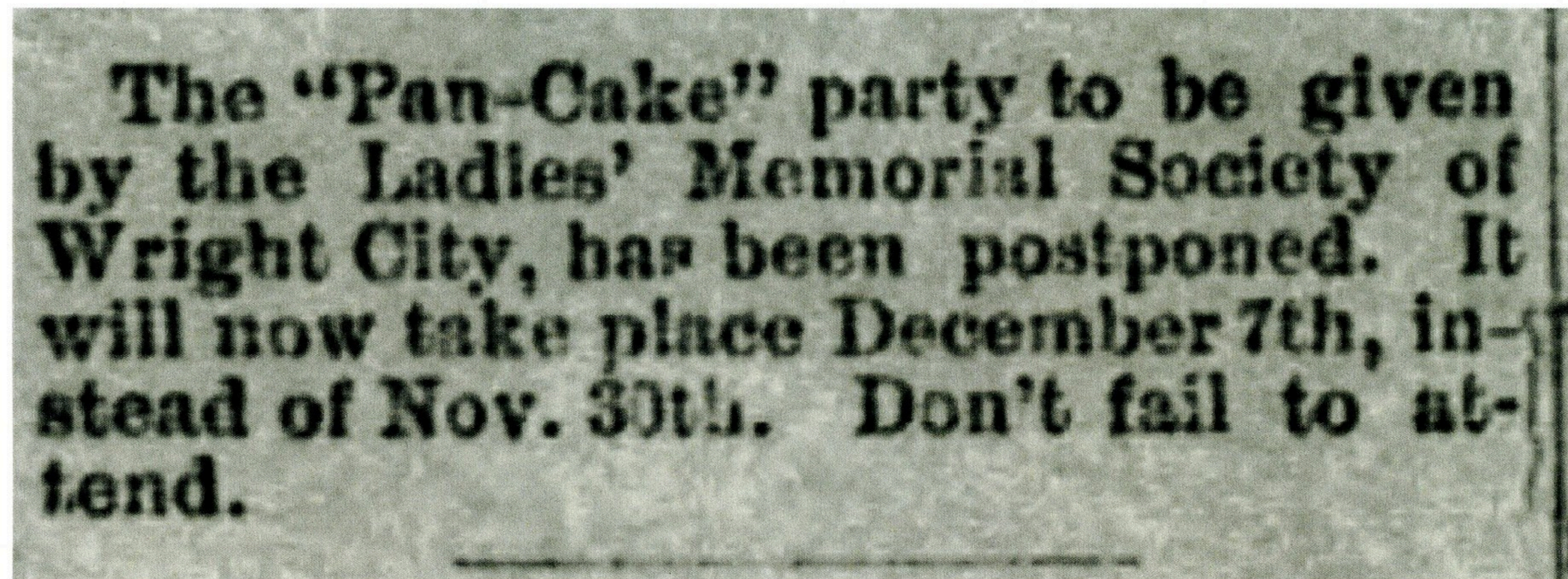


An 1895 "Pan-Cake Party"

The Society has long been involved in various endeavors to raise money to fund projects in the Wright City Cemetery. In the past two years, our primary fundraiser has been the sale of breaded pork tenderloin sandwiches at the First Friday on First Street and Strassenbash events, and we thank all who have stopped by our booth and purchased a sandwich.

Back in 1895, Society members held a "pan-cake party" to raise money. We learned about this event through a news clipping found in the November 29, 1895, issue of *The Warrenton Banner*. It is reprinted here.



We wish we knew where this party was held and what exactly it was but these five lines from the newspaper are all we have about the event. The party may have been held in a church basement or maybe Nieburg's Hall. We might assume they served pancakes but maybe a "pan-cake party" is very different from the pancake breakfasts or suppers often held nowadays as fundraisers. A "party" brings to mind that perhaps games, music or some other form of entertainment were part of the festivities. If you have any ideas, please share them.

Whatever it was and wherever it was held, we can be sure "a good time was had by all"!