

Wenonah Historical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting at 7:30 P.M. on
Friday, March 8, 2013

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Charles Horan

Dear Members,

Due to the threatening weather forecast last month and after consulting with other members, I felt it was prudent to cancel our February meeting. Although the actual weather on the evening of the scheduled meeting was not quite as bad as predicted, I would rather err on the side of caution and safety in such matters. I hope everyone received notice in a timely fashion. Many thanks to Larry Smith and Jennie McQuade for helping to spread the word at the 11th hour.

The Wenonah Lions Club program coordinator, Jonathan Funk (Frank & Calie Magin's son-in-law) asked me if I could address their meeting on February 26th and talk about the Wenonah Historical Society. I gave a brief overview of the 1982 formation and mission statement of our organization as well as examples of recent presentations at our monthly meetings. Richard Dilks accompanied me and gave an abbreviated, but very interesting, reprise of what was here just prior to 1871 at the inception of Wenonah.

Patricia A. Waltman Hrynenko, the Museum Collections Coordinator of the Gloucester County Historical Society, has been so kind

to accommodate our group and give her presentation entitled "Stitched Through Time: A Legacy of Quilts, Part II" at our meeting on Friday, March 8th.

As always, I look forward to seeing you this Friday evening. Please bring a guest along who might be interested in this month's presentation.

2013 WHS DUES ARE DUE

Dues for 2013 are now due and are still a bargain at \$15 per family. The dues can be given to any WHS officer or mailed using the membership application on the last page of this newsletter.

ODDS AND ENDS

➤ If you would like to receive an electronic version of the newsletter instead of a copy delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, let me know at smithlr@att.net. The newsletter will arrive sooner, reduce our printing costs, and if there is something in color, you will be able to see the colors.

➤ President Horan and I would greatly appreciate your ideas, thoughts and suggestions on the following:

- Programs for future meetings
- Feature stories or enhancements to the newsletter
- Ways to attract new members

2011 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.

The following article was provided by Jack C. Sheppard, Sr.

**WENONAH MILITARY ACADEMY
1904-1935**

The Academy grounds are large and ample, overlooking a charming park in the foreground. The building is only a few minutes' walk from the railroad station, telegraph office and churches; it is three stories high, and has comfortable rooms for 130 students under one roof; it is heated by steam, lighted by electricity and gas, and furnished with an ample supply of pure water from the plant of the borough, in addition to which the Academy has a separate and entirely independent supply from an artesian well 351 feet in depth. Careful analysis has demonstrated this water to be of absolute hygienic purity, and this purity is assured for all time, as the water cannot become contaminated by any organic matter from surface drainage. The entire drainage system, designed and constructed under the personal supervision of one of the most accomplished and experienced engineers of the country, is believed to be as nearly perfect as expert skill can make it.

The Academy building is the home of the cadets. In the opinion of those best qualified to judge, the building is considered one of the best-adapted school edifices in the East. Its unique plan affords peculiar advantages for a school home for boys.

A description of the building follows. On a central angle of 50 feet, three wings of 100 feet extend, with a massive tower rising to 70 feet over the central angle; consequently the building has abundance of light all day long. The lower floor, or basement, is occupied by the spacious drill-room, containing 2000 square feet, amusement-rooms, boiler-room, lavatories and laundry. On the main floor are rooms for the superintendent and masters. The general assembly room is in the south wing. In the central angle are the reception-room, the library and reading-room. From this diverge the assembly, class and dining-rooms.



Wenonah Military Academy
1904 - 1935

The second, and third floor also, contains 30 sleeping-rooms and lavatories. An 8-foot hallway extends the full

length of each wing. The sleeping-rooms are warmed by steam, regulated to keep an even temperature. Danger from fire is at a minimum, for the reason that no stoves or heating apparatus other than the steam heat are allowed in the building. Two exits for each hallway, one by a short stairway of only 12 feet, the other by an enclosed stairway, furnish immediate access to the main entrance. Altogether there is not another building where such extreme caution has been taken in providing for the general care and safety of the student.

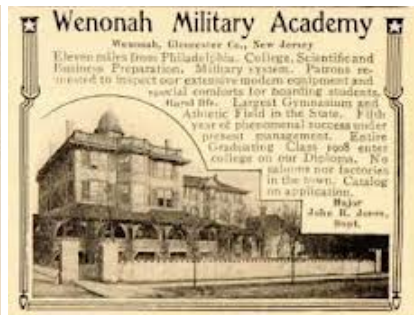
The students' rooms are large, heated by steam and nicely furnished with first-class furniture, the beds having woven-wire springs, hair mattresses and the best sheeting and woolen blankets. The rooms on all floors are 10 by 16 feet and 14 by 16 feet in size, and are arranged for cadets wishing to room alone, or for two cadets. Eight bath and toilet rooms are on each floor, constructed in the most modern and improved manner.

The class-rooms are provided with every convenience for the work of instruction. They are ample in size and number, and convenient in arrangement.



Typical Cadet Room

The library, 43 by 50 feet in size, is lighted by large windows opening upon the great piazza, beyond which may be seen the beautiful Academy grounds. The library is always open to the booklovers among the cadets. Among the periodicals on file are Harper's Magazine, The Century, Scribner's, The Forum, The Cosmopolitan, McClure's, Munsey's, Review of Reviews, World's Work, Outing, St. Nicholas, The Youth's Companion, Harper's Weekly, Collier's Weekly, Country Life in America, The Scientific American, The Critic, The Churchman, The Church Standard, The Evangelist, The Outlook, The Independent, and many other standard publications.



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

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