Wenonah Historical Society

Newsletter

Next Meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, May 13, 2011

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Charles Horan

Dear Members,

Welcome Spring. Finally !!! What a joy to see all varieties of dogwoods, azaleas, iris and many other trees and plants all around town in their Spring plumage. Our program for this Friday's meeting features our very own Dean Polk. Dean and his wife Christine and their two children, Jeremy and Carly (24 and 21), have been living in Wenonah for many years. Dean is an entomologist with Rutgers Cooperative Extension. His topic will be: Blueberries and the history of their cultivation in southern New Jersey. This fruit has advanced from growing in the wild to become a major component of New Jersey agricultural production. Also, as an added attraction, the topic of our new friends the "brown marmorated stink bug" will be addressed in detail if there exists sufficient interest.

2011 WHS OFFICERS

President Charles Horan
Vice President Paul Lader
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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.

Next month is our annual June Picnic. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for volunteers to bring various culinary items for all to enjoy. Please remember to keep the time and date open: 5:00 PM (not 7:30 PM) Friday, June 10th.

Unfortunately neither our May meeting nor our June picnic will conflict with a Flyers playoff game.

See everyone Friday, May 13th at 7:30 PM!

SUNSHINE NEWS by Vicki McCall

Please forward any news of a member's illness or surgery to me at vmccallpc@comcast.net so we can send cards and well wishes. I will forward the information to the newsletter editor.

2011 WHS DUES ARE DUE

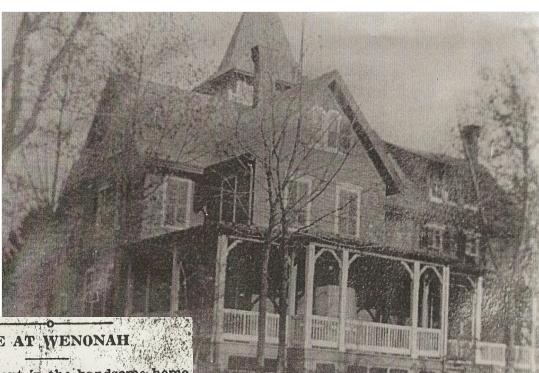
Just a reminder that the 2011 WHS dues are due and are still a bargain at \$15 per family. The dues can be given to any of the WHS officers.

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY?

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FEATURE HOUSE 201 South Clinton Avenue—Stephen Greene House

I know many of you will recognize this house, but some of you will not. Perhaps, coverage from the local newspapers on October 17, 1923 will help.



FIRE AT WENONAH

Fire broke out in the handsome home of the Stephen Green estate last evening about 10 o'clock. Flames were seen inside of the building from the front door, and the firemen were summoned, Good work was done and the men were about ready to leave, when the flames weer again seen coming from the third story. After pumping again for a short time, the engine refused to work properly, and help from Mantua, Barnsboro and Woodbury was summoned.

The companies made a rush and soon had the fire under control, but there is a heavy damage in the way of badly soaked furniture. The house has not been occupied for two years, but there was a large quantity of valuable fur-niture stored, most of which is damaged beyond repair . The fire started in the living room, and is believed t be the work of an incendiary.

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Incendiary Origin

Fire, thought to be of incendiary origin, was discovered last night in the the house of the Stephen Greene Estate, corner of Clinton and Marion avenues, Wenonah, and before it was extinguished considerable damage had been done to the house and contents by fire and water.

It is said to have been one of the worst that the borough has experienced.

The fire was discovered by Joseph Truncer before 10 o'clock, who was on his way home, and seeing a light in the house and knowing that the place had not been occupied as a dwelling for past eight years, he began an investigation and found it to be a fire at the foot of the stairway on the first floor. An alarm was sounded and the Wenonah Fire Department quickly responded and did excellent service although they were greatly handicapped by bursting hose. Students from the military

academy rendered service and assisted in carrying some of the furniture from the first floor to a place of safety.

The flames were confined to the building and swept up the winding stairway to to the third floor cupola and roof. Fearing that the fire would get beyond control of the local department and spread to nearby buildings a call went to Woodbury and Good Will's three in one and a number of firemen from our (Woodbury's) department went down and they with the Mantua fire company assisted Wenonah...



This is the house (or at least half of the house) as it stands today. The other half is right next door at 203 South Clinton Avenue.

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Dues: \$15.00 per family household per year

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