Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DON RALSTON

Dear Members;

It is WHS officer election time again. Our Constitution and Bylaws specify election of officers at the Annual meeting in January. The pertinent rules are as follows;

ARTICLE IV -Officers and Trustees

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and a Treasurer Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of these four officers plus two trustees, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Society.

ARTICLE V -Election of Officers and Trustees

Section 1. The Officers and Trustees shall be elected for terms of two (2) years by a majority of those present at the Annual meeting

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

Section 1. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held in the month of January or as close as possible at a proper place and time determined by the officers of the Society.

At that time we are to present a slate of officers for the organization to consider and vote on. At our November meeting a new slate of officers was nominated to serve during the next two years They are; President: Louis McCall Vice President; Barbara Capelli Recording Secretary; Jo Dominy Finance Officer: Carol Wiltsee Trustee; Vicki

McCall Trustee: Betty MacLeod, Honorary Trustee Lucy Schultz. Nominations may also be made from the floor at that time.

Our annual Christmas party will be held Friday, December 8, 2006 at the Community Center. Pat Sole is in charge of this event. Pat and her committee of Helen Sheppard, Betty Rose, Jo Dominy and Betty MacLeod have worked diligently to make this party an outstanding event.

WHS OFFICERS 2006

President Don Ralston
Vice Pres. Jack Sheppard Sr.
Secretary Jo Dominy
Treasurer Carol Wiltsee
Corr. Sec. Betty MacLeod
Trustee Vicki McCall
Trustee Lucy Schulz

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

Social hour will be 5: PM to 6 PM.

At 6 PM we will take our places at the dining tables. At that time we will open with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and a few opening remarks. At 6:15 PM dinner will be started. The Telford Inn is once again catering the buffet style dinner. They will serve dessert at the tables. Pat has arranged for the Munier Mandolin and Guiter Quartet for music. The leader of this group is member Bob Bevilaqua's brother.

Following the meal we will have the drawing for the exchange of gifts.

Betty Rose has again arranged with the Gloucester County Historical Society for a Christmas display in our display case at Wenonah Public School. It is wonderful!!

A very nice program was held recently at the Wenonah Public School Butterfly Garden. A Red Maple Tree was planted in memory of Bradley Caraker. Verses were read and songs were sung at the event.

If you are looking for "Christmas stocking stuffers" the Society has various items such as caps, t-shirts, place mats, banners and booklets for sale. Betty MacLeod handles the sale of such items. Her telephone # is 468-6981.

Please take a moment to remember our military people and their families during this holiday season.

As a final thought, have yourselves a safe and happy holiday season and God Bless America.

STATION RESTORATION

In the October newsletter Borough Engineer Dave Kreck's timetable for the station rehabilitation project was provided. It noted that by the end of 2006 all preparatory steps would be completed and that bids for the work could be solicited. It further noted construction could commence by April 2007. If this timetable is accurate our Museum Committee is going to be very busy making arrangements to protect the artifacts.

Jack C. Sheppard Sr.

We Who Were Born Before 1945 . .

have witnessed:

We were born before television, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees and the PILL.

We were born before credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball point pens; before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioned homes, drip-dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be?

"coming out of." Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and Outer Space was the back of the Paramount Theater.

computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before daycare centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings. For us time-sharing meant togetherness - not computers or condominiums: A "chip" meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word

In 1940, "made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, "McDonald's" and instant coffee, who knew?

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores where you actually bought things for five and ten cents. Breyers' or Hershey ice cream cones sold for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a bus, make a phone call, buy Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600.00, but who could afford one; a pity too because gas was 11 cents a gallon

In our day smoking was fashionable. GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink, and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office.

We were certainly not before the differences We are survivors. Consider the changes we between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex change; we made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think that you needed a husband to have a baby

> No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today. BUT WE SURVIVED!!! What better reason to celebrate?

> > Contributed by President Don

Wenonah 100 Years Ago 1907

Mrs. Lummis is selling fresh dairy butter.

Mantua Avenue speedway is in fine condition. In our time, closets were for clothes, not for (The people were outraged at cars going through town at 20 miles per hour)

> Mrs. Gilmour led the service in the Presbyterian Church this Sunday.

> Mr. William Dawson has bought an oil lamp like the town used for street lighting and has put it up. (He lived in the house that presently is the Wenonah Medical Centre)

Wenonah is the banner town for card playing. We were before househusbands, gay rights, Five hundred seems to be the most popular game.

> Mr. Dawson is doing his duty trying to light up his property. If every citizen did the same it would not be necessary for the town to light up the streets. Wenonah has been the darkest place the last night or two. We understand the Electric Light Company has refused to fulfill the balance of their contract, therefore the darkness. Is our town to be in darkness all winter? Possibly our council can throw some light on the subject. City fathers let us hear from you.

> Mr. Locke sold a handsome piano to a party in Pitman this week. Mr. Locke is doing a fine business in musical instruments.

> Miss Bacon is very sick with the flu. Ex-Mayor Harlan has been sick in bed for about a month. Mrs. George Dilkes is able to be out after an attack of the grip.

> The King's Daughters met at the home of Miss Dorothy Paris. (Miss Paris married and became Dorothy Mulvey. She and her husband and family were some of the grand, wonderful people of our community)

> The Wenonah orchestra met at the home of George Greenig last Friday.

> The W.C.T.U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Gilmour tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock. (The

local chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was a powerful moral force within the community.)

Two dogs were on the third rail yesterday but not hurt much. One was killed during the week. FOR SALE A one horse bolster wagon. Milton Chew Mantua Mr. And Mrs. C.Fowler Cline spent Wednesday at Blackwood.

Thirty-eight more gas lamps have arrived which will be enough to cover the town. (Previous to this street illumination was by electric and was very undependable)

The best game of basketball of the season will be played tomorrow night at Woodbury when they meet with Camden.

There was a big time at the Grange here last night when about eighty members were present. Mr. Whitehead's lecture was greatly enjoyed. (They meet on North Marion Avenue at Noblit's Hall, a former school house which later became the Y.M.C.A. Hall then the Legion Hall, now a private residence.)

The Ladies Aid Society of the Wenonah Memorial Presbyterian Church will hold a bread and cake sale on Friday from three till five o'clock. There will be on sale bread, cake and salad. Tea and coffee will be served at five o'clock at 5 cents per cup.

FOR SALE Eight fine pigs, six weeks old. Howard Henrickson Wenonah (He built the house on the north east corner of North Jefferson and Mantua Avenue.)

Plumber Viereck has received a carload of stone. He will build an addition to his house.

Miss Lucy Carson has the misfortune to have to wear glasses

Dr. Stout is taking advantage of the cold weather and is filling his ice house (5 East Mantua Avenue)

Chalky Lyon's horse was frightened here yesterday and ran away. The wagon struck a tree and turned over with Mr. Lyons underneath but he escaped with a few bruises. (He lived on Bank Bridge Road which also was called Saw Mill Road or Lyon's Avenue)

The Annual Minstrel Show will be given by the cadets February 1st. This show promises to eclipse all former efforts in that line. The cadets will have a hop on ground hog day. Two new cadets from Pennsylvania will enter the Academy February 1

The Woodbury Daily Times Woodbury, New Jersey January 1907

BRADLEY PAUL CARAKER

He plays baseball, third base the most valuable player he loves to fish, play football video games and boogie board too he plays the piano and guitar I bet one day he's gonna be a star

Bradley has got a great smile a great sense of humor he's a wonderful guy Bradley's an amazing boy we're singing this song to you I hope you enjoy it, Bradley yes I do, Bradley this song is for you

Going to the beach with mom and dad and brother Billy and sister Kristen running around with Bailey Baxter Jr. your dog the color red or baking with mom-mom or eating crab, shrimp or steak

Bradley has got a great smile
A great sense of humor
He's a wonderful guy
Bradley's an amazing boy
We're singing this song to you
I hope you enjoy it, Bradley

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Words, music and vocals by Carl Allocco This song generously sponsored by the Karma Foundation

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MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INTERESTING PROGRAMS				
ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORABILIA				
A NUMBER OF KNOWLEDGEABLE WENONAHIANS				
	PHONE:			
	EMAIL ADDRESS:			
	AMOUNT PAID \$	CHECK	Cash	_

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DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR