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Anderson Township Historical Society

P.O. BOX 30174
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45230

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 3rd - 7:30 PM - Monthly Meeting of ATHS

Program: The Anderson High School Choral Group, under the direction of Mr. Richard Wesp, will entertain us with a variety of songs, including some holiday music to remind us that Christmas will soon be upon us.

Saturday, Dec. 6th - 10 AM to 4 PM & Sunday, Dec. 7th - 12 to 4 PM.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

You must visit your Log House and see how festive it is, trimmed with Holly and Christmas Greens and a beautiful live tree in the corner of the front room, decorated with hand made ornaments that are added to each year. To complete that look of Christmas, a yule log will be burning in the fireplace and the aroma of hot spice punch will greet you. Invite your friends and neighbors to come - a nice way to start the Christmas Season.
Bernice Dunham is chairing the open house and is planning a sale of candies and cookies and handmade ornaments as an added attraction. Tammy Dunham is in charge of the decorations and trimming the tree and Helen Sweet is in charge of the refreshments. Bernice will appreciate your donations of candy and cookies and will be at the Log House on Friday, Dec. 5th to accept them or you may bring them on the morning of the open house. Any questions - call Bernice at 231 7855.

Wednesday, January 7th - 7:30 PM - Monthly Meeting ATHS

Speaker - Doctor Arthur King
Topic: Medical Practises in the Mid 1800's.

Before we become too involved in CHRISTMAS, let's remember THANKSGIVING

REMEMBERING THANKSGIVING

Harold Wiley

As a boy, I remember Thanksgiving as a very special day. We lived on old Coffey Street in an eight room house that belonged to my grandfather - a house that still stands. It was country then - gravel road, no sidewalks, well and cistern water, no electricity and kerosene lamps.

Thanksgiving was a great day to look forward to as my mother's sister, Aunt Sophie, and her family always came to our house. They lived right up the road. Dinner at our house was always in the middle of the day and Thanksgiving was no exception, so Mom had to get up very early to start dinner on the coal stove.

We never had turkey because we raised our own chickens. Mom would prepare a couple of roasting chickens which she would stuff with homemade dressing. There would be mashed potatoes with milk gravy, succotash with corn and string beans or lima beans, two or three kinds of relish, and home made cranberry sauce. Then to top is off - pumpkin pie and mince meat pie. Aunt Sophie always made the mince meat pie and Mom would make the pumpkin pie. Of course, we always had topping of our own whipped cream.

Needless to say, no one was hungry leaving that table and happy having shared the feast with family and relatives. That's my remembrance of Thanksgiving Day as a boy.

Note: Many thanks to Harold for submitting the above. Many members must have "remembrances" to share that would be enjoyed by all of us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessions - Alice and Jack Massey

So far this year, we have processed gifts from forty seven Donors. This involves over one hundred items. Some of the interesting things that we have acquired are: a Seth Thomas Clock, circa 1830, (It has been hung on the wall in the board room of the brick house) a buggy rove, Indian arrowheads, lovely old clothes, an old foot stool, circa late 1700's, a leather baby buggy, a cyclone seed sower and other items. The buggy and seed sower, etc. were given to us by the Langdon family. Their house was torn down recently and a Super X Store now occupies the site. Every article that is accessed is given a number and each article is marked with that number. The number and the description of the article is recorded in two books and is listed by classification on a card file.

On December 15th, the Log House will be closed for the winter. Helping with this task will be the Girl Scouts of the sixth grade from Summit School. They will also help with the opening of the house in the Spring. The girls are working toward their Colonial Badges.

Research - Roland Lowery

HOT OFF THE PRESS - David McNeil's "Railroad With Three Guages". A book of 564 pages of the history of the Cincinnati, Georgetown & Portsmouth, the Interurban Railway & Terminal Co. and the Ohio River & Columbus railroads, profusely illustrated.
Mr. McNeil has done a superb job, using Steve Smalley's great collection of material about the roads, plus additional data accumulated by David.
A must for railway buffs. For the historically inclined, it is a great treasure of names, places and events in the territory of the lines. The price is $22.00. ATHS members get a discount when purchased from ATHS. Call R. Lowery, 231 5169.

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The meaning of the word "vandal", according to the dictionary, is a "ruthless plunderer, a wilful destroyer of what is beautiful or artistic". This is a perfect description of the driver of a vehicle who drove around the Log House, leaving deep ruts in the lawn and destroying the beautiful stone work on the well. Marjorie Frame consented to take over the chairmanship of the Log House Committee and has been contacting stone masons who can appraise the damage.and hopefully,can make the repairs.

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Membership - Ruth Walters

Welcome to new members: Mr. and Mrs. Dana Ewell (Jean)
7176 Royal Green Dr.,45244, 232 5100
Sue Wettstein
4501 New Market Court
Batavia, O. 45103 752 3796

New Address: Marie Anderson, 1311 Crotty Ct. 45230 - 231 8822
Lucille Johnson, 1561 Pemridge #8, 45230 - 474 4798

DINNER FOR EIGHT AT THE LOG HOUSE

(This was the first prize,won on the Country Store Raffle, by Fern Widman)

My cousin, Fern Widman, won the dinner for eight at the Log House that was served on Saturday, October 25th. She invited her sisters, Thelma and Alice, her cousin Babe Kelly and husband, Troy, a friend, Tom Funk, Bernice and me. We entered the front door of the Log House at 5:30 PM to witness a wonderful sight. The table was set for eight with a row of candles in the middle, logs were burning in the fireplace. The scene was so peaceful and so beautiful, it is hard to describe.

Ruth Smith arranged the dinner and Nola Stimpert, Ruth Clark, Judy Radcliffe, Elizabeth Kuhlman, Edith Howard and Marj Frame, acting as hostess, prepared a delicious turkey dinner with all the home made side dishes. All who partook of it will have a fond memory for a long time.

Harold Wiley

COUNTRY STORE 1986 Report

	Receipts	Expenses	Profit
Bakery	524.75	-	524.75
Baubles and Beads	232.10	-	232.10
Booklets, T Shirts, Etc.	554.00	535.69	18.31
Cheese	478.75	232.53	246.22
Children's Emporium	46.99	-	46.99
Cob Web Corner	1,125.21	-	1,125.21
Cookie Bar	89.80	2.98	86.82
Dried Arrangements	1,949.84	765.98	1,183.86
Farmer's Market	401.72	137.90	263.82
Food and Beverages	839.80	274.62	565.18
Herb Butter	54.00	-	54.00
Pop Corn and Lemonade	92.20	-	92.20
Raffle	504.00	88.86	415.14
Stitchery	848.90	90.43	758.47
Victorian Corner	512.75	-	512.75
Stuffed Toys	691.40	72.68	618.72
Woodworking	260.00	-	260.00
Cash Donations (not specified or included in above depts.)	128.00		128.00
Misc. Expenses:			
July 17 Dinner for chairmen		61.78	(61.78)
Police Service		110.00	(110.00)
Entertainment		75.00	(75.00)
Plastic Sheet		5.79	(5.79)
Dumpster		85.00	(85.00)
Paper Plates, Etc.		146.62	(146.62)
Posters and Banner Update		119.00	(119.00)
Donation - Albert Shoop		50.00	(50.00)
Labels, Foil, etc.		65.94	(65.94)
Bank charges		13.51	(13.51)
Total	$9,334.21	$2,934.31	$6.399.90

NOTE: Thanks to those who donated services, cash and expenses for materials, items, etc.

Reconciliations will be reflected on Annual Financial Statement.

Wilbur L. Rees, Finance Chrm.

Everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the 1986 Country Store should be very proud and pleased with the total profit as shown on the accurate and precise report that Edwina and Wilbur Rees prepared.
Connie Whitaker expressed her gratitude to everyone who was involved and certainly, the membership owes Connie a sincere thank you, not only for chairing the 1986 Country Store, but for her willingness to chair the 1987 Country Store.

We haven't asked you to fill in a questionnaire for a long time. It would be so helpful to the chair people of Country Store and also the standing committees if you would check your talents and return the questionnaire at the next meeting or mail to ATHS, PO Box 30174, 45230.
Carpentry___ Gardening____ Electrical___ Painting____ Furniture Refinishing____Woodworking___ Cooking/Baking___Art Work___Writing___
Dry Arrangements____Cleaning___ Sewing____Knitting____
Signed_____

Ruth Smith - 232 4313