

Carondelet Historical Society

THE BULLETIN

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WELCOME TO THE BULLETIN

The purpose of THE BULLETIN is to keep our members and friends up to date on the news and affairs of the Carondelet Historical Society. It will be issued in between issues of our NEWSLETTERS. The News letters are planned for March and September and the "Bulletin" will be issued for June and December.

WHAT'S NEW?

What has happened at the Carondelet Historical Society since the February Newsletter?

We received, from the estate of Jack and Betsy Maier over, 200 books about St. Louis and Missouri.

We are in the process of reviewing the recent collection of the Tesson family records dating back to the 1790's received in March.

We have joined the "American Association for State and Local History."

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Look at the books we have added to our collection see page 6

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HISTORIC SPEAKERS PROGRAMS

June 7 "The life of Susan Blow"

Researched, written, and produced by

Joseph "Red" Menius

Presented by John Remelius III"

July 26 "Famous-Barr" by Edna Campos
Gravenhorst

September 20

"The Grand Hotels of St. Louis"

by Patricia Treacy

PROHIBITION IN CARONDELET

One of the special collections of reference material in the library of the Carondelet Historical Society is that of the Carondelet News from 1900 to 1935.

The Carondelet News covered the major events of this time period, from a local stand point, in a well written and edited perspective. Along with the many local events, pertaining to neighborhood people, places and things, it covered major events such as, the women's right to vote, temperance, World War I, prohibition and the Great Depression.

The articles pertaining to prohibition have been retrieved, re-typed and filed in five volumes for reference use in our library.

It was obvious from the outset of the Volstead Act of 1919, becoming law, that two major factors were not seriously considered. One, the unemployment of the brewing industry and two the loss of tax revenues on the general economy. Other factors, while planned on exceeded costs, both in financial and human losses, were the maintenance and enforcement of prohibition.

The Carondelet News covered the local aspects such as of the loss of jobs, business and the attempts to run drink parlors and speak easies.

While the violation of the Volstead Act were wide spread throughout South St. Louis and South St. Louis County, individuals such as mom and pop enterprises to the notorious such as "Jelly Roll" Hogan, the Carondelet News coverage put a local flavor to the articles. Notable areas covered were, the South Broadway strip from the River Des Peres to Jefferson Barracks, Telegraph Road, Lemay Ferry Road, Heege Avenue, Green Park Road and South St. Louis (Carondelet area).

Some of the articles are humorous and clever, but most reflect the brutal lawlessness of the times; murders, robberies and the desire to make money at any cost. A deeper insight of the articles related to ordinary people, who lost the right to a glass of beer or wine as a tradition, to the law enforcement agents, local police and sheriffs, to the gangsters and criminal element and the measure of punishment.

The repeal of the Volstead Act in 1933 did not solve many problems, it just transferred them. It did do away with the prohibition enforcement agents, but the control of manufacturing, sales and taxation created the need for revenue agents, There were more stills and bootleg liquor in operation after repeal, than before. The use of counterfeit federal and state tax stamps, required stronger enforcement and regulation.

Rarely do you find a source of well written material on a local area, such as the Carondelet News.

Ron Bolte

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the HEART
of the
Carondelet Historical Society.

Without these individuals the 1873
Des Peres School Building would be
an empty, dirty, warehouse without
life or meaning and its existence
would be doomed.

Ken Bolte
Ron Bolte
David Bouchein
Bob Cloud
Grace Fernandez
Rich Fernandez
Kim Dopplick Gutknecht
Oscar Harper
NiNi Harris
Diane Hogan
Mary O'Niel Ludwig
John Martin
Susie McClimans
Tony Mendoza
Bee Parsons
Lou Perkins
Emma Prince
John Remelius
J.R. Remelius
Justin Remelius
Kristina Snyder
Mary Ann Simon
Kay Zimmer Stanford
Nick Stanford
Ross Wagner

BEQUEST

The Carondelet Historical Society has been extremely fortunate to have been the recipients of four bequests in the past two years two of which were very large.

The first of the two large bequests given by Lois Waninger saved the Des Peres School building. The roof was severely leaking and if not repaired, would have endangered the very existence of the building from additional damage and mold would have developed. The society did not have the money to repair the damage. The bequest, permitted the roof to be replaced, other repairs made to the 100 year old plumbing, replacing broken windows and electrical and other updates. Over \$300,000.00 has been spent from that bequest on those projects in the past 30 months. Without that bequest, Des Peres School could have become just another empty decaying building in St. Louis.

The second large bequest given by Doris Wolff has been invested, assuring the financial stabilization of the Carondelet Historical Society for many years. Our Investment committee is composed of Dave Bouchein, Chairman, Rich Fernandez, and Lou Perkins

Not-for-Profit organizations cannot exist only on dues, donations and fund raisers. They need bequests or rely on outside assistance for operating costs.

Operating cost, especially utilities, keep increasing every year and without the benefit of individuals remembering the Carondelet Historical Society in their will would seriously curtail the activities that we now enjoy.

KNOW THE FREDERICK W. BOUCHEIN LIBRARY

HOW INFORMATION IS FILED

Subject Information Files

Factors in developing the Subject Information system used in the Carondelet Historical Society library.

After investigation into other library systems (Dewey Decimal), Mohis, State of Missouri Historical Society and several industrial retrieval systems, all were too complex for the existing staff available at the time. We also wanted to computerize the system in the future but lacked funding and installation experience.

The staff being knowledgeable about the Carondelet area, took the natural path to file the material by subject, such as Carondelet Park, churches or schools.

The articles within each subject posed a problem. The initial articles could be filed in date sequence, with a sequential SA (Subject Article) number. But as additional material is received, the SA sequence numbers can not be held. A random inventory system was chosen. The subject articles would be linked to the Subject Information book by the computer system and filed in numerical order. This allows us to move ahead with the manual requirements of the system with our present staff.

Through a grant from the Orthwein Foundation, we were able to develop and purchase computer hardware and software. The grant also provided money to procure the services of a programmer to download the manual card information into the computer system. As an estimate at the present time we have over 30,000 articles in the system and a sizeable backlog.

Subject Information files consist of printed material, obits, news articles, scanned materials; everything but photographs. The basic steps are, receive, sort and protect material, identify, classify and file and then retrieval.

The PA (Photo Archive) system was designed the same way, along with the systems for tracking the vintage clothing and art work of the Society. We presently have over 20,000 photographs in the system.

At the present time our hard-book retrieval is by card file only, still to be computerized.

OUR VOLUNTEER NEEDS

LIBRARY

Assist individuals with their genealogical study

Enter information into the computer

Assist individuals seeking information about
Carondelet

Enter all books into the Computer System

Prepare additional SIs (see page 4)

Arrange for digitizing materials

TOURS

Be present to assist and answer questions during
tours.

Greet and give introduction to the Historical Society
& Susan Blow.

Arrange for additional tours from other organizations

OUTREACH

Write articles for "Bulletin"

Prepare new Brochures

Print & fold Brochures

Assist with mailings

Prepare Power Outreach Point programs

Prepare in house Power Point programs.

We are opened 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednes-
days, Fridays, and Saturday. On Sundays we are
opened from 12 noon until 3p.m.

We accommodate tour groups 7 days a week.

If you can spare a few hours a month, it would be
greatly appreciated. Some of the these needs, such
as writing articles, can be done at home.

100 YEAR AGO - JUNE 1915

Woodrow Wilson was President

Henry W. Kiel was Mayor of St. Louis

The West Point Class of 1915 became known as the
"The Class that The Stars Fell On" when 59 gradu-
ates became Generals.

The Browns would finish the year with 63 wins
and 19 losses. The Cardinals would finish with 17
wins and 81 losses.

WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN CARONDELET

The Carondelet Athletic Club and the Carondelet
News combined to host a contest in June of 1915.

THE MAN OF MYSTERY

The Carondelet News would list the location and
time where the Man of Mystery would be visiting
the following week. He was described as 5 feet 10
inches tall, 150 lbs. and about 38 years old.

The first person who said to him these exact
words; "You are the Carondelet Athletic Club's
Mysterious Man; my favorite paper is the Caronde-
let News", and have a copy of the latest issue of the
Carondelet News where the man can see the date
would win \$25.00 which in 1915 what was a con-
siderable sum, Consider, that in 1915 a man
earned \$13 a week and a woman earned \$6 a week,
\$25 was a lot of money.

This Man of Mystery appeared at various places
such as, Carondelet Park, Point Breeze Grove.,
Risch's Grove, Carondelet Airdome, Mannion's
Park, Michigan & Steins, Grand & Meramec, Vir-
ginia & Walsh, and Virginia & Loughborough. He
had a beer at Marin Reis' buffet and then stood in
front of Neumanns gent's furnishing goods store.

The Man of Mystery was "Captured" while
walking to the Virginia Airdome in the 3rd week
by E. L. Shaul. He was 25 year old.

NEW BOOKS PURCHASED THIS YEAR

From the Tom Weil Library Fund

Amazing St. Louis: 250 Years of Great Tales and Curiosities
Apostles of Disunion, Secession Commissioners and the Causes of the Civil War
Civil War in the Ozarks
Cottage Residents: A Series of Designs for Residents. (Reprint of 1847 cw)
Collecting of Civil War Trivia Junkie
Discovering African Americans, St. Louis , A Guide to Historical Sites
Down by the Gravois, The Photography of Richard Gauss
Empire by Collaboration: Indians, Colonists, and Government in Colonial Illinois
Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri - 6 volumes
Encyclopedia of the History of St. Louis - 4 volumes
Famous-Barr, St. Louis Shopping at its Finest
Founding St. Louis, First City of the New West
Jesse James, Last Rebel of the Civil War
Lies Across America, What our Historic Sites Get Wrong
Lies My Teacher Told me, Everything Your American History Textbook got wrong.
Priscilla & Babe.....Millionaire Bordello Madams
Rock Island Line
St. Louis Currents: The Bi-State Region After a Century of Planning
St. Louis Rising: The French Regime of Louis Ange deBellerive
St. Louis und Carondelet: Sonst und jetzt
The Burning Seal: Biography of Mother Mary Clara Pfaender
The Civil War in St. Louis
The Fireless Cook Book
The Half Has Never Been Told, Slavery and the Making of America Capitalism
The Journal of Speculative Philosophy - 22 Volumes
The Kindergarten: Address Delivered April 13, 1877 by Susan Blow
The Myth of Nations, The Medieval of Origins of Europe
The USS Carondelet, A Civil War Ironsides on the Western Waters
Trek of the Seven Sister: Diary of Sister Monica Corrigan
Uncle Toms Cabin (2nd Edition) (Norton Critical Editions)
Voyage in a Six-Oared Skiff to the Falls of Saint Anthony in 1817
Webster Groves (Images of America)

Genealogical Contents of the Frederick Bouchein Library

1869 Carondelet Tax Records
1870 Carondelet Tax Records
1870—1985 City Directories
1912 St. Louis City Plat Book
1912 St. Louis County Plat Book
The Delor Family Papers
Over 100 Genealogical collections
Articles of incorporation of the Village of
Carondelet 1832—1870
Tens of Thousands of photographs
Records from local organizations dating
to the 1800's
The Tesson Family Papers dating to
1790's
Early maps of the area
Encyclopedia of History of St. Louis
1899
Encyclopedia of History of Missouri
1901
Many Historic St. Louis and Missouri
books
Subject Information Files (SI's)
Various Cemetery Lists

DECEASED MEMBERS

We have lost these members since
September 14, 2014

Louise Barnes
Marilyn Chenot
Elsie Corona
Richard Federer
Terry Federer
Christ Hrastich
Benton Hurst
Shirley Khoury
Laura Orthwein, Sr.
June Norman
Anne Schwartz
Loris Weber

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome the new members since
September 14, 2014

8th Inning
Aimee Borders (Life)
Aaron Borders (Life)
Carondelet U.C.C.
Pamela Phillips Danklef
Discover St. Louis (Life)
Mary Springer Ferranto (Life)
Jack G. Grothe
Kim Gutknecht
Eugene Hughes
J. K. Pully Co. Inc
Leonard Koch
Sharon Koch
Landmarks Assoc. of St. Louis
L. K. Leasing Co. Inc.
Susie McCliman
Dan Ryan
Ned Schatzman
Rev. Carl Scheble
Andy Schwartz
William Shannon
Charles Shoup
Beth Simon (Life)
Ken Simon (Life)
Jean Springer Skates (Life)
Lawrence Tayon
Robert Walrond
Daniel Winkellmann

WHAT IS NEXT

Here is a list of items that are either being done at this time or will require attention in the near future.

Remodel the 2nd floor bathroom.

Provide room for storage on the 2nd floor

Remove the metal brackets on the front of building over the front door.

Tuckpoint near the roof on the south side of the building.

Remove paint from the bricks on the sides of the original Des Peres School building.

Plaster the ceiling and walls on 2nd floor

Obtain additional volunteers

Additional Power Point Programs

Additional speakers on historical subjects

Additional brochures

Remodel office

Inventory all books and enter into computer system

Enter Genealogical family files into computer system

Enter all other records, collections. Miscellaneous items into computer system.

Update computer system

The list goes on and on and

WHAT IS THE CARONDELET HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

The Carondelet Historical Society is a 501© 3 Not-For-Profit organization incorporated in the State of Missouri. It is directed by a 12 member Board of Directors elected by the general membership at its annual meeting to a three year term. The Board meets monthly to transact the business of the organization as directed by its By-laws.

We do not receive money from the Federal, State, or St. Louis City governments.

We do not have any paid employees.

We operate on membership dues, donations, fund raising activities, and most importantly bequest.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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