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MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY

Back to Winter. A lot has happened since we last talked. New place for the Historical Society to hang our memories. Lots going on. We were at St. Margaret Mary Festival with many of our memories, yearbooks, old photos, interviews, etc. We participated in College Hill's Bicentennial as mourners for the Laboiteaux-Cary Cemetery. We are getting new stuff everyday. Our new place is filling up. We received a retro Frisch's Booth. We have many new members. So far, life is good for the Historical Society. Hope you will visit our new home soon.

Do you remember eating a Big Boy in one of these?



Thanks to Frisch's for giving us this retro booth

July – July and August we were moving and getting our new place at Clovernook ready for the Historical Society. We moved out of Goodman July 17, and with the help of the Public Works and several Historical Society members, were were out in one day with 3 truckloads of historical memories. It has taken the rest of July and most of August to organize and put our memories in places of recognition. We have lots of pool memorabilia on the walls in and outside the room so you can visibly see our things. The World War Vets pictures are on the wall outside our room so all can see and commemorate their service to our country. We have several mannequins with vintage school uniforms, two world war uniforms and several shirts and jackets including a Budna Grill baseball uniform. So come and check out all the fun and hard to find pieces of clothing you haven't seen in years that we have hanging in our museum. Our room has filled up so fast these last couple of months.



Budna Chairs

Also new to our collection are the Budna chairs.



Moving Day

Finding a place for everything is a challenge.

August 24 - Our August meeting was filled with many new members. We talked about the up and coming College Hill Bicentennial. A large group from the society will be playing mourners and talking about the people buried in the cemetery. We also talked about the St. Margaret Mary Festival and signing up helpers for this event. Their chicken dinner is always spectacular. In the future we will be having speakers at our meetings.

September 4 & 5 – The St. Margaret Mary Festival was fun watching everyone ooh and ahh over our stuff and the pictures Carol Rutz puts out for St. Margaret Mary. Linda and Roger always move the books and other items to be seen to the church. The festival is a two-day event. Gloria Sandman and Carol Lommer helped on Saturday and Sunday. Carol Rutz is always there. Roger and Linda Braunwart move all the stuff to and from the church. The chicken dinner on Sunday was crowded as everyone enjoyed the wonderful dinner including fabulous desserts.

September 21 - **HERE COME THE MOURNERS** : This was a fun event we participated in as part of College Hill's Bicentennial, "The Road to Freedom". I gave an overview of the Cemetery and all the mourners scattered about gave individual talks about the residents buried in the cemetery. We were there from 12:00-2:00 and had about 50 people stream through, most had never been before and everyone was curious about finding more about the history. As we were leaving, more people kept coming. So I think this was an absolutely great day for all the Historical Societies involved.



Many thanks to all who participated as mourners. They are the “best”. And as usual thanks to Roger and Linda for moving the table and chairs for the Historical Society. Thanks to Gloria Sandman and Carol Stanchef for manning the table. The mourners were from left to right – Carol Rutz, Alice Blum, Pat Gallagher, Sharyn Speckman, Diane Homelle, Jackie Bach and Linda Braunwart.

There is a bulletin board up at the Historical Society with pictures and articles telling about the event and the Laboiteaux/Cary Cemetery. Three revolutionary war vets are buried in the cemetery.

November 23 – Annual Open House.



Many people chatting and investigating all of the items in the society. The new place is a great fit for everything. If you missed this event, mark your calendar for next year. It is always the Saturday after Thanksgiving. You may meet somebody you haven't seen in awhile. We look forward to seeing you next year. We have great old stuff and terrific refreshments to quench your appetite and thirst.

We do not meet in December. Our next meeting is the last Saturday of January.

DUES RUNS PER ANNUM – JANUARY TO JANUARY. --- Please keep your membership up to date and pay for your new membership card. We send out two newsletters per year. I will extend newsletters for a little while but if you have not paid your dues in awhile, I will stop the newsletter. And I think you will agree that that will be a sad day. - when the newsletters stop. At the end of this newsletter is a membership form to fill out.

Come see our new room if you haven't been or missed the Open House. We have many new items to look at and stories to look through. New vintage clothing, Army uniforms, cheerleading outfits, crossing guard outfits, baseball, etc. Also many stories and pictures from the 1800 and 1900's are there for you to investigate. If you know someone doing a project, we have all the history. If you have old NCH items you want to get rid of, please think of the Historical Society as a place to give them for safe keeping.

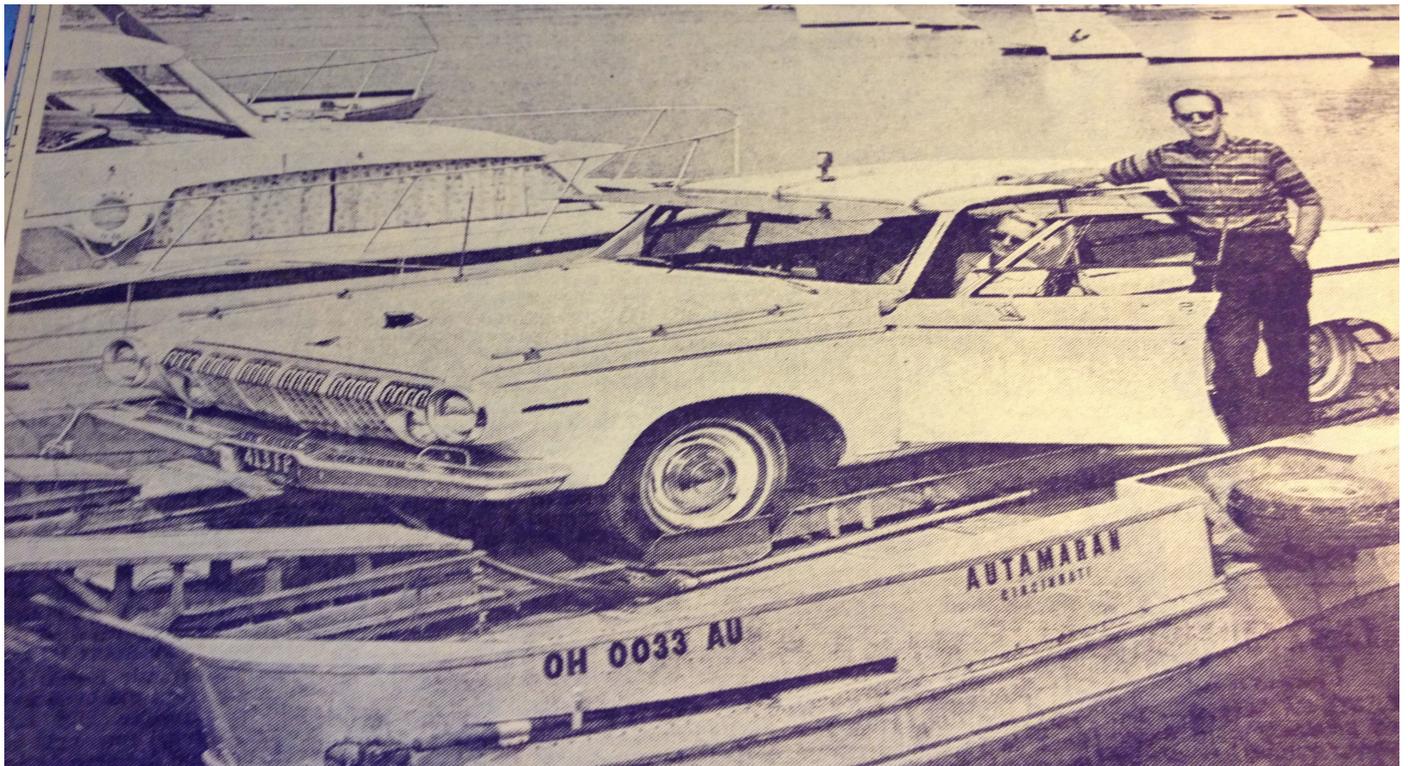
And we have many yearbooks for you to find yourself or your best friend.

“Many interesting people have resided in North College Hill.” And this is one of their stories!!

John Brush - Mr. Brush was born in White Plains, New York. In 1934, he began working for Proctor and Gamble in St. Louis and developed an Air Lift which lifts and cools soap and synthetic granules without crushing them. No Squeeze Oxydol was the first product. In 1935, he transferred to Cincinnati where he continued work on the Air Lift. He improved systems on dust and flake problems and installed systems throughout the U.S.

In 1941, he married Lois Pogne and his work assignment took him to Manilla, Philippine Islands where he became Chief Engineer. In December, the Japanese surrounded the island, and John and Lois spent the next year and a half in a Japanese Prison Camp. They were eventually rescued from behind Japanese lines by the U.S. 11th Airborne Division who jumped through the barbed wire fence, broke through enemy lines and killed all the guards.

In 1953-55, working as manager of P&G Airplane Operations, he designed and installed improved heat exchangers to keep passengers warm in 0 to 30 degree weather outside. In 1956, he invented the “Autamaran”, an amphibious vehicle using a standard car, its engine and large foldable pontoons, making it usable on road or water with a quick changeover. At one time, when he was testing on the Ohio River, he recalls a boat captain telling him, his shipmate at one point saying they were being chased up river by a maroon Packard. Mr. Brush got this idea when he and his wife were prisoners of war. He had plenty of time to think of ideas. So in 1953 he started to work on this idea and developed the car boat. He spent \$5000 on materials and patents. He had the only car on the road with a Coast Guard Safety Sticker. The major problem was getting insurance. The car won't cover the boat and the boat won't cover the car.



His retirement business, was applying “Coolsfuel” and “Coolaux' to any vehicle to cure its hot weather engine operating problems.

Lois passed away in 1969 and he married Marian Natorp Ach in 1971. They made their winter home in Bandera for two decades. He is survived by one daughter and 5 sons.

Did You Know

- * **The Bising Farm made Limburger cheese. The farm was demolished for the building of St. Paul Church.**
- * **City Hall was a frame building which had been a hotel where cattlemen stayed.**
- * **Sundale Avenue was the location of the toll gate.**
- * **Knollman was a lumber & hardware store. In 1908 it was torn down for St. Margaret Mary. They moved to Simpson Avenue around 1910.**
- * **Bittman Florist was formerly a barrel store.**
- * **Schild was coal & building supply business founded in 1921.**

June, 1962 Top Song – The Twist

Price for a house - \$30,000

Milk - \$1.04

Postage- - \$.04

News:

A communication satellite Telstar is placed in orbit. Astronaut Schirra orbits the earth nearly 6 times in a Mercury Capsule.

In 1916, with a total of 500 residents, North College Hill was incorporated into a Village.

In 1941, the Village was incorporated into a City and continued to grow in population until it peaked out at 12,000 by 1960. Population has steadily declined over the last several decades.

Do you remember this:



1977 NCH float

ANNUAL/MEMBERSHIP ONE-TIME DUES PER ANNUM

- 1. Individual.....\$10.00
- 2. Student.....Complimentary
- 3. Business.....\$25.00
- 4. Family..... \$20.00

CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION

- 5. Life (family)\$150.00
- 6. Patron..... 150.00

Annual memberships run from January 1 to December 31. Membership fees are deductible for income tax purposes. Membership cards will be mailed.

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