

CHERRY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER March 2007

Spring is here! This weather is such a welcome relief from our bitter cold winter. We had no problem selling the additional fifty calendars we ordered. At \$7.00 each, we made a very tidy profit. In addition we received over \$500 in donations from folks in 2006. We appreciate their generosity.

Judy Slocum (member) is the editor of the new Blossom Newsletter. This is sent out in January, June, and October. It covers much news of the past about Cherry Valley. Judy is doing an excellent job. The cost is only \$5.00 a year. Her address is 232 #1 Northway Park Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 or jlslocum@insightbb.com

An Open House was held in our museum for the 150th birthday celebration of Cherry Valley on January 31st. 100 folks attended. The Rockford Register Star printed a very nice article, complete with pictures. This was very good advertising for us. Please keep Bob Wilson and Dick Sheldon in your prayers. Bob is doing fair, and Dick also has cancer.

The following folks have passed away since our last newsletter:

Robert C. Roenneburg	85	February 15
Dean Reed	86	February 2007
Norma J. (Miller) Lindquist	75	March 3

A newspaper clipping dated January 11, 1944, Cherry Valley -- "Three girls from this town are, or soon will be, in training with women's auxiliary units of Uncle Sams' armed services. Miss Longinia Jordan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Jordan, has joined the WACS and reported Thursday at Fort Oglethorpe, GA. Miss Jordan is a graduate of Rosary College at River Forest and also attended the University of WI. She recently was employed in Rockford.

Misses Eileen Hyland and Mary Ellen Green leave Wednesday morning for New York for training in the WAVES. They will report at Hunter College for preliminary training. Miss Hyland has been cashier at the Central Illinois Electric Co. in Rockford. Miss Green has been employed at Dobbler's Real Estate office, also in Rockford.

I recently spoke with Eileen (Hyland) Doig. She had planned to become a stewardess, but an aunt who traveled extensively, advised her not to become a "waitress in the sky". So, at the age of 21 Eileen joined the WAVES as Yeoman Third Class. She said it was "so exciting being in the service". She was based in New Orleans, and did clerical work in the federal building near where she lived at the hotel. She spoke of a time when the captain was in a meeting with some Russians and she took the dictation. She was rated Yeoman First Class at the end of her service. She is well and living in Cherry Valley.

Your newsletter reporter, Beverly (Oberg) Scholz