



Heritage

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Wayne Wheeler, the architect of Prohibition, lies in Green Lawn

When 24-year-old Wayne B. Wheeler went to work in 1894 for Howard Hyde Russell and his Ohio Anti-Saloon League, the state had 11,240 saloons. Nationally, there were 250,000 bars, breweries and distilleries.

He would fight Demon Rum the rest of his life as the chief legal and political architect of the state and national leagues' relentless campaign that turned Ohio "dry" and then won ratification of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors.

When death in 1927 at age 57 ended his battle, the *Washington Post* said in an editorial: "Politicians matched wits with Wheeler and found him a master at their own game...No other private citizen of the United States has left such an impression upon national history."

The *Cincinnati Enquirer*, a longtime Wheeler foe, wrote: "He was the strongest political force of his day. No champion of the wet cause was ever found capable to contest with him any problem of prohibition. The wets hated and maligned him, but found him always to be invincible."

Wheeler grew up in rural Trumbull County in northeastern Ohio, the son of a cattle dealer. He worked his way through Oberlin College and while heading the Cleveland district of the Anti-Saloon League finished law school at Western Reserve University. He came to Columbus in 1898 as league counsel.

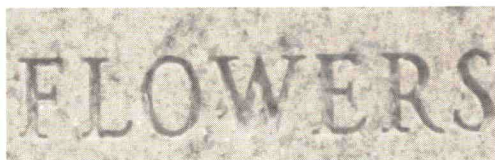
Named superintendent of the increasingly powerful Ohio league in 1903, he first drew national attention with the defeat in 1905 of Ohio Gov. Myron Herrick for watering down legislation providing for local veto on saloons in residential districts. Three years later, he won a county local-option law that within two years dried up 58 counties.

He drafted hundreds of municipal temperance ordinances and was involved in more than 2,000 Ohio court cases, arguing several in the U.S. Supreme Court.

He departed Ohio in 1915 for Washington to take over as legal counsel of the Anti-Saloon League of America and in 1919 became the league's legislative superintendent. He drafted the Volstead Act implementing the Prohibition amendment.

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Award-winning documentary artist Ken Burns' work on Prohibition will air this fall on PBS as a three-part, five-and-one-half-hour series. Check your local listings for date and time. Watch for Green Lawn Cemetery to be mentioned in the credits.



Puzzle

Flowers are displayed so prominently at Green Lawn, but this one is special. I'm sure some long-time Columbus residents will recognize this name. Check page 3 to see if you were correct.

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President's Message



Green Lawn's Board and Staff invite you to be among the hundreds of friends and family members who will visit the cemetery during the summer months. With your support, we have maintained and repaired treasured historical monuments, and we are continuously working to enhance and preserve the arboreal, horticultural and birding significance of Green Lawn Cemetery for the education of future generations — and for your enjoyment today!

We will also continue working over the summer to influence decision makers regarding the responsible redevelopment of Cooper Stadium. It is so important that those of us who support Green Lawn Cemetery and the surrounding neighborhoods take every opportunity to discuss the issue with members of Columbus City Council, the Development Commission and administration officials. You will continue to be provided with updates through this newsletter and special mailings, and I encourage you to contact me if you have questions or suggestions. Public input will weigh heavily in the decision-making process and the combined, concerned voices of our Board, Staff, Donors and Volunteers will deliver a mighty "ROAR" and a thoughtful message about preserving the natural environment of Green Lawn.

I do have a message for our Volunteers: Thank you for all of the time, effort and treasure you contribute to keeping Green Lawn beautiful! It takes many hours and many hands, and readers can get a glimpse of the Volunteers at work in the following pages. The work of our Green Lawn Volunteers is priceless.

Wishing you a lovely summer and hoping to see you in our Very Special Park!

Christina Brown

Donation Creates Grove

Special thanks go to David Voyles, a long-time friend of Green Lawn, who has graciously donated and planted seven trees, the start of a beech grove, at the cemetery. He is the owner of Wildflower Farm and a local landscaper.

Last fall he planted seven fernleaf beeches in Sections 40 and 52 along Brown Road. This is the start of his project to plant seven trees a year for seven years. Each year he will plant a different variety of beeches.

Planting a beech grove has long been a goal of his and Green Lawn is fortunate to be the recipient. Residents who live on Brown Road opposite those sections will also have a nicer view since there aren't many trees along the fence row.

Thanks again for your generosity, David.

DURING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, OUR
GATES ARE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Your Contributions are Welcome

Green Lawn's Fiscal Year 2010-2011 annual campaign comes to a close June 30. The Board carefully considers priorities when setting fundraising goals and we appreciate everyone's help in providing the critical dollars needed to keep Green Lawn beautiful. Annual campaign contributions will be gratefully acknowledged in the Fall issue of the *Heritage* newsletter, but for now I have been asked by the ten volunteer members of Green Lawn's Development Committee to convey a sincere "THANK YOU" to each of our donors – the generous new friends and loyal supporters of Green Lawn!

Molly Morris, Chair
Development Committee

Puzzle

Long-time Columbus residents will no doubt remember Sally Flowers in the early days of television. She was hostess of the program on WLW-C (now WCMH-TV, Channel 4) *Meetin' Time at Moore's*, a variety show. Sally's real name was Lillian Nixon and she is buried in Section 111.



Wayne Wheeler and Clarence Darrow debate Prohibition on a radio broadcast

Cooper Stadium Update

The issue of what to do with the vacant Cooper Stadium has moved to City Hall.

As this edition of *Heritage* is being written, a public hearing is scheduled before several members of City Council. This is another step in the long process to re-zone the area for a race track, an automotive center, and commercial and office development. This public hearing was held Tuesday, June 21, at City Council Chambers.

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Wheeler also spoke often across the country. In 1926, he debated fellow Ohioan Clarence Darrow on national radio, telling Darrow to “quit welching,” be a good sport and obey the law or proceed in the only legal and constitutional manner to get rid of the 18th Amendment.

In declining health, he retreated with wife Ella Belle in summer 1927 to their cottage on Lake Michigan to recuperate. On Aug. 13, she was fatally burned in a gas stove explosion in their kitchen. Her father, Columbus businessman Robert Candy, seeing her in flames, died of a heart attack.

Weak and in shock, Wheeler went to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, where he died on Sept. 5.

In a 1928 biography, Justin Steuart, onetime league publicist, wrote of Wheeler: “(He) controlled six Congresses, dictated to two Presidents of the United States, directed legislation in most states of the union, picked the candidates for the more important elective state and federal offices, held the balance of power in both Republican and Democratic parties, distributed more patronage than any dozen other men, supervised a federal bureau from the outside without official authority and was recognized by friend and foe alike as the most masterful and powerful single individual in the United States.”

Wheeler is buried in Green Lawn in Section M, Lot 270.

Our thanks to Bill Merriman of the Westerville Historical Society for this article on Wayne Wheeler. Merriman, a long-time journalist, will be the featured speaker for the Sept. 3 First Saturday at Green Lawn program where he will share more information about Wayne Wheeler.

Calendar of Events

First Saturday at Green Lawn, held the first Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. in the Huntington Chapel, takes a look at the lives of people interred here. Programs are free and open to the public

July 9 — First Saturday at Green Lawn. Beth Santore, who organized the Ohio chapter of Association for Gravestone Studies, will talk about this group and what she has learned at Green Lawn.

August 6 — First Saturday at Green Lawn. In observance of Green Lawn's 163rd anniversary, special tours will begin at 9 a.m.

September 3 — First Saturday at Green Lawn. Bill Merriman of the Westerville Historical Society addresses "Prohibition!"

October 1 — First Saturday at Green Lawn. The Rev. Tim Aherns, pastor of the First Congregational Church, will present a program about one of his predecessors, the Rev. Washington Gladden.

October 25 — Make a Difference Day. Numerous projects can be done to help prepare Green Lawn for the winter. Volunteer projects can be done from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 614-266-5218.

November 5 — First Saturday at Green Lawn. Former social studies teacher Mike Schoenfeld talks about World War I.

November 6 — Return to Eastern Standard Time. Gates will close at 5 p.m.

November 11 — Veterans Day.

December 3 — First Saturday at Green Lawn. Barbara Powers of the Ohio Historical Society speaks on architect Frank L. Packard.

Volunteers Work Hard

Central Ohio experienced extreme weather conditions this spring. The months of April and May left the area with record rainfall! The high winds during storms meant a lot of work to be done in Green Lawn.

But thanks to the great volunteer effort in Franklin County, Green Lawn was looking spiffy by Memorial Day, the largest visitation period of the year.

HandsOn Central Ohio staged a recruitment effort for April 16, National Volunteer Day. Keep Columbus Beautiful spearheaded the Earth Day work April 23. Join Hands Day brought out more volunteers May 7. The Young Adult Division of the Columbus Jewish Federation had a group at Green Lawn for its day of volunteerism May 22.

Volunteers picked up tree debris throughout the 360 acres, and got several sections of the fence along Brown Road painted. Grass and dirt were cleared away from markers flush to the ground in many sections and shrubs were trimmed. Volunteers cleaned inside the Huntington Chapel and helped to research people buried at the cemetery. Cub Scout Pack 82 from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Grove City came out Memorial Day weekend to greet visitors and distribute questionnaires to our many visitors.

Still more work remains to be done. To learn how you can lend a hand, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 614-266-5218 or through email at sandlot17@juno.com.

A member of the Young Adult Division of the Columbus Jewish Federation works on a marker during a day of volunteerism.



Spring Storm Damage



A storm that roared through central Ohio the first weekend in June caused severe damage in many areas, including Green Lawn Cemetery. Thirty trees were damaged, including our State Champion Black Maple in Section D. A portion of that stately tree snapped, falling onto the road between Sections C and D. Several other trees were similarly hit. Damage has been estimated at \$23,000. Numerous area residents responded to a plea for volunteers to help clean up tree debris much like they did when Hurricane Ike hit the area with high winds in 2008.

Memorial Day 2011



Rep. Steve Stivers, a Republican from Columbus whose district includes Green Lawn, spoke at the American Legion's annual Memorial Day program on Section 104. Members of the American Legion Post 1 cosponsor this program with Green Lawn Cemetery, and also place flags on graves of veterans. The two members at the left put the flag at the grave of General Bush, a brother of Samuel Prescott Bush, a member of the presidential Bush family.



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