

The Crooksville Villager

Administrative Assistant

WE ARE IN THE NEW BUILDING

Yes! We are in the new Municipal building and open for business. Our open for operation date was November 26, 2007.

As you come into the new building to pay your water bill or pick up a fire permit, you will notice that we are still moving items in. We are not in 100%, but enough to service the public.

The Police and Sheriff Departments are still in the old building for now. They will soon be moving over into the new building with us. So if

you have any tickets to pay or court to attend, please continue to go to the old municipal building.

We are planning on having an Open House so you can see inside the new building; however, we are waiting for all to be move in settled.

Stay tuned for updates via the cable channel.

We would like to thank the public for your patience during this move.



VILLAGE OF CROOKSVILLE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25TH IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS AND JANUARY 1ST IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL.

FROM THE MINUTES

September 21, 1964, Clarence Adkins was present and suggested a new cruiser be bought so the speeders could be caught, and extra police put on to help because he knew no man could be several places at once. A discussion was held about the extra police. Councilman Mast asked the Marshall if he had ever made any arrests and he said he didn't think so. Mast thinks our police can handle the situation without hiring extra police.

February 1, 1965, Raymond Mast was present and said he had been asked to ask council if they would block off N. Buckeye street for sleigh riding. The mayor informed him they blocked it off last winter and the barricades were broken, a car was hit and it didn't prove satisfactory. There was a discussion about it and it was decided not to block it.



CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB FRAME

At long last, with more than 65 years in its preparation, Bob Frame's book, "What Is There To Write About In Perry County?" is available.

Look for times and dates in your local newspaper.

A long time resident of Crooksville, Bob Frame, has his favorite stories of the rich and varied history of Perry County and Southeastern Ohio. He envisions a book that many Perry Countians will want to own and to read, time and time again.

CONGRATULATIONS BOB FRAME!

Book signings and presentations are scheduled at the various branches of the Perry County District Library.



People often wonder where the custom of having a tree in the home during Christmas time comes from. We will probably never know for sure. But there are several historical clues that point out where this custom came from

THE MODERN TREE

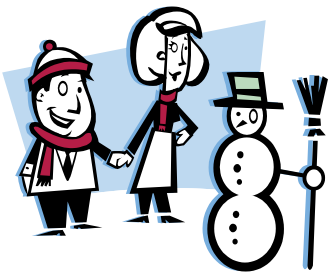


So when did the Christmas tree go indoors? Legend has it that the tradition was begun by Martin Luther in Germany. He was a monk and church reformer who lived from 1483 to 1546. According to the legend, Luther was returning home one wintry night when he saw the stars twinkling in the sky through the tree branches. Luther was amazed by the sight, and when he arrived home, was eager to tell

his family about it. To help them understand, he went to the woods and cut down a small fir tree. Luther brought it indoors and decorated it with candles, which represented the stars he had seen.

The custom spread in Germany, and from there all over the world. In England, the Christmas tree first appeared when Queen Victoria married Prince Albert,

who was German. In 1841, Albert set up a Christmas tree at Windsor Castle near London to remind him of his homeland. The Christmas tree custom was brought to the United States by people from England as well as by many German immigrants who came in the 1800's. Whatever its origin, the Christmas tree is a beautiful symbol for everyone who celebrates Christmas.



THE LEGEND OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

The night of the Savior's birth, all the loving creatures, both flora and fauna, came to Bethlehem with gifts. The olive tree brought its fruit and the palm its dates. But the little fir tree had no gift and was so tired it couldn't resist when the big trees pushed it into the background and hid it from view. But then a nearby angel took pity and commanded a

cluster of stars to come and rest on its delicate boughs. When the Baby Jesus beheld this lovely lighted tree, he smiled and blessed it, declaring henceforth that fir trees should always be filled with lights at Christmastime to please little children.

