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Historical Society

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From the Director's Desk

The addition of the square baby grand to the Music Room is truly an asset. However, now we note that we need to improve the appearance of a few other pieces in the room, especially if we plan to host a recital or have the room used for other events. Do come see the piano, it is worth your time and effort!

The new UV blinds have been installed and we anticipate they will assist in helping to preserve our exhibits. We expect that it will help with the air conditioning too. Time will tell if a few more blinds are needed.

A tour through the Highland House, the Court House, the Colony, and the Bell Opera House is planned for July 7th. The time will be announced in the Times Gazette.

Kirby Sanforth will again be chain saw carving on the lawn during the Festival and the cabin will be open to the public. Mary Ann Boatman and Helen Behm have offered to loan outfits worn during the Sesquicentennial play and parade. These will be on display along with a collection of items pertaining to the city's bicentennial.

With much help the herb and flower beds have had a facelift. It was quite a chore but Betty Wilkin and Mary and Jay Hamilton supplied the tremendous amount of labor, and donated the mulch and weed prevention materials. Bill Bolte had previously donated and planted flowers in the two iron containers.

Our "Thanks a Million" go to those aforementioned who saw the need and helped us out.

Please include a visit to the Highland House Museum in your Festival Plans

Margaret VanFrank

Quote

History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illumines reality, visualizes memory, provides guidance in daily life and brings us tiding of antiquity.

Cicero 106BC-43BC

Quote

History never looks like history when you're living through it.

John W. Gardner 1912-2002

Historical Society Members Plan Yard Sale

Maxine Kratzer is accepting items for the Highland County Historical Society's yard sale fund raiser which is scheduled for July 6 and 7. The hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday and from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

You may drop items off at Maxine's, or you may contact the Highland County Historical Society for more information.

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Reverend John Carson and family upon the death of Jean Carson. Jean was a long time member of the Highland County Historical Society and was recently inducted into the Highland County Historical Society Hall of Fame. She will be sorely missed.

Thank You

A special thanks to all those who volunteered to help with the flower beds around the museum and the flower containers up-town. Your efforts are always appreciated!!

Donations

Jane Tucker has donated many noteworthy items to the Historical Society from the Barbara Tucker Lamb estate. Please plan to stop by the museum to view these items which are on display. Thanks Jane!

New Shades Ordered and Installed

New UV blocking shades for the windows have been ordered and installed from Tissot's. These shades will help preserve our exhibits from harmful sunlight and ultraviolet rays.

Face Wash

The Museum exterior recently received a much needed face wash when the windows were cleaned.

History is a short trudge from Adam to atom.



The above photo is a cardboard Capitol Stock information card for the Bells Theatre in Hillsboro, Ohio.

The card reads, "Capital Stock \$2,000, Charles L. Langley, Agent, Bells Theatre Building, Hillsboro, Ohio, Phone 34

Assets \$12,387.977

January 1, 1933

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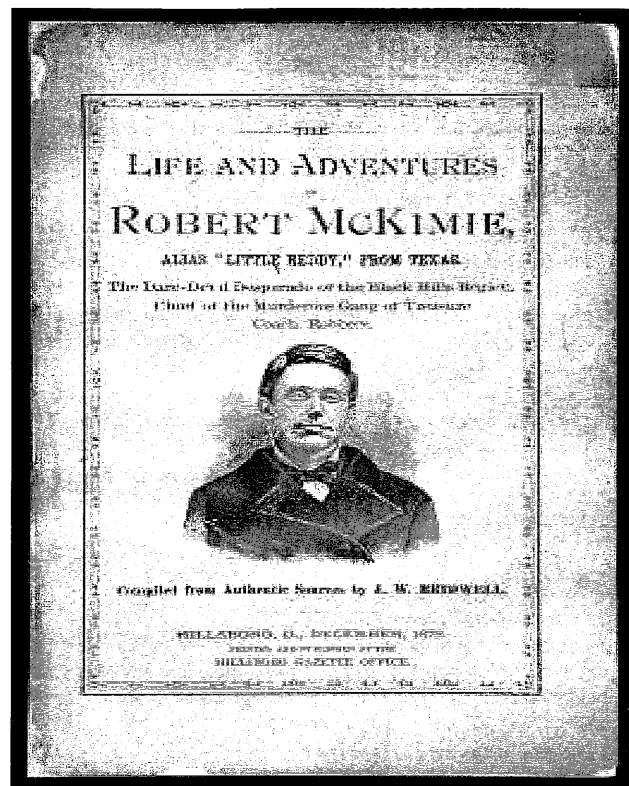


Milton Caniff

Born February 28, 1907 this Hillsboro, the Ohio native graduated from Ohio State University in 1930. Moving to New York City in 1932 he secured a job with the Associated Press Syndicate and created his first strip, "The Gay Thirties", a single panel strip. In 1933 he created his first popular character in "Dickie Dare", an adventure strip featuring a small boy.

The following year, when Captain Joseph Patterson was looking for an artist/writer to create a new adventure strip for the Daily News, he tapped Caniff, who in turn created "Terry & the Pirates", and the rest is history.

Terry was an immediate smash hit when it debuted on October 22, 1934 (as a daily strip, the Sunday page first appeared in December), and its success propelled Caniff forever into the eyes of the American public.



The Life and Adventures booklet of Robert McKimie, Alias "Little Reddy", from Texas who was the dare devil desperado of the Black Hills Region, leader of a murdering gang of treasure coach robbers. Also, a full account of the robberies committed by he and his gang in Highland, Pike and Ross Counties. The author was J. W. Bridwell and the publisher was the Hillsboro Gazette Office, date 1878. It is a 56 page booklet with 4 illustrated wood engravings including an engraved portrait of McKimie on the front.

He was the illegitimate son of an Ohio belle. He joined the army at age 14 but deserted and made his way to Utah where he took up robbing stages for a living. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison for murder but escaped after one year. He managed to reach the Black Hills of South Dakota where he joined the Sam Bass-Joel Collins gang. They began robbing stagecoaches along the Deadwood-Cheyenne run. McKimie shot and killed a popular stagecoach driver and was removed from the gang by its members. He eventually made his way back to Ohio where he purchased a business. However, he was tracked down by the long arm of the law by Seth Bullock, a Black Hills lawman. He was once again in jail fighting extradition when he escaped. McKimie went on a robbing rampage in Ohio and Kentucky before he was recaptured and returned to prison. His ultimate fate is unknown. He may have been extradited back to the Black Hills or Utah to face charges. Ohio prison records and historical archives do not reveal any trace of him.

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We wish to thank all members who have paid their 2007 dues. However, some have not paid as of yet and dues were due in January. Those members who pay annually and **have paid** will have the year 2007 on their address label. We hope to hear from everyone else soon! Membership dues are single \$10.00, family \$15.00, sustaining \$25.00 (for those who wish to do more. Please indicate your name address and phone number when paying dues so we can update our records.

House Tours Postponed

The house tours for this year have been postponed until next year.

Open House

The Highland County Historical Society Museum will be open during the Festival of the Bells. It's a perfect opportunity for members to stop by for a visit.

Governor Allen Trimble

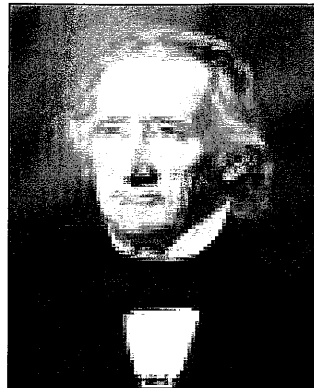


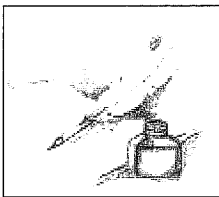
Photo of Allen Trimble, a Hillsboro, Ohio native. He was the 9th governor of the State of Ohio from 1826-1830.

We NEED YOU!!

Volunteers are needed to staff the Museum during the summer months especially on Sunday. If you can help please let us know.

Library

Work is continuing in the library. The ladies have been busy cataloging, sorting, and filing books. If you haven't seen the new library please stop by today



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