

CHERRY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2004

GREETINGS FROM YOUR HOMETOWN FRIENDS

After our December 5th meeting, about twenty of us thoroughly enjoyed a Christmas potluck which was held at Pee Wee and Sally Hollembeak's. Their home was decorated inside and out so very festive, the food was yummy, and the tables were decorated in red and white checked cloth tablecloths and napkins, china, and poinsettias for the centerpieces.

January 2, eleven of us enjoyed our regular meeting. We discussed our need for more recipes for the cook book we hope to compile previous to the fourth C.V. School Reunion (July 30 -- 11 am to 4 pm). We are planning another ice cream social for the public following our annual picnic in July (the date will be in our spring newsletter). Also, we hope to have another appraisal day at our museum in September. You will be notified of the date later on. We would be so pleased if you could come and share any of these activities with us. We would also appreciate recipes.

The following former Cherry Valley residents have died since the last newsletter:

Margaret Ahlberg (lived in C. V. 1947-1953)	93	November 13
Norene Garrett (Mrs. Frank)	77	November 17
Mary Florence (Conklin) Milligan	97	November 26

We have been receiving Cherry Valley artifacts from different folks. Dick and Dorothy Otto donated two booklets and three plaques from Eskil Swenson's company (Swenson Spreader). Mary (Mrs. Jerry) Lofquist donated a ledger from the confectionery store when Len Johnson and Charlie Swatek were proprietors. Len Johnson was Mary's grandfather. She also donated pictures, news articles, and booklets. A painting of the old "town hall" was presented to Horace and Georgia Poulton, in recognition of their years of community service to Cherry Valley by the artist and mayor, Paul T. Abramson. In May, 2004, Terri Ross, daughter of Lloyd Poulton, donated it to our museum.

The membership dues (\$10 a person) is due for 2005. If you haven't paid we would appreciate receiving it at your earliest convenience. Please mail your dues to Steve Appell, P. O. Box 12, Cherry Valley, IL 61016. If you have any news you would like to share in our newsletter, please send the information to me.

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