

MUSEUM MUSES

from

THE HIGHLAND HOUSE  
151 E. Main Street  
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133  
January 17, 1983

We trust you had a very Happy Christmas and you still have some New Year's resolutions to break. After all that is the fun in making them - see how long you keep them before they are broken.

There are no scheduled meetings this month but some important announcements should be made. Our reason for no meeting is winter and financial. Instead of a \$350.00 a month gas bill for heating, it was only \$87.00 to keep a minimum heat in the Highland House. Is that reason enough?

Martha Jacob has called for more information and announced that her story about our Log Cabin Tour will be written up in AROUND OHIO MAGAZINE in February 1983. She is planning on another story about the Society possibly in March. Jean Wallis is assisting on background and historical information. If anyone wishes to subscribe to the magazine send \$12.00 to:

AROUND OHIO MAGAZINE

P. O. Box 914

Coshocton, Ohio 43812

Have you been following the early history of Highland County in the Press Gazette? Jean Wallis has been reporting since last November in a weekly article along with some pictures from Lester Wallis' photo gallery. For followers of early history it is a must reading.

Some have suggested we need some type of housing for the tools and implements located on our back lot. The weather is taking its toll especially on the wooden parts. There has been no action or even a plan up to this time. What are your thoughts on it? We would appreciate your input.

About the time you receive this letter there will be a public announcement about a proposal for a restoration and revitalization of the business area of Hillsboro. Since it is a restoration your Pres. and V. Pres. have been included in the early discussions. Jack Hope is one of the movers of the project. You may have seen him last summer up town taking measurements and making notes.

The area involved is from the Farmers & Traders Bank west on Main Street to S. West Street to W. Walnut Street to S. High Street and back to the F. & T. Bank. All buildings facing W. Main Street and S. High Street would be kept intact. The revitalization will occur from the bank to the Parker Hotel then south along the alley to the first corner, then east to Bell's Opera House then back to the bank. A second story skywalk is proposed from the Parker Hotel to the Opera House.

No doubt questions immediately come to mind. A public meeting is planned a short time after the announcement to the news media. Your questions can be answered there. Watch for time and place.

The southwest corner room on the second floor of the Highland House has been designated The Military Room. Al. Martellotti has been planning this project. Some of the Hall of Fame pictures will be in this room.

So there will be changes in that room. One suggestion is to make it in the back hall upstairs. Others have suggested new names should be added with appropriate pictures and information. At the present we have no guide lines set up for this. A committee, chaired by Louise Postle, is being formed to set up rules and regulations for the future operation of the room.

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February 28, 1983

This is an up date edition to let you know what is happening. Our first meeting in 1983 will be April 21 at the Highland House. The 28th, our regular meeting time, is scheduled for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. To avoid a conflict we scheduled our meeting a week early. Program Chairman, Jean Wallis, promises to have something for us.

On Jan. 29, 1983 Lester and Jean Wallis and Charles Harsha attended workshops at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus. Lester studied about the care and conservation of paper collections. Jean attended the class on Administering and Processing Manuscript Collections. Charles learned about the Administration of Historical Societies. We all felt it a worthwhile experience. The results will be seen, we hope, in improved conditions at the Highland House.

The Hall of Fame Committee has met but so far they have made no report on their deliberations. The committee is Elouise Postle, Chairman, excuse me chairperson, Bill Pitzer and Mary K. Sheplar. With a committee like that I'm sure they will do things properly.

Honesty Department:

Received a call from the Police Dept. today. Mrs. Linda Mathews of Unity Rd. West Union, Ohio left a key with a Highland House tag on it found near her home by her ten year old son. It is a mystery how it got there. We appreciate Mrs. Mathews honesty in returning the key.

It is surprising how many requests we get for genealogy information. Mrs. Bare and Mrs. Postle are our experts in this dept.

Since our letter of Jan. 17th telling you about the Restoration and Revitalization of Hillsboro's business area there have been several meetings explaining the idea. It has been both cussed and discussed. The present status is on hold waiting for a Feasibility Report to learn if it will be a paying proposition. The community is trying to collect about \$30,000.00 to pay for this report. It has been rumored one group will pay half if the rest of us can provide the other half. Personally, since we are in the business of preserving our heritage we should make some contribution. We would appreciate your thoughts on the matter. Before anything is given it will be passed by the Board.

A letter from Chatfield College at St. Martin's announced their 8th annual Quilt & Craft show on Sat. & Sun. March 26 and 27. You are cordially invited to participate as an exhibitor or as a visitor. If you need more details call me at 393-3235.

Our Curator, Virginia Bare, is having a Letter to the Editor battle over some skelaton's in the closet - to wit, I'm ashamed to be a descendant of Jesse James vs. I'm proud to be a McCoy descendant. In case you don't know it Virginia's maiden name is McCoy. I think she is having a ball.

We have received word from McMullen & Davis Law office that the Society is the beneficiary of \$2000.00 and a piece of furniture from the estate of Mrs. Margene Cannon. The Estate was in Administration when a will was found naming several beneficiaries. We have signed all the papers sent to us to settle it but final payments are still ahead.

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March 24, 1983

The March issue of AROUND OHIO has arrived. There are three articles in it about Hillsboro. One is Martha Jacob's impressions of our Tour of Log Cabins last October. A second one is about H.A.N.D.S. as practiced locally. The third is a history of The Highland House written by Jean Wallis. Since we have scheduled our first meeting on April 21st we made arrangements with The News Leader to pick up your copy for \$1.00. Those advertisers from Hillsboro helped to publish these stories. You may consider patronizing them.

Update on the Restoration and Revitalization project: The new Sundry Store is now open for business and remodeling work has started on the Parker Hotel. We understand bids are being received for a Feasibility Report.

HELP WANTED. Would anyone be interested in learning to be a historical society curator? Virginia Bare, our Curator, is not considering retirement but feels someone should know about the work. There is no pay but Virginia is willing to share her knowledge with a long range outlook to the future of the Society. The qualifications are a sincere interest in history and some typing abilities.

Miss Violet Morgan, a member of our Hall of Fame passed away this last weekend. The picture used by the local paper was from our files. Two members of her family, one from California and one from Illinois requested and were taken through the Highland House. They were particularly interested in the display in the Hall.

The furniture from Mrs. Cannon's Estate mentioned in our last letter is a mirror in a decorative metal frame of birds and trees. With it this note was attached:

"This mirror was won in a contest at the opera by Elsie Wright Vaughan in the year 1890 at the age of 16 years before Belli's

Opera House was built. Opera shows were held in the second story of a building on West Main Street. Donated by her daughter Mrs. C. M. Cannon." We certainly appreciate her thoughtfulness and thank those in charge of her estate for seeing that we received it.

The Hall of Fame Committee met on Feb. 23rd. The first five paragraphs suggest in detail the makeup of the room itself. This we will take up later. For the present here is their recommendation for selecting future candidates:

The Committee suggests candidates for admission to the Hall should have:

1. State or national recognition for outstanding achievement which places that person definitely over others in their field.
2. Given philanthropic service to community, state or nation in such manner to better our way of life.

3. Been elected to the Hall by secret ballot and majority vote of the membership present at a regular society meeting. The results of the ballot to be given the Society Board of Trustees and upon that board's confirmation, the person's portrait and biography to be admitted to the Hall."

The committee suggests further that woman recognized for outstanding community service by the Highland County Women's Recognition Day awards be included for consideration in our Hall. Present members of our Hall:

Elsie Ayres	Ray A Haynes
John Ballentine	Joseph Hiestand
Granville Barrere	Frances B. Hilliard
Charles S. Bell	John E. Hull
Milton Caniff	Jacob Landess
William J. Carr	Edward Lee McClain
Casper Collins	Violet Morgan
William Collins	Harry Pence
Walter Davies	Joseph Rockhold
Henry L. Dickey	Eliza Jane Thompson
William Ewing	Allan Trimble
Joseph Foreaker	Mary Thompson Tuttle
Hugh Fullerton	Lawson Walker
Charles M. Gossett	Kirby White
Bernard Harewood	Starley White

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May 19, 1983

Since we didn't meet during the winter months we will try to make it up. Our next meeting will be May 26, 1983 at 8:00 P.M. at The Highland House. The program will be presented by Mr. John Smart, our Highland County Recorder. He will tell us about the operation of his office. Here is where some historical records are kept. He can tell us which ones. A social hour will follow with Jean Wallis as hostess.

Since the bulletin editor was out of town when the April MUSES should have been sent, it didn't get sent. Here is an update on events:

The \$2,000.00 from Mrs. Margene Cannon's Estate has been received and awaits some other decision in our savings account.

The Restoration and Revitalization up-town project has received their bids for the Feasibility Report but has not been let since there is insufficient funds to pay for it. The source they had hoped would make a generous donation toward it turned it down.

We had one answer to our Help Wanted ad in the March issue of MUSES. Are there any others who would like to learn about the Curators job? Several can learn about it in the same class.

The second floor of The Highland House looks now like a disaster area. With all the moving around and changing in progress plus expanding some exhibits the new look will be a definite improvement as well as making for added interest in the Museum. Al Martoletti is in charge of the Military Room. He has made arrangements to get an 11th Cavalry Flag, a copy of the flag carried by Casper Collins' unit. The original is in the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus. Does anyone know where he can get some manikins to use in his display? They seemingly are hard to find.

Mayor Betty Bishop has signed a Proclamation, a copy of which was sent to us, proclaiming the month of May as Historical Preservation Month. We received this in time to be read at our April meeting. This is a project sponsored by the Ohio Historical Society and the Ohio Historical Preservation Society.

The Hall of Fame Committee, Mrs. Elouise Postle Chair person, have their plans for the new Hall completed and we understand ready to begin the work. The room that was the Hall is now a bedroom under the careful planning of our Curator, Mrs. Virginia Bare.

June 30, 1983 is the time of closing of the Society financial records. It is also the time of electing members of the Board of Directors for the term ending June 30, 1986. These are members whose term expires this year: Sandy Harsha, Jean Wallis, Elouise Postle, James Bodenhamer and William Faul. One is also to be elected for one year for Joe Rockhold's unexpired term.

The Board of Directors will meet at the time of our June meeting. We have a couple of questions for Board approval in addition to electing officers for the coming year. The by laws call for election of the Directors by members of the Society and the officers are elected by the Board from among their members. Therefore give serious consideration to the election of members of the Board.

We are into the summer season and we need volunteers to keep The Highland House open to the public. We have already had some visitors, a couple from Detroit this week, some school classes conducted by Mrs. Bare. and a family from Mt. Orab.

FOR SALE: Note paper with the Court House picture on the front. 10 sheets and envelopes for \$2.00. Available at the meeting on the 26th.

FOR SALE: Around Ohio Magazine March issue with the story of The Highland House, HANDS and our Log Cabin trip. \$1.00 per copy.

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June 23, 1983

Our next meeting will be June 30, 1983 at 8:00 P.M. at the Highland House. Maurice Rowe has found some old records about Greenfield and Madison Township. He is going to tell us about it. A special invitation to interested Greenfield residents is extended to be with us. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Jean Christian and Mrs. Inez Harsha.

A couple of our members have been seen at some local auction sales. The results are: Jean Wallis came up with the original Milton Caniff drawing of Violet Morgan's book Highland Folklore, a pamphlet on Bob McKimie and some boxes of papers on historical accounts of years ago. Virginia Bare came up with a much needed vacuum sweeper.

By the time this letter reaches you your yearly statement for dues has arrived. Our fiscal year ends on June 30, 1983. Dues are therefore due. Financial records will be available as soon after that date as we can get them together. Election of a Board of Directors is in order. Instead of having a nominating committee we will receive nominations from the floor. Five members term expires: Jean Wallis, Louise Postle, Dr. James Bodenhamer, William Faul and Sandy Harsha. One more is to be elected to fill the unexpired term of Joe Rockhold.

On Saturday June 11, 1983 we welcomed part of a newly formed group from the First United Methodist Church. It is a group of single people - unmarried, divorced, widows and widowers. We were glad to have them. Mrs. Bare took them through the Museum.

Noticed our sign out in front recently? It has been there for quite a while. Jim Watters is working on a replacement that will be real attractive when it is finished. Sandy Harsha is assisting.

A time schedule will be passed among you at the meeting for working at the Highland House while it is open to the public this summer. We have some volunteers already but need more of you to serve.

The Feasibility Report for the Restoration and Revitalization of Hillsboro has been going for about a week. To date \$6,700.00 has been collected from the community at large. By telephone and personal contact Pres. Harsha contacted most of the Board to get their opinion. The result was a \$300.00 contribution toward it.

Al Martoletti reports his 11th Calvary Flag is completed and ready for shipment which means - send check before we ship flag. It is done. We finally have a lead on some nanikins but don't have them yet. Until we can get this completed the Military Room will not be completed. We think you will like it when finished.

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September 17, 1983

Our next meeting will be Sept. 29, 1983 at 8:00. Pat & Kathryn Karnes will be our host and hostess. It will be held at their church, Fall Creek Friends Church, near their home. The program will be several short talks by their neighbors on some history of the area. Who those folks will be we don't know at this time but it should be a very interesting evening.

Directions to the church: Proceed East on US Route 50 through Boston to the first cross road where North Beach Road turns right. Make a left turn instead onto Overman Road. Heading North on Overman about 1 to 1½ miles Karnes Rd connects. Turn right on Karnes Rd. about a mile and you will see the Church on your left.

In Case you miss Overman Rd. proceed East on US 50 to Worley Mill Rd. where the sign hangs advertising Karnes Orchard. Turn left here for locating Karnes Rd about a mile away. Turn left or West on Karnes and the Church will be on your right. Anyone wishing transportation call Jean Wallis at 393-2388. Anyone one who can provide some extra car space for those without transportation also call Jean. Hopefully the two can get together.

Since your President will be visiting relatives in New York and Conn. the V. Pres. Al. Martellotti will be in charge of the meeting. In case you don't remember him he is our Casper Collins expert. He is in charge of our military room that is in the preparation stages.

On October 22, 1983 we are planning a Tag Sale or Yard Sale depending on the weather conditions on that day. In cleaning up around the Highland House our Curator, Virginia Bare, and her assistant, Susie Sharp, have found many items of no historical value and excess for our needs. In order to help clean house the Tag Sale will hopefully be the answer.

If anyone has any items of excess baggage they could donate to the case we will be glad to receive it. All proceeds will go to the Society. We hope it will be a good money making project. If you have any questions direct them to our Curator.

Our October Tour has been finalized. It will occur on October 23, 1983. It will be a tour of the Eastern area of Adams County. We plan to have maps available similar to our Log Cabin Tour last year. Our Tour guide will be Steve Kelly, a member of our Society. Stopping points on the tour will be (1) The Wickerham House between Locust Grove and Peebles, (2) Mineral Springs including a chat with Robert McMillan the present owner, (3) The Wamsley Mill, (4) Camp Farhe and (5) Moores Chapel Methodist Church, the oldest Methodist Church West of the Alleghany Mountains.

This will conclude the tour. Do you want a picnic like we had last year? The Adams Co. Historical Society has a log cabin on the Fair Grounds at West Union. We are invited to break bread there if we wish. Please talk about it at the meeting on the 29th and let us know your thoughts on it. I'm for it. Its a very good way to socialize.

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October 12, 1983

We have several important announcements in this letter about coming events for the next month:

(1) Sunday October 23, 1983 will be our tour of Adams County. Maps of the route will be available at the Highland House until 12:30 our time of departure. We will meet our guide, Steve Kelley at the Wickerham House, the large brick house in State Route 41 midway between Locust Grove and Peebles.

The second stop will be Mineral Springs where Omer, Robert McMillan will be with us.

A serious word of WARNING enrout: STOP, LOOK and LISTEN as you cross the new Appalachian Highway, State Route 32 at that point. One person has already been killed on the new section just opened between Seaman and Sardinia due to failure to STOP.

The Wamsley Mill will be the next stopping place on the tour followed by Camp Farhe, and Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church. These places will all be marked on the map. Roughly we follow Route 41 South through Peebles to Route 781 then East to Wamsley. Take 348 South and County Road to Blue Creek then West on 125 to West Union.

At the Adams County Fair Grounds we will have a picnic at the Historical Society building. Bring your food contributions, a chair to sit on and a card table to put the food on. Those who want hot coffee make your own provisions. All we will have there is a building, a log cabin, and we will have to put the rest of it together.

Hopefully there will be colorful leaves to enhance the tour. It is a great area to see the fall splash of leaves. We will be on country roads where it should be beautiful.

(2) Our regular meeting will be Thursday evening at 8:00 P.M. at the Highland House. The program will be presented by Mr. Harold Hottle. He tells us about the interesting

incidents and events that happen in the life in a rural letter carrier. With his pictures and comentary it is a most interesting program. The host and/or hostess has not been selected yet. Someone will come to the rescue.

(3) The Tag Sale has been definitely set for November 4 and 5 at the Highland House. A fter considerable discussion a two day affair seemed to be a better way to go. Anyone having items to be included in the sale should bring them to our meeting on the 27th at the Highland House. It will be opened again on Sunday Oct. 30th. If other times are more convenient call 393-3235, 393-2810 or 365-1223 to arrange a suitable time.

You may price your items by sticking a small piece of masking tape on the item and writing the price on it. Or you may leave it to us to price. Remember it is Nov. 4th and 5th in the assmbley room at the Highland House.

We recently had two clubs to meet in the Highland House. The D.A.R. held their Sept. meeting with us and the Friday Club held their dinner meeting in September. We already have a club reservation for next May.

During school some teachers bring their class to visit the museum. We welcome all our visitors and try to make them feel at home. We tell them a little of the history of Highland County while they are here.

We were in Braintree, Mass. the evening the last meeting was held at Fall Creek Church. From all the reports we heard it was an outstanding time. The history of the area present by Helen Matski, Carlene Phillips, and Ellsworth Cook was real fine. Even down to the cider and doughnuts with Pat and Kathryn Karnes officiating and all those people that came to hear it all was real good. Lets try more of this in the future.

See you At the regular meeting on Oct. 27, at 8:00 PM at the Highland House.