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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 DECEMBER 5 & 6

The cabin will be open Saturday, 10-4 and Sunday 12 - 4 for our annual Open House and Christmas Boutique. Candies, cookies and small holiday craft items will be sold. As always, we need donations of Christmas items and home-made goodies for sale.

Drop items off on Friday morning during set up or **early** on Saturday. Fudge, peppermint candy, buckeyes and holiday cookies are favorite items. We need workers to set up, price and sell as well as someone to help set up the tree and decorate the cabin. Call **Mary Brafford** (231-0763) to volunteer or donate crafts and candies.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 4 - 7:30 p.m.

John Bruckman will talk about *Foam Sweet Foam* (Beer Brewing in Cincinnati). John's family owned and operated Bruckman Brewery.

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

Veteran **Joe Witt** will discuss his first hand experience during the Japanese Bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941, the infamous strike which led to the immediate declaration of war by FDR.

NO MEETING on January 6, 1999

COUNTRY STORE WRAP UP AND LAST OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 25

The **Country Store Wrap Up** will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 25, from 3-5 p.m.**, after the last of the 2nd and 4th Sunday Open Houses for 1998. Committee **chairpersons and workers** are welcome to join us for a light repast and thank you party. Be prepared to voice your opinion on what we can do to improve or change things for next year's Country Store. Come early and visit Jane in the Cabin from 1 - 3.

CABIN DESPERATELY NEEDS REWIRING

Thanks to the valiant efforts of **Bob Radcliffe**, retired CG&E employee, a fire hazard has been repaired. Bob gave a detailed report at the September meeting about the poor condition of the log house's wiring. As might be expected, wiring has been added and changed over the years by various owners, etc. While he repaired one major problem, it is imperative that we rewire the entire cabin to prevent a fire that would surely destroy our treasured structure in minutes.

Sears Catalog Homes

Did you know that Sears sold "packaged" homes from 1908-40 via catalog? Plans cost \$1, which was refunded if you spent \$10 in building materials. Sears goal was to increase catalog sales of other household furnishings - little did they know how popular their homes would become!

The U.S. population had increased by 50% from 1890-1910. Sears' target market was rural areas (where catalog sales were strongest) and they offered single-family, low-to-mid-price homes, with bath or matching outhouse. Homes often had no halls and few closets; but, build-in bookcases, dining buffets, etc. were available. They featured many windows, columned porches and a variety of styles, such as Queen Anne, American 4-square, traditional Cape Cods, Prairie style and Carpenter Bungalows. You could make changes to the plan at no cost; and, in 1911, Sears offered 6% 5-15 year loans on the package costs. Building materials came with a 70 page manual with specific instructions, including space between nails, etc. By 1916, pieces were pre-cut and numbered and shipped for assembly. Sears purchased Norwood Sash & Door in Cincinnati to supply all the millwork for houses shipped East of the Mississippi River and owned several other plants across the country. Plumbing, lighting and other fixtures were bought via the regular catalog.

To Sears' surprise, urban purchasers made up the bulk of their sales. **Lea Lask** of the Cincinnati Historical Society found 600 homes in Cincinnati and is still counting. Look for a stately Queen Anne at Hudson & Floral in Norwood. This "model home" did not catch on, and is an anomaly in the neighborhood. Eastwood Circle in Anderson Place is practically a Sears Homerama - some in great shape and others badly altered. There's one in Mt. Washington on the dead end portion of Benneville.

COUNTRY STORE PRELIMINARY NEWS

We pulled it off again, despite the fact that we had no chairperson (our pres. Ron Makin stepped in). The credit goes to all Officers, Trustees and Members who came through to pinch hit.

Unofficial estimate is close to \$8200 for the 1998 Country Store. Miscellaneous expenses such as traffic control and dumpster will be subtracted from that amount to clear \$7000+. We endured oppressive heat but had a nice breeze. Fortunately, most of the yellow jackets stayed home - watching football, no doubt.

The Dinner for 8 winner was Diane Borgerding, Alice Smith won the Country Store goodies, Jerome Fix will cruise the Ohio thanks to BB Riverboats.

INDIANA WOMAN SEEKS RELATIVES

Mrs. Fred Zellers has send a \$10 donation and asked that we publish her request for information on the **Joseph Dawson family**. Hopefully someone can help.

"My ancestors, Joseph & Nancy Dawson, owned Robert Blair's section of Survey 535 in Anderson Twp. from 1827 to 1839. The tract was then sold to Samuel Lemon, who sold it to Jacob Markley, who in turn gave the land for the Five Mile Church, which was built in 1844. *Does anyone have any information about this DAWSON family?*"

Our Research and Genealogical Departments have given her all the information we have on hand, so she has asked us to publish her plea to the general membership. If you can help, write her at 1166 Prairie-wood North, Rochester, IN 46975.

NOTES ON 1997 FINANCIAL REPORT

The 1997 Financial Statement which is published separately in this issue shows us in similar shape to last year. Our membership went up a bit and the value of our stock portfolio increased dramatically. Of course, we'll be reporting a major decline in 1998 if the market continues on its current course. Also, we have made a major purchase of the Browne property, which will deplete our cash balance considerably in the 1998 statement. The good news is, we now own 5+ contiguous acres & 2 houses beside the log house. We also have rented the Browne house, so utility & tax bills will not be a drain on our finances.

COUNTRY STORE CORRECTIONS

We erroneously reported that **Betty Reagan's** herbs will be sold at Farmer's Market. Deadline was looming and Betty had not yet been reached when we went to press. Unfortunately, her plants were hit by mold caused by heavy spring rains earlier this year and she was unable to help us to the extent she has in the past. Also, special thanks to **Inez Check** who devotedly helps Dried Arrangements stripping "weeds". All purchasers of money plant have Inez to thank. We're sorry for these errors/omissions in previous issues.

MEYER, CHECK DONATE TO CABIN

Jean & Howard Meyer donated three nice chairs now in the cabin; **Inez Check** gave an iron pot for the stove & wicker basket for the laundry display.

LET'S GO KROGERING FOR A.T.H.S.

Co-ordinator **Al Wettstein** hopes to sell certificates for Kroger stores to make \$\$\$ for ATHS. You may purchase any amount of certificates you like in \$20 increments. You use them just like cash on your weekly shopping trip to any Kroger. The Society makes money because Kroger sells the certificate to us at a 3% discount. This will be an on-going, year-round money maker, if you all simply participate.

Al volunteered to be in charge of the operation to relieve Treasurer Bob Radcliffe of the additional workload. If you want to purchase certificates in any amount, call Al (474-0855) or bring check or cash to the next meeting, Country Store wrap-up, etc.

Remember, this is money you normally spend at Kroger every week doing your regular shopping. Kroger will give you change in cash, so you can't lose. Ex.: If you spend \$54 and use 3 - \$20 certificates, you'll get \$6 back in U.S. currency.

If 25 members who each spend \$100 a month at Kroger use ATHS purchased certificates, the Society will make \$100 a month; that's \$1200 a year. All you have to do is buy your certificates at the beginning of each month from Al and you & ATHS will be all set.

BEST WISHES GO TO MEMBERS

"Miss You" wishes go out to the **Groppenbechers**, the **Wileys**, and the **Masseys** - all long-time members who have been less active due to health reasons.

Carol Motz and **Anne King Chapman** recently underwent surgeries - both were seen at Country Store. **Helen Sweet** is having her other knee operated on. **Ruth Clark's** first knee is mending; she'll have the second one done next summer.

HOLIDAY TRIP PLANNING IN PROCESS

Kay Lawler has volunteered to plan a December holiday trip while Helen Sweet is out of commission with her second knee surgery. Members voted on their favorite trip at the October meeting and the winner was **Bardstown Christmas** with a Federal Hill Candlelight Tour. This trip could include an overnight, a trip on My Old Kentucky Dinner Train and Three Chimney's Farm Tour (an up close and personal horse farm experience). Tentative dates are Tues./Wed., **Dec. 1 & 2**. *Call Kay (232-5487) for more information.*

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