

Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT DON RALSTON

Dear Members;

We begin this newsletter with a note of sadness. WHS member Dorothy Diament was injured recently in an auto accident. Bob Gartside, her friend and ours didn't survive the accident. We extend our condolences to Dorothy and to the Gartside family.

At our May 13th meeting we will have a Memorial Service honoring Wenonah' past and current military veterans. Arthur J. Holeton Post # 192, American Legion, will conduct the service.

On display will be photos of veterans showing what they looked while in the service of our country. We ask them to recite an event involving themselves or a fellow comrade, or any interesting vignette they may recall. Members of the Historical Society who had a spouse, relative, or child who perished in one of our country's wars are invited to bring a photo, memento or recollection.

On May 29, 2005, The Memorial Presbyterian Church will conduct its annual Memorial Day Service. I have been asked to give the Memorial Day address. Refreshments will follow the service. They will also have on display personal objects or memorabilia from veterans or their loved ones.

The Arthur J. Holeton Post # 192 is currently recording the names of Wenonah residents who are in the military. Capt. Keith Wyckoff, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wyckoff, is stationed in Iraq. Lt. Jillian McNulty is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas and is scheduled for deployment. John and Karen Barry's

son-in law has just completed officers training and is to be stationed in Alabama. Lt. Jg Cory Weeks, grandson of Harry and Mary Alyce Schroeder, is in the Coast Guard and has been in the Middle East.

Membership chairman Jean Cowles sent 24 letters to those members who have not paid the dues. She is pleased to report that 14 have paid.

We call your attention to the light on the Community Center flagpole which now operates from evening to morn.

WHS OFFICERS 2005

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

Many thanks to Doug Gehring for making the repairs.

Also thanks to Mayor Tom Capaldi for his enlightening presentation on the many programs important to Wenonah, especially the plan for development of the Lizzi property on Glassboro Road as a senior housing project of 40 homes. The Planning Board has held hearings on it.

Also discussed was the possibility of the extension of a light rail line on the present railroad in the center of our town. Hearings have been held and the Delaware River Port Authority as well

as Woodbury and Glassboro favor this route. I refer you to the April newsletter article, written by Jack Sheppard on the serious impact it would have on our community.

Please, please plan to attend our May 13th meeting when we honor those veterans who have gone to their eternal reward.

In June we will have our picnic.

MAY 13TH PROGRAM

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HISTORICAL TIDBIT

In regard to the recent removal of telephone service from our borough there seems to have been a very serious misunderstanding between the telephone company and our Borough Commissioners recently.

For months past there has been a pile of telephone poles laying on the sidewalk of West Jersey Avenue.

The Borough Commission notified the telephone company to remove these poles from the street.

The telephone company understood the notice to mean the upright poles and the public phone in the pay station and Hotel. The error was not discovered until the telephone company employees removed all phone service from the Borough.

Happily for all concerned the service has been restored and the "pile" of telephone poles removed.

Glouco Democrat, April, 1894

Mrs. Hannah B. Farr, after a pleasant visit of several weeks in Philadelphia, has returned to her home on Marion Avenue. (She and her husband Lincoln built the house which is now Dr. Wycoff's dental office, she was the mother of Edward Farr.)

The Progressive Euchre Club which has been meeting every two weeks at Noblitt's Hall held their last meeting for the year last Saturday evening.

On last Friday the trustees and teachers of our public school united in celebrating Arbor Day, which is one of the most important National holidays of the year. Unfortunately through the rapacity and greed of a great many citizens in the North, North west and South, large acreage of our timber lands are being destroyed. In the years which are to come on account of this wholesale slaughter, there will be no forest unless we judiciously plant trees to take place of those which are being destroyed. The scholars planted twelve Norway maples on the grounds surrounding the school house after which addresses were made by the trustees and teachers. Reading, recitations, vocal and instrumental music were furnished by the scholars of the school.

Our musicals have become so well known and appreciated that even a stormy night cannot prevent a good attendance. Mrs. I. P. Eppelsheimer tendered the use of her home for the semi-monthly meeting on last Monday evening.

Quite a large delegation attended the Princess Bonnie performance at Woodbury Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Miss Bugbee began her examinations yesterday. (She was a teacher and principal of the Wenonah Public School)

Lake Cornelia is receiving several little improvements. (This lake, on the lands of Stephan Green, was sited on the east side of the Marion Avenue Bridge.)

A report is in circulation that work will commence soon on the trolley bridge and that the employees are to be colored. Such ought not to be, as it is not doing Mantua people justice. (This was in the Mantua section. The trolley line was being built from Woodbury by the Camden, Gloucester and Woodbury Electric Railway Company.)

The game of baseball on Saturday was unfair as the Wenonah players did not know of the game until Friday night and not more than half of the regular players were there.

A Camp Fire will be held at the M.E. church, Wenonah, Monday evening. Stirring war songs, thrilling experiences, eloquent speakers, Comrade Wm. P. Haines, "the Fighting Quaker", and Dr. and Mrs. H.L. Gilmour will relate their army experiences. A silver collection will be taken at the door. Proceeds for benefit of Gen. Howell Post No. 31 G.A.R. and for a flag for the church. (Dr. Gilmour was a prisoner at Libbey prison during the Civil War. The G.A.R. was the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans organization of the survivors of the Civil War.)

The attendance at the Prayer Meeting on Friday night was unusually large.

The Wenonah Inn was the scene of a lively time on Saturday. The occasion was the Opening day at the Inn. Progressive Euchre was played until eleven o'clock after which a hop was given. The guests remained over night and a great number returned to their homes on Sunday evening.

An exploring party engaged a wagon of Sylvester Chew on Saturday last and visited all the marl pits in the vicinity. (That's different !)

An Aunt Jerusha's Photograph Album Entertainment was given at Noblitt's Hall. (?)

Ice cream can be had at the residence of Mrs. Phelps or at the residence of Mrs. Russell Green. The former makes the cream herself.

Frank Van Hess, who has been with Sylvester Chew for a long time, seems right at home now in his new position, having charge of baker Koch's wagon.

We are glad to see the railroad company have placed a flagman at our Mantua Avenue crossing for the season. We need gates and a flagmen the year round. (Railroad traffic increased considerably in the summer due to vacationers to Cape May and Atlantic City.)

Our Wenonah men who do not go to the city daily appreciate the opening of the barbershop at the Inn.

The *Constitution* May 1895, Woodbury, NJ

Miss Sue Lynch was married at high noon on Saturday in historic old Christ Church on Second Street, Philadelphia to Howard Earle of Philadelphia. Mr. Earle is business manager for the large seed house of Burpee and Company.

Our churches are beautifully decorated for Easter, large congregations attending for morning and evening services.

Real Estate Agent, William C. Cattell has suffered a severe relapse of la grippe that has developed into typhoid pneumonia. We wish for him an early convalescence.

The death of Mrs. Irwin Middleton which took place on Saturday last was a shock to her many friends in the community. Mrs. Middleton leaves six children, the eldest being but thirteen years of age. (She was the grandmother of our friend and member Lucy Schulz. They built and lived in the Cox-Cook house, corner of Cherry and South East Avenue.)

Mr. Nelson Strong is making some attractive improvements to his already handsome property.

Miss Carrie DeZouche, who has charge of the kindergarten department of our public school, is confined to the house by illness (this is the first mention of a kindergarten in our public school system)

Contractor George H. West is supervising the additions now being made at the "Wenonah Inn."

The Wenonah Water Company in boring the artesian wells in the glen near the lake struck a deposit of mineral which is claimed to be copper, some of the mineral has been taken to Camden for analysis.

The M.E. Parsonage was greatly improved by the committee of ladies for the reception of the Rev. Mr. Zelly and family.

The kitchen and bowling alley of the Wenonah Inn are being enlarged by the company. The Inn will be opened for the reception of guests about the middle of next month.

The tramp nuisance has reached our borough and is likely to reach such proportions that the authorities will have to take some action in the

matter, some of the nomads are very impudent and disposed to make trouble.

The Forget-Me-Not mission band of the Presbyterian Church took in over \$30 at the fair held in Noblitt's Hall.

The foundation of the engine house in the glen by the lake has been completed. When this improvement is made Wenonah will have a flow of the purest water in South Jersey. (Previous to this the residents were drinking the water out of Dilkes' Little Pond - Davis Lake.)

George Jennings (He was a veteran of the Civil War) is one of the early birds with peas, as he has them three inches above the ground.

A large party of young people have been scouring the woods for the beautiful trailing arbutus. (They did a good job as arbutus in Wenonah is now non-existent in the wild.)

The warm spring days are bringing a number of visitors to the borough.

We cannot vouch for the truth of the rumor, but give it for what it is worth. It is said we are to have a Roman Catholic church erected in the borough. We trust the rumor is correct, we cannot have too many churches. If the proper effort is made it is more than probable that Bishop Scarborough would consent to the removal of the St. Barnabas P.E. chapel to the borough.

Dr. George W. Bailey is making his usual spring improvements to his model residence corner of Clinton and Mantua Avenues.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Synnott and Master Clayton Synnott returned from their winter home in Florida the past week. (Master Clayton was the father of Tom Synnott which we knew. They had a summer home in Ranglely, Maine.)

The members of Dr. George W. Bailey's, Mrs. Greens' and Mrs. Whitman's classes in the Presbyterian Sunday School assembled at the residence of George Green on Mantua Avenue and passed a few pleasant hours of social intercourse. Samuel Carey and John Voight assisted in entertaining with selections on the banjo and mandolin

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