

FRANKLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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THE "SPIRITS OF FRANKLIN" walking tours of Franklin 's Woodhill Cemetery will be this week, October 26 to October 30. The tours are limited to 20 persons, so reservations are required, so call Dan Darragh at 937-746-1914 to reserve a space. Meet at the log post office on River Street near Fifth to catch the Senior Independence bus to the cemetery. The post office will be open, and refreshments will be available before and after the walks.

Thom Shera and Dennie Fitzgerald will be the re-enactors/guides. There will be lanterns for the evening tours. Prices for one walk are \$8.00 adults, \$6.00 children under 13, and \$20 for a family. Price for both walks (which may be taken on different days or times) are \$15.00 adult, \$10.00 children under 13, and \$35.00 family.

The schedule will be

Sunday, Oct. 26	3:00, Heritage tour; 6:00, Military tour; 8:00; Heritage tour
Monday, Oct. 27	7:00, Heritage tour; 8:00, Military tour
Tuesday, Oct. 28	7:00, Military tour; 8:00, Heritage tour
Wednesday, Oct. 28	7:00, Heritage tour; 8:00, Military tour
Thursday, Oct. 30	7:00, Heritage tour; 8:00, Military tour

NOVEMBER 10 MEETING: "Tree rings reveal the age of historic Midwest Structures." Bruce Stewart of Architectural Reclamation will present the findings of a group of geologists from the College of Wooster. This group, led by Dr. Greg Wiles, took core samples of the logs at Franklin's log post office, and the results are fascinating. Then we may finish the meeting reminiscing about how life has changed since the 1930's, the 1950's, and the 1970's. The ice man, milk and bakery trucks making home delivery, when homes had an outhouse, then only one bathroom; walking, taking the traction or bus or train; one car families, gardens and canning, your first freezer or microwave; radio, television, computers, cell phones.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be held. We need to fill all offices and some trustees. Mary Sue Edwards, Patty Frazee, Dennie Fitzgerald, and Dan Darragh are the nominating committee.

CHRISTMAS DISCOUNTS OFFERED TO FAHS MEMBERS We are offering discount prices on our more expensive items to our members from October 19 to Dec. 28, 2008. See back of Newsletter for items and prices.

SCHENCK SCHOOL ORNAMENTS are due this week. The price will be \$6.00, the same as our other ornaments. Ornaments will make excellent stocking stuffers, or gifts for former students of the school. If you wish, you could put a tag on the back for the years you attended. Or with our other schools – label one for each of the children and grandchildren with the year their grandparents graduated. Fitzgerald's Flowers sells most of our items.

HURRICANE "IKE" ROARED THROUGH FRANKLIN on September 14 The winds blew from about one to six p.m. here and in much of Ohio, but we didn't have much rain. Many local residents were without electricity for one - four - seven - or even ten days. This was supposed to be the first hurricane to reach Ohio. Some winds were 80 miles per hour! The Museum had six trees

along the alley in back and between us and Jim deShields (the Meeker house to the west) which lost limbs, or blew over.

The alert lion on the southwest corner of the Lion Bridge at Oxford Road and Park Avenue was broken by a tree. A plush stuffed lion is resting on that pedestal until the city can have the 135-year-old lion recast and remounted.

DUES paid after November 1 are credited to the next year, i.e. 2009. Business leaders, you are requested to remember the historical society as you plan your budget for next year.

EXHIBIT-COOKING, CANNING, AND FREEZING: This fall we have an exhibit of many cookbooks. We have a blue enamelware hot water bath canner, together with many Mason and Ball jars. There is an Eldridge waffle iron for a wood stove, an iron griddle, and heavy iron kettle. There are old and newer jelly glasses, ladle and paraffin pot. Pint and quart glass Ball freezing jars from 1950 together with plastic containers. Cooking is the theme for the OMT Club programs this year.

MEMORIALS

<i>In memory of</i>	<i>Date of death and age</i>	<i>Presented by</i>
Mary Kay Doliboa Myerly	Sept. 28, 2008, age 87	Tom & Harriet Foley

FRANKLIN FIRE LOGS

Some Fires from 1929 to 1930

Sunday, Jan. 6, 1929- Called to the residence of Earl Montgomery at 4 pm - found to be false alarm.

Thurs., Jan. 10, 1929- Called to the residence of Ed Haag on North Bridge St. at 9:20 pm. Soot burning out of flue, no loss, False Alarm.

Mon. Jan. 14, 1929- Called to Res. of Wm. Bacon at 9:20 am on East Fourth St. - fire in rear of Barber Shop caused by bad flue. - One chemical used - 700 ft. hose laid but no water used.

Wed. Jan. 30, 1929- Call to res. of Ralph Robinson at Fifth & Center St. - 4:03 p.m. Sparks from chimney set fire to roof - Loss \$10.00. Four sections of hose were laid. Two chemicals were used. Men present: Henry Eisenmenger, R. W. Taylor, Carl Eisenmenger, Carl Morgan, Geo. Taylor, M. Brandon, Rollie Boys, Geo. Bacon, C. Dwinell, Walter Updyke, W. Carpenter, J. Priest.

Fri. Feb. 1. - Called to Harry Monger's Res. on Center St. next to Miami Theater at 4:05 p.m., caused by an overheated furnace. The fire had a good start as no one was at home and fire was in rear of building. The double house was badly damaged on both sides - most of the contents were ruined by smoke and water. The fire was out at 5:30. Two pyrenes, two soda chemicals were used in addition to the 700 ft. of hose in use. On return to the Dept. this hose was placed in the tower and the Ford loaded with six sections from the reel, eight from the tower and one section reloaded. All men were present. Furniture \$300.; Building \$1,100.

Tues. Feb. 5, 1929- 5 p.m. Clark Chesnut's res. # 530 So. Front St. - a small fire on roof caused the use of one chemical. Loss \$15.

Wed. Feb. 6, 1929- Dick Anderson's Res. on Elm St. An overheated furnace pipe caused a wood partition to smoke - no loss. One chemical used.

Mon. Feb. 18, 1929- Alarm at 4:45 a.m., Blowed out 7:45 am. Predmore' Clothing Store - Frazee's Real Estate and Gephart's Barber Shop. The Old Hotel was touched by fire on the South and John Steigerwald's res. on the north was damaged by fire and water. Loss to property, stock, fixtures, and furniture approx. \$ 14,000. All men were present. Fifteen hundred feet of hose were placed in use. Two Chemicals (hand) were used.

Fri., Feb. 22, 1929- Alarm at 3:30 p.m. Called to residence of Clark Chesnut # 530 So. Front St. The upper portion of house and all the roof were burned. Cause unknown. Returned to the department at 6:00 p.m. Eighteen hundred to two thousand feet of hose were used. All men were present. \$700.00

Thurs., Feb. 28, 1929- Marshall Graham's Res. on Jackson St., 11:00 a.m. Caused by a spark from the chimney blowing under a shingle resulting in a small loss - \$8.00

Fri., March 8, 1929- Called to property of Mrs. Hankinson (8:30 a.m.) occupied by Wm. Dial on Center between Jackson & First. Sparks from chimney ignited a shingle roof. Small loss. \$ 5.00. Returned at 9 a.m.

Mon. April 22, 1929- Called at 6:20 a.m. to West Eighth St. A Whippet - 2 door sedan on fire in the garage owned by Wm. Blanton, the machine owned by Jess Coffee. lost the top, upholstery and wiring \$60. Loss to garage small \$25.00 - Returned at 6:40 a.m.

Wed., June 12, 1929- time 6:45 p.m. - called to Cheney Pulp & Paper Co. on south Anderson St. The fire started in the cutter and spread to the duster before being placed under control. Loss \$196. Both trucks were on the scene. Returned at 6:30 p.m. after leaving a line of hose for employees use is necessary.

Sun. Sept. 15, 1929- Called to Chas. Jones Res. on Harrison L. at 4:40 p.m. A shed filled a misc. collection of furniture & what nots was totally destroyed - two adjoining buildings were damaged slightly. All hose on the little truck was laid also two sections from big truck were placed in line. \$20. loss.

Thurs. Nov. 7, 1929- Called to the Franklin Fruit Store at 12:30 a.m. - the entire room was ablaze the contents of the room were a total loss as well as the building being badly damaged. total loss \$930.00

Mon. Nov. 11, 1929- Called to Johnie's Sandwich Shoppe at 10 a.m. - a bunch of paper boxes under cellar steps burned resulting in a \$25. loss to building.

Sun. Dec. 8, 1829- Called to South Main on account Bus by overheated exhaust pipe igniting floor boards. Bus owned by C.H. & D. in Cincinnati.

1929 - Total loss \$17,449.00

Sat., Jan. 4, 1930- Called to Dixon's Res. on First & Front St. 6:00 p.m. Fire caused by paper in lower cupboard - owned by Black & Howard. Loss \$25.00

Sun., Jan. 19, 1930- Maxwell Paper Co. 11:00 a.m. - False Alarm

Thurs., Jan. 30- 9:00 a.m. Fred Robinson's Res. on S. Center St. owned by Stacy Thornton - a roof fire caused by a spark from the chimney caused loss of \$10.00