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Our History

The Bentleyville Neighborhood Club had its beginning in November of 1917. Formed by a group of neighbors, the Club's objective was and still is today to retain neighborliness and friendliness. Originally the Club's members came from the Villages of Moreland Hills and Bentleyville and included both permanent residents and "summer dwellers." As the area built up, the club refined its boundaries to Bentleyville Road and adjoining streets.

Although the protocol and formality of the past has vanished, the Club today continues most of the traditions originally established back in 1917 including an annual picnic, monthly meetings, annual donations to a community cause, luncheons of hot biscuits and chicken, exchanging recipes, informal meetings and much more.

The club welcomes all new residents to join. Meetings are on the last Friday of every month, dues are \$2.50 annually, and membership is limited to those individuals willing to attend the meetings on a regular basis and entertain the club members every other year.

From a letter written around 1972

To commemorate our 100-year anniversary,

excerpts from past minutes are presented here that are historically or hysterically noteworthy. At this point in time, minutes only go back to 1937. There are dues and attendance records back to 1923. At one meeting, Jean Ingalls explained that “The Bentleyville Neighborhood Club was formed in 1917 after World War I as an outreach of the Red Cross.” Many references are made over the years to November, 1917 being the first meeting of the club.

So with that in mind, this booklet is presented for your enjoyment to commemorate this historical 100 year anniversary milestone. May this effort serve to inspire others to continue this wonderful tradition for another 100 years!

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Jane & Marty Eble

“The Cottage” 288 Bentleyville Road

Owners 2009 to 2018

Open our mem'ry book Grace,
That we may read the way
The Neighborhood Club was started
'Tis twenty years today:
Since neighbors met together
And said it was their will
To form a club of women
Who live in Bentleyville.

At first 'twas "plastered house" wives
Who made the membership,
But soon the summer dwellers
Into the fold did slip.
We have so much in common-
Our homes and gardens fair,
Our trees, our hills, our river,
We share in friendship rare.

The years have brought new members-
Some old ones moved away,
Three loved ones turned the corner
That all must turn some day.
We've studied, read and traveled
By books, to countries new;
We've given plays and concerts,
Our talents are not few.

We eat each other's luncheons
And recipes exchange;
We gossip very little
Of folks beyond our range.
We listen to a paper
Or to a book review,
Then all discuss the subject
From viewpoints old and new.

Our meetings are informal,
We bring our socks to darn:
We mend our clothes, hem curtains,
Or knit or sew with yarn.
But if you hear loud laughter
And most unseemly noise,
We're holding an election
With dignity and poise.

Agnes May Chatham

November 19, 1937

Excerpts from 80 years of minutes — No record found of minutes for first 20 years.

February, 1937—Mrs. Bingham gave an interesting talk on the Girl Scouts and showed many articles of handicrafts which had been made for their coming sale. Also leather work which she had made.

March, 1937—As there was no special business nor program, the afternoon was spent in conversation, fancywork and darning. We talked of many things like Alice of Wonderland (sic), of shoes and ships and sealing wax, and cabbages and kings - mostly England's ex-king. Also, a general discussion on raising plants—African violets in particular.

April, 1937—Mrs. Bellamy led us in an old-fashioned spelling bee. She was provided with the latest spelling books as well as the ancient McGuffey speller and reader. The one hundred demon words proved to be simple to this group. However, no one covered herself with glory and the school ended in laughter.

June, 1937—A musical program was scheduled and Mrs. Schneider, accompanied at piano by Mrs. Fonts, sang a group of songs that were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Fonts also sang and played.

November, 1937—After a very lovely luncheon which included a birthday cake with 20 candles on it in commemoration of the occasion, this being the 20th anniversary of the club, a short business meeting was held —Mrs. Ambros was then asked to read the history of the club. The history which was written and read ten years ago and the history of the last ten years was read. (Editor's note—the history they refer to has not been found)

January, 1938—Following the business meeting, the club was entertained by Mrs. Chatham's most interesting talk on her travel through England, Scotland and Norway last summer. Pictures of the many charming places she had visited gave us a glimpse of the wonderful trip she had, most impressive, perhaps, the pictures taken of the procession for the King and Queen taken in Edinburg.

April, 1938—'Wildflowers' was the subject for the program. The President had sent out cards to members giving each one a certain flower to talk about. The response was nearly 100% and extremely interesting.

June, 1938—Neighborhood Club entertained guests with an elaborate Flower Show at the home of Mrs. Albert Reid on N. Miles Rd. After the guests were given cards and pencils, they were told to select their first choice of the arrangements in each of the three classes; old fashioned, miniature and table bouquets. While these cards were being counted, Miss Hill sang beautifully.

September, 1938—After lunch everyone assembled in the auction room at Mrs. McMillin's. Amid much laughter the numerous articles were sold penny by penny. Mrs. Draz made a very capable auctioneer. A very jolly time was had by all and the club was proud to be able to add \$15.22 to its bank account.

December, 1938—The Christmas meeting of Neighborhood Club was held at the home of Mrs. Bingham. The business meeting was dispensed with and Christmas games, gifts and carols filled the afternoon. Mrs. Fonts made a jolly Santa Claus in her red suit and shiny patent leather boots. Later Santa led the carol singing and all enjoyed this unusual treat. Gifts were taken from the big tree by Santa and only distributed to those who sang a wee song.

April, 1940—Mrs. Draz, President, opened the meeting with the request all recite the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Draz wished to know if the club members would care to do some kind of Red Cross work while attending Neighborhood Club meetings—the answer "yes" was unanimous. All business attended to the 'Club Bassinette' which was brought in with gifts for the Peters

baby who is expected to arrive in July. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to looking at and admiring all the lovely things for the baby.

June, 1940 'Guest Day' - 52 members and guests present—The Program Committee then took over the entertainment. The Club members and guests were separated. Mrs. Wain was Captain of the guests and Mrs. Bellamy of the members. Mrs. Schneider took the part of Professor Quiz and questions of great interest were asked and usually answered by someone of the Club members (perhaps the guests were shy). The members side won the contest but in their generous way turned the prizes over to the guests and each guest received a balloon. Miss Gertrude Beattie played several numbers on her accordion and accompanied with the singing of 'God Bless America' which ended the program.

September, 1940—Article 2—Section 1 of the Constitution be amended to read: "The Membership shall be limited to 25 active members and such members to be residents of Moreland Hills and Bentleyville Villages. "

September, 1941—Roll call was answered with a personal invention or hand gadget to use in the kitchen.

December, 1941—A grand Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Mapes where we enjoyed a regular holiday dinner. Eighteen members were present. Mrs. Reid called the meeting to order and presented the new president with a bell to use for this same purpose in the coming year. A letter was read from the British War Relief thanking us for our contribution. A note from Mrs. H. D. Beattie was also read tendering her resignation due to ill health. It was voted to accept this with the reservation that she return when she feels able. Each member had to do a 'stunt' before she could receive her Christmas gift. This was lots of fun as well as watching each package being unwrapped.

January, 1942—Our new President, Mrs. Cudmore, called the meeting to order. After the reading of the minutes of the December meeting, roll call was answered with a few New Year's resolutions. It was moved and seconded we omit desserts until the duration. It was moved and seconded that we give five dollars to the Moreland Hills Red Cross. Mrs. Bellamy presented an excellent talk on defense procedures, her experience in the East, and especially what women can do in case of emergency. The remainder of the meeting was spent in defense discussions. The meeting was adjourned after Mrs. Cudmore read Admonition, a poem presented by Mrs. McIntyre.

February, 1942—Roll call was answered with the name of a famous person.

March, 1942—Mrs. Bingham entertained 14 members in her home on Lansmere Road, Shaker Heights. Roll call was answered with 'annoying habits'.

April, 1942—In answer to roll call, each person responded with their hobby. Mrs. Bellamy spoke concerning the Women's Field Army for Control of Cancer which collaborates with the Ohio State Medical Society. It circulates facts concerning cancer and thus brings it out to light. They would welcome your enlistment in the field army. It costs one dollar annually with part going to the local project and part to the national cause.

November, 1943—Only four members attended the Neighborhood Club at the home of Dorothy Draz. The four who did attend enjoyed a delicious dish of corn chowder. Poor Dorothy said she had cooked enough for everyone to take a bath in. Let's hope in the future people call the hostess in time so she doesn't plan on so many.

January, 1944—Mrs. Bellamy moved we increase members to thirty. Mrs. Bellamy feels we need room for growth. Motion carried. It was suggested that guest day was good for the morale of the club.

September, 1944—Mrs. Bellamy read a paper upon the racial situation. It was extremely interesting and very much enjoyed by everyone present. The paper was taken from the book 'Brothers Under the Skin' by Cara McWilliams.

January, 1945—Mrs. R. M. Knutsen joined the club.

May, 1945—'Old Members Day' was held at the house of Mrs. C. H. Rock. There were six 'Old Members' and one guest—they were: Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Milner. Mrs. Frey was our guest and speaker. She gave a delightful talk on wildflowers and grasses. She was presented with a hankie.

July, 1945—There being no old business, Mrs. Farr asked Mrs. Bellamy to read a letter which she thought we might be interested in. It was from a friend of Mrs. Bellamy's, a Mrs. Weegar Bruen, who is in Holland. She described the terrible conditions which have existed and are still existing in Holland. She told of the need of clothing, food stuff, shoes, etc. While we were on this subject, Mrs. Knutsen also made a plea for Norway.

She has relatives who are in need of shoes, clothes and a double barrel shotgun if anyone should happen to have one. Everyone felt that the least they could do would be to go home and 're-classify' any clothing they felt they could do without and bring some to the next meeting.

June, 1946—Mrs. Lambirth told about the compilation she and Mr. Lambirth had made of the membership of the club since records began to be kept. Mrs. Ambos then read a history of the club and she was often interrupted by other members who added to her recollections of the club's record.

October, 1946—Mrs. Draz presented novel and amusing ballots which Mr. Bailey had prepared. The balloting proceeded in the customary manner.

November, 1947—A lovely salad luncheon was served and climaxed with a beautiful cake topped with thirty candles for our Anniversary.

December, 1947—The annual Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Ardmore and truly a Christmas Party it was with all the holiday trimmings including sleigh bells at the door. Instead of a gift exchange, a collection was taken to purchase magazine subscriptions and \$14.75 was netted. Motion was made and approved that *Time* be sent to the teacher in Holland and *Reader's Digest* to the library in the same locality.

April, 1948—A letter was read urging our members

OFFICIAL BALLOT

VOTE for Clean Politics!

VOTE for the Person Not the Party!

VOTE only ONE Ballot!

Neighborhood Club Election

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1946

POLLS OPEN: 2:30 TO 4:30 P.M.

[Place X in Square and write in name with Black lead pencil ONLY]

FOR PRESIDENT

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FOR VICE PRESIDENT

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FOR SECRETARY
AND TREASURER

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Do you live in a Plasted House?

YES () NO ()

to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the Traveling Clinic to have free chest x-rays through the Anti-Tuberculosis League.

November, 1950—Mrs. Knutsen was hostess at the November meeting. The Thanksgiving theme was brought out in the dessert in the form of ice cream turkey molds. Following roll call a discussion was held about purchasing new trays for the Neighborhood Club. A motion was made and carried to buy new trays with each member contributing the price of one tray.

November, 1951—The Jackson Road Neighborhood Club asked if we would care to help them provide the makings of a Christmas party for some of the patients at the Cleveland State Hospital. After much discussion the President appointed a committee to assist the Jackson Road Club.

December, 1951—It was reported on the Christmas party our group helped the Jackson Road Neighborhood Club give at the Cleveland State Hospital. Our committee had bagged hard candies and we provided cupcakes for the 108 women in the ward. Christmas gifts were exchanged between our members to the enjoyment of all. Mrs. Draz read The Errors of Santa Claus by Stephen Leacock and Mrs. Mayne played carols on her accordion to the accompaniment of group singing. It seemed to please the women a great deal.

March, 1952—Ruth Knutsen spoke of our nominal dues and suggested that we have a small collection, something on the order of a Sunshine Fund, each meeting to be kept in a separate fund by the Secretary Treasurer and to be used by the Courtesy Committee for flowers or cards. The first Sunshine Fund collection was taken—amounting to \$1.13, an average of 7 cents each.

July, 1952—The remaining time was spent in conversation, preparing a basket of string beans, and keeping our ears cocked toward the radio broadcast of the balloting of the Democratic Convention.

October, 1952—Eighteen members met at Mrs. Ralph Beattie's for a lunch straight from Halle's Tea Room (or was it Higbee's Silver Grille?) The group then discussed such high-minded subjects as why we should vote for the school levy, whether Ohio needs a Constitutional Convention, how any person could vote a split-ticket—that is, of course, a split Republican one (if any member had dangerous Democratic sympathies she wisely kept VERY quiet about them), if it would not be a good idea to have a woman on the Moreland Hills Village Council, and whether Mrs. Cudmore had ever met the eligible California bachelor previously mentioned by Mrs. Bellamy. On this exalted note the business meeting ended.

November, 1952—Nineteen members celebrated the Club's thirty-fifth anniversary at the home of Mrs. Barnhart who presented a gardenia corsage to our charter member, Mrs. Ambos. After a lunch climaxed by pumpkin pie complete with lighted birthday candles, the business meeting was opened with roll call. Since it is now possible to buy with a dollar the type of gift we used to purchase for twenty-five cents, it was decided to exchange one dollar gifts at our Christmas meeting. The business meeting was adjourned and Mrs. Ambos entertained us with a resume of the Club's history from the days when Mrs. McIntyre taxied the members through snow storms to our present humdrum times.

November, 1954—A report by Mrs. Arthur was made regarding the Christmas party at Cleveland State Hospital. Each patient was given a bag of candy and cookies, also a piece of jewelry and a lip stick. Mrs. Mayne played the accordion for the singing of carols. We all signed a card to accompany a gift of a train case to be given to Mrs. Lambirth as a wedding gift from the Club.

February, 1955—Mrs. Arthur had talked with Mrs. Jones of the Jackson Road group and it was their suggestion that each of our members buy enough material for a head scarf and hem it at

our meetings to be given to a group at State Hospital. Pat Bender and Dot Cory volunteered to buy enough material for us so that we could start right away and perhaps do more than one.

February, 1956—Mrs. Barnhart reported that a Helena Rubinstein kit of toilet water and powder was sent to Phyllis Arthur whose baby was born on February 12th.

April, 1956—The party at the State Hospital was discussed. Mrs. Knutsen called the Hospital and learned that Monday, May 28th would be a convenient date for them to have us. It is to be held at 1:30 in Ward G which is a medical and surgical ward for men in which there are approximately 50 patients. It was decided to bring homemade cookies and Dixie cups. We were told that cigarettes would be appreciated. Mrs. Knutsen and Mrs. Sickling each offered to bring a carton.

March, 1957—The subject of Japanese beetles was brought up. Mrs. Schron has acquired considerable information on this subject but she was not present to tell us about it. It is felt that the whole neighborhood will have to cooperate if any attempt at control is to be effective. A motion was made and carried that the President appoint a committee with Mrs. Schron as chairman to study this problem and make recommendations.

May, 1957—The condition of the road between March's and Knutsen's was discussed. There are large cracks and holes in the asphalt and there appears to be danger of a serious nature. Mrs. Bellamy will write to the County Engineer calling their attention to this.

June, 1957—The Secretary explained that Mrs. Bellamy had called the County Engineer's office about the threatened cave-in on Bentleyville Rd. She made a phone call and then followed up with a letter. Moreland Hills police put out flares that night and the road was repaired the next day.

September, 1959—Mrs. Lawrence (Sue) Williams publishes a polio magazine which has nationwide distribution. She could use volunteer help in this enterprise.

August, 1960—Elinore Chatham moved that a letter be written to the Mayor, Safety Committee, and the Police Chief suggesting the residents are alarmed by the amount and speed of traffic on Bentleyville Road and wish something drastic be done about it.

November, 1961—The hospital Christmas party is to begin at 1:15 pm on December 5th. Helen Cook will be able to join us and play the accordion that day. Cigarettes are welcomed by some in that ward and it was decided that one carton would be sufficient. All members were asked to bake Christmas cookies and deliver them to Elodie Otis on Sunday, December 3rd.

November, 1962—Helen Mills opened a discussion of philanthropic endeavors our group might undertake. Presented two main ideas; return to State Hospital for another Christmas party or consider helping the retarded children's Opportunity School in Newbury. Question was raised whether retarded children were underprivileged. Clara Bellamy pointed out that perhaps we could become educated to the needs of retarded youngsters. Esther Schron mentioned the desperate need of the Pima Indians for water wells to be drilled. Elodie Otis pointed out that Dunham School in Cleveland faces critical shortages of shoes, food for hot lunches, clothes, etc. All projects taken under consideration, but no decision made!

April, 1963—Neighborhood Club members attended Pine Lake Trout Club for a delightful luncheon as guests of Mrs. Bellamy. Lois Beattie favored the group with a dramatization of Ruth Drapers.

November, 1963—No formal business meeting was held. Immediately following our luncheon, we heard the news that President Kennedy had been shot. This was indeed a very sad

afternoon—the day President Kennedy was assassinated.

December, 1964—Joan Freemantle read a nice note from Alice Bares thanking us for her new recipe book and asking us all to come see her new wee red-headed son. Elinor Chatham gave us the latest report on the clear vs. murky water on Bentleyville Road. And finally, Esther Schron amazed, delighted and interested us with an account of her recent trip to Japan and Singapore.

January, 1965—The remainder of the meeting was spent reminiscing. Helen Mills read portions from her mother's early Society for Savings account book. From there we went around the room, each member telling where she was born. Esther Schron and Peg Howell had especially interesting and amusing stories to share. We all enjoyed becoming better acquainted with one another and being a true neighborhood club!

August, 1965—Neighborhood Club had its August meeting at Nancy Martt's. Mrs. Martt's daughter Judy, and her foreign exchange daughter, Sue Williams, helped serve lunch. We had a special South African tart for dessert. The discussion centered around the water situation and the Sawhill property. We were informed that the new street will be called Greentree Road.

April, 1966—The remainder of the time was spent most enjoyably discussing the vagaries of the modern teenager from "Parma socks" and Beatle haircuts to a "beautiful eyed" grand-daughter who wants to wear bangs despite a stern parent's unreasonable opposition.

August, 1966—Books, controversial social problems and a discussion of mixed marriages provided an unusually stimulating conversation.

September, 1966—A memorable evening marked an innovation for Neighborhood Club as our husbands joined in our annual potluck picnic. Brewer's romantic lodge was the setting, where a blazing fire offset the September rain. And the word "picnic" was surely a misnomer, as we feasted on a most unusual variety of gourmet specialties.

November, 1967—Eleven of our more indomitable members braved a pre-Thanksgiving blizzard to drive to the "Country Squire" in Burton. Luncheon was unusually enjoyable in a quiet, totally private room. Of special interest was Esther Schron's description of the Marines and Vietnam as related by her son Corky.

December, 1967—Elinor Chatham reported on the large and varied Christmas box sent to Corky Schron by our club containing items to be enjoyed by him and his fellow Marines.

January, 1968—The house break-in at Clara Bellamy's was discussed along with other recent burglaries. The general feeling was that we should err on the side of caution and should report any suspicious visitors, etc. at the houses of neighbors who may be absent.

May, 1968—There followed an interesting time of reminiscence prompted by the reading of some thirty-year-old minutes of the club meetings. Neighborhood Club is fifty years old, we discovered having been formed at the end of World War I as an outgrowth of Red Cross Volunteer Service.

June, 1968—Election year this is, and talk of such things as issues and people flew when Nancy Martt circulated a petition for Governor Nelson Rockefeller's candidacy. Jean Ingalls read a paper she had written for the Country Forum Foreign Affairs group entitled "The Responsibility of Power."

August, 1968—Nancy Martt brought up two bills currently before Congress, in one case just passed, that she thinks people should write their representatives about. They are the Federal Highway Act of 1968 which eliminates the 1965 Highway Beautification Act thereby restoring billboards and junk yards, adds 3,000 miles to the Federal Highway system, and

directs completion of freeways, any court action notwithstanding. S. 2658 is a bill to allow longer, wider, heavier trucks; a hazard and damaging. We finished on a lighter vein when we individually told about vacations.

October, 1968—A Christmas project was discussed and it was decided that cigarettes be sent to American Servicemen in Vietnam and Thailand. About twenty-five dollars is to be spent on the project. The tobacco company arranges the air freight shipment. Helen Mills seconded the motion to provide this gift.

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Above: One of five receipts for Camel Regular cigarettes shipped to Lt. Col. Schron for distribution. Each receipt was for 1,000 cigarettes which was shipped directly from RJ Reynolds Company.

January, 1969—Elinor Chatham's daughter, Joan, was our guest at the meeting and had just returned from Washington and the Inaugural festivities. She described the reception for Mr. Nixon and for Mr. Agnew at the Smithsonian (the first time the vice-president elect has been so honored) and of another crush at the Inaugural Ball. Esther Schron expects Corky home about February 6th.

August, 1969—After a lovely lunch, it was travelogue time and Esther Schron launched into an account of her trip to England. London, she said, is as swinging a town as depicted in the newspapers. They saw the Berlin Wall and found East Berlin progressing slowly. At a local beer garden in Berlin, Susan Schron danced with many bearded boys. Copenhagen was a scene of mothers and baby carriages. Much long hair on European men, wooden shoes, and bicycles seen in the countryside of Holland. They saw Sweden, Brussels, Paris (Louvre) - conservative fashions. Helen Mills told that James Ferman and many SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) arrived at the Baptist Church in Shaker with some demands that shocked many people. Helen said he had a beautiful voice and a huge, attentive audience.

February, 1970—Juanita Wilk brought petitions supporting the right of astronauts to read from the Bible and gave them to those interested in letting Washington know of their support. Esther Schron suggested that new trays will be needed before long. Before, each member brought one tray.

May, 1970—Jean Ingalls announced the Ohio Legislature is going to consider Representative Hill's bill regarding the constitutionality of the Vietnam War—your views would be welcomed.

October, 1970—Jean Ingalls will be housing a gentleman from the Far East over next weekend—one of five here in Chagrin to see our American election in process.

March, 1972—At business meeting time the overall discussion centered on Bentleyville Rd.—all the changes occurring—and the problems recurring. Adjacent neighbors to the road problem talked of their fears of relocating that portion of the road or of what is in the minds of officials? We discussed Greentree Rd. and the plentiful water discovered there. The discovery already has made the way for development of worthwhile homes in that area.

March, 1973—The March meeting of Neighborhood Club was in the form of a concert at Severance Hall. A large number of members met at Jean Ingalls' home as planned at 9:30 am to join the car pools that would take us to the Hall. Once there, we shared a whole row on the main floor and had a petite luncheon following.

November, 1973—The danger to children and pets from careless use of guns was discussed. It was moved and seconded to spend our Christmas donation on a memorial tree for Mr. & Mrs. Bailey. It was suggested that Bentleyville Rd. could use some beautification as well. Each member could possibly consider planting a flowering tree in her front yard.

April, 1974—The tree committee headed by Jean Ingalls purchased a tree (memorial tree for Bailey's) from Lee Road Nursery which was placed in Riverside Park. We voted to pay the extra seven dollars to cover the cost of a twelve-foot white dogwood.

July, 1974—A Midsummer's Night's Dream is having the chef from the Cabaret cook dinner for 60 guests. Roast suckling pig, Chinese vegetables, and fried rice prepared where all could watch were served. Everyone joined together for a good time at the Senior Dodson's to watch all these things being done. The evening was really a lot of fun and the weather very nice for a lawn party.

March, 1975—The big discussion was on what Moreland Hills is going to do with the road since it is still slowly sinking into the river near the Jung's and Knutsen's homes. Most thought it should be closed.

June, 1975—The new Vietnam families in the Valley are in need of dishes, pot and pans, and furniture.

June, 1976—Ellen Freer mentioned the Moreland Hills Bicentennial celebration on Sunday, June 27th. The appalling speed on Bentleyville Road of transient drivers (of course) was commented on with feeling.

February, 1977—A very lovely Chinese luncheon was served to us at the Shute Memorial Building catered by a food specialist in oriental cooking. Our hostesses, Ruth Knutsen and Dee Ramsey greeted us dressed in beautiful robes in keeping with the occasion and our long table was decorated with fans from Dee's collection. This was followed by a short talk explaining the many interesting items in the Historical Society Museum.

April, 1978—The President called the meeting to a close so we could solve the recent sensational "Miles Road, Bentleyville" murder.

June, 1979—Pat Neeley offered us her adorable kittens, born and raised in a barn making them potentially good mousers. Gail Trudick offered us kittens of her own but Pat's were pronounced to be cuter. This discussion then prompted a short story on the sad fate of Dylan, the Ingalls' cat, which further led to talks of Snoops, Sammy and Squeaky!!