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The ground is covered in snow today, is spring around the corner? Annabelle and I hope that everyone had a good, if not a great winter.

Serving and working as the President of AWTHS for the next two years will be a challenge that I hope can be successful and will keep the Historical Society onward and upward.

Finding different ways to fund our Mission, increasing our membership, finding younger people to keep things moving along in the future, and getting more members involved in the projects we have planned for the year will be a major focus of mine, and of all the Board Members. I feel that through advertisement and fundraisers the job will get done.

I want to thank Lynn Trump for serving as President the past two years. He will continue to be an asset to the membership and a help to me.

The Historical Society still needs a Vice President. Please call me if you have an interest in serving and to find out the responsibilities of the Vice President.

AWTHS wasn't awarded a grant from the Lydia E. Schaurer Memorial Trust Fund this year. That means we need to raise \$2000 in other ways. Upcoming fundraisers will be the Old Fashioned Days Sale, Farmers Market and Rummage Sale. Read more on pages 2 & 3 of this newsletter. As of March 19th the bank balance was \$8,525.

AWTHS is looking for members and friends to help with the grounds and flower beds around the house and Memorial Park which is adjacent to the house. One person doesn't have to do it all. Several people can take on a different responsibility: cutting the grass, tending the flower beds, trimming bushes, etc.

I hope you will help with activities planned for this summer. Contact me or any of the chairpersons.

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Program May 9, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

*** The First Five Children of Founder William Gunder***

During the May 9th AWTHS Membership Meeting, Bill Gunder will present Part 2 of the Founder's Family. Part 1 featured the Gunder Brothers who left the Arcanum area & became nationally know in their chosen fields. Part 2 will describe the first 5 children of the William Gunder family and their relationship to the Arcanum Community.

Bill is the author of 5 books on Computers in Manufacturing, over 50 articles for trade journals, a number of books about Arcanum history and co-authored with the late Anita Short for nearly 20 years recording stories about the Arcanum community. Bill was one of the organizers of the AWTHS, served as Chairman of the Organizational Meetings and was a member of the first Board of Directors. He is currently maintaining the AWTHS website while continuing to collect and write historical information about the local area.

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It is with sadness that we note the passing of members Robert Colville, Larry Fourman, Robert Weisenberger, Lew Williams, Phil Lockman and Lonnie Norris. The community will miss each of these men who have given so much to our town.

Acquisitions - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 and Carolyn Troutwine 692-8939

11068 Profit sharing coupons advertising for The John Smith Co. Store	L. D. Florea
11069 (1) white Arcanum sweatshirt, (1) Arcanum sweater, (1) white Arcanum stadium cushion	Sharon Karns
11070 Darke County Bi-Centennial blue and white plate	
11071	
11072 Brick from Butler School building (original school brick)	
11073 Water meter - installed in home of Faye and Harley Burke in 1918 at 204 E. South St. Replaced in 2001	William and Barbara Young
11074 One pint - Arcanum Dairy bottle	
11075 Troutwine Auto Sales red visor	
11076 Crouse's clothes hanger	
11077 Stutz & Sando fan - Arcanum Pitsburg, New Madison	
11078 Stuffed B. W. Woolworth's pillow	
11079 Gower's Plumbing & Heating light switch thermometer	
11080 Eye glasses and pin belonged to Callie Straders (608 S. Main) Lived with son and family - Ott Strader clerk for Arcanum in 1930s was her husband.	Mable Clark
11081 Lace gloves and collar	Carolyn Furlong
11082 Arcanum Disaster Patrol coat patch - circa 1966-68	Paul Shuttleworth
11083 Dayton, Xenia & Wilmington Motor Line Map	
11084 (2) Stadium cushions - Arcanum Trojan with various advertising	Marilyn K. Bruner
11085 Eastern Star Plate in wooden display case	Eastern Star
11086 (2) yardsticks - W. F. Rosser Lumber Co. and John Smith Grain Co.	
11087 moth vaporizer - found in the Historical Society House	
11088 Ratchet Socket Set in red metal box	
11089 (4) folding wooden chairs - M.E. Church - Arcanum, OH	
11090 Darke County Review newspaper	
11091 Arcanum, A Secret Place - The Sequel	
11092 Parcel Post Rate Map of United States	
11093 Vote ""Yes" sign for levy for new school	
11094 The Northern Echo Newspaper (England - dated July 26, 1909)	
11095 Arcanum Centennial ash tray	
11096 Photo of Jane Bailey Morrison, Joe Bailey, Shirley Bailey, Fred Troutwine, Dick Troutwine	Bailey Collection
11097 Black holster set	
11098 2009 Arcanum Old Fashioned Days Civic Award (parade float) sponsored by Keith Troutwine Agency	
11099 Dark blue pottery bowl	Carolyn Furlong
11100 Dr. Luther E. Cupp metal sign (heavy metal)	
11101 Brass bullhead ash tray	
11102 (1) collage of Darke Co. sites, (1) Treaty of Greenville picture	Lynn Trump
11103 Part I and part II - Print collage of Darke County places - Paulette Mc McGriff	
11104 Orange stadium cushion (1980-81) "Arcanum Trojan"	
11105	
11106 Ernest Emrick farm building photo	
11107 Photo of Betty Brumbaugh Sease	Annette Stewart

New Display: On display soon will be the posters on loan to the society by the late Bob Weisenbarger. This consists of 6 large posters of the Korean War. It is the history of phases 1 through 5, including Dates, Campaigns, Divisions, Symbols, Artillery, Maps and Photos. This will be on display during the spring and summer months. The first Saturday of each month, the historical house is open to the public from 9am-noon.

Farmers Market * Beginning June 1st Annabelle Wallace 620-2800

Members are asked to work at the market to sell what has been donated. Call me to find a time that works well for you.

We are asking for frozen soups again this year. Bowls and lids will be available at the Historical Society. I recommend we buy wholesale frozen cookie dough from Gordon Food Service at \$8-10 a tub. All we need is to have people bake the cookies. You can add your own touch if you wish. They carry Choc. Chip, Oatmeal, Sugar and Peanut Butter. We will try once again to team up with someone who can supply eggs. Also, we would like to have fresh produce. The Sweet Breads went over well last year and I will continue this. Hot Pepper Mustard will also be for sale.

Old Fashioned Days - May 17, 18, & 19 will be our Spring Fling Sale. Richard and Sharon Troutwine 692-5128 This year we will be selling gently used and new garden and outdoor items (wreaths,, bird houses, fences, benches, pots, plants, etc.) as well as a "Bird and Bloom" Flea Market Area. In addition we will be selling chairs, chairs, and more chairs. As in past years, we will again have our Old Fashioned Days "Homemade Goodies Bake Sale". We need your help in donating and creating items, baking goodies, and helping to sell during the festival.

Schedule: Friday, May 17 **Deliver "Homemade Goodies" Noon- 4 p.m.** to AWTHS *** **SALE** is from **4 to 9 p.m.**

Saturday, May 18 **SALE continues** **9 a.m. - 6p.m.**

Rummage Sale - July 17, 18, 19, 20 - The annual Rummage Sale will again be held at the AWTHS House. Please continue to collect any & all items for our sale. We hope you will be able to help display, price and sell items.

Southern Darke County History Annette Stewart, Research Librarian 692-6462

Additional Secured Library Storage We wish to thank Dave Flora and Keith Furlong for the addition of the security doors to the back cupboard for additional storage of the binders. Great job and much appreciated! Check it out.

Work in Progress on Schools We continue working on obtaining the graduating class photos from Arcanum and Franklin-Monroe. We need help typing names from F-M Schools and obtaining Franklin School and Monroe School class photos and names before the merger. We would like to have year books also.

Hosting Open House Hours Hosts and Hostesses are needed each Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon during the summer, as well as a **scheduling co-coordinator**. Contact Annette or Larry Wallace to schedule the time you can help. Many hands make light work for all. Currently AWTHS is open the first Saturday of each month.

May is National Preservation Month - See it, Save it, Celebrate it! Our homes and farms tell us about our family and ancestors. As part of National Preservation Month and as an endeavor to preserve our history, AWTHS is conducting interviews and collecting information & photos for articles and stories of local older homesteads. If you have the history of your home or farm, let us add it to our research library. If you need help with researching, we can give you guidelines.

Ohio Century Farm Award If your farm has been in your family for 100 years you can apply for the Ohio Century Farm Award from the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture. Visit www.agri.ohio.gov. Let AWTHS know if you have received this honor.

Brinksneider Farm History * In Honor of National Preservation Month

Jason and Janelle Brinksneider, and their boys, Luke, Lance and Logan, moved into their home at 4923 Hollansburg-Arcanum Road (corner of Rt. 503) in October of 2003. According to a letter written by Al Valentine, Marshall Valentine built the home around 1880 with bricks from clay on the farm. Al was Elmer Valentine's grandson. The letter was passed down from previous owners, the Bakers to the Brinksneider family. He owned approximately 240-320 acres and left part of each to his sons, Charlie, Harley, and Elmer.

Valentine History: Arcanum Times Jan 6, 1921 – Mar 18, 1926

***VALENTINE, Marshall b. near Beech Grove d. June 12, 1926 77 y 9m 18d one of 3 children of Baker & Matilda Valentine. One brother Aaron Valentine surv. Died res. of son Elmer at New Madison. Married Jan. 7, 1877 Caroline Harter & had 3 sons Charles of Arcanum, Harley & Elmer at New Madison. Wife died Sept. 1, 1908. Surv. 3 sons, 1 brother. Buried Ft. Jefferson (June 17, 1926)**

In 1857 B. Bobenmerer lived in section 11 in the NE 1/4 section and had 160 acres which included Janelle's farm.

In 1888 Bobemyer sold to Marshall Valentine 77 acres where Janelle lives. He also owned nearby land.

In 1910 Marshall Valentine owned 237 acres. Marshall's sons lived on section 11.

In 1947 Chas. Sueker bought the farm and 76.99 acres.

In 1967 Dewaine Minnich bought the farm followed by the Baker Family and most recently, Janelle and Jason.

Per the Arcanum Business Book researched by Anita Short and written by William Gunder, Marshall Valentine was proprietor of Valentine Fertilizer Sales on West South Street. Other Valentines are also mentioned in the book.

The Brinksneaders have a large photo of the house with Marshall, wife Caroline and the children. There are also smaller photos of the house in the 1920' and 30'. This history and farm pictures will be on display at the Arcanum Public Library in May as part of National Preservation Month featuring local homesteads and buildings. Afterwards, these records and photos will be part of the archive record of AWTHS Reference Library

Metal Folding Chairs Update - Keith Furlong 548-6556

November 24, 2004, the historical society purchased the Wayne Trail Grange. We also purchased 45 wood chairs and 93 metal folding chairs that had been donated to the Grange by individuals and businesses in and around Arcanum.

The meeting room can accommodate only 80 chairs. The society will retain 35 metal chairs. Since we can't use or store the remaining 58 chairs, we need to dispose of them.

Listed below are the names shown on the 93 chairs and their status. A number of them have been sold for \$10.

Many of you may have special memories of those represented on the remaining chairs. If you would like to acquire a chair(s), please call me.

Unsold chairs will go up for sale at the Arcanum Old Fashioned Days on May 17, 18, 19, 2013. Any unsold chairs will be sold at the discretion of the board. Please address your questions to Keith Furlong, 548-6556.

(1) indicates the chair is sold, (2) indicates the chair is being retain by AWTHS

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| (1) 1. Ameer's Beauty Shop | (1) 48. Hanes, Mr. & Mrs. Elmer |
| (2) 2. Arcanum Aluminum Factory | (1) 49. Hanes, Roscoe & Mary |
| (2) 3. Arcanum Bakery (1 of 2) | (1) 50. Hangen, Charles & Evelyn |
| (1) 4. Arcanum Bakery (2 of 2) | 51. Helen's Beauty Shop |
| (2) 5. Arcanum Bowling Center Inc. | (1) 52. Hency's Farm Service |
| (2) 6. Arcanum Ceramic Studio | 53. Hickman, Ora - Pure Oil Distributor |
| (2) 7. Arcanum Elevator | (2) 54. Home Owned Laundry Coin-Op |
| (2) 8. Arcanum Federal Savings & Loan | 55. Horner, Catherine |
| (2) 9. Arcanum Greenhouse, Ethel W. Choate Owner | 56. Horner, Herman |
| (2) 10. Arcanum IGA | (1) 57. Hunt, Lloyd |
| (2) 11. Arcanum National Bank | (1) 58. Hunt, Myrna |
| (2) 12. Arcanum Service Center | (2) 59. Huston's Restaurant |
| (2) 13. Arcanum Times (1 of 2) | (1) 60. Karn's Furniture Co. |
| 14. Arcanum Times (2 of 2) | (1) 61. Kincaid Kleeners |
| (2) 15. Arcanum Unit Parts Co. | (1) 62. Klopfer's Flowers |
| (1) 16. Aukerman, Barbara | (2) 63. Kreitzer's (1 of 2) |
| (1) 17. Aukerman, Dayle | 64. Kreitzer's (2 of 2) |
| (1) 18. Aukerman, Ralph | (2) 65. Kut-n-Curl Beauty Shop |
| (2) 19. Baird Floor Covering, Arcanum (1 of 2) | 66. Lindsay Soft Water Co., Harold Lephart, Jr. |
| 20. Baird Floor Covering, Arcanum (2 of 2) | |
| (2) 21. Blevins Popcorn Co. "Pops Rite" | (1) 67. Little Dress Shop |
| (1) 22. Brehm, Freda - Insurance Agency | 68. Louise Beauty Shop |
| 23. Bridenbaugh in Memory of Blanch | (2) 69. Mac, W.W. - Variety Store |
| 24. Bridenbaugh, Forrest | (1) 70. Leonard G. Norris Real Estate (1 of 2) |
| (1) 25. Brown's Electrical Serv | (1) 71. Leonard G. Norris Real Estate (2 of 2) |
| (2) 26. Brown's Service Store | 72. North's Garage & Welding |
| 27. Clarks, "Bob" - Sohio | (2) 73. Northwest Radio & TV Service since 1948 |
| (1) 28. Clark, In Memory of Grace M. | (2) 74. Roger's Hardware (1 of 2) |
| (2) 29. Clark, Paul - Clark Reality | 75. Roger's Hardware (2 of 2) |
| (1) 30. Clark's Restaurant, Wm. J. Clark | (2) 76. Royal Crest Dist. Inc. (1 of 2) |
| (1) 31. Cox. H. W. | 77. Royal Crest Dist. Inc. (2 of 2) |
| (2) 32. Cox Tastee Freez | (1) 78. Royer, Virgil - "Pride Potatoes" |
| (1) 33. Crick, Gladys | 79. Sarver, Cy - Radio & TV Service |
| (1) 34. Crick, William J. | (2) 80. Sinck's Nursery |
| (2) 35. Crouse's Men's & Boy's Store | (2) 81. Sink Jewelers |
| 36. Dairy Maid, Ralph Cline | (2) 82. Smith, John Department Store (1 of 2) |
| (1) 37. Dohner, A. J. - Insurance Agency | (1) 83. Smith, John Department Store (2 of 2) |
| 38. Dull, Howard & Son Excavating | (2) 84. Smith, John - Grain (1 of 2) |
| (1) 39. Ellison's Alignment Service | 85. Smith, John - Grain (2 of 2) |
| 40. Etzler, Fred | (2) 86. Stephens Lumber Co. |
| 41. Etzler, Imo | 87. Steve's Barber Shop |
| (1) 42. Foureman, Larry | (2) 88. Sutton's Market |
| 43. Fourman, In Memory of Vernie | (1) 89. Troutwine Auto Service (1 of 2) |
| (2) 44. Fox Pharmacy | (2) 90. Troutwine Auto Service (2 of 2) |
| 45. Ginny Lee's Beauty Shop | (2) 91. Troutwine Insurance |
| 46. Gordon's Sinclair Service | 92. Warner, Samuel - P.A.G. Seed Dealer |
| 47. Hagar Paper Co. | 93. Welbaum Meat Market |

Arcanum History At Our Finger Tips

AWTHS is fortunate to have a running documentary of historical happenings in the Arcanum area with the donated Anita Short collection of Arcanum newspapers. Sometimes called, "The Weekly Times," these papers dating from 1899-1971, are unique in that they connect specific names with events of early days for enjoyable reading.

Every year schoolchildren tour our town, ending at the Historical house. These children learn "the story" as they walk up and down the streets. "This is where people came to get groceries and sewing supplies, people left their horses and buggies here, and plays and musicals took place in this city building," the tour guide tells them. The group returns to the House for a discussion about early, every day happenings. Clothing, food preparation, and tools are a few of the things that are discussed. Children need background information in order to connect with the new information they're learning at school. Now, even the oldest newspaper (114 years), will be available for reading. Most importantly, they will have a documented history of what life was like in the Arcanum area through the years.

Adults, as well as children, will be reading the papers. Obituaries of relatives, neighbors, friends, wedding and birth announcements, court and real estate news, etc. may be found. Would you like to know what was happening in Arcanum during your "growing up years,?" Maybe you'd like a copy of the obituary of a grandparent or great-grandparent. Perhaps you would enjoy browsing "The Times" for information about businesses or organizations of a particular era. Lastly, you may have free time to just enjoy reading about events during the years 1899-1971. News from Castine, West Manchester, Pittsburg, Gordon, Ithaca and New Madison and other areas can also be found.

We have included snippets as an example of what can be found in the newspaper collection. When the preservation process is completed, people will have access to the Arcanum area historical information from 1899-1971 at which time The Arcanum Times was no longer printed. The newspapers we have will be available for fact-finding and genealogical research. Our collection will be an open book of history for those curious about families and events.

**A big thank you to Dave Flora and Jim Hamilton for their time and expertise in designing and constructing the binders that will hold the newspapers. The big challenge right now is finding precision equipment to punch holes in the stacks of plastic sleeves.

"Helping Hands" will be needed to place newspapers in plastic sleeves when the binders are completed.

Snippets of the "Times"

Jan. 2, 1947

Dwaine Reed Breaks Leg In Fall While Playing

Dwaine, nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Reed, suffered a broken leg in a fall sustained Sunday before Christmas, and is confined to the children's ward at Wayne Hospital.

A group of boys were coasting on sleds on the incline built against the Troutwine Garage (formerly the Raile and Morrison Garage), when Dwaine fell. He was brought to the home of his parents on his sled by Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freese, and Bobby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baker.

He will be confined to the hospital for from two to four weeks, and will be unable to return to school until around the first of March. Under a state school plan, a teacher will be provided to instruct the boy, so that he may keep up with his lessons. His mother states that Dwaine will be glad to hear from his friends.

Timeline of The Arcanum Times

The Weekly Times - published May 1899 thru Aug. 1903

Arcanum Weekly Times - published Aug. 1903 thru Dec. 1906

The Arcanum Times - published Dec. 1906 thru Dec. 1971

<u>1903</u>	<u>Local Markets</u>
Wheat, 59 lb test.....	.80
Corn, 70 lb per bu. OLD.....	
Corn - New37
Barley.....	.48
Oats - Mixed.....	.31
Oats - white.....	.33
Rye.....	.45
Clover Seed.....	\$5.00
Flax Seed.....	
Eggs.....	.27
Butter.....	.18
Lard.....	.06
Chickens.....	.07 1/2
Rooster.....	.03
Ducks.....	.07 1/2
Turkeys.....	.11
Tallow.....	.04
Beans, per bu.....	2.30
Potatoes.....	.60
Sweet Potatoes.....	.75
Sides.....	.07

Snippets of the "Times"**Feb. 4, 1904****Ithaca Suffers From Big Fire**

The beautiful new U. B. church at Ithaca burned Sunday forenoon, leaving only the bleak brick walls standing to testify to the once fine structure, which that denomination had labored so hard to build. The fire originated in the basement and caught from a post standing a few inches from the smoke pipe leading to the flue. The sexton, Lee Frazee, says he had been in the basement some ten minutes before the outbreak, and had closed the furnace, returning to the main room.

Soon after he detected smoke in the building, and rushing to the cellar, found a small blaze on this post.

Immediately he ran for water, but upon his return the cellar was so full of smoke that no one dared venture in. Chemicals were secured, bucket brigades formed in line and all worked heroically, but in vain. When it was seen that nothing could save the building, attention was turned to getting out the furniture, and in this they were materially

As is given in Rev. Fowler's statement in another column, the church will be immediately rebuilt, and all contributions, large or small, will be thankfully accepted.

March 4, 1948**TROJANS 1948 DARKE COUNTY BB CHAMPS**

Hail to the Trojans. After a seasonal record of 1 loss, the Trojans from Arcanum ploughed through a tough Darke County tournament schedule, taking all comers. Saturday night they met Gettysburg in the finals, and won 34-30. The locals proved their championship caliber by coming from behind to win in the final minutes of the game. Players: Douglas Strahan, Glen Harshbarger, Gene Rench, Nolan Hangen, Dan Beasecker, Jim Unger, Gene Plunkett, Dick Seifman, Ralph Harshbarger and Ronnie Condon, and the coach was Lowell Gingrich. The physical education department has purchased several new pieces of equipment and several new games such as soccer, volleyball, and speed ball are now being played.

Arcanum is the No. 1 representative from Darke County in the Class B section at Dayton.

Sept. 20, 1945**Arcanum School News**

The fall term of the Arcanum school began September 10, with an enrollment of 451, an increase of sixteen over the first day's enrollment one year ago. The opening day's enrollment by grades is as following:

Grade 1, 47; Grade 2, 30; Grade 3, 37; Grade 4, 32; Grade 5, 39; Grade 6, 24; Grade 7, 33; Grade 8, 34; Grade 9, 47; Grade 10, 54; Grade 11, 37; Grade 12, 37.

A check of the enrollment figures shows there are 230 boys and 221 girls enrolled. The classes in upper six grades have organized and elected officers for the coming year. These are as follows:

Seniors: President, Duane Ehlers;

Vice President, Bill Gunder; Secretary, Marjorie Longenecker; Treasurer, Rose Boyd.

Juniors: President, Dick Rosser; Vice President, Janice Hoke; Secretary, Ruth Ann Floyd; Treasurer, Gene North.

Sophomores: President, Howard Royer; Vice President, Joan Hartley; Sec'y., Janice Brumbaugh. Joe Sensenbaugh; Treasurer, Roma Anthony; Reporter

Freshman: Pres. Douglas Strahan; Vice Pres., Tom Julien; Secretary, Donald Brehm; Treasurer, Nolan Hangen; Reporter, Kenneth Johnson.

Eight Grade: President, Jimmy Albrecht; Vice Pres., Virgil Shephard; Secretary, Paul Judy; Treasurer; Doris Schell; Reporter, Louanna Ulsh

Local historians and authors Bill Gunder and the late Anita Short included the Arcanum newspapers in their research to record life in Arcanum since the earliest days. Their books each cover different stories which show life in a vibrant town. Our community is fortunate to have these local history books for quick reference, as well for pleasure reading, and also have the old newspaper to browse through and make our own discoveries.

Books for Sale * History of Arcanum

The Secret Town - The Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio

\$20

Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)

\$25

Arcanum Chronicles-Opera House, Sports, Parades & Celebrations, Brig. Gen. Ed Sigerfoos, Grassville Quartette, Christmas, Chautauqua, Fast Horses, District 7 Ithaca School

\$20

Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2 - Fire Department and Arcanum Public Library

\$18

To purchase books contact Barbara Deis 678-7832, Bill Gunder 692-8000, Board Members or our website

2013 Membership Form

Mail to AWTHS, P.O. Box 4, Arcanum, OH 45304

Name _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Phone Number _____ Receive Newsletter by Email _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip code _____

___ \$15 Single ___ \$25 Family ___ \$50 Sponsorship ___ \$150 Corporate ___ \$1000 Lifetime

Your additional tax deductible contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____

Your participation is needed for AWTHS to exist and for continuous growth. Please check the area where you can serve.

___ Acquisitions ___ Newsletter ___ Membership ___ Programs ___ Ways & Means

___ Historic Sites ___ Education ___ Nominating ___ Flower Garden Care ___ Yard Care

___ Genealogy ___ Publicity ___ Design/Displays ___ Publications

___ Adopt A Highway ___ Typing Research Papers

1913 Miami Valley Flood

In the January 2013 newsletter Bill Gunder wrote of how Arcanum was affected by the 1913 Flood. Due to space the newspaper articles were edited. The articles can be read in their entirety in the 1913 newspapers available at AWTHS.

New Madison Excerpts were taken from the book "The 1913 Flood in the Northern Miami Valley" by Scott D. Trostel. Much of the information about New Madison in Trostel's book was taken from The New Madison Herald newspaper.

Greenville and portions of Darke County were plunged into darkness during the terrible storms. The conditions of that Monday night blew up the Electric Company's high tension transformer located at Drew's Corner south of town. It plunged the village of New Madison into darkness along with many rural residences. After the storms passed and waters had receded, another transformer held in reserve at Greenville was installed that next Saturday. Owing to the water having been over that transformer it burned out after a few minutes service thus leaving New Madison in the dark for about two weeks. (page 135)

That Monday (March 24th) night the Pennsylvania Railroad's west bound passenger train, No. 35, due in New Madison at 8:35 p.m. was running late. It attempted to enter the long siding at the east end, (north end of New Madison) so that No. 24 a heavy and fast passenger train might proceed eastward toward Bradford and Piqua. On approaching the switch target, suddenly a track washout was discovered. The engineer threw the brake handle into "emergency" and the train quickly stopped. It was run back north to Weaver's Station to await arrival of a track gang to make repairs. No. 24 was held in New Madison, unable to get back to Richmond, Indiana, three bridges having gone down behind the train.

Meanwhile, both trains waited all night for a work train and crew from Bradford that did not come. Their work train had been washed off the track at Bridge 58 near New Harrison and 20 men were missing in the angry black waters in a horrible night of terror.

Other track crews were summoned to the wash out at New Madison and all day Tuesday section hands labored through the rains, repairing tracks at that point. The roadbed under the track had been washed away. The tracks sagged in mid-air with about two feet of sag reported. The near-by semaphore signal was buried in the gravel.

Track walkers (inspectors) reported even greater track and bridge damage near Weaver's Station resulting in traffic being completely suspended. The passengers of No. 35 spent two nights marooned at Weaver's Station before being moved back down to New Madison to join the passengers on No. 24 as guests of the village of New Madison.

The locomotives of both trains were being cared for by their engine crews, with the assistance of volunteers from the village fire department. The fire engine was used to refill their tenders with water so the locomotive boilers could provide steam heat throughout cars. Those trains having Pullman sleeping cars, were filled with passengers for night time accommodations. (page 137)

March 26, 1913 Recorded in the Arcanum Criterion Club Minutes

"A called meeting of the club was held at the home of the V. President March 26. A motion was carried to dispense with guest night and give twenty dollars toward the relief fund for the Dayton sufferers. There was a motion to adjournment.

C. M. Smith Vice President, S. Hoffman Secretary

On Going Projects

Euchre Parties - First and Third Friday of each month September through May - Dave & Beth Flora 692-8413

Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong, 548-6556

Aluminum Can Recycling - Keith Furlong, 548-6556

For Sale - Historic Arcanum books, Bill Gunder, 692-8000

Arcanum Note Cards

Donation of Appreciated Stocks - Richard Troutwine, 692-5128 or Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206

Newsletter is compiled and edited by Barb Deis, 678-7832 or bdeis08@centurylink.net. Share your story with us.

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<u>Calendar of Events</u>		
April 3, 2013	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 5 & 19, 2013	Euchre Card Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
April 20, 2013	Trash Bash	
May 1, 2013	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 3 & 17, 2013	Euchre Card Party	1:00- 3:30 p.m.
May 9, 2013	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Program - Bill Gunder, Founder's Children	
May 17, 18 & 19, 2013	Old Fashioned Days	
	Spring Fling Sale	Fri. 4 - 9 p.m. / Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
June 1, 2013	Farmers Market Begins	9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
June 5, 2013	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
AWTHS Open Hours 9:00 a.m. to Noon: 1st Saturday of each month*****Starting June 1st each Saturday		

A Gentle Reminder

- We need a Vice President!
- Have you paid your membership dues?
- Attend Bill Gunder's Presentation May 9th, 7 p.m.
- Sign up to work in the yard and flower beds
- Donate garden & yard items and homemade goodies for Old Fashioned Days Sale
- Need photographer to photograph old school houses or sites were they where located.
- Become a Scheduling Coordinator or hostess/host for Saturday Open Hours.
- Need typist of graduating class names for Franklin and Monroe Schools.
- Help in identifying Franklin and Monroe graduating class members.
- Compiled history, photos, and research of your homesteads.