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Regular meeting held first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM
Presbyterian Church, 6474 Beechmont, unless otherwise noted

Well here we are again, down to the last few days of another year! We can hope that old bloated 1980 will pass on without any last minute violent convulsions and that the "new kid on the block" will try to stay on a reasonable, less expensive diet during his reign.

We keep wondering, more and more as the years go by, who in heck is tending the store at the North Pole when the "big guy" in the bright red suit is making earlier and earlier visits, by means of helicopter, parachute, hot air balloon, stage coach, etc., to the multitude of shopping malls, stores and botiques. What ever became of Rudolph, the Red Nose and his bunch?

At the December 3rd meeting, the Bell Ringers from the Mt. Washington Presbyterian church, directed by Wylene Davies, will present a musical treat. Please oil up your tonsils, as we plan to have a "sing-a-long" of Christmas Carols.

The program of the January 7th meeting will feature Robert Harrison, director of the Cincinnati Fire Museum. He will tell us about the museum collection and department history.

Township history will be the topic of the program on February 4th, presented by Roland Lowery, Chairman of the Research Committee.

Enclosed with this issue is a note regarding the Open House on December 6 and 7. How about putting it on your calendar or bulletin board. Bernice Dunham, who has charge of the cookie/candy sales, asks that such items that anyone has for her can be brought to the Log House on Friday (5th), or pick up can be made, on request. She also would appreciate a call from those who have sugar or butter, for making these goodies. Call her at 231-7885.

In conjunction with the Open House there will be an opportunity to see the results of research on churches in Anderson township. Some of our members have been doing this work as part of the Neighborhood Studies Project of the Cincinnati Historical Society. This will be in the Library. (Brick house, lower level)

We understand that the grant to the Cincinnati Society, from the National Endowment for the Humanities, has been extended, affording further opportunity for those of you who would like to participate in researching other facets of township history, such as schools, medical services, business, transportation, housing development, communications, roads and streets, family histories, etc. The Cincinnati Society will help by providing advice, expertise and facilities to those who take part. If you would like to work, as an individual, or with others, in any phase of this project, please contact R. Lowery.

Other neighborhood groups have been outdoing us in this project, so it behooves us to get busy to protect our name as one of the outstanding historical organizations of the state. We know that many of you are capable of doing this kind of thing, so come on, get involved!

Jim King is planning another tour, scheduled for May 1 and 2. This will be by chartered bus to the Tuscarawas Valley in eastern Ohio, and will include visits to Schoenbrunn Village, a reconstruction of Ohio's first town (1772); Roscoe Village, an Ohio and Erie canal town of 1830; and Warther's Museum, of whittlers art, in Dover. More information will be given in the next (March) issue of Surveyor.

Recently we were the victims of a "rip-off" when some "patriot" filched the National Emblem from our flag pole at the Log House. Irvin Menchoffer has very generously donated a replacement.
THANK YOU, Irv.

The Log House tour guides have had a very busy time. In the first part of November, in six days, eight groups of school children; four from Newtown and four from Maddux, numbering more than 200, visited the Log House.

The Five Mile Chapel, built in 1844, on Old Five Mile road, is another historic structure in Anderson township now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The deed for the property is held by the Five Mile Chapel Society, Inc., an organization formed in 1980, for the purpose of preserving and restoring the building for community use. The very basic restoration is estimated to cost more than \$20,000, and because of the urgency to complete very necessary repairs, the society is seeking contributions. At the November meeting of the Anderson Township Historical Society, the membership voted to contribute \$1,000 to the Five Mile Chapel Society, thereby encouraging and supporting the preservation of history in our township.

The following was received by ATHS:

The members of Five Mile Chapel Society are deeply grateful to the members of the Anderson Township Historical Society for your most generous gift of \$1,000, received recently. This donation, so much needed, has enabled us to complete the first and most essential stage of our restoration, making the Chapel now available for community use. We invite you to come share our enjoyment and celebration at a community caroling party to be held at the chapel on Sunday evening, December 21, at 7 P.M., led by the Forestaires. Do come!

Nancy Bissinger, President
Five Mile Chapel Society, Inc.

Welcome to new members:

Mrs. Lois Burdsal Sandker, 9694 State Rt. 774, Hamersville, Oh 45130
Mrs. Cora Miller, 1348 Pebble Ct. 114 SEM Manor, Cin. Oh. 45230 231-95
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer G Koester, 2692 Bonnie Dr. Cin. Oh. 45230 231-1357
Miss Ruth Essex, 2835 Salt Air-Maple Rd. Bethel, Oh. 45106
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Glass, 2504 Jett Hill Rd. New Richmond, Oh 45157
Mrs. Clarence A Grischy, 1839 Beacon St. Apt. 204, Cin. Oh. 45230 231-1783
Mr. Timothy J McCabe, 1628 Wolfangel Rd. Cin. Oh. 45230 231-9013
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, Sr. 1914 Lehigh Av. Cin. Oh. 45230 231-8255
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rimmer, 1006 Maycliffe, Cin. Oh. 45230 231-9245
Mrs. Judy (Latham) Monk, 3321 Mt. Carmel Rd. Cin. Oh. 45244 474-3273
Mrs. Kathleen Hosking, 1813 Mears Av, Apt. 7, Cin. Oh. 45230
Mr. & Mrs. Gil Davis, 1215 Tannehill Ln. Cin. Oh. 45226 871-3697
Mrs. Chas. Faller, 1839 Beacon St. Apt 412, Cin. Oh. 45230 231-8433
Mrs. Thos. R Meyer, 6924 Maidmarion Ct. Cin. Oh. 45230 232-1999
Colonel Harrison Rankin, 5218 Beechmont, Cin. Oh. 45230 231-4000
Mrs. Joseph Scanlon, 690 Cedar Crest Ln. Cin. Oh. 45230 232-0214
Mrs. Vernon Shaffer, 1188 Herschel Av. Cin. Oh. 45208 321-7762
Mr. Lewis Spurlock, 5487 Bahama Ter. Cin. Oh. 45223 541-1451
Mrs. Clarence A Dahman, 2642 Wenatchee Ln. Cin. Oh. 45230 232-1390
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Osborne, 1078 Witt Rd. Cin. Oh. 45230 231-6679
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dixon, 6377 Clough Pk. Apt 4, Cin. Oh. 45244 231-0577
Mr. Fred Wilzbach, 1701 Brachman, Cin. Oh. 45230 232-2867
Mr. & Mrs. John Ertel, 7554 Pawtucket Green, Cin. Oh. 45230 231-5929
Mrs. Dorothy L Wiedenbein, 4637 Tealtown Rd. Batavia, Oh 45103 752-6898
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Uible, 2770 Observatory Rd. Cin. Oh. Apt 35, 45208
871-5964

There was a good turnout, except for OUR MEMBERS, at the October 11, Pioneer Day exhibits. Our thanks to those, members and friends, who gave of their time and effort for the displays and demonstrations.

Trivia: At one time (in the 1880's) there were twelve post offices in the township.

During the war years (WW 2, that is) the Mt. Washington bus line ran only to Hyde Park Square, where one transferred to the Oakley or Madisonville street car to go downtown.

When Columbia parkway was opened to traffic in 1938, a local seer said, "There won't be enough people living in Mt. Washington and other areas of eastern Hamilton county even fifty years from now to justify the expense of this four lane speedway."