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Presbyterian Church, 6474 Beechmont, unless otherwise noted

Looking Ahead

MARCH 5 - ANNUAL MEETING - DINNER - ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Reservations are required for the dinner which will be served at 6:30 pm. The price is $4.50 per person. Reservations will be accepted until March 1 WHY NOT DO IT NOW! Call; Cora Pandorf, 231-0705; Alice Taylor, 231-7225; Edna Othling, 231-7353; Dorothy Weiderstein, 231-0512.
The Nominating Committee will present the following for your consideration: President, Elizabeth Kuhlman(Mrs. Willard); Vice-President, James W Hutton; Secretary, Nola Stimpert(Mrs. Ray): Treasurer, James King; Trustees, (3 year term), Paul J Gilwa and Nancy Rimmer. Other nominations may be made from the floor.
Do you have a favorite superstition? Perhaps you will hear about it in the program to be presented on that subject by Mr. L K Patton, an Advertising Executive and Past President of the Northern Kentucky Historical Society.

APRIL 2 - Whether or not you have been a part of, or a spectator at, a court trial, we are sure that you will find the Mock Trial presented by the Cincinnati Bar Association an interesting and educational program.

MAY 7 - Music ala Porter-Rogers-Hammerstein, and perhaps a sprinkling of Gilbert and Sullivan will constitute the program of Tom Benignus and Pat Matchett.

Meeting Cancellation - Due to the predicted heavy snowfall and condition of the parking lot, the February meeting was cancelled at a late hour. We regret that some members did not hear the radio announcments or otherwise learn of the change. The next time that we have unusual weather problems that may interfer with a meeting we suggest that you call one of the officers and pass the word on to anyone who you know that might be planning to attend.

A SURVEY OF THE PAST:
As we tear off the calendar pages and near the end of our fiscal year it is good to stop for a while and review our events and activities of the year.
First: We moved our meeting place to a larger and more convenient hall at the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church. This being due to larger attendance and outstanding programs and the need for more parking space. We do thank the Salem Methodist Church for all the time they allowed us to meet there.
During February a T-V commercial was filmed at the Log House.
March saw us on a bus trip to Savannah, Georgia, and having our bus borrowed overnight for a joy ride by persons unknown who were apparently over-celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Also on March we had a mini-one-day trip to the Cincinnati Historical Society, the Cincinnati Art Museum and Carey Cottage.
The spring cleaning of the Log House attracted many willing workers who had the place in tip top shape for the Spring Opening on April 7.
May 4th and 5th saw us on a two day trip to Marietta, Ohio, and a visit to Campus Martius and the Fenton Glass Works.
The annual plant sale was well attended and turned in a profit of better than $200.00.
During the spring the roofs of the corn crib and barn were repaired and painted and a new roof was put on the shed/kitchen. New gutters were installed on the brick house and painting was done in the basement. The contractor started hand splitting the white oak shingles and applying them to the roof of the Log House and also repairing and replacing the chinking between the logs. The parking lots were repaired and resurfaced and a new split rail fence w as put put up along the parking lot.
Pioneer Day on June 16th was well received and a lot of interest was shown as well as a profit of almost $60.00.
The Secretary reported a paid membership of 441 members.
At the July picnic/meeting the mortgage on the property was burned.
The August trip to the Showboat was attended by a busload of members. Other members made a trip on the Delta Queen, although it was not a Society sponsored event.

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A booklet telling of the a ctivities of the Society during the past ten years, listing the current members names and the monthly programs was published.
A one day trip took in the Taft Home, the Taft Museum and Christ Church in an interesting and informative tour.
The Repository Committee (newly named the Accessions Committee) has spent hours and hours of work in surveying, listing and cataloging our possesions.
The Country Store was a tremendous success, despite the weather. The attendance and receipts were the best ever. The net figure was almost $8000.
The cistern at the brick house was drained and a door and window were cut into the walls. A wood floor, carpeted; a drop ceiling; wall paneling; lights and heat were installed and now we have an attractive and usable office/library/research room that we have needed very much.
The Christmas Open House was an outstanding success, taking in well over $800, which proves that our members are aware as to just what people want to buy.
All the repairs and improvements of the property have been accomplis hed by the use of current funds. The mortgage on the property has been paid off and except for current bills the Society is entirely free of debt. Recently we received the check for the $2500 Federal grant that we have waited for so long.
Our gratitude and appreciation go out to all of you who have worked so ha rd to make all these things possible.
We have intentionally avoided mentioning names for concern about ignoring deserving people and also we are aware of work and projects that deserve mention but lack of space restricts their inclusion.
Our kindest, warm personal regards to all of you.

Sincerely
Wilbur F Wolfer, President

Indiana Here We Come:
On Friday May 2, a tour group will be boarding a chartered bus for Indianapolis, returning on Saturday. We will be visiting the Childrens Museum and the Indy 500 Speedway in Indianapolis, Conner Prairie Pioneer Se ttlement in Noblesville and the Sherman House in Batesville. The cost is $47.00 per person including lodging of two persons per room museum fees, all meals and the bus fare. Full payment will be due at the April meeting (April 2), with a $10.00 deposit payable by March 5. Mail checks, payable to ATHS Tour to James Kinf, 7526 Heatherwood Lane, Cincinnati, Oh. 45230

Co-ordinator Change:
Marge Frame, who has held this post since it was established and has done a bang-up job, has asked to be relieved of those duties. Ruth Smith has agreed to accept this important position, subject to confirmation by the Board of Trustees. (No doubt of this)

With the completion of the new room -as detailed above - it is hoped that in the not too distant future we can establish a regular schedule of OPEN periods. That will depend on how many volunteers can be found to staff the operation.

Cincinnati Neighborhood Studies Program:
ATHS members who live in postal zones 30 and 44 will find a questionaire enclosed with the Surveyor this month. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and bring it to the March meeting or mail it to Linda Scheper, 6655 Foster Av., Cin., oh. 45230. In addition to the 300 plus forms mailed to members, we hope to collect an equal number from other residents of Anderson township (including, of course, Mt. Washington, Newtown and California). When compiled, the data should give us an informative profile of our residents -- where they came from, why they chose to live here, why they think this is a great (or not so great) place to live, etc. You can help us by filling out the questionaire and returning it. Thank you. Linda Scheper.

The above is only one aspect of the project. Several other members are actively engaged in other phases of our history - Medical, Will Wolfer; Church, Edwina Rees/Cora Pandorf; Finance, Fred Heis; Transportation, Ardelle Ertel/ Roland Lowery. They will appreciate any help you can give them. There are other areas of research that need investigation - Communications, Housing, Recreation, Families, etc. Come on folks, jump in!

The Early Bird Gets The .....
Perhaps it seems early - but the spring and summer will pass all too quickly, and much can be done before the last few weeks prior to this very important event, and so we bring you the following for your very serious consideration. (May we suggest that you save this page - put it on y our bulletin board or desk for reference as to needs, and who to contact)

Country Store - 1980
We thank all of you who made last year's Country Store a sucess. How ever, we feel that with the large membership which we enjoy, there must be many members who are hiding their light under a bushel. We strongly urge those of you who are able and have time to come forward and become more involved in Country Store.
As our major money making project it does entail a great amount of work, but with enough helping hands it can be a satisfying experience for all and a burden to none. Please let us know what you would like to do. Perhaps you have a favorite item which you would enjoy making. We are eager for new ideas so please make your favorite for us.
Your donations of materials and time are much needed and if you are able to give time only, we have materials available for you.
The department chairmen and their needs are listed below.

STITCHERY - Bernice Dunham, 231-7885 Katie Richard, 232-8810
We need workers to do hand work such as crewel, cross stitch, needlepoint, crocheting and knitting (children's mittens and gloves)
Workers to do machine sewing.
workers to make their favorite items.
Donations of yarn & embroidery floss, fabric (velvet, satin, calico prints)

STUFFED TOYS - Phyllis Young 232-6727
Workers to make stuffed toys.
Fabric.

DRIED MATERIAL - Peggy Duckett, 232-2955 Hi Shick, 231-1842
Workers needed for contrived flowers & pine cone arrangements
Pine cones
Baskets and containers for flowers

JAMS & JELLIES - Mary McClughen, 231-9486 Mildred Lucas, 231-4849
This department needs HELP and we do mean help! For too long the burden has remained on just a few. We never have enough jam and jelly, or pickers, or jelly makers or processors, so do please come forward and offer whatever help you can in this department.
Please return any Quilted Country Store jelly jars that you may have.

FARMERS MARKET - Eloise & Fred Heis, 231-6859 Jane & Cliff Reeder, 231-7008
Grow for us!

CHILDRENS STORE - Pauline Silwa, 232-5225 Sandra Brown, 474-3968
Sahah Rigert, 474-2160
We need workers to make items for children.

COB WEB CORNER - Bob & Marie Anderson, 231-8822 Erv & Margarite Groppenbecker 231-7631
We can store items in the barn so clean out your closets anytime.

WOODWORK - Willard Kuhlman, 231-0575
You men (and ladies too), come on - Willard needs ideas and handy hands.

BAKERY - Edith McCabe, 231-5965 Alice Canter, 231-5801

POP CORN - Carol Motz, 231-6567

PUBLICITY - Toni & Bill Strayer, 231-9393

CHEESE - Judy Radcliff, 231-1703

TRAFFIC - Jim Hutton, 231-0653

FOOD - Ruth Clark, 231-6546

CONTACT COMMITTEE - Edwina Rees, 231-8698

EQUIPMENT - Red Lowery, 231-5169

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Listed below are items that can be stored in the basement of the brick house. When these items are "on sale" please contribute what you can.
Sugar
Cooking oil
Peanut butter
Celery seed
Paprika
Cinnamon
Nutmeg
Honey

Again our sincere thanks to all of you who made Country Store a success in the past and with your good help, we look forward to another successful year.

Ruth Clark - Chairman 231-6546

Co-Chairmen
Luella Copp 231-0374
Barb Christman 232-1299
Judy Radcliff 231-1703

Our Membership Roster has been enriched by the addition of:

Mrs. Ruth Bolan 2057 Sutton Ave. Cin. Oh. 45230
Mrs Marc F Brockman 2516 Wenatchee Lane Cin. Oh. 45230
Mrs Margaret Carter 1555 Brandon Ave. Cin. Oh. 45230
Mrs. Inez E Check 6304 Cambridge Ave. Cin. Oh. 45230
Natalie Y Dragoo 3727 Belmont Ave. Cin. Oh. 45227
Norman & Grace Hill 4109 Independence Dr. Cin. Oh. 45230
Mrs. June Flick 6122 Glade Ave. Cin. Oh. 45230
Phillip & Betty Kleinfelter 1148 Stormy Way Cin. Oh. 45230
Stephen Langshaw 1465 Nagel Rd. Cin. Oh. 45230
Vera M Nash 7524 Ginger Lane Cin. Oh. 45244
Emily R Neal 2057 Sutton Ave. Cin. Oh. 45230
Charles & Betty Roeher 6610 Glade Ave. Cin. Oh. 45230
Mrs. H K Sharp 6627 Coffey St. Cin. Oh. 45230
C K Sherman 6777 High Meadows Dr. Cin. Oh. 45230
Fred & Ruth Stoffregen 8065 Cabinet Cir. Cin. Oh. 45244

In Time Past:
Country people made their own charcoal. Pieces of wood were either cross laid or arranged teepee fashion with wet leaves and sod as a covering, and a small hole for draft - and for watching the progress of charring. It took three days and nights for a mound to char completely. When finished the pile of charcoal simply collapsed within the mound, then the sod covering was removed. This was the only coal known in the early days and was needed for blacksmith work. The very fine powder and "charcoal meal" was saved for cleaning teeth and for the medicine chest.