

# Wenonah Historical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting at 5:00 P.M. on  
Friday, December 13, 2013

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Charles Horan*

Dear Members,

Seasons Greetings to all! We are looking forward to our WHS Holiday Dinner this Friday (December 13) at 5:00 P.M. It is an excellent festive start to the Yuletide Season as we share fellowship and good times. For those of you who have reserved a spot, we will have the gift exchange this year. If you intend to participate, please limit the value of your gift to approximately \$10. Participation is optional.

In looking forward to our first two programs in 2014, I want to try something different at our January and February meetings.

Considering the possibility of inclement weather and having an outside

presenter travel to Wenonah, I propose the following: WHS members will put on their thinking caps during December and give a short summary (on January 10) on "How I came to live in Wenonah" or any related topic that you feel would be of interest to our group. Think of your "back story" to share informally with our group. Even a short anecdote will be well received.

## CHANGE OF NEWSLETTER EDITORS

As a reminder, Barbara Price will be taking over as newsletter editor, beginning with the January 2014 edition. I will work with Jack Sheppard, Sr. and Julie Ream to advance our museum to a point where its contents can be enjoyed by all Wenonahians.

*Larry*

### 2013 WHS OFFICERS

President	Charles Horan
Vice President	Paul Lader
Secretary	Vicki McCall
Treasurer	Carol Wiltsee
Trustee	Betty MacLeod
Trustee	Louis McCall

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month (except June, July and August) at the Train Station Community Center.



**2013 Wenonah Christmas Tree Lighting  
Photo by John Dominy**

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*The following article was furnished by Jack C. Sheppard, Sr. from Milton Webb's archives.*

## WENONAH 106 YEARS AGO – MARCH 1907

The Boston Laundry horse got into a hole here Saturday and was considerably bruised up.

The military hop given by the cadets Saturday night was one of the prettiest social functions ever given by the cadets. The young ladies were the prettiest ever seen at a cadet dance. About 150 were present. The next event will be a minstrel show which promises to eclipse all former efforts in this line.

Report of the Wenonah Public School: 7th & 8th grade pupils 21, 5th & 6th grade pupils 21, 3rd & 4th grade pupils 31. 1st & 2nd grade pupils 33.

Contractor John Drummer is sending some of his friends pictures of his cabin in the midst of the red wood trees in San Diego County, California. They have a gold mine located but the Indians are very troublesome, and will not work themselves nor will they let others work. Mr. Drummer says that if he had a Galling gun he would fix them. He expects to return home soon but will go back in the fall when he will take an arsenal with him. (John Drummer was one of the most remarkable people to have lived in our Wenonah. He was borough Marshall, a charter member of the fire company and a builder. More about him in future editions.

Mr. Loomis has rented the old ice house attached to Baylies' barn. (At the site of the present post office.) He put 60 tons of ice in it yesterday, which is as much as it will hold. Billy Stevenson did the job.

An Italian by the name of Nune is the new day watchman at the railroad crossing.

Our milkman got his milk delivered nearly on time this morning, but he had to put on two wagons to do it. The sled-coasting is still very good.

Mrs. Morogue has lost her dog Sam and, if anyone sees him, she will be pleased if they would notify her. (Her son William was the first and only combat casualty from Wenonah in the First World War.

Mantua Grange took in four new members last night. The Grange now numbers 201 members. (They meet in Wenonah at Noblit's Hall on North Marion Avenue. The majority of the officers were from Wenonah. The Grange, at this time, was a strong political force and their endorsement was a prerequisite to winning an election.)

The Wesley Brotherhood met last evening and had a debate, the title of which was "Should Capital Punishment be Abolished?" The negative side won.

Oscar B. Redrow, who was struck by an electric train at Woodbury last Saturday is not able to leave the house yet. (He lived in the house on the northeast corner of W. Buttonwood and N. Jefferson streets. He was the County Prosecutor.)

Captain Percy Jones and Cadets Fox, Martin, Updike and Cormany went to Washington to witness and take part in the unveiling of the General McClellan monument. The cadets will take the part of buglers.

The fireman will clear about \$100 on their supper, which was held Saturday evening. It was a decided success and everybody went home too full for utterance.

Charles Kirkbride left Clark's store Saturday night and started work at Baylies' store this morning. (The two stores were competitors, both general stores within a stones throw of each other, one where Mary Kaye is today and the other at the former location of the One Stop Shop. )

Mud, mud everywhere.

Captain Miller's goose bone prophesy of the winter came true. (Lost in the annals of history is what a "goose bone prophesy" is.)

Assemblyman William C. Cattell stood up nobly for the women at Trenton yesterday. One of the legislators said that women were not educated up to the point of voting intelligently. Mr. Cattell replied that many women are more intelligent than men and all knew how to vote on the liquor question and he is right. (This assured Uncle Billie that he would be warmly welcomed by the women of Wenonah when he came home.)

Mrs. John Holeton entertained a number of her friends at her home last evening. The evening was a great success. The dining room was prettily decorated. Long ribbons of red crepe paper were draped from the comers and sides of the room to the electrolier. The lights were shaded in red and the table had a border of the same material. Two large bouquets of red carnations decorating the table finished the color scheme. The guests enjoyed themselves immensely. One of the features of the evenings entertainment was a game in which everybody took the name of some animal and it was very interesting to see the baboon making love to the hyena; the jack-ass (he brayed long and loud) did not forget to keep an eye on the muskrat. The porcupine was pinched by the lobster, while the giraffe stretched her neck this way and that, looking for trouble. The rhinoceros appeared to be troubled and the gorilla and ape enjoyed things immensely. We hope to meet again in the near future.

William Stevenson was kicked on the shin by one of his horses.

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## Membership APPLICATION 2013

### Membership Benefits

- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
- MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INTERESTING PROGRAMS
- ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORABILIA
- INFORMATION BY KNOWLEDGEABLE WENONAHIANS

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RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: YES OR NO \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR

BRING FORM AND PAYMENT TO MEETING, OR MAIL. THANK YOU  
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