

March 1989

Highland County Historical Society

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The new Library has been completed and was dedicated on November 13, 1988 to the memory of Miss Margaret Vance's grandparents, Damaris Pennington Vance and Isaac Kellogg Vance, in an impressive ceremony at The Highland House. Miss Vance contributed \$4,664 to the project which was dispersed for lumber, paint, electrical and office supplies, office furniture, carpet, curtains, and a copy machine. In addition, the Society paid Lester Wallis \$4,000 for 500 hours labor at \$8.00 per hour. The total expenditure on this project was \$8,664. Again, heartfelt thanks to Miss Vance for her most generous contribution.

The Society has received several donations this winter. Miss Lillian Robinson has given two embroidered dresser scarves and an embroidered pin cushion cover, Mrs. Eleanor Doty contributed several children's books written by noted Highland County author, Lillie Faris, Mrs. Walter Walsh donated a wooden folding ruler from The Wolfe and Calvert Hardware in Hillsboro, and the club records and memorabilia of The Gold Star Mothers of Highland County were presented to the museum. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stanforth contributed three Bibles with local family histories and a picture of the HHS 1930 Basketball team as well as several old newspapers and magazines. Virginia Bare contributed an Ohio Magazine featuring an article on the Temperance Crusade. The Hillsboro Fire Department has donated a felt Santa suit to the Society. Thanks to each of these individuals for remembering us.

Kudos to the members who set up and manned the booth displaying old clothing at The Leesburg Artisan Folk Fair in November.

We still have 1989 calendars for sale. The price has been reduced to \$3.00; a bargain considering it contains thirteen terrific pictures of early street scenes throughout Highland County. Calendars are available at several locations in Hillsboro and Greenfield or from any Board member.

The Christmas Open House held December 10 and 11 was quite successful. Over 90 children visited with Santa and many were photographed with him. A talking Christmas Tree entertained the youngsters and elves assisted the kids with letters to Santa. Christmas music wafting through the beautifully decorated Highland House contributed to the festive atmosphere. Many of those who contributed to this project are listed below. If I have forgotten anyone please accept my sincere apology.

Virginia Bare, Mary Bennett, Bill Biza, Jean Christian, Kim Fairley, Nellie Finley, Deanna Flinn, John Glaze, Martha Griffith, Jenny Haag, Charles and Inez Harsha, Sandy Harsha, Hillsboro High School Ensemble, Jeanine Holt, Beverly Hottle, Jean's Flowers, Paul Levo, Lynn Lowell, Bill and Martha Lukens, Dorothy and Larry Odland, Leland and Ellen Pennington, Anne and Tom Rhude, Tim Robert's Flowers, Sarah and Wesley Roush, Amy Sharp, Willa and Walt Stanforth, Robin Wiley, Lisa Yochum

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 30, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. at The Highland House. Mr. Burnett Butterworth, who is an associate of the Pioneer Village at Ceasar's Creek, will present a program entitled "Changing Times". See you there!!!!

April 1989

MUSEUM MUSES

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From the first log cabin in the Schoenbrunn settlement to the Victorian mansion of Rutherford B. Hayes, the homes of many prominent Ohioans are featured in a slide/lecture presentation given by Lynn Boardman of The Ohio Historical Society. The program, entitled Ohio's Historic Homes, focuses on the many fine early homes located in our state and will be presented at 8:00 p.m. at The Highland House on Thursday, April 27, 1989. Nellie Finley will serve as hostess. Please join us for an informative and enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed DeHaven have presented the Society with several old music books and two old newspapers. Mr. James Frye of South Carolina, formerly of Lynchburg visited the museum this month and donated to the Society many photographs and newspaper clippings of interest to people in Highland County. Mr. Frye also contributed an old slate and a pair of khaki wool trousers belonging to the World War I uniform of his grandfather. These donations are very much appreciated.

Virginia Bare, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, wishes to announce that Jane and David McBride and Lillie Faris have been nominated for inclusion in the Highland County Historical Society's Hall of Fame. Mr. and Mrs. McBride compiled several volumes of cemetery and other Highland County records, and Lillie Faris was a well known author of children's books.

This year the Festival of the Bells will take place on Friday, June 30, and Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2. The Highland House will be open and a display of early quilts and coverlets is planned. Virginia Bare is coordinating this display. If you are interested in working on this project please contact Virginia, she would welcome your assistance.

The Society will again participate in the Leesburg Artisan Folk Fair to be held November 4 and 5, 1989. Jean Wallis will be in charge of our display. Please let her know your ideas.

Volunteers are still needed to man the museum on Sunday afternoons through the summer and fall. If you wish to participate, notify Pat Pierce.

Hope to see you at The Highland House on Thursday, April 27!!!

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It is the time of the year we all love to get outside to work in the flower beds and to plant the garden----but we have had rain, rain, and more rain! Have you been inside too long? Do you have cabin fever? Does your house need a face lift? Be inspired! Chase away the blues!! Come to The Highland House on Thursday, May 25 at 8:00 p.m. Miss Julie Bare and Dr. Larry Odland will present a terrific program -- "Our House and What We've Done With It"!! Julie has a wonderful log house and the Odland's have a beautiful brick Victorian. "Before" and "after" pictures of their renovation work will inspire us all to get busy. Martha and Sara Lukens will be our hostesses. Join us for a fun filled evening.

The Board of Trustees has voted to work with the local garden club to create a period garden behind The Highland House. If you are interested in this project please contact Deanna Flinn.

We have also agreed to work with Southern State Community College to decorate an "Ohio Room" in the Central Campus Administration Building. If you have any suggestions in regard to this project or items you would like to donate or loan, please notify Dorothy Odland.

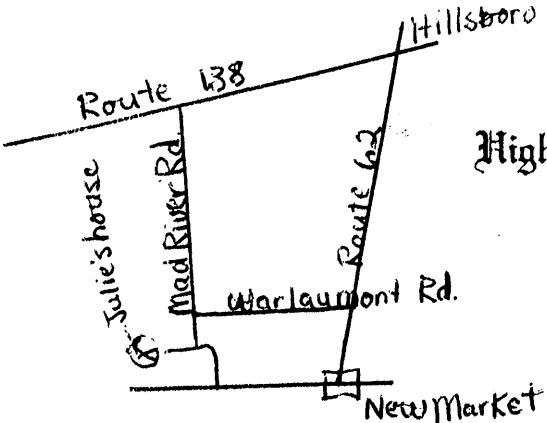
The Society is also taking its message of preserving our heritage out into the community. This spring we will be participating in ~~Buford~~ Belfast Heritage Days and Brownie Day Camp. The theme for the day camp this year is "Discover Your Past". We will be allowing the children to play with some new "toys of the past" such as stilts, tops, marbles, and "gee/haw" sticks as well as entertaining them with some interesting stories from our Highland County history.

This year the museum will be open during The Festival of the Bells on Friday, June 30 through Sunday, July 2. If you can work at The Highland House during this time, please call Pat Pierce.

The museum is now open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Volunteers are needed to man the museum during these hours. It is fun and you have an opportunity to meet many interesting people. It is so important that we share our heritage with others. Please try to help by giving of your time. If you would like to volunteer to work on a Sunday afternoon, contact Pat Pierce.

Thanks to Nellie Finley for the delightful homemade goodies she served at the last meeting. The refreshments were truly delicious.

May is historic preservation month in Ohio. We are now conducting a membership drive. If you know of someone who would like to become a member of the Society contact Susie Sharp. We welcome everyone!!!



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A picnic has been planned for the June meeting to be held on Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Julie Bare, 4815 Mad River Road. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. Beverages and table service will be provided.

The election of board members will be conducted at the meeting. Board members whose term has expired include Deanna Flinn, Sandy Harsha, Anne Rhude, Walt Stanforth, and Jean Wallis. Kim Fairley has resigned from the Board because she is moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan to begin graduate study in art. We wish her well! The election of trustees is very important so please make every effort to attend.

Donations received by the Society this month include some beautiful dishes from Lillian Robinson, a picture of Mr. Ervin Evans in his WWI uniform from Willa Stanforth, and a 1921 wedding dress worn by Mary Kneifel Wehner from Marcella Wehner Hedgebeth. These donations are received with grateful appreciation.

Thanks to Larry Odland and Julie Bare for the terrific program at our last meeting. Thanks, too, to Martha, Sara, and Bill Lukens for the delightful refreshments they served at the last meeting.

The Society participated in Belfast (not Buford as I reported in the last newsletter) Heritage Day last month. Thanks to Jean and Lester Wallis and Charles Harsha for working on this project.

The Highland House will be open Friday, June 30 through Sunday, July 2 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. during The Festival of the Bells. Volunteers are still needed for Friday and Sunday. If you are able to work a three hour shift on one of these days, please contact Pat Pierce, 393-2292 or 393-3489. A wonderful display of early quilts and coverlets will be the main attraction.

Many memberships in the Highland County Historical Society expire on June 30, 1989. Please renew your membership now by returning this form with your payment as soon as possible. MAIL TO:

Secretary
Highland County Historical Society
430 west South Street
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Please renew my membership:

name and address

Memberships: single \$5.00 _____ family \$8.00 _____ life \$100 _____

I am interested in serving as a volunteer _____ trustee _____ host _____

I would like to attend a program on this subject: _____

July 1989

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Do you think you know all about Highland County? Do you want to know more? Would you just like to spend some time relaxing among friends? If so, please come to The Highland House on Thursday, July 27, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. to witness or participate in "Highland County Trivial Pursuit". Pat Pierce and Jack Hope will be providing refreshments. It promises to be an entertaining evening, so plan to attend.

The Society was represented at Brownie Day Camp. In keeping with the theme "Discover Your Past" the girls were allowed to see and play with toys of the past. The girls were very enthusiastic and a good time was had by all.

Our last meeting was held at the beautiful log home of Julie Bare. The potluck supper was enjoyed by everyone present and new Board members were elected. Thanks to Julie for her gracious hospitality and to Virginia Bare for serving as co-hostess. The new members of the Board of Trustees are Virginia Fling, Jeanine Holt, and Sara Lukens. Deanna Flinn, Anne Rhude, and Jean Wallis were re-elected. Kim Fairley, Sandy Harsha, and Walt Stanforth deserve our sincere appreciation for all their hard work while they served on the Board.

The Festival of the Bells is an important event in our community. This year The Highland House was open for the three day festival and the Society sponsored a float in the parade. This would not be possible without the cooperation of many, many people. I want to express my thanks to each and every one of you who participated. Special recognition goes to Virginia Bare and Deanna Flinn who coordinated and set up the extraordinary display of early coverlets and quilts. The display was extremely well done and well received. Also deserving of special recognition are those who loaned their precious quilts and coverlets to the Society for the display -- Julie Bare, Virginia Bare, Mary Bennett, Eleanor Doty, Kim Fairley, Virginia Fling, Sam Forsythe, Jones, Eleanor Larkin, Carlene Phillips, Willa Stanforth, and Jean Wallis. Others who helped include: Pat Pierce - coordinating the volunteers in the museum, Fran Cole - refurbishing the model Scott House used on our float, Kim Fairley - loaning her Model T truck for the parade, Anne and Tom Rhude - washing and shining the Model T, John Glaze - making signs for the Model T and for the museum, Willa and Walt Stanforth - loaning fans for the museum, coordinating volunteers from Hillsboro Women's Club, writing press releases, and Charles Harsha - taking care of financial transactions. Finally, thanks to the following volunteers: Carlene Phillips, Marjorie Byrd, Geneva Pitcher, Elouise Postle, Jackie Hedges, Inez and Charles Harsha, May Jane Pence, Glenna Hottle, Roma Holladay, Willa and Walt Stanforth, Esther Ruggles, Genevieve Johns, Dorothy Koch, Marcia and Mel Jolitz, Evelyn and John Tom, Eleanor Doty, Jean Wilkerson, Lillian Robinson, Adaline Hartman, Virginia Bare, Deanna Flinn, Nellie Finley, Dorothy Irvin, Harriet Wilson, Jean and Lester Wallis, Jones, Mary Hiestand, Marjorie McCreight, Vera Cline, Jack Hope, and Pat Pierce. Whew!!!!

See you on the 27th at The Highland House!!!

Aug. 1989

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We're on the move! For our meeting on Thursday, August 31, 1989 we will be traveling to Washington Court House. Members and guests will enjoy a tour of the Victorian house museum which is the home of the Fayette County Historical Society. For those of you who don't wish to drive, transportation will be provided. We will meet at the parking lot of The Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. and depart at 7:15 p.m. Our tour will begin at 8:00 p.m. Please be prepared to make a donation for admission. Don't miss this meeting!

While we are on the subject of meetings, make a note that our regular meeting time of the last Thursday of the month will be changed in October. On Thursday, October 12, we will have a joint meeting with The Southern Ohio Genealogical Society. The two groups will sponsor a very entertaining and educational program featuring Mr. James Lyle to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Hillsboro High School. Details concerning the program will be provided later, but please mark this change in our regular meeting time on your calendar.

Limited edition prints of The Highland County Court House commissioned by the late Vernon B. Fairley, Jr. and drawn by Carolyn Crossett Wagensellar, a noted Clinton County artist, have been donated to the Society by the Fairley family. Proceeds from the sale of the prints are to be used to benefit the Society and The Scott House Association equally. The print will soon be on display in downtown Hillsboro. The cost of this beautifully executed pen and ink drawing of one of Hillsboro's best loved landmarks is \$25.00. At the present time these outstanding prints are available for sale at The Highland House Museum on Sundays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. or from Susan Sharp, telephone 393-9805. This generous donation of the Fairley family is much appreciated.

Thanks also to Mr. Larry Snoddy for his recent donation of the lid to a sanitary waste disposal system marketed and sold by the C. S. Bell Company. Mr. James Fry of Jacksonville, North Carolina presented the Society with a picture of and the discharge certificates belonging to his uncle, John J. Bishir, of Lynchburg, Ohio who served in the U. S. Army from 1898 to 1923. Mrs. Alma Broedling donated several lovely items of vintage clothing.

John Glaze deserves a pat on the back for the clever program he prepared for our last meeting. Using a game show format two teams competed for "fabulous" prizes by answering questions about Highland County history. A good time was had by all. Scrumptious refreshments served by Pat Pierce and Jack Hope added the final touch to a great evening.

The new officers elected by the Board of Trustees on July 17, 1989 are Susan Sharp - President, John Glaze - Vice President, Deanna Flinn - Secretary, and Charles Harsha - Treasurer. With the support of the membership we look forward to the coming year.

The Society is working with Southern State Community College to decorate a reception room outside the President's office. The decor of the room which is to be used both by the community and visiting dignitaries will give the user some idea of the history of our county. Items needed include a dining room table, a sideboard, and art work depicting something of significance to Highland County. Dr. George McCormick, President of the College will discuss this project with us at the September meeting.

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The Highland County Fair is now history. Many thanks to Jean and Lester Wallis who were responsible for setting up the booth and to all the members who worked at the booth during the fair.

The Southern Ohio Genealogical Society recently donated a book, Guide to the Microfilm Edition of Temperance and Prohibition Papers, to the Society. This book is a welcome addition to our library. Pearl Godfrey generously presented the Society with the World War II overcoat, cap, and discharge certificate of her brother, Woodrow Wilkin.

Approximately twenty five members of the Society journeyed to Washington Court House on August 31 for a tour of the museum of The Fayette County Historical Society. The tour was most interesting and everyone had a good time. The program committee deserves a pat on the back for this one!

This month on Thursday, September 28, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. at The Highland House we will have a program sponsored by The Smithsonian Institute about the Presidential china. The program committee requests that members bring items of political or commemorative value to the meeting. Pictures, paper goods, campaign buttons and badges, horns, torches, plates, mugs, and spoons from any political era are desired. If you possess any of these items please bring them to share with the group. Dr. George McCormick, President of Southern State Community College, will be present to discuss plans for our joint project, The Ohio Room! The public is cordially invited to this meeting and school children are welcome.

On the evening of Thursday, October 12, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Hillsboro High School, The Highland County Historical Society and The Southern Ohio Genealogical Society will present a very special program. Mr. Jim Lyle, a high school English and journalism teacher from Columbus, Ohio, will share his love of early Ohio history with us. In what promises to be an entertaining presentation, Lyle, dressed in an authentic pioneer outfit, will make the past come to life through stories, songs, and by playing various musical instruments. Lyle will demonstrate how the early settlers really lived by sharing artifacts of the period including cooking utensils, weapons, and clothing. You will not be receiving another newsletter before this October meeting, so be certain to note the change in date, time, and place. Again, the October meeting of The Highland County Historical Society will be Thursday, October 12, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in Hillsboro High School auditorium. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Lyle come to Hillsboro, so plan now to attend this excellent program.

The end of October will mark the closing of The Highland House for the season and the end of our meetings until spring. During the past year Pat Pierce was responsible for coordinating all the volunteers who worked at The Highland House on the Sunday afternoons the museum was open to the public. She also recruited members to serve as hosts and hostesses after our meetings. This is a monumental task and she did it extremely well. Thanks to Pat for a job well done. Also, without the many, many dedicated volunteers who give freely of their time on Sunday afternoons we could not be open to the public. Thanks to each and every one of you. See you at The Highland House in the Spring!