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ATHS meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p. m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Bartels Road, unless otherwise noted.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE & OPEN HOUSE - DECEMBER 3 & 4

The cabin will be open Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and again on Sunday, December 4, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Members and their guests, as well as the public, are welcome to view the cabin and all the traditional holiday decorations. Small gift items and home-baked cookies and candies will be sold in the middle room.

Mary Brafford has graciously agreed to organize the boutique. We need someone to decorate the tree this year. Get your favorite cookie and candy recipes out. We'll need many donations to make our annual holiday open house a success. Drop off your donations on Friday during set-up or early Saturday. Call Mary (231-0763) to sign up as a host, hostess or helper. We will also have a used book sale in the brisk house basement on this weekend.

We hope that all our members will come to see the log house decked out for the holidays - a fire in the grate, old-fashioned tree, pine garlands and spiced tea reveal the homespun hospitality of yesteryear. Stop by to socialize, stock up on holiday goodies purchase small gifts for friends.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 2 - 7:30 p.m.:

Al Wettstein's will present a talk and slide show on the great flood of 1937. This historic event in Ohio River history will surely be a treat for members and guests.

Wednesday, December 7 - 7:30 p.m.

On the 53rd anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Patsy Gaines will once again entertain our members with one of her delightful monologues. This year's topic will be "The Other Wise Man".

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

THANKS TO EDMUND MOTZ FOR ADDING A LOVELY DISPLAY OF CORN STALKS AND PUMPKINS TO THE LOG HOUSE. IT ADDS A NICE TOUCH OF NOSTALGIA.

BERT & OPAL SHOOP MOVE FROM BRICK HOUSE

After many devoted years of service to ATHS, Bert and Opal Shoop have moved to Briarwood Manor, 830 W. Main Street, Coldwater, OH 45828. It saddens our members to learn that our dear friends have moved away. Please write or send cards to keep in touch. The Society will always be grateful for the untiring devotion to the grounds and security that they provided for many years and the collection of books they donated to the Society. Our best wishes to both.

DAY TRIP TO DAYTON SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 5

Helen Sweet has a few places left for her planned tour of historic Dayton. The cost is \$25. Call 474-5678 for reservations. Send check to Helen, 1858 Sandcliff, 45255.

Departure from Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church is 8:30 a.m., returning at 5 p.m. This exciting day includes a 2 hour personally conducted tour of historic Dayton, their Historical Society Museum, and the General Patterson homestead. Also included will be lunch and a visit to the restored park - Sun Watch and reconstructed Ft. Ancient Indian village.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE & BOUTIQUE

DEC. 3, 10-5 AND DEC. 4, 12-5

HOME-MADE CANDIES, COOKIES & GIFTS

SOCIETY ACKNOWLEDGES RECENT GIFTS

An arrowhead was donated by Mrs. James Schweitzer. She found it in her yard at 5977 Turpin Hills Drive in 1989, while aerating her lawn under a dogwood tree.

A History of the Five Mile Chapel was donated by Mr. Kenny R. Burck, a direct descendant of the founder of the Chapel.

An old Bible was given to ATHS by the Woodman family. It was printed in Stutgaard, Germany in 1775 and is on display in a glass case in the brick house basement.

Dorothy Stoutenberg donated a bean pot turner, long-handle waffle iron, a three-legged kettle and a trivet for the kitchen.

ATHS PROPOSES TO AMEND CODE - VOTE IN DEC.

The following proposed amendment to Article II of the Code of Regulations of the Anderson Township Historical Society will be put to membership vote after this notification of the membership. The amended wording will read:

"A quorum at any regular membership meeting shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the qualified members but in no case less than 40 qualified members.

The underlined position of the above statement is the new, amended part of the statement. A fluctuating count of qualified members has precipitated this amendment. This will assure a minimum of 40 qualified members to make major changes to our charter or approve capital expenditures.

COUNTRY STORE - THANKS TO ALL

"Thanks all who worked or helped before, during or after. The response was pretty unbelievable. It was a lot of work and came out well." - Carol Voorhees -

Dinner for 8 will be enjoyed by Jenny Palmer, & her father/member John Croton on November 13 at 5:30. Ron Makin of Turpin Hills won the doll, while Chuck Kane, whose wife is the new editor of THE FOREST HILLS JOURNAL won the cruise tickets. Congratulations!

TREASURER BILL STRAYER WILL BE HOSPITALIZED FOR HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

AMERICAN LIFE BEFORE THE CONSTITUTION

While many aspects of day-to-day life have certainly changed for the better, it was interesting to hear that some things haven't changed all that much. For instance, young men let their hair grow long as an act of rebellion. The town's people struggled with the issue of imprisonment and found two major drawbacks to jailing those who broke the law: the town had to pay to feed and care for the prisoners, and the prisoners were not able to support their families while in jail.

The priority ranking for snow removal was streets leading to the taverns, next the ones to the school and doctor, and then the roads to the churches. Public waste control was left to the pigs that roamed the streets.

The resourcefulness of the colonist was sometimes amusing. When chimney's became too tall to clean with long sticks, the colonists came up with another plan. One person would climb to the top of the chimney and drop a live chicken down. As the chicken fell, it would flap its wings and the chimney would be cleaned! Furry dogs kept your feet warm in church.

Funerals and weddings were viewed as social events, with funerals the more elaborate event. Mourners were given gifts after the funeral and people often went into debt buying them.

Home remedies: To treat a sty, one went to the blacksmith shop and stood next to the anvil and watched the blacksmith work. After a time, the combination of the heat and the blinking cured the sty. I guess they "sweated it out".

One sobering fact was that in New England 1 in 5 women died during childbirth and many children died at birth or in infancy. Even more shocking were the life expectancy statistics. In New England, the average life expectancy was 45 for men and 42 for women. In the Deep South, men lived to an average age of 29 and women survived only to the age of 20. Marrying young was the norm and grandparents were virtually nonexistent in the South. Most children had lost one parent by the age of 9 and both by the age of 13. People weakened by malaria succumbed to typhoid, small pox, measles, pneumonia, influenza, etc. After hearing these facts, we marvel all the more at what grew out of the visions and labor of the colonists.

NOTE: Cindi Dietrich compiled these facts from our October program presented by Carrie Ann Burton of the Clough Valley D.A.R. Members not present should enjoy.