

# Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM  
PRESIDENT LOUIS MCCALL

Dear Members;

I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to be the Wenonah Historical Society President for the 2007 year. I am truly humbled by Past President Don Ralston's achievements and all the rich personal history which he often shares. On behalf of the membership I want to thank Don for his untiring efforts and devotion to the Society and hope he continues to actively share with us many of his interesting tales for many years to come!

I am often amazed about the richness of our town's history and am sure it will be an even bigger asset to Wenonah in year's to come. We must not lose focus that we are the sole organization in town specifically designated to search out, preserve and share Wenonah's history. Thus our mission continues to be to enrich the lives of current and future generations by preserving the historical record of Wenonah and advancing interest and awareness in it's past. ...and of course to have a good neighborly time doing so! Our Historical Society, like any society by definition, is a collection of people with common interest, so I am asking each of you to do two things in the upcoming year: first- Please sign up and actively participate in one of our committees which we will discuss in our next meeting and secondly- I would like each member to try to bring at least one new member in by the end of 2007.

After all, we are also one of the best social groups that Wenonah has to offer!

For the 2007 year, I would like to continue the many achievements and projects already in motion or are ready to be started. These include the continuing pursuit of the restoration of our Community Center, a significant gem to our town, and the historical archiving project, a must for the preservation and documentation of the Society's assets.

#### WHS OFFICERS 2007

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

As for newer business, I intend to pursue with the membership some yet-to-be discussed new projects, including a to be proposed new Wenonah Historical Society publication, a "Wenonah Family Album," to be comprised of pictures and quotes obtained from members and our archives. I would also like to pursue additional grant monies from the New Jersey Historical Commission. These efforts should not only be good sources of financial strength, but can also be excellent vehicles to further our mission of

promoting the historical understanding and awareness of Wenonah.

Lastly, I want to make a personal plea to all of you, our members, to take the time and write-down a personal Wenonah family history and story and gather some pictures we can copy, as we need to save today what may not be available to us tomorrow. It is you, your memories and your pictures and artifacts that we need to preserve and share. I would like to ask each member to write a Wenonah historical interest type story of your memories and stories that we need to preserve. We would like to not just preserve them but share them in future newsletters and other publications such as in the proposed "Wenonah Family Album" and of course, own archives.

Lastly, I want to hear if you would like to entertain adding another annual social event to our calendar and what the ideas. Maybe it could be a wine and cheese before the Fourth of July's open house or bus trips to the casinos to see shows, or even a joint wine and cheese with some other organizations in town.

I look forward to seeing you at our January meeting on Friday the 12th and to another fun and productive year. Please bring your ideas!

Lou McCall

#### STATION RESTORATION

In view of the resignation by Dawn Human as town manager we can only wait and see the effect on the state grant and rehabilitation plans.

Wenonah 98 Years Ago - March 1909

The Mantua Grange No.39, P of H, held an interesting meeting in their hall in Wenonah, when they initiated in the first and second degrees the Marshall of the borough, Mr. John Drummer and wife.

Quite a discussion took place on the platform this morning among the commuters while waiting for the 7:40 train. The subject was license and no license. Some contended that there was as much liquor used in Wenonah as there was in a licensed town of its size. Others doubted this statement. Our columns are open if there is anyone that desires to refute this statement.

The fine weather of today brought out the automobiles in force.

You who are lovers of good sour kraut go to Daniels (Mantua). 8 cents a qt.

FOR SALE 95 cords of wood. Also six tons of hot bed hay. Thomas Dilkes

Mr. Buzby is enlarging his barn for his new four cylinder Jackson. He won't have to get out and push when he gets that.

Mr. Nathan Shaddock declares that he is the crack checker player instead of Walter Wentzell and says he will challenge him to play Saturday in the flag house.

The members of the Wenonah Women's Christian Temperance Union are endeavoring to replenish their treasury by each one making a dollar in some way. Mrs. Johnson is selling those useful canvas gloves to be worn while performing that necessary but rather disagreeable task of taking up ashes from the furnace and other rough chores about the place.

Mrs. Sweeten is keeping harmony with her name and is selling sweets in the shape of ginger snaps.

Four new houses are underway. The outlook for spring is excellent. At least fifty new houses are contemplated in the next few months.

The explosion at Wilmington was plainly heard here this morning.

A change in the trolley schedule will go into effect this Friday, but this will not change the time on the Mantua line.

Pan Dandy found half of a dollar note in Wenonah this morning which had been cut in two pieces by a wagon wheel. He is looking for the party who found the other half and he will either buy or sell.

The Automobile Club are getting their machines in order for an early spring run. Daniel Brown will make some of them look to their laurels.

CUSPIDORS both in tin and chysolite painted red or blue 12 cents Leppee, Opera House Block, Woodbury

Adam Knight was in Trenton yesterday at the state boulevard hearing. He said it was amusing to hear some of the New Yorkers telling Jerseymen what they need in the way of roads. It would be a fine thing for the millionaire New York auto owners to have a fine boulevard along the shore at the expense of the taxpayers of New Jersey. South Jersey was well represented at the hearing, the Grangers taking a determined stand against the project.

Officers Drummer and Parks arrested a Negro in Pitman Sunday evening. The man had been acting in a suspicious manner and tried to get away from the officers. He was brought to Wenonah and the Mayor questioned him as to where he was going and his purpose. He told many different stories and contradicted himself too often. He gave his name as Arthur Boldin. He was sentenced to thirty days in jail.

A large and enthusiastic crowd witnessed one of the most intensely and exciting basketball games ever played in Wenonah. The Central High School boys came to Wenonah, Saturday, confident in their ability to make our boys feel and look like thirty cents. Husky boys, that strutted around in their egotism, for they are independent champions, of Philadelphia. They almost doubly out weighed Wenonah Military Academy, but like the diamond, the Wenonah team was small, brilliant and intrinsic value and by cyclonic plays out-pointed the Central High by a score of 32 to 28. The game was rough and fast. Despite the weight and size of the visitors our boys were amply able to cover themselves with glory.

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Wenonah 98 Years Ago –April 1909

Our grange is purchasing more goods each year. The main thing which is being purchased now is fertilizer. (North Marion Avenue must have smelled very fragrant.) The grange held its session last night and the "Planting of corn to derive the best results was openly discussed."

The Academy relay team won second place at the University of Pennsylvania relay races at Franklin Field. Girard College with 1200 students beat the cadets by a few yards.

May evangelistic meetings will be held in the M.E. Church. Able speakers will be present. The ladies will serve free luncheons at 12 o'clock and at 6 p.m.

Remember the minstrel entertainment tomorrow night. The Lulu Band Orchestra and the Lulu Saxophone Quartette will assist the Wenonah Minstrel Club.

Cards are out for a dance to be given by Miss Henrietta Comey at the Woodbury Country Club.

James Carey is making much needed improvements in the drain of his cesspool. Mr. Carey is a citizen that believes in doing to others, as he would have them do unto him.

Mr. John Colbert has been made president of the farmer's Club and would like all members present to attend church in a body Sunday evening.

Dr. Harry Stout is having his icehouse repaired and painted so as to have it in shape for the next winter (5 East Mantua Avenue)

Nine new houses are in the course of erection. All the improvements seem to be on the West Side and if it continues to grow as at present it will soon eclipse the East Side by numbers and fine homes.

There was a noticeable sprinkling of lovers around Lake Cornelia Sunday afternoon. (This lake was on the East Side of what is now the Marion Avenue Bridge.)

The minstrel entertainment for the benefit of the library will be given in the armory of the

Academy Saturday evening. (The armory was located on the northwest corner of Marion Ave. and Cherry St.)

With the advent of spring, strangers will visit us and the appearance in general of the borough will determine whether they will settle with us or not. Every citizen should take personal pride in our town. Homes and yards should be at their best in the next months. The Park Committee should do something with the park.

There are still two beer arks which visit Wenonah every Wednesday. You can bet it is not the men who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow who patronize them. It is useless to argue whom drinks the "stuff" commonly called beer and whiskey.

Considerable kick is going on because the Park Committee threatens to close the walks across the park.

No town in jersey is as free from tramps as our borough. Marshall Drummer nabs them as they arrive and if the excuse is not very good the mayor sends them up the road. Our families are well protected and it seems generally known.

The Sewing Circle met at the home of Miss Margaret Farr yesterday.

George B. says everything is lovely when the goose hangs high (?)

All those who take part in the crucifixion are urged to be present at the rehearsal in the Presbyterian Church Friday night. (?)

For the month of March 122 books have been circulated. The three most read books have been First, Revolt of Ann Royal, Martin; Second, The Trail of the Lonesome Pine, Fox; Third, Lavender and Old lace, Myrtle Reed. -Mortie L.Stokes, librarian (she was librarian from 1902 until 1944.)

The ladies of the Sunbeam Club, of Wenonah will hold their sixth annual concert and reception in Green Street, North Woodbury. String music and dancing will add to the evening's enjoyment. Tickets can be had of any member for 15 cents.

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# WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2007

### Membership Benefits

- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOUR HOME
- MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INTERESTING PROGRAMS
- ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORABILIA
- A NUMBER OF KNOWLEDGEABLE WENONAHIANS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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AMOUNT PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_

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

DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR

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