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MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY

Summer is gone and Winter is here. So enjoy the current copy of the Newsletter. Ahhh memories.



Remember the Fun!!!!

ITS TIME TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP, Membership runs from year to year!!! Jan-Dec.

Let's go back to August 9, when the Historical Society visited Spring Grove Cemetery.



On August 9, at 1:00 we took a historical tour, via tram, of the Spring Grove Cemetery. We saw the graves of many famous (Salmon P. Chase) and not so famous people. The tour lasted 1 ½ hours. This cemetery was dedicated by Salmon Chase himself in 1845! As you go by some of the resting places of famous Cincinnati families, you can remember the contribution they made to Cincinnati. We saw the names of Proctor, Schmidlapp, Gamble, Laws, Probasco and many others of note.

Spring Grove Cemetery is a National Historic Landmark and one of America's loveliest rural garden cemeteries and a unique Cincinnati cultural resource. Its 733 acres offer the public a magnificent arboretum, open air museum, and tranquil sanctuary just minutes away from downtown Cincinnati. We experienced Spring Grove's art, history, architecture, and horticulture in person.



“Spring Grove is the second largest cemetery in the U.S. and is recognized as a U.S. National Historic Landmark. ... Tour de Cincinnati on Facebook.



The Many Faces of 1810 W. Galbraith. Past and Present



(Info. From Enquirer 1/23)

Swad Indian – Originally owned by the people who owned Dusmesh in Clifton. They have a stellar buffet and it is just the beginning. Like all buffets, the better it is, the more people come to it. Swad's buffet has a lot of food on it. Everything is crisp and fresh tasting. And very good quality.

Dining at the buffet is a great way to try Indian food because you can sample a small amount of a lot of different dishes to see which ones you like. Swad also has excellent vegetarian choices. They serve lunch and dinner Tuesday – Sunday.

So if you're looking for a place to eat, give Swad a try.

In October, we had a field trip to Channel 5 in Mt. Auburn. And lunch at the Rookwood. Fun Day!!!! Ever want a behind-the-scenes look at the WLWT studios and newsroom? Well the Historical Society did just that.

WLWT was established by the Crosley Broadcasting Company, owners of WLW (700 AM), most powerful radio stations. Crosley Broadcasting was a subsidiary of the Crosley Corporation, which became a subsidiary of the Aviation Corporation (later known as Avco) in 1945. After starting experimental broadcasts in 1946, the station began commercial broadcasts on February 9, 1948 on channel 4, making it Cincinnati's first licensed television station and Ohio's second (after Cleveland). The station's studios were housed with WLW in the Closley Square building, a converted Elks Lodge in downtown Cincinnati.

WLW was the first station belonging to the Crosley Broadcasting Corporation. Clear Channel Communications currently owns and operates the station. WLW is still located in Cincinnati,

First we started out in the lobby where there were cutout figures of Ellen and Dr. Oz, currently on Channel 5. When you are in the lobby, you have a stunning view of the city looking out the panarama windows. From there we went to the newsroom and were able to watch Lisa Cooney and Mark Hayes go through their morning newscast. We also were able to take lots of pictures and do a weather stint with Randi Rico.

Last, we visited the engineering department and watched how everything went together.



In November we had our annual OPEN HOUSE. Lots of people recalled memories with one another. And goodies to keep the conversation going.



A few faces in the crowd. The place was jumpin for several hours. The staff was there to point out everything and to help everyone find old memories and treasures. Visitors stayed for several hours and talked to many people they hadn't seen and found many memories. Come and see us again next year and we will have more fun!!!

Deputy Marshal Arthur Seaman



The Story of Arthur Howard Seaman

Arthur Howard Seaman was the first officer killed in a traffic accident in 1923 and first officer to die on duty.

Here is a letter on the internet from Arthur Seaman's great nephew:

Great-Uncle "Bud",

“Coming up on your 90th anniversary of your death, I have come to know a little about you from family and research that I have done in the past 10 + years. I have found where you are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Southgate, Ky. close to your mother and father. You were a very young man when you lost your life with a hit skip while riding in a side car of a motorcycle, thank you for your service to the state of Ohio.

May9, 2013”

Here is the story of Deputy Marshall Arthur Howard “Bud” Seaman:

Age: 22

Served: 1 year

Bud was born June 6, 1901, in Cincinnati to George (of Ontario, Canada) and Henrietta (Grosheim of Kentucky) Seaman. He was 13 years old and the oldest son of five children when in 1914, his father died. He found employment at the John Shillito Company. In 1918 he was 16 and drove a truck. His mother remarried. In 1922, he was listed as a Chauffeur, and a salesman for the Parfay Company on McMicken. Sometime after June 1922, he was appointed Deputy Marshal in the Village of North College Hill. Based on strategies employed by villages at that time, he was hired to work at night opposite the Marshal and possibly as a speed Enforcement officer at night. By day, he drove a truck.

Story 1 – Arthur Seaman, 23 years old of Poplar Street a Deputy Marshal of college Hill suburb, died at General Hospital as a result of injuries received last week when the motorcycle sidecar in which he was riding was struck by a machine. The driver of the car did not stop and efforts to identify him were futile.

Story 2 - June 12, 1923, Deputy Marshal Seaman, while riding a motorcycle with a side car, was struck by an automobile bearing Ohio license #349186 on the Dayton Pike about two miles above Sharonville, Ohio. He was rushed by private conveyance to the General Hospital in Cincinnati at 1:24 a.m.

Deputy Marshal Seaman died from a fractured skull five days later at 10 p.m. on June 17, 1923. He was survived by Henrietta, his mother; stepfather, John Deschene; and 4 siblings. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Southgate, Kentucky on June 20, 1923. His mother was buried with him in 1943.

Arthur Howard Seaman was killed in a traffic accident in 1923. He is the first officer to die on duty in an accident. The vehicle that hit him was a hit and run and the person was never found. He is buried in Southgate Cemetery in Southgate, Kentucky. Deputy Marshal Arthur Seaman succumbed to injuries received five days earlier when he was struck by another vehicle while seated in a motorcycle sidecar. The driver of the car that struck him fled the scene.

It wasn't known he was a police officer until many years later when relatives of his sister were going through her house when she passed away and pictures and information were found buried amongst papers in the attic. A nephew called the NCH police department looking for and giving information about his uncle.

Did You Know!!!

- * We have a Self Guided Tour Sheet for the Dummy Line.
- * Electric streetcars and regular cars put the Dummy Line out of business.
- * In 1951, the entire Dummy Line business sold out to the Greyhound Bus Company.
- * A Farewell Trip by the Dummy Line was made May 31, 1939 when the Inter Urban was abandoned.
- * Briarwood Restaurant in NCH in 1970.

July, 1950 Top Song – Mona Lisa – Nat King Cole
Price for a house - \$14,500
Gas - \$.20
Bread - \$.14

News: 1950

Threat of a Railroad Strike.

United States Army calls 62,000 reservist.

Tennis admits first black woman, Althea Gibson.

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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