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ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

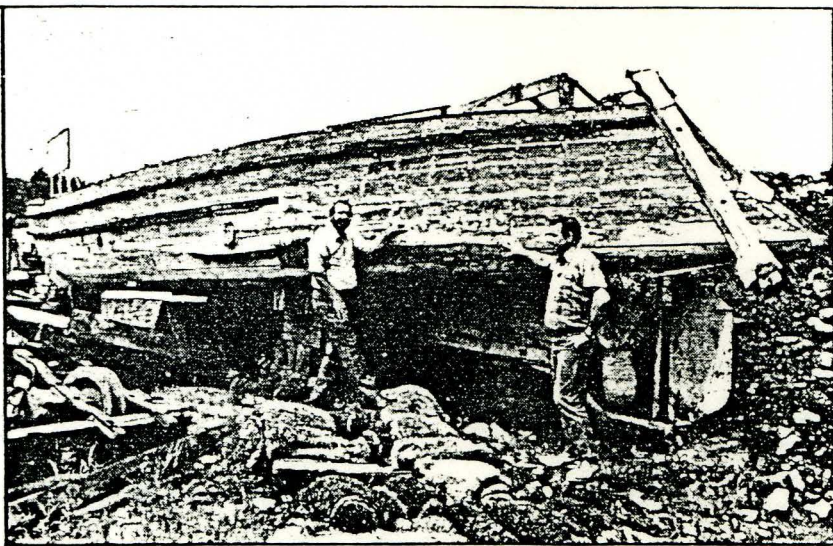
The next meeting of the Westonka Historical Society will be the Annual Meeting and election of officers for the coming year. The meeting will be held at the Surfside Restaurant in Mound at 7:30 p.m., Monday, September 16th.

There will also be a progress report on the historic marker to be erected in Mound, and items to be discussed at this meeting. All members are urged to be present.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

It has been a busy summer for all of us and this is the first Newsletter to be sent out since last April. However, we have continued to meet each month and have had many interesting meetings and speakers.

THE HULL OF THE "MINNEHAHA" WHICH WAS SUNK IN 1926 AND RAISED BY BILL NICCUM IN 1980:



At our meeting in May, on Monday, May 21st, our guest speaker was Bill Bedford, who is a history professor at St. Paul Bible College. The subject of his talk was what future generations will want to know about us - what historians 50 years from now will ask and what we should be doing to preserve history of the present day.

On June 18th, Dave Nystuen of the Minnesota Historical Society spoke about historical signs and markers. He was asked if the State would pay for putting up a marker in Mound regarding the discovery of Lake Minnetonka, and he said he felt they would. John Burger contacted Russell Fridley, Director of the State Historical Society, and asked him to speak at our next meeting.

On July 9th we had a special meeting at which Russell Fridley informed us that the State definitely would pay for such a marker, and plans were made for preparation of text for this sign.

At our meeting on July 16th, Bill Niccum of the Minnetonka Portable Dredging Co. told us about raising of the "Minnehaha" which was sunk in 1926. Jack Burch showed video tapes of the raising. On July 23rd several of our members went to Excelsior to see this boat.

On August 20th, Mildred Banks read the text prepared for the marker, and Eileen Bovard was asked to draw a map of Lake Minnetonka for this marker, to include the old streetcar boat routes, old hotels, etc.

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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE WESTONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, JULY 16, 1984, AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE SURFSIDE RESTAURANT IN MOUND. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

THE BOARD MEETING WILL BE AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE SAME DATE.