

# *Newsletter*

*October and November 2008*

*New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society*

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**THURS. OCTOBER 9** -- 6 p.m., Pot-luck Wiener Roast at Cathells' farm, "Serenity Chase," 8393 Schleppe Rd. (1 mile north of Walnut St.). RAIN OR SHINE! Hotdogs, buns, & condiments will be provided. Bring your own table service, beverage, and a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. A short meeting will follow, with **ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS.**

**SAT. OCT. 11** -- **HARVEST THE ARTS FESTIVAL** at Dorans' Farm on Babbitt Rd., 11 - 4  
2 p.m., Ealy House Tour for D.A.R. members.

**FRI. OCT. 17** -- 9-12, Craft Day (making Christmas cards) at Kim Cathell's house, 7142 Fodor Rd. (939-0089). Materials provided (or bring your own).

**FRI. OCT. 24 & FRI. OCT. 31** -- 9-12, Craft Days continued, to make tree ornaments & items for Christmas boutique. Place to be announced.

**THURS. NOVEMBER 6** -- 7 p.m., Society Meeting at Summerville, 5055 Thompson Road, to celebrate Aziel Shockley's 100th birthday (actual date is Nov. 27).

**TUES. NOV. 18** -- Newsletter Deadline (contact M. Saveson, 855-9809).

**THURS. DECEMBER 4** -- Reserve this date for possible holiday dinner.

**SUN. DEC. 7** -- Village Tree Lighting and Ealy Open House

## WIENER ROAST to be on the SECOND THURSDAY

Our October meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday this month, Oct. 9. It will combine the annual wiener roast with the annual meeting for election of officers and board members. See the details under "DATES TO REMEMBER" on the front page.

## HARVEST THE ARTS, SAT., OCT. 11

We are looking forward to this annual event, which will take place at Dorans' farm, 5462 Babbitt Road. We have the usual high hopes for good weather and enthusiastic participation on the part of our members. We are committed to sponsoring the following activities: Bake Sale, Apple Butter sale, Scarecrow-making, Candle-dipping, 50/50, and a big Food Table (with bean soup in the huge old cauldron, sloppy joes, soft drinks, and cider both hot and cold).

We need more volunteers for the Bake Sale table and the Food Table so as not to force the present crew to be there all day. Please sign up for a 3-hour shift (10 to 1 or 1 to 4). Call Sharon at 939-5292 or Kim at 939-0089.

**STUFF NEEDED** -- 1. Bake Sale items (get them there by 10 a.m. while you can still drive in).

2. Pint and half-pint canning jars for apple butter (get them to Naomi Fodor, Sharon Carter, or Marty Saveson as soon as possible).

3. Food Table items -- Bean soup (either home-made or store-bought jars, to be added to the big kettle), diced ham and ham bones, and CORN MUFFINS OR CORN BREAD. (Soup ingredients by 9 a.m., corn bread by 10 or 11).

4. Scarecrow clothes -- colorful long-sleeved, button-front shirts, old blue jeans, hats of any kind, and panty-hose (for the body & head). Give these to Marty ahead of time, or bring them to the Festival.

5. 12-packs of soft drinks (not root beer) or water.

## NEW BOOKLET ON EALY HOUSE

To celebrate having the Ealy House officially listed on the National Register of Historical Places, John Saveson has put together a new book, which is fuller than the first one (published a year ago). The substance of the book is the material which he researched and wrote for the Society's application to place the Ealy House on the National Register. It is illustrated by many of the photographs taken by John for the application, most of them in color. The booklet is available free to Society members and to non-members who are interested.

## KERN-HARRINGTON NOW EMPTY

On August 1, the final load of boxes and "stuff" was cleaned out of the Kern-Harrington House. The New Albany Company was so informed, and also Brad Shockey, who now is making plans to have the house moved across the road to a lot he owns on Third St. We wish Brad well in his endeavor, for we want to see the old house taken good care of. It has been a landmark since 1881, and it served our Society well from 1994 until 2004.

## DRYER HOUSE NEWS

The good news is that the roof is now on. Hurray! But there is plenty of bad news: the roof bill is enormous, and more work still needs to be done & paid for. Further bad news: the recent windstorm wreaked havoc with the breezeway & with tree limbs.

Thanks to David Cline for keeping an eye on the place, and making repairs to windows & doors, piling up roofing material, storing scattered things, and generally taking care of things. Kim has also done more than her rightful share of picking up branches so that the mowers can mow.

## CRAFT DAYS

Fridays will be Craft Days, beginning October 17, and continuing on Oct. 24 and 31, and maybe beyond. The plan is to produce saleable ornaments and gifts for our Christmas open house on December 7. No experience is needed. Everyone is invited. Those who have attended past Craft Days have had such a good time they didn't want to stop. Materials will be provided, or you can bring your own.

The first Craft Day, on Oct. 17, will be held at Kim Cathell's home, 7142 Fodor Road, New Albany, from 9 a.m. until about noon. On that first day, the project will be Christmas cards. After that, other kinds of things will be made (bring ideas). Call Kim at 939-0089 or Sharon Carter at 939-5292 for further information.

## NEWS OF OUR OLDEST MEMBERS

**AZIEL SHOCKLEY**, 99, will be 100 in November. She recently fell and broke her hip again (the same one) and is staying at Manor Care, 140 Old County Line Rd., Westerville, OH 43081. The report is that she is doing well, so she might be back at Summerville soon. And of course, we will be celebrating her 100th birthday in advance at our November meeting.

**FLORENCE BEVELHYMER**, 97, is still in a nursing home in Illinois, as reported in the last newsletter, but she is doing somewhat better and talked recently to Marty Saveson on the phone. Cards should be sent to the latest home address at 2956 Wolf Creek Rd., Normal, IL 61761.

## OTHER CHANGES OF ADDRESS

**NORMA MASSIE** -- 14 White Fox Trail, Candler, NC 28715

**BRAD & BARB SHOCKEY** -- 6851 Bevelhymer Rd.,  
New Albany, OH 43054

**JOHN & MARIAN SHOCKEY** have moved to Florida, but their mail can still be sent to 6851 Bevelhymer Rd.

JAMES FODOR, 1928-2008

Jim Fodor was born in Columbus, but grew up in Jefferson Township, surrounded by a large family. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Gahanna and later went on to become a State Auditor and a member of the Franklin County Board of Elections. He moved to Plain Township after his marriage to Naomi Swickard 53 years ago.

Had he chosen to become a professional politician, Jim Fodor would have been very successful. This good-natured man enjoyed people. He was thoughtful of others, kind to everyone, and a playful teaser. He never knew a stranger, according to Naomi. He loved children, and they loved him. Seemingly without any effort, he was rewarded with admiration and respect from people of all ages.

Who else would gather three octogenarian ladies together and drive them in his car to lead the parade for the start of the 1978 Founders Day celebration? The smiling threesome were Nina Estle (widow of the local doctor), Ethel Schleppe (the oldest Plain Township resident, who was born in 1886 and lived to be 102), and Lizzie Swickard (his mother-in-law). These jewels had their day!

He was proud of his well-equipped blue tractor and his large electric organ, but especially proud of his and Naomi's lovely homes in New Albany and in Ellenton, Florida. They both loved to beautify their yards with flowers, shrubs, and trees. Many folks have fond memories of the delicious grapefruit picked from the Fodors' own tree in Florida. Here in the north, Jim's special pride was his many, many apple trees. At Christmas time, he and Naomi lavishly decorated the home on old 161 both inside and outside. The lights brought viewers to the community.

Jim was, like Naomi, a faithful member of the United Methodist Church and the New Albany-Plain

Township Historical Society, and very generous to both organizations. His famous peanut butter fudge was a favorite item at church bazaars and Historical Society bake sales. At the annual Harvest the Arts Festival, we would see him in bib-overalls, straw hat, and red bandanna, pressing apples (many from his own orchard or donated by him) into cider for thirsty customers.

Jim Fodor died on Monday, August 18. Many of the community residents have wonderful memories of him. We will all miss Jim very, very much.

--Arloia Walton

#### **THANKS to the NAPT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

We would like to thank you for the many beautiful cards and your expressions of sympathy. You have been a part of our family through all of our efforts together. Your response to the church for food for the luncheon made the buffet complete.

We are truly grateful for friends.

Sincerely,  
Naomi and the Fodor family

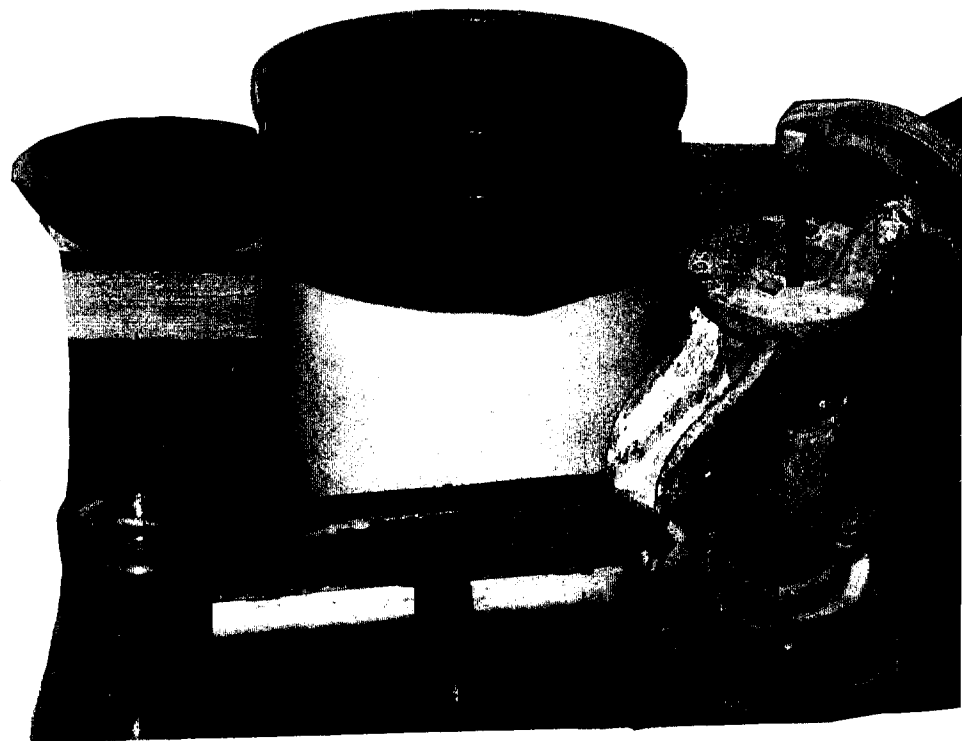
#### **A LARGE DONATION FOR OUR COLLECTION**

This past week, Naomi invited a few expert members of the Society to select items from Jim's large assortment of old tools and farm equipment. Many thanks to Naomi. And thanks to David Cline for photographing them and listing them for our records:

V point Spade  
Left & Right Ax for squaring logs  
Corn Knife  
Brass hacksaw  
Pitcher Pump - The Deming CO. Salem, OH  
Log Roller  
Slate/Tile Cutter  
Block Plane with molding cutters  
Post mount Drill Press  
Electric Fan by Polar Cub  
Blue Prints for New Albany High/Middle School-  
Nov. 15, 1993

#### **Donation list continued:**

Small Crock  
Wooden Bowl  
Sunglasses with case - Mason's Jewelers & Optometris  
Wicker Basket Columbus, OH  
Milk Bottle - Hamilton Milk Company, Cols, OH  
Frank's Improved Circular Spring Balance Scale  
Broadcast Seeder  
Wooden level  
Unknown - made by Marquette Mfg Co. St Paul Minn  
Four inch Chisel with long handle  
Two Speed Chest Drill  
Draw Knife  
Draw Knife with adjustable handles  
Brick/Block transporter - Galena, OH



Clockwise from top left are a hand-made wooden bowl, a crock, a pitcher pump, a scale, and an old milk bottle.

### MARKET DAYS REPORT

Market Days this past June and July, as previously reported, were enough worth doing that we kept our table going on two Saturdays in August, thanks to Theresa Kempker, Marilyn Regrut, Helen Pestel, and Marty Saveson. Our total earnings for the summer were \$122.75, and we made a few friends along the way. Thanks to Theresa for master-minding our participation.

### BOUTIQUE ITEMS REQUESTED

Liz and Marty scavenged the Dryer place recently for items to sell at a possible "Boutique" table during our open-houses in the future. They turned up some silver trays, a collectible teapot, some fine doll house furniture, good glassware, and a few other things previously set aside as "too good for a rummage sale."

We are asking our members to search their cupboards for items which you do not really want to keep but are "too good" for a yard sale or the Goodwill. Liz & Marty have quite a few such things at home, and we know that everybody has something that fits this description. Suggestions: silverware, glassware, old linens, special books, old jewelry. You will find some charming things in your closets that you will never use, so look around. Thanks.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD MEETING OF SEPT. 3

Marilyn Saveson was appointed to fill Jim Fodor's position as Trustee until the upcoming election.

It was agreed to cancel the plan for a Halloween event this year but to plan ahead for it for 2009. Likewise, the rummage sale would be just too much work for too few of us this fall, what with Harvest the Arts coming up so soon. We now think in terms of next spring for the sale. Meanwhile, we discussed ways of "unloading" some of our excess baggage through Craig's List. The Board voted to let Marty approach Out of the Ordinary about some of our superfluous shelves.

### MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY MEETING OF SEP. 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Kim Cathell, at the New Albany Library.

18 members and guests were present.

Our July meeting was the Potluck Picnic at John and Marty Saveson's barn. The August meeting consisted of our tour of the Jeanne B. McCoy Performing Arts Center given by Ted DeDee. Therefore there were no minutes to read.

Helen Pestel presented the treasurer's report, covering July and August.

Betty Maynard made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Sharon Carter, and accepted by the members present.

Kim C. told us that she met, for coffee, with Craig Mohre, Tom Rubey, and Bill Resch to discuss the society's expenses, so far, in the work on the Ealy House and the funds to be donated by NAC.

John Saveson gave us a souvenir booklet of the application information submitted to the National Park Service, to earn the Ealy House a place in the National Registry of Historic Places, and congratulatory letters sent to Kim and Joe Stefanov (representing the village).

Nancy Ferguson spoke glowingly of John's research and work on the nominating paperwork, and she gave him a standing ovation and we thanked him for his efforts.

Sign up sheets for the Harvest the Arts Festival, early and late shifts (10:30-1:30 and 1:30-4:30), were passed around.

The man who will build the Ealy House front steps, David Beatty plans to complete the steps by the end of September.

There was an idea put forward for an easy fund raiser for us. When the Village Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony takes place we should open the Ealy House, decorated with an artificial Christmas tree upon which are displayed homemade ornaments "for sale". So everyone, start thinking of Christmas ornaments you can make, for us to sell.

Our October meeting will be on the second Thursday in the month, Oct. 9, and will be the Wiener Roast, at the Cathell Ranch on Schleppi Road. Bring something for a potluck feast.

Our November meeting will be on Nov 6, at 5055 Thompson Road, the Inn at Summerville, to celebrate Aziel Shockley's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>).

The Society received a very nice thank you note from Naomi Fodor sharing appreciation for efforts of the members in remembering Jim, upon his death, at the showing, funeral, and burial.

If you looked for the annual Rummage Sale over Labor Day weekend, it didn't happen, due to lack of volunteers to do the work. Whenever everything is sorted through and organized, it will be held.

John S. asked the question, "Who's on the nominating committee?" to find volunteers to serve in the society's offices for the next year. Sharon Carter said she'd work on a slate of officers to vote on but the by-laws say we needed to appoint 2 more people, so Liz Feichter and Marty Saveson volunteered to help Sharon.

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

The 50/50 drawing was held, won by Betty Maynard and delicious refreshments were provided by Marty.

--Kathy Yager, Sec. pro tem.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPT. 25 BOARD MEETING

Plans were made for the wiener roast on Thurs., Oct. 9, Harvest the Arts on Sat., Oct. 11, a Max & Erma fund-raiser (for Nov. or Dec., details to be announced), and -- something new -- Craft Days.

Kim led a discussion of the future of Harvest the Arts and the Village Events Board's "Oktoberfest," which are just 1 week apart. Should we get more involved with the Oktoberfest, since it could be more of a money-maker for us? As for this year, due to the scarcity of helpers we are NOT able to participate in the Oktoberfest, despite the report in the local paper.

#### New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society Treasurer's Report - July/August, 2008

Income	July	August
Memberships (Linda Martin & Lillian Shannon)		\$ 20.00
Market Days		122.75
Jim Fodor Memorial		395.00
Checking Interest	<u>3.34</u>	<u>3.91</u>
Total Income	3.34	\$ 541.66

Expenses	July	August
AEP - (RTD\$4.61, \$9.95; Ealy\$5.99, \$5.90)	10.60	\$ 15.85
AT&T	36.01	12.85*
Check Gallery-new checks	22.10	
Rumpke	53.56	
Columbus Water & Sewer		34.68
Newsletter Printing (Print Xpress)		57.50
Holley's Roofing & Siding (Dryer House)		<u>9260.00</u>
All Ohio Masonry Restoration	<u>437.50</u>	
Total Expenses	559.77	\$9380.88

May 1st Balance	\$ 12,555.81
Income	545.00
Expenses	9,940.65
End of June Balance	\$ 3,160.16
Hold for Computer	1,800.00
Hold for Quilt	1,500.00
Vanguard Fund Balance 6/30/08	18,082.33
Balance NACF Ealy Sustaining Fund 6/30/08	27,802.94
Balance NACF Ealy Renovation Fund 6/30/08	13,748.51

\*AT&T charged for long distance service after service was cancelled.

August bill reflects credit.

Helen Pestel, Treasurer



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*Ella Doran, in an 1890's photo with her children Olive and Ross, on the original, wooden front steps of the 1860 Ealy House.*