



Worthington

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Apple Pies and History

WORTHINGTON-- The Worthington Historical Society hosted an afternoon of entertainment for the town last Saturday. A "thank you" for all their efforts and energies and support for the Society. The Museum was open with displays of papers of local interest and some of its artifacts, such as a sick cradle or the World War II Red Cross Uniform. According to President Ted Claydon, "Quite a few people came in to see that." The visiting people were able to attend the dedication of the two hundredth anniversary of the town's postal service. A new flag pole had been erected on Packard Park and a new flag was unfurled. The rain may have dampened the ground, but not the spirit of the Society. Unable to continue with their festivities outdoors, they moved the party down the street to the Town Hall. There the jazz band "Horse Mountain" played all afternoon. They played "the real good oldies"--"Wait Til the Sun Shines Nelly," "Georgia on My Mind," "Sweet Georgia Brown." Burt Nugent and Barbara Bartlett took a little spin around the floor. For most, though, foot-tapping and swaying to the rhythm was satisfying.

The biggest interest was in the pies and how they were being judged. The Apple Pie Contest drew 18 entries with bakers aged 12 to 88.

The judges were introduced: Brad Fisk--the retired entrepreneur; Gordon Hertel--the working business consultant, and Burt Nugent (in work clothes) representing the average working man with a love for apple pie. First place went to Cindy Tebo, second to Gail Claydon (Ted's daughter-in-law visiting from Long Island, New York), and third to Ann O'Donnell. Each received a ribbon and a potholder with an embroidered red apple. Girls from Girl Scout Troop 498 also baked pies. This Troop has adopted the Historical Society and help whenever possible.

After the contest, the pies were cut and served. Everyone wanted a piece of the winning pie. With that gone, second and third were quickly eaten until not a single slice was left.

Girl Scouts helped throughout the day, serving cider and donuts. Popcorn from Ed Majkowski's old fashioned popping machine was a treat as well. During some of the afternoon, Chuck Porter was able to drive his team of horses with the buckboard wagon.

In spite of the weather, Claydon thought the event was a success, drawing more than 75 people. "Hope to do it next year," reflected Pat Nugent, member of Fundraiser Committee. There are plans to schedule it earlier in the autumn.