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LOOKING BACK

We were delighted to have Peter Anderson, relative of the Weinandt family Waverly Beach owners, speak to us and show us copies of years of advertising for Beach activities. He had researched and copied newspaper notices from the early 1900's up to the end of the Beach era. It was surprising to see the number of "Big Bands" which appeared at Waverly in the past. Thank you, Peter, we all enjoyed reliving our memories of that exciting place.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, May 13, society members will be taking our annual spring tour. We will be heading south to Oshkosh for a guided tour of the county courthouse. Have you ever wondered where to find a birth or death certificate? Where does child support go? What does a courtroom look like? We will tour the sheriff's department in their new building and view the 911 system, view armored vehicles and the inside of a squad car and more. Following this we will gather for lunch at Primos. (This will be "Dutch Treat")

To do all this we will carpool and leave the Memorial Building PROMPTLY at 9:00 AM. Nancy will distribute maps. We will take County Highway A along beautiful Lake Winnebago. We may run into road repair but Nancy will guide us the best way possible with the latest road information. Hope you can join us then.

NEW AND OLD BOARD MEMBERS

It pleases us IMMENSELY to announce that we have three new Board members, all males. Thanks to Paul Brunette, Dick Loehning, and Tom Konetzke for saying "yes" when they were asked to serve on our Board. Congratulations and welcome to you three. We're so happy to have you join us.

We wish to thank retiring Board members who have served us faithfully for a number of years. They are Mary Jane Van Lieshout, Rosalie Terry and Jack Hammett. Their interest, time, and input are appreciated. Thanks, too, to member Bob Beachkofski for all his time and interest. We expect to see all of you in the future as a part of our organization. We need you and your special talents.

MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH

May is State Preservation Month. Sunday, May 23, the Memorial Building will be open between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 PM. The caboose will be open for tours. Nancy Barker will give a talk on the history of Menasha at 1:00 and 2:00 PM., Guides will point out the society's acquisitions and displays and there will be tours and history of the Isle of Valor.

DOTY ISLAND RUMMAGE SALE

Our society will again take part in the Doty Island rummage sale on Saturday, June 19 from 8:00 AM to noon. Bring your "goodies" to the Memorial Building any Monday between now and June 19th between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 noon. If you have any questions call Nancy Barker at 725-1441.

SUMMER

This is the last newsletter until late August. We hope you will have a busy, healthy, but restful summertime. Remember the Menasha Historical Society Museum and Resource Center is open every Monday from 9:30 to 12:30. We can always use a helping hand. There will also be summer activities in the park. Watch for newspaper announcements and take part. Watch for your September newsletter to arrive in late August to welcome you back. See you in September.

REMEMBER

During the summer, as you clean up your attic or basement, be on the lookout for treasures from the past which reflect Menasha's history. The Historical Society is a good place to help you save and remember your childhood or that of your grandparents. Why not share them with your community?

DID YOU REMEMBER?

Menasha built its new swimming pool at Jefferson Park?
You couldn't leave your yard because of the polio curfew?
Your family finally got your first black and white television set?
The Recreation Dept. "show wagon" appeared in your park and you appeared on stage?
Music playing on a cart announced the arrival of the "ice cream man"?
Your mom made you take swimming lessons, tennis lessons, and baseball?
Wasn't this supposed to be summer ?
Oh, well. There's always Boys Brigade Camp at Onaway!