

September 15, 1990

Despite our tentative program of Farming Life being postponed till next month, our September 10th meeting brimmed with activity.

Instead, our October meeting will be the Farming Life program. We'll have Orlie Bear representing the male side while Lillian Weeks will take up the female cause. Of course, we'll have plenty of ringside (or backseat) experts helping out also.

June Clark displayed her new minimalist leadership style -- she confessed to having nothing to say, serenely sat back, and watched the rest of us take over.

Lillian Weeks brought in a half-table of material. Photos of Kings and Weekses were shown, as well as premiums from the Cairo Fair. Also displayed was Timothy Weeks' diploma.

Edna Adams brought in the archive of the month -- the District #1 school minutes books of 1813-1913.

Arlene Brown showed two booklets of the Circle 8 Square Dancing Club of 1968-1969. A list of activities and names proved what a few dozen people did for social activity.

Ray and Marge Bennett brought in a stack of Greene County Good News letters that were sent to our WWII servicemen. Many local names dot each page.

Con Baumann loaned a copy of a newspaper article about the departure of Ezekial VanDyck from the Greenville Presbyterian Church.

Kathie Williams brought in a picture of what appears to be all the elementary students of the Greenville School circa 1933.

Dorothy Howard loaned a picture of the crowd in front of the Lacy's store when Roscoe Lacy was selling out.

Bob Uzzilia, the Cairo Town Historian, contributed a picture of the Elmer Flansburgh residence of King Hill Road, probably dating from the turn of the century.

Phyllis Beechert snuck a framed collection of pictures from the fire house. The collection showed our early mechanized pumper.

Don Teator hogged the next half hour with a variety of items. Over 300 pictures have been duplicated from the collections of Arlene Brown, Edna Adams, Claribel Gardiner, Curt Cunningham, Janet Halstead, Beulah Powell, Ariel Ingalls, GCS, and the G-NH Methodist Church. Arlene, Edna, and Claribel suffered the fate of those who have lots of pictures to shoot -- that of identifying them. They'll have the last laugh since the notes need to be typed in and catalogued. All the new pictures were available for viewing, with several going home with various people for identification. Within a month, the pictures may be seen in the appropriate album.

An update concerning the calendar was given. The copy has been proofed and the calendars should be ready the week

of the 17th. More loans of money were given; about \$400 has been collected for the bill of \$585. The calendars will make their appearance at the October meeting.

A GLHG/Town Historian Open House - Calendar Sale - Photo Shoot is scheduled for October 13 from 10-4. We will display representative pieces from the files in our first public showing. The calendars will be on sale, causing a landslide business! And Debra Teator will bring her photographic equipment for the duplication of pictures. Spread the word about all three activities. (Spread the word about the pictures; if Debra has nothing to do, Don is in trouble!)

Our biographical-sketch-for-the-Local idea has produced nothing so far. If this idea is to work, several of us each need to pick a person and develop a report about that person.

Barbara Valicenti's house histories were cited again as the best of the house histories so far. Keep working on them; another one came in from Jeanne Bear. If we count the 4th grade projects, we have starts on 50-70 houses.

Genealogical forms were available for the taking. The ancestor chart and the family group sheets are two popular forms for organizing information. Copies will continue to be available at our meetings.

The computer database was again on display. It will be updated one more time and left with the photo albums upstairs.

Reference was made to the Local article about the GLHG's 1st birthday and our accomplishments thus far.

Don is transcribing two tapes. One that is finished is of Connie Teator. The other, in progress, is the three tape series Edna Adams produced from Bill Gedney in 1982 and 1987. The Gedney transcript should be ready next month.

Copies of The Good Old Days, a magazine recounting everyday life of the U.S. from 1900-1949, were displayed. A recent issue about outhouses brought a few chuckles.

Don finally got winded. Besides he smelled the cookies and brownies Edna Adams and Claribel Gardiner made. And, what's more important? A thank you to Edna and Claribel.

(Yes, Bunny, I forgot to remind someone about next month. Fortunately, Betty Vaughn saved me and volunteered for October.)

Did anybody notice the Ingalls' representation at this meeting? Seven, if I counted right!

I'll spare everybody the usual collection of reminders, musings, groushings, and other myopic convolutions, except to say, keep up the good work and keep recording.

Sincerely,

