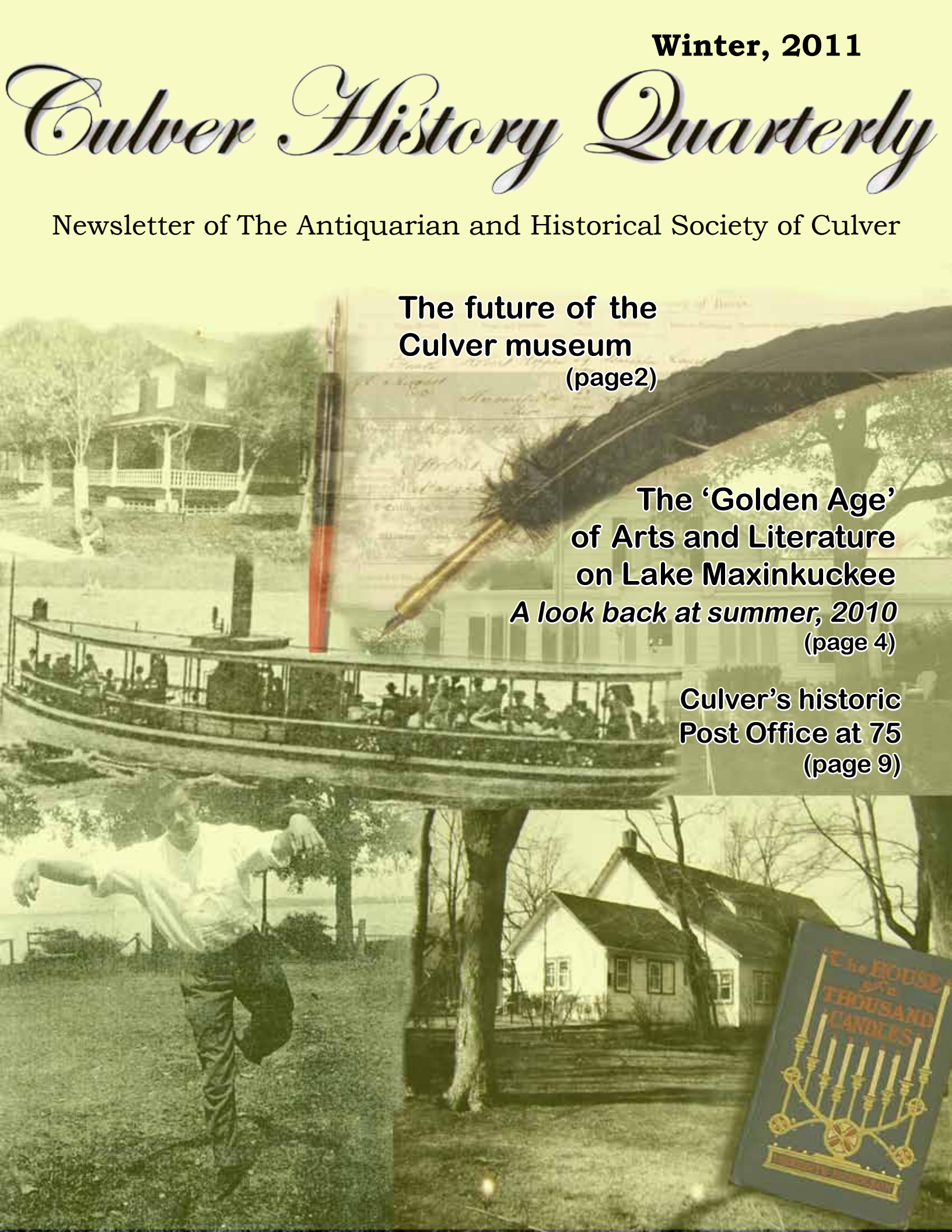


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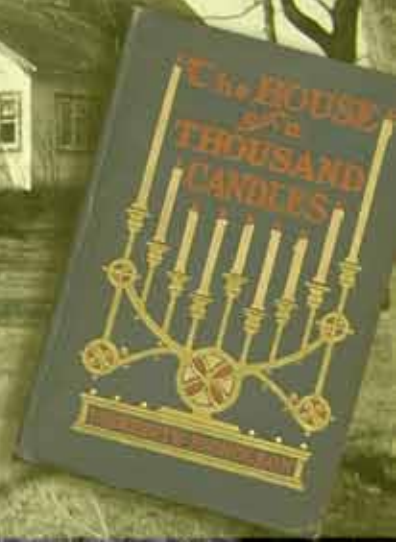
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President's Report

First of all, I thank you for your letters, e-mails, and for your attendance at the library board meeting in support of the AHS museum and research center. It is also gratifying to have this support coming from the town people as well as lake and Academy communities. From our beginnings in the early 90's with the designation of Main St. on the National Register, through the development of Heritage Park, the placement of the Lighthouse in the Town Park and finally the Center for Culver History we have sought to bring the entire community together. Local history touches the lives of families and communities. It encourages a sense of pride and belonging. It also promotes an understanding of the traditional values that have made this unique community a very special place.

Clearly we were disappointed by the actions of the current library board. We had entered into an agreement with the previous library board in good faith to build a center for education, local history, and research. The \$40,000 grant from the Marshall County Community Foundation and the over \$60,000 donated by the members of the Antiquarian Society to rehab the basement of the old Carnegie library building will now accrue to the Library Board for their unspecified use.

At the AHS Board meeting held following the library board decision, the general consensus was that there was no way that we are going to let this set back deter us from moving forward in providing this community a place to research, learn and enjoy our historical legacy. We are currently exploring options for a new home for all of the research material, artifacts and displays that have been donated to us and have been develop by our volunteers and staff.

I thank all of you for your moral, financial, and volunteer support. Trusting in the Lord and with your continued support, we will have a home for future generations to enjoy.

The AHS Officers, Board members, and Museum staff and volunteers trust that you had a joyous holiday season. And we wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Jim

James E. Peterson, President, The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver



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Jeff Kenney, Editor.**



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With more pages, a new format and color, Jeff Kenney has assumed editorship from editor Fred Karst. In carrying on Fred's long tradition of excellence, it will continue to feature articles of historical significance and information about the Society. We are taking a step forward while keeping one foot firmly planted in the past and hope that you will find this "new face" of the Society to your liking. Your comments and suggestions are encouraged and welcomed.

Membership in the Society is open to families for \$30 per year, which includes mailing of the quarterly newsletters, Society news and up-dates on current happenings, and invitations to special programs and events. To become a member, make a donation or to otherwise correspond with the Society, please mail us at:

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Society Activities



The AHS Society was privileged to help host a tour of some **49 classic cars** around the Lake as part of the **Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival** of Auburn, Indiana. The cars were on display at the Culver Academies, which hosted the Culver segment of the ACD's gala celebration of the 35th anniversary of its annual Hoosier tour. Part of the slow driving tour around the lake was a stop for cookies, lemonade, and a welcoming presentation by the always engaging **Anne Greenleaf**, at the historic Marmon-Greenleaf cottage. The Marmon car, as many of us know, is an historic chapter in Hoosier auto history. **Bob Kreuzberger** and **Steve Spaw** conducted the tour activities and the Society, with the cooperation of the Academies (with special thanks to AHS board member **Alan Loehr**), provided guides to

historical highlights of the lake

The **Culver Chautauqua** revival assemblies, which attracted thousands during the period of 1889 to 1905, was the subject of a program at the **Culver Bible Church**. Co-sponsored by the AHS, the program featured a Power Point presentation by Jeff Kenney. The church at 718 South Main is located on part of the land which made up the Assembly grounds.

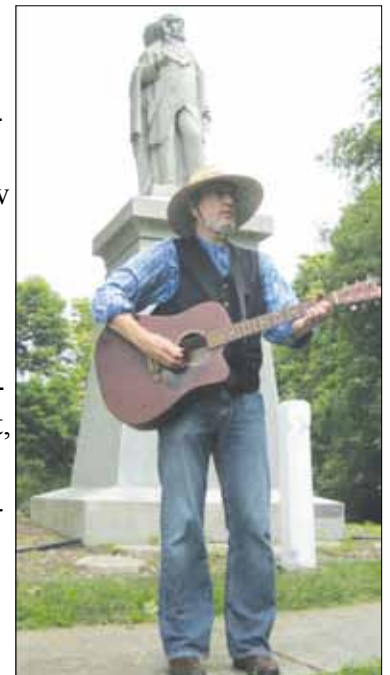


The Bike Barn, at 103 Lake Shore Drive in Culver, teamed up with the Society for two historical bicycle tours of the area. **Jeff Kenney** led both tours and furnished historical data and some pictures of the visited sites. One trip included Culver's south side, downtown district and the Lake Shore Drive – town park area. The Chautauqua grounds, old stores, popular hotels and railroad excursions were just a few

of the points of interest visited by the intrepid cyclists.

The next bicycle adventure was to the site of **Culver and Marshall County's native American history**. It included the land on the east shore of the lake once occupied by Potawatomi chief Nee-Swau-Gee, the land once occupied by Chief Aubenaubbee and the Chief Menominee monument on Peach Road. At the monument, musician and author George Schricker gave a performance of his songs pertaining to the local Indians. These bike tours sound like worthwhile fun and good exercise. Even I might be tempted, if they'd furnished a pulley to help with the uphill sections.

-Agnes Bramfeld



Summer meetings

Our **June** meeting was the annual meeting for the election of officers and board members. It also featured a program “**Culver’s Cultural Golden Age**,” presented by Jeff Kenney which focused on literary and cultural figures who frequented and drew inspiration from Lake Maxinkuckee’s shores. Election results were as follows: for 2013, Fred Karst, Jim Peterson, Jim Sawhook, and Alan Loehr were renominated and Joan Bess accepted a nomination. For 2012, Jeff Kenney, Bob Kreuzberger, Bill Furry, and Jim Hendricks were renominated, and Ginny Gibson accepted a nomination. Nominations for 2011 included Agnes Bramfeld, EP Severns, Frank Stubblefield, and Mark Damore.

Our **August** meeting was a standing room only event, held at the historic East Shore home of **David and Virginia Gibson**, an 1880 era fishing cottage famous



AUGUST MEETING: The Gibson cottage, 1910 East Shore Drive.

for a visit from **Booth Tarkington**, one of the authors of Indiana’s “golden age of literature.” It was while visiting in this cottage that Tarkington wrote part of his classic novel, “The Gentleman from Indiana.” The renowned Tarkington was one of several guests who left signatures and jottings on the cottage walls through the years.

Our popular **wine and cheese meeting** was held at the **Hollowell cottage** on September 18. A severe rain storm discouraged many members from venturing out that afternoon, but those who did were treated to Jeff Kenney’s Power Point program about the historic cottage and it’s interesting occupants and guests. The charming cottage has been owned by the **Hendricks** family since 1921. **Thomas Hendricks**, whose mother bought the house because of his attachments and connections at the lake, was a newspaper man who spent

his childhood as one of the Booth Tarkington boys, a gang that included **Cole Porter**, who also spent much time at Lake Maxinkuckee. Tom Hendricks was a great nephew of Thomas A. Hendricks, former U. S.



FISHING: Julie Hollowell joins “Grandpa Tommy” on a Maxinkuckee fishing expedition a few years back.

Senator and Vice President of the United States. His daughter, Cici Hollowell, an original member of AHS, died in 2009 and her daughter, Julie, showed us through the cottage, pointing out the many original fea-

tures and telling us of the family plans to restore some of the original architecture in need of repair.

By the time this pleasant social afternoon was over, the rain had stopped and someone left an XL man’s off white windbreaker at the Hollowell house. To claim it, call 574-842-2477.



EARLY PHOTO: Besides being a wonderful hostess and engaging speaker for the Society’s September meeting, Julie Hollowell also shared with the Society hundreds of photos of the cottage, her grandfather (and childhood buddy Cole Porter) and mother, and assorted vintage Maxinkuckee scenes such as the one above, from the early 20th century. These have been digitally preserved for future research in the Society’s collection.

Lake Maxinkuckee Film Fest 2010

The Film Fest is a fine Culver tradition which celebrated its 3rd year at the Town Park on September 4.

The Uptown Theater showed films during the day. The final evening showing of a Wallace & Grommit cartoon and “The Little Shop of Horrors” were held outdoors on a large screen in the park.

It was a chilly night but everyone seemed to enjoy the music and other entertainment which was continuous in the park before the movie.

The food was included in the price of admission, which was an article of heavy winter clothing which would given to anyone in need of such clothing.

The Antiquarian Society served ice cream, root beer and cake and Dusty Henricks, who once again put it all together, sends the

following communication to all of his helpers:

“We’d like to offer a special THANK YOU! To all the volunteers that made the Ice Cream Social such a success this year.

#1. Volunteers handing out ice cream, cake and root beer at the park on Saturday night:

Jim & Dorothy Peterson with children and grandchildren, Russ & Rita Mason, Lois Curtis, Marilyn & Jim Bartlett, David Baker, Fred & Judy Karst, Jim Sawhook, Carol Saft, Craighton & Linda Hippenhammer,, Jeannie Spaw. Jodie Schroeder, Barbara Burke and Agnes Bramfeld

#2. Other Contributors:

Francis Ellert – donation of root beer

Set up and tear down tents and stand – Jim Peterson &



ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Dusty Henricks, right, serves ice cream and root beer to Andre Lacy at the AHS’ booth at the 2010 Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival.

kids, Jim Sawhook and Bill Furry.

Leroy Bean – Use of depot for food storage and use of tubs

Mike Wilcox – supplied the tents used

Lee Wilhite & Culver Academies – ice cream

Tim & Lydia Osborn – cake & ice

Kelly Young – help of Culver Park

The cake and ice cream that was left over was donated to the Culver Boys & Girls club at the Culver Elementary School and was much appreciated.

Thank you All. See you next Year at the 2011 Lake Maxinkuckee Movie Festival

Regards, Dusty Henricks

A song by Marcia Adams

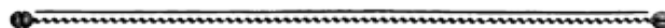
Editor’s note: Just over a week ago, I finished reading (out loud, to my kids) Marcia Adams’ 2008 children’s/young adult novel, “Adventures of Alexia, A Lake Maxinkuckee Girl, 1885,” which I highly recommend to all. The book is available -- along with a number of other great items for Culver history lovers -- for sale in the AHS museum. Marcia has generously donated proceeds to the Society. What follows is part of a humorous song, to the tune of “My Favorite Things” from “The Sound of Music,” sung by Marcia at the Society’s 2009 annual meeting. It is, she writes, a “song for all Antiquarians.”

Research assembled with Colleen librarian
Historical gatherings of all Antiquarians
Treasures from patrons maps, Indian lore too,
These are a few of the things that we do.

Tub made of mettle, an old iron kettle.
Old school bell ringing...pump organ for singing,
Memories rising like warm noon-day sun,
These are the reasons for things to be done.

Lots of hard work,
Many meeting times with plans mixed in too
There’s not much applause for such a good cause
But, so what we’ve got our museum.

If the money stops,
If the interest wanes’ Museum doors will close.
And our memoirs will fade like the stars
And history’s preserved no more.



Museum notes



New hours

Winter hours are now in effect at the Center for Culver History, the Society's museum located in the lower level of the Carnegie library at 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver. The current hours, slated to change in the spring, are:

Thurs.-Sat.-10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Sun-Wed.- CLOSED



PLANNING BEGINS: Stacy Klingler, right, assistant director of the Indiana Historical Society's Local History Services Division, speaks Dec. 18 as board member Mark Damore listens.

IHS rep visits

Stacy Klingler, assistant director of the Indiana Historical Society's Local History Services Division, spent the morning of Dec. 18 with members of the Society and its board. This was the first step in the process of evaluating and planning for the future of the Center for Culver History museum.

Utilizing input from those present, Klingler created bullet lists of what people hope to see in the museum, its potential patrons, concerns from those present, why a museum is important, and fundraising and planning ideas. She left the group with a specific plan of action, and will return to Culver, most likely in February, to continue the process.

Anyone interested in helping with the project, which will result in a Long Range Plan for the museum, is invited to contact Jim Sawhook at 574-842-2861 or at jsawhook@hotmail.com.

Displays

A number of rotating and permanent displays graced the museum during the summer and autumn of 2010. These included:

- The more than 100-year history of the **Maxinkuckee Yacht Club**, which included trophies, photos, and a host of historic artifacts spanning the decades (throughout the summer)
- **"The Golden Age: Indiana Literature (1880-1920),"** a traveling display from the Indiana Historical Society in In-

dianapolis, which was on display through June 25 at the Center.

- A visual history of Lake Maxinkuckee's **historic steamboat era**, created by Sherrill Fujimurra. Sherrill and museum staffer Steve Metzger have lent their talents and efforts to a number of displays in recent months.
- Sherrill also contributed pieces from her extensive collection of late 19th and early 20th century **sheet music** to a display this fall. As

the holidays approached, Sherrill also created a historical image-themed Christmas tree for the museum.

- **"Indiana Cartoons and Cartoonists,"** a traveling display from the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis highlighting the many creations of Hoosier cartoonists, was on display at the Center during November and December.
- A display on the legendary **State Exchange Bank** highlights its unique status as a

highly successful bank in the state and nation, and the excitement of two gunpoint robberies at the bank in the 1920s and 30s.

- Mike Bradley shared his collection of rare and vintage items related to the **Vandalia, Nickel Plate, and other area railroads**. Bradley's collection had been featured alongside that of Jon Schmidt in a display last year, and this year's exhibit includes a fascinating array of newly-added items.

Museum notes

Highlights of 2010 artifact donations to the Center for Culver History

The Center for Culver History, the Society's museum and research center located in the historic Carnegie portion of the Culver-Union Township Public Library, functions not only as an active museum, but a repository of artifacts and print and research materials important to the preservation of the history of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee's various communities.

One of the critical components of this endeavor is the museum's Accessions Committee, which meets several times a year to review items donated to the museum, consider their condition and relevance to the overall mission of the Center for Culver History, and formally accession (accept) them into the Society's collection. They must then be cataloged, stored, and preserved for future displays, research, and posterity.

While difficult to list each and every item donated to the Society for use in the museum over the past year, what follows are some highlights, provided by Mu-



DISPLAY: A bank teller's cage recently donated by Sue Easterday and family makes up part of this current museum display on the State Exchange Bank of Culver.

seum Manager Marizetta Kenney, of items which have become part of the permanent collection at the museum. Some of these are currently on display, and others will certainly be used in future exhibits. They include:

- A **bank teller's cage** from early State Exchange Bank, donated by Sue Easterday and family; and bank advertising memorabilia (playing cards, pens, pencils, money bags), on loan by William Githens and donated by Patricia Birk (on display now).
- **Ice tongs** donated by Leroy Bean and an ice pick (marked "Lake Maxinkuckee Ice Company") on loan from Leroy Bean (on display)
- Two late 1800's **wooden school desks** on loan

from Leroy Bean (on display for Washington School)

- **Marshall County 1896** map used in the Washington School, donated by Paul Cromley
- **Wooden cheese basket** used in the Geiselman family grocery in Culver, on loan from Jeanette Geiselman (on display)
- Sterling silver **Lake Maxinkuckee souvenir spoon**, on loan by William Githens (on display). This item has special significance for the AHS, as engraved into the bowl of the spoon is the Lake Maxinkuckee lighthouse circa 1896-1913, which the Society recreated and dedicated in 2006 at its original site in the Town Park.
- **Maxinkuckee Yacht Club award silver and brass bowls** donated by the Gunder family and others.
- Clark Ferrier **Culver High School diploma**, 1903, donated by Greg Easterday
- Large photo, ca. 1900, of **Russell Easterday farm** on the corner of State Road 10 and Sage Road., donated by Paul Cromley (on display now)
- **Girl Scout scrapbooks**, donated by Jolene Westafer
- Photos of **Culver High School sports** and other items.
- Typed **Autobiography** of Paul Newman ("The Farm - a Good Place to Start") and **Culver's Newman family** biographical details.
- **Culver High School yearbooks** and Culver Community High School yearbook
- "**Caval Crier**" middle and high school newspapers, donated by Vicki Benner.

These and many other items have been painstakingly accessioned into the museum's Past Perfect cataloging software by museum assistant Steven Metzger.

Many thanks go out to those who donated items, including the many not listed above. All of you are encouraged to consider preserving your important Culver area artifacts by donating them to the Center, where they will be cared for and become part of Culver's rich historical legacy that can be shared in by current and future generations.

From the Vault

A rare photo, originally part of the Otto Stahl collection, of the circa 1895-1913 Vandalia Park lighthouse has recently been unearthed. According to the caption accompanying the photo,, water from a flowing well ran from the rocky base of the light-house. Stahl himself is pictured here holding a tin cup, which was used by the public to drink the water from the well. The lighthouse, which was located just west of the public beach, has has been well documented by the Society. It was believed to have been used as a signal to alert steamboat captains that passengers had arrived at the nearby train station. Many familiar with Culver through the years will recall the flowing well before it was finally capped (the water had become undrinkable) prior to construction of the new lighthouse. Other early photos and postcards show a footbridge once existed around the light-house, apparently built over the flow of the water out into Lake Maxinkuckee.



Visit the AHS on Facebook!

The Antiquarian and Historical Society branched out into the world of Internet “social networking” this fall with the addition of a Facebook page/presence for the Society. Take a look at www.facebook.com, and search for “Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.”

There, anyone, Society member or not, can keep abreast of Society and museum goings-on, see rare historical photos posted to the page, and have fun with history trivia and quizzes, as casual observers.

Those who are already on Facebook (or who are willing to sign up!) are encouraged to become a “friend” of “AHS Culver” (the user name assigned to our page) or drop by and “like” the Society’s page or any of its posts. Besides acting as one more vehicle for up to date information about the Society, the hope is also to increase awareness of our contributions and relevance among the community of people who actively participate in the social networking world.

And our new foray into Facebook doesn’t mean the AHS won’t continue to operate its web-page at www.culverhistory.com!



Feature

Culver's historic Post Office at 75

By Jeff Kenney

Culver's current post office quietly passed its 75th year in 2010, having been constructed in 1935 by the James I. Barnes construction company of Culver (costing \$37,466.45). Barnes was a predecessor of today's Easterday Construction.

While the creation Culver's post office building was not officially part of the myriad of Depression-era projects launched by the federal government during the 1930s, it certainly was a boon to the community for Culver to be one of a handful of sites around the state to receive new post offices. Two houses were demolished on what was then known as the Walker Corner (Jefferson and Ohio Streets) to make room for the building.

Obviously, mail service in the area began many years prior to this period. According to Daniel McDonald's 1908 history of Marshall County, "The remote antecedent of the Culver post office was located about six miles southwest of Plymouth and known as Onondaga, said to have been the second post office established in the county, Plymouth having been the first. The postmaster was Timothy Barber, who about that time erected at that place the first gristmill in the county. The place is now known as Sligo. The post office was established there about 1840, and continued to exist for about four years. The mail route was Plymouth to Onondaga and returning, leaving every Saturday at 4 o'clock and returning immediately, the mail carrier being John Burch. About the time this office was discontinued Benjamin F. Kendall, an Agent of eastern speculators, located on the Burns farm near Burr Oak, where a post office was established known as the Yellow river post office the mail being carried to it from Plymouth and on to Winamac and return by a man by the name of Lenfesty. This office was discontinued about the year 1856, and was succeeded by Union Town post office, afterwards Marmont, now Culver, the names of the villages, however, having been changed some time previous to the change in the name of the post office.



"The Culver post office," continued McDonald, "was advanced to the third class-presidential-October 1, 1901, the salary being fixed at \$1,100. The present salary is \$1,800. The office force is a postmaster, an assistant postmaster, and one clerk the year round, and two clerks during the "tourist," or summer season. The office force as it now stands is : B. W. S. Wiseman, postmaster; Clarence Behmer, assistant postmaster; Allie Wiseman, clerk; D. H. Smith, E. E. Hawkins; S. S. Smith, rural carriers; The names of the different postmasters, so far as can be ascertained, are as follows : Onondaga, Timothy Barber; Yellow River, Benjamin F. Kendall; Union Town, Ephraim Moore and James Lyons; Marmont, G. A. Durr, Joseph Miller, J. S. Bernhisel, Henry Speyer, N. F. Clark, J. F. Koontz, H M. Speyer, Urias Menser. Culver, H. M. Speyer, B. W. S. Wiseman, present incumbent.

Edwin Corwin reported, in his book, "One Township's Yesterdays," that the first post office in Maxinkuckee Village was established about the year 1858, though that office was discontinued February 1, 1902, "being merged into the Culver post office. Most of the former patrons of the Maxinkuckee post office were thereafter served by rural free delivery from the Culver office. The postmasters at Maxinkuckee were: Eli Parker, James M. Dale, Harvey Atkinson, John F. Wise, Adin Stevens, D. C. Parker, George W. Kline, George M. Spangler, and Frank Smythe.

Mail wagons, wrote Corwin, "were long affairs, covered with a sort of canopy...The Maxinkuckee post office was in the old general store, in the settlement on the hill."

The following letter appeared in the Jan. 23, 1913 Culver Citizen:

"To Editor Citizen: I see in a recent issue mention of the post office at Maxinkuckee. I was the third carrier to that office; Squire Owens was the first and George Hammond the second. I commenced as carrier July 1, 1864, being a legal carrier as I was 16 years old. The pay was made up by subscription. I got \$52 subscribed, but failed to col

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lect all of it. I think I got \$48 for 52 trips. I secured the route to Marmont via Maxinkuckee to Plymouth. The first time it was let it was at first only once a week, but I soon got it increased to twice a week. A few years ago Sligo was added to the route but this was so far out of the way and the increase of pay so little that I persuaded Uncle Sam to cut that part out. Then Wolf Creek was added on. I began then to look for extensions and got the route through to Monterey -- and at the next letting of star routes, through to Winamac. I know I had the mail route from Plymouth to Winamac, supplying the posts at Wolf Creek, Maxinkuckee, Marmont, and Monterey and was, I think, a pretty good stage driver. I made two



Capt. Ed Morris in 1898

round trips a week which took four days. The average day's drive was about 40 miles. My term of service as a mail carrier was from July 1, 1864, to June 30, 1880." -Ed Morris.

Interestingly, Captain Ed Morris, a local character and boat builder (and proprietor of the Morris Boat Livery on the Lake), is said to have built over 1,000 boats on the lake, including the steamers, the "Peerless" and the "Peerless II." He was well-known for his limp and the captain's cap he wore, and he was a household name in the area for decades.

Culver's Postmasters included (in chronological order) D. B. W. S. Wiseman, D. E. E. Parker, John Osborn, Sam Lenon, G. W. Overmyer and C. L. Shivley. Clar-



MURAL: Jessie Mayer's 1938 mural, which still graces the Post Office lobby wall, depicted various aspects of Culver life.

ence Behmer, at his 1932 retirement following 30 years in Culver's postal service, said that when he started here in 1902, the post office was a small shack on the site of the K of P building on the east side of North Main Street, though it moved to what would become the State Exchange Bank building at Jefferson and Main. Fletcher Strang became Postmaster in 1934.

One of the most notable features of Culver's present post office is the mural on the west wall, "Arrival of the Mail in Culver" by artist Jesse Hull (Mrs. Henrick) Mayer.

Unlike the building itself, creation of the mural was part of a federal "stimulus" package of the 1930s. The Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) and the Civil Works Administration (CWA), both directed by Harry Hopkins, did provide jobs for artists, and the U.S. Treasury Department commissioned artists to personalize newly built post offices with murals that related to the various communities. Artists submitted sketches to a selection committee. In choosing an artist for an earlier post office the judges were surprised to find the first and second place winners were a married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick Mayer. Mr.

Mayer won that commission; Mrs. Mayer was told she would be given the opportunity to do the mural in the next Post Office to be built. In 1938, she was commissioned to do the mural for the Culver Post Office.

Mayer had received a BFA degree from Yale in 1932. The year before beginning her paintings for the Culver Post Office she made many studies of the area. She chose to include the lake, camping, swim-



Longtime Culver Postmaster Fletcher Strang

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ming, CMA, horsemanship, and agriculture in her work. This was done with one large panel and smaller panels on either side.

Her oil canvas mural (for which Mayer was paid \$500) was completed in Culver in 1938 (she created one postal mural per year from then on, through 1941).

The mural is 10 and 1/2 feet long and 4 and 1/2 feet high, and was cemented to the lobby wall of the post office.

In July, 1955, Culver's officially became a 'first class' post office, due (said Postmaster Strang) largely to increased mail volume from The State Exchange Bank, the Culver Military Academy, and The Culver Press,

Inc. printers and publishers. Up to then, the peak mail volume in Culver was on Dec. 17, 1954 when 12,218 pieces of first class mail were posted.

The strange winds of culture and technology have reduced the flow of mail not only in Culver, but across the country and world, of course. But Culver's historic Post Office and mail service obviously continues to fill a vital need in the community. And a visit to the historic building is a charming trip back in time, in some ways. And frequent users of the building know that, between current Postmaster Cindy Shidler, long-time employee Rhonda Anderson, and others, Culver's Post Office is also, for many patrons, that proverbial place "where everybody knows your name." ■



Passings

Mary Jo Bradley, October 18, 2010

Mary Jo Bradley, a member of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, died on October 18, 2010. She and her husband, **C. Harvey Bradley**, cordially hosted many meetings at the 1890's Bradley family cottage on the east shore. She will be greatly missed by her friends of the historical society.

Richard Fisher, October 8, 2010

Dick Fisher died on October 8. It is a sad time for his family and we all send our sympathy and regards. We remember Dick as a good friend and a tireless worker for the Antiquarian Society, taking on the responsibility for all phases of Heritage Park for many years, until he was no longer able to do this unending chore. He could be called the "Father of Heritage Park," or the "Park Nazi", if you happened to fall under his surveillance while shirking a park duty. He played tennis in our tournaments and, with **Virginia**, his lifetime companion and another sorely missed stalwart of AHS, enjoyed many of the society's activities. We miss you, Dick and Virginia. Thank you for your faithful service. R.I.P.

F. William "Bill" Snyder, December 1, 2010

"Bill" Snyder passed away at 11 p.m. Dec 1, 2010. Best known as proprietor of Culver's century-old hardware, Bill loved and embodied Culver's rich history. as had his father Paul (who bought the hardware from OT Goss) before him. He was a great supporter of Culver and deeply involved in many aspects of its life, and will be sorely missed.

Rita Lawson, December 12, 2010

Rita Lawson was a longtime teacher and active member of the Culver community. Many will recall her husband, Latham's recent work in staffing and sharing his talents with the Center for Culver History. Rita also served on the Culver Public Library board through the establishment of the museum at the library. She will be deeply missed by her family and many friends and former students in and beyond Culver.

Adams and Dugger honored

At the Society's Annual Meeting in June, longtime AHS members Jo Dugger (left) and Marcia Adams (right) were presented with plaques expressing appreciation for their efforts for the Society by president Jim Peterson (center).

Dugger, whose thoroughly researched articles have provided the backbone of the Society's quarterly newsletter for several years, was recognized for "her leadership and outstanding commitment to the mission of the Society as Board of Directors member, newsletter feature articles editor, and Accessions committee member."

Adams' plaque recognized her for "her leadership and outstanding commitment to the mission of the Society as Board of Directors member, and as Accessions committee chair, member of the Publications committee, and Major Donor fundraising committee."



PHOTO BY JEFF KENNEY