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SOCIETY MEETINGS

MARCH - Election of officers followed a delicious fried chicken dinner. The following are the officers for 1970:

President Donald W. Fetzer
Vice President James L. Magrish
Secretary..... Ardelle Ertel
Treasurer..... Ralph E. Whitehead
Corresponding Secretary..Mary L. Wersel

APRIL - We suspended our regular business meeting and showed a film to the public. In spite of a sudden violent storm three hundred young and old attended an ecology film by Ian McHarg - "Multiply and Subdue the Earth". It was a very thought-provoking film.

MAY - Dale Flick entertained us with a National Trust For Historic Places film on restoration of old structures in the U. S.

JUNE - The June history session was a tour through the beautiful home and grounds of the Henry Fletcher Kenney's, followed by a picnic at Stanbery Park. Kenney's lovely home is a farmhouse built in Greek Revival Style, filled with collector items. The formal gardens cover many acres and contain rare and wonderful plantings. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Kenney for your very gracious hospitality.

JULY - On July first, the Historians met at Moundview for a delicious feast, prepared for us by Nancy Kollin and her committee. Joel Kollin and Jim Hutton (in his pinafore apron and straw hat) were master chefs at the barbeque. A blistering hot day was forgotten with good friends, good food, and good cheer. In the absence of Don Fetzer, James Magrish conducted the short meeting.

AUGUST - NOTICE OF THE AUGUST MEETING

Meet at Salem Methodist Church 6:30 p.m. Bring your own picnic supper for an outing on the river, Wednesday August 5. Reservations to Marj Frame by August 1, 231-6453. Members only, space limited.

BOARD MEETINGS - The Officers, Trustees, Project Chairmen, and all interested members are urged to attend the next meeting of the Official Board at the Magrish home on Wayside July 28 at 8:00 p.m. All Board meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month.

SOCIETY NEWS

Archaeology - At 5:30 a.m. on June 21, twenty-six members (Druids?) met at the Heekin Can Co. on Broadwell Road to test Don Bogosian's theory relating to the summer solstice. Three days excavations had preceded this at the Hopewell Indian ceremonial site (Turner Earthworks). At 5:45, the rains came, NO SUNRISE. Drowned out, bedraggled, but undaunted, our archaeologists repaired to Jean Williamson's for a hearty breakfast. All kidding aside, their work was reviewed by Fred Fisher, anthropologist of UC at present engaged in excavation at Shawnee Lookout, and pronounced to be of professional caliber. A full report will be available to the membership upon completion of the aerial photographs and earth-testing data. OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ENTERPRISING YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGIST DON BOGOSIAN.

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SPEAKERS BUREAU - We are now planning our first slide lecture to be made available to organizations in the area. It will cover most of the century houses used for the bus tours during the Centennial. We hope to have both exterior and interior pictures and a narrative to accompany the slides. We need members who would be willing to help present these programs. A script will be provided which you can read as you show the slides and you will be given ample time to practice the presentation. Please let us know if you would be willing to help us either in the daytime or at night. The more people we have signed up to present our program the fewer times each person will be called. You don't have to be a polished professional to do this--none of us is--and it should be lots of fun to introduce our community to the lovely historic homes in our area. Please call Jane Goodrich at 231-1906.

In connection with our slide lecture we are also hoping to make available to area organizations a list of members of the Historical Society who are qualified to present talks on their specialties. We will list the names, addresses, phone numbers and subjects of these people in our brochure and then the organizations can contact these people directly to make arrangements. So, if you have a vocation or avocation that you like to share with others let me know and we will list you in our brochure - Jane Goodrich 231-1906.

NAME TAGS - Russell Pangburn and Ralph Whitehead built us a beautiful new carrying case for all our name tags. Wonderful job, well done.

SHAKERTOWN TOUR - On June 18, thirty-eight members and friends of ATHS visited Shakertown at Pleasant Hill, Ky. on a chartered Greyhound. After a luncheon featuring Shaker recipes, the group explored the many restored buildings. The Large stone Center Family House and the brick Trustees House are the most well-known of the Shaker structures, although there were several other buildings completely restored and others in various stages of restoration. For those persons who were unable to make the trip with us, we hope they will have an opportunity to see Shakertown at some other time. The story of the Shakers is a fascinating one and the preservation of the town a worthy project.

TOURS - We hope to go on at least two out-of-township tours a year. Tour chairman needed. Comtemplated for fall - Washington and Maysville, Ky. If you are interested in being chairman or helping, contact Marge Frame.

CHILDREN'S TOURS - Our tours for school children continue even in the summer. July 21, children from Newtown summer school will be taken on a tour of their neighborhood visiting many historic homes.

SIDEWALK SALE - ATHS participated in the Mt. Washington Business Men's Club Sidewalk sale on Saturday, June 27. Many thanks to all members who worked so hard on short notice. It was a successful day. We hope to take part in the Newtown Festival coming up in August. Any VOLUNTEERS?

REMEMBRANCES - Our sympathy is extended to Miss Gertrude Addicott whose mother passed away last week. Returned from the hospital and doing fine are: Amy Fetzer, Bryan Ketcham, Paul Ross. Any news of any other shut-ins please report to Mrs. Clara Baxter, 231-1156, our Good Cheer Chairman.

THRILLING NEWS

It was announced at the May Board Meeting that it might be possible to purchase the Leuser log house on Clough Pike. Since then, it has become increasingly hopeful that this historic treasure can be ours to protect and preserve. Built in 1795 or '96, by Ichabod Miller, the first settler in the Clough Valley - Newtown area, this sturdy structure has been continuously occupied. This with the Stephen Sutton cabin in Mt. Washington, is probably the oldest existing building in Anderson Township. (See Stephen Smalley's research on this subject.) At the June meeting it was voted to pursue negotiations for the purchase of this site. Several organizations have already signified their desire to participate in supporting this financially, and a community-wide campaign for funds will soon be launched. Watch for announcements concerning this project.

FOR SALE

Steve Smalley is presently doing research on the Vogt, Atzell, and DeFossett homes and will have Volume II of Anderson Township Homes ready by October or November. Now and Then, the first ten articles in the Forest Hills Journal under the feature article "Smalley's History" is currently available.

Anderson Township - How it Began by Marj Frame.

Hamilton County of Ohio Court and Other Records Vols. 1, 2, and 3 by Virginia Cummins.

Covered Bridges of Ohio and Covered Bridges of Indiana by Bryan Ketcham.

Genealogical Research Services - Mrs. Alvin Hartmann.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members. A list of their names and telephone numbers is enclosed for insertion in your year book. Year books will be available at the next meeting for those who do not yet have a copy - 25¢ please.

DUES - Our Treasurer, Ralph Whitehead, 231-8033, reports that 92 members have forgotten to pay their dues which are due from May to May. Are you one of these? We are sorry, but due to the cost of producing the SURVEYOR and mailing our meeting notices, if your dues are unpaid by September 1, you will no longer receive these mailings.

SURVEYOR - If you have news items for the Surveyor, please call any member of the staff. Lois Barnes, 231-4726; Ann Fetzer, 231-1976; Julia Myers, 231-4321; Pat Meyer, 231-8628.

