

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

November 2007

LHS Meeting and Presentation: Tuesday, November 27th

The History of Pinco

by Donald Powell

with exhibit of Ken Willick's insulator collection



Early View of Pinco: Porcelain Insulator Corporation, Lima, New York.

The Lima Historical Society is fortunate in having Donald G. Powell, former executive of Pinco Insulator Company, as featured speaker for this month's general meeting on November 27th at 7:30 PM at the Lima Court House. Mr. Powell will give an illustrated talk on the history of this large Lima manufacturing facility, which was first built in the very early 1900's, burned shortly thereafter, was rebuilt in 1920, and continued to employ many Lima residents until closing its doors in 1993. Ken Willick will also be on hand with an exhibit of his extensive collection of the various types of insulators made by Pinco. Both men are Lima residents.

Please join us to learn more about this local industry and its important role in Lima's history.

Tuesday, November 27th: 7:30 PM
Lima Court House on East Main Street in Lima (next to the Town Hall)

Open to the public
Admission Free

LHS Calendar of Events

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- Sunday, November 11th** **Reception in Honor of Lima Veterans. Immediately following Veterans' Day Ceremony at Lima Court House (11:00AM).**
- Tuesday, November 27th** **Lima Historical Society General Meeting . "The History of Pinco" by Donald Powell . With display of Ken Willick's collection of Pinco products. Lima Court House: 7:30 PM.**
- Coming in the Spring** **Special Event - History and Tour of Masonic Temple in Lima- Hosted by the Lima Masons**

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Thank You !!

Thank you to all who have recently renewed their memberships in the Lima Historical Society. We encourage all other annual members to renew now, too, in order to help our new membership chair, Sherlee Ruth, bring our membership rolls into good order. According to the new dues structure recently enacted, all annual memberships will now come due on the same date, January 1st of each year. **Memberships renewed now are valid through the end of next year--December 2008.** You may have received a letter from Sherlee with the details. Please try to renew as promptly as possible.

HISTORY OF THE LIMA PUBLIC LIBRARY Part II

(see Part I in September 2007 *Yellow Wasp*)

by Mabel Jenks (1976)

The building on Rochester Street in which the library was located for 45 years has had an interesting and unusual history. The original brick building was erected in 1875 by Robert Beale and his son Henry. It was used successively as the Town Hall, a two-cell jail, and the community voting place. In 1921 the Town board authorized the enlargement of the old jail building by the addition of a room to the rear, remodeling of the front part, and a small basement room to house heating, storage, and toilet facilities. Benjamin O. Beale was the contractor in charge of the work. He was the son of Henry Beale and the grandson of Robert Beale who built the original structure. The librarian at the time was his wife, Mrs. Mamie T. Beale, who remained in charge of the library for 41 years, until 1962 when Miss Jeannette Erbe succeeded her. In 1923, the library was moved into its own quarters in this building, which provided excellent space with good shelving. It was considered more than adequate for any future expansion. As time passed, and during the many years from a very small beginning with 50 books, the library had grown to a stock numbering more than 11,000 with a corresponding growth of borrowers and patrons, and again it was "bursting at the seams." Larger quarters and adequate parking spaces became acutely necessary.

A public spirited citizen, Mrs. Belle Chapin Tenny, brought t... of \$40,000 to be used for the construction of a new public libra... Museum Volunteers Needed

With the larger facilities the new building provides, there are... We are looking for volunteers to help in dismantling and rehousing the exhibit of historic hats that we have had on display at the Tennie Burton Museum this summer. This marvelous selection of old hats, dating from the 1830's to the 1960's, will have to be carefully inventoried, records updated with new information, and hats repacked for safe storage. If you are able to help with this or other tasks at the museum, please contact Martha Sempowski at 624-2626. It will be greatly appreciated.

And so, briefly, this is an outline of the history of the Lima Public Library, a public service started so many years ago,

Lima Historical Society Cookbook We Still Need More Contributors and More Recipes

The cookbook project is moving right along, but in need of more contributors and more recipes to make it the successful fundraiser that we envision. You do not have to be a member to contribute; everyone is welcome. So please, send us a couple recipes if you have not done so already, and pass the form along to your friends to encourage them to be part of this Lima project. We are in particular need of main dishes and salads. Have you a favorite?

Please fill out the enclosed recipe form and either:

Mail to: Cookbook Committee

OR

Online Login for recipe entry:

<http://www.tymonova.com/>

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