

Like a Lady, Borough Won't Reveal Age 100 or Not, Wenonah Gets Set for Big Birthday Bash

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WENONAH — Let us be
frank. It is still only 99 years
old.

BY WHO would want to
celebrate its 100th birthday
like Wenonah's 100th birthday
in the middle of a smoggy winter?

Some Mad Hatter has been
messing up dates in this com-
munity and it may possibly be
the Women's Club and the
Lions Club has passed the gun
on their celebration plans by at

least one year, and maybe 10,
in the celebration of the
centennial of the founding of this
community rolls around on Feb.
21, 1871, the celebration,
the organization, the parties,
chairs and beer will be for the
future will have all faded into
the past.

Because people here
could not wait, therefore, it
was 1961, which is a more
appropriate birthday for the
town—since that is when it was
incorporated.

TOWNSPEOPLE seem to feel,
however, that the most impor-

tant event occurred in 1871, when
the Marling Land and Improve-
ment Corp. bought a 1 1/2-
square-mile chunk of wooded
country from Deptford. Ac-
cording to the town records, the
purchase of this land is a real
historic event.

If it hadn't been for a quick
trip to New York, Wenonah would
have become a community.
It seems that the old Wood
Hollow Co., which had
been in Camden, in Wood-
bury in the 1860s, wanted to ex-

change its line to Gloucester. At
the same time the company de-
cided to incorporate out a bad
course.

THE MANY Land and Im-
provement Corp. bought the
land, and had the railroad run
over the ground which was
to be Wenonah, and a white
company was formed to incor-
porate the town. Because of its
aggressive set-
ting along the banks of Maurice
Creek in high country, the
company for Philadelphia in the
warring years of the 19th Cen-
tury. It was a smart idea that
there were enough people in
Wenonah to make it an incor-
porated community, and most
old citizens and history of
Wenonah.

BY WHO you want to cling to
Feb. 21 as the birth date of
this fair borough (named after
Elizabeth's daughter), celebrate
the 100th birthday tomorrow —
and forget the 100th birthday
celebrations, Wenonah!



Puzzles Of the Draft

"IT'S EASY ENOUGH for you to talk
about the draft," said a student at St.
Joseph's High School in Camden.
"You're over 30, you don't have to
worry about it."

Essentially that's true: I'm over 30,
and I have already served in the Army a
couple of years. But let me tell you an
amusing little story.

About two years ago, I wrote a
column here about the attempt of an
area draft board to draft a student
which used to be in the draft
ministerial student who happened to
lead in the newspapers because of his
anti-war activities in New York.

The ministerial student fought the in-
duction and won, thus making it of the
draft board.

IN HIS FRUSTRATION and anger,
the head of the draft board wrote me a
letter, on draft board stationery, im-
plying that I was ungrateful and per-
haps a subversive for printing the story,
and noting that I was not beyond
"recall" myself.

So keep that in mind, kids: I, too,
could be in the same boat going to
Vietnam.

I attended a meeting of the other night in
Moretown between laymen who have
made themselves experts on the draft
laws and high school students
considered. As I promised yesterday,
here are some of the points that came
out about the complicated draft laws
about which you may not have known.

ARE YOU SAFE from induction if you
become a teacher?

You may be, but you would be much
safer if you become a teacher in a
"depressed area" (the heart of Camden
would probably qualify), since this is in
the "national interest." If you are a
teacher from the state of Maine, you
probably will never be drafted, since
teachers are scarce and needed in
Maine. (You may not even be teaching
in Maine, but still you are registered
with a board up there if that is your
home state.) In New Jersey, it is
hard to get teacher deferments, since
you are being so hot out of the
draft on Conscientious Objector status,
you will find the draft board in
Camden more knowledgeable and
easier to talk to than those in Bar-
linton and Gloucester Counties.

Many draft boards are hopelessly
ignorant and bullheaded on the con-
scientious objector position, according to
draft counselors, and feel that you have
to be a member of a special religion like
Quaker or Menemite to claim it. This
is not so; you can be a member of any
religion and claim it. Proving it to their
satisfaction is another matter.

BEING A FATHER will help to get you
out of the draft, but simply being
married will not.

If you get any kind of deferment, you
extend your draft liability to the age of
35. But this is a moot point, since there
are not drafting people over 26 . . . yet.

If you disagree with your
classification after you receive it, you
have 30 days to ask for a hearing on it.
Even if after the hearing, the draft
board still disagrees with you, you can
appeal their decision to a court, and
often the court will be more un-
derstanding.

The Lottery may be a joke, because
there was a case where the first
300 numbers will be called by June.
The federal government still claims
that the last third will be "safe," but
draft counselors can point out why this
will not be true. It may be a lottery in
which there are no winners.

WHERE TO GO for more information:
Draft Information Center, 133 N. 10th
St., Philadelphia.

Heads of the poetry contest: Monday
and Tuesday.



THIRTEEN star Continental flag is placed atop framework of 13-foot by 13-foot wooden frame in Philadelphia by Lamine Letgus, a steelworker clad in Continental soldier garb. The building will be called The Continental.

Influenza Bugging Philadelphia, Loses 'Grippe' Elsewhere

ATLANTA (UPI)—As the
outbreak of Hong Kong influenza
spreads to other parts of the
United States, Philadelphia's
problem with the flu has
eased.

The National Communicable
Disease Center here said
Philadelphia had seen the
least of three other metropolitan
areas reporting outbreaks of
Hong Kong flu. The other areas
are Atlanta, Boston and Bul-
ding.

Influenza activity began in
Philadelphia around the same
time as in other cities, but
was reported in only a few
cases there with the disease
flourishing in most areas of the
country, the center here said.

The CDC said the disease
has been reported in 16 cities
in the states of Maine, Rhode Island,
Louisiana and North Carolina,
reaching epidemic proportions.
Twenty other states report
of influenza activity ranging
from mild to moderate.

Trenton Man Killed
In Plant Mishap

MORENSVILLE, Pa. (UPI)—
A man was killed today in a
factory accident at a plant
of the U.S. Steel Corp. in
Trenton, Pa., where he was
working.

The man, 38, was killed by a
piece of machinery that
he was operating. He was
working on a machine that
was used to produce steel
products.

Several Plans in Mine Killing

Yablonski Slayers Considered Dynamite, Arsenic

Investigation of the killing,
with which only he and
two other men were charged,
was reported by
Mary McKee officials from
Trenton, Pa.

Albert Pava, the district
attorney, said the district
attorney would be
indicted in connection with
the killing.

Yablonski was charged with
murder, and the other two
men were charged with
conspiracy.

School Authorities Face Suit by ACLU

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The American Civil Liberties
Union (ACLU) yesterday filed
in Camden Superior Court
a suit against the Camden
school board and principal
Edward Sordani, charging them with
violating the constitutional and civil
rights of a 17-year-old high
school student.

The suit, filed in behalf
of Sordani, is the first
suit of its kind in Camden.
The suit charges that Sordani
and the school board
violated Sordani's rights
by refusing to allow him
to attend school without
receiving a hearing.

Sordani, who is now in
the military, was a member
of the school board and
was charged with
violating Sordani's rights
by refusing to allow him
to attend school without
receiving a hearing.

Power Failure Recurrence Is 'Not Likely'

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WASHINGTON — Vari-
ous power companies
represented in the discussion
of the power failure in
Philadelphia, Pa., on
Monday, said they do not
expect a recurrence of the
power failure in the
Philadelphia area.

The power companies
said they are working
to prevent a recurrence
of the power failure in
the Philadelphia area.

Man Is Injured When Hit by Car

EYEWITNESSES — A 16-year-old
boy was injured today
when he was struck by a car
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Senator Richard Schweiker (right), R-Pa., presents the Distinguished Flying Cross to Dr. Elmer S. Froberg (left), a Philadelphia, Pa., optician who earned the award 26 years ago but didn't receive certificate or medal until yesterday. Froberg's son, David, looks on. Award-winner is a native of Camden, N.J. His mother lives in Collingswood, N.J.