

# Newsletter of the MASON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Mason, Ohio

and Alverta Green Museum

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## THE LEGENDARY SERVICE OF JIM KNOTT

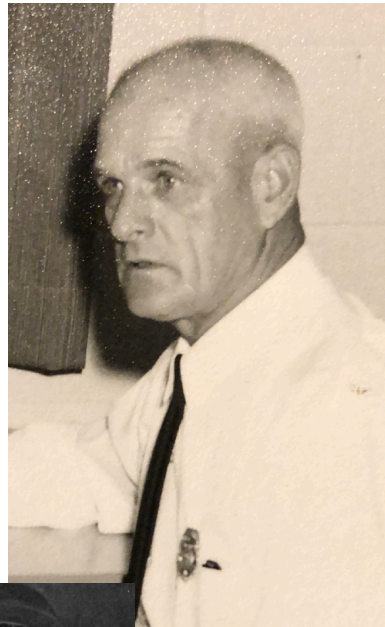
Sally Sherman Caudill

There were many historic Mason figures who would be considered jacks-of-all-trades, but I would argue that none rose to the level of Chief Jim Knott. He displayed unequalled leadership skills and a work ethic over his many years serving the Mason community.

James Jackson Knott was born in Mason on August 31, 1907, in the house next door to the old blacksmith shop on the NE corner of Church St. and Section Line Road (now Mason-Mont.). He was the only child born to Roy and Maud (nee Jackson) Knott. His home life was a bit chaotic as his parents divorced by the time he was 11, and they both remarried within a few years. Even though both parents were living in the area, Jim began living with his maternal grandparents, James and Virginia Jackson, soon after his parents' divorce. His work ethic started early as he was employed as a newsboy by the age of 12.

In 1929, Jim took over the job of Cemetery Supervisor at Rose Hill from his grandfather who was in ill health. Jim's great grandfather, William Jackson, had been Rose Hill's first overseer in 1874. Jim's grandfather, James, had taken up the position from his father. And now that Jim was in charge, the cemetery had been in his family's hands for nearly 60 years.

On May 10, 1930, Jim married Mary Tyler Runyan, a young widow with a six-year-old son nicknamed Jack. Mary's first husband, Blair Runyan, had been accidentally shot and killed when Jack was just an infant. Jim loved his new stepson and raised him as his own. He and Mary then completed their family a year later with the birth of daughter Marilyn (who was born in the same house as her father).



left Jim Knott in Jan. 1949.  
above as Chief, ca. 1970.



Cemetery work, while important, was not to be Jim's calling however. The (almost) 6'2" young man with hazel eyes and black hair dreamed of being a railroad engineer and a fireman. His chance to realize his dream of fighting fires came on July 19, 1930 when the Great Fire engulfed the east end of town (*this story was featured in the July 2020 newsletter*). On that day, everyone in town became a firefighter. Jim had been so helpful and showed such promise that just days after the catastrophe, Fire Chief Jim Dumford asked him to volunteer with the department, an offer to which he happily agreed.

In the late 1930s and throughout the war years of the 40s, Jim was working at King Powder. A year before Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the service. When America went to war in 1941, Jim wanted to serve but the government wouldn't release

him. He was more valuable as a munitions maker for the war effort.

In the post-war years, the village of Mason hired Jim as their one-man street maintenance department. In 1949, he became Fire Chief. Two years later, he was hired as a police patrolman, a job he'd never considered, but he soon found out that he loved the work. He served with Chief Elmer Wright, and the department at that time was just the two of them.

Jim was still working as street commissioner and the city maintenance man. In a 1975 interview, Knott stated, "Boy, as I look back, that seems like a nightmare. I can't think of anything I didn't do. Whatever had

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The Mason Historical Society and Alverta Green Museum are located in the heart of downtown Mason, Ohio. Established over 40 years ago, the Society's aim is to create, promote and preserve the history and heritage of Mason.

For more information, call 513.398.6750, visit our website at [masonhistoricalsociety.org](http://masonhistoricalsociety.org) or friend us on Facebook.

Due to Covid-19 numbers escalating: The Museum will be open by appointment only until May 6. Please call 513-398-6750 for an appointment.

# TIME AND TRADITION - SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Gina Burton Arens, Editor

It's that time of year again when graduating seniors vote for Senior Superlatives. Voting for superlatives has been a tradition in high schools across the country for years and appeared in Mason High School's yearbook as early as 1938 although called by a different name. Wishing to compare the old and new, we examine the evolution of Senior Superlatives.

Mason's first official yearbook in 1936 was called *The Shamrock*. I have no idea why. Every yearbook since has been called the *Masonian* (except for 1980 which I believe was just an oversight). Information was typed and photos were glued onto pages. A tedious task to be sure. The book included a Class History, The Class Will and the Senior Class Prophecy but no Senior Superlatives.

It was in 1938 that we see a form of Senior Superlatives appear in the yearbook called "Masonian Honoraries". With 24 graduating seniors, eight categories designated class members as the Wittiest, Most Athletic, Most Handsome/Beautiful, Most Popular, Most Scholastic, Smoothest talking/Most Sophisticated, Most Musical and of Most Service to the School.

Ten years later, in 1948, we see Superlatives again, but they are referred to as "Who's Who in the Senior Class". In an apparent effort to be inclusive, the 1948 yearbook staff recognized 38 superlatives in a class of 31 seniors. Obviously, some students were nominated more than once like Jim Bustle who was voted Rowdiest, Shortest and Most Studious! Superlatives included the conventional such as Best Dressed, Most Popular, Most Dependable, Most Likely to Succeed, etc. and the unconventional such as Sleepiest, Biggest Nuisance, Noisiest and Biggest Feet!

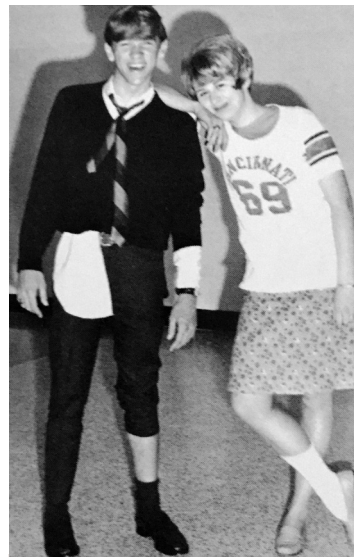
Moving ahead twenty years to 1968, nominees are now officially called "Senior Superlatives". Superlatives appear in 1963 but they were not labeled as such in the yearbook until 1964. There were 13 categories with a student body of 97 seniors. The usual was found, Best Dressed, Most Athletic, Most Likely to Succeed, Most Spirit, etc. Recognitions were traditional, nothing on the edge of impropriety.

Fast forward to 1998. There are now 230 students and still 13 Senior Superlatives. Most of the nominations concern looks: Best Looking, Best Dressed, Prettiest Eyes, Best Smile, Best Hair, Best Legs (edgy!) and Best Physique (also edgy!). Rounding out the nominees were Most Outgoing, Best Personality, Happiest and Most Athletic. They must have had an excess of humorous people that year as they also selected Funniest and Class Clown, remarkably similar categories.

With one more leap into the future we arrive at 2018. Oh my! There are 903 seniors pictured in the yearbook, yet only 16 Senior Superlatives. An elite group indeed! The only traditional nominees to survive are Best Dressed, Most Athletic, Most School Spirit, Class Clown

and Most Likely to be President (which I equate with Most Likely to Succeed). Other culturally current categories include Best Bromance\*, Most Addicted to Social Media, Worst Case of Senioritis, Most Likely to be Late to Graduation, Best to Take Home to Parents and The Couple That Never Was.

To my surprise, in 2020 Mason discontinued the practice of including Senior Superlatives in their yearbook. Kurt Dinan, yearbook advisor at MHS, says it is something he has considered doing for years. The basis for his decision is summed up by a Washington Post article that says the practice can lead to all sorts of problems from hurt feelings to legal troubles for the school. The article further states that nominating superlatives can cause divisiveness and that many schools are discontinuing superlative listings.

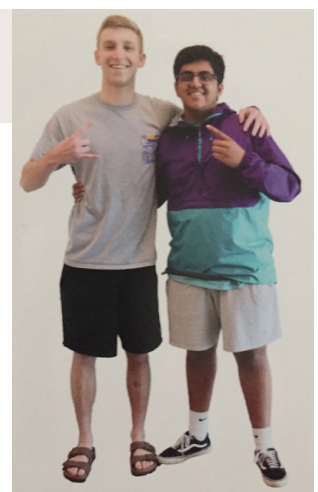


Best Dressed—1968.  
Mike Moseley &  
Myra Knight



Best Dressed—2018.  
Rodrigo Leon &  
Emma Smith

Best Bromance—2018.  
Conner Gagliardo &  
Ishan Rayka



Today, even though Senior Superlatives are on the decline, Jostens yearbook publishers offer a list of over 150 Senior Superlative ideas for yearbook editors. Yearbook staffs continue to worry about the whole Senior Superlative issue. Is it just a popularity contest? Is it derogatory? And some can't believe "this is still a thing?"

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## Senior Superlatives, cont.

Through all the questions and doubts, schools year after year default to continuing the practice. Why? It's tradition. A tradition that, at least for Mason, has faded into the annals of time.

\*Bromance – A close but platonic relationship between two men (a portmanteau of “brother” and “romance”).

According to *bachelorsdegreeonline.com*, during their high school days, some celebrity senior superlatives include:

**Shyest – Michael Jackson**

**Least Likely to Succeed**

- Tom Cruise
- Robin Williams
- Gene Hackman
- Dustin Hoffman

## Jim Knott, cont.

to be done, I did, all hours of the day and night, from street sweeper, garbage collector, building streets, snow removal, building inspector, street commissioner, meter reader, all maintenance work in the village.”

In 1958, Patrolman Knott became Police Chief Knott, and yes, he was still responsible for all the other side jobs as well. His pay was a whopping \$1.25 an hour!

In 1970, Knott retired as a fireman after 40 years with the department – 21 years as Fire Chief. Five years later

he retired from the Police force after 24 years – 17 years as Police Chief. During his tenure, the police force grew to ten officers. He modestly served his community as a dual chief for many years, while never seeking publicity for himself and his departments.

Jim's “retirement” lasted about 6 months, which allowed he and Mary to do some traveling. However, the call to service was always there. He briefly served on town council after winning a seat as a write-in candidate, but gave it up to be a court bailiff. He also became a deacon at the Presbyterian Church.


Honors and accolades naturally came Chief Knott's way...the highlight being the 1989 renaming of the fire station at the corner of Mason-Montgomery Rd. and Church St. as “James J. Knott Station No. 1.” He stated at the time, wiping a tear, that it was “one of the biggest thrills I ever had...I kind of wondered why (they did it), and I felt so proud.”

Jim Knott passed away on April 26, 1999 at the age of 91, eleven years after the death of his beloved wife, Mary. He certainly had a long and valuable life. At a 1970 banquet in honor of his retirement from the Fire Co., he was asked why he served so many years as a public servant. His simple answer: “People” and then he added “an understanding wife.”

Marilyn Knott Taylor Interview with Sherri Federle, 2003 /  
*The Western Star* / *Ancestry.com* /  
*Around Mason, Ohio: A Story* – Springman



Fire (and Police) Chief Jim Knott at the dedication of the new fire house on June 7, 1964. Twenty-five years later, the fire house would be renamed in his honor.

 Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Richard “R.C.” Fussner who passed away on February 1, 2021 at the age of 91. R.C. is survived by his sons Richard (Marti) and John (Stacey), brother Ronald, and three generations of grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jane (nee Ott), daughter Kathy Hendershot and his brother Ralph. R.C. served his community as Fire Chief of the Mason Volunteer Fire Co. from 1970-1977. He worked for 40 years in the theme park industry as a risk manager and safety professional, 20 of those years at Kings Island. He was a 32 degree Mason with Mason's Masonic Lodge and was involved with the Scottish Rite.



After moving to Mason in 1951, Mary Jane and R.C. Fussner lived in several homes (Boyd Lane, Cloverwood Drive, and Mason-Montgomery). In 1989, they purchased a 1929 Sears catalog home from the Scofield family. Located on Second Street across from Pitrelli's/old Post Office, it's one of about a dozen Sears homes in Mason.

They used the house as their family office for years before R.C. moved in as a retired widower. To this day, only those two families have ever lived in the house.



# THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1913

Gina Burton Arens

We start our story with what preceded the Great Flood of 1913.

*As friends and family gathered for Easter dinner at Benjamin Edholm's house in Omaha, Nebraska, the sky turned green and a great tornado began to rip through the city. While the revelers huddled for safety, an object burst through the dining room window, slid across the table and crashed to the floor with the dishes. The literal party crasher was a naked man who sat up, quickly converted the tablecloth into a makeshift toga and asked for a pair of trousers.*

While the amusing story of the "human meteorite," as one newspaper called him, testified to the power of a tornado that could tear the clothes right off a person, the twister was anything but funny.<sup>1</sup>

What followed the tornado was torrential rain throughout the central and eastern United States that lasted three days, from March 23-26. Ultimately the rain and flooding stretched from Vermont to Michigan to Louisiana.

No city got it worse than Dayton, Ohio. Nearly a foot of rain fell on the city and the Great Miami ran over its banks and broke its levees flooding the downtown area. Flood waters were 20 feet deep in some areas. Just when fears of drowning or freezing in the cold were at their height, survivors had to be concerned about another hazard. Fires erupted when gas lines were severed, and industrial chemicals ignited. People were stranded in attics or rooftops for days before rescue.



A Dayton family is rescued from their home in the aftermath of the flood.

Closer to home, Mason experienced heavy rains but was spared the flooding others endured. However, they were not spared the worry that comes with such a catastrophic event. *The Western Star* reported, "Great anxiety has been felt among the people of Mason and vicinity for the flood sufferers in neighboring cities and towns. All the Mason people who are in Dayton and Hamilton have been heard from and are alive and well."<sup>2</sup>

Much of Warren County saw its share of flood devastation. South Lebanon and Morrow were especially hard hit. Many people were forced to abandon their homes and seek higher ground. Mason's Rev. Hageman relates in his journal on April 1, "Went with Frank to South Lebanon and took supplies. The flood destruction there is awful. I will not attempt to describe it." Kings Mills experienced the greatest financial loss as the Kings Powder Co. & Peters Cartridge Co. reported \$150,000 loss (\$4 million today). Eight deaths occurred in Franklin.

Warren County Commissioners met and estimated damages to bridges and roads to be about \$300,000 (or \$8 million today). "It was reported that great destruction has been done to public property in Warren County. Six bridges are out across the Little Miami at Mill Grove, Stubbtown, Fort Ancient, Kings Mills, Fosters, and Loveland while at least 30 small bridges are gone. In addition to the bridges, many of the roads are so badly washed away it is now impossible to find the original right of way."<sup>2</sup>



This view looking west on Old 3C Hwy. shows the utter devastation in the area around the Foster Hotel (now the Monkey Bar & Grill). The Foster covered bridge, which stood just beyond where the man is standing, was one of six area bridges that was washed away by the floodwaters.

*The Western Star* recognized the compassionate response for flood sufferers, naming Mason among those communities who had answered the call. Notes of "thanks" appeared in the paper following the disaster. One from South Lebanon read: "South Lebanon's flood sufferers will always hold Lebanon's and Mason's philanthropic citizens in grateful remembrance for the assistance rendered them during these most terrible days."<sup>2</sup> And from Fosters: "The people of Fosters wish to thank the people of Warren County, particularly those of Mason and Deerfield Township, for their aid in all manner possible during and since the recent flood of the Little Miami river."<sup>2</sup>

## The Great Flood of 1913, cont.

### LITTLE MIAMI HIGHEST IN HISTORY

River Overflows Bottoms in a Surprisingly Short Time—Many Bridges Are Washed Away.

Meager Reports All Over the State Report Big Property Loss, Especially Along the Big Miami—Many Lives Are Lost

*Miami Gazette*, March 29, 1913.

The entire transportation of relief to Dayton depended on the route through Mason on the Cincinnati, Lebanon and Northern Road (Rt. 42). Rev. Hageman made note on March 28 of the relief travelers in his journal. He writes, “107 autos went by here taking supplies to the flood sufferers in Dayton. It was wonderful and lucky that it could be done in that way when the railroads could not get there. Our road is the only one on this side that could get into Dayton.”<sup>3</sup>

After the flood waters receded in Dayton, wrecked Model T's, overturned street cars and hundreds of dead horses littered the streets. Forty thousand were impacted by the flood, 20,000 were homeless, 15,000 homes and businesses had to be rehabbed while two thousand structures were torn down. An estimated 300 people perished.

The Great Flood of 1913 took over 1000 American lives. It was the second worst natural disaster in American history; only the 1889 Johnstown Flood took more lives—over 2200. It was worse than the San Francisco earthquake and the Hurricane of 1938. So why does it seem like history has forgotten it?



People standing on the roofs of collapsed houses in Dayton, after the flood waters receded.

According to Geoff Williams, author of a book on the Great Flood of 1913, the impacted communities saw it as a local event, rather than a regional disaster. “If you lived in Dayton, it was the Great Dayton Flood. If you lived in Indianapolis, it was the Great Indianapolis Flood.”<sup>1</sup> People simply were not aware of the extent of the flooding and the widespread destruction that accompanied it.

After the flood, many communities took action to assure that such a disaster would never occur again. Cities established flood control commissions and approved construction of new dams. Dayton established Dayton's Citizen Relief Commission quickly raising 2 million dollars for a Flood Protection fund. Ultimately Dayton hired engineer Albert Ernest Morgan to design a massive system of dams and levees to prevent future flooding. Morgan's flood control system, finished in 1922, took five years to build and has prevented devastating floods for almost 100 years.

## HELP NEEDED!

THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES IN THE FLOOD district of Warren County that are in

### Immediate Need of Household Goods!

Such as Stoves, Beds and Bedding, Chairs, Tables, Dishes, Kitchen Utensils, etc.

All citizens having any of these articles in good condition will confer a great favor upon the Relief Committees if they will bring them to the Mayor's Office, or if unable to send them will communicate by phone with M. A. JAMESON, MARSHAL FRASER or MAYOR STUBBS. Phone 44 will reach some member of the Committees. Arrangements will then be made to send wagons for the goods.

Do not be afraid that too much will be sent in, for

## Much Is Needed,

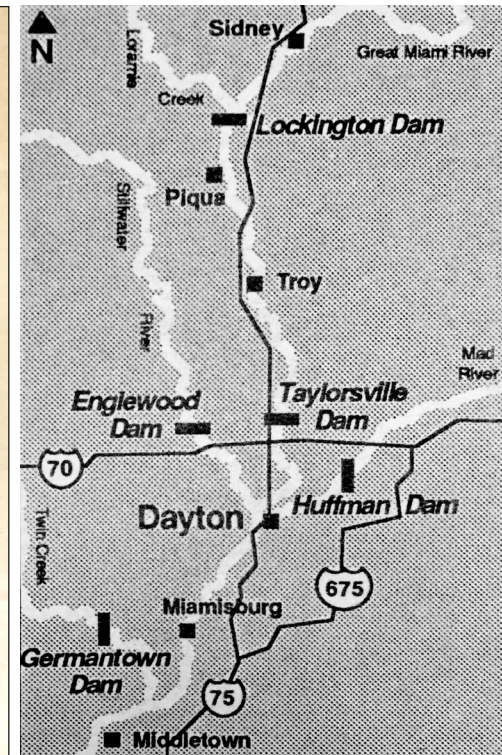
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## The Destitution is Great!

We will guarantee the proper disposal of all supplies.

MEN OF LEBANON,  
WOMEN OF LEBANON,  
ASSOCIATED CHARITIES,  
CIVIC TRUST OF LEBANON.

Lebanon's “call to arms” in the days after the flood.



Map of Albert Ernest Morgan's flood control system.

In 1913, in the midst of all the devastation, chaos, uncertainty and suffering there emerged a movement of men and women determined to step in and help their fellow citizens. The response was immediate, no rewards expected. According to *The Western Star*, “It was a work of infinite delight—to be able to help those who suffered—and every man and woman worked in that spirit.”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> History.com

<sup>2</sup> *The Western Star*, April 3, 17, and 24, 1913

<sup>3</sup> *Around Mason, A Story*; Rosemarie Springman

# The Board Report

Jay Meibers, President



Last month I wrote about Spring being on the horizon and how nice it was having January behind us. I had no idea how cold & snowy February would be! In any case we are moving into March and warmer weather cannot be far behind (I hope). We can also hear all the basketballs bouncing as NCAA March Madness gets underway. Hopefully, some of our local teams can make the tournament and make a run towards the Final Four!

At our last Board meeting we voted to push out the Museum opening date from March 4 to May 6. With the slow roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine we felt it was best for safety reasons to wait a couple of more months to open. Please let us know if you may be interested in volunteering to help support our museum open hours. Most of the Board members, including myself, have full-time jobs so we cannot help with museum open hours during the work week. This may also give you a good chance to get out of the house and feel comfortable doing it!

We do plan on having the Ice Cream Social this year and will provide more details in next month's newsletter. It will sure be nice to get things back to normal, but I am sure it will still be a little choppy with COVID 19 as we move through the Spring & Summer months. Hard to believe it has been a year since the COVID 19 pandemic started in the U.S.

It was great news that I shared last month about our 2020 Income/Expense results. I was asked a great question from one of our members about how the 2020 excess funds will be used in 2021. One key point is that due to the COVID 19 issue in 2020, the Board reduced spending dramatically compared to prior years. We had no significant expenditures beyond normal operations of the museum. In 2021 we do have plans for museum enhancements. First, I am excited to inform you that we are planning on having a Mason History Mural painted on the west wall of the addition. Perry Denehy & Sally Sherman Caudill are working diligently on the design and planning of the mural. We hope to have it completed by the May 6 museum opening date. Secondly, our front porch floor is rotting out and needs replaced. We tried some specialized paint in the past to help protect it but that is not working. Lastly, we are working on developing a College Scholarship Program for one lucky student per year. Jeff Raines is working on this project and will be presenting out his plans to the Board in March. Exciting stuff to say the least!

I want to pass on a big THANK YOU to Rob Middleton & the R.E. Middleton team for clearing the numerous snowfalls off the museum's driveway and walkways. The Board thanks you, and our backs thank you as well!!

Keep in mind that the 2021 membership fees are due if you have not already paid. For your convenience we will include the 2021 membership form with your Newsletter.

Stay safe, stay well & thank you for your support of MHS.

## A BLAST (OF WINTER WEATHER) FROM THE PAST



Marian Walker measures the snow at her home on Dawson Street, 1977.



Grace Losh and family enjoy a snow day (the dogs...maybe not so much), 1977.

As we "skid" into March, we're leaving behind one of the snowiest February's we've had in a decade. But who could forget the snow during the blizzard of 1977. These photos are a reminder that we could've had a whole lot more snow shoveling exercise last month...

## A Footnote to January's Nona Drake story

In follow-up to our Nona Drake profile in January, we discovered that Nona had received an honorary degree in 1986 on the 100th anniversary of Mason's first graduation. She was recognized as the only surviving family member of an 1886 Mason High School graduate, her mother Hester (Keever) Drake. Hester was one of six graduates that year. Nona, who did not finish high school because she was needed at home to help run her family's hotel, found a well-deserved happy ending for her earlier sacrifice.

Many ephemera items in the Museum archives are thanks to Nona. There are early graduation announcements, phone books dating to 1902, just to name a few items... a treasure trove of Mason's history. The Museum also has a baby cradle made by John Drake in 1900 for the birth of his new daughter, Nona.



Kenneth Jordan, Nona Drake and Lisa Dobbins (Class Treasurer), 1986.

## THIS MONTH IN MASON HISTORY

Excerpt from *Around Mason, Ohio: A Story*, Rose Marie Springman

**1803:** On March 24, 1803, Warren County was established by an act of the first General Assembly of the State of Ohio. The area had been a part of Hamilton County prior to this time. The new county was named for Major General Joseph Warren, famous for being the authority who sent Paul Revere on his midnight ride in 1775. Warren died at the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17 in the same year.

**1840:** The town of Mason was not overjoyed at having received an Act of Incorporation from the state legislature in January of 1839; they waited until March 22, 1840 before the Act was accepted.

**1892:** In a late March meeting a resolution was introduced and adopted fixing a constitution and by-laws for the governing of a fire company for the village.

**1906:** On March 6, "Three sons of sunny Italy with two cinnamon bears afforded no end of amusement to the school children," the Warren County Appeal reported. The next Friday there was a dance for the community at the Opera House.

**1908:** On March 14 in the afternoon the newly formed Mason Grange held its first meeting. A former Grange group in the village had disbanded in 1875. Sixty-six charter members chose their new officers, among whom

were Charles Mossteller, Irene Gerard, Harry McVay, R. Mount Cox, Albert Mossteller, Margaret Hoff, Frank Stitt, Harry Mossteller, Lucy Cox, Alvin C. Voorhis, Mabel Keltner, Nina Scott and Luella Scott.

**1909:** A smallpox scare developed in the area on March 7 and vaccinations were given. The next day Rev. Hageman noted in his journal, "The people act foolish in this scare."

**1913:** GREAT FLOOD - On March 25 Rev. Hageman noted in his journal, "Rains. Water very high, doing damage in all of southern and middle Ohio. Communications cut off and we cannot know."

**1929:** Jim Knott was appointed in March by the township trustees to replace J. A. Jackson during his illness as the cemetery supervisor. A month later Mr. Jackson died, and Knott was offered a permanent position. Mr. Jackson and his father before him had held the cemetery job for over 50 years.

**1938:** The Mason Athletic Club was formed in March and when their constitution was presented and read to the council in late March, the mayor commented favorably on the organization's plans.

*Around Mason, Ohio: A Story* (Bicentennial Edition) is available for purchase at the Alverta Green Museum.

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

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Warren County Historical Society  
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Mason Community Grange  
No.1680  
Mason-Deerfield Chamber  
Mason Public Library

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Please join us in welcoming  
the following new members to  
the Mason Historical Society:**

C.W. Bercaw  
Dauna Easley  
Paul Finley  
Karsten Jorgensen  
Debby Mount  
Julie Poe  
Don Walker  
Lloyd P. Walker

We urge you to support our wonderful business members and partners, who have been so generous with their support of the Mason Historical Society.