's Forest Preserves,

Officials to Mark Founding Date June 21

Cook couny will celebrate the 50th anniversary June 21 of the founding of a public treasure unique the world over.

It is the Cook county forest preserve district, a girdle of woodland and prairie, marsh and meadow, lake and stream, in and around a seething urban area. No other metropolitan community boasts anything like it.

Holds 52,340 Acres

What it means is that each of the county's more than 5,300,000 residents is within a short distance from some public area with trees, grass, wildlife, birds, fresh air, and solitude if sought.

There are 52,340 acres of that land today in parcels from 10,000 to 3 acres.

At 11 a. m. June 21 in the County building, Seymour Simon, county board and forest preserve district president, will commemorate the event with a speech and the opening of an exhibit of forest preserve activities to be on display two weeks in the building.

A second anniversary event will be a speech by Orville Freeman, secretary of agriculture, at 2:30 p. m. June 27 at Brookfield zoo, owned by the district and operated by the Chicago Zoological society.

Founding Took Time

For awhile in the teen years of the century, it appeared as tho the district, enmeshed in legal tangles, might never be. It first was approved by voters in 1905. But, for complicated reasons, the Illinois Supreme court decreed the election invalid.

There were two more elections, the last in 1914. Problems followed both. The first meeting of district commissioners was held Feb. 11, 1915 — but not until an Illinois Supreme court ruling of 1916 was the legal road cleared.

Even then, noting rising costs of the land, THE TRIBUNE lamented that the long delay in setting up the district cost county residents 10 million dollars. Land that could have been bought in 1905 for about 5 million dollars had risen by 1916, the paper estimated, to 1[illegible] million.

But the first purchase of 76 parcels of land at $90 an acre soon was made in what now is called Deer Grove, a preserve west of Quentins road from Dundee road to County road northwest of Palatine

Alan Ackerman, Don Koelling, and Ruth Wieder examine some of the relics found in the old attic, including a wooden beer keg tap labelled in German and plainly marked in hand printing "Fire Dept." (another such tap bears a label from the Columbian Exposition), a band music book bearing the name "Jacob Ott" in fine German script on the fly leaf, copies of the old Ordinance #57 (speed limit 12 mph except 4 mph in business districts, banners from the time Frank Lowden ran for Governor (whenver that was), and (in Mrs. Wieder's right hand) a mica casing used in the old gas lamps.

Old Village Hall Yields Relics

Not exactly treasures but certainly relics were some of the items unearthed in the attic of the old Village Hall on Milwaukee Ave. south of Dundee Rd., Friday, August 27th, when Building Inspector Allan Ackerman, Electrical Inspector Don Koelling and Historical Society member Ruth Wieder met to salvage and inventory such records and momentoes as could still be found on the premises. The inventory was carried out in accordance with a directive from the Village Board given Monday, Aug. 23rd.

Among the documents discovered were a June 1912 hunting license issued to C. F. Glandt, who was identified as being in the coal business; a receipt from the State Treasurer made out to R. Schneider of Wheeling dated May 6, 1912; and a Receipt Book from the year 1921.

Now that the Historical Society has been formed it is hoped that persons possessing old documents, photographs, and other items of historical interest will donate or loan them to the Society. Mrs. Wieder has indicated that even the school records in the possession of Dist. 21 Supt. Kenneth Gill go back only to 1948. Therefore, old school records, old village records, almost anything connected with Wheeling's colorful past, its old families, churches, and businesses would be of value.

In an organizational meeting August 25th, the Society elected as its officers Merle Willism President; Marshall Balling, Vice-President; Dorothy Forke, Secretary; Lucille Schneider, Treasurer; Hazel Willis, Curator; and Shirley Koeppen and Ruth Wieder as members of the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in the history of the Wheeling area is invited to attend meetings of the Society, which are held in the Village Hall the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next regular meeting will be Sept. 22nd. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Wieder at 537-2105.

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May 13, 1966

Miss Dorothy Forke
67 South Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Miss Forke:

Thank you for your letter of May 2. I'm happy to know that a Wheeling Historical Society has been chartered and that the Society has an interest in the Soo Line. I'm afraid, however, that there is not a great deal that we can do to help you. There is no written history of the Soo Line as such, although there are some historical comments in a number of stories about the Soo and the attached issue of Trains Magazine. Nor will it be possible for us to donate any sort of equipment to the museum. We simply have nothing that we could give you.

Sincerely,

Wallace W. Abbey
Director of Public Relations

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Joe Behm

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

Hello Dorothy:

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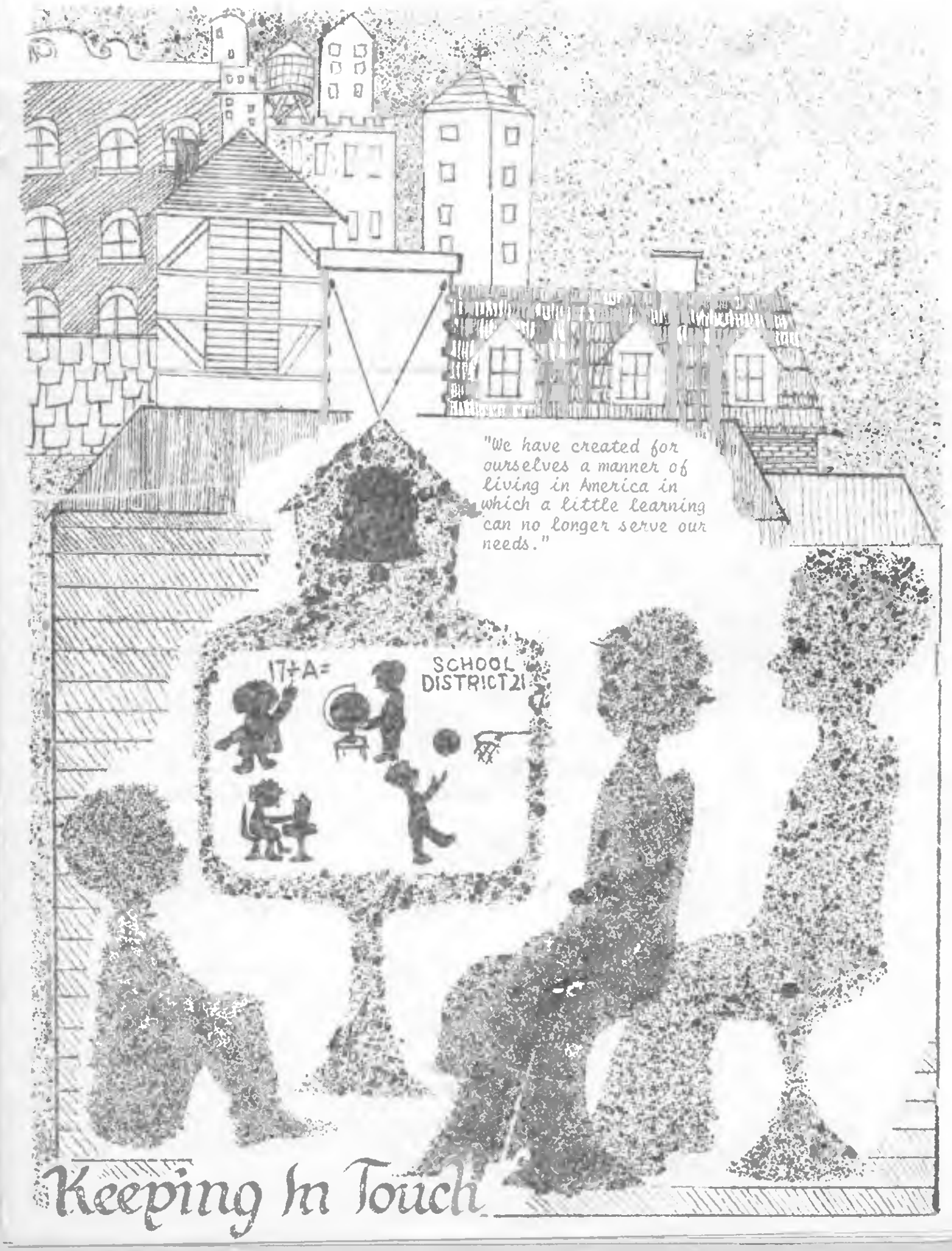
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 21
Keeping In Touch

[illegible] by the enthusiastic response to our program for the second straight year.

Summer Library Schedule - We will again have summer library hours for all children in areas where the public library is not readily accessible. Books may be checked out at of the following schools at the stated times.

	June 21st	-	August 16th
Aldott School	Tuesday		1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
London Junior High	Tuesday		1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Field School	Tuesday		1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Frost School	Tuesday		1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Citizens' Committees - Two Citizens' Committees are being formed by School District #21. One committee will study and make recommendations to the Board of Education on improving means of communication of ideas within the school community. The other committee will formulate a file of local citizens or organizations who might act as a resource to supplement the school program. Both committees will be performing a valuable task.

A Steering Committee is presently organizing the two operational committees. If you would be interested in joining one of the committees, please contact one of the following members of the Steering Committee. Mr. Ronald Weiner, Mrs. Mary Reid, Mrs. Lillian Stiller, or Mrs. Norma Magneson.

Kindergarten Registration - We still do not have all of the kindergarten registrations for next year. If you have not registered your child, you are causing us a real difficulty in planning. Teachers cannot be hired the last minute when we get a big influx of enrollments. Please take care of this and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Any child who will be five years old on or before December 1st, 1966 will be eligible for kindergarten this September.

LOCAL NEWS

Wheeling Historical Society - The Wheeling Historical Society, formed last year, is appealing for the support of all citizens in preserving the tangible evidences of Wheeling's past.

The Society is accumulating documents, photographs, clippings, antiques and artifacts of all kinds relating to the village's history since the first settler arrived here in March, 1833.

As parents of children in the schools of District #21, the Society hopes you will do your part in locating such materials so that the students will be able to better appreciate the heritage of their community.

The Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, at 8:00 P.M. at the Village Hall. The officers may be contacted at the meeting, in regards to donations of material, or for further information. Mr. Merle Willis is the President, and Miss Dorothy Forke is the Secretary.

Last Day of School - The last day of this school term will be Thursday, June 16th. Classes will be on a shortened schedule for that day. Kindergarten students will come to school for one-half hour and students in Grades 1-8 will attend school for one hour.

We feel that this has been a very successful school year, and we are sure that your child has grown both physically and academically beyond your expectations. Please have an enjoyable and safe summer with your children and send them back to us with new expectations next fall. We will be looking forward to welcoming them back and will plan during the summer for a new and exciting school year.

"Lest We Forget . . . " - Memorial Day has again brought into sharp focus the tremendous price we have paid for our country's precious heritage. We should never forget the sacrifices which have been unselfishly made so that we can enjoy the fruits of liberty.

Our staff has kept this in mind as we attempt to make our students conscious of the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society. Our children are surrounded by a cloud of world confusion and doubt. It is a prime time for brave men to step forward and continue the certain faith in right and freedom which has made our country so great. We hope and pray with you that our students may acquire that faith.

Holmes Junior High - The strike of the Operating Engineers and the wet weather has set our building construction behind schedule. Progress should be rapid from now on, and we still hope to have the building ready for occupancy by September.

However, in case the building is not completed by September 1st, we are working on some alternate plans to accommodate the students. Any double shifting will be avoided, if at all possible. We would hope to use gymnasiums, etc. as temporary classrooms for a short period of time.

We will give you periodic reports during the summer and when we are definite as to what will happen, we will give you the complete information.

Congratulations - We would like to congratulate our local P.T.A. members who have accepted offices in the Randhurst Council of P.T.A., which is the governing body of all P.T.A. groups within Elk Grove and Wheeling Townships. We are proud to have our local members serve on this influential body.

Mrs. Sonya Anderson, of Field School P.T.A., is newly elected 2nd Vice President of Randhurst Council. Mrs. Pat Burdsall, of Frost School P.T.A.. was elected Treasurer. Mr. Charles Burhop, of Frost P.T.A., was appointed Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, and Mrs. Jean Lehman, of Mark Twain P.T.A., was appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee.

We are sure that all of our local P.T.A. members will support them in their efforts.

Summer School - We have already enrolled 1284 students for the summer school session which will be held June 20th through July 15th. Classes will be held in Alcott, Whitman, Field, Frost, and Jack London Junior High Schools.

Wheeling Library - The Wheeling Library will be holding a referendum for a rate increase of 6 cents per $100 of assessed valuation.

DATE: June 14th, 1966

POLLING PLACE: Same polling places as for the primary election to be held on that day.

Summer Programs - Periodically we hand out through the schools releases from the Park Districts, Scout Groups, and Little Leagues. Many programs are offered to your children for the summer months. We would like to encourage you to watch for these pamphlets and read them carefully.

K. F. Gill, Superintendent
School District No. 21
Wheeling, Illinois

The Wheelion

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE WHEELING LIONS CLUB

NOVEMBER, - 1966

Wheeling, Illinois (Dist. 1 F)

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DR. IAN W. TAYLOR, Editor
Vice-President for Public Relations

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The Prexie Speaks

Our congratulations to the Wauconda Club for the excellent way their members planned and carried out all the activities during their 25th Anniversary Party. Kay and I, as well as the other Wheelingites present, enjoyed the evening very much.

I was pleased to see the Illinois Lions magazine use excerpts from previous club bulletins in its October issue. It shows that the Wheelion's fame is spreading. Next - The Lion ???

The deadline for the local phase of the Peace Essay Contest is December 10th, less than a month from now, and it has been disappointing to see the lack of publicity. Despite news releases from the International and from the club's publicity chairman, which I personally handed to the newspaper editor, nothing has been printed since the original announcement two months ago. Each member will have to work individually in the next few weeks to get the information to the youth of the community.

Dr. Arthur Buckley, President

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Taylor Views the NEWS

After reading the first paragraph above, I concur with the first sentence 100 per cent. Lions Herb Schroeder, Hank Gilson and Bill Howell, known to many of us from previous visits, did an exceedingly fine job of making the affair run smoothly. It was unfortunate that five of the Wheeling members present all came down with very bad cases of that contagious disease, Togetherness, at the very same time. Apparently they didn't realize that the editor has become immune to this particular ailment over the years, and he wouldn't have suffered from close contact with the "patients!!" However, the editor was assigned a table with members from the host club, including a reputed former Wheeling member, and the editor once again enjoyed typical "other club" conviviality. He even admits that the food was excellent, something that Wheelingites have practically never heard him say.

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Message to Vicki: You should be seeing Charlie Less and Ian More!!! It appears that your busy activities at interior decorating are making you more charming every day. Club members are amazed that you are related to individuals like Ernie, Ted and Chuck!!

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This earth-shaking announcement was made at the last meeting, with the request that it be given further circulation. Lion Charles Balling, bowling at Jeffery Lanes, achieved a 623 series. He received vociferous congratulations, much to the amazement of the editor, who has frequently, in the past, had series that high or more. Perhaps the explanation could be that the editor was bowling 5-pins, the type of bowling that predominates up in Canada!! There, the perfect game score is 450.

Lion Taylor, Vice-president of the Wheeling Historical Society, and Lion Marshall Balling, a director of the Society, are quite pleased that the Village Board has agreed to allow the Society to have the old Village Hall on South Milwaukee Avenue as a combined headquarters and historical museum. The members are in the midst of a campaign to obtain every sort of material pertaining to Wheeling's history, from the time the first settler arrived here in March, 1833. All Lions can help the Society by looking out for photos, clippings, newspapers, household objects, tools, equipment, etc. from Wheeling's past. Let Lions Balling and Taylor know if you can help. Also needed are materials and equipment to restore the old building to its original appearance.

Ex-member Eric Wenzlaff visited us again on his return from Europe, and he, along with his wife, appeared to have enjoyed the trip thoroughly.

made known at the next meeting. Circle the date on the calendar.

Lion Earl Sauter, the program chairman, has lined up, as he claims, an outstanding speaker for the next regular meeting on October 17th. According to his press release, this speaker is a noted raconteur, peripatetic traveller, and a man of universal interests. The talk will take the form of an illustrated travelogue through a large portion of the biggest civilized country in the world. With a build-up like this, even your editor is looking forward to being there, since, over the years, some programs, even when we have had a program, have been rather undistinguished, to say the least. Congratulations, Earl, in your efforts to educate, amuse, or confuse the audience each meeting since you took over.

Finally, after many months, the Florida-shaped 100 per cent attendance pins were given out to those who earned them over the year 1965-66, at the last regular meeting. Lions Lankard (in absentia), Sauter, E. Stavros, Stevenson, Taylor and Warr received them from the President. It was too bad that the conscientious member who kept bringing up the subject of the pins should have been held up to ridicule because of his persistence. After all, these six members made extra efforts to be present for every meeting, or visited other clubs to make up for unavoidable absences, and the club should congratulate them, instead of denigrating them. (Gus, look that up in the dictionary!!)

Two new members will be inducted into our club at the next meeting. One of them will prove to be a Jewel of a fellow, Robert Kalbas, and the other surely will meat with our approval, with no beefs, Lucien Weiler. Let's have a full attendance to greet these new Lions.

In last month's issue, premature thanks were given to two members who started out to rehabilitate the benches outside the local money depository. As of this deadline, the benches have a Gypsy Rose Lee appearance, rather bare and board. Get with it, volunteers.

Changes have been made inside the building behind the benches, with Lion Marshall Balling advancing to Vice-President, concerned with general operations, rather appropriate for a member with the nick-name "doc."

Candy Day, thanks to Lion Cowell and the weatherman, was a success, so that Hadley and Leader Dogs each received 180 dollars, and the remainder went to fulfill our pledge for the Braillewriters to the local schoolroom for the visually handicapped.

That sure was a fine looking group in the picture in front of the Wheeling cabin at Camp Lions. The picture appeared in the October issue of the State magazine. The editor of the Wheelion is thinking of suing for plagiarism, since he was given no by-line on the column on the trials and tribulations of an editor, which appeared in the same issue.

Thanks to District Publicity Chairman Bob Clendenin, our club's "good-will ambassador" [redacted] managed to obtain several Illinois State pins to send to the various clubs up in Canada who treated him so hospitably during his tour. He received a real unique "badge" in the mail the other day, from the Calgary, Alberta, club, in the form of a "white hat," stamped out of leather, representing Calgary's white-hat hospitality, not promoting a brand of car!! Speaking of club badges, the Wauconda club has just obtained a supply of engraved plastic badges for the members, and these badges made a real attractive display at the Silver Anniversary Party. The printed program was quite interesting, and well put together, too.

It is a good job that the club Treasurer has such an excellent assistant as Lion Warr, or otherwise the labels on this mailing would never have been made up. The editor asked Ernie for some many months ago, but I guess farm equipment problems took precedence over mere Lion activities!! Thanks, Bill, for following through so efficiently.

Lion Tonn seems to have had a good excuse for missing recent meetings - he just completed a 10 week course sponsored by the Northwest Suburban Real Estate Board, to become a REALTOR (instead of a FALSE-TOR?), and also passed the Illinois State Board as a real estate salesman. Rumors have it that he was trying to set a good example for an erstwhile (check the dictionary, Keith) restaurateur who sat in class during the course.

It has been reported that one of the Greek contingent in the club has become the owner of a new chariot rivalling that of the Buckley menage. Apparently this member knows "What's cooking," and how to make a good profit from same. Come on, Pete, let the rest of us in on a good thing!!

Don't forget to scrounge around for S and H Green Stamps to reach our Braillewriter goal.

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PADDOCK PUBLICATIONS THURS., JAN. 12, 1967

This Is Wheeling

A Dreary Past, A Bright Future?

by DICK LEONARD
Staff Writer

On a recent Sunday that held the promise of a particularly pallid afternoon of television programing, I buckled in the clan and set out for a day of driving.

"Ever been out to Wheeling," I offered turning onto Dundee Road. "They say it's older than Chicago," I said to my wife.

And for an hour or so that bleak afternoon I showed her the landmarks that are Wheeling — the good grey redi-mix plant, one of her first views of this historic village; next the monstrous powerlines that slice up the sky; the clusters of apartments, block after block; a street of service stations.

"Wasn't it awful," was all she said as we drove back home. It wasn't a snobbish statement — rather one said in sympathy, the way you do when you hear that a man of promise has failed.

STILL, TO A stranger's eyes, Wheeling does look just awful. It is the kind of a place you pass through, quickly, hoping that all the lights will stay green. For even those who call it home admit that there is some resemblance here to an overgrown truck stop. You would think that village that has had 140 years or so could do a better job of it.

But on closer look, Wheeling is a village more to be pitied than censured. Even nature has not been kind. A snow flurry in Palatine whips into a blizzard by the time it reaches Wheeling. A Des Plaines drizzle is a Wheeling flood.

And time, too, hasn't helped at all. It was born nearly 140 years ago as a sort of a truck stop — a way station on the muddy, rutted stagecoach trail that wended north to Green Bay. It was a swampy spot that for some reason caught the fancy of the Potawatomi Indians who camped here until white settlers, figuring that the tribe knew something about the place that they didn't, drove them west.

FOR YEARS it was a cluster of taverns, surrounded by a sprinkling of farms. It was said that "Half Day got the glory, but Wheeling got the ale business."

And so it slept on for a century right smack dab into the middle of the 1950's, still a village with a population of less than 1,000.

Then one day Wheeling exploded into a building boom that is still resounding. All the northwest suburbs would feel it. But Wheeling was to be the first. It would have to learn the hard way.

Imagine how it must have been. This forgotten village with its part-time village leaders suddenly being invaded by sweet talking developers.

In the words of a former

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MILWAUKEE AVENUE was a quiet tree-lined street in sleepy Wheeling before automobiles were invented. Today Milwaukee is a bustling thoroughfare which carries a major portion of traffic in the booming northwest suburbs.

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trustee who served during those days, "We're just a bunch of country boys ripe for the plucking. We didn't have any planning commission or zoning board. We met in the old village hall, some of us still had our overalls on, tool box under arm, to listen to what the first developer had to offer. We believed his dreams."

HOMES SPRUNG up in flood areas; apartments blossomed and spread as if contagious. Service station after service station opened along what had been promised to be "the major highway in the northwest area." Those stations still stand, some are now silent, not so much as eyesores, but as bitter reminders of those early days of development.

Within 10 years, Wheeling would grow into a healthy community of 10,000. And men who were used to planning for hundreds, planned the same — but for thousands. Their eyes were on the present.

Oh, not everything was sour — but enough to leave its mark. Sewers were constructed, outmoded before they were in the ground. Gathering water, stayed, and the swamps of old began to re-appear.

Schools that had been more than adequate were suddenly overcrowded. There was little money to build more. Streets that had been considered "wide," now snarled with traffic. The police department, always undermanned, was not much bigger. Delinquency — once a textbook term only, became a village problem. Village officials worked feverishly just to keep the status quo.

AND THUS came the shame of Wheeling that a stranger sees and shudders at. But Wheeling's face today really reflects what was done yesterday. There is a great deal that a stranger doesn't see.

He doesn't see the awakening that has come to the village. The planning commission that sits till midnight questioning a builder on the smallest of details; the trustees who meet weekly with eyes more cautious than most; the young park district, though sometimes fumbling in its eagerness that plugs on to gather and save open space; the school boards that haggle with developers for donated school sites. And more.

This village that for so long lived in the present, now has sights set on the future. At the same time it's taking a long unhurried look back at the past through the eyes of a fledgling group called the Wheeling Historical Society. And it is this group who may soon give a stranger something to look at.

FORMED hardly more than two years ago, the society has vowed to restore a bit of Wheeling's history. Members, numbering 25 or so, have ransacked attics, explored barns, studied records, examined tombstones — all with the hope of piecing together the picture of what Wheeling was once upon a time.

"We're mostly old-timers," explains Society President Merle Willis. "But there is a surprising number of transplanted New Englanders in the group. They seem to carry a real feeling for history — they have so much of it back east.

"Midwesterners don't seem to dwell much on the past. This has been one of our biggest problems — just discovery what our history was. For example, we've had the devil's own time trying to pinpoint when the village was first settled."

For more than a year the group has had its eyes and heart set on restoring as a museum the 60-odd year old village hall on South Milwaukee, now in a shocking state of abandonment. Other groups have talked about doing something to the old place, but nothing lasting has resulted.

JUST RECENTLY, however, the village board, which has voiced some reluctance in parting with the property, agreed to lease the building to the society for $1 a year. Already the group has made plans. Donations for materials have been pledged. Labor has been promised.

"We're just starting but I am confident that we'll get the job done," beamed Willis.

And though when completed it probably won't stand out to the glancing eye of a stranger, it will be there for those who want to find it.

Then of Wheeling, it may be said, echoing the words of Daniel Webster, another New Englander:

"Sirs, it may be small and it may be insignificant. But there are those among us who love it dearly."

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ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY

CENTENNIAL BUILDING , SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

January 31, 1966

Mrs. Dorothy Forke, Secretary
Wheeling Historical Society
67 South Milwaukee
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Forke:

We are in receipt of your inquiry concerning the anniversary celebration which your organization is contemplating. Any one of the three events which you listed in your letter of January 27 would be of sufficient interest and value to warrant some form of commemoration. However, we would think that the date of the initial settlement in the area would be the one with the most significance. There is also the date "1832" which could be utilized for a year-long celebration rather than one which is tied to a specific date. It is also convenient inasmuch as the 135th anniversary would be celebrated in 1967, thus you would have an entire year in which to celebrate your program. In noting the beginning of the settlement you could undertake to mark the establishment of the first post office as well as the incorporation of the Village of Wheeling in your ceremonies.

We are referring your request for information on the Village of Wheeling and Wheeling Township to our reference librarian from whom you should receive a reference report.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Wax

Bernard Wax
Field Services Supervisor

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VILLAGE OF WHEELING

News Letter

"Wheeling - Where Progress is by the People"

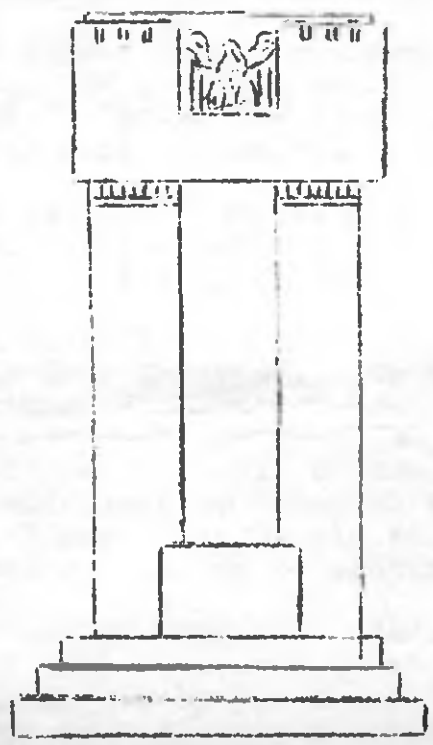
January, 1967 Published by Public Relations Commission

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES - The Village Board is presently studying the possibility of entering into a franchise SCAVENGER agreement whereby the company would provide back door refuse pick up. This would be part of the overall program to clean up and beautify the community. At the present time you are only obligated to place your refuse container behind the sidewalk line. All garbage containers put out for pickup must have a cover. In the event they do not, it is in direct violation of the Village Ordinance and you are subject to a fine.

VEHICLE STICKERS FOR 1967 should be purchased and displayed prior to February 15th advises the Clerk's Office. Located at 312 E. Dundee (2nd Floor), the regular hours for purchasing same (or conducting business) are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Saturday, 8 A.M. to 12 Noon. In addition to the regular hours, special hours for purchasing vehicle stickers have been arranged. They are: Friday, February 3 - 8 A.M. to 9 P.M., Friday, February 10 - 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. and Wednesday, February 15 - 5 P.M. to 9 P.M.

As in recent years the fee for passenger cars is $8.00, while truck fees are determined by the weight of the vehicle. However, new this year will be the placement of the sticker. The LEFT SIDE of the windshield is the correct location. All old stickers are to be removed.

VOTER'S REGISTRATION AND COMING ELECTIONS - Newcomers (and anyone who has NOT previously registered to vote) will be pleased to learn they will have a final opportunity to register in time for the coming local elections. The dates are Thursday and Friday, March 2nd and 3rd, during the regular hours of the Clerk's Department. (See previous item.) To further accommodate anyone not available during regular hours, SPECIAL HOURS are Wednesday, March 1st - 5 P.M. to 9 P.M.



PROPOSED VETERANS' MEMORIAL
(Details inside)

Among the local elections scheduled for April are: Park Board Trustees-April 4th; School District #21 Trustees - April 8th; Wheeling Village Board Trustees (1 two-year term, 3 four-year terms) April 18th.

To be elegible to vote in the above and any local, state or national election the qualifications are: U.S. citizen, 21 years of age by election day, a resident of Illinois for one year, Cook County - 90 days, and your local Wheeling precinct - 30 days.

T.O.R.C.H. - A comprehensive new organization has been formed in this area to foster community improvement through the cooperative planning and implementation of programs by all governmental, civic, religious and service agencies within the community.

T.O.R.C.H. (The Organization Representing Community Hopes) was initiated at a public meeting held on Wednesday, Dec. 7th. Enthusiasm for the project was expressed by the

steering committee was formed, and plans are being made to [illegible] attaining the goals set down in the original meeting.

This enthusiasm and cooperation has already proved the original premise - the lines of autonomy can be overcome and that cooperative effort can be accomplished for the good of all concerned. The ideas behind T.O.R.C.H. represent the potential of our enlightened community.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING - In the near future you will be asked to vote on a referendum ballot for a long over due MUNICIPAL BUILDING. At present, the Village is trying to function efficiently in a limited amount of space. It is our sincere desire to give you, the citizen, first rate service. To accomplish this end, it is necessary to have a new Municipal Building with enough space to operate.

Call it feat or trick. But, WOULD YOU BELIEVE that the average operating shift of the POLICE DEPARTMENT consists of one supervisor, two patrolmen and one communication officer? WOULD YOU BELIEVE that the total police quarters are 1224 sq. ft., not much larger than the average single floor ranch home in Wheeling.

If YOU DO NOT BELIEVE, you are encouraged to visit the Department. Hopefully, it will be during a rare lull or at a time when emotions aren't high; for example, losing a court case to a habitual criminal or the heartache of a child-neglect case.

There IS satisfaction! Perhaps, today, the department will save a life. Perhaps, tomorrow, a tragedy will be averted. Perhaps, yesterday, a child molester or burglar was apprehended.

The Police Department can only operate effectively with your help. Its needs are threefold. The active cooperation of each citizen serving as eyes and ears in maintaining a safe community. Secondly, the department needs additional personnel. Third, adequate space to perform the necessary functions. If you are interested and qualified in a career in law enforcement applications are available at the Police Department reception desk for the position of patrolman.

The erection of a permanent MEMORIAL to the veterans of Wheeling has been announced by the Public Relations Commission. It will be erected on a site provided by the Wheeling Park District in the Northwest area of the Heritage Park Building grounds.

The simple marble monument is 9'4" in height and will bear the inscription, "In grateful memory of the people of Wheeling who served in all wars." Though its simplicity gives it a contemporary look, the design dates back to memorials of the ancient Greeks to their warriors.

The establishment of a suitable memorial in Wheeling will be accomplished with the cooperation of local veterans organizations. It will be financed solely through contributions.

"We want this to be a community endeavor," said Eugene Hicks, Public Relations Chairman. "We hope that every citizen, organization and business in Wheeling will be a part of it."

Contributions will be handled by the Wheeling State Bank, and should be addressed to Memorial Fund, Wheeling State Bank, Wheeling, Illinois. Mr. Hicks is available to speak to any group interested in further details, and may be contacted through the Village Hall.

JUST ABOUT WHEELING - It's all but official! Wheeling's "Old" Village Hall will be leased to the Historical Society to be used as a local museum. To become a reality will, of course, require volunteers - those to help in the actual remodeling, those who wish to donate items of interest, and those who merely are interested in the project.

Volunteers, too, are needed to serve the Village on various commissions. Vacancies occur from time to time and they can be filled if you report your interest to Village President Scanlon.

Soon to become a reality is an overpass for pedestrians on Dundee Road in the vicinity of Jack London Junior High School. We congratulate village, school and county officials in their endeavors to alleviate this accident-prone area.

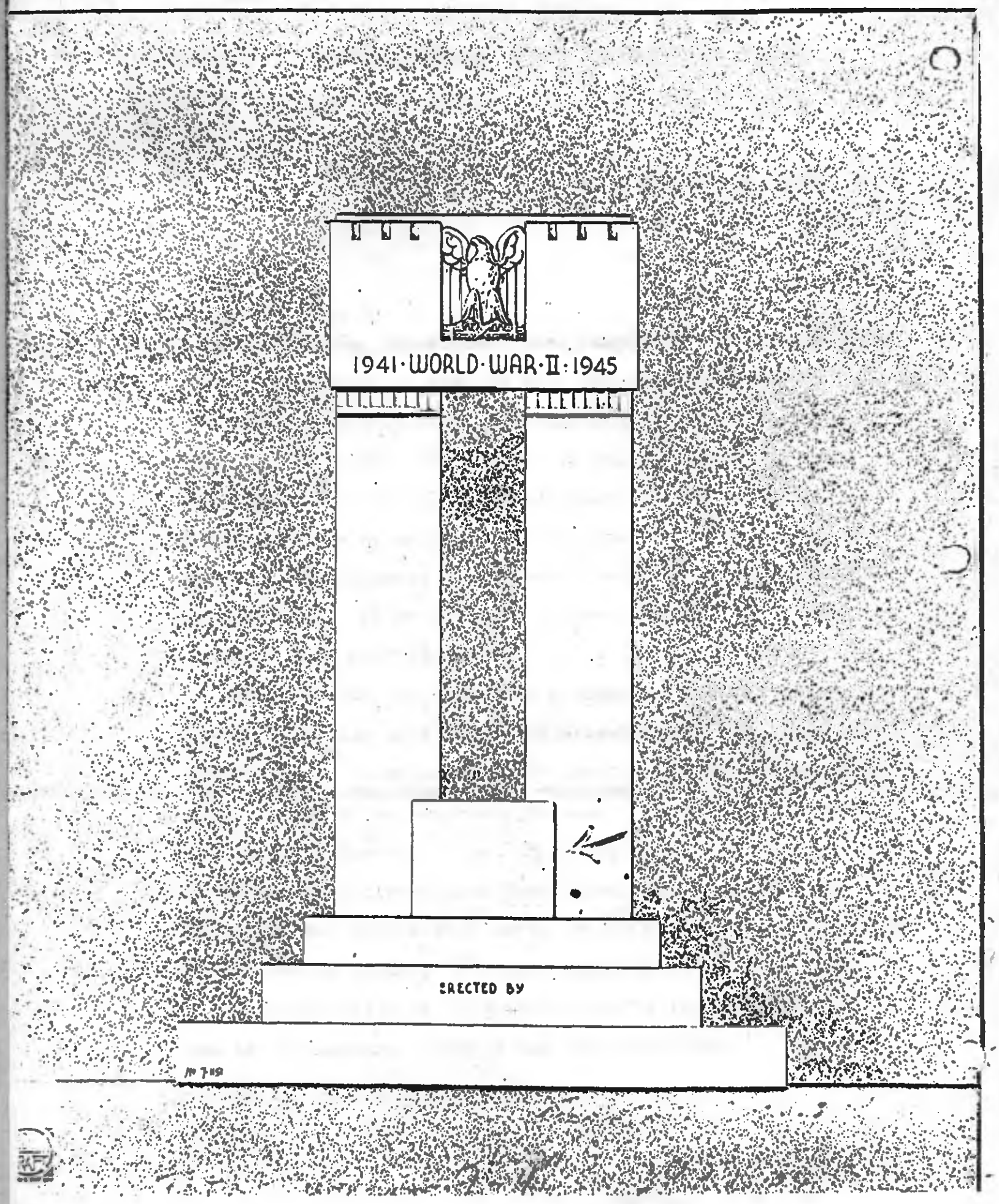
Work continues on Project "Stop Light" for the intersection of Elmhurst and Hintz Roads. According to a newspaper article in the Tribune this will be a reality.

A very worthwhile undertaking is that of the Wheeling High School Scholarship Foundation. Local students will receive college assistance from funds raised from "Footlights to the Future", the variety show to be held at the high school, February 17th and 18th. For an evening of fun, may we encourage you to attend this event.

The Wheeling Cleanup and Beautification Program, endorsed by the Village Board in 1966, will officially begin this spring. Under consideration for some months by the Public Relations Commission the program was postponed due to construction on Dundee Road.

The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club, who has encouraged community beautification for many years, has indicated an interest in this expanded program and it is hoped that other organizations will follow suit.

Additional details will be forthcoming in your local newspapers and the next Village Newsletter.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312 East Dundee Road - Wheeling, Illinois
Lehigh 7-2141

December 8, 1967

Dear Sir!

The Wheeling Public Relations Commission, cooperating with the Veterans of Foriegn Wars and American Veterans are proceeding with plans to erect a Memorial at Heritage Park May 30, 1967. Attached is an exact copy of the Memorial as it will be constructed except for the wording. The Memorial is to be dedicated to Veterans of Wheeling Area who who have participated in any war in which the United States was involved. To be cut from a superior grade of granite the monument will cost $3,800.00.

We would like to make this a community Project, therefore we are accepting donations from organizations, business and individuals. Arrangements have been made with the Wheeling Bank to keep these donations in trust and they may be mailed to "Veterans Memorial Fund", Wheeling Trust & Savings, or Chairman, Public Relations Commission, 312 E. Dundee Rd., Wheeling, but please mail early as the builder must be advised by the end of January to assure completion.

Donations will be acknowledged and a letter to advise you of the program schedule for the dedication.

Respectfully

Eugene Hicks

Eugene L. Hicks cg
Chairman

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1967

History Group Will Install New Officers

The Wheeling Historical Society will hold its installation dinner for 1967-68 officers at Borchardt's Restaurant Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 8 p.m.

Newly elected officers are Merle Willis, museum director; Hazel Willis, curator; John Koeppen, president; Julius Benjamin, vice president; Dorothy Forke, secretary; and Lucille Schneider, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors are Dr. Ian Taylor, Marshall Balling and Sam Dattilo.

The historical society will sponsor an act at the Family Fair Antique Auto Variety Show this September.

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WHEELING JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB President Mrs. John Koeppen presents a check to Merle Willis, president of the Wheeling Historical Society. Junior's hope the $25 check will kick off a campaign to get funds needed to renovate the Old Village Hall on South Milwaukee Avenue into a historical musuem for Wheeling. An account has been opened at the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank for the renovation project. Willis said the society hoped all civic groups and individuals would give their moral and financial support to the project.

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"WHEELING. . . . WHERE PROGRESS IS BY THE PEOPLE"

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Good news for all Wheeling residents with the recent progress report on the MAJOR STREET PROGRAM. All phases of the program have been started, with the exception of the Dunhurst area. Construction here, will begin in June.

The finished coat was put on Wheeling Road last week, and the street program, in its entirety, should be completed by the end of the 1967 construction season.

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CLEAN UP MONTH....The month of May was officially proclaimed "Clean Up Month" by Ted C. Scanlon, President of the Village of Wheeling. He has urged all citizens to participate in the project, the initial step in a long range program of beautification, as evidence of their pride in Wheeling.

A more beautiful village benefits everyone, increasing property values, attracting new industry, business and residences, and providing a more pleasing environment in which to live. The Clean Up project, sponsored by the Public Relations Commission, depends on the community wide support for its success.

To encourage interest among students, the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club sponsored a Clean Up Poster Contest in the Wheeling schools, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Julius Benjamin. The winning posters are now on display in local stores, schools and churches.

A Clean Up Quiz will be distributed to students in grades 4 through 8, asking them to promote the program in their homes and schools. The quiz emphasizes personal responsibility in eliminating unsightly locations.

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VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION PLANS were initiated Wednesday, May 17th, when a luncheon and program were held at the Heritage Park Building. A committee, composed of representatives of the Wheeling Public Relations Commission, Wheeling Junior Woman's Club and Wheeling Park

District, joined by interested citizens, were in charge of arrangements, which served a dual purpose. 1 - What the individual or various organization regards as problem spots. 2 - How can these problems be rectified.

Both individuals and organizations are encouraged to participate in plans for making Wheeling a more attractive community. Additional details will appear in local newspapers and future issues of the newsletter or by contacting the newly formed steering committee. Charles Mihalek is acting chairman, while Mrs. Emmett McDougall is acting-secretary.

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VOTER REGISTRATION will open in the office of the Village Clerk, commencing June 8th, and will continue until September 18th. Anyone who has not previously registered to vote may do so during the regular business hours. They are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Wednesday and Saturday, 8 A.M. to 12 Noon.

With the additional Wednesday business hours, which went into effect May 1st, the Clerk's office will be open a total of 44 hours per week to offer service to the residents.

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VETERANS' MEMORIAL ....A Memorial to Veterans of Wheeling has been erected at Heritage Park, southwest of the Park Building at 222 S. Wolf Road. The gray granite monument bearing the inscription "In grateful memory of the people of Wheeling who served in all wars" will be formally dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30th, at services following the parade.

Contributions for the Memorial have been received from several organizations and many individuals, but these will cover only a fraction of the cost. Citizens are urged to share in the financing of Wheeling's only memorial by sending their donations to Memorial Fund, Wheeling State Bank, Wheeling, Illinois. Contributions will also be accepted in person by Marshall Balling, at the Wheeling State Bank.

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The MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ROUTE will differ this year from previous years. Assembling at the Amvet Parking lot on South Milwaukee, the line of march will be north to Dundee Road, continuing west on Dundee to Wolf Road, and then south to Heritage Park, where an appropriate program will take place. The parade will be held Tuesday, May 30th, commencing at 9 A.M.

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NEW STREET SIGN installation was begun by the Public Works Department on May 15th to accommodate local and out of town residents. These signs, which are of a more attractive design, will be effective only if they are not defaced, or worse, removed from their proper location.

Parents are urged to cooperate by apprizing their children of the expense involved in this operation, which ultimately reflects on the taxpayer's purse.

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The WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT is now offering qualified personnel the opportunity for a rewarding lifetime professional career in the Law Enforcement Field. This is your opportunity to fill one of the newly created positions now open, to work in and serve YOUR community. More information may be obtained by writing to the Board of Police and Fire Commission, or to the Wheeling Police Department, 312 East Dundee Road.

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A Community NOTE OF GRATITUDE goes to Dick Frederick, who served on the Village Board from 1963-67. The former trustee has accepted the position of Supt. of Police in Bedford Park and will be moving from the Wheeling area in the near future. Our good wishes go with Dick and his family in this endeavor.

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The VILLAGE BOARD now has two new trustees, Harry Tyler and Dan Owen, who with incumbents, Ira Bird and Pete Egan, won the posts in the April election. Completing the trustee roster are John Koeppen and Bill McRae.

Board meetings, which are open to the public, are held the first four Mondays of each month at the Village Hall, at 8:30 P.M.

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The WHEELING JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB is due community congratulations. In competition sporsored by the GFWC and Shell Oil Company, the club's entry, origination of the Scholarship Foundation and their participation in the Community Variety Show, was judged first in Illinois and will now compete nationally. State prize money will be donated to the Foundation to assist local students in furthering their education.

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The COMMUNITY COUNCIL of Wheeling is coordinating the Sixth Annual FAMILY FAIR to be held September 2, 3, 4, 1967, at the Wheeling High School. The parade will take place on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, at 3 P.M.

All individuals and organizations in the village are welcome to participate in this community endeavor and can make tentative commitments or obtain further information by contacting Dan Owen, 1967 Family Fair Chairman.

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Observing their silver jubilee year is the ADDOLORATA VILLA of Wheeling. A collection of frame buildings with accommodations for two dozen guests in 1942, 1967 finds an infirmary addition being completed, and there will be individual rooms to serve more than 100 guests. The community is invited to join in the celebration of "25 years" during the next six months.

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In an effort to cooperate with the citizens of the Village of Wheeling and Mayor Scanlon, in regard to the Village clean-up campaign, WHEELING DISPOSAL COMPANY has designated the week of June 5th as clean up week.

In order to simplify matters for this week, we ask that (1) All trash be placed at the curb, and (2) Any residents having large items (refrigerators, washing machines, etc.) or large amounts of trash, first call 537-1957, so to better schedule their pickup. All other pickups will be made on the regular pickup days.

Please note the following schedule for the pickup of your area:

Meadowbrook West	June 5
Meadowbrook East and homes East of Wolf Road, both North and South of Dundee Road	June 6
Dunhurst West	June 7
Dunhurst East	June 9
Westbrook Farm and Hollywood Ridge areas	June 10

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April 4, 1967

To The Electors of Wheeling Township:

On Tuesday, March 28, 1967, a public hearing was held on the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Wheeling Township for the fiscal year, March 1, 1967, to February 28, 1968.

Each of you have been furnished a copy of the Tentative Budget resulting from action thereon at said public hearing, which tentative budget incorporates the anticipated general town charges and expenses, the anticipated general assistance expenses, and the anticipated township cemetery expenses during said fiscal period. It is the Electors' duty at this annual meeting to adopt an Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance that will govern the fiscal functioning of Wheeling Township for said fiscal period. The attached Tentative Budget was unanimously adopted at said public hearing for presentation to the Electors for their action thereon.

In addition thereto, the Electors will be called upon to act on the following listed matters, a brief explanation of each matter being set forth hereinafter:

(a) To approve the levy of all or any part of the budget submitted by the Township Highway Commissioner for the fiscal year February 1, 1967, to January 31, 1968.

Section 6-501 of Chapter 121 of the Illinois Revised Statues provides that the Township Highway Commissioner, at least 30 days prior to the first Tuesday in April of each year, shall prepare or cause to be prepared a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance and file the same with the clerk of the township, who shall make such tentative budget and appropriation ordinance conveniently available to the public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action thereon; that at least two public hearings shall be held thereon, the first hearing to be held on the last Tuesday in March before the township board of auditors, and that the final hearing shall be held at the annual town meeting; that the electors at the annual town meeting shall approve the levy of all or any part of such estimated amounts as such electors deem necessary.

At the public hearing held on the Township Highway Commissioner's tentative road and bridge budget before the township board of auditors on March 28, 1967, the board of auditors unanimously voted to approve and recommend the amount of $298,250.00 for the township road and bridge budget for the fiscal year, being the amount that will be produced by a rate of .095% on the 1966 assessed and equalized valuation of properties in Wheeling Township.

After the consideration and adoption of the Township Highway Commissioner's budget, a resolution will be presented to the electors by the Township Committee on Local Improvements in adopting a resolution for a public improvement by the special assessment procedure.

(b) To approve the transfer of required funds for the operation and maintenance of the township cemetery for the fiscal year March 1, 1967, to February 28, 1968.

A proposed budget was prepared and submitted by the cemetery trustees for action thereon by the board of auditors. Attached hereto is the proposed cemetery budget adopted by the board of auditors after hearing, for presentation to the Electors for action thereon.

(c) To consider the transfer of surplus township funds to the Wheeling Township School Districts maintaining grades one through eight.

At the last Annual Town Meeting held on April 5, 1966, the Electors voted to transfer $140,000.00 of surplus township funds to the elementary school districts of Wheeling Township. A proper petition has again been filed with the township clerk that the matter of the transfer of surplus township funds to the elementary school districts be placed on the agenda for action by the electors thereon.

(d) To consider that Wheeling Township continue to provide mental health facilities and services, including services for the mentally retarded, for residents of the township.

At the last Annual Town Meeting held on April 5, 1966, the electors voted to continue a "Community Mental Health Fund" and voted to transfer $40,000.00 of surplus township funds into said "Community Mental Health Fund' for allocation of said funds, under the direction of the township board of auditors, to the Northwest Co-operative Mental Health Association, the Clearbrook School for Retarded Children, the Countryside School for Retarded Children, and to "Door, Inc." funds.

If it is deemed advisable for the township to continue to provide mental health facilities and services, including services for the mentally retarded, for residents of the township and to continue a "Community Mental Health Fund" for this purpose, it is suggested that the monies for this purpose be obtained by the transfer of surplus funds from the general town fund rather than by levying a township tax for this purpose.

(e) To consider the transfer of surplus township funds, not derived from a township tax levy, for distribution to a not for profit and non-sectarian organization to be used for the operation and maintenance of a non-sectarian activity and guidance center for the older inhabitants of the township, to be used for the following purposes: (a) to decrease the sense of isolation and dependence which often accompanies old age; (b) to enrich the social and intellectual life of older adults; (c) to help older adults meet practical problems attendant on aging such as health, diet, adjustment to changed circumstances and finances; (d) to help older adults contribute to community well being as effective and useful citizens; (e) to help persons approaching retirement to appropriately plan for it; and (f) to organize community interest in generally improving the climate of living for older adults.

At the last Annual Town Meeting held on April 5, 1966, the Electors voted to transfer $10,000.00 of surplus township funds to "The Over 50 Club of Wheeling Township," a not for profit and non-sectarian organization, to be used for the operation and maintenance of non-sectarian activity and guidance centers for the older inhabitants of Wheeling Township. A proper petition has again been filed with the township clerk requesting that the matter of the transfer of surplus township funds for use of the older inhabitants be placed on the agenda for action by the electors thereon.

(f) To consider the transfer of surplus township funds to historical societies within the township.

(g) To consider the establishment of a Township Committee on Youth, authorize the town board of auditors to appoint a Township Committee on Youth, and adopt a budget for said committee.

(h) To elect a Township Cemetery Trustee for the term starting April 4, 1967.

By law, the township tax collector retains 2% of all taxes paid locally as a fee for local collections, and the excess after deduction of the collector's compensation is paid into the township general fund. Last year Wheeling Township received $268,808.92 from this source, and a comparable amount is anticipated from the current tax collection.

Again this year, the serious question to be decided by the Electors at the annual town meeting will be: How much of the surplus township funds, after the required budgets are adopted for general township purposes, for general assistance purposes, and for township cemetery purposes, should be and can be transferred to other groups, bodies or funds which will not unduly deplete the township treasury and will benefit the residents of the township?

To the extent that an excessive or unreasonable amount of money is transferred from general township funds to other purposes, this may lead to such depletion of township funds as may cause the imposition of a township tax levy, which we all agree should be avoided if at all possible.

By the same token, it is not reasonable or desirable to merely accumulate excessive township funds which are not put to a useful purpose, and to the extent that excessive or surplus township funds can safely and properly be diverted to other worthwhile purposes, this is a desirable objective.

The Board of Auditors recommends the adoption of the proposed budgets attached hereto for the general town charges and expenses, the general assistance expenses, and cemetery operation and maintenance expenses and recommends the transfer of $1,179.79 from the town fund to the cemetery fund to make up this deficit in the cemetery fund. If the receipts are as anticipated, and if the said budgets are adopted as presented, the surplus funds then remaining in the general township treasury will be $195,353.21. Thereafter, the Board of Auditors suggests the possible allocation of said surplus funds as follows:

Transfer to the School Districts.....	$140,000.00
Transfer to Community Mental Health Fund.....	30,675.71
(Unexpended Balance $9,324.29)	
Transfer to Senior Citizen Activity and Guidance Centers.....	9,500.00
Transfer to Historical Societies.....	10,000.00
Transfer to Township Committee on Youth.....	5,000.00
TOTAL	$195,175.71
AVAILABLE SURPLUS	195,353.21
REMAINING SURPLUS	$ 177.50

It is hoped that final action taken on the proposed budgets and on the suggested matters contained herein will be after, and as a result of, thoughtful and considered deliberation, free from emotional or partisan considerations. The Board of Auditors welcomes your attendance at these meetings, and urges your continued participation in township government and home rule.

Albert C. Peters
Township Supervisor

WHEELING TOWNSHIP

PROPOSED BUDGET - MARCH 1, 1967 TO FEB. 28, 1968

ADOPTED AT PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MARCH 28, 1967

TOWN FUND

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS:		
Supervisor	$ 3,000.00	
Town Clerk	2,500.00	
Assessor	9,000.00	
Highway Commissioner	8,000.00	
Board of Auditors	1,800.00	
Supervisor of General Assistance	3,600.00	
Board of Local Improvements	240.00	
Total for Compensation of Town Officers		$ 28,140.00
TOWN HALL EXPENSE:		
Repairs and Improvements	3,500.00	
Insurance	350.00	
Heat, Light, Water, Phone	1,600.00	
Rent - Annual Meeting	25.00	
Janitor Service and Supplies	1,500.00	
Addition to Township Garage and Fence	30,000.00	
Total for Town Hall Expense		36,975.00
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE:		
Stationery, Office Supplies and Expense	800.00	
Printing and Publishing	250.00	
Office Help	3,750.00	
Moderator Fee	3.00	
Association Dues	150.00	
Safety Deposit Box	12.00	
Office Equipment	500.00	
Transportation and Travel	350.00	
Assessor's Expense	8,834.00	
Cost of 1966 Tax Collection	19,440.00	
Purchase of Township Car	2,200.00	
Township Share - Social Security	2,500.00	
Total for Town Officers Expense		38,789.00

SERVICES AND EXPENSES NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR:

Auditing	750.00	
Legal	5,000.00	
Official Bonds	3,000.00	
Convention Expense	700.00	
Total for Services and Expenses not Otherwise Provided For		9,450.00
Provision for Contingencies		1,000.00
TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		$114,354.00

RECAPITULATION

BALANCE ON HAND	41,887.00	
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	269,000.00	
TOTAL CASH AND RECEIPTS		310,887.00
LESS: ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		114,354.00
TOTAL TOWN FUND SURPLUS		$196,533.00

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

HOME RELIEF:

Food	6,000.00	
Rent	2,500.00	
Fuel	750.00	
Light, Phone, Water	850.00	
Gas	300.00	
Clothing	300.00	
School Bus	100.00	
Medical Care (Including Nursing, Dental, Optical)	1,250.00	
Transportation and Moving	250.00	
Room and Board	500.00	
Medicine and Drugs	500.00	
Total for Home Relief		13,300.00

HOSPITALIZATION:

County Hospital	1,000.00	
Private Hospital	5,000.00	
Convalescent Homes	1,500.00	
Ambulance Service	200.00	
Total for Hospitalization		7,700.00

INSTITUTIONAL CARE:		
County Home - Oak Forest	1,000.00	
Other Institutions	1,000.00	
Total for Institutional Care		2,000.00
Transient Cases		500.00
Burial		500.00
ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries (Excluding Elected Officials)	1,500.00	
Printing, Stationery, Office Supplies	200.00	
Telephone	500.00	
Furniture and Equipment	500.00	
Travel Expense (Excluding Elected Officers)	100.00	
Travel Expense - Supr. Gen. Ass't.	125.00	
Total for Administration		2,925.00
Provision for Contingencies		1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		27,925.00
BALANCE ON HAND		28,695.58
GENERAL ASSISTANCE SURPLUS		$770.58

CEMETERY FUND

General Cemetery Maintenance (Grass, Mowing, Leaves, Trees, Etc.)	2,500.00	
Removal of Diseased Trees (Dutch Elm Disease) and Wind Damage	200.00	
Planting of New Trees	350.00	
Service Tools and Equipment	100.00	
Publication of Bid Notices	25.00	
Office Supplies	25.00	
Trustee's Compensation	150.00	
Contingencies (Treas. Bond, Legal, Misc.)	100.00	
Total Estimated Expenditures		3,450.00
Cash Balance on Hand as of March 1, 1967		2,270.21
ESTIMATED NET DEFICIT		$1,179.79

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS	1966 TO 1967 BUDGET	SPENT	NEW PROPOSED BUDGET
Supervisor	3,000.00	2,999.50	3,000.00
Town Clerk	2,500.00	2,499.58	2,500.00
Assessor	9,000.00	8,998.50	9,000.00
Highway Commissioner	8,000.00	7,317.13	8,000.00
Board of Auditors	1,800.00	1,814.59	1,800.00
Supervisor of General Assistance	3,600.00	3,599.40	3,600.00
Board of Local Improvements	240.00	-	240.00
	28,140.00	27,228.70	28,140.00
ELECTION	-	-	-
TOWN HALL EXPENSE			
Repairs and Improvements	1,800.00	1,484.84	3,500.00
Insurance	350.00	274.00	350.00
Heat, Light, Water and Phone	1,350.00	1,339.90	1,600.00
Rent - Annual Meeting	35.00	13.75	25.00
Janitor Service and Supplies	1,200.00	1,328.62	1,500.00
	4,735.00	4,441.11	6,975.00
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE			
Stationery, Office Supplies and Exp.	750.00	790.05	800.00
Printing and Publishing	250.00	208.90	250.00
Office Help	3,750.00	3,749.40	3,750.00
Moderator Fee	3.00	3.00	3.00
Association Dues	150.00	133.00	150.00
Safety Deposit Box	12.00	10.50	12.00
Office Equipment	250.00	163.54	500.00
Transportation and Travel	350.00	344.25	350.00
Aerial Survey - Unexpended	1,007.62	750.00	-
Assessor's Expense	7,451.60	8,073.13	8,834.00
Cost of 1965 Tax Collection	18,033.00	18,521.03	19,440.00
Leased Transportation	1,320.00	1,427.45	-
Purchase of Township Automobile	-	-	2,200.00
Township Share of Social Security	1,500.00	2,144.51	2,500.00
	34,827.22	36,318.76	38,789.00
SERVICES AND EXPENSES NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR			
Auditing	750.00	558.61	750.00
Legal	5,000.00	725.00	5,000.00
Town Officers Bonds	3,000.00	2,042.00	3,000.00
Convention Expense	700.00	626.00	700.00
	9,450.00	3,951.61	9,450.00

	1966 TO 1967 BUDGET	SPENT	NEW PROPOSED BUDGET
Provision for Contingencies	1,000.00	473.35	1,000.00
Township Collector Share of Social Security (Reimbursed)	-	277.20	-
Electric Contract - Funds in Escrow	-	284.02	-
Addition to Township Garage and Fence	-	-	30,000.00
	78,152.22	72,974.78	114,354.00

Transfer of Funds

Arlington Heights Wheeling Twp. Cemetery	-	5,467.78	-
Senior Citizen Organizations	-	10,000.00	-
Transfer to General Assistance Fund	-	10,000.00	-
Transfer to Mental Health Fund	-	40,000.00	-
Transfer to School Districts	-	140,000.00	-
		278,442.56	

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND - COMPARATIVE FIGURES

HOME RELIEF

Food	6,000.00	3,211.44	6,000.00
Rent	2,500.00	2,065.80	2,500.00
Fuel	750.00	445.80	750.00
Light, Phone, and Water	850.00	604.91	850.00
Gas	300.00	41.72	300.00
Clothing	300.00	179.71	300.00
School Bus	100.00	-	100.00
Medical Care (Including Nursing, Dental Optical, Etc.)	1,250.00	326.50	1,250.00
Transportation and Moving	250.00	104.45	250.00
Room and Board	500.00	-	500.00
Medicine and Drugs	500.00	472.94	500.00
Garbage Pickup	-	34.20	-
	13,300.00	7,487.47	13,300.00

HOSPITALIZATION

County Hospital	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Private Hospitals	2,000.00	2,590.88	5,000.00
Convalescent Homes	1,500.00	947.85	1,500.00
Ambulance Service	200.00	102.00	200.00
	4,700.00	3,640.73	7,700.00

INSTITUTIONAL CARE

County Home (Oak Forest)	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Other Institutions	1,000.00	75.00	1,000.00
	2,000.00	75.00	2,000.00

	BUDGET	SPENT	BUDGET
Transient Cases	500.00	-	500.00
Burial	500.00	150.00	500.00
ADMINISTRATION			
Salaries (Excluding Elected Officials)	1,500.00	1,270.00	1,500.00
Printing, Stationery, Office Supplies	200.00	88.00	200.00
Telephone	500.00	425.46	500.00
Furniture and Equipment	250.00	-	500.00
Travel Expense (Excluding Elected Officers)	100.00	-	100.00
Travel Expense - Supr. Gen. Ass't.	125.00	-	125.00
	2,675.00	1,783.46	2,925.00
Provision for Contingencies	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Reimburse County Collector	2,500.00	-	-
	27,175.00	13,136.66	27,925.00

CEMETERY - COMPARATIVE FIGURES

General Cemetery Maintenance (Grass, Mowing, Leaves, Trees Etc.)	2,250.00	1,880.59	2,500.00
Removal of Diseased Trees (Dutch Elm and Wind Damage)	500.00	331.75	200.00
Planting of New Trees	250.00	-	350.00
Pump Maintenance and Supplies	250.00	-	-
Service Tools and Equipment	100.00	-	100.00
Disposal Service (Removal of Flowers, Containers Etc.)	50.00	-	-
Office Supplies	100.00	-	25.00
Resetting Monuments	200.00	-	-
Trustee's Compensation	150.00	150.00	150.00
Contingencies (Treas. Bond, Legal, Misc.)	100.00	33.25	100.00
Cost of Installation of Chain Link Fence	2,500.00	1,889.00	-
Publishing Bids	-	45.20	25.00
	6,450.00	4,329.79	3,450.00

THURSDAY,
AUGUST 4, 1966

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WHEELING
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8-4-1966

Ye Ole Village Hall

The old village hall stands on S. Milwaukee Ave., rotting away. A request, by the Wheeling Historical Society, to turn the building into a public museum has been turned down by the village board.

"1966"

'Old Village Hall' Lease Discussed

The village and the Wheeling Historical Society will discuss a lease on the "old village hall" in the near future.

Trustees this week told Village Atty. Paul Hamer to prepare a lease on the old structure. The board decided Oct. 10 to turn the building over to the Historical Society for a museum.

THE SOCIETY is making plans to restore the building to its original state. Besides being a museum, it also will be the headquarters and meeting place of the society.

Members of the Society are seeking old photos, newspapers, furniture, tools and other items for the museum.

Sam Dattilo, publicity chairman, said the society is also asking for donations of renovating materials, such as lumber, paint and old fashioned fixtures.

Museum Funds Bill Under Consideration

Help may be in sight for Arlington Heights museum fund raisers.

A bill which would enable the township board of auditors to grant up to $10,000 in surplus funds to museums is under consideration by the state legislature.

The bill, sponsored by State Rep. Eugene F. Schlickman (R-Arlington Heights), was introduced to the House's County and Township Affairs Committee two weeks ago.

According to Schlickman, the bill has been approved by that committee.

IF PASSED, the bill would allow the museum — i.e., the Historical Society of Arlington Heights — to compete with schools, the Over 50 Club, community mental health agencies and the township general assistance fund for Wheeling Township's surplus funds.

Last year's $200,000 township surplus was broken down so that $140,000 went to school district, $40,000 to mental health agencies, $10,000 to the Over 50 Club and $10,000 to the township general assistance fund.

According to museum chairman Virgil Horath, the museum still needs funds.

"Now is the time we really need money," he told the historical society board Monday. "The real job is ahead."

SOCIETY treasurer, Melvin Kurtz, 805 S. Mitchell Ave., reported $17,035.11 in donations has been collected. An additional $1,775 has been pledged.

$10,000 of the money raised has been used on the new museum building, 500 N. Vail Ave. Final transactions for the purchase of the $32,500 building were completed last Thursday.

The village of Arlington Heights has agreed to pick up the remaining $22,500 of the purchase price of the building. However, the deed to the property is presently in the name of the historical society.

ACCORDING to historical society Atty. Stephen Jurco, the deed will probably be transferred to the village within a month. The historical society holds the deed now so that certain legal mechanics can be taken care of, Jurco said.

Horath said that the historical society had entered into an agreement with the village to make certain that the building would always be maintained.

According to the Jan. 16 village-historical society agreement, the village will maintain the exterior of the building while the historical society will have responsibility for the interior.

Work is well under way to convert the 85-year-old home into a museum. The building has been inspected and, with the addition of one post jack under the kitchen, has been approved by Arlington Heights Building Comr. Harold Best.

FIRE CODE requirements are being met through the installation of three fire extinguishers, a new fire door in the basement, some new drywall construction and new fuses.

The historical society board is also investigating the cost of a fire alarm system. One alarm system offered is available at an initial cost of $420 plus $55.50 quarterly and the cost of a telephone wire to the village police headquarters.

Second-floor rooms are being wallpapered and all second floor woodwork and floors are being refinished. Wallpaper will be provided at cost by the Webber Paint Co. The Paice Decorating Service will provide all materials for refinishing the floors and woodwork at cost also.

HISTORICAL society board members are also considering converting the garage area of the museum into a meeting room. Lido Lucchesi, 408 S. Forest Ave., pointed out that this was the only suitable room in the building to hold meetings in.

Lucchesi, an employe of the Field Museum of Natural History, said he did not feel that the society should plan to use rooms with exhibits in them for meetings and lectures. He felt that the upstairs rooms of the building were pretty well spoken for with the room over the garage to be used by the museum curator, two rooms to be used for storage and one room to be developed as a display.

Historical society treasurer, Melvin Kurtz, 805 S. Mitchell Ave., said that he would be able to get a desk and some filing cabinets for the curator at no cost other than transportation costs from downtown Chicago.

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Historical Groups Get Town Money

Both Wheeling and Arlington Heights historical societies have capitalized on an emergency bill rushed through the legislature by Rep. Eugene Schlickman.

Passage of the bill made it possible for them to seek—and get—$10,000 in surplus township funds at this year's annual township meeting.

NOT A dissenting vote was heard Tuesday as electors approved the transfer.

Energetic sales talks on the need for the $10,000, which their two societies will split, was presented by Dr. Ian Taylor of Wheeling and Virgil Horath of Arlington Heights.

Dr. Taylor told the assembly that the Wheeling Historical Society will use its money to refurbish the old village hall leased last year from the village of Wheeling.

The hall, which the doctor said was built on Milwaukee Avenue "right below the water tower," dates from 1890.

Horath went Wheeling one better. He waived a $10,675 budget for repairs the Arlington Heights Historical Society hopes to make on its newly-secured museum at 500 N. Vail.

THAT yellow-and-brown brick residence was built in 1880, Horath told the crowd, and has basement walls 16 inches thick.

Gov. Otto Kerner signed last Thursday the law permitting historical societies and museums in Cook County to receive township surplus funds.

Schlickman was its principal sponsor and co-sponsors were the other two 3rd District state representatives, Mrs. Eugenia Chapman (D-Arlington Heights) and David Regner (R-Mount Prospect).

THE LAW requires reporting of funds used by the museum within 60 days of the end of each fiscal year.

Heard at the township meeting was criticism of Over 50 Clubs for laxness in complying with a similar requirement for township surplus funds that they receive.

Both Horath and Dr. Taylor assured the meeting Tuesday that a full accounting of the museums' $10,000 would be made.

And Horath also displayed a budget, though that is not required.

Arlington Heights Ill
June 17, 1967

Dear friends:-

I want to express my appreciation for the two cards I have received from the Wheeling Historical Society. One came during my recent stay in the hospital and then again one came when my dear brother passed away.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Sometime why don't a few of you drop in and I'll take you over

building. We haven't
moved in yet. We're
waiting for the decorators
to finish their work.
It is most exciting; and
naturally I am eager
to have our museum
articles in a better
setting than in my
basement. I'll be
interested to learn
what you are doing
with your township
money. Sincerely yours
(Mrs M. T.) Daisy P. Daniels

Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy. This tribute of respect will always be remembered

Wheeling Juniors

A Reminder

You Are Invited to the

Open House

at the Illinois Bell Office

50 E. Dundee Road, Wheeling

Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28—6:30 to 9:30 P.M.

And Saturday, April 29—1 to 5 P.M.

Refreshments Will Be Served

Your kindness and sympathy
are deeply appreciated
and gratefully acknowledged

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PLEASE EXTEND THE THANKS OF MYSELF AND THE REST OF MY FAMILY, FOR THE KIND EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY AT THIS SAD TIME.

Lillie W Taylor

Dear Members of the Historical Society.
The Tuesday Junior Women's Club would like to congratulate you on the recent acquisition of the old Village Hall for use as a museum. If at any time our club can be of service to you in your endeavors we will be happy to do so.

Sincerely.
Kate Ashley

A Reminder
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Dear friends
Thank you so much for your thotfulness in sending me a note in my recent illness and then again when I sustained the loss of my brother Chas Paddock.
Hope we can have a visit in the not too distant future
Daisy Daniels