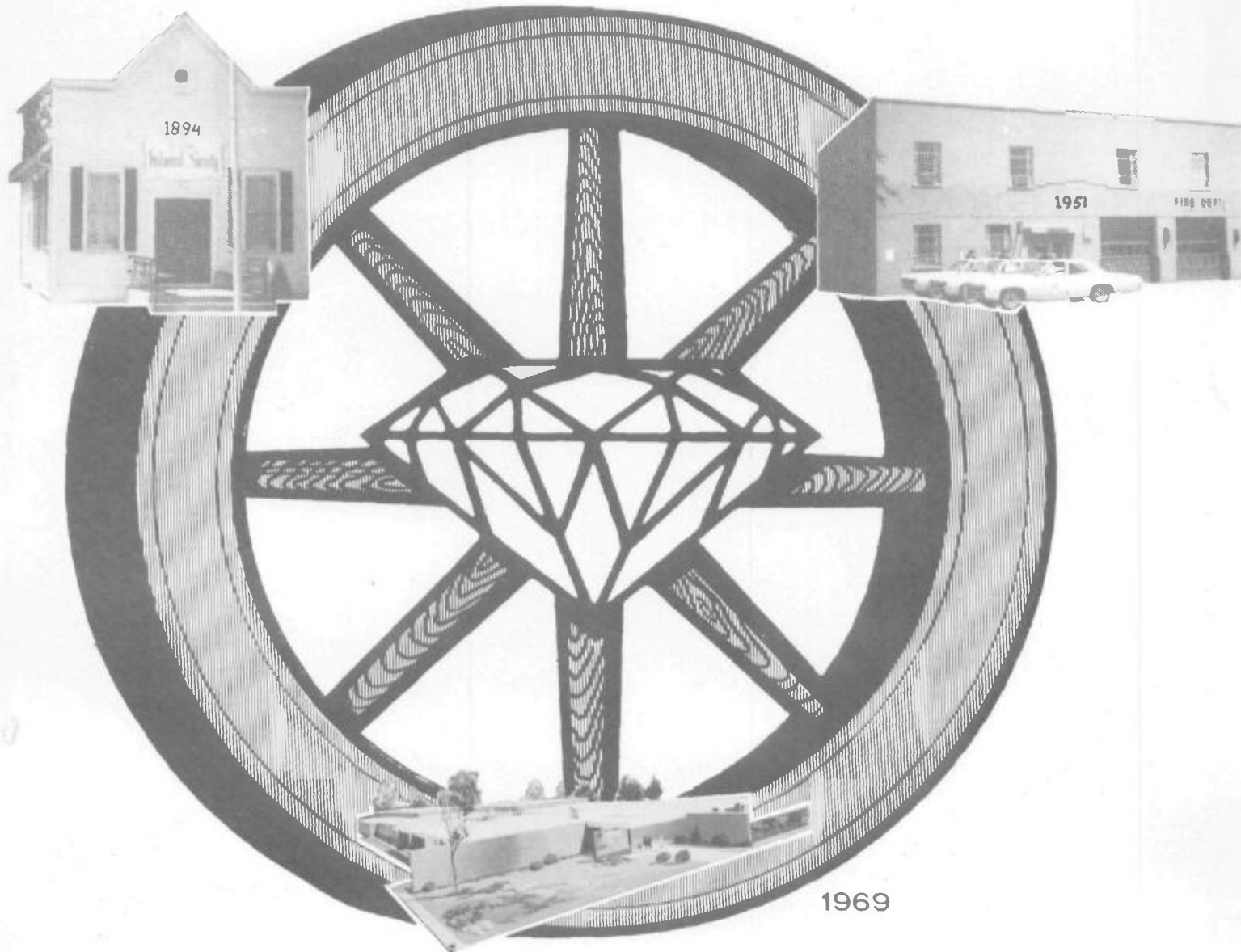


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In 1894, Wheeling, a "sleepy" little community, had citizens who were far sighted enough to provide this community with its present form of government. Descendants of our first Village fathers, still reside in our community and are still actively interested in our Village. Through the years, the Village has grown. With growth, new residents saw Wheeling as the place to live and raise their families. Growth was slow at first, but OUR Village has become home to over 14,000 residents. With the influx of population, business and industry became a must. We are proud of what Wheeling has to offer along these lines. Our pride in our community grows daily; schools, churches and civic organizations all lend to Wheeling's pride. Pride is reflected in progress. . . and Wheeling is progressing through its citizenry.

Goals for our future are set and we know that they will be reached. Wheeling looks to its past to secure its future. A future we know we will all be proud of, because of the heritage left to us by our forefathers.

On this, Wheeling's 75th Anniversary, our "little" community respects the past, and looks forward to the future of new goals that may be reflected upon by our children and their children.

Sincerely yours,

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Researched and Compiled by the Members of

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The Historian's Role

Knowledge is born of experience
Experience recorded is history
Accumulatively these records unveil
Answers to part of life's mystery.

Heritage is fed by these records
And pride in the past kept alive
To give direction to those who may follow
And engender the will to survive.

If the future is to be expanded
The foundation on which it is laid
Must be the great truths of history
If real progress is to be made.

And so we salute the historians
Who document the rise and the fall
And the events of peoples and nations
To enrich the lives of us all.

Written and dedicated to the members of the Wheeling
Historical Society on August 26, 1967, by Glenn Oaks.



DEDICATION



This Chronicle cannot be dedicated in the usual sense. It is not a work of literature, nor can it be traced directly to a single individual or group, and it will not be completed so long as mankind continues to exist.

Let us, therefore, acknowledge the many hours expended by the members of the Wheeling Historical Society in researching this project; dedicate the History itself to those who helped to create it; and dedicate ourselves to the building of a future worthy of our heritage.



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Des Plaines River



The sparkling waters of the Des Plaines River as it appeared prior to the turn of the century.

PROLOGUE

The End and The Beginning - 1832



The natural divide between the St. Lawrence and the Mississippi waterways is marked by a slight rise in the ground just a few hundred yards east of the Des Plaines River.

At the top of this rise, a long figure sits motionless on his pony, totally unaware of the classic pose he has assumed as he slumps over his pony and the golden rays of the setting sun etch him in sharp silhouette against the deep blue of the cloudless sky.

Old Half Da, Chief of the Potawatomi, is deeply touched, his eyes glazed by the intensity of his concentration. He doesn't need eyes to see the natural beauty surrounding him. It is etched deeply in his memory: The lushness of the grass that attracts the large buffalo herds, the sparkling waters of the river as it wends its way through virgin woodlands, a profusion of multi-colored flowers lining its banks to show it the way, and the golden tipped prairie grass so tall that is completely obscures from view the body of a full grown man on horseback.

This scene, unchanged since the time of his ancestors, is more dear to the old man than his own life.

All of the Chief's instincts and wisdom, born of years of experience in leading his people, always alert for signs of danger, tell him that he now faces the most difficult decision of his life. He is fully aware that life as it is know to his people must surely undergo a major change. Already his cousins to the East have vacated their homelands, leaving them to the hordes of white men who descend like locusts upon the Indian's hunting grounds, burning off the grass and desecrating the virgin soil with their steel plowshares to raise food for ever increasing numbers of their own kind.



The steadily mounting pressures forced on him by the encroachment of the homesteaders is the subject of the Chief's troubled thoughts. The white man has offered treaties which mean that the Indian must cede all rights to his ancestral home and move to the desolate areas of the arid West; or they could stay and fight. Fight a battle which they must surely lose in the end?

An imperceptible shudder passes through old Haf Da at the thought of turning tail and running like a dog, but he knows that to stay and fight would mean the death of many of his people and, still, that the end result would be the same.

The corners of his mouth turn downward in scorn at the thought of the white men digging in the fields, building animal pens and performing all sort of other menial tasks. "Squaw's work." How much deeper would be his humiliation and chagrin if he but knew that the word "Indian", the white man's name for him, was the result of the error of a lost sailor who thought that he had discovered a new route to the Indies!

As the sun in its downward motion settles behind the trees, it casts lengthening shadows which hide the hint of moisture in the old man's eyes as awareness once again returns the light of consciousness to them.

Noises from the camp remind him that time for the evening meal is near. He stretches himself to relieve the tensions and stiffness brought on by sitting too long in one position, and kneeling his pony into motion, he heads for the comforts of his camp.

Perhaps it is the result of hunger pangs, or maybe it is the bitter knowledge of things to come, for as the old Chief moves slowly through the tall grass, his lips seem to form the words:
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Wheeling

In 1814, the elevation of the Territory of Illinois to statehood, heralded the end of the existence of the Indians in the state, including the Potawatomi in the area which is now known as Wheeling.

There have been many stories written about the methods used to induce the Indians to sign the treaties which deeded their land to the white man, but probably the most honest one is that the Indians were given large quantities of "fire-water" to cloud their judgment.

Whatever the reasons or methods used, one fact remains: The Indians did sign the treaties, and, in 1833, were ordered to leave the state.

Prior to the signing of the treaties, the first white man arrived in the Wheeling area. Little is known as to his background, in fact, there is no record of his first name. He is simply known in the records as "Mr. Sweet."

Mr. Sweet arrived in March of 1833, and built a cabin in which he lived for approximately six months. He was apparently on excellent terms with the Indians, because this was prior to the ratification of the treaties and it is known that the Indians were generally opposed to any white man settling on their lands.

George Strong moved into the Sweet cabin on the Second of September, after being advised by Col. Thomas Owen, the Indian agent in Chicago, not to do so. Mr. Strong was informed that should he attempt to occupy the land, the United States troops would have to defend the rights of the Indians if any trouble ensued.

Mr. Strong apparently figured that the treaty would soon be ratified and decided to take the risk. He bought the claim from Mr. Sweet in October, for the sum of Sixty Dollars, and thus became the first permanent white settler in the Wheeling area.

Shortly after taking possession of the cabin, Strong was surrounded by approximately a dozen Indians. He went outside and fought with them, knocking at least one Indian down, and somehow escaped with his life. It is thought that his lack of apparent fear was the thing that saved him.

This tenacity and strength of purpose was also present in the character of the other settlers who began to arrive in greater numbers after the ratification of the treaties. After the banishment of the Indians, the greatest danger faced by the settlers was that of claim-jumpers. This threat diminished when the legitimate settlers organized to fight the claim-jumpers who generally worked along.

Joseph Filkins built the first residence in the vicinity of Wheeling proper in 1834, and as the surrounding area became more densely populated, a post office was established in 1836, with Mr. Filkins as the first postmaster. This increase in population also presented other problems such as the need for a store where items could be bought that could not be made in the home. Another need was for a meeting place where the men could gather and discuss problems, or just make small talk. Both of these requirements were met in 1837, when Mr. Filkins built the first commercial building, a tavern-hotel. In the same year, Russell Wheeler and Charles Daniels opened a general store.

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Wheeling's first Commercial Enterprise was this tavern-hotel, built by Joseph Filkins in 1837. Located on the Northwest corner of Milwaukee and Dundee, this building was the site fo Wheeling's first Post Office and

served as a regular coach stop for the stage from Chicago to Milwaukee. This picture was taken in 1905. The building was demolished in 1918.

First Enterprise

Filkin's tavern-hotel was the fore-ordination of things to come for Wheeling, for in the ensuing years, the town's primary claim to fame was the many fine restaurants which grew up along Milwaukee Avenue.

Milwaukee Avenue was the main road from Chicago to the lands to the North of Wheeling. It was composed of the trails of Indians and paths beaten into the ground by herds of buffalo. In some places the feet of thousands of buffalo had beaten the trails down to a depth of six feet.

In 1836, a stage route was established on this road, and Filkin's tavern became a coach stop. Because of the difficulty of travel in those days, Wheeling was the natural stopping place for the weary travelers to refresh themselves with food and drink. This led to the growth of "Restaurant Row" along Milwaukee Avenue, and the fame of these fine eating places continued until the present day. The advent of the super highways in the 1950's caused a marked decrease in the amount of traffic through Wheeling, but the town is still remembered by most people as the place to go for a **good** meal.

By 1835, there were 18 log cabins in the area around Wheeling. The largest of these was a "mansion" built by Mr. William Hopps. It was in this house of the well-to-do Mr. Hopps that

Wheeling's first murder occurred. Mr. Hopps murdered his wife, but was acquitted through the exceptional ruling of Judge McAllister, on the plea of insanity. His freedom was short lived, and Mr. Hopps died in the poor house in Dunning in March, 1836.

As settlers continued to pour into the area, the growth of the village was also apparent. In 1838, two blacksmith shops were opened, one by Mr. Orestin Shepard, the other by Mr. Ascher Skinner.

Lumber for these projects was supplied by a mill owned by a Mr. Kenniscott. This mill was located on the Des Plaines River, about a mile South of what is now called "Half Day". It is said that this name "Half Day" was the result of an error. In 1836, a Mr. Gridly laid claim to a large section of land and was instrumental in the establishment of a Post Office which was to be called "Haf Da" after an Indian who formerly lived in the area. However, the authorities in Washington assumed that some "foreigner" did not know how to spell, so they changed the name to "Half Day".

Adding to the "industry" of the area was a flour mill, located on the West side of the river, directly across from the saw mill.

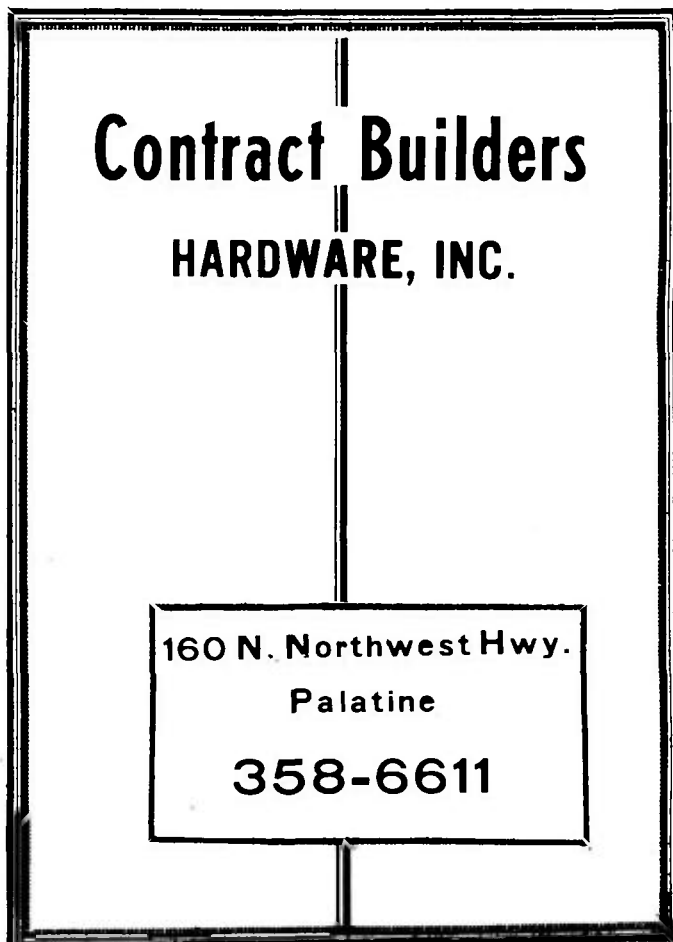
Other businesses followed in relatively quick succession. James Parker opened Wheeling's second hotel in 1840. By 1842, other additions, included: A store owned by John Rothschild; another store owned by John M. Schaffer and still another by William Vogt; another blacksmith shop by E.K. Beach, and, in 1845, a hardware store was introduced by Mr. Albert Fassbender.

Also in 1845, Wheeling's first school was built. Being very small, this building was used only until 1861, when a second and larger school was erected. This second building was destroyed by fire in 1870. In 1871, a new two-story school was completed on the South side of Dundee Road, just West of Milwaukee Avenue, on the site now occupied by a shopping center.

This structure served the community until 1925, when the brick school on Wille Avenue was completed. There was; however, one change. The State authorities forced the Village to install additional windows in 1924. This allowed more light to penetrate the musty interior.

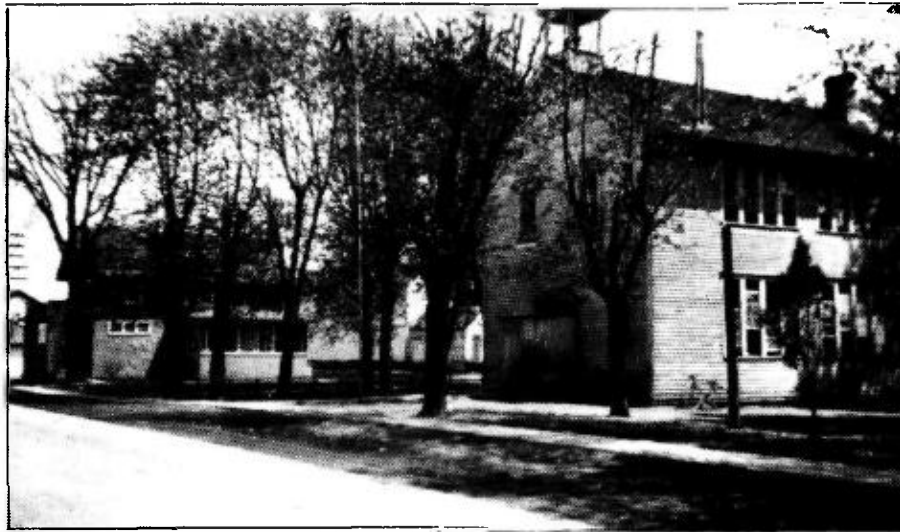
From this humble beginning, Wheeling's School system has grown, and today it boasts of having one of the country's finest and most progressive school districts, both at the primary and secondary levels.

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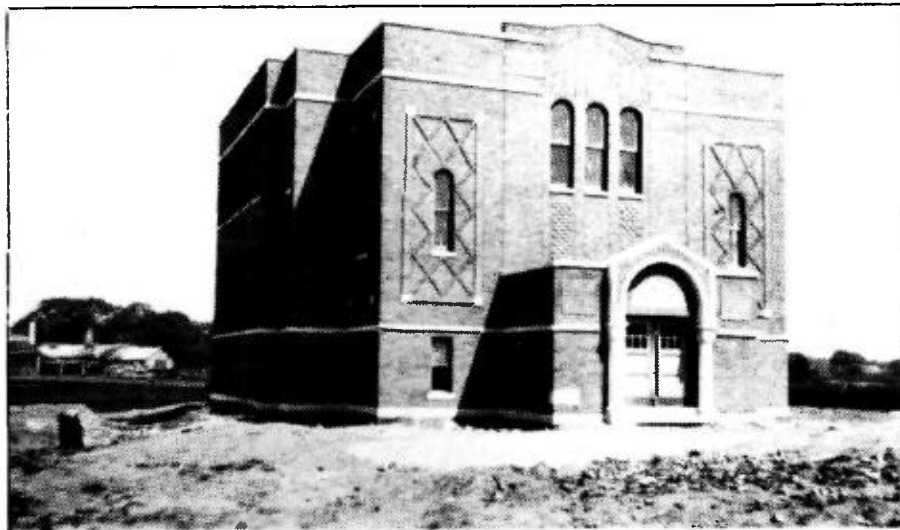


Picture taken on west side of old school after state school authorities forced the board to install more windows for light.



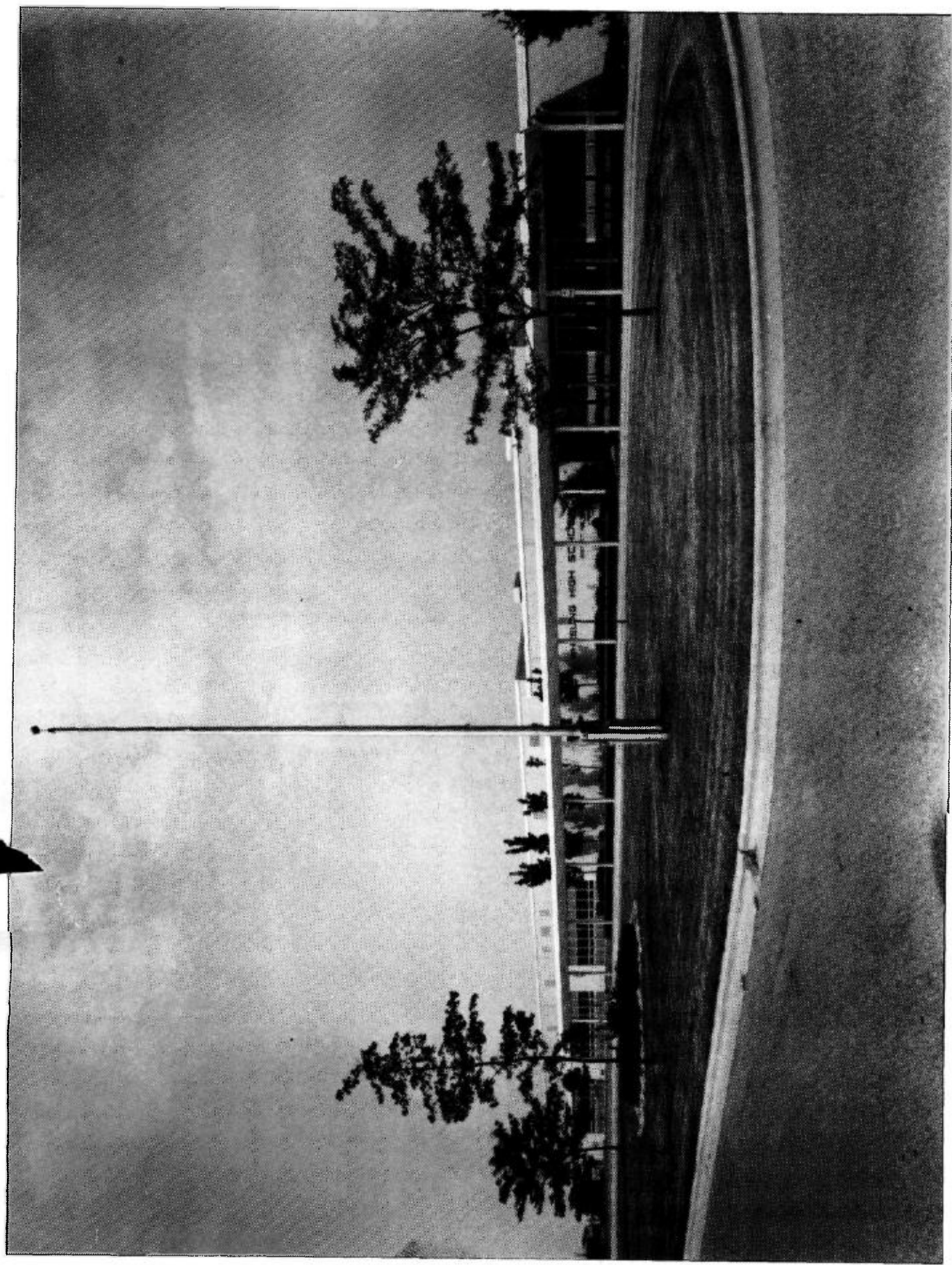


Wheeling Public School, erected in 1871, as a replacement for the second school which was destroyed by fire in 1870. It served the town for 54 years, until the completion of the modern brick building, pictured below, in 1925.



Now called Walt Whitman School, this building, renovated and expanded, is still serving the youth of Wheeling as an elementary school.





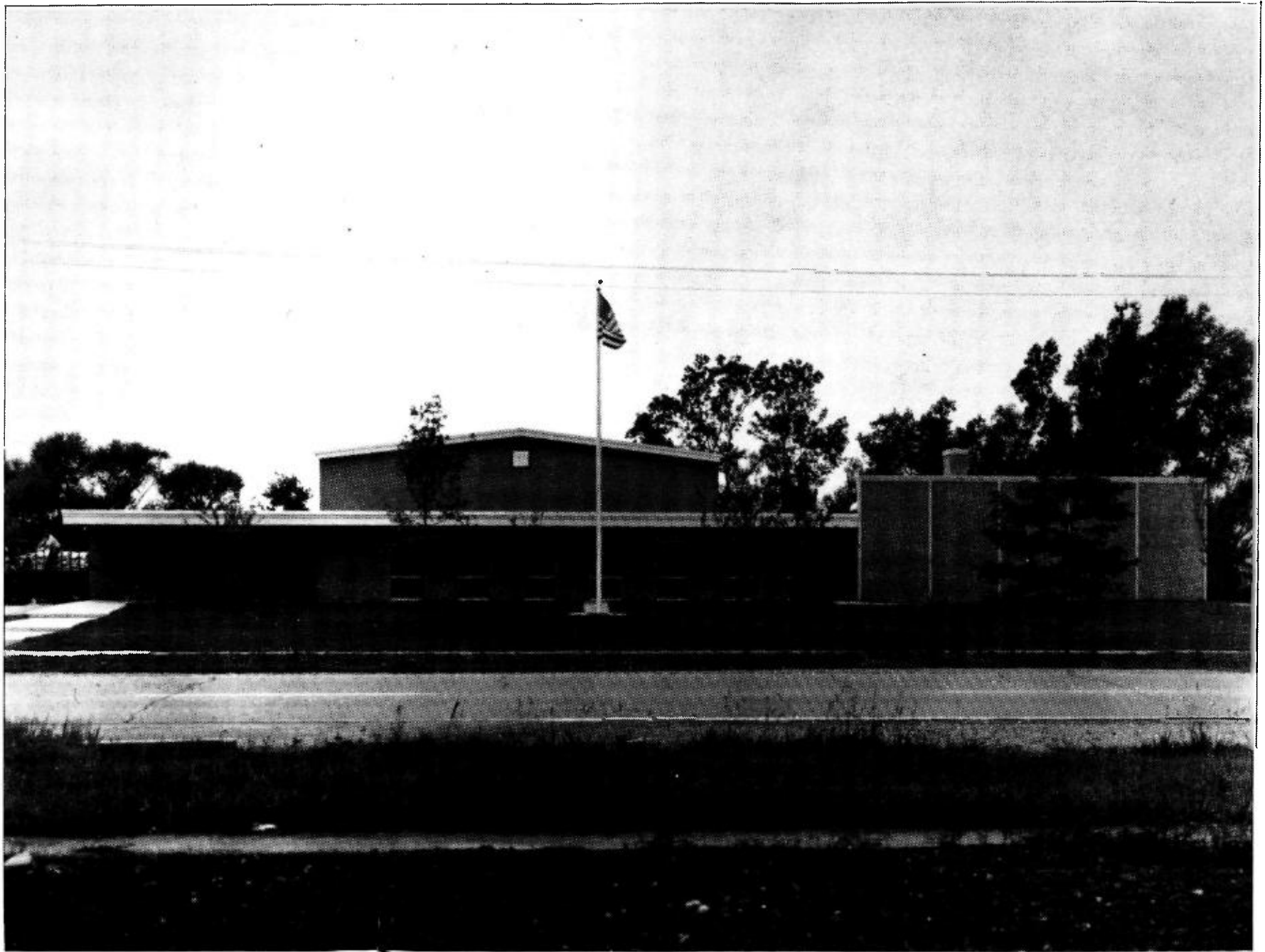
Wheeling High School



Jack London Jr. High School

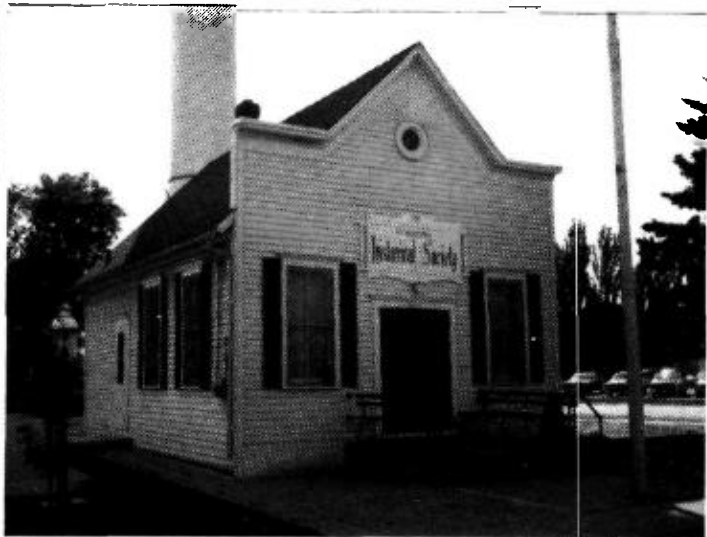


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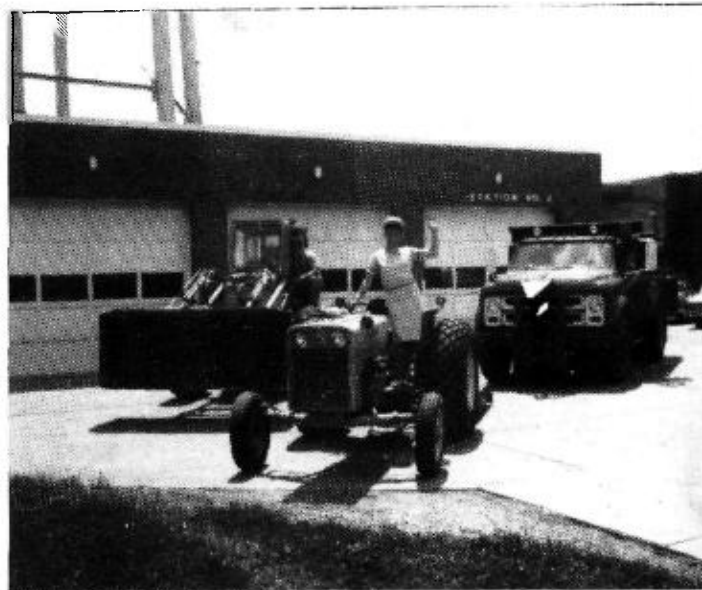
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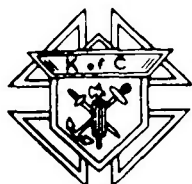
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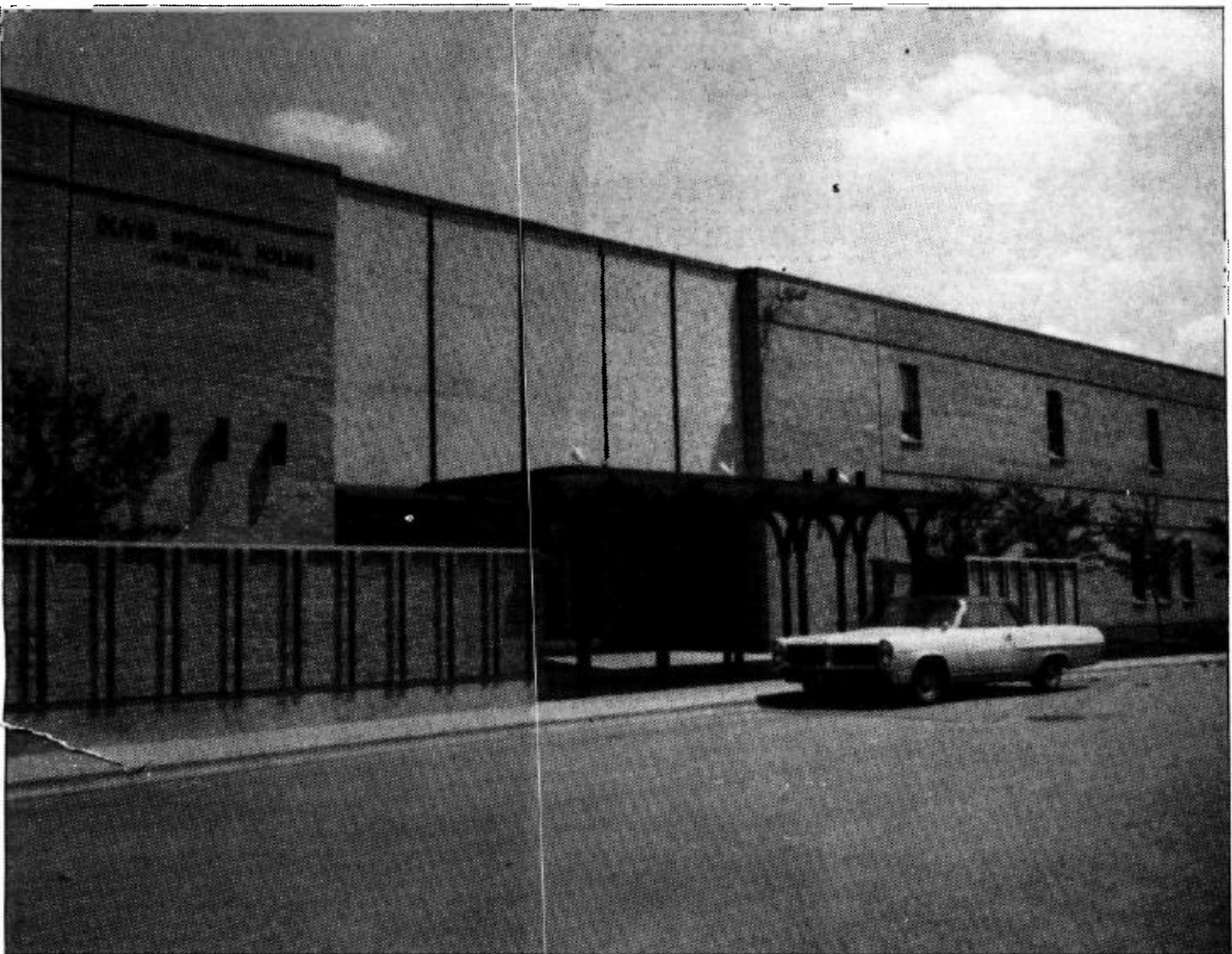
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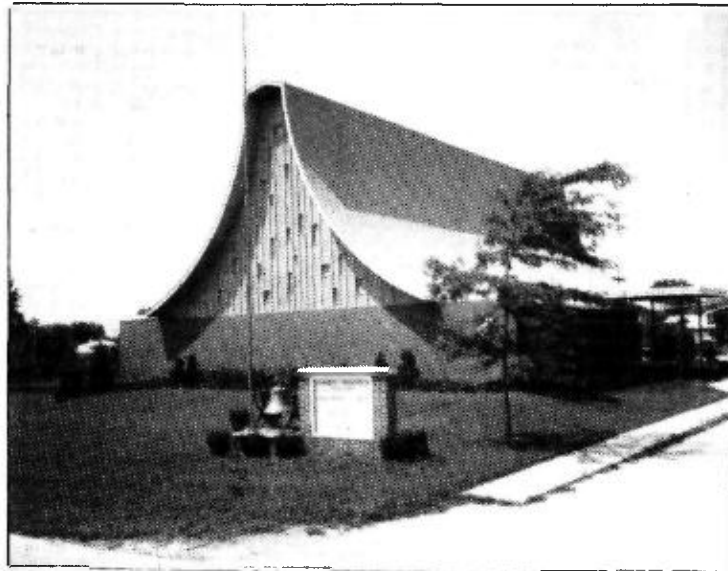
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Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. High School

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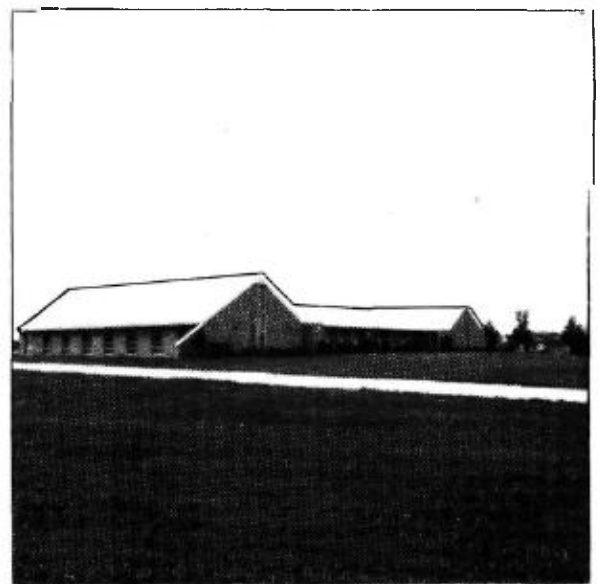
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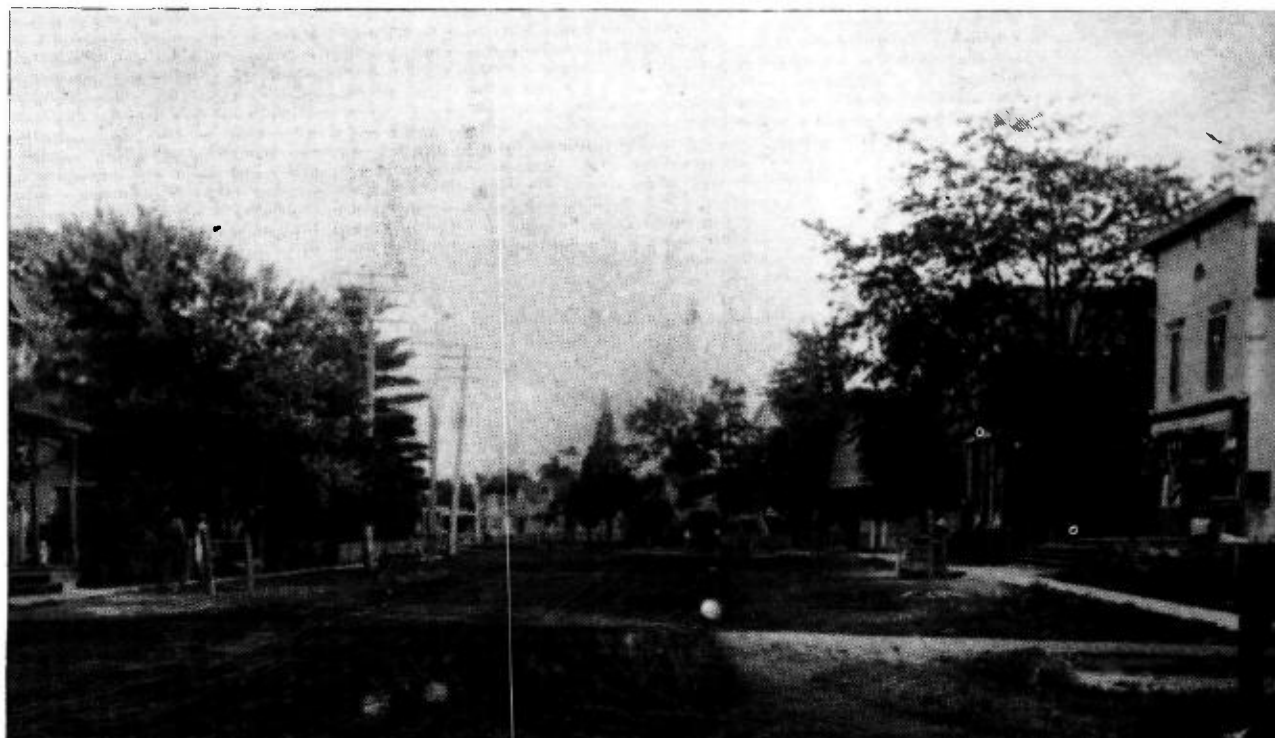


First Baptist Church of Wheeling





(Above) View of North Milwaukee Avenue as it appeared from Dundee Road intersection. (Below) View looking South on Milwaukee Avenue from the same intersection. These pictures were taken around 1910. In the top picture, the building in the left fore-ground is the tavern-hotel built by Joseph Filkins in 1837.





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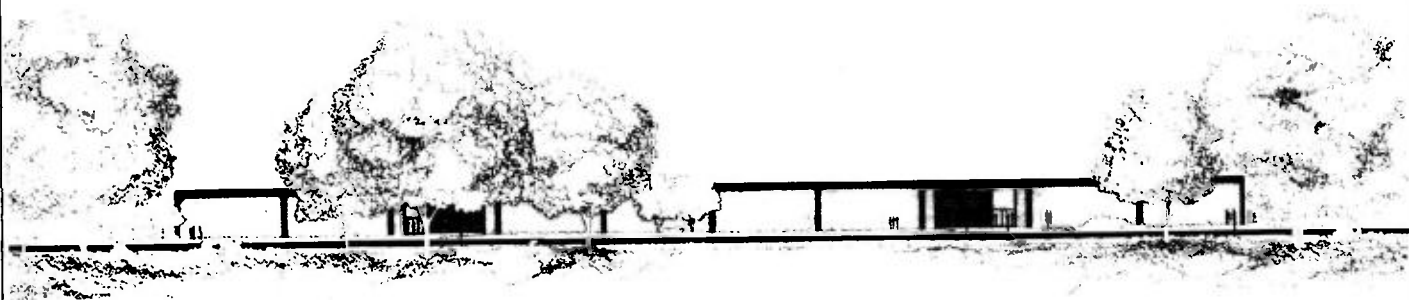


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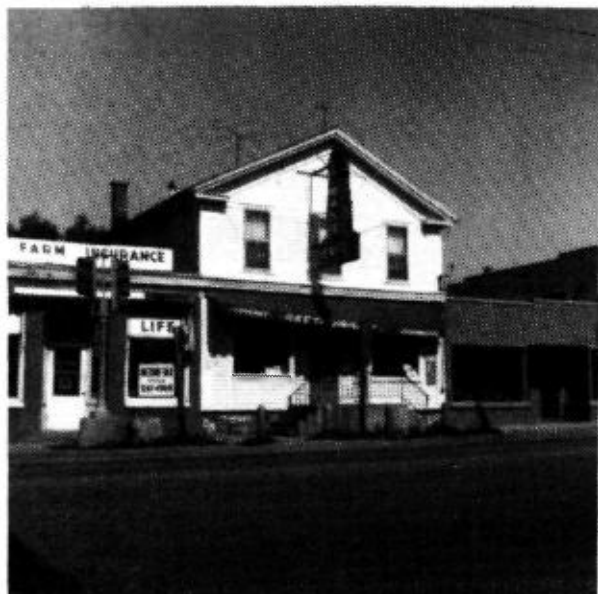
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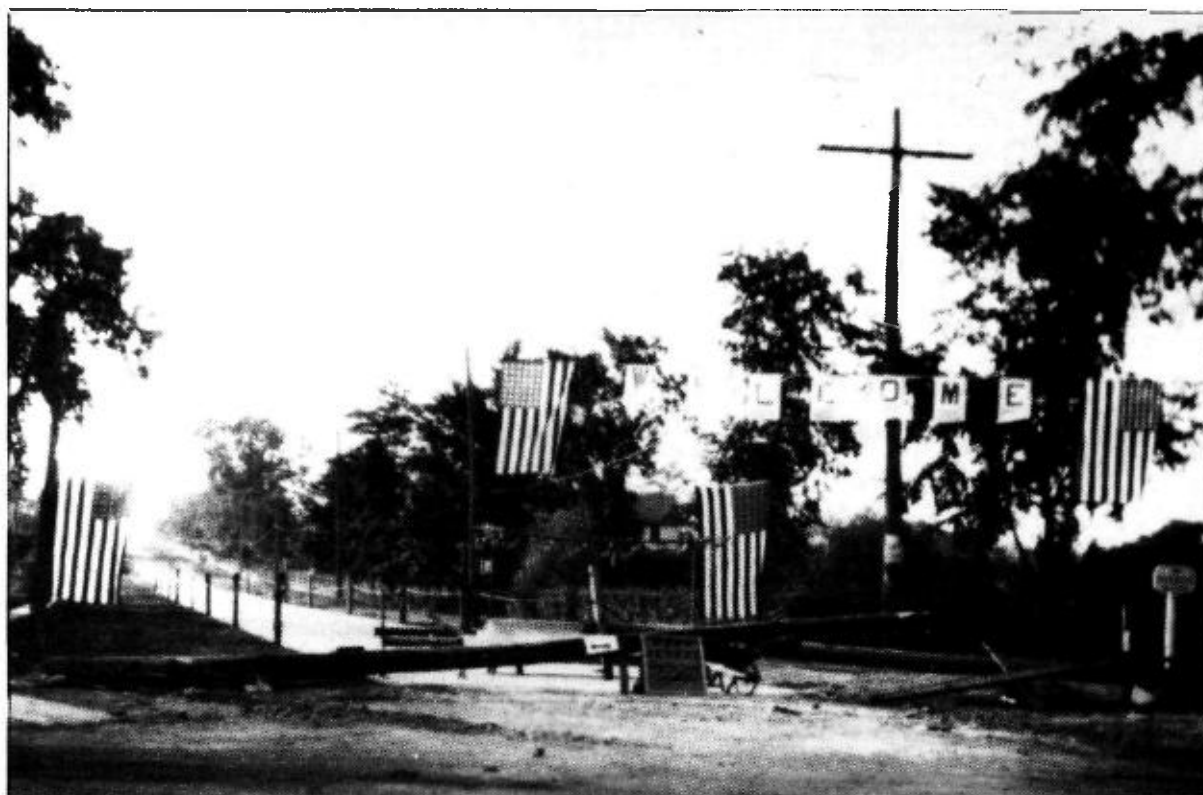
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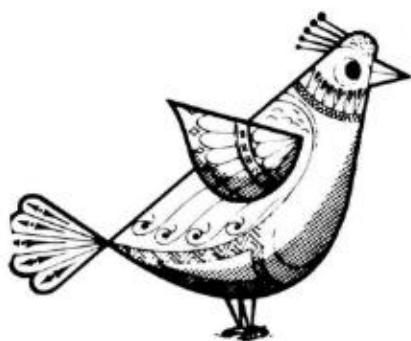
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The "Bussing" of students is nothing new to Wheeling. In the '20's, Mr. Frank Forke, owner of the town's first livery stable, transported Wheeling's high school students to Maine Township High School in Des Plaines.

In addition to transporting students, Mr. Forke made regularly scheduled trips to the Soo Line Depot in Wheeling, the Northwestern Station in Des Plaines and the Saint Paul Railroad in Northbrook. His was the fore-runner of the present day taxi business.

By 1925, Milwaukee Avenue had been paved, a new and modern brick school was completed, and the town had its first gasoline driven fire engine. In 1950, the population was 916.

Wheeling's geographic location made it the ideal site for its role as "Chicago's Breadbasket" for many years. This same factor delayed the industrial and commercial development of the town, until the advent of the automobile and the increasing pressures applied by the people of Chicago seeking more living space, pushed Wheeling into the role of a residential suburb. By a strange paradox, this same growth in population began to attract more and more industry, the new industry attracts more people, and so today, Wheeling is beginning to take a place of prominence among the important cities of Illinois.

Within the ten-year period from 1950 to 1960, Wheeling's population increased 683 per cent! The fact that the town was able to cope with this sudden population explosion was, in a great part, due to the solid foundation developed by Wheeling's pioneers, and the integrity of its subsequent citizens.

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Editors Note:

Although the members of the Wheeling Historical Society have spent many hours in researching the foregoing information, the job is far from complete. There is much more to be written about our town, and to accomplish this, the Society earnestly requests that anyone having access to information concerning any phase of Wheeling's development please contact the Society.

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Township Formed

Politically, the territory known as Wheeling Precinct, encompassed a part of Maine and Northfield Townships as well as the area now known as Wheeling Township. Prior to 1850, when any voting was necessary it was done at Wilcox's Tavern, which was located at the junction of Milwaukee Avenue and the Des Plaines River.

Wheeling Township was organized on April 2, 1850, at a meeting held in the hotel owned by James Parker. S. M. Salisbury was elected as the first Supervisor and during the years from 1851 to 1883, was superceded by other men, many of whose names are very familiar in the area. Some of these early Supervisors were Joseph Filkins, William Scoville, George Strong, William H. Dutton, Frederick Tesh and David Peters.

Three of these men, S. M. Salisbury, George Strong and Joseph Filkins also served the area on the Court of Appeals prior to the formation of the township. The ultimate decisions in cases of claim-jumping was one of the responsibilities of these men.

Wheeling Gets Brewery

One addition of note to Wheeling's growth, was the building of a brewery by Napoleon Periolat in 1850. This business was operated by him, and later by his Sons, Henry and Robert, until 1905, at which time it was sold to new owners from Chicago. The building was demolished in 1910.

At the turn of the half-century, Wheeling was beginning to assume the characteristics of the typical American small town. With its brewery, blacksmith shops, restaurants, general stores, hotels and schools, more and more people were attracted to the immediate area, built their homes, and helped Wheeling to develop an air of permanence.

One of the traits of the Homo sapiens is their need for the companionship of their own kind. As soon as the immediate needs for the sustainment of life are settled, man's first thoughts seem to be that of finding the means and the opportunity to meet together; Some primarily for the worship of God, and secondly, just for the sake of meeting together in friendship.

The oldest fraternal organization in Wheeling, is Vitruvius Lodge No. 81, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Formation of the Lodge dates back to October 4, 1849, when W. C. Hobbs, the Grand Master of the State of Illinois, granted to brethren of Oriental and La Fayette Lodges a dispensation to form a Lodge at Dutchman's Point.

On October 10, 1850, the Charter was granted, and in 1851, dispensation was given to move the Lodge to Wheeling.

Vitruvius was known as a "Moon Lodge" because meetings were held on the Saturday before the full moon. This was done so that the members could have moon light to guide their way to the meetings.



Wheeling's first industry was this brewery built by Napoleon Periolat in 1850. After more than half a century of operation, it was razed in 1910.

Many Contributed to Growth

Growth continued through the 1850's, and many families who would contribute heavily to the development of the town, made their appearance. In 1849, Dr. Julius Permann came to Wheeling and practiced medicine until his death in 1856.

Dr. John George Schneider was the area's first Veterinarian, arriving here in 1853. Dr. Schneider served the community in various offices, including that of Township Assessor, in addition to his work as a Veterinary Surgeon. His more than a half-century of service was ended by death in 1909.

One son, Reinhold Schneider, followed the trade of harness maker in a shop adjoining the first Village Hall, which is now the site of the Historical Society Museum. He served as Village Clerk from 1900 until his death in 1927. Miss Adeline Schneider, daughter of Reinhold, was elected Village Clerk upon the death of her father in 1927. She was continuously re-elected to this office until her retirement in 1953. Thus, the office of Village Clerk remained in the hands of the Schneider family from 1900 until 1953.

Not content with retirement, Adeline and her Sister, Lucile, have been very active in the Historical Society, and much of the material in this narration is attributable to their efforts.

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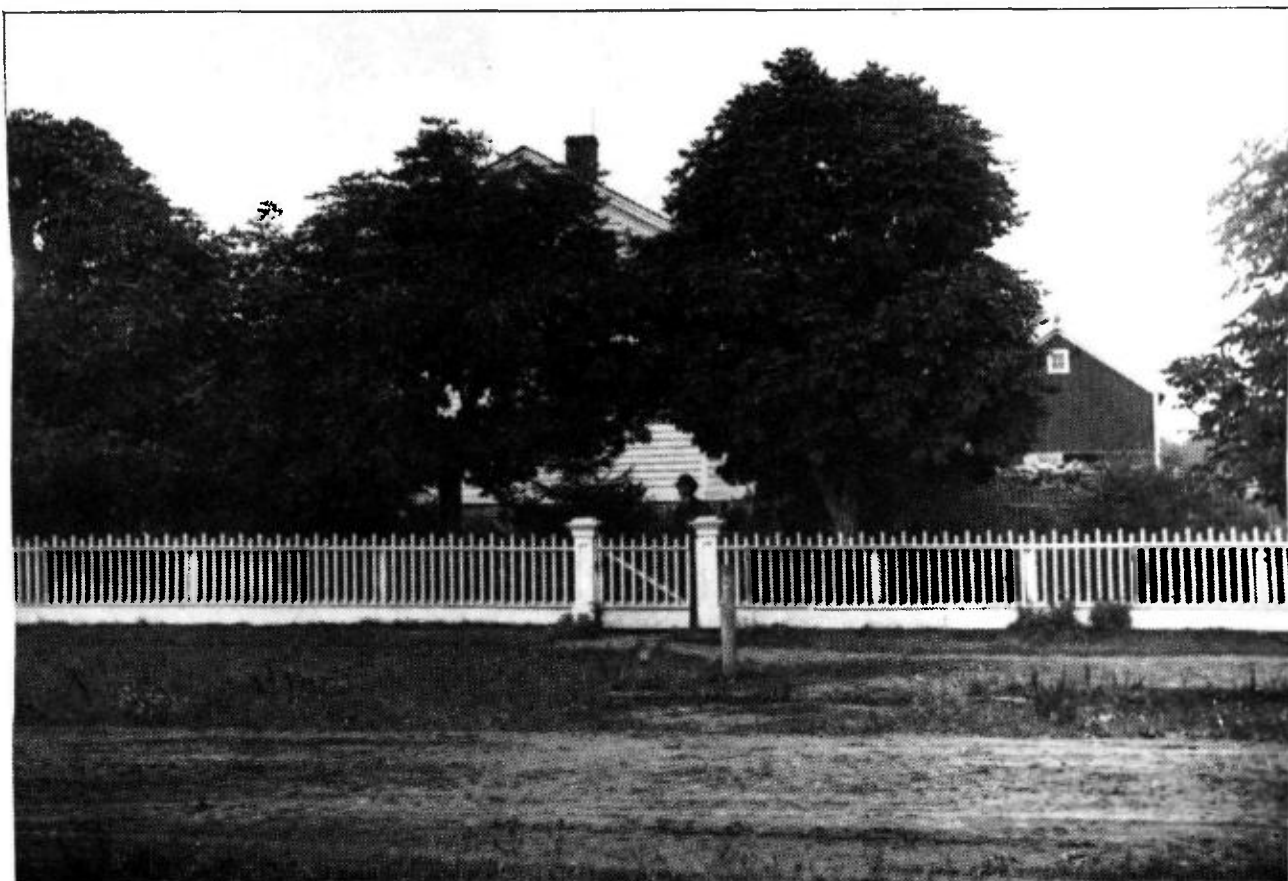
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The erection of Wheeling's first Church is a notable event, not only for the Church itself, but because of the record of service compiled by its early members.

The first organizational meeting was held on May 1, 1864. At this time, it was decided to organize a Church which was to be called, "The German Evangelical United Reformed and Lutheran Church". A twenty-five article constitution was drafted, and Reverend F. C. Schwartz was called as the first pastor.

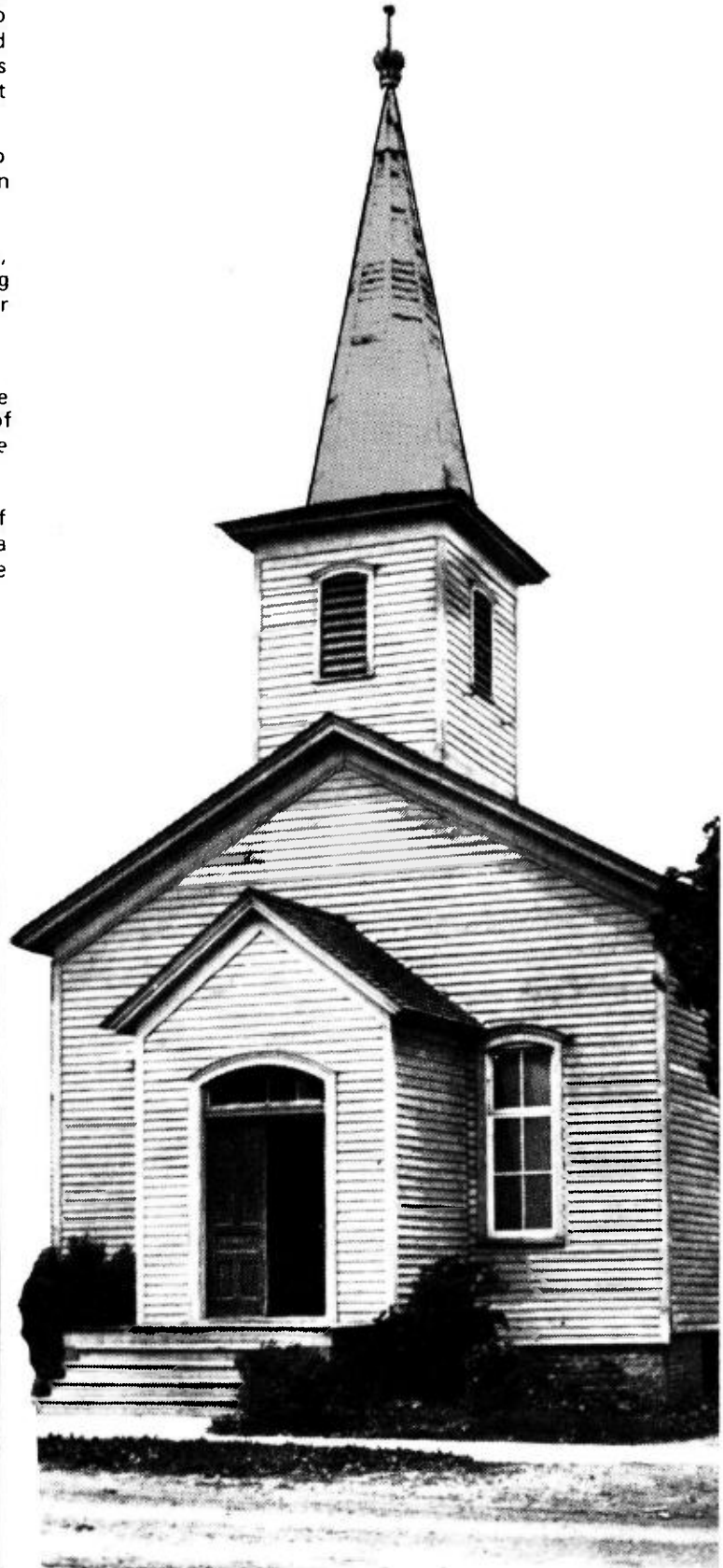
On October 8, 1864, the membership voted to apply to the Presbytery of Chicago to unite with the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A.

On the Second of November 1864, the new congregation, known as German Presbyterian Church, elected the following officers: William Vogt, Nicholas Bock, Werner Spengler and A. Fassbender as Elders; Jacob Zimmer and Conrad Baerthel, Deacons.

In the fall of 1865, they erected their Church on a site located on the North Side of Dundee Road and West of Milwaukee Avenue. The last worship services were held there on December 16, 1962.

The Church has since been moved to the Chamber of Commerce Park on Wolf Road, pending movement to a permanent site, where it is hoped that the building will be preserved as a link to the proud history of the town.

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Jacob Hunsinger opened a hotel in 1856, William Metz, a blacksmith shop in 1865, and in the same year, Samuel Reese opened a wagonshop, which he sold to Louis Fischer three years later.

In 1873, Fred Stryker opened a store, Martin Armbruster another hotel, and in 1874, C. Welflin opened a harness shop. This was the shop which Reinhold Schneider purchased in 1885.

John Behm's hotel was opened in 1877, and John Schminkie's store in 1878. Henry Boehmer, who was to become Wheeling's first President, started a creamery in 1880, which Jacob P. Hausam superintended for eleven years. Another store was opened by Sigwalt and Bollenback in 1888.

Dr. M. Moffat practiced medicine here from 1876 to 1890, in which year Dr. Henry Benz made his appearance.

Wheeling's railroad station was built in 1886, one mile west of the village, at the Wisconsin Central Railway.



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Every community had its "Town Square" or meeting place where the leading citizens could make speeches on the Fourth of July and other occasions of importance. Wheeling possessed one of the better sites for this type of activity - the grassy meadows along the Des Plaines River. There, on any sunny Sunday afternoon, could be heard the music of the Wheeling Cornet Band (organized in 1877), the shrill laughter of children and the mellow sounds of barbershop quartets, their voices made even more mellow by kegs of beer which were set up under the trees, and of course off-limits to the youngsters.

This area became so popular that people would travel all the way from Chicago just to enjoy it. Bicycle races from Wheeling to Chicago became quite an event. It was not at all unusual for 100 participants to start the race.

As a result of this activity, the restaurants and taverns of Wheeling enjoyed a great popularity. So much so, that they were probably one of the greatest reasons for the village's incorporation.

A certain "lawless element", composed primarily of the rough and ready railroad laborers who were imported into the area to maintain the Northwestern and St. Paul Railroads of the prosperous North Shore area of Lake Michigan, began to frequent Wheeling's taverns. Their conduct was so wild and bawdy, that when word reached the town of their coming, merchants closed their stores and women and children were kept off of the streets.

Realizing that something had to be done to control these and other illegal activities, the leading citizens of the area began campaigning for formal incorporation. A petition was circulated, and with the signatures of 42 registered voters, was sent to the Hon. Frank Scales, County Judge, Chicago, Illinois.

On June 18, 1894, a special election was held in the Union Hall. The results were: 43 for Village organization and 3 votes against it. After the returns had been canvassed by the County Clerk, an election was ordered for the 17th of July, 1894, for the purpose of electing the following officials: A Village President, Six trustees, A Village Clerk and a Police Magistrate.

Henry Boehmer was elected President; John Forke, Jacob Schwingel, Emil Sigwalt, Reinhold Schneider, William Fassbender, and J.A. Schminke were elected as trustees; Police Magistrate was Louis Fischer and Village Clerk, W. R. Munkhenke.

The Articles of Incorporation were approved by the State on August 26. The first Village Ordinance drafted by the new Village Fathers was one which pertained to the licensing of dram shops. Among the first licenses issued were those to the following applicants: The Chicago House, Columbia Hotel, Jacob Schwingel at His House, John Behm at the Union Hotel, Wheeling House, and the Wisconsin Central Hotel.

Wheeling was paralyzed by these ruffians as they became liquored up and roamed the town from one end to the other, looking for local residents to bully. When this occurred, nothing could be done until they had drank their fill, at which time they would be thrown in jail until they sobered up.

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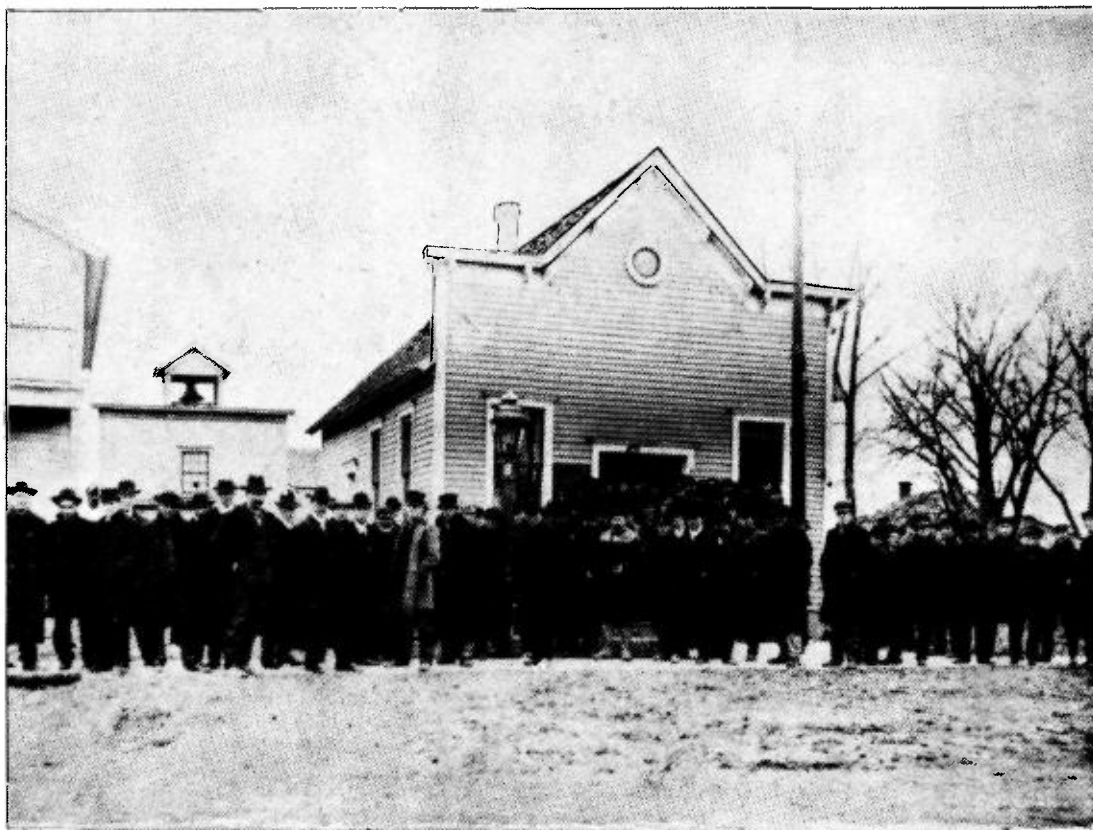
As the needs of the Village grew, the necessity for a Village Hall became acute. Land was purchased for \$150.00, and sealed bids were taken for the erection of a building "20 by 30 by 12 feet, with two cells in the western end, 7½ by 9 feet each".

The contract for the building was granted to Mr. H. P. Mentzer of Shermerville (Northbrook), Ill., who advertised, "Undertaker, Contractor and Builder, Ice Box and Hearse Furnished when Desired, House Raising a Specialty".

On January 12, 1895, Mr. Mentzer presented the Village a statement totalling \$553.26. Following this, many items had to be purchased to furnish the new building. Among the more notable items were: two slop pails, a broom, two jail locks, two small spittoons and two large spittoons, A Gold Coin Ventiduct No. 19 Stove, one dozen chairs, two Rochester lamps, one table and a business desk. Also, a bill for fifty cents was presented by Mrs. Henry Hipp, for sewing two cell mattresses.

This original Village Hall has been refurbished and made into the headquarters for the Wheeling Historical Society and also serves as a museum. The museum is open to the public from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with group tours by appointment. Many items of interest have been donated by the citizens of the area and the museum has become the center of attraction and welcome addition to the cultural aspect of the town.

Wheeling's original Village Hall, erected in 1894, now serving as the headquarters and Museum of the Wheeling Historical Society.





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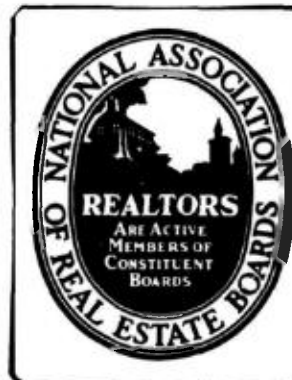
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Fire Department

According to information researched and compiled by Joan Heuer, and presented by the Wheeling Independent in a series called, "The Infant Wheeling", the first move toward fire protection was made on April 6, 1896.

On that date, a committee of three was appointed to investigate the subject of fire protection and its estimated cost. This committee had accomplished nothing by June, so another committee of three was selected to investigate various chemical and other fire extinguishers and report at the next meeting of the Village Board. The committee consisted of Mr. Metz, John Forke, and Wm. Fassbender.

Following the recommendations of these men, the Board ordered certain equipment, and on September 11, 1896, it was delivered at the Wisconsin Central Railway freight office.

The Fire Department was to be allowed the use of the Village Hall for their meetings, and a fire bell was purchased from Fassbender and Arnold for \$27.40.

The Constitution and By-laws of the Wheeling Fire Department, as adopted on September 30, 1896, allowed for the following fire bell signals: Regular or Special Meetings - ringing of bell and three strikes of alarm hammer; Company's practice - ringing of bell and five strikes of alarm hammer; Fire alarm - continuous fast rapping of the bell, then signal for the division of the Village.

The Divisions of the Village and signals were: From the Southern line to crossing of Mr. E. Wagner's residence - ringing of bell and one strike of alarm hammer; From center of Village to corner of Dundee Road - ringing of bell and two strikes of alarm hammer; From corner of Dundee Road to Northern line - three strikes of alarm hammer; From corner of Dundee Road West - four strikes of alarm hammer.

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The above statement may have been true when considered in the context of world affairs, but the slow progress of the town proved to be an asset in the long run. This slowness of growth allowed for the building of a very stable base upon which the building boom of the 1950's would depend for its strength and guidance.

During the years around the turn of the century, Wheeling would have to be considered as the typical country town; however, building did continue, and in the surrounding countryside, the farmers were using "modern" equipment to raise the foodstuffs which helped to sustain the burgeoning metropolis of Chicago.

Thus Wheeling's income was derived from the purveying of raw products to the city, and the catering of the finished product to travelers, through the facilities of its many fine restaurants.

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The first Officers of The Wheeling Volunteer Fire Department consisted of the following: Mr. Christ F. Metz, Fire Marshall; J. A. Schminke, Asst. Fire Marshall; Frank Forke, Second Asst. Fire Marshall; W. R. Munhenke, Secretary; W. Riswig, Wm. Fassbender and Tony Behm, Foremen of



Wheeling's first police car. (1925)

the various companies. According to the record of minutes of the meetings of the Department, Mr. Reinhold Schneider assumed the duties of Secretary at the meeting of April 23, 1900, and held the post until the 8th of August, 1927.

In 1904, a hand pumper was purchased to augment the fire fighting equipment. This pumper has been preserved and is on display in the Historical Society Museum

At the inception of the Fire Department most of the towns prominent citizens participated as Volunteers. The tradition has continued throughout the years and into the present. Wheeling's Volunteer Fire Department has the reputation of being one of the best in the country.

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WHEELING DIAMOND JUBILEE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CELEBRATION WEEK

DAILY	August 15 - 24 CARNIVAL at Wheeling High School Steak Cookout at 5:00 p.m. each day at high school.
AUGUST 15	Teen Dance — Wheeling High School Cafeteria. 7:00 p.m.
AUGUST 16	Queens Ball — Chevy Chase Country Club - Ted Weems Orchestra. 9:00 p.m.
AUGUST 17	Go-Cart Race Demonstration — 2:00 p.m. Wheeling High School (In front of bldg.) 7:30 p.m. Show in the Theatre at High School German Band, Quartet, "Up With People" Admission \$1.00 8:00 p.m. Beer Garden with German Band Parking Lot - Dundee & Milwaukee Avenues (No Admission Charge)
AUGUST 18	7:30 p.m. Country Western Show, with a Square Dance demonstration Holmes Jr. High on Wolf Road. (No Admission Charge) 10:00 a.m. Tennis Tournament for the youth 9 to 17 years 6:30 p.m. Tennis Tournament for the Adults (Wheeling High School) Art Show — Girl Scout & Boy Scout displays (Holmes for three days)
AUGUST 19	10:00 a.m. Senior Citizen Day. Luncheon & Cards (Holmes Jr. High) 8:30 p.m. Opening of Spectacular, "WHEELING THRU THE YEARS" Wheeling High School Stadium.
AUGUST 20	1:00 p.m. Luncheon & Style Show - Pie Baking Contest. Judging of Costume, Holmes Jr. High. 7:30 p.m. Band Concert at Heritage Park 8:30 p.m. Spectacular, "WHEELING THRU THE YEARS"
AUGUST 21	10:00 a.m. Kiddie Parade. (Field at Holmes Jr. High) 1:00 p.m. Athletic Contest (Heritage Park) 5:00 p.m. Swim Meet (Wheeling Community Pool) 8:30 Spectacular, "WHEELING THRU THE YEARS"
AUGUST 22	8:00 a.m. Good Neighbor & Businessmens Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Paul Hornung talks with kids (Holmes Jr. High) 9:30 a.m. Tour of the Industrial Exhibit at Heritage Park or one or more plants. 8:30 p.m. Have all the neighboring Mayors to attend Spectacular 8:30 p.m. Spectacular, "WHEELING THRU THE YEARS"
AUGUST 23	10:00 a.m. Athletic Contests for men (Heritage Park) 1:00 p.m. Time Capsule (Holmes Jr. High) 1:30 p.m. Beard Contest (Holmes) 3:00 p.m. Oldest Resident Awards (Holmes) 1. Person that has lived in Wheeling the longest. 2. Largest family living in Wheeling 3. Oldest married couple 8:30 p.m. Spectacular, "WHEELING THRU THE YEARS" 11:00 p.m. "Car" Drawing at High School
AUGUST 24	GO to your church of your choice and go in costume. 2:00 p.m. Grand Finale Parade — Between intersection of Rt. 83 and Dundee Rd., and Heritage Park (along Dundee and Wolf Roads)

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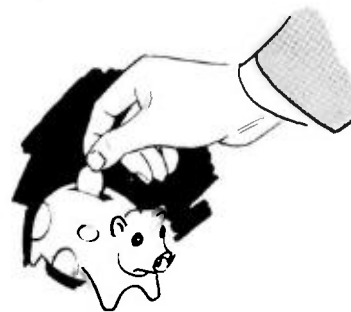
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June



NEW SEAL FOR Wheeling's Diamond Jubilee has been designed by Richard Diens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Diens of 323 N. 1st St., Wheeling. Richard, 22, is a student at Western Michigan University majoring in advertising. He designed the seal which will appear on stationery used by the jubilee corporation and on commemorative coins for sale this summer.

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THE HERALD

Wednesday, June 11, 1969

Belles Ring In Jubilee Celebration

Strolling through the pioneer era to the roaring 20s, the Wheeling Diamond Jubilee Celebration Belles kicked off the Village of Wheeling's 75th birthday with an old-time fashion show Tuesday night in Amvets Hall.

The women of the Celebration Belles modeled authentic styles from 1894, the year Wheeling was officially incorporated as a village, to the 1920s.

Modeling the Belle evening gown was

Mrs. Joseph Ciolino, 911 Twilight; wearing an old-fashioned bathing suit was Mrs. Thomas Kozimor, 3015 Jackson, Arlington Heights, and the Godi Girl ball gown was worn by Mrs. Fred Moeller Jr., 173 Sunrise.

THE DIAMOND Jubilee headquarters chairman, **Mrs. Julius Benjamin**, Beverly Drive, modeled the wagon train dress and bonnet; wearing the hussy and headpiece was Mrs. William Warr, 149 N. Seventh; the Roaring 20s dress was worn by Mrs. Curt Carlson, 315 N. First; wearing the scarlet gown was Mrs. Edward Mueller, 307 N. First; modeling the pioneer dress and bonnet was Mrs. Bruce Propst, 363 N. First, and Mrs. Alvin Nelson of 135 S. Wolf wore the two-piece pioneer dress and

bonnet.

The Gibson Girl dress was worn by Mrs. Joseph Heckenbach Jr., 1110 N. Meadow, Mount Prospect, and modeling the child's pioneer dress was Dale Mueller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mueller.

All of the clothes shown at the fashion show are available at the Ladies of the Lions thrift shop on South Milwaukee Avenue.

To encourage participation in the jubilee, the Celebration Belles agreed at the meeting to wear old-fashioned bonnets or costumes July 18, five weeks prior to the celebration and each Friday thereafter.

In addition, they will take part in the caravans which are set for July 19 and 26 and Aug. 2 and 9, and the costume prome-

nades, scheduled for July 18 and 25 and Aug. 1 and 8.

THE PROMENADES will start in the Wheeling Bank parking lot, proceed to the Union Hotel on South Milwaukee Avenue, return to the parking lot, and proceed to the parking lot of the new Jewel-Osco store on Dundee Road.

Headquarters for the Wheeling Diamond Jubilee, Inc., are at 315 E. Dundee Road, and are open from noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Women interested in membership in the Celebration Belles may obtain charters for group membership and badges for single membership at the headquarters.

Mrs. Alvin Nelson is chairman of the

Women's participation division of the jubilee.

"Women from all communities are welcome to join," Mrs. Nelson said. "Our fashion show was well attended, and we hope to have more charters formed."



President Is Hostess

Wheeling Woman's Club will hold its Tuesday, June 10 meeting at 8 p.m., at the home of the club president, Mrs. Julius Benjamin, 1016 Beverly Drive, Wheeling.

The first vice president, Mrs. Walter Diens, will collect written reports from past committee chairmen, and the new committees will then meet to discuss plans for the coming year.

Additional business will include finalizing club plans for Wheeling's Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Kangaroo Kourt Katches Kulprits



Bad weather couldn't stop the opening session of the Wheeling Diamond Jubilee Kangaroo Kourt. Wheeling has never witnessed such crimes as Judge Walter Diens was forced to face Friday evening in front of Jubilee Headquarters.

The court began without introduction! Judge Diens was attacked by Drug store owner, Mark Arnov, who attempted to drown him in shaving cream. Fortunately, the good judge and his Keystone Krew were able to stop Arnov. This crime calls for the severest of penalties; thus, Arnov will be brought to trial next week. "Justice will prevail," says Diens, "no one in this fair city is free from my courts' jurisdiction!"

That was only the beginning! Forthcoming cases saw pies crashing into the faces of defendants Gus Stavros and Delores Blank. Keystone Kop Bob Buerger was caught "in the way" and got the pail of water dealt to defendant Don Smith. "Upset" Mr. Buerger delivered the following ultimatum: "That's it for these Wheeling criminals! Next week we're going to set this town in order!"

So buy those buttons and join the second Kangaroo Kourt next Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in front of Jubilee Headquarters. You can't afford to miss the FUN in store for Wheeling!



Wheeling residents above photo, reshearse an old fashioned hoe-down, preparing for "Wheeling Through the Years," a historical pageant at Wheeling High School Aug. 19-23. The pageant is part of Wheeling's Diamond Jubilee celebration. Directing the dance, (center) is Ron Nash, Jubilee director. In photo at left, Nash leads rehearsal for a dance number.

Wheeling Diamond Jubilee 1894-1969

Club Sells Hot Dogs

The Wheeling Women's Club is selling hot dogs and soda today and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the Jewel Food and Osco Drug Store on Dundee Road.

Ten cents for every hot dog sold will be donated to the Wheeling Diamond Jubilee.

Aid Diamond Jubilee

In actively supporting Wheeling's Diamond Jubilee Celebration, Wheeling Woman's Club has donated proceeds of its Hot Dog Days held on two recent weekends.

In further support of the celebration, to be held Aug. 16-24, the club has formed a chapter of "Belles." Many club members are active on an individual basis and are helping to staff the Diamond Jubilee Headquarters.

The Participation Division of the Wheeling Diamond Jubilee held their kickoff meeting at the Amvets Hall Mon. June 2. Marge Nelson, co-chairwoman with Judy Wallace, introduced the following committees and their chairwomen.

The "Celebration Belles" headed by Rena Ciolino and the Meadowbrook Woman's Club will distribute the "Celebration Belles" Chapter kits. Any group of 10 or more people from a club, store, plant, office or neighborhood may form a chapter, select a name and elect officers. These chapters will be invited to participate in motorcades, parades, public appearances and many events. The chapters should be formed by June 30th. Marge Nelson, 537-1067 and Rena Ciolino, 537-4210 have the kits for sale.

A preview fashion show of the celebration costumes was given. It included sun bonnets, pioneer dresses, early American ball gowns and children's outfits. The residents of Wheeling are encouraged to wear costumes during the Jubilee Days. Tina Warr and the Lion's Auxilliary are co-chairwomen of the Ladies Sunbonnets and Dresses committee.

The promenade and Caravan Committee directed by Chairwoman Ruth Weider, will start their promenades on July 18th and every Fri. until Aug. 15, holding a kangaroo court with each promenade.

Al Lang, Celebration Chairman stated that this is not only a community project and celebration but a money making program, with the profits going back into the community. He said, "The success will be measured by the participation of the people, work and have fun."

"The Jubilee Headquarters is at 315 E. Dundee Rd. and has been donated for their use by the Wheeling Bank," stated Al Lang. A special phone number has been given to the Headquarters. 514-1894 and will be in use after June 9.

1969
August

Jubilee Center

Headquarters for the Wheeling Diamond Jubilee officially open Monday.

Everything related to the village's 75th birthday celebration will be handled at the headquarters, located adjacent to Wheeling Bank drive-in window at the rear of the Mark Driggs Shopping Center.

All items for the celebration such as hats, vests, dresses, stock certificates, and commemorative plates and coins will be sold at the headquarters. July 12 is the last day to order dresses for the jubilee.

Tickets to the Aug. 16 celebration Ball are also sold at the headquarters. Ted Weems and his orchestra will entertain at

Chevy Chase Country Club. Tickets are \$2.40 per person.

HEADQUARTERS WILL be open Monday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Friday from 1:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Because the headquarters are being manned by volunteers, the hours may vary. A sign will be in the window when the volunteer workers are there.

A trophy for the "Most Novel Float" was presented to the Wheeling Woman's Club for their representation of "The GOOD OLD Days" in Wheeling's Diamond Jubilee parade.

Also represented in the parade was the IFWC. Mrs. Benjamin Adamowski, president of 7th District, rode with members of the executive board in a decorated car donated by Yarnall-Todd.

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Festivities Begin Today

Wheeling opens its Diamond Jubilee tonight, and jubilee officials want the turnout to be "astronomical."

"We hope that the reception for the jubilee will outdo what happened in downtown Chicago for the astronauts Wednesday," joked John Koeppen, chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

Koeppen qualified his prediction by saying, "Of course the crowd will be on a ratio scaled down to the size of the village."

The jubilee committee has publicized the village birthday festivities "in every town around," said Koeppen.

"SO WE HOPE IT is a good crowd, because the 10-day celebration is really going to be worth seeing," Koeppen added.

The carnival, steak cook-out, and teen dance tonight at Wheeling High School will kick-off the activities.

"The ball Saturday night, featuring the Ted Weems Orchestra is going to be great fun," Koeppen said. "The queen of the jubilee will be announced, and there will be dancing to good music."

The Ted Weems Orchestra, under the direction of Warren Bills, consists of 13 musicians and vocalist Kim Vaughan.

The ball will be at the Chevy Chase Country Club on Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling, Saturday night at 9:30. Old fashioned costumes may be worn, although they are not mandatory.

MORE ENTERTAINMENT will come on Sunday. The "Up With People" youth group will have a concert in the Wheeling

High School theatre at 7:30 p.m. The group has appeared all over the nation and has performed in several television specials.

In addition to the group, a German band and a quartet will round out the concert. Admission is \$1.

A beer garden, featuring a German band will be held at 8:30 p.m. Sunday at the large parking lot on the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

"The pageant that will run five of the jubilee celebration days, is really going to be unique and entertaining," Koeppen says. "There has never been anything like it in this area; there's so much to it."

NOT ONLY WILL THE pageant depict Wheeling's history through song and dance, but it includes "Laugh-In" parts and will have two movie screens going in conjunction with the show. Ron Nash, producer of the spectacular, has taken from 300 to 400 slides and some old-time movies to project on the screens. About 300 Wheeling residents make up the cast of the show, called "Wheeling Thru the Years."

The historical pageant will be held in the Wheeling High School Stadium, and will be staged across the entire football field. It starts at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 19 and runs through Aug. 23.

"There will also be a lot of action during the afternoons at the Heritage Park Building and Holmes Junior High School," Koeppen says. This will include contests, style shows, exhibits, athletic events, tournaments, and parties.



THOSE JUBILEE MATS are selling like hot cakes at Wheeling Diamond Jubilee Headquarters, 315 W. Dundee Road. John Koeppen, jubilee committee chairman, left, and Ron Nash,

representative of the Rolls Co. which is coordinating the celebration, complete their old-time ensemble by trying some on for size.



The Wheeling Jaycees recently purchased a bond for Wheeling's diamond jubilee celebration. Presenting the bond certificate to Bob Strauss, President of the Wheeling Chapter, is John Koeppen, President of the Jubilee Committee.

This money along with all other bond income was used to defray expenses in organizing and presenting Wheeling with its 75th year festivities.

Jubilee Group Plans Pageant

by BARB O'REILLEY

A giant historical pageant, "Wheeling Thru the Years," will highlight the Wheeling Diamond Jubilee.

The pageant will trace the history of the village from its early Indian days to the present in song, dance and drama.

Starring almost 300 Wheeling residents, the pageant, to be held Aug. 19 through Aug. 23, will use almost the entire athletic field of Wheeling High School's football stadium.

The historical spectacular will be presented on several multi level stages and will be aided by professional lighting techniques, more than 200 slide projections in the background and several old-time movie sequences.

"WHEELING THRU the Years" will start at 8:30 p.m. each night after a steak cookout presented by the Wheeling Lions Club. An old-time country fair and carnival will also provide entertainment on the high school grounds every evening of the Wheeling Diamond Jubilee celebration days, Aug. 15 through 24.

Currently the cast rehearsal for the pageant consists of learning dances like the Virginia Reel, songs and the script written by Ron Nash, producer-director of the John B. Rogers Producing Co.

Tickets for the pageant are on sale now at the Wheeling Diamond Jubilee headquarters, adjacent to the Wheeling Drive-In Bank at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Advance tickets are \$1.50 until Aug. 15. General admission tickets at the gate and after Aug. 15 will be \$2. Tickets to the reserved section will be \$2.50.



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As punishment for not wearing a Wheeling Diamond Jubilee bonnet, Maureen Reiley of 372 Sunset and Bonnie Anderson of 367 Sunset, both of Wheeling, are thrown into the pool by Keystone Kops during Kangaroo Kourt session. (Photo by Leroy Meyers)

Getting To Know You

Tuesday September 16th is the date set for the annual Wheeling Woman's Club Membership Tea. "Getting to know you" is the theme of the event which will be held at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. James Ashley, membership chairman, 19 Laurel Trail.

Cake and coffee will be served during the meeting, and the functions of the club will be explained.

Anyone wishing to attend is welcome and should contact Mrs. James Ashley at 537-9062.

Wheeling Women Set For Membership Tea

The Wheeling Woman's Club has set Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 8 p.m. for the annual membership tea in the home of Mrs. James Ashley, membership chairman, 19 Laurel Trail.

Mrs. Ashley can be reached at 537-9062 for further information.

Club Greet Guests

"Getting to know you" was the theme of the September meeting of Wheeling Woman's Club as members welcomed seven guests at the home of Mrs. James Ashley, membership chairman.

They were acquainted with the purpose of the club, its various activities, and the president, Mrs. Julius Benjamin, discussed the budget for the year.

For a fall social event, the club had an outdoor barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gaudsmith on Sept. 6.

Sept.

Turn About Night

Clashing colors and "unco-ordinated" co-ordinates will be the evening's attire for the next Tuesday's meeting of the Wheeling Women's Club.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William Aber, 25 Berkshire in Wheeling. Anyone wishing to attend may call Mrs. Aber at 537-2388.

Oct.

Fashion Night of Horrors

The October meeting of the Wheeling Woman's Club was a "night of horrors" in fashion, Mrs. William Aber was hostess for the evening as club members and their guests competed for prizes in the greatest "fashion upset" of the year.

Mrs. Alf Wilson was awarded the title of "best co-ordinated." Her outfit included blue spike heel shoes with green knee

socks, plaid culottes and a flowered blouse. A red, white and blue blazer added a special touch.

Mrs. John Koeppen's ensemble was voted the "most eloquent." She wore one silver slipper, one loafer, and a horizontally striped skirt with a vertically striped sweater, a pill box completed her outfit.

MRS. WILLIAM KLEINER was given a prize for being the "most provocative." Her outfit included black mesh hose with yellow bloomers and a navy blue mini skirt.

The evening included a jewelry demonstration by Mrs. William Hayden.

The November meeting will include the installation of new members. Membership is open to anyone interested and for information about the club readers may contact Mrs. Julius Benjamin, president, at 537-4345.

Meeting Set Nov. 18 For Wheeling Women

The Tuesday Nov. 18 meeting of the Wheeling Woman's Club will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Walter Diens, 323 First St., Wheeling.

Past, present and future will set the mood for the evening as past club presidents discuss the club as it was.

Paul Hamer, village attorney will speak on one of Wheeling's current ordinances, anti-solicitation. The club's future will see the initiation of new club members.

For information about the club readers may contact Mrs. Julius Benjamin, president, 537-4345.

November

Women's Club Initiation

The Nov 18th meeting of the Wheeling Women's Club will be held at 8:30 at the home of Mrs. Walter Diens 323 First St., Wheeling. The evening will include initiation of new members and a talk on anti-solicitation in Wheeling given by Mr. Paul Hamer, Village Attorney.

Anyone wishing to attend may call Mrs. Diens at 537-2270.

Busy Evening For Woman's Club

Mrs. Henry Gaudsmith hosted the January meeting of the Wheeling Woman's Club with members enjoyed three guest speakers Richard Jamiolkowski, member of the Friends of Library, spoke about the library referendum. The club voted unanimously to support this referendum. Mr. John Barger, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, discussed the District 21 February 7th referendum. Miss Marlyn Janks, American Field Service exchange student from South Africa, presented slides about life and culture in Africa.

The February 17 meeting will be held at 8:00 at the home of Mrs. William Rackow, 360 Mors Avenue. Anyone wishing to attend please call Mrs. Rackow at 537-1285.

The nominating committee of the 1970 general caucus for School Dist. 21 will begin interviewing prospective candidates for the school board next week.

The terms of board members Edwin Smith and Mrs. Norma Magnuson, and of Board Pres. Ronald Cole all end in April.

Persons wanting to be interviewed for possible endorsement by the caucus can contact John Bell at 537-0321, or Mrs. Donald Crost at 537-6974.

Officers for the 1970 caucus were elected Wednesday. Elected chairman was Ken Nicklas of 503 Braeside Dr. in Arlington Heights. Nicklas is a delegate to the caucus from the PTA at the Poe School in Arlington Heights.

Elected to the post of vice-chairman and treasurer was Mrs. James Wieder, 116 S. Wille, in Wheeling. She represents the Wheeling Women's Club.

SECRETARY IS Mrs. Ronald Ludders, 34 University Dr., Buffalo Grove. Mrs. Ludders represents the Cambridge Countryside Women's Club.

Serving as corresponding secretary is Mrs. Howard Rice, 143 Bernard Dr., Buffalo Grove. She is a delegate from the PTA at the Kilmer School in Buffalo Grove.

The caucus nominating committee elected at the meeting Wednesday includes chairman John Bell of Buffalo Grove, and vice-chairman, Mrs. Crost.

Other members include Ray Polster of Wheeling, Michael Moran of Wheeling, and Mrs. James Wieder of Wheeling.

Alternates to the committee are James Schrader of Buffalo Grove, Mrs. James Lenahan of Buffalo Grove and Mrs. Howard Rice of Buffalo Grove.

Persons appointed to take charge of publicizing the activities of the caucus are Mrs. Phillip Kanoles of Buffalo Grove, Don McGlothlin of Wheeling and Mrs. John Bajtos of Wheeling.

Woman's Club Notes

The December meeting of the Wheeling Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. John Koeppen, 139 Berkshire Dr., Wheeling, and included a grab bag gift exchange, games and Christmas fun.

Last month the club welcomed five new members. Those initiated were Mrs. Thomas Becker, Mrs. Ronald Bodinet, Mrs. Alvin Nelson, Mrs. Lynn Patrick and Mrs. William Kleiner.

All the club members enjoyed reminiscing as former club presidents spoke about past activities during the evening.

Special guest Paul Hamer, village attorney, informed the club about Wheeling's current anti-solicitation ordinances.

The Wheeling Woman's Club is part of the Seventh District, Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs. Membership is open to anyone interested. For further information about the club, call Mrs. Julius Benjamin, president, at 537-4345.

19 December

WHEELING WOMAN'S CLUB will be held at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Hank Gaudsmith, 169 Mockingbird, Wheeling. Special guest for the evening will be Miss Marlyn Janks, American Field Service student from South Africa. Also in attendance will be Sonia Saldana, exchange student from El Salvador, Central American.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB will hold a membership coffee at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Gaudsmith. Anyone interested in attending please call Mrs. Gaudsmith at 537-6436. Membership is open to anyone interested. For information call Mrs. Julius Benjamin, president, at 537-4345.

January 1970

3 Guest Speakers For Wheeling Club

The next meeting of Wheeling Woman's Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 17. Mrs. William Rackow, 360 Mors Ave., will be hostess.

At the January meeting of the club, members heard three guest speakers from the Wheeling area. Richard Jamiolkowski of Friends of the Library spoke on the library referendum, and the club voted to unanimously support the measure.

John Barger, assistant superintendent of schools, discussed the District 21 referendum of Feb. 7, and Marlyn Janks, American Field Service exchange student from South Africa, showed slides on life and culture of that continent.

February

Congratulations: Mrs. Evelyn Diens, Wheeling Village Clerk, was elected first vice president of the North and Northwest Municipal Clerks Association. "The purpose of the organization" according to Mrs. Diens "is to try to uniform as much of the clerks' duties as we can and to find out what other clerks are doing or have done." Another important aspect of the clerks association is discussion of new legislation and working for such legislation which would benefit citizens. An example is the concern of the clerks to make their offices open to the public the same hours as the county clerk's offices. This would make the hours of voter registration more accessible to the new resident who now may have to go to the County Building in Chicago because his own Village clerk's office is closed." Mrs. Diens has been a Village Clerk for Wheeling since 1957. That's a lot of time to devote to one's village and deserves a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Diens Is Elected

Mrs. Evelyn B. Diens, Wheeling village clerk and collector, has been appointed First Vice President of the North and Northwest Municipal Clerks Association.

Mrs. Diens, who has been village clerk in Wheeling for 14 years, was elected to the post at an association meeting Jan. 19.

For Police, Building Respect Starts in School

by ANNE SLAVICEK

Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey tells the sad-but-funny story of the two children in a School Dist. 21 kindergarten class who replied to the question "What do policemen do?" by saying, "They beat people over the head," and "They take money."

Kimsey's story is an illustration of community problems which have prompted a new project for the Wheeling Women's Club. The project is an attempt to get Wheeling children to understand laws of their village and state and to teach respect for law and law enforcement officers.

Already Wheeling's police department has liaison officers in Wheeling High School and the two junior high schools in the village.

WHAT THE WOMEN'S CLUB hopes to do through its community improvement committee is to publish a booklet summarizing laws which affect children and to encourage formal classes in our laws at both elementary and secondary levels.

Committee Chairman Mrs. Shirley Wilson said she got the idea after reading of a booklet published by the Arlington Heights Women's Club.

Citing a "lack of respect for property and law and order" which is evidenced by "shoplifting, vandalism and other small crimes" in Wheeling, Mrs. Wilson said the club had become concerned about "building respect for the law."

"It affects us all as parents, as taxpayers and as citizens," she noted. The committee took a survey of employees of the school districts, the park district, and the village and of local businessmen before deciding that the project was really needed here.

The club wants to make the study of law a "continuing program integrated into the school curriculums" rather than merely handing out booklets which many students wouldn't bother to read.

DIST. 21 SUPT. Kenneth Gill agreed with Mrs. Wilson. "I think it's worth while — there's a lot of benefit to the community," he said. "It's important that such a project involve follow-up teaching in conjunction with the police department."

Gene Altman, Dist. 21 liaison officer, told those at the meeting that response is enthusiastic in junior high school to the studies of law and law enforcement.

Wheeling High School liaison officer Clarence Trausch and Richard Schnell, dean of students said the high school is considering a presentation on closed circuit television on laws for its students.

Trausch said the possibility of seminar-type classes on applications of specific laws was also being considered. He said that Wheeling Principal Thomas Shirley and Asst. Principal Clarence Miller also backed the idea of classes on law.

In addition to publishing the booklet, women's club members might be asked to help with the television program, with getting films for use in social studies classes or with field trips on a high school level, Trausch suggested.

that a field trip to the Chicago Crime Lab might interest local students.

Also officers from the police department might attend a social studies class to answer specific questions on criminal law, he noted. Problems with manpower and budgeting would have to be worked out to allow police participation, however, he said.

Women's club members also pointed to local facilities such as films on shoplifting which can be borrowed from local businesses.

Gill suggested that a book geared to the lower grades should encourage discussion in the home with parents. "Everything we can do to add dignity to the police department and to bring it closer to the children, we will do," Gill said.

He suggested that the program should be one which would involve all community organizations in a community-wide study of law for a period of time.

Gill said that a program could be instigated in the Dist. 21 schools by next year if materials are made available.

DANA BENJAMIN, women's club president, said a pilot program by the Sears Foundation called "Officer Friendly" is being tried in Park Ridge at present. She said that, once the pilot is completed, in months a proposal that funds to help enlarge the Wheeling program would be donated to the foundation.

Following the meeting school officials agreed to go back to teachers and administrators within their systems for suggestions on how the program can be implemented.



"**AN ENORMOUS VERSION** of a penny whistle," is how pipe organ architect Robert Strippy of Wheeling describes the musical instruments he designs. Strippy has designed about 80 pipe organs for churches and other organizations

throughout the country since he first took up the hobby in the 1950s. Strippy also owns an elaborate set of ear phones, tape recorders and phonographic equipment to listen to favorite recordings.

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Five Women Get 'Inside' of The Law

Five members of the Wheeling Women's Club got a look at the Wheeling Police Department from the inside Wednesday as a part of the club's "Know Your Law" program.

The women's club is currently working with school officials and the village police department on a project to teach Wheeling children to understand laws and respect for law enforcement officers.

"We thought as long as we were promoting knowledge of the law we should know a little more about the operation of the police department ourselves," Mrs. Jill Rackow, one of the women's club com-

mittee members working on the project, said.

The Women's Club plans to publish a booklet summarizing laws which affect children and to encourage formal classes on law at both the elementary and secondary school levels.

OTHER COMMITTEE members who toured the department with Mrs. Rackow included Mrs. Shirley Wilson, Mrs. Ruth Wieder, Mrs. Barb Becker and Mrs. Marge Nelson.

Included in the tour, conducted by Sgt. Thomas Conte, was an explanation of the various electronic data which the department uses in its communications center.

Several of the women watched as they were checked for police records on a statewide teletype system. An explanation on how calls are received and policemen dispatched was also given.

"We were surprised to learn that the average call to the department is answered by a policeman being on the scene within four minutes" Mrs. Rackow noted.

The women also were shown maps on which the department keeps track of vandalism to homes in the village and the locations of traffic accidents each month.

THEY GOT TO visit the department's juvenile detention room, had their finger-

prints taken, watched a field test for drugs and for counterfeit money, and saw how policemen mark money for use in arrests.

The women also toured the department's records section and jail area.

Mrs. Rackow noted that the officers and Chief M. O. Horcher and Lt. Robert Llewellyn were interested in including a program in the curriculum at Wheeling High School to encourage students to be-

come law enforcement officers.

She said that the department is also considering an internship program with students from Harper College working part-time in the department.

Laws... And How They Affect Teen-Agers

by ANNE SLAVICEK

Does your child know shoplifting is wrong?

He may know it's illegal, but does he know it's wrong?

That's one question that came up Friday at a meeting of community officials in Wheeling to discuss the Wheeling Women's Club's "Know Your Law" program which is now getting under way.

The meeting was called by Women's club members to explain the club's plans to publish a booklet for teenagers explaining laws that affect them. The club also is cooperating with school officials in organized programs to acquaint Wheeling children with the law.

Business and civic leaders who attended Friday's meeting heard women's club members stress that such a program is needed. And too, they heard the very real facts of vandalism and shoplifting which affect the local schools and parks and the businesses.

MARK ARNOVE of Mark's Drugs told the parents and businessmen how real the problem is to a local merchant. Arnove said he has eliminated a record department in his store because of shoplifting and now keeps small records that are for sale behind the counter.

He told the audience that once someone stole a lipstick case with 600 tubes of lipstick from his store, that he replaces better than a dozen shopping carts each year at a cost of approximately \$25 each.

Robert Weeks, K-Mart manager, also verified the problem of shoplifting. Weeks said his store alone experienced 1,000 cases of shoplifting last year.

Park Dist. Supt. Ferd Arndt said vandalism cost the park district \$500 last year alone.

Arnove urged parents to be alert, "Let the young ones know you're alert, discuss that you're aware of their problems and that you know what the temptations are."

"IF THE KIDS know we're concerned they'll have more respect for law and order. If they know parents aren't fools they'll discuss it with us." He urged the audience to "check your child's belongings, check his dresser drawers."

He said mothers should watch to see if their children have an excessive amount of any item such as pens, lipsticks or gloves. "Try to be aware as parents. Every item your child has had to be either paid for or stolen," he said.

Arnove said his store employs off-duty policemen as a deterrent to shoplifters during peak seasons. He also said that a closed circuit television set has been installed in the Wheeling store.

He said children should be taught not to go into a store unless they have money.

KENNETH GILL, Dist. 21 superintendent, disagreed with some of Arnove's points and emphasized that children should have the trust of their parents.

Gill said a parent would be "planting distrust if he checks his children's drawers." He agreed that parents should not overlook obvious things their children have acquired but he said, "there should be no planned attack to see if your children are honest."

He said he thought the purpose of policemen and laws were not only to apprehend law breakers but also to protect the rights of privacy and of the individual.

THE REV. DENNIS Anderson of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church commented that he thought young people knew shoplifting was illegal but not that it was wrong. "Youth reflects the adult culture. I wonder if education about legality or illegality alone will do anything," he said.

He pointed to the parent who breaks traffic laws and then tells his children that the law is sacred.

Village trustee John Koeppen said he felt an addition to the pamphlet pointing

out to parents the necessity of "practicing what you preach" might be a good idea.

Anderson said that corruption in business and government also corrupts youth. He charged a lack of community values and said he felt Wheeling was a "collection of businesses and subdivisions in a geographic area, but it's not a community."

Robert Bruce, personnel director from Ekco Products Corp., suggested that the breakdown of the family relationship may be the cause of shoplifting. Parents tell their kids to cheat on movie tickets by getting in on a child's ticket when they are past the age limit, he noted.

WHEELING police school liaison officer Clarence Trausch said he felt a "happy medium of knowing where your children are, but not sneaking around checking their belongings" would be the solution.

Gill reemphasized that he thought parents must be responsible for their children and teach them a respect for law, while also showing that they respect their children's right to privacy.

Gill noted that maybe the participants were not so far apart as they seemed, because all were seeking to solve the problems.

He said the school district plans to use the booklet and other materials from the Women's club in a program of formal education on the law next fall. He urged businessmen in the community and organizations to help fund the project.

WOMEN'S CLUB members are seeking \$500 to promote the program, \$300 for printing of a booklet for use in the school, and the rest for films and resource material and a drug test kit from the police department.

Donations for the "Know Your Law" program can be mailed to the club in care of Mrs. Edward Mueller, 307 N. First St., Wheeling.



"CHILDREN MAY KNOW shoplifting is illegal, but not that it's wrong," the Rev. Dennis Anderson, who was representing the Wheeling Ministerial Association, said

Friday at a discussion of the Wheeling Women's Club "Know Your Law" program.