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The Society was pleased to issue Honorary Membership cards for 1976 to the 32 honored guests at the Early Settlers' dinner, July 8 at the Bucyrus-Erie Club. We welcome them to join us for the coming year and enjoy our meetings and activities.

Membership Dues Renewal Time Near -

1977 is fast approaching. Dues are due January 1. Get your dues in so we can have an early, accurate roster published. Interest your friends, neighbors and relatives in the Historical Society, attend meetings, become an active participant and share your talents and knowledge. For renewal of membership, or new membership, fill in the attached blank, detach and mail to membership chairman.

Bakeless Bake Sale

Rather than having a regular bake sale your Society voted to have a "Bakeless Bake Sale", thereby giving all our members, near and far, an opportunity to contribute to this project. What easier way to "bake"! To date we have only received \$47.00. Let's have 100% - send or bring your "Cash Bakery" to your treasurer Laura Hock, 703 Minnesota Ave.

Just a Reminder

Society pins or charms are available to all members who wish to have one. The pins (or charms - only 1 left) have a replica of the Old Mill and are gold plated. Why not "treat" yourself or a member of your family to a pin or charm. Only \$5.00. Makes a nice Christmas gift. Anyone wishing to have one, please contact the treas.

In Memorium

A big void has been left in our society with the death of Lillian Dishong. She was a charter member, and served in the capacities of secretary, treasurer, and editor of the newsletter. Her devotion in co-ordinating the newsletter and her research will be hard to duplicate. We will miss her as one of our more active senior members.

Maxwell Street Days

We again held Maxwell Street Days rummage sale in August but had very few donations and not much help, so it was only held on Friday. Our total receipts for the day were \$52.16. We hope to have another rummage sale sometime next spring. Keep us in mind when cleaning out your attic, closets, basements, etc. Your discards may be someone else's treasure.

PROGRAMS

Your program chairperson, Lois Schreiter, has been busy scheduling great things to hear and see at the SMHS meetings.

We had an interesting evening with Dr. Boyd Nirshl at our August meeting. Dr. Nirshl has lived and worked in S. Milwaukee all his life and had many pictures and stories of earlier days in S. Milw.

In September, Fred Kujawski of Wisconsin Telephone presented a talk sketching some of the developments in American history. Using slides taken from historic paintings and etchings he showed the development of the telegraph, telephone and railroad helping Americans to communicate better with one another.

October 4, Fred Puttkamer of the Ladish Co. showed us part of his large collection of slides. Starting at Plymouth, Mass. colony and proceeding to the southern colonies, Mr. Puttkamer ended his presentation with scenes of America the Beautiful. His bicentennial collection included many pictures of his favorite subject, covered bridges.

Patrick McCarrier presented slides of Ireland and the Erin Islands in November. He delighted members with anecdotes of his spring time trip to Europe. Mr. McCarrier, son of board member Mary McCarrier, won a photography contest sponsored by the State Historical Society and has his picture published in the State Historical Society Calendar for 1977.

Our future plans include many interesting topics. For December we have planned a delight for the children of the members as well as the members. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hook will present their slides and film about their trip to Africa. The program includes pictures of many animals.

January 8 is our dinner meeting which will be held at the Grant Park Clubhouse. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thibaudeau have planned an enjoyable program.

Florence Johnson is tentatively scheduling a short program for February.

In March we hope to show the slides of the older homes in our town.

April - To be announced.

May - Our election.

The June meeting will be a joint effort of the new and the "old" officers.

We hope you will all join us.....