

# Culver History Going Digital

The Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver is putting together what may be the first local history CD-ROM in the State of Indiana.

And, according to our historical consultant, Laura Thayer of Columbus, Ind., the project should be completed by the end of the year.

Included on the CD will be photographs, newspaper articles, maps and music; as well as interviews with local people, including Virginia Bair, Bertha May Rust, Donna Edgington, Fran Butler, Perry O'Neal, Bob Hartman, and Bill Matthews.

Topics will include the Black Horse Troop, Yacht Club Races, Main Street stores, high school sports, Vandalia Park, the flora and fauna of the lake, hotels, steamships, and many others.

Users of the CD, which will be avail-

able for Macintosh and Windows computers, will be able to select which topic they wish to explore.

Selecting the ice industry on Lake Maxinkuckee, for example, would yield historic photos of the yearly harvest, accompanied by a narrative from Donna Edgington, whose father was involved in the business. Written text and newspaper articles also will be included.

Ms. Thayer is being assisted on this project by Sue Fischer of the State

Historic Preservation Office. Robb Springfield, a graphic design professor at the University of Illinois, is designing the CD.

Anyone with photograph collections or scrapbooks which they would like to share should contact Pete Trone or Virginia Fisher.



## Library Committee Urges Renovation

After much deliberation, the library committee of the Antiquarian & Historical Society is of the opinion that the Culver-Union Township Library should be preserved.

Committee members believe moving the library would not only imperil this handsome building, which was the key to gaining recognition of Main Street as a National Historic District, but would also be detrimental to the vitality of Main Street.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce consider the occupation of the library as critical to the economic stability of Main Street.

We believe removing the library from the current building would be a death sentence for this historic and imposing

structure which, until now, has been physical evidence of a community's proud history, and would be sorely missed on the Culver skyline.

The committee believes the needed renovations and expansion of the building could be accomplished with the help of a licensed architectural firm that would take into consideration the preservation of the historic building, while at the same time designing an addition to meet the present and future needs of the public library of the community.

Since our society is made up of but a few of the interested tax payers of Union Township, we hope to send a questionnaire concerning this issue to all of the concerned citizens so that a report of their wishes can be presented to the

Culver Library Board before that governing body makes the final decision to preserve or move the library.

As a result of committee deliberation, the following letter was sent to the Culver-Union Township Library Board:

Mrs. Fred Lintner, President  
Culver-Union Township Library Board

At your presentation to the Antiquarian & Historical Society this spring, you indicated that the library board was seeking input and support regarding future library facility plans. We noted your comments regarding such input at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Our library committee would like to have a meeting with the library board for what could be a beneficial exchange of ideas regarding, not only the future of the library, but its role in the future of the Culver community.

Our committee secretary will contact you regarding a date when we could get together outside a regular Library Board meeting date.

Looking forward to the meeting, we remain,

Antiquarian & Historical Society  
Library Committee

## From the Editor's Desk:

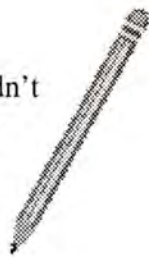
I don't have a PC and probably couldn't use one if I did, but I can type, and that seems to be why I am the editor of the Antiquarian Newsletter.

I'll need input from anyone who has some news which might interest the society members.

Luckily Steven Heim has a computer and is kind enough to put the newsletter together.

Please call Agnes Bramfeld at 219.842.2477 with news items you would like included in the newsletter.

Agnes Bramfeld  
Editor



## Meetings: Past & Future

### June 8: Tom Spiece Residence

Tom showed his collection of Wooten desks, and his former teacher and good friend dressed in period costume, talked about Queen Victoria, who owned a Wooten desk, and charmed us with her presentation.

### July 15: Lewallen cottage, better known as the Marmon Fessler estate

Ann Greenleaf told some of the history of her family coming to the lake in the late 1800s and Bob Greenleaf gave us a short history of the coming of the train to Lake Maxinkuckee. Many thanks to all who entertained at both meetings.

### August 10: Jim and Jeannie Baker's

The Baker's provided a short history of their cottage and the Lake Maxinkuckee Yacht Club.

### September 14: The Culver Cottage

On the East Shore grounds of The Culver Academies. Further details forthcoming.

## Gazebo Renovations Underway

The Maxinkuckee Country Club is in the process of renovating the gazebo. This picturesque Bower on the golf course will be restored to its original condition with a repaired roof, new floor, new lattice work, new wood on posts and fresh paint. Thanks to society members Buck and Mary Jo Bradley for initiating the renovation of this familiar landmark.

## Dues

Please send your dues (\$10.00) to the Antiquarian & Historical Society, P.O. Box 125, Culver, IN 46511.

Your money did the research for the historical designation of Main Street; bought the signs denoting this designation; helped produce the CD-ROM about the history of Culver; makes this newsletter possible; and pays the postage for notices about meetings and DUES!

Thank you.