

Wenonah Historical Society

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Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT JACK SHEPPARD

Dear Members,

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Wenonah Historical Society require us to have a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and two Trustees for terms of two years. This group constitutes the Board of Trustees of the organization.

We are also required to appoint a Nominating Committee at the November meeting for the purpose of presenting a slate of names for those positions at the January Meeting. The Nominating Committee is to be made up of two members of the Trustee Board and two regular members.

The terms of office on the Board are two years and all terms are due to expire at the end of 2004.

At a recent meeting of the officers and Trustees the current situation, that of the President stepping down and the entire Board needing to be replaced was duly noted. There was then a general discussion of names in the entire membership in an attempt to determine members who might want to become more involved in Society activities, either as candidates for the Board or as volunteers for museum creation activities.

There was also considerable discussion of the great need to get moving on the objectives of the

Society, especially those related to the preservation of historic documents, records, artifacts and memorabilia of our community.

The future of the Community Center as a repository and museum for these purposes is in our hands but if we don't get moving on the project soon we may lose our claim to the building.

Accordingly we are looking toward establishing volunteer "work parties" very soon to

WHS OFFICERS 2004

Vice Pres.	Jack Sheppard Sr.
Secretary	Eileen Caraker
Treasurer	Carol Wiltsee
Corr. Sec.	Betty MacLeod
Trustee	Vicki McCall
Trustee	Macy Pedersen
Trustee	Lucy Schulz

Meetings second Friday of the month at the Wenonah Community Center except June, July and August

commence work on the following tasks;

- Second floor clean up, fix up.
- Move Military Academy artifacts from the Library.
- Sort, identify, classify and store those materials.

We do have a list of volunteers from a previous solicitation but all members are encouraged to get in touch if in fact you haven't been contacted before now.

The first of these "work party" activities will occur Friday the 19th of November when we will move the Military Academy material from our Public Library into the Community Center first floor, and then up to the second floor storage area. Anyone wishing to help with this please make yourself known at the November 12th meeting.

NOVEMBER 12TH PROGRAM

The November meeting of the Society will be held starting at 7:30 p.m. in the train station Community Center at Mantua Avenue at the railroad tracks. Member Rocco Doto will present a history of the Wenonah Military Academy.

It is also nearly time for dues payments for the coming year 2005. Please bring or send your dues by the end of December. They are still \$15.00 per year. For Information call (856) 468-6981.

HISTORICAL TIDBIT

Wenonah was created from a group of five adjacent farms that mostly grew sweet potatoes. Animal manure was used to fertilize the crops and the manure cars were delivered to a siding in the center of town. Apparently the smell was horrible and by 1892 the Borough Commission and citizens appealed to the West Jersey RR Company for relief. A new siding was then built at the current location of the Borough garage, Maple Street at the railroad.

Mr. Oscar Ogden, Thomas Ritson and Clement Mattson have purchased handsome Waltham-Orient touring cars from H.D. Leap who represents the Waltham Manufacturing Company in this area.

The best supper ever had for 25 cents will be served at Noblitt's Hall in connection with the fair next week.

All Saints Episcopal Mission. Service in Noblitts Hall tomorrow at 10:45 a.m. All welcome.

The town was very lively yesterday. Every train bringing a load of visitors and the beautiful weather kept them on the streets enjoying the air.

The woods were full of gunners here yesterday, but the bags were rather small. Whether due to unskillful marksmanship or lack of rabbits is hard to tell. It is certain that enough shots were fired in the neighborhood.

Captain Persey is no longer a member of the Campers Union at the Wenonah Military Academy. The union was organized for the special benefit of the bachelors of the academy and lost a very active member when he quietly married Miss Racliffe of Camden.

A family passing through the town on the way to their Thanksgiving dinner meet with an accident on Marion Avenue. The horse they were driving fell and broke a leg and had to be shot.

The epidemic of colds, which almost put a number of cadets in bed, has almost subsided and all were able to eat turkey today.

The Ladies Aid of the M.E. Church particularly requests that you defer buying your Christmas gifts till you come to their supper and bazaar next Tuesday. Beautiful articles, useful and ornamental will be on sale. A table of dressed dolls, at very reasonable prices, presided over by Miss Jessie Baylies' class of little girls will be one of the features. Mrs. Cline's class of young ladies will have a Christmas tree covered with gifts. Ice cream will be on sale, also cakes, bread and pie.

A large shipment of live pigeons was made from this station this morning-about 100.

Mrs. James Carey gave a "500" last evening.

A traveling Uncle Tom's Cabin Company will entertain our people tonight at Noblitt's Hall.

The public school building has been connected to the sewerage system and sanitary conditions will be much improved.

John L. Drummer was elected constable over Thomas J. Savage, who was on both tickets by 61 majority.

There is considerable discussion as to what use the room over the new fire house should be put other than regular meetings of the Fire Company. There seems to be a desire on the part of some to use it as a smoking room and a place to play cards. Of course there will be no gambling under the new administration.

A ballot was taken this morning at the Academy on the Presidential candidates and the results are as follows. Taft 38, Chafin 3, Bryan 6.

Politics, politics, there is more politics in this town today than any other town of its size in the state.

Fine Black Sateen Petticoats \$1.00 Outing Flannel 25 and 50 cents Gingham 25, 50 and 75 cents try a pair of our ladies 25 cent stockings. H.E. Wood 185 So. Broad Street, Woodbury

Try Pan Dandy Bread

The painting of the Methodist Church is about to be done and it will be a decided improvement.

A REPUBLICAN LANDSLIDE TAFT SWEEPS THE COUNTRY IN THE GREAT CONTEST FOR THE NATION'S NEXT EXECUTIVE. Gloucester County gives Taft 1610 plurality and elects entire county ticket. (Wenonah's vote Taft 138 Bryan 18)

The young ladies of the Embroidery Club which meet at the home of Miss Clara Turner Saturday afternoon proposes to fill a bride's chest for the first member married.

With the streets well scattered with masqueraders and the Academy dance in full swing Saturday evening, Wenonah was quite lively for once.

Woodbury Constitution Milton H. Webb

There is to be a Fair in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church, November 4th Fancywork, groceries, candy, home made bread and cake. Supper 35 cents.

Wonder whom the two young ladies were who got bewildered on the road between Cooper's Hill and Wenonah.

The River and Harbor Committee meet at Hohlweg's Hotel (now Telford Inn) yesterday to determine whether to have the Mantua Creek dug out. Several appeared before the committee urging the creek be opened up to the Wenonah Bridge.

A workman in the employ of the gas company was knocked unconscious here yesterday by the bursting of a gas pipe. He was taken home in serious condition. No one would have thought there was so much force in the pipes.

In order to make an equitable charge for water to all customers, the Wenonah Water Company will place water meters on the premises of all water takers. The installing of the meters will be done during the present month and the meter rates will commence January 1st, 1910.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union held their business meeting and finding out that they had money immediately proceeded to spend it. It was voted to offer a prize of \$5.00 to the Wenonah Military Academy and \$5.00 to our public school for the best scientific temperance essay.

Bryn Athyn and Wenonah Military Academy played a tie game on Bryn Athyn grounds Saturday, neither team being able to score. The game was fast and clean throughout.

Call at the public library and look over the latest books. (The library was in the former Presbyterian Church Chapel which was moved from North Clinton Avenue to West Mantua Avenue in the first block.)

The Wenonah Mutual Improvement Association will place three carloads of manure on the lawn of the park. (This is one way to get peoples attention to the park.)

There was a fire last night at the M.E. parsonage on Willow Street, and but for its timely discovery the parsonage would have been burned down. Miss Cornelia Truncer saw a light in the third story of the building and concluded at once that there was something wrong. She went to the parsonage and asked if there was anyone in the third floor with a lamp. She was told there was not, and upon investigation it was found that a box of papers was on fire. A bucket brigade was formed and the blaze was soon subdued. The Fire Company did not go into service. Just how the fire started is a mystery, but it might be the old story of mice and matches.

Pastor Senser worked like a beaver in carrying buckets of water up the stairs and he thinks that his heart is all right or he could never have stood it.

Mr. Thomas W.Synnott will lead the prayer meeting this evening at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. (Mr.Synnott was one of the founders of the town and at this period had land holdings of almost one fourth of the total area of the town.)

Lost, strayed or stolen-One black and white hound dog, black face. Answers to the name "Doc" John T. Moore

The question, which is puzzling our gunners, is where to gun on Monday, when the rabbit season opens. In almost every direction one looks in the country his eyes beholds a notice, which forbids gunning on the premises.

An exciting runaway occurred here last evening. A farmer drove into town to meet the train, and his horse was frightened and ran up the street east of the depot and down the embankment north of the station where it meet an express train and turned off the track at the flag house completely circling the depot. No damage was done, but how the horse missed the third rail is a mystery. It also had a narrow escape from the express train.

The machine pipeline digger of the Pitman Gas Company is digging a trench from the Wenonah Bridge to Woodbury Heights,. This will give gas to all the farmers along the line.

Quite a number of our young matrons have enrolled themselves as students in the "Domestic Science Class" recently organized.

Mrs. McGill's house looks well with its new coat of paint. (N.E. corner of Clinton and Cherry Streets –Now the home of the Thompsons.)

Our Improvement Association has two classes of members, those who contribute money and those who contribute advise as to how it should be spent. These later are mostly knockers and are a hindrance to the growth of the town.

Woodbury Heights is improving rapidly notwithstanding its lack of electric lights, sewer, artesian water, library, fire company, and church and school facilities such as Wenonah has.

A little girl visiting barber Fisher's was badly cut about the head Saturday by a flowerpot. The flowerpot was in the second story window and fell on the little girls head.

We see the hurdles have disappeared in the park and hope they will not come back. (People had been making their own paths through the park.)

Source *Woodbury Daily Times* by Milton H. Webb



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WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2004

Membership Benefits

- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOUR HOME
- MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INFORMATIVE PROGRAMS
- ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORABILIA
- NETWORK OF KNOWLEDGEABLE HISTORIANS
- HISTORICAL FIELD TRIPS

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

CHECK _____ CASH _____

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

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DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR
