

Historical Society celebrates 50th year of Highland House Museum

Hugh “Ching” Fullerton 1873-1945

Hugh Fullerton became one of the most quoted and well-known sports writers of all time. One of his greatest scoops was the exposure of the Black Sox scandal of 1919. His discovery of gambling in that year’s World Series probably saved Major League Baseball. It was because of this scandal that Major League Baseball appointed a commissioner.

Fullerton was born on the Nelson Farm east of Hillsboro on Sept. 10, 1873. He was educated in the Hillsboro schools. He was a member of the first football team in Hillsboro in 1894. He attended Ohio State University.

While he briefly played in organized baseball, he preferred to write about it instead of participating in the game. He started his newspaper career writing articles for the News Herald. Fullerton worked for such newspapers as the Chicago Tribune, New York Evening World and New York Mail.

He was associate editor of Liberty Magazine and contributed many articles to Collier’s, American Magazine and The Saturday Evening Post. Whenever possible, he wrote articles for his hometown newspaper.

