

Wenonah Historical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting at 5:00 P.M. on
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Charles Horan*

Dear Members,

Happy Holidays everyone! Our Holiday Dinner is this Friday, December 14th at 5 PM. It will be catered by the Telford Inn as usual and promises to be an enjoyable and festive occasion. To those who are unable to attend, I look forward to seeing you on Friday January 11th at 7:30 P.M. at our first regular meeting of 2013. Our presenter will be an interesting local author from Pitman who has co-authored a book about "New Jersey Firsts" (details to follow). Please save the date.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season and I wish you good health and prosperity in the new year.

WENONAH 100 YEARS AGO – 1912
Woodbury Daily Times (research by Jack C. Sheppard Sr.)

Section 1

A report received from Mr. Joseph Truncer, chief of the Wenonah Fire Company, showed that in the last year the company had been called to four different fires: boat house of R.H. Comey stables of the Telford Inn, stables

of Mr. Kircher, Mantua, and stables of H.B. Coles. The chief also reported that the apparatus was in first-class condition and ready for instant use. *January 7 1912*

8-inch ice is being harvested here, the best for years. *January 16 1912*

John F. Madera of Clayton, who purchased R.J. Clark's grocery store, will take charge

March 1. Mr. Clark has been in business here for the past 17 years and during that time has had nine different competitors in that line. Mr. Clark will leave the business with the good wishes of all, as yet he has not determined what business he will engage in. *January 17 1912*

On Friday afternoon, Frank Peddle broke through the ice on Synnott's pond where the water was over his head and was rescued by Hugh Mehorter and Richard

Stockton. *January 29 1912*

The school here was closed last Thursday on account of scarlet fever and was opened yesterday morning, but the trustees decided not to reopen the school and the scholars were sent home for the week. *January 30 1912*

Mr. Edward Pyle, chairman of the fire and lighting committee, addressed council stating that the committee had heard nothing but

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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.

good concerning the sample lights placed in the park and moved that council enter into a contract with the Welsbach Company for 57 street lights at \$30.00 each per year for a term of five years. *February 2 1912*

Scoutmaster Benjamin Cloud took ten of our boy scouts to Philadelphia last evening to meet General Baden-Powell. *February 14 1912*

No doubt all of our citizens are more or less interested in the building of the proposed tunnel under the Delaware River and it is certainly the duty of every citizen residing in South Jersey to give to this movement his or her hearty support. We may not all be financiers but the moral and physical support that each and every one of us can give to those who can finance such an undertaking is a powerful adjunct to further this much needed improvement. *February 16 1912*

John Williams who lives near the pumping station has had as high as 35 chickens a day killed by electric trains. *February 22 1912*

Daniel W. Brown of Wenonah died at Palm Springs, Florida this morning. Mr. Brown went to Palm Springs last year for his health. He was about 68 years old. Mr. Brown leaves a widow, son George, and four daughters, Nellie, Melvina, Bertha and Olive. Mr. Brown was a well known contractor and builder. He was president of the Wenonah Fire Company. *February 26 1912*

Earle Wentzell, son of A. W. Wentzell who has been seriously ill for several days and who was at the point of death for 6 days, is getting along very nicely and has been down stairs. *February 29 1912*

There is a scarcity of milk occasioned by Mr. Berg discontinuing his route. For some years past Mr. Berg has rented R.H. Comey's stock farm and carried on the dairy business. Mr. Comey has been interested in maintaining a high class herd with fancy Jersey stock and high grades. Mr. Berg's lease expired February 29th and as many

of his customers have been unable to arrange for a supply of milk. Mr. Comey intends to supply Mr. Berg's old customers as far as possible for a few days until his cow sale without regard to cost. Mr. Comey has always kept his herd free from tuberculosis by annual inspector's tests and he declares that the present herd is entirely free from it. *March 2 1912*

The borough council reports the taking out of a building permit for Mr. J.A. Viereck for a dwelling on the lot adjoining the N.W. corner of Jefferson Avenue and Willow Street. *March 8 1912*

The fire company has kindly given permission to the Poultry Association the use of the fire house for their future meetings which is greatly appreciated by the association. *March 20 1912*

A sad drowning. On Saturday afternoon Robert Rebar aged 3 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rebar, was accidentally drowned in the first culvert just below the academy field. The little fellow had wandered away from home with his sister and another little playmate. They took a long walk and finally wound up just where the bridge built by Battery B crosses the stream. While his companions amused themselves by throwing chips in the water little Robert lay on the bridge watching the make believe boats flout in the water. In endeavoring to note their progress, he leaned too far forward, lost his balance and fell in the stream. He came up two or three times but his companions were too little to render him any aid. Frightened beyond means they hastened home meeting several people on the way but too scared to say anything. The mother of the little fellow saw them coming and questioned where Robert was. She finally got from them that Robert had fallen in the water. When help was finally secured in the person of Mr. Wm. Cattell, he secured other volunteers and hurried to the spot where the lad had gone under. With the help of a ten foot boat hook, the little body was brought to the surface by Mr. Charles Fisher. The father of the boy carried him in his arms to the office of Dr. Harry Stout but life was extinct. His parents could not give up hope and for hours everything they knew was tried to bring the boy back. Robert was

a beautiful bright boy and loved by everyone who knew him. His parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

A 40 hp Apperson touring car in splendid condition, just overhauled was repainted last spring. A great change to purchase a really good car at a reasonable price For further details apply to F.W. Benson, Wenonah, New Jersey. *March 26 1912*

Thomas J. Mulvey PhD will deliver the first of his series of lectures at the academy gymnasium Saturday March 30 at 8 P.M. His subject will be "Paris the beautiful" admission free. *March 28 1912*

Section 2

Chairman Ogden of the street and sidewalk committee recommended that council purchase gravel for resurfacing of Mantua Avenue from Clinton to Princeton Avenues. *April 12 1912*

The mayor, clerk and collector signed Wenonah's first municipal bond last evening \$35,000. This was a water bond. *April 13 1912*

A sample of the Wenonah artesian well water can be seen in the Times window. It was drawn from a faucet in the kitchen of postmaster English's house and has not been filtered. Wenonah has six wells about 128 feet deep and the machinery is as good today as it was 17 years ago. All the wells have a splendid flow. Wenonah water has brought many people to that place as residents. *April 20 1912*

The minstrel show by the Wenonah Athletic Club Saturday night was a grand success. The boys looked great in their make-up and everything was done with vigor and vim. *April 30 1912*

There is someone rumoring among my customers that I am going out of the milk business in about two months. This rumor is untrue and I will continue to serve my customers as heretofore with the best grade of milk and hope for a continuance of business and your favors. C.P. Lyons.

Mr. Pyle moved that council instruct the clerk to write Welsbach Co. requesting that they give

their lamp posts another coat of aluminum paint. *May 5 1912*

J. Williams has a gobbler that weighs 38 lbs and expects it to weigh 50 by Thanksgiving. *May 7 1912*

Captain Abraham B. Miller died Monday May 13 at his home in Wenonah. Captain Miller was born at Cooper's Point Camden in 1822. Left at the age of 14 to care for his widowed mother he worked on the ship "Marlette Tiltan" for four years and was put in as captain at the age of 18. He followed the water for 15 years. During the civil war he was taken from his ship by President Lincoln and placed on the Minnesota as fleet pilot at the time of the sinking of the Merrimac. After the war he went into the service of the Philadelphia and Reading Company where he remained for 20 years. *May 15 1912*

Colonel Roosevelt will be here tomorrow evening about 6 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the park if the weather is fair. Should it be stormy it will be held in the drill hall of the academy. Let everybody turn out and greet the colonel. *May 24 1912*

For good three ply rubber garden hose (not 3-ply canvas hose) inquire of John A. Viereck before going elsewhere. *June 7 1912*

David Thomas contractor is now building the concrete curbs and gutters around the park. *June 7 1912*

Borough council: The borough clerk reported the issuance of a building permit to the Chase Lumber Company for the erection of office buildings sheds etc.

Mr. Charles requested permission to place 10 or 12 benches in the park for the convenience of the public at no expense to the borough by voluntary contribution.

Resolved that bathing or swimming in the lower lake or pond situated on the property of the borough water works also the throwing of stones sticks brush paper or other rubbish in said pond or lake is hereby prohibited by law.

That bathing or swimming in the upper lake known as Warner's pond situated on the property of the borough water works in the nude state is prohibited under the penalty of law Those desiring to avail themselves of the bathing privilege must be provided with suitable clothing and avoid indecent or unseemly exposure of person.

Elwood Price, the borough engineer at the water works was sworn in as a special officer.

Moved that the clerk be instructed to communicate with the fish and game commission of the state with reference to having Warner's Lake stocked with fish. *June 8 1912*

Council has given consent for benches to be placed in the park and the Improvement Association with the aid of the citizens are undertaking to supply them standard five foot park benches with iron frames and oak slats seats and backs with the promise they will be in place before the 4th of July. Some of our people oppose this move on the grounds they will be abused, that they will harbor "loafers," that the grass will suffer, that the boys will move them about and break them up. They say that all these things have happened before and they expect them to happen again. *June 21 1912*

Chase Lumber Company Lumber and Millwork of every description and hardware. Mantua Avenue at the bridge *July 1 1912*

The 4th of July Committee on the parade route requests those living along the line of march to water the streets as well as may be so as to lay the dust. The men who are going to do the marching will appreciate it not to speak of the auto owners and the children who will ride in the machines. *July 4 1912*

Borough Council: The borough Clerk reported issuing a pool license as per instructions of borough council to Albert Fisher for the operation of two pool tables at the barber shop.

Council authorized the borough engineer to run grades on North Clinton Avenue Elm to Maple Street so that proper calculations could be made

for the extension of water mains into this section. *July 8, 1912*

There was never a much prettier sight than that presented at the lawn fete on the grounds of Mrs. Ira Burdsall Tuesday evening. The occasion was an ice cream sale for the benefit of the building fund of the Episcopal Church. Chinese lanterns were hung from one end of the lawn to the other and little tables with white covers and bouquets dotted the greens. A fine Graphophone loaned by Mr. Edward Knight did its part in attracting and entertaining the people.

July 25 1912

The Boy Scouts of Wenonah and Woodbury Heights under Mr. Gage and Mr. Davenport visited League Island yesterday taking in all the points of interest on the Battleship Idaho. *July 28 1912*

Harold Urian, a boy scout saved a colored boy from drowning in Warner's pond. The boy in attempting to swim across the pond had become exhausted and had gone down twice when Harold reached his side and took him safely to shore. *July 31 1912*

If you want to see the beauty and elite of Wenonah come out tonight to the ice cream sale for the benefit of the Wenonah Athletic Association. There will be good music all evening. *August 2 1912*

Section 3

Mr. Pyle moved that fire and lighting committee be authorized to lay about 90 feet of 3 inch pipe to reach the property now being constructed on Princeton Avenue by Mr. Charles Keeler. *August 3 1912*

Miss Myrtle Blackwood will not return to her position as principal of the Wenonah Public School but will be head of the Latin department of Kent's Hill Seminary in Maine the coming year. *August 7 1912*

Tom Murray is thinking of purchasing a White Steamer to chase burglars with. *August 9 1912*

Miss Alice Farr gave an automobile party to a number of her friends Friday afternoon. They had

a delightful ride to Salem and after partaking of supper returned in the early evening. *August 12 1912*

Mr. R. H. Comey is having alterations made to the store property adjoining the post office which he bought of Mrs. Lashly and a cement sidewalk laid. *August 25 1912*

An academy horse attached to a wagon ran away throwing the wagon into the middle of the creek.

C. Fowler Cline will give us a good business administration if elected mayor; a voter *September 25 1912*

Young Arthur Holeyton is on his way to California where he will attend the 7th day Adventist school at Loma Linda. His purpose is to prepare himself for medical missionary work in some foreign country. The chestnuts are falling fast. *September 30 1912*

The moving of the realty office is rapidly forging ahead. *October 16 1912*

Mr. Charles Keeler's house which is made of fire proof brick is rapidly nearing completion. *October 17 1912*

Mrs. Lloyd's grocery store is now opened and everything is of the very best.

The digging of the cellar of the former realty office site is nearing completion.

"Battleship" Toomey is open to meet anyone for the pool championship of the town. *October 27 1912*

Someone tried to burn an opossum out of a tree in Warner's wood and as a consequence the woods were set afire. *November 8 1912*

Vague reports are floating around concerning a bank which will be built.

The newly opened drug store on Mantua Avenue next to the Post Office owned by Mr. Cozens has a complete and thorough equipment. *November 10 1912*

Mr. Pyle and the borough council gave a dinner last night at Mr. Pyles bungalow in honor of Mr. Charles Lorence, the retiring mayor. There were

fifteen guests present including C. Fowler Cline, the mayor elect. *December 6 1912*

The family store, Wenonah where quality counts and prices are right a full line of shoes and rubbers always in stock. All kinds of repairing done at short notice Charles Broes Wenonah. *December 16 1912*

It is reported there are 20 cases of chicken pox in town.

One of the prettiest sights in Wenonah is George Baylies' greenhouses. *November 1 1912*

After the publication in this paper of Mayor Lorence's declination to accept the nomination for mayor, Mr. Charles Fowler Cline was selected by a number of taxpayers who are acquainted with Mr. Cline's ability as a businessman fully qualified to fill any public office in this state. Mr. Cline after due consideration signed his nomination papers which were signed by twenty-five legal voters mostly heavy taxpayers of our borough. *November 4 1912*

The following is the way the election in Wenonah turned out President Taft and Sherman 36 Roosevelt and Johnson 101 Chafin and Watkins 3 Debs and Seidel 1 Wilson and Marshall 57. *November 6 1912*

Died suddenly in Rome, Italy November 4th Mrs. Hannah B. Farr of Philadelphia widow of Lincoln D. Farr aged 71 years. Services at the home of her son Edward L. Farr Wenonah, New Jersey Thursday evening November 7th at 8:15. Conveyances will meet train leaving Market Street Ferry Philadelphia at 6:30. *November 6, 1912*

The Wenonah Public Library will be closed tonight in respect to the memory of Mrs. Hannah Farr. *November 7 1912*

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