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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.

FLEA MARKET SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 9

Judy Radcliffe (474-5377) and her dedicated partner Susan Radcliffe (231-0981) are once again organizing a flea market on the grounds of the Brick House, Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Space rental is \$15. Table rental is \$5 additional. Ads will appear in the Forest Hills Journal.

ATHS donations will be sold from the screened porch by Beulah Dowers & Kay Wambach. Please clean out your closets, basements and garages and donate your items to the sale.

We need members to volunteer to organize and oversee the refreshment sales - hot dogs and brats, desserts, coffee & soft drinks are also wanted. Call Judy regarding refreshment sales.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 6 - 7:30 p.m. - Jack Ewers and Al Loheide will recount their military experiences during WWII. Second in the series on U.S. military service oral history. (Wilbur Rees will speak at a later date.)

Wednesday, June 3 - 7:30 p.m. - Al Wettstein has agreed to present his often-requested, ever-popular, and updated slide presentation on Old Coney Island.

Wednesday, July 1 - Annual Picnic - 6:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to share and your own place setting to the brick house. Drinks provided. Watch for details.

August 5 - "The Taffetas" at The Showboat - 8 p.m.

The Taffetas (Peggy, Donna, Cheryl & Kaye from Muncie, Indiana) dream of being "stars". They take their saccharin sweet act to New York with hysterical results. Get ready to hear Mr. Sandman, Lollipop, Johnny Angel, Sincerely and many more. Brought to you by Mariemont Players, who produced Pump Boys and Dinettes last season. Limit 25 @ \$11 ea.

BID ON BROWN PROPERTY ACCEPTED

ATHS Board tendered an offer for the Brown property at Clough & Bartels Rds. This parcel includes 2.8 acres and a 100 year old farm house. The purchase was approved by the membership at the April 1 general meeting with a 65 to 2 vote.

This is a great opportunity to "square off" our parcel, protect our priceless cabin and give us a total of 5.3 acres. Currently our property line runs right along the edge of the barn and the corn crib. The 88 ft. frontage on Cough includes the creek and grassy parcels on both sides. This purchase assures that there will not be a business right next door or 6+ houses dominating the hill above the cabin, and will allow us to control serious erosion near the back corner of the barn.

Alternative uses of the property will be considered by the Board after closing in late May. Access to the farm house is a 90' easement off the Hornschemeier property - this deeded easement cannot be withdrawn. Financing will include available funds identified by the Finance Committee and loans in the form of interest free debentures in increments of \$1000 to finance the balance for 1 yr. Donations are also welcome.

Ice Cream Social and Civil War Demonstration

A Civil War Reenactment Demonstration. William Smith and several friends who belong to the Sons of Union Veterans have volunteered their time to come to the cabin to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for one of the most important eras of our history. The date will be either June 14 or June 28 from 1 - 3 p.m.

We will need members and friends to volunteer to hostess in the cabin and museum, make ice cream, bake cookies, sell refreshments, etc. Call Ron Makin (231-5185) or Lyn Scheper (232-1559) if you are available and willing to help. Please donate your goodies and/or time. Exact date will be announced as soon as it is firm.

Dried Arrangements requests donations of silk flowers, glass hurricanes, small fish bowls (goldfish toss type), and any unusual baskets or containers. Call Flo Makepeace (231-7090).

It's Just Not Like the Good Old Days - Board Enacts New Security Measures

The ATHS Board has been forced to make a policy change. After many months of discussion, the lock to the brick house has been changed and numbered keys have been distributed to Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons. Other keys will be distributed on an individual basis "only to those persons authorized by action of the Board of Directors". In addition, it was resolved that "if the key is lost or not returned (upon request), or if it is duplicated, the key holder shall pay the expense of replacing the lock and issuance of new keys" (currently \$50).

In the beginning, we were lucky to have **Bert Shoop** as a vigilant watchdog of our property. You could hardly get out of your car before he came out of the house to check to see who you were, what you were doing, and did you need any help. Unfortunately, it has been many years since we have had that kind of coverage of our buildings and grounds, and problems with theft and security have increased.

Our prized anvil was stolen; kids have broken into the barn; dried arrangements disappeared the night before Country Store several years ago; the Civil War drum was removed from its display this past year. Other "lost" items include our 100-cup coffee pot, reference materials and the Lucy Hauser scrapbooks. Last fall the brick house was left unlocked overnight the Friday before Country Store. This is an unconscionable oversight with thousands of dollars of merchandise, not to mention our precious cabin, vulnerable. We simply can't leave our door "unlocked" any more.

During the Society's 30 year history, many, many keys have been distributed, copies have been made and no real effort has been made to keep track of keys. Our volunteer force of worker bees has been outstanding; hedges were clipped, weeds pulled, and many other thankless tasks have been performed with little or no fanfare. We want this to continue, but we must also keep our property safe for posterity.

Currently, the Genealogy and Research Committees are down at the brick house most Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 - 2. If you need to get in, plan your visit accordingly. If you need to go at some other time, please call one of the officers or standing committee chairs with keys (noted with an * on the Officer & Board Member Roster in this issue). They will arrange to meet you there or lend you their key, which must be returned promptly.

Temporary keys will be issued, as needed, by approval of the Board, e.g. Country Store Chair, upon authorization of the Board. "When the key holder no longer needs the key for the purposes for which it was given, they will promptly return it to the Coordinator" (or pay to replace the lock & keys). It is truly a shame that we can't continue the way we have, but the time has come to exert better security over our precious holdings. This step was not taken lightly by your Board. If you have any old keys in your possession, please return them to a board member at a meeting.

FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE!

**Miller-Leuser Log House will be
Open to the public
free of charge
on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
of each month, June - Oct.
from 1-3 p.m.
Donations are welcomed.**

Sincere Thanks to Dedicated Workers

Many thanks to **Martha and Carl McArthur**, who called members to attend the 30 Anniversary dinner meeting - 76 people enjoyed the meal and Greg Jowaisas' historically appropriate concert.

May Donovan has once again been at work in and around the Brick House. **Betty Reagan** planted pansies by the cabin door. **George Scheper** sprayed the lawns for weeds. **Bob Radcliffe** removed a fallen tree and stacked the wood. **Joan Barnes & Jane Hornschemeier** get a big hand for our refreshments. **Judy Radcliffe** has a model of a lighted ceramic log house which will sell for \$20 (as soon as the mold arrives).

Spring cleaning at the Cabin was conducted with the help of **Mae Donovan, Carol Voorhees, Jane King, Lyn & George Scheper, Betty & Al Wettstein, Frank Diemling, Ron Making & Charlie Roehrer.**

Day Bus Tour Plans In The Works

Helen Sweet is planning a day tour in late May or early June to either The Glitz (4 floors of antiques) in Kentucky, which will include lunch on the premises, or a tour up river to Ripley and other points of interest. More details will be announced as plans firm up. We MUST have 30 people on the bus or it's a "no go".

*Happy 55th Anniversary
to Harold & Bernice Wiley*

Membership Dues Drive - May 1

Please make your payments payable to: ATHS and mail to our P.O. Box 30174 (45230) or membership chair, **Carol Vorhees**, 1280 Collinsdale Av. (45230). Call Carol at 232-1166, if you have any questions.

DUES ARE:

\$5 single	\$100 lifetime (single)
\$10 couple	\$150 lifetime (couple)
\$15 patron	

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our friend **India Boyer**, first licensed female architect in the state of Ohio.

COUNTRY STORE SET FOR SEPT. 26 & 27