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THE BEAUTIES OF WENONAH

A PRETTY NEW JERSEY BOROUGH WITH MANY ADVANTAGES

IMMUNITY FROM DISTURBANCES

The Property-Holders Are Restricted From Selling Liquor or Maintaining Saloons. Its Pretty School House: A Well-Organized Fire Company: How the Place Is Laid Out. Its Delightful Water Supply and Beautiful Parks.

Fortressed through the coming twilight,
In the dusk that's so Dejection,
In the unremembered eave,
Full the Beautiful Wenonah,
Full the Beautiful Wenonah,
She was sparkling with her waters,
Where her cool, fair sisters,
Full of jocundity and heaven,
Full of jocundity and heaven,
Full & fresh for frenzied grape-vines,
And Wenonah fair reclined
Fortressed through the coming twilight,
In the dusk that's so Dejection,
In the unremembered eave,
"Now! A deal baby!" said the people,
"Now! A deal baby!" said the people,
There among the prairie lilies,
There among the prairie lilies,
In the dusk that's so Dejection,
In the unremembered eave,
Fair Wenonah bore a daughter,
Fair Wenonah bore a daughter,

The beautiful suburb of Wenonah, as Hiawatha named, was projected in 1872 by the late Andrew W. Carey, Sr., who had previously homesteaded under the laws of the State of New Jersey, whose chief aim would seem to be to encourage the settlement of its farms under such laws and restrictions as would make its borders desirable and profitable to seekers primarily from all disturbances of a boisterous character, or, in a word, to secure immunity from the encroachment of any degree, saloon or other nuisance. These restrictions have remained in force since the inception of the town, and have so preserve it as one of the most desirable places in New Jersey.

The borough of Wenonah, one of the residents is now organized as a borough under an act of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, entitled "An act to provide for the Board of Borough Commissioners and Borough Officers," approved April 3, 1891, and the charter having been previously elected by the people for the limits of one year.

A Prosperous Borough.

In 1894 the Legislature passed the General Assembly giving increased powers to Borough Commissioners, the advantages of which the people of Wenonah were quick to avail themselves under this act, by which the borough of Wenonah is now a separate municipality, and entirely free from the township. The Borough Commissioners are invested with the powers of a Board of Health, and also of a township committee. In addition to the borough officers, which are usual in all cities as Assessor, Collector, Justice of the Peace, Commissioners of Appeal and all other officers usual in boroughs, the Board of Commissioners consists of seven members elected by the people to serve for three years, whose terms are so arranged that only two or three members are elected annually.

The borough also has its own school district, with a Board of Education, and a Board of Education. This school is in charge of a principal and two assistant teachers, and has a total enrollment of 150 pupils. The school is free to the people, being defrayed by a tax levied upon the property for that and general improvements. All matters relating to the schools are under the control of the people. Since the organization of the borough there has been marked improvement in the streets, which are macadamized and sidewalks. The original boardwalks have given way to flagstone, concrete or brick, and the streets are lined with shade and ornamental trees.

The water supply is an ample one, as the borough is supplied by the Wenonah Water Company, which has a capacity for 500,000 gallons. The reservoir, which is situated on the highest point in the north of the built-up portion from whence the water is distributed through the mains in the streets.

Protection Against Fire.

Fire hydrants have been located through the borough and are under the care of the Wenonah Fire Company, No. 1.

The fire apparatus consists of a 7 1/2 horsepower and 2,500 feet of hose, which is kept in the engine house on Mantua avenue. The active membership of the fire company is composed of forty men of the best citizens.

The borough is also well provided with public institutions, two churches, Presbyterian and Methodist, a beautiful stone public school building, with a seating capacity for 500 persons. The reservoir, which is situated on the highest point in the north of the built-up portion from whence the water is distributed through the mains in the streets.

Wenonah's Pretty Parks.

Prior to organization of the borough the Wenonah Land Company had generously donated to the borough the two large parks which are such a feature of the town, and which afford attractive resting places for the people. Besides these parks there are many pretty trees in the building ground. Besides, the many excellent drives over smooth, hard roads, the borough is favorably situated, being but a few miles to the city proper, from Mantua village, a mile west of Wenonah, to Haddonfield, a mile and a half east.

Close to the centre of the water supply is a delightful lake of clear water, which, with the surrounding park, is a favorite resort during the summer months. At the upper end of the lake, which is fed by springs, is a fine body of water, which is fed by springs, is a fine body of water, which is fed by springs, is a fine body of water