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AROUND THE SOCIETY...

I encourage everyone to visit Celebrate Mt. Healthy on Saturday, September 8 in the city park. Our **Ice Cream Social** will be held in the community building by the pool from 3 to 6 p.m. Join us for fresh pie, cookies, brownies, and cake, as well as—of course—ice cream. We'll also have mule & wagon rides—tickets are free when you spend \$1 at the ice cream social.



Also, July is membership renewal time. If you haven't paid your dues in the last few months, please renew now. An individual membership is \$10 and a business membership is \$25. We always welcome new members!

You can use the form on the last page of this newsletter and mail your payment, or you can pay through PayPal if you visit mthealthyhistory.org and click on "More ways to help the Mt. Healthy Historical Society."

- Penny Huber, president

September program ~

Author Kerrie Hollihan (*In the Fields and Trenches*) will give a presentation on World War I at 7 p.m. on September 12 at the Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church (7612 Perry).

We will serve light refreshments.

Hope to see you there.



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The Mt. Healthy Historical Society Museum is open most Tuesday and Saturday mornings, 9-11, and the first Sunday of each month (except January and February), 1-3 p.m.

Third-grade field trips



Once again this year we were able to host all of the third-grade classes from both Mt. Healthy North and South Elementary Schools. Pictured here, some of the students from South enjoy exploring our museum. They did a scavenger hunt of objects in our collection and, as usual, most declared that our dolls are “creepy.” But they had lots of fun, and beautiful weather for walking from the school to our museum and the playground at the park. The students from North visited the following week, arriving on busses. Thank you volunteers!





Memorial Day parade

Thanks to Joan and John Knox for getting their neighbor's great vintage car for us to ride in.



July 4th (well, 3rd, really)



A big crowd gathered at the park on July 3rd for the Independence Day celebration. The museum was open from 7:30 to 9:30, and we sold fresh cookies, brownies, and other treats at the community building. It was hot, but we had a beautiful evening and a great fireworks show. Thanks to everyone who donated treats or helped out.

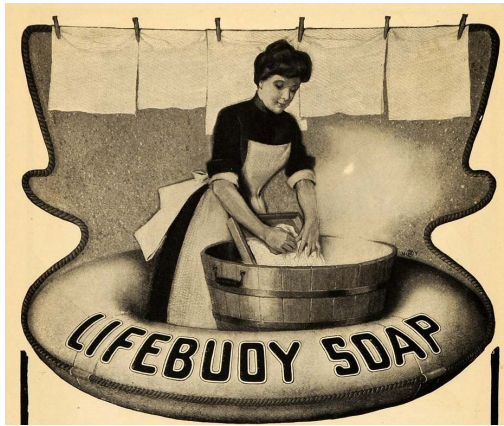
Upper right: Dottie and Joan selling goodies.

Upper left: waiting for the show.

Left: fireworks light up the sky behind the tollhouse.

Our latest exhibit: Washday

We're taking a look back at how people did the laundry before the age of electric washing machines and dryers. On display: a washtub, scrub board, and hand-operated agitator; a copper boiler and tongs for lifting out the hot items; a basket of wooden clothespins; a laundry basket and soap; a folding wooden drying rack; and a clothesline strung with clothing drying in the sun.



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW MT. HEALTHY STREETS GOT THEIR NAMES?

According to an article that appeared in the May 17, 1956, *News Reporter*, these streets were names for:

Adams Rd.....President John Adams
Harrison Ave.President William Henry Harrison
Hill Ave.early Mt. Healthy resident Samuel Hill
Seward Ave.early Mt. Healthy residents, the Seward family
Martin St.early Mt. Healthy resident Martin Seward
Hickman Ave.early Mt. Healthy residents, the Hickman family
Werner Ave.....World War I soldier Wesley Werner (died in the war)
Kinney Ave.first town solicitor Owen Kinney (this was originally called First Street)
St. ClairGovernor of the Northwest Territory Arthur St. Clair (served 1787-1802)

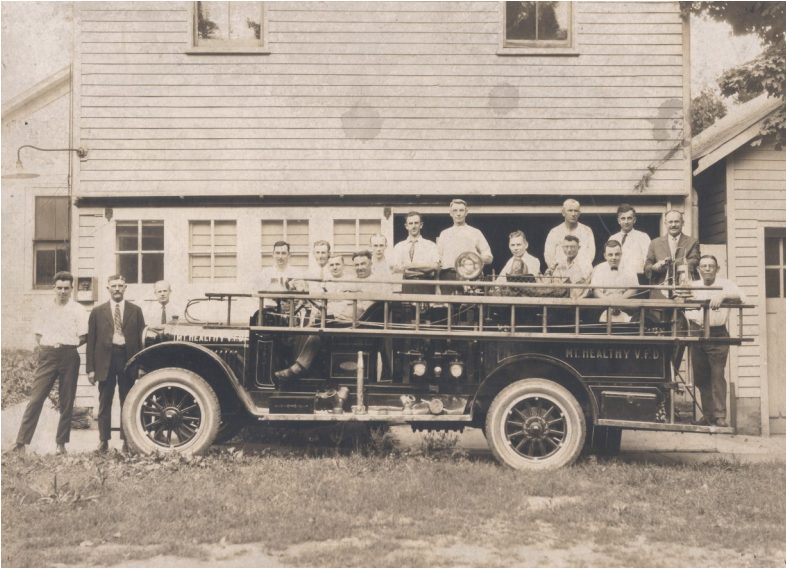
Thanks to Joan Knox for sharing this article.

Mt. Healthy has changed a bit in the past 106 years



The back of this photo is labeled: "This picture was taken from the bell tower of the old Methodist Church at the corner of Perry and Compton looking northeast in the summer of 1912. By Otto Steinbrecher, 7358 Perry St. Mt. Healthy Ohio. I was 17 years old at that time."

Our fire department through the years



Members of the Mt. Healthy Fire Department, posing with the city's first motorized fire truck, a 1924 model Reo. The photo was taken in 1924 or 1925. On the far left is Edward "Mick" Hader; next to him is Chief Sam Mortimer. The man in the driver's seat is Charles Lippmeier; to his right are Ray Fehrman and Ep Scheidt. The man at the very back is Leopold Dirr. All of these identifications are based on what's written on the back of the photo, but many names are missing and the handwriting is a bit tricky to read, so if you have any further information or corrections, please let us know.



The Mt. Healthy fire truck, Arlington Heights fire truck, and North College Hill fire truck on Hamilton Ave. in front of the Seimer Motor Company, which sold Dodge and Reo vehicles (today this is the Tae Kwon Do studio just south of the Covered Bridge Antique Mall). This photo was probably taken in the 1920s or 1930s, before the department purchased a new truck in 1938.

We don't have identifications for any of the men in this photo. Please let us know if you can help I.D. anyone.



Mt. Healthy Fire Department, 1960s

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