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WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE

Shattering Expectations in Early Mason

Sally Sherman Caudill, Editor

Flo Seward Sausser, Hester Keever Drake and Maud Dill Kohl were truly women ahead of their time. Through sheer determination, they did not fall into the gender stereotypes that were so prevalent in America, and refused to be seen as second-class citizens.

Florence Seward Sausser

Florence Estella Seward was born in Mason in 1849. She was the oldest of 10 children born to Charlotte (nee Osborn) and Andrew Seward. Known as "Flo," she was the granddaughter of Mason Seward, the town's first mayor, and the great, great niece of William Mason, the town's founder. Her parents, were hard-working farmers who taught strength of character to their children.

Flo married a local carpenter, Henry Sausser, a week before her 20th birthday in 1869. At the age of 29, she became Mason's postmistress, a job that until this time had always been headed up by men. She didn't have any higher education, but she had a head for business. She purchased a building on the NW corner of W. Main and North East Streets (site of Two Cities today), where she opened a general store on one side and rented out the other side. This was the first of many real estate holdings that Flo would purchase over the years.

Flo Sausser, ca. 1895.

In 1890, Henry died from paralysis (stroke) at the age of 46. They had no children, but Flo pulled herself up by her bootstraps and continued on alone.

Two years later in 1892, Mason's city council decided that Flo's corner on N. East and Main would be the ideal location for their new town hall. She agreed to sell for $20 per front foot. They rejected her offer and said they'd pay $12.50 per foot... and to add insult to injury, if she didn't accept within a week, they would condemn the property and take it. If they thought the recent widow would be a pushover, they soon found out otherwise.

Flo hired a lawyer and took them to court where she won the case. A stubborn council refused to pay the verdict. However a week later, with their tails between their legs, they caved and said they'd pay her price. Ah, to be a fly on the wall during that council meeting...

Flo's savvy real estate investments allowed her to live out the rest of her life in comfort. She never remarried and died in 1935 at the age of 85 at her home on Church St. I would've liked to have called this tenacious woman my friend.

Hester Keever Drake

Hester Edith Keever was born the middle child of five children, in Mason in 1867. Her parents, Adaline (nee Simpkins) and Thompson Keever, owned a large farm on the east side of Rte. 741 near Hamilton Rd. In 1886, Hester was one of seven graduates in Mason High School's very first graduating class. The Opera House was not yet built, so their commencement was held at the Presbyterian Church *(now Sacred Mission Church at S. Forest and 2nd Ave).*

Hester Keever Drake, ca.1900.

Hester attended National Normal University in Lebanon and got her teaching certificate. After teaching for six years, she began dating a young man by the name of John Drake and they were married in 1895. She and John had four children *(three lived to adulthood)*: Amie, Nona and Wymer.

Hester wanted to get into the hotel business. It was very rare for a woman to run such a business at that time, but it didn't deter her. In 1898 she purchased the building at 125 W. Main St. (now Boomerang Design) and opened the Central Hotel. She and her family lived in part of the home and she rented out the other rooms. She was so successful

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NEW HOURS

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Women of Substance, cont.

that in just four years, she purchased the much larger, and already established Mason House Hotel. She paid $6000 for the 12-bedroom property and the hotel became a family affair; her husband, John ran the hotel's livery stable across the street, and as they grew, her children helped her serve meals in the dining room and run the produce shop in a corner room.

The Mason House Hotel was the town's largest inn. It was located on the NW corner of Main and Section Line Rd. (now Mason-Mont.). Many a freight hauler left their team of horses at John Drake's livery across the street and enjoyed a hearty meal and night of rest at Hester's hotel. The building, dating back to ca. 1825, was razed by the city in 1972. A parking lot is on the site today.

Hester ran the hotel for 21 years when she was stricken with Bright's disease *(now called nephritis)*. She passed away at the age of 55 in 1923. After Hester's death, her sister, Mary, moved in to help the Drake children with the running of the hotel for many more years. Grit and determination certainly ran in this family. Her example taught her children to see beyond the bounds of society and pursue their dreams in their life choices. It's obvious that this lesson especially took hold in her daughter, Nona Drake *(featured in Jan. 2021 newsletter)*.

Maud Dill Kohl

Born in Mason in 1878 to Henrieta (nee Crone) and Reuben Dill, Maud was the eldest of four children. She graduated from Mason High School in 1896 and then went on to National Normal University for her teaching certificate.

Maud taught for several years in Mason before settling down with the dashing George Kohl. George was the child of German immigrants; his father Andrew had come to Mason from Germany in 1868, and was a local wagon maker. Within a couple of years, Maud gave birth to their only child, a daughter, Helen.

George went on to own a successful garage on the east end of town (where Tucker's Whippy Dip is today). He was having trouble keeping up with everything, so Maud decided to put aside her teaching career and help George with the garage. She was truly a jack-of-all-trades. She managed all the bookkeeping, and carried out the secretarial work, among so many other things. She even sewed curtains for the autos that were becoming more and more plentiful in town.

Maud Dill Kohl, ca.1905.

Perhaps her experience being a business owner in town spurred her next decision. In 1925, she ran a successful campaign to become the first woman to serve on town council. She quickly earned the respect of her fellow members, as they elected her president the next year. She brought warmth and common sense to the organization, something that had been lacking for quite a while (just ask Flo Sausser).

Around that time, Maud's daughter, Helen, had married Earl Bahr, and in May of 1926, they welcomed their son, George Gilbert Bahr. Maud was over the moon with her new grandson and relished her time with baby George. Her life was truly complete. Unfortunately that happiness was not to last long.

In February, 1927, at the young age of nine months, baby George died suddenly from an illness. Maud was devastated and over the next few months her health began to fail. She resigned from council, a job she truly loved, when she could no longer fulfill her duties. She became a shell of the once vivacious woman she had been. By October of that year, at the age of 49, Maud died from carbon monoxide poisoning. Her husband, George, came home to find her in their garage with the car running.

This was a sad end for Maud, but her spirit lives on in Mason. Women today are very well represented on city council, and the city boasts both a female mayor and vice-mayor. I'm certain Maud Dill Kohl would be very proud of the legacy she started.

This story is adapted from the author's script for the 2016 Cemetery Walk, which honored these three trailblazers.

Around Mason: A Story, RM Springman, 1982.
The Western Star, Oct. 6, 1927
ancestry.com
Bruce Hendricks remembrances

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Derek & Jennifer Courts

Greg Davis

MASON VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW)

Celebrating 65 years on Main Street

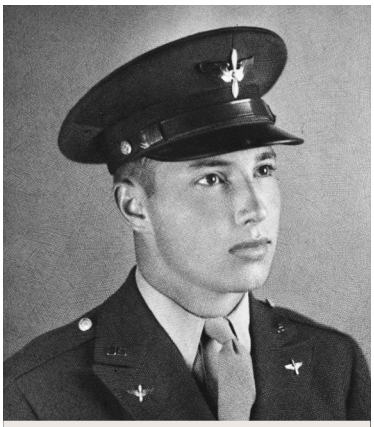
Gina Burton Arens, Editor

The VFW is a nonprofit veteran's service organization. Its mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts and to serve our veterans, the military and our communities. They advocate on behalf of all veterans.

The organization traces its roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves.

Our local VFW Post 9622 was chartered on November 21, 1948, meeting at the Grange Hall on Section Road (Mason Montgomery Rd). With 28 charter members, The Post was named in honor of Lt. Robert N. Mount, Mason Class of 1942. Mount had enlisted in the Army Air Corps and after completing pilot training was assigned to the 8th Air Force, stationed in England. It was on a mission over Germany on February 17, 1945, when the left wing of his plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire. The blast downed the plane, leaving no survivors.

Meetings of the early VFW were held in the homes of various members eventually moving to their first Post home at the Willows Lake south of Mason, formerly the site of the old Highway 42 Drive-in Theater, currently the LaRosa's Restaurant Plaza. The second location was at 303 Reading Road where Baysore's Flower Shop is located today. In 1957 the VFW purchased and renovated their current home at 119 West Main Street. Their first meeting in the new building was May 3. While the VFW has been in existence 74 years, this month marks 65 years in their current location.



WWII hero, Robert Mount, KIA over Germany, 1945.

Today the VFW supports veterans and advises the community of ways to assist veterans and their families. In addition, they help community groups and other charitable causes. Vietnam veteran Ollie Patterson is the current Post Commander with Roger Coates serving as Quartermaster.

IN MEMORY

As you sit here in the presence of men and women who were willing to sacrifice their lives in defense of this countryThey demand that your conduct in this canteen,
Honor that dedication and memory of those who did not return

To become a member of the VFW you must have served in a conflict on foreign soil or hostile waters and have received an honorable discharge. This information is usually available on the veteran's DD-214 form. If you are not eligible for membership in the VFW but you have a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling or spouse who would be eligible then you may apply for a membership in the VFW Auxiliary. Membership is free.

The Mason Auxiliary to the VFW Post was formed on May 18, 1952. The original group of 21 women formed to support VFW causes and youth activities in Mason. With the motto, "Honor the dead by helping the living," the Auxiliary believes in community service and meeting needs in times of emergency. The current Auxiliary president is Rhonda Pringle.

VFW Events

The VFW will be conducting a Memorial Day service at noon on May 30th at the gravesite of Lt. Robert N. Mount at Rose Hill Cemetery. Girl Scout Troop 49752 will post colors and a short service will follow. Taps will be played, and the Rifle Brigade will offer a 21-gun salute. Afterwards all are invited back to the VFW for food and refreshments.

Additional programs this year will include a June 14 Flag Day Ceremony at the VFW and Korean War Veterans will be honored on July 27th. Food will be served after both events.

The VFW hosts other social activities as well. Their Wednesday evening Bingo from 6-8 is open to the general public and they host karaoke nights and theme parties throughout the year. Information on these and other events can be found on their Facebook page "Mason VFW Post 9622".

Current Post Commander Ollie Patterson and Auxiliary president Rhonda Pringle.

THE LONG RIDE OF THE ABERNATHY BROTHERS

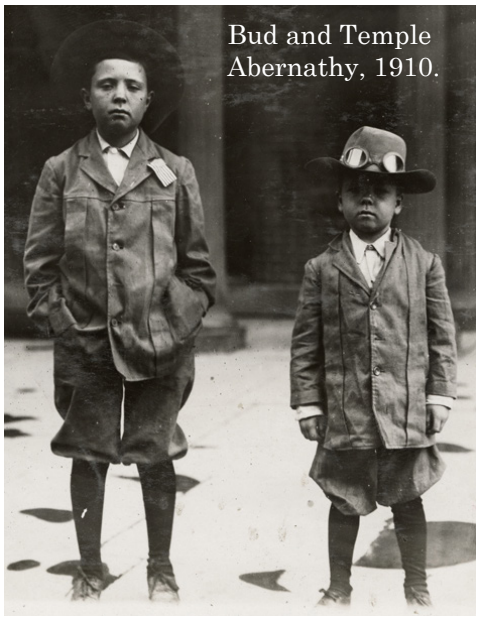
Mason Plays Host for a Night

Sally Sherman Caudill, Editor

This tale of two brothers is remarkable and borders on the unbelievable. If ever there was a story about the "old days" that makes you realize how much times have changed, then this is it...

In the late afternoon of March 9, 1910, the most famous kids in America (if not the world) rode their horses into Mason. Louis "Bud" Abernathy, age 10, and his younger brother, Temple, age 6, were halfway along a 2,000 mile journey, on horseback, from their ranch in Guthrie, Oklahoma and were headed to New York City. Oh, and did I mention that they were unaccompanied?

These precocious boys were traveling to meet former Pres. Theodore Roosevelt as he returned from an extended African/European trip. Their father, John "Jack" Abernathy, had been a good friend of "Teddy" for several years. "Catch 'Em Alive Jack" had once taught the former president how to catch wolves with his bare hands. After that, Teddy appointed him US Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma.



Bud and Temple Abernathy, 1910.

Bud and Temple were obviously from hearty stock, despite their small sizes. Bud was 65 lbs. and Temple weighed in at just over 45 lbs. Temple was so small that to mount his pony he needed to climb on a stump, and to dismount, he would slide down the pony's leg rather than drop to the ground. They wore khaki suits, high-topped boots with spurs, and broad-brimmed sombreros, and rode about 60 miles a day, never using a map; they watched the sun and asked directions along the way.[1] They carried bedrolls and bacon, and oats for the horses. Food and hotel bills were paid with checks from their father's account. They stayed in touch with their father through telegrams and occasional phone calls. (Their mother had died three years before, and the boys had five sisters who were staying with various relatives.)

At the start of their journey on April 18th, local press from Oklahoma followed their every move. As they moved east, their celebrity grew and there wasn't a newspaper in the country that didn't give an account of their trip. More and more people greeted them at each town. People gave dinners for them, took them into their homes and welcomed then as honored guests.

Their first big stop was in Cincinnati where they rested their horses for three days. It seems the boys didn't get much of a rest though, as they were guests of Mayor Schwab several times. They visited the Zoo, went for boat rides on the Ohio River, and toured the Water Works pump pit in Eden Park[2], among other sites. Their favorite Cincinnati pastime was riding on the Mt. Adams incline.

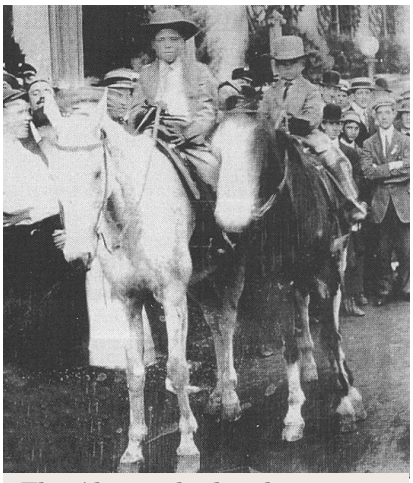
The boys stayed at the swanky Hotel Sinton (corner of 4th and Vine), and one night was spent in a firehouse.[2]

They left Cincinnati on the morning of May 9th with a police escort, and headed northeast along the B&O railroad tracks.[3] Word had reached Mason that they were on the way and the boys were met at the town limits by prominent citizens, just as they were at every city they passed through. The brothers spent the night in Mason,[4] and since city fathers would've wanted to showcase their best hospitality, it's highly likely the boys slept at the Mason House Hotel, and boarded their horses across the street at Drake's Livery *(site of Subway today; see pg. 2).*

The next morning after a hearty breakfast, they bid goodbye to the people of Mason and continued on their way. Mason called up to Lebanon to keep the chain of information going. Dignitaries from Lebanon rode to the edge of town to meet them. The brothers posed for photos while their horses watered at the Broadway fountain.[4] Their next stop for the evening was Dayton, where they were soon treated to flights of the Wright aeroplane with Wilbur Wright.[5]

The boys' suffered through hunger, thirst, dust, hailstorms, sandstorms, torrential rain, and summer heat. One night was spent fighting off a pack of prairie wolves. One of their horses foundered along the way and had to be replaced; and Temple came down with a fever and was almost swept away while crossing a river.

They had all sorts of unforgettable experiences. A West Virgina hotel owner woke them in the middle of the night so that they could view Halley's comet streak across the sky. In Washington, DC, The boys regaled their stories to President William Howard Taft and his cabinet at the White House.[6] They also met the Speaker of the House, who brought them down to the House floor, where members of Congress crowded around to hear their adventurous tales.



The Abernathy brothers arrive in New York City.

As they ended the final leg of their journey in mid-June, riding their horses off a ferryboat in Jersey City, they were surrounded by a veritable mob. It took six-mounted policemen to clear the way. An ever-growing crowd, which reached 10,000 people, fell in behind and trailed them to their hotel where they were reunited with their father.[7]

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Abernathy Brothers, cont.

They were the toast of New York. Crowds would shout their names and grab at their hair. Women especially wanted to kiss young "Temp" who was now a first-name celebrity. But he "dreaded them far more than he feared wild animals on the plains."[8] One time he dodged a lady going in for a kiss, hit a chair and got a shiner for his troubles.[9]

On June 18th, Roosevelt's ship arrived and Jack and his boys were there to greet him as he came on land. Teddy gave a speech, and spotting the Abernathys, he grasped Jack's hand in greeting. He then looked down at the brothers and gave a great, big grin and said, "you made a long ride to come see me. Bless you." The boys said that welcome was worth everything they'd endured.

The brothers rode in a parade* honoring Roosevelt down 5th Avenue with a million people lining the streets looking on. They were just behind Teddy Roosevelt, and in front of the Spanish-American War veterans, the "Rough Riders." They were almost as big of a hit with the crowd as the former president himself.

Painting unveiled in the Oklahoma House chamber in 2014 shows the Abernathys riding in the NYC parade.

The boys enjoyed the next few weeks in the Big Apple, and were given a farewell luncheon at the Astor Hotel, attended by Wilbur Wright, Teddy and a young, Franklin D. Roosevelt.[10]

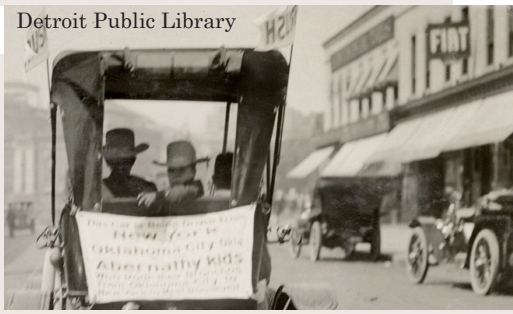
The return trip home was in a very different mode of transportation, a Brush Runabout auto…with 10-year-old Bud behind the wheel. Though barely able to reach the levers, Temple occasionally relieved him in the driver's seat.[11]

The Abernathy brothers did not fade into the sunset, at least not right away. They starred in a film about their cross-country adventure**. They were hired by a promoter to ride an elephant and a donkey from NY to Washington, DC in a pre-election stunt in late 1910. The next year they were challenged to ride from Coney island in NY to San Francisco in 60 days to win a $10,000 prize. (They finished the trip but arrived in California two days late for the prize.) And in 1913, they rode a motorcycle from Oklahoma to New York City.

The brothers remained very grounded in their lives, despite the fame and adulation they received. Bud became a lawyer and judge, and Temple worked in the oil industry. Most people have never heard about these fearless and self-reliant boys and their adventurous spirit. But in their home state of Oklahoma, they celebrate "Abernathy Days" every year, and a statue stands in honor of these "plucky little fellows" who captivated a nation… You just can't make this stuff up.

The brothers prepare to head home in a one-cylinder, two-seater Brush Runabout auto. It had a top speed of 35 mph. They averaged 100 miles a day on the ride home.

Detroit Public Library



Rear view of Louis and Temple Abernathy in Brush car. Banner on back reads: "This car is being driven from New York to Oklahoma City, Okla. by the Abernathy kids, who rode their bronchos from Oklahoma City to New York to meet Roosevelt."

PRACTICE RUN

This trip was not the first long ride the boys had undertaken. Just the year before, when they were nine and five, they had ridden from their ranch in Guthrie, OK to Roswell, NM, taking a wide sweep through the Texas panhandle on the way home. A trip of over 1,800 miles. This was a test run to prove to their father they could do the long NYC trip.

"Catch 'em Alive" Jack Abernathy with his two young sons.

The Washington Post, 10/19/2019

[1]*Oklahoma City Daily Pointer*, 4/26/1910
[2]*The Cincinnati Enquirer*, 5/9/1910
[3]*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune*, 5/9/1910
[4]*The Western Star*, 5/12/1910
[5]*Dayton Herald*, 5/11/1910
[6]*Bartlesville Examiner*, OK, 6/3/ 1910
[7]*Muskogee Cty Democrat*, OK, 6/16/1910
[8]*Cincinnati Post*, 6/17/1910
[9]*Wave-Democrat*, Enid, OK, 7/25/1910
[10]*The Cincinnati Enquirer*, 7/7/1910
[11]*Shawnee Daily Herald*, OK, 7/23/1910

*A short video clip of the boys in the NYC parade is available on Youtube – search "Abernathy brothers Bud and Me".

**To view their film on Youtube – search "The Abernathy Kids' Rescue"

A TOWN WELL READ

Literacy and Libraries in Mason

Gina Burton Arens, Editor

From its early days the citizens of Mason have valued literacy and placed special emphasis on having books available to the students at Mason schools. In April of 1855 the school directors paid for eight books with which to start a school library. The book selection included three novels, two biographies and a history of Ohio. In June the directors of Students Hall added nine more books to the school library, including a five-volume set of Universal History. The instructor, Reading Doty, wrote to the school directors: "I am satisfied from what I have witnessed in my school that no greater benefit in the way of education could be extended to the youth of our land than would be realized from the introduction of District School libraries." A humble beginning to be sure, but you've got to start somewhere!

It was in the early part of the twentieth century the WCTU (Women's Christian Temperance Union) broadened its interests by establishing a small library in A.H. Bennett's drug store, located on the SE corner of Main and Kings Mills Rd. The books were on a shelf, about four-feet wide and seven-feet tall and each contained a card where the borrower would put his or her name before taking the book. Several Masonites spoke lovingly of a series of children's books that were based on The Little Colonel, possibly the same characters played by Shirley Temple in a movie by that name in the 1930s.

Later when Mr. Bennett retired and closed his store the library was moved to the First Mason Bank building. At that time the bank occupied the east side of the building, and a restaurant occupied the west side. It was in the restaurant that the library existed for a period of years in the 1930s. When the library disbanded the books disappeared, but it was thought that they were given to the public school.

For about 20 years there was no public library in Mason. The closest library in Lebanon, built in 1908, was not available to county residents until 1940. Later, in 1943, Lebanon established a bookmobile service broadening the library's reach to schools and villages outside of Lebanon.

In 1957 Virginia Araujo assembled a group of people to form a literary guild. Its purpose was to get a library started in Mason. Among the members were Mary Peck, Ruth Batsche, Rose Marie Springman, Helen Terrell, Amy and Art Ross, Bob Zander and Elmer Williams. The group, with others in support, approached the Lebanon Library Board of Trustees and proposed a branch library in Mason. The board, which at first felt that the bookmobile service it sent to Mason was sufficient, agreed to sponsor a branch library when the guild members promised enough financial and volunteer help and a nucleus of books to begin a library.

In early January of 1958, village officials agreed to have a library set up in the firemen's meeting room at the rear of the town hall with plans to renovate the room. Unfinished wooden shelves were attached to the walls, furniture was moved in, and the Literary Guild members sponsored a book drive in the village to collect materials to fill the shelves.

The volunteer help was generous and within a few months the library's free services were being used heavily by residents. Because it was necessary to walk past the jail room in order to get to the library room in the town hall, youngsters in town found the trek to the library had an extra element of excitement. That first year the library was open 12 hours weekly and the annual circulation ran between 3,000 to 4,000 books.

Five years later in 1963, Joe Barr planned to tear down the old school building on Main Street, which was just west of his grocery store, and put up a new building on the far west side of the lot. The small library found a new home at the north end of Barr's building. A barber shop was to occupy the front portion and that business remains today.

An open house for the new library at 314 West Main was held in July and promoted in *The Mason Times*. The article boasted of "larger, tastefully decorated quarters" with librarians Verna Niederman and Marian Walker at the helm. Both Verna and Marian had served as volunteers in the town hall library since 1958.

Mason's "new" library on W. Main, 1963.

That summer the library had organized the "Big Top Fun Summer Reading Club" with a record of 110 youngsters enrolled. The little library had a new reading club theme every summer. I remember participating in the "Busy Bee Reading Club" when I was in elementary school.

In June of 1977, Governor James A. Rhodes signed a bill enabling Mason to establish an independent public library district, breaking ties with the Lebanon library. Creation of new libraries had been frozen by a 1947 law.

Three years later, in 1980, the small Mason Library moved to a new, contemporary structure, designed by Voorhis, Sloan, Welsh, Crossland Architects Inc. The new building of 8,000 square feet, not far from the old, was built at 200 Reading Road. In a great fanfare of support for the new library, "a human chain" of children and adults formed to carry everything from the old library to the new. Moving over 9,000 materials (books, records, tapes, etc.), it was said that "even the rain that day did not deter from their happy efforts."

Since that opening there has been tremendous growth. Expansion projects in 2013 and 2019

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The "human chain" to transfer books to the new library was a great idea that "got all wet."

Orville Parkhill

A GENEROUS ENDOWMENT

In 1965 Orville Parkhill died at the age of 90. Parkhill, the last person in the area with that surname after 169 years, had never married but his keen interest in children's needs prompted him to leave his estate for the construction of a library building in Mason. His wishes were not executed immediately; it was 1980 before a library building was constructed. Despite the added value of the estate after so many years, the Parkhill money, approximately $100,000, could not cover the cost of the land, the planning and the construction and it was necessary for the city of Mason to assume the debt for a period of 20 years. A meeting room in the library was named the Parkhill Room after the benefactor and his portrait hangs at its entrance.

brought the library space to just under 30,000 square feet. Printed materials number 160,376 with 265 magazine subscriptions. Offering programs for all ages, over 11,000 children participated in these in 2021 alone. Access to e-books, computer software and other downloadable resources number 1,417,365!

The little library has come a long way. Sarah Brown, Library Director since the late '80s reports that they are now serving more than 75,000 individuals in Mason and Deerfield Township. It is delightful to see such a fine facility in the heart of Mason. Those in Mason's past who worked diligently to assure that books and libraries were accessible to everyone would be pleased and proud of where we are today.

lebanonlibrary.org/history
"Ladies Agog Over Library", *Mason Pulse Journal*, May 24, 1978.
"Mason's New Library Board Gets Head Start", *Mason Pulse Journal*, date unk.
Around Mason, Ohio: A Story, Rose Marie Springman.

The Board Report

Jay Meibers, President

Many exciting things going on at the museum. On April 18, we had a new carpet installed in the addition (special thanks to Missy Courts for coordinating) as well as our first program of the year "Letters from Paris" presented by Suzanne Anderson Taylor. A nice turnout of around 30 people joined and thoroughly enjoyed the program. Our Curator Sherry Kuntz Williams and Sherri Federle worked diligently to make numerous enhancements to the Comet room and the children's room located upstairs.

Gina Arens developed clues for many Mason businesses that will be involved with the 50th anniversary celebration of Kings Island in conjunction with downtown businesses and the City of Mason. There are other activities going on as well but too many to mention here. I cannot thank everyone enough for their great support in helping us meet our mission of preserving and teaching the history of Mason.

Just a friendly reminder to send in your 2022 membership dues if you have not done so already. If you are not sure if you have paid, then call us or send us an email and we will check and let you know. We will be updating our records in the next couple of months which will impact you receiving the Newsletter if you have not paid by that time.

Stay safe, stay well & enjoy the beauty of spring!

MHS Monthly Events

All events held at the Alverta Green Museum/ Mason Historical Society

Parking available on the street and at Two Cities (enter thru white gate)

FATAL FLIGHT & A NUCLEAR SCARE IN MASON

MON. MAY 16 @ 7 PM

Sally Sherman Caudill

Author and MHS newsletter co-editor Sally Sherman Caudill, will be giving an encore presentation of her in-depth look at the Air Force B-50 Bomber crash, which happened just north of Mason in 1950. **Seats are filling up so reserve today.** Call: 513-398-6750 or email: mason.oh.historical@gmail.com

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

MON. JUNE 13 @ 6 PM

Annual Ice Cream Social and Baked Goods Auction Fundraiser. Gene Steiner will once again join us as our auctioneer and entertainer. If you haven't attended one of these, you're missing out! It's old-fashioned fun, fellowship, ice cream, cookies, refreshments and incredible, legendary baked goods! Social hour starts at 6 pm with auction starting at 7.

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