

Wenonah Historical Society Newsletter

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

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Charles Horan

Dear Members,

I hope those in attendance last month enjoyed the Battleship New Jersey presentation by Bob Catando. Bob is a retired teacher/administrator and has direct ties to Gateway High School. He recognized a few members as fellow educators at the beginning of his excellent presentation.

With Veterans Day close at hand, we are continuing this Friday with another military-related topic as well as having an educator as our presenter. Lt. Col. Beth Ann Lumpkin (USAF retired) is currently the Aerospace Science Instructor at nearby Washington Township High School. While serving in the Air Force, Lt. Col. Lumpkin received the Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal, and Combat Readiness Medal. Her topic will be "Women in the Military, Past and Present".

Hopefully many of you are planning to attend our annual Christmas Dinner on December 13. The event is always a most enjoyable evening of good food and friends and serves as a nice start to the holiday season. As noted below, your payment must be received by Jean Cowles by this Wednesday.

I hope to see you this Friday evening at the Train Station Community Center.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our WHS Christmas Dinner is scheduled for 5:00 PM on December 13. It will be catered by the Telford Inn.

However, we must have enough members (and guests) attend to make it worthwhile for the Telford. So far the response has been poor. If we do not have more commit, we will have to cancel.

If you are interested in attending, please get your payment (\$22/person) to Jean Cowles no later than this Wednesday (November 6). Jean's address is 304 N. Stockton Ave. Her phone number is 856-468-6031. Please make your check payable to "Wenonah Historical Society".

CHANGE OF NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Barbara Price has offered to take over as your newsletter editor, allowing me to switch my focus to our museum. I will work with Jack Sheppard, Sr. and Julie Ream to finalize the facility so its contents can be made available to all Wenonahians.

Barbara has been a resident of Wenonah for 32 years. She has been the Librarian at the Gloucester County Historical Society and the editor of its newsletter since 1998. Barbara can be reached at b.price111@comcast.net.

Our current plan is for Barbara to take over with the January 2014 newsletter.

2013 WHS OFFICERS

President	Charles Horan
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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 furnished by Jack C. Sheppard, Sr. from Milton Webb's archives.

WENONAH 106 YEARS AGO – DECEMBER 1907

Mrs. Lummis is selling fresh dairy butter.

Mantua Avenue speedway is in fine condition. (The people were outraged at cars going through town at 20 miles per hour.)

Almost all the little men and women are having the chicken-pox.

Both Sunday Schools are beginning preparations for Christmas and from all indications their little folks will have a good time.

The Needlework Guild gives a very gratifying report of its work for the current year. Over three hundred and fifty new garments were contributed which will be distributed among the needy poor.

The W.C.T.U. held its regular monthly meeting yesterday. The barrel which was to be sent to Ellis Island is by no means full. You surely have some discarded clothing which will keep some child warm. Infant's clothing will be greatly appreciated. Little stockings are needed. Safety pins, picture books and toys that can be easily packed. Do try to give something to help this worthy cause.

Tonight is prayer meeting in both churches. Why don't you come out? You need to be a faithful attendant and don't you remember how much good it did you.

We are certainly long suffering patient people. For two weeks or more the little folks have had no convenience at school. Part of that time the basement floor was covered with water, now the water is turned off and there is actual physical suffering among the children and yet we try to be good and submit: for we know that everything comes to him who waits.

A beautiful flag has been presented to the Public School by the Board of Education, at the assembly of pupils, a few impromptu but appropriate exercises were rendered and a unanimous vote of thanks was expressed to the Board of Education for the gift.

The Wenonah Building and Loan Association which organized so successfully last month will hold its second meeting next Saturday evening. A large number of shares have been subscribed guaranteeing the success of the organization and promising well for the future.

Our young students are returning home for the holidays and everything points to a happy Christmas. The chicken pox is almost over and the grip is abating so we will be able to enjoy our turkey without first wiping one weeping eye and then the other and then our nose.

The "Tourist Club" will have another meeting this Saturday evening. Anyone with a desire to advance intellectually is invited to become a member. Come to the library and talk it over.

Miss Rose Holt, Miss Dorothy Holt and Miss Florence Spidden took in the Christmas sights yesterday in the city.

For Sale MILK 6 cents a quart Geo. Kean.

There were several interesting looking couples in church last night and it looks as if there will be more wedding bells soon.

Judging for the crowds going up in the trains and the number of packages delivered, "Christmaticus" has struck our borough hard.

Boys Brigade tonight.

The Teddy Bears meet tonight at the home of Miss Rose Holt.

We do not understand why it takes a letter that is mailed here at 9 a.m. to not reach Woodbury until 1:30 (They didn't have computers.)

The Christmas music in both churches was delightful. They may say what they please, but when it comes to singing, Wenonah is hard to beat.

Academy students take notice: You will want to take something nice home to mother or sister or somebody else for Thanksgiving or Christmas. The ladies of the borough are making the daintiest things imaginable for the bazaar on Tuesday in Noblitt's Hall. Home made candy a specialty.

Photographic calendars. Views of Wenonah at the Post Office.

The Christmas entertainment by the Methodist Sunday School last night was very enjoyable. Nine young ladies dressed as gypsies rendered the cantata "The Gypsies Christmas" in a very creditable manner. The Primary Department received, besides their candy and oranges, dolls for the little girls, penknives for the boys, and balls for the babies. Rev. and Mrs. Duffield were generously remembered by the Ladies Aid Society.

The Christmas entertainment at the Presbyterian Church Sunday School was very enjoyable.

In one-corner of the large room stood a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and at its base were grouped candy and gifts for the children. Just back of the tree was a fireplace through which a real live Santa Claus came at the close of the exercises and gave the children their gifts. Rev. Gage read Dickens Christmas story while Rev. Duffield used lantern slides to illustrate the story.

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Membership Benefits

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

NAME: _____

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RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: YES OR NO _____

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____ CHECK _____ CASH _____

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