

Dear Friends,

Our program at noon, Tuesday, January 19, at the Garland County Library will be very interesting. Do you need to learn a little about water witching so you can dig a new well? Want to know what Bible verse you can read to stop bleeding? Can you tell by examining her pillow if your loved one went to heaven when she died? To learn about these things and more, come to our meeting to hear Terry Diggs, a local attorney and longtime collector of folklore, folk songs and folk stories, present a program about "Folk Life of the Ouachita Mountains."

And this Sunday evening, January 17, at the Ohio Club (336 Central Avenue), you can have a great time and also help the society. The Ohio Club is throwing a party for Al Capone's birthday, with free hors d'oeuvres, drink specials, and music provided by Clyde Pound and The Bootleggers, featuring Earl Hesse. At 9:00 there will be a costume contest with \$100 prizes for best female, best male, and best couple. The club's owner, Mike Pettey, is donating all proceeds from the \$5 cover charge to our society.

Thanks to all who helped make the publication of our latest book (*Then and Now: Hot Springs, Arkansas* by Mike Blythe) such a success! The response to this terrific book of photographs has been wonderful. All proceeds from the book go to the society. If you don't have a copy yet, you can order one on our website or buy one at the archives, the Arlington Gift Shop, The American Art Gallery, or the Oaklawn Race Track Gift Shop.

Here's a question from our president, Renee Lucy:

I'm looking for information on paperback books sent to soldiers all over the world in World War II. The books will be marked with a circle with the words "Armed Services Edition" in the circle on the front cover. The US government along with librarians and publishers sent more than 120 million free books to American GI's from 1941 until 1945 as a reply to Nazi Germany's wholesale burning of books. Do you remember a relative talking about these books? Did you receive a copy?

Thank you again for your support! You make our work possible!

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